

## POSTULATE 5

THE EVOLUTION IN TIME OF A QM SYSTEM IS GOVERNED BY A TIME-DEPENDENT SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION:

$$\hat{H} \Psi(x,t) = i\hbar \frac{\partial \Psi(x,t)}{\partial t}$$

IF  $\hat{H}$  IS TIME INDEPENDENT  
(NO EXPLICIT TIME DEPENDANCE)

$$\Psi(x,t) = e^{-iEt/\hbar} \phi(x)$$

$$\hat{H} \phi(x) = E \phi(x)$$

PREPARE MULTIPLE COPIES OF  $N$   
ONE HYDROGEN SYSTEM AND MEASURE  
THE ENERGY

$$\Psi = \sum b_n \phi_n$$

WHERE

$$\hat{H} \phi_n = E_n \phi_n$$

BEFORE THE MEASUREMENT WE  
HAVE

$$\Psi = \sum_n b_n \phi_n$$

AFTER THE MEASUREMENT <sup>(M)</sup> WE HAVE

$$\phi_n.$$

WE HAVE COLLAPSED THE WAVE  
FUNCTION.

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THE  $|b_m|^2$  ARE THE PROBABILITIES OF OBSERVING  $\lambda_m$ . IN THE LAB THE  $|b_m|^2$  CAN BE CALCULATED FROM THE MEASUREMENTS OF OBSERVABLE  $A$ .

CONSIDER  $m$

$$\int_V \phi_m^* \Psi dV = \sum_l \left[ \int_V \phi_m^* \phi_l dV \right] b_l = b_m$$

THUS

$$\Psi = \sum_m \phi_m \int_V \phi_m^* \Psi dV$$

USING THE KET NOTATION

$$\phi_m \equiv |m\rangle \quad \Psi \equiv |\Psi\rangle$$

$$\int_V \phi_m^* \Psi dV \equiv \langle m | \Psi \rangle$$

$$|\Phi\rangle = \sum_m |m\rangle \langle m|\Phi\rangle$$

NORMALIZATION

$$\Rightarrow \langle \Phi|\Phi\rangle = 1$$

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \langle \Phi|\hat{A}|\Phi\rangle$$

$$|\Phi\rangle = \sum_l \langle \Phi|l\rangle |l\rangle$$

$$\langle \hat{A} \rangle = \sum_{m,r} \langle \Phi|r\rangle \underbrace{\langle r|\hat{A}|m\rangle}_{\lambda_m \langle r|m\rangle} \langle m|\Phi\rangle$$

$\lambda_m \delta_{m,r}$

$$= \sum_m \langle \Phi|m\rangle \lambda_m \langle m|\Phi\rangle$$

$$\langle A \rangle = \sum_m |\langle m | \Psi \rangle|^2 \lambda_m$$

SINCE  $\langle \Psi | m \rangle = \langle m | \Psi \rangle^*$ \*

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_m |m\rangle \langle m | \Psi \rangle$$

$$\hat{I} \equiv \sum_m |m\rangle \langle m|$$

$$|\Psi\rangle = \hat{I} |\Psi\rangle$$

## FREE PARTICLE

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2}{dx^2} + V(x)$$

FOR A FREE PARTICLE  $V(x) = 0$

$$\hat{H}\Psi = E\Psi$$

$$-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \frac{d^2\Psi}{dx^2} = E\Psi$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2\Psi}{dx^2} = -\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2} \Psi$$

$$k^2 = \frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}$$

$$\Psi^+(x) = A^+ e^{ikx}$$

$$\Psi^-(x) = A^- e^{-ikx}$$

$$k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} = \sqrt{\frac{2mE}{\hbar^2}}$$

$$k = \frac{\sqrt{2mE}}{\hbar} = \frac{2\pi \sqrt{2mE}}{h}$$

$$= \frac{2\pi p}{h}$$

$$\boxed{kh = 2\pi p} = 2\pi \frac{h}{\lambda}$$

$$\boxed{k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}}$$

$$\boxed{\hbar k = p}$$

$$|\Psi^+|^2 = |A^+|^2 = \text{CONSTANT}$$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |\Psi^+|^2 dx = \rightarrow \infty!$$

PICK A VERY LARGE BOX

$$\int_{-L}^L |\psi^+|^2 dx = 2L |A^+|^2$$

PICK

$$A^+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2L}}$$

$$P(x)dx = \frac{|A^+|^2 dx}{\int_{-L}^L |\psi^+|^2 dx} = \frac{dx}{2L}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \longrightarrow 0 \\ L \rightarrow \infty \end{array}$$

WE REALLY DO NOT KNOW WHERE IS  
THE PARTICLE BUT WE KNOW  
THE MOMENTUM

$$p = \hbar k$$