

Spin

# spin 1/2 system

- A particle may have an intrinsic angular momentum called spin
- Electrons, protons, and neutrons are all examples of spin-1/2 particles
- If one measure the z-component  $S_z$ (or  $S_x$ ,  $S_y$ ) of the spin angular momentum for one of these particles, he gets

$$S_z = \pm \frac{\hbar}{2}$$

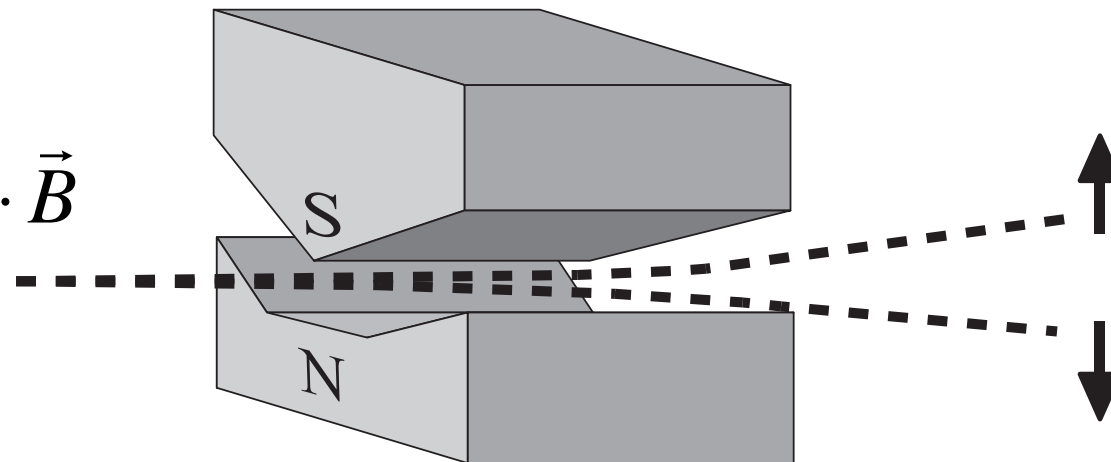
# Stern-Gerlach experiment

- A stream of atoms moving from the right passes between the asymmetric poles of a magnet. Particles with different values of  $\mu_z$  are deflected in different directions. The final position of the atom determines its  $\mu_z$

$$\vec{\mu} = \gamma \vec{S}$$

$\gamma$  is gyromagnetic ratio

$$E = -\vec{\mu} \cdot \vec{B}$$



# the spin state

- superpositions of spin-up and spin-down states

$$|z_+\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |z_-\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \alpha|z_+\rangle + \beta|z_-\rangle$$

# Bloch sphere

$$|x_+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|z_+\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|z_-\rangle$$

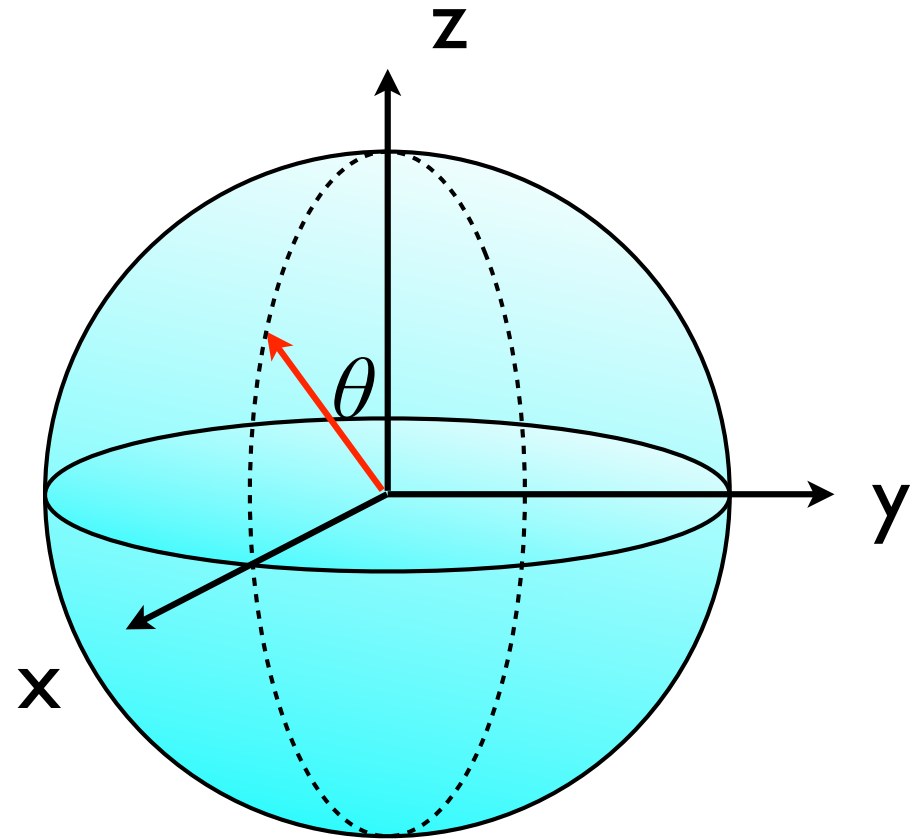
$$|x_-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|z_+\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|z_-\rangle$$

**why?**  $\langle x_- | x_+ \rangle = 0$

$$|\langle z_+ | x_+ \rangle|^2 = |\langle z_- | x_+ \rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$|y_+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|z_+\rangle + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}|z_-\rangle$$

$$|y_-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|z_+\rangle - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}|z_-\rangle$$



# change of basis

- Suppose we choose a direction in the xz-plane that is inclined at an angle  $\theta$  from the z-axis. Then the amplitude vectors

$$|\theta_+\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|z_+\rangle + \sin\frac{\theta}{2}|z_-\rangle$$

$$|\theta_-\rangle = \sin\frac{\theta}{2}|z_+\rangle - \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|z_-\rangle$$

# Pauli operators

- Hermitian operators in 2 level systems

$$1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle\langle 0| + |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$\sigma_z = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle\langle 0| - |1\rangle\langle 1|$$

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = |0\rangle\langle 1| + |1\rangle\langle 0|$$

$$\sigma_y = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = -i|0\rangle\langle 1| + i|1\rangle\langle 0|$$

$$S_\theta = \frac{\hbar}{2}(\cos\theta\sigma_z + \sin\theta\sigma_x) = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ \sin\theta & -\cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$$

# Projection operator

- the projection to +x and -x direction

$$\begin{aligned}
 |x_+\rangle\langle x_+| &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|z_+\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|z_-\rangle \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle z_+| + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle z_-| \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (|z_+\rangle\langle z_+| + |z_-\rangle\langle z_-| + |z_+\rangle\langle z_-| + |z_-\rangle\langle z_+|)
 \end{aligned}
 \qquad
 |x_+\rangle\langle x_+| = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 |x_-\rangle\langle x_-| &= \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|z_+\rangle - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|z_-\rangle \right) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle z_+| - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\langle z_-| \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} (|z_+\rangle\langle z_+| + |z_-\rangle\langle z_-| - |z_+\rangle\langle z_-| - |z_-\rangle\langle z_+|)
 \end{aligned}
 \qquad
 |x_-\rangle\langle x_-| = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_{x\pm}^2 = P_{x\pm}$$

➔ 
$$S_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} \sigma_x = \frac{\hbar}{2} (|x_+\rangle\langle x_+| - |x_-\rangle\langle x_-|) = \frac{\hbar}{2} (|z_+\rangle\langle z_-| + |z_-\rangle\langle z_+|)$$

$$\langle S_x \rangle = \frac{\hbar}{2} \langle \psi | \sigma_x | \psi \rangle$$



# eigenvectors

- the eigenvectors of Pauli matrices

$$\sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda^2 - 1 = 0 \quad \lambda = \pm 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \quad \alpha = \pm \beta \quad |x_{\pm}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ \pm 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- the eigenvectors of  $S_{\theta}$

$$S_{\theta} = \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \quad \lambda^2 - \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta = 0 \quad \lambda = \pm 1$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} = \pm \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \quad |\theta_{+}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \frac{\theta}{2} \\ \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix} \quad |\theta_{-}\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \\ -\cos \frac{\theta}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

# commutation relations

- the products of Pauli matrices

$$\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_y^2 = \sigma_z^2 = 1$$

$$\sigma_x \sigma_y = -\sigma_y \sigma_x = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix} = i\sigma_z$$

$$\sigma_y \sigma_z = -\sigma_z \sigma_y = i\sigma_x \qquad \sigma_z \sigma_x = -\sigma_x \sigma_z = i\sigma_y$$

- The commutators

$$[\sigma_a, \sigma_b] = 2i\epsilon_{abc} \sigma_c$$

$$[\sigma_x, \sigma_y] = 2i\sigma_z$$

- the anti-commutator

$$\{\sigma_a, \sigma_b\} = 2\delta_{ab}$$

# $S^2$

- The length of spin vector

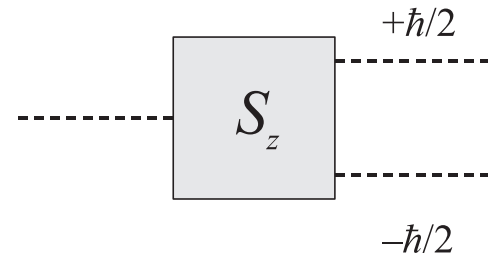
$$S^2 = S_x^2 + S_y^2 + S_z^2 = \frac{\hbar^2}{4} (\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2 + \sigma_z^2) = \frac{3\hbar^2}{4}$$

- $S^2$  is the identity operator multiplied by a constant. Any spin state has a definite  $S^2$  value

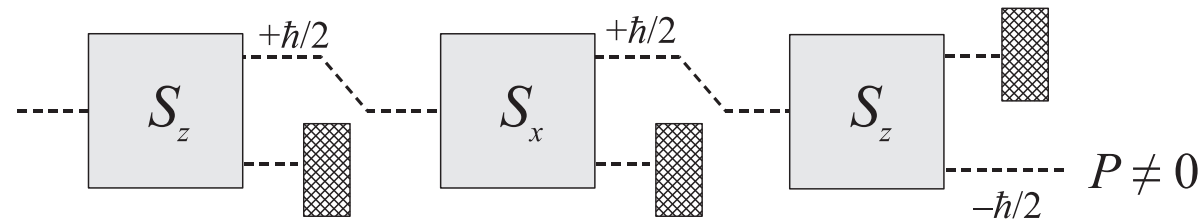
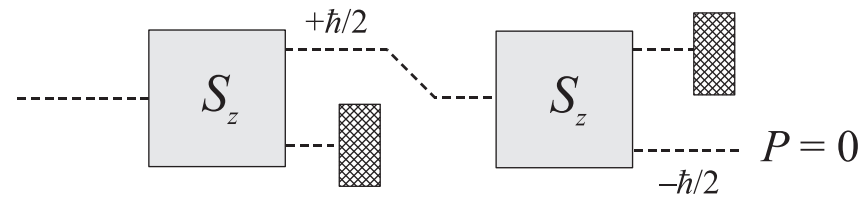
$$[S^2, S_i] = 0$$

# spin filters

Stern–Gerlach apparatus



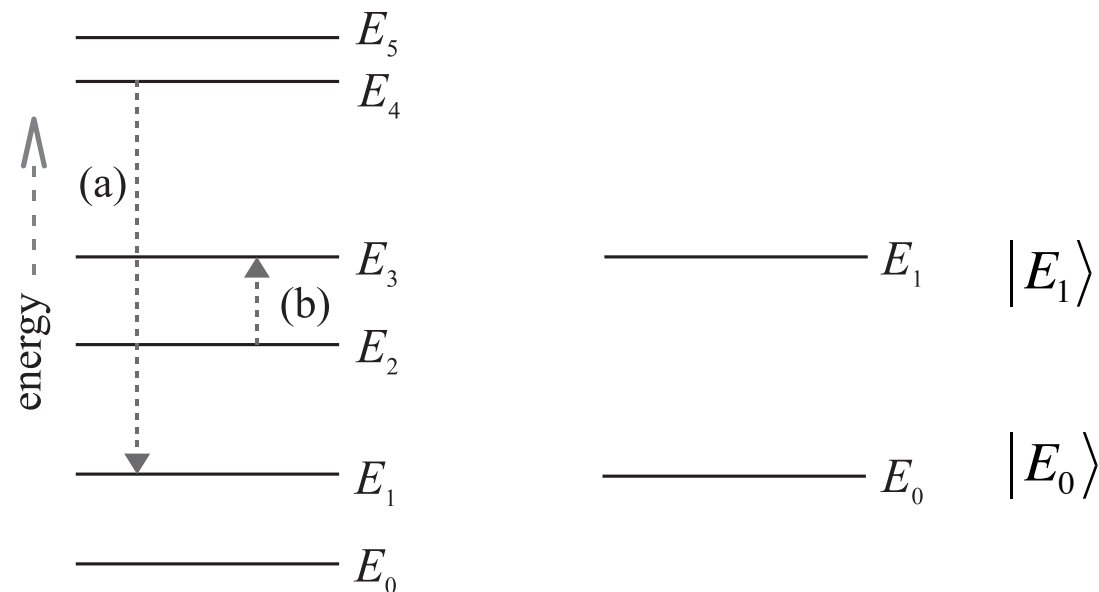
Stern–Gerlach filters



- $S_z$  and  $S_x$  are complementary quantities

# Energy levels and quantum states

- An atom generally has many different energy levels. In many experiments only two energy levels – usually the ground state and one excited state – play any significant role. In this case, we can adopt a simplified model, the two-level atom,



# Time evolution

- In general, then, the atom will be in a state

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|E_0\rangle + \beta|E_1\rangle$$

- at  $t = 0$  the state is  $|\psi(0)\rangle = |E_k\rangle$ , then at a later time

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{-i\omega_k t} |E_k\rangle$$

$$E_k = \hbar\omega_k$$

- probability  $P_u$  at time  $t$

$$P_u(t) = |\langle u|\psi(t)\rangle|^2 = |\langle u|\psi(0)\rangle|^2 = P_u$$

stationary states

# time evolution

$$|\psi\rangle = \alpha|E_0\rangle + \beta|E_1\rangle \quad |\psi(t)\rangle = \alpha e^{-i\omega_0 t}|E_0\rangle + \beta e^{-i\omega_1 t}|E_1\rangle$$

- the relative phases of the two terms will change

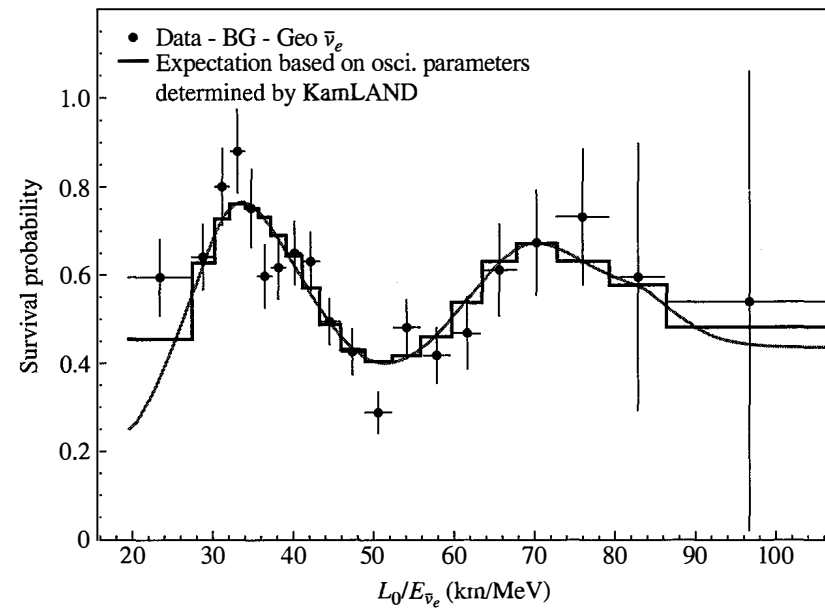
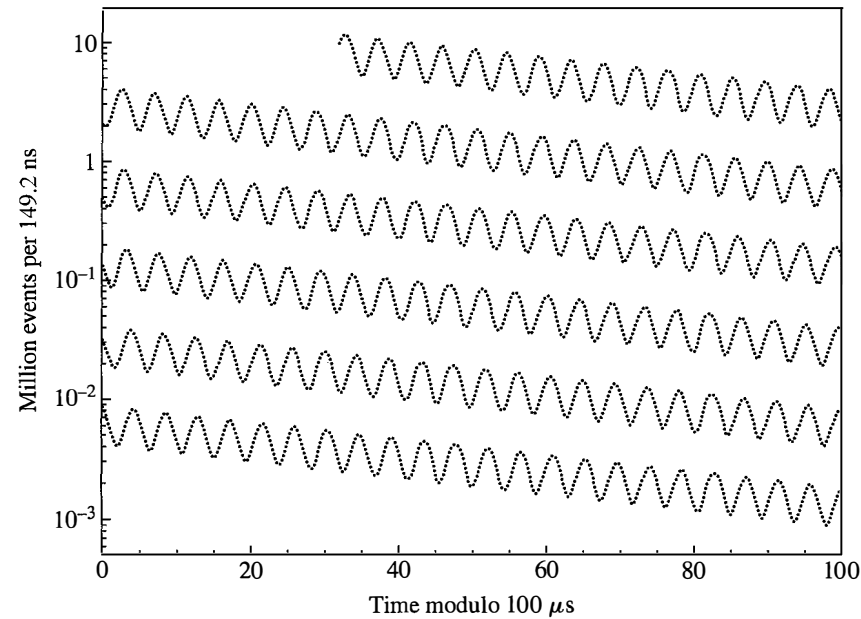
$$|\psi(0)\rangle = |u\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|E_0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|E_1\rangle \quad |\psi(t)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-i\omega_0 t}|E_0\rangle + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}e^{-i\omega_1 t}|E_1\rangle$$

$$\langle u|\psi(t)\rangle = \frac{1}{2}(e^{-i\omega_0 t} + e^{-i\omega_1 t})$$

$$P_u(t) = |\langle u|\psi(t)\rangle|^2 = \frac{1}{4}|e^{-i\omega_0 t} + e^{-i\omega_1 t}|^2 = \frac{1}{2}(1 + \cos \Delta\omega_0 t)$$

- As time progresses, the probability  $P_u(t)$  of the measurement outcome  $u$  changes from 1 to 0 and then back to 1 again with an angular frequency  $\Delta\omega = \omega_1 - \omega_0$

- Precession of muon spin PRD73, 072003(2006)



- Neutrino oscillation PRL100, 221803 (2008)



# time evolution operator

- $U(t)|E_k\rangle = e^{-i\omega_k t}|E_k\rangle$  for an energy level state  $|E_k\rangle$
- $U(t)$  acts on states in a linear way

$$U(t)|\psi(0)\rangle = |\psi(t)\rangle$$

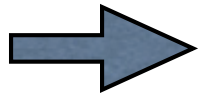
- The product of time evolution operators

$$U(t_2) = U(t_2 - t_1)U(t_1)$$

# Hamiltonian operator

- $H|E_k\rangle = E_k |E_k\rangle$  for an energy level state  $|E_k\rangle$
- $H$  acts on states in a linear way.

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = \alpha e^{-i\omega_0 t} |E_0\rangle + \beta e^{-i\omega_1 t} |E_1\rangle$$



$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle = \alpha E_0 e^{-i\omega_0 t} |E_0\rangle + \beta E_1 e^{-i\omega_1 t} |E_1\rangle = H |\psi(t)\rangle$$

- Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle = H |\psi(t)\rangle$$

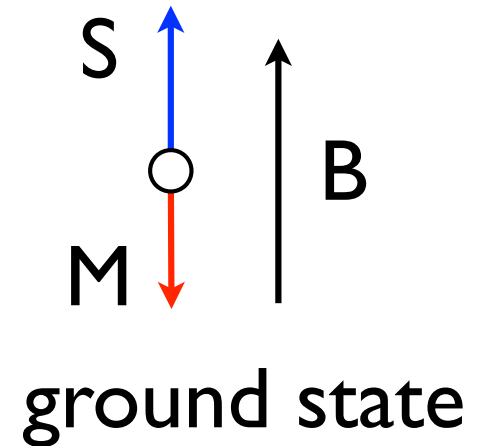
# intrinsic magnetic moment

- electron has an intrinsic magnetic dipole moment by virtue of its spin

$$\mathbf{M} = -\frac{eg}{2m_e} \mathbf{S}$$

- gyromagnetic ratio,  $g=2$
- Hamiltonian

$$H = -\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \frac{eg\hbar}{4m_e} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{B}$$



# Schrodinger equation

- Schrodinger equation  $i\hbar \frac{d\psi}{dt} = H\psi = \frac{eg\hbar}{4m_e} \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \mathbf{B} \psi$

- If B in z-direction  $i\hbar \frac{d\psi}{dt} = \frac{eg\hbar}{4m_e} \sigma_z \psi$

- the spinor state  $\psi(t) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_+(t) \\ \alpha_-(t) \end{pmatrix}$

- for the energy eigenstate  $\psi(t) = e^{-i\omega t} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_+ \\ \alpha_- \end{pmatrix}$

# eigenstate

- eigen equation 
$$\frac{eg}{4m_e} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_+ \\ \alpha_- \end{pmatrix} = \omega \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_+ \\ \alpha_- \end{pmatrix}$$

- eigenstates 
$$\omega = \pm \frac{eg}{4m_e} = \pm \omega_0$$
$$\phi_+ = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$\phi_- = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- general solution

$$\psi(t) = ae^{-i\omega_0 t} \phi_+ + be^{i\omega_0 t} \phi_- = \begin{pmatrix} ae^{-i\omega_0 t} \\ be^{i\omega_0 t} \end{pmatrix}$$

# spin precession

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{-i\phi} \\ e^{i\phi} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad |u_+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\frac{\phi}{2}} \\ e^{i\frac{\phi}{2}} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Set initial state to be in x-direction

$$\phi = 0 \quad \psi(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

- for arbitrary time

$$\psi(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\omega_0 t} \\ e^{i\omega_0 t} \end{pmatrix}$$

- The expectation value

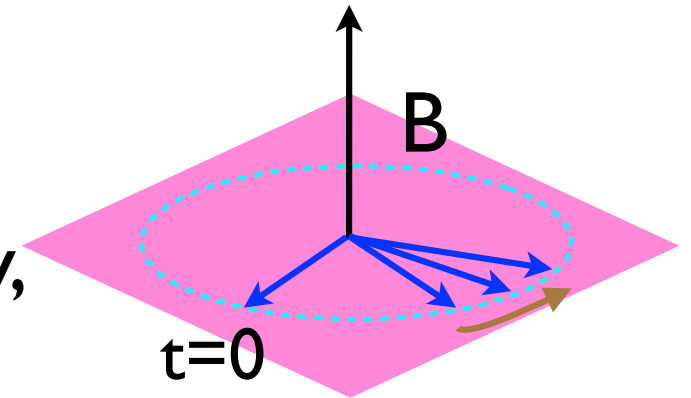
$$\langle S_x \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \frac{\hbar}{2} \begin{pmatrix} e^{i\omega_0 t} & e^{-i\omega_0 t} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^{-i\omega_0 t} \\ e^{i\omega_0 t} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{\hbar}{4} (e^{2i\omega_0 t} + e^{-2i\omega_0 t}) = \frac{\hbar \cos 2\omega_0 t}{2}$$

# spin precession

- The spin precession frequency, called Larmor frequency

$$\Omega = 2\omega_0 = \frac{egB}{2m_e} = g\omega_c$$

- For  $B=1\text{T}$ ,  $\omega_c \sim 0.9 \times 10^{11}$  rad/s



# Paramagnetic resonance

- The magnetic field has a small oscillating part

$$\mathbf{B} = B_0 \hat{z} + B_1 \cos \omega t \hat{x}$$

- solve the Schrodinger equation

$$i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} \psi = \frac{eg\hbar}{4m_e} \begin{pmatrix} B_0 & B_1 \cos \omega t \\ B_1 \cos \omega t & -B_0 \end{pmatrix} \psi \quad \psi = \begin{pmatrix} a(t) \\ b(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

$$i \frac{d}{dt} \begin{pmatrix} a(t) \\ b(t) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{eg}{4m_e} \begin{pmatrix} B_0 & B_1 \cos \omega t \\ B_1 \cos \omega t & -B_0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a(t) \\ b(t) \end{pmatrix}$$

- When  $B_1=0$   $\psi_0 = \begin{pmatrix} a(0)e^{-i\omega_0 t} \\ b(0)e^{i\omega_0 t} \end{pmatrix}$



# Paramagnetic resonance

- When  $B_1 \ll 0$ , the solution  $\psi \approx \psi_0$
- Slowly varying functions A and B

$$a(t)e^{i\omega_0 t} = A(t)$$

$$b(t)e^{-i\omega_0 t} = B(t)$$

- Consider how A and B evolve with time

$$i \frac{dA(t)}{dt} = i \frac{da(t)}{dt} e^{i\omega_0 t} - \omega_0 a(t) e^{i\omega_0 t} = \omega_0 a(t) e^{i\omega_0 t} + \omega_1 b(t) \cos(\omega t) e^{i\omega_0 t} - \omega_0 A(t)$$

$$= \omega_1 b(t) \cos(\omega t) e^{i\omega_0 t} = \omega_1 B(t) \cos(\omega t) e^{2i\omega_0 t} = \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 B(t) (e^{2i\omega_0 t + i\omega t} + e^{2i\omega_0 t - i\omega t})$$

$$i \frac{dB(t)}{dt} = \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 A(t) (e^{-2i\omega_0 t + i\omega t} + e^{-2i\omega_0 t - i\omega t}) \quad \omega_1 = \frac{egB_1}{4m_e}$$

# Rotating wave approximation

- When the driving frequency is close resonance that

$$\omega \approx 2\omega_0$$

- There are rapid oscillating and slow oscillating terms
- The rotating wave approximation states that only slow oscillating term is important

$$\left( e^{\pm 2i\omega_0 t + i\omega t} + e^{\pm 2i\omega_0 t - i\omega t} \right) \simeq e^{\pm(2i\omega_0 t - i\omega t)}$$

# Rabi oscillation

- To solve the coupled equation

$$i \frac{dA(t)}{dt} \approx \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 B(t) e^{2i\omega_0 t - i\omega t} \qquad i \frac{dB(t)}{dt} \approx \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 A(t) e^{-2i\omega_0 t + i\omega t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2 A(t)}{dt^2} &\approx -\frac{i}{2} \omega_1 e^{2i\omega_0 t - i\omega t} \frac{dB(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{2} \omega_1 (2\omega_0 - \omega) e^{2i\omega_0 t - i\omega t} B(t) \\ &= \left( \frac{\omega_1}{2} \right)^2 A(t) + i(2\omega_0 - \omega) \frac{dA(t)}{dt} \end{aligned}$$

- The solution is Rabi frequency

$$A(t) = A(0) e^{i\Omega t} \qquad -\Omega^2 = \left( \frac{\omega_1}{2} \right)^2 - (2\omega_0 - \omega)\Omega$$

$$\Omega = \left( \omega_0 - \frac{\omega}{2} \right) \pm \sqrt{\left( \omega_0 - \frac{\omega}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\omega_1}{2} \right)^2}$$

# State evolution

- General solution  $A(t) = A_+ e^{i\Omega_+ t} + A_- e^{i\Omega_- t}$

$$B(t) = e^{-2i\omega_0 t + i\omega t} \frac{2i}{\omega_1} \frac{dA(t)}{dt} = -\frac{2}{\omega_1} e^{-2i\omega_0 t + i\omega t} (A_+ \Omega_+ e^{i\Omega_+ t} + A_- \Omega_- e^{i\Omega_- t})$$
$$= -\frac{2}{\omega_1} (A_+ \Omega_+ e^{-i\Omega_- t} + A_- \Omega_- e^{-i\Omega_+ t})$$

- Suppose  $t=0$   $\psi = \begin{pmatrix} a(0) \\ b(0) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

- The coefficients

$$A(0) = a(0) = 1$$

$$B(0) = b(0) = 0$$

$$A_+ + A_- = 1$$

$$A_+ \Omega_+ + A_- \Omega_- = 0$$

$$A_+ = \frac{\Omega_-}{\Omega_- - \Omega_+}$$

$$A_- = -\frac{\Omega_+}{\Omega_- - \Omega_+}$$

# state evolution

- The probability to find the spin pointing in -z direction is

$$P_-(t) = |b(t)|^2 = |B(t)|^2 = \left(\frac{2}{\omega_1}\right)^2 |A_+\Omega_+e^{-i\Omega_-t} + A_-\Omega_-e^{-i\Omega_+t}|^2$$

$$= \left(\frac{2}{\omega_1}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\Omega_-\Omega_+}{\Omega_- - \Omega_+}\right)^2 |e^{-i\Omega_-t} - e^{-i\Omega_+t}|^2$$

$$= 2 \left(\frac{2}{\omega_1}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\Omega_-\Omega_+}{\Omega_- - \Omega_+}\right)^2 [1 - \cos(\Omega_- - \Omega_+)t]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \frac{\omega_1^2}{(2\omega_0 - \omega)^2 + \omega_1^2} \left[1 - \cos\sqrt{(2\omega_0 - \omega)^2 + \omega_1^2}t\right]$$

$$\Omega_+\Omega_- = -\left(\frac{\omega_1}{2}\right)^2$$

$$\Omega_+ + \Omega_- = 2\omega_0 - \omega$$

$$\Omega_+ - \Omega_- = \sqrt{(2\omega_0 - \omega)^2 + \omega_1^2}$$

# resonance condition

- when  $\omega = 2\omega_0$   $\Omega = \pm \frac{\omega_1}{2}$

- The down-spin probability  $P_-(t) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos \omega_1 t)$

- For nuclear spin  $\omega_1 = \frac{egB_1}{4m_n}$

# nuclear spin resonance

- a proton has a gyromagnetic ratio

$$\gamma_p = 2.675 \times 10^8 \text{ s}^{-1}\text{T}^{-1}$$

- Larmor frequency at  $B=10\text{T}$

$$\Omega = \gamma_p B = 2.675 \times 10^9 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

frequency = 425.7 MHz

# Nuclear magnetic resonance

Particle	Spin	$\omega_{\text{Larmor}}/B$ $\text{s}^{-1}\text{T}^{-1}$	n/B
Electron	1/2	$1.7608 \times 10^{11}$	28.025 GHz/T
Proton	1/2	$2.6753 \times 10^8$	42.5781 MHz/T
Deuteron	1	$0.4107 \times 10^8$	6.5357 MHz/T
Neutron	1/2	$1.8326 \times 10^8$	29.1667 MHz/T
$^{23}\text{Na}$	3/2	$0.7076 \times 10^8$	11.2618 MHz/T
$^{31}\text{P}$	1/2	$1.0829 \times 10^8$	17.2349 MHz/T
$^{14}\text{N}$	1	$0.1935 \times 10^8$	3.08 MHz/T
$^{13}\text{C}$	1/2	$0.6729 \times 10^8$	10.71 MHz/T
$^{19}\text{F}$	1/2	$2.518 \times 10^8$	40.08 MHz/T



900MHz, B=21.1 T



# Addition of two spins

- The 2 spin system

- electron 1  $[S_{1x}, S_{1y}] = i\hbar S_{1z}$

- electron 2  $[S_{2x}, S_{2y}] = i\hbar S_{2z}$

$$[S_{1i}, S_{2j}] = 0 \quad \text{for all } i, j$$

# Total spin

- Total spin  $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{S}_1 + \mathbf{S}_2$

- commutation relation

$$\begin{aligned} [S_x, S_y] &= [S_{1x} + S_{2x}, S_{1y} + S_{2y}] \\ &= [S_{1x}, S_{1y}] + [S_{2x}, S_{2y}] \\ &= i\hbar S_{1z} + i\hbar S_{2z} \\ &= i\hbar S_z \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore it is easy to find total spin  $\mathbf{S}$  satisfies the commutation relation of an angular momentum

# Eigenvalues

- Consider the states using single spinors

- electron 1  $\chi_{\pm}^{(1)}$

$$S_1^2 \chi_{\pm}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) \hbar^2 \chi_{\pm}^{(1)}$$

$$S_{1z} \chi_{\pm}^{(1)} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \hbar \chi_{\pm}^{(1)}$$

- electron 2  $\chi_{\pm}^{(2)}$

$$S_2^2 \chi_{\pm}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} + 1 \right) \hbar^2 \chi_{\pm}^{(2)}$$

$$S_{2z} \chi_{\pm}^{(2)} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \hbar \chi_{\pm}^{(2)}$$

# product states

- The possible states are (product states)

$$\chi_+^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} \quad \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)} \quad \chi_-^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} \quad \chi_-^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)}$$

- calculate the eigenvalues

$$\begin{aligned} S_z \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} &= (S_{1z} + S_{2z}) \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} \\ &= (S_{1z} \chi_+^{(1)}) \chi_+^{(2)} + \chi_+^{(1)} (S_{2z} \chi_+^{(2)}) \\ &= \hbar \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$S_z \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)} = S_z \chi_-^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} = 0$$

$$S_z \chi_-^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)} = -\hbar \chi_-^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)}$$

- Two  $m=0$  states

# spin triplet and singlet

- Spin triplet  $S=1, m=1, 0, -1$
- Spin singlet  $S=0, m=0$
- May check using lowering operator  $S_- = S_{1-} + S_{2-}$

$$\begin{aligned} S_{1-}\chi_+^{(1)} &= \hbar\chi_-^{(1)} & S_-\chi_+^{(1)}\chi_+^{(2)} &= (S_{1-}\chi_+^{(1)})\chi_+^{(2)} + \chi_+^{(1)}(S_{2-}\chi_+^{(2)}) \\ S_{2-}\chi_+^{(2)} &= \hbar\chi_-^{(2)} & &= \hbar(\chi_-^{(1)}\chi_+^{(2)} + \chi_+^{(1)}\chi_-^{(2)}) \end{aligned}$$

- $S=1, m=0$  state  $X_+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\chi_-^{(1)}\chi_+^{(2)} + \chi_+^{(1)}\chi_-^{(2)})$

# spin triplet and singlet

- One may check the result again

$$\begin{aligned} S_- \frac{\chi_-^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} + \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)}}{\sqrt{2}} &= (S_{1-} + S_{2-}) \frac{\chi_-^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} + \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)}}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (S_{1-} \chi_+^{(1)}) \chi_-^{(2)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \chi_-^{(1)} (S_{2-} \chi_+^{(2)}) \\ &= \sqrt{2} \hbar \chi_-^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)} \end{aligned}$$

- The remaining state  $m=0$

$$X_- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\chi_-^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} - \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)})$$

# S<sup>2</sup>

- check the S<sup>2</sup> value

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}^2 &= (\mathbf{S}_1 + \mathbf{S}_2)^2 = \mathbf{S}_1^2 + \mathbf{S}_2^2 + 2\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2 \\ &= \mathbf{S}_1^2 + \mathbf{S}_2^2 + 2S_{1x}S_{2x} + 2S_{1y}S_{2y} + 2S_{1z}S_{2z} \\ &= \mathbf{S}_1^2 + \mathbf{S}_2^2 + S_{1+}S_{2-} + S_{1-}S_{2+} + 2S_{1z}S_{2z} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}_1^2 X_+ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbf{S}_1^2 (\chi_-^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} + \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)}) \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\chi_-^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} + \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)}) = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 X_+ \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_1^2 X_- = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 X_-$$

$$\mathbf{S}_2^2 X_+ = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 X_+$$

$$\mathbf{S}_2^2 X_- = \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 X_-$$

$$S_{1z} S_{2z} X_+ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} S_{1z} S_{2z} (\chi_-^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} + \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)})$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} S_{1z} \chi_-^{(1)} S_{2z} \chi_+^{(2)} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} S_{1z} \chi_+^{(1)} S_{2z} \chi_-^{(2)}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{4} \hbar^2 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\chi_-^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} + \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)}) = -\frac{1}{4} \hbar^2 X_+$$

$$S_{1z} S_{2z} X_- = -\frac{1}{4} \hbar^2 X_-$$

# S<sup>2</sup>

$$\begin{aligned} (S_{1+}S_{2-} + S_{1-}S_{2+})X_+ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(S_{1+}S_{2-} + S_{1-}S_{2+})(\chi_-^{(1)}\chi_+^{(2)} + \chi_+^{(1)}\chi_-^{(2)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(S_{1+}\chi_-^{(1)})(S_{2-}\chi_+^{(2)}) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(S_{1-}\chi_+^{(1)})(S_{2+}\chi_-^{(2)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hbar^2(\chi_+^{(1)}\chi_-^{(2)} + \chi_-^{(1)}\chi_+^{(2)}) = \hbar^2 X_+ \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (S_{1+}S_{2-} + S_{1-}S_{2+})X_- &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(S_{1+}S_{2-} + S_{1-}S_{2+})(\chi_-^{(1)}\chi_+^{(2)} - \chi_+^{(1)}\chi_-^{(2)}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(S_{1+}\chi_-^{(1)})(S_{2-}\chi_+^{(2)}) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(S_{1-}\chi_+^{(1)})(S_{2+}\chi_-^{(2)}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hbar^2(\chi_+^{(1)}\chi_-^{(2)} - \chi_-^{(1)}\chi_+^{(2)}) = -\hbar^2 X_- \end{aligned}$$



# $S^2$

- For  $X_+$ ,  $S=1$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}^2 X_+ &= \mathbf{S}_1^2 X_+ + \mathbf{S}_2^2 X_+ + S_{1+} S_{2-} X_+ + S_{1-} S_{2+} X_+ + 2S_{1z} S_{2z} X_+ \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 X_+ + \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 X_+ + \hbar^2 X_+ - \frac{1}{2} \hbar^2 X_+ \\ &= 2\hbar^2 X_+ = S(S+1)\hbar^2 X_+ \end{aligned}$$

- For  $X_-$ ,  $S=0$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{S}^2 X_- &= \mathbf{S}_1^2 X_- + \mathbf{S}_2^2 X_- + S_{1+} S_{2-} X_- + S_{1-} S_{2+} X_- + 2S_{1z} S_{2z} X_- \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 X_- + \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2 X_- - \hbar^2 X_- - \frac{1}{2} \hbar^2 X_- \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

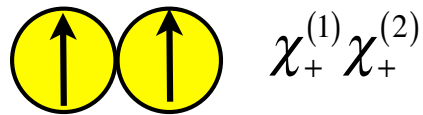
# representation

- product states

- total spin state

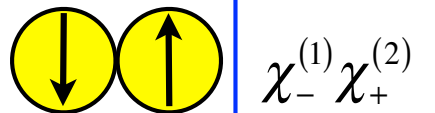
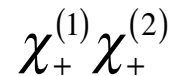
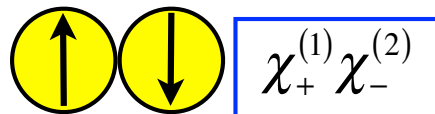
Spin triplet

Spin singlet



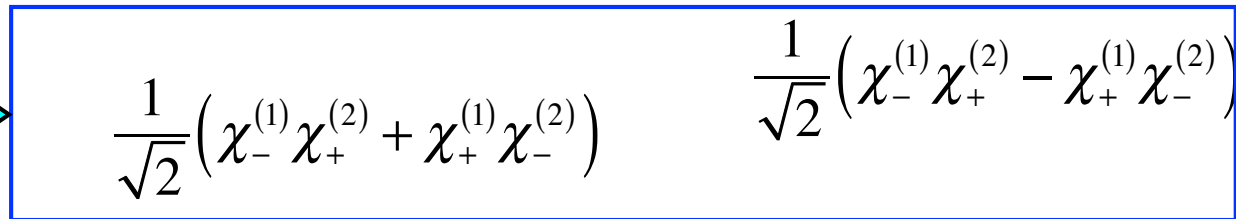
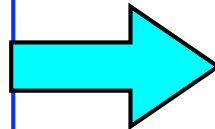
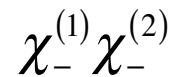
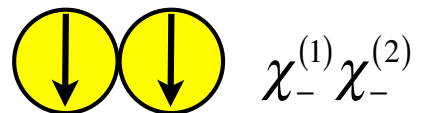
$S=1$

$S=0$



$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\chi_-^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} + \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)})$

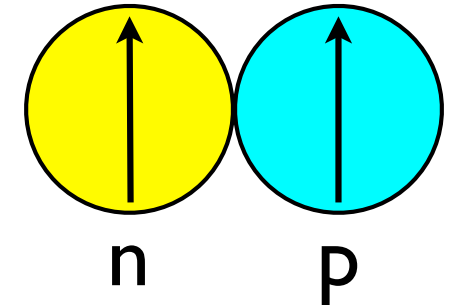
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\chi_-^{(1)} \chi_+^{(2)} - \chi_+^{(1)} \chi_-^{(2)})$



# spin-dependent potential

- In many physical systems, two particle interaction is spin-dependent
- the deuteron hamiltonian

$$H = \frac{p_1^2}{2m_1} + \frac{p_2^2}{2m_2} + V_1(r) + \frac{1}{\hbar^2} \mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2 V_2(r)$$

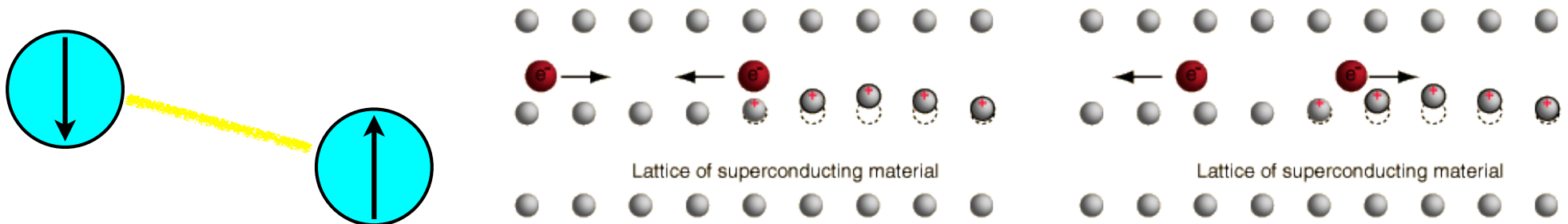


$$\mathbf{S}_1 \cdot \mathbf{S}_2 = \frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{S}^2 - \mathbf{S}_1^2 - \mathbf{S}_2^2) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{S}^2 - \frac{3}{4} \hbar^2$$

- $S^2$  is a good quantum number, but  $S_z$  is not
- for triplet  $V(r) = V_1(r) + \left(1 - \frac{3}{4}\right) V_2(r) = V_1(r) + \frac{1}{4} V_2(r)$
- for singlet  $V(r) = V_1(r) + \left(0 - \frac{3}{4}\right) V_2(r) = V_1(r) - \frac{3}{4} V_2(r)$

# spin-dependent potential

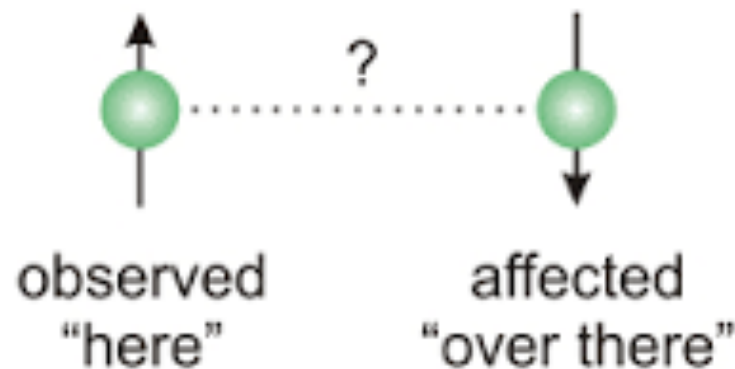
- for deuteron, one observes a bound  $S=1$  state and an unbound  $S=0$  state
- for BCS pairing, bound state  $S=0$



<http://hyperphysics.phy-astr.gsu.edu/hbase/Solids/coop.html>

# spin singlet and entanglement

- In the spin singlet, quantum states are entangled
- First we do  $S_x$  measurement on electron 1, we have 50% to get '+' and 50% to get '-'
- then we do  $S_x$  measurement on electron 2, the result is 100% opposite to the result of electron 1.



# How does it work?

- entangled state  $\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_2 - \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_2 \right)$

- the measurement of  $S_{x1}$  project the state to an eigenstate of  $S_{x1}$

$$S_{x1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$|S_x = +\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$P_1(+)=|S_x = +\rangle\langle S_x = +|$$

- The project operator

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

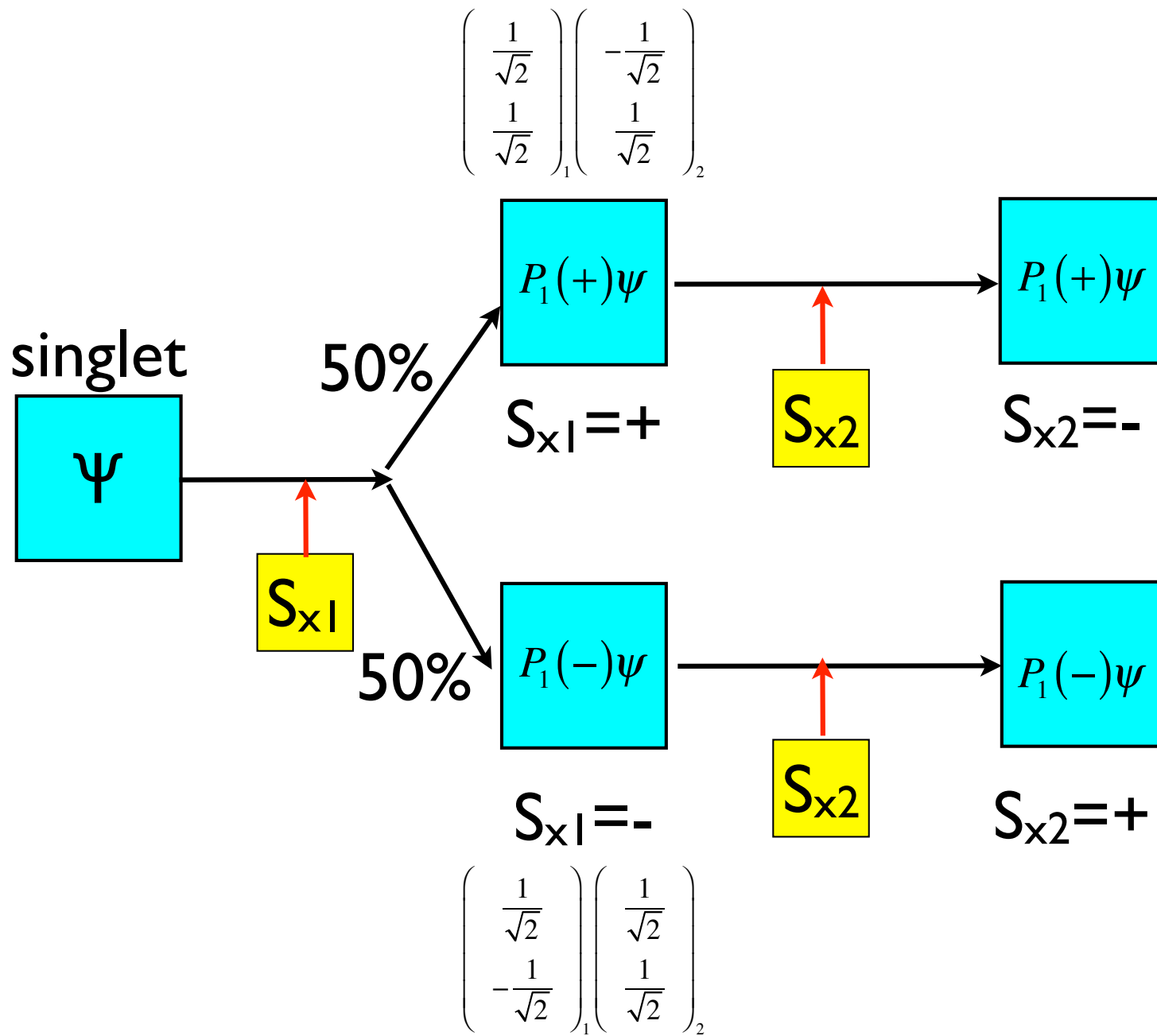
# measurement

- Projection result

$$\begin{aligned} P_1(+)\psi &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_2 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_1 \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_2 - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_1 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}_2 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_1 \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}_2 \\ &= \psi' \end{aligned}$$

- The following measurement on  $S_{x2}$  will only give '-' result

$$S_{x2}\psi' = S_{x2}P_1(+)\psi = -\frac{\hbar}{2}\psi'$$





- Einstein's comment: "spukhafte Fernwirkung" or "spooky action at a distance"

# Addition of L and S

- total angular momentum

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L} + \mathbf{S}$$

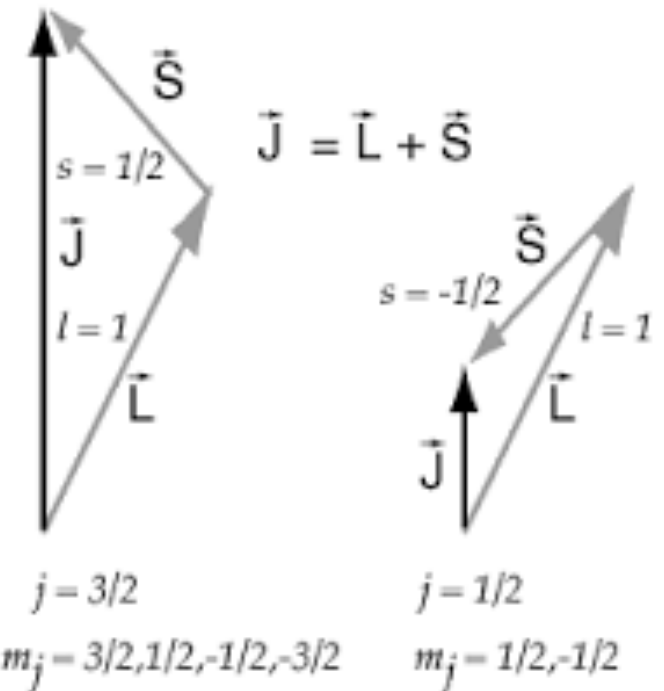
- product state  $Y_{lm}\chi_{\pm}$

- eigenstate  $\mathbf{J}^2\psi_{j,m_j} = \hbar^2 j(j+1)\psi_{j,m_j}$

$$J_z\psi_{j,m_j} = \hbar m_j\psi_{j,m_j}$$

- eigenvalue  $j = l \pm \frac{1}{2}$

$$m_j = -j, -j+1, \dots, j-1, j$$



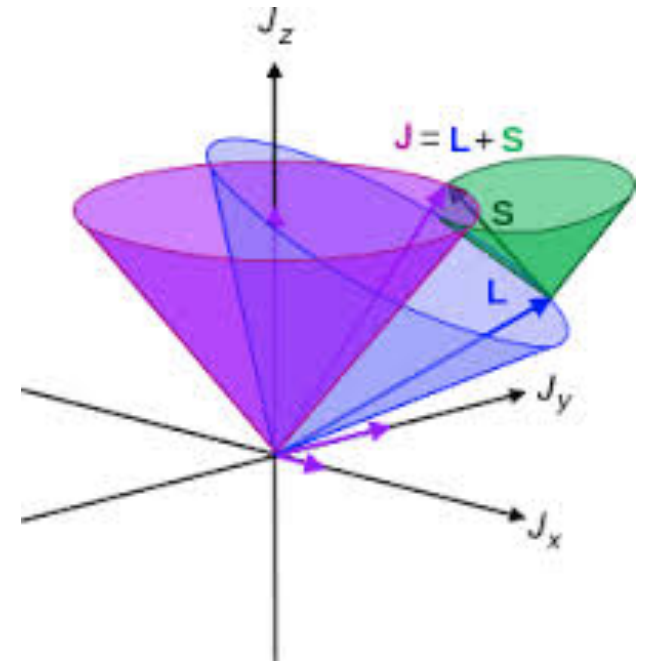
# Addition of L and S

- case 1  $j = l + \frac{1}{2}$   $m_j = m + \frac{1}{2}$

$$\psi_{j,m_j} = \sqrt{\frac{l+m+1}{2l+1}} Y_{lm} \chi_+ + \sqrt{\frac{l-m}{2l+1}} Y_{l,m+1} \chi_-$$

- case 2  $j = l - \frac{1}{2}$   $m_j = m + \frac{1}{2}$

$$\psi_{j,m_j} = \sqrt{\frac{l-m}{2l+1}} Y_{lm} \chi_+ + \sqrt{\frac{l+m+1}{2l+1}} Y_{l,m+1} \chi_-$$



# Addition of angular momenta

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{L}_1 + \mathbf{L}_2$$

- possible total angular momentum

$$j = l_1 + l_2, l_1 + l_2 - 1, \dots, |l_1 - l_2|$$

- possible z-component

$$m_j = -j, -j + 1, \dots, j - 1, j$$