

# Quantum tops at colliders

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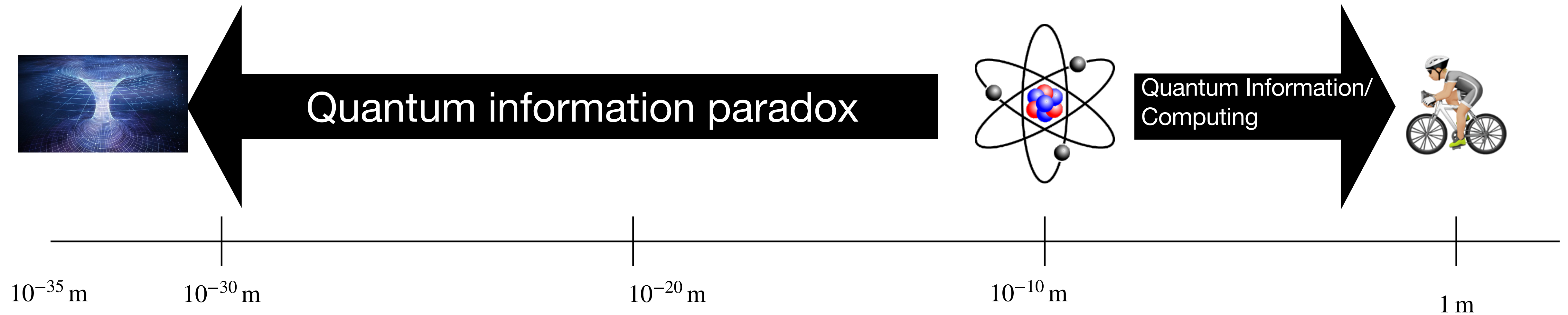


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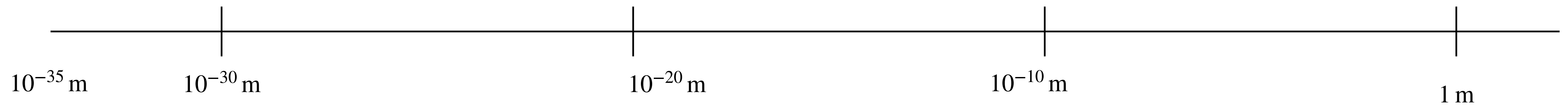
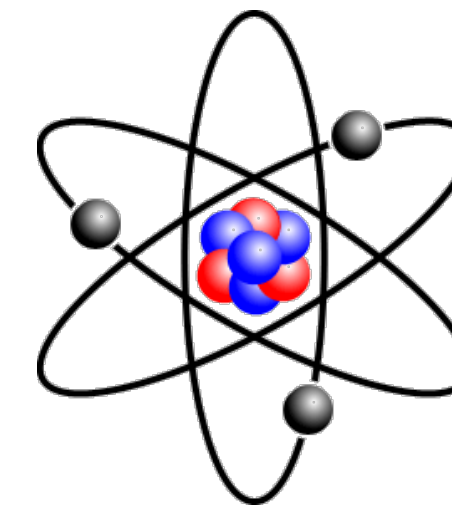
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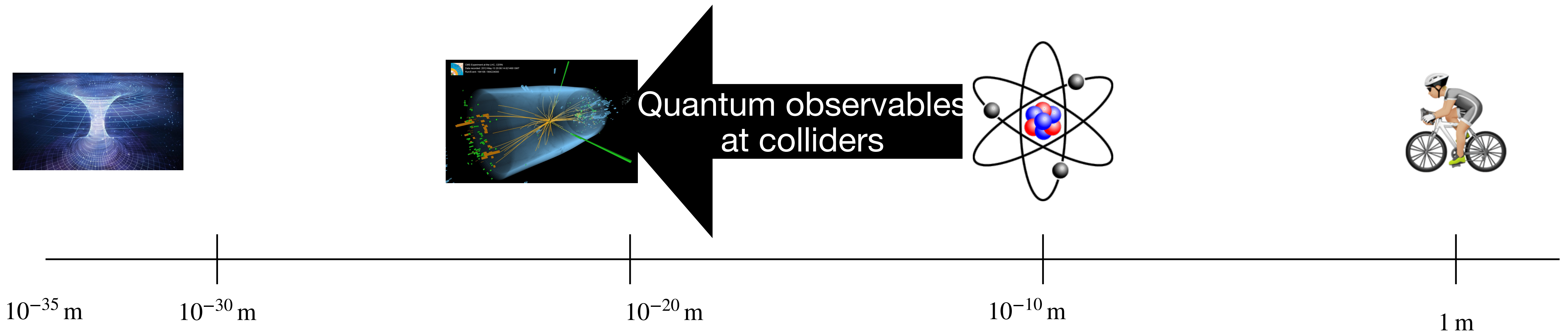
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# Introduction

Big interest in the theory community in the past 3-4 years

**Measurement of entanglement in top pair production:  
Next talk!!**

Why is this interesting?

Quantum mechanics at the TeV scale!

What can we learn in particle physics using QM/QI?

New insights and information about new physics

The image shows two screenshots of physics news websites. The top screenshot is from CERN Courier, featuring a blue header with the text 'CERN COURIER | Reporting on international high-energy physics'. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'Physics', 'Technology', 'Community', 'In focus', and 'Magazine'. The main content area displays a news article titled 'Highest-energy observation of quantum entanglement' dated 29 September 2023, with a sub-headline 'A report from the ATLAS experiment.' and social media sharing icons. The bottom screenshot is from Physics World, showing a news article titled 'Quantum entanglement observed in top quarks' dated 11 Oct 2023. It includes a search bar, a 'physicsworld' logo, and a social media sharing sidebar. The article features an artist's impression of top quark entanglement, showing two glowing particles connected by a line, with the text 'top quark entanglement' overlaid. A caption below the image reads: 'Top result: An artist's impression of top-quark entanglement. The line between the particles emphasizes the non-separability of the top-quark pair, which is produced by LHC collisions and recorded by ATLAS. (Courtesy: Daniel Dominguez/CERN)'

# Outline

- Quantum Mechanics basics
- Top quarks and their spins
- Quantum Tops in high–energy colliders
- Entanglement measurement and threshold effects
- Quantum observables for New Physics
- Conclusions

# Density matrix

## Pure versus mixed states in composite systems

Any quantum state is described by a density matrix

Product pure state	Generic state (entangled)
$ \psi\rangle =  a\rangle \otimes  b\rangle$	$ \psi\rangle = \sum_{ij} p_{ij}  a_i\rangle \otimes  b_j\rangle \quad p_{ij} \in \mathbb{C}, \sum_{ij} p_{ij} p_{ij}^* = 1$ <p style="text-align: center;"><math> a_i\rangle,  b_j\rangle</math> orthonormal bases</p>
Separable	Non-separable (generic)
$\rho = \sum_i p_i \rho_A^i \otimes \rho_B^i$ $p_i \geq 0, \sum_i p_i = 1$	$\rho = \sum_{ijkl} p_{ij} p_{kl}^*  a_i\rangle \otimes  b_j\rangle \langle a_k  \otimes \langle b_l  = \sum_{ijkl} p_{ij} p_{kl}^*  a_i\rangle \langle a_k  \otimes  b_j\rangle \langle b_l $ $\rho_A = \text{Tr}_B [\rho] = \sum_{ijl} p_{ij} p_{kj}^*  a_i\rangle \langle a_k $ $\rho_B = \text{Tr}_A [\rho] = \sum_{ijl} p_{ij} p_{il}^*  b_j\rangle \langle b_l $

The properties are different for pure and mixed states

# Entanglement

For a bipartite system:  $\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$

For a state to be separable:  $|\Psi\rangle = |\Psi_A\rangle |\Psi_B\rangle$   $\rho = \sum_n p_n \rho_n^A \otimes \rho_n^B$ ,  $\sum_n p_n = 1$

A non-separable state is entangled

How do we check for entanglement: Peres-Horodecki criterion

A necessary criterion for separability of a mixed state of A and B:

$$\rho = \sum_{ijkl} p_{ij} p_{kl}^* |a_i\rangle \otimes |b_j\rangle \langle a_k| \otimes \langle b_l| \quad \rho^{T_B} = (I \otimes T)[\rho] = \sum_{ijkl} p_{il} p_{kj}^* |a_i\rangle \langle a_k| \otimes |b_j\rangle \langle b_l|$$

The partial transpose wrt B

If  $\rho$  is separable then all the eigenvalues of  $\rho^{T_B}$  are non-negative.

In other words, if  $\rho^{T_B}$  has a negative eigenvalue,  $\rho$  is guaranteed to be entangled.



# Concurrence

Take an entangled pure state between the two subsystems A and B.

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_A \otimes \mathcal{H}_B$$

The concurrence  $C_{A|B}$  is defined as

$$0 \leq C_{A|B}^2 = 2(1 - \text{Tr}[\rho_A^2]) = C_{B|A}^2 \leq 1$$

For mixed states, we use different entanglement witnesses and measures.

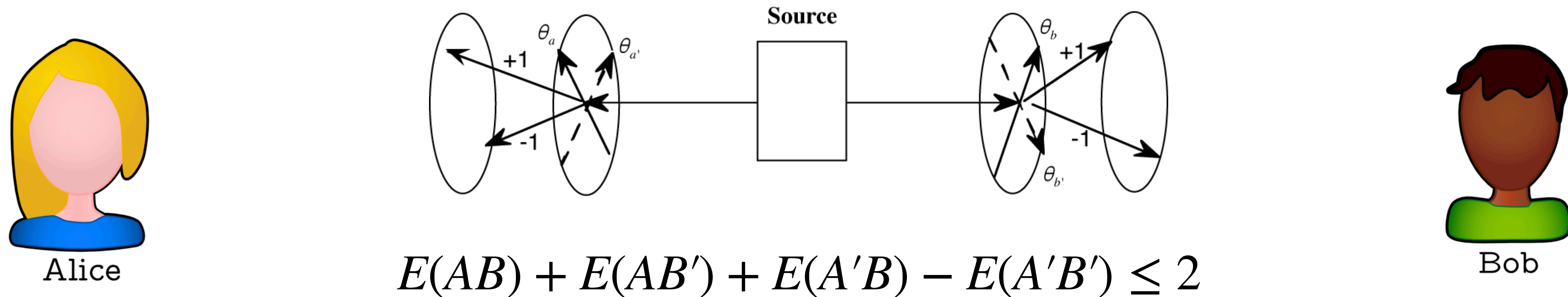
E.g. for a two-qubit system:

$$C = \max(0, \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4) \quad \text{with } \lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \lambda_3 \geq \lambda_4 \text{ eigenvalues of } \sqrt{\sqrt{\rho}(\sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y)\rho^*(\sigma_y \otimes \sigma_y)\sqrt{\rho}}$$

# Bell inequalities

Clauser-Horne-Shimony-Holt (CHSH) inequality

Bell locality means (classically):



Violation of Bell Inequalities means non-locality

In Quantum mechanics:

$$E(AB) + E(AB') + E(A'B) - E(A'B') = 2\sqrt{2} \quad \text{Violating Bell locality}$$

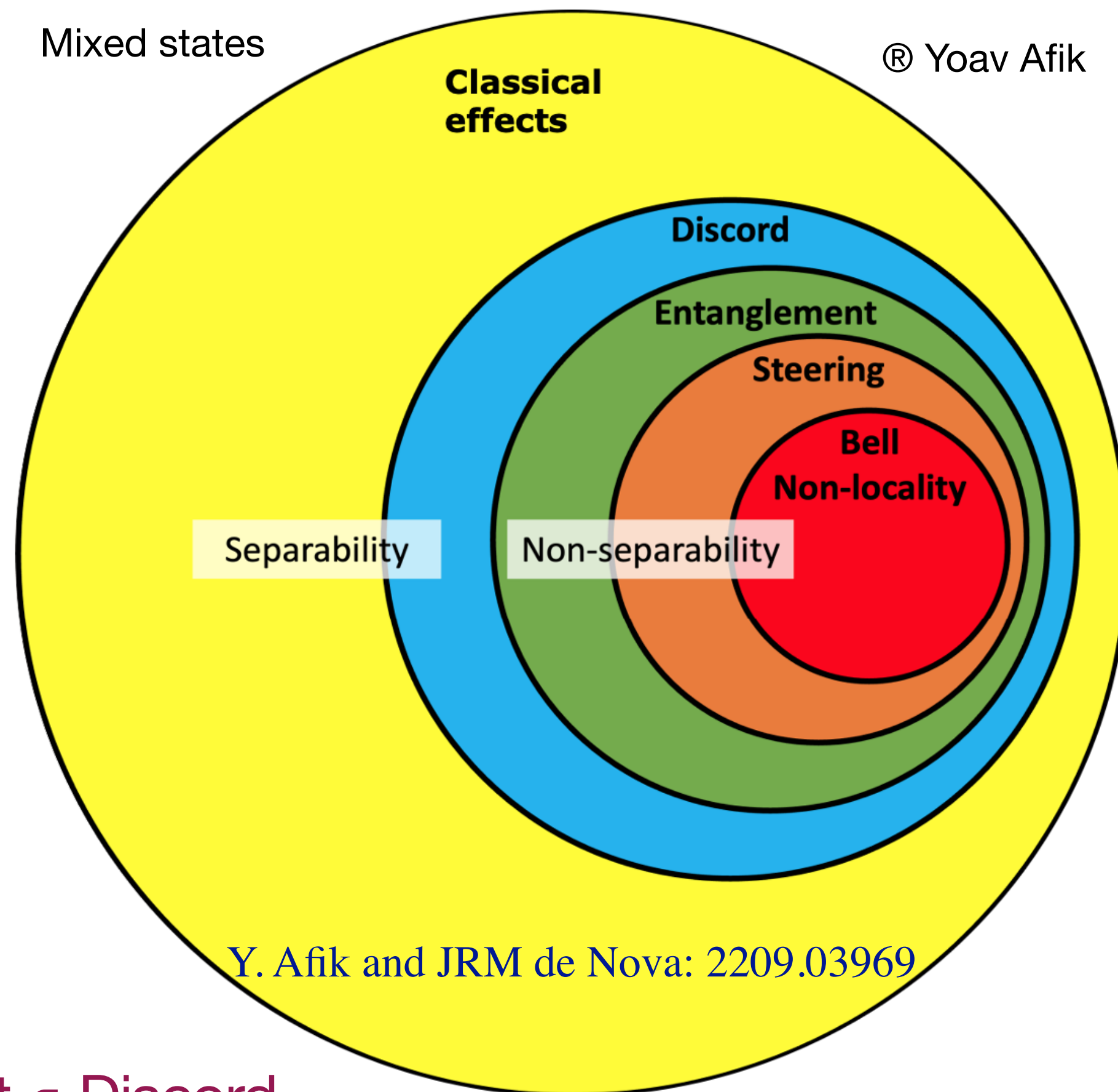
# Different levels of correlations

**Entanglement:** difference between separable and non-separable states.

**Quantum discord** is an asymmetric measure of nonclassical correlations between two subsystems of a system, based on the difference between two different quantum definitions of mutual information.

**Quantum steering** differs from entanglement for mixed states and it is also asymmetric.

**Bell non-locality** needs a strong quantum correlation. For pure states it just amounts to entanglement again.



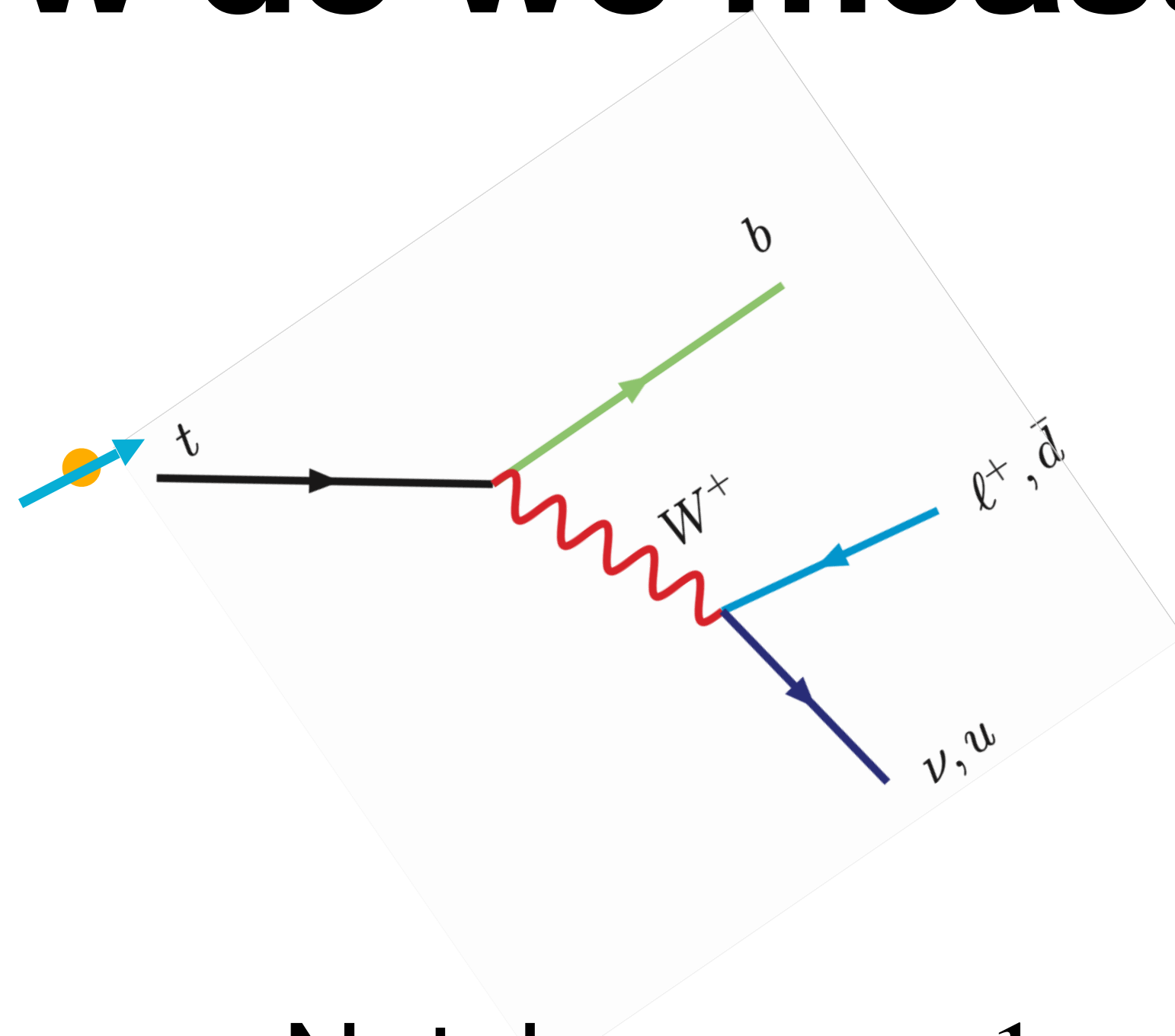
Bell Non-locality  $\subset$  Steering  $\subset$  Entanglement  $\subset$  Discord

# Top quark

Why study the top quark ?

1. Heaviest known particle: **Strong coupling to the Higgs**
2. **Portal to new physics**: e.g. EWSB, composite Higgs
3. **LHC is a top factory**: precise access to top properties through a lot of production channels, see Didar's talk
4. **Weak decays** before hadronisation
5. **Top spins in pair production: a 2-qubit system!**

# How do we measure the spins?



$$\frac{1}{\Gamma} \frac{d\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_X} = \frac{1 + \alpha_X \cos \theta_X}{2}$$

$$\alpha_\ell = 1 \quad \text{Spin analysing power}$$

Note by:  $\alpha_d = 1, \alpha_u = -0.3, \alpha_b = -0.4, \alpha_W = 0.4$

The direction of the charged lepton is 100% correlated with the top quark spin  
 Allows to reconstruct the top spin by measuring the angular distribution of the lepton  
 Basis of all spin correlation/entanglement measurements in tops

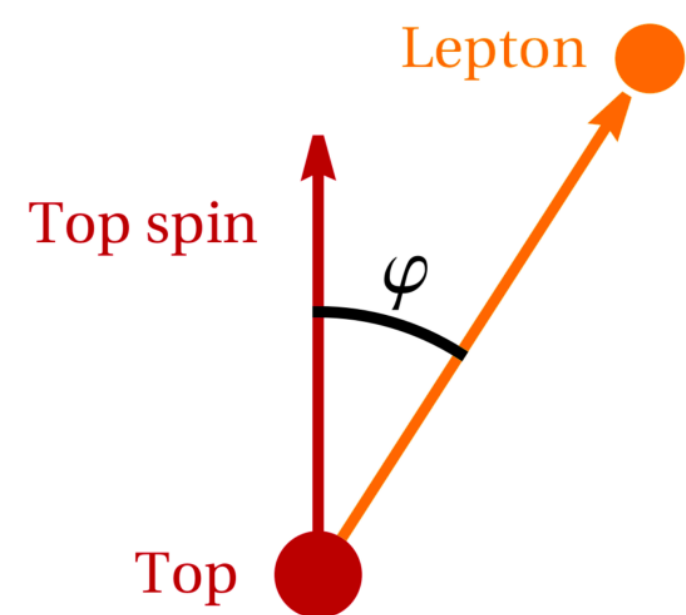
# Spin density matrix

Tops produced in pairs have their spins  $S_i, S_j$  correlated: a two-qubit system

Spin density matrix:

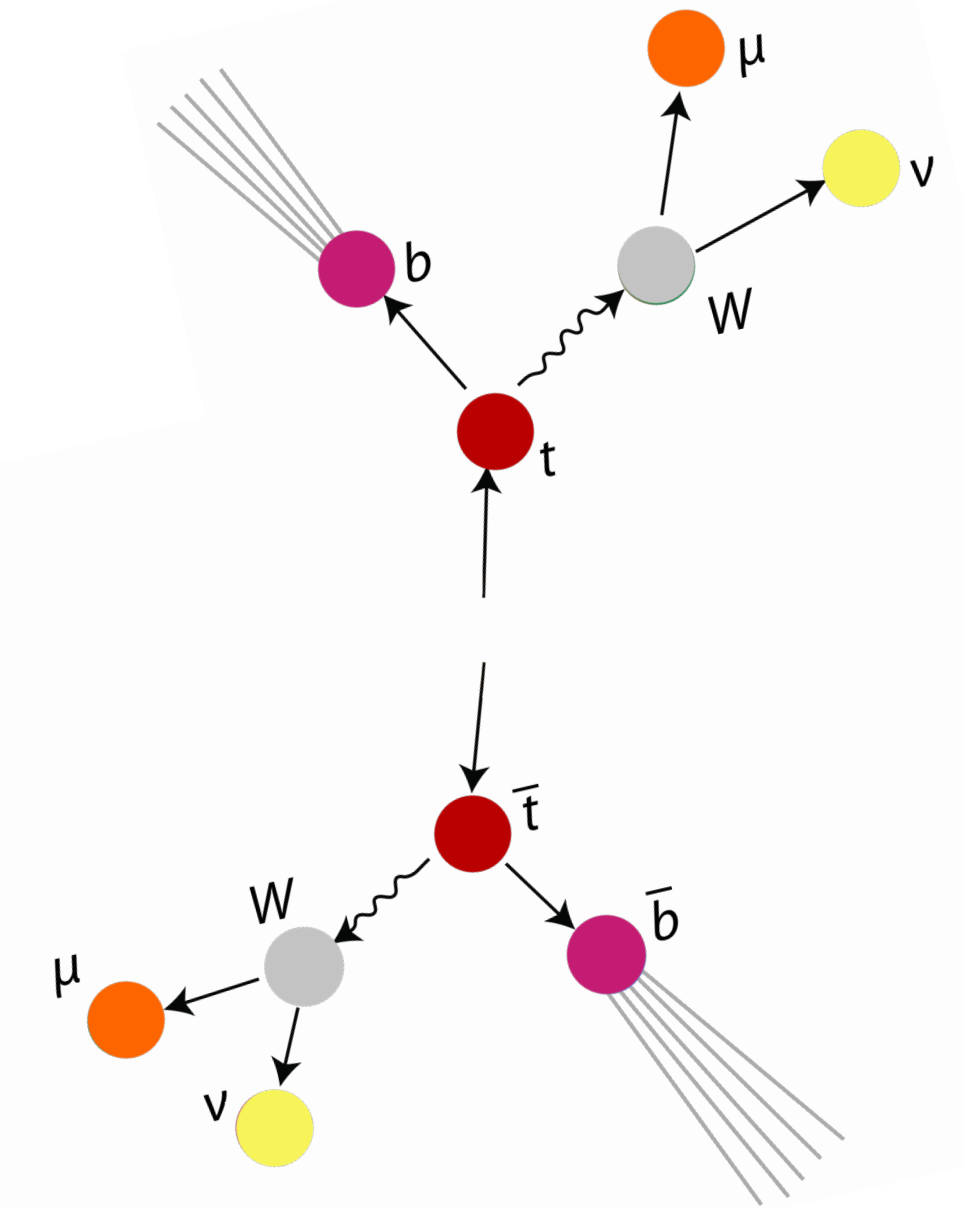
$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} \left( \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} + \sum_{i=1}^3 B_i \sigma_i \otimes \mathbb{1} + \sum_{i=j}^3 \bar{B}_j \mathbb{1} \otimes \sigma_j + \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 C_{ij} \sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j \right)$$

15 parameters describe the quantum state of the top pair



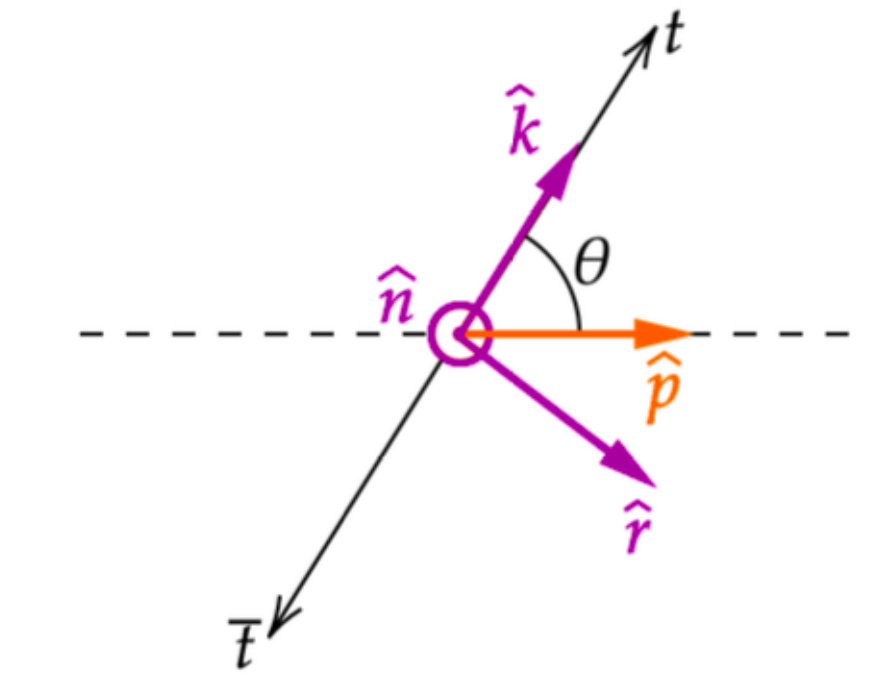
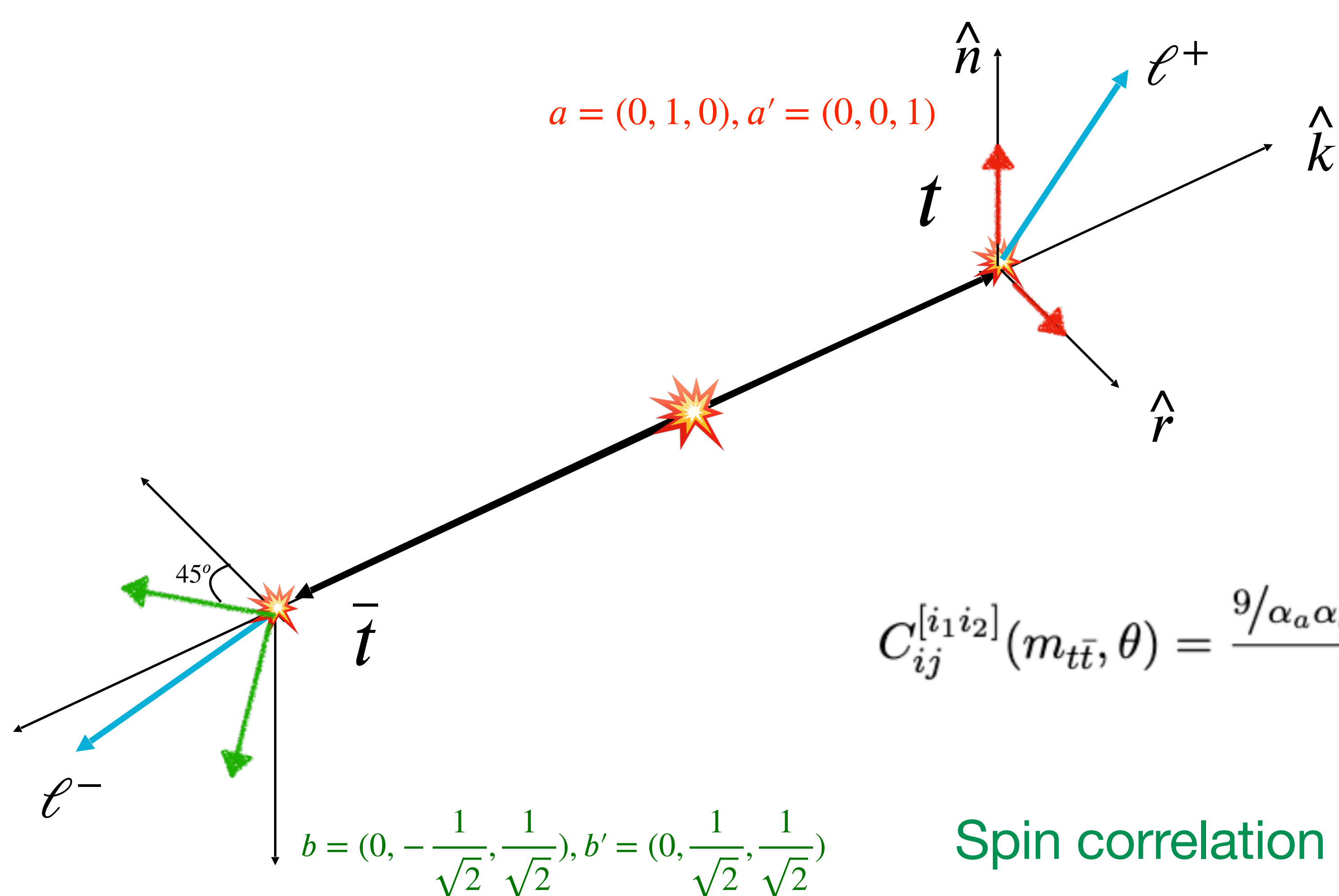
$$\langle S_i \rangle = B_i, \quad \langle \bar{S}_i \rangle = \bar{B}_j, \quad \langle S_i \bar{S}_j \rangle = C_{ij}$$

Extracted by measuring angular distributions of decay products



Quantum tomography is measurement of 15 parameters: 6 polarisations and 9 correlations

# Kinematics



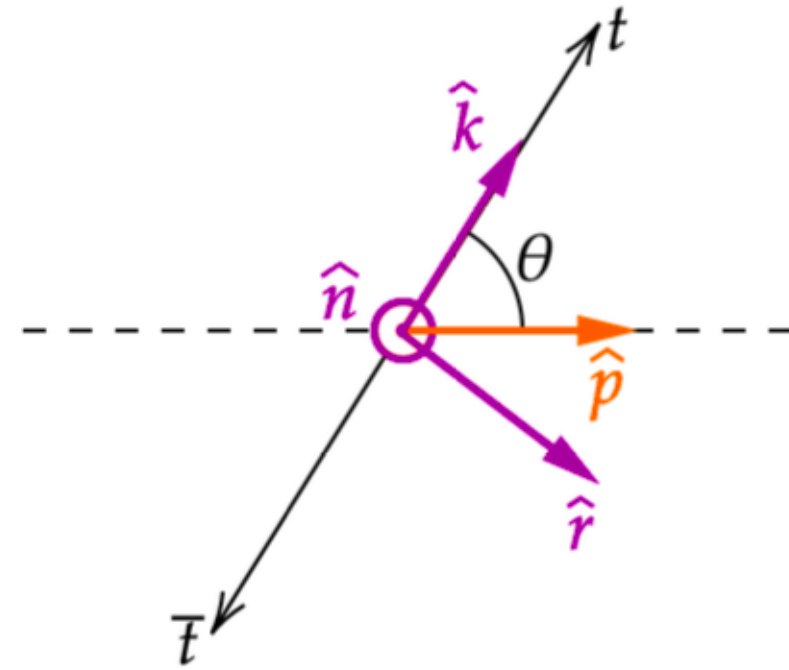
$\hat{k} = \text{top direction}, \quad \hat{r} = \frac{\hat{p} - \hat{k} \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}, \quad \hat{n} = \frac{\hat{p} \times \hat{k}}{\sin \theta}$

Helicity basis

$$C_{ij}^{[i_1 i_2]}(m_{t\bar{t}}, \theta) = \frac{9/\alpha_a \alpha_b \int \cos \theta_{ai} \cos \theta_{bj} |\mathcal{M}_{i_1 i_2 \rightarrow t \bar{t} \rightarrow a b X}|^2 d\pi}{\int |\mathcal{M}_{i_1 i_2 \rightarrow t \bar{t} \rightarrow a b X}|^2 d\pi}$$

Spin correlation coefficients are averages of angles

# Spin correlations to entanglement



Entanglement markers, from the Peres-Horodecki criterion

$$D_{\min} < -1/3$$

for a proof see [arXiv:2003.02280](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.02280)

Necessary and sufficient condition for entanglement

$$C = \frac{1}{2} \max(0, -1 - 3D_{\min}) > 0$$

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$$D^{(1)} = 1/3(+C_{kk} + C_{rr} + C_{nn}),$$

$$D^{(k)} = 1/3(+C_{kk} - C_{rr} - C_{nn}),$$

$$D^{(r)} = 1/3(-C_{kk} + C_{rr} - C_{nn}),$$

$$D^{(n)} = 1/3(-C_{kk} - C_{rr} + C_{nn}).$$

$$D_{\min} \equiv \min\{D^{(1)}, D^{(k)}, D^{(r)}, D^{(n)}\}$$

$$\mathcal{C}^{(\text{singlet})} = \begin{pmatrix} -\eta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\eta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\eta \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{C}^{(\text{triplet})} = \begin{pmatrix} \eta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \eta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\eta \end{pmatrix}, \quad 0 < \eta \leq 1$$

$$D^{(1)} = -\eta$$

$$D^{(i)} = -\eta$$

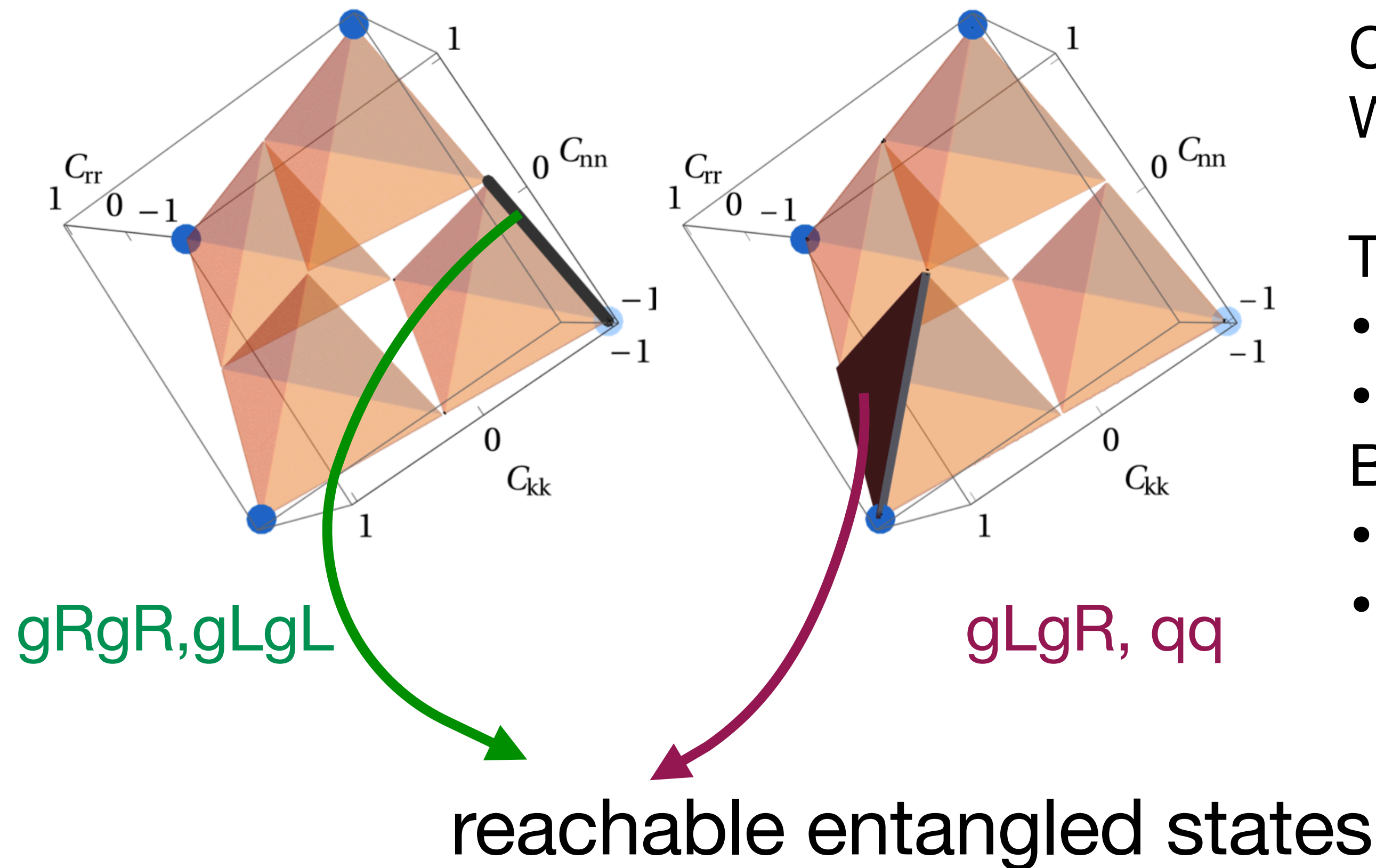
$$\eta > \frac{1}{3} \implies \text{entanglement,}$$

$$\eta > \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \implies \text{Bell inequality violation}$$

$$\eta = 1 \implies \text{pure state.}$$



# When are tops entangled?



Consider top pair production in pp collisions  
Which spin states can be reached?

Threshold:

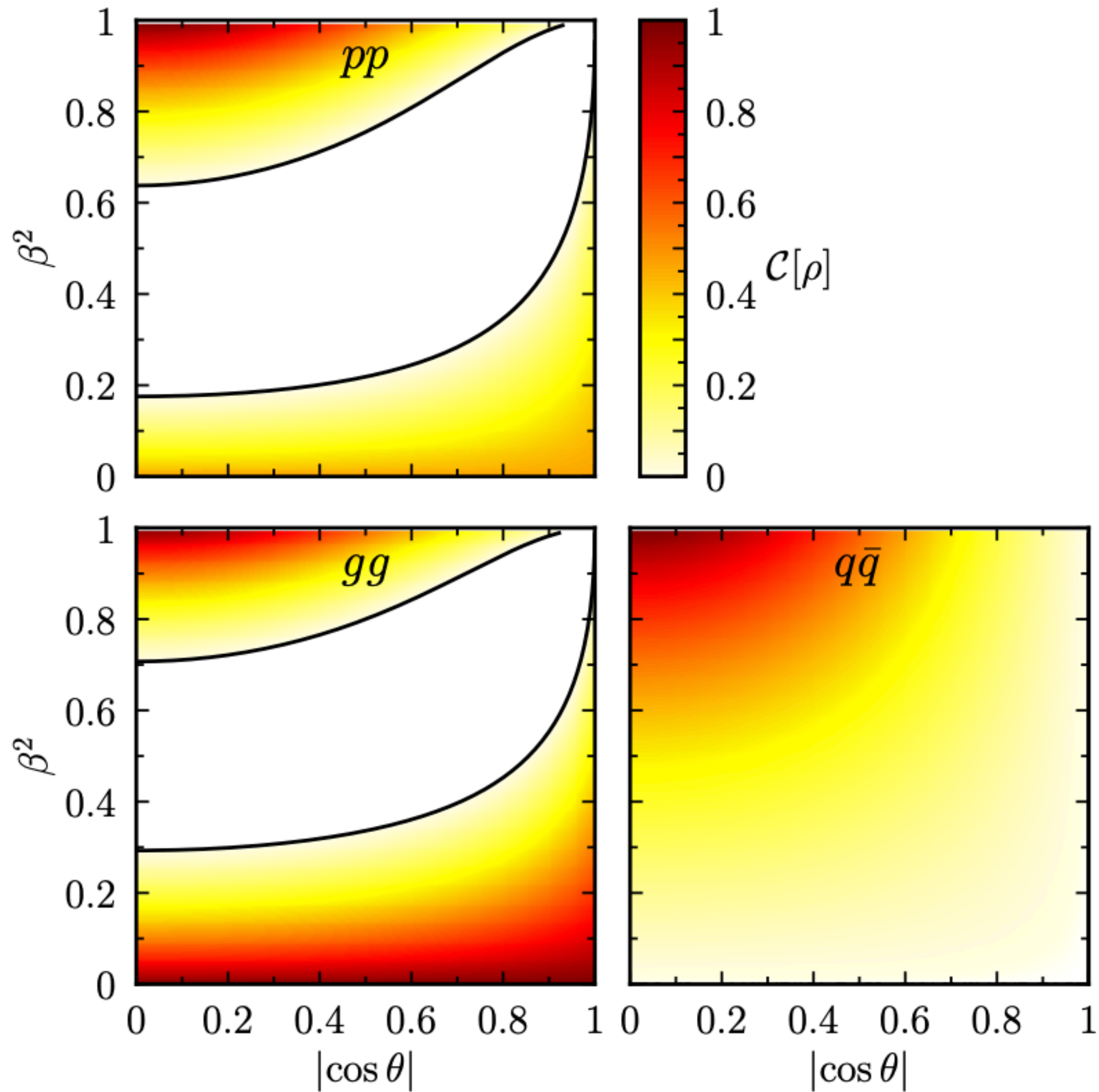
- entangled singlet state
- from same helicity gluons

Boosted:

- entangled triplet state
- for qqbar pairs and opposite helicity gluons

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# Entanglement in the SM



Concurrence:  $C = \frac{1}{2} \max(0, -1 - 3D_{\min})$

White regions: no entanglement ( $C < 0$ )

Maximal entanglement regions

At threshold:  $\beta^2 = 0, \forall \theta$

High-Energy:  $\beta^2 \rightarrow 1, \cos \theta = 0$

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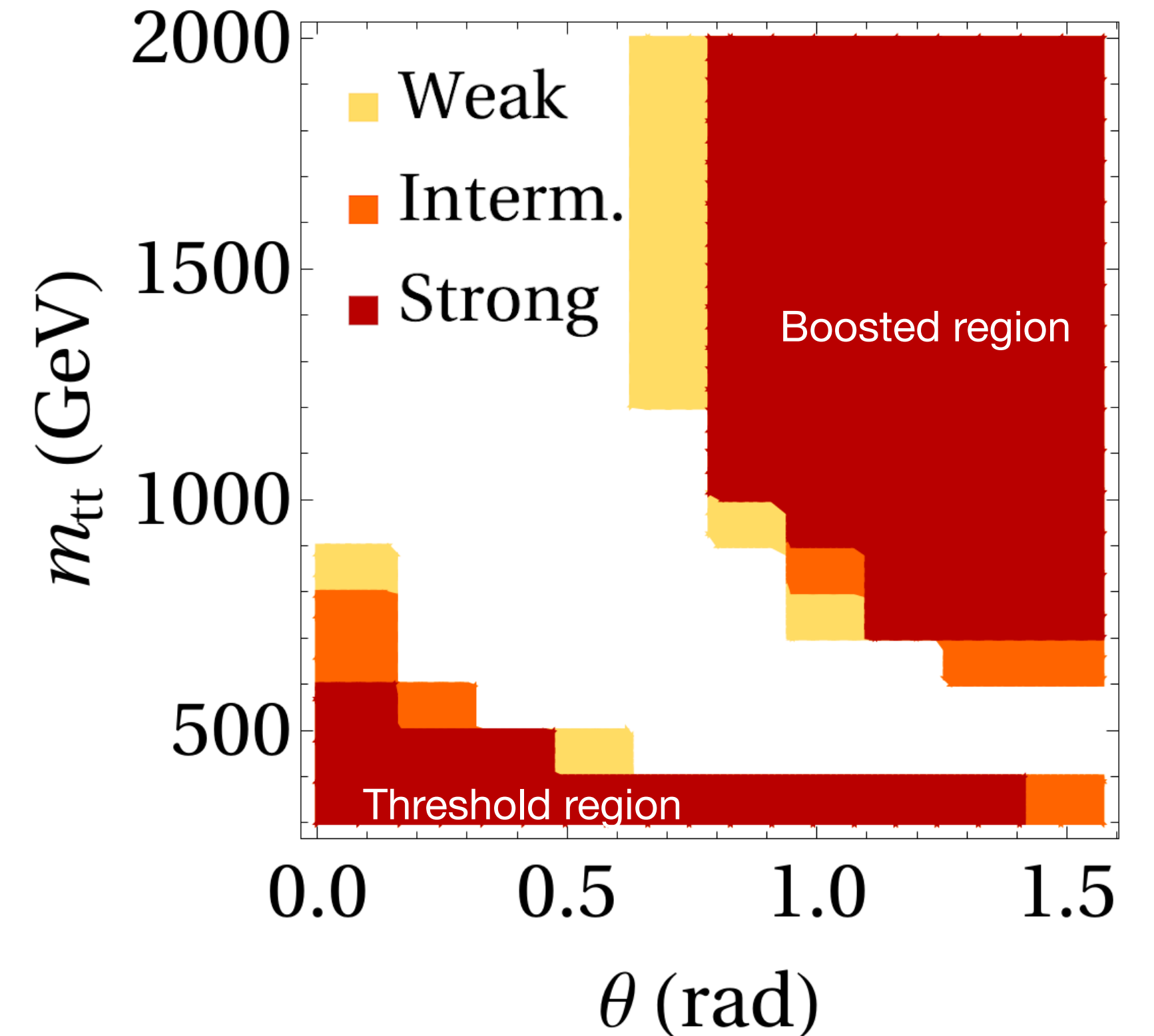
# Entanglement in top pair production

Can we see this experimentally?

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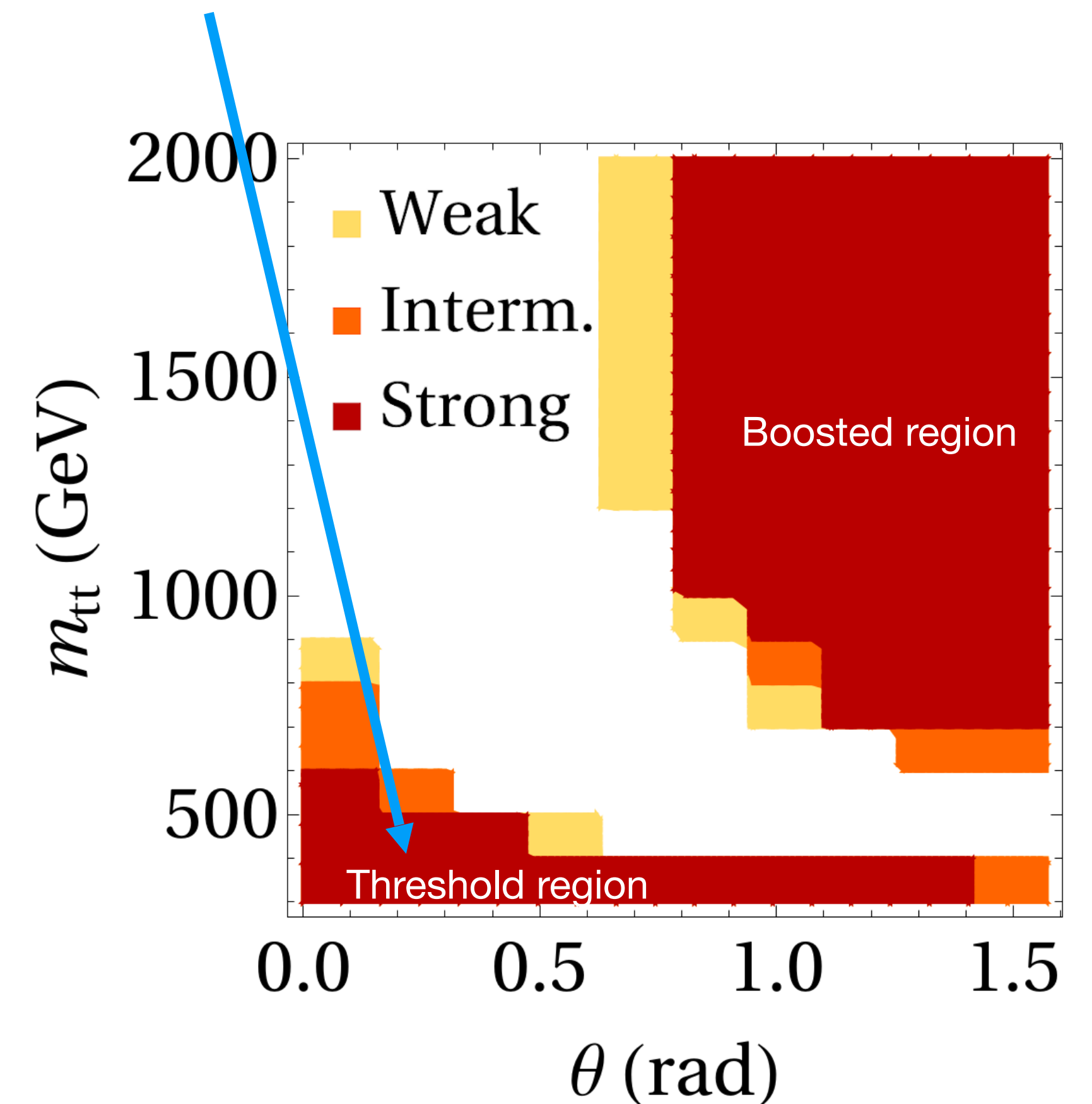
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$$-C_{kk} - C_{rr} - C_{nn} > 1$$



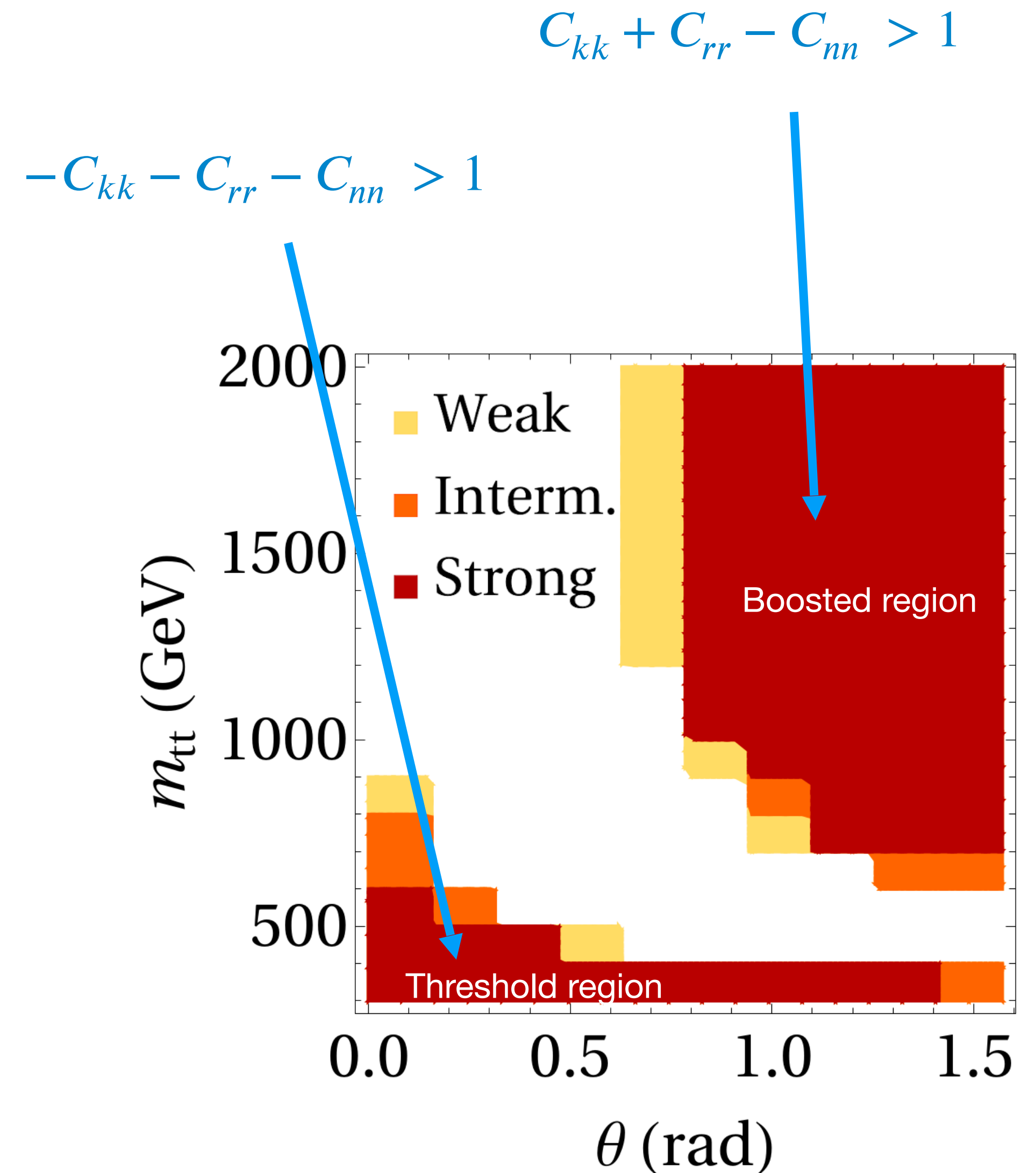
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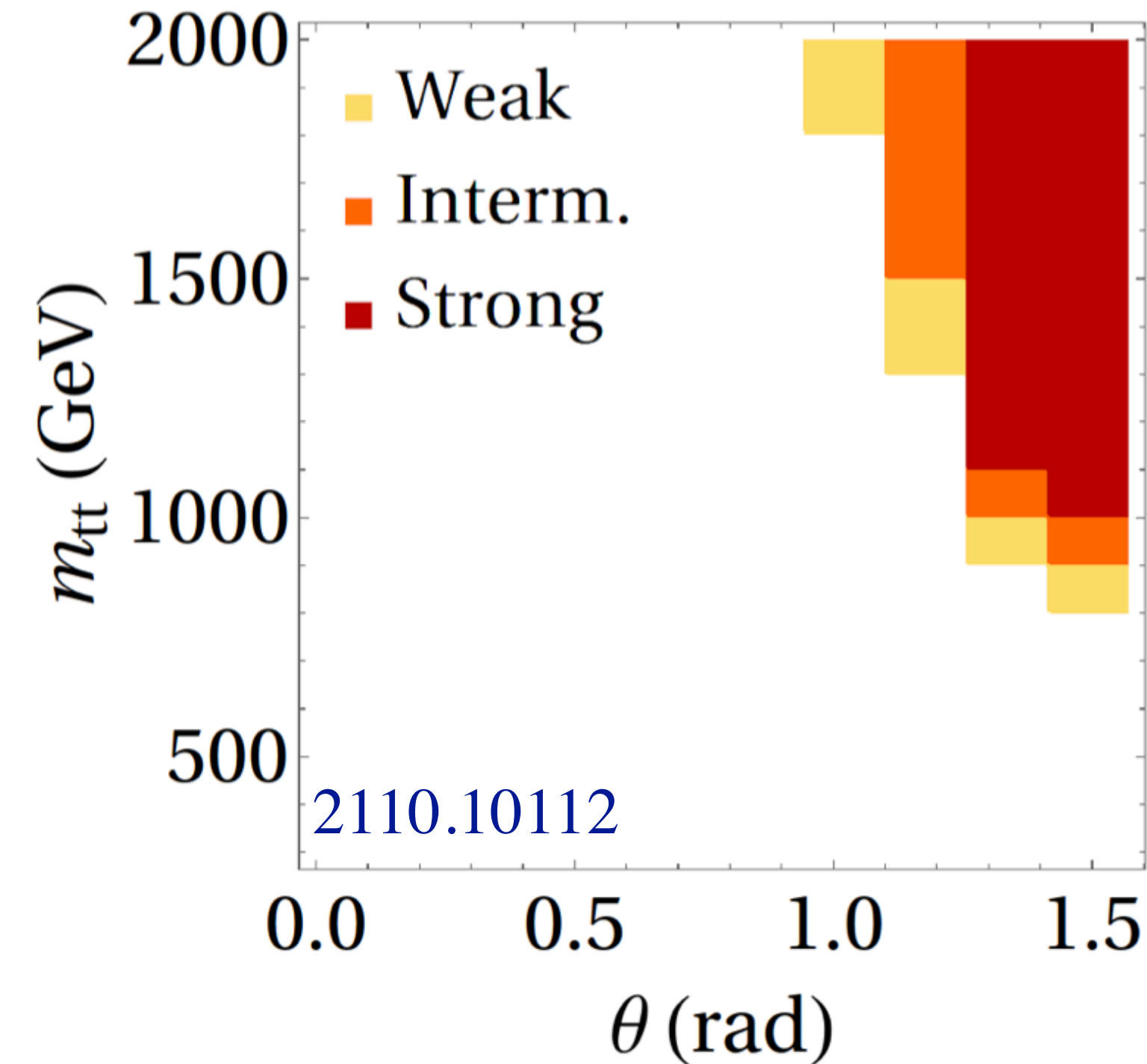
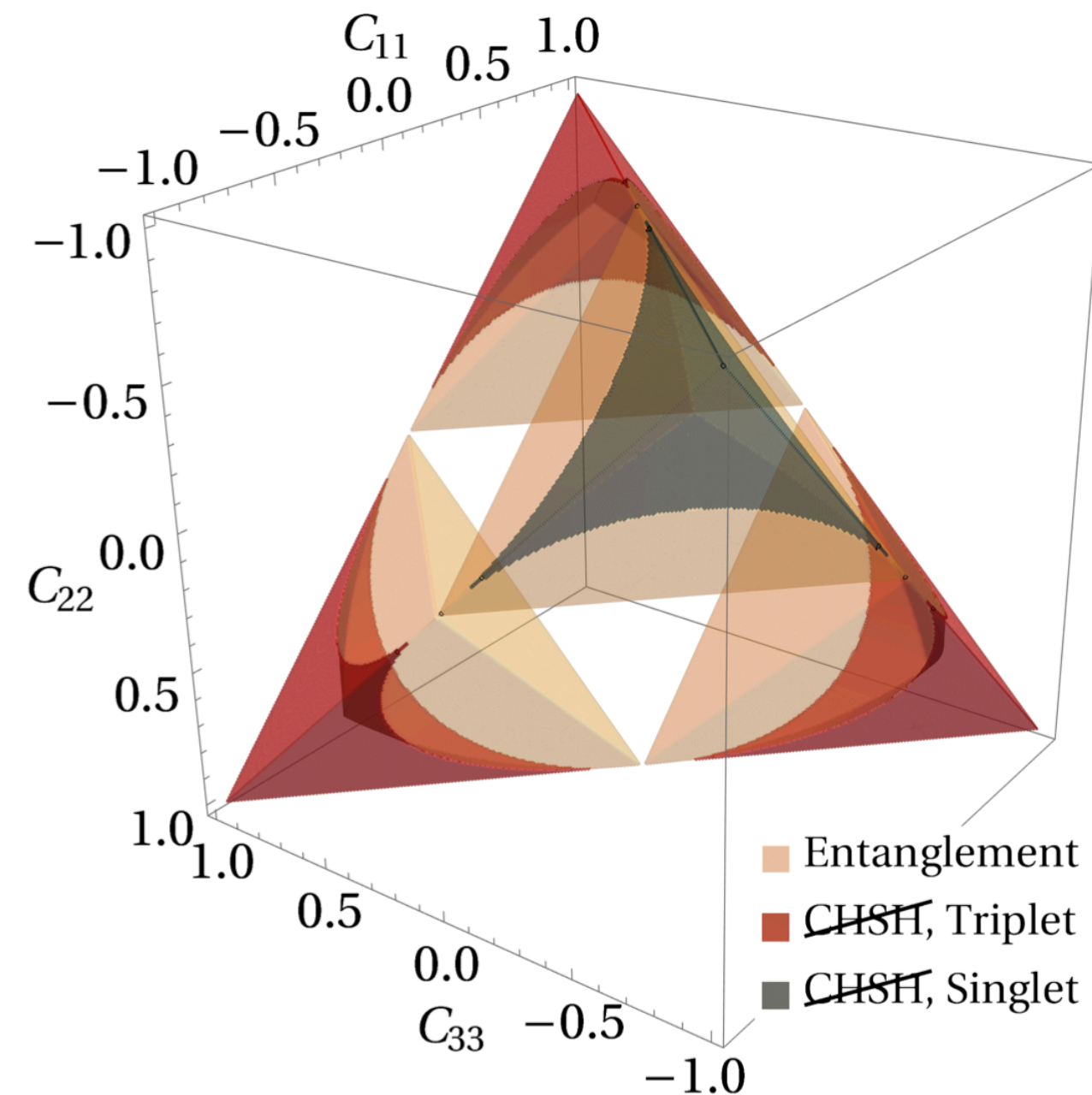
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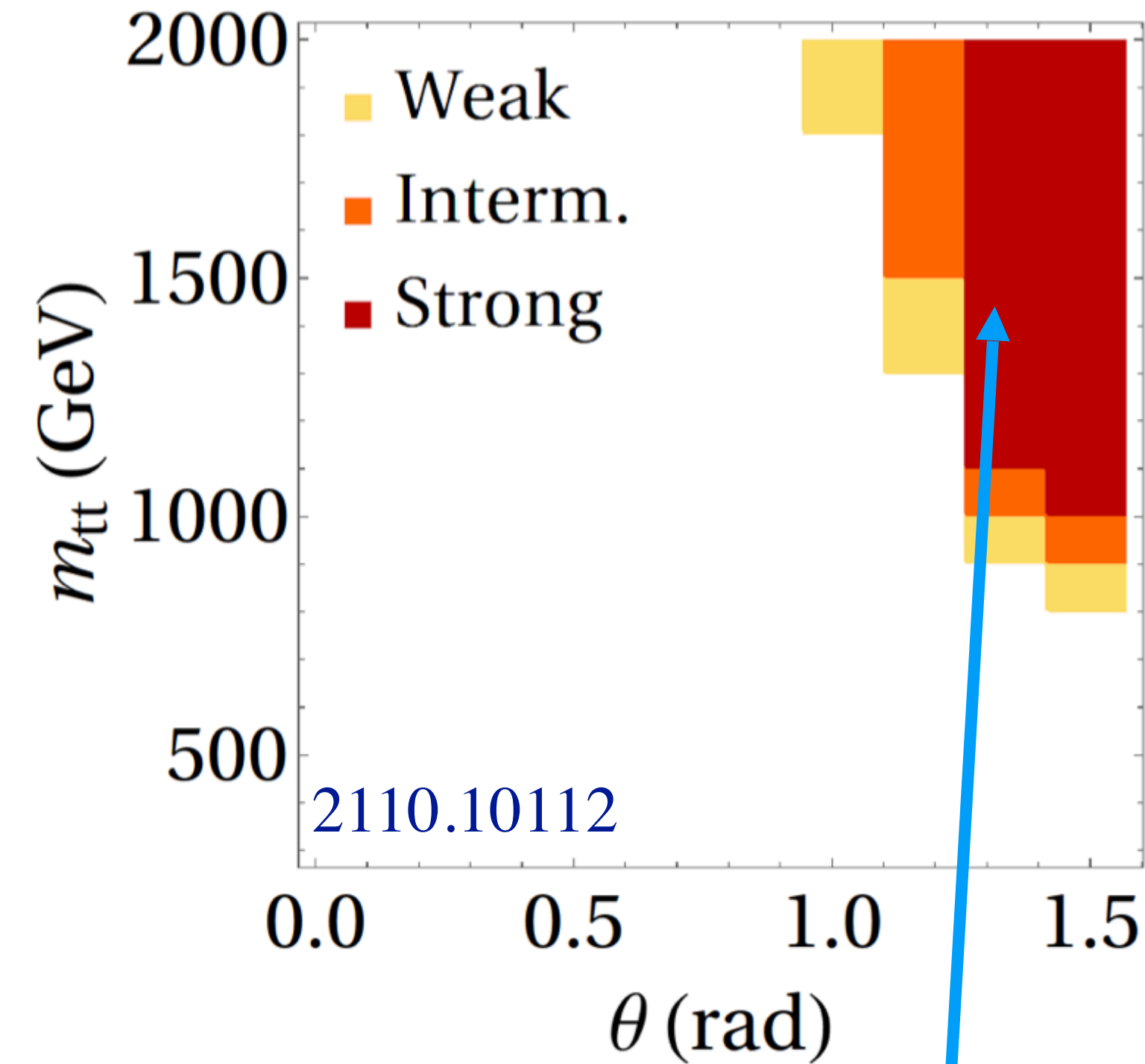
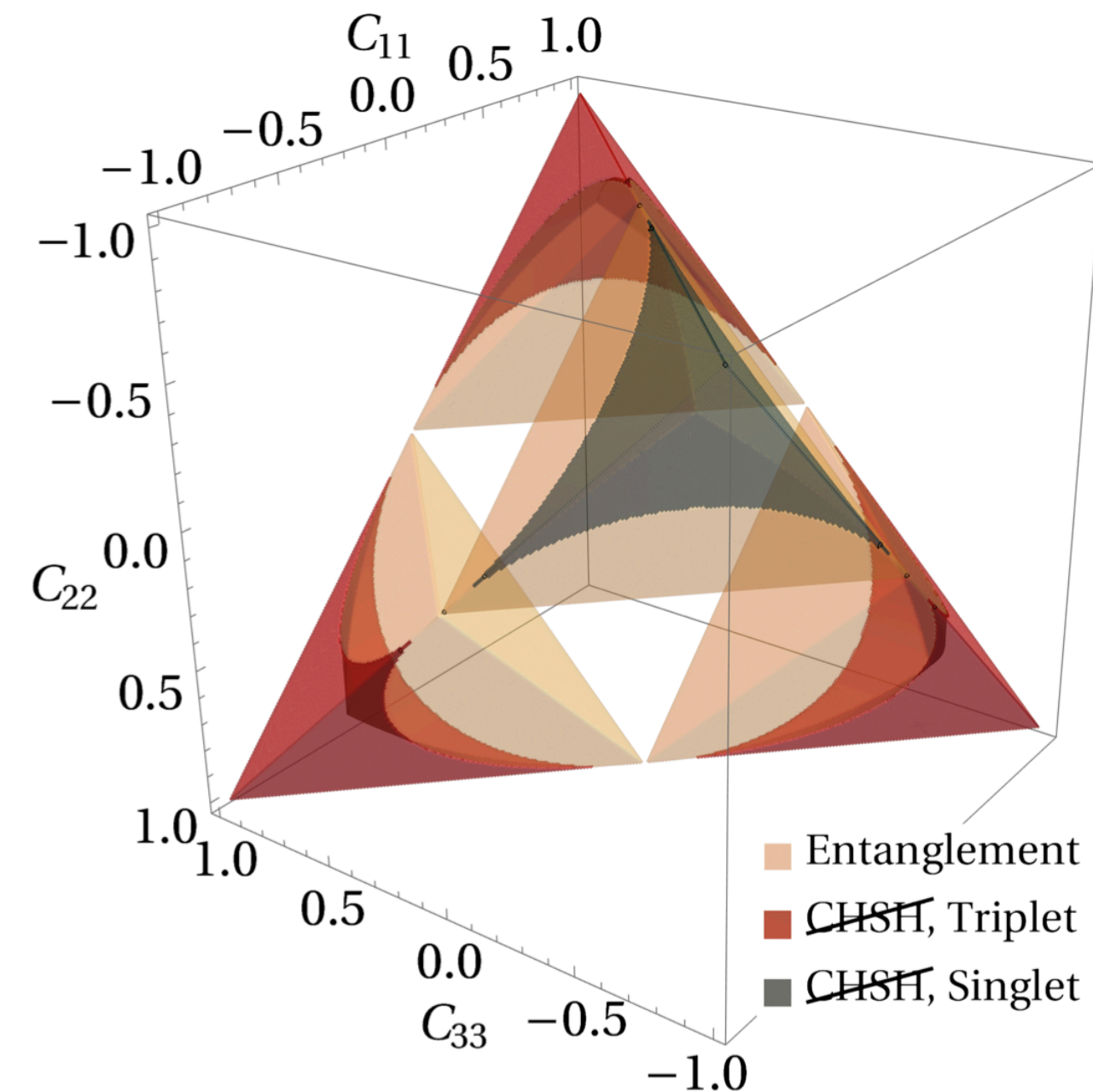
$$\text{CHSH} \quad \left| \sum_{ij} C_{ij} (a_i b_j - a_i b'_j + a'_i b_j + a'_i b'_j) \right| \leq 2$$

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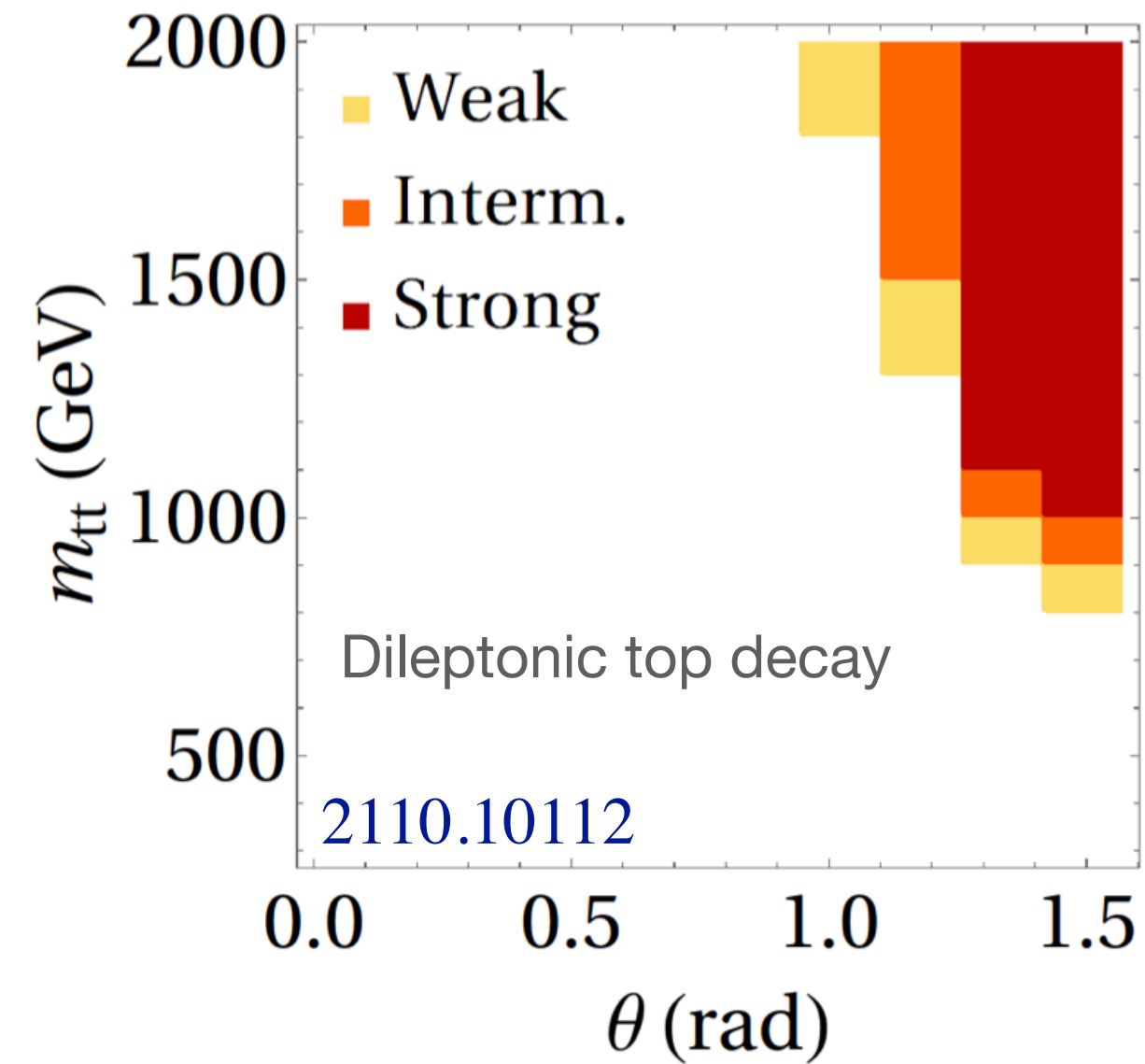
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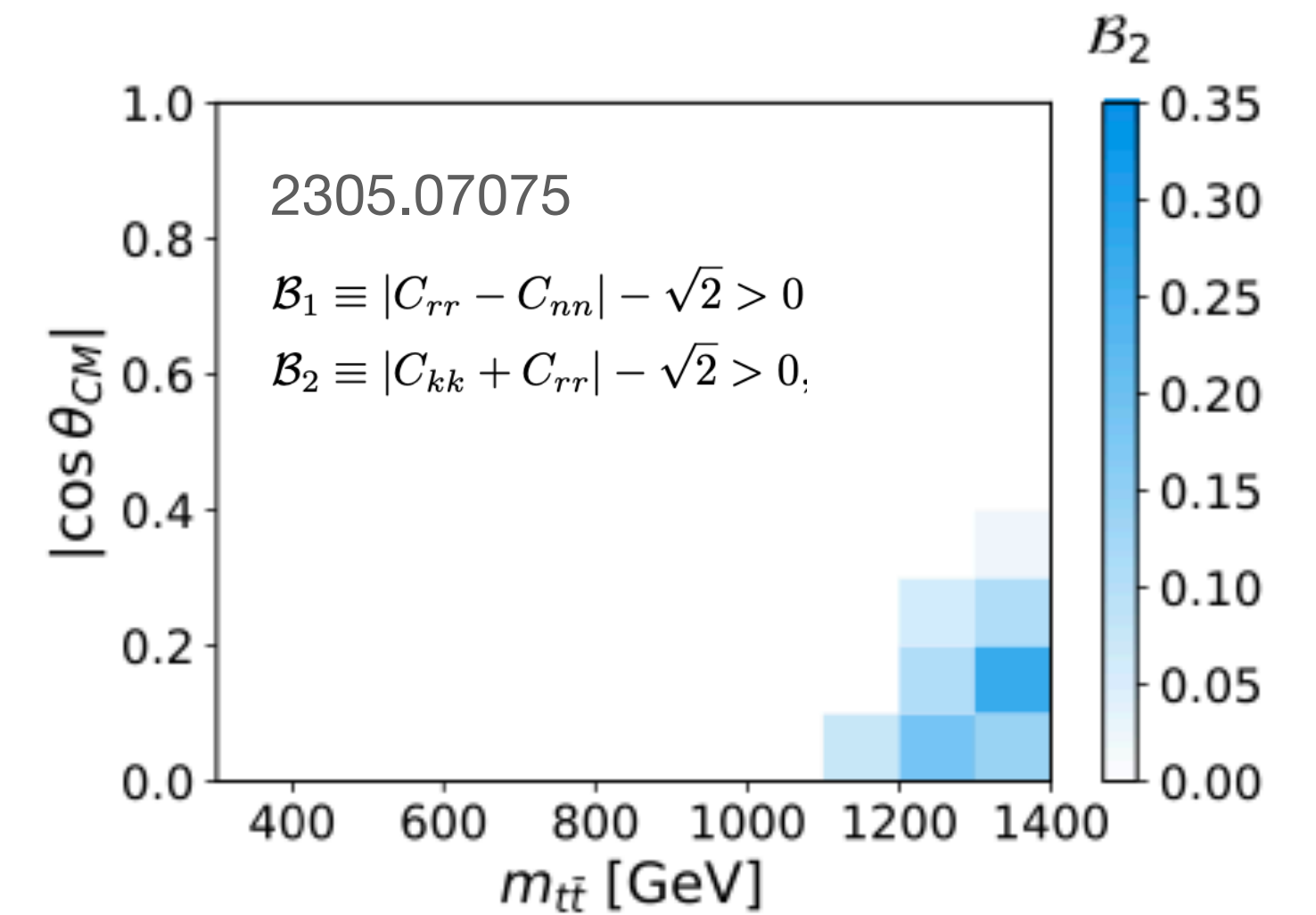
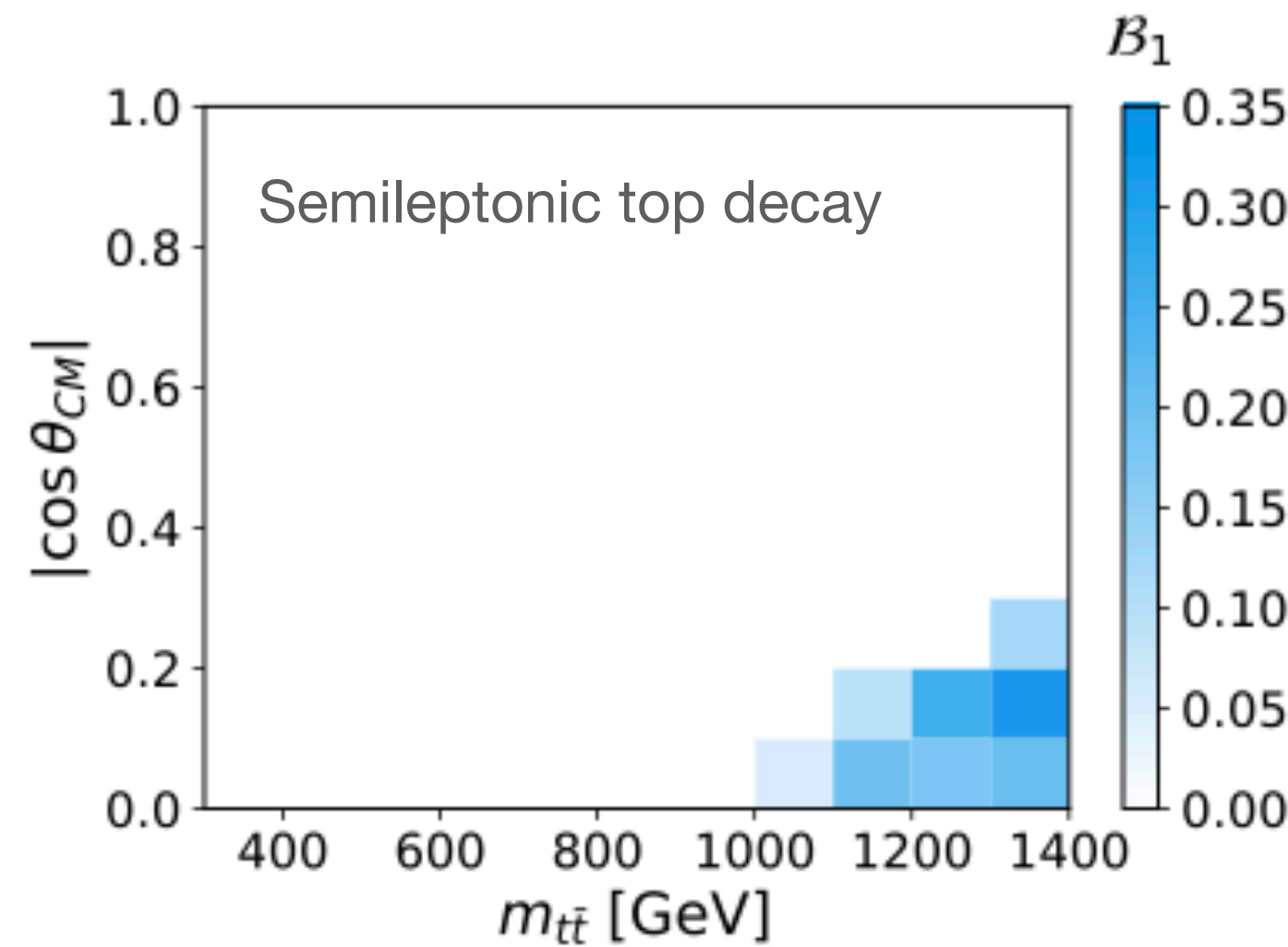
$$\sqrt{2} \left| -C_{rr} + C_{nn} \right| > 2$$

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# Bell-inequalities



High- $p_T$ Selection	Cross section	Significance for $> 2$ w/ $3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
Weak	0.58 pb	83% CL
Intermediate	0.31 pb	81% CL
Strong	0.17 pb	66% CL



Indicator	Parton-level	Unfolded	Significance ( $\mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$ )
$B_1$	$0.267 \pm 0.023$	$0.274 \pm 0.057$	4.8
$B_2$	$0.204 \pm 0.023$	$0.272 \pm 0.058$	4.7

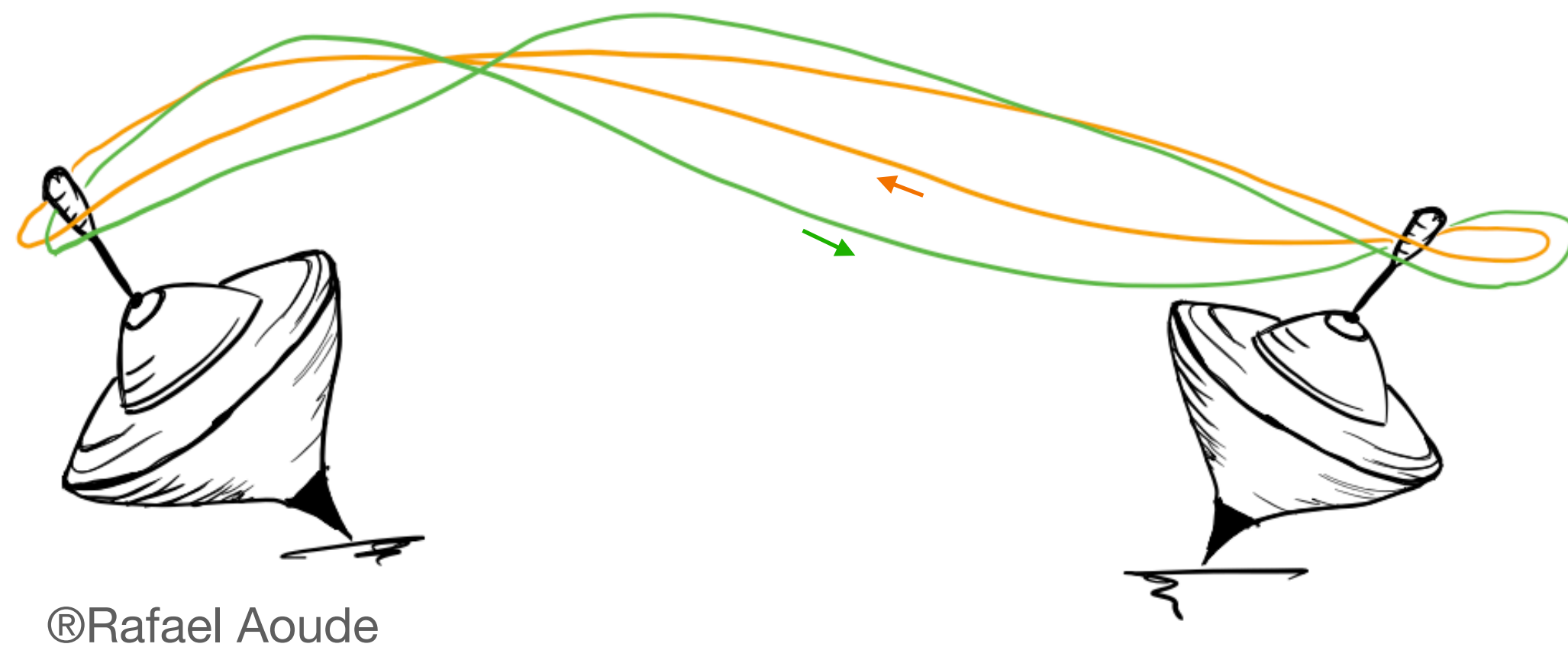
Better statistics, use of boosted top tagging  
Use of optimal hadronic direction

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More challenging to observe



# Quantum tops @ LHC



Many other papers on  $VV$ ,  $H \rightarrow VV$ ,  $\tau^+ \tau^-$ ,  $tW$ ,...

See also a review: A. Barr, Fabbrichesi, Floreanini, Gabrielli, Marzola arXiv: 2402.07972

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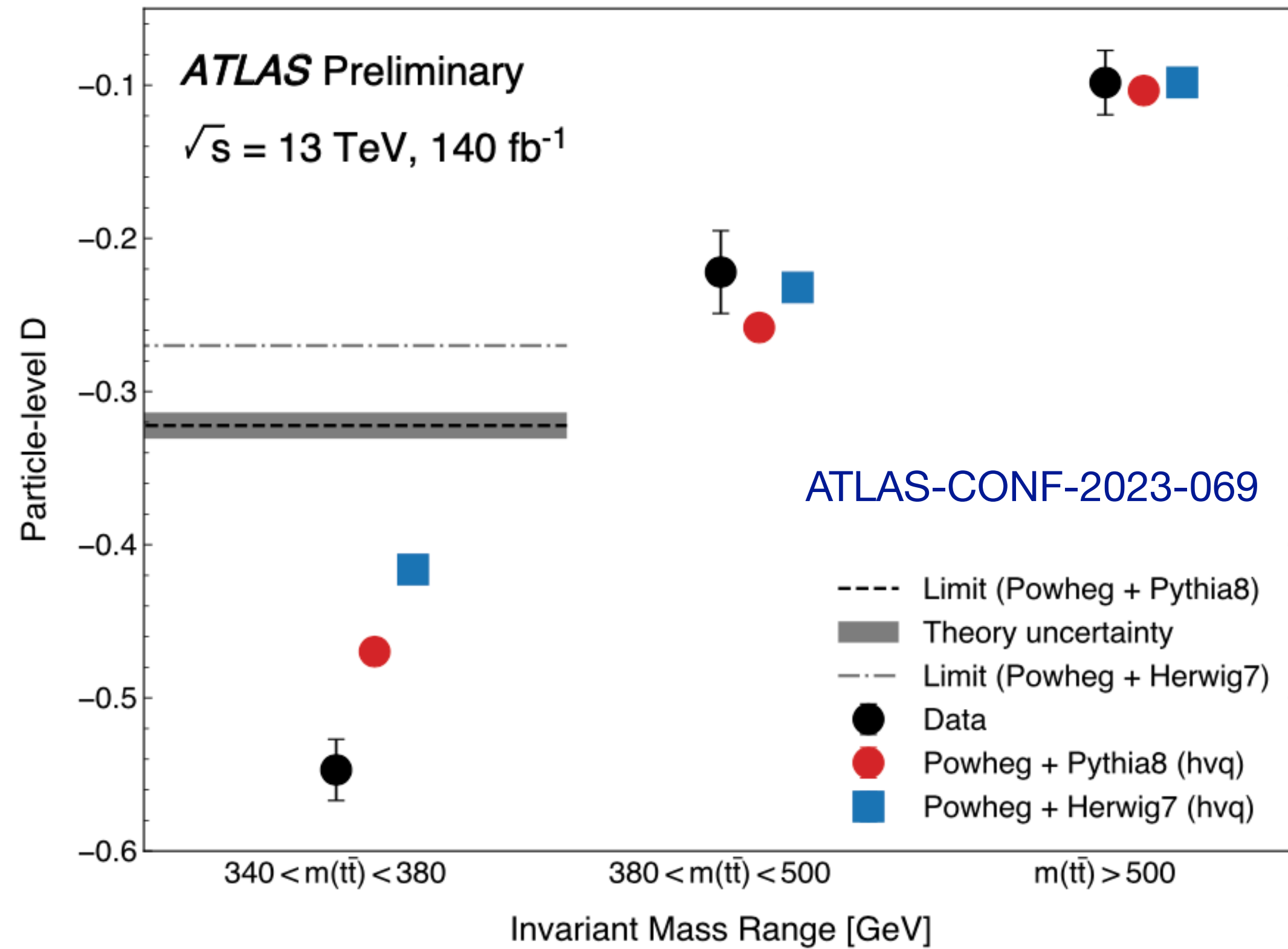
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# Summary so far

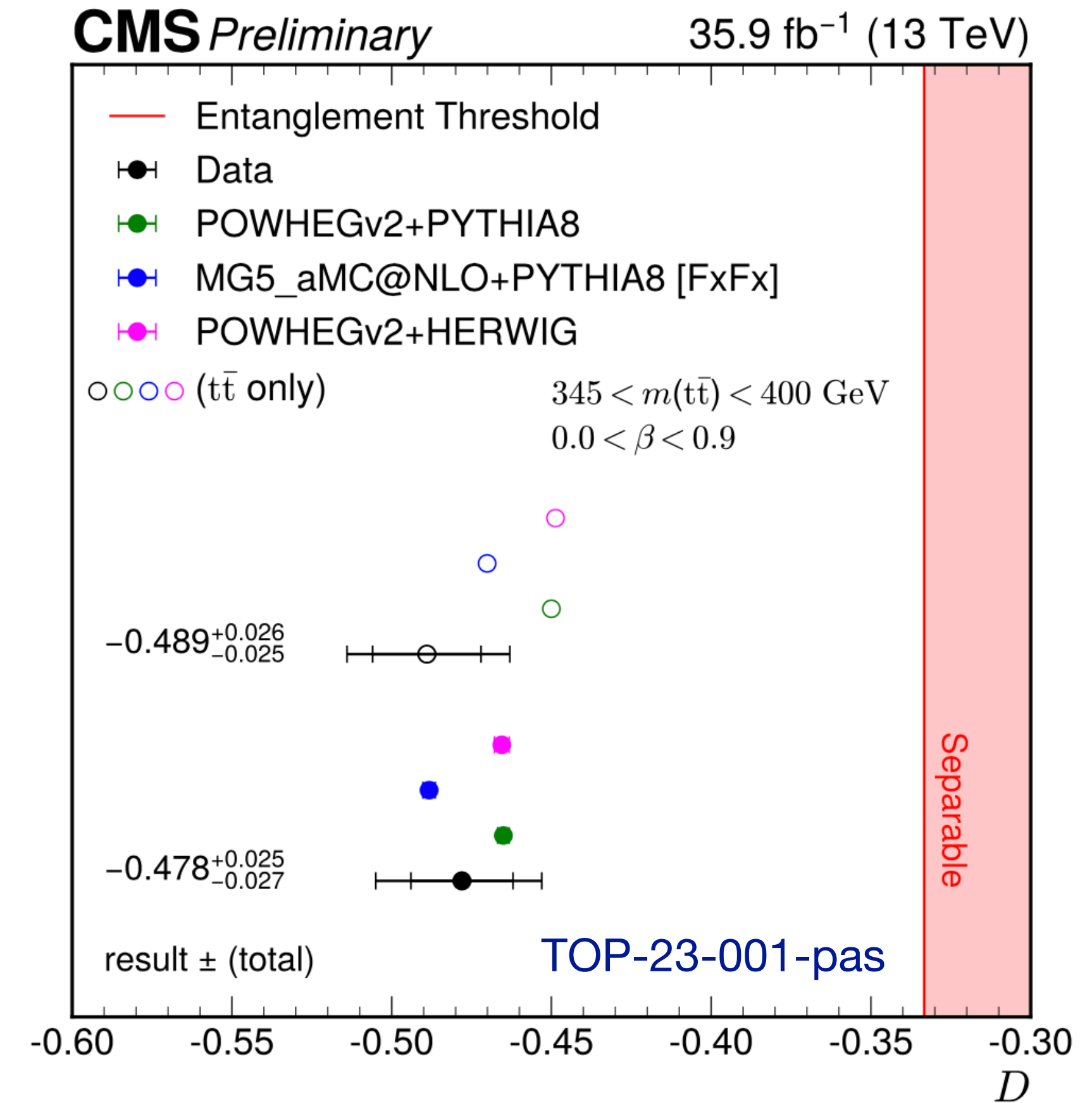
- Principles of quantum mechanics applied to top quarks pairs: a 2-qubit system
- Different degrees of correlations from classical to Bell inequality violation
- Correlations depend on the production mode and hence kinematic regions
- Prospects for quantum measurements explored by phenomenologists

How about experimentally?

# First measurements

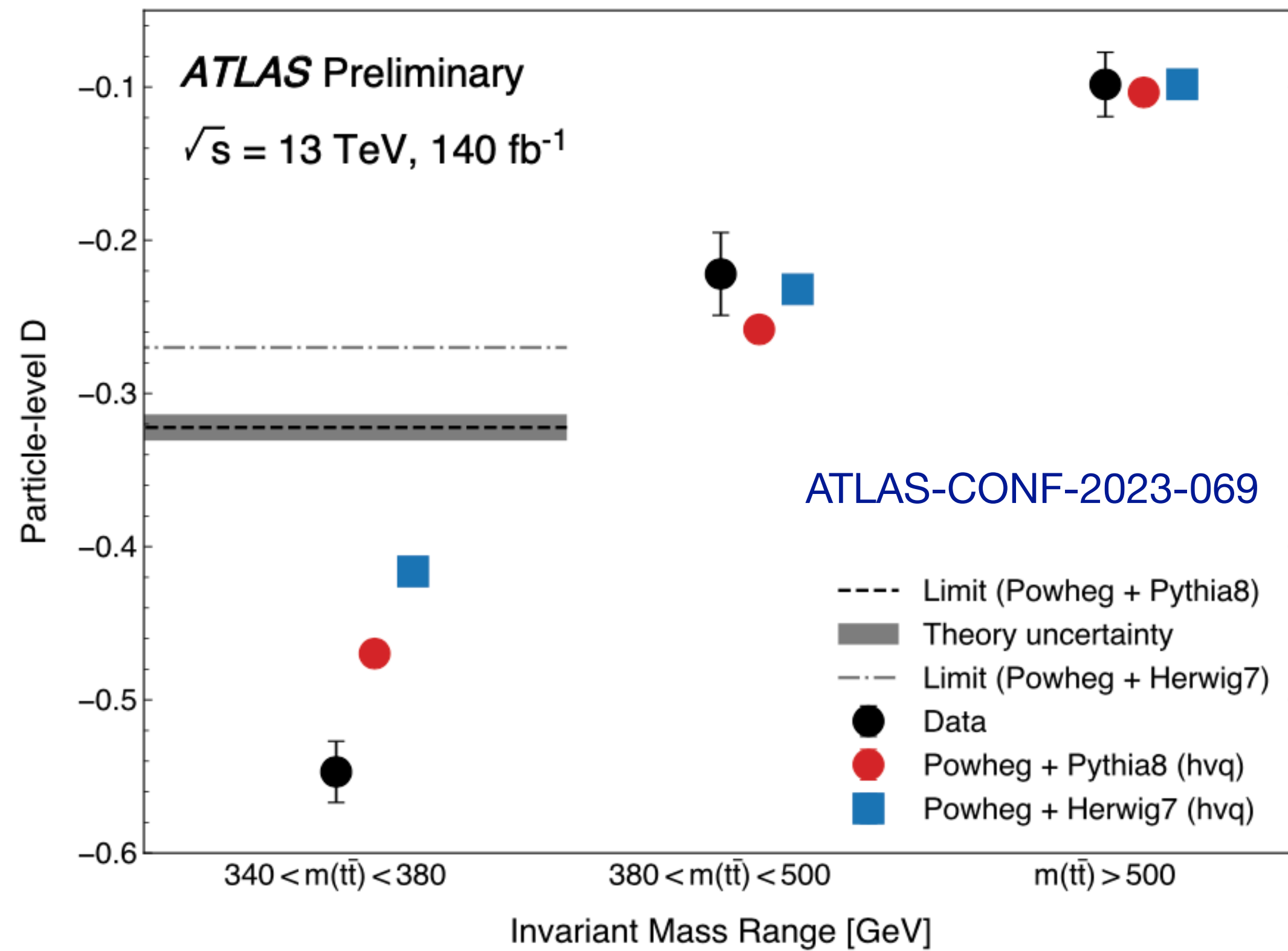


Entanglement observation by ATLAS

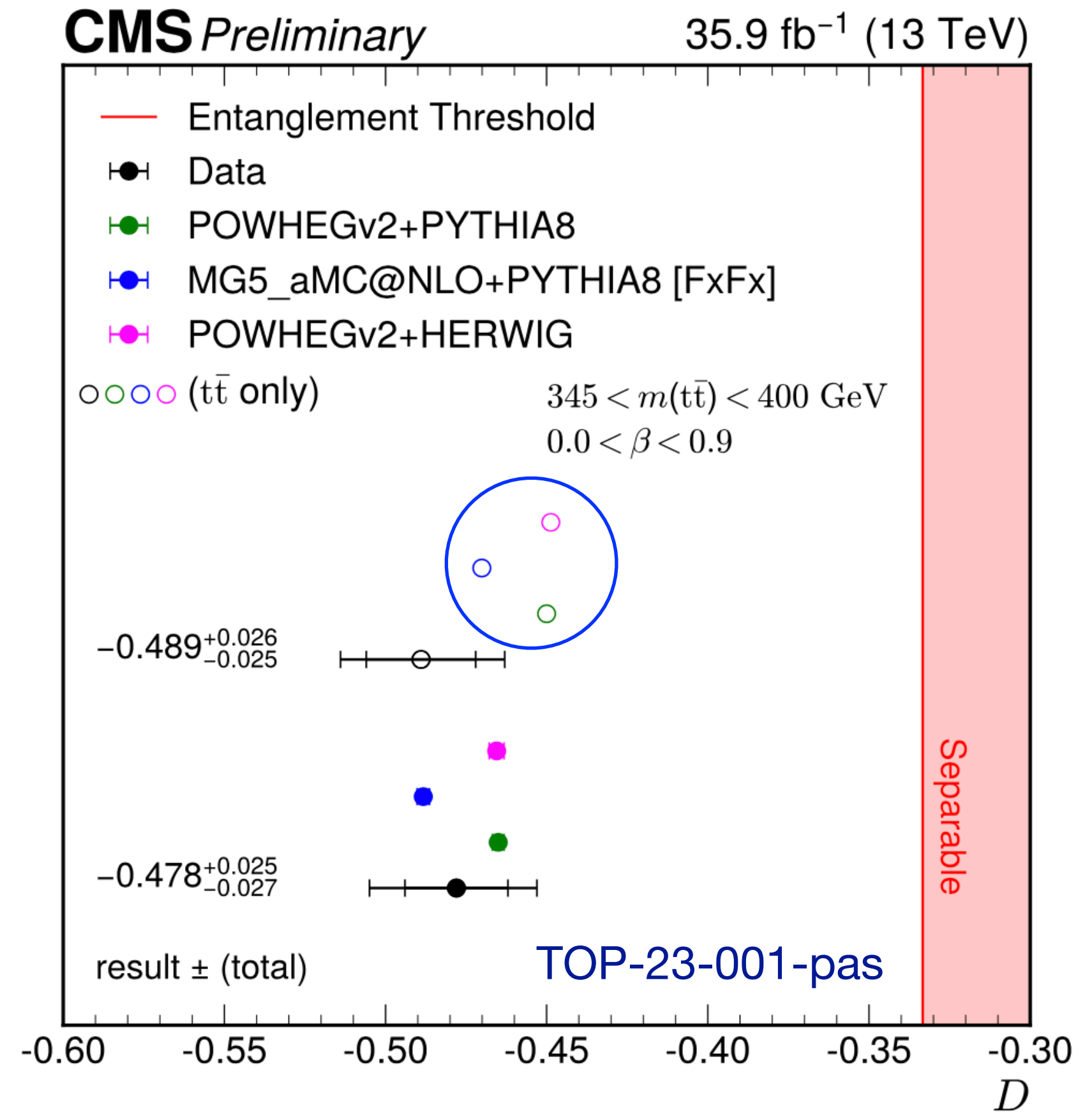


Entanglement observation by CMS

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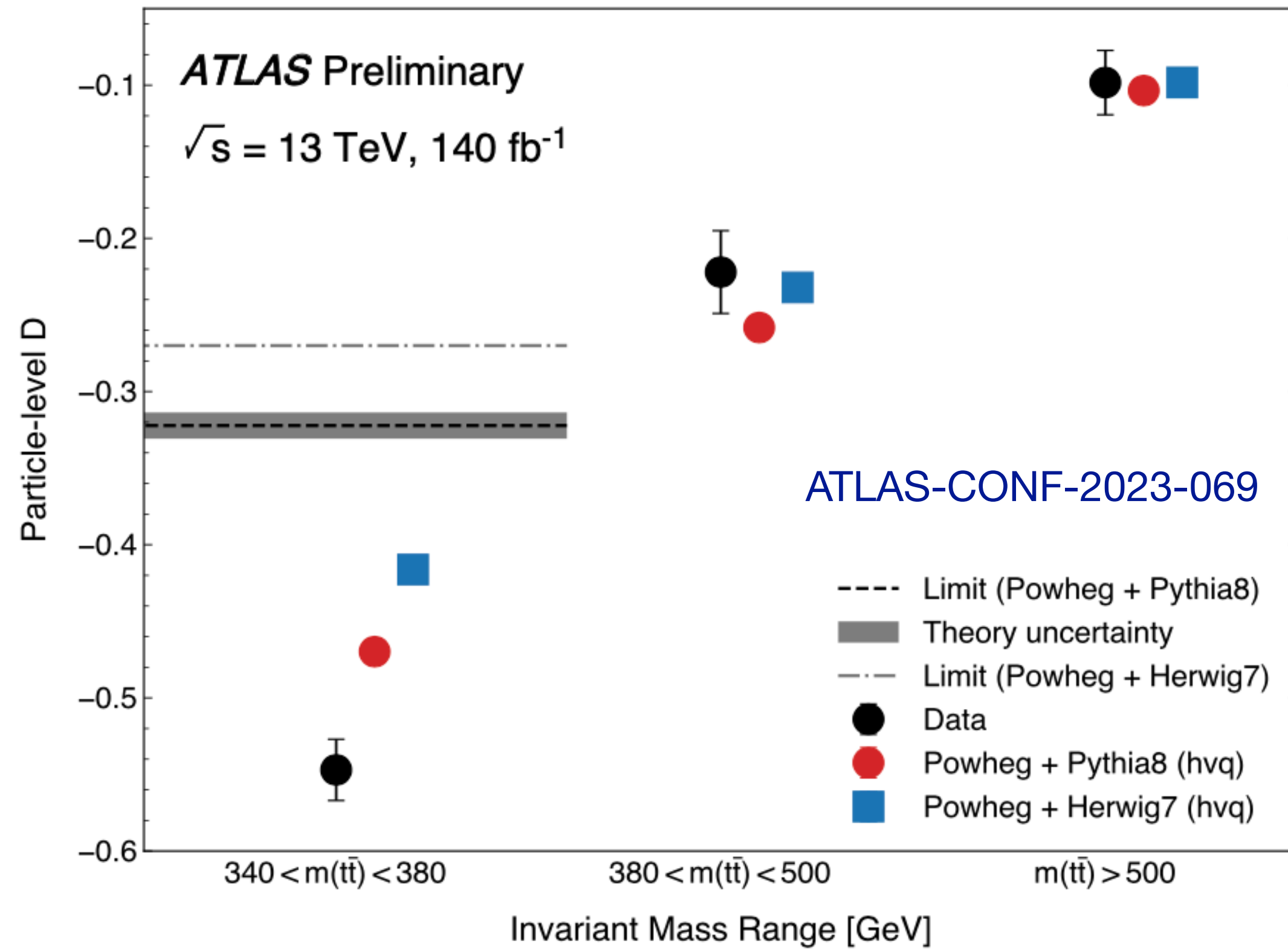


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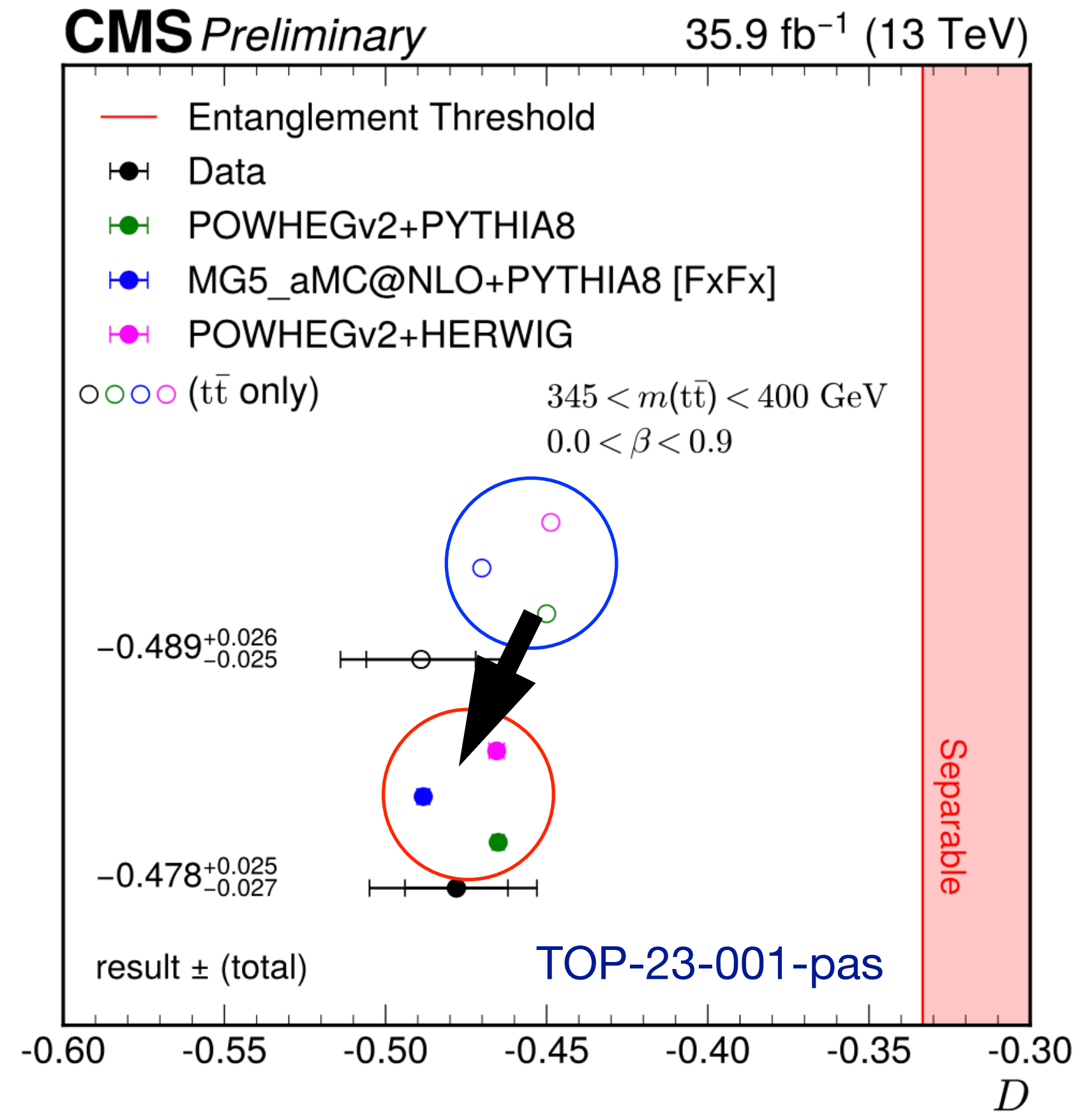


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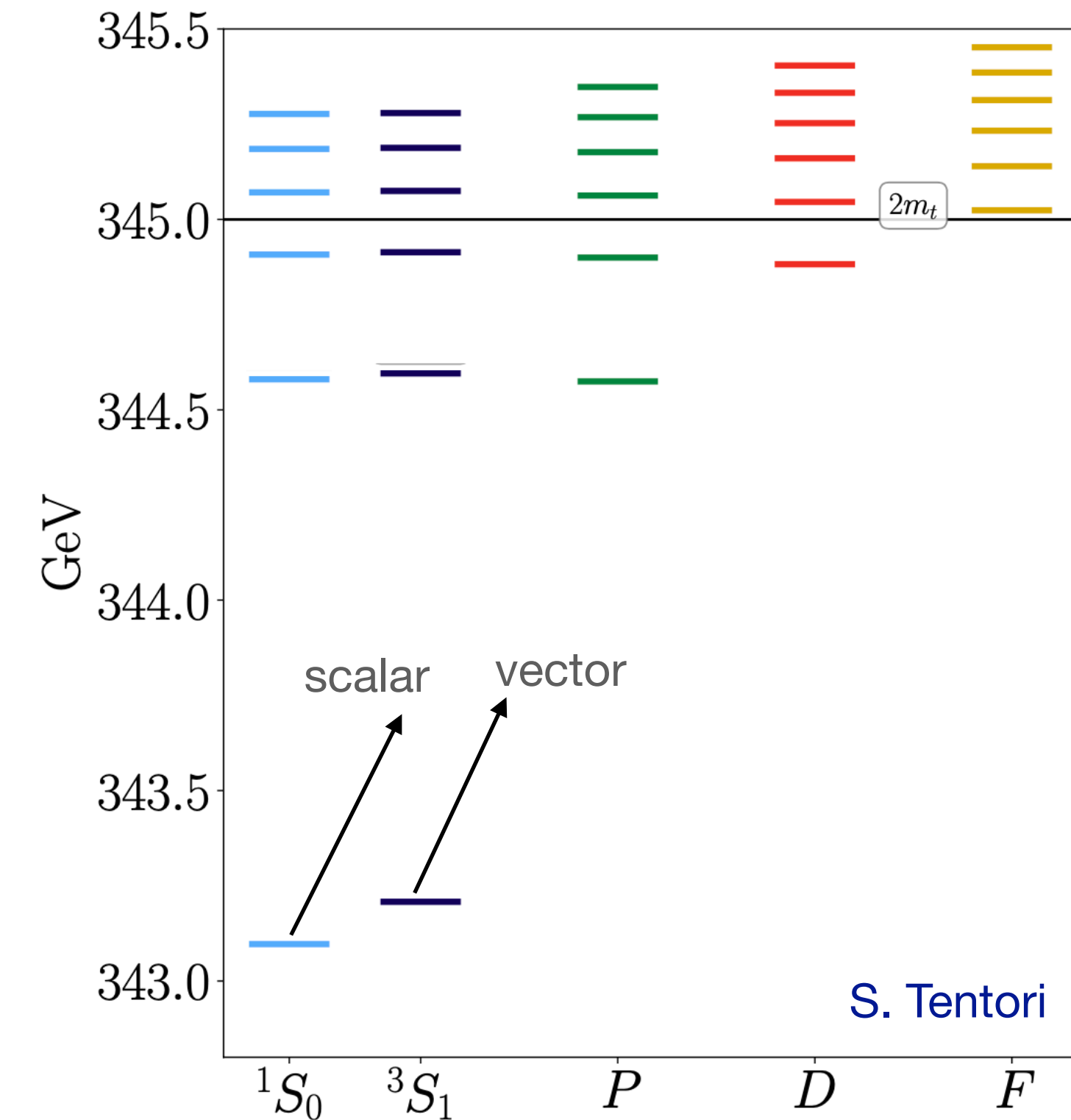
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# Toponium

- Quasi-Bound State of top and antitop
- Energy states obtained by solving Schrödinger equation with QCD potential
- Described by NRQCD
- Ground state n=1 S-wave
- Spin-singlet vs spin-triplet depending on production mode
- spin singlet for pp and spin triplet for  $e^+e^-$



$$\left[ (E + i\Gamma_t) - \left( \frac{\nabla^2}{m_t} + V(\mathbf{r}) \right) \right] G(\mathbf{r}, E + i\Gamma_t) = \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$V_{\text{QCD}}(r, \mu_B) = C^{\text{[col]}} \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_B)}{r} \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left( 2\beta_0 \log(e^\gamma \mu_B r) + \frac{31}{9} C_A - \frac{10}{9} n_f \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \right]$$

# Toponium modelling

We can approximate the impact in the Monte Carlo by introducing a toy model with a resonance

- vector resonance for lepton collisions
- pseudoscalar resonance for proton collisions

$$m_\psi = m_\eta \simeq 2m_t - 2 \text{ GeV}, \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_\psi = \Gamma_\eta \simeq 2\Gamma_t.$$

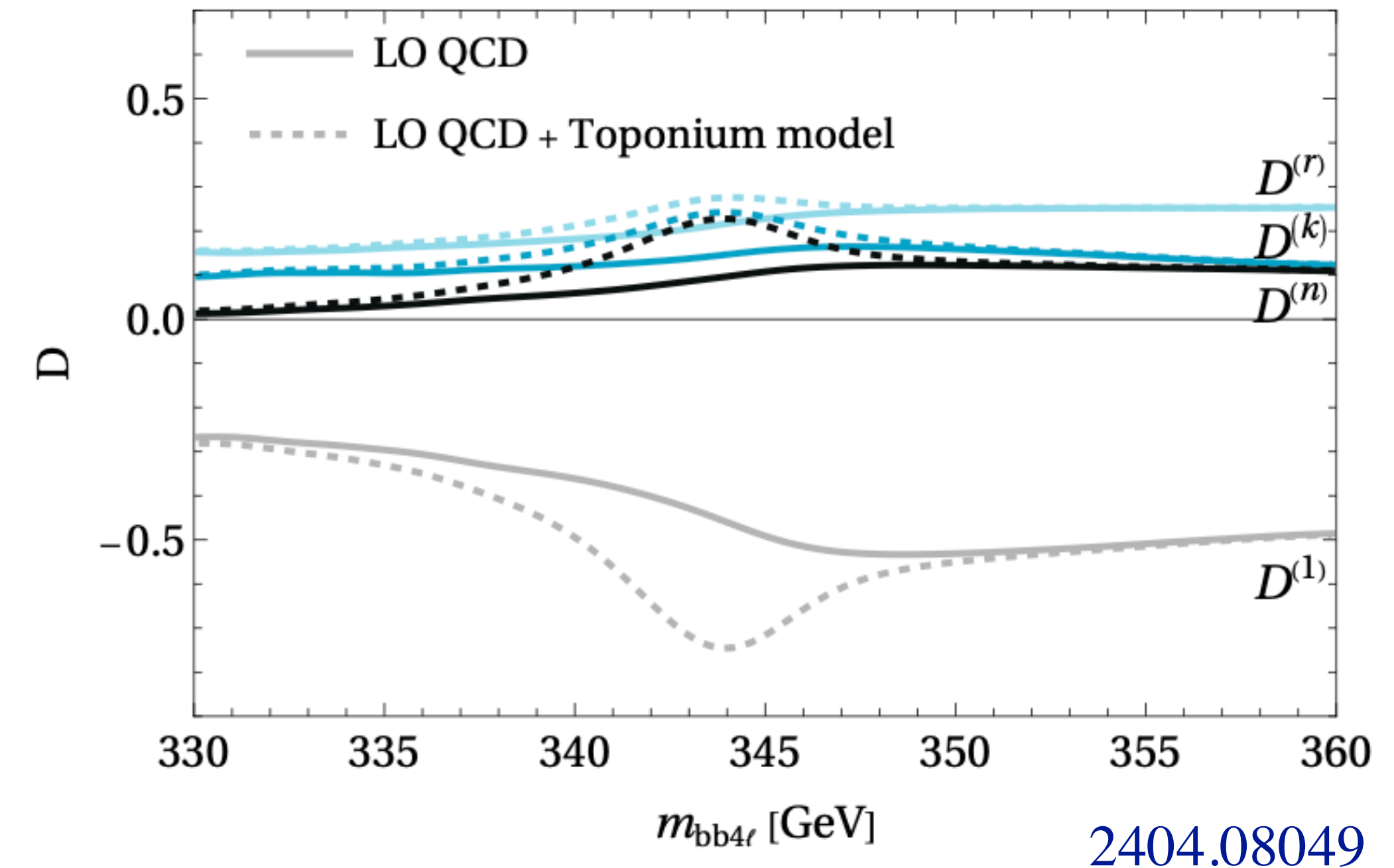
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# Toponium modelling

We can approximate the impact in the Monte Carlo by introducing a toy model with a resonance

- vector resonance for lepton collisions
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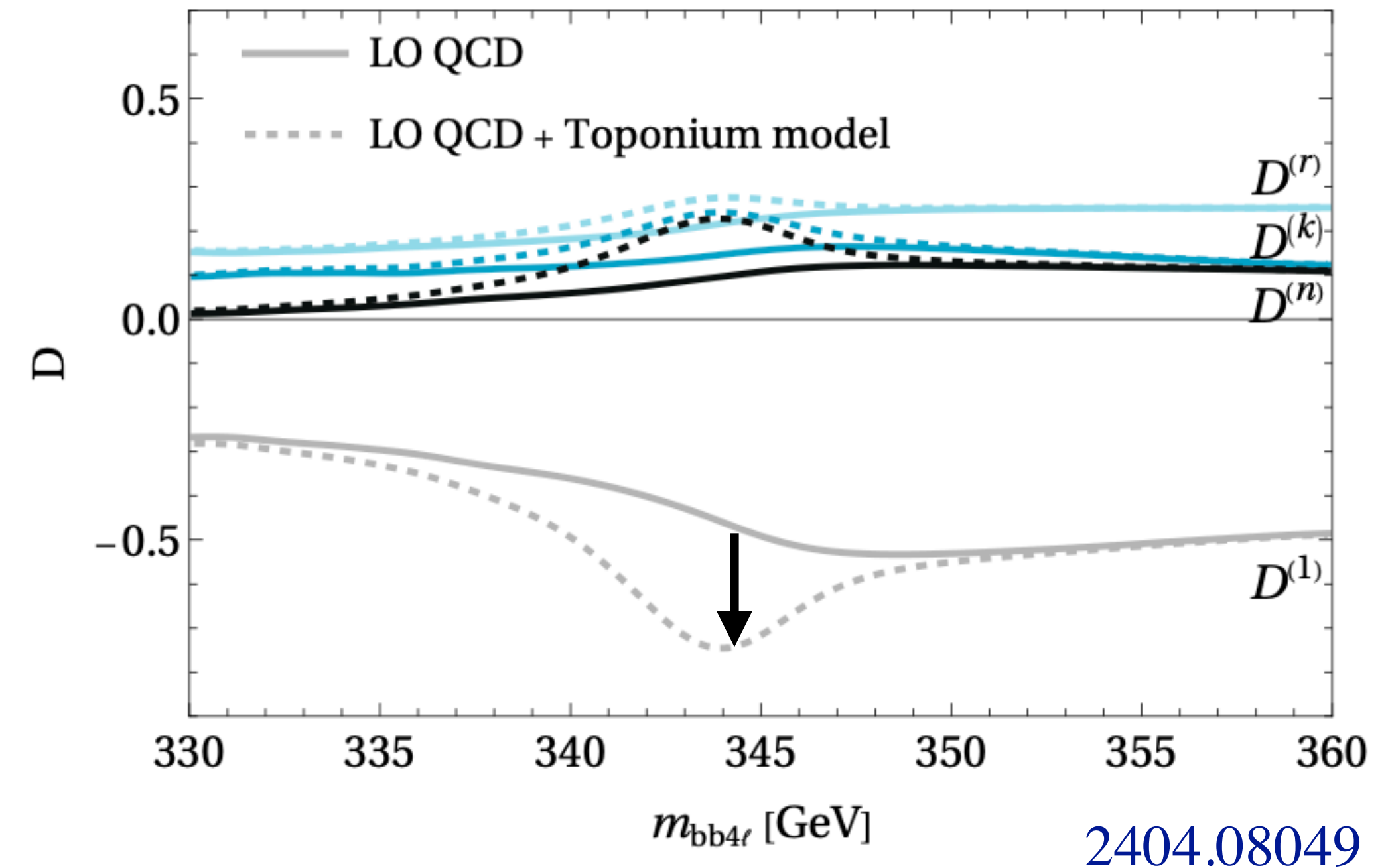
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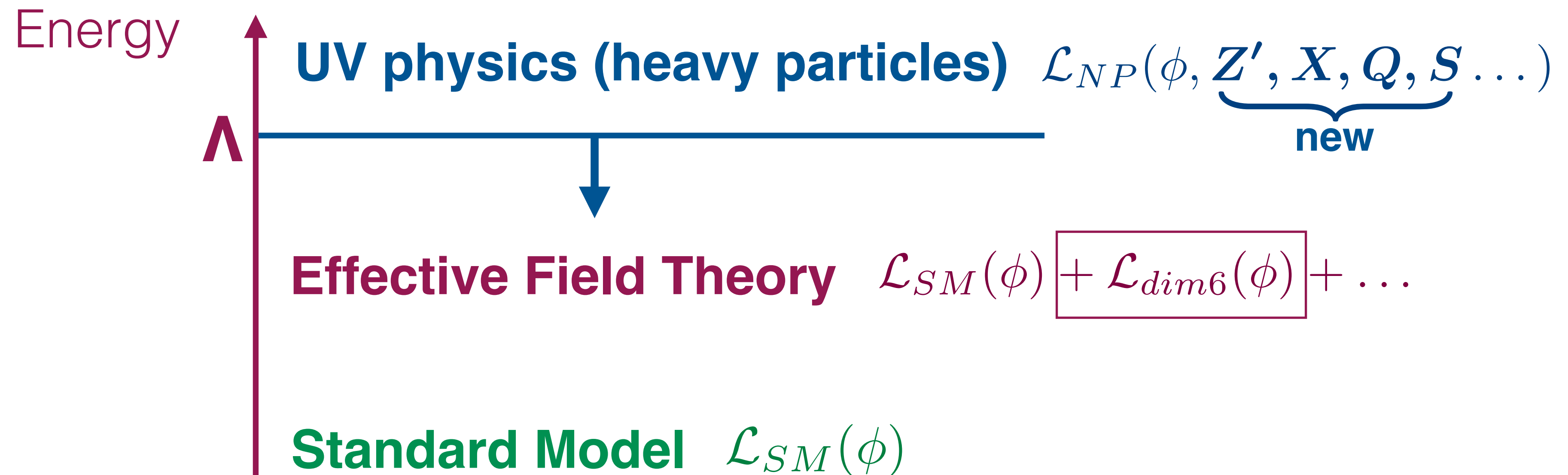


# Using QI for new physics

**First quantum observable measurements are here**  
**Can they tell us anything interesting/new?**

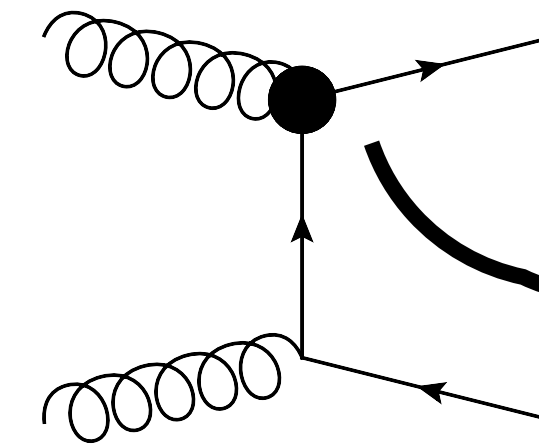
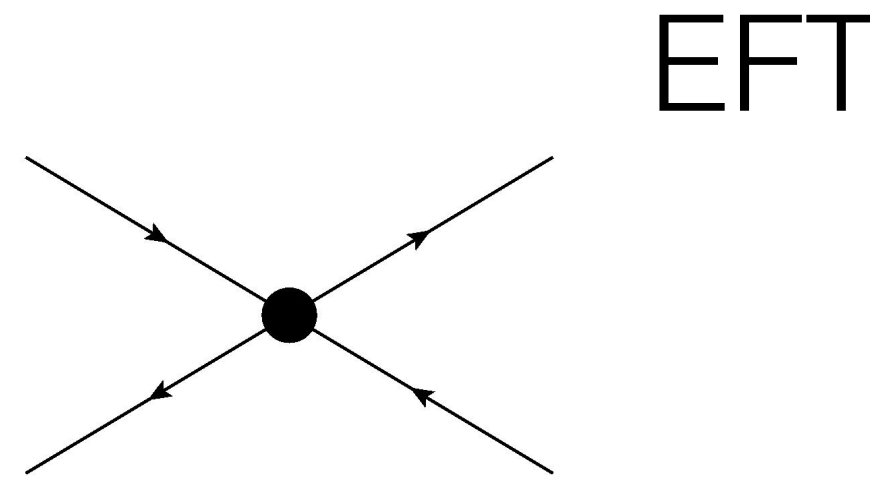
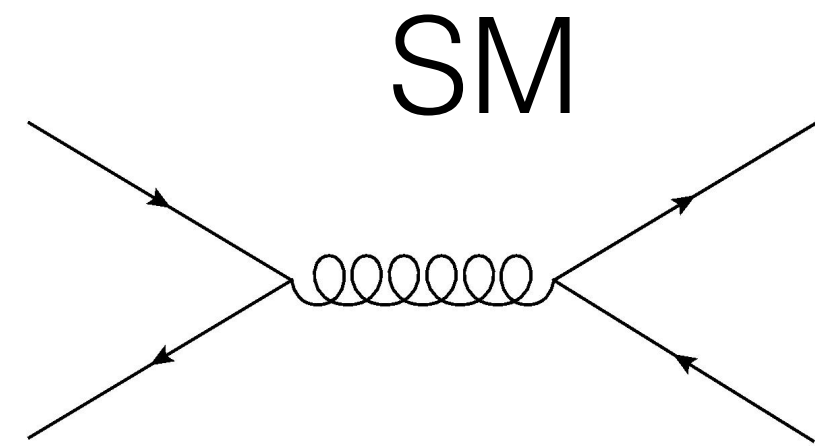
- Effective Field Theory
- Resonances

# Effective Field Theory



Effective Field Theory reveals **high energy** physics through precise measurements at **low energy**.

# EFT in top pair production



$$\mathcal{O}_{tG} \quad ig_s (\bar{Q} \tau^{\mu\nu} T_A t) \tilde{\varphi} G_{\mu\nu}^A$$

Chromomagnetic dipole operator

4-fermion operators

$O_{Qq}^{1,8} = (\bar{Q} \gamma_\mu T^A Q) (\bar{q}_i \gamma^\mu T^A q_i)$	$O_{Qq}^{1,1} = (\bar{Q} \gamma_\mu Q) (\bar{q}_i \gamma^\mu q_i)$
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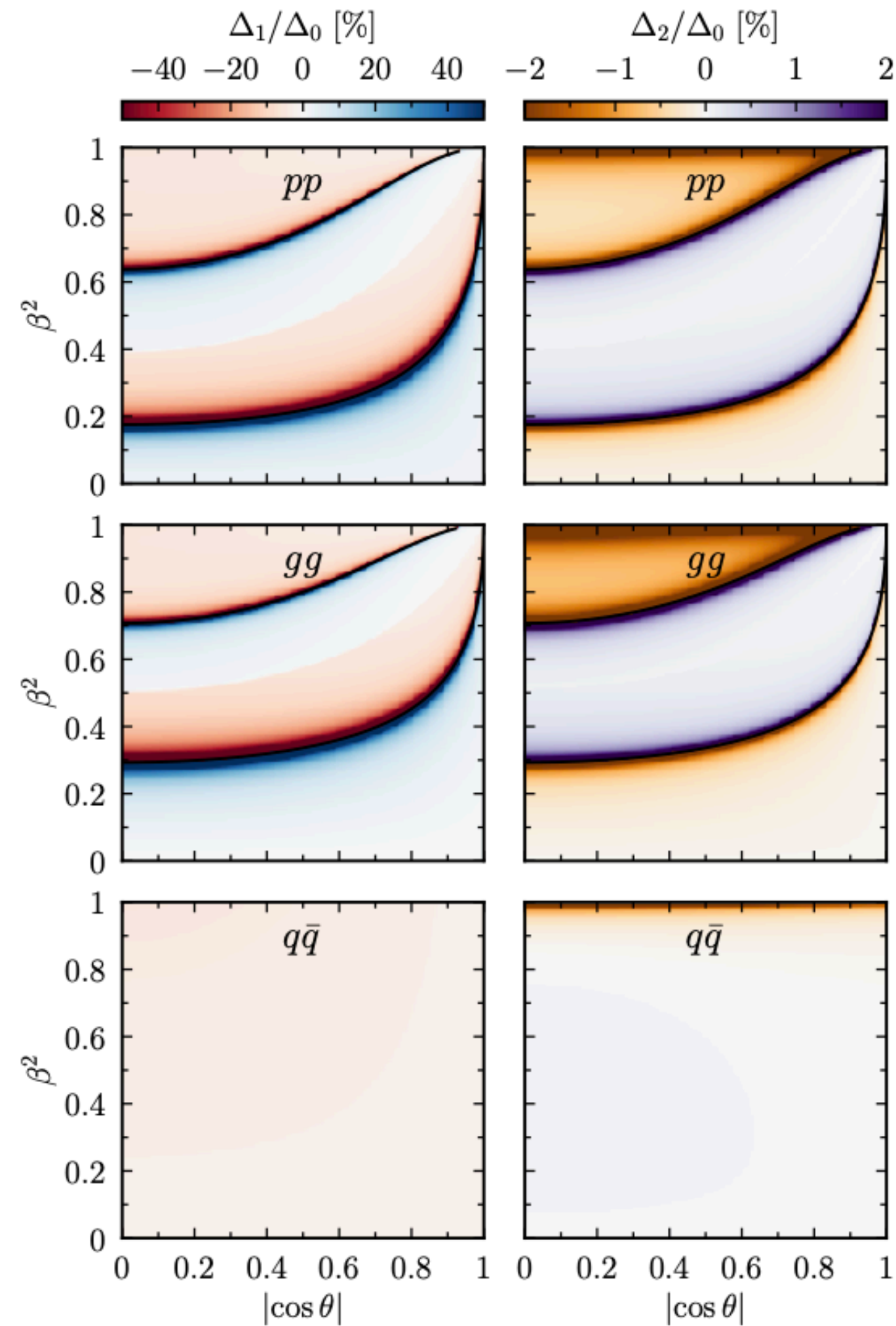
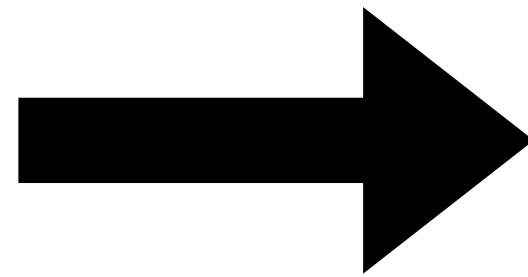
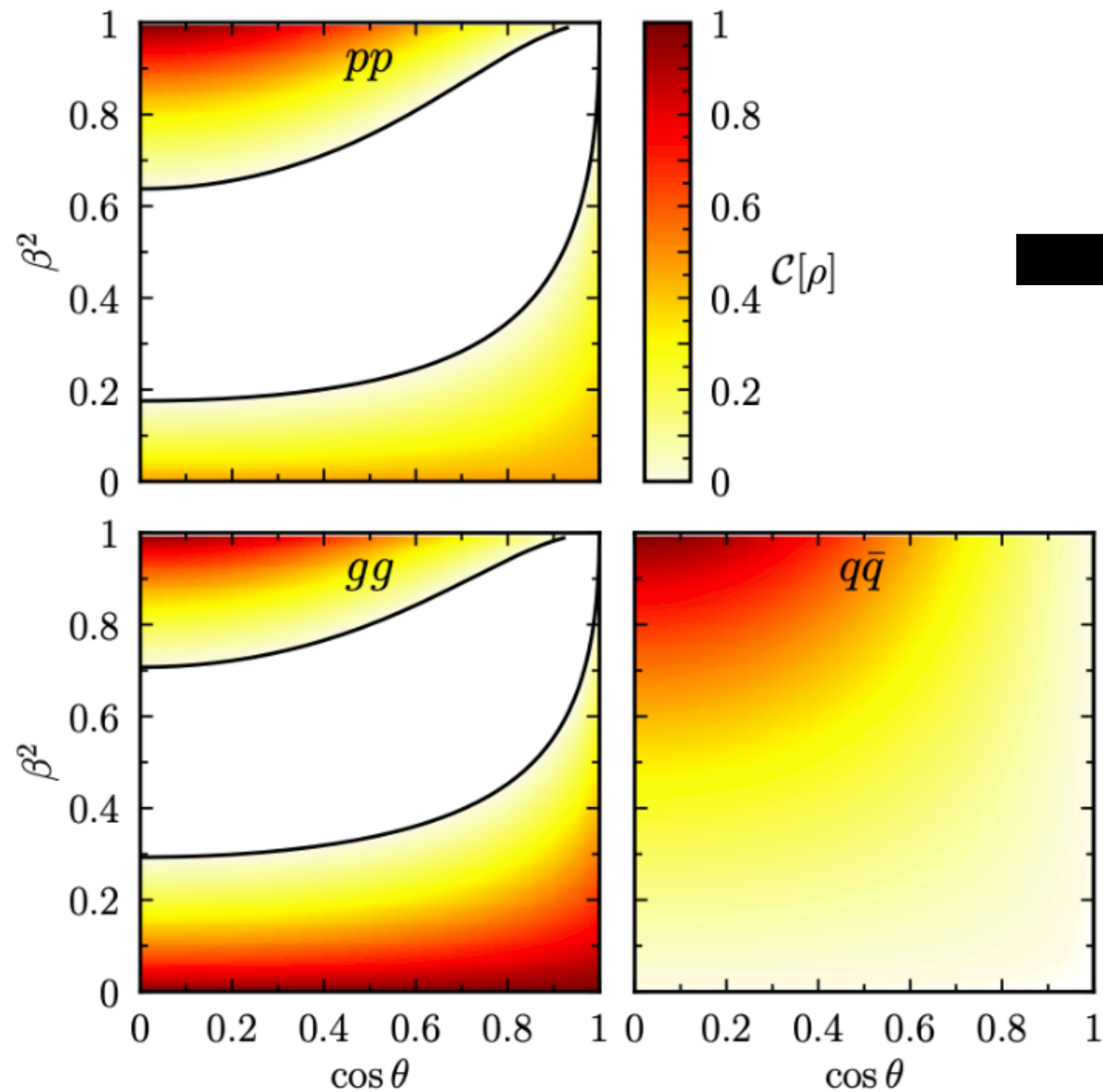
Octets

Singlets

Different chiralities and colour structures

Degrande, Durieux, Maltoni, Mimasu, EV, Zhang arXiv:2008.11743

# SMEFT in top pair production



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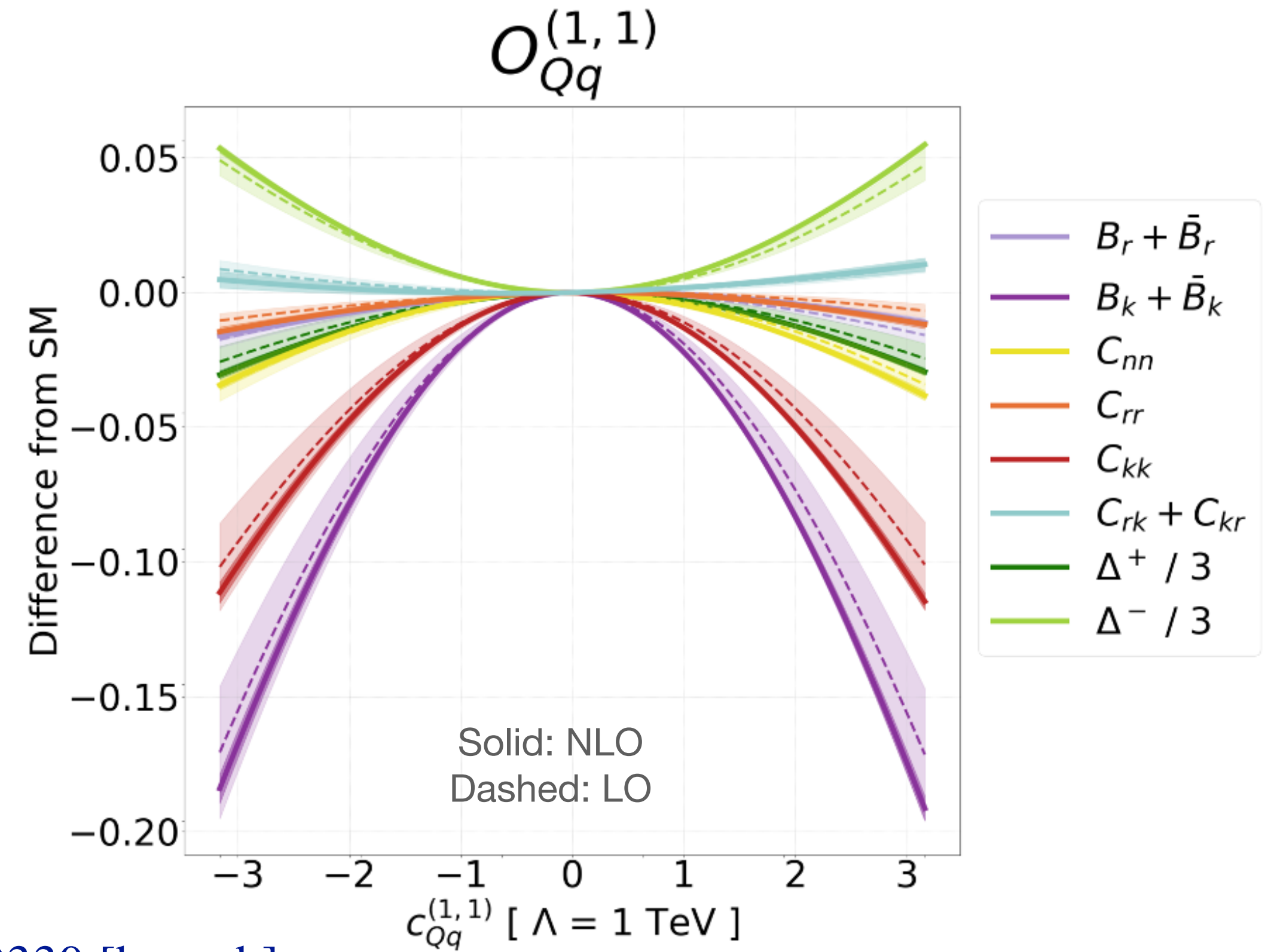
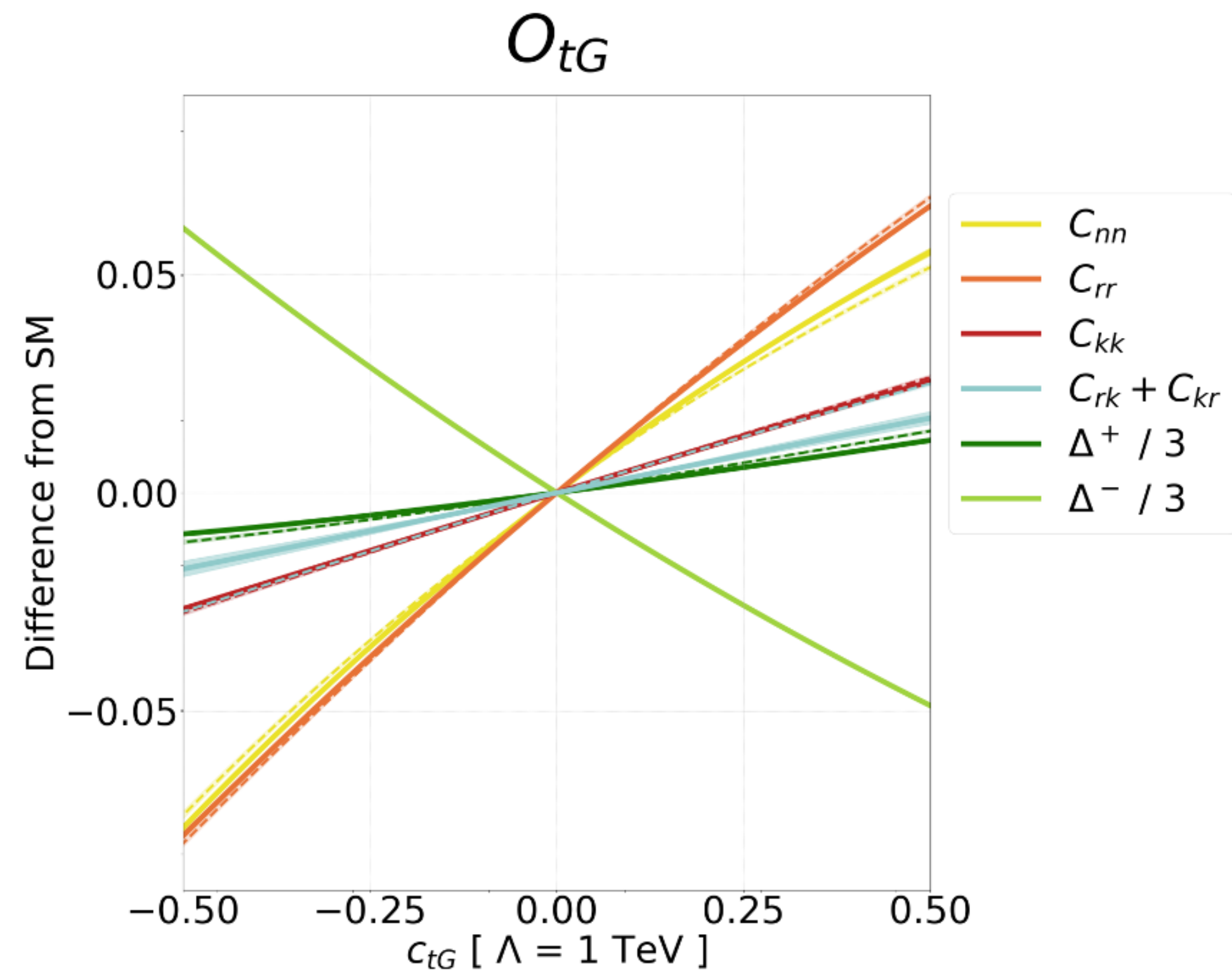
$$\Delta = -C_{nn} + |C_{kk} + C_{rr}| - 1 > 0$$

$$\Delta_0 \quad \text{SM}$$

$$\Delta_1 \equiv \Delta - \Delta_0 \quad \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-2})$$

$$\Delta_2 \equiv \Delta - \Delta_1 - \Delta_0 \quad \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-4})$$

# SMEFT impact on entanglement markers



C. Severi, EV: 2210.09330 [hep-ph]

Quantum entanglement markers modified by SMEFT operators

# SMEFT in lepton colliders

## Degrees of freedom

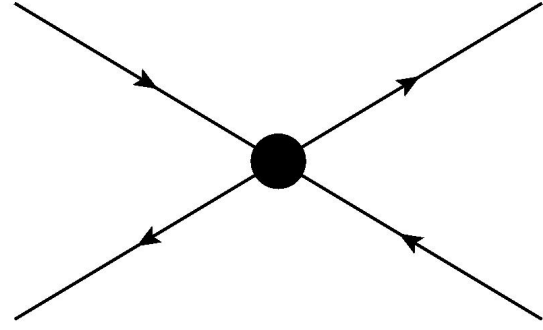
$$\mathcal{O}_{Q\ell}^{(1)} = (\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu Q_L)(\bar{\ell}_L \gamma_\mu \ell_L),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{Q\ell}^{(3)} = (\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu \sigma_I Q_L)(\bar{\ell}_L \gamma_\mu \sigma^I \ell_L),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{Qe} = (\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu Q_L)(\bar{\ell}_R \gamma_\mu \ell_R),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{t\ell} = (\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu t_R)(\bar{\ell}_L \gamma_\mu \ell_L),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{te} = (\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu t_R)(\bar{\ell}_R \gamma_\mu \ell_R).$$



**4-fermion operators**

$$c_{Q\ell}^{(3)} + c_{Q\ell}^{(1)},$$

$$c_{VV} = \frac{1}{4}(c_{Q\ell}^{(1)} - c_{Q\ell}^{(3)} + c_{te} + c_{t\ell} + c_{Qe}),$$

$$c_{AV} = \frac{1}{4}(-c_{Q\ell}^{(1)} + c_{Q\ell}^{(3)} + c_{te} + c_{t\ell} - c_{Qe}),$$

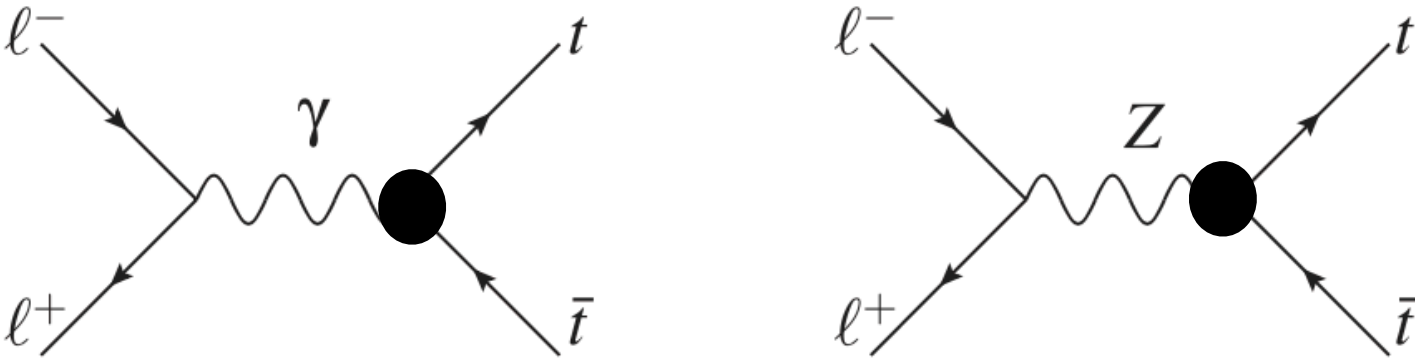
$$c_{VA} = \frac{1}{4}(-c_{Q\ell}^{(1)} + c_{Q\ell}^{(3)} + c_{te} - c_{t\ell} + c_{Qe}),$$

$$c_{AA} = \frac{1}{4}(c_{Q\ell}^{(1)} - c_{Q\ell}^{(3)} + c_{te} - c_{t\ell} - c_{Qe}).$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi Q}^{(1)} = i(\phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi)(\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu Q_L),$$

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$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi t} = i(\phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi)(\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu t_R),$$



**current operators**

$$\mathcal{O}_{tW} = (\bar{Q}_L \gamma^{\mu\nu} \sigma_I t_R) \tilde{\phi} W_{\mu\nu}^I,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{tB} = (\bar{Q}_L \gamma^{\mu\nu} t_R) \tilde{\phi} B_{\mu\nu}.$$

**dipole operators**

$$c_{\phi Q}^{(3)} + c_{\phi Q}^{(1)},$$

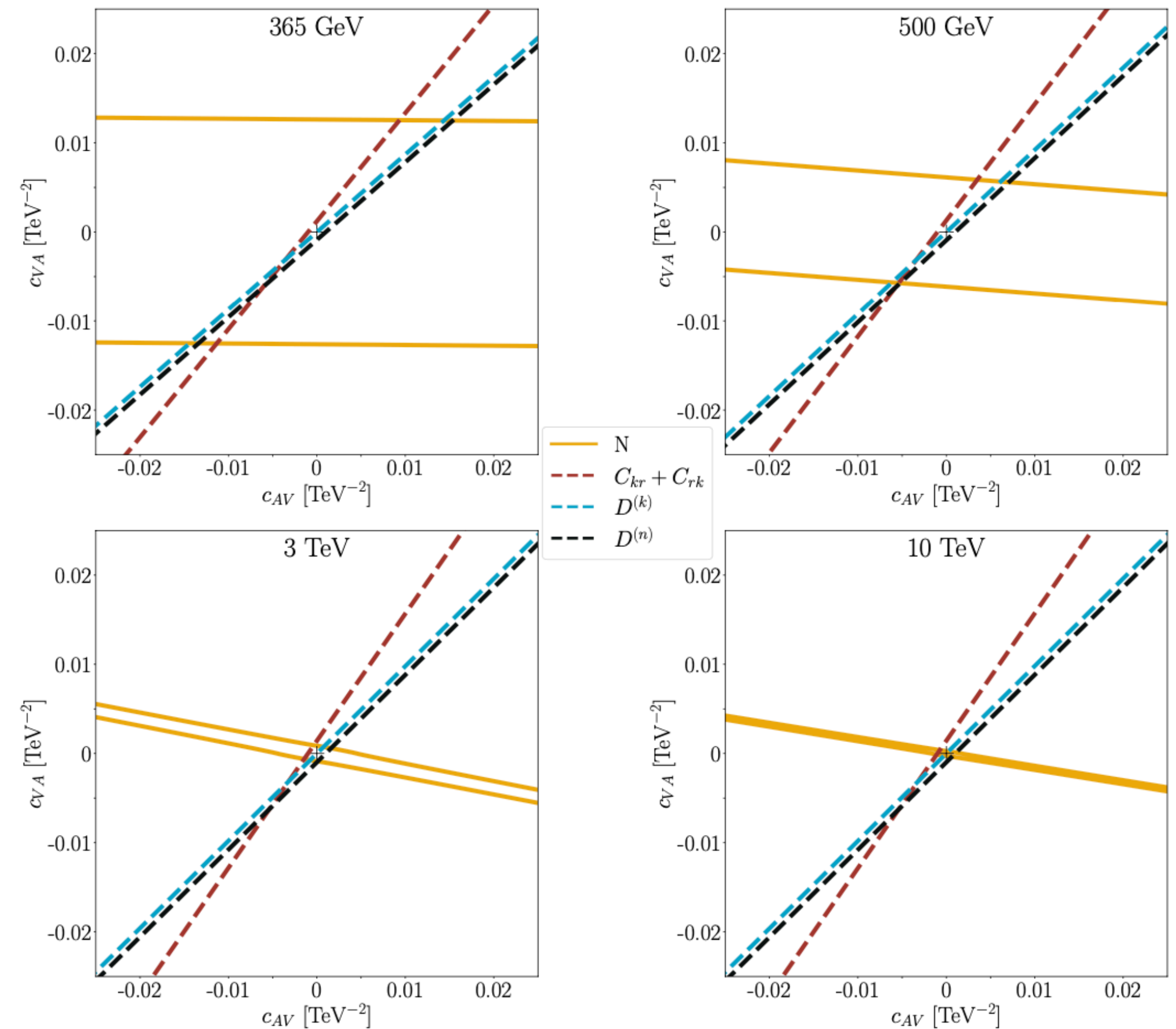
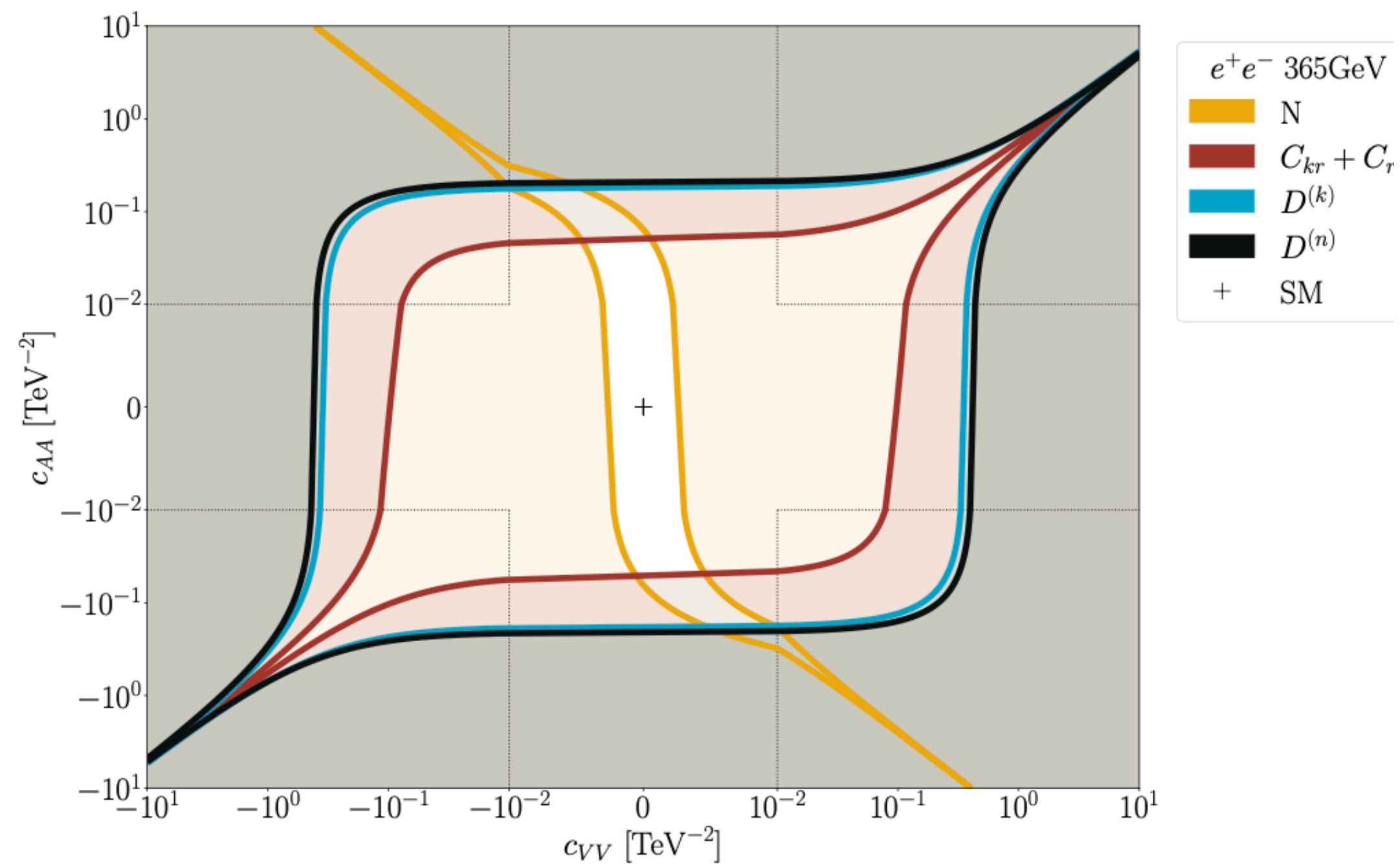
$$c_{\phi V} = \frac{1}{2}(c_{\phi t} + c_{\phi Q}^{(1)} - c_{\phi Q}^{(3)}),$$

$$c_{\phi A} = \frac{1}{2}(c_{\phi t} - c_{\phi Q}^{(1)} + c_{\phi Q}^{(3)}).$$

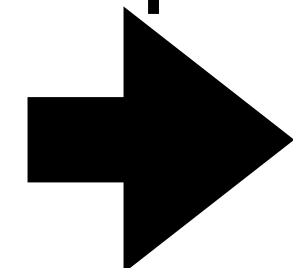
$$c_{tZ} = c_W c_{tW} - s_W c_{tB},$$

$$c_{t\gamma} = s_W c_{tW} + c_W c_{tB},$$

# Breaking degeneracies with Quantum Obs



Spin correlation observables probe different linear combinations of Wilson coefficients

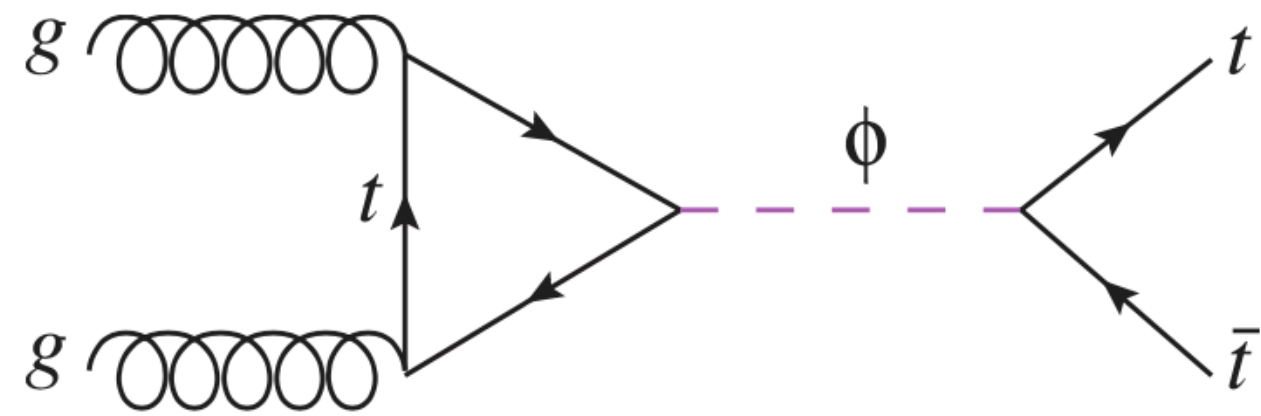


Breaking degeneracies

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# New particle searches

## Example: Scalar resonances

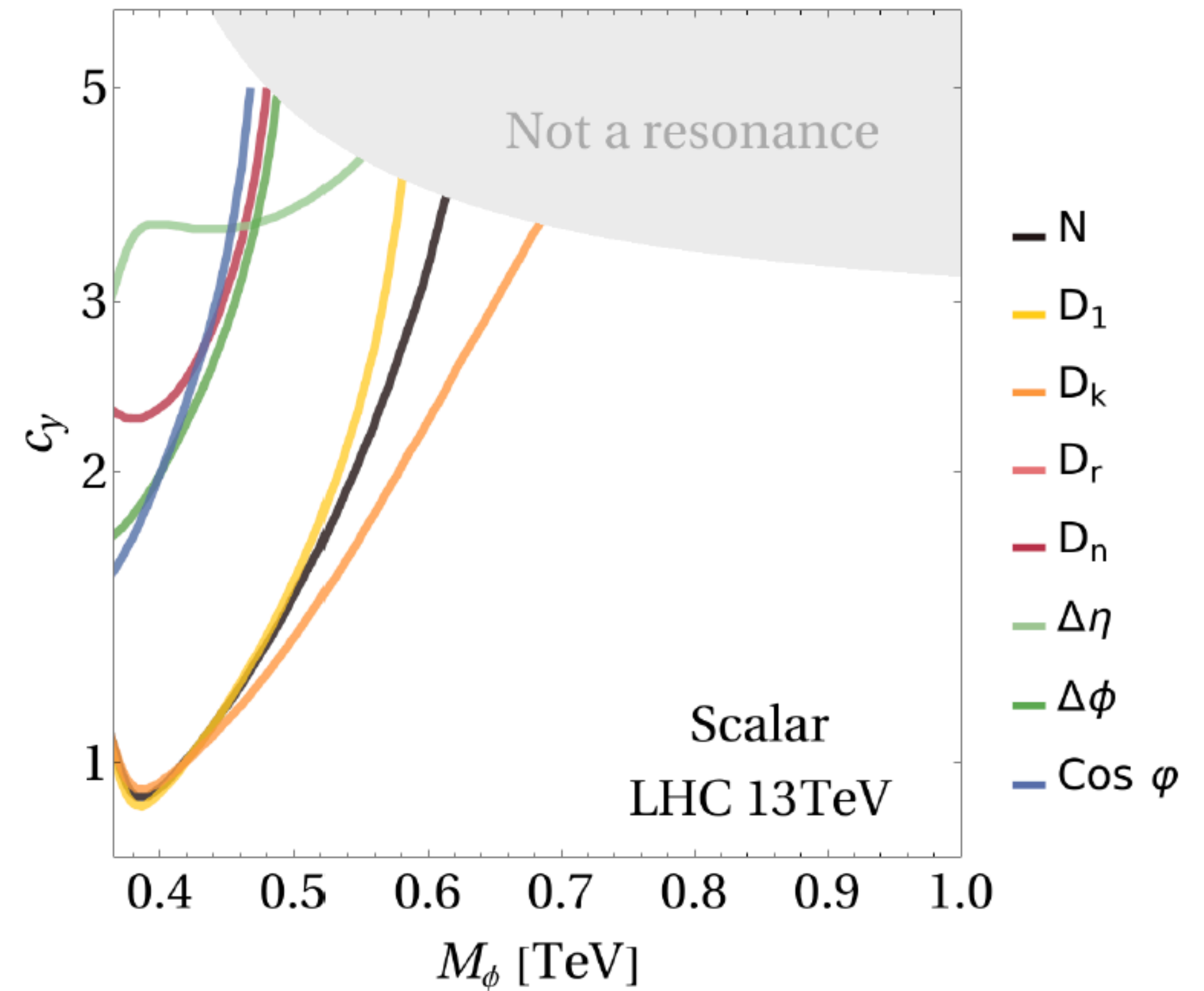


$$\mathcal{C}^{[gg, \phi]}|_{\alpha=0} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathcal{C}^{[gg, \phi]}|_{\alpha=\pi/2} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Scalar: Pure triplet

Pseudoscalar: Pure singlet

Also true for the interference with the SM (pure state  $\rightarrow$  projector)



More constraining than rate information



# Conclusions

- A new era of quantum observables at colliders is here
- Ideas and methods of QM adjusted to high energy physics
- First measurements, and lots of studies already here
- Top pairs an ideal testing ground, different degrees of correlations can be observed
- Quantum observables are not only fun but can also help to probe new physics

Thank you for your attention