

# Introspections on Quantum Introspection

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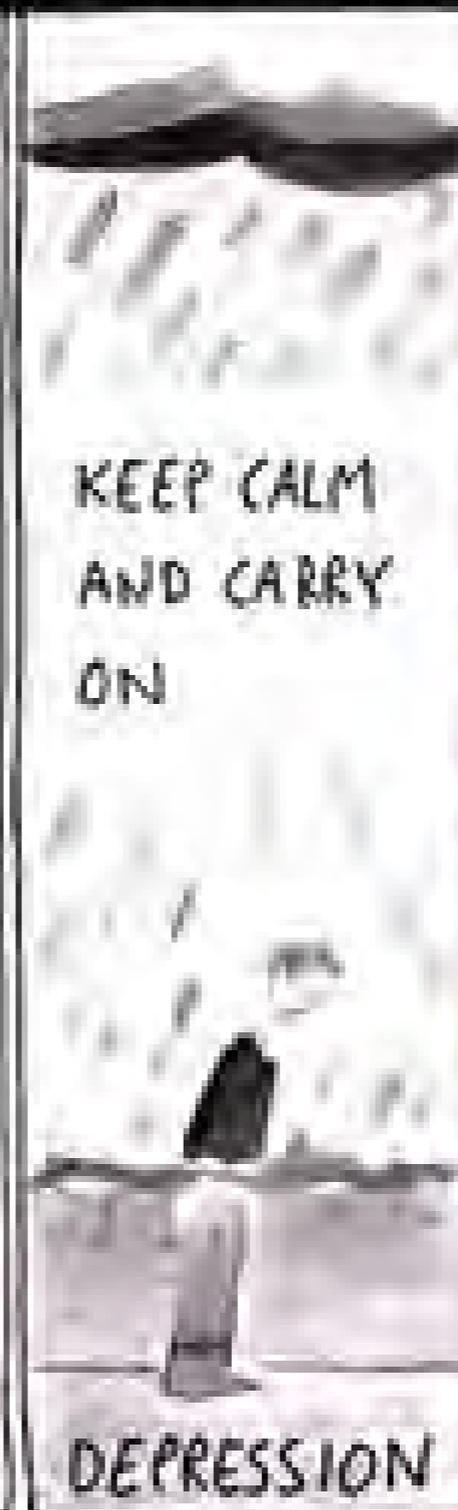
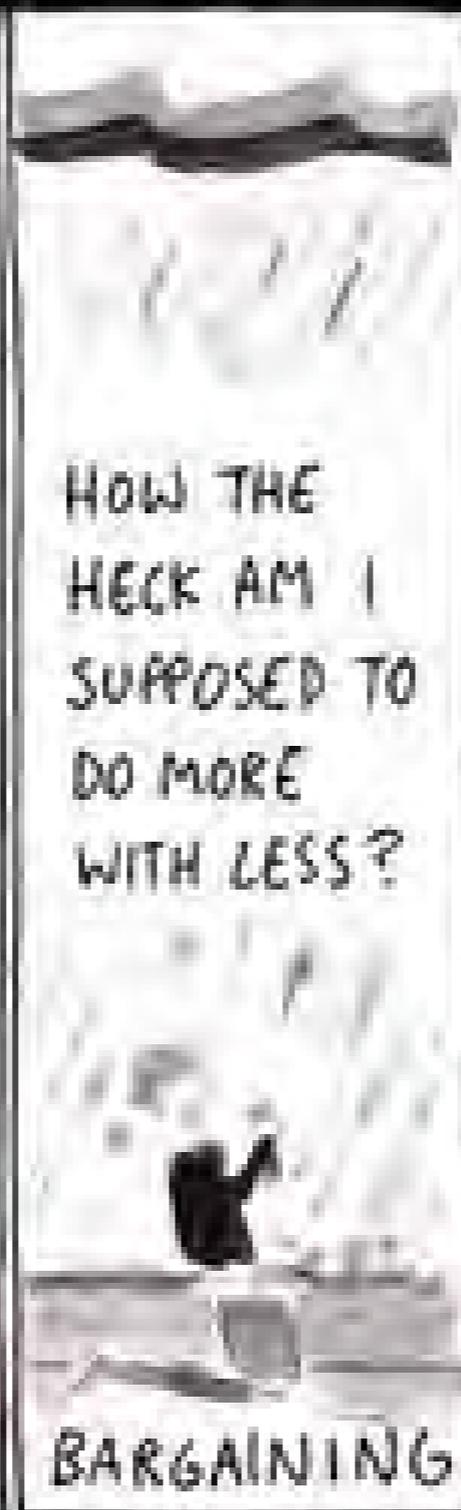
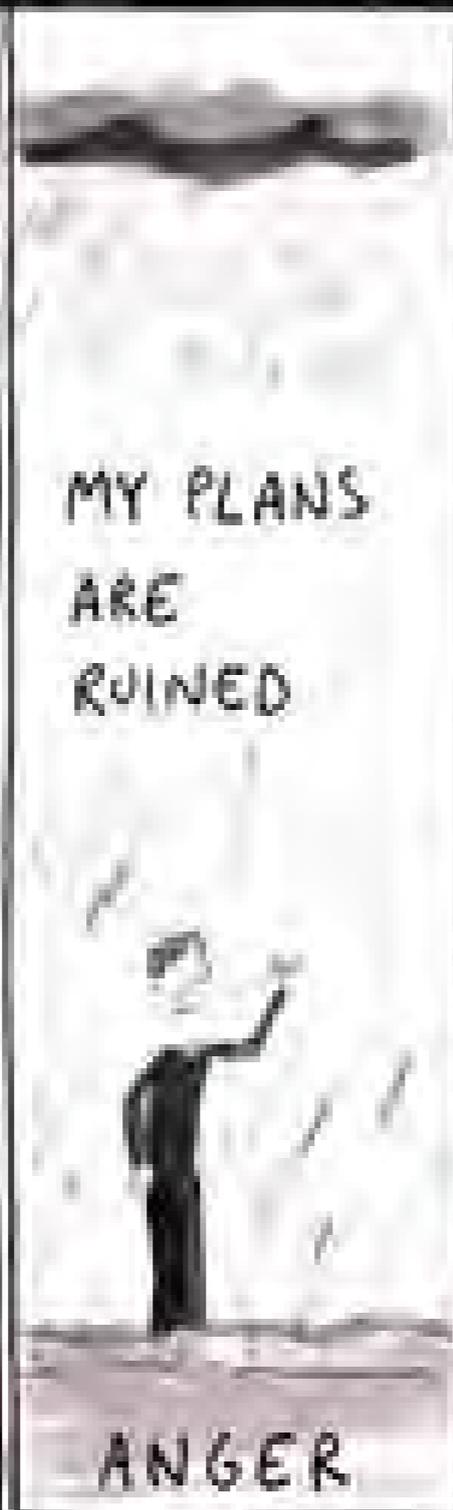
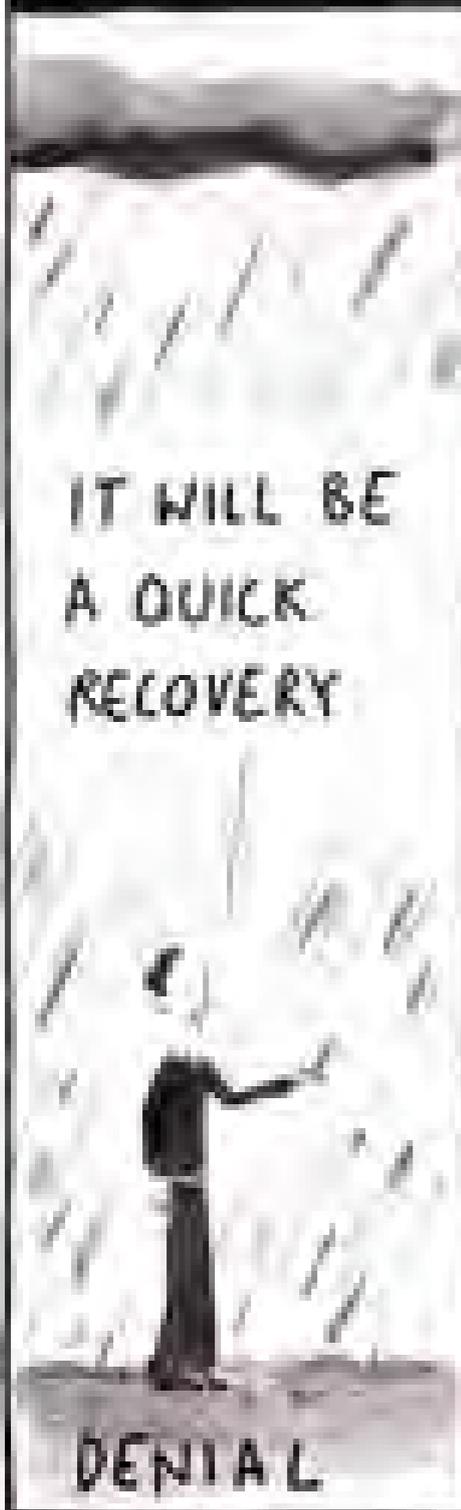
# Quantum Introspections

## Playbill

- Axioms and Assumptions
- Binary Breakdown?
- Critical Coaxing
- Division Drill
- Elusive Extensions
- Fusing Force-Fields
- Grand-Gödelian Guide
- ...



# THE FIVE STAGES OF RECESSION



*“Whereof we cannot speak clearly, we must shut up.”  
—w/apologies to L. Wittgenstein*

# Axioms and Assumptions

- In Quantum Mechanics:

(1) Every state of a system  $\leftrightarrow$  a “state function,”  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{S}$

(2) Every observable  $\leftrightarrow$  an operator,  $Q$ , acting on  $|\psi\rangle$ 's

(3) Only eigenvalues of  $Q$  are results of any individual measurement

(4) If  $Q|n\rangle = q_n|n\rangle$ , then  $\text{Prob}(Q \mapsto q_n | \psi) = \frac{|\langle n | \psi \rangle|^2}{\langle n | n \rangle \langle \psi | \psi \rangle} = \text{“cos}^2(\theta_{n\psi})\text{”}$

(5)  $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = H |\psi\rangle$  with  $H$  the Hamiltonian operator

(6)  $|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{Q \mapsto q_n} |n\rangle$

- One more thing (🙄):

(7) The Hamiltonian,  $H$ , is independent of  $|\psi\rangle$



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# Axioms and Assumptions

- BTW, “(7)  $H \neq H(\psi)$ ”  $\Rightarrow$  “(5)  $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = H |\psi\rangle$ ” a linear ODE
  - $\Rightarrow$  superposition, i.e.,  $\mathcal{S}$  is a linear vector space
- Implicit:  $\langle \psi | \chi \rangle < \infty$ , by “(4)  $\text{Prob}(Q \mapsto q_n | \psi) = \frac{|\langle n | \psi \rangle|^2}{\langle n | n \rangle \langle \psi | \psi \rangle}$ ”
  - So,  $\mathcal{S}$  is by (4) & for (7) a Hilbert space (...complete? ...rigged? ...)
  - ...on which  $Q$  act as linear operators (...& bounded ...)
- (1) lied (🤔): “mixed” states  $\leftrightarrow |\psi\rangle$ ;  $\rho := \sum_i r_i |i\rangle \langle i|$
- Most  $Q$  are Hermitian; & other, if eigenvalues are real
- (5)  $\Rightarrow$  probability conservation; & *particle decay?*  
& *particle condensation?* & *particle creation?*

Incomplete

# Binary Breakdown?



- Measurement conundrum:

- How exactly does “(6)  $|\psi\rangle \xrightarrow{Q \mapsto q_n} |n\rangle$ ” happen?
- What, who, when, where, why (&how) ...*measures*?
  - Collapse? Decoherence? Non-unitary? Non-local?
  - Parallel Universes? (combinatorial  $\rightarrow$  transfinite?) *Mind? Friend? ...?*
- “*Be bothered sleepless, or have rocks in one’s head*” [~D. Mermin/TH]

Bohr, Heisenberg,  
Wigner, ...

- The *transition*  $(|\psi\rangle \rightarrow |n\rangle) \in \mathcal{S}$  is discontinuous...



- *Contradicts*  $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = H |\psi\rangle$ , i.e.,  $|\psi(t)\rangle = \exp\{-\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^t d\tau H\} |\psi(0)\rangle !!$

- Of course, not —  $H=H(t)$  controls the  $t$ -discontinuity

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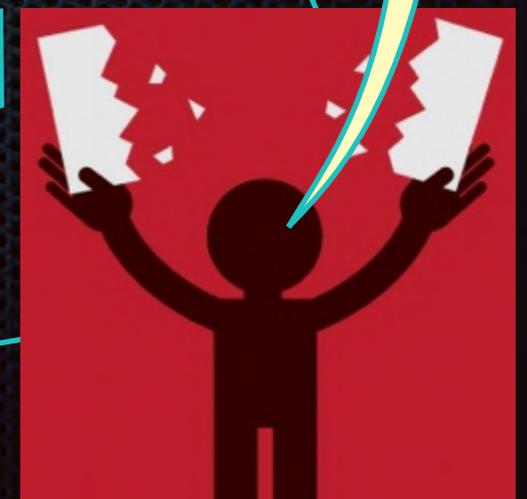
- OK,  $|\psi(t)\rangle = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^t d\tau H(\tau)\right\} |\psi(0)\rangle$  can be discontinuous
  - “quantum jumps” — including the “collapse” in measurements
  - as modeled by the *choice* of  $H(t)$  & by the choice of BC
- So, how *do* we choose/model  $H(t)$  ?
  - Typically,  $H(t) = H_0 + V(t)$ ,  $H_0 = KE + V_0$
  - Only “ $KE = \frac{1}{2m} P^2$ ” is *intrinsic* to the quantum system at hand
  - Both  $V_0$  &  $V(t)$  encode interaction with its *environment*
    - Like “potential well,” “Coulomb potential,” ...
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— It is us.



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- So,  $|\psi(t)\rangle = \exp\left\{-\frac{1}{\hbar} \int_0^t d\tau H(\tau)\right\} |\psi(0)\rangle$  can have solutions
  - and can model the discontinuous change in  $|\psi(t)\rangle$  under the influence...
  - ...of a measuring device — represented by the “external”  $V(t)$
- How precisely *does* discontinuous change occur?
  - The “quantized” subsystem  $\mapsto |\psi(t)\rangle$
  - The “classical” subsystem = environment/device/...
  - but ...*just how do “quantum” and “classical” interact?*  
(since they are inherently diametrically different)
    - Reminds of the unobservable “Führungsfeld” (pilot-wave)
    - that encodes all quantum interference & guides observable particles
    - by way of a never specified coupling/interaction to it (& which one?)

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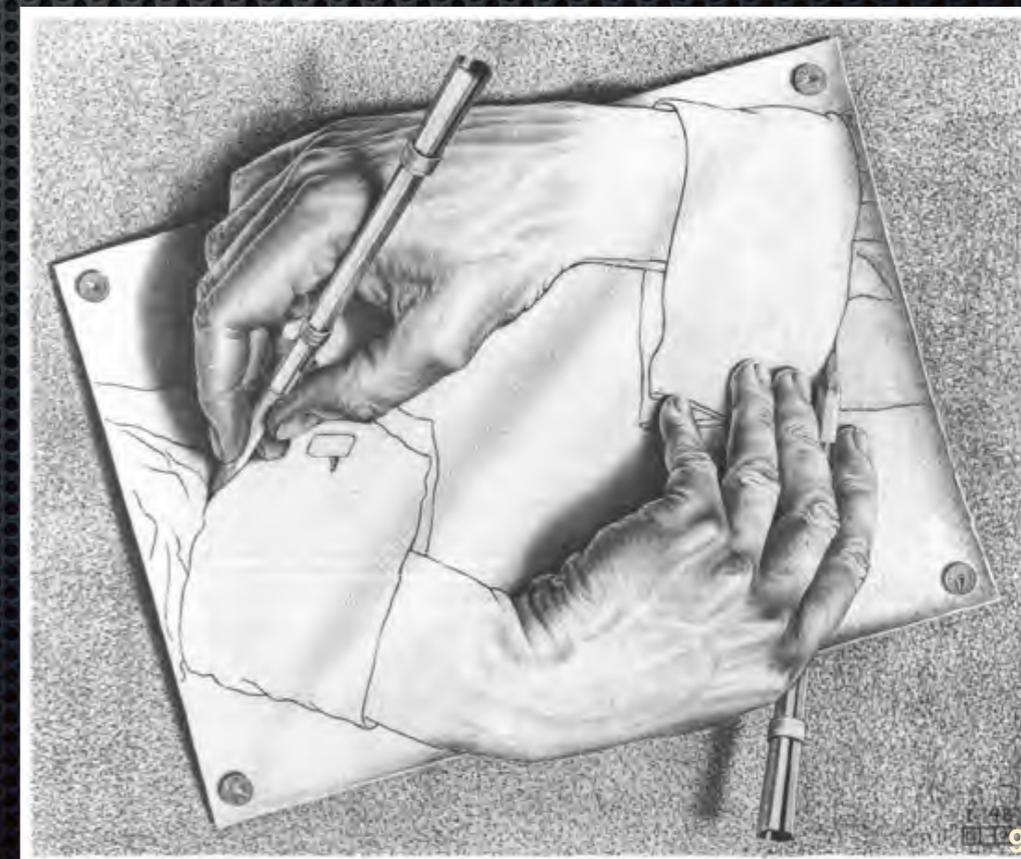


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# Critical Coaxing



- “Let’s treat the environment *also* quantum-ly!”
- If the “object”  $\mapsto |\psi(t)\rangle$ , its “environment”  $\mapsto |\phi(t)\rangle$
- Toy model:  $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = V_M |\psi\rangle$ ,  $V_M =$  (classical) measuring device
- ...and *vice versa*:  $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\phi\rangle = \Lambda_M |\phi\rangle$ ,  $|\phi\rangle =$  state of the device
- ...but then  $V_M = V_M(\phi)$  and  $\Lambda_M = \Lambda_M(\psi)$
- Coarsely:  $|\psi\rangle \mapsto \psi(\dots, t)$
- so: 
$$i\hbar \frac{d\psi}{dt} = (a_0 + a_1 \phi + \dots) \psi$$
$$i\hbar \frac{d\phi}{dt} = (b_0 + b_1 \psi + \dots) \phi$$

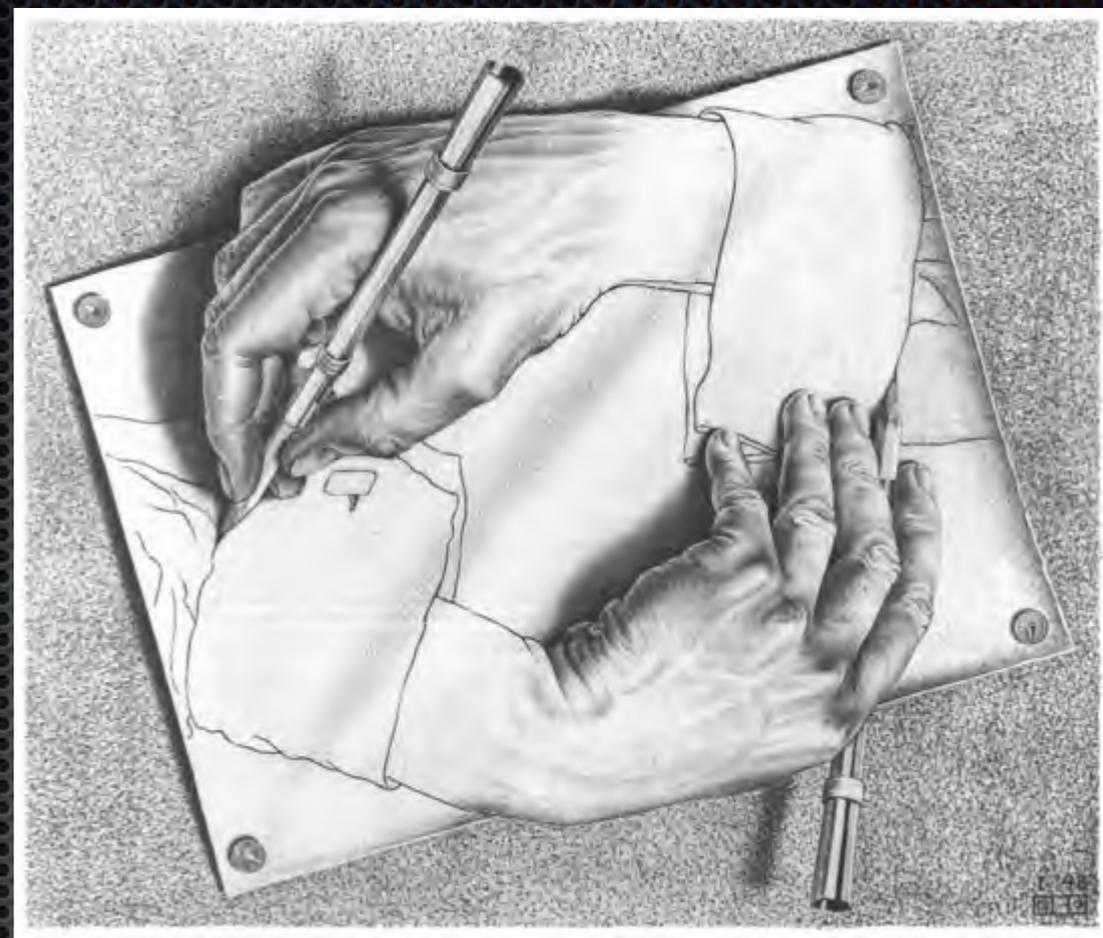


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- This is a coupled system of  $t$ -ODEs

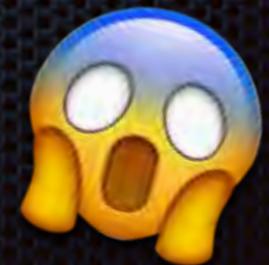
$$i\hbar \frac{d\psi}{dt} = (a_0 + a_1\phi + \dots) \psi \xrightarrow{V_M(\phi)}$$

$$i\hbar \frac{d\phi}{dt} = (b_0 + b_1\psi + \dots) \phi \xrightarrow{\Lambda_M(\psi)}$$



- Toy model (coarse): *nonlinearly* coupled object-measurer interaction

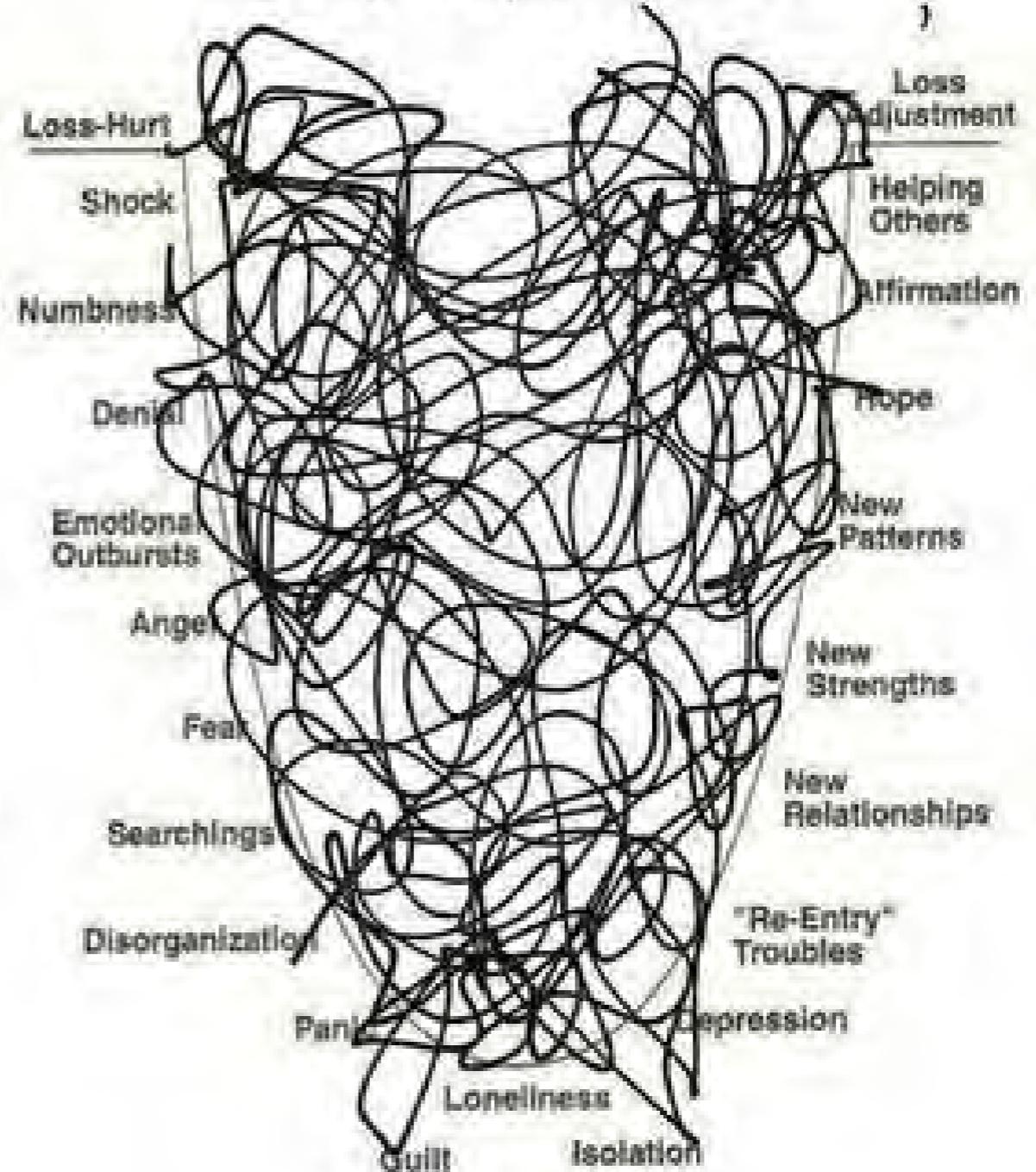
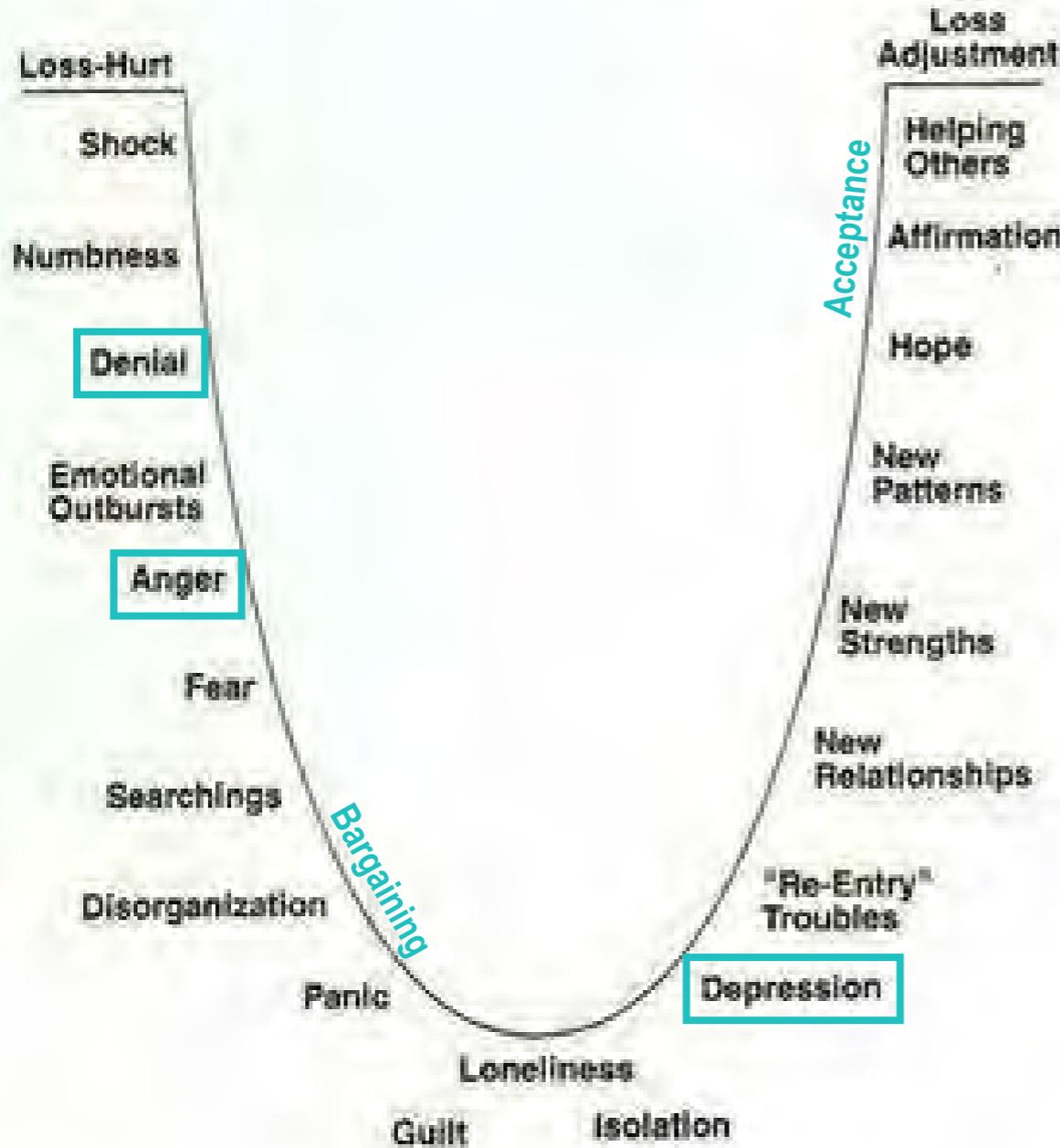
$$\begin{aligned} \ddot{\psi} = & a_0 \left( \frac{b_0}{\hbar^2} + \frac{\dot{a}_0}{i\hbar a_0} - \frac{\dot{a}_1}{i\hbar a_1} \right) \psi + \left( \frac{\dot{a}_1}{a_1} + \frac{b_0}{i\hbar} \right) \dot{\psi} \\ & + \frac{a_0 b_1}{\hbar^2} \psi^2 + \frac{b_1}{i\hbar} \psi \dot{\psi} + \frac{\dot{\psi}^2}{\psi} + \dots \end{aligned}$$



- “QM is Either Non-Linear or Non-Introspective” [quant-ph:9712047]

# STAGES OF GRIEF

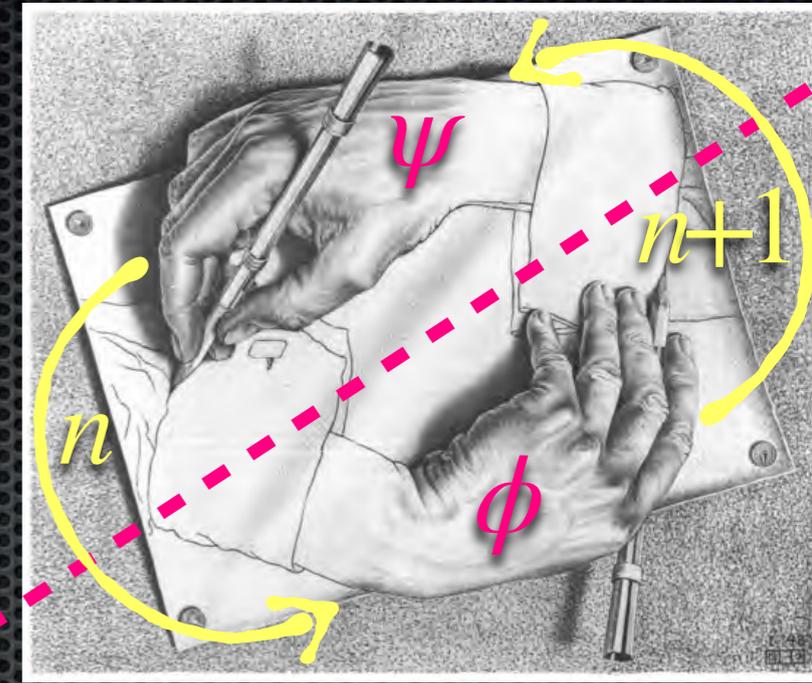
# My experience



“QM is either Non-Linear or Non-Introspective” [quant-ph:9712047]

→ Mod. Phys. Lett. A13 (1998) 2503–2512

# Division Drill



- In fact, we do “this” all the time!

- $H_2^+$ :  $2p^+$  (@  $\vec{0}$  &  $\vec{R}$ ) +  $1e^-$  (at  $\vec{r}$ )

- Fix the  $p^+$ 's:  $\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla^2 - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + R^2 - 2rR \cos \theta}} \right) \right] \psi(\vec{r}) = E_e \psi(\vec{r})$

- solve for  $\psi(\vec{r})$  with a “tentative”  $R$ .

replace

- Compute the  $e^-$  charge density:  $-e |\psi(\vec{r})|^2 \mapsto V_e(\vec{r}) = \frac{-e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \int d^2\vec{r}' \frac{|\psi(\vec{r}')|^2}{|\vec{r} - \vec{r}'|}$

- This charge density yields a potential in which the  $2p^+$  float

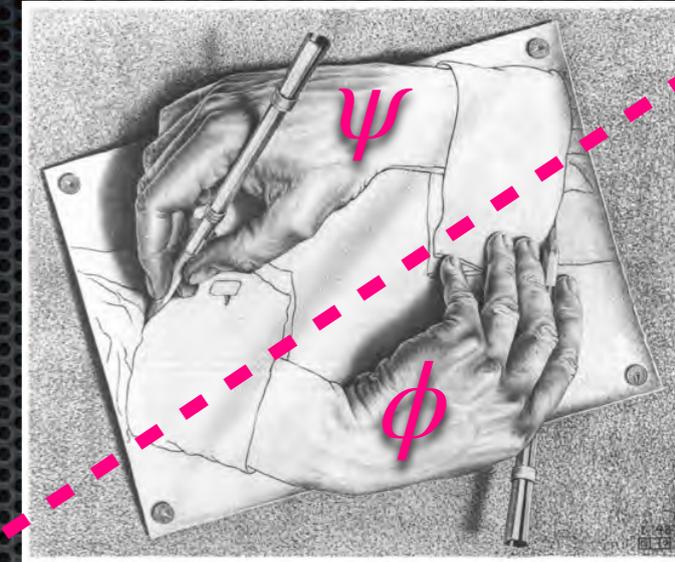
- That is, now fix the  $e^-$ :  $\left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_p} \nabla^2 + \frac{2e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\vec{R}|} + V_e(\vec{R}) \right] \phi(\vec{R}) = E_p \phi(\vec{R})$

- solve for  $|\phi\rangle$ . Compute  $R := |\langle \phi | \vec{R} | \phi \rangle|$

- Iteratively solving mutually interactive (“observing”) system

GO TO

# Division Drill



- So, either

- A nonlinearly coupled system of two equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla^2 - \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + R^2 - 2rR \cos \theta}} \right) \right] \psi(\vec{r}) = E_e \psi(\vec{r}) \quad \leftarrow n+1 \\
 & \left[ -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_p} \nabla_{\vec{R}}^2 + \frac{2e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\vec{R}|} + V_e(\vec{R}) \right] \phi(\vec{R}) = E_p \phi(\vec{R}) \quad \leftarrow n
 \end{aligned}$$

- solved iteratively

- Or, a “unified” description:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \left[ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla_e^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_p} (\nabla_a^2 + \nabla_b^2) \right. \\
 & \left. + \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_e - \vec{r}_a|} + \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_e - \vec{r}_b|} - \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_a - \vec{r}_b|} \right) \right] \Psi(\vec{r}_e, \vec{r}_a, \vec{r}_b) = E_M \Psi(\vec{r}_e, \vec{r}_a, \vec{r}_b)
 \end{aligned}$$

*(Escher's view)*  
 CM:MC:Escher





## Insider View

*"Shut up and calculate."  
—D. Mermin*

*"...nobody really understands quantum mechanics."  
—R.P. Feynman*

- *Who, what, when, where ...is doing the measuring?*
- *How & why does superposition ...break?*

# Elusive Extensions

Bohr, Heisenberg, Wigner,  
Everett, DeWitt, ... 

- Observation irreversibly collapses (*dis*-superposes) the state
  - The observometer? The human viewer? Her friend? Twice removed?
- Objective-collapse by ...nonlinearities and/or mesoscale dynamics
  - Gravity? Spontaneous localization? Origin of the random noise?
- Environmental decoherence by *statistically many* scattering events
  - Quantum Prob → Classical Prob, but still linear QM & superposition?
- Incessant splitting of (increasingly) many worlds
  - Coexistent with decoherence, but indistinguishable from Copenhagen?

Angelo Bassi et al.: “*Models of Wave-function Collapse, Underlying Theories, and Experimental Tests*” *Rev. Mod. Phys.* **85** (2013) 471–527, arXiv:1204.4325

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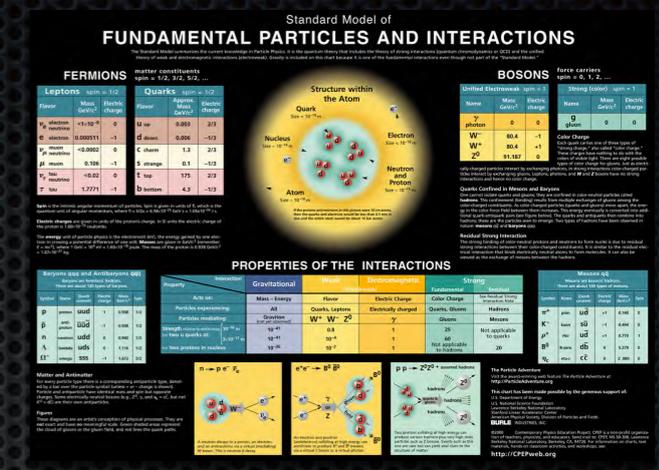
- Modifications of QM ...often include nonlinearities
  - Tend to be superluminal? Stochastic prob. distribution *ad hoc*?
- Hidden variables... Trace Dynamics (Themodynamical QM)...
  - Nonlocality? Superluminal? Grassmann matrices? ( $\rightarrow$  M-Theory?)
- Spacetime: emergent? smeared? non-commutative?
  - Heisenberg? (incl. “Loop Quantum Gravity”?)
- Unseen Führungsfeld (pilot-wave) *guides* observable particles
  - By what interaction? What mediates that? Is that particle-specific?  
(How do the *various Führungsfeldern* interact? ...& avoid other particles?)



*“Quantum Field Theory already is  
what Führungsfeldtheorie wants to become when it grows up.”  
(Pilot-wave theory)*

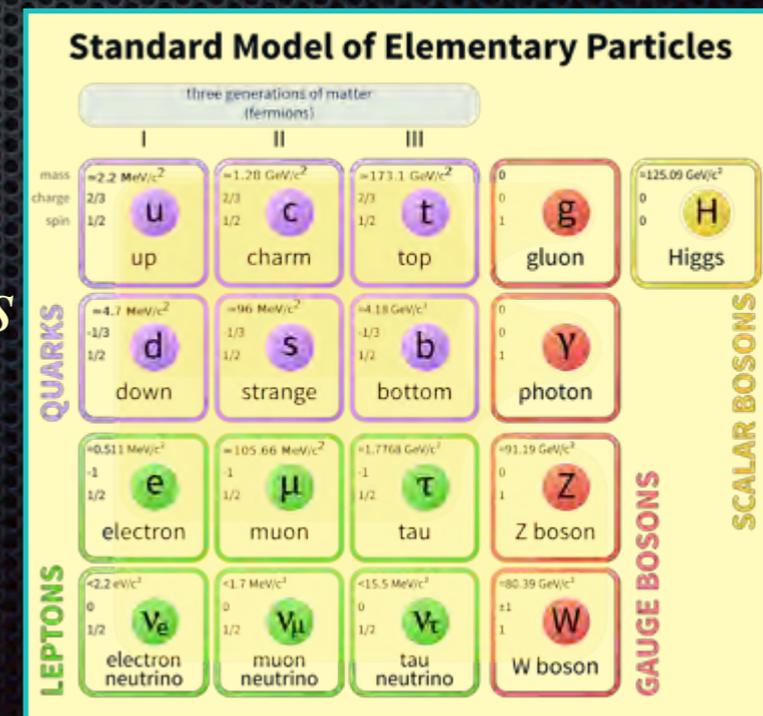
← originally so-named by Max Born in 1926

# Fusing Force-Fields



- 1972 S. Freedman & J. Clauser's 1st experiment violating Bell('64) Clauser-Horne-Shimony-Holt ('69) inequalities; A. Aspect('81)...
- 1974: The Standard Model
- 1969 Adler-Bell-Jackiw & 1970 Glashow-Iliopoulos-Maiani → charm
- 1974, Ting & Richter:  $J/\psi = [c\bar{c}]$ ; "November revolution"
- A concrete QFT model involving
- *Renormalizable non-abelian quantum gauge theory*
- *fundamental forces*
- ...with spontaneous symmetry breaking
- ...experimentally detected 2011–13 (Higgs boson)

...I'll be back!



# Standard Model of FUNDAMENTAL PARTICLES AND INTERACTIONS

The Standard Model summarizes the current knowledge in Particle Physics. It is the quantum theory that includes the theory of strong interactions (quantum chromodynamics or QCD) and the unified theory of weak and electromagnetic interactions (electroweak). Gravity is included on this chart because it is one of the fundamental interactions even though not part of the "Standard Model."

## FERMIONS

matter constituents  
spin = 1/2, 3/2, 5/2, ...

Leptons spin = 1/2			Quarks spin = 1/2		
Flavor	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge	Flavor	Approx. Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge
$\nu_e$ electron neutrino	$<1 \times 10^{-8}$	0	<b>u</b> up	0.003	2/3
<b>e</b> electron	0.000511	-1	<b>d</b> down	0.006	-1/3
$\nu_\mu$ muon neutrino	$<0.0002$	0	<b>c</b> charm	1.3	2/3
<b><math>\mu</math></b> muon	0.106	-1	<b>s</b> strange	0.1	-1/3
$\nu_\tau$ tau neutrino	$<0.02$	0	<b>t</b> top	175	2/3
<b><math>\tau</math></b> tau	1.7771	-1	<b>b</b> bottom	4.3	-1/3

**Spin** is the intrinsic angular momentum of particles. Spin is given in units of  $\hbar$ , which is the quantum unit of angular momentum, where  $\hbar = h/2\pi = 6.58 \times 10^{-25} \text{ GeV s} = 1.05 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J s}$ .

**Electric charges** are given in units of the proton's charge. In SI units the electric charge of the proton is  $1.60 \times 10^{-19}$  coulombs.

The **energy** unit of particle physics is the electronvolt (eV), the energy gained by one electron in crossing a potential difference of one volt. **Masses** are given in  $\text{GeV}/c^2$  (remember  $E = mc^2$ ), where  $1 \text{ GeV} = 10^9 \text{ eV} = 1.60 \times 10^{-10} \text{ joule}$ . The mass of the proton is  $0.938 \text{ GeV}/c^2 = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ .

## BOSONS

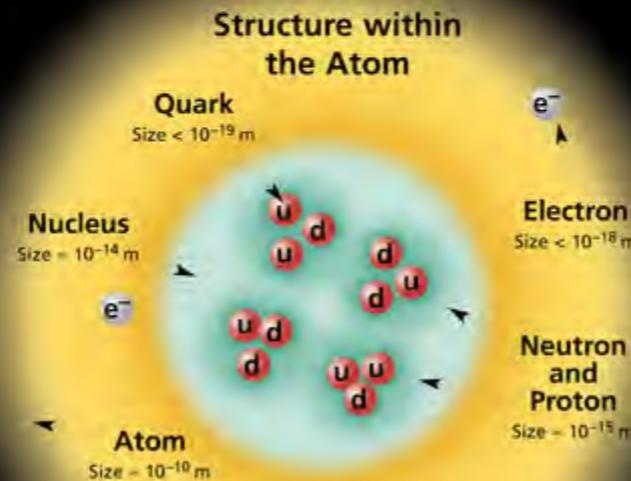
force carriers  
spin = 0, 1, 2, ...

Unified Electroweak spin = 1			Strong (color) spin = 1		
Name	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge	Name	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Electric charge
$\gamma$ photon	0	0	<b>g</b> gluon	0	0
<b>W<sup>-</sup></b>	80.4	-1			
<b>W<sup>+</sup></b>	80.4	+1			
<b>Z<sup>0</sup></b>	91.187	0			

**Color Charge**  
Each quark carries one of three types of "strong charge," also called "color charge." These charges have nothing to do with the colors of visible light. There are eight possible types of color charge for gluons. Just as electrically-charged particles interact by exchanging photons, in strong interactions color-charged particles interact by exchanging gluons. Leptons, photons, and **W** and **Z** bosons have no strong interactions and hence no color charge.

**Quarks Confined in Mesons and Baryons**  
One cannot isolate quarks and gluons; they are confined in color-neutral particles called **hadrons**. This confinement (binding) results from multiple exchanges of gluons among the color-charged constituents. As color-charged particles (quarks and gluons) move apart, the energy in the color-force field between them increases. This energy eventually is converted into additional quark-antiquark pairs (see figure below). The quarks and antiquarks then combine into hadrons; these are the particles seen to emerge. Two types of hadrons have been observed in nature: **mesons**  $q\bar{q}$  and **baryons**  $qqq$ .

**Residual Strong Interaction**  
The strong binding of color-neutral protons and neutrons to form nuclei is due to residual strong interactions between their color-charged constituents. It is similar to the residual electrical interaction that binds electrically neutral atoms to form molecules. It can also be viewed as the exchange of mesons between the hadrons.



If the protons and neutrons in this picture were 10 cm across, then the quarks and electrons would be less than 0.1 mm in size and the entire atom would be about 10 km across.

## PROPERTIES OF THE INTERACTIONS

Baryons $qqq$ and Antibaryons $\bar{q}\bar{q}\bar{q}$					
Baryons are fermionic hadrons. There are about 120 types of baryons.					
Symbol	Name	Quark content	Electric charge	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Spin
<b>p</b>	proton	<b>uud</b>	1	0.938	1/2
$\bar{p}$	anti-proton	$\bar{u}\bar{u}\bar{d}$	-1	0.938	1/2
<b>n</b>	neutron	<b>udd</b>	0	0.940	1/2
$\Lambda$	lambda	<b>uds</b>	0	1.116	1/2
$\Omega^-$	omega	<b>sss</b>	-1	1.672	3/2

Property	Interaction	Gravitational	Weak	Electromagnetic	Strong	
			(Electroweak)		Fundamental	Residual
<b>Acts on:</b>		Mass - Energy	Flavor	Electric Charge	Color Charge	See Residual Strong Interaction Note
<b>Particles experiencing:</b>		All	Quarks, Leptons	Electrically charged	Quarks, Gluons	Hadrons
<b>Particles mediating:</b>		Graviton (not yet observed)	<b>W<sup>+</sup> W<sup>-</sup> Z<sup>0</sup></b>	$\gamma$	<b>Gluons</b>	<b>Mesons</b>
<b>Strength</b> relative to electromag. for two u quarks at:		$10^{-41}$	0.8	1	25	Not applicable to quarks
for two u quarks at:	$3 \times 10^{-17} \text{ m}$	$10^{-41}$	$10^{-4}$	1	60	
for two protons in nucleus		$10^{-36}$	$10^{-7}$	1	Not applicable to hadrons	20

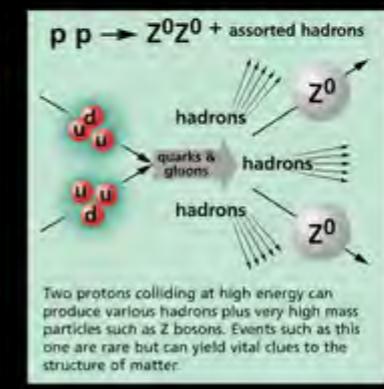
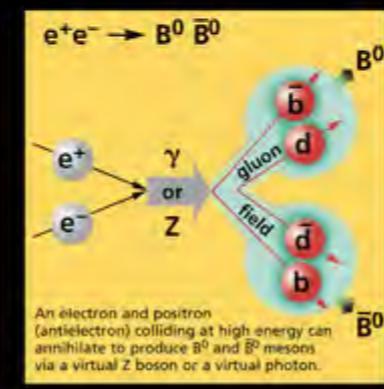
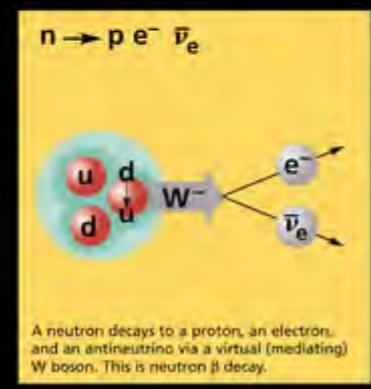
Mesons $q\bar{q}$					
Mesons are bosonic hadrons. There are about 140 types of mesons.					
Symbol	Name	Quark content	Electric charge	Mass GeV/c <sup>2</sup>	Spin
$\pi^+$	pion	<b>u<math>\bar{d}</math></b>	+1	0.140	0
$K^-$	kaon	<b>s<math>\bar{u}</math></b>	-1	0.494	0
$\rho^+$	rho	<b>u<math>\bar{d}</math></b>	+1	0.770	1
$B^0$	B-zero	<b>d<math>\bar{b}</math></b>	0	5.279	0
$\eta_c$	eta-c	<b>c<math>\bar{c}</math></b>	0	2.980	0

### Matter and Antimatter

For every particle type there is a corresponding antiparticle type, denoted by a bar over the particle symbol (unless + or - charge is shown). Particle and antiparticle have identical mass and spin but opposite charges. Some electrically neutral bosons (e.g.,  $Z^0$ ,  $\gamma$ , and  $\eta_c = c\bar{c}$ , but not  $K^0 = d\bar{s}$ ) are their own antiparticles.

### Figures

These diagrams are an artist's conception of physical processes. They are *not* exact and have *no* meaningful scale. Green shaded areas represent the cloud of gluons or the gluon field, and red lines the quark paths.



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“Quantum Field Theory already is what  
*Führungsfeldtheorie* wants to become when it grows up.”

# Fusing Force-Fields



- Paraphrasing “The pilot-wave interpretation of quantum mechanics is wishful thinking that aims to achieve what quantum field theory has been for the past half a century.” [Quora answers: [1](#) & [2](#)]
- Quantum fields exist continuously throughout spacetime
- Change in the field is quantized → [particle, ...packet,... wave]
- *Fermions*: Pauli-exclude from condensing → “background Fermi field” =  $\emptyset$
- *Bosons*: can condense (in any particular one state) → “background Bose field”
- Very large ensemble (“sea”) of quanta comprises the continuous field
- A field and its quanta do not *interact* with each other...
- ...they are part and parcel of *the same entity*

*(no need for velcro)*

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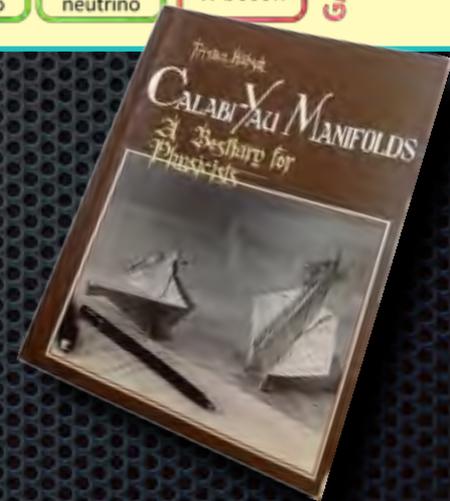
- 1974: (Super)string theory = theory of gravity
  - A finite inherently quantum theory
  - with gauge fields and fermions and (quantum!) gravity
- 1979 (D. Friedan): *quantum stability*  $\Rightarrow$  Einstein equations
- 1984 (Alvarez-Gaumé & Witten): *gravitational anomalies* & cancellation
- 1984 (Green-Schwarz): one more *anomaly cancellation* *quantum consistency*
- 1984 (GHMR): heterotic string model with  $E_8 \times E_8$  gauge fields
- 1984 (CHSW): supersymmetric stability  $\Rightarrow$  Calabi-Yau compactification
- 1984 me@UMD 1987:  $O(10^3)$  models;  $\rightarrow$  UT: '88 connected web connected by phase transitions

**Standard Model of Elementary Particles**

three generations of matter (fermions)

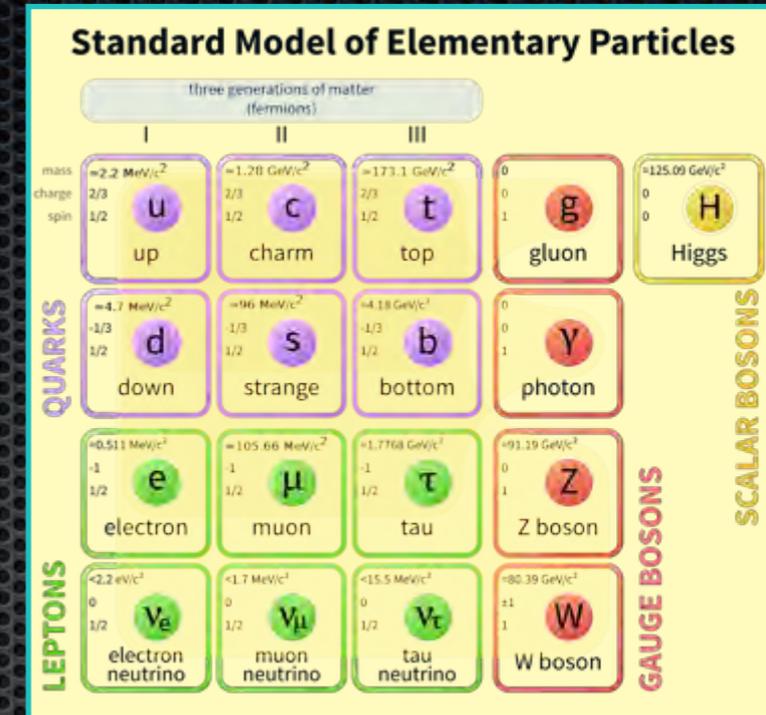
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charge	$2/3$	$2/3$	$2/3$	0	0
spin	$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	1	0
	<b>u</b> up	<b>c</b> charm	<b>t</b> top	<b>g</b> gluon	<b>H</b> Higgs
	<b>d</b> down	<b>s</b> strange	<b>b</b> bottom	<b><math>\gamma</math></b> photon	
	<b>e</b> electron	<b><math>\mu</math></b> muon	<b><math>\tau</math></b> tau	<b>Z</b> Z boson	
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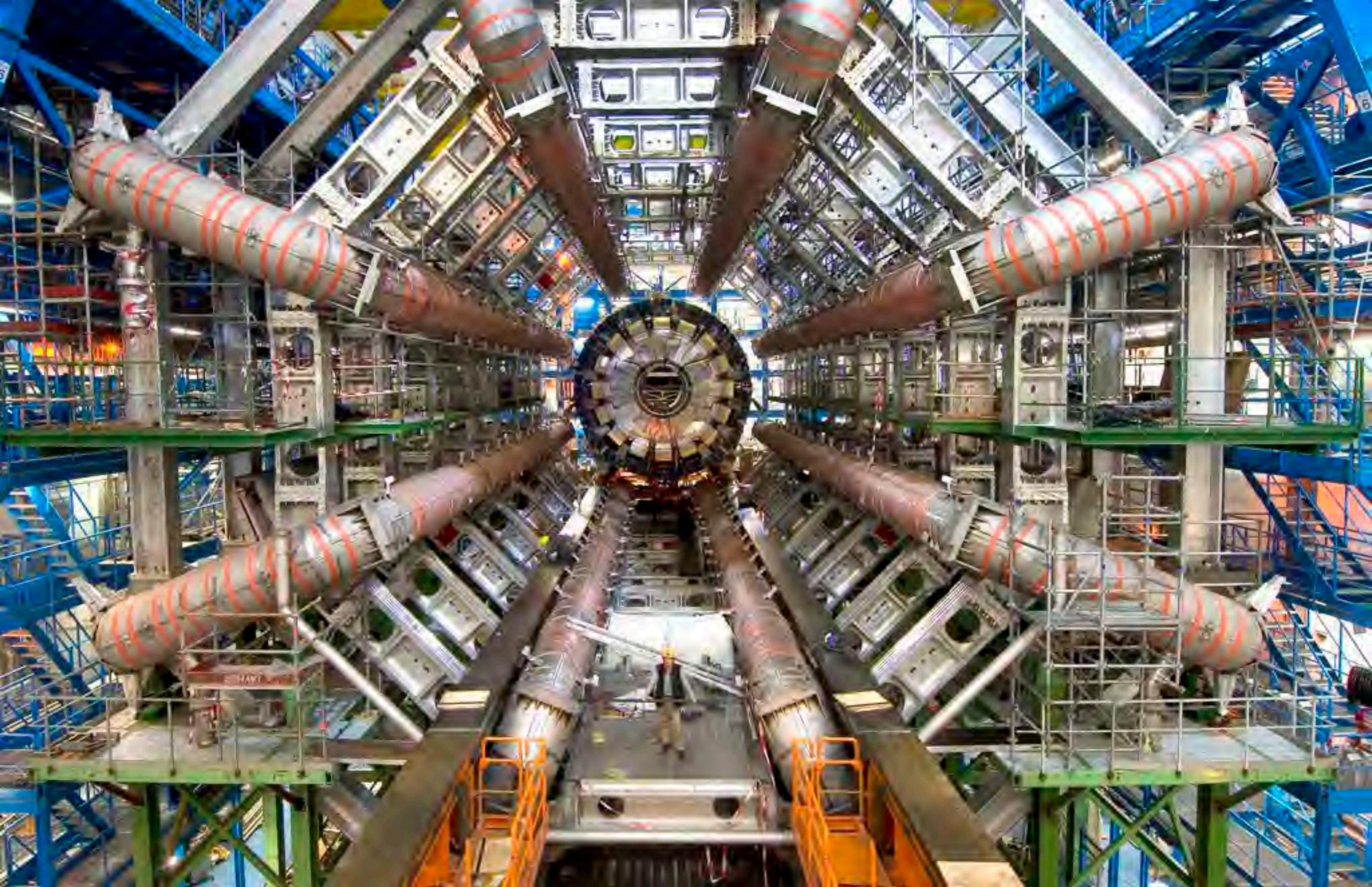
QUARKS (left column), LEPTONS (middle column), GAUGE BOSONS (right column), SCALAR BOSONS (far right column)



# Fusing Force-Fields

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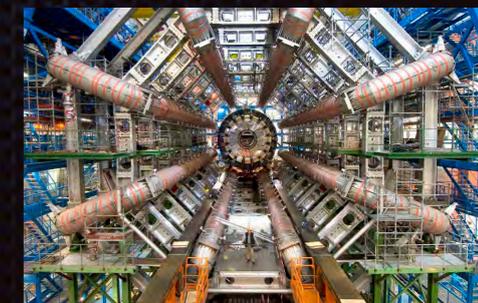


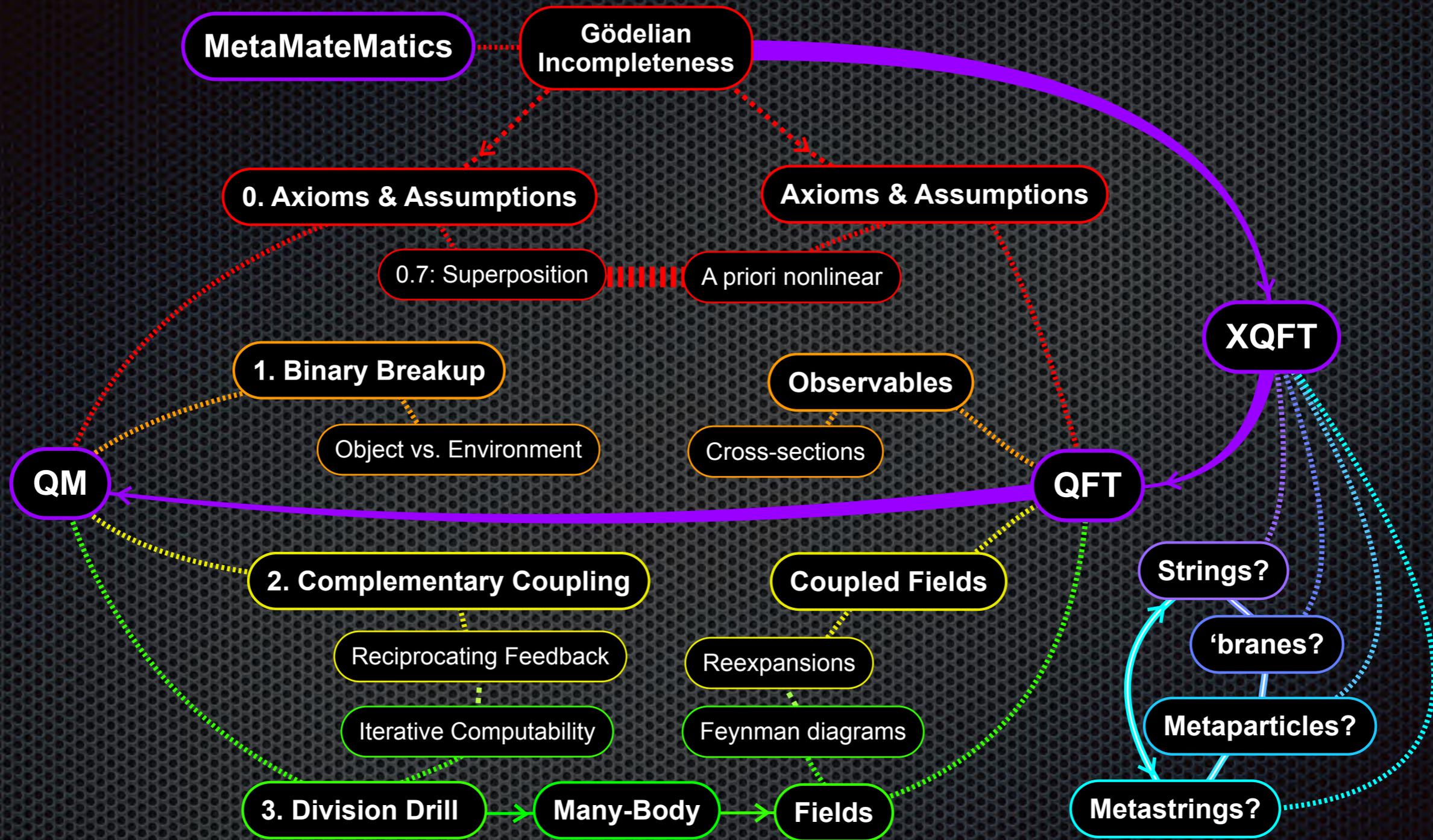


# Fusing Force-Fields

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  - A *framework* to construct concrete *models*
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  - The QFT framework is axiomatic (Wightman; Osterwalder-Schrader; Haag-Kastler; ...)
- What is it that *is being* observed/measured?
  - Such as in the 2011–13 discovery of the Higgs boson?
  - Terabytes upon terabytes of data from hierarchically triggered and computer-controlled layers of tons of detectors ...stored until data-mined
  - Relative process amplitudes: common factors cancel (~Wigner-Eckart) and are largely ...irrelevant

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		$\approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 105.66 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 91.19 \text{ GeV}/c^2$			
		$-1$	$-1$	$-1$	0			
		$1/2$	$1/2$	$1/2$	1			
		$-2.2 \text{ eV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 15.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 80.39 \text{ GeV}/c^2$			
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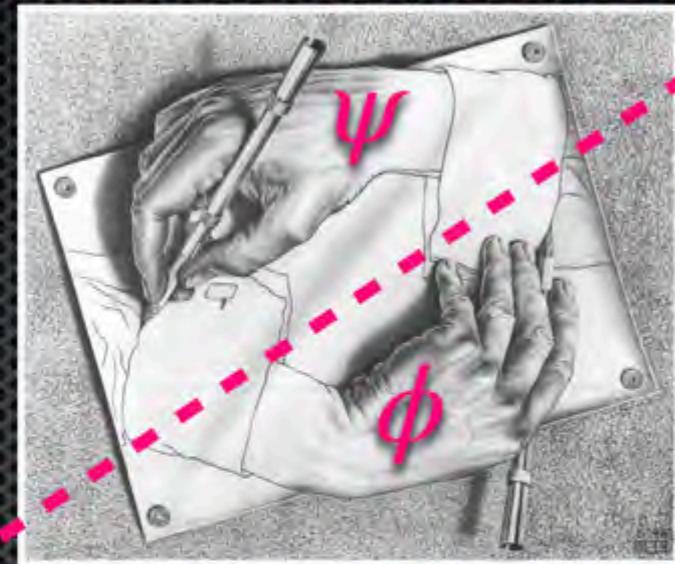
# The Big Picture

# Grand-Gödelian Guide

- QM: 6 (oft-quoted) axioms & (7)  $H \neq H(\psi)$  in  $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = H |\psi\rangle$ 
  - (7)  $\Rightarrow$  linear superposition  $\Rightarrow$  quantum entanglement/non-factorizability
  - But the division drill  $\Rightarrow$  nonlinearity  $\Rightarrow$  no superposition
  - which is then, logically, the “axiom ( $\neg 7$ )” — a Gödelian incompleteness!!
  - The six axioms thereby imply neither “axiom (7)” nor “axiom ( $\neg 7$ )”

- (1) Every state of a system  $\leftrightarrow$  a “state function,”  $|\psi\rangle \in \mathcal{S}$
- (2) Every observable  $\leftrightarrow$  an operator,  $Q$ , acting on  $|\psi\rangle$ 's
- (3) Only eigenvalues of  $Q$  are results of any individual measurement
- (4) If  $Q|n\rangle = q_n|n\rangle$ , then  $\text{Prob}(Q \mapsto q_n | \psi) = \frac{|\langle n | \psi \rangle|^2}{\langle n | n \rangle \langle \psi | \psi \rangle} = \text{“cos}^2(\theta_{n\psi})\text{”}$
- (5)  $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi\rangle = H |\psi\rangle$  with  $H$  the Hamiltonian operator
- (6)  $\Pi(Q \mapsto q_n): |\psi\rangle \rightarrow |n\rangle$

# Division Drill



- So, either

- A nonlinearly coupled system of two equations

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \left[ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla^2 + \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + R^2 - 2rR \cos \theta}} \right) \right] \psi(\vec{r}) = E_e \psi(\vec{r}) \quad \leftarrow n+1 \\
 & \xrightarrow{n} - \left[ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_p} \nabla_{\vec{R}}^2 + \frac{2e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{|\vec{R}|} + V_e(\vec{R}) \right] \phi(\vec{R}) = E_p \phi(\vec{R}) \quad \leftarrow n+1
 \end{aligned}$$

- solved iteratively

- Or, a combined description:

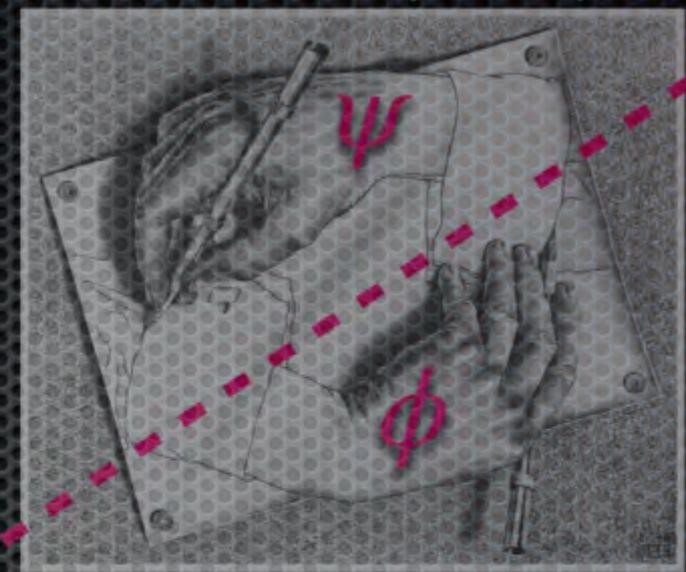
$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \left[ \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_e} \nabla_e^2 + \frac{\hbar^2}{2m_p} (\nabla_a^2 + \nabla_b^2) \right. \quad (\text{Escher's view}) \\
 & \left. + \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left( \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_e - \vec{r}_a|} + \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_e - \vec{r}_b|} - \frac{1}{|\vec{r}_a - \vec{r}_b|} \right) \right] \Psi(\vec{r}_e, \vec{r}_a, \vec{r}_b) = E_t \Psi(\vec{r}_e, \vec{r}_a, \vec{r}_b)
 \end{aligned}$$



“QM is Either Non-Linear or Non-Introspective” ...getting our hands really dirty...  
 ...but quantum *mechanics* are not so restricted.

# Division Drill

In fact, we use both  
combined!  
 “duality”



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CM:MC Escher



# Grand-Gödelian Guide

- In fact Gödelian incompleteness = extensibility  $\in$  Physics
- System of equations = a particular model in classical fluid mechanics
- $\rightarrow$  Maxwell's equations
- Just as a QFT model with only two families of fermions
- or a strong  $SO(3)_g$ -force (Higgs-broken from  $SU(3)_c$ )

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$e + \frac{df}{dx} + \frac{dg}{dy} + \frac{dh}{dz} = 0$	(1) Gauss' Law
$\begin{aligned} \mu\alpha &= \frac{dH}{dy} - \frac{dG}{dz} \\ \mu\beta &= \frac{dF}{dz} - \frac{dH}{dx} \\ \mu\gamma &= \frac{dG}{dx} - \frac{dF}{dy} \end{aligned}$	(2) Equivalent to Gauss' Law for magnetism
$\begin{aligned} P &= \mu \left( \gamma \frac{dy}{dt} - \beta \frac{dz}{dt} \right) - \frac{dF}{dt} - \frac{d\Psi}{dz} \\ Q &= \mu \left( \alpha \frac{dz}{dt} - \gamma \frac{dx}{dt} \right) - \frac{dG}{dt} - \frac{d\Psi}{dy} \\ R &= \mu \left( \beta \frac{dx}{dt} - \alpha \frac{dy}{dt} \right) - \frac{dH}{dt} - \frac{d\Psi}{dx} \end{aligned}$	(3) Faraday's Law (with the Lorentz Force and Poisson's Law)
$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\gamma}{dy} - \frac{d\beta}{dz} &= 4\pi\varphi' & p' &= p + \frac{df}{dt} \\ \frac{d\alpha}{dz} - \frac{d\gamma}{dx} &= 4\pi\eta' & q' &= q + \frac{dg}{dt} \\ \frac{d\beta}{dx} - \frac{d\alpha}{dy} &= 4\pi\pi' & r' &= r + \frac{dh}{dt} \end{aligned}$	(4) Ampère-Maxwell Law
$P = -\xi p \quad Q = -\xi q \quad R = -\xi r$	Ohm's Law
$P = kf \quad Q = kg \quad R = kh$	The electric elasticity equation ( $\mathbf{E} = \mathbf{D}/\epsilon$ )
$\frac{de}{dt} + \frac{dp}{dx} + \frac{dq}{dy} + \frac{dr}{dz} = 0$	Continuity of charge

# Grand-Gödelian Guide

- How to construct *Models in Theories*?

$$\mathfrak{D} = \mathbb{R}_t^1; \quad \mathfrak{T} = \mathbb{R}_{\vec{r}}^3; \quad \varphi = \vec{r}(t);$$

$$S[\vec{r}; m, k] = \int dt \left\{ \frac{m}{2} \dot{\vec{r}}^2 - \frac{k}{2} \vec{r}^2 \right\}$$

- The domain space,  $\mathfrak{D}$ ,

- The target space,  $\mathfrak{T}$ , ← *presumed!*



- The map  $\varphi: \mathfrak{D} \rightarrow \mathfrak{T}$

$$\mathfrak{D} = \mathbb{R}_{t, \vec{r}}^{1,3}; \quad \mathfrak{T} = \mathbb{R}^{1,3};$$

$$\varphi = (\Phi(\vec{r}, t), \vec{A}(\vec{r}, t))$$

- The functional  $S[\varphi; C] := \int_{\mathfrak{D}} \mathcal{L}(\varphi, \dot{\varphi}, \dots; C) \& \text{BC}$

...etc.

- Classical theory:  $\varphi_{cl} = \text{solution of } \delta_{\varphi} S[\varphi; C] = 0$

- Quantum theory: *(all alternative worlds)*  
*(sum over all alternative histories)*

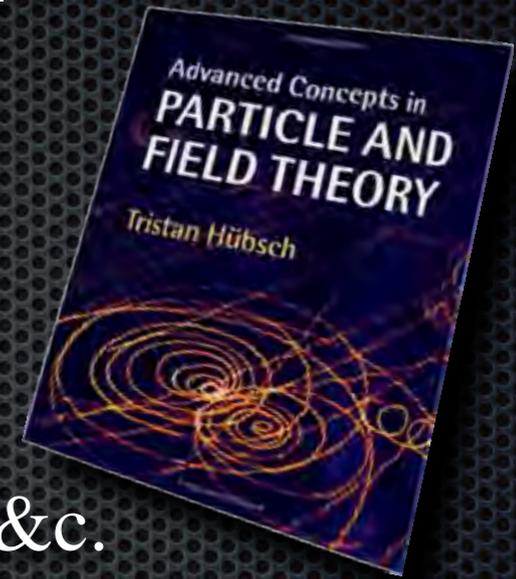
- The partition functional,  $Z[\vartheta; C] := \int \mathbf{D}[\varphi] e^{(S[\varphi; C] + \int \vartheta \cdot \varphi) / i\hbar}$

- Correlations:  $G(\xi_1, \dots, \xi_n) := \lim_{\vartheta \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{1}{Z[\vartheta; C]} \left[ \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta(\xi_1)} \cdots \frac{\partial}{\partial \vartheta(\xi_n)} Z[\vartheta; C] \right] \right\}$

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# Grand-Gödelian Guide



- We can turn the tables:

1st layer

- Choose:  $\mathfrak{D}$ ;  $\varphi$  as “fields” on  $\mathfrak{D}$ ;  $S[\varphi; C]$  by symmetries &c.

- Compute  $\mathfrak{T}$  as the range of so constrained  $\varphi$

- Induce “layers” of models

- Define  $e^{(S_{\text{eff}}[\phi; \tilde{C}] / i\hbar)} := \int \mathbf{D}[\varphi] e^{(S[\varphi + \phi; C] / i\hbar)}$  & seek  $\delta_Q C := (\tilde{C} - C) \stackrel{!}{=} 0$

- 1979, Friedan: for  $S[X^\mu; g_{\mu\nu}] = \int d^2\xi \gamma^{ij}(\xi) (\partial_i X^\mu)(\partial_j X^\nu) g_{\mu\nu}(X)$

- $\delta_Q g_{\mu\nu}(X) \stackrel{!}{=} 0 \Rightarrow$  Einstein field equations!

2nd layer

- ...which makes the Einstein-Hilbert action stationary

- Generalized to all “familiar” gauge QFT models

layer-cake  
of QFTs

Gödelian  
extensibility

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# *Go Forth & Calculate!*

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