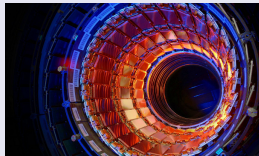
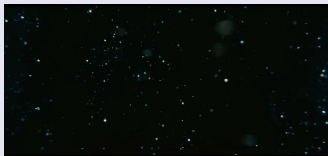


Quantumness in Field Theory

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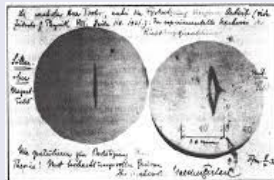
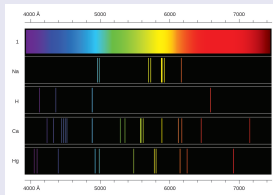
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Quantum Theory: Quantization

- Quantum Mechanics originally named after quantized values:
 - Electromagnetic radiation (Black-body/Photoelectric effect)
 - Electron orbits (Atomic spectra)
 - Angular momentum (Stern-Gerlach)



Quantum Theory: Copenhagen Interpretation

- Copenhagen interpretation of Quantum Mechanics:
 - Particles $\longleftrightarrow$ Waves $\rightarrow$ Superposition
 - Outcomes of measurements: Observable eigenvalues $\rightarrow$ Quantization
 - Probabilities of outcomes $\rightarrow$ Wave Intensity $|\Psi|^2 \rightarrow$ Interference



Pure states

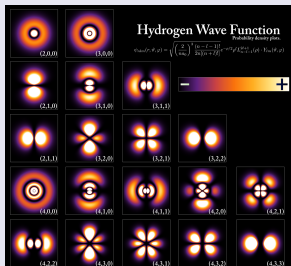
- **Pure state** $\rightarrow$ Wave function $|\Psi\rangle$

- Unit (ray) vector in Hilbert space $\mathcal{H}$
- Coherent superpositions of states with well-defined phase:

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_n \alpha_n \cdot |\phi_n\rangle, \quad \alpha_n \in \mathbb{C}, \quad \langle\Psi|\Psi\rangle = \sum_n |\alpha_n|^2 = 1$$

- Born's rule: Projective measurements of observable A yield eigenvalue a_n with probability $|\alpha_n|^2$

$$A|\phi_n\rangle = a_n|\phi_n\rangle \implies \langle A \rangle = \langle\Psi|A|\Psi\rangle = \sum_n |\alpha_n|^2 a_n$$



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- Quantum Mechanics:
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 - *Fundamental* randomness
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- Quantum Correlations=Correlations not accounted by classical probabilistic theories.



Pure states: Entanglement

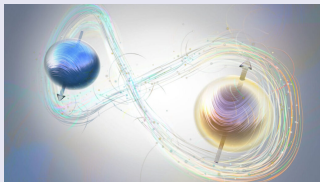
- Bipartite system A and B (Alice and Bob): $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$
- Separable states: Product states $\rightarrow$ Uncorrelated

$$|\Psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle \otimes |\chi\rangle$$

- Quantum superposition $\rightarrow$ **Entanglement**=Nonseparability

$$|\Psi\rangle = \sum_{n,m} \alpha_{nm} |\phi_n\rangle \otimes |\varphi_m\rangle \neq |\psi\rangle \otimes |\chi\rangle$$

- Separability $\iff \text{rank}(\alpha_{nm})=1$
- Pure states: Classical and quantum correlations (entanglement) are **equivalent** $\rightarrow$ Important source of confusion!



Mixed states

- Real life is complicated: environments, subsystems, noise...
- **Mixed state** $\rightarrow$ Generalization of pure state $|\Psi\rangle$ to density matrix ρ
 - Hermitian non-negative operator with unit trace
 - Pure states $|\Psi\rangle \implies$ Projectors $\rho = |\Psi\rangle\langle\Psi|$
 - Incoherent mixture of pure (eigen-)states $|\phi_n\rangle \rightarrow p_n$ are probabilities

$$\rho = \sum_n p_n \cdot |\phi_n\rangle\langle\phi_n|, \quad \text{Tr}\rho = \sum_n p_n = 1, \quad p_n \geq 0$$

- Expectation values: $\langle A \rangle = \text{Tr}(\rho A) = \sum_n p_n \langle\phi_n|A|\phi_n\rangle$

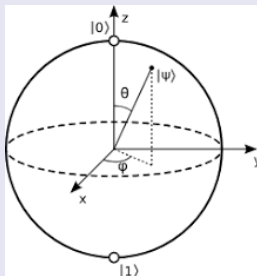


Qubits: Pure state

- Qubit: Two-level quantum system $|0\rangle, |1\rangle \rightarrow$ Most simple!
- Paradigmatic example: Spin-1/2 particle. $|0\rangle \equiv |+\rangle, |1\rangle \equiv |-\rangle$
- General wave function: $|\Psi\rangle = \cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{i\phi} |1\rangle \equiv |\hat{n}\rangle \rightarrow$
Eigenstate of spin projection: $\boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n} |\hat{n}\rangle = |\hat{n}\rangle$
- Projective measurements with ± 1 outcome:

$$\Pi_{\pm \hat{n}} = |\pm \hat{n}\rangle \langle \pm \hat{n}| = \frac{1 \pm \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \hat{n}}{2}$$

- Unit vector $\hat{n} = [\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta] \rightarrow$ Surface of Bloch sphere.



Qubits: Density matrix

- General density matrix (2×2) for 1 qubit $\rightarrow$ 3 parameters B_i (Bloch vector):

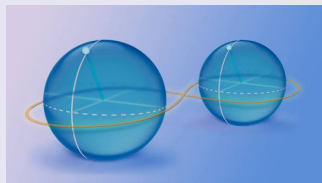
$$\rho = \frac{1 + \sum_i B_i \sigma^i}{2}, \quad \mathbf{B} = \text{Tr}[\boldsymbol{\sigma} \rho], \quad |\mathbf{B}| \leq 1$$

- Two qubits $\rightarrow$ Most simple example of quantum correlations.
- General density matrix (4×4) for 2 qubits $\rightarrow$ 15 parameters $B_i^\pm, C_{ij}$

$$\rho = \frac{\mathbb{1} + \sum_i (B_i^+ \sigma^i \otimes \mathbb{1} + B_i^- \mathbb{1} \otimes \sigma^i) + \sum_{i,j} C_{ij} \sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j}{4}$$

- Polarization (Bloch) vectors $\mathbf{B}^\pm$ and correlation matrix $\mathbf{C}$:

$$B_i^+ = \langle \sigma^i \otimes \mathbb{1} \rangle, \quad B_i^- = \langle \mathbb{1} \otimes \sigma^i \rangle, \quad C_{ij} = \langle \sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j \rangle$$



Quantum Tomography

- **Quantum Tomography**: Reconstruction of quantum state from measurement of a *quorum* of observables.
- One-qubit tomography=3 parameters: polarization vector $\mathbf{B}$

$$B_i = \langle \sigma^i \rangle$$

- Two-qubit tomography=15 parameters: polarization vectors $\mathbf{B}^\pm$ and correlation matrix $\mathbf{C}$

$$B_i^+ = \langle \sigma^i \otimes \mathbb{1} \rangle, \quad B_i^- = \langle \mathbb{1} \otimes \sigma^i \rangle, \quad C_{ij} = \langle \sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j \rangle$$



Coherence

- Coherence=Presence of non-diagonal density-matrix elements

$$\rho = \sum_{nm} \rho_{nm} |n\rangle \langle m|$$

- Coherence $\rightarrow$ Interference

$$\langle O \rangle = \sum_{n=m} \rho_{nn} \langle n|O|n\rangle + \sum_{n \neq m} \rho_{nm} \langle m|O|n\rangle$$

- Basis-dependent on situation of interest.
- Classical correlations emerge even for incoherent bipartite states:

$$\rho_{\text{class}} = \sum_{n,m} p_{nm} |n\rangle \otimes |m\rangle \langle n| \otimes \langle m|$$

- Where did the quantum go????



Quantum Discord

- Classically, two equivalent expressions for mutual information of bipartite system:

$$I(A, B) = H(A) + H(B) - H(A, B) = H(A) - H(A|B)$$

$$H(A, B) = - \sum_{x,y} p(x, y) \log_2 p(x, y)$$

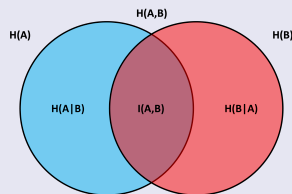
$$H(A|B) = \sum_y p(y) H(A|B = y)$$

- Quantum Mechanics can introduce a “discord” between both expressions:

$$\mathcal{D}(A, B) \equiv H(B) - H(A, B) + H(A|B) \neq 0$$

- Most basic form of quantum correlations!
- Quantum discord is asymmetric:
 $\mathcal{D}(A, B) \neq \mathcal{D}(B, A)$

PRL 88, 017901 (2001)



Quantum Discord: Classical states

- OK...where is the Physics? → Only classical states have zero discord!

$$\rho_{\text{class}} = \sum_{n,m} p_{nm} |n\rangle \otimes |m\rangle \langle n| \otimes \langle m|$$

- $|n\rangle, |m\rangle$: *orthonormal* basis for A, B
- p_{nm} : Classical probability of $|n\rangle \otimes |m\rangle$
- Discord=Coherent state in any (separable) basis → Coherence: essential feature for quantum correlations!
- Qubits → Classical state=Heads and tails with two coins!

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{\text{class}} = & p_{++} |++\rangle \langle ++| + p_{+-} |+-\rangle \langle +-| \\ & + p_{-+} |-+\rangle \langle -+| + p_{--} |--\rangle \langle --| \end{aligned}$$



Entanglement

- What if we generalize the previous idea? → Separability:

$$\rho_{\text{sep}} = \sum_{n,m} p_{nm} |n\rangle \otimes |m\rangle \langle n| \otimes \langle m| = \sum_k p_k \rho_k^{(A)} \otimes \rho_k^{(B)}$$

- $|n\rangle, |m\rangle$ not necessarily orthonormal basis now → p_{nm} are *quasi-probabilities* (not disjoint events)
- Any classically correlated state (classical probability) is separable.
- **Entanglement**: Non-separability of a quantum state.



Separable



Non-Separable

Entanglement: Two qubits

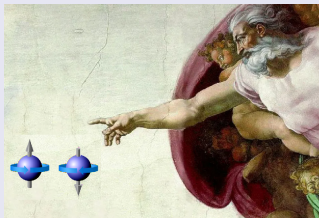
- Two qubits: Separability $\equiv \exists$ Positive P -representation $P(\mathbf{n}_A, \mathbf{n}_B) \geq 0$:

$$\rho = \int d\Omega_A d\Omega_B P(\mathbf{n}_A, \mathbf{n}_B) |\mathbf{n}_A \mathbf{n}_B\rangle \langle \mathbf{n}_A \mathbf{n}_B|, \quad \int d\Omega_A d\Omega_B P(\mathbf{n}_A, \mathbf{n}_B) = 1$$

- $P(\mathbf{n}_A, \mathbf{n}_B)$ is a quasi-probability: Overlap $|\langle \mathbf{n}_A | \mathbf{n}_B \rangle|^2 \neq 0$
- Separability = Purely classical spins pointing at directions $\mathbf{n}_A, \mathbf{n}_B$

$$C_{ij} = \langle \sigma^i \otimes \sigma^j \rangle = \int d\Omega_A d\Omega_B P(\mathbf{n}_A, \mathbf{n}_B) n_A^i n_B^j$$

- Entanglement = NO positive P -representation $\rightarrow$ Genuine non-classical!



Entanglement: Two qubits

- Practical entanglement criteria:

- Peres-Horodecki criterion: ρ separable $\rightarrow$ Partial transpose $\rho^{T_B} = \sum_n p_n \rho_n^A \otimes (\rho_n^B)^T$ non-negative. Negative-valued $\rho^{T_B} \rightarrow \rho$ entangled!

Very powerful: 2×2 , $2 \times 3 \rightarrow$ Peres-Horodecki criterion=Entanglement
Peres, PRL 77, 1413 (1996), Horodecki, PLA 232, 333 (1997).

- Concurrence $0 \leq C[\rho] \leq 1$, $C[\rho] > 0$ iff ρ entangled. Wootters, PRL 80, 2245 (1998)
- Entanglement witness: Negative-valued observable W such that $\langle W \rangle_{\text{sep}} = \text{Tr}[W \rho_{\text{sep}}] \geq 0 \implies \langle W \rangle < 0$ implies entanglement. Terhal, PLA 271, 319 (2000)



Steering

- Steering: Original conception of Schrödinger of EPR paradox → Only well-defined in 2007! ([Wiseman, Jones, Doherty, PRL 98, 140402 \(2007\)](#))
- *Local* Quantum Mechanics: Alice post-measurement (un-normalized) state described by local-hidden states

$$R_{\hat{n}} = \Pi_{\hat{n}}^B \rho \Pi_{\hat{n}}^B = \int d\lambda \, p(1|\hat{n}\lambda) \rho(\lambda) \rho_B(\lambda)$$

- If not, Bob can “steer” Alice quantum state → **Steerability**.



Bell nonlocality

- EPR Paradox: Quantum Mechanics challenges local realism!
- Bell Test:
 - Alice/Bob perform causally disconnected projective spin measurements along alternate axes $(M_A, M'_A)/(M_B, M'_B)$ obtaining outputs $a, b = \pm 1$:

$$\text{Correlations} \implies C(M_A, M_B) = \sum_{a,b=\pm 1} (a \cdot b) p(a, b | M_A M_B)$$

- Local realistic theories $p(a, b | M_A M_B) = \int d\lambda \, p(a | M_A \lambda) p(b | M_B \lambda) p(\lambda)$
→ **Bell (CHSH) inequality:**

$$\mathcal{B} \equiv |C(M_A, M_B) - C(M_A, M'_B) + C(M'_A, M_B) + C(M'_A, M'_B)| \leq 2$$

- QM violates CHSH inequality up to Tsirelson bound $\mathcal{B} \leq 2\sqrt{2}$!
- Beauty: NO underlying model, just people enjoying measurements!



Hierarchy of Quantum Correlations

- Quantum Hierarchy (mixed states):

$$\text{Bell Nonlocality} \subset \text{Steering} \subset \text{Entanglement} \subset \text{Discord}$$

- Pure states: All correlations are equivalent to entanglement! [N. Gisin, A. Peres, Phys. Lett. A 162, 15 \(1992\)](#) → Another confusion source...

- Behavior under Alice/Bob exchange:
 - Steering & Discord: Asymmetric.
 - Bell Nonlocality & Entanglement: Symmetric.



Toast for Quantum Optics

- Light has motivated the major advancements in modern Physics:
 - EM radiation: Maxwell equations
 - Special Relativity: Michelson-Morley experiment
 - Quantum Mechanics: Black-body spectrum & Photoelectric effect
 - Quantum Field Theory: First quantized field

- Major paradigm in Quantum Information:
 - Discrete variables: Polarization, Orbital Angular Momentum
 - Continuous variables: Quantum amplitudes (Photons)



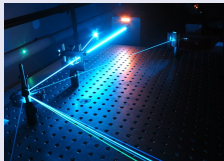
*... and God said: "let
there be light" ...*

Harmonic oscillators

- EM field quantization $\sim$ Massless KG quantization:

$$\hat{\Phi}(\mathbf{x}) = \int d^3\mathbf{k} [\hat{a}(\mathbf{k})\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}(\mathbf{x}) + \hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k})\Phi_{\mathbf{k}}^*(\mathbf{x})]$$

- Canonical commutation rules $\rightarrow [\hat{a}(\mathbf{k}), \hat{a}^\dagger(\mathbf{k}')] = \delta(\mathbf{k} - \mathbf{k}')$
- QFT=Harmonic Oscillator ensemble $\rightarrow$ HO Textbook:
 - Phase space variables: $\hat{X} = \frac{\hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger}{\sqrt{2}}, \hat{P} = i\frac{\hat{a}^\dagger - \hat{a}}{\sqrt{2}}$
 - Number states: $\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} |n\rangle = n |n\rangle$
 - Coherent states: $\hat{a} |\alpha\rangle = \alpha |\alpha\rangle, |\alpha\rangle = e^{-\frac{|\alpha|^2}{2}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\alpha^n}{\sqrt{n!}} |n\rangle, \alpha \in \mathbb{C}$
 - Squeezed states: $\hat{b} |\lambda\rangle = 0, \hat{b} = (\cosh \lambda)\hat{a} + (\sinh \lambda)\hat{a}^\dagger$



Fock, P and Wigner representations

- Number states: complete orthonormal basis $I = \sum_n |n\rangle \langle n|$

$$\rho = \sum_{n,m} \rho_{nm} |n\rangle \langle m|$$

- P -representation: Normal-ordered expectation values

$$\rho = \int d^2\alpha P(\alpha) |\alpha\rangle \langle \alpha|, \quad \int d^2\alpha |\alpha|^2 P(\alpha) = \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle, \quad \int d^2\alpha P(\alpha) = 1,$$

- Wigner representation ($\alpha = \frac{X+iP}{\sqrt{2}}$): *Symmetric* expectation values $\rightarrow$ Quantum Boltzmann distribution:

$$W(X, P) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int dx \left\langle X + \frac{x}{2} \middle| \rho \middle| X - \frac{x}{2} \right\rangle e^{-iPx}$$
$$\int d^2\alpha |\alpha|^2 W(\alpha) = \left\langle \frac{\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger}{2} \right\rangle$$

Quantum Correlations

- *Quasi-probability* distributions: $I = \frac{1}{\pi} \int d^2\alpha \, |\alpha\rangle \langle\alpha|, \, |\langle\alpha|\beta\rangle|^2 \neq 0$
- General quantum state of EM field:

$$\rho = \int d^2\{\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}\} P(\{\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}\}) \prod_{\mathbf{k}} \otimes |\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}\rangle \langle\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}|$$

- Classical EM field $\sim P(\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}) \geq 0, \, |\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}| \gg 1, \, |\Delta\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}/\alpha_{\mathbf{k}}| \ll 1$
- Measurements=Normal-ordered expectation values
 - Positive P -representation $\implies$ Classical expectation value
 - Quantum correlations $\implies$ Negative P -representations!
- Bipartite Hilbert space $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$: Product space of Fock spaces of two modes $\hat{a}_i, \hat{a}_j \rightarrow$ Infinite dimension!

$$\rho = \int d^2\alpha_i d^2\alpha_j P(\alpha_i, \alpha_j) |\alpha_i\alpha_j\rangle \langle\alpha_i\alpha_j|$$

Continuous Variable Entanglement

- Continuous system: Physical density matrix $\implies$ Non-negative covariance matrix M (uncertainty principle)

$$M_{\alpha\beta} = \langle \Delta\xi_\alpha \Delta\xi_\beta \rangle = \frac{\langle \{\Delta\xi_\alpha \Delta\xi_\beta\} \rangle}{2} + \frac{\langle [\Delta\xi_\alpha \Delta\xi_\beta] \rangle}{2} \equiv V_{\alpha\beta} + i \frac{\Omega_{\alpha\beta}}{2}$$
$$\Delta\xi_\alpha = \xi_\alpha - \langle \xi_\alpha \rangle, \quad \xi_\alpha = [X_1, X_2, P_1, P_2],$$

- Transpose operation via Wigner representation is time inversion!

$$\begin{aligned} \rho &: W(X_1, X_2, P_1, P_2) \rightarrow \rho^{T_2}: W(X_1, X_2, P_1, -P_2) \\ &\rightarrow V' = \Lambda V \Lambda, \quad \Lambda \equiv \text{diag}[1, 1, 1, -1] \end{aligned}$$

- Peres-Horodecki $\implies \rho^{T_2}$ covariance matrix $M' = V' + i \frac{\Omega}{2}$ not non-negative $\rightarrow$ Entanglement!
- Gaussian state $\implies$ Peres-Horodecki=Entanglement

Simon, PRL 84, 2726 (2000)

Cauchy-Schwarz violation

- Classical light (non-negative P -representation) satisfies

$$|\langle \hat{a}^2 \rangle| = \left| \int d^2\alpha P(\alpha) \alpha^2 \right| \leq \int d^2\alpha P(\alpha) |\alpha|^2 = \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle$$

- Proof explicitly based on positivity of $P \rightarrow$ Effective scalar product $\rightarrow$ Cauchy-Schwarz inequalities!
- Operators A, B do satisfy mathematical Cauchy-Schwarz inequality:

$$\langle A|B \rangle \equiv \text{Tr}(\rho A^\dagger B) = \langle A^\dagger B \rangle$$

- *Quantum* CS inequality: $|\langle \hat{a}^2 \rangle| \leq \sqrt{\langle \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger \rangle \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle (\langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle + 1)}$
- There is room for violation of *classical* CS inequality!
- Explicit example: Squeezed vacuum $|\lambda\rangle = e^{\lambda \frac{(\hat{a}^\dagger)^2 - \hat{a}^2}{2}} |0\rangle$:

$$|\langle \hat{a}^2 \rangle| = \cosh \lambda |\sinh \lambda| > \sinh^2 \lambda = \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle, \quad \lambda \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Cauchy-Schwarz violation: Bipartite case

- Quantum correlations tested via

$$g_{ij} = \langle \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j \rangle, \quad c_{ij} = \langle \hat{a}_i \hat{a}_j \rangle, \quad \Gamma_{ij} = \langle \hat{a}_i^\dagger \hat{a}_j^\dagger \hat{a}_j \hat{a}_i \rangle$$

- Classical vs. Quantum CS inequality

- $|c_{ij}|^2 \leq g_{ii}g_{jj}$ **vs.** $|c_{ij}|^2 \leq g_{ii}(g_{jj} + 1)$

- $\Gamma_{ij} \leq \sqrt{\Gamma_{ii}\Gamma_{jj}}$ **vs.** $\Gamma_{ij} \leq \sqrt{(\Gamma_{ii} + g_{ii})(\Gamma_{jj} + g_{jj})}$

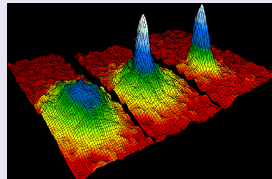
- CS violation *independent* from entanglement $\rightarrow$ Complementary test of quantum behavior!
- Explicit example: Product number state $\rho = |nm\rangle \langle nm|$ with $n, m \neq 0$

$$\Gamma_{ij} = nm > \sqrt{n(n-1)m(m-1)} = \sqrt{\Gamma_{ii}\Gamma_{jj}}$$

- Number states: Negative Wigner representations $\rightarrow$ Stronger quantumness than negative P -representation $\rightarrow$ Entanglement is not the whole story...

Analogue gravity & Universal Hawking Effect

- Hawking (1974): Event horizon of black hole emits radiation with thermal spectrum $\rightarrow$ Hawking radiation
- Unruh (1981): Fluctuations of potential ideal barotropic flow behave as massless scalar field in curved spacetime $\rightarrow$ Analogue gravity
- Garay, Anglin, Cirac & Zoller (2001): Bose-Einstein condensates behave as quantum fluid $\rightarrow$ *Universal* Hawking effect
- Intuitive:
 - Light cannot escape from black hole=Sound cannot travel upstream in supersonic flow
 - Subsonic/supersonic flows = Exterior/interior black hole
 - Subsonic-supersonic interface = Event horizon



CS Violation & Entanglement in Hawking effect

- What makes Hawking radiation quantum? → Competition: Zero-point quantum effect **vs.** Thermal/coherent stimulation
- Only genuinely quantum Hawking effect contributes to CS violation & entanglement witnesses.
- Quantum correlations=Smoking gun of Hawking effect!
- In typical analogue scenarios, CS violation=entanglement.



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Experimental Entanglement

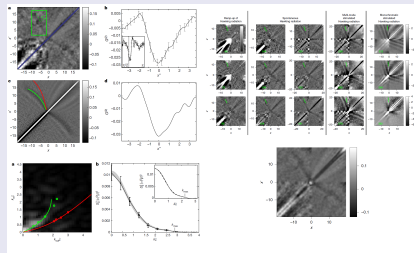
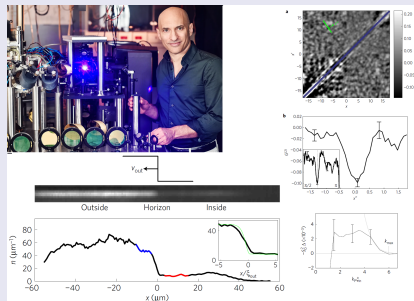
- First experimental evidence of Hawking effect: Entanglement measurement!

Jeff Steinhauer, *Nature Physics* 12, 959 (2016).

- Basis for later conclusive observations of Hawking effect:

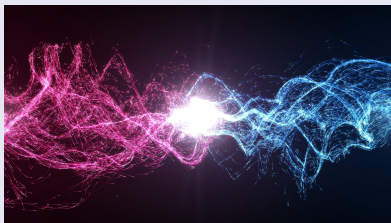
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Quantum High-Energy Colliders?

- Outside optics, condensed matter, analogues... Which other experiments are described by QFT? → High-energy colliders → Genuinely relativistic QFT!
- Naively, Quantum Correlations should easily emerge there...right? → Not so fast!
 - Momentum measurement → Decoherence
 - Lack of control of internal d.o.f. in initial state → Decoherence
 - Collider observables: cross-sections, lifetimes... → Classical objects
 - QFT cares about expectation values, not quantum states!



Quantum shortlist

- Where should we look for entanglement in a collider?
 - Continuous variable entanglement → Problem: No squeezed states, low number states
 - Orbital degrees of freedom → Problem: Colliders perform projective momentum measurements of individual particles → Decoherence
 - Discrete degrees of freedom:
 - Spin: fermion (qubit) or massive vector boson (qutrit)
 - Flavor: mesons [PRL 99, 131802 \(2007\)](#) or neutrinos [EPL 85, 50002 \(2009\)](#) (see Massimo's talk)



Spin quantum state

- Most natural entangled system: Particle-antiparticle ($P\bar{P}$) pair produced from initial state I with internal degrees of freedom λ
- For given momenta $\mathbf{P}$, $P\bar{P}$ spins described by production spin density matrix (R -matrix):

$$R_{\alpha\beta,\alpha'\beta'}^{I\lambda}(\mathbf{P}) \equiv \langle \mathbf{P}\alpha\beta | T | I\lambda \rangle \langle I\lambda | T^\dagger | \mathbf{P}\alpha'\beta' \rangle$$

- Experiment: Momentum measurements + Event averaging $\rightarrow$ Genuine density-matrix description!

$$R^I(\mathbf{P}) = \frac{1}{N_\lambda} \sum_\lambda R^{I\lambda}(\mathbf{P})$$
$$\rho^I(\mathbf{P}) = \frac{R^I(\mathbf{P})}{\text{Tr}[R^I(\mathbf{P})]}$$

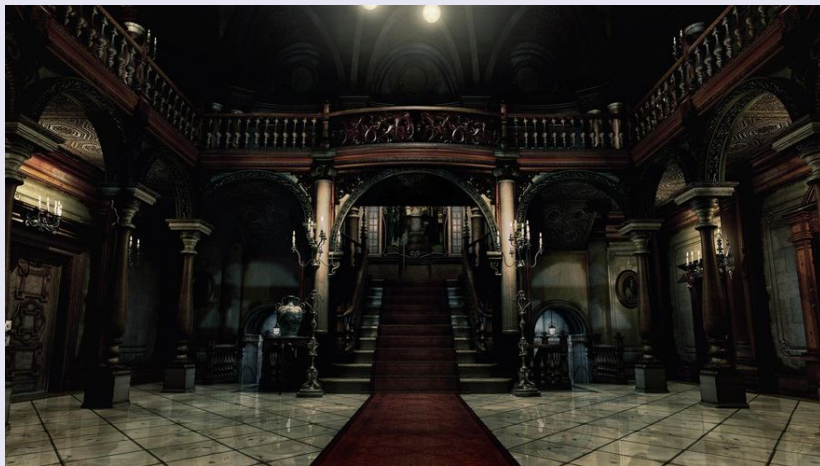


The End...Or The Beginning?

- But how can we measure the spin quantum state?
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- This is where the real story begins...



Backup

Quantum optics representations

- Quantum state completely determined by characteristic function

$$\chi(\eta) \equiv \langle e^{\eta \hat{a}^\dagger - \eta^* \hat{a}} \rangle = \text{Tr}[e^{\eta \hat{a}^\dagger - \eta^* \hat{a}} \hat{\rho}].$$

- Normal and antinormal versions

$$\chi_N(\eta) \equiv \langle e^{\eta \hat{a}^\dagger} e^{-\eta^* \hat{a}} \rangle,$$

$$\chi_A(\eta) \equiv \langle e^{-\eta^* \hat{a}} e^{\eta \hat{a}^\dagger} \rangle.$$

- Fourier transforms $\rightarrow P, Q, W$ representations for computing normal, antinormal or symmetric expectation values:

$$P(\alpha) \equiv \int \frac{d^2\eta}{\pi^2} e^{(\eta^* \alpha - \eta \alpha^*)} \chi_N(\eta) \rightarrow \int d^2\alpha |\alpha|^2 P(\alpha) = \langle \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} \rangle$$

$$Q(\alpha) \equiv \int \frac{d^2\eta}{\pi^2} e^{(\eta^* \alpha - \eta \alpha^*)} \chi_A(\eta) \rightarrow \int d^2\alpha |\alpha|^2 Q(\alpha) = \langle \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger \rangle$$

$$W(\alpha) \equiv \int \frac{d^2\eta}{\pi^2} e^{(\eta^* \alpha - \eta \alpha^*)} \chi(\eta) \rightarrow \int d^2\alpha |\alpha|^2 W(\alpha) = \langle \frac{\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + \hat{a} \hat{a}^\dagger}{2} \rangle$$

Quantum Discord: Two qubits

- How do we translate classical into quantum?
- Shannon entropy $\rightarrow$ Von Neumann entropy ($p_n \geq 0$, ρ eigenvalues)

$$H(A, B) \rightarrow H(\rho) = - \sum_n p_n \log_2 p_n$$

$$H(A) \rightarrow H(\rho_A), H(B) \rightarrow H(\rho_B), \rho_{A,B} = \text{Tr}_{B,A} \rho$$

- Conditional probability $\rightarrow$ Conditional state $\rho_{A|B}$ = One-qubit state after Bob's spin measurement along $\hat{n}$:

$$H(A|B) = p_{\hat{n}} H(\rho_{\hat{n}}) + p_{-\hat{n}} H(\rho_{-\hat{n}})$$

$$\rho_{\hat{n}} = \frac{\Pi_{\hat{n}}^B \rho \Pi_{\hat{n}}^B}{p_{\hat{n}}} = \frac{1 + \mathbf{B}_{\hat{n}}^+ \cdot \sigma}{2}, \mathbf{B}_{\hat{n}}^+ = \frac{\mathbf{B}^+ + \mathbf{C} \cdot \hat{n}}{1 + \hat{n} \cdot \mathbf{B}^-}, p_{\hat{n}} = \frac{1 + \hat{n} \cdot \mathbf{B}^-}{2}$$

- Genuine quantumness $\rightarrow$ Minimization over all spin directions to exclude quantization effects:

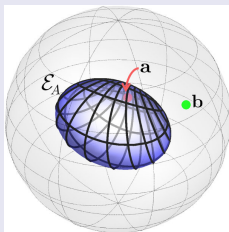
$$\mathcal{D}(A, B) = H(\rho_B) - H(\rho) + \min_{\hat{n}} p_{\hat{n}} H(\rho_{\hat{n}}) + p_{-\hat{n}} H(\rho_{-\hat{n}}) \neq 0$$

Steering: Two qubits

- 1-qubit Alice post-measurement state $\rightarrow$ Conditional Bloch vector:

$$\rho_{\hat{n}} = \frac{R_{\hat{n}}}{\text{Tr}[R_{\hat{n}}]} = \frac{1 + \mathbf{B}_{\hat{n}}^+ \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}}{2}, \quad \mathbf{B}_{\hat{n}}^+ = \frac{\mathbf{B}^+ + \mathbf{C} \cdot \hat{n}}{1 + \hat{n} \cdot \mathbf{B}^-}$$

- Set of conditional polarizations $\mathbf{B}_{\hat{n}}^+ \rightarrow$
Steering ellipsoid: Fundamental QI object, containing all information about the system.
- Similar for Bob $\rightarrow$ Steering: also asymmetric between Alice and Bob.



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Quantum Many-Body Field Theory

- Second-quantization many-body Hamiltonian (fermions and bosons):

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{H} = & \int d\mathbf{x} \, \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{x}) \right] \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \int d\mathbf{x} \int d\mathbf{x}' \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}) \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}') V(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}') \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x})\end{aligned}$$

- Field operator: $\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_n \hat{a}_n \phi_n(\mathbf{x})$, $\hat{a}_n = \langle \phi_n | \hat{\Psi} \rangle$
- Fermionic or bosonic annihilation operators: $[\hat{a}_n, \hat{a}_m^\dagger]_{\pm} = \delta_{nm}$
- Heisenberg equation of motion of field operator:

$$\begin{aligned}i\hbar \partial_t \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= [\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t), \hat{H}] \\ &= \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{x}) + \int d\mathbf{x}' \hat{\Psi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}', t) V(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}', t) \right] \hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t)\end{aligned}$$

- Same equation of motion derived from a classical Lagrangian:

$$L = \int d\mathbf{x} \, i\Psi^* \partial_t \Psi - H$$

Non-relativistic vs. relativistic QFT

- Differences with respect relativistic QFT:
 - Not Lorentz invariant
 - Fixed cutoffs (IR $\rightarrow$ System size; UV $\rightarrow$ Microscopic physics)
 - Interactions are (typically) classical
 - Effective and approximate theories
 - Second-quantization is not fundamental (trick to rewrite symmetric/antisymmetric wavefunctions)
- Features:
 - Highly tunable (interactions, external potential, mass)
 - Non-trivial spatiotemporal dependence leads to rich physics (Analogue Gravity, Floquet systems)
 - Variety of internal degrees of freedom (high spin, isospin, mixtures)
 - Many-body systems lead to spontaneous symmetry breaking (supersolids, time crystals)
 - Topological physics and synthetic dimensions

Condensates: GP mean-field

- Bose-Einstein condensate close to $T = 0$
- Field operator: $\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) + \hat{\varphi}(\mathbf{x}, t) \rightarrow$ Higgs-mechanism
- Contact interaction $V(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') = g\delta(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}') \rightarrow$ Non-relativistic Higgs boson!

$$\mathcal{L} = i\Psi^* \partial_t \Psi - \frac{|\nabla \Psi|^2}{2m} - V(\mathbf{x})|\Psi|^2 - g \frac{|\Psi|^4}{2}$$

- Heisenberg e.o.m. $\rightarrow$ Gross-Pitaevskii equation:

$$i\hbar \partial_t \Psi(\mathbf{x}, t) = \left[-\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \nabla^2 + V(\mathbf{x}) + g|\Psi(\mathbf{x}, t)|^2 \right] \Psi(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

- Condensate wavefunction=Coherent state spontaneously breaking $U(1)$ symmetry

Condensates: Bogoliubov approximation

- Stationary condensate: $\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t) = [\Psi_0(\mathbf{x}) + \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t)]e^{-i\mu t/\hbar}$ + Quantum fluctuations at linear order $\rightarrow$ Bogoliubov-de Gennes equations:

$$M\hat{\Phi} = i\hbar\partial_t\hat{\Phi}, \quad M = \begin{bmatrix} N & A \\ -A^* & -N^* \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{\Phi} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ \hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, t) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$N = -\frac{\hbar^2\nabla^2}{2m} + V(\mathbf{x}) + 2g|\Psi_0(\mathbf{x})|^2 - \mu, \quad A = g\Psi_0^2(\mathbf{x})$$

- Eigenmodes: $Mz_n = \epsilon_n z_n$, $z_n = \begin{bmatrix} u_n \\ v_n \end{bmatrix}$, $M\bar{z}_n = -\epsilon_n^* \bar{z}_n$, $\bar{z}_n = \sigma_x z_n^*$
- Conserved inner product:

$$(z_n|z_m) \equiv \langle z_n|\sigma_z|z_m\rangle = \int d\mathbf{x} \, z_n^\dagger \sigma_z z_m = \int d\mathbf{x} \, u_n^* u_m - v_n^* v_m$$

- Complete basis $(z_n|z_m) = \delta_{nm} \implies$ Quantization mimics KG field:

$$\hat{\phi} = \sum_n z_n \hat{b}_n + \bar{z}_n \hat{b}_n^\dagger$$

Bogoliubov vs. Higgs

- Amplitude-phase (Madelung) decomposition:

$$\hat{\Psi}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \sqrt{\hat{n}(\mathbf{x}, t)} e^{i\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, t)} = \sqrt{n(\mathbf{x}, t) + \delta\hat{n}(\mathbf{x}, t)} e^{i(\theta(\mathbf{x}, t) + \delta\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, t))}$$

- Density/phase fluctuations=Higgs/Goldstone modes:

$$\begin{aligned}\delta\hat{n}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= \Psi_0^*(\mathbf{x})\hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t) + \Psi_0(\mathbf{x})\hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, t) \\ \delta\hat{\theta}(\mathbf{x}, t) &= i \frac{\Psi_0(\mathbf{x})\hat{\phi}^\dagger(\mathbf{x}, t) - \Psi_0^*(\mathbf{x})\hat{\phi}(\mathbf{x}, t)}{2|\Psi_0(\mathbf{x})|^2}\end{aligned}$$

- Homogeneous condensate: $\Psi_0(\mathbf{x}) = \sqrt{n_0} \rightarrow$ Massless superluminal dispersion relation for both Higgs and Goldstone modes:

$$\omega^2 = c^2 k^2 \left(1 + \frac{k^2}{4\Lambda^2} \right), \quad c^2 = \frac{gn_0}{m}, \quad \Lambda = \frac{1}{\xi_0} = \frac{mc}{\hbar}$$

- Actual Higgs: $\omega^2 = c^2 k^2$ (Goldstone), $\omega^2 = \frac{m_H^2 c^4}{\hbar^2} + c^2 k^2$ (Higgs)

Analogue gravity

- GP/Schrödinger equation similar to Euler equation for potential flow!

$$\partial_t n + \nabla(n\mathbf{v}) = 0, \quad \mathbf{v}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \frac{\hbar \nabla \theta(\mathbf{x}, t)}{m} \rightarrow \text{Potential flow!}$$

$$\hbar \partial_t \theta = \frac{\hbar^2 \nabla^2 \sqrt{n}}{2m\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{2} m \mathbf{v}^2 - gn - V$$

- Neglecting quantum ($\hbar$) potential in smooth background $\rightarrow$ Ideal potential flow $\rightarrow$ Analogue gravity (massless Hermitian field in curved spacetime)

$$\square \delta \hat{\theta} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{-g}} \partial_\mu (\sqrt{-g} g^{\mu\nu} \partial_\nu \delta \hat{\theta}) = 0$$

$$g_{\mu\nu}(x) = \frac{n(x)}{c(x)} \begin{bmatrix} -[c^2(x) - v^2(x)] & -\mathbf{v}^T(x) \\ -\mathbf{v}(x) & \delta_{ij} \end{bmatrix},$$

- Gravitational phenomena (e.g., Hawking radiation) in the lab!

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Cauchy-Schwarz violation

- Simple criterion of entanglement: Cauchy-Schwarz violation

$$|\text{Tr } \mathbf{C}| = |\langle \boldsymbol{\sigma} \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} \rangle| = \left| \int d\Omega_A d\Omega_B P(\mathbf{n}_A, \mathbf{n}_B) \mathbf{n}_A \cdot \mathbf{n}_B \right| \leq 1$$

- Wait a minute...Cosine average larger than one??? → CS Violation

- **Entanglement witness**: $D \equiv \frac{\text{Tr}[\mathbf{C}]}{3}$
- Genuine quantum range: $-1 \leq D < -1/3$

- D directly measurable from the distribution of angular separation:

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\varphi} = \frac{1}{2}(1 - D \cos\varphi), \quad \cos\varphi \equiv \hat{\ell}_+ \cdot \hat{\ell}_-$$

- Entanglement detection from one single magnitude → No need for Quantum Tomography!

