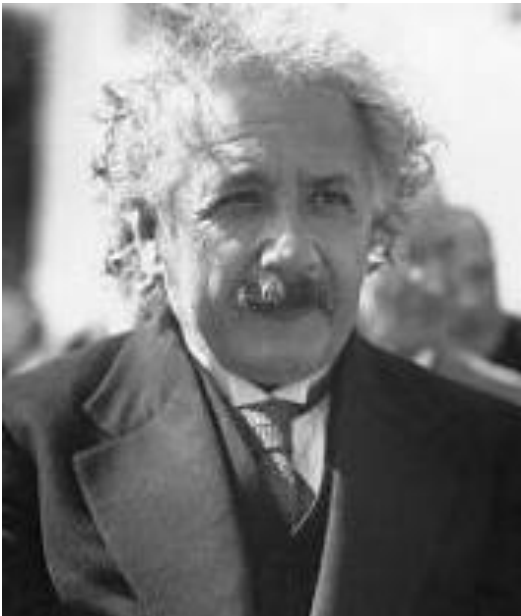


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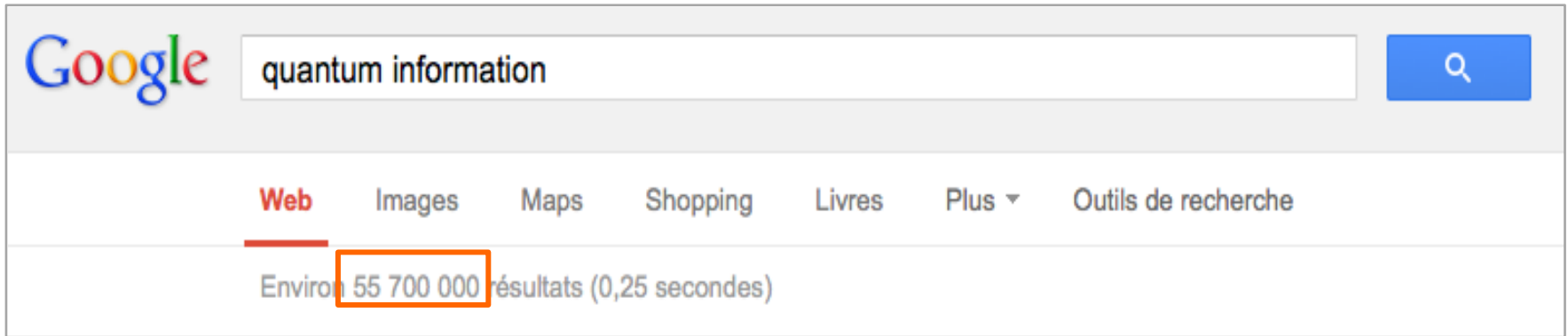
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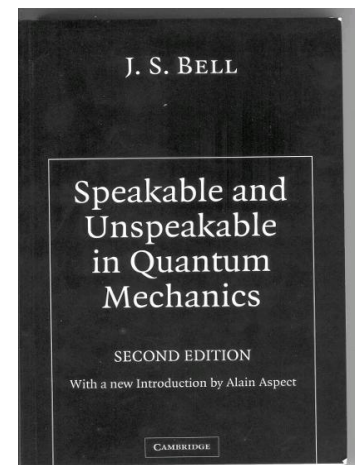
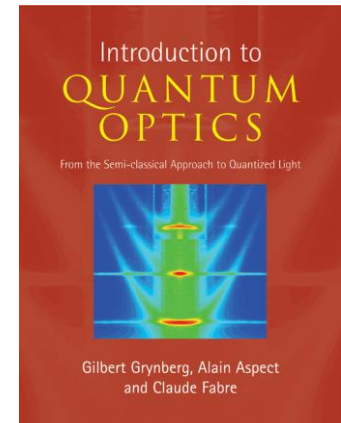
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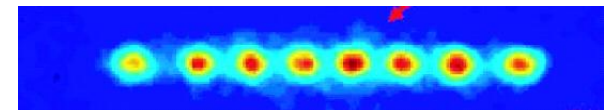
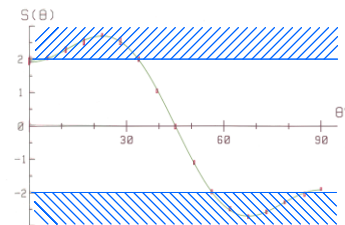
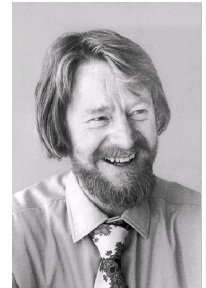
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Einstein and quantum physics

A founding contribution (1905)

Light is made of quanta, later named photons, which have well defined energy and momentum. **Nobel 1922.**



A fruitful objection (1935): entanglement

Einstein, Podolsky, Rosen (EPR): The quantum formalism allows one to envisage amazing situations (**pairs of entangled particles**): **the formalism must be completed.**

Objection underestimated for a long time (except Bohr's answer, 1935) until **Bell's theorem (1964)** and the acknowledgement of its importance (1970-82).

Entanglement at the core of quantum information (198x-20??)

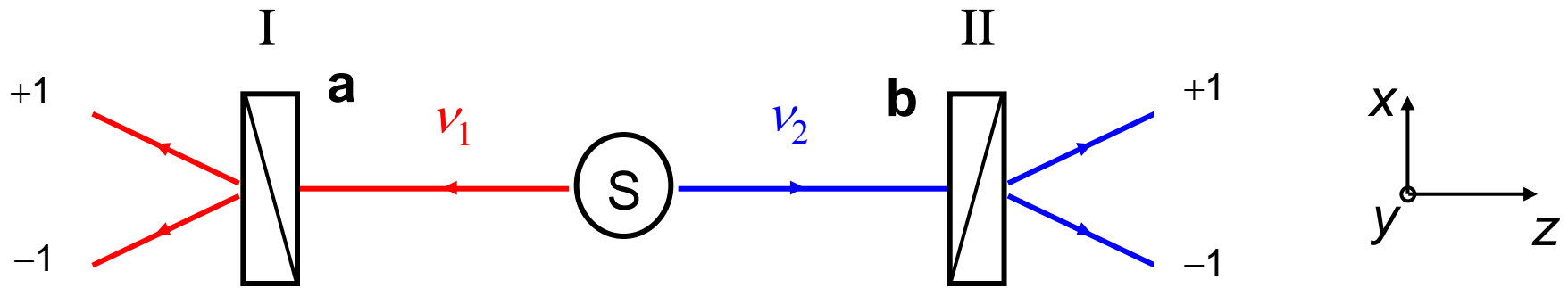
The EPR question

Is it possible (necessary) to explain the probabilistic character of quantum predictions by invoking a supplementary underlying level of description (supplementary parameters, hidden variables) ?

A positive answer was the conclusion of the Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen reasoning (1935). Bohr strongly opposed this conclusion.

Bell's theorem (1964) has allowed us to settle the debate.

The EPR GedankenExperiment with photons correlated in polarization



Measurement of the **polarization of v_1 along orientation \mathbf{a}** and **of polarization of v_2 along orientation \mathbf{b}** : results $+1$ or -1

- Probabilities to find $+1$ ou -1 for v_1 (measured along \mathbf{a}) and $+1$ or -1 for v_2 (measured along \mathbf{b}).

Single probabilities

$$P_+(\mathbf{a}), P_-(\mathbf{a})$$

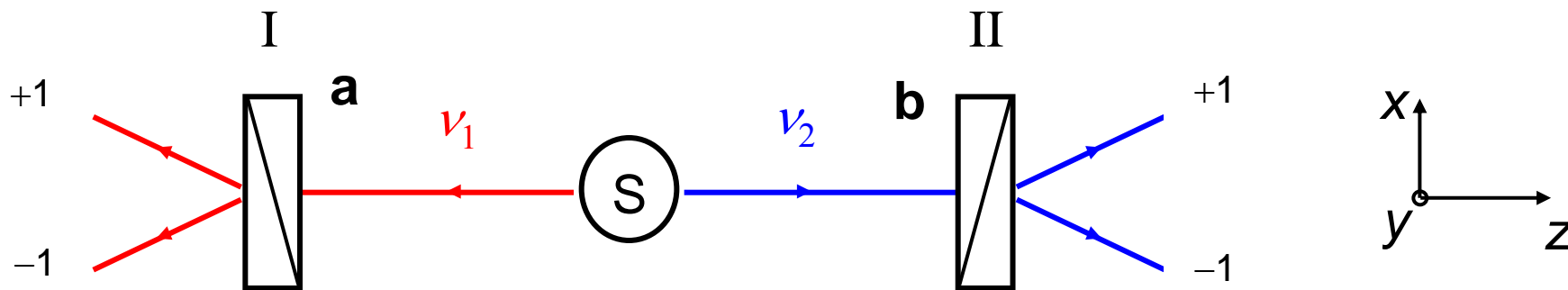
$$P_+(\mathbf{b}), P_-(\mathbf{b})$$

Joint probabilities

$$P_{++}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}), P_{+-}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$$

$$P_{-+}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}), P_{--}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$$

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For the entangled EPR state... $|\Psi(v_1, v_2)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |x, x\rangle + |y, y\rangle \}$

Quantum mechanics predicts results separately random ...

$$P_+(\mathbf{a}) = P_-(\mathbf{a}) = \frac{1}{2} ; P_+(\mathbf{b}) = P_-(\mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{2}$$

but strongly correlated:

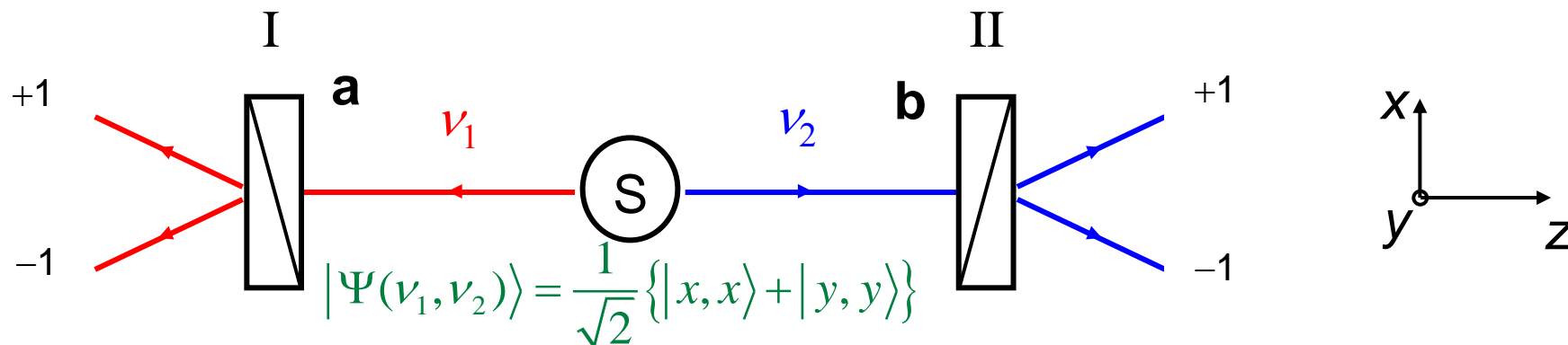
$$P_{++}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = P_{--}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{2} \cos^2(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$$

$$P_{+-}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = P_{-+}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \frac{1}{2} \sin^2(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$$

$$P_{++}(0) = P_{--}(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$P_{+-}(0) = P_{-+}(0) = 0$$

Coefficient of correlation of polarization (EPR state)



Quantitative expression of the **correlations** between results of measurements in I et II: **coefficient**:

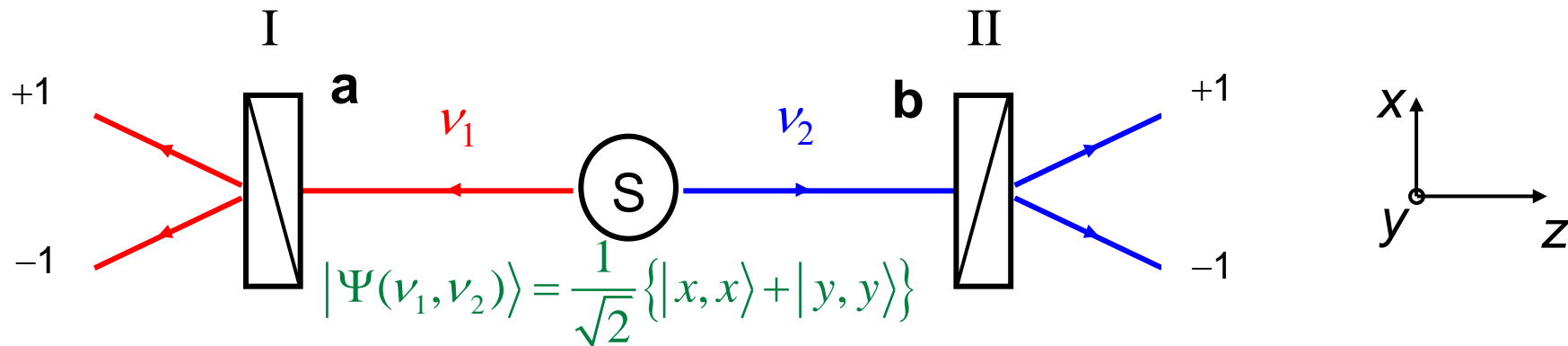
$$E = P_{++} + P_{--} - P_{+-} - P_{-+} = P(\text{résultats id}^\circ) - P(\text{résultats } ^1)$$

QM predicts, for parallel polarizers (a,b) = 0	$P_{++} = P_{--} = \frac{1}{2}$ $P_{+-} = P_{-+} = 0$	$\Rightarrow E_{\text{MQ}} = 1$ Total correlation
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More generally, for an arbitrary angle (a,b) between polarizers

$$E_{\text{MQ}}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \cos 2(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$$

How to “understand” the EPR correlations predicted by quantum mechanics?



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The direct calculation $P_{++}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = |\langle +_{\mathbf{a}}, +_{\mathbf{b}} | \Psi(\nu_1, \nu_2) \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cos^2(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$ is done in an abstract space, where the two particles are described globally: impossible to extract an image in real space where the two photons are separated.

Related to the non factorability of the entangled state:

$$|\Psi(\nu_1, \nu_2)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |x, x\rangle + |y, y\rangle \} \neq |\phi(\nu_1)\rangle \cdot |\chi(\nu_2)\rangle$$

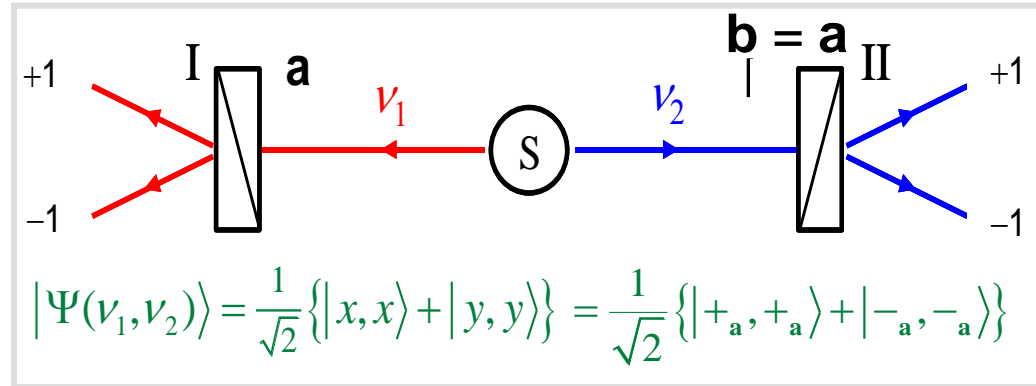
One cannot identify properties attached to each photon separately

“Quantum phenomena do not occur in a Hilbert space, they occur in a laboratory” (A. Peres) \Rightarrow An image in real space?

A real space image of the EPR correlations derived from a quantum calculation

2 step calculation (standard QM)

1) Measure on v_1 by I (along \mathbf{a})



\Rightarrow result $+1$ $|+_a\rangle$
or
 \Rightarrow result -1 $|-_a\rangle$

Just after the measure, “collapse of the state vector”: projection onto the eigenspace associated to the result

$|+_a, +_a\rangle$
or
 $|-_a, -_a\rangle$

2) Measure on v_2 by II (along $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}$)

- If one has found $+1$ for v_1 then the state of v_2 is $|+_a\rangle$ and the measurement along $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}$ yields $+1$;
- If one has found -1 for v_1 then the state of v_2 is $|-_a\rangle$ and the measurement along $\mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}$ yields -1 ;

Easily generalized to $\mathbf{b} \neq \mathbf{a}$ (Malus law)

The measurement on v_1 seems to influence instantaneously at a distance the state of v_2 : unacceptable for Einstein (relativistic causality).

A classical image for the correlations at a distance (suggested by the EPR reasoning)

- The two photons of the same pair bear from their very emission an identical property (λ), that will determine the results of polarization measurements.
- The property λ differs from one pair to another.

exemple

$$\lambda = +_a$$

ou

$$\lambda = -_a$$

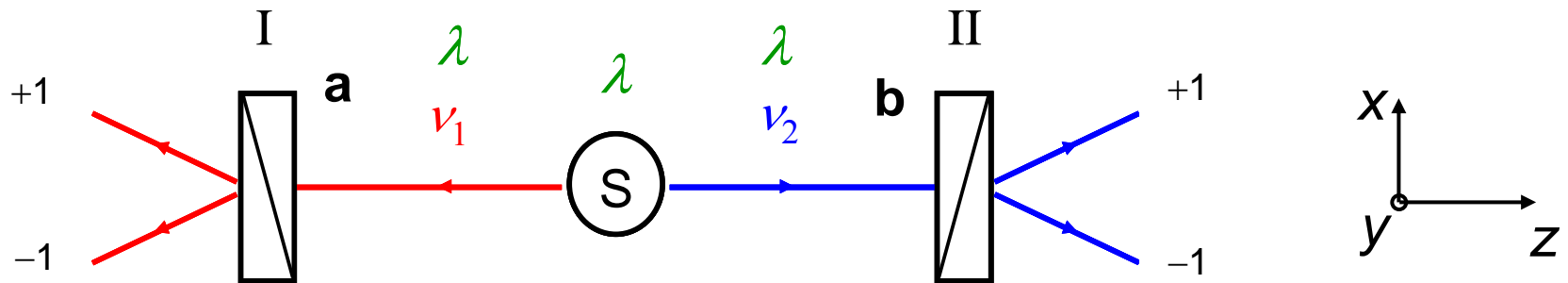


Image simple and convincing (analogue of identical chromosomes for twin brothers), but.....amounts to completing quantum formalism:
 λ = supplementary parameter, “hidden variable”.

➡ Bohr disagreed: QM description is complete, you cannot add anything to it

A debate for many decades

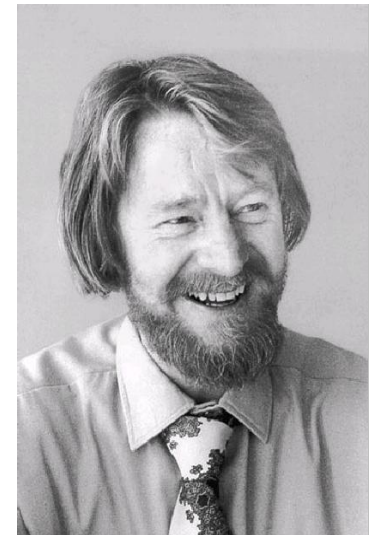
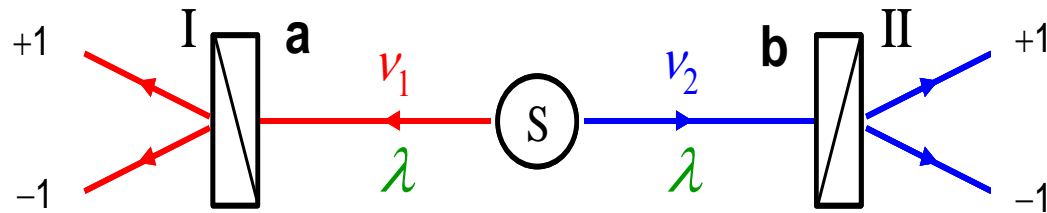
Intense debate between Bohr and Einstein...

... without much attention from a majority of physicists



- Quantum mechanics accumulates success:
 - Understanding nature: structure and properties of matter, light, and their interaction (atoms, molecules, absorption, spontaneous emission, solid properties, superconductivity, superfluidity, elementary particles ...)
 - New concepts leading to revolutionary inventions: transistor (later: laser, integrated circuits...)
- No disagreement on the validity of quantum predictions, only on its interpretation.

1964: Bell's formalism



Consider **local supplementary parameters theories** (in the spirit of Einstein's ideas on EPR correlations):

- The two photons of a same pair have a common property λ (sup. param.) determined at the joint emission
- The supplementary parameter λ determines the results of measurements at I and II \Leftrightarrow

$$A(\lambda, \mathbf{a}) = +1 \text{ or } -1 \text{ at polarizer I}$$

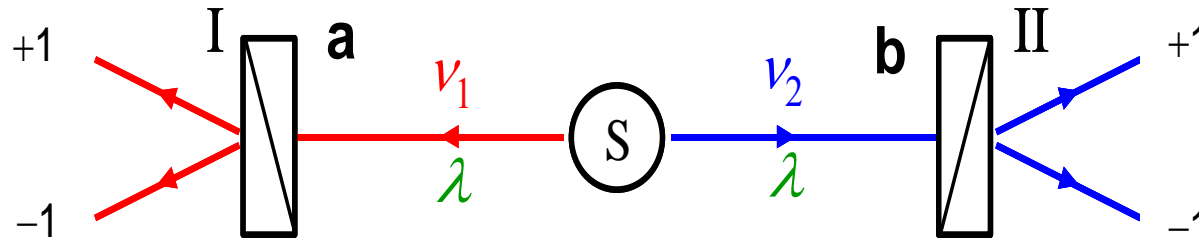
$$B(\lambda, \mathbf{b}) = +1 \text{ or } -1 \text{ at polarizer II}$$
- The supplementary parameter λ is randomly distributed among pairs \Leftrightarrow

$$\rho(\lambda) \geq 0 \text{ and } \int \rho(\lambda) d\lambda = 1$$

at source S

$$E(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \int d\lambda \rho(\lambda) A(\lambda, \mathbf{a}) B(\lambda, \mathbf{b})$$

1964: Bell's formalism to explain correlations



An example

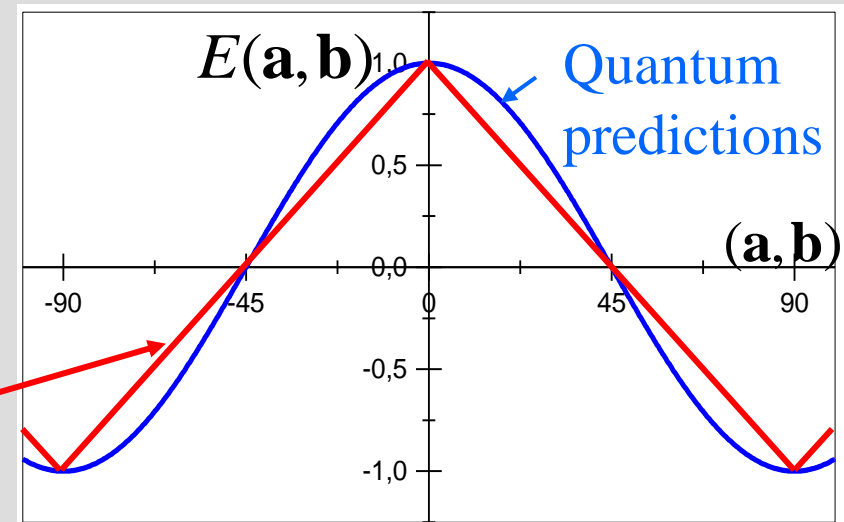
- Common polarisation λ , randomly distributed among pairs $\rho(\lambda) = 1/2\pi$
- Result (± 1) depends on the angle between λ and polarizer orientation (\mathbf{a} or \mathbf{b})

$$A(\lambda, \mathbf{a}) = \text{sign} \{ \cos 2(\theta_{\mathbf{a}} - \lambda) \}$$

$$B(\lambda, \mathbf{b}) = \text{sign} \{ \cos 2(\theta_{\mathbf{b}} - \lambda) \}$$

Resulting correlation

Not bad, but no exact agreement



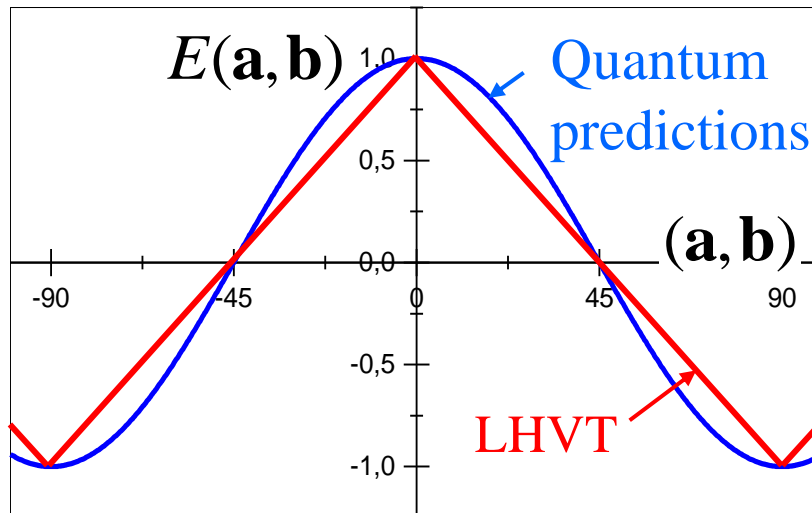
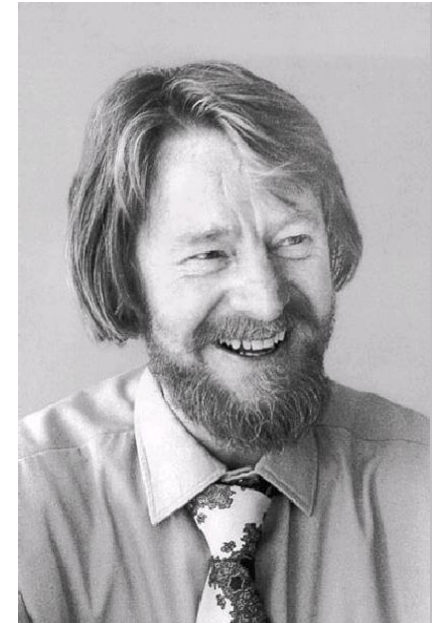
Is there a better model, agreeing with QM predictions at all orientations?

Bell's theorem gives the answer

Bell's theorem

No!

No **local hidden variable theory** (in the spirit of Einstein's ideas) can reproduce **quantum mechanical predictions** for EPR correlations at **all** the orientations of polarizers.



Impossible to cancel the difference everywhere

Impossible to have quantum predictions exactly reproduced at *all* orientations, by any model à la Einstein

Bell's inequalities are violated by certain quantum predictions

Any local hidden variables theory \Rightarrow Bell's inequalities

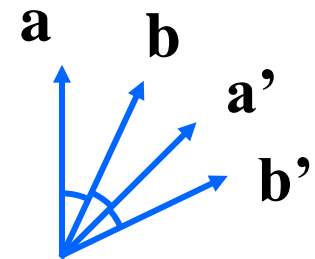
$$-2 \leq S \leq 2 \quad \text{avec} \quad S = E(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) - E(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}') + E(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}) + E(\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}')$$

CHSH inequ. (Clauser, Horne, Shimony, Holt, 1969)

Quantum mechanics $E_{\text{MQ}}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = \cos 2(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$

For orientations $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a}') = (\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}) = \frac{\pi}{8}$

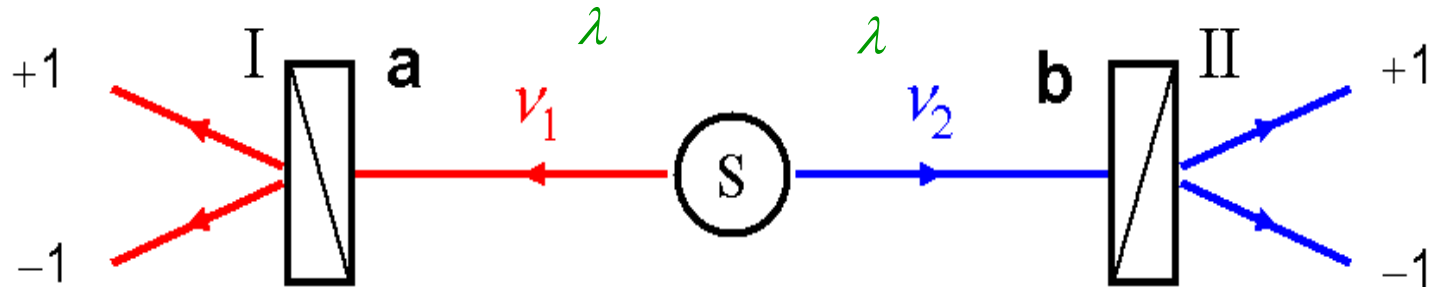
$$S_{\text{QM}} = 2\sqrt{2} = 2.828... > 2$$



CONFLICT ! The possibility to complete quantum mechanics according to Einstein ideas is no longer a matter of taste (of interpretation). It has turned into an experimental question.

Conditions for a conflict

(\Rightarrow hypotheses for Bell's inequalities)



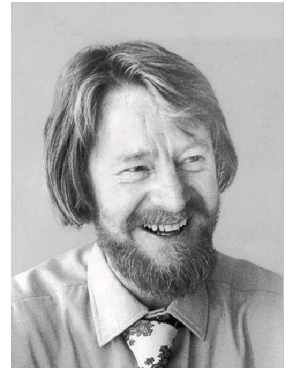
Supplementary parameters λ carried along by each particle.

Explanation of correlations « à la Einstein » attributing individual properties to each separated particle: **local realist world view**.

**Bell's
locality
condition**

- The result $A(\lambda, \mathbf{a})$ of the measurement on v_1 by I does not depend on the orientation \mathbf{b} of distant polarizer II (and conv.)
- The distribution $\rho(\lambda)$ of supplementary parameters over the pairs does not depend on the orientations \mathbf{a} and \mathbf{b} .

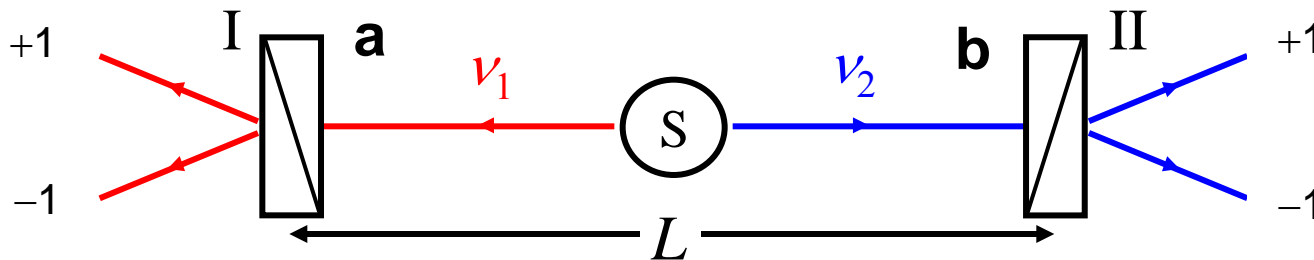
Bell's locality condition



$$A(\lambda, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \quad B(\lambda, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) \quad \rho(\lambda, \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$$

can be stated as a reasonable hypothesis, but...

...in an experiment with **variable polarizers** (orientations modified faster than the propagation time L/c of light between polarizers) Bell's locality condition becomes a consequence of **Einstein's relativistic causality** (no faster than light influence)
cf. Bohm & Aharonov, Physical Review, 1957



Conflict between **quantum mechanics** and **Einstein's world view** (local realism based on relativity).

From epistemology debates to experimental tests

Bell's theorem demonstrates a **quantitative incompatibility** between the **local realist world view** (à la Einstein) –which is constrained by Bell's inequalities, and **quantum predictions for pairs of entangled particles** –which violate Bell's inequalities.

An experimental test is possible.

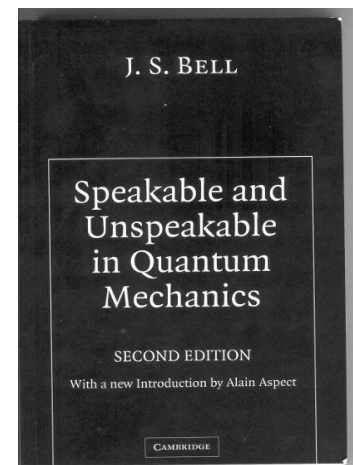
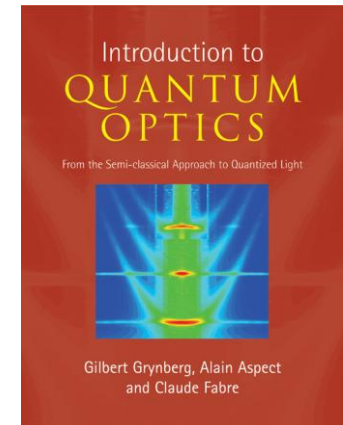
When Bell's paper was written (1964), there was **no experimental result available to be tested against Bell's inequalities**:

- Bell's inequalities apply to **all correlations** that can be described within **classical physics** (mechanics, electrodynamics).
- **BI** apply to most of the situations which are described within quantum physics (**except EPR correlations**)

One must find a situation where the test is possible:
CHSH proposal (1969)

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Three generations of experiments

Pioneers (1972-76): Berkeley, Harvard, Texas A&M

- First results contradictory (Clauser = QM; Pipkin \neq QM)
- Clear trend in favour of Quantum mechanics (Clauser, Fry)
- Experiments significantly different from the ideal scheme

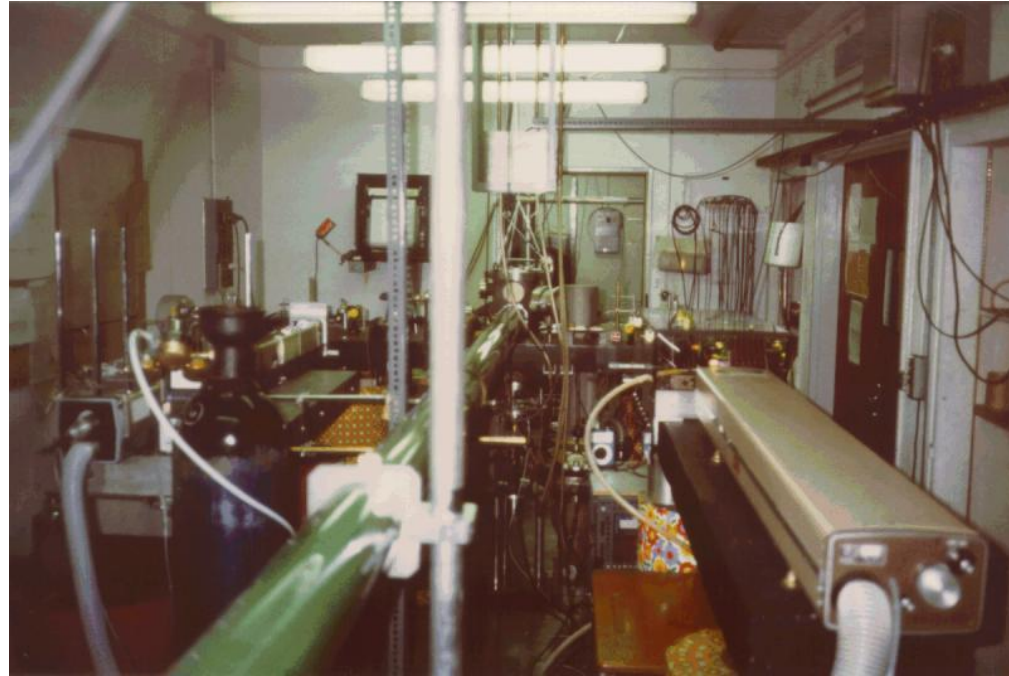
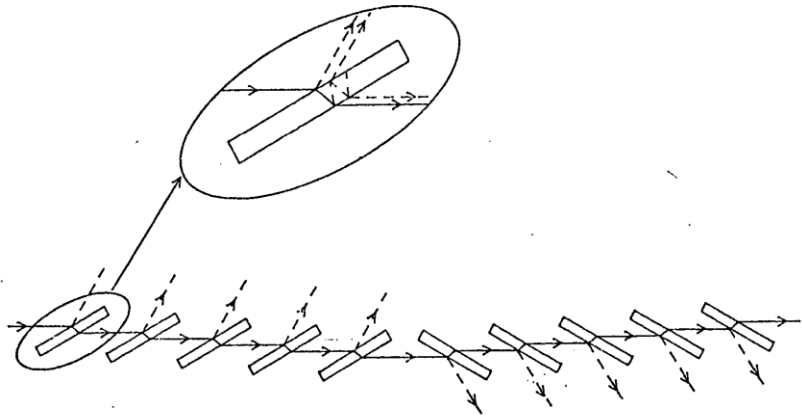
Institut d'optique experiments (1975-82)

- A source of entangled photons of unprecedented efficiency
- Schemes closer and closer to the ideal GedankenExperiment
- Test of quantum non locality (relativistic separation)

Third generation experiments (1988-): Maryland, Rochester, Malvern, Genève, Innsbruck, Los Alamos, Boulder, Urbana Champaign...

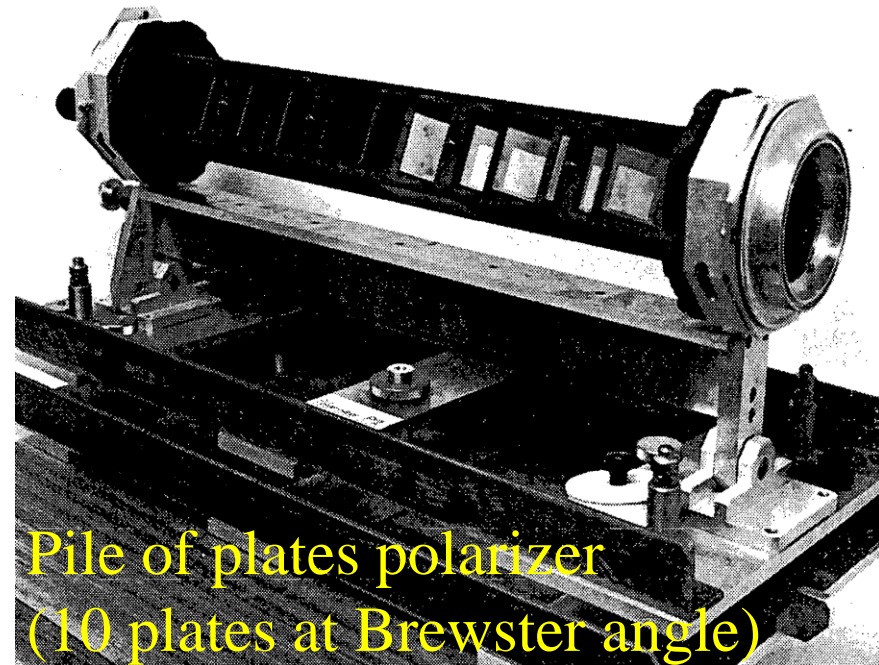
- New sources of entangled pairs
- Closure of the last loopholes
- Entanglement at very large distance
- Entanglement on demand

Orsay's source of pairs of entangled photons (1981)



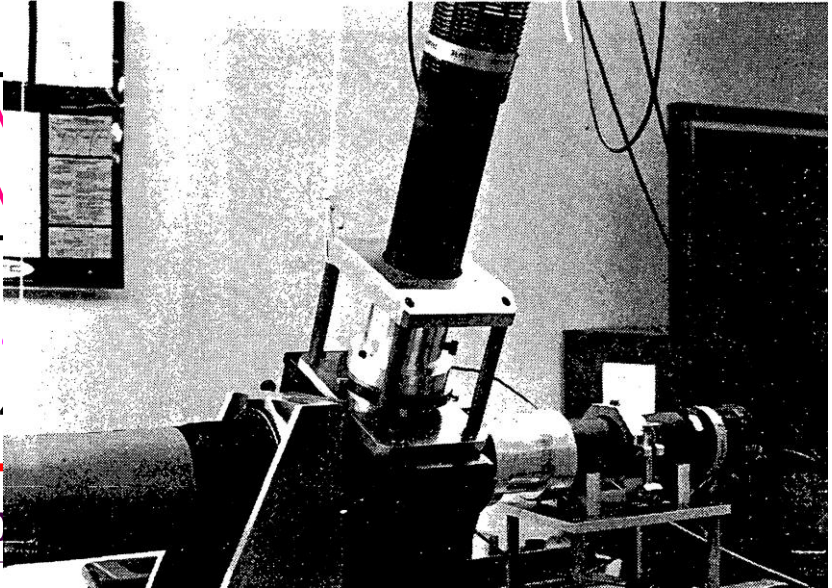
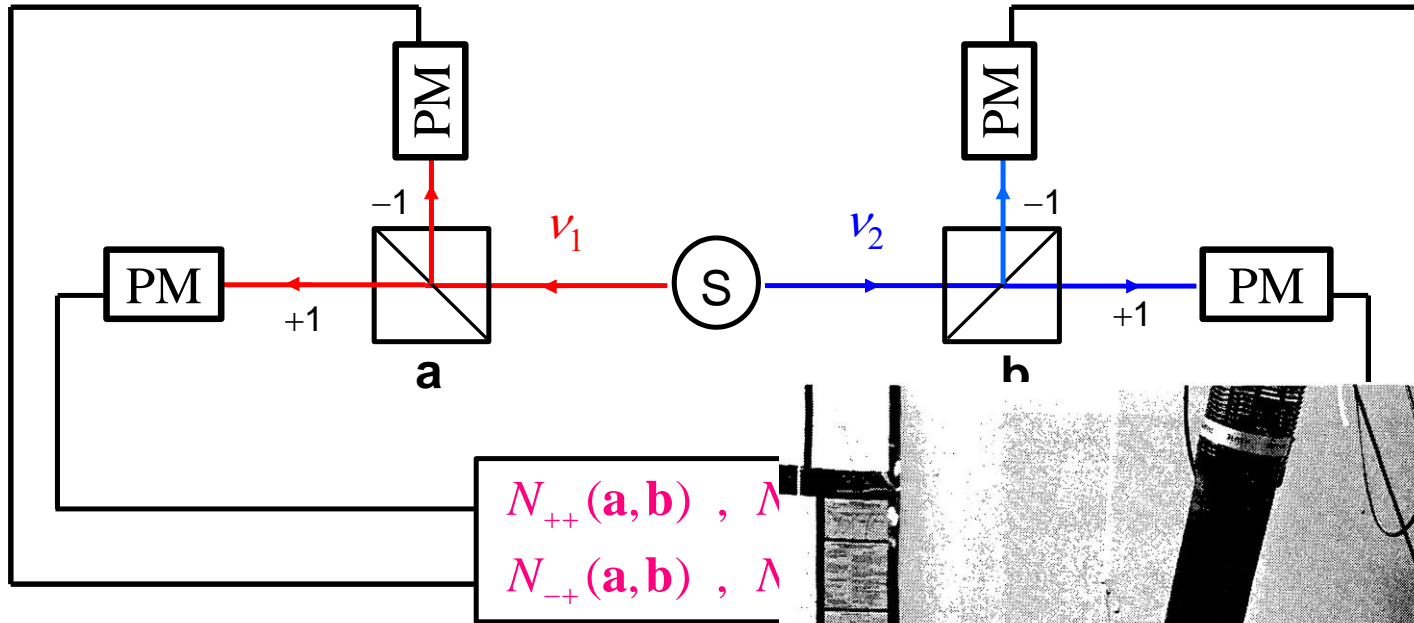
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Polarizers at 6 m from the source:
violation of Bell's inequalities,
entanglement survives "large" distance



Pile of plates polarizer
(10 plates at Brewster angle)

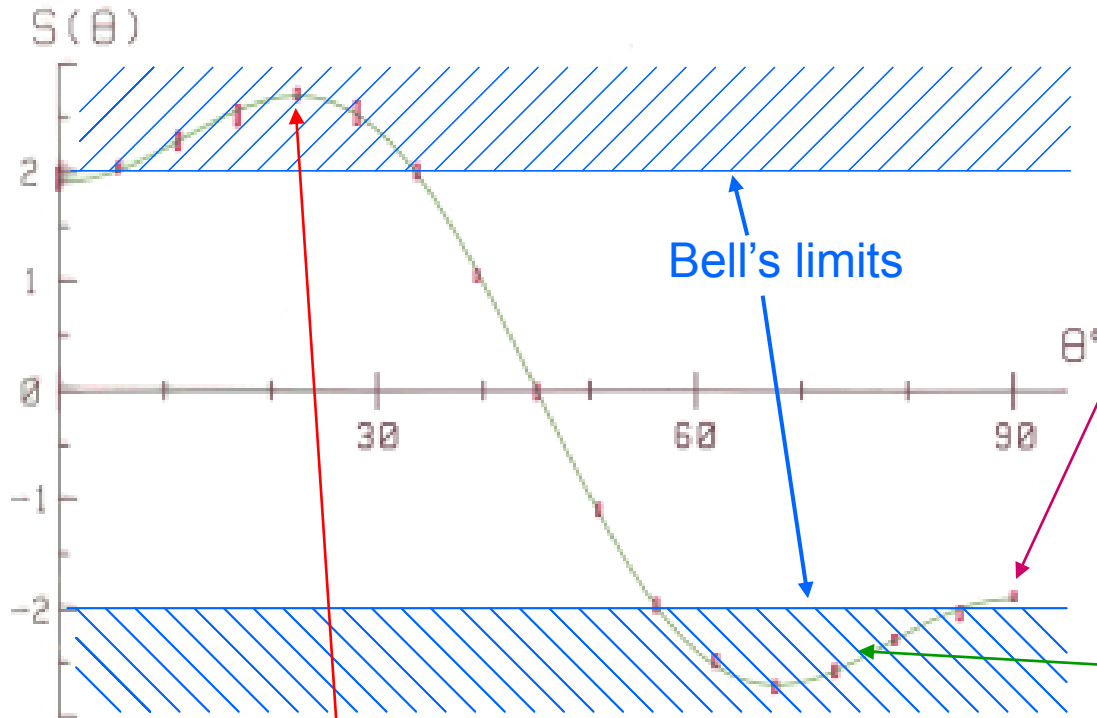
Experiment with 2-channel polarizers (AA, P. Grangier, G. Roger, 1982)



Direct measurement of the polarization
simultaneous measurement of the

$$E(a, b) = \frac{N_{++}(a, b) - N_{+-}(a, b)}{N_{++}(a, b) + N_{+-}(a, b) + N_{-+}(a, b) + N_{--}(a, b)}$$

Experiment with 2-channel polarizers (AA, P. Grangier, G. Roger, 1982)



□ Measured value ± 2 standard dev.
— Quantum mechanical prediction (including imperfections of real experiment)

For $\theta = (\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b}) = (\mathbf{b}, \mathbf{a}') = (\mathbf{a}', \mathbf{b}) = 22.5^\circ$ $S_{\text{exp}}(\theta) = 2.697 \pm 0.015$
 Violation of Bell's inequalities $S \leq 2$ by more than 40σ
 Excellent agreement with quantum predictions $S_{\text{MQ}} = 2.70$

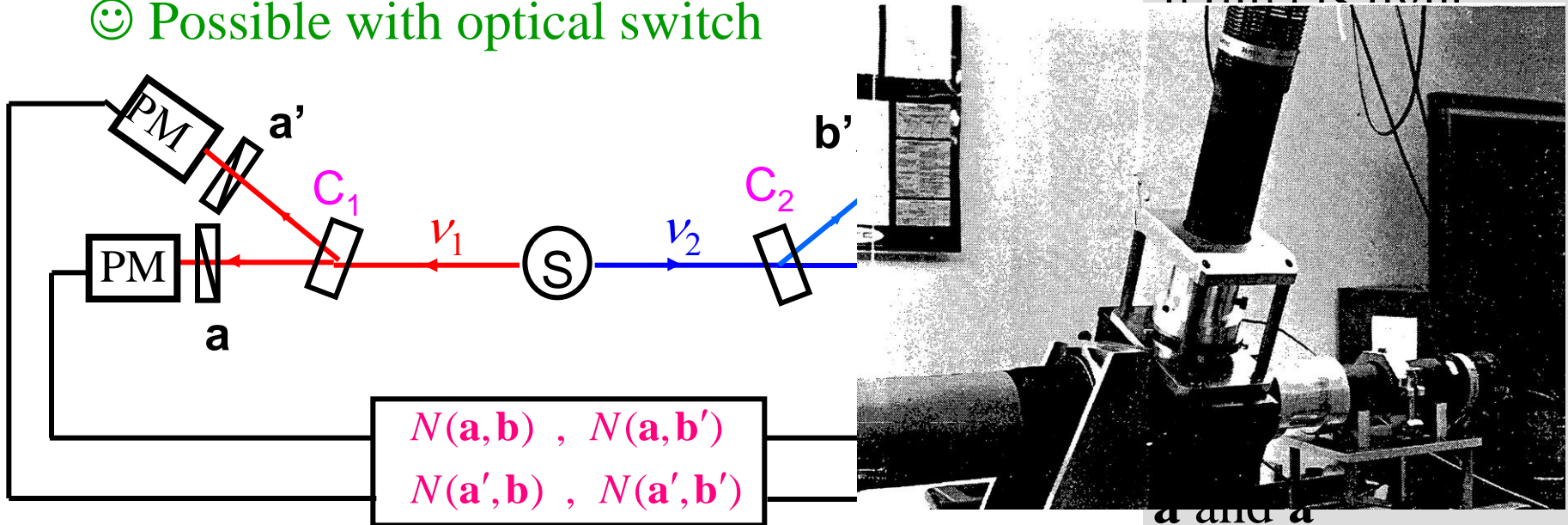
Experiment with variable

polarizers AA, J. Dalibard, G. Roger, PRL 1982

Impose locality as a consequence of relativistic causality: change of polarizer orientations faster than the time of propagation of light between the two polarizers (40 nanoseconds for $L = 12$ m)

☹ Not realist with massive polarizer

☺ Possible with optical switch



Switch C_1 redirects light

Between two switching: $10 \text{ ns} < L/c \approx 40 \text{ ns}$

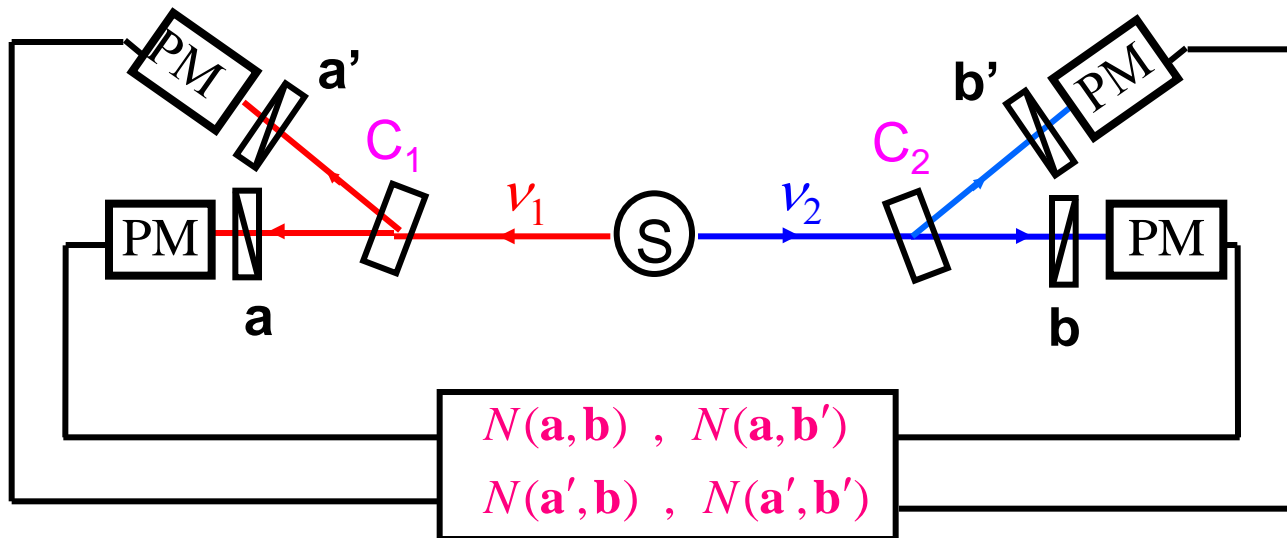
Idem C_2 for b and b'

Experiment with variable polarizers: results

AA, J. Dalibard, G. Roger, PRL 1982



Acousto optical switch: change every 10 ns. Faster than propagation of light between polarizers (40 ns) and even than time of flight of photons between the source S and each switch (20 ns).

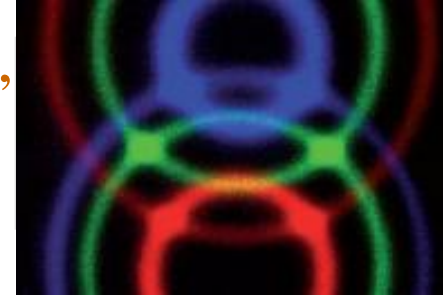


Difficult experiment:
 reduced signal;
 data taking for several hours;
 switching not fully random

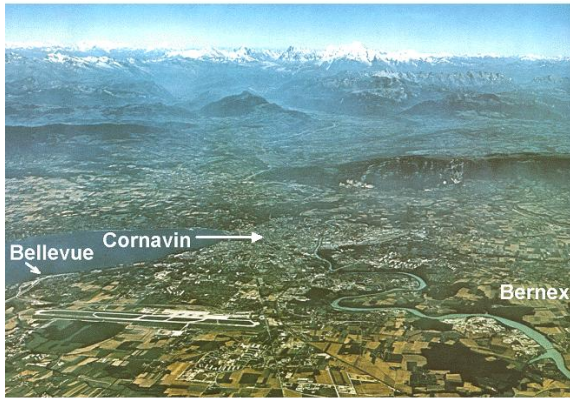
Convincing result: Bell's inequalities violated by par 6 standard deviations. Each measurement space-like separated from setting of distant polarizer: Einstein's causality enforced

Third generation experiments

Entangled photon pairs by parametric down conversion, well defined directions: injected into optical fibers.



Entanglement at a very large distance



Geneva experiment (1998):

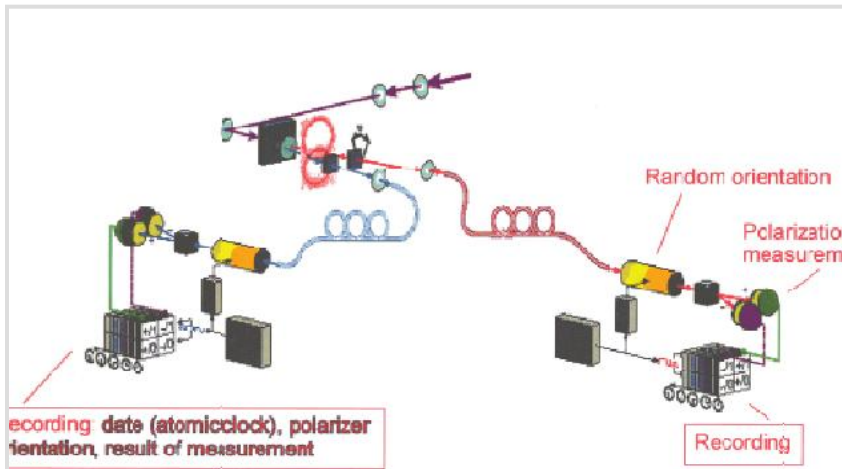
- Optical fibers of the commercial telecom network
- Measurements separated by 30 km

Agreement with QM.

Innsbruck experiment (1998):

variable polarizers with orientation chosen by a random generator during the propagation of photons (several hundreds meters).

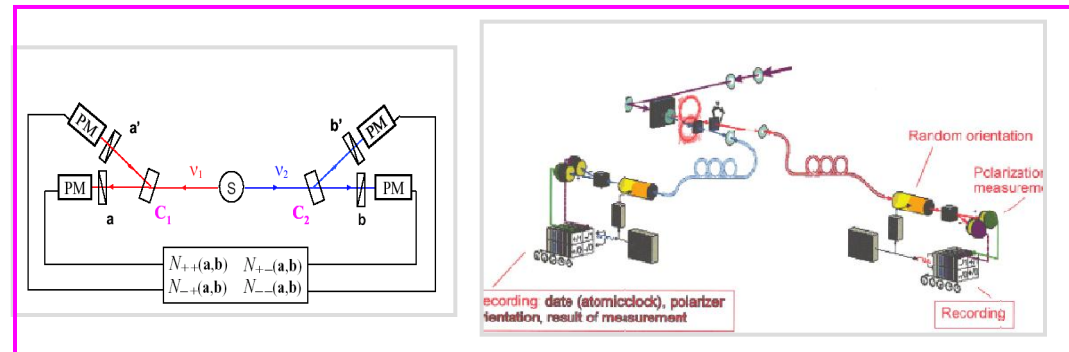
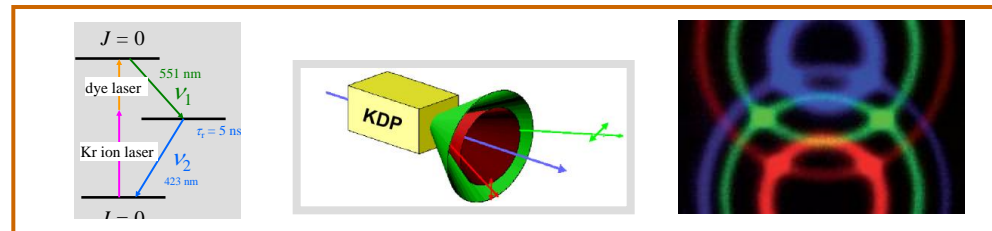
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Bell's inequalities have been violated in almost ideal experiments

Results in agreement with quantum mechanics in experiments closer and closer to the GedankenExperiment:

- Sources of entangled photons more and more efficient
- Relativistic separation of measurements with variable polarizers (Orsay 1982, Innsbruck 1998); closure of locality loophole
- Experiment with trapped ions (Boulder 2000): closure of the “sensitivity loophole” (recent experiments with photons in Vienna, Urbana Champaign).



Einstein's local realism is untenable

The failure of local realism

Einstein had considered (in order to reject it by *reductio ad absurdum*) the consequences of the failure of the EPR reasoning:
[If quantum mechanics could not be completed, one would have to]

- either drop the need of the independence of the physical realities present in different parts of space
- or accept that the measurement of S_1 changes (instantaneously) the real situation of S_2

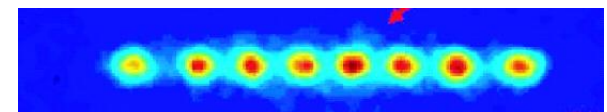
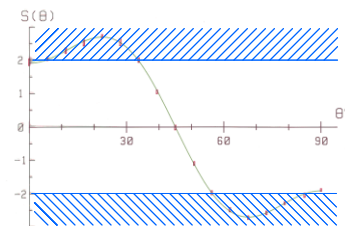
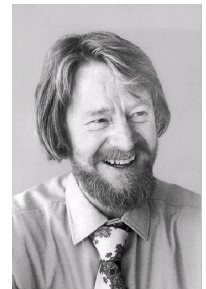
Quantum non locality – Quantum holism

The properties of a pair of entangled particles are more than the addition of the individual properties of the constituents of the pairs (even space like separated). Entanglement = global property.

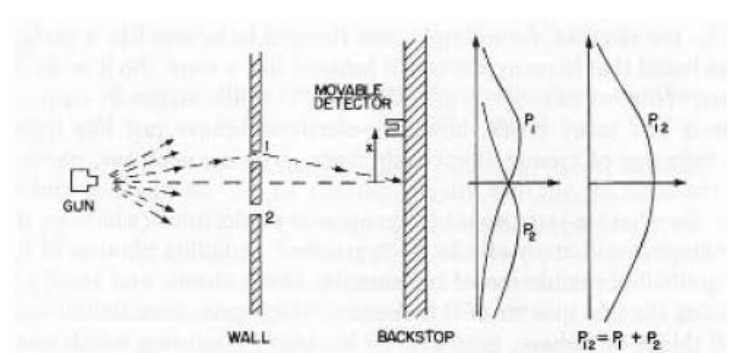
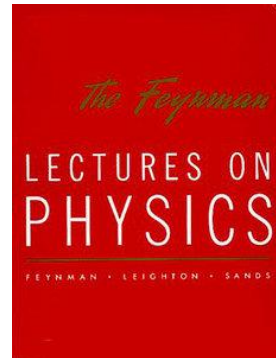
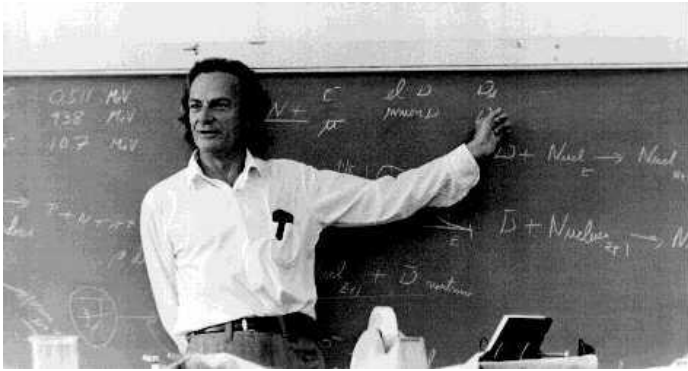
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Simulating Physics with Computers

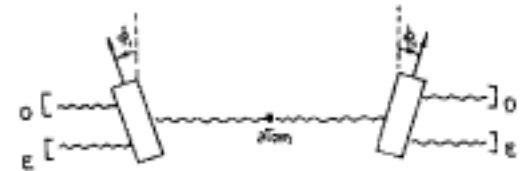
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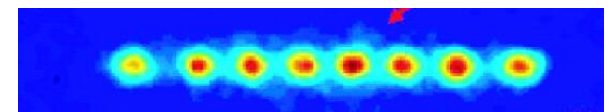
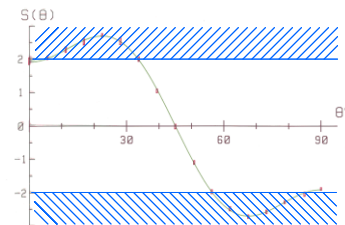
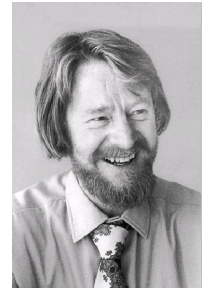
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Alice

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Eve



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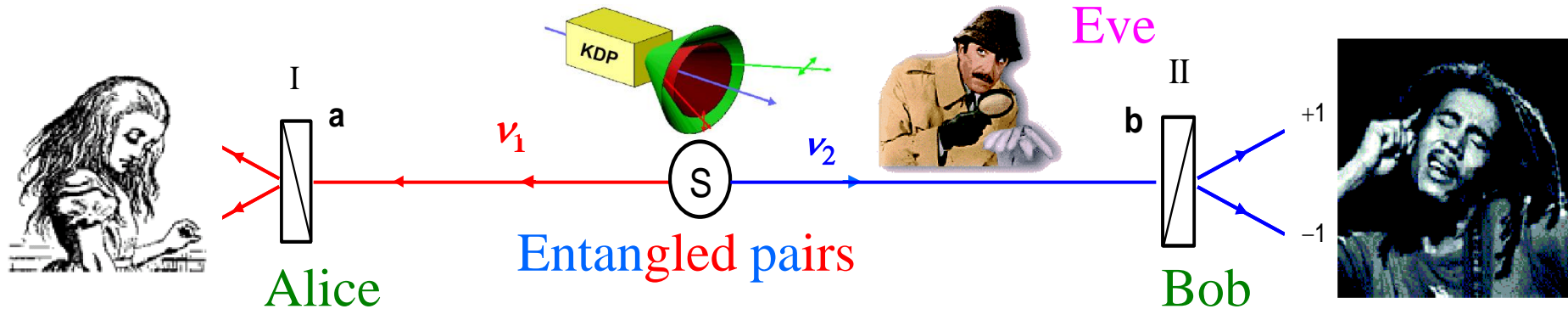


Bob

Quantum optics provides means of safe key distribution

Quantum Key Distribution with entangled photons (Ekert)

Alice and Bob select their analysis directions a et b randomly among 2, make measurements, then send publicly the list of all selected directions



Cases of a et b identical : identical results \Rightarrow 2 identical keys

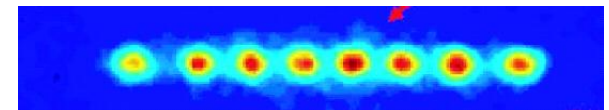
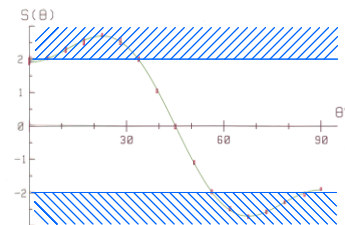
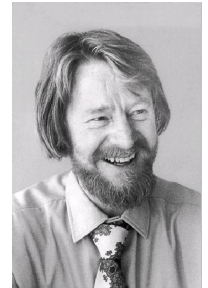
There is nothing to spy on the entangled flying photons: the key is created at the moment of the measurement.

If Eve chooses a particular direction of analysis, makes a measurement, and reemits a photon according to her result, his maneuver leaves a trace that can be detected by doing a Bell's inequalities test.

QKD at large distance, from space, on the agenda

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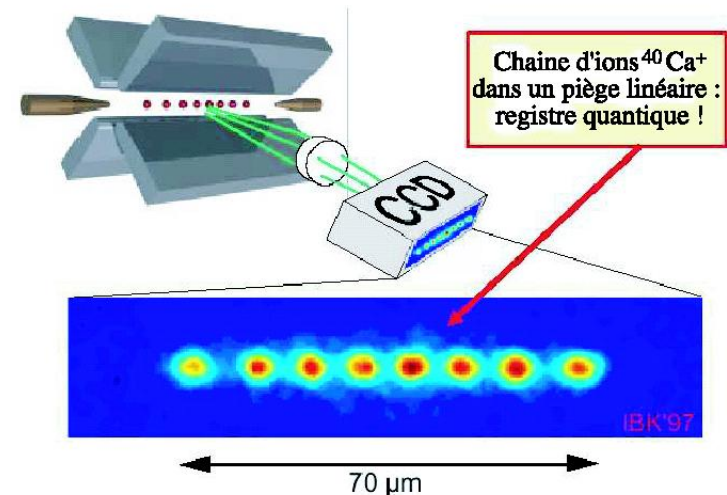
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Fundamentally different hardware:
fundamentally different software.

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An ensemble of interconnected quantum gates, processing strings of entangled quantum bits (qubit: 2 level system)



Entanglement \Rightarrow massive parallelism

The Hilbert space to describe N entangled qubits has dimension 2^N !
(most of that space consists of entangled states)

Quantum computing???

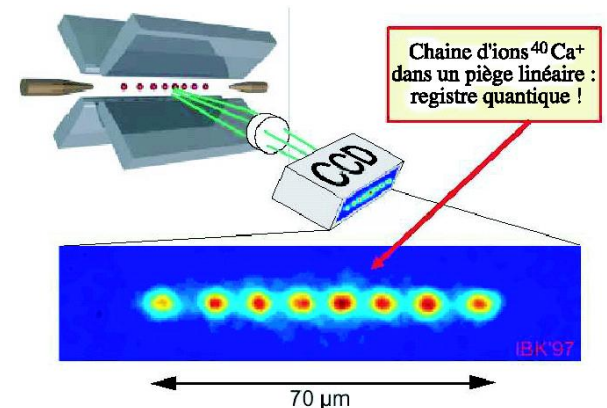
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A dramatic problem: decoherence: hard to increase the number of entangled qubits

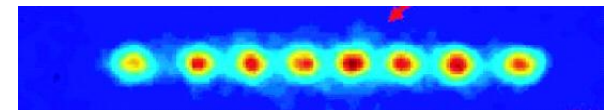
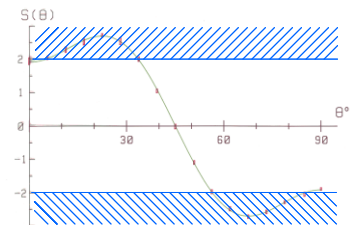
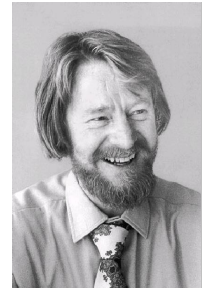
Nobody knows if such a quantum computer will ever work:

- Needed: $10^5 = 100\,000$ entangled qubits
- Record: 14 entangled qubits (R. Blatt)

Would be a kind of Schrödinger cat

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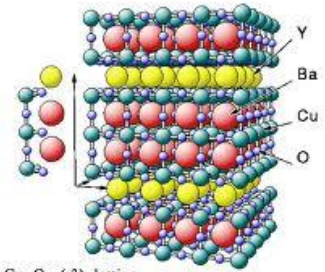
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Quantum simulation

Goal: understand a system of many entangled particles, absolutely impossible to describe, least to study, on a classical computer (Feynman 1982)

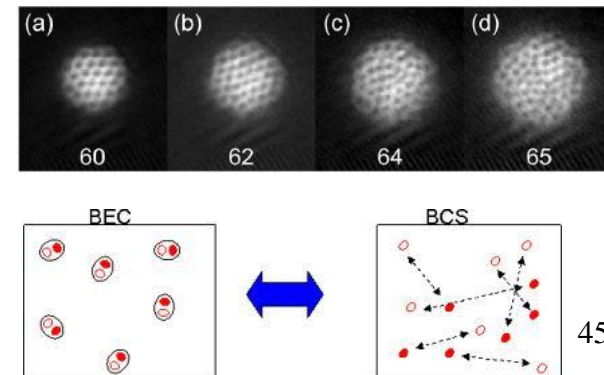
Example: electrons in solids (certain materials still not understood, e.g. high T_C superconductors)



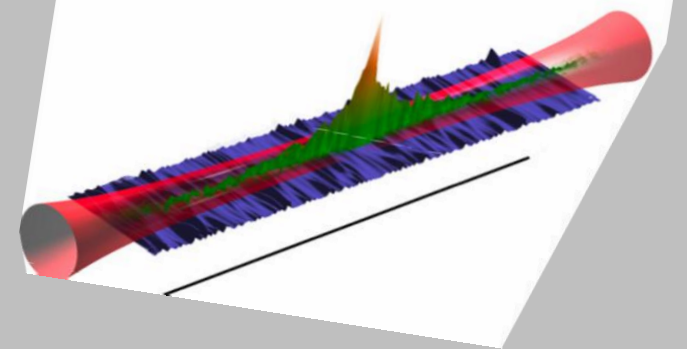
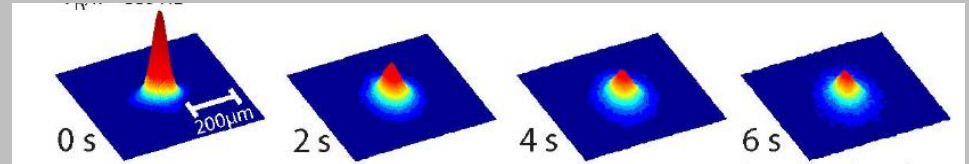
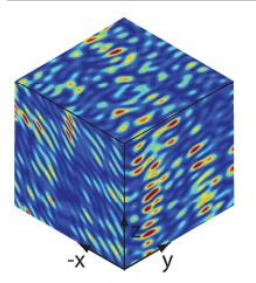
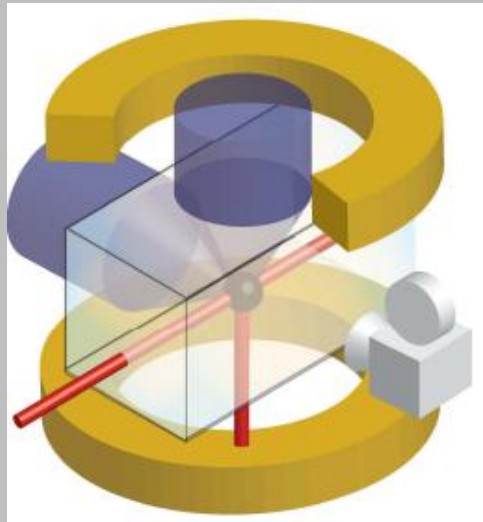
Quantum simulation: mimick the system to study with other quantum particles "easy" to manipulate, observe, with parameters "easy" to modify

Example: ultracold atoms in synthetic potentials created with laser beams

- Can change density, potential parameters
- Many observation tools: position or velocity distributions, correlations...



Quantum simulator of the Anderson transition in a disordered potential

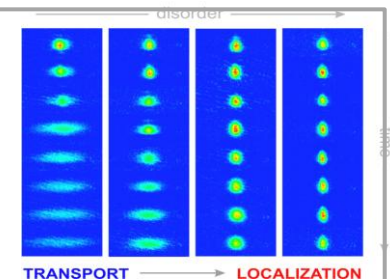
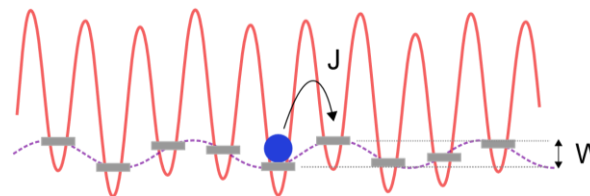


Atoms suspended, released in the disordered potential created with lasers. Absorption images

Direct observation of a localized component, with an exponential profile (localized wave function)

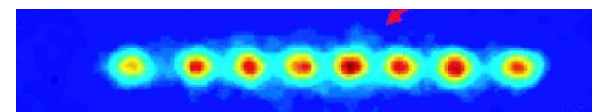
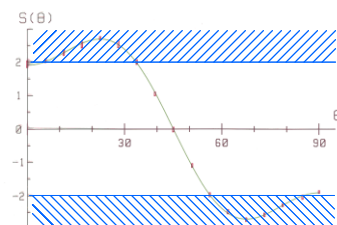
Similar experiments in Florence (Inguscio's group)

bichromatic lattice (non-periodic)



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A new quantum revolution?

Two concepts at the root of a new quantum era

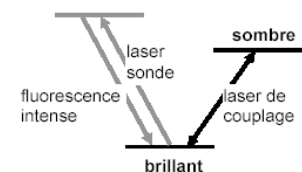
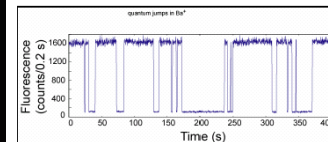
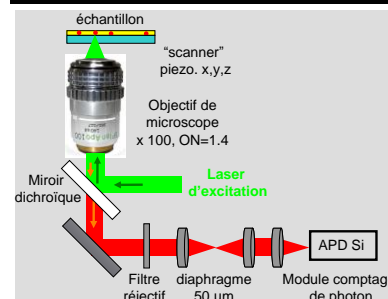
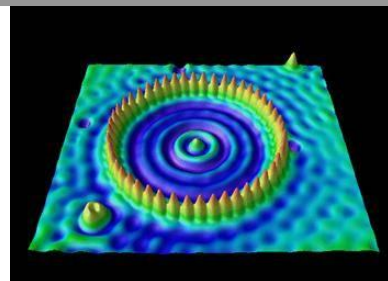
Entanglement

- A revolutionary concept, as guessed by Einstein and Bohr, strikingly demonstrated by Bell, put to use by Feynman et al.
- Drastically different from concepts underlying the first quantum revolution (wave particle duality).

Individual quantum objects

- experimental control
- theoretical description (quantum Monte-Carlo)

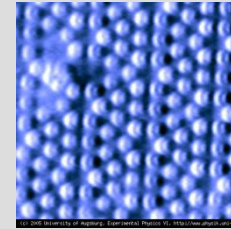
Examples: electrons, atoms, ions, single photons, photons pairs



What was the first quantum revolution?

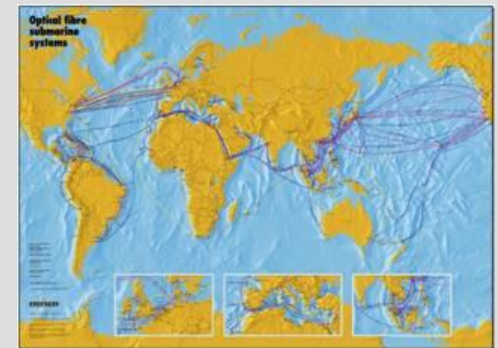
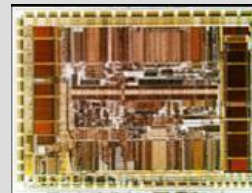
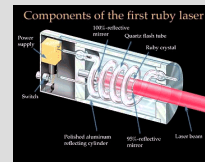
A revolutionary concept: Wave particle duality

- Understanding the structure of matter, its properties, its interaction with light
 - Electrical, mechanical properties
- Understanding “exotic properties”
 - Superfluidity, supraconductivity, Bose Einstein Condensate



Revolutionary applications

- Inventing new devices
 - Laser, transistor, integrated circuits
- Information and communication society

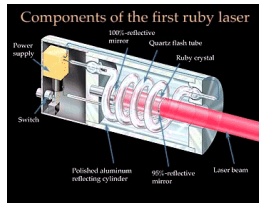


As revolutionary as the invention of heat engine (change society)

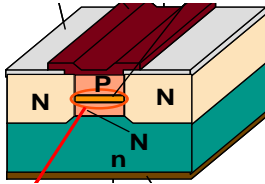
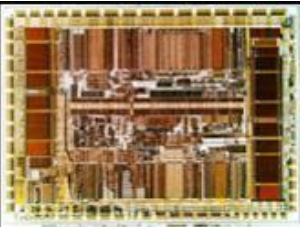
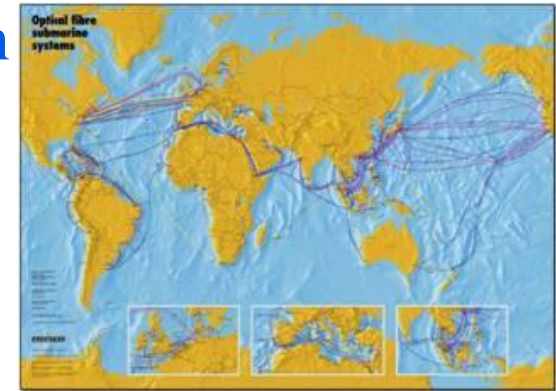
Not only conceptual, also technological

Towards a new technological revolution?

Will the new conceptual revolution (entanglement + individual quantum systems) give birth to a new technological revolution?



First quantum revolution
(wave particle duality):
lasers, transistors,
integrated circuits \Rightarrow
“information society”



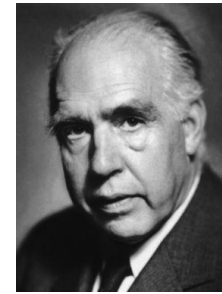
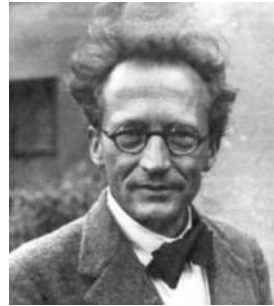
Will quantum computing and quantum communication systems lead to the “quantum information society”?

The most likely roadmap (as usual): from proofs of principle with well defined elementary microscopic objects (photons, atoms, ions, molecules...) to solid state devices (and continuous variables?) ...

A fascinating issue... we live exciting times!

Visionary fathers of the second quantum revolution

- **Einstein** discovered a new quantum feature, entanglement, different in nature from wave-particle duality for a single particle
- **Schrödinger** realized that entanglement is definitely different
- **Bohr** had the intuition that interpreting entanglement according to Einstein's views was incompatible with Quantum Mechanics
- **Bell** found a proof of Bohr's intuition
- **Feynman** realized that entanglement could be used for a new way to process information



We stand on the shoulders of giants!

Standing on shoulders of giants

The best-known use of this phrase was by Isaac Newton in a letter to his rival Robert Hooke, in 1676:

"What Descartes did was a good step. You have added much several ways, and especially in taking the colours of thin plates into philosophical consideration. If I have seen a little further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants."



Newton didn't originate it though. The 12th century theologian and author John of Salisbury used a version of the phrase in a treatise on logic called *Metalogicon*, written in Latin in 1159. Translations of this difficult book are quite variable but the gist of what Salisbury said is:

"We are like dwarfs sitting on the shoulders of giants. We see more, and things that are more distant, than they did, not because our sight is superior or because we are taller than they, but because they raise us up, and by their great stature add to ours."

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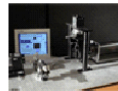
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Microscopie



Inégalités de Bell



Effet raman dans une fibre



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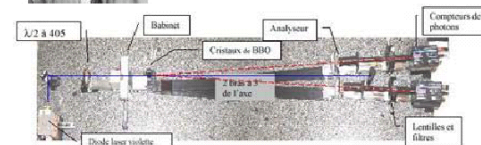


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Bell's inequalities at the lab classes of the Institut d'Optique Graduate School



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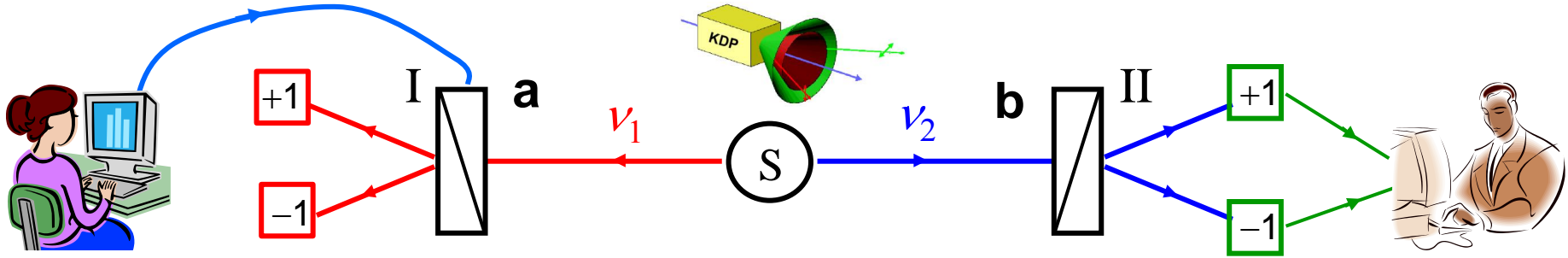
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Expérience EPR - mécanique quantique – photons intriqués en polarisation – variables cachées – corrélations de détection de « phot uniques »

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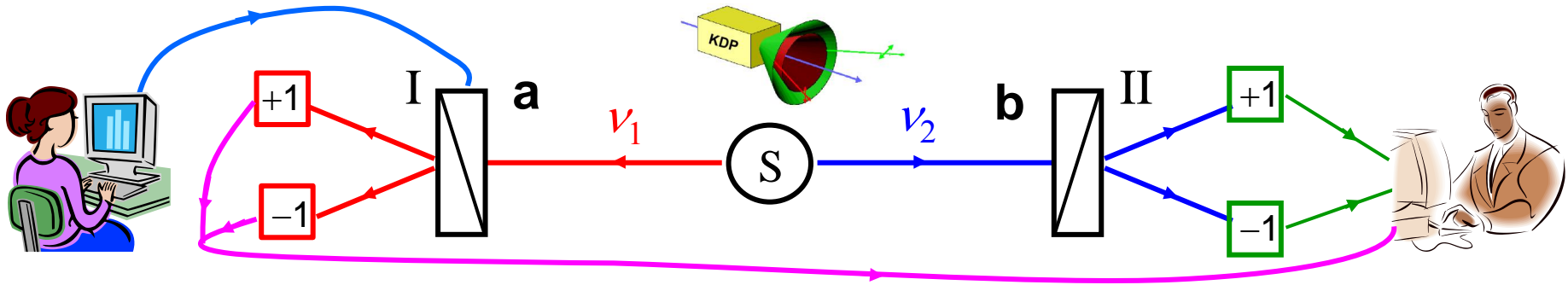
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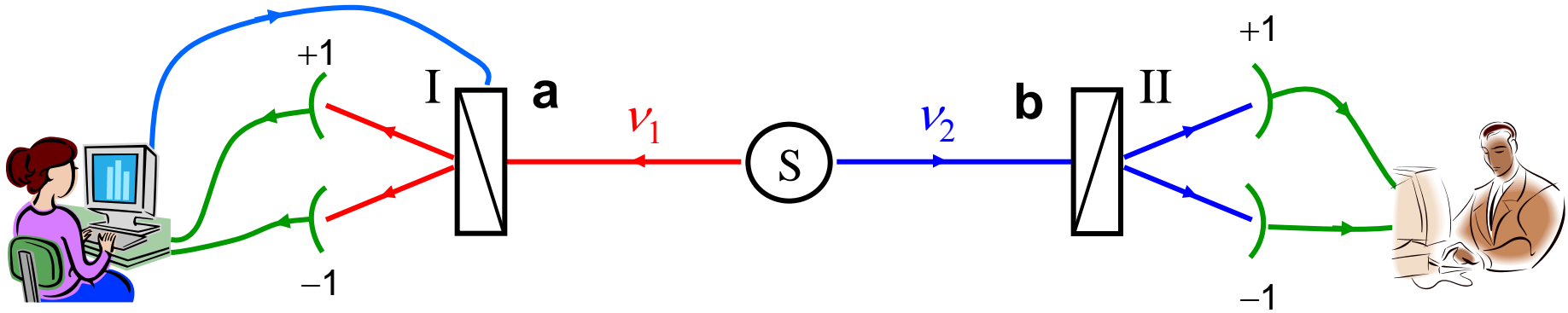
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To measure $P_{++}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$ Bob must compare his results to the results at I: the **transmission** of these results from I to Bob is done on a **classical channel, not faster than light.**

cf. role of classical channel in quantum teleportation.

So there is no problem ?



View *a posteriori* onto the experiment:

During the runs, Alice and Bob carefully record the time and result of each measurement.

After completion of the experiment, they meet and compare their data...

... and they find that $P_{++}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b})$ had changed instantaneously when Arthur had changed his polarizers orientation...

Non locality still there, but cannot be used for « practical telegraphy »

Is it a real problem ?

« It has not yet become obvious to me that there is no real problem. I cannot define the real problem, therefore I suspect there's no real problem, but I am not sure there is no real problem. So that's why I like to investigate things. »*

R. Feynman: *Simulating Physics with Computers*, Int. Journ. of Theoret. Phys. 21, 467 (1982)**

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** A founding paper on quantum computers

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