

A first test on spooky actions between free-traveling charged lepton pairs
首次测试自由带电轻子对间的量子纠缠

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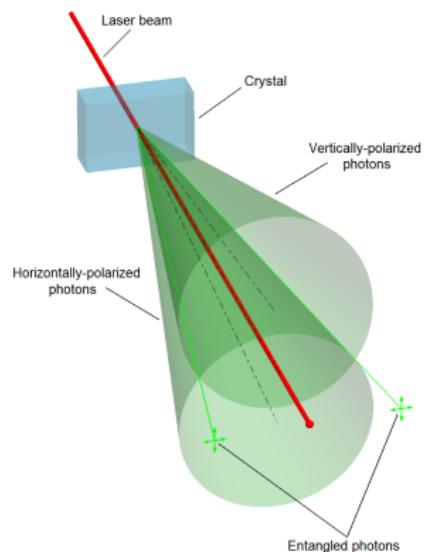
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Quantum entanglement measurements — history and today

量子纠缠测量的历史与现状

- As reviewed by C. N. Yang [4], the first experiment on quantum entanglement is the **Wu-Shaknov Experiment** published in 1950 [5] in which the angular correlation of two Compton-scattered **photons** arising from e^+e^- annihilation are measured
- The violation of Bell inequality was demonstrated in 1970s using entangled **photons** [6–8], confirming the non-locality of our universe
- Alain Aspect, John Clauser and Anton Zeilinger won the **Nobel Prize in Physics in 2022** for demonstrating the potential to investigate and control particles (**photons**) that are in entangled states [9]

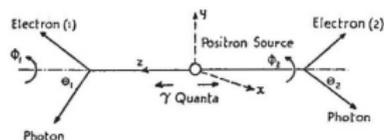
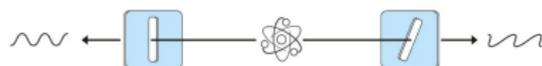


FIG. Angular correlation effects [10] demonstrated by the **Wu-Shaknov Experiment**



John Clauser used calcium atoms that could emit entangled photons after he had illuminated them with a special light. He set up a filter on either side to measure the photons' polarisation. After a series of measurements, he was able to show they violated a Bell inequality.

FIG. **Clauser's photon entanglement experiment** [9]

The current absence of free-traveling leptons in QE measurements

史上尚未实现自由轻子量子纠缠的测量

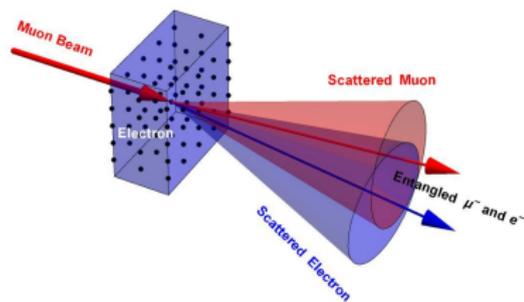
- The ATLAS and CMS Collaborations recently observed quantum entanglement involving **top quarks** at a center-of-mass energy of 13 TeV, marking the highest energy measurements of quantum entanglement to date [12–15]
- Most studies on charged lepton QE have concentrated on the decaying **tau** leptons [16–22], while less attention has been given to electrons and muons
- Solid-state quantum computation was established in 2005 with **electron pairs confined in semiconductor quantum dots** [23]: entangled states were prepared, coherently manipulated, and measured
- **No similar experiment has been done with free-traveling electrons** as measuring the spin of a single traveling electron poses a significant challenge due to interference from its orbital motion [24]

Our proposal

Conduct a **first** measurement of the polarization correlation between charged lepton beams through joint measurements of their individual polarization-sensitive scatterings off two separate targets.

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Theory: Concurrence, CHSH inequality, and the kinematic approach

理论：纠缠度、CHSH 不等式与运动学方法

- Entanglement can be quantified by *concurrence* [25–27], defined as

$$\mathcal{C}(\rho_f) = \max \{0, \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4\} \in [0, 1] \quad (1)$$

for a two-qubit system, where λ_i ($\lambda_i \geq \lambda_j, \forall i < j$) are the square roots of the eigenvalues of the matrix $\rho_f(\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2)\rho_f^*(\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2)$. If $\mathcal{C} > 0$, the two-qubit system is entangled.

- The *CHSH inequality*, $I_2 \leq 2$ [28], is the Bell inequality for a two-qubit system. The optimal (maximal) I_2 [29] evaluates to

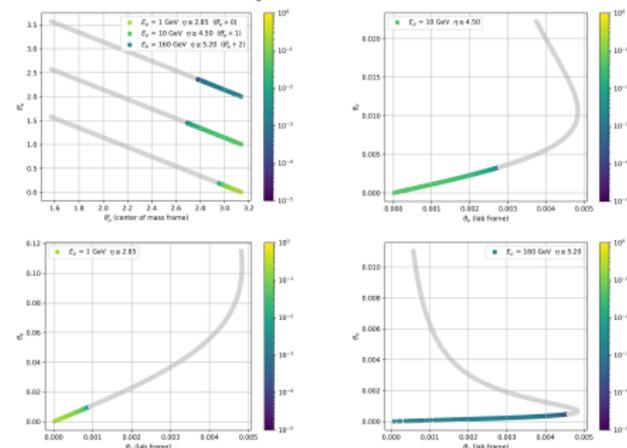
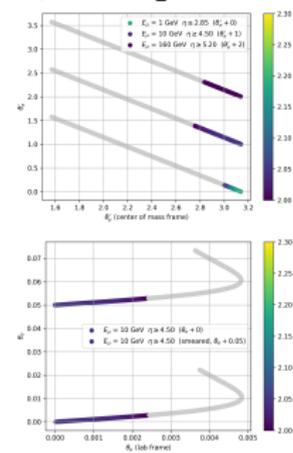
$$I_2 = 2\sqrt{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}, \quad (2)$$

where λ_1 and λ_2 are the two largest eigenvalues of the matrix $C^T C$, and C is the correlation matrix calculated by $C_{ij} = \text{Tr}(\rho_f(\sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j))$. $I_2 = 2\sqrt{2}$ is the upper limit of the quantum mechanics.

- In addition to the *decay approach* used for decaying particles, the *kinematic approach* [30, 31] can reconstruct quantum states from production kinematics, applicable to stable particles produced in simple QED scatterings.

Electron-muon entanglement sources via muon on-target experiments

缪子打靶实现可控电子-缪子纠缠源!

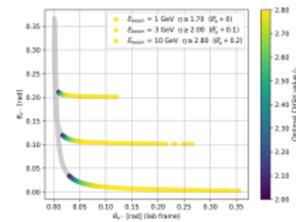
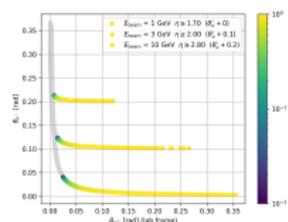
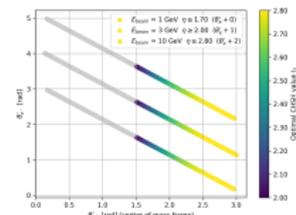
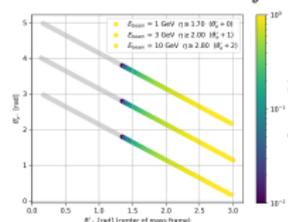
Concurrence $\mathcal{C}(\rho_f)$:Optimal I_2 :

- Simulated by MG5_aMC@NLO 3.5.5 [32] in tree-level QED with non-zero lepton masses
- The light gray regions depict $\mathcal{C}(\rho_f) = 0$ or $I_2 \leq 2$
- Assuming a 1-day run with a 10 GeV muon beam of flux $10^5/\text{s}$ on 10 cm Al targets, the expected number of events with $\mathcal{C}(\rho_f) > 0$ is 2.6×10^4

$E_{\text{beam}}/\text{GeV}$	$E_{\text{COM}}/\text{GeV}$	$\mathcal{C}(\rho_f)_{\text{max}}$	$\theta_{\mu, \text{max}}/\text{mrad}$	$\theta_{e, \text{max}}/\text{mrad}$	$E_{\mu, \text{min}}/\text{GeV}$	$E_{e, \text{min}}/\text{GeV}$	$\sigma_E/\mu\text{b}$	$\sigma_{E, \theta > 0.5 \text{ mrad}}/\mu\text{b}$
1	0.111	0.22	0.9	10.2	0.92	0.08	0.56	
10	0.146	0.044	2.8	3.3	5.2	4.5	0.39	
160	0.418	0.0014	4.6	0.5	10	145	0.027	

Electron-positron entanglement sources via positron on-target experiments

正电子打靶实现可控电子-正电子纠缠源!

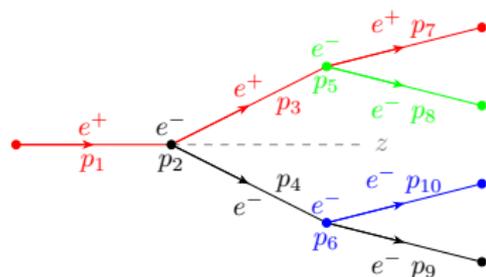
Concurrence $\mathcal{C}(\rho_f)$:Optimal I_2 :

- The angular ranges exhibiting $\mathcal{C}(\rho_f) > 0$ in the center-of-mass frame are significantly broader
- The theoretical upper limits for both $\mathcal{C}(\rho_f)$ and I_2 in quantum mechanics are nearly reached as θ'_{e^+} approaches 3
- Assuming a **1 GeV** positron beam with a flux of $10^{12}/s$ directed at a 10 cm thick Al target, the expected entangled event rate is $1.9 \times 10^9/s$
- A golden region for measurements:
 - $E_{\text{beam}} = 1 \text{ GeV}$, $0.05 \text{ rad} \leq \theta_{e^+} \leq 0.1 \text{ rad}$
 - 23.4% of all events with $\mathcal{C}(\rho_f) > 0$
 - $E \geq 0.094 \text{ GeV}$, $\theta \geq 0.0103 \text{ rad}$
 - $\mathcal{C}(\rho_f)$ reaching up to **0.953** and I_2 up to **2.8281**

$E_{\text{beam}}/\text{GeV}$	$E_{\text{COM}}/\text{GeV}$	$\mathcal{C}^{\text{max}}(\rho_f)$	I_2^{max}	$E_{e^+}^{\text{min}}/\text{GeV}$	$E_e^{\text{min}}/\text{GeV}$	$\theta_{e^+}^{\text{min}}/\text{rad}$	$\theta_e^{\text{min}}/\text{rad}$	$\sigma_E/\mu\text{b}$
1	0.032	0.9996	2.8281	0.008	0.389	0.0255	0.0028	243.6
3	0.055	0.9997	2.8282	0.023	1.166	0.0147	0.0016	82.1
10	0.101	0.9997	2.8282	0.074	3.890	0.0081	0.0009	26.5

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A first electron-positron beam correlation measurement proposal

电子-正电子束相关性测量的首个提案

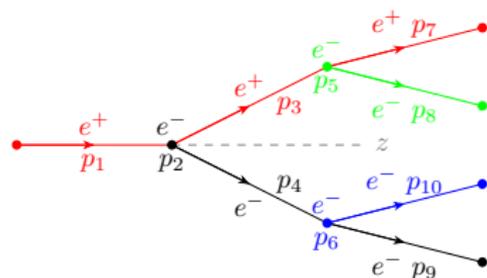


FIG. Proposed cascade experiment for measuring polarization correlations of the primary products

Simulation setup:

- $0.05 \text{ rad} \leq \theta_3 \leq 0.1 \text{ rad}$ in a 1 GeV positron on-target experiment
- The spins of target electrons 5 and 6 are aligned with the beam direction
- Consider the main component of the primary state, $(LL + RR)/\sqrt{2}$

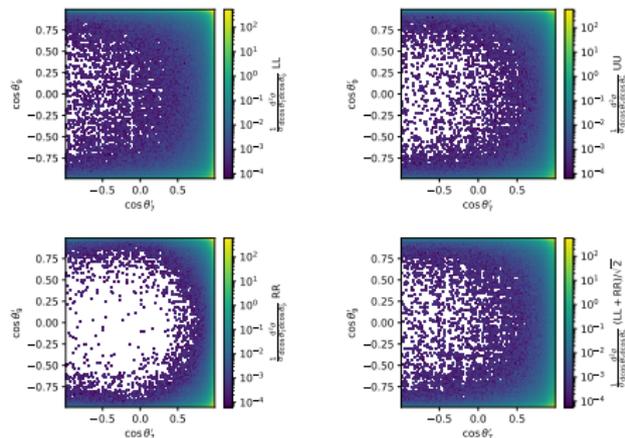


FIG. Joint angular distribution densities of the two secondary scattering processes

Assuming the two secondary targets are 10 cm thick iron, the event rate in $\cos \theta'_3 \leq 0.5 \wedge -0.75 \leq \theta'_3 \leq 0.75$ is $1.4 \times 10^2/\text{s}$ for the state $(LL + RR)/\sqrt{2}$.

Future prospects: Scattering-based simplified state tomography

展望：基于散射的简化的量子态解析

Take $0.05 \text{ rad} \leq \theta_3 \leq 0.1 \text{ rad}$ in a 1 GeV positron on-target experiment as an example:

- The state of the primary products is approximately 1% $(RL + LR)/\sqrt{2}$, 1% $(RL - LR)/\sqrt{2}$, 7% $(RR - LL)/\sqrt{2}$, and 90% $(RR + LL)/\sqrt{2}$ in the lab frame
- The optimized ratio of the yields of $(LL + RR)/\sqrt{2}$ to UU is $1.29 \pm 0.03(\text{MC})$, corresponding to 4.4×10^3 post-optimization efficient signal event counts and an expected signal yield over a **27-second** run; the result for $(LR + RL)/\sqrt{2}$ is $0.78 \pm 0.02(\text{MC})$ in comparison
- Other uncertainties, such as those from process modeling and background suppression, may dominate the real experimental analysis
- For the 20% polarized targets, the ratios are 1.010 ± 0.009 and 0.986 ± 0.009 generated from 25 times the number of Monte Carlo events, corresponding to 2.5×10^4 efficient event counts accumulated in **680 seconds**
- The high event rate can help mitigate the decline in resolving power associated with low target polarization purities in real-world applications
- **A simplified state tomography can be performed assuming prior knowledge from the primary scattering**

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Summary

- GeV-scale muon and positron on-target experiments are examined as **controllable entangled lepton pair sources** through the kinematic approach
- Quantum entanglement and the CHSH inequality violation are present in the primary scattering products
- A **first measurement of the correlation between entangled free-traveling lepton pairs** is proposed to verify the entanglement
- The electron-positron beam polarization correlation measurement can be conducted with a **high event rate at many domestic positron beam facilities**

Process	Incident flux	Primary event rate	Secondary coincidence rate
$\mu^- e^- \rightarrow \mu^- e^-$	$10^5/\text{s}$	$2.6 \times 10^4/\text{d}$	(not estimated)
$e^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$10^5/\text{s}$	$1.9 \times 10^2/\text{s}$	$4.4 \times 10^2/\text{y}$
$e^+ e^- \rightarrow e^+ e^-$	$10^{12}/\text{s}^*$	$1.9 \times 10^9/\text{s}$	$1.4 \times 10^2/\text{s}$

*Possibly from the beam dump of the STCF.

Thanks for your attention!

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