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# Violation of Leggett-Garg Inequality in a Two-Level System under decoherence

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# Macroscopic Quantum Phenomena

- ▶ Four Nobel prizes between 1996 to 2003

- ▶ Macroscopic means

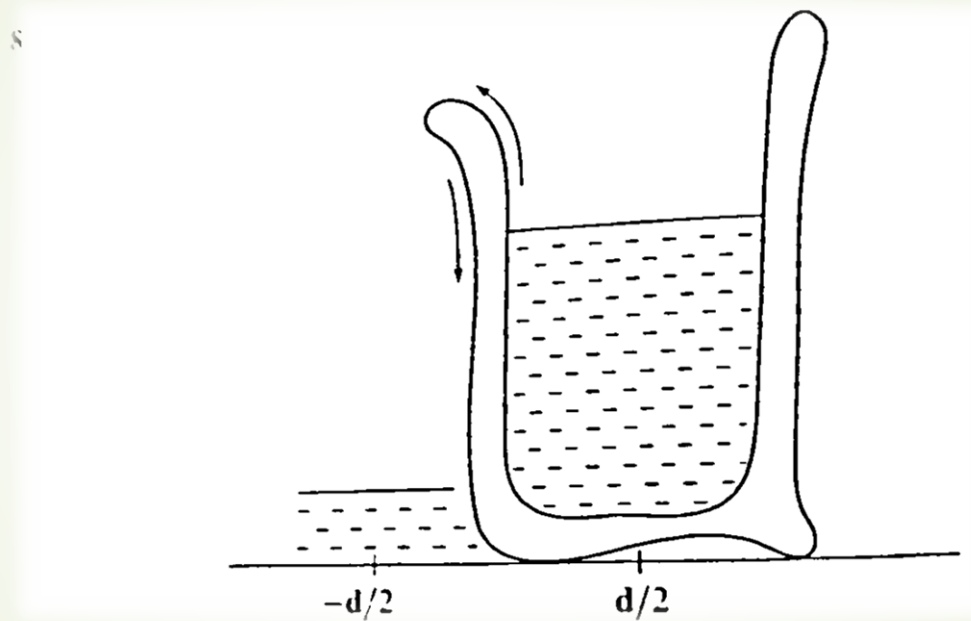
Systems with many components

Size of the object

# Examples of MQP

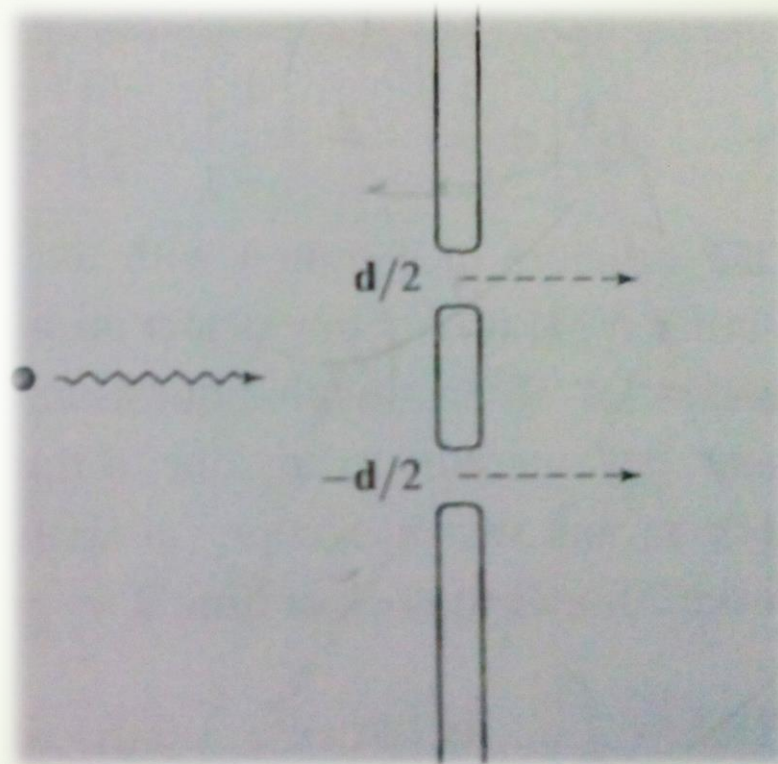
- Superconductivity
- Superfluidity
- SQUIDs
- Bose Einstein condensates
- Electro- and opto-mechanical devices
- $C_{60}$  molecules interferences

# Liquid $^4\text{He}$



$$\prod_{k=1}^N \left\{ \psi \left( r_k - \frac{d}{2} \right) + \psi \left( r_k + \frac{d}{2} \right) \right\}$$

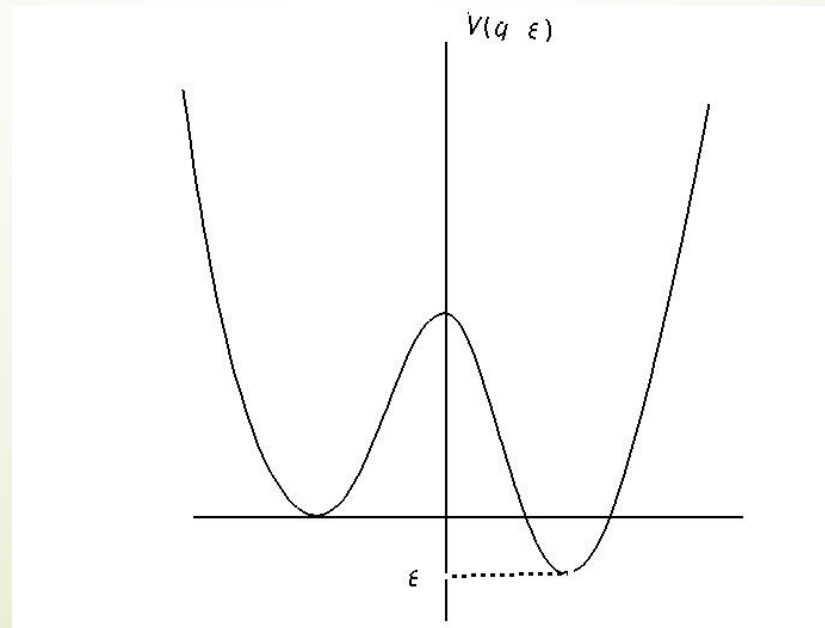
# A ball passing through double slits



$$\prod_{k=1}^N \psi_K(r_k - d/2) + \prod_{k=1}^N \psi_k(r_k + d/2)$$

# Tilted double-well potential

- A unique opportunity to study the fundamental behavior of a MQS
- describe some special phenomena like ammonia flipping





# Leggett-Garg Inequalities

Inequalities to decide between macrorealism(MR) and quantum mechanics(QM)

They based on the following two assumptions

- MRA1: Macroscopic definiteness
- MRA2: Non-invasive measurability

# Dimensionless equation

- Macroscopic is defined through dimensionless equations.
- A new parameter  $\tilde{h}$  is defined which is a measure of macroscopic trait.

$$\tilde{h} = \frac{\hbar}{P_0 U_0}$$

- $h=0.1$  is the quasi-classical situation.

# Environmental effect

- ▶ We consider the effects of environment as a perturbation on the system.
- ▶ The environment assumed to be a bosonic field.
- ▶ The ground state of  $H_\varepsilon$  is  $|\text{vac}\rangle$  and  $|\alpha\rangle = b^\dagger |\text{vac}\rangle$  is the state with a single boson. The state  $|n, \text{vac}\rangle$  is an eigenstate of  $H_0 = H_s + H_\varepsilon$  with energy  $E_n$ .
- ▶  $\delta E_n$  is the related shift due to the perturbation of the interaction Hamiltonian.

# Obtaining Tunneling Probabilities

We suppose that the macrosystem is initially in the left well, after time  $t$  we calculate the probability of finding it in the right well

$$\sin^2\theta + (\sin^2\theta\cos 2\theta)e^{-\Gamma_1 t} - 2\sin^2\theta\cos^2\theta\cos(\Omega_{10}t)e^{-\Gamma_1 t/2}$$

Where  $\theta$  depends on tilt and the energy splitting of two levels.

$\Gamma_n^{-1}$  is the life time of the shifted energy.

$$\sin^2\theta + (\sin^2\theta\cos 2\theta)e^{-\Gamma_1 t} - 2\sin^2\theta\cos^2\theta\cos(\Omega_{10}t)e^{-\Gamma_1 t/2}$$

- ▶  $\cos(\Omega_{10}t)$  is evidence of MQC
- ▶ The decay term  $e^{-\Gamma_1 t/2}$  reduces the strength of oscillation
- ▶ We work in principal time domain where  $\Gamma_1 t \ll 1$

# Violation of Leggett-Garg Inequality

- ▶ We calculated other tunneling probabilities
- ▶ We calculated time correlation functions
- ▶ Then we use the following inequality

$$|C_{32} - C_{31}| + C_{21} \leq 1$$

- ▶ For  $0.5 \leq z \leq 1$  the inequality will be violated.
- ▶  $z = e^{-\gamma\tau}$  contains decoherence effects.

# Conclusion

- A broader range of violation is obtained.
- Violation means the inaccuracy of macrorealism assumption.
- The noninvasive measurement is more likely to be inaccurate.
- For triple well potential our calculation show no violation.

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