Spooky action at a distance!

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PHYSICAL REVIEW Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?

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In a complete theory there is an element corresponding quantum mechanics is not complete or (2) these two to each element of reality. A sufficient condition for the quantities cannot have simultaneous reality. Consideration reality of a physical quantity is the possibility of predicting of the problem of making predictions concerning a system it with certainty, without disturbing the system. In on the basis of measurements made on another system that quantum mechanics in the case of two physical quantities had previously interacted with it leads to the result that if described by non-commuting operators, the knowledge of (1) is false then (2) is also false. One is thus led to conclude one precludes the knowledge of the other. Then either (1) that the description of reality as given by a wave function the description of reality given by the wave function in is not c

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A. Einstein B. Podolski

N. Rosen

Physical reality must be local! - Podolsky

"Can Quantum Mechanical Description of

Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?"

EPR Paradox

Planet A

Upon observation, the cat was found to be alive.



Planet B

Huh? The cat suddenly died.

 $A^{\rm NY}$ serious consideration of a physical theory must take into account the dis-

tinction between the objective reality, which is

independent of any theory, and the physical

concepts with which the theory operates. These

the description given by the theory complete?"

by the degree of agreement between the con-

we picture this reality to ourselves.

applied to quantum mechanics.



1928~1990 John Stewart Bell

In the 1980s, he was always mentioned as a candidate for the Nobel Prize.

1964 OM with hidden variables differs from OM

Bell's Inequality

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I. Introduction

THE paradox of Einstein, Podolsky and Rosen [1] was advanced as an argument that quantum mechanics could not be a complete theory but should be supplemented by additional variables. These additional variables were to restore to the theory causality and locality [2]. In this note that idea will be formulated mathematically and shown to be incompatible with the statistical predictions of quantum mechanics. It is the requirement of locality, or more precisely that the result of a measurement on one system be unaffected OM with hidden variables differs from standard OM ates the essential difficulty. There have been attempts [3] to show that even without such a separability or locality requirement no "hidden variable" interpretation of quantum mechanics is possible. These attempts have been examined elsewhere [4] and found wanting. Moreover, a hidden variable interpretation of elementary quantum theory [5] has been explicitly constructed. That particular interpretation has indeed a grossly nonlocal structure. This is char He shows that yon Neumann's proof was bogus. reproduces exactly the quantum mechanical predictions.

Quantum mechanics is nonlocal

However, it still takes 1 light year for A and B to exchange answers.

Quantum entanglement tests

- As reviewed by <u>C. N. Yang</u>, the first experiment on quantum entanglement is the <u>Wu-Shaknov Experiment</u> published in 1950 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, confirming the non-locality of our universe.
- <u>Alain Aspect</u>, John Clauser and Anton Zeilinger won Nobel Prize in Physics in 2022 for demonstrating the potential to investigate and control particles (photons) that are in entangled states









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.

Clauser's photon entanglement experiment

Wu-Shaknov Experiment

Quantum entanglement at high energy

LHC experiments at CERN observe quantum entanglement at the highest energy yet

The results open up a new perspective on the complex world of quantum physics

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Entanglement is a key feature of quantum mechanics¹⁻³, with applications in fields such as metrology, cryptography, quantum information and quantum computation⁴⁻⁸. It has been observed in a wide variety of systems and length scales, ranging from the microscopic9-13 to the macroscopic14-16. However, entanglement remains largely unexplored at the highest accessible energy scales. Here we report the highest-energy observation of entanglement, in top-antitop quark events produced at the Large Hadron Collider, using a proton-proton collision dataset with a centre-ofmass energy of $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV and an integrated luminosity of 140 inverse femtobarns (fb)⁻¹ recorded with the ATLAS experiment. Spin entanglement is detected from the measurement of a single observable D, inferred from the angle between the charged leptons in their parent top- and antitop-quark rest frames. The observable is measured in a narrow interval around the top-antitop quark production threshold, at which the entanglement detection is expected to be significant. It is reported in a fiducial phase space defined with stable particles to minimize the uncertainties that stem from the limitations of the Monte Carlo event generators and the parton shower model in modelling top-quark pair production. The entanglement marker is measured to be $D = -0.537 \pm 0.002$ (stat.) ± 0.019 (syst.) for 340 GeV < $m_{t\bar{t}}$ < 380 GeV. The observed result is more than five standard deviations from a scenario without entanglement and hence constitutes the first observation of entanglement in a pair of quarks and the highest-energy observation of entanglement so far.

Why QE at high energy?

- Understand quantum nature & seek for BSM effects.
- Particle scattering/decay of unstable particles provide a natural laboratory
 - the momenta of observed particles are essentially commuting observables. Therefore, there is always some hidden variable theory that can explain the observed momentum data
 - However, one can focus on **spin correlation** emerges in different phase-space region
- It is plausible that quantum mechanics undergoes modifications at some short distance scales to achieve compatibility with gravity. Such modifications could, in principle, be (only) detected by measuring Bell-type observables or through quantum process tomography (ref)
- offers the potential to uncover **new insights into quantum field theory**.



Top quark

- The most massive fundamental particle : $m_t \approx 173$ GeV
- Large width : $\Gamma_t \sim 1 \text{ GeV}$
 - Short lifetime : $\tau = 1/\Gamma_t \sim 10^{-25}$ s
 - \checkmark decay before hadronisation : $\sim 10^{-23}$ s

BR(t→Wb)~100% + weak interaction is maximally parity-violating → correlations are observable!

- In case of top pair production, $t\bar{t}$ spins can be measured from decay products
- The effect due to spin correlation has already been measured in several experiments.





(Quantum) Top quark beyond spin correlations

<u>Eur. Phys. J. Plus (2021) 136 (March 2020)</u> \rightarrow first analysis of top quark pair production from the quantum information point of view: "bipartite qubit system"

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\mathrm{d}\sigma}{\mathrm{d}\Omega_{1}\Omega_{2}} = \frac{1}{4\pi^{2}} \left(1 + \alpha_{1} \mathcal{B}_{1}^{\circ} \cdot \hat{\ell}_{1} + \alpha_{2} \mathcal{B}_{2}^{\circ} \cdot \hat{\ell}_{2} + \alpha_{1}\alpha_{2} \hat{\ell}_{1} \mathbb{C} \hat{\ell}_{2} \right)$$

Density matrix, Peres-Horodecki criterion ref

| | pure state | mixed states |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| wavefunction | $ \psi angle$ | $f(\psi_i\rangle)$ |
| density matrix | $ ho = \psi angle\langle\psi $ | $\rho = \sum_{i} p_i \left \psi_i \right\rangle \langle \psi_i $ |
| trace of ρ | $Tr(\rho) = 1$ | $Tr(\rho) = 1$ |
| trace of ρ^2 | $Tr(\rho^2) = 1$ | $Tr(\rho^2) < 1$ |
| entropy | S(ho) = 0 | $S(\rho) = -Tr(\rho \ln \rho) > 0$ |

density matrix for 1 spin

• $\rho = \frac{1}{2} (I_2 + \sum_i B_i \sigma^i \otimes I_2)$ $\checkmark B_i = \langle \sigma^i \rangle$ - B_i 3 parameters \rightarrow Polarization

• density matrix for 2 spins

• $\rho = \frac{1}{4} \left(I_4 + \sum_i (B_i^+ \sigma^i \otimes I_2 + B_i^- I_2 \otimes \sigma^i) \right) + \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} \sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j$ $\checkmark B_i^\pm = \langle \sigma_{\pm}^i \rangle$ - 6 parameters \rightarrow Polarizations $\checkmark C_{ij} = \langle \sigma_{\pm}^i \sigma_{-}^j \rangle$ - 9 parameters \rightarrow Correlations • From pure state to mixed state.

"A quantitatively characterization of the degree of the entanglement between the subsystems of a system in a mixed state, is not unique!"

$$\rho_{AB} \stackrel{\textbf{?}}{=} \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_i \rho_A^{(i)} \otimes \rho_B^{(i)}, \quad \left(\sum_{i}^{N} p_i = 1, \, p_i > 0\right)$$

"Finally, we prove that the weak membership problem for the convex set of separable normalized bipartite density matrices is *NP-HARD*."



-----Leonid Gurvits

• For 2×2 and 2×3 system, it is solved by Peres, and Horodeckis 1996 (Peres-Horodecki criterion, concurrence).







Ryszard Horodecki (1943/09/30-)

Paweł Horodecki

(1971-)



Michał Horodecki (1973-)

Top quark Entanglement Discovery

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$$D = -3\langle \cos \varphi \rangle$$



Entangled state : **D < −1/3** d (derived from the Peres–Horodecki criterion)

Top quark Entanglement Discovery



QE between Triplets: $H \rightarrow VV$

The polarization density matrix(PDM) can be reconstructed from the angular distributions of the decay products:

 $\rho = |\Psi_{ZZ}\rangle \langle \Psi_{ZZ}| = |\Phi\rangle \langle \Phi|$

$$|\Phi\rangle = \sum c_{ij}|ij\rangle \rightarrow \sum \mathcal{M}(\lambda_1,\lambda_2)|\lambda_1,\lambda_2\rangle$$

 Ψ_Z has three polarization states: +1, 0, -1



For two-triplet system, we can expand the density matrix as

$$\rho = \frac{1}{9} [\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1}] + \sum_{a=1}^{8} f_a [T^a \otimes \mathbb{1}] + \sum_{a=1}^{8} g_a [\mathbb{1} \otimes T^a] + \sum_{a,b=1}^{8} h_{ab} [T^a \otimes T^b]$$
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_+ d\Omega_-} = \left(\frac{3}{4\pi}\right)^2 \operatorname{Tr} \left[\rho_{V_1 V_2} (\Gamma_1 \otimes \Gamma_2)\right]$$
$$Production Decay$$

All coefficients → Quantum Tomography

- No direct spin measurements: inferred by angular distributions.
- Both the state before decay & the final state decay products inherit the SAME quantum information.

Quantum Tomography

$$\int \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} Y_L^M(\Omega_j) d\Omega_j = \frac{B_L}{4\pi} A_{LM}^j, \qquad j = 1, 2$$
$$\int \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} Y_{L_1}^{M_1}(\Omega_1) Y_{L_2}^{M_2}(\Omega_1) d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2 = \frac{B_{L_1} B_{L_2}}{4\pi} C_{L_1 M_1 L_2 M_2}.$$

Integral \rightarrow events summed

More details in PRD 107 (2023) 1, 016012 JHEP 10 (2024) 211 PRD 111 (2025) 3, 036008 Notice that the theoretical form of the density matrix imposes strong constraints on the various coefficients: this assumption can be relaxed though

Quantum Tomography in Operation

In two spin-1 massive bosons' system:

➤ The z-axis is the direction of the on-shell Z boson's 3-momentum.

The
$$\hat{x}$$
 axis is in the production plane: $\hat{x} = \frac{sign(cos\theta)(\hat{p}_p - cos\theta\hat{z})}{sin\theta}$, $\hat{p}_p = (0,0,1)$

 \blacktriangleright The $\hat{y} = \hat{z} \times \hat{x}$

- \succ J_Z is the polarization operator.
- > The eigenstates of J_Z is the basis of the spin space.



Two Lorentz Transformation:

- → Higgs rest frame \rightarrow determine Z axis
- Z boson rest frame(boost along Z vector)

 \rightarrow lepton's polar angles

Obtain : (θ_1, φ_1) in Z_1 rest frame, (θ_2, φ_2) in Z_2 rest frame. The coefficients can A_{LM}^I and $C_{L_1M_1L_2M_2}$ can be calculated

 $\rho = \frac{1}{9} \left[\mathbb{1}_3 \otimes \mathbb{1}_3 + A_{LM}^1 T_M^L \otimes \mathbb{1}_3 + A_{LM}^2 \mathbb{1}_3 \otimes T_M^L + C_{L_1 M_1 L_2 M_2} T_{M_1}^{L_1} \otimes T_{M_2}^{L_2} \right]$

Quantum Tomography → Bell Inequality

The most original form of Bell inequalities
 (Clauser-Horne-Shimony-Holt Inequality):
 P(A₁B₁|AB, λ) = P(A₁|A, λ)P(B₁|B, λ)

Classical local hidden variable theory:

 $I_3 = \langle \boldsymbol{O}_{Bell} \rangle = Tr\{\boldsymbol{\rho}\boldsymbol{O}_{Bell}\} \leq 2$

 ρ : Polarization density matrix (PDM)



More general form (Collins-Gisin-Linden-Massar-Popescu Inequality)

$$\mathcal{I}_{d} = \sum_{k=0}^{\lfloor d/2 \rfloor - 1} (1 - \frac{2k}{d-1}) \{ + [P(A_{1} = B_{1} + k) + P(B_{1} = A_{2} + k + 1) + P(A_{2} = B_{2} + k) + P(B_{2} = A_{1} + k) - [P(A_{1} = B_{1} - k - 1) + P(B_{1} = A_{2} - k) + P(A_{2} = B_{2} - k - 1) + P(B_{2} = A_{1} - k - 1)] \}$$

3-dimensional form:

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{I}_3 = & P(A_1 = B_1) + P(B_1 = A_2 + 1) + P(A_2 = B_2) + P(B_2 = A_1) \\ & - \left[P(A_1 = B_1 - 1) + P(B_1 = A_2) + P(A_2 = B_2 - 1) + P(B_2 = A_1 - 1) \right]. \end{split}$$

- ➤ The expectation value of the Bell operator can be written as: $\mathcal{B} = \left[\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}} (T_1^1 \otimes T_1^1 - T_0^1 \otimes T_0^1 + T_1^1 \otimes T_{-1}^1) + \frac{1}{12} (T_2^2 \otimes T_2^2 + T_2^2 \otimes T_{-2}^2) + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} (T_2^2 \otimes T_0^2 + T_0^2 \otimes T_2^2) - \frac{1}{3} (T_1^2 \otimes T_1^2 + T_1^2 \otimes T_{-1}^2) + \frac{1}{4} T_0^2 \otimes T_0^2\right] + \text{h.c.}.$
- Bell inequality expectation value can be calculated:

 $\mathcal{I}_{3} = \frac{1}{36} \left(18 + 16\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2} \left(9 - 8\sqrt{3} \right) A_{2,0}^{1} - 8 \left(3 + 2\sqrt{3} \right) C_{2,1,2,-1} + 6C_{2,2,2,-2} \right)$

Quantum Tomography \rightarrow **Entanglement Criteria**



The theoretical form of the density matrix imposes strong constraints and leads to a entanglement criteria

which has eigenvalues $a, d, g, \pm |b|, \pm |c|, \pm |f|$. Therefore if $b \neq 0$, $c \neq 0$ or $f \neq 0$ the density matrix is entangled. Note that the reverse is also true: if b = c = f = 0 the state is obviously separable, as ρ is diagonal in the separable basis. This represents a noteworthy example beyond a two-qubit system, where, thanks to an underlying symmetry, the Peres-Horodecki condition for entanglement is not just sufficient, but also necessary.

When applied this condition to our density matrix (26), it turns out that the ZZ system is entangled if and only if

$$C_{2,1,2,-1} \neq 0$$
 or $C_{2,2,2,-2} \neq 0$.

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Prospects@LHC, MuC, CEPC

- The numerical analysis shows that with a luminosity of L = 300 fb-1 entanglement can be probed at >3 σ level. For **L=3 ab-1 (HL-LHC) entanglement** can be probed beyond the **5** σ level, while the sensitivity to **Bell inequalities** violation is at the **4.5** σ level.
- At Muon Collider, Quantum entanglement can be probed up to 4σ of significance with lower MZ2 cut or 2σ ~ 3σ with higher MZ2 cut, using either one of the correlation coefficients C2,1,2,-1 and C2,2,2,-2. The significance of the violation of Bell inequality can be obtained up to 2σ.



| $\sqrt{s} = 1$ TeV | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| M_{Z_2} (GeV) | I_3 | $C_{2,1,2,-1}$ | $C_{2,2,2,-2}$ | |
| 0.000 | 2.563 ± 0.325 | -0.928 ± 0.216 | 0.527 ± 0.164 | |
| 10.000 | 2.596 ± 0.335 | -0.943 ± 0.220 | 0.553 ± 0.179 | |
| 20.000 | 2.654 ± 0.373 | -0.977 ± 0.248 | 0.574 ± 0.192 | |
| 30.000 | 2.663 ± 0.508 | -0.979 ± 0.334 | 0.589 ± 0.248 | |

Table 2. Values of the correlation coefficients $C_{2,1,2,-1}$ and $C_{2,2,2,-2}$ as the signal for quantum entanglement and also the expectation value of the Bell operator I_3 . The expected target luminosity is $30ab^{-1}$ and $\sqrt{s} = 1$ TeV.

Quantum Collisions: more funs

- Three-partite entanglement
 - o 3-body Decay: <u>Phys.Rev.Lett.</u> 132 (2024) 15, 151602; arXiv:2502.19470
 - 2 to 3 process (ttZ): <u>arXiv:2404.03292</u>



• Quantum Process Tomography (operating initial particles' flavor and spin)

O <u>arXiv:2412.01892</u>

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Three qubits can be entangled in two inequivalent ways

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Four qubits can be entangled in nine different ways

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concurrence triangle

Quantum Process Tomography: one further step

- Spin and flavour measurements in collider experiments as a quantum instrument
- Choi matrix, which completely determines input-output transitions, can be both theoretically computed and experimentally reconstructed
- Polarized Beam collisions, or,
- ref lepton scattering on polarized target experiments (see next)

Particle Collider = Quantum Computer



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