“Below is a deep and carefully structured expansion of the idea that *physical existence arises from mathematics*, with a particular focus on how the *juxtaposition of rational and irrational infinities* can be thought to generate the qualities we experience as “reality.”

This is not a single established scientific theory; it draws on ideas from Max Tegmark’s Mathematical Universe Hypothesis (MUH), algorithmic information theory, Platonic realism, and modern physics’ reliance on continuum mathematics. The specific framing you ask for—*rational vs. irrational infinities generating reality*—is a philosophical interpretation...”

A Layperson’s Explanation of the Dual-Infinity Universe

1. Start with the simplest idea:

The universe is built from two kinds of “infinity.”

Think of them as:

- **Infinity #1: The Countable Infinity** — like whole numbers: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5...
  This infinity is *step-by-step, orderly, digital*.
- **Infinity #2: The Uncountable Infinity** — like all the points on a line.
  This infinity is *smooth, flowing, analog*, and so full it's “more infinite.”

Reality uses *both* at the same time.

This tension — the “digital vs. analog infinities” — is at the heart of how the universe works.

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2. The Digital Infinity: The Universe’s “Pixel Grid”

Even though we don’t see it directly, the universe has a lot of “digital-like” features:

- Atoms come in countable units.
- Electrons jump between energy levels like stepping stones.
- Every measurement device gives you a **single number** — one click, one reading, one result.

This is the **countable** infinity.
It’s the universe’s “information layer,” like the *pixels* in a screen.

It’s what our instruments actually record.

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3. The Analog Infinity: The Universe’s “Smooth Canvas”

But beneath those digital results, physics uses something incredibly smooth:

- Space is treated as continuous, with infinite points between any two points.
- Waves spread smoothly through space.
- Probabilities vary like curves, not steps.

This is the **uncountable** infinity.
It’s the universe’s “smooth background,” like a painted canvas before pixels even exist.

It’s the layer beneath what we can measure.

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4. The Key Idea: Reality Happens Where the Two Infinities Meet

Now here’s the point that captures the entire theory in one sentence:

Reality is the ongoing clash between the smooth infinite world underneath and the digital infinite world we sample from it.

Think of it like this:

- The analog universe provides a **continuous wave of possibilities**.
- The digital universe extracts **specific outcomes** from it.

This is exactly what happens in quantum mechanics.

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5. Quantum Mechanics as the Best Example

The wave is the analog infinity.

A particle spreads out like a smooth wave that fills space with infinite detail.

But the detection is digital.

When you measure it, you always get:

- 1 click in 1 detector
- 1 value

- 1 location

Reality takes an infinitely detailed wave and pulls out a **single, countable result**.

This is the “duel” between the two infinities:

- The infinite wave predicts **probabilities**.
- The discrete measurement gives **one actual event**.

Seen this way:

Quantum mechanics is a story about the digital world reading samples from the analog world.

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6. A Practical Analogy: Streaming Video

Imagine watching a 4K movie online.

The original movie (the master file)

is like the **analog infinity** — smooth, full of detail, too big to experience all at once.

Your screen

has a fixed number of pixels — like the **digital infinity**.

The process of viewing the movie

is the interplay between:

- an infinitely detailed signal
- and a device that can only show discrete samples of it

This is how quantum measurement works:

- The wave (analog) encodes all possibilities.
- The universe’s “detectors” (digital) read only one pixel at a time.

Reality is the “movie” created by these constant samples.

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7. Why the Universe Needs Both

If the universe were *only digital* (step-by-step):

- It would be too rigid, predictable, and blocky.
- No smooth motion, no richness, no complexity.

If the universe were *only analog*:

- You could never extract usable information.
- Nothing would ever “happen” in a definite way.
- You’d drown in infinite detail.

But **put both together**:

- Smooth fields create richness, motion, and possibility.
- Digital events create structure, information, and experience.

Your consciousness, your body, every object, every interaction —
all arise from this fusion of two infinite worlds.

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8. The Universe as a Camera

Here’s the simplest picture of all:

The universe is like a camera:

- The scene in front of the lens is smooth (analog).
- The sensor is made of individual pixels (digital).
- A photograph forms only when the infinite scene is sampled by the finite grid.

Your life — every moment — is a series of "photos" the universe takes of the underlying smooth reality.

The “smooth” is math’s uncountable infinity.
The “photos” are math’s countable infinity.

Reality is the relationship between the two.

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9. Final intuitive summary

The universe is a conversation between two kinds of infinity:

- The **analog infinity** supplies limitless possibility.

- The **digital infinity** picks out specific, concrete events.

Quantum mechanics is that conversation written in the language of physics:

- Waves (smooth)
- Measurements (discrete)

Reality is the pattern that emerges from this dance.

ADDENDUM 1 — VISUAL DIAGRAM (Layperson-friendly)

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            THE DUAL-INFINITY UNIVERSE
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           (Uncountable Infinity: Smooth, Analog)
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             CONTINUOUS FIELD OF POSSIBILITIES
                   (Wavefunctions)
            ________________________________
           |                   |
           |    Smooth Wave Reality      |
           | ψ(x) spread across all space  |
           | infinitely detailed variations |
           |________________________________|


                   |
                   | "Sampling" / Measurement
                   | (Universe takes a reading)
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        ------------------------------------------------
        (Countable Infinity: Discrete, Digital, Measurable)
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                SINGLE OUTCOME
            (Detector click, one value, one event)
            ________________________________________
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| Digital Measurement Reality |

| Discrete positions, energies, spins |

| The world we experience directly |

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HOW REALITY FORMS

CONTINUOUS POSSIBILITIES + DISCRETE EVENTS = OUR REALITY

(Analog Infinity)   (Digital Infinity)

• The wavefunction gives all possible futures (smooth, infinite).

• Measurement picks one specific event (countable).

• Reality is the ongoing interaction between the two.

This diagram is designed to visually show the dual structure:

- **Top** = analog infinity (continuum of wavefunctions).
- **Bottom** = digital infinity (discrete events).
- **Reality** = the mapping in between.

ADDENDUM 2 — ADVANCED MATHEMATICAL REPRESENTATION

Below is a *first formalization*, bridging traditional physics and quantum mechanics via dual infinities:

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1. Two mathematical domains

(1) Continuous domain (uncountable ∞):

The “smooth” structure of reality is represented by a topological manifold:

$$\mathcal{M} = \mathbb{R}^n \text{(or a differentiable manifold for GR)}$$

Its cardinality is $|\mathcal{M}| = \mathfrak{c}$(continuum).
This is where classical fields and quantum wavefunctions live.

(2) Discrete domain (countable ∞):

The “digital” structure corresponds to:

- countable bases of Hilbert spaces
- discrete spectra
- measurement outcomes
- computationally specifiable states

Formally, let:

$$\mathcal{B} = \{\phi_k\}_{k \in \mathbb{N}}$$

be a countable orthonormal basis of the Hilbert space
(guaranteed by separability).

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2. Unified quantum mechanical structure

Hilbert space (holds the continuum)

$$\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathcal{M})$$

Here:

- The domain $\mathcal{M}$ is uncountable.
- The space $L^2(\mathcal{M})$ contains uncountably many possible states (most are uncomputable).
- Yet $\mathcal{H}$ is **separable**, meaning it is generated by a countable basis.

This is the precise mathematical point where the dual infinities coexist.

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3. Wavefunction representation (continuous)

Any state can be expressed as:

$$\psi(x) \in L^2(\mathcal{M}),$$

which is a function over an **uncountable** domain.

In position representation:

$$\Pr(x \in \Delta) = \int_\Delta |\psi(x)|^2 \, dx.$$

This formulation uses the *continuum*.

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4. Basis expansion (countable)

The *same* state can be written:

$$\psi = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} c_k \, \phi_k,$$

where:

- ϕ_k is the *countable* basis
- coefficients $c_k \in \mathbb{C}$ may be irrational or uncomputable
- normalization: $\sum |c_k|^2 = 1$

This formulation uses the *countable infinity*.

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5. Observables and the dual spectrum

A physical observable A is a self-adjoint operator with spectral decomposition:

$$A = \int_{\sigma(A)} \lambda \, d\, E_A(\lambda),$$

and its spectrum is often:

$$\sigma(A) = \sigma_{\text{point}}(A) \cup \sigma_{\text{cont}}(A).$$

Where:

- **Discrete spectrum** σ_{point} is at most countable
- **Continuous spectrum** σ_{cont} has cardinality $\mathfrak{c}$

Again: dual infinities, same object.

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6. Measurement as the "bridge"

The PVM (projection-valued measure):

$$\Pr(A \in \Delta) = \langle \psi \mid E_A(\Delta) \mid \psi \rangle$$

maps:

- a **continuous** wavefunction
- to a **countable set** of possible records (detector outputs)

Let Σ^* = all finite measurement records (countable set).
Define the measurement map:

$$\Pi: \mathcal{H} \to \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*)$$

given by:

$$\Pi(\psi)(r) = \langle \psi \mid E_A(\Delta_r) \mid \psi \rangle.$$

Thus:

Continuous → Discrete

(Uncountable ∞) produces **probabilities** for
(Countable ∞) measurement results.

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7. Relationship to classical physics

Classical mechanics:

Phase space is continuous:

$$\Gamma = \mathbb{R}^{6N}.$$

Trajectories are smooth curves:

$$\dot{x} = f(x).$$

This is purely **continuum mathematics** (uncountable infinity).

Classical measurement:

Actual observed values (digits, meter readings) are **discrete**, forming a countable set.

Thus classical physics also has:

- continuum evolution
- discrete sampling

Quantum mechanics **amplifies** this tension by building discreteness into the theory itself.

COMPLETE CONCEPTUAL SUMMARY

Uncountable Infinity (analog)

- Smooth fields
- Wavefunctions ψ(x)
- Classical spacetime
- Continuous spectra
- Infinite detail

Countable Infinity (digital)

- Measurement outcomes
- Quantum numbers
- Basis vectors

- Computable states
- Detector clicks

Reality

A *process* where:

- The continuum evolves wavefunctions and fields
- The countable sampling extracts specific events
- The interplay produces experience, history, and physical structure

Mathematically:

$$\text{Reality} = \Pi(\psi(t)); \psi(t) \in L^2(\mathcal{M}), \Pi(\psi) \in \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*).$$

Addendum C — Detailed mathematical development (rigged Hilbert spaces, path integrals, and GR integration)

This addendum gives a compact yet rigorous map showing where the *countable (rational) / uncountable (irrational)* infinities appear inside advanced formalisms of physics and how those formalisms provide natural "bridges" between the two infinities.

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1. Rigged Hilbert spaces (Gelfand triples) — making distributions rigorous

Problem addressed: position/momentum eigenstates (Dirac δ, plane waves) are not elements of $L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$. They are idealized continuum objects.

Construction (Gelfand triple):

$$\Phi \subset \mathcal{H} \subset \Phi^{\times},$$

where

- $\Phi$is a dense subspace of "nice" test functions (e.g., Schwartz space $\mathcal{S}(\mathbb{R}^n)$) — separable, countably generated by basis functions;
- $\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$is the separable Hilbert space (countable orthonormal basis exists);
- $\Phi^{\times}$is the space of continuous linear functionals (distributions) containing δ-like generalized eigenvectors.

Countable vs. uncountable:

- The test space $\Phi$and its algebraic operations are handled with countable bases (rational-side tools).
- The distributions in $\Phi^{\times}$realize continuum spectral features (irrational-side objects) as limits/functional evaluations.

Why this helps the dual-infinity picture: Rigged Hilbert spaces show how *countable computational/admissible objects* produce and manipulate *uncountably rich idealizations* (plane waves, δ-spikes). They are the formal home of "continuous → discrete" operations (spectral measures, projection onto generalized eigenstates).

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2. Path integrals — integrals over uncountable configuration space and their discretization

Feynman path integral (informal):

$$\langle x_f, t_f \mid x_i, t_i \rangle = \int_{\substack{x(t_i)=x_i \\ x(t_f)=x_f}} \mathcal{D}x(t) \; e^{\frac{i}{\hbar}S[x(t)]}$$

- The integral is over the space of all paths $x(t)$— an uncountable, infinite-dimensional configuration space.
- The formal measure $\mathcal{D}x$is not a classical Lebesgue measure; it is defined via limiting procedures.

Practical / computationally well-defined via discretization (countable approximation):

- Time-slice the interval into Nsteps Δt. Approximate paths by sequences $(x_1, \dots, x_{N-1})$.
- The integral becomes an N-dimensional integral (countable approximation for each finite N):

$$\int \prod_{k=1}^{N-1} d\, x_k \;\exp\; (\frac{i}{\hbar} \sum_k L(\, x_k, \dot{x}_k) \Delta t).$$

- Take $N \to \infty$limit to recover the continuum.

Dual-infinity interpretation:

- The true path space is uncountable (irrational infinity).
- The computational and operational approach necessarily uses countable discretizations (rational infinity).
- Physical predictions arise from the limit where countable approximations approach the continuum amplitude — the arena where the duel happens.

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3. General Relativity (GR) and ways to couple continuum spacetime to discrete structures

Continuum GR:

Spacetime is a smooth 4-manifold $(\mathcal{M}, g_{ab})$with field equations

$$G_{ab}[g] + \Lambda g_{ab} = 8\pi T_{ab}.$$

This is pure continuum (uncountable). Observables are functionals of the metric and matter fields defined on $\mathcal{M}$.

Discrete / countable approaches that highlight duality:

- **Regge calculus:** approximate $\mathcal{M}$ by a simplicial complex (finite/countable set of simplices). Curvature is concentrated on lower-dimensional simplices. Computation uses countable combinatorics, continuum recovered by refinement.
- **Loop Quantum Gravity (LQG):** fundamental states are spin networks — graphs with labels (countable combinatorial data) whose continuum limit can recover smooth geometry. The spin-network Hilbert space is spanned by countable basis states; geometric operators have discrete spectra (countable), yet the classical limit yields continuum geometry.
- **Asymptotic / semiclassical limit:** coherent states (in a separable Hilbert space) approximate continuum metrics.

Dual-infinity mapping in GR context:

- Smooth metric fields = uncountable (irrational) objects.
- Discrete approximations (triangulations, graphs) = countable (rational) structures used to compute and measure.
- Observations (finite-resolution detectors, clocks) always sample discrete data derived from the continuum.

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4. Decoherence, consistent histories, and the measurement bridge

Decoherence functional (rough): interference between histories suppressed by environment, giving effective classical probabilities. In consistent-history formulations, maps of the form

$$D(\alpha, \beta) = \mathrm{Tr}(C_\alpha \rho C_\beta^\dagger)$$

assign amplitudes to coarse-grained histories α, β. Coarse-graining partitions a continuum of possibilities into countable sets of histories (events/readouts). Decoherence is the mechanism that stabilizes discrete records from continuous amplitude interference.

Pi-map (coarse-graining / measurement): formalize measurement as

$$\Pi:\ \psi \in \mathcal{H} \ \longmapsto\ \mu_\psi \in \mathcal{P}(\Sigma^*),$$

where μ_ψ is a probability measure over finite records Σ^*. This map is a central mathematical object connecting continuum amplitudes to countable outcomes.

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5. Toy worked example: 1D particle, finite-resolution detector

- State: normalized wavepacket $\psi(x) \in L^2(\mathbb{R})$.
- Detector bins: partition $\mathbb{R} = \bigcup_{j\in\mathbb{Z}} \Delta_j$ where $\Delta_j = [j\Delta x, (j+1)\Delta x)$ (countable).
- Probability of click in bin j:

$$p_j = \int_{\Delta_j} |\ \psi(x)\ |^2\ dx.$$

- As $\Delta x \to 0$, the countable set of bins approximates the continuum density $|\ \psi(x)\ |^2$. Each experimental run produces a single discrete value j, but many runs approximate the continuous distribution.

Interpretation: continuum probability density (irrational) → countable histogram of detection events (rational).

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6. Algorithmic information & physically accessible states

- The set of computable (algorithmically specifiable) wavefunctions is countable. Most elements of L^2 are algorithmically random/uncomputable.
- **Operational physics** uses computable states and countable bases; the mathematical continuum introduces uncomputable structure that manifests as unpredictability or irreducible randomness in some contexts.

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7. Research directions / formal questions

- Formalize Π in algebraic quantum field theory and show stability under evolution and coarse-graining.

- Quantify measure-theoretic “distance” between computable subsets and the full continuum; study whether uncomputable amplitudes can be approximated physically.
- Study continuum limits of discrete gravity models to characterize how discrete spectra converge to smooth geometry.
- Look for empirical signatures of non-computable structure (very speculative).

Addendum D — Story: “The Two Infinities that Wove the Universe”

Once, before clocks and counting, there were two ancient sisters who lived at the edge of everything.

The first sister, **Rationa**, walked in steps. Wherever she went she left a trail of numbered stones: one, two, three. Rationa loved counting. She built ladders of thought, stairways that could be climbed step by step. Her voice sounded like rhythm — *click, click, click* — and when she sang, the world could remember what she sang. People and things that listened to Rationa could be named, counted, measured. She made tools: pebbles for trade, marks on the wall, laws that held firm.

The second sister, **Irradia**, moved like mist across a valley. She painted the sky with gradients of blue that never ended and filled the sea with waves that had no beginning and no end. Irradia was endless in ways Rationa could not number. Her songs were colors and curves; they flowed and blended. She whispered secrets between any two points, and in those whispers there lay possibility — infinite, delicate, and wild.

At first they lived apart: Rationa on the hard shore of the island of Counting, Irradia drifting in the boundless ocean of Smoothness. Each thought the other was incomplete. Rationa feared that without endpoints nothing would ever finish; Irradia feared that without the endlessness of the sea, life would be rigid and lifeless.

One twilight, they met: Rationa’s ladder touched the ocean’s edge. They held hands, and where their fingers met something new happened. The ladder’s stones reflected the ocean’s light; the ocean’s waves formed ripples that fell in step with the stones. From that meeting came **Weave**, the child of step and flow.

Weave discovered a marvelous craft. She learned to read Irradia’s endless blues and make single strokes on Rationa’s stones. In the morning, Weave would throw a smooth pebble into the water and the wave would decide—only for an instant—where to splash. Each splash was a single sound: a *click* on a single stone. When Weave threw many pebbles, the pattern of clicks told a beautiful, predictable song — yet each click had sprung from the endless wave, and that wave could never be fully captured.

Weave taught the world how to make instruments and pictures: paint that blended forever, and gears that ticked precisely. She showed that the magic lay in the meeting — in the *sampling* of the infinite by the countable. That is why when we measure the world we hear single beats (Rationa), and when we imagine the world we feel endless colors (Irradia). The world is the pattern that comes from their conversation: a stream of discrete events, each one a small photograph taken from an ocean of possibilities.

So whenever you hear a clock tick and watch the light change, remember Rationa and Irradia and their child Weave. The universe itself is their story — a woven song where steps meet waves, and where every moment is a small bright click plucked out of an endless, whispering sea.

Addendum E — Short explainer for classrooms (lesson plan + activities)

Target audience: middle–high school (ages ~12–18). Time variants included.

Lesson goal (one-sentence)

Students will understand the core idea that the physical world shows both **discrete** (countable) and **continuous** (uncountable) aspects, and that many quantum phenomena arise where those two meet.

Key takeaways

- “Discrete” = countable steps, clicks, whole numbers.
- “Continuous” = smooth lines, curves, waves, the real line.
- Quantum mechanics mixes the two: waves (continuous) produce discrete clicks (measurements).

10-minute quick activity (elevator version)

1. Show two images: a high-resolution photograph (zoomed) and the same image as pixels.
2. Ask: Which is continuous? Which is discrete?

3. Tell the double idea: underlying smooth picture vs. pixels that display it — connect to wave vs. detector click.

30–45 minute lesson (with hands-on demos)

Materials

- A long tray of water (or a simulation/video of waves)
- Small marbles or droplets (to represent discrete events)
- Laptop/projector for simple wave + detection animation (or a spreadsheet histogram)

Steps

1. **Intro (5 min)** — Define discrete vs continuous with everyday examples: stairs vs ramp, digital clock vs sundial.
2. **Demonstration (10 min)** — Make ripples in the water and ask students where a floating leaf would land — show many possibilities (continuous). Then drop dyed droplets that make visible splashes at points (discrete events).
3. **Simulation (10 min)** — Use a simple computer animation (or spreadsheet) of a continuous sine wave. Superimpose a row of “detectors” that light up when wave amplitude in their bin exceeds a threshold. Run many trials and build a histogram of activations.
4. **Discussion (10 min)** — Relate to quantum double-slit qualitatively: waves interfere (continuous) but detectors click at spots (discrete). Ask students why both are needed to explain experiments.

Assessment prompts

- Explain in one paragraph why a single detection click does not contradict the wave description.
- Draw a picture that shows both a continuous wave and discrete detectors.

Longer project (several lessons)

Build a “sampling” demo (code or physical):

- Students write a simple program (Python/JavaScript) that:
    1. Generates a continuous probability density (e.g., Gaussian).
    2. Samples from it many times to produce discrete data points.
    3. Plots histogram vs curve, showing how counts approximate the continuum.
- Learning outcomes: probabilistic sampling, histogram, law of large numbers, visualization of continuum→discrete.

Classroom visuals & analogies

- **Analogy:** Movie master file (analog) vs screen pixels (digital).
- **Visual:** Continuum curve overlaid with bar histogram.
- **Analogy:** Ocean of paint (continuous) + camera sensor (discrete).
- **Cartoon:** “Rationa” and “Irradia” (short myth) to retain memory.

Quick quiz (5 questions)

1. Give one example of something continuous and one of something discrete.
2. Why does a detector click only in one place even if the particle was “a wave”?
3. What does “countable” mean? (give an example)
4. What does “uncountable” mean? (give an example)
5. How does sampling many discrete results help us learn about a continuous distribution?

Extensions for advanced classes

- Introduce the notion of Hilbert space informally (space of waves).
- Show the formula $p(x) = |\psi(x)|^2$ and perform discrete sampling from a given $\psi(x)$.
- Discuss measurement resolution — what happens when detectors are coarse vs fine.