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Q  $\mathcal{E}$ ②  $|\psi\rangle$  is a ray③ Hermitian, complete  $A$ ④  $A \rightarrow a_n(a_n)$ ⑤  $\text{Prob}(A \rightarrow a_n(a_n)) = \frac{\langle \psi | P_{a_n} | \psi \rangle}{\langle \psi | \psi \rangle}$ ⑥  $|\psi\rangle \rightarrow P_{a_n} |\psi\rangle$ 

Stern - Gerlach exp

$$A_g = Z = 47$$

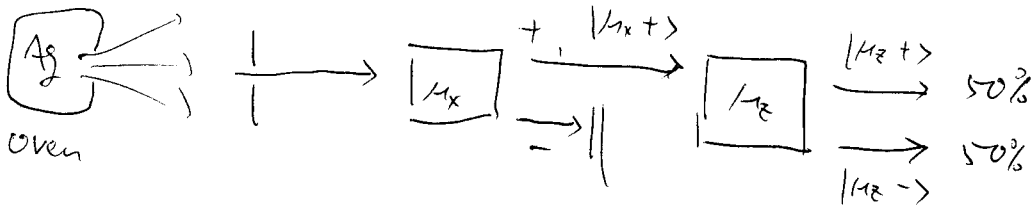
$$(kr) 4d^{10}5s$$

one outer electron

magnetic moment  $\pm \mu_B$ 

$$\mu_B = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e c}, \text{ Bohr magneton}$$

• We only talk about magnetic moment, not spin at this moment



•  $\hat{I}_x$  has 2 possible outcomes, by rule 3.4,  $\hat{I}_x$  has eigenvalues:  $\pm \mu_B$   
(also true for  $\hat{I}_y, \hat{I}_z$ )

•  $\mathcal{E}$  must be 2-dim, at least: it can be spanned by the eigenkets of  $\hat{I}_x$  with eigenvalues  $\pm \mu_B$ .

• Since it's only 2-dim, it can also be spanned by the eigenkets of  $\hat{I}_y$  &  $\hat{I}_z$ .

• ~~any~~ eigenkets of any of  $\hat{I}_{x,y,z}$  must be expressible as linear combinations of the eigenkets of any other operators.

• Denote the normalized eigenvector (upto a phase) as

$$|I_x, \pm\rangle, |I_y, \pm\rangle, |I_z, \pm\rangle$$

and

$$\langle I_x, + | I_x, - \rangle = \langle I_y, + | I_y, - \rangle = \langle I_z, + | I_z, - \rangle = 0$$

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• by rule-2, the state of  $A_f$  at various stages ~ some state vector.

↳ by rule-6, after  $\hat{\mu}_x$  with  $\otimes +H_0$ , the state is  $|M_x, +\rangle$

• The state entering the 2nd magnet is a linear combination of  $|M_z, \pm\rangle$ .

$$\Rightarrow |M_x, +\rangle = C_+ |M_z, +\rangle + C_- |M_z, -\rangle$$

$$\text{and } C_{\pm} = \langle M_z, \pm | M_x, + \rangle$$

• by rule-5.

$$\text{Prob}(\hat{M}_z = +H_0) = \langle M_x, + | P_{z+} | M_x, + \rangle$$

$$= \langle M_x, + | ( |M_z, +\rangle \langle M_z, +| ) | M_x, + \rangle$$

$$= | \langle M_z, + | M_x, + \rangle |^2 = |C_+|^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow |M_x, +\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ( |M_z, +\rangle + e^{i\alpha} |M_z, -\rangle )$$

with an overall phase to be absorbed by the kets.

• similarly,

$$|M_x, -\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ( |M_z, +\rangle + e^{i\beta} |M_z, -\rangle )$$

$$\bullet \text{ But } \langle M_x, + | M_x, - \rangle = \frac{1}{2} ( 1 + e^{i(\beta-\alpha)} ) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{e^{i\beta} = -e^{i\alpha}}$$

$$\Rightarrow |M_x, \pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} ( |M_z, +\rangle \pm e^{i\alpha} |M_z, -\rangle )$$

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• Similarly,

$$|1/2, \pm\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( |1/2, +\rangle \pm e^{i\theta} |1/2, -\rangle \right)$$

$\theta$  is another phase

• The operator can be constructed by their projection operator and eigenvalues:

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{M}_z &= +\hbar/2 P_{z+} + (-\hbar/2) P_{z-} \\ &= +\hbar/2 |1/2, +\rangle \langle 1/2, +| - \hbar/2 |1/2, -\rangle \langle 1/2, -| \end{aligned}$$

reminding

$$\hat{A} \approx \begin{pmatrix} \langle 1|\hat{A}|1\rangle & \langle 1|\hat{A}|2\rangle & \dots \\ \langle 2|\hat{A}|1\rangle & \langle 2|\hat{A}|2\rangle & \\ \vdots & & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

In basis:  $|1\rangle, |2\rangle, |3\rangle$   
— ...

~~This is the simple case for eigenbasis~~  
for the case of eigenbasis,  $\hat{A}$  is diagonal.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A} |\psi\rangle &= \hat{A} (c_1 |1\rangle + c_2 |2\rangle + \dots) \quad c_n = \langle n|\psi\rangle \\ &= (c_1 \hat{A}|1\rangle + c_2 \hat{A}|2\rangle + \dots) \\ &= (c_1 a_1 |1\rangle + c_2 a_2 |2\rangle + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

The operation of  $\hat{A} \approx \sum_n a_n |n\rangle \langle n| = \sum a_n P_n$

and  $\hat{M}_x = +\hbar/2 |1/2, +\rangle \langle 1/2, +| - \hbar/2 |1/2, -\rangle \langle 1/2, -|$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \hbar/2 \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1/2, +\rangle + e^{i\theta} |1/2, -\rangle) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle 1/2, +| + e^{-i\theta} \langle 1/2, -|) \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|1/2, +\rangle - e^{i\theta} |1/2, -\rangle) \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\langle 1/2, +| - e^{-i\theta} \langle 1/2, -|) \right] \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}_x = \frac{\mu_0}{2} \left\{ \begin{aligned} & ( |m_z+\rangle \langle m_z+| + |m_z-\rangle \langle m_z-| + e^{i\alpha} |m_z-\rangle \langle m_z+| \\ & \quad + e^{-i\alpha} |m_z+\rangle \langle m_z-| ) \\ & - ( |m_z+\rangle \langle m_z+| + |m_z-\rangle \langle m_z-| - e^{i\alpha} |m_z-\rangle \langle m_z+| \\ & \quad - e^{-i\alpha} |m_z+\rangle \langle m_z-| ) \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$= \mu_0 \left[ e^{i\alpha} |m_z-\rangle \langle m_z+| + e^{-i\alpha} |m_z+\rangle \langle m_z-| \right]$$

( you can check that  $\hat{\mu}_x = (\hat{\mu}_x)^\dagger$  )

Similarly

$$\hat{\mu}_y = \mu_0 \left[ e^{i\theta} |m_z-\rangle \langle m_z+| + e^{-i\theta} |m_z+\rangle \langle m_z-| \right]$$

Now, we do  $\hat{\mu}_x$  first  $\Rightarrow \hat{\mu}_y$ ,

still 50%  $\hat{\mu}_z = +\mu_0$ , and 50%  $\hat{\mu}_z = -\mu_0$

therefore  $\frac{1}{2} = |\langle m_x+ | \mu_{y,\pm} \rangle|^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{4} \left| ( \langle m_z+| + e^{-i\alpha} \langle m_z-| ) ( |m_z+\rangle \pm e^{i\theta} |m_z-\rangle ) \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left| 1 \pm e^{i(\theta-\alpha)} \right|^2 = \frac{1}{4} \left| 1 \pm \cos(\theta-\alpha) \pm i \sin(\theta-\alpha) \right|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \left( (1 \pm \cos(\theta-\alpha))^2 + \sin^2(\theta-\alpha) \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (1 \pm \cos(\theta-\alpha)) \Rightarrow \theta-\alpha = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} \end{aligned}$$

or  $e^{i\theta} = \pm i e^{i\alpha}$

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Now it's convenient.

Traditionally,  $\hat{\mu}_x$  is chosen to be real.

In the  $\hat{A}_z$  basis.

$$\hat{\mu}_x = \mu_0 \left[ |M_z + \rangle \langle M_z -| + |M_z - \rangle \langle M_z +| \right]$$

$$\hat{\mu}_y = \mu_0 \left[ -i |M_z + \rangle \langle M_z -| + i |M_z - \rangle \langle M_z +| \right]$$

$$\hat{\mu}_z = \mu_0 \left[ + |M_z + \rangle \langle M_z +| - |M_z - \rangle \langle M_z -| \right]$$

In the matrix representation

$$|M_z \pm \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mu}_x \sim \mu_0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{\mu}_y \sim \mu_0 \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{\mu}_z \sim \mu_0 \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The Pauli matrices are rediscovered

by solely using the rules of QM and the experimental results!