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In this Comment we point out some shortcomings in two papers [N. Laskin, *Phys. Rev. E* **62**, 3135 (2000); **66**, 056108 (2002)]. We prove that the fractional uncertainty relation does not hold generally. The probability continuity equation in fractional quantum mechanics has a missing source term, which leads to particle teleportation, i.e., a particle can teleport from a place to another. Since the relativistic kinetic energy can be viewed as an approximate realization of the fractional kinetic energy, the particle teleportation should be an observable relativistic effect in quantum mechanics. With the help of this concept, superconductivity could be viewed as the teleportation of electrons from one side of a superconductor to another and superfluidity could be viewed as the teleportation of helium atoms from one end of a capillary tube to the other. We also point out how to teleport a particle to an arbitrary destination.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Historically quantum mechanics based on a non-Newtonian kinetic energy has been studied widely [1]. In Refs. [2,3], standard quantum mechanics [4] was generalized to fractional quantum mechanics. The Schrödinger equation was rewritten as

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi(\mathbf{r},t) = H_\alpha\psi(\mathbf{r},t),$$

$$H_\alpha = T_\alpha + V = D_\alpha|\mathbf{p}|^\alpha + V(\mathbf{r}). \quad (1)$$

As usual, $\psi(\mathbf{r},t)$ is a wave function defined in the three-dimensional space and dependent on time t , D_α is a constant dependent on the fractional parameter $1 < \alpha \leq 2$, \mathbf{r} and \mathbf{p} are the position and momentum operators, respectively, \hbar is the Planck constant, and m is the mass of a particle. The fractional Hamiltonian operator H_α is the sum of the fractional kinetic energy T_α and the potential energy $V(\mathbf{r})$. When $\alpha = 2$, taking $D_2 = 1/(2m)$, the fractional kinetic energy becomes the classical kinetic energy

$$T_2 = \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} = T \quad (2)$$

and the fractional Schrödinger equation becomes the standard Schrödinger equation. When $1 < \alpha < 2$, the fractional kinetic energy operator is defined by the momentum representation [2]. However, there exist three shortcomings in this recent quantum theory.

(i) The Heisenberg uncertainty relation was generalized to the fractional uncertainty relation [2]

$$\langle |\Delta x|^\mu \rangle^{1/\mu} \langle |\Delta p|^\mu \rangle^{1/\mu} > \frac{\hbar}{(2\alpha)^{1/\mu}}, \quad \mu < \alpha, \quad 1 < \alpha \leq 2. \quad (3)$$

It seems unsuitable to call this inequality fractional uncertainty relation and this inequality does not hold mathematically.

(ii) The fractional probability continuity equation obtained by Laskin [3] was

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_\alpha = 0, \quad (4)$$

where the probability density and current density were defined as

$$\rho = \psi^*\psi,$$

$$\mathbf{j}_\alpha = -iD_\alpha\hbar^{\alpha-1}[\psi^*(-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1}\nabla\psi - \psi(-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1}\nabla\psi^*]. \quad (5)$$

In fact, a source term was missing, which indicates another way of probability transportation, probability teleportation.

(iii) The relationship between fractional quantum mechanics and the real world was not given and it was almost impossible to find the applications of this theory. Here we will point out that the relativistic kinetic energy can be viewed as an approximate realization of the fractional kinetic energy, which makes the probability teleportation a practical phenomenon.

Now we will discuss these shortcomings in order. For the convenience, please be reminded that the symbol H^+ in [2,3] should be H .

II. FRACTIONAL UNCERTAINTY RELATION

A. The uncertainty relation is independent of wave equations

For simplicity, we do not consider wave functions that are not square integrable. Suppose that $\psi(x)$ is a normalized square-integrable wave function defined on the x axis. Heisenberg’s uncertainty relation says [4]

$$\sqrt{\langle (\Delta x)^2 \rangle} \sqrt{\langle (\Delta p)^2 \rangle} \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}, \quad (6)$$

where

$$\Delta x = x - \langle x \rangle, \quad \Delta p = p - \langle p \rangle. \quad (7)$$

As usual, x and p stand for the one-dimensional position and momentum operators and $\langle x \rangle$ and $\langle p \rangle$ stand for their averages on the wave function $\psi(x)$, for example,

$$\langle p \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \psi^*(x) \left(-i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \right) \psi(x) dx. \quad (8)$$

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66 This relation holds for all the square-integral functions and
 67 it is a property of the space of square-integrable functions. A
 68 complete mathematical proof can be seen in [5].

69 As a kinetic equation, the Schrödinger equation

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\psi(x,t) = H\psi(x,t) \quad (9)$$

70 tells us how to determine the wave-function–time relation
 71 $\psi(x,t)$ by the Hamiltonian operator H given the initial wave
 72 function $\psi(x,0)$. From the viewpoint of geometry, Eq. (9) de-
 73 fines a curve in the space of square-integrable functions, which
 74 passes a given point at time $t = 0$. Heisenberg’s uncertainty
 75 relation and the Schrödinger equation are independent. Laskin
 76 generalized the Schrödinger equation, but wave functions
 77 remains square-integrable functions. In other words, the used
 78 function space remains the space of the square-integrable
 79 functions, so the Heisenberg uncertainty relation remains true,
 80 regardless of the standard or fractional quantum mechanics.

81 In addition, suppose that there is an uncertainty relation
 82 that holds for all the solutions of the fractional Schrödinger
 83 equation (1) with certain α , e.g., $\alpha = 1.5$. Since the initial wave
 84 function $\psi(x,0)$ is an arbitrary square-integrable function,
 85 we know that this uncertainty relation holds for the whole
 86 space of square-integrable functions. Therefore, there does
 87 not exist a so-called fractional uncertainty relation. Generally
 88 speaking, a generalization [1] of the Schrödinger equation does
 89 not generate new uncertainty relations if the wave functions
 90 remain square-integrable functions.

91 **B. Fractional uncertainty relation does not hold in mathematics**

92 Even with the Levy wave packet [Eq. (35) in [2]],
 93 the uncertainty relation (3) does not hold in the sense of
 94 mathematics. We prove it by contradiction. There are two
 95 steps.

96 (i) Let us consider the case $\mu = 1$ and $\alpha = 1$ first. The
 97 Levy wave packet with $\nu = 1$ at $t = 0$ is

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_L(x,0) &= \frac{1}{2\hbar}\sqrt{\frac{l}{\pi}}\int_{-\infty}^{\infty}\exp\left(-\frac{|p-p_0|l}{2\hbar}\right)\exp\left(i\frac{p}{\hbar}x\right)dp \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\frac{l^3}{\pi}}\frac{1}{x^2+(l/2)^2}\exp\left(i\frac{p_0}{\hbar}x\right). \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

98 The letters L denotes the Levy wave packet and l is a
 99 reference length. The related quantities can be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle x \rangle &= 0, \quad \langle p \rangle = p_0, \\ \langle |\Delta x| \rangle &= \langle |x| \rangle = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |x| \psi_L^*(x,0)\psi_L(x,0)dx = \frac{l}{\pi}, \\ \langle |\Delta p| \rangle &= \langle |p - p_0| \rangle \\ &= \frac{l}{2\hbar} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} |p - p_0| \exp\left(-\frac{|p - p_0|l}{\hbar}\right) dp = \frac{\hbar}{l}. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

100 Therefore, we have the inequality

$$\langle |\Delta x| \rangle \langle |\Delta p| \rangle = \frac{l}{\pi} \frac{\hbar}{l} = \frac{\hbar}{\pi} < \frac{\hbar}{2}. \quad (12)$$

101 (ii) At $t = 0$, keep $\mu = 1$ as a constant and let $\alpha \rightarrow 1^+$.
 102 Since the parameter of the Levy wave packet $\nu = \alpha$, the two

sides of the inequality (3) are continuous functions about
 α . Taking the $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow 1^+}$ of the both sides of the fractional
 uncertainty relation (3), we get

$$\langle |\Delta x| \rangle \langle |\Delta p| \rangle \geq \frac{\hbar}{2}, \quad (13)$$

which contradicts inequality (12). Therefore, the fractional
 uncertainty relation (3) does not hold mathematically.

Further, once the fractional uncertainty relation does not
 hold for certain α at $t = 0$, we know that there exists a
 small time neighborhood $[0,\delta)$ for which the relation does
 not hold either since the wave packet has not expanded very
 much. In short, the fractional generalization of the Heisenberg
 uncertainty relation does not hold generally.

We would like to explain why we can take $\alpha = 1$, which
 was not included in [2,3]. The case $\alpha = 1$ is just a step of
 our proof, like an auxiliary line used in geometry problems.
 Here we add two points. (i) There exist papers that allow
 $0 < \alpha \leq 2$. In [6], Jeng *et al.* claimed that Laskin’s solutions
 for the infinite square-well problem were wrong by means of
 the evidence from the case $0 < \alpha < 1$. In fact, the evidence
 from the case $\alpha = 1$ is more straightforward [7]. (ii) The
 fractional Schrödinger equation with $\alpha = 1$ has many closed-
 form solutions [8], which is an easy starting point for the study
 of the fractional Schrödinger equation with $1 < \alpha < 2$.

125 **III. PROBABILITY CONTINUITY EQUATION**

126 **A. Correct probability continuity equation**

127 In this section we present the correct probability continuity
 128 equations in the fractional quantum mechanics and reveal a
 129 different phenomenon of the probability transportation. From
 130 the fraction Schrödinger equation (1) we can get

$$i\hbar\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\psi^*\psi) = \psi^*T_\alpha\psi - \psi T_\alpha\psi^*. \quad (14)$$

According to Laskin’s definitions of the probability density
 and the current density (5), the correct probability continuity
 equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}\rho + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_\alpha = I_\alpha \quad (15)$$

has an extra source term

$$\begin{aligned} I_\alpha &= -iD_\alpha\hbar^{\alpha-1}[\nabla\psi^*(-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1}\nabla\psi \\ &\quad -\nabla\psi(-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1}\nabla\psi^*]. \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Specifically, if $I_\alpha(\mathbf{r},t) > 0$, there is a source at position \mathbf{r}
 and time t , which generates the probability; when $I_\alpha(\mathbf{r},t) < 0$,
 there is a sink at position \mathbf{r} and time t , which destroys the
 probability.

It is easy to find cases where the source term is not zero.
 For example, take the wave function

$$\begin{aligned} \psi &= \psi_1 + \psi_2, \\ \psi_1(x,t) &= \exp(ik_1x)\exp(-iE_1t), \\ \psi_2(x,t) &= \exp(ik_2x)\exp(-iE_2t), \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

with $k_1 > k_2 > 0$, $E_1 = D_\alpha(\hbar k_1)^\alpha$, and $E_2 = D_\alpha(\hbar k_2)^\alpha$,
 which is a superposition of two solutions to the fractional

143 Schrödinger equation for a free particle. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_\alpha &= -i D_\alpha \hbar^{\alpha-1} [\nabla \psi^* (-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} \nabla \psi - \nabla \psi (-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} \nabla \psi^*] \\
 &= -i D_\alpha \hbar^{\alpha-1} [(\psi_1^* + \psi_2^*)' (-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} (\psi_1 + \psi_2)' - (\psi_1 + \psi_2)' (-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} (\psi_1^* + \psi_2^*)'] \\
 &= -i D_\alpha \hbar^{\alpha-1} [\psi_1^{*'} (-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} \psi_2' + \psi_2^{*'} (-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} \psi_1' - \psi_1' (-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} \psi_2^{*'} - \psi_2' (-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} \psi_1^{*'}] \\
 &= -i D_\alpha \hbar^{\alpha-1} (k_1 k_2^{\alpha-1} \psi_1^* \psi_2 + k_1^{\alpha-1} k_2 \psi_2^* \psi_1 - k_1 k_2^{\alpha-1} \psi_1 \psi_2^* - k_1^{\alpha-1} k_2 \psi_2 \psi_1^*) \\
 &= -i D_\alpha \hbar^{\alpha-1} (k_1 k_2^{\alpha-1} - k_1^{\alpha-1} k_2) (\psi_1^* \psi_2 - \psi_1 \psi_2^*) \\
 &= 2 D_\alpha \hbar^{\alpha-1} (k_1 k_2^{\alpha-1} - k_1^{\alpha-1} k_2) \sin[(k_2 - k_1)x - (E_2 - E_1)t/\hbar], \tag{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

144 which is not zero unless $\alpha = 2$.

145 The source term indicates that the probability is no longer
 146 locally conserved. As Laskin proved in [9], the total proba-
 147 bility in the whole space is conserved. Here the probability
 148 transportation in the fractional quantum mechanics becomes
 149 unusual: Some probabilities can disappear at a region and
 150 simultaneously appear at other regions, but the total probability
 151 does not change. In other words, some probabilities can
 152 teleport from one place to another. Furthermore, if the particle
 153 has mass and charge, probability teleportation will imply mass
 154 teleportation and charge teleportation. We need to pay close
 155 attention to this phenomenon as mass teleportation contradicts
 156 our life experience and charge teleportation contradicts the
 157 classical electrodynamics.

158 **B. The case $I_\alpha(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0$**

159 When $\alpha = 2$, it is easy to see that $I_2(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0$. The fractional
 160 continuity equation recovers the standard continuity equation.

161 *Proposition.* For $1 < \alpha < 2$, we have $I_\alpha(\mathbf{r}, t) = 0$ for a free
 162 particle with a definite kinetic energy.

163 *Proof.* Since $V(\mathbf{r}) = 0$, the fractional Schrödinger equation
 164 is

$$i \hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = T_\alpha \psi(\mathbf{r}, t). \tag{19}$$

165 For a definite energy E , its solution is

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) &= \int_\Omega C(\theta, \phi) \exp(i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{r}) \sin \theta d\theta d\phi \exp(-iEt/\hbar), \\
 E &= D_\alpha (\hbar k)^\alpha, \tag{20}
 \end{aligned}$$

166 where Ω is the unit sphere, (k, θ, ϕ) is the spherical coordinate
 167 of the wave vector \mathbf{k} , and $C(\theta, \phi)$ is an arbitrary function. Thus
 168 we have

$$(-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = k^{\alpha-2} \psi(\mathbf{r}, t), \tag{22}$$

$$(-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} \psi^*(\mathbf{r}, t) = k^{\alpha-2} \psi^*(\mathbf{r}, t). \tag{23}$$

169 In this case the source term vanishes

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_\alpha &= -i D_\alpha \hbar^{\alpha-1} [\nabla \psi^* (-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} \nabla \psi - \nabla \psi (-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} \nabla \psi^*] \\
 &= -i D_\alpha \hbar^{\alpha-1} [\nabla \psi^* \nabla (-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} \psi - \nabla \psi \nabla (-\nabla^2)^{\alpha/2-1} \psi^*] \\
 &= -i D_\alpha \hbar^{\alpha-1} k^{\alpha-2} (\nabla \psi^* \nabla \psi - \nabla \psi \nabla \psi^*) = 0 \tag{24}
 \end{aligned}$$

170 and the continuity equation has a sourceless form

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_\alpha = 0, \tag{25}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
 \rho &= \psi^* \psi, \\
 \mathbf{j}_\alpha &= -i D_\alpha \hbar^{\alpha-1} k^{\alpha-2} (\psi^* \nabla \psi - \psi \nabla \psi^*). \tag{26}
 \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

We emphasize that in scatter problems the source term $I_{1 < \alpha < 2}(\mathbf{r}, t) \neq 0$ at the detector's location, though the potential at the detector may be zero. There are two reasons for this: (i) The particle is not free so the relation (22) does not hold and (ii) the kinetic energy of particles from the scattering source may not be exactly the same, i.e., they may not be strictly monoenergetic. How to develop a scattering model based on the correct continuity equation (15) is an important problem in quantum mechanics.

182 **IV. SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION WITH RELATIVISTIC**
 183 **KINETIC ENERGY**

In Refs. [2,3], the relationship between the fractional quantum mechanics and the real world was not given. A natural question is which particle has a fractional kinetic energy. If there are no fractional particles in our world, why do we need fractional quantum mechanics? To relate the fractional quantum mechanics to the real world, we regard relativistic quantum mechanics [1,10-12] as an approximate realization of fractional quantum mechanics.

According to the special relativity, the relativistic kinetic energy is

$$T_r = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4}, \tag{27}$$

where the subscript r means special relativity. For the case of low speed, the relativistic kinetic energy is approximately the summation of the rest energy and the classical kinetic energy ($\alpha = 2$)

$$T_r \approx mc^2 + \frac{\mathbf{p}^2}{2m} = mc^2 + T_2, \tag{28}$$

and for the case of extremely high speed, where the rest energy can be neglected, the relativistic kinetic energy is the fractional kinetic energy with $\alpha = 1$,

$$T_r \approx |\mathbf{p}|c = T_1. \tag{29}$$

Generally speaking, if the speed of a particle increases from low to high, the relativistic kinetic energy T_r will approximately correspond to a fractional kinetic energy T_α , whose parameter α changes from 2 to 1. Therefore, the relativistic kinetic energy is an approximate realization of the fractional kinetic energy.

207 The Hamiltonian function with the relativistic kinetic
208 energy is [10,11]

$$H_r = \sqrt{\mathbf{p}^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4} + V(\mathbf{r}). \quad (30)$$

209 Historically, using this Hamiltonian function, Sommerfeld
210 calculated the relativistic correction to Bohr's hydrogen energy
211 levels, and the fine structure in the hydrogen spectrum was
212 explained exactly [4].

213 The relativistic Schrödinger equation is [1,10,11]

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \psi(\mathbf{r}, t) = H_r \psi(\mathbf{r}, t). \quad (31)$$

214 Using the perturbation method, we recently calculated the
215 relativistic correction to the hydrogen energy levels obtained
216 from the Schrödinger equation. The resultant energy levels
217 contain an α^5 term, which can explain the Lamb shift at an
218 accuracy of 41% [13,14].

219 The continuity equation can be expressed as [1]

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_r = I_r, \quad (32)$$

220 with the current density and the source term

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{j}_r &= -\frac{1}{i\hbar} (\psi^* T_r \nabla^{-2} \nabla \psi - \psi T_r \nabla^{-2} \nabla \psi^*), \\ I_r &= -\frac{1}{i\hbar} (\nabla \psi^* T_\alpha \nabla^{-2} \nabla \psi - \nabla \psi T_\alpha \nabla^{-2} \nabla \psi^*). \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

221 Again, the probability is not locally conserved, but the total
222 probability in the whole space is conserved [1]

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \int_{R^3} \psi^* \psi d^3 \mathbf{r} = \int_{R^3} \psi^* T_r \psi d^3 \mathbf{r} - \int_{R^3} \psi T_r \psi^* d^3 \mathbf{r} = 0. \quad (34)$$

223 Similarly, for a free particle with a definite kinetic energy,
224 we have $I_r = 0$.

225 Since the relativistic kinetic energy is true and the classical
226 kinetic energy is approximate, the probability continuity
227 equation with the source term (32) can be true and the
228 popular probability continuity equation in standard quantum
229 mechanics [4] is approximate. Therefore, we need to base our
230 scattering model on the continuity equation with the source
231 term, i.e., Eq. (32), calculate the variation between the present
232 model and the traditional model, and design experiments to
233 observe the phenomenon of the probability teleportation.

234 Since the relativistic Schrödinger equation (31) is not
235 relativistically covariant [10,11], violates the causality [15],
236 and is nonlocal [16] and complicated [10], the research on this
237 equation has been criticized since the early days of quantum
238 mechanics. A positive experimental result on the probability
239 teleportation will end this situation ultimately.

V. CONCLUSION

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241 We proved that the fractional uncertainty relation does
242 not hold generally. The missing source term in the fractional
243 probability continuity equation leads to particle teleportation.
244 According to the special relativity, the classical kinetic energy
245 is just an approximation in the low-speed case, so it would
246 be a hopeful direction to study particle teleportation in

247 scattering theory and experiments. Furthermore, the concept
248 in this Comment offers a very intuitive explanation for
249 superconductivity and superfluidity. We also point out how
250 to teleport a particle to an arbitrary destination.

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APPENDIX A: INTUITIVE EXPLANATION FOR THE SUPERFLUIDITY AND SUPERCONDUCTIVITY BASED ON TELEPORTATION

260 In [17] Tayurskii and Lysogorskiy applied the fractional
261 quantum mechanics to explain some property of the superfluid
262 ^4He . From fractional Schrödinger equation, they correctly
263 obtained the fractional probability continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j}_\alpha = I_\alpha, \quad (A1)$$

264 where ρ was viewed as the density of the superfluid, \mathbf{j}_α as the
265 mass current density, and I_α as extra sources. In order to keep
266 consistent with the well-known fluid continuity equation

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} \rho + \nabla \cdot \mathbf{j} = 0, \quad (A2)$$

267 Tayurskii and Lysogorskiy claimed that in the superfluid
268 $I_\alpha \approx 0$, since the wave function describing the He atoms could
269 be assumed to be

$$\psi(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_{\mathbf{p}} C_{\mathbf{p}} \exp(i\mathbf{p} \cdot \mathbf{r}/\hbar), \quad (A3)$$

270 where the summation goes over the momentums with approx-
271 imately equal $|\mathbf{p}|$.

272 This is very difficult to understand. First, we do not know
273 why the atoms are on such a special state. Second, since the
274 potential $V(\mathbf{r})$ is not zero or a constant [see Eq. (13) in [17]],
275 the wave function (A3) is not an eigenfunction of the fractional
276 Hamiltonian operator H_α , so even if at $t = 0$ the momentum
277 magnitudes $|\mathbf{p}|$ are the same, they will become different soon.
278 On the contrary, we should suppose that the source term I_α or
279 I_r is not zero generally.

280 Here is our superfluid model based on Eq. (A1) or (32).
281 When the superfluid ^4He is still, moving atoms sometimes can
282 disappear at one place and appear at another distant place. This
283 explains why heat can be conducted easily by the superfluid.
284 When the superfluid flows, some superfluid moves forward
285 normally, which has friction, and some teleports from one
286 place to another, which has no friction. Thus we do not need
287 to artificially divide the superfluid into a normal component
288 and a superfluid component.

289 Now it becomes an urgent task to observe whether the mass
290 teleportation really exists in the superfluid experiment. An easy
291 way is to measure the velocity of the superfluid in the capillary
292 tube and the mass coming out from the tube to check whether
293 they are consistent.

294 Similarly, based on the concept of teleportation, the super-
295 conductivity can be viewed as such a phenomenon in which
296 some electrons teleport from one side of the superconductor
297 to the other side; of course they do not dissipate energy.
298 Currently, physicists say that the superconducting electrons
299 pass through the Josephson junction by quantum tunneling,
300 but an open question is why the supercurrent can flow through
301 the nonsuperconducting metal in an SNS (superconductor—
302 normal metal–superconductor) junction without dissipation.
303 (How can one drive through a toll tunnel without payment?)
304 The reasonable explanation should be that electrons teleport
305 from one side of the junction to the other.

306 **APPENDIX B: PARTICLE TELEPORTATION**
307 **BASED ON WAVE-FUNCTION COLLAPSE**

308 In current quantum teleportation, the state of a particle is
309 transferred from one place to another while the particle itself
310 does not move at all. Here we provide a procedure for particle
311 teleportation based on wave function collapse in quantum
312 mechanics.

Suppose that a particle is located in an interval on the 313
negative half of x axis, described by a wave function 314

$$\psi(x) = \begin{cases} \text{nonzero} & x \in [-b, -a] \\ 0 & x \notin [-b, -a]. \end{cases}$$

Here $a < b$ are two positive real numbers. Obviously, this wave 315
function is neither even nor odd. Technically, the function is 316
not an eigenfunction of the parity operator, but a superposition 317
of two eigenfunctions 318

$$\psi(x) = [\psi_{\text{even}}(x) + \psi_{\text{odd}}(x)]/2$$

with 319

$$\psi_{\text{even}}(x) = \psi(x) + \psi(-x), \quad \psi_{\text{odd}}(x) = \psi(x) - \psi(-x).$$

Now we measure the parity of the state. The wave function 320
 $\psi(x)$ will collapse into either $\psi_{\text{even}}(x)$ or $\psi_{\text{odd}}(x)$. In either 321
case, the probability of the particle appearing on the positive 322
half of the x axis is $\frac{1}{2}$. Now we detect the particle in the region 323
 $[a, b]$. If we find it, the teleportation is over. If we do not 324
find it, we know that the particle remains in the region $[-b,$ 325
 $-a]$ and we measure the parity of the wave function $\psi(x)$ 326
and detect the particle in the region $[a, b]$ again. We repeat 327
until we find it. In addition, we point out that the spin state 328
of the particle remains the same after this teleportation. This 329
procedure reminds us that wave function collapse in quantum 330
mechanics can cause a particle to run faster than light. 331

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