

Multi entanglement in a single-neutron system

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Neutron interferometry

Neutrons

$$m = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

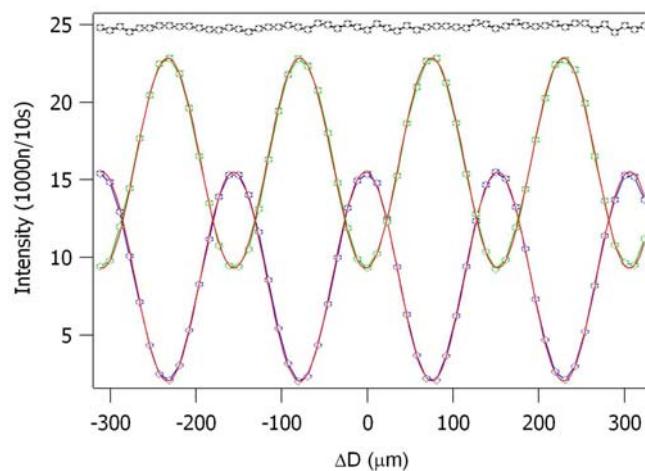
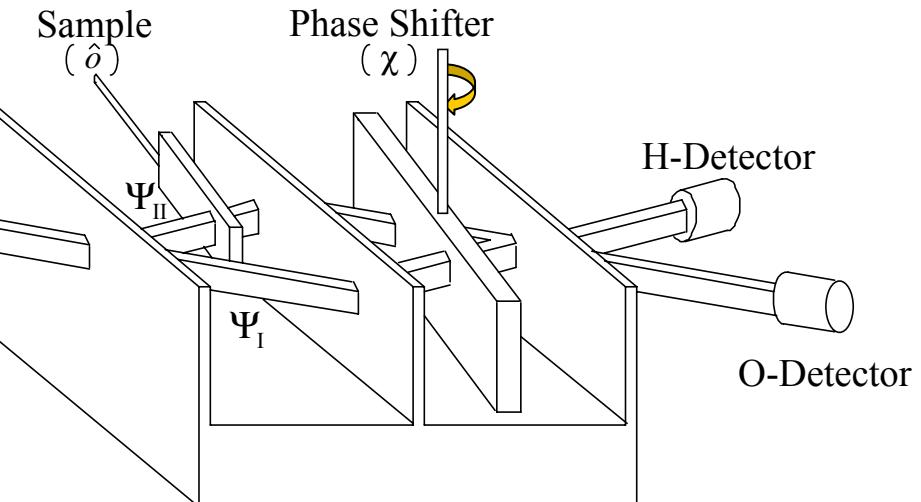
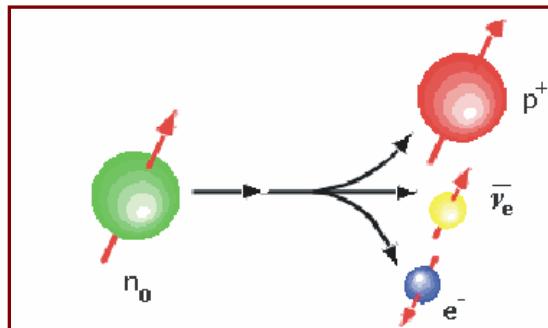
$$s = \frac{1}{2}\hbar$$

$$\mu = -9.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ J/T}$$

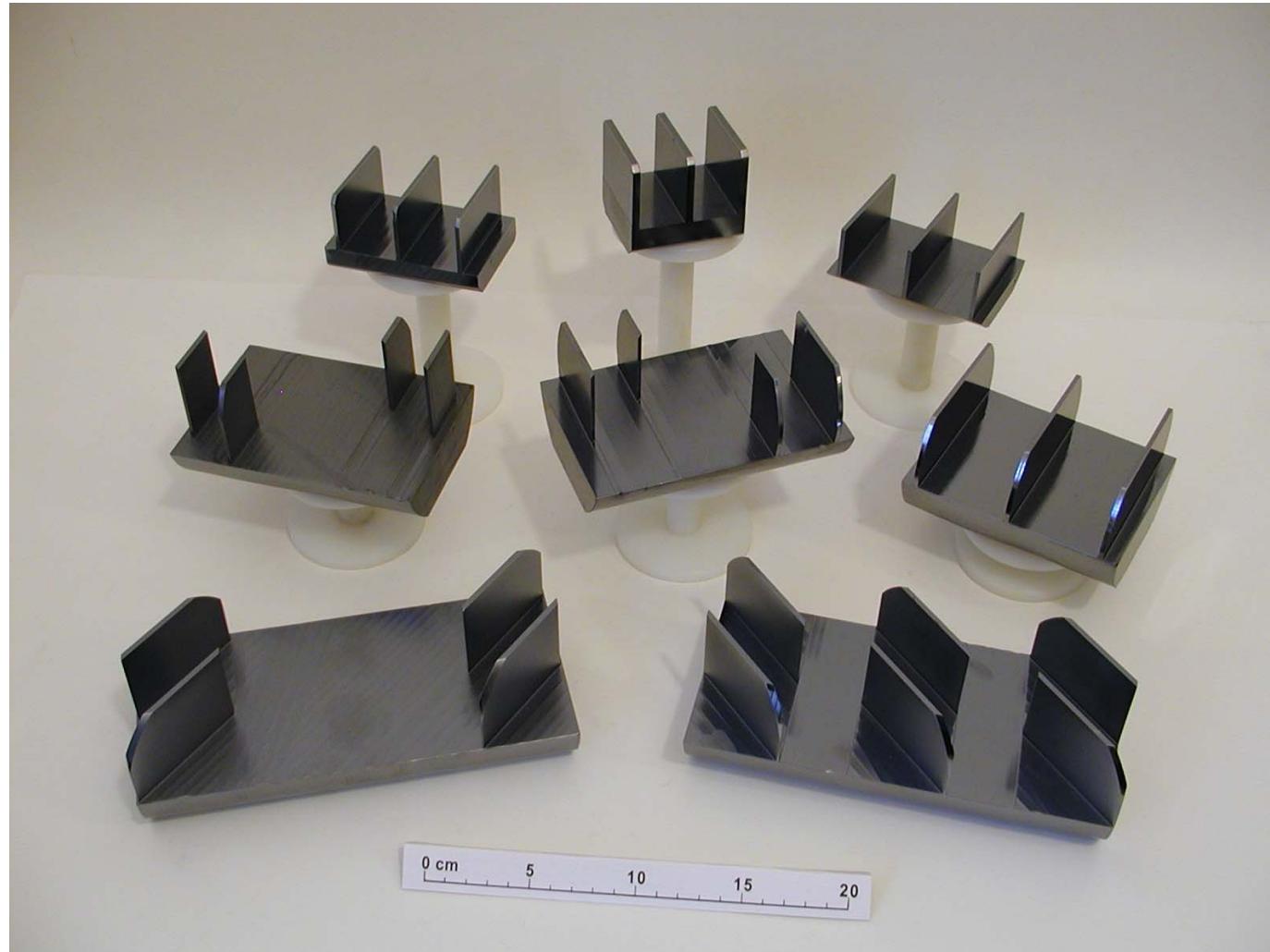
$$\tau = 887 \text{ s}$$

$$R = 0.7 \text{ fm}$$

u-d-d quark structure



Neutron interferometers

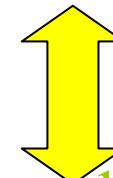


Advantages of the use of neutrons

- Single-particle (events)
Massive, composite system, no fine-structure
- Following Schrödinger-equation
- *Pure* single-events (of Fermions)
- ~100% detector efficiency
- Week (controllable)-coupling with
an environment → decoherence
- Storable, e.g. **neutron bottle**



$E_{\text{photon}} \sim 1\text{eV}$



$E_{\text{neutron}} \sim 1\text{GeV}$



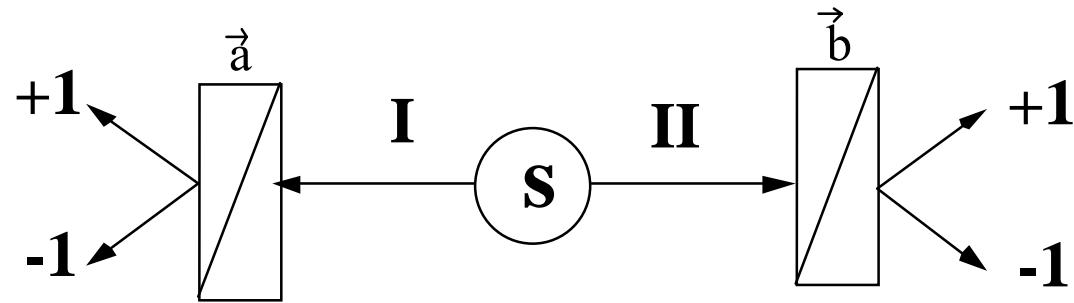
$\sim 100\text{t}$

Multi-entanglement in single-particle

Muti-entanglement in neutrons

- ★ bi-entanglement: spin-path
- ★ tri-entanglementl: spin-path-energy
- ★ multi-entanglement: energy-levels

From two-particle to two-space entanglement



$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |\uparrow\rangle_I \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_{II} + |\downarrow\rangle_I \otimes |\uparrow\rangle_{II} \}$$

⇒⇒⇒ Entanglement between *Two-Particles*

2-Particle Bell-State

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |\uparrow\rangle_I \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_{II} + |\downarrow\rangle_I \otimes |\uparrow\rangle_{II} \}$$

I, II represent 2-Particles

2-Space Bell-State

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |\uparrow\rangle_s \otimes |I\rangle_p + |\downarrow\rangle_s \otimes |II\rangle_p \}$$

| s, p represent 2-Spaces, e.g., spin & path

Various two-level system

1/2-Spinor

$$| s \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} | \uparrow \rangle \\ | \downarrow \rangle \end{bmatrix} \quad \hat{H}_{int} = -\mu \cdot \mathbf{B}$$

Larmor precession

Two-level atom

$$| \phi_{atom} \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} | e \rangle \\ | g \rangle \end{bmatrix} \quad \hat{H}_{int} = i\hbar g_k \{ | e \rangle \langle g | \hat{a}_k e^{i\mathbf{kR}} - | g \rangle \langle e | \hat{a}_k^\dagger e^{-i\mathbf{kR}} \}$$

Rabi oscillation

Two-path interferometer

$$| \Psi \rangle = \begin{bmatrix} | \Psi_I \rangle \\ | \Psi_{II} \rangle \end{bmatrix} \quad \hat{H}_{PS} = \begin{bmatrix} e^{+i\chi} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\chi} \end{bmatrix}$$

Sinusoidal intensity oscillation

==>> Described by SU(2)

Two-particle vs. two-space entanglement

2-Particle Bell-State

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |\uparrow\rangle_I \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_{II} + |\downarrow\rangle_I \otimes |\uparrow\rangle_{II} \}$$

I, II represent 2-Particles

Measurement on each particle

$$\begin{cases} \hat{A}^I(\vec{a}) = (+1) \cdot \hat{P}_{(\vec{a};+1)}^I + (-1) \cdot \hat{P}_{(\vec{a};-1)}^I \\ \hat{B}^{II}(\vec{b}) = (+1) \cdot \hat{P}_{(\vec{b};+1)}^{II} + (-1) \cdot \hat{P}_{(\vec{b};-1)}^{II} \end{cases}$$

where $\hat{P}_{(\xi; \pm 1)} = \frac{1}{2} (|\uparrow\rangle \pm e^{i\xi} |\downarrow\rangle)(\langle \uparrow| \pm e^{-i\xi} \langle \downarrow|)$

Then, $[\hat{A}^I, \hat{B}^{II}] = 0$

2-Space Bell-State

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |\uparrow\rangle_s \otimes |I\rangle_p + |\downarrow\rangle_s \otimes |II\rangle_p \}$$

s, p represent 2-Spaces, e.g., spin & path

Measurement on each property

$$\begin{cases} \hat{A}^s(\alpha) = (+1) \cdot \hat{P}_{(\alpha)}^s + (-1) \cdot \hat{P}_{(\alpha+\pi)}^s \\ \hat{B}^p(\chi) = (+1) \cdot \hat{P}_{(\chi)}^p + (-1) \cdot \hat{P}_{(\chi+\pi)}^p \end{cases}$$

where $\hat{P}_{(\phi)} = \frac{1}{2} (|\phi\rangle + e^{i\phi} |\bar{\phi}\rangle)(\langle \phi| + e^{-i\phi} \langle \bar{\phi}|)$

Then, $[\hat{A}^s, \hat{B}^p] = 0$

(Non-)Contextuality ==> Bell-like inequality

(In)Dependent Results for commuting Observables

Contextuality in quantum mechanics

Non-contextuality:

Independent results: $\nu \hat{A}^S(\alpha) \cdot \hat{B}^P(\chi) = \nu \hat{A}^S(\alpha) \cdot \nu \hat{B}^P(\chi)$

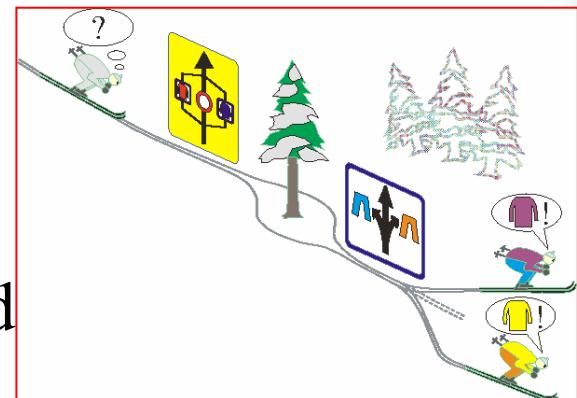
for measurements of the commuting observables, $\hat{A}^S(\alpha), \hat{B}^P(\chi) = 0$.

→→ Non-locality is one aspect of contextuality

$([\hat{P}^{I(r_I)}, \hat{P}^{II(r_{II})}] = 0, \text{ since } r_I \neq r_{II})$

In quantum mechanics:

Non-local } correlations
Contextual } are expected



Entanglement between two-spaces

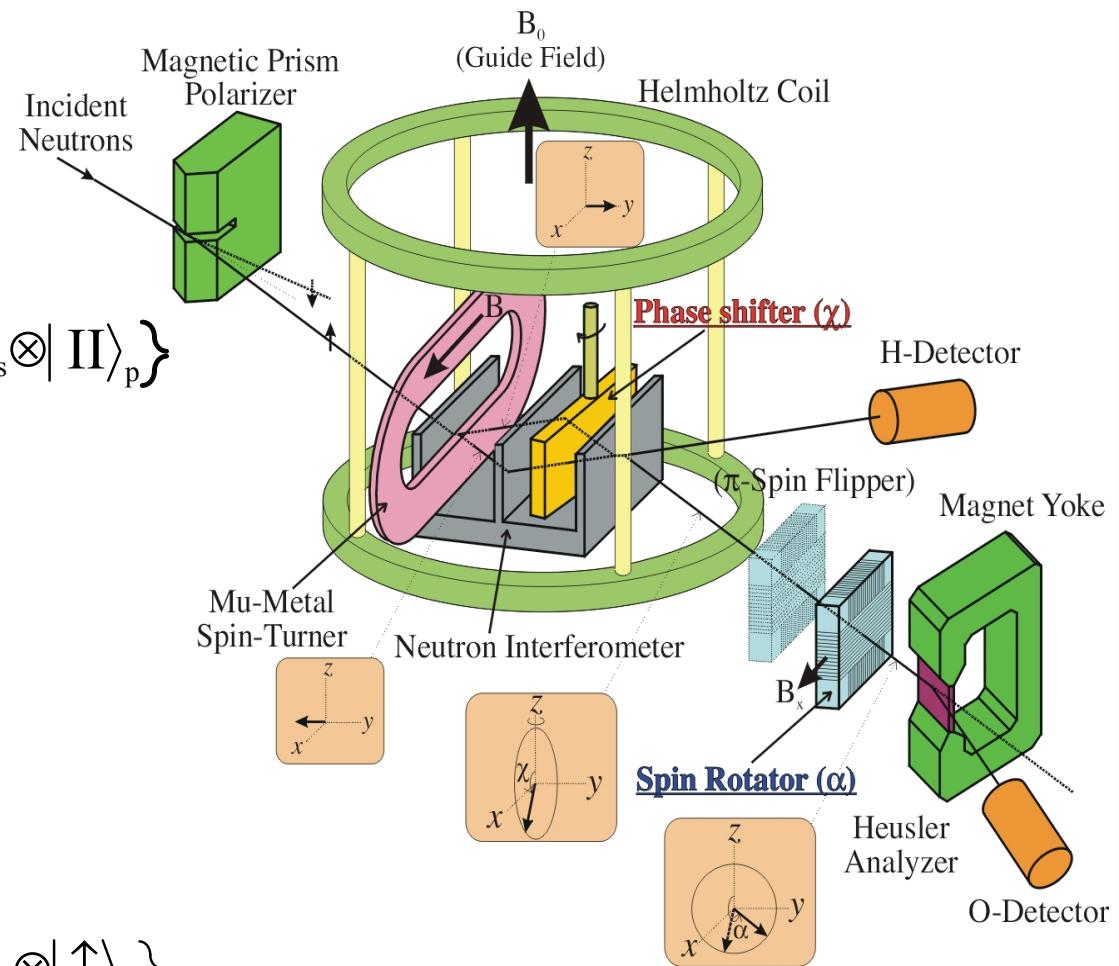
2-Space Bell-State

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |\uparrow\rangle_s \otimes |\text{I}\rangle_p + |\downarrow\rangle_s \otimes |\text{II}\rangle_p \}$$

Subsystems
 $H = H_1 \otimes H_2$

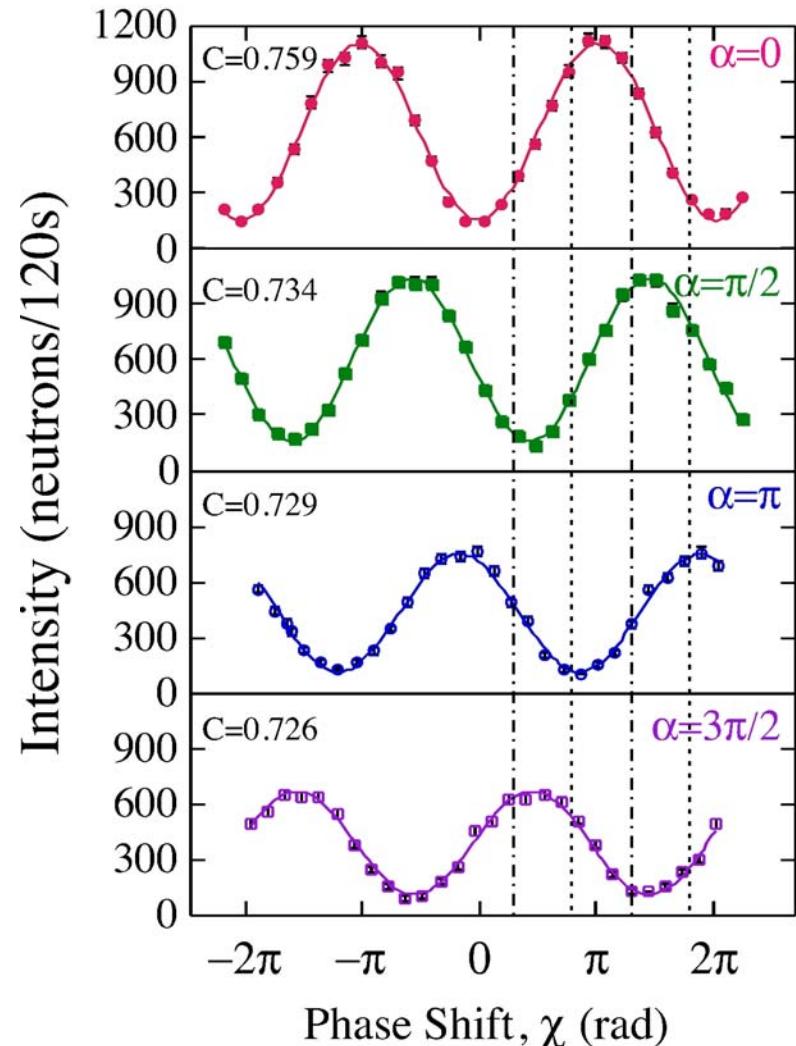


$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \{ |\uparrow\rangle_{\text{I}} \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_{\text{II}} + |\downarrow\rangle_{\text{I}} \otimes |\uparrow\rangle_{\text{II}} \}$$



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Violation of a Bell-like inequality



$$E'(\alpha, \chi) = \frac{N'_{++}(\alpha, \chi) + N'_{++}(\alpha + \pi, \chi + \pi) - N'_{++}(\alpha, \chi + \pi) - N'_{++}(\alpha + \pi, \chi)}{N'_{++}(\alpha, \chi) + N'_{++}(\alpha + \pi, \chi + \pi) + N'_{++}(\alpha, \chi + \pi) + N'_{++}(\alpha + \pi, \chi)}$$

where $N'_{++}(\alpha, \chi) = \langle \Psi | \hat{P}_{(\alpha)}^s \cdot \hat{P}_{(\chi)}^p | \Psi \rangle$

$$\begin{cases} E'(\alpha_1, \chi_1) = 0.542 \pm 0.007 \\ E'(\alpha_1, \chi_2) = 0.488 \pm 0.012 \\ E'(\alpha_2, \chi_1) = -0.538 \pm 0.006 \\ E'(\alpha_2, \chi_2) = 0.483 \pm 0.012 \end{cases}$$

where $\begin{cases} \alpha_1 = 0 \\ \alpha_2 = 0.50\pi \\ \chi_1 = 0.79\pi \\ \chi_2 = 1.29\pi \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} \implies S' &\equiv E'(\alpha_1, \chi_1) + E'(\alpha_1, \chi_2) - E'(\alpha_2, \chi_1) + E'(\alpha_2, \chi_2) \\ &= 2.051 \pm 0.019 > 2 \end{aligned}$$

Cf. Max. violation: $S'=2.81>2$

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Bell's inequality & Kochen-Specker theorem

Bell's inequality

$|S| \leq 2$ (classical) or $|S| = 2\sqrt{2} \approx 2.828$ (quantum)

where $S \equiv E(a_1, b_1) + E(a_1, b_2) - E(a_2, b_1) + E(a_2, b_2)$

Remark: statistical **violation**

Non-contextual assumption:

$$\forall \hat{A} \cdot \hat{B} = \forall \hat{A} \cdot \forall \hat{B}$$

$$\text{if } \hat{A}, \hat{B} = 0$$

Kochen Specker theorem

Contradiction between a hidden variable (HV) theory and the quantum theory:

namely, the HV theory assuming

(1) all observables have definite values of all time and

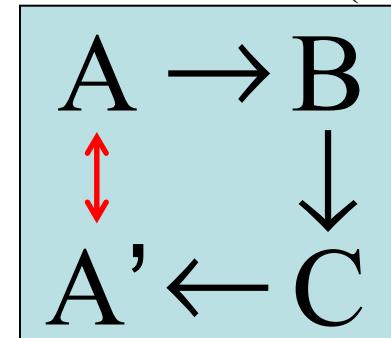
(2) the values of those variables are intrinsic and independent

of the measurement device, i.e., non-contextual hidden variables (NCHVs)

$$\forall \hat{A} \cdot \forall \hat{B} = +1$$

$$\forall \hat{O} = \pm 1 \quad \& \quad \forall \hat{B} \cdot \forall \hat{C} = +1$$

$$\forall \hat{C} \cdot \forall \hat{A} = -1$$



Remark: no-go theorem, all vs nothing (AVN) results

Kochen-Specker experiment with neutrons

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Quantum Contextuality in a Single-Neutron Optical Experiment

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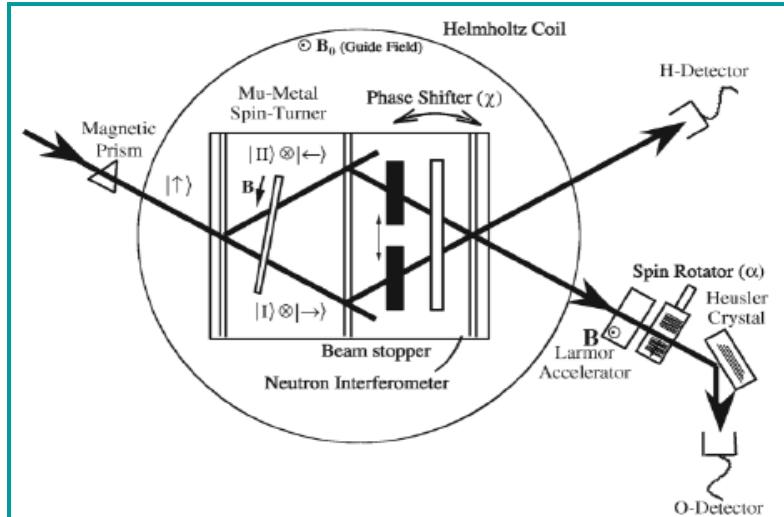
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An experimental demonstration of quantum contextuality with neutrons is presented, which intended to exhibit a Kochen-Specker-like phenomenon. Since no perfect correlation is expected in practical experiments, inequalities are derived to distinguish quantitatively the obtained results from predictions by a noncontextual hidden variable theory. Experiments were accomplished with the use of a neutron interferometer combined with spinor manipulation devices. The results clearly violate the prediction of noncontextual theories.



(1) Contradiction

$$E_x \equiv \langle \hat{X}_1 \cdot \hat{X}_2 \rangle = -0.610$$
$$E_y \equiv \langle \hat{Y}_1 \cdot \hat{Y}_2 \rangle = -0.667$$
$$E_x \cdot E_y = 0.407$$

$$\xleftarrow{63\%} E' \equiv \langle \hat{X}_1 \hat{Y}_2 \cdot \hat{Y}_1 \hat{X}_2 \rangle = -0.861$$

(2) Violation with statistical probabilities

$$E' = -0.861 \geq \left\{ 1 - (p_x^+ + p_y^+) \right\} - (p_x^+ + p_y^+) = -E_x - E_y + 1 = 0.277$$

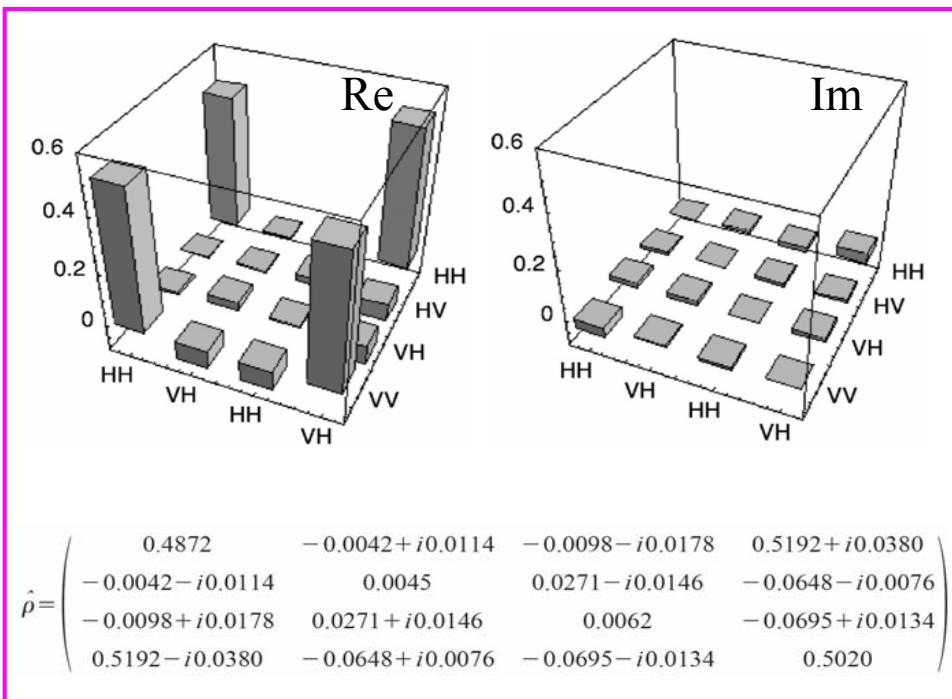
(3) Violation with a product observables

$$C' = 1 - E_x - E_y - E' = 3.138 \leq 2$$

Quantum state tomography of entangled 2-qubits

$$|\Psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|H\rangle|H\rangle + |V\rangle|V\rangle) \rightarrow \rho =$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$$



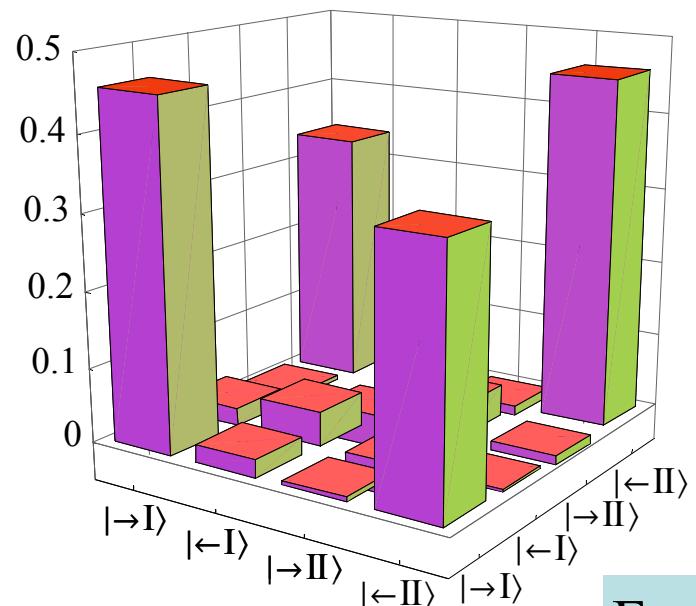
ν	Mode 1	Mode 2	h_1	q_1	h_2	q_2
1	$ H\rangle$	$ H\rangle$	45°	0	45°	0
2	$ H\rangle$	$ V\rangle$	45°	0	0	0
3	$ V\rangle$	$ V\rangle$	0	0	0	0
4	$ V\rangle$	$ H\rangle$	0	0	45°	0
5	$ R\rangle$	$ H\rangle$	22.5°	0	45°	0
6	$ R\rangle$	$ V\rangle$	22.5°	0	0	0
7	$ D\rangle$	$ V\rangle$	22.5°	45°	0	0
8	$ D\rangle$	$ H\rangle$	22.5°	45°	45°	0
9	$ D\rangle$	$ R\rangle$	22.5°	45°	22.5°	0
10	$ D\rangle$	$ D\rangle$	22.5°	45°	22.5°	45°
11	$ R\rangle$	$ D\rangle$	22.5°	0	22.5°	45°
12	$ H\rangle$	$ D\rangle$	45°	0	22.5°	45°
13	$ V\rangle$	$ D\rangle$	0	0	22.5°	45°
14	$ V\rangle$	$ L\rangle$	0	0	22.5°	90°
15	$ H\rangle$	$ L\rangle$	45°	0	22.5°	90°
16	$ R\rangle$	$ L\rangle$	22.5°	0	22.5°	90°

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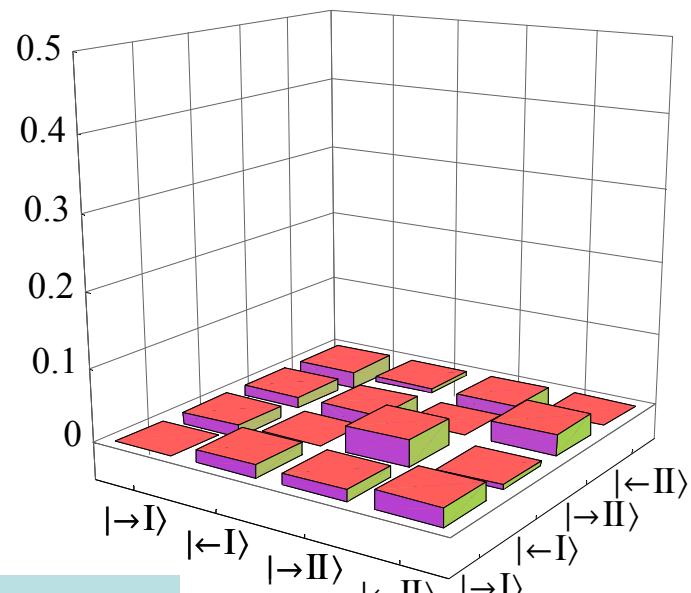
Quantum state tomography of neutron's Bell-state

$$|\Psi_1\rangle = |\rightarrow\rangle|I\rangle + |\leftarrow\rangle|II\rangle$$

real part



imaginary part



$$F = \langle \Psi | \rho | \Psi \rangle = 0.79$$

Schematic view of the experiment

◊ Incident $|\uparrow\rangle$, with spin-turner

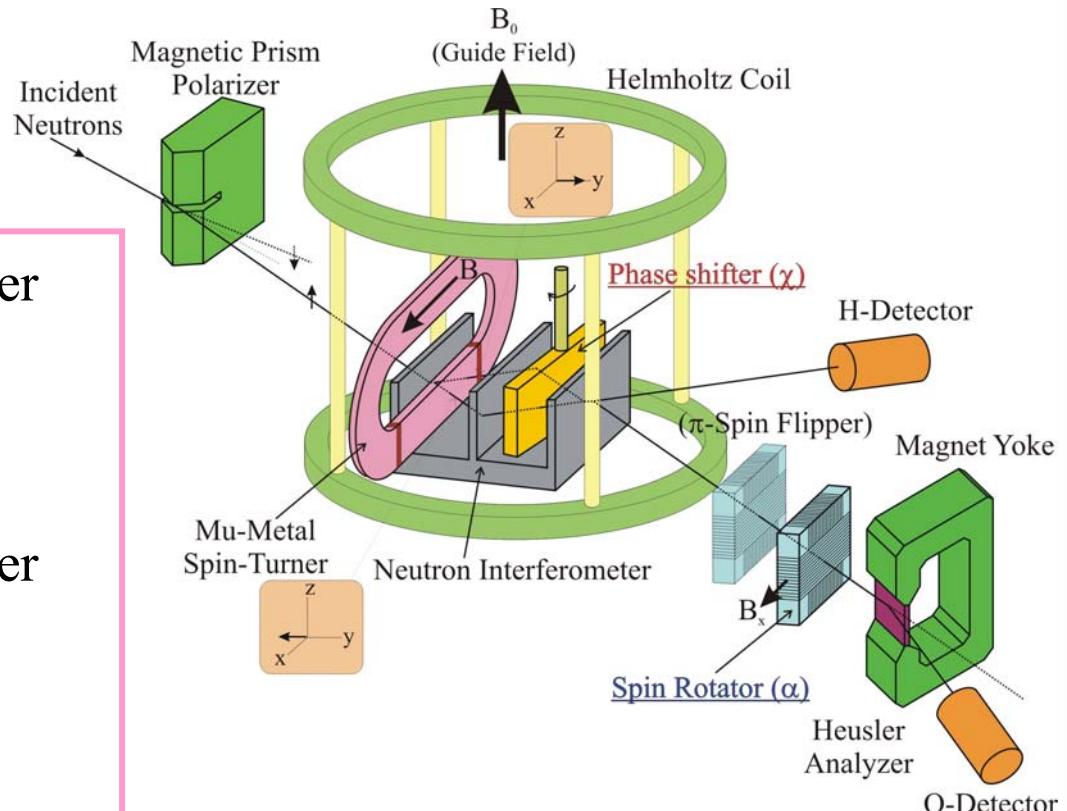
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◊ Incident $|\downarrow\rangle$, with spin-turner

$$|\Psi_2\rangle = |\leftarrow\rangle|I\rangle + |\rightarrow\rangle|II\rangle$$

◊ Incident $|\uparrow\rangle$, without spin-turner

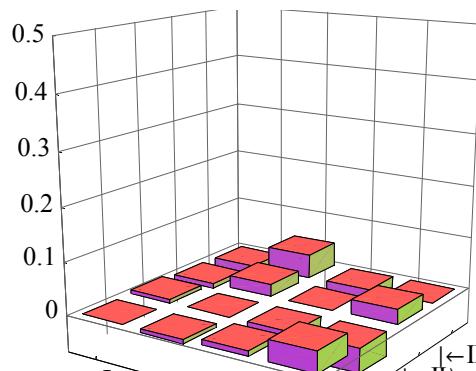
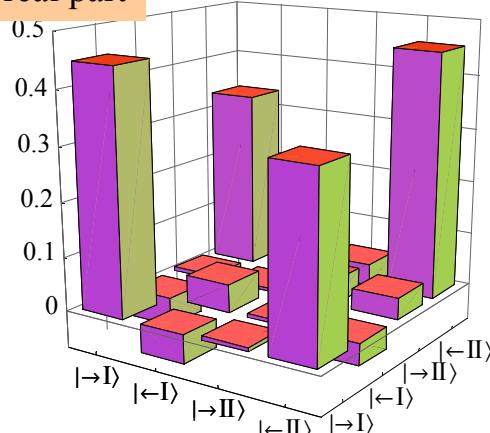
$$|\Psi_0\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle|I\rangle + |\uparrow\rangle|II\rangle$$



Quantum state tomography --- results

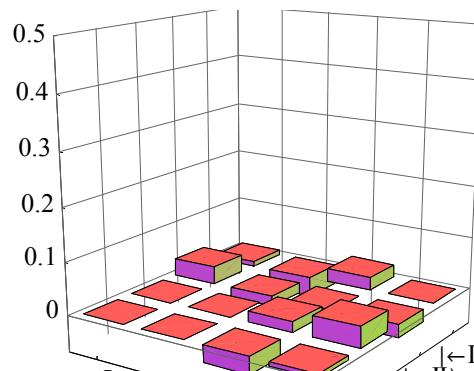
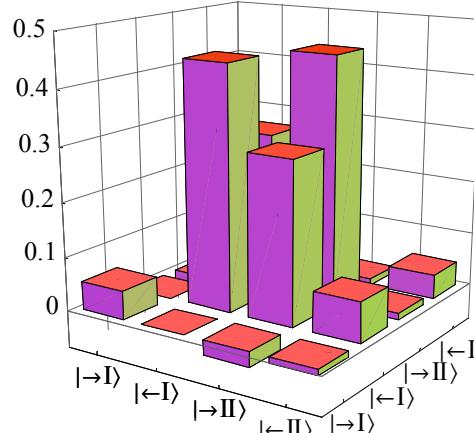
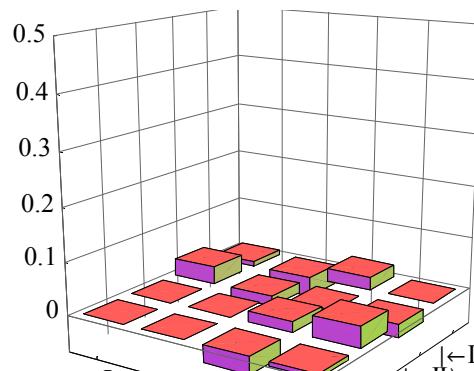
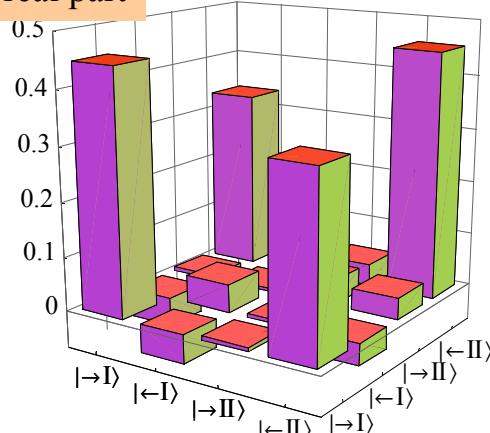
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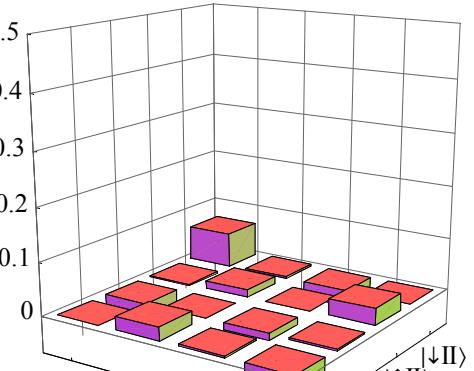
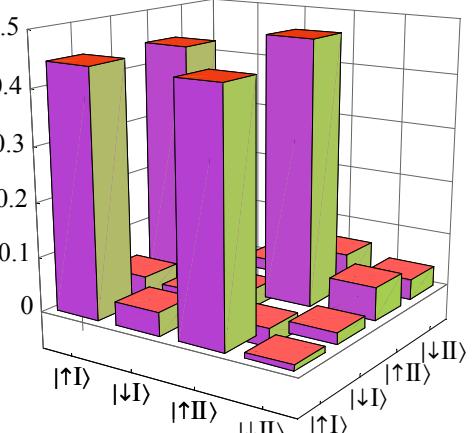


imaginary part

$$|\Psi_2\rangle = |\leftarrow\rangle|I\rangle + |\rightarrow\rangle|II\rangle$$



$$|\Psi_0\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle|I\rangle + |\uparrow\rangle|II\rangle$$



F=0.785

F=0.749

F=0.908

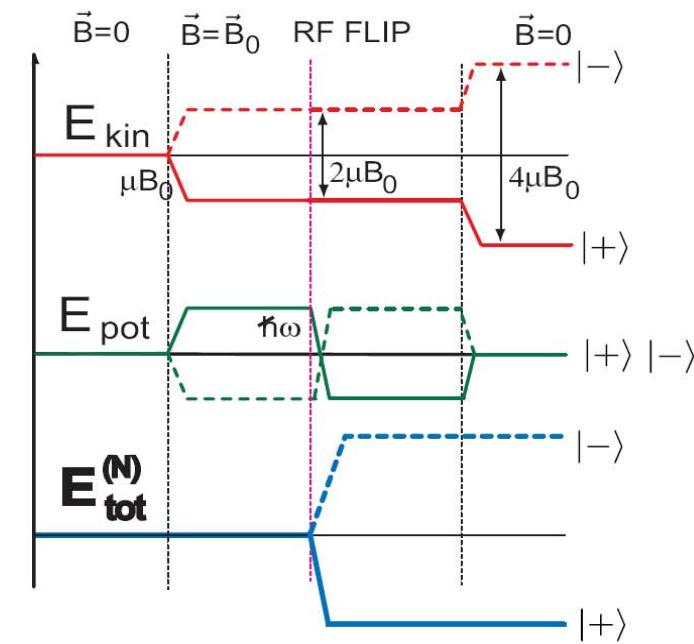
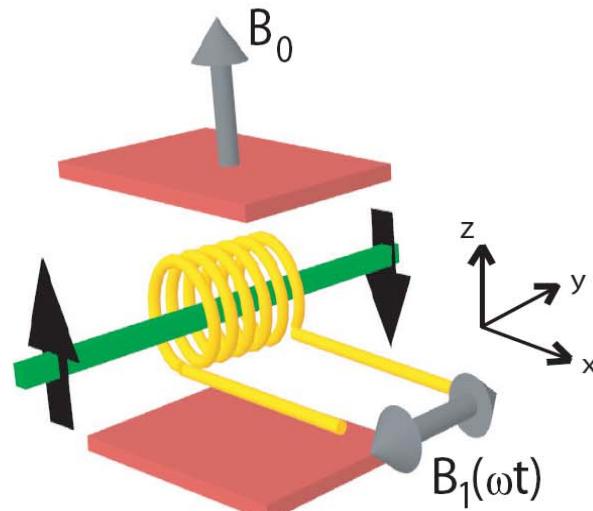
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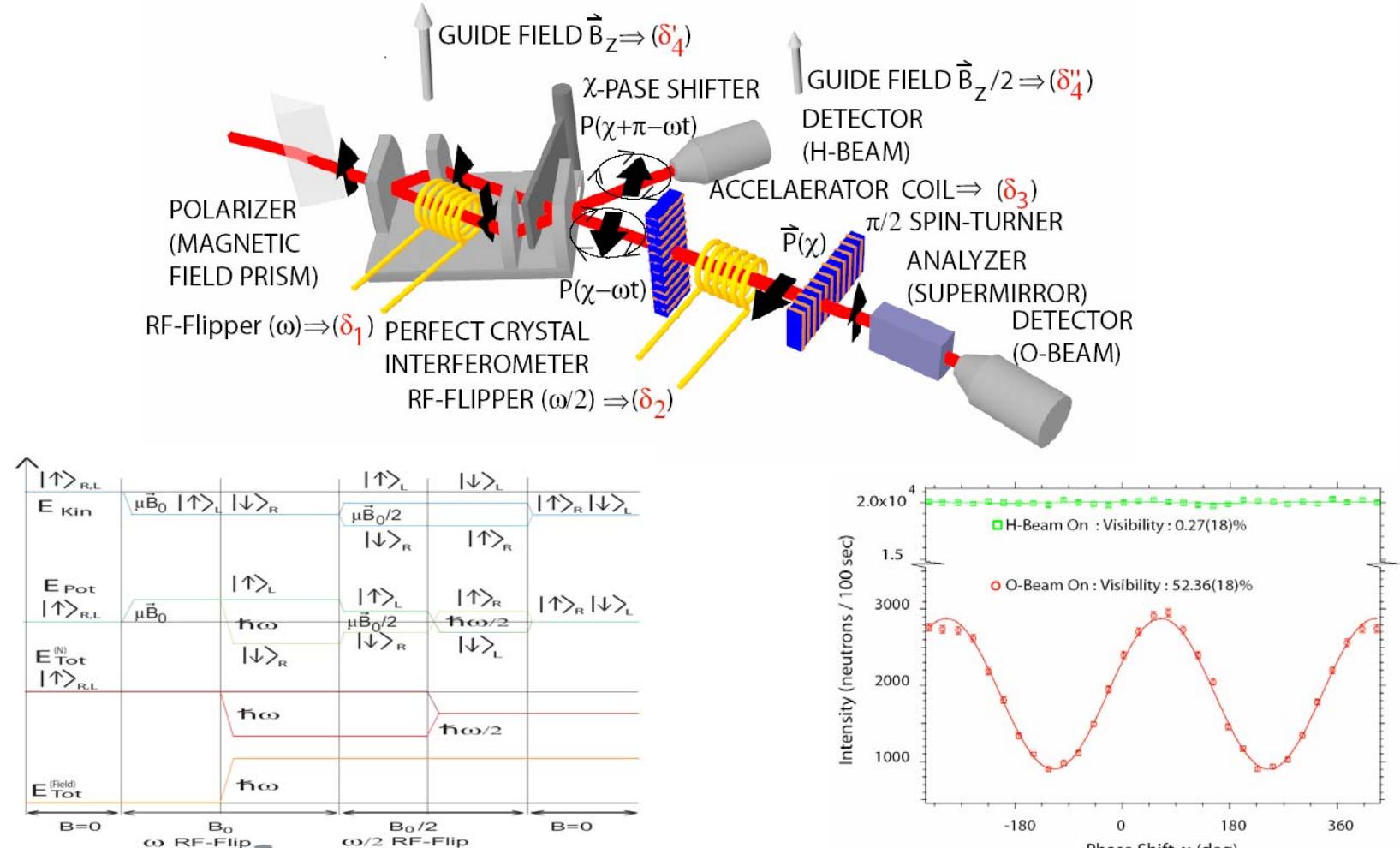
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- ★ multi-entanglement: energy-levels

Radio-Frequency (RF) Spin-Flipper: energy transfer

- Field Configuration: Static and time dependent Field:
 - $\vec{B}(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{B}_1(t) + \vec{B}_0 = (B_1 \cos(\omega t), B_1 \sin(\omega t), B_0)$
- Rotating Coordinate Frame: $\vec{B}_{\text{eff}} = (B_1, 0, B_0 + \omega/\gamma)$
 - Frequency Resonace: $\omega = -\gamma B_0$
 - Amplitude Resonace: $\omega_L t = -\gamma B_1 t = \pi$

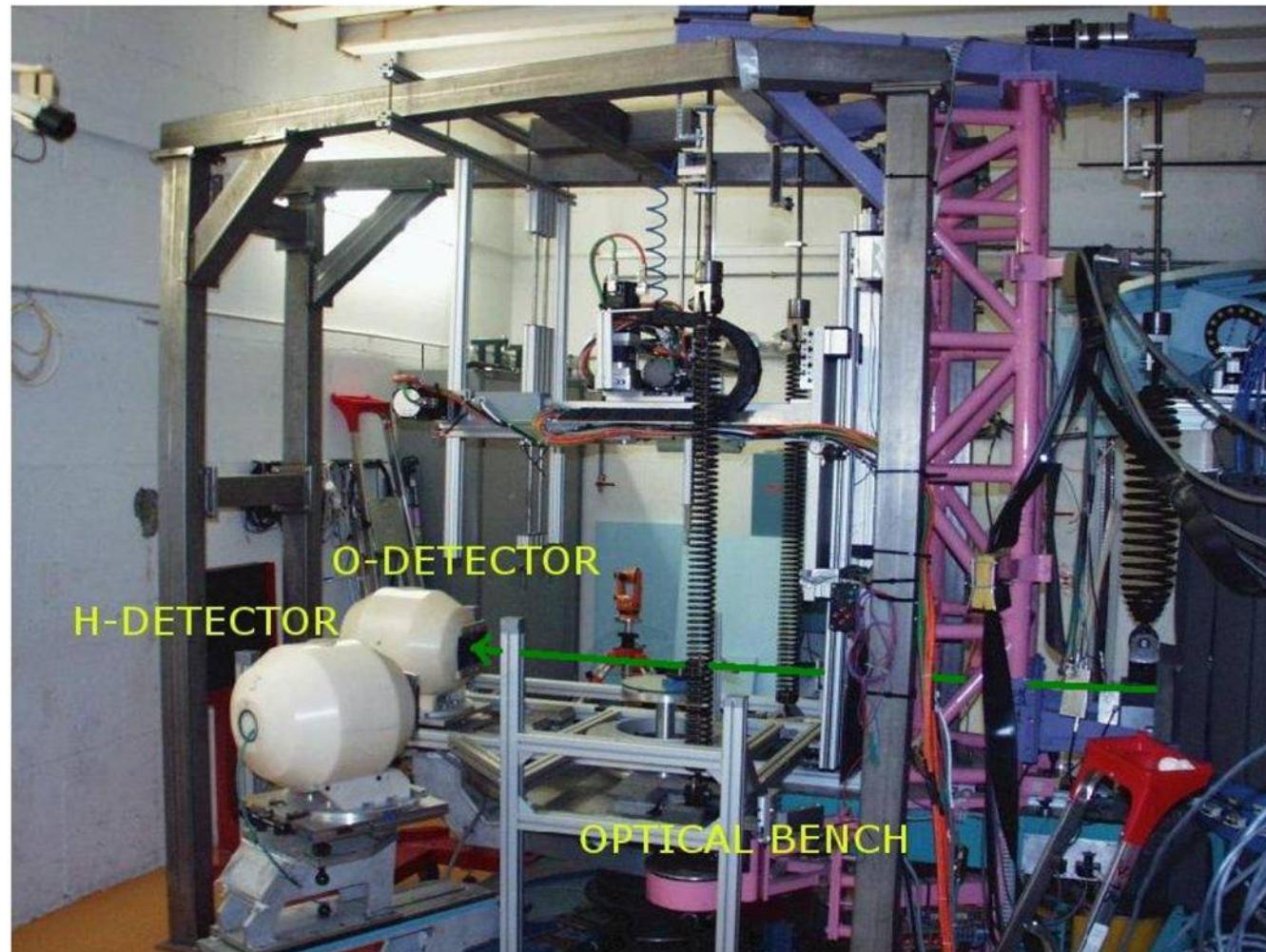


Stationary interference-pattern: energy compensation

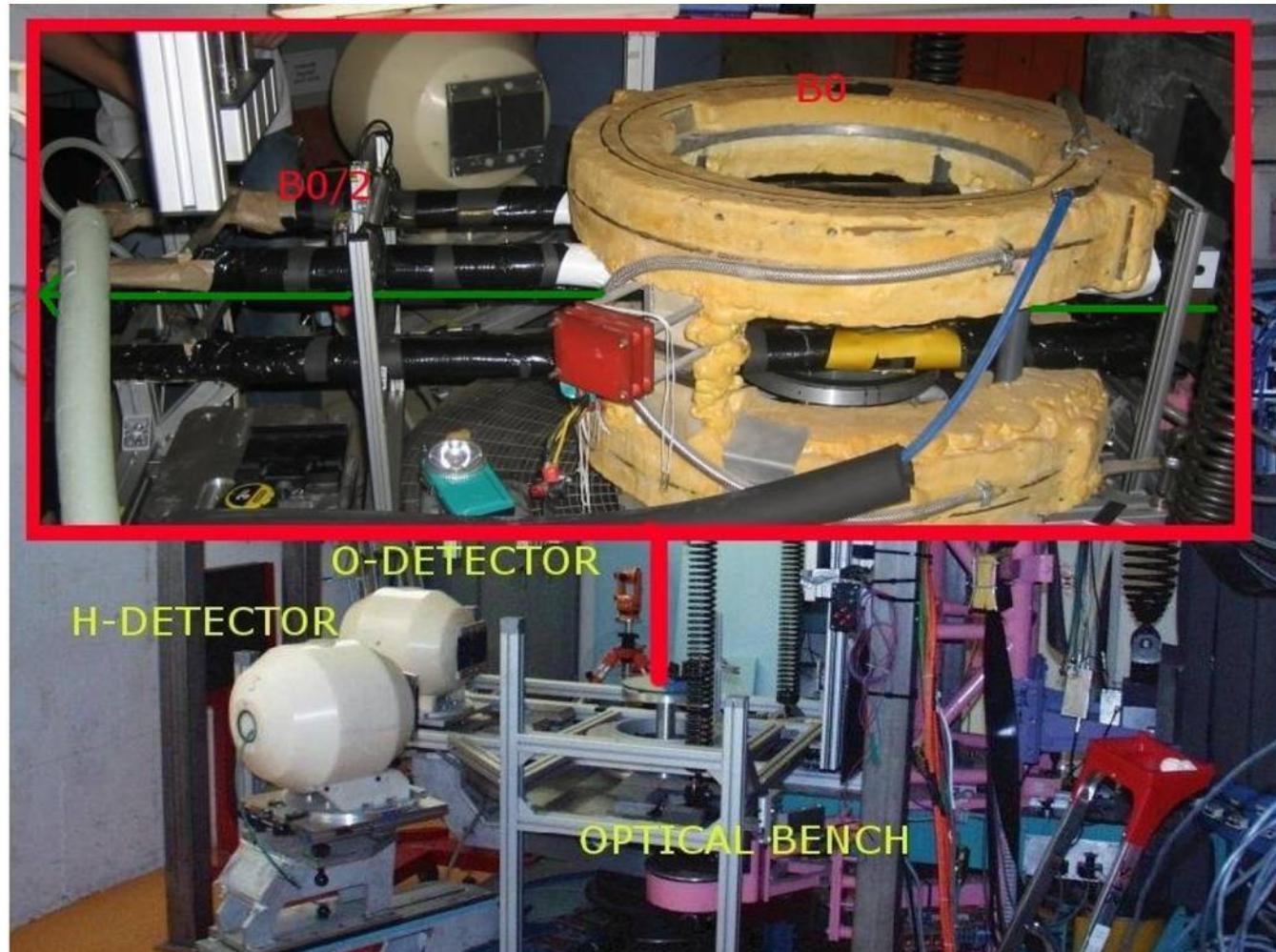


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Experimental setup (1)



Experimental setup (2)



Experimental setup (3)



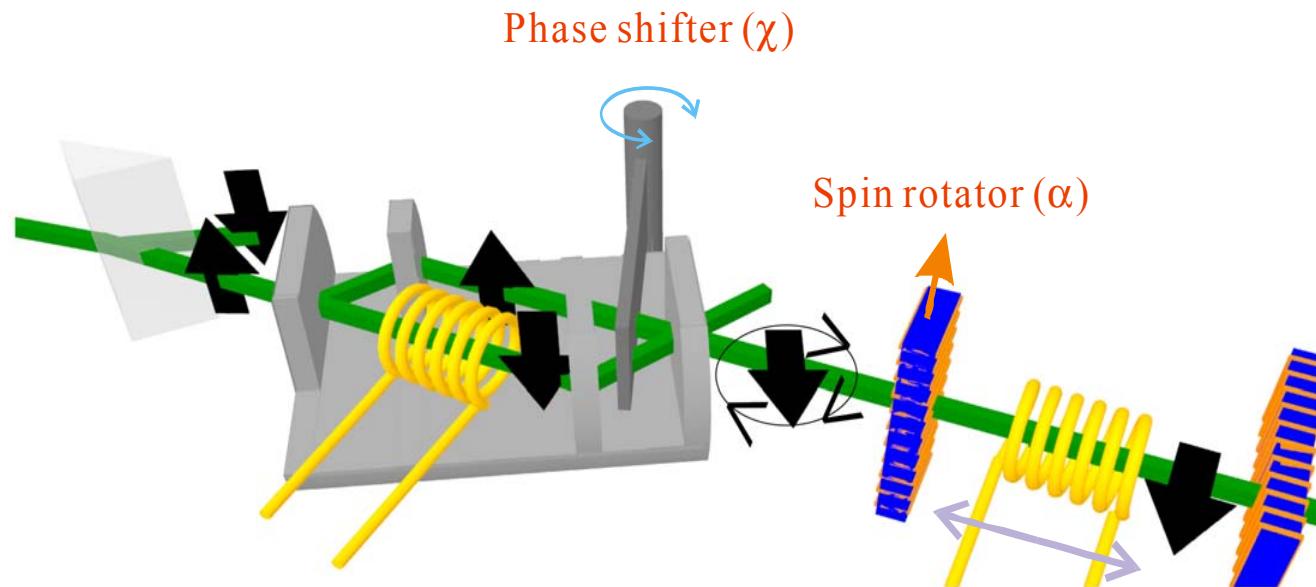
Experimental setup (4)



Experimental setup (5)



Multi entanglement (GHZ state)



$$|\Psi_{\text{Neutron}}\rangle = \left\{ |\Psi_{\text{I}}\rangle \otimes |\uparrow\rangle \otimes |\Psi(E_0)\rangle + (e^{i\chi} |\Psi_{\text{II}}\rangle) \otimes (e^{i\alpha} |\downarrow\rangle) \otimes (e^{i\gamma} |\Psi(E_0 + \hbar\omega_r)\rangle) \right\}$$

$e^{i\chi} = N b_c \lambda D$: phase shifter

where $e^{i\alpha} = \Delta\omega_L t$: spin rotator

$e^{i\gamma} = \omega_r t$: zero field precession

Zero field precession (γ)

Mermin's inequality for GHZ state

Neutron's GHZ-state

$$|\Psi_{GHZ}\rangle = \{ |\Psi_I\rangle \otimes |\uparrow\rangle \otimes |\Psi(E_0)\rangle + |\Psi_{II}\rangle \otimes |\downarrow\rangle \otimes |\Psi(E_0 + \hbar\omega_r)\rangle \}$$

Relative phases are manipulated:

$$|\Psi_{Neutron}\rangle = \{ |\Psi_I\rangle \otimes |\uparrow\rangle \otimes |\Psi(E_0)\rangle + (e^{i\chi} |\Psi_{II}\rangle) \otimes (e^{i\alpha} |\downarrow\rangle) \otimes (e^{i\gamma} |\Psi(E_0 + \hbar\omega_r)\rangle) \}$$

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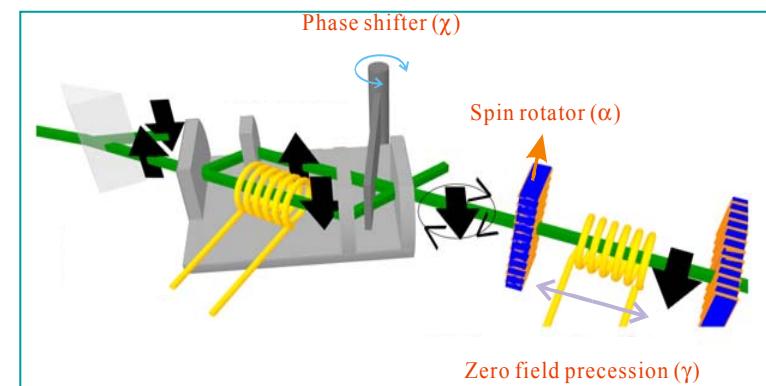
Mermin's inequality for GHZ-state

$|M_{NC}| \leq 2$ according to *non-contextual theory*

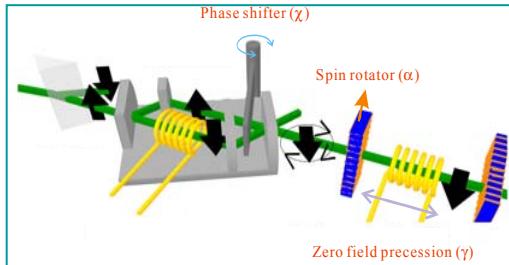
$$\text{where } M \equiv E_x \sigma_x^p \cdot \sigma_x^s \cdot \sigma_x^e - E_y \sigma_x^p \cdot \sigma_y^s \cdot \sigma_y^e - E_z \sigma_y^p \cdot \sigma_x^s \cdot \sigma_y^e - E_x \sigma_y^p \cdot \sigma_y^s \cdot \sigma_x^e$$

In contrast quantum theory predicts

$$M_{Quantum} = 4 \text{ for } |\Psi_{GHZ}\rangle$$



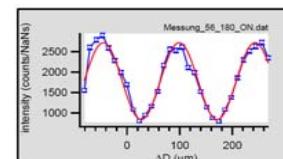
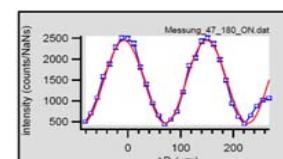
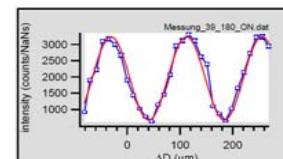
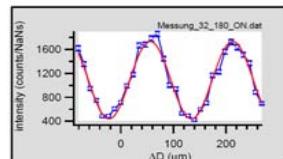
Mermin's inequality: result 1



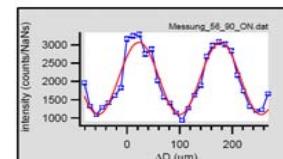
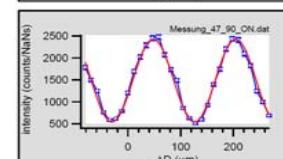
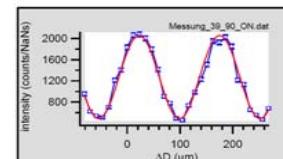
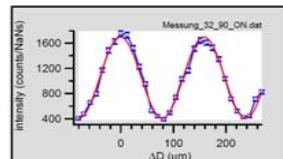
$$|\Psi_{\text{Neutron}}\rangle = \{ |\Psi_I\rangle \otimes |\uparrow\rangle \otimes |\Psi(E_0)\rangle \\ + (e^{i\chi} |\Psi_{II}\rangle) \otimes (e^{i\alpha} |\downarrow\rangle) \otimes (e^{i\gamma} |\Psi(E_0 + \hbar\omega_r)\rangle)$$

$e^{i\chi} = N b_c \lambda D$: phase shifter
 where $e^{i\alpha} = \Delta\omega_L t$: spin rotator
 $e^{i\gamma} = \omega_r t$: zero field precession

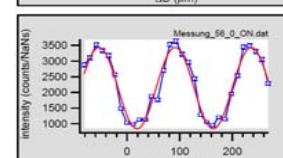
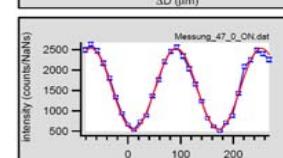
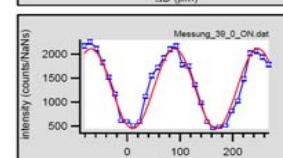
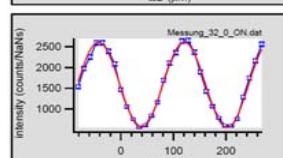
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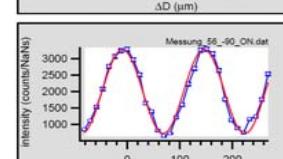
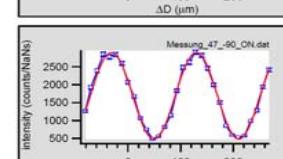
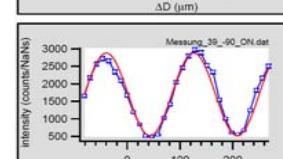
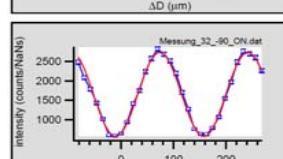
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Mermin's inequality: result 2

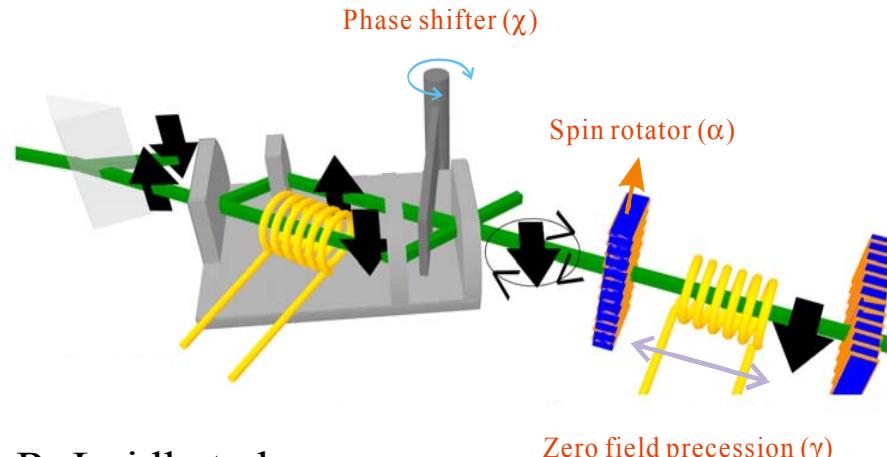
Mermin's inequality for tri-GHZ-state

$$|M_{NC}| \leq 2 \text{ according to } non-contextual \text{ theory}$$

$$\begin{aligned} M \equiv & E \sigma_x^p \cdot \sigma_x^s \cdot \sigma_x^e - E \sigma_x^p \cdot \sigma_y^s \cdot \sigma_y^e \\ & - E \sigma_y^p \cdot \sigma_x^s \cdot \sigma_y^e - E \sigma_y^p \cdot \sigma_y^s \cdot \sigma_x^e \end{aligned}$$

In contrast quantum theory predicts

$$M_{Quantum} = 4 \text{ for } |\Psi_{GHZ}\rangle$$



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We obtained the values:

$$E \sigma_x^p \cdot \sigma_x^s \cdot \sigma_x^e = 0.652$$

$$E \sigma_x^p \cdot \sigma_y^s \cdot \sigma_y^e = -0.663$$

$$E \sigma_y^p \cdot \sigma_x^s \cdot \sigma_y^e = -0.642$$

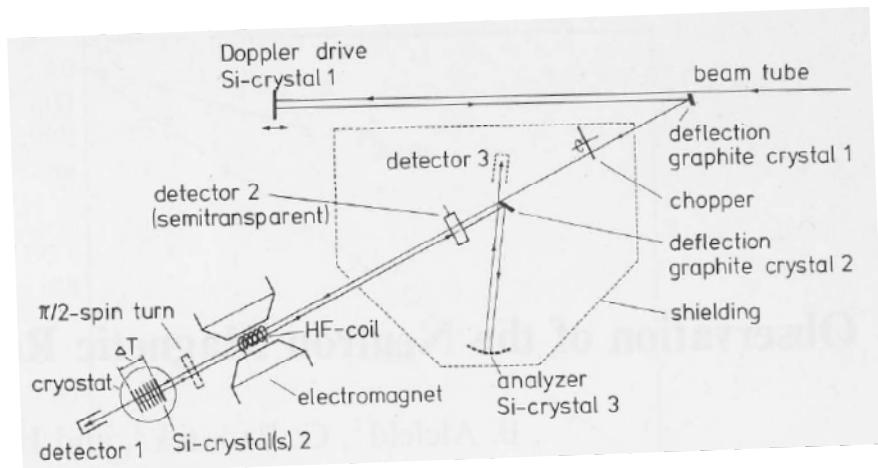
$$E \sigma_y^p \cdot \sigma_y^s \cdot \sigma_x^e = -0.664$$

Finally,

$$M_{Measured} = 2.62 \pm 0.08 > 2$$

Preliminary!

Multi entanglement: discussions1



Energy shifts:

$$E_{shift}(f = 57 \text{ MHz}) = 0.47 \mu\text{eV}$$

\Updownarrow

$$E_{shift}(f = 58 \text{ kHz}) = 0.48 \text{ neV}$$

B.Alefeld et al. Z. Phys B41 (1981) 231.

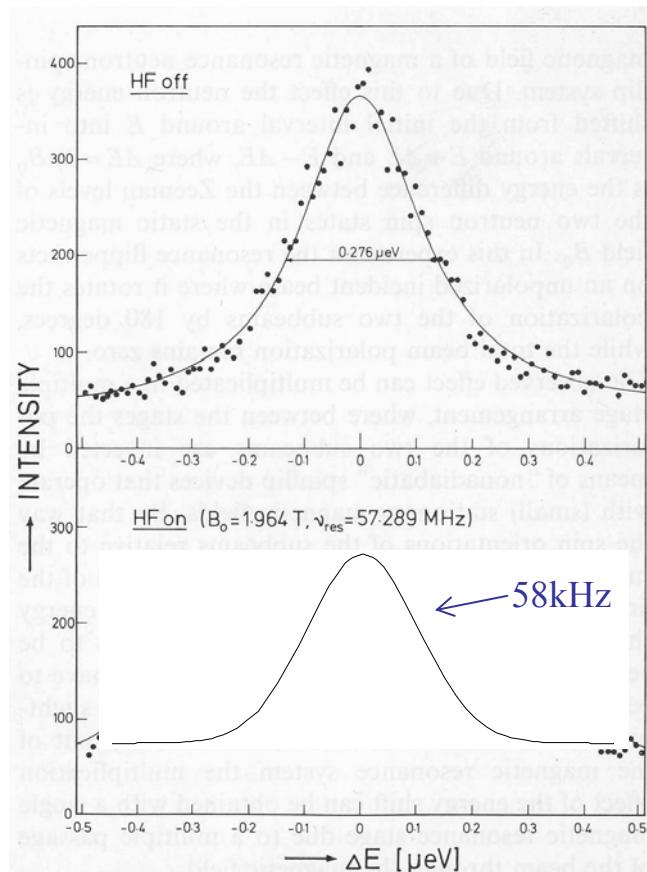


Fig. 4. HF-induced change of energy distribution of backscattered intensity. Data collection time was about 10 hours. The solid lines correspond to least square fitted Lorentzians. The observed energy splitting of $0.482 \pm 0.015 \mu\text{eV}$ is in excellent agreement with the theoretically expected value of $0.474 \mu\text{eV}$.

Multi entanglement: discussions2

Multi degrees-of-freedoms entanglement

$$|\Psi_{\text{Neutron}}\rangle = |\Psi_{\text{Path}}\rangle \otimes |\Psi_{\text{Spin}}\rangle \otimes |\Psi_{\text{Energy}}\rangle$$

$$|\Psi_{\text{Path}}\rangle = \{|\Psi_I\rangle, |\Psi_{II}\rangle\}$$

where $|\Psi_{\text{Spin}}\rangle = \{|\uparrow\rangle, |\downarrow\rangle\}$

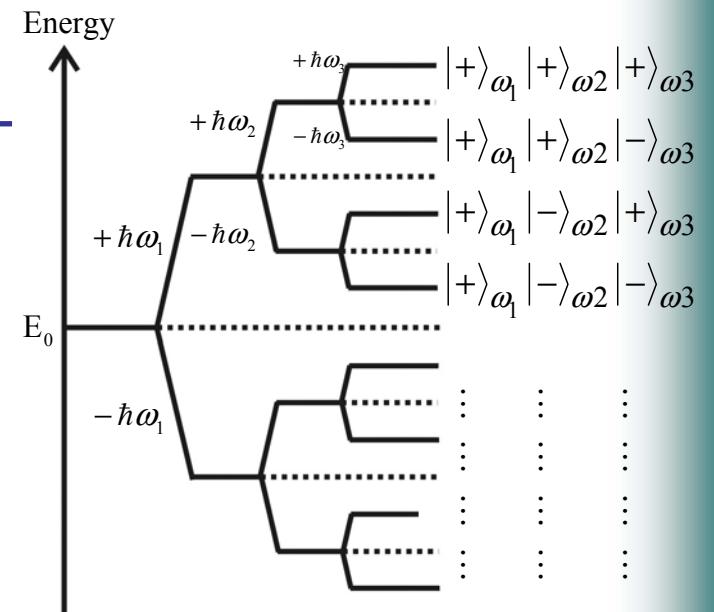
$$|\Psi_{\text{Energy}}\rangle = \{|\Psi(E_0)\rangle, |\Psi(E_0 + \hbar\omega_r)\rangle\}$$

Bell's inequality

Multi energy-level entanglement

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\Psi_{\text{Energy}}\rangle_{\omega_1} \otimes |\Psi_{\text{Energy}}\rangle_{\omega_2} \otimes \dots \otimes |\Psi_{\text{Energy}}\rangle_{\omega_n}$$

where $|\Psi_{\text{Energy}}\rangle_{\omega_i} = \{|\Psi(E_0 - \hbar\omega)\rangle, |\Psi(E_0 + \hbar\omega)\rangle\}$



Investigations with neutrons: entanglement

Muti-entanglement in neutrons

- ★ bi-entanglement: spin-path
- ★ tri-entanglement: spin-path-energy
- ★ multi-entanglement: energy-levels

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