

Quantum information at the LHC

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I want to show you the recent ATLAS **observation of quantum entanglement in top quark pair production**:

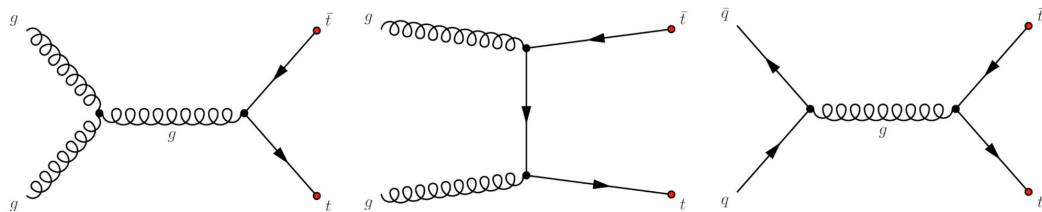
- introduce the top quark
- what has been done historically (**spin correlations**)
- moving to quantum entanglement
- discussing the experimental results

Then I will give an overview of **what else is possible** in terms of **quantum information at the LHC**:

- prospects for Higgs physics
- beyond entanglement: **Bell's inequalities**

Starting with top quark physics...

Fundamentals of top quark physics

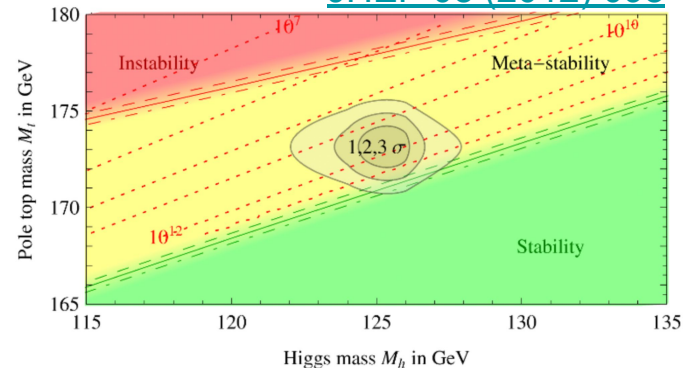


- **Most massive** fundamental particle in the SM
- its Mass / Yukawa is a free parameter: need to measure it
- Mean lifetime $\sim 5 \times 10^{-25} \text{s} \ll 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 10^{-23} \text{s}$
- the only “bare quark”
- $\text{BR}(t \rightarrow Wb) \sim 100\%$
- **unique experimental signature**
- Abundant production at the LHC, $O(100\text{M})$ pairs
- **“standard candle”**, very useful for calibrations

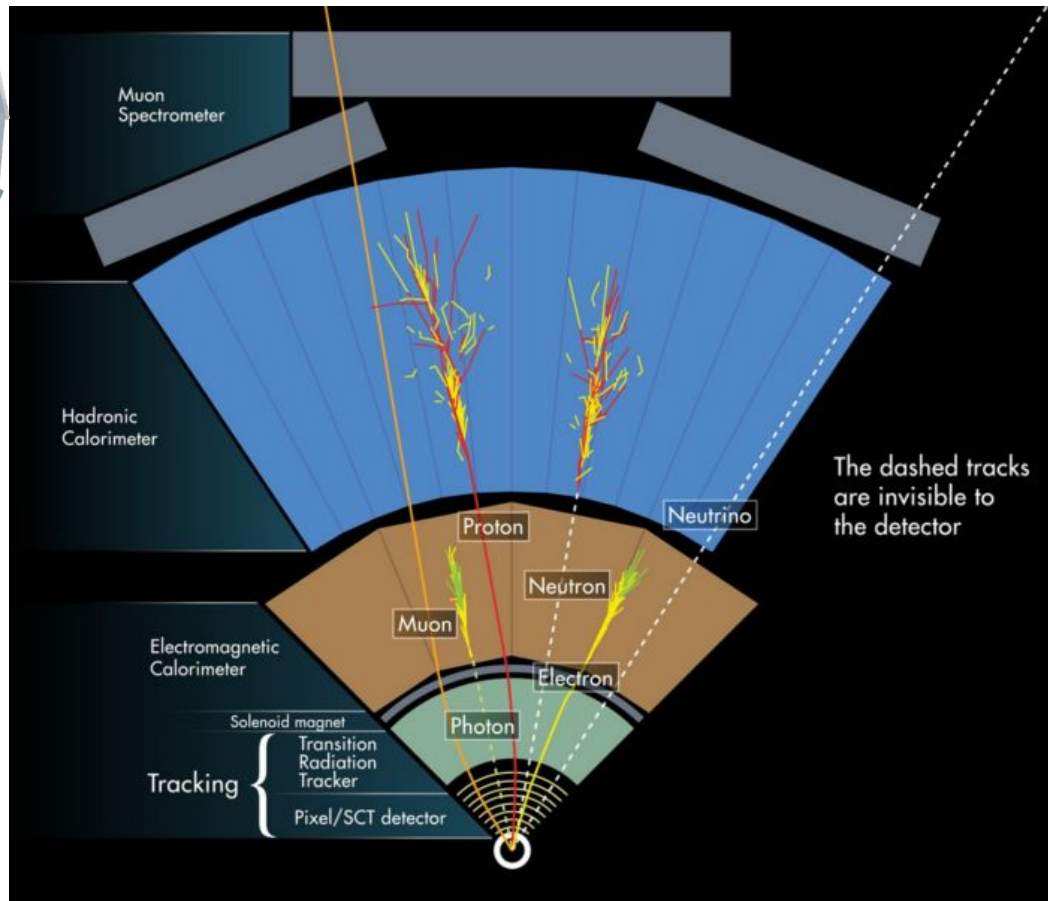
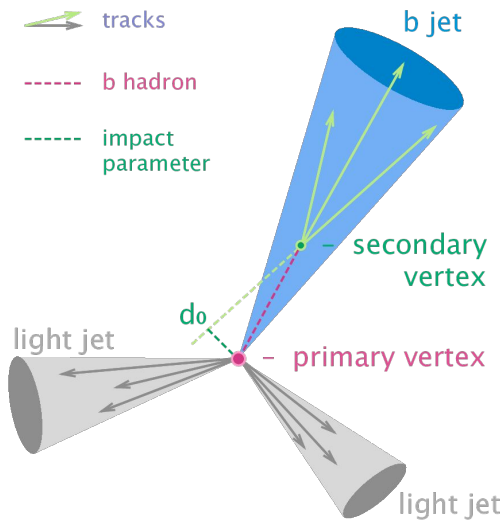
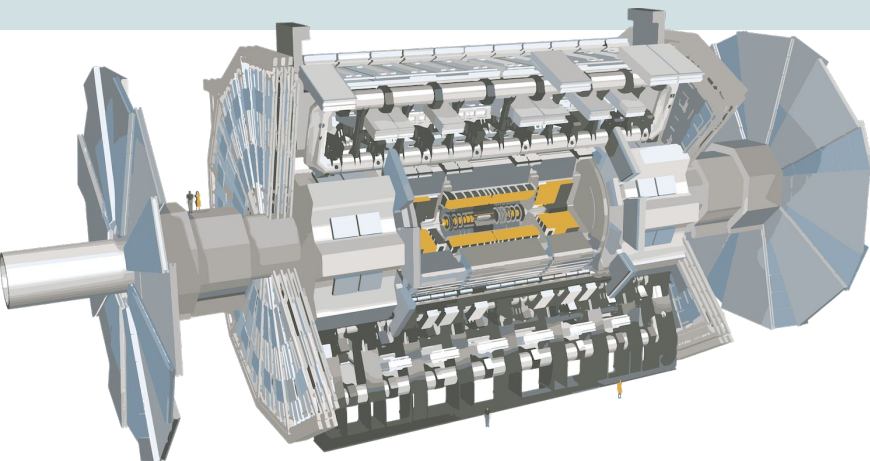
Standard Model of Elementary Particles

	three generations of matter (fermions)			interactions / force carriers (bosons)	
	I	II	III		
mass	$\approx 2.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.28 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 173.1 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	$\approx 124.97 \text{ GeV}/c^2$
charge	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0	0
spin	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0
QUARKS	u up	c charm	t top	g gluon	H higgs
	$\approx 4.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 96 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 4.18 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	0	
	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$-\frac{1}{3}$	0	
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	
	d down	s strange	b bottom	γ photon	
LEPTONS	$\approx 0.511 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 105.66 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 1.7768 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	$\approx 91.19 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
	-1	-1	-1	0	
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	
	e electron	μ muon	τ tau	Z Z boson	
	$< 1.0 \text{ eV}/c^2$	$< 0.17 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$< 18.2 \text{ MeV}/c^2$	$\approx 80.360 \text{ GeV}/c^2$	
	0	0	0	± 1	
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	
	ν_e electron neutrino	ν_μ muon neutrino	ν_τ tau neutrino	W W boson	

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Particle identification at ATLAS in one slide

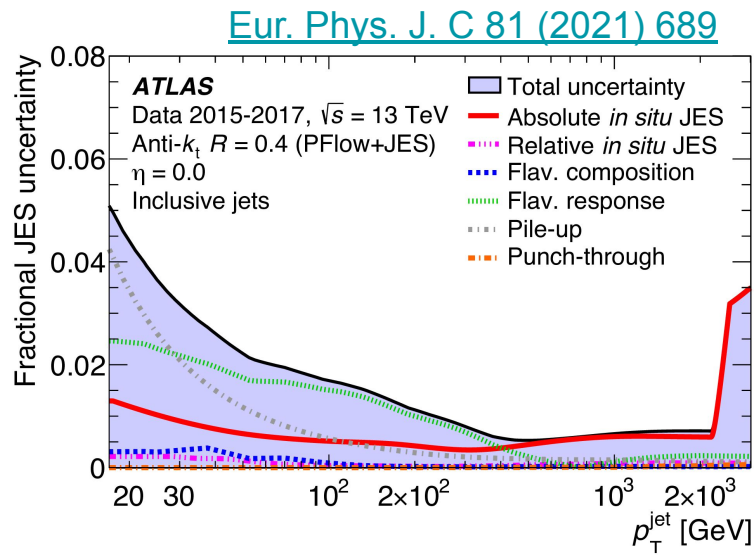
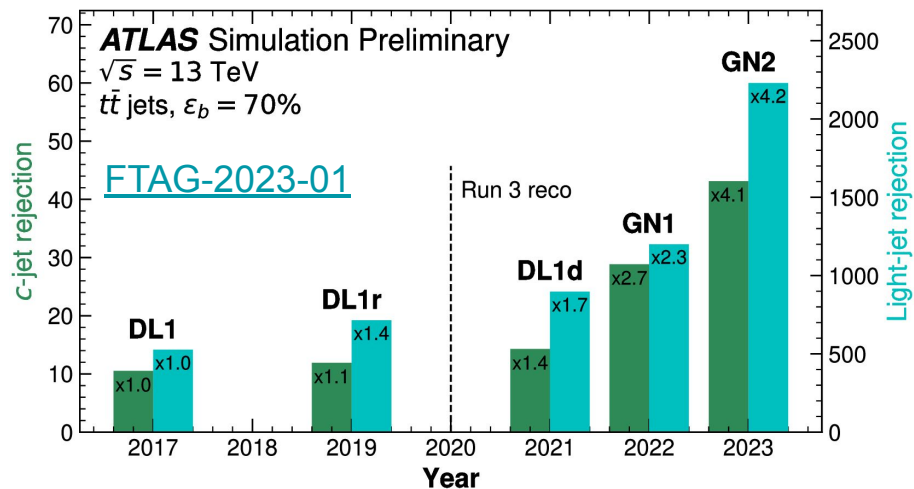


29 years of top quark physics!

Ever more precise measurements enabled by excellent collider and detector performance

Benefit from all areas of Combined Performance:

- jets & missing energy
- flavour tagging
- lepton ID & isolation
- [luminosity](#)
- ...



The range of top quark physics

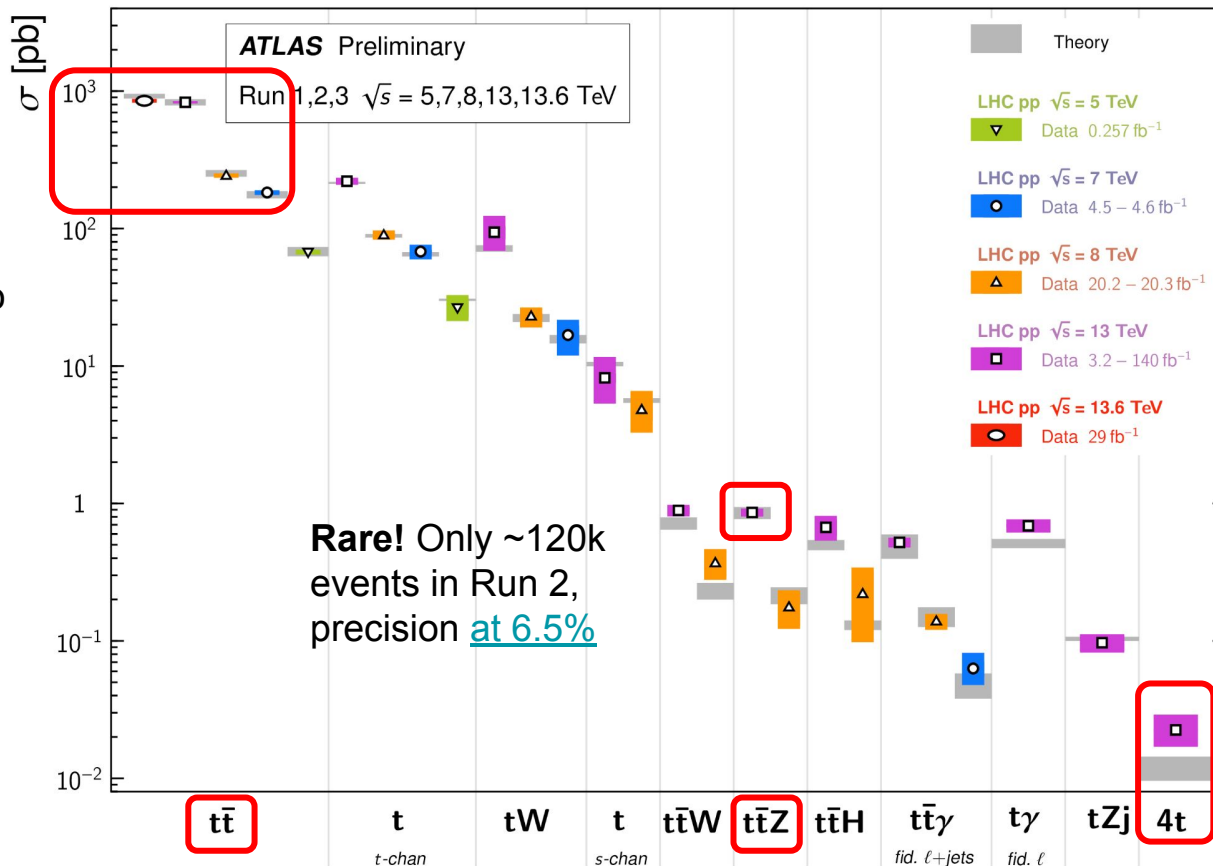
Top Quark Production Cross Section Measurements

Status: September 2023

[ATL-PHYS-PUB-2023-028](#)

Abundant production!

O(100M) events in Run 2
Precision down to [1.8%](#)



Rare! Only ~120k events in Run 2,
precision [at 6.5%](#)

Extremely challenging!
Only ~3k events,
precision [~25%](#)

Prelude: top quark spin correlations

The top quark has a mean lifetime $\sim 5 \times 10^{-25} \text{s} \ll 1/\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim 10^{-23} \text{s}$

→ spin information is **correlated** and **transferred** to decay products

BR($t \rightarrow Wb$) $\sim 100\%$ + weak interaction is maximally parity-violating

→ correlations are **observable!**

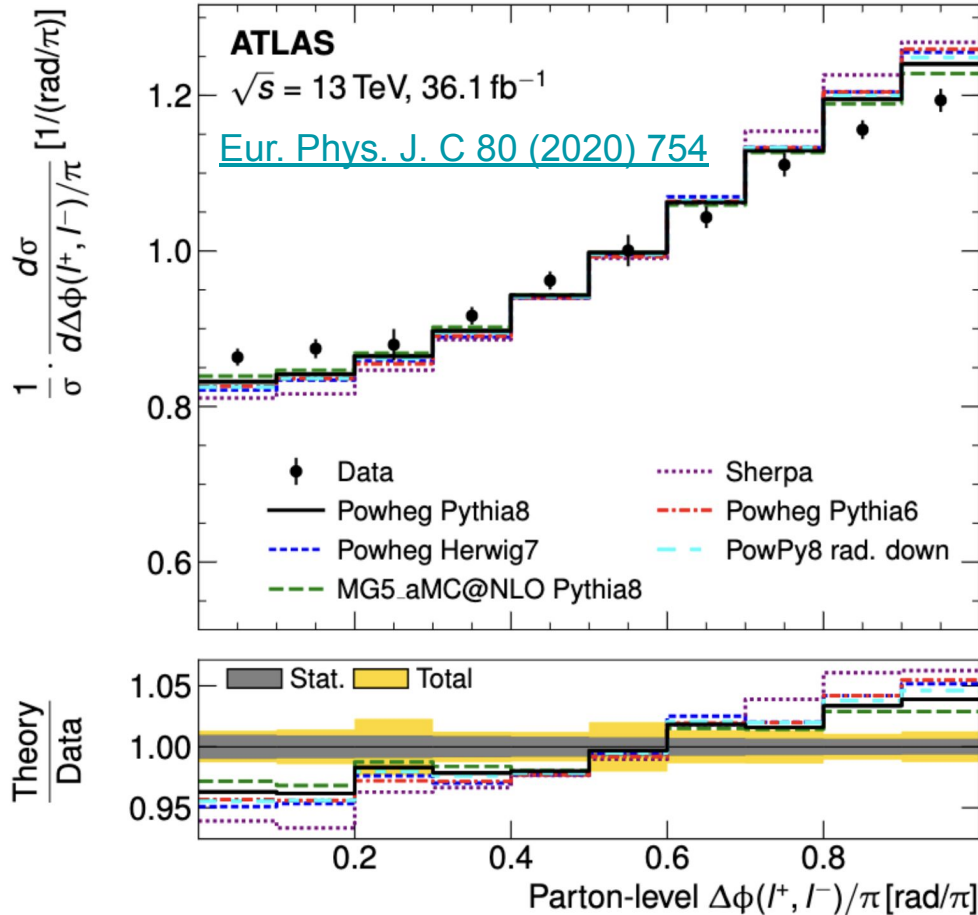
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(1 + \alpha_1 \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \hat{\ell}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{B}_2 \cdot \hat{\ell}_2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \hat{\ell}_1 \cdot \mathbb{C} \cdot \hat{\ell}_2 \right)$$

top polarisations

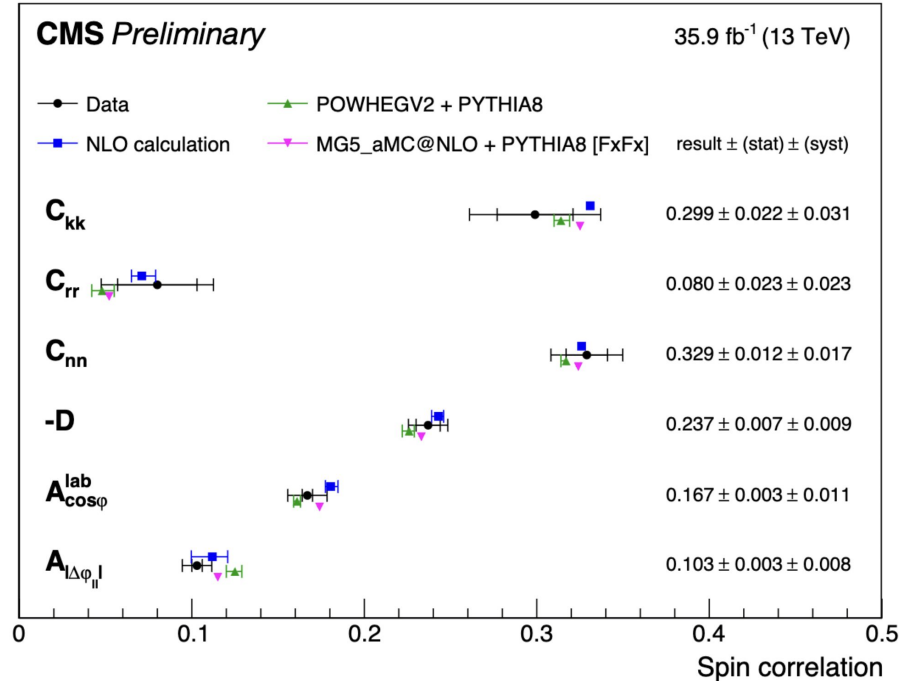


spin correlations

= full spin density matrix



Spin correlations in $t\bar{t}$ are well-established



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As you **may** have heard...



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Alain Aspect

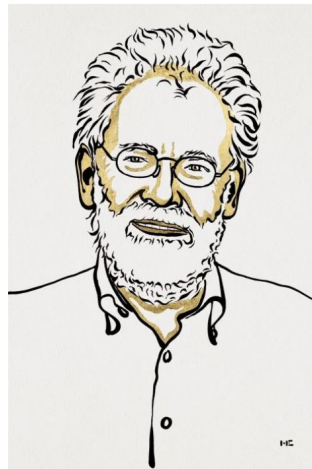
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John F. Clauser

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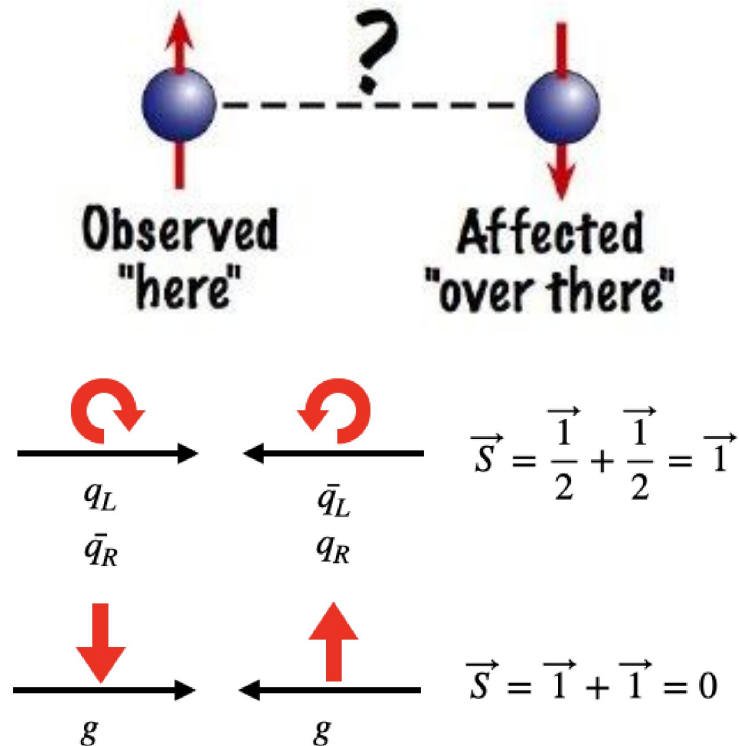


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Anton Zeilinger

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The Nobel Prize in Physics 2022 was awarded jointly to Alain Aspect, John F. Clauser and Anton Zeilinger "for experiments with **entangled photons**, establishing the **violation of Bell inequalities** and pioneering **quantum information science**"

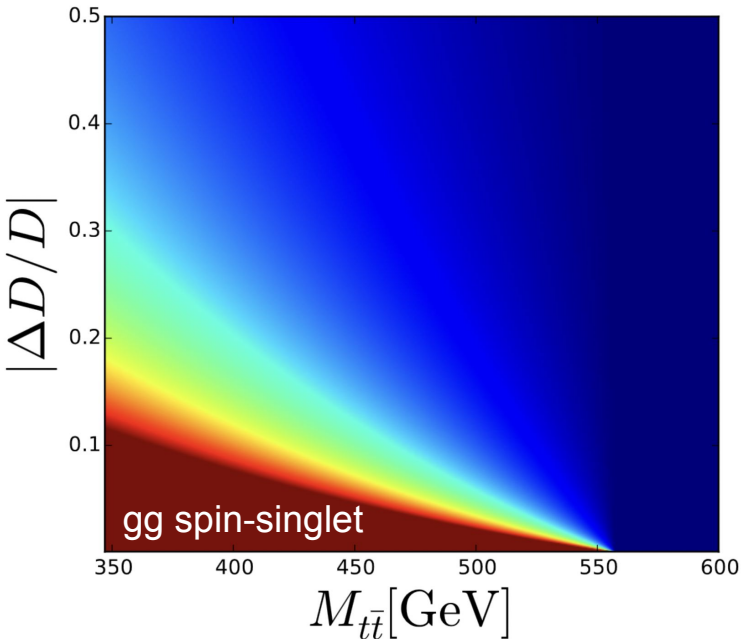


gg→ttbar: spin-singlet state at threshold

Quantum tops beyond (classical) spin correlations

[Eur. Phys. J. Plus \(2021\) 136](#) (March 2020) → first analysis of top quark pair production from the *quantum information* point of view: “bipartite qubit system”

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(1 + \alpha_1 \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \hat{\ell}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{B}_2 \cdot \hat{\ell}_2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \hat{\ell}_1 \mathbb{C} \hat{\ell}_2 \right)$$

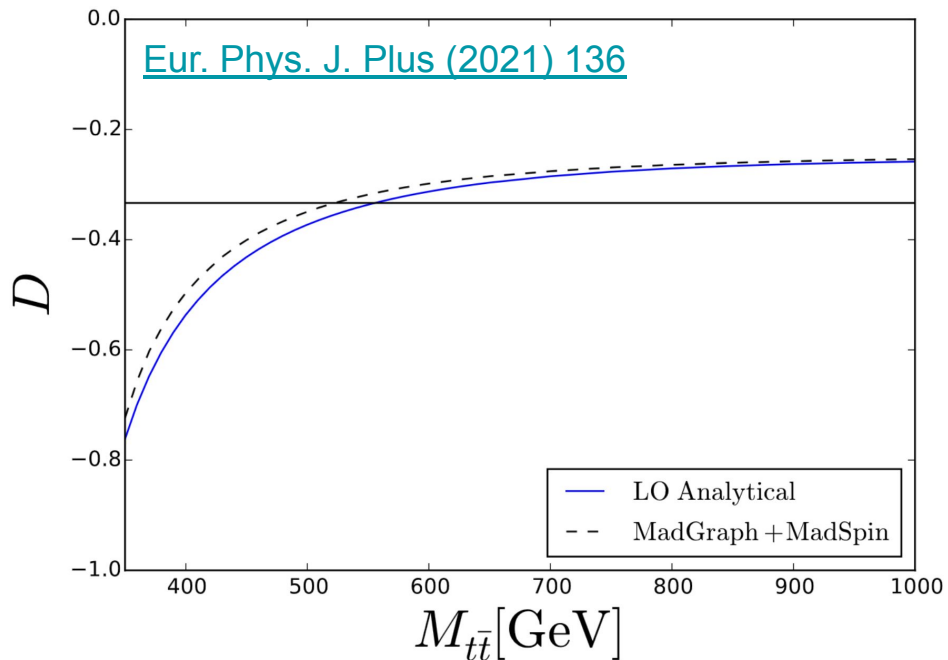


$$\text{Tr} [\mathbb{C}] < -1 \quad \text{Peres-Horodecki criterion}$$

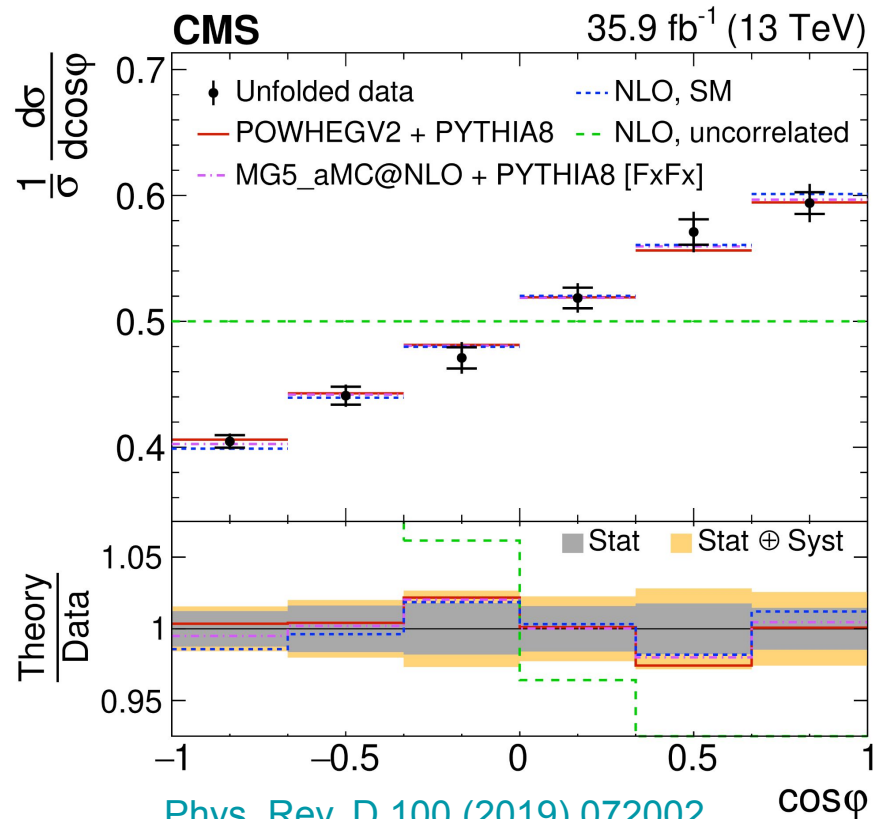
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d \cos \varphi} = \frac{1}{2} (1 - D \cos \varphi) \quad \text{a simple observable}$$

$$D = \frac{\text{Tr} [\mathbb{C}]}{3} \Rightarrow D < -\frac{1}{3} \quad \text{a quantum entanglement marker!}$$

So... did CMS observe quantum entanglement ?



CMS measured $D = -0.237 \pm 0.011 > -\frac{1}{3}$



inclusively \rightarrow need to go differential in $M(t\bar{t})$

The ATLAS result (**observation**)

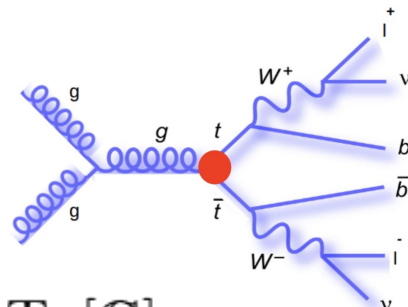
Quantum entanglement in dilepton $t\bar{t}$

Dilepton $e\mu$ final state is **very clean** (90% purity) and at the end of Run 2 we have about a **million events** after preselection.

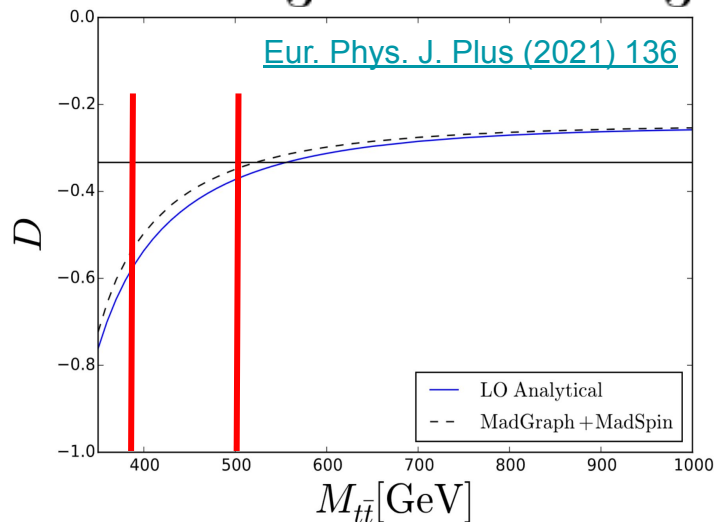
Then partition events into three selections:

- $340 < M_{t\bar{t}} < 380$: **entanglement signal region**
- $380 < M_{t\bar{t}} < 500$: validation region
(dilution from mis-reconstruction)
- $500 < M_{t\bar{t}}$: **no-entanglement** validation region

The mass cuts are crucial!



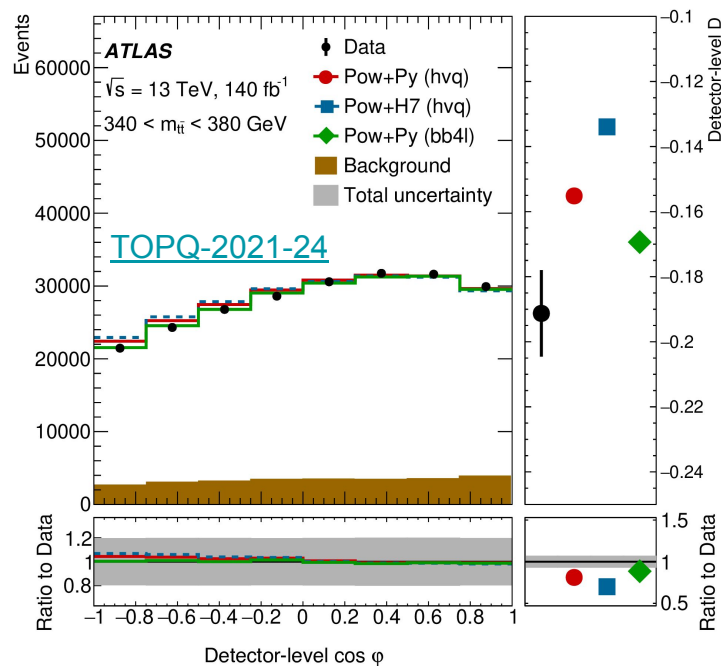
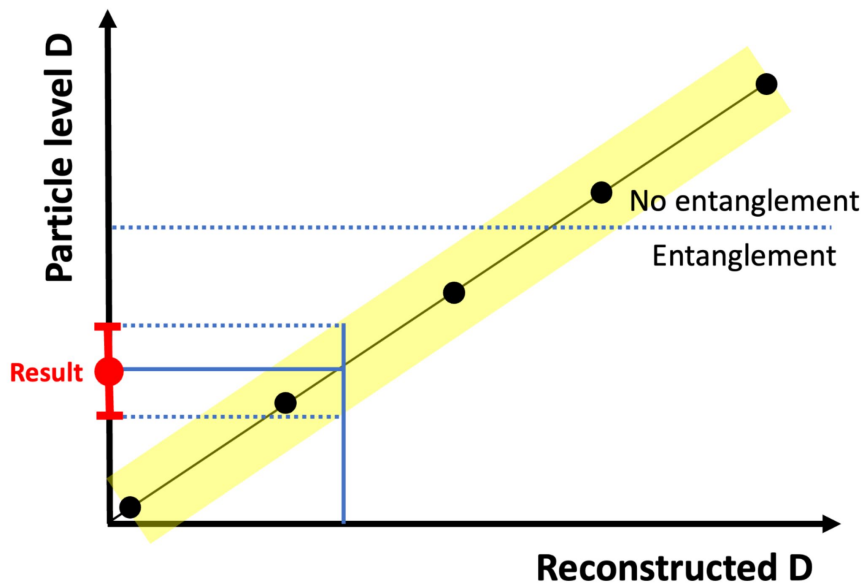
$$D = \frac{\text{Tr}[\mathbf{C}]}{3} \Rightarrow D < -\frac{1}{3}$$



“**Calibration curve**” method: use the nominal MC to map the detector-level D value (average of distribution) to the fiducial particle-level D.

Systematics are propagated with their own curves, quadratic envelope.

→ Build the curve by sampling different D values.



“Backgrounds”: mostly $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$, which leads to a flat $\cos(\varphi)$ distribution (spin information from taus is lost)

Calibrating to fiducial particle-level **reduces the parton shower uncertainty** (Pythia vs Herwig) : full details [in the paper](#).

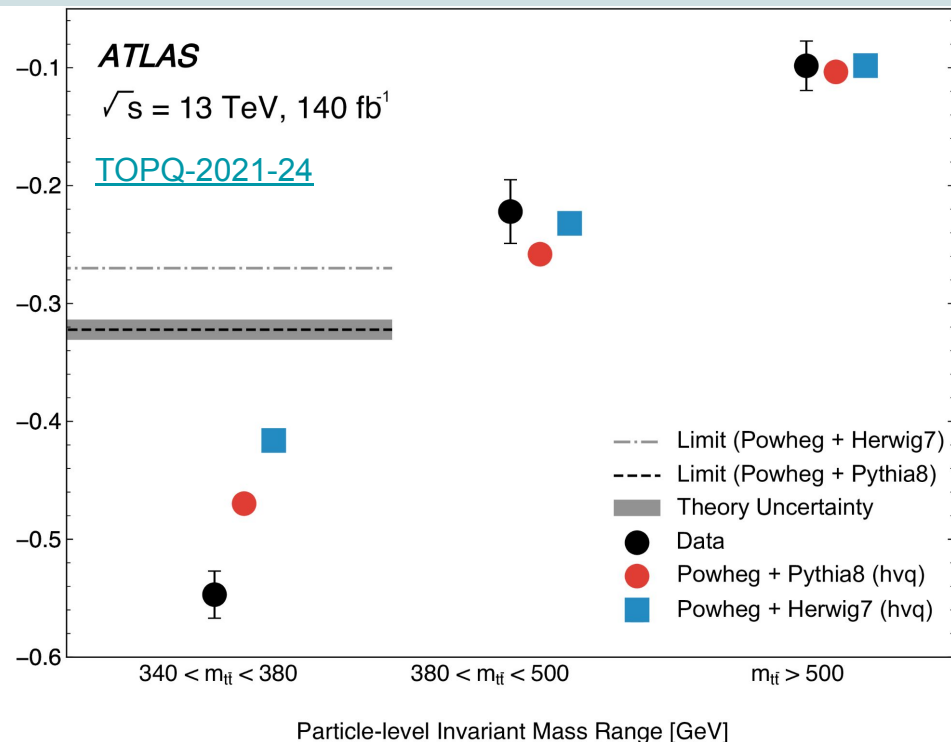
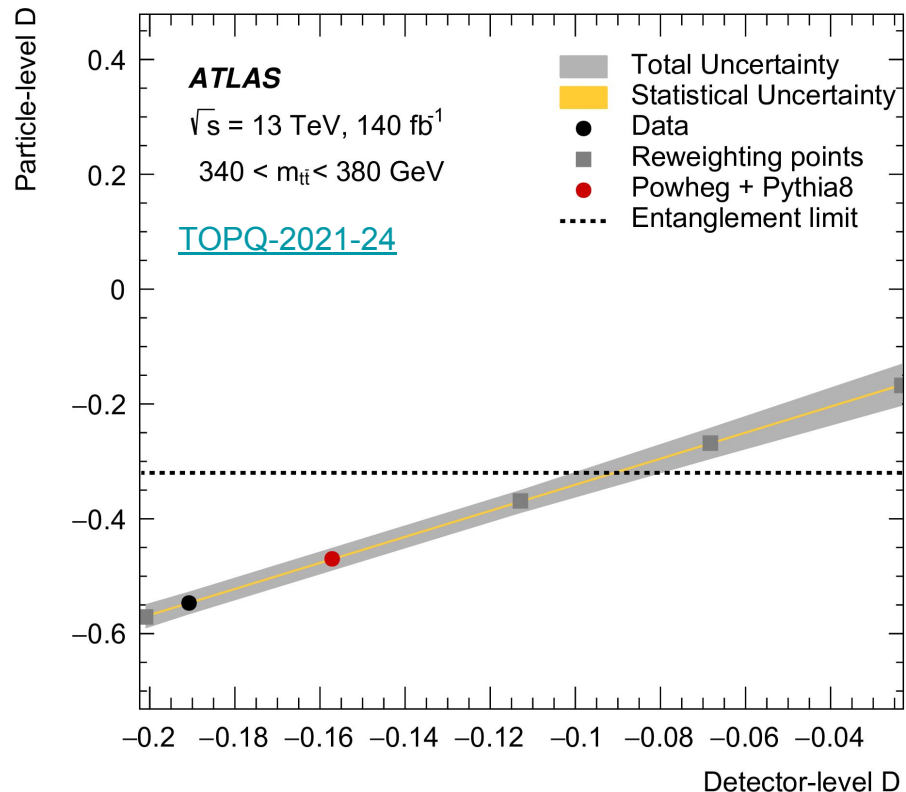
Signal modelling: by far the largest contribution

Systematic source	$\Delta D_{\text{particle}} (D = -0.470)$	ΔD (%)
Signal Modelling	0.017	3.2
Electron	0.002	0.4
Muon	0.001	0.1
Jets	0.004	0.7
b -tagging	0.002	0.4
Pileup	< 0.001	< 0.1
E_T^{miss}	0.002	0.3
Backgrounds	0.010	1.8
Stat.	0.002	0.3
Syst.	0.021	3.8
Total	0.021	3.8

[TOPQ-2021-24](#)

Leading Systematics	Relative Size [D = SM (-0.47)]
Top-quark decay	1.6 %
$Z \rightarrow \tau\tau$ Cross-section	1.5 %
Recoil To Top	1.1 %
Final State Radiation	1.1 %
Scale Uncertainties	1.1 %
NNLO Reweighting	1.1 %
Parton Distribution Function (5)	0.8 %
pThrd1 Setting	0.8 %
Top-quark Mass	0.7 %
Single Top Quark Wt Cross-section	0.4 %

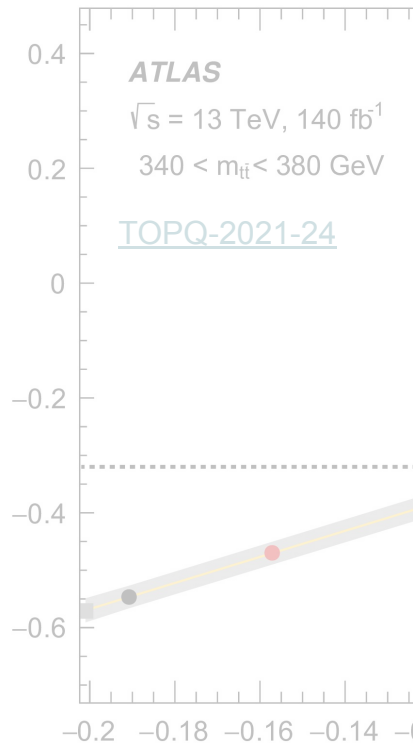
Observation of quantum entanglement in dilepton $t\bar{t}$



non-relativistic QCD effects close to threshold, not included in MC generators \rightarrow would only affect predictions, not calibration

expected: $D = -0.470 \pm 0.002 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.017 \text{ (syst.)}$

$D = -0.547 \pm 0.002 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.020 \text{ (syst.)}$

Particle-level D 

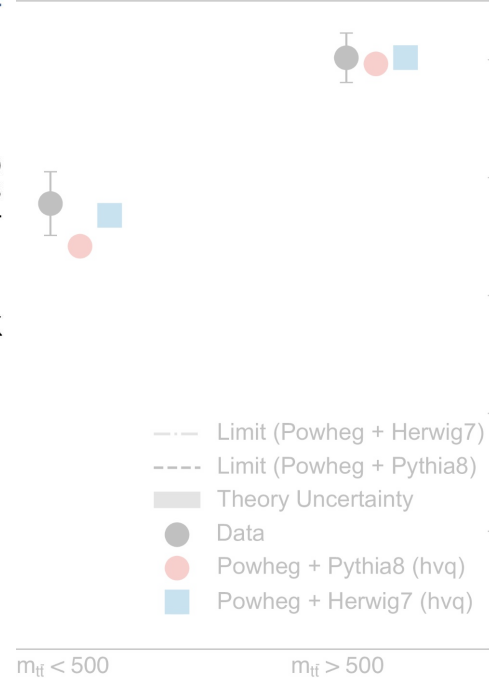
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Observation of quantum entanglement in top-quark pairs using the ATLAS detector

The ATLAS Collaboration

We report the highest-energy observation of entanglement, in top–antitop quark events produced at the Large Hadron Collider, using a proton–proton collision data set with a center-of-mass energy of $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ and an integrated luminosity of 140 fb^{-1} recorded with the ATLAS experiment. Spin entanglement is detected from the measurement of a single observable D , inferred from the angle between the charged leptons in their parent top– and antitop–quark rest frames. The observable is measured in a narrow interval around the top–antitop quark production threshold, where the entanglement detection is expected to be significant. It is reported in a fiducial phase space defined with stable particles to minimize the uncertainties that stem from limitations of the Monte Carlo event generators and the parton shower model in modelling top–quark pair production. The entanglement marker is measured to be $D = -0.547 \pm 0.002 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.021 \text{ (syst.)}$ for $340 < m_{t\bar{t}} < 380 \text{ GeV}$. The observed result is more than five standard deviations from a scenario without entanglement and hence constitutes both the first observation of entanglement in a pair of quarks and the highest-energy observation of entanglement to date.



Invariant Mass Range [GeV]

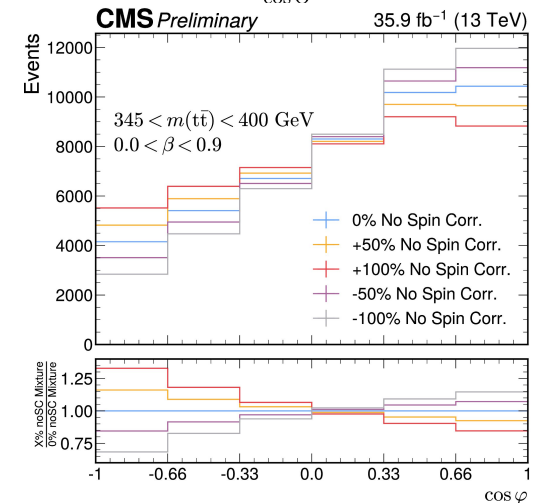
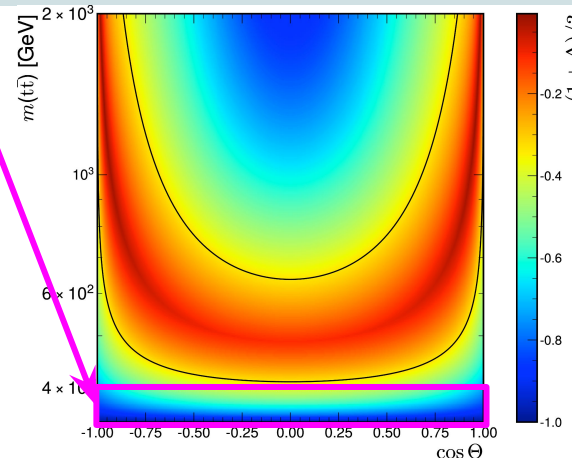
above threshold, not included in
fact predictions, not calibration

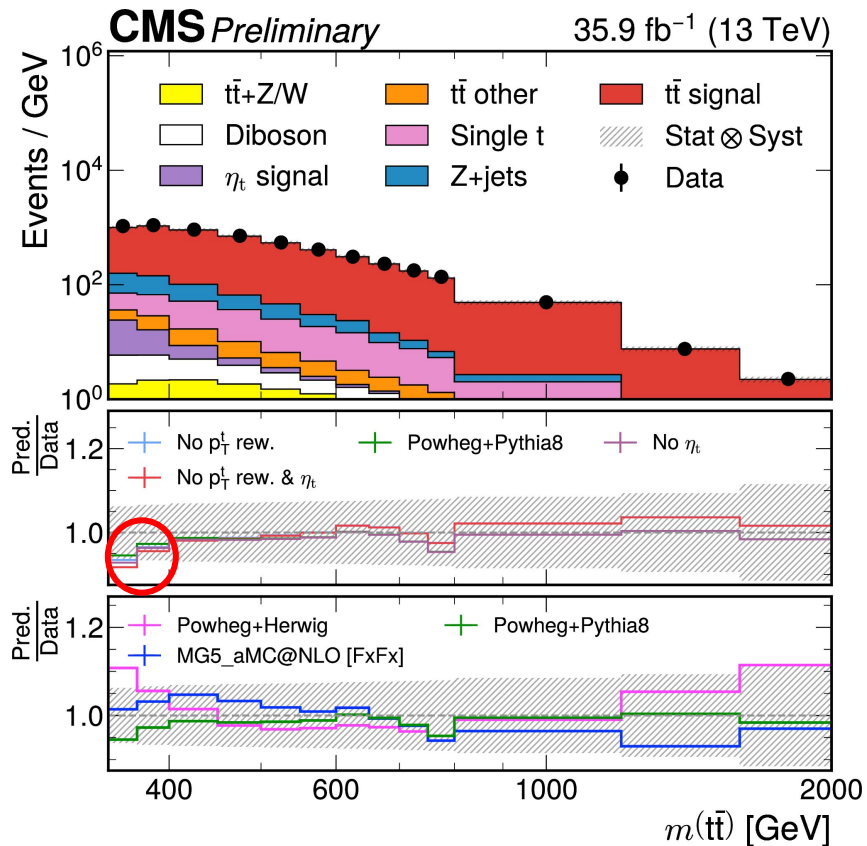
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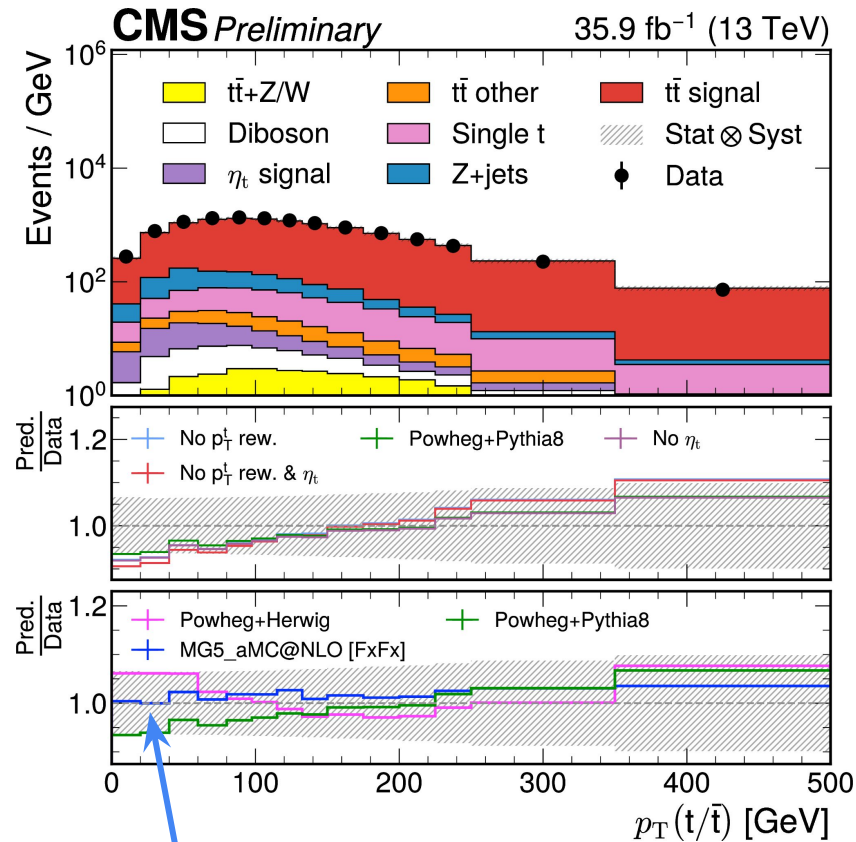
The CMS result (**confirmation**)

- Signal region: **345-400 GeV window in $M(t\bar{t})$**
- Cut on $t\bar{t}$ velocity ($\beta < 0.9$) to enrich sample in $gg \rightarrow t\bar{t}$
- Consider $ee + \mu\mu + e\mu$ events, but only 2016 data
- **Mix spin-on and spin-off samples to get different predictions for D**
- Profile-likelihood fit **at detector-level**
- **Toponium**: spin-0 colour-singlet pseudo-scalar modelled in MadGraph+Py8
 - $M(\eta_t) = 343 \text{ GeV}$ (337-349 GeV)
 - $\Gamma(\eta_t) = 7 \text{ GeV}$
 - $\sigma(\eta_t) = 6.43 \text{ pb}$

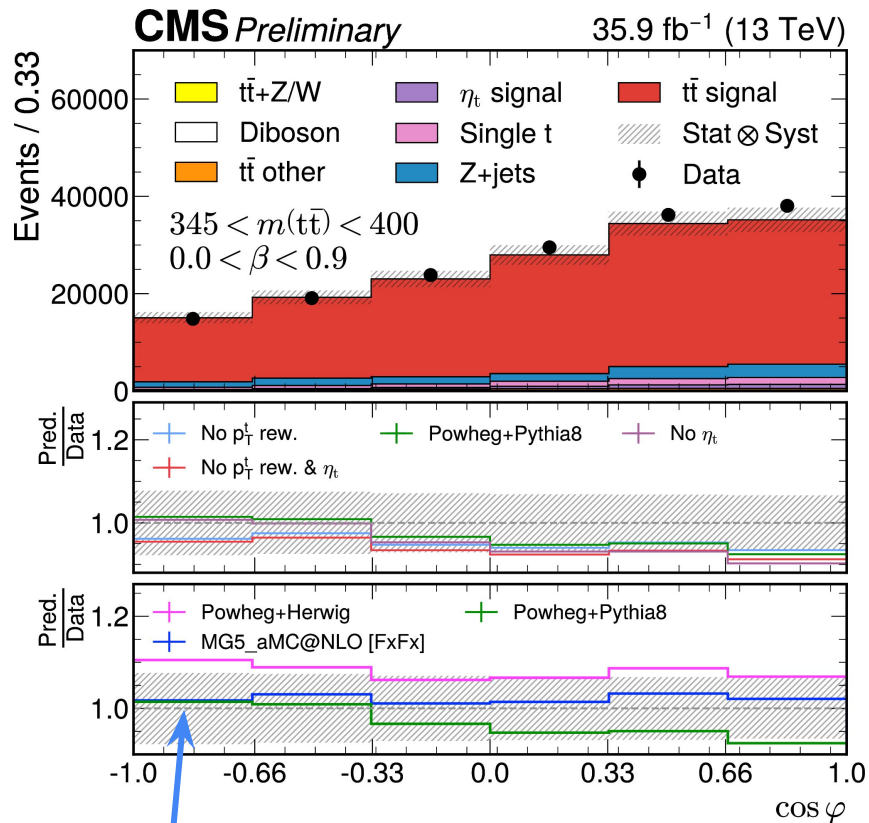




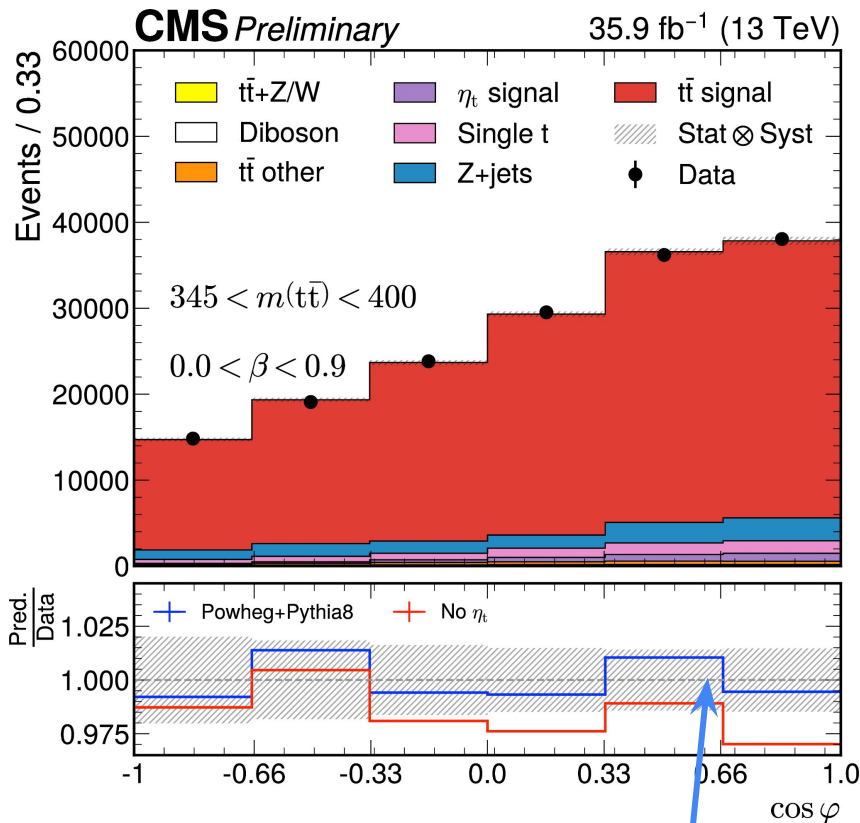
Toponium improves modelling



FxFx: better for p_T than $M(ttbar)$



FxFx gives best modelling at threshold



Post-fit clearly prefers *toponium*

5.7 σ observed (5.1 σ expected)

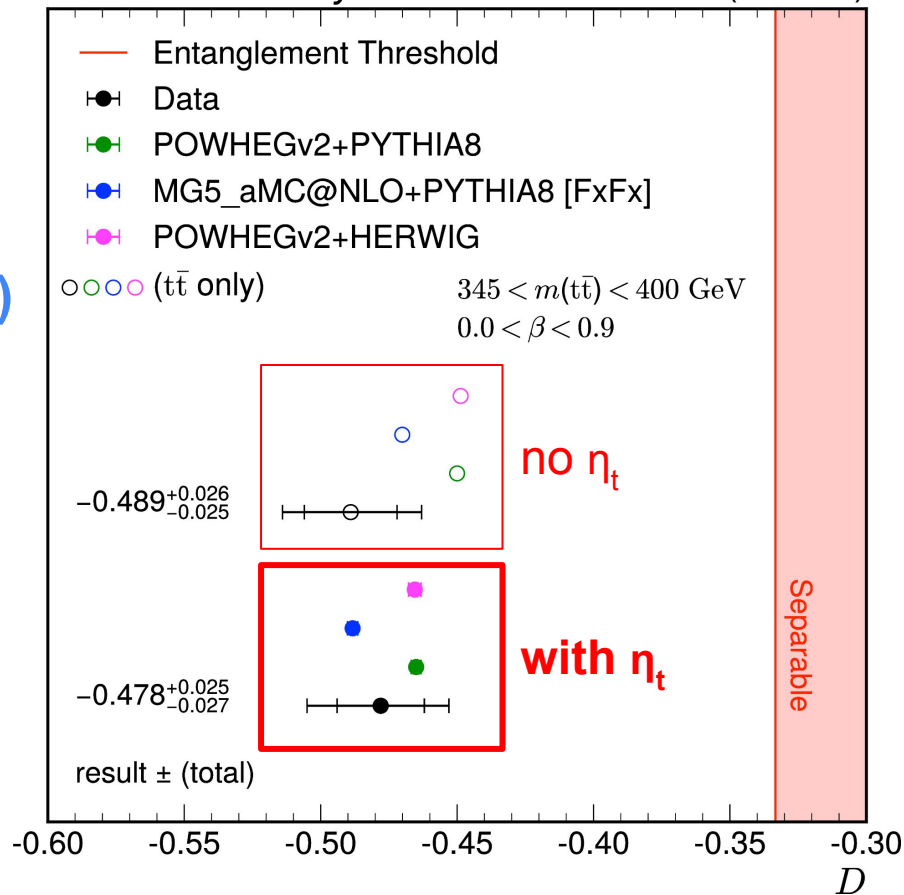
Toponium 50% normalisation uncertainty
+ vary binding energy ± 0.5 GeV

$$D = -0.478 \pm 0.017 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.019 \text{ (syst.)}$$

Source	Uncertainty
	D
JES	10.1%
Toponium normalization	10.1%
Parton Shower (ISR)	6.3%
Scale	1.8%
Parton Shower (FSR)	1.2%
JER	0.9%
Z+jets shape	0.8%
b quark fragmentation	0.4%
$t\bar{t}$ normalization	0.3%
PDF	0.3%

CMS Preliminary

35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



Quantum information with top quarks in QCD

Yoav Afik, Juan Ramón Muñoz de Nova

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Quantum discord and steering in top quarks at the LHC

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Top quarks have recently shown to be a promising system to study quantum information problems at the high energy colliders. We present here the general framework of the quantum state of energy colliders. We argue that, in general, the total quantum state that can be probed rises to a mixed state. We compute the quantum state of a $t\bar{t}$ pair produced from the different regions of phase space. We show that any realistic hadronic production of a $t\bar{t}$ experimentally relevant cases of proton-proton and proton-antiproton collisions, peak energy of the collisions. We provide experimental observables for entanglement and a single observable, which in the case of entanglement represents the violation of a Clauser pair proposed in the literature to more generally quantum states, and for any production form of violation of Bell's theorem, necessarily containing a number of loopholes.

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Entanglement and quantum tomography with top quarks at the LHC

Yoav Afik, Juan Ramón Muñoz de Nova

Entanglement is a central subject in quantum mechanics. Due to its genuine relativistic behavior and fundamental nature, high-energy colliders are attractive systems for the experimental study of fundamental aspects of quantum mechanics. We propose the detection of entanglement between the spins of top-antitop-quark pairs at the LHC, representing the first proposal of entanglement detection in a pair of quarks, and also the entanglement observation at the highest energy scale so far. We show that entanglement can be observed by direct measurement of the angular separation between the leptons arising from the decay of the top-antitop pair. The detection can be achieved with high statistical significance, using the current data recorded during Run 2 at the LHC. In addition, we develop a simple protocol for the quantum tomography of the top-antitop pair. This experimental test is the first of its kind.

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Quantum state tomography, entanglement detection and Bell violation prospects in weak decays of massive particles

Rachel Ashby-Pickering, Alan J. Barr, Agnieszka Wierzcicka

A rather general method for determining the spin density matrix of a multi-particle system from angular decay data is presented. The method is based on a Bloch parameterisation of the J -dimensional generalised Bell state. This representation is used to analyse the reconstructed Wigner and Mueller transforms on the sphere. Each member of a (possibly infinite) set of spin density matrix can be determined by direct measurement of the angular separation between the leptons arising from the decay of the top-antitop pair. The detection can be achieved with high statistical significance, using the current data recorded during Run 2 at the LHC. In addition, we develop a simple protocol for the quantum tomography of the top-antitop pair. This experimental test is the first of its kind.

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Quantum SMEFT tomography: top quark pair production at the LHC

Rafael Aoude, Eric Madge, Fabio Maltoni, Luca Mantani

Quantum information observables, such as entanglement measures, provide a powerful way to characterize the properties of quantum states. We propose to use them to study the structure of fundamental interactions and to search for new physics at high energy. Inspired by recent proposals to measure entanglement of top quark pairs produced in the Standard Model, we propose to use them to study the structure of fundamental interactions and to search for new physics at high energy. Inspired by recent proposals to measure entanglement of top quark pairs produced in the Standard Model, we propose to use them to study the structure of fundamental interactions and to search for new physics at high energy. Inspired by recent proposals to measure entanglement of top quark pairs produced in the Standard Model, we propose to use them to study the structure of fundamental interactions and to search for new physics at high energy.

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Testing Bell inequalities in Higgs boson decays

Alán Barr

Higgs boson decays produce a pair of W bosons. Numerical simulation near-maximally violated. Experimentally controlled then statistically significant.

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Laboratory-frame tests of quantum entanglement in $H \rightarrow WW$

J. A. Aguilar-Saavedra

Quantum entanglement between frame observables that only involve the measurement of the quantum dimensional angular distribution.

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Testing entanglement and Bell inequalities in $H \rightarrow ZZ$

J. A. Aguilar-Saavedra, A. Bernal, J. A. Casas, J. M. Moreno

We discuss quantum entanglement and violation of Bell inequalities in the $H \rightarrow ZZ$ decay, in particular when the two Z -bosons decay into light leptons. Although such implies an important suppression of the statistics, this is traded by clean signals from a "quasi maximally-entangled" system, which makes it very promising to check these phenomena at high energy. In this paper we devise a novel framework to extract from $H \rightarrow ZZ$ data all significant information related to this goal, in particular spin correlated observables. In this context we derive sufficient and necessary conditions for entanglement in terms of only two parameters. Likewise, we obtain a sufficient and improved for the violation of Bell-type inequalities. The numerical analysis shows that with a luminosity of $L = 300\text{fb}^{-1}$ entanglement can be probed at $> 3\sigma$ level. For $L = 3\text{ab}^{-1}$ entanglement can be probed beyond the 5σ level, while the sensitivity to a violation of the Bell inequalities is at the 4.5σ level.

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Testing Bell inequalities at the LHC with top-quark pairs

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Entanglement between the spins of top-quark pairs produced at a collider can be used to test a (generalized) Bell inequality at energies never explored so far. We show how the measurement of a single observable can provide a test of the violation of the Bell inequality at the 98% CL with the data already collected at the Large Hadron Collider and at the 99.99% CL with the higher luminosity of the next run.

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SIGNIFICANT interest from the THEORY community

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Constraining new physics in entangled two-qubit systems: top-quark, tau-lepton and photon pairs

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The measurement of quantum entanglement can provide a new and most sensitive probe to physics beyond the Standard Model. We use the concurrence of the top-quark pairs spin states produced at colliders to constrain the magnetic dipole term in the coupling between top quarks and gluons, that of τ -lepton pairs spin states to bound contact interactions and that of τ -lepton pairs or two photons spin states from the decay of the Higgs boson to try distinguishing between CP-even and odd couplings. These four examples show the power of the new approach as well as its limitations. We show that differences in the entanglement in the top-quark and τ -lepton pairs production cross sections can provide constraints better than those previously estimated from total cross sections or classical correlations. Instead, the final states in the decays of the Higgs boson remain maximally entangled even in the presence of CP-odd couplings and cannot be used to set bounds on new physics. We discuss the violation of Bell inequalities featured in all four processes and find that the decays of the Higgs boson into τ -lepton pairs or two photons constitute the best instances to observe such violations.

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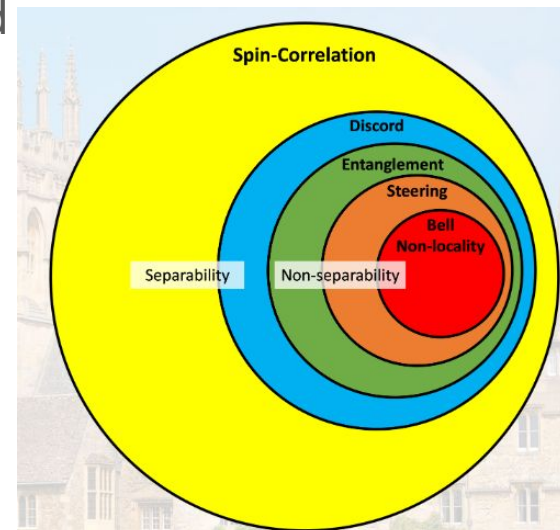
The **landscape** of quantum information **at the LHC**

Quantum tops [beyond entanglement](#)

Follow-up papers by the same authors formulate additional [quantum information theory](#) concepts in term of [\$t\bar{t}\$ production at the LHC](#):

- **Quantum Discord** measures the departure of the information entropy from classical theory
- **Quantum Steering** measures the non-local effect of one measurement on the outcome of the other
- both are **usually very hard to measure**, given the need to repeat experiments over large samples of spin directions → the LHC gives us **millions of randomly sampled directions “for free”!**
- both are **asymmetric** quantities → new tests of **CP violation in the strong sector!**

In general, want to perform [quantum tomography](#)
= reconstruct the full spin density matrix



- A new **general marker** of quantum entanglement has been proposed
 - in the **threshold** region, **exactly what is being done now** ($D = \text{Tr}[C]/3$)
 - in the **boosted** region, would need **slightly different** angular distribution
 - at threshold, additional cut on the $t\bar{t}$ velocity β can reduce the $q\bar{q}$ contamination
 - both approaches can increase the statistical sensitivity by $\sim 20\%$
- Similarly, we can **simplify tests** of Bell's inequality violation
 - **sufficient to know the 3 spin correlation coefficients**, but better done in the **beam basis**
 - alternatively, could measure a simple asymmetry

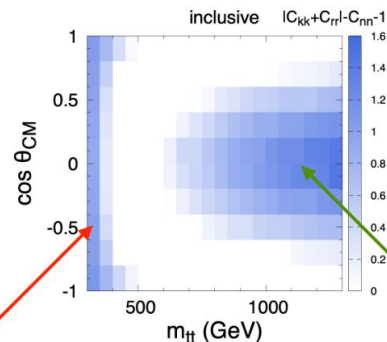
spin correlations

	Threshold β	Threshold β	Boosted
Individual	0.021 ± 0.053	0.119 ± 0.074	0.218 ± 0.141
Direct	0.027 ± 0.035	0.121 ± 0.045	0.208 ± 0.125

asymmetry

cut on β

$$E \equiv |C_{kk} + C_{rr}| - C_{nn} - 1 > 0$$



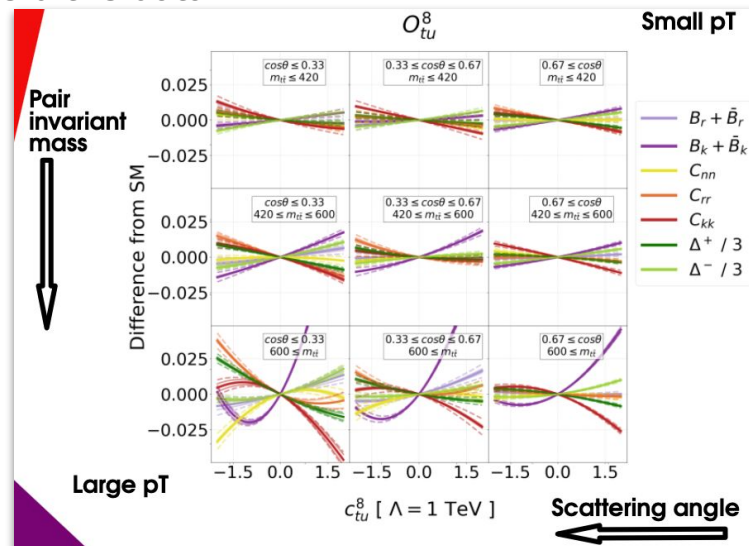
Threshold region,
 $E = -(C_{kk} + C_{rr} + C_{nn}) - 1 > 0$

Boosted region,
 $E = C_{kk} + C_{rr} - C_{nn} - 1 > 0$

- The 15 components of the $t\bar{t}$ spin density matrix can constrain SMEFT operators affecting top production
 - entanglement and Bell observables are also sensitive
 - in the dilepton channel, **all $O(1/\Lambda^2)$ effects in the top decay cancel out** (to less than permille level)
 - best predictions are currently at NLO QCD with approximate-NLO spin effects: this is not something we can match with our MC, **better to unfold the data**
- 4-quark operators need NLO calculations
 - projections of CMS-like analysis to full Run 2+3 give **competitive constraints wrt. to current full global fits to top LHC data**

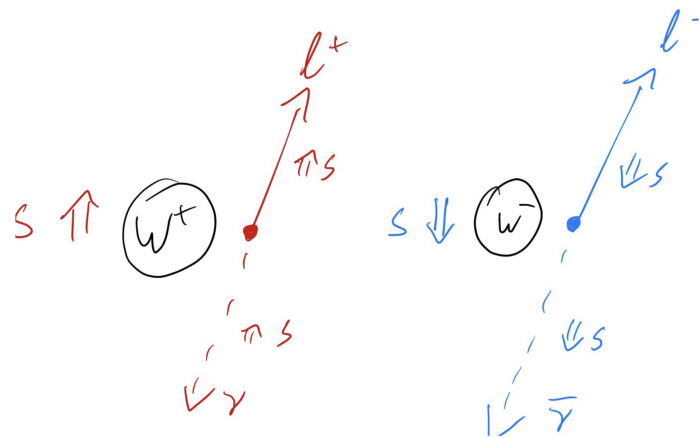
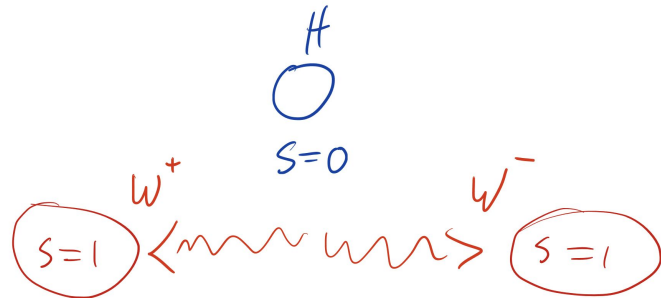
negligible EFT in top decays!

$$\alpha_\ell = 1 - \frac{c_{uW,33}^2 v^4}{\Lambda^4} \frac{4(2m_t^6 + 3m_t^4 m_W^2 - 6m_t^2 m_W^4 + m_W^6 + 12m_t^4 m_W^2 \log m_W/m_t)}{(m_W^2 - m_t^2)^2 (m_t^2 + 2m_W^2)}$$



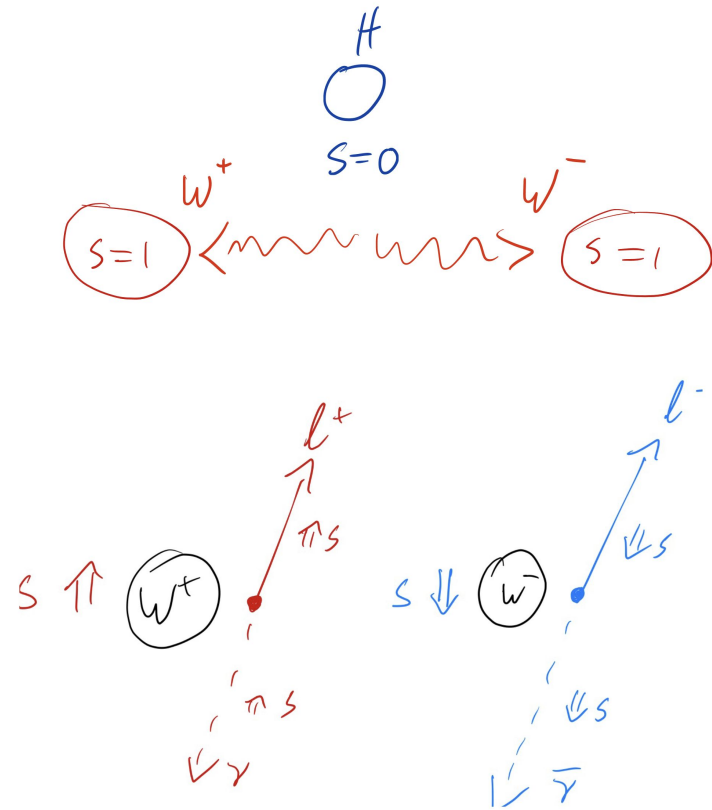
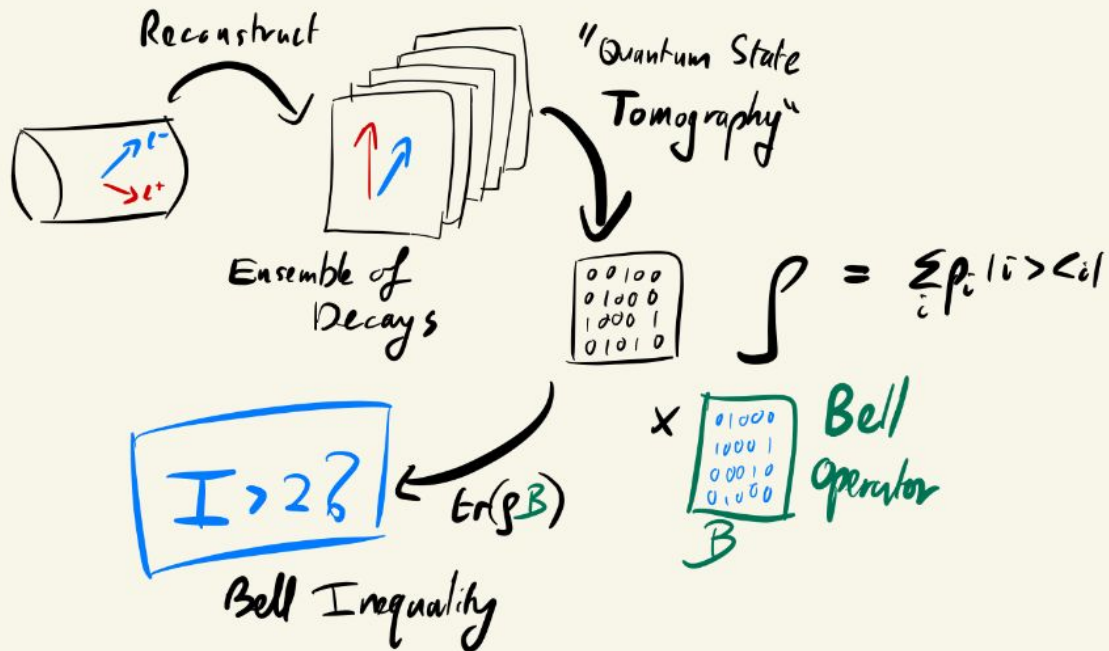
“Decaying W bosons are their own polarimeters”

- HWW* provides a near-maximally entangled state
 - spin density matrix has **80 real parameters**
 - can be **uniquely determined** from angular distributions
 - violation of Bell’s inequality for a pair of qutrits can be probed from “only” 10 such distributions
- Sensitivity estimate in the $lvlv$ final state range from 1σ to 5σ
 - but neglects backgrounds and assumes 10 GeV resolution on neutrino reconstruction... **unrealistic?**



Quantum state tomography with weak decays

“Decaying W bosons are their own polarimeters”



Quantum tomography of diboson systems

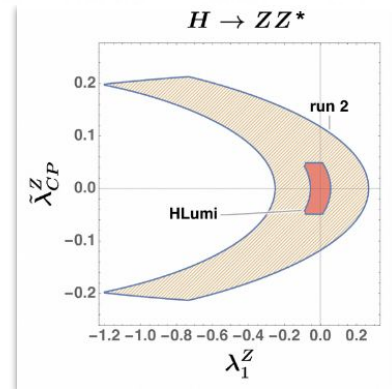
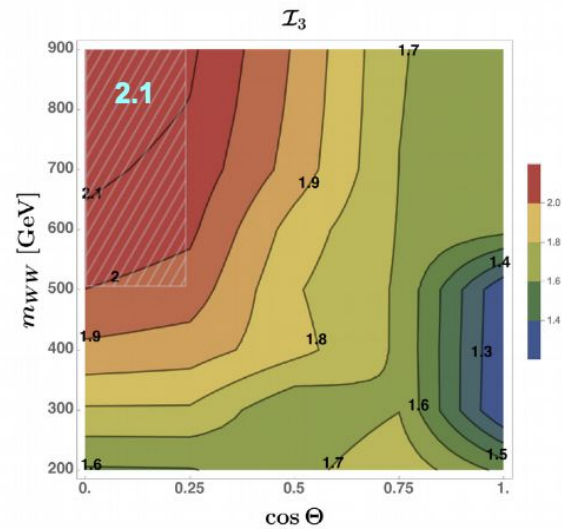
Formalism can be [extended](#) to all massive diboson final states: HWW^* , HZZ^* , WW , WZ , ZZ

$pp \rightarrow VV$ **infeasible** at the HL-LHC: have to “wait” for FCC/muon colliders

Expect HWW^* to be **systematically dominated**, but HZZ^* gets better with stats

- Bell’s inequality violation at most 1σ for HWW^*
- 1.3σ for HZZ^* in Run 2, 5.6σ at HL-LHC
- but once again the “experimental scenarios” are likely too idealised

HZZ^* could further be used to **drive constraints** on **anomalous couplings** \rightarrow stronger than cross section alone!



We can exploit further the symmetries of the ZZ final state, to **avoid** having to study the **full 80-parameter** spin density matrix

→ **entanglement marker** narrowed **down to 2 doubly-differential observables**

Observing entanglement becomes equivalent to observing an asymmetry in either!

Highlights the **relevance of mass cuts**

We are looking to show $C \neq 0$ and $I_3 > 2$

Experimental projections compatible with other theory predictions, slightly more realistic scenario due to 4 lepton final state...

- **LHC Run 2+3**

	min m_{Z_2}			
	0	10 GeV	20 GeV	30 GeV
N	450	418	312	129
$C_{2,1,2,-1}$	-0.98 ± 0.31	-0.97 ± 0.33	-1.05 ± 0.38	-1.06 ± 0.61
$C_{2,2,2,-2}$	0.60 ± 0.37	0.64 ± 0.38	0.74 ± 0.43	0.82 ± 0.63
I_3	2.66 ± 0.46	2.67 ± 0.49	2.82 ± 0.57	2.88 ± 0.89

Table 1: Values $C_{2,1,2,-1}$, $C_{2,2,2,-2}$ and I_3 obtained from 1000 pseudo experiments with $L = 300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$.

- **HL-LHC**

	min m_{Z_2}			
	0	10 GeV	20 GeV	30 GeV
N	4500	4180	3120	1290
$C_{2,1,2,-1}$	-0.95 ± 0.10	-1.00 ± 0.10	-1.04 ± 0.12	-1.04 ± 0.19
$C_{2,2,2,-2}$	0.60 ± 0.12	0.64 ± 0.12	0.74 ± 0.14	0.83 ± 0.20
I_3	2.63 ± 0.15	2.71 ± 0.16	2.81 ± 0.18	2.84 ± 0.28

Table 2: Same as Table 1, for $L = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$.

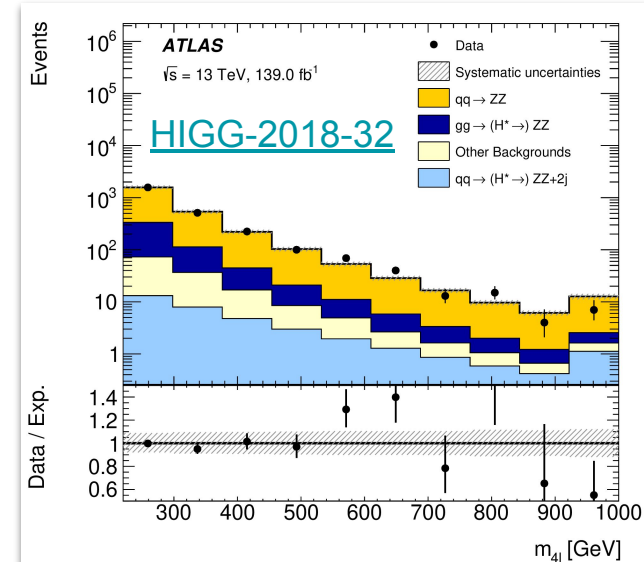
A twist on polarisations: H^*ZZ (not a typo!)

ATLAS recently proposed a [new analysis strategy](#) to search for [high-mass off-shell Higgs](#) bosons in the 4 lepton final state \rightarrow 2 on-shell Z bosons!

Allows to use another **entanglement “trick”**: entanglement marker can be recast as **binary test** between observing **only longitudinal** polarisations of the Z bosons (**separable**) or **both transverse and longitudinal (entangled)**.

Can be done with lab-frame observables (very clean) and existing Monte Carlo techniques (well defined polarisations)

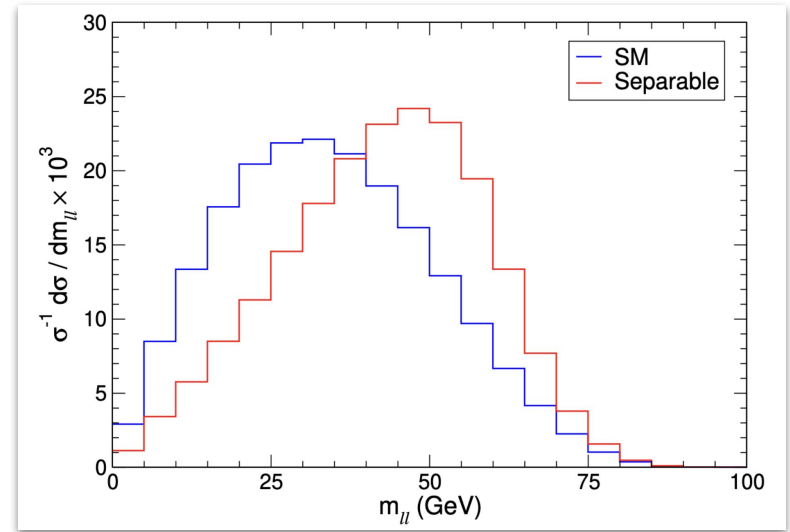
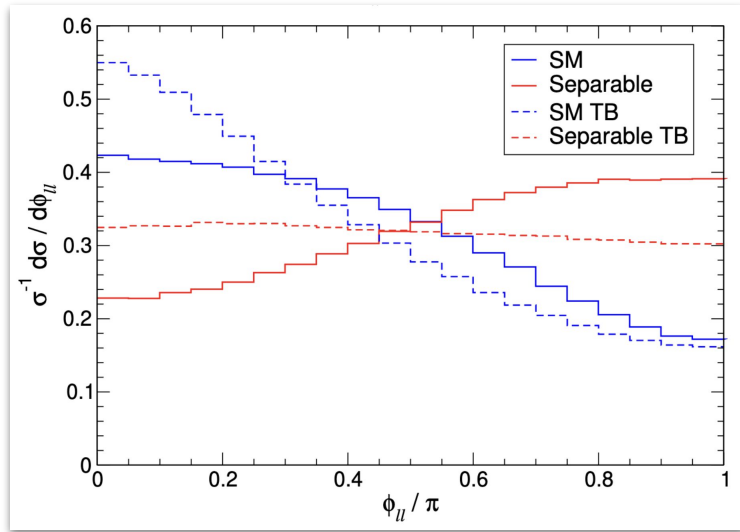
In practice: **completely stat dominated** all the way up to HL-LHC



The “**trick**” is saved in the H-onshell/W-offshell regime by the assumption that the W decays to massless particles: **OK for e/ μ** , not for taus (but we don't want to look at taus anyway)

Rely on the “**CAR**” method (*custom angle replacement*) to **resample existing HWW*** MC samples according to new PDFs where we change the W polarisations

→ currently **under study** for application within ATLAS

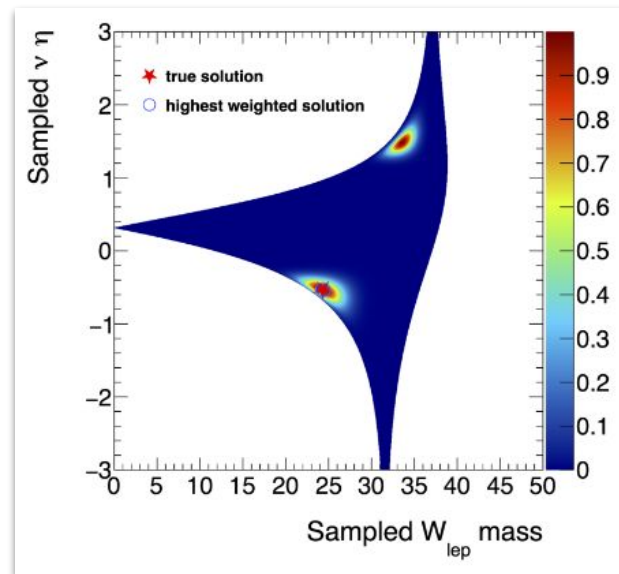
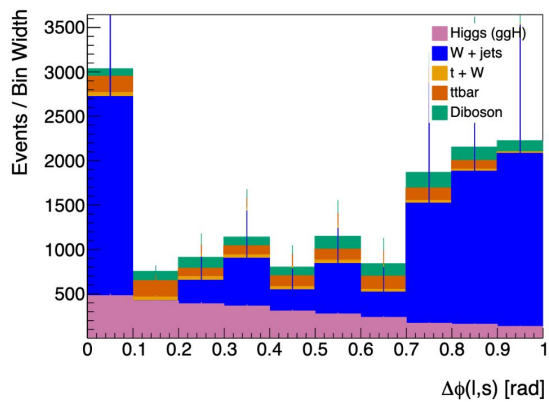
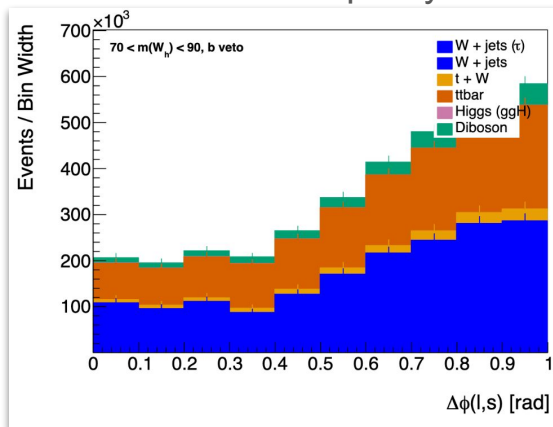


Dileptonic WW: clean observables at detector-level, but very hard to reconstruct the full Higgs system to measure the spin density matrix.

Semileptonic WW was so far too messy (large SM backgrounds)

→ new technique inspired from top reconstruction helps!

- exploit **charm tagging** to reconstruct on-shell $W \rightarrow cs$
- off-shell $W^* \rightarrow l\nu$ reconstructed with **Neutrino Weighting**
- both reconstructions can be used to suppress backgrounds: **opens up a practical new final state for Higgs physics!**
- but Bell's inequality violation will still take time (2σ at HL-LHC)



Multiple final states to look at:

- $t\bar{t}$, HWW^* , HZZ^* ($\tau\tau$ and $\nu\nu$ also received attention, but not nearly as promising)
- multi-lepton final states are “easier”, but **we benefit from tackling complicated reconstruction problems** (semileptonic HWW , dileptonic $t\bar{t}/HWW$, off-shell resonances...)
- qubits vs qutrits, two- and three-particle entanglement, decays...

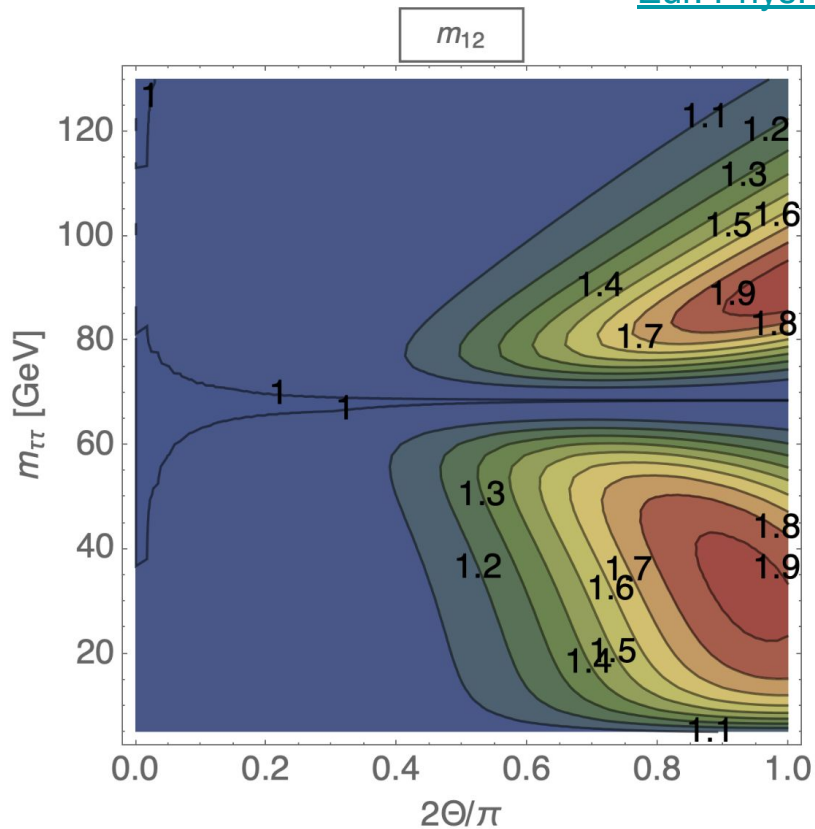
The ultimate goal is to **measure the full spin density matrices** (in several bases and differentially in the invariant mass of the system)

- can also target observation of **entanglement by using dedicated observables** (few caveats of SM-like assumptions)
- Bell's inequality violation **very challenging**
- **quantum discord** could be **measured “properly” for the first time...**

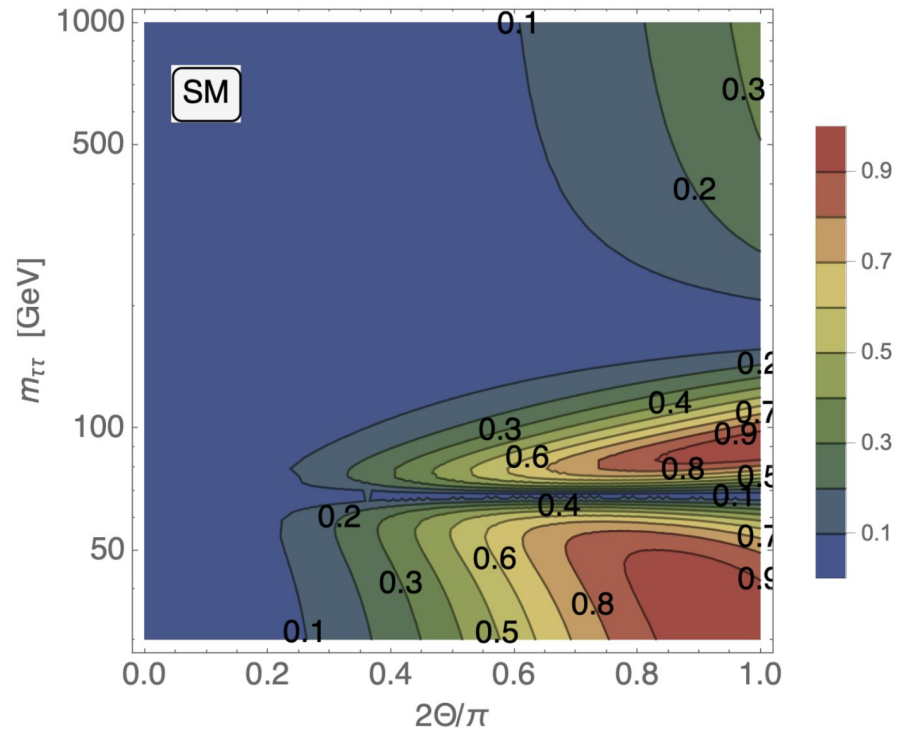
Backup

Quantum entanglement in di-tau systems

[Eur. Phys. J. C 83, 162 \(2023\)](#)

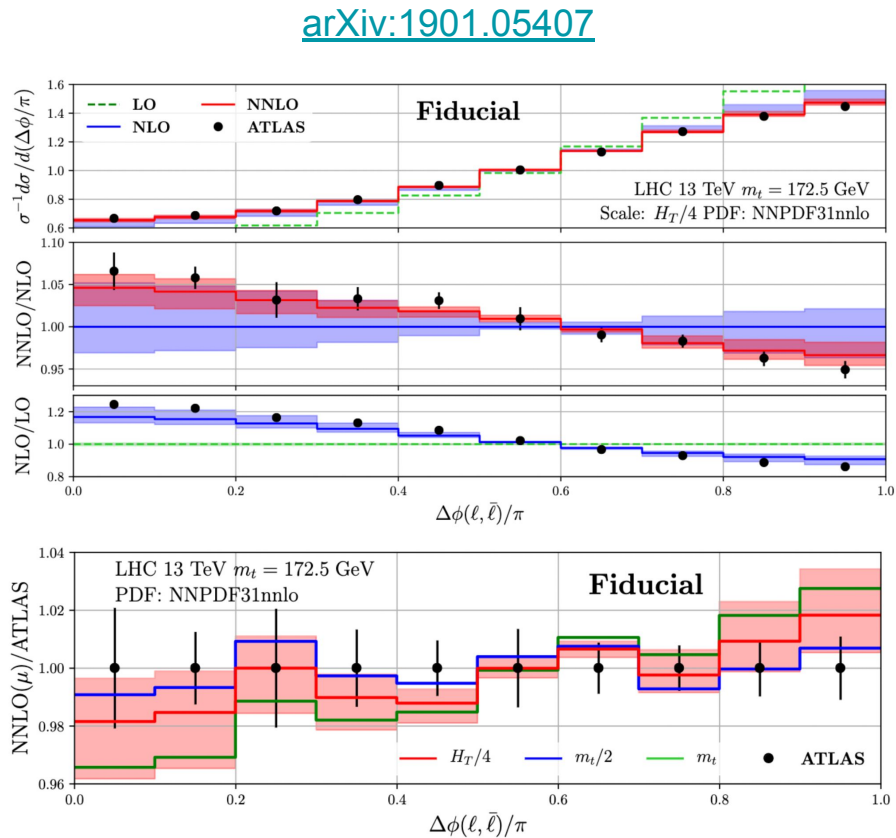
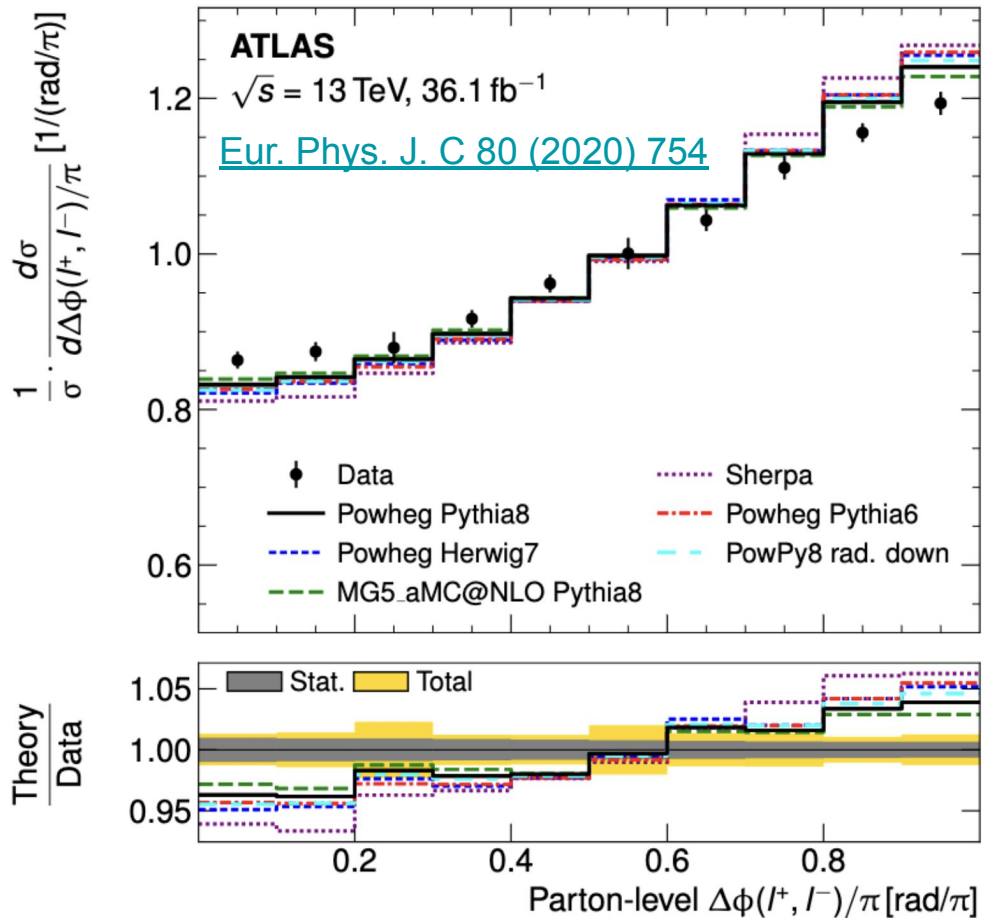


BIV: $m_{12} > 1$

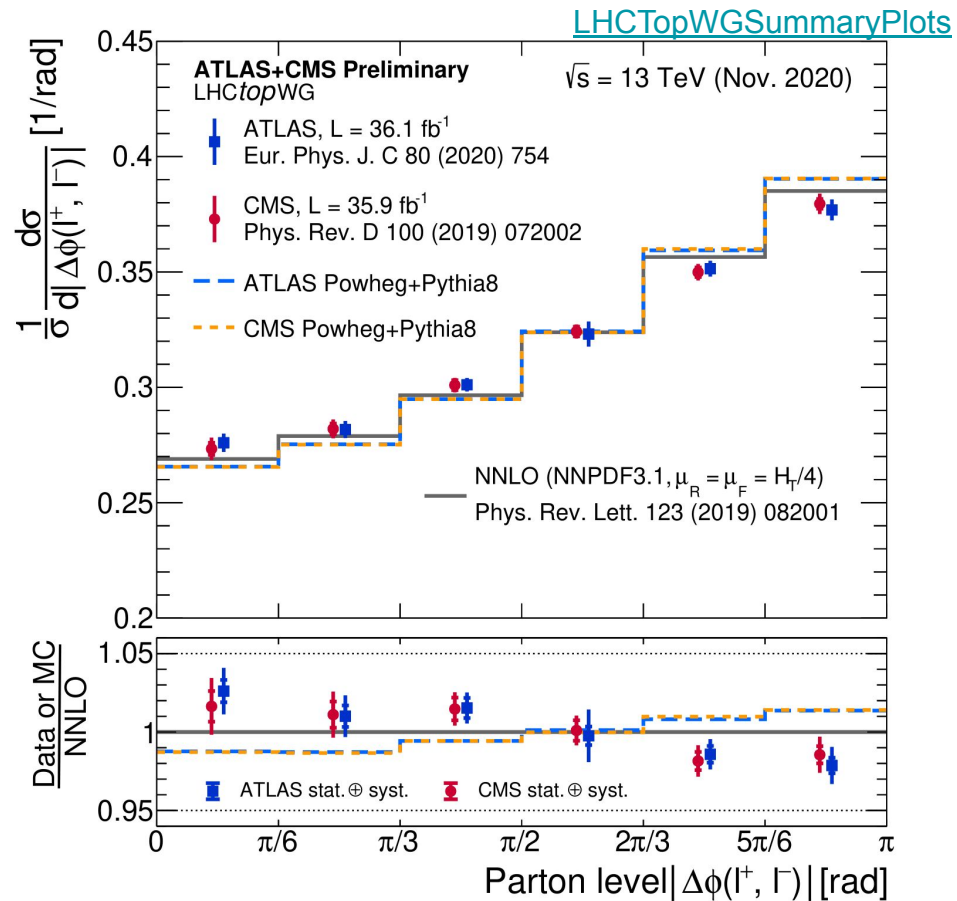
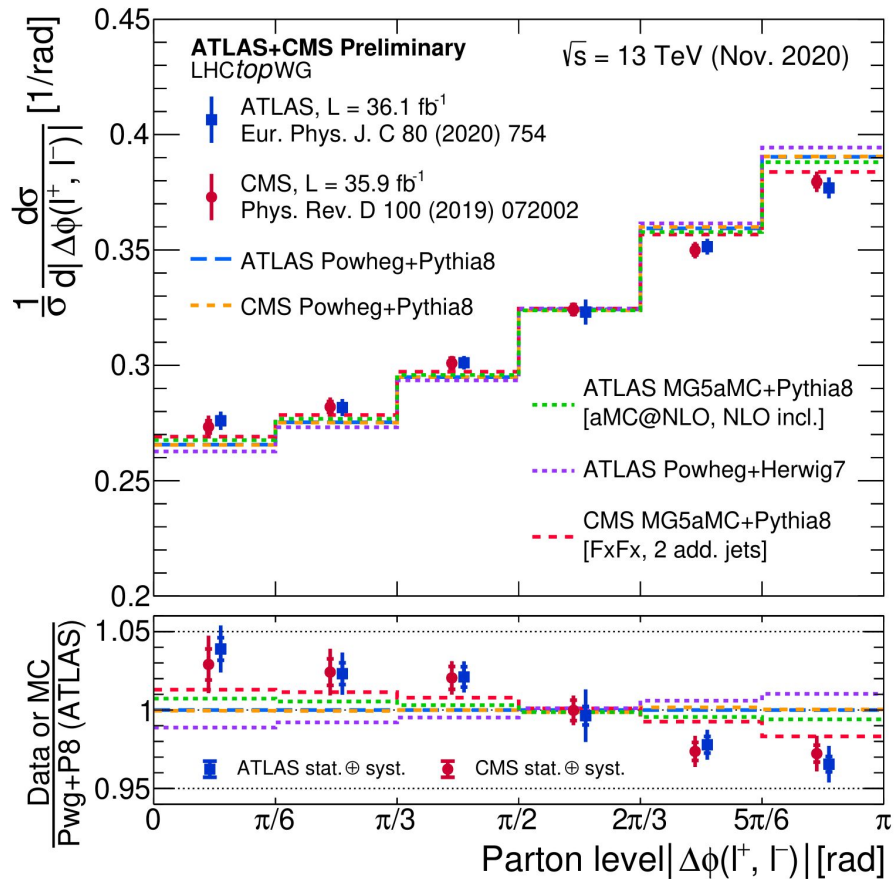


QE: $C > 0$

Spin correlations at NNLO



Spin correlations: ATLAS and CMS



- 1 electron and 1 muon (opposite charges)
- single lepton triggers
- leptons' $p_T > 25$ – 28 GeV
- at least 2 jets with $p_T > 25$ GeV
- at least 1 b-tagged jet (at 85% b-tagging efficiency)

[TOPQ-2021-24](#)

Process	Inclusive		340 – 380 GeV		380 – 500 GeV		> 500 GeV	
$t\bar{t}$	1030000	± 40000	202000	± 8000	408000	± 16000	417000	± 17000
tW	59800	± 1100	10330	± 200	23800	± 500	25700	± 500
Z+jets	38000	± 4000	9300	± 400	19000	± 4000	9730	± 270
WW/WZ/ZZ	9140	± 340	1320	± 50	3280	± 120	4540	± 170
$t\bar{t}X$	2959	± 6	437.7	± 2.1	1080.1	± 3.4	1441	± 4
fakes	17700	± 8900	3600	± 1900	7100	± 3800	7000	± 3700
Expectation	1150000	± 40000	227000	± 8000	462000	± 17000	466000	± 17000
Data	1105403		225056		441196		439151	
data/MC	0.96	± 0.03	0.99	± 0.04	0.95	± 0.04	0.94	± 0.04

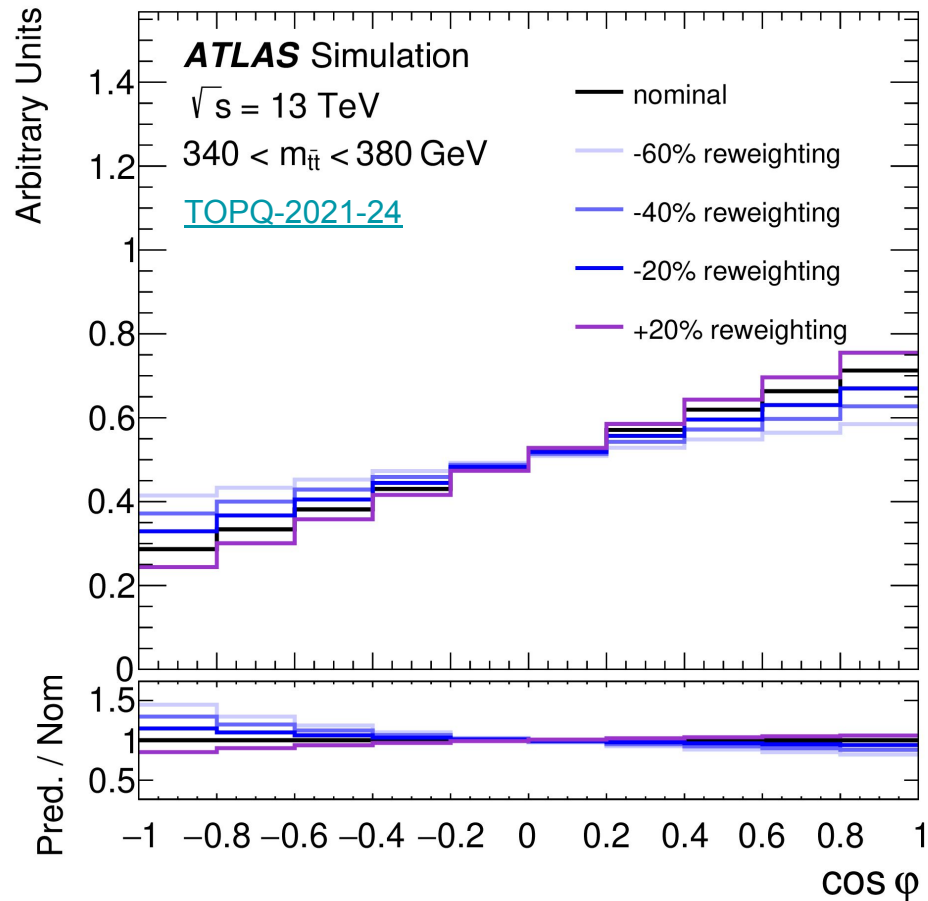
The reweighting method

- We have no handle on the “amount of entanglement” in the generators, but we know exact functional forms at parton-level
→ can reweight D
- Fit a 3rd order polynomial to extract the dependence on $M(tt\bar{b})$

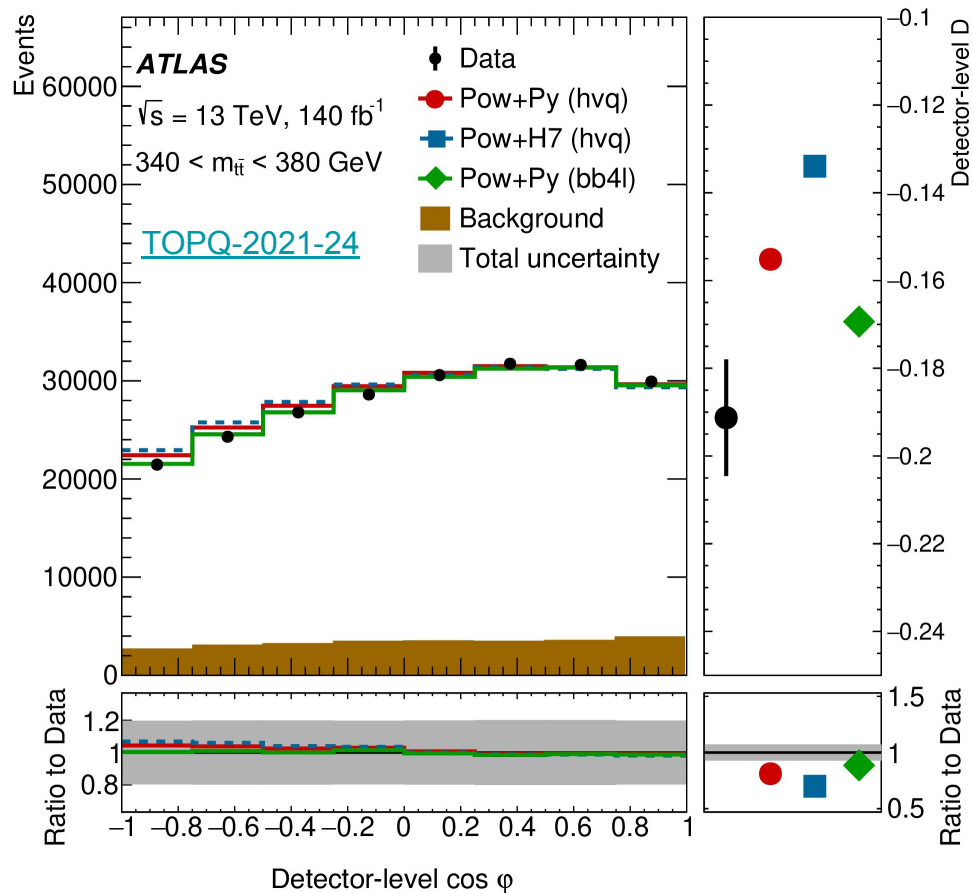
$$D_{\Omega}(m_{t\bar{t}}) = x_0 + x_1 \cdot m_{t\bar{t}}^{-1} + x_2 \cdot m_{t\bar{t}}^{-2} + x_3 \cdot m_{t\bar{t}}^{-3}$$

- Then reweight each event as

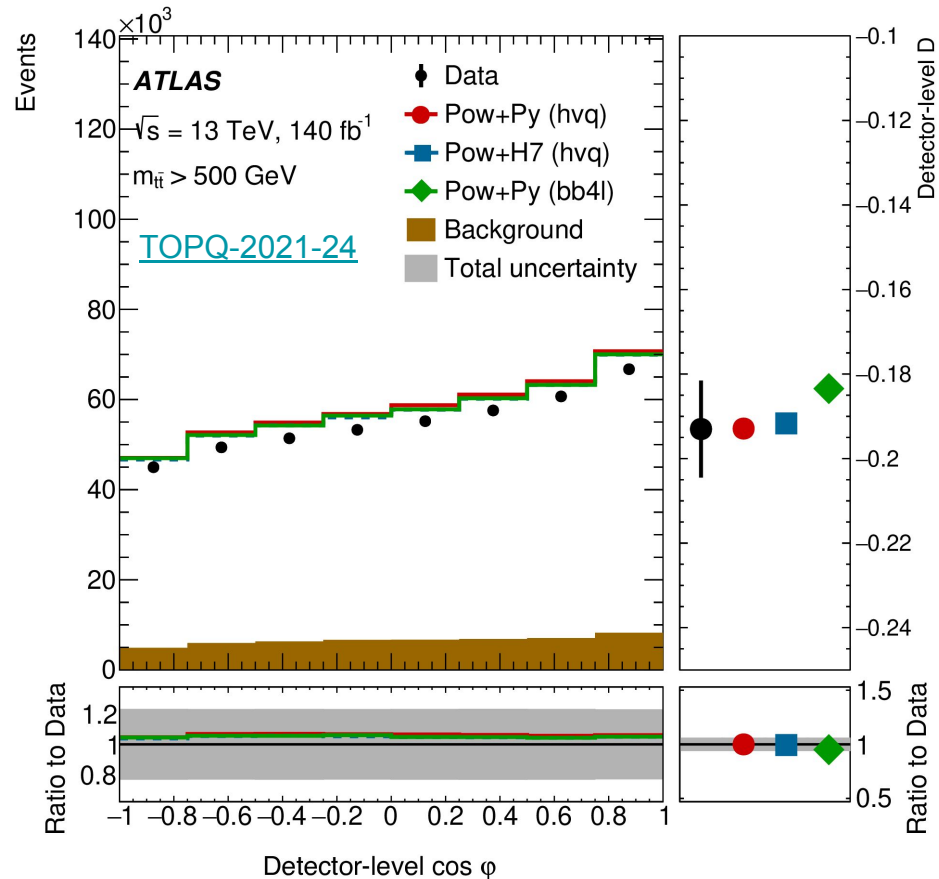
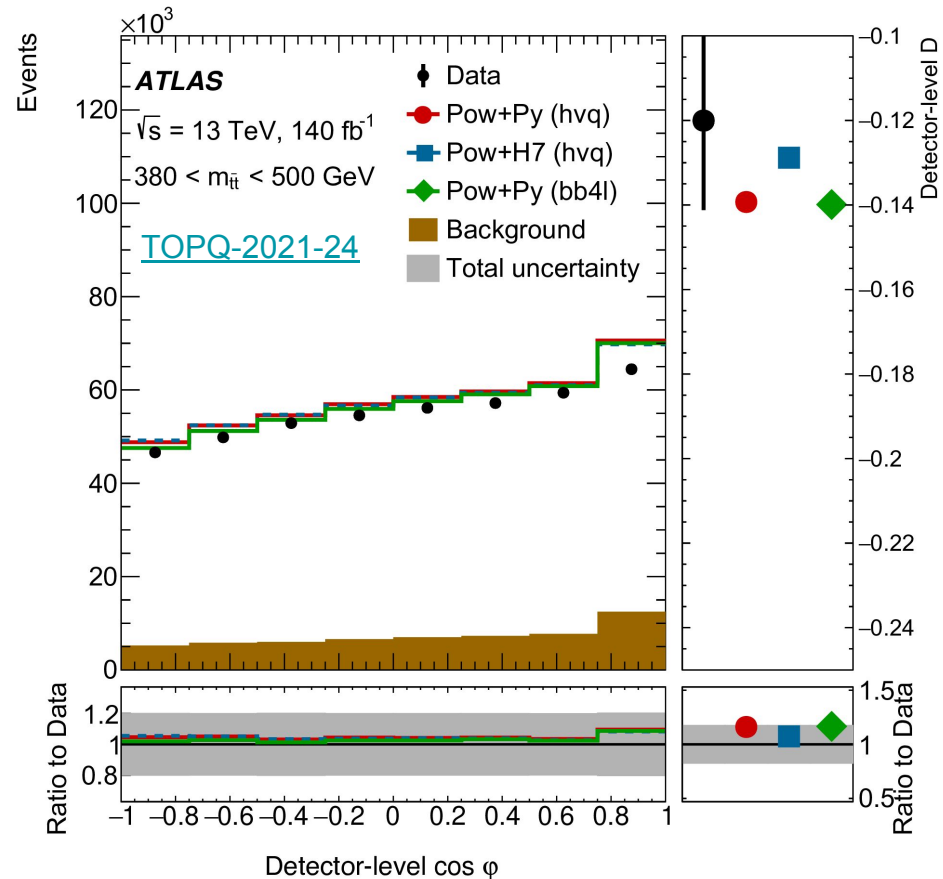
$$w = \frac{1 - D_{\Omega}(m_{t\bar{t}}) \cdot \mathcal{X} \cdot \cos \varphi}{1 - D_{\Omega}(m_{t\bar{t}}) \cdot \cos \varphi}$$



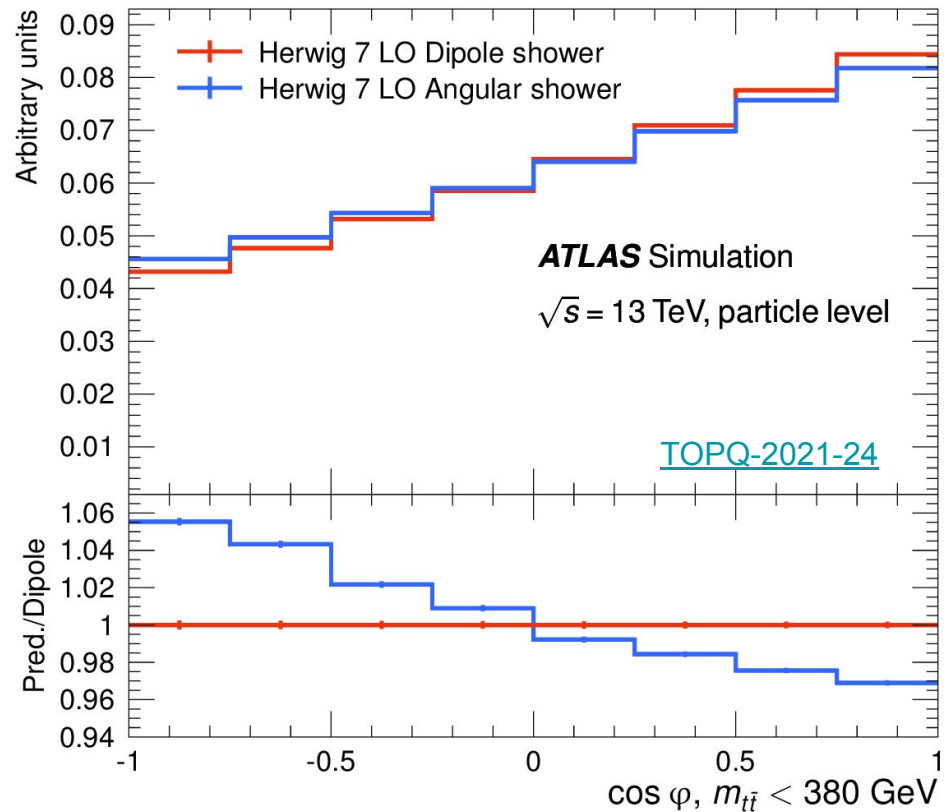
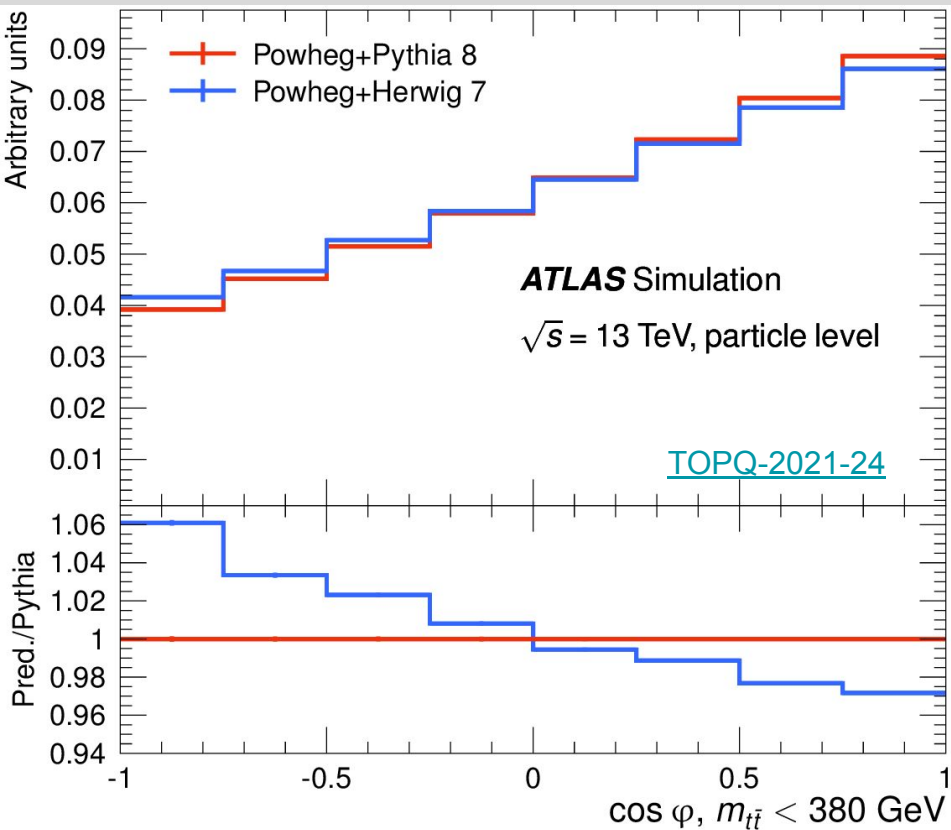
Data / MC in the signal region



Data / MC outside the signal region



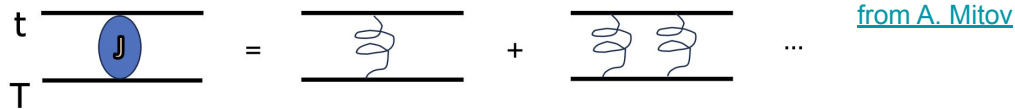
Investigations of parton shower effects



Differences appear in the parton \rightarrow particle level transition,
and seem to largely match the Dipole vs Angular ordering schemes

At threshold: need input from the theorists

- Our MC generators don't include the necessary **non-perturbative effects** – how do we get around that?
 - [Fuks et al.](#) implemented a BSM Lagrangian in MadGraph → **toponium**
 - A number of calculations available, most recently [Ju et al.](#)
 - pure parton-level calculation (stable tops), resums leading-power and next-to-leading-power calculations and matches to NNLO differential t \bar{t}

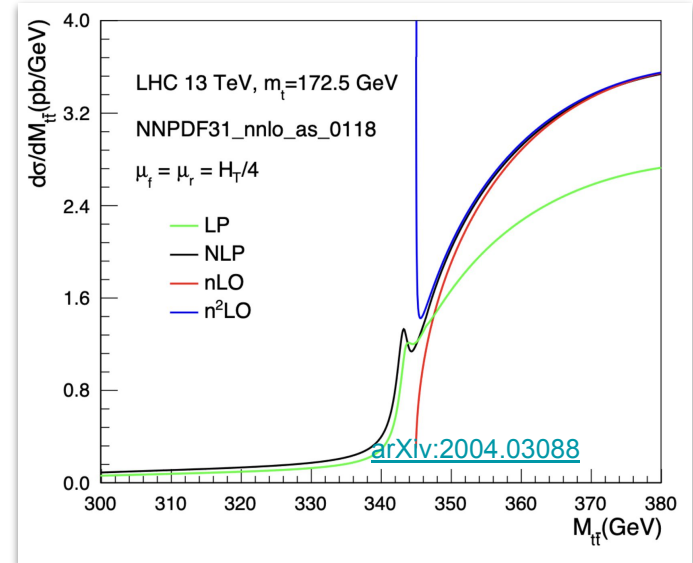


We can sum up:

leading power (LP) $\left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\beta}\right)^n$

next to leading power (NLP) $\alpha_s \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\beta}\right)^n$

This results in a complicated function (Sommerfeld factor): $J \sim \frac{\alpha_s/\beta}{e^{\pi\frac{\alpha_s}{\beta}} - 1} = 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{\beta} + \dots$

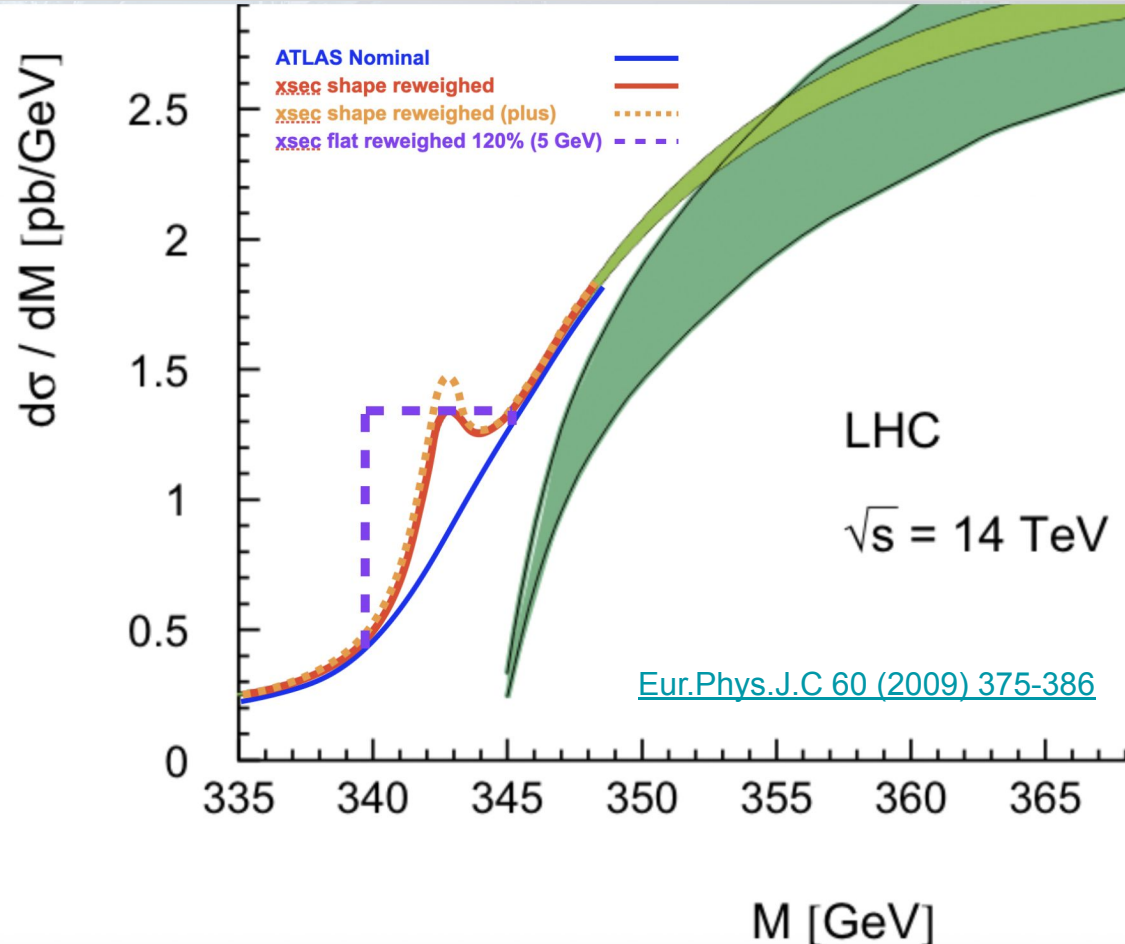


ATLAS threshold effects

Investigate 3 approximations of npQCD threshold effects:

- rescale cross section in a 5 GeV window [purple]
- reweight events to match shape (bump) [red]
- reweight + add correction for non-spin singlet [orange]

Maximum effect on D
is **~0.5%**



Separable and entangled states

Example: top pair production

[J.A. Aguilar Saavedra](#)

$q_L q_L[-\text{bar}] \rightarrow t t\text{-bar}$ gives a spin configuration $|\leftarrow\rangle \otimes |\leftarrow\rangle$ [in the q_L direction]

This is obviously not entangled.

$q_R q_R[-\text{bar}] \rightarrow t t\text{-bar}$ gives a spin configuration $|\rightarrow\rangle \otimes |\rightarrow\rangle$

Not entangled either.

$g g \rightarrow t t\text{-bar}$ at threshold gives $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|\uparrow\rangle \otimes |\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\rangle \otimes |\uparrow\rangle)$

This one **is entangled**.

Mixed states in top pair production

$qq \rightarrow t t\text{-bar}$ is 50% of the time $q_L q_L$ and 50% of the time $q_R q_R$

Then, we have 50% of the time $|\leftarrow\rangle \otimes |\leftarrow\rangle$ and 50% $|\rightarrow\rangle \otimes |\rightarrow\rangle$

Obviously, in $qq \rightarrow t t\text{-bar}$ we do have $t t\text{-bar}$ spin correlations. **But not entanglement!**

$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} \left(\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} + \sum_i (B_i^+ \sigma_i \otimes \mathbb{1} + B_i^- \mathbb{1} \otimes \sigma_i) + \sum_{ij} C_{ij} \sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j \right)$$

$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + B_3^+ + B_3^- + C_{33} & B_1^- + C_{31} - i(B_2^- + C_{32}) & B_1^+ + C_{13} - i(B_2^+ + C_{23}) & C_{11} - C_{22} - i(C_{12} + C_{21}) \\ B_1^- + C_{31} + i(B_2^- + C_{32}) & 1 + B_3^+ - B_3^- - C_{33} & C_{11} + C_{22} + i(C_{12} - C_{21}) & B_1^+ - C_{13} - i(B_2^+ - C_{23}) \\ B_1^+ + C_{13} + i(B_2^+ + C_{23}) & C_{11} + C_{22} - i(C_{12} - C_{21}) & 1 - B_3^+ + B_3^- - C_{33} & B_1^- - C_{31} - i(B_2^- - C_{32}) \\ C_{11} - C_{22} + i(C_{12} + C_{21}) & B_1^+ - C_{13} + i(B_2^+ - C_{23}) & B_1^- - C_{31} + i(B_2^- - C_{32}) & 1 - B_3^+ - B_3^- + C_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\rho^{T_2} = \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + B_3^+ + B_3^- + C_{33} & B_1^- + C_{31} + i(B_2^- + C_{32}) & B_1^+ + C_{13} - i(B_2^+ + C_{23}) & C_{11} + C_{22} + i(C_{12} - C_{21}) \\ B_1^- + C_{31} - i(B_2^- + C_{32}) & 1 + B_3^+ - B_3^- - C_{33} & C_{11} - C_{22} - i(C_{12} + C_{21}) & B_1^+ - C_{13} - i(B_2^+ - C_{23}) \\ B_1^+ + C_{13} + i(B_2^+ + C_{23}) & C_{11} - C_{22} + i(C_{12} + C_{21}) & 1 - B_3^+ + B_3^- - C_{33} & B_1^- - C_{31} + i(B_2^- - C_{32}) \\ C_{11} + C_{22} - i(C_{12} - C_{21}) & B_1^+ - C_{13} + i(B_2^+ - C_{23}) & B_1^- - C_{31} - i(B_2^- - C_{32}) & 1 - B_3^+ - B_3^- + C_{33} \end{bmatrix}$$

Peres-Horodecki: if ρ^{T_2} has at least one negative eigenvalue, the state is entangled

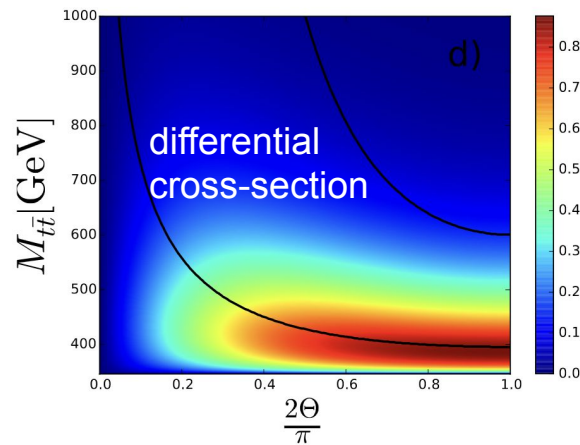
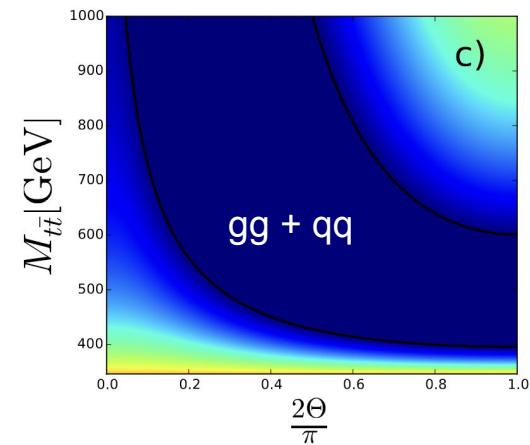
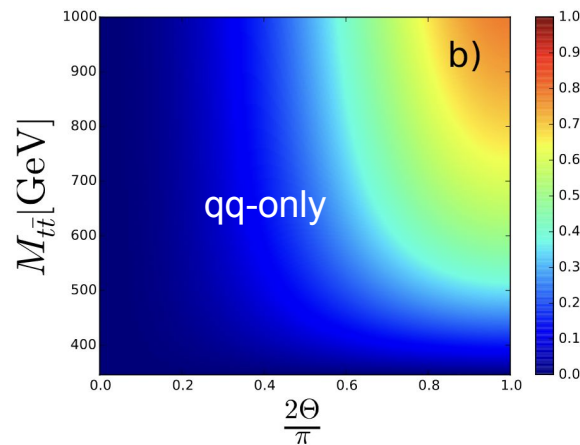
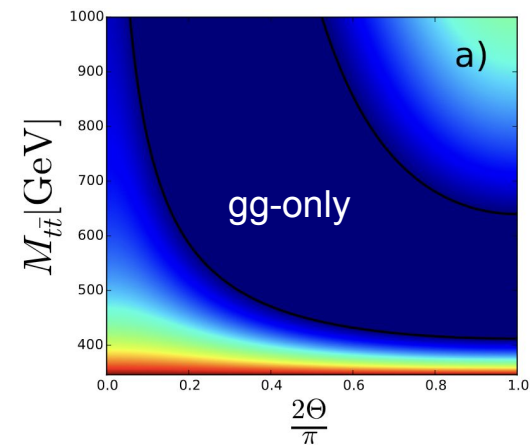
$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 \Omega_2} = \frac{1}{4\pi^2} \left(1 + \alpha_1 \mathbf{B}_1 \cdot \hat{\ell}_1 + \alpha_2 \mathbf{B}_2 \cdot \hat{\ell}_2 + \alpha_1 \alpha_2 \hat{\ell}_1 \cdot \mathbb{C} \cdot \hat{\ell}_2 \right)$$

z-axis: concurrence $C[\rho]$

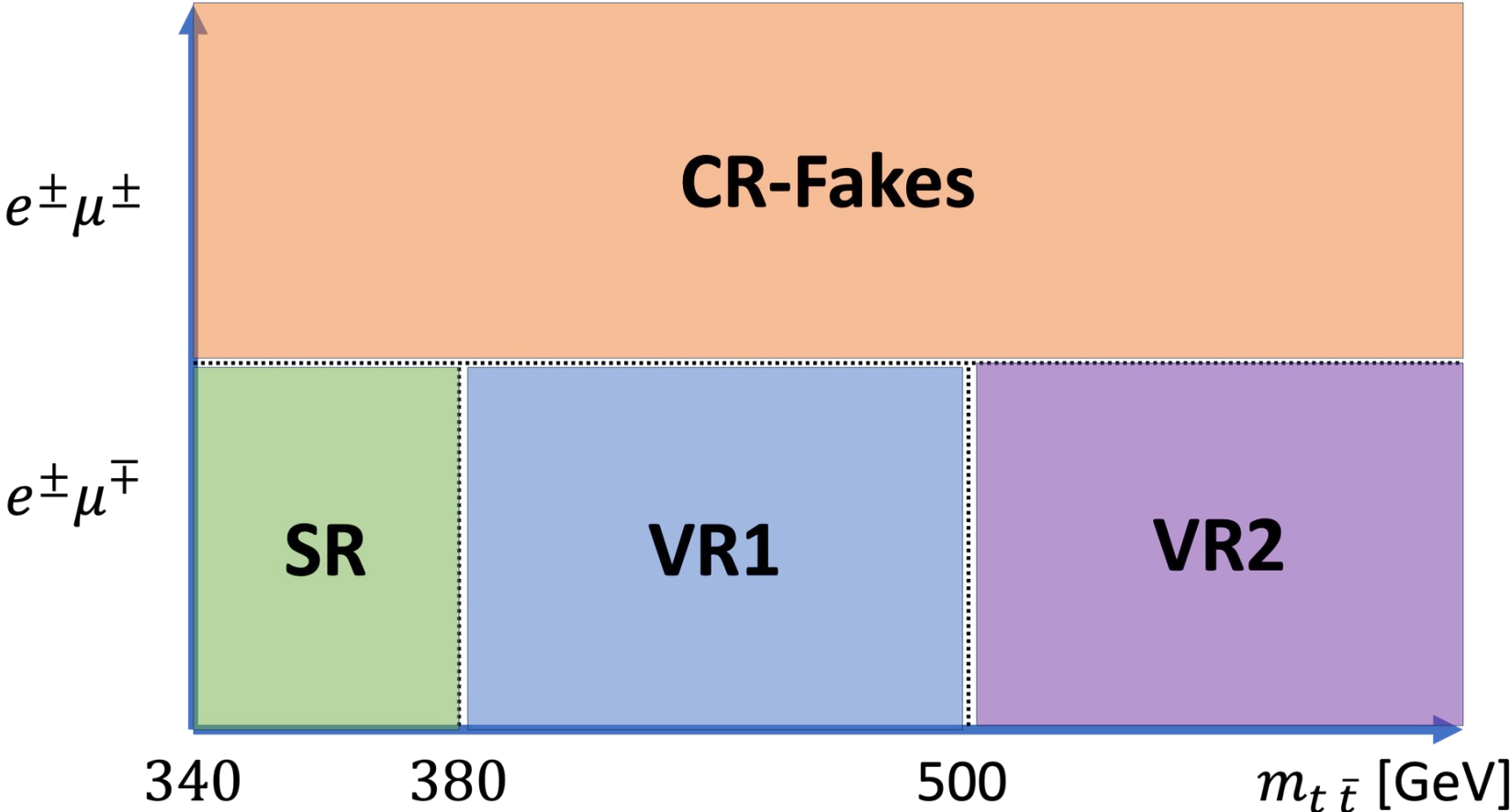
$$C[\rho] \equiv \max(0, \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4) \quad (4)$$

where λ_i are the eigenvalues, ordered in decreasing magnitude, of the matrix $\mathcal{C}(\rho) = \sqrt{\sqrt{\rho}\tilde{\rho}\sqrt{\rho}}$, with $\tilde{\rho} = (\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2) \rho^* (\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2)$ and ρ^* the complex conjugate of the density matrix in the usual spin basis of σ_3 . The concurrence satisfies $0 \leq C[\rho] \leq 1$, with a quantum state being entangled if and only if $C[\rho] > 0$. Therefore, states satisfying $C[\rho] = 1$ are maximally entangled. We refer

$C[\rho] > 0 \Leftrightarrow$ entanglement



Dilepton ttbar selection



✓ **Novel entanglement tests** that were not possible before.

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What is **genuinely new** in particle physics with respect to experiments with electrons and photons? **Particle decay**.*

▶ Post-decay entanglement:

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A and B entangled
 $A \rightarrow A_1 A_2$



A_1, A_2 and B entangled
 A_1 and B entangled

▶ Entanglement and post-selection:

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A and B entangled
 $A \rightarrow A_1 A_2$
Measurement on B



\approx spin selection on A,
which already has decayed

* J. Bernabéu, talk at 7th Red LHC workshop, Madrid, May 10-12 2023

Analysis Method	ATLAS	CMS
Dataset	Full Run 2 (140.0 fb ⁻¹)	2016 (35.9 fb ⁻¹)
$t\bar{t}$ decay	Di-lepton ($e\mu$)	Di-lepton ($e\mu/ee/\mu\mu$)
Main selections	$340 < M_{t\bar{t}} < 380$ GeV	$345 < M_{t\bar{t}} < 400$ GeV, $\beta_{t\bar{t}} < 0.9$
$t\bar{t}$ reconstruction	Ellipse method	Neutrino weighting
Corrected to	Particle-level	Parton-level
Fit type	No fit, calibration curve	Template fit
Alternative hypothesis D	Reweighting	Mixing samples with and without spin correlation
Threshold effects	Neglected	Considered
Dominant systematic	Top decay, PDF, Recoil, FSR, Scales, NNLO	JES, Toponium, ISR
Nominal MC	POWHEGBOX+PYTHIA	POWHEGBOX+PYTHIA
Alternative MC	POWHEGBOX+HERWIG, $bb4\ell$	POWHEGBOX+HERWIG, MG5_AMC@NLO [FxFx]
Expected D	-0.470 ± 0.002 [stat.] ± 0.018 [syst.]	$-0.465^{+0.016}_{-0.017}$ [stat.] $^{+0.019}_{-0.022}$ [syst.]
Observed D	-0.547 ± 0.002 [stat.] ± 0.021 [syst.]	-0.478 ± 0.017 [stat.] $^{+0.018}_{-0.021}$ [syst.]
Significance	$>> 5\sigma$	$> 5\sigma$

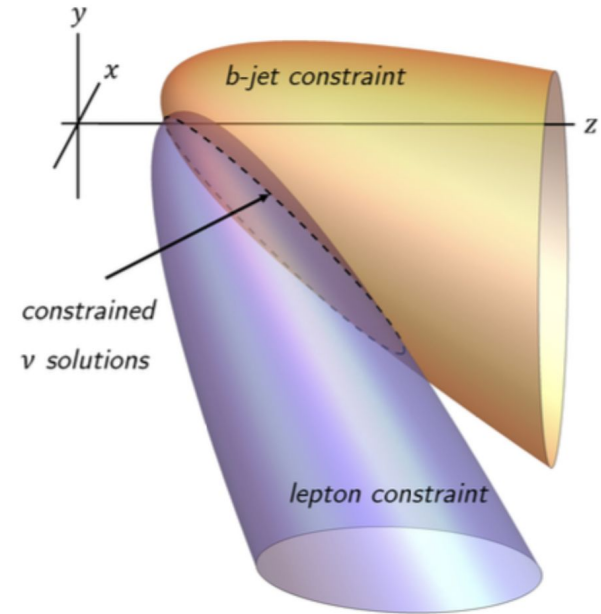
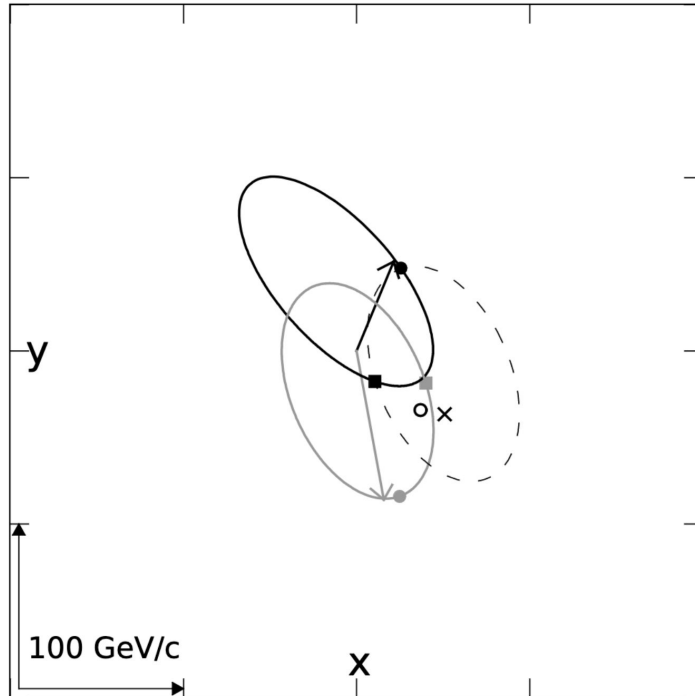
Table: Main differences between the ATLAS and CMS analyses.

the detector. Several methods are available to reconstruct the top quarks from the detector level charged leptons, jets and E_T^{miss} . The main method used in this work is the Ellipse method [70], which is a geometric approach to analytically calculate the neutrino momenta. Approximately 85% of events are successfully reconstructed by this method. If this method fails, the Neutrino Weighting method [71], which assigns a weight to each possible solution by the compatibility between the neutrino momenta and the E_T^{miss} in the event, after scanning possible values of the pseudo-rapidities of the neutrinos, is used. If both methods fail,

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Assume: everything is on-shell AND neutrinos are the source of the missing E_T

→ neutrino momenta are **geometrically** constrained to an ellipse

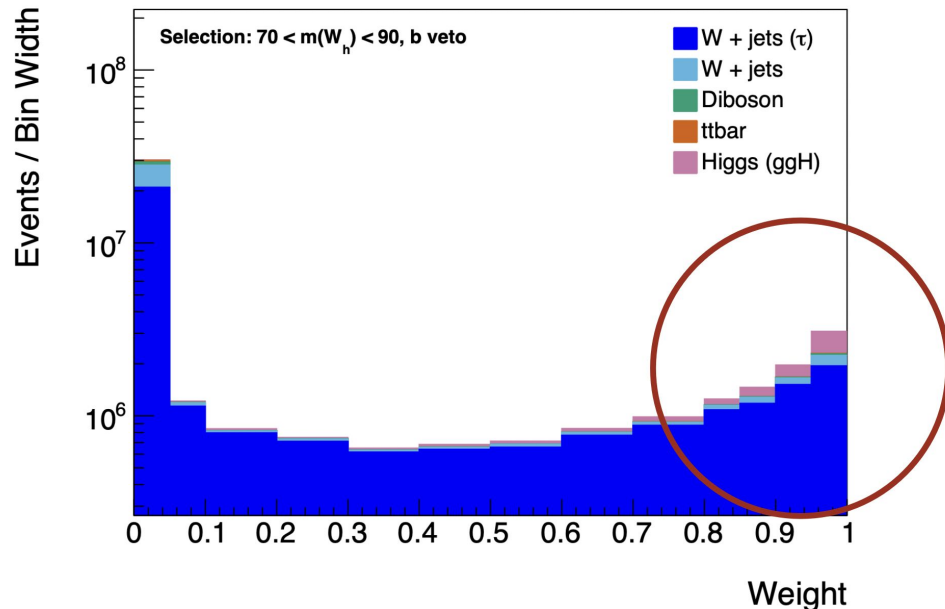
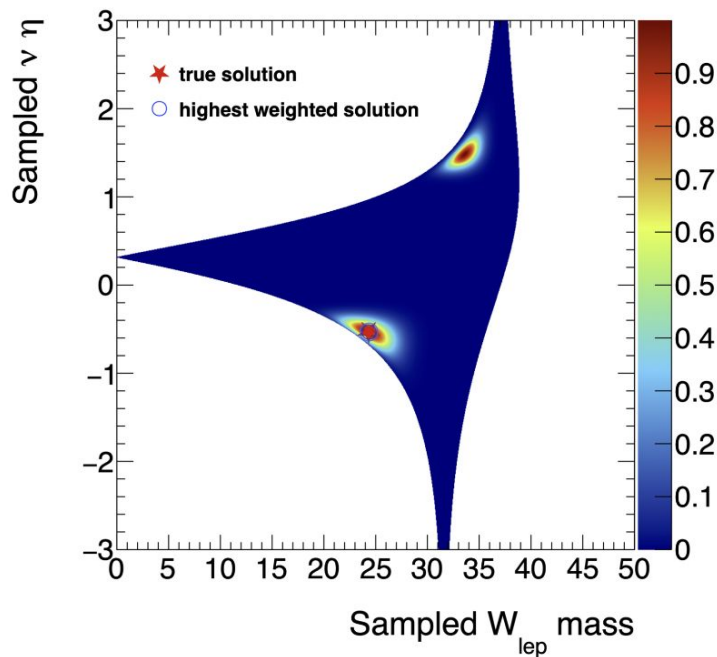


- Dates back to [D0](#) (1997), they measured $m_{\text{top}} = 172.0 \pm 7.5$ GeV
- [LHC Run 1 combination](#) (2023) measured $m_{\text{top}} = 172.52 \pm 0.33$ GeV
- **Don't assume** that the missing E_T comes from the neutrinos
 - instead **scan** (η_1, η_2) and for each pair extract (p_{x1}, p_{y1}) and (p_{x2}, p_{y2}) from the mass constraints
 - then compare to missing E_T and extract a **weight**

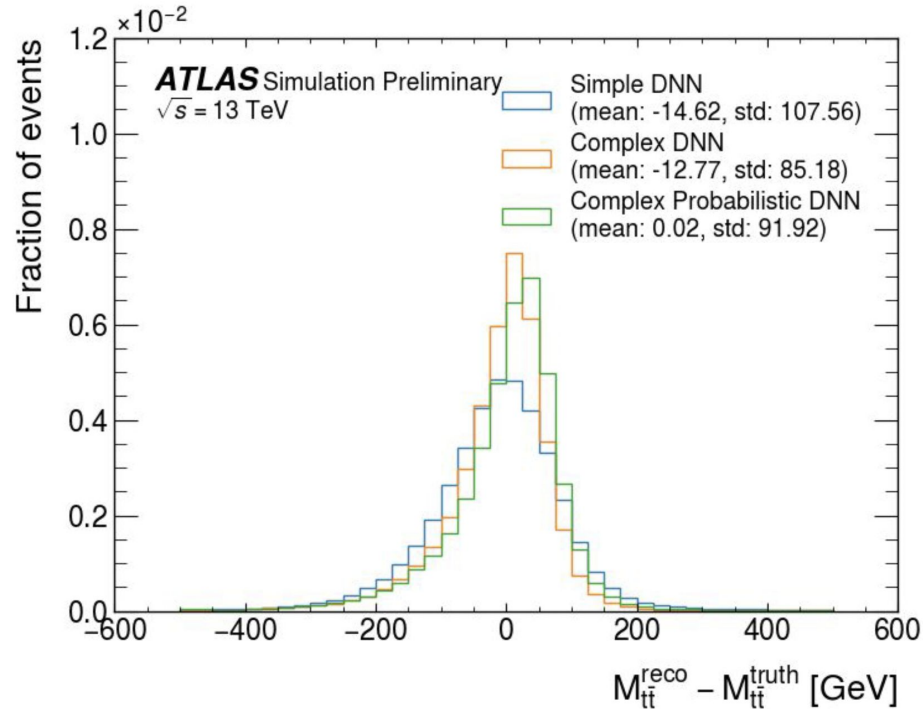
$$w = \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta E_x^2}{2\sigma_x^2}\right) \cdot \exp\left(\frac{-\Delta E_y^2}{2\sigma_y^2}\right)$$

- Still have to check the b-jet assignments, possible dependence on m_{top} , smearing in case there are no solutions, ...
→ **very CPU-expensive!**

- We reconstruct many Higgs each event under different assumptions of m_{W^*} and η_{ν} .



“Can we throw machine learning at it?”



Reconstructing the two neutrinos' 4-vectors is the hard part...

But maybe this is not always the goal?

For instance, we could regress $m(\text{ttbar})$ directly:

- $Z' \rightarrow \text{ttbar}$ resonance searches?
- dependence of $m(\text{ttbar})$ on top Yukawa?
- reducing the amount of dilution in QE/BIV measurements?

Simple → **Complex**: add more inputs and more layers, get *improvement in resolution*.

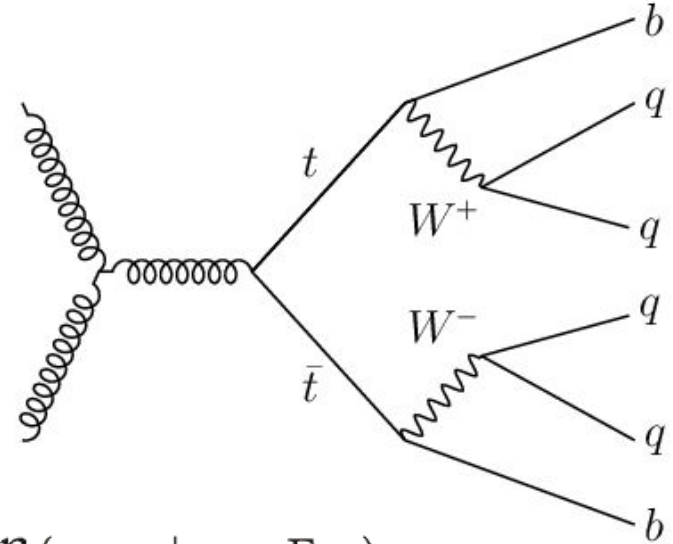
DNN → **Probabilistic DNN**: get an estimate of the aleatoric uncertainty, *remove the bias*.

All-hadronic ttbar: should be easy, right?

All decay products are **visible jets** → **completely avoid the problems** associated with neutrinos!

But now have to deal with **combinatorics**...

$$\chi^2 = \frac{(m_{b_1 q_1 q_2} - m_t)^2}{\sigma_t^2} + \frac{(m_{b_2 q_3 q_4} - m_t)^2}{\sigma_t^2} + \frac{(m_{q_1 q_2} - m_W)^2}{\sigma_W^2} + \frac{(m_{q_3 q_4} - m_W)^2}{\sigma_W^2},$$



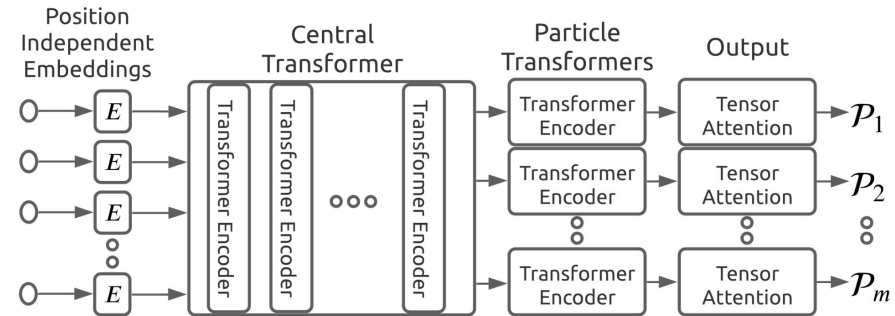
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{B}(m_{q_1 q_2 q_3} | m_t, \Gamma_t) \cdot \mathcal{B}(m_{q_1 q_2} | m_W, \Gamma_W) \cdot \mathcal{B}(m_{q_4 q_5 q_6} | m_t, \Gamma_t) \cdot \mathcal{B}(m_{q_4 q_5} | m_W, \Gamma_W) \cdot$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^6 W_{\text{jet}}(E_{\text{jet},i}^{\text{meas}} | E_{\text{jet},i})$$

Suffer from CPU
cost of permutations

Symmetry-Preserving Attention Network

Transformer-Encoder: state-of-the-art from Natural Language Processing
 → relate the input jets to each other in the latent space

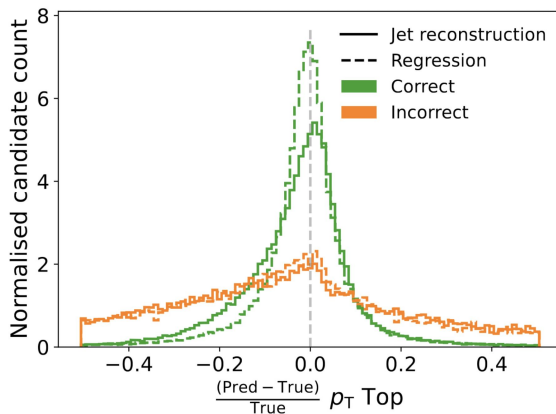
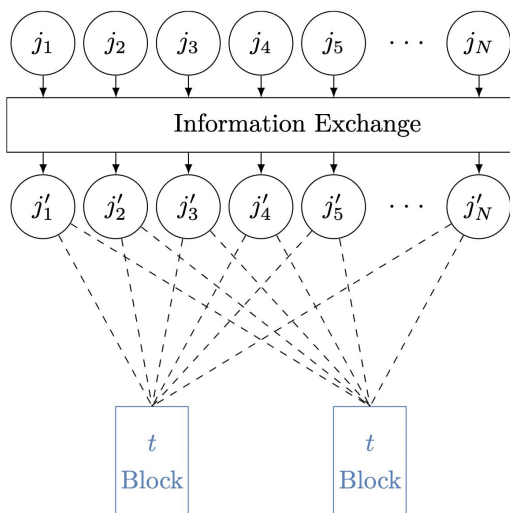
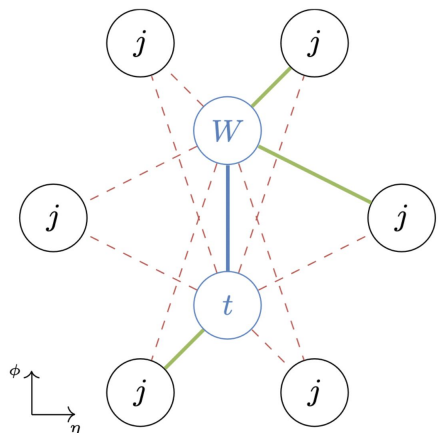
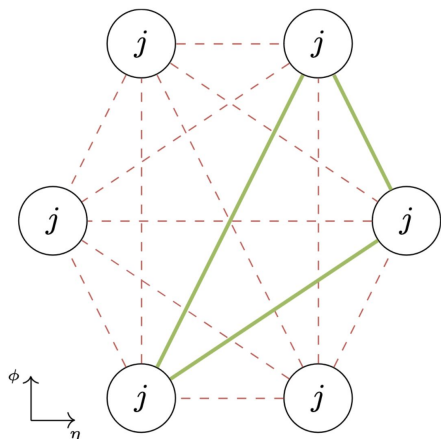


Tensor attention: impose symmetries of the topology
 $W \sim qq$ / $\text{top} \sim bqq$

	N_{jets}	Event Fraction	SPA-NET Efficiency		χ^2 Efficiency	
			Event	Top Quark	Event	Top Quark
All Events	$== 6$	0.245	0.643	0.696	0.424	0.484
	$== 7$	0.282	0.601	0.667	0.389	0.460
	≥ 8	0.320	0.528	0.613	0.309	0.384
	Inclusive	0.848	0.586	0.653	0.392	0.457
Complete Events	$== 6$	0.074	0.803	0.837	0.593	0.643
	$== 7$	0.105	0.667	0.754	0.413	0.530
	≥ 8	0.145	0.521	0.662	0.253	0.410
	Inclusive	0.325	0.633	0.732	0.456	0.552

Injecting yet more physics into the machine: Topographs

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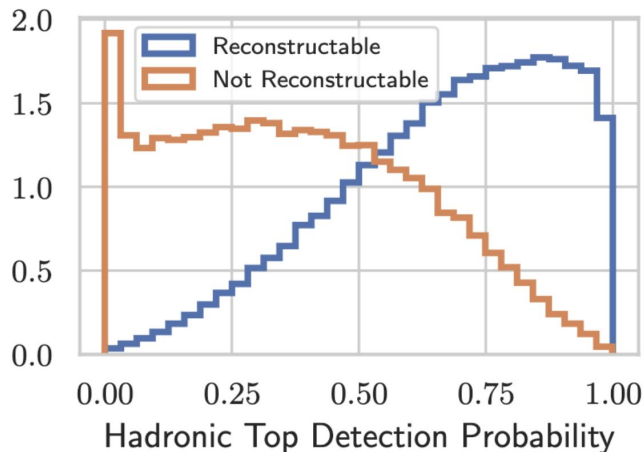
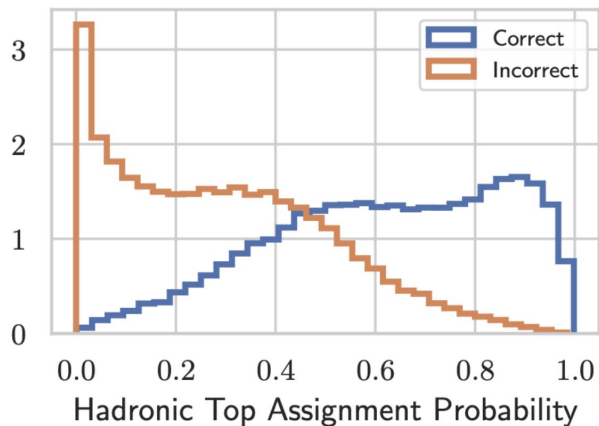


Physically motivated representation
of the inputs: **graph**

→ inject **intermediate resonances** and specify the allowed connections

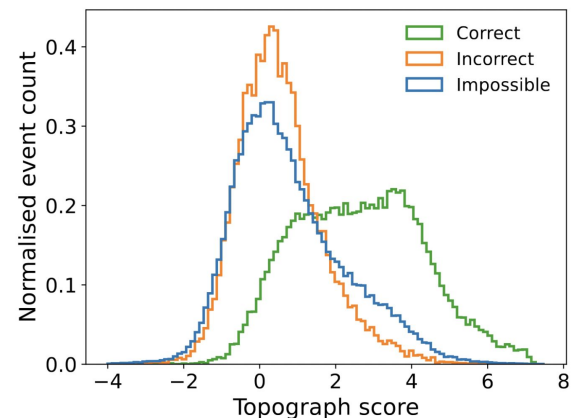
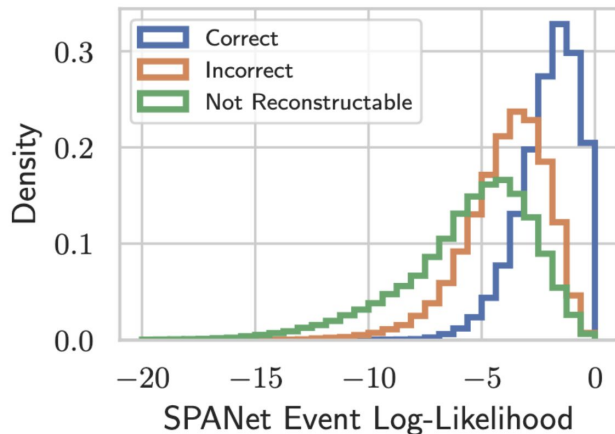
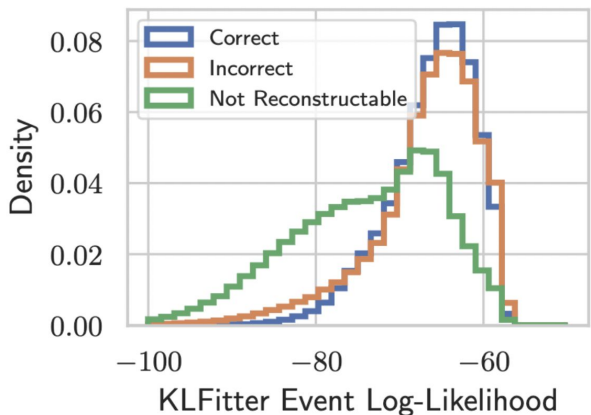
- Edge regression: find best assignments
- Node regression: predict the kinematics of the resonances
- Performs as well as SPA-Net

	6j 2b	6j >=2b	7j 2b	7j >=2b	>=6j 2b	>=6j >=2b
Best Spanet [%]	81.58	79.60	65.09	63.09	68.95	66.20
Best Topograph [%]	81.44	79.53	64.91	62.81	68.86	66.24



Could **select only** those events that are **well-reconstructed**:

- signal vs background?
- unfolding?
- **modelling uncertainties?**



A middle ground? $t\bar{t}$ → lepton+jets

Final state with a **single neutrino**: can be **fully determined from one mass constraint** (on-shell W) → analytical solution(s)

Is this useful for spin correlation and quantum information studies?

→ **Yes!** the d-quark from the W decay has $\alpha_{\text{spin}} \sim 1$

$$p_z^\nu = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a},$$

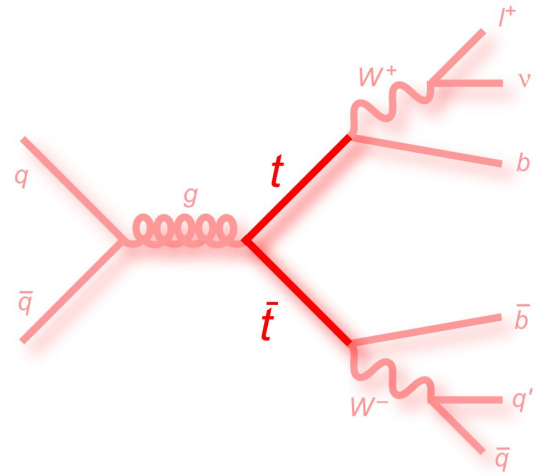
$$a = (p_z^\ell)^2 - (E^\ell)^2,$$

$$b = \alpha p_z^\ell,$$

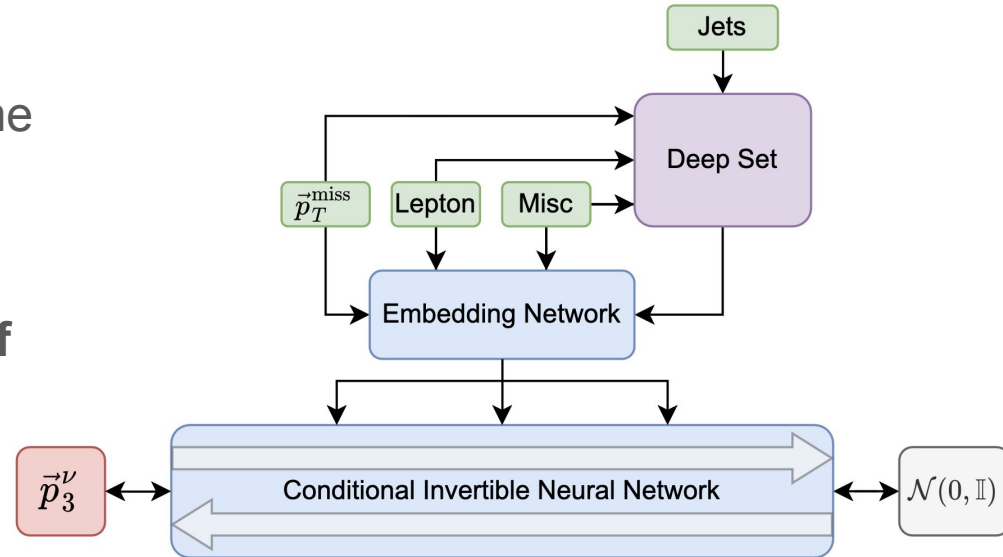
$$c = \frac{\alpha^2}{4} - (E^\ell)^2 (p_T^\nu)^2,$$

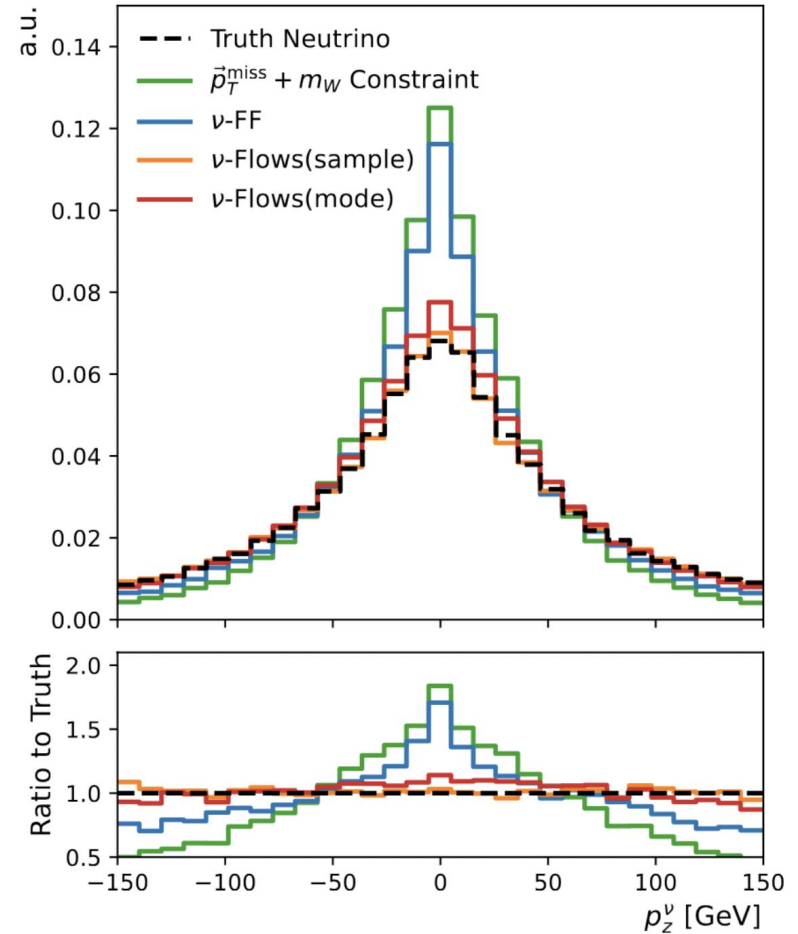
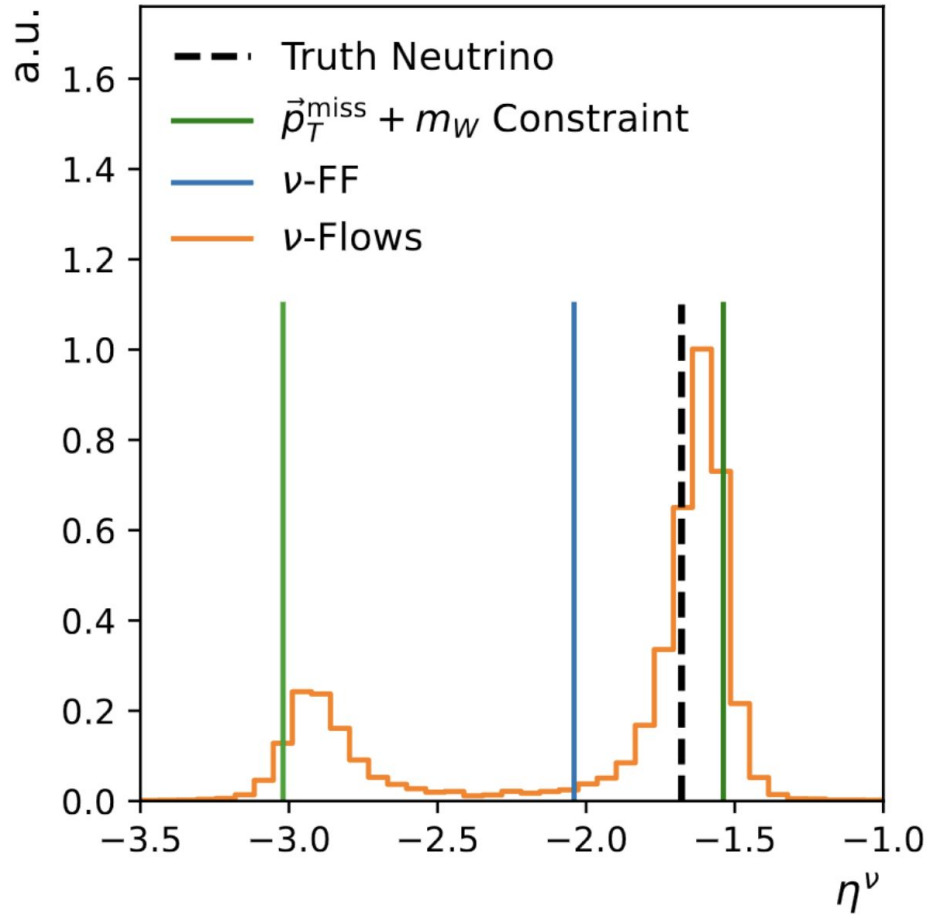
$$\alpha = m_W^2 - m_\ell^2 + 2(p_x^\ell p_x^\nu + p_y^\ell p_y^\nu).$$

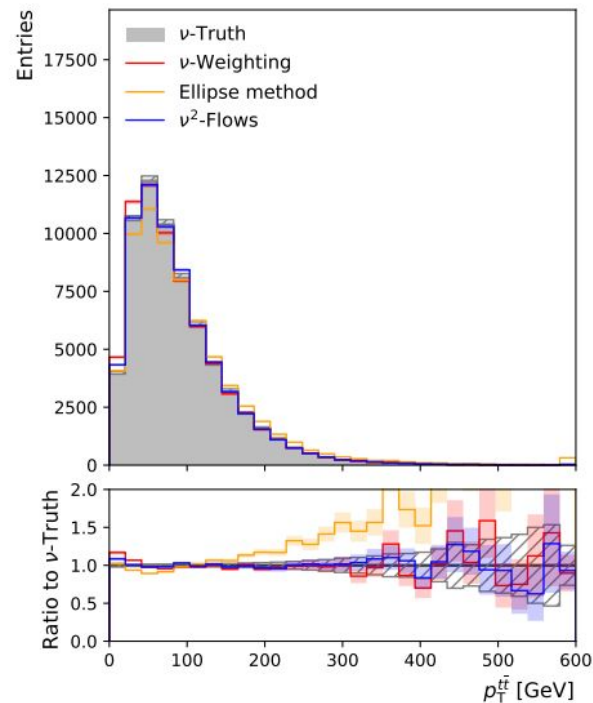
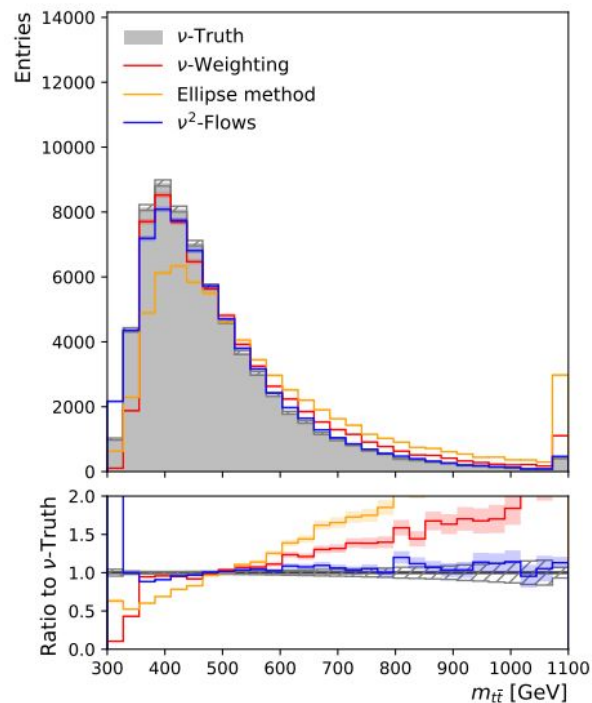
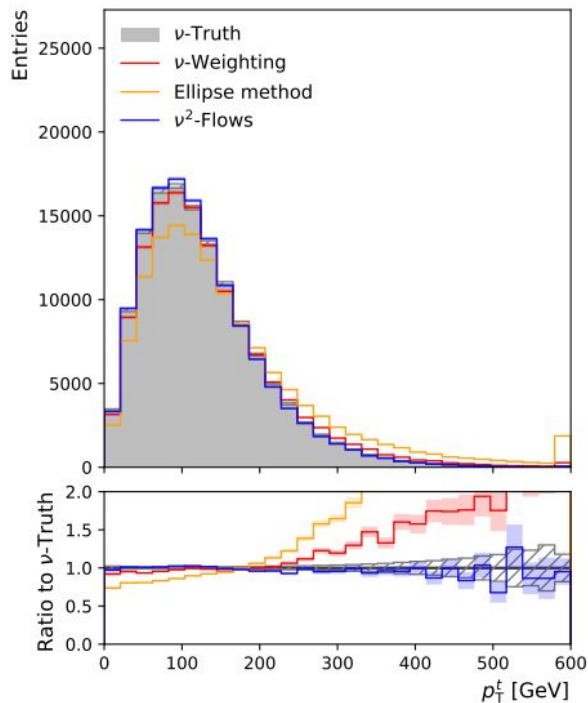
f	l^+, \bar{d}, \bar{s}	ν_l, u, c	b	W
κ_f	1	-0.31	-0.41	0.41



1. Embed your input particles in some way
2. **Train a mapping of the Normal distribution to the kinematics of the neutrinos**
3. Learn what the likelihood of the neutrino kinematics based on the rest of the event
→ no assumption of on-shell W 's, perfect reconstruction etc.







More neutrinos! ν^2 -flows

