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Hardy's tests of LR with neutral kaons from phi decays

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HISTORY

1925: Quantum Mechanics

1935: Schroedinger, 'entangled states'

1935: EPR argument, is QM complete?

1964: Bell's theorem and inequalities. LR vs QM.

1982: Aspect's experiment on Bell inequalities

1992: Hardy's version (PRL 68, 2981)

2006: General view: QM is confirmed, LR is refuted.

but... **LOOPHOLES**

LOCALITY LOOPHOLE.

Spacelike separation of left-right measurement events.

Closed by G. Weihs et al., PRL 81, 5039 (1998) and
by W. Tittel et al., Phys Rev A 59, 4150 (1999).

EFFICIENCY LOOPHOLE.

Low efficiency of photon detectors allows for LR explanations.

Closed by M.A. Rowe et al., Nature 409, 791 (2001)

Neutral kaons can contribute to close both loopholes **simultaneously:**

Kaons travel at **relativistic velocities**, around $0.22c$ @ Daphne, and kaons and their decay products are detected via **strong** interactions.

Entanglement in meson pairs: CPLEAR, Phys. Lett. B422 (1998) 339; A. Di Domenico, hep-ex/0312032;
for B-mesons, A. Go, J. Mod. Opt. 51 (2004) 991.

On a neutral kaon you **either** measure strangeness **or** lifetime.

Strangeness measurements at T.

Place a thin and dense piece of (nucleonic) matter at T

$$K^0 p \rightarrow K^+ n, \dots \quad K^0\text{-projection}$$

$$\bar{K}^0 p \rightarrow \pi^+ \Lambda, \pi^0 \Sigma^+, \dots \quad \bar{K}^0\text{-projection}$$

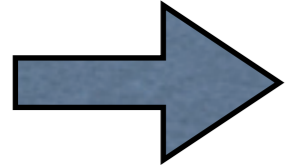
If nothing seen ... efficiency problem

Lifetime measurements.

Remove matter and detect decay vertices

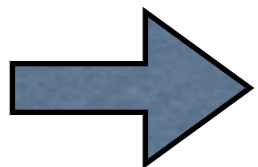
Quite efficient K_S vs K_L detection and identification

QM rules + state vector + experimental setup



Probabilities for the various measurement outcomes are correctly **PREDICTED**

LR + alternative experimental setups on same system



Probabilities for the different outcomes in alternative setups are **RELATED**

Hardy's argument/ contradiction

LEFT

RIGHT

Strangeness

$$K^0$$

sometimes

Strangeness

$$\bar{K}^0$$

Strangeness

$$K^0$$

always



Lifetime

$$K_S$$

Lifetime

$$K_S$$



always

Strangeness

$$\bar{K}^0$$

Lifetime

$$K_S$$

LR: sometimes

$$P_{\text{LR}}(K_S, K_S) \geq P_{\text{LR}}(K^0, \bar{K}^0) > 0$$

Lifetime

$$K_S$$

However in QM we can have:

$$P_{\text{QM}}(K_S, K_S) = 0$$

State preparation

A. B. and G. Garbarino (2002), PRL 88 040403; PRL 89 160401

Phi-decay state:

$$\Phi(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [K^0 \bar{K}^0 - \bar{K}^0 K^0] \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [K_S K_L - K_L K_S]$$

Just after a thin **regenerator** close to O

$$\Phi(\Delta t \ll \tau_S) \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [K_S K_L - K_L K_S + r K_S K_S - r K_L K_L]$$

A. Di Domenico, Nucl. Phys. B450 (1995) 293

$$r \equiv i \frac{\pi \nu}{m_K} (f - \bar{f}) \Delta t = i \frac{\pi \nu}{p_K} (f - \bar{f}) d$$

Free propagation up to T ($\tau_S \ll T \ll \tau_L \simeq 579\tau_S$)

$$\Phi(T) \simeq \frac{N(T)}{\sqrt{2}} \left[K_S K_L - K_L K_S - r e^{-i\Delta m T} e^{\frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_S - \Gamma_L)T} K_L K_L + r e^{i\Delta m T} e^{\frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_L - \Gamma_S)T} K_S K_S \right]$$

$$|K_{S,L}(\tau)\rangle = e^{-im_{S,L}\tau} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\Gamma_{S,L}\tau} |K_{S,L}\rangle$$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 + |R|^2}} [K_S K_L - K_L K_S + R K_L K_L]$$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2 + |R|^2)}} [-K^0 K_S + \bar{K}^0 K_S + (1 + R) K^0 K_L + (1 - R) \bar{K}^0 K_L]$$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2 + |R|^2)}} [K_S K^0 - K_S \bar{K}^0 - (1 - R) K_L K^0 - (1 + R) K_L \bar{K}^0]$$

$$\Phi = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2 + |R|^2}} [R K^0 K^0 + R \bar{K}^0 \bar{K}^0 + (2 - R) \bar{K}^0 K^0 - (2 + R) K^0 \bar{K}^0]$$

$$R \equiv -r e^{-i\Delta m T} e^{\frac{1}{2}(\Gamma_S - \Gamma_L)T}$$

Hardy's test: choose $(R + 1) = 0$

$$P_{\text{QM,LR}}(K^0, \bar{K}^0) = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$P_{\text{QM,LR}}(K^0, K_L) = 0$$

$$P_{\text{QM,LR}}(K_L, \bar{K}^0) = 0$$

$$P_{\text{QM}}(K_S, K_S) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad P_{\text{LR}}(K_S, K_S) \geq P_{\text{LR}}(K^0, \bar{K}^0) = \frac{1}{12}$$

Ideal case: ``all-versus-nothing'' Hardy's test

$$P_{\text{QM,LR}}(K_S, K_S) = 0$$

$$P_{\text{QM,LR}}(K^0, K_L) = 0$$

$$P_{\text{QM,LR}}(K_L, \bar{K}^0) = 0$$

$$P_{\text{QM}}(K^0, \bar{K}^0) = \frac{1}{12} \iff 0 = P_{\text{LR}}(K^0, \bar{K}^0) \leq P_{\text{LR}}(K_S, K_S)$$

Ideal case: ``all-versus-nothing'' Hardy's test

HIC SUNT LEONES

See M. Genovese, Phys. Rev. A 69 (2004) 022103;
A. B., R. Escribano and G. Garbarino, Found. Phys. (2006).

$$P_{\text{QM}}(K^0, \bar{K}^0) = \frac{\eta \bar{\eta}}{12}$$

$$P_{\text{QM}}(K^0, K_L) = 6.77 \times 10^{-4} \eta \eta_\tau$$

$$P_{\text{QM}}(K_L, \bar{K}^0) = 6.77 \times 10^{-4} \bar{\eta} \eta_\tau$$

$$P_{\text{QM}}(K_S, K_S) = 1.19 \times 10^{-5} \eta_\tau^2$$

Eberhard's inequality

P. H. Eberhard, Phys. Rev. A47 (1993) R747

$$H_{\text{LR}} \equiv \frac{P_{\text{LR}}(K^0, \bar{K}^0)}{P_{\text{LR}}(K^0, K_L) + P_{\text{LR}}(K_S, K_S) + P_{\text{LR}}(K_L, \bar{K}^0) + P(K^0, U_{\text{Lif}}) + P(U_{\text{Lif}}, \bar{K}^0)} \leq 1$$

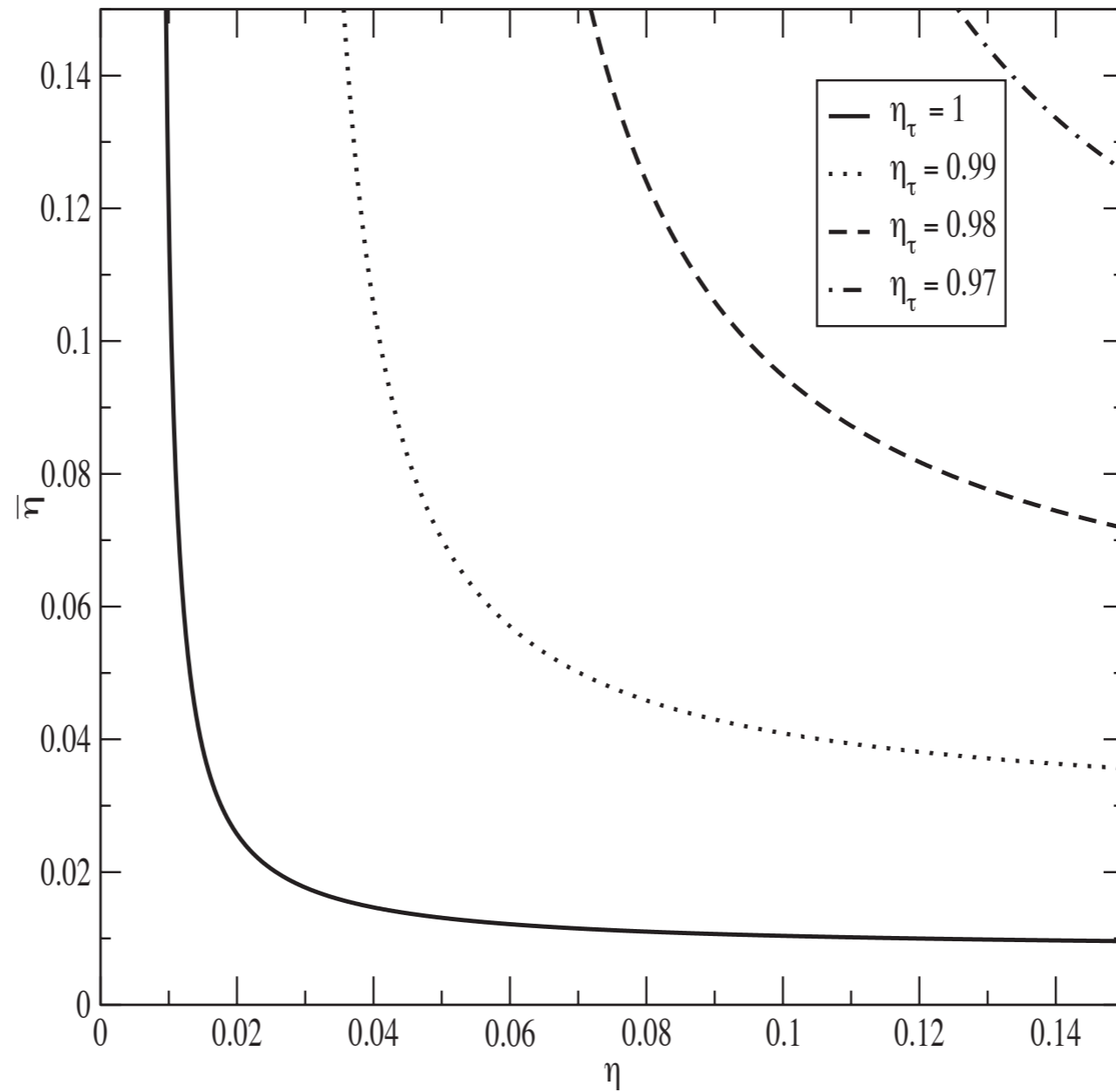
$$P_{\text{QM}}(K^0, U_{\text{Lif}}) = \frac{1}{6}\eta(1 - \eta_\tau), \quad P_{\text{QM}}(U_{\text{Lif}}, \bar{K}^0) = \frac{1}{6}\bar{\eta}(1 - \eta_\tau)$$

Cluser-Horne inhomogeneous ineq. J. F. Clauser and M.A. Horne, Phys. Rev. D10 (1974) 526

$$Q_{\text{LR}} \equiv \frac{P_{\text{LR}}(K_S, \bar{K}^0) - P_{\text{LR}}(K_S, K_S) + P_{\text{LR}}(K^0, \bar{K}^0) + P_{\text{LR}}(K^0, K_S)}{P_{\text{LR}}(K^0, *) + P_{\text{LR}}(*, \bar{K}^0)} \leq 1$$

$$P_{\text{LR}}(K^0, *) = P_{\text{LR}}(K^0, K_S) + P_{\text{LR}}(K^0, K_L) + P_{\text{LR}}(K^0, U_{\text{Lif}})$$

$$P_{\text{LR}}(*, \bar{K}^0) = P_{\text{LR}}(K_L, \bar{K}^0) + P_{\text{LR}}(K_S, \bar{K}^0) + P_{\text{LR}}(U_{\text{Lif}}, \bar{K}^0)$$



QM violates Bell inequalities for strangeness detection efficiencies above the curves.
Each curve refers to lifetime detection efficiency.

Correct identification of K_S vs K_L

$$\Delta\tau = 4.8 \tau_S$$

$$p_S \equiv 1 - \exp(-4.8) = p_L \equiv \exp(-4.8/579) = 0.9918$$

Improve

$$\begin{aligned} p_S &= 1 - BR(K_S \rightarrow \pi e \nu_e \text{ or } \pi \mu \nu_\mu) - BR(K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi) \exp(-5.82) \\ &= BR(K_S \rightarrow \pi\pi) [1 - \exp(-5.82)] = 0.99594 \end{aligned}$$

$$p_L = 1 - BR(K_L \rightarrow \pi\pi) [1 - \exp(-5.82/579)] = 0.99997$$