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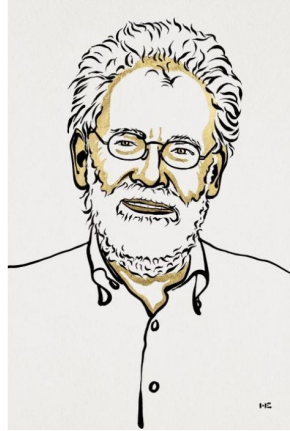
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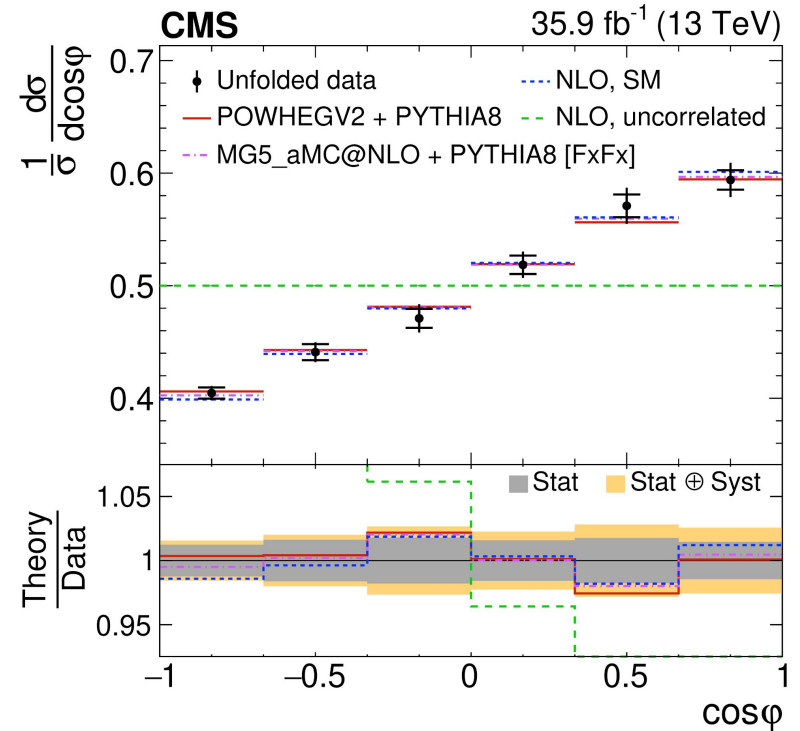
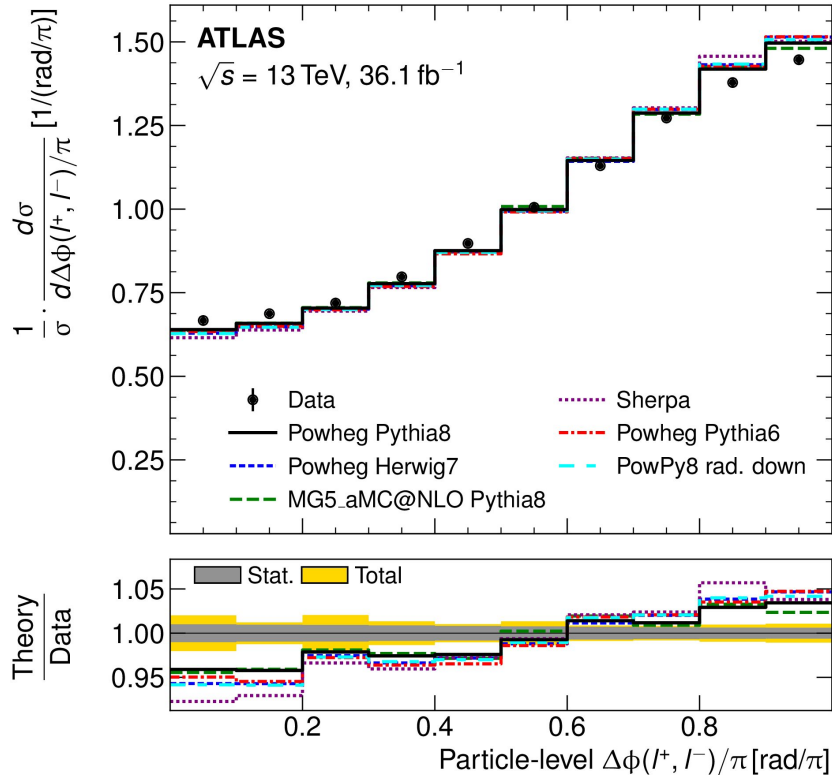
Anton Zeilinger

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A timely discussion...

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"

From spin correlations to quantum entanglement



Quantum information with top quarks in QCD

Yoav Afik, Juan Ramón Muñoz de Nova

Top quarks represent unique high-energy systems since their spin correlations can be 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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Quantum discord and steering in top quarks at the LHC

Yoav Afik, Juan Ramón Muñoz de Nova

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

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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-CHSH inequality, and applies to the correlated Wigner- and Mandelstam-transforms on the phase. Each member of a (possibly multi-particle) 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.

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 via gluon fusion, we examine how higher-dimensional operators in the framework of the SMEFT modify the Standard Model expectations. We explore two regions of interest in the parameter space: the Standard Model produces maximally entangled states: at threshold and in the high-energy limit. We unveil a non-trivial pattern of effects, which depend on the initial partons, $q\bar{q}$ or $g\bar{g}$, on whether only linear or up to quadratic SMEFT contributions are included, and on the phase space region. In general, we find that higher-dimensional operators 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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Laboratory-frame tests of quantum entanglement in $H \rightarrow WW$

J. A. Aguilar-Saavedra

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 process 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 test 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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Quantum tops at the LHC: from entanglement to Bell inequalities

Claudio Severi, Cristian Degli Esposti Boschi, Fabio Maltoni, Maximiliano Siano

We present the prospects of detecting quantum entanglement and the violation of Bell inequalities in $t\bar{t}$ events at the LHC. We introduce a unique set of observables suitable for the measurement of the entanglement, and then perform the corresponding analysis using simulated events in the dilepton final state. reconstruction up to the unfolded level. We find that entanglement can be probed beyond the 5σ level, while the sensitivity to a violation of the Bell inequalities is at the 4.5σ 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 in Higgs boson decays

Alan Barr

Higgs boson decays produce a pair of W bosons. The spin correlations of the W pair may be reconstructed. 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.

Comments: LaTeX 6 pages
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Improved tests of entanglement and Bell inequalities with LHC tops

J. A. Aguilar-Saavedra, J. A. Casas

We discuss quantum entanglement in top pair production at the LHC. Near the $t\bar{t}$ threshold, entanglement observables are processes, which is achieved by a simple cut on the velocity of the $t\bar{t}$ system in the laboratory frame. Further combinations of $t\bar{t}$ spin correlation coefficients involved in the measurement of entanglement and Bell inequalities. For Bell inequalities near threshold.

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Testing Bell inequalities at the LHC with top-quark pairs

M. Fabbrichesi, R. Floreanini, G. Panizzo

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

Marco Fabbrichesi, Roberto Floreanini, Emidio Gabrielli

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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SIGNIFICANT
interest from
the THEORY
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This Workshop

- bring experimentalists and theorists **together**
- start developing a **coherent analysis strategy**
- kick-start **common funding** projects

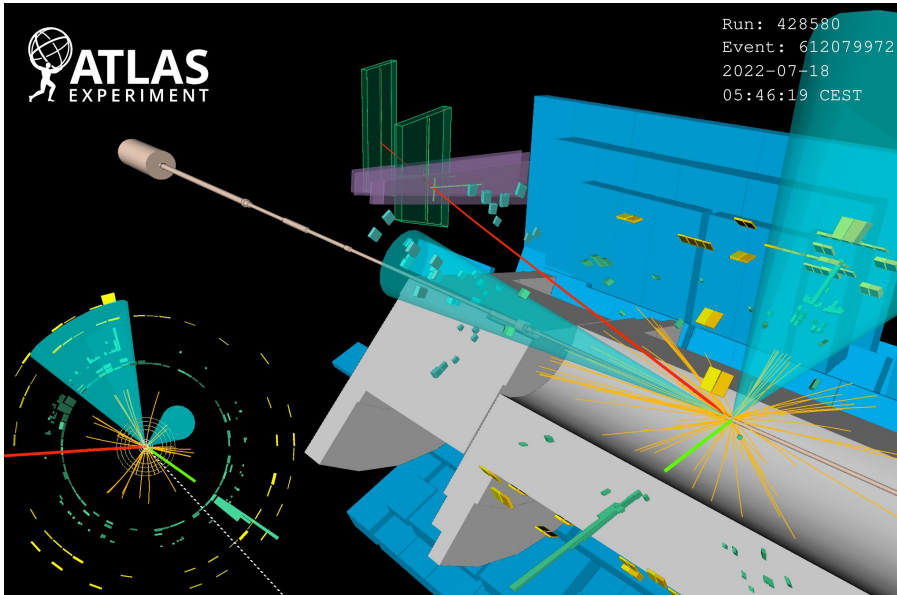
What would we like to find out?

From the theory side...

- entanglement, tomography, discord, Bell's inequalities...
— what are the options?
- phase-space(s) of interest?
- what information is needed for **reinterpretation**?

Experimentally...

- different final states, processes, reconstruction techniques...
— what kind of resolution?
- current **challenges**?
- **timeline** and **combinations**?



Before we start...

- The slides and the agenda are available on Indico:
<https://indico.cern.ch/event/1223483/>
- The session will be moderated – **please be considerate and respectful of others.**
- **Questions can be asked after each talk:** please “raise your hand” on Zoom or type them in the chat
- You’re welcome to turn on your camera (but don’t have to!)
- There will be a **short coffee break** halfway through

After the workshop...

- Feel free to **share the results** of this discussion with your colleagues!
- We’d be happy to hear your **feedback / ideas to move forward**, by email
- We’d be particularly interested in setting up **new collaborations**
 - *strengthen and diversify* analysis teams
 - more **ambitious funding initiatives**
 - *training network* for MSc / PhD students
 - **international scope of the research**