

# Quantum Entanglement in Two-Qubit Systems

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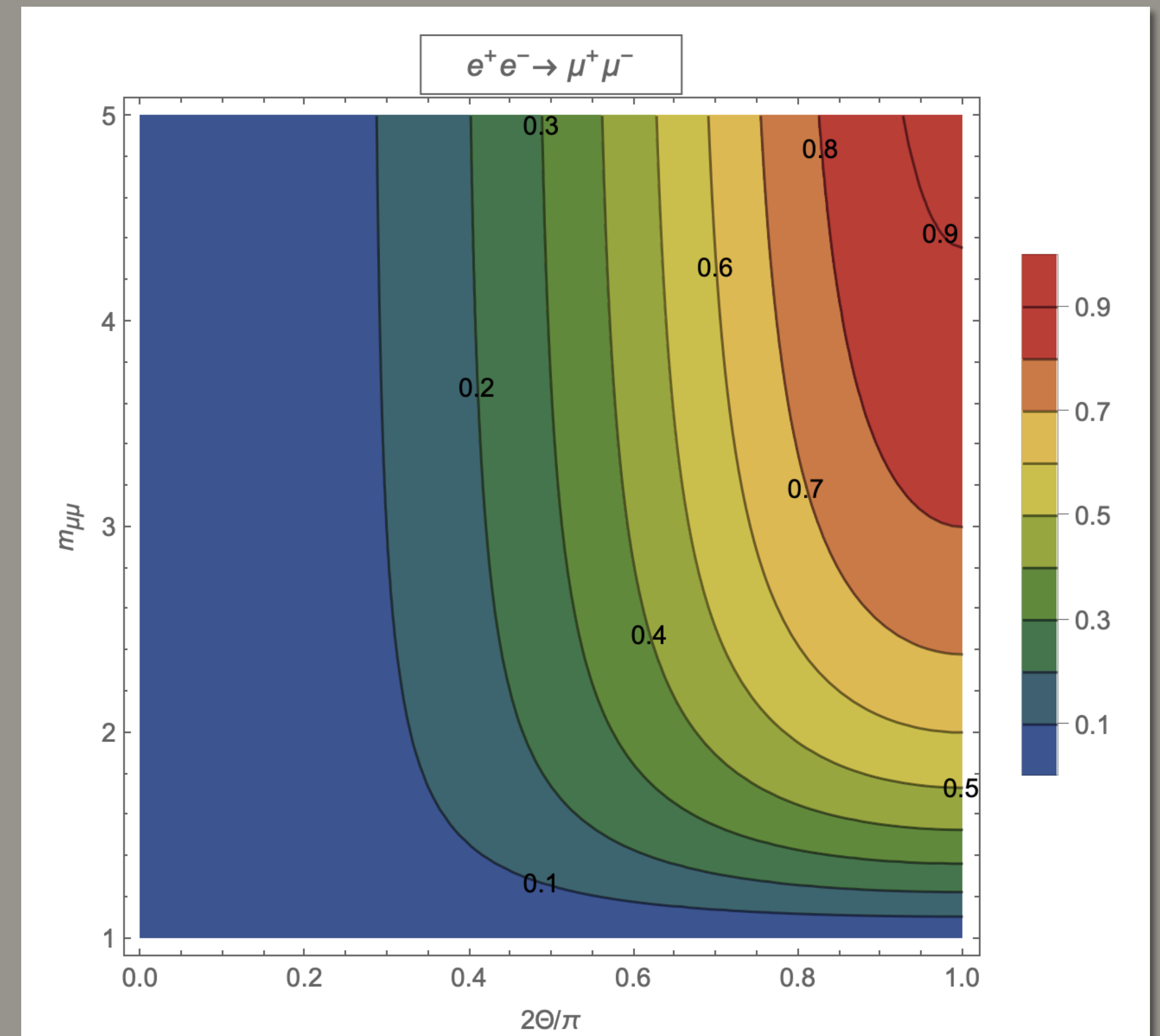
together with

R. Floreanini, E. Gabrielli, L. Marzolo, G. Panizzo, M. Pinamonti

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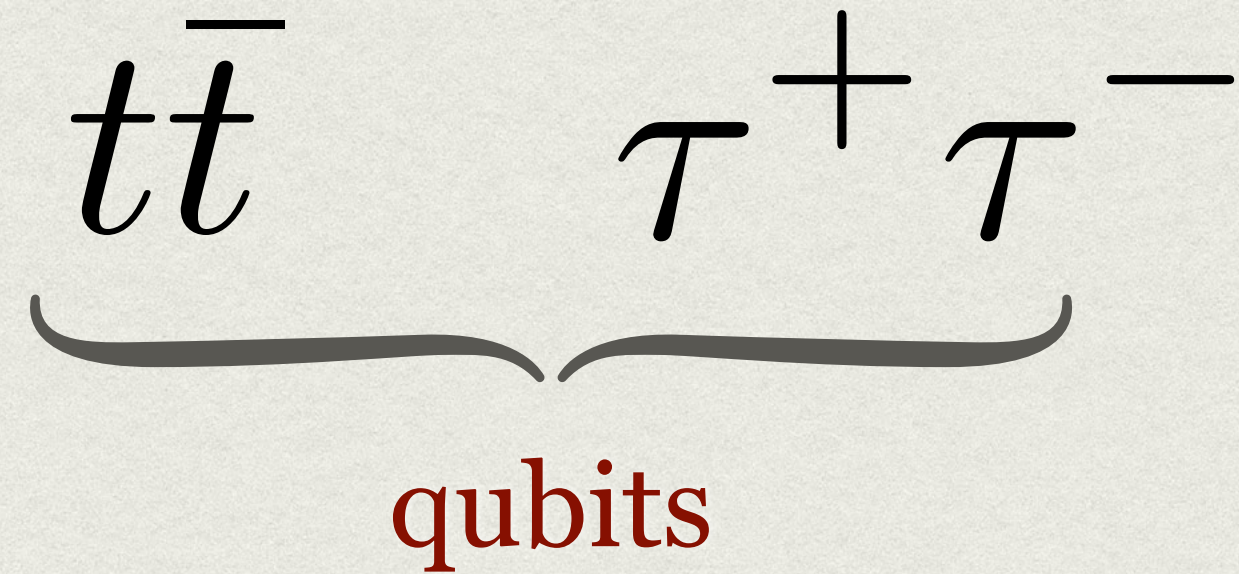
Y. Afik and J. R. M. de Nova,  
"Entanglement and quantum tomography with top quarks at the LHC,"  
Eur. Phys. J. Plus 136 (2021) 907 [arXiv:2003.02280 [quant-ph]]

- there is entanglement!
- key insight: entanglement depends on the kinematical region



violation of Bell inequalities makes entanglement real

measuring polarizations leads to heavy particles



MF et al, 2102.11883

Severi et al. 2110.10112

Aoude et al., 2203.05619

Aguilar-Saavedra et al., 2205.00542

MF et al, 2208.11723

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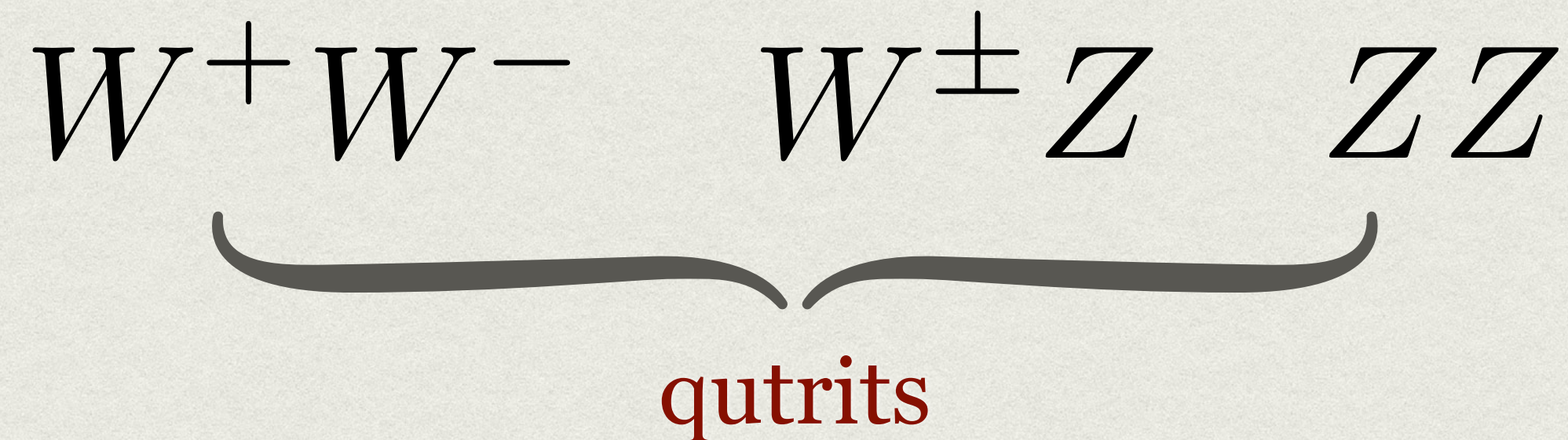
Barr et al., 2106.0137

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Ashby-Pickering et al., 2209.13990

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exception: photon pairs

## the importance of choosing the right observables

- entanglement witness vs. measure
- basis vs. maximization

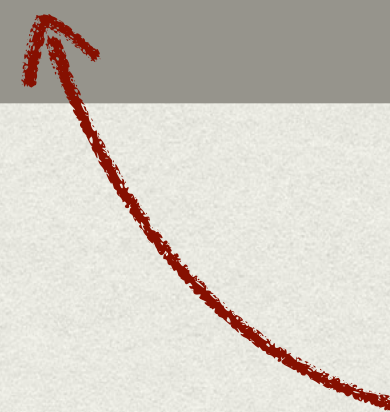


$$\rho (\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2) \rho^* (\sigma_2 \otimes \sigma_2) \quad (\text{concurrence})$$

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



$$M = C^T C \quad m_1 + m_2 \quad (\text{best for Bell inequalities})$$



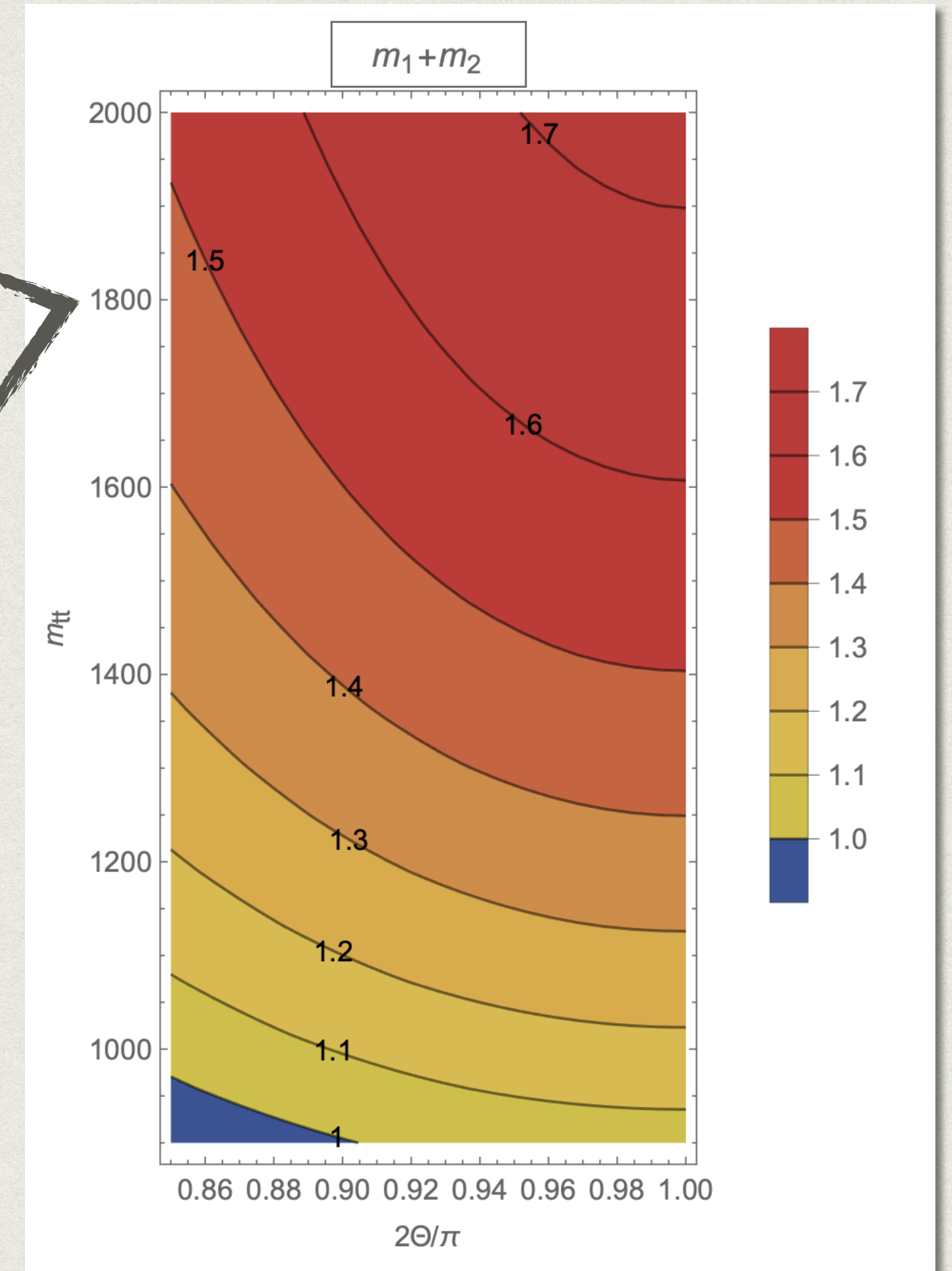
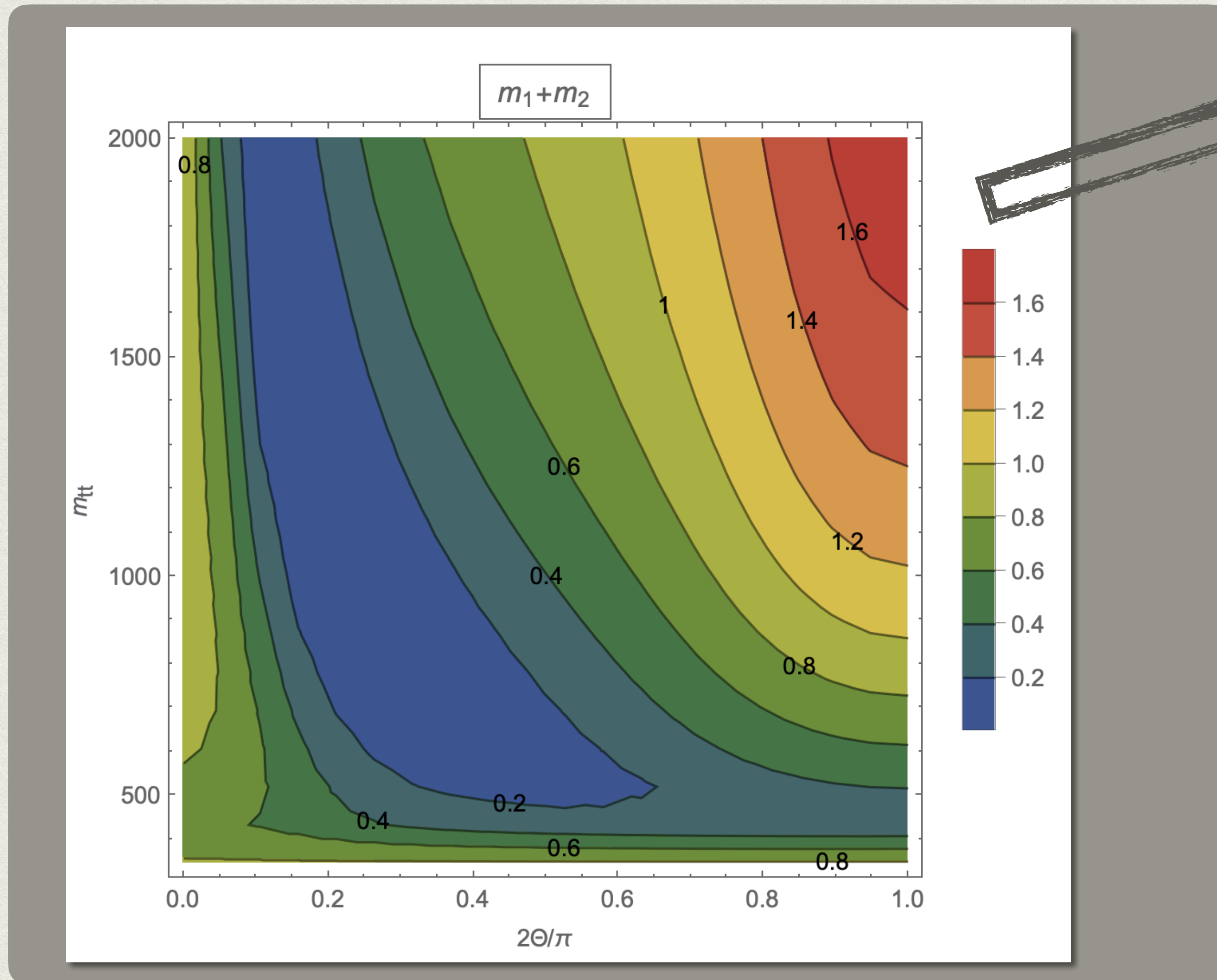
automatically in the best basis  
consistent estimator

$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} \left[ 1 \otimes 1 + \sum_i A_i (\sigma_i \otimes 1) + \sum_j B_j (1 \otimes \sigma_j) + \sum_{ij} C_{ij} (\sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j) \right]$$

F. Clauser, M.A. Horne, A. Shimony and R.A. Holt,  
Phys. Rev. Lett. 23 (1969) 880

R. Horodecki et al., Phys. Lett. A200 (1995) 340

the study of entanglement leads to that  
of Bell inequalities violation



what is the uncertainty?

spin correlations of top quarks



at the level of pseudo-observables: significance of 20!

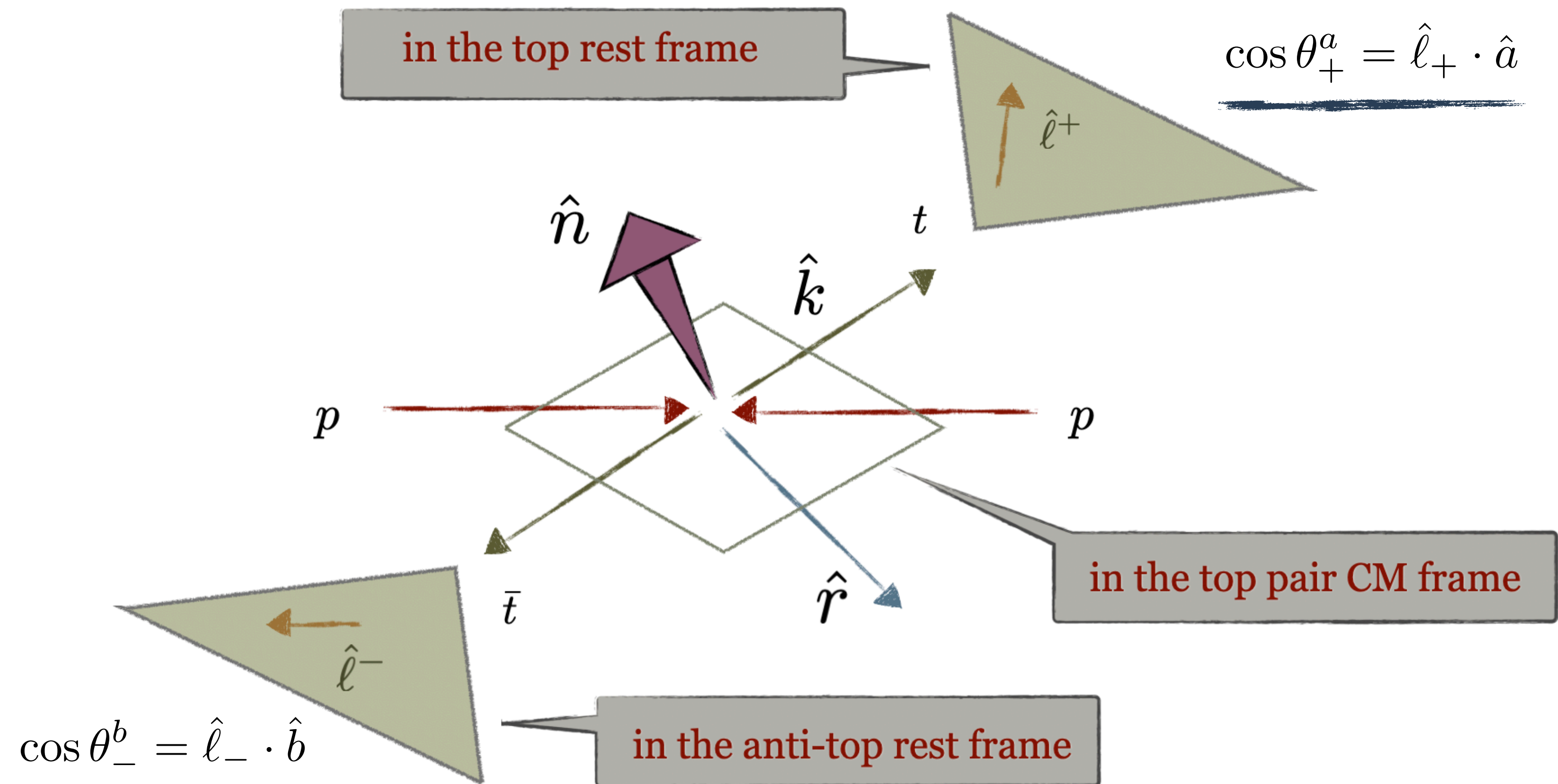
at the level of observables: significance of 2 (?)



spin correlations of final leptons in the detector

## Down the rabbit hole

$$pp \rightarrow t + \bar{t} \rightarrow l^{\pm} l^{\mp} + \text{jets} + E_T^{\text{miss}}$$



$$\hat{r} = \frac{1}{r}(\hat{p} - y\hat{k})$$

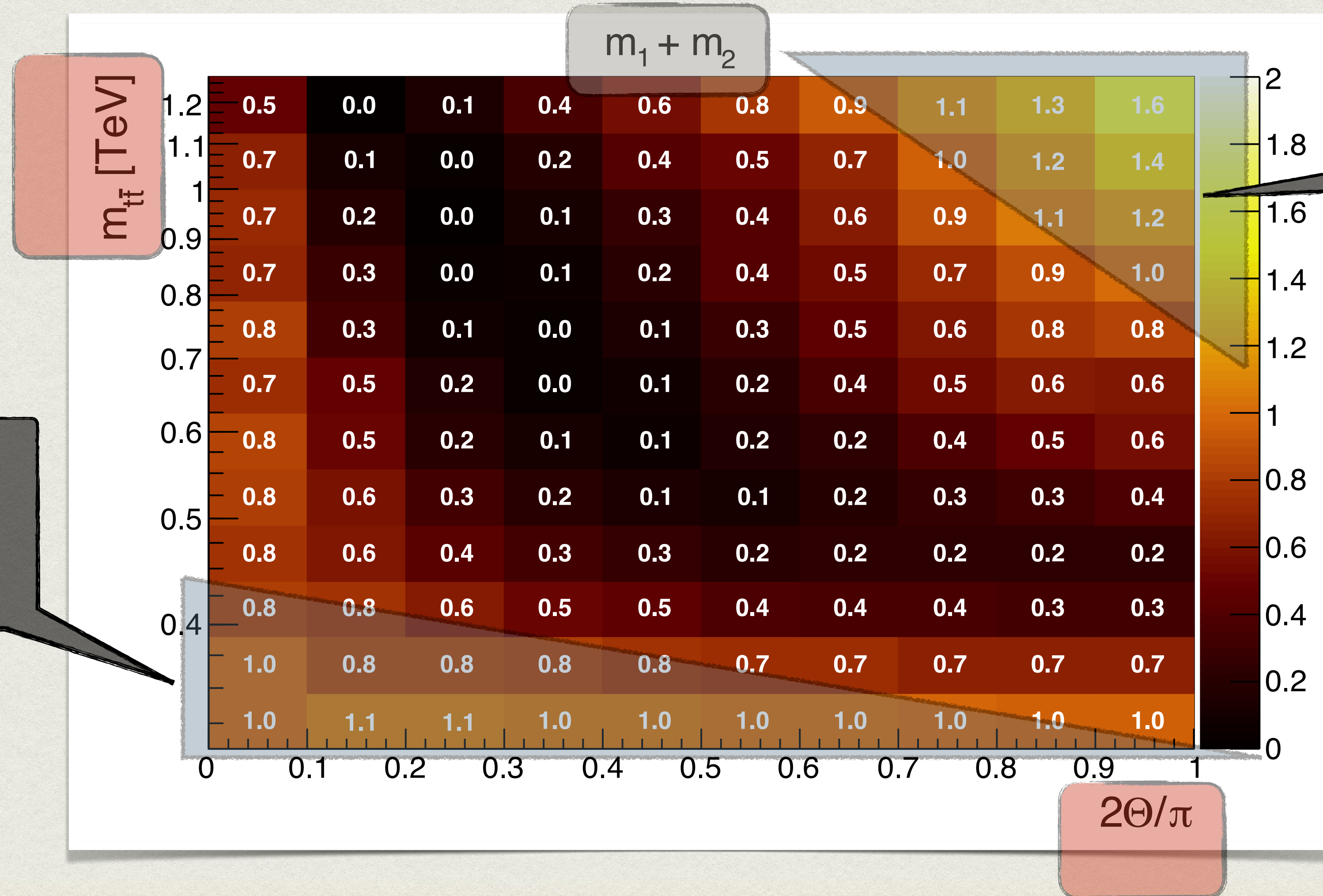
$$y = \hat{p} \cdot \hat{k}$$

$$r = \sqrt{1 - y^2}$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{1}{r}(\hat{p} \times \hat{k})$$

analysis

MF, R. Floreanini, G. Panizzo, PRL 127 (2021) 16



$m_1 + m_2$

$m_{tt}$  [TeV]

$2\Theta/\pi$

both qq and gg give top pair max. entangled

only gg gives top pair max. entangled



Aside: correct for the bias

An intrinsically *differential* observable

- **increasing** the **cell size** decreases the *expected* value of  $m_1 + m_2$   
(expected feature considering its meaning)
- In order to **increase statistical significance**,  
**statistically combine measurements** on different cells



## Results

bins

$$\frac{2\Theta}{\pi} \gtrsim 0.7 \quad m_{t\bar{t}} \gtrsim 0.9 \text{ TeV}$$

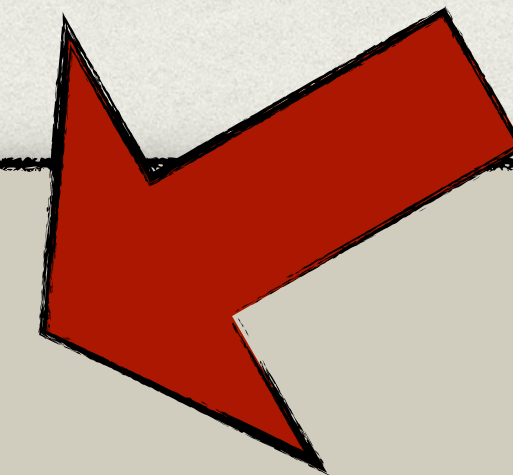
1.1	1.3	1.6
1.0	1.2	1.4
0.9	1.1	1.2

null hypothesis:  $m_1 + m_2 \leq 1$

Hypothesis test

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \frac{(1 - m_1^i - m_2^i)^2}{s_i^2}$$

violation: **98% CL** w/ Run II data (139 fb<sup>-1</sup>)  
**99.99% CL** with Run III



systematic uncertainties (e.g. from unfolding) not included

**can we use entanglement to study new physics?**  
**it would be a new and powerful tool**

**example: magnetic dipole moment in top-gluon interaction**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{dipole}} = -\mu \frac{g_s}{2m_t} \bar{t} \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^a t G_{\mu\nu}^a$$

$$-g_s \bar{q} \gamma^\mu T^a t G_\mu^a$$

↖ sign

Aoude et al., [2203.05619](#)

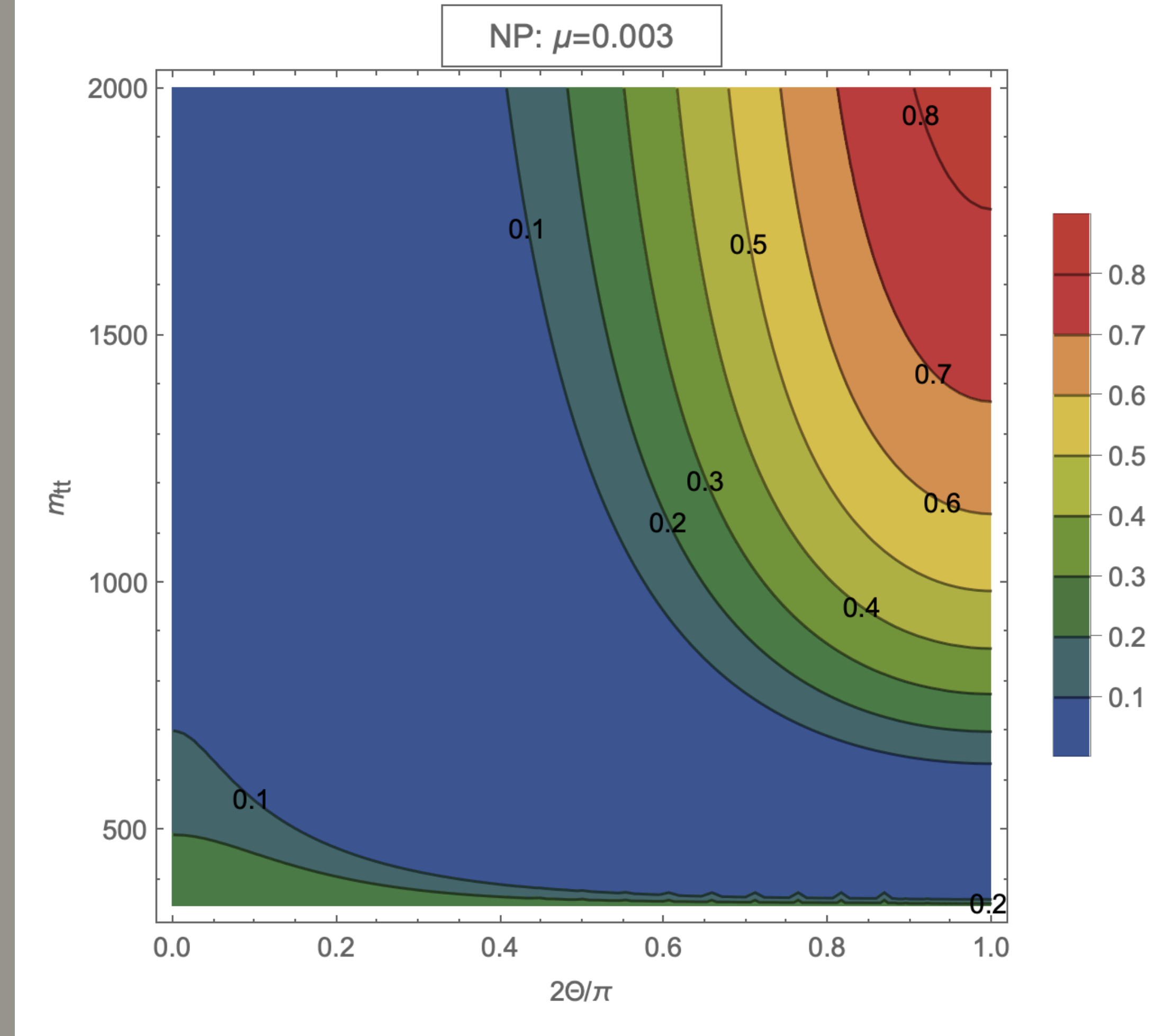
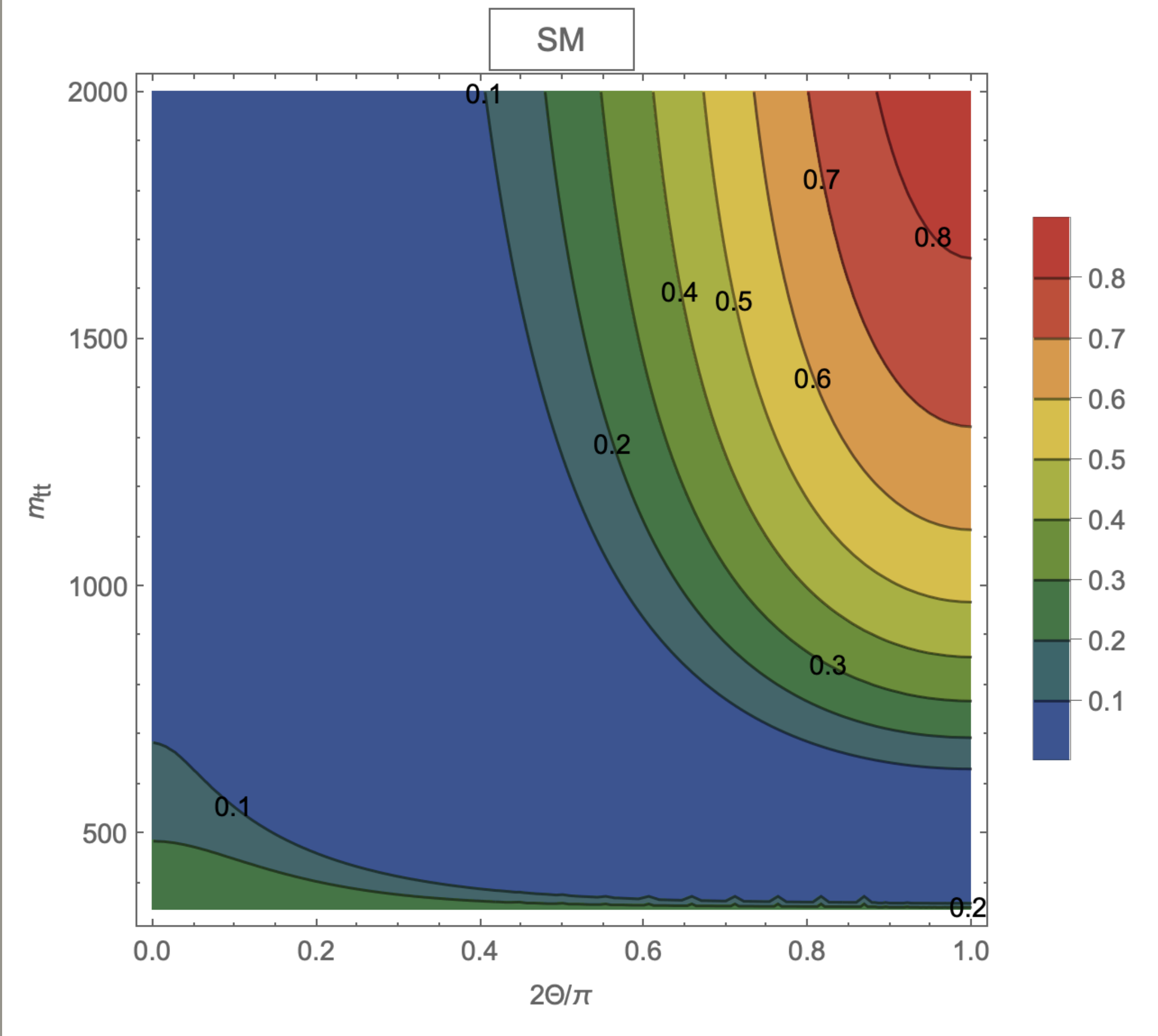
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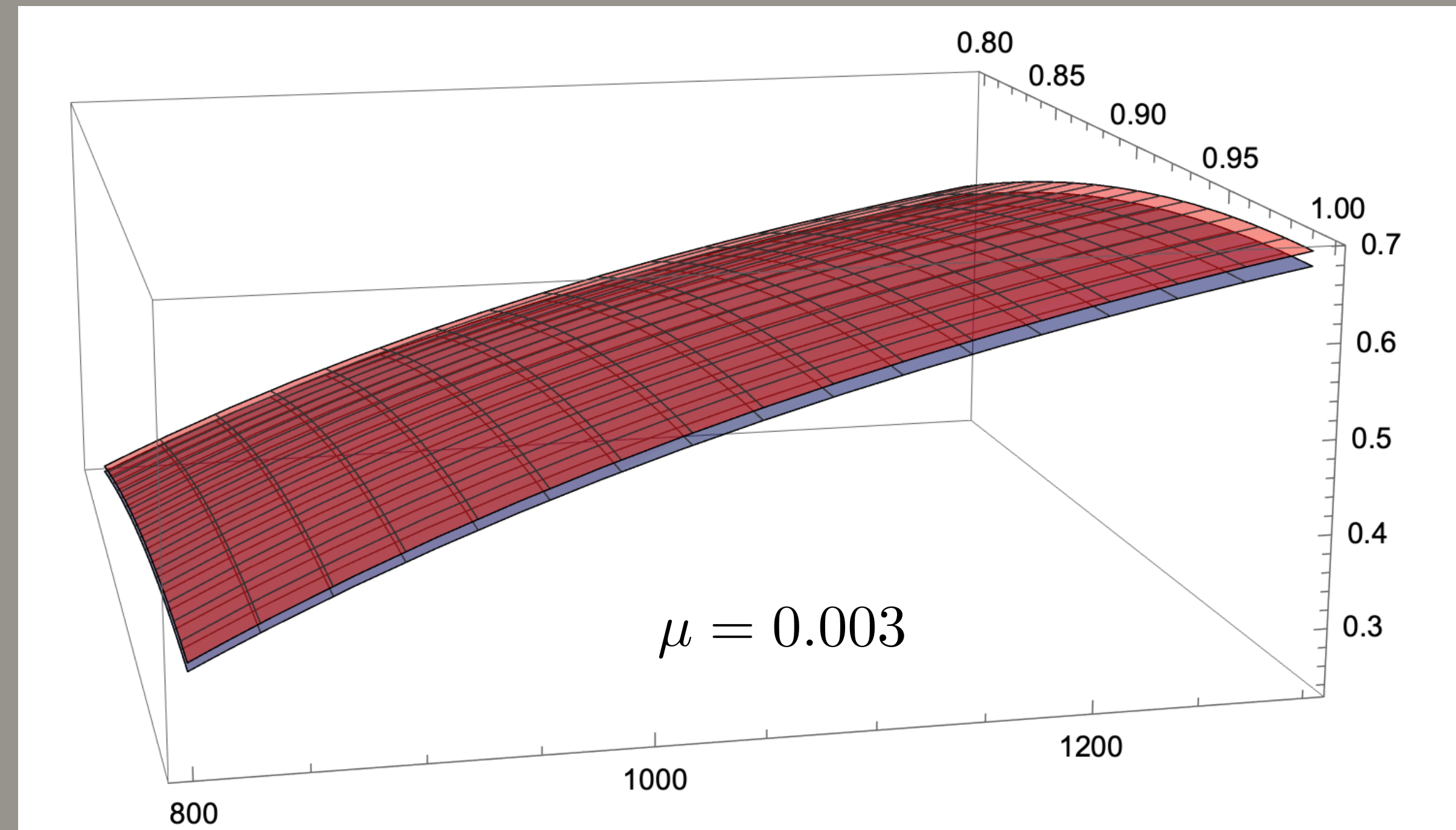
consistency conditions on density matrix

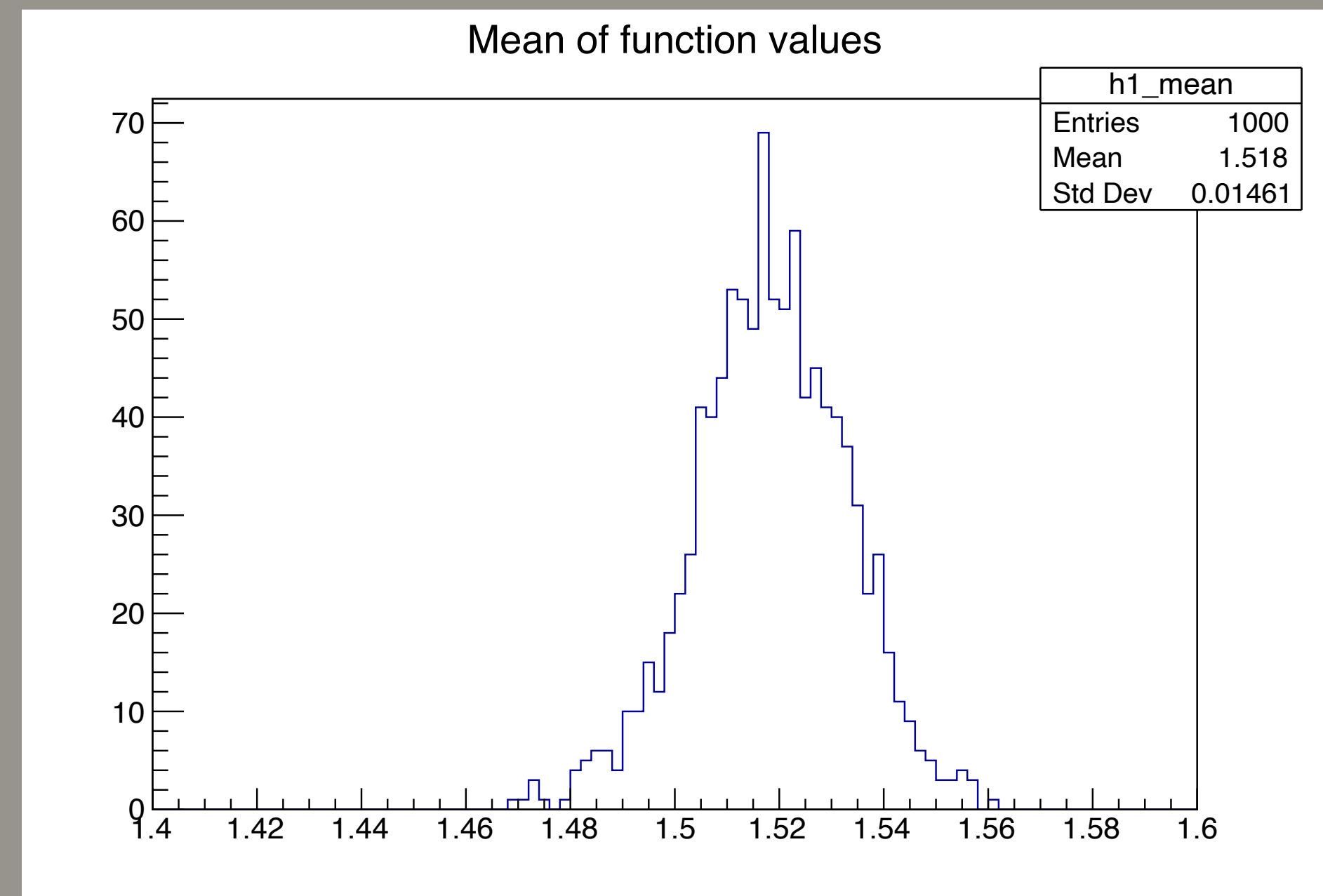
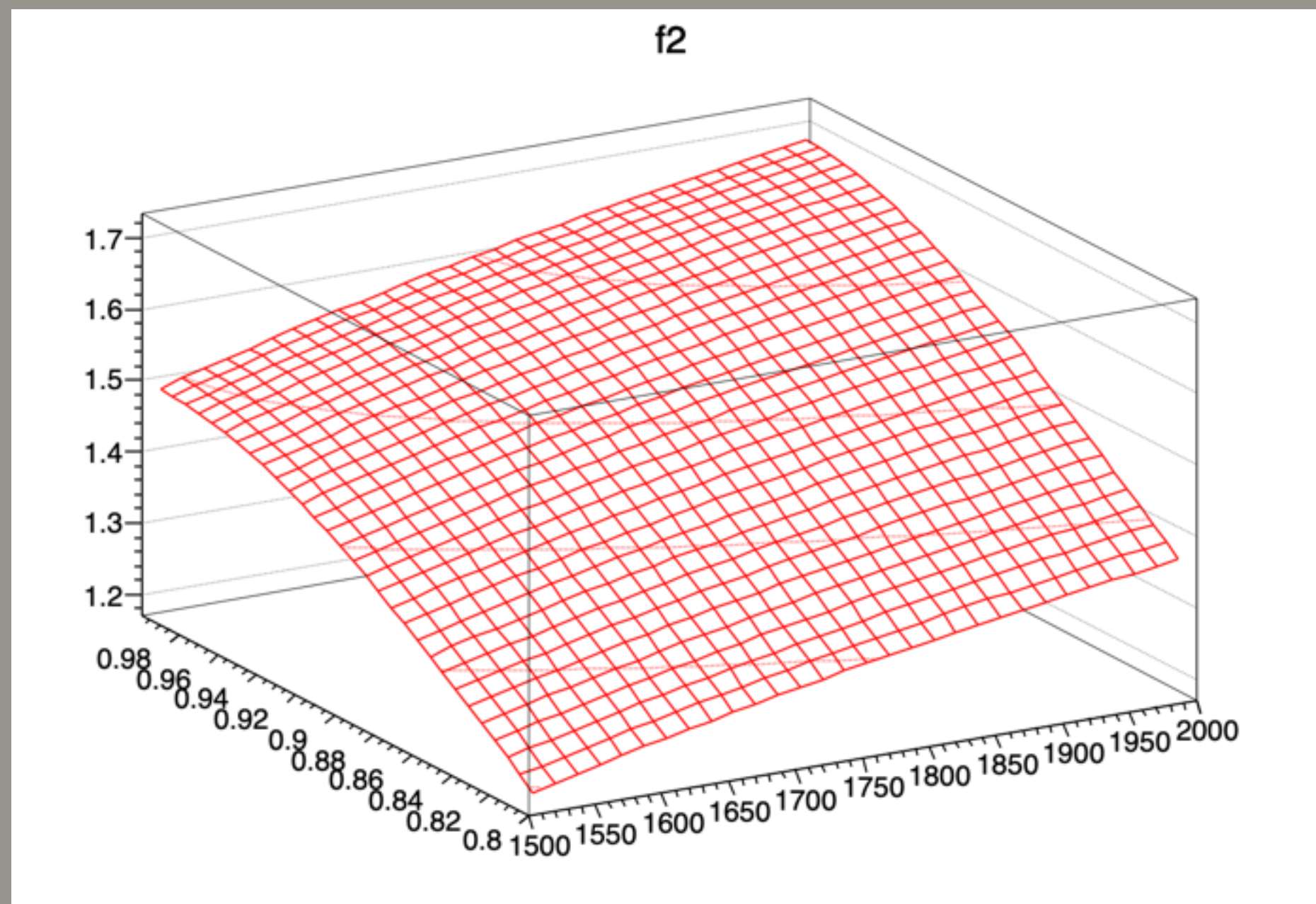
Hermitian, Tr = 1, definite positive

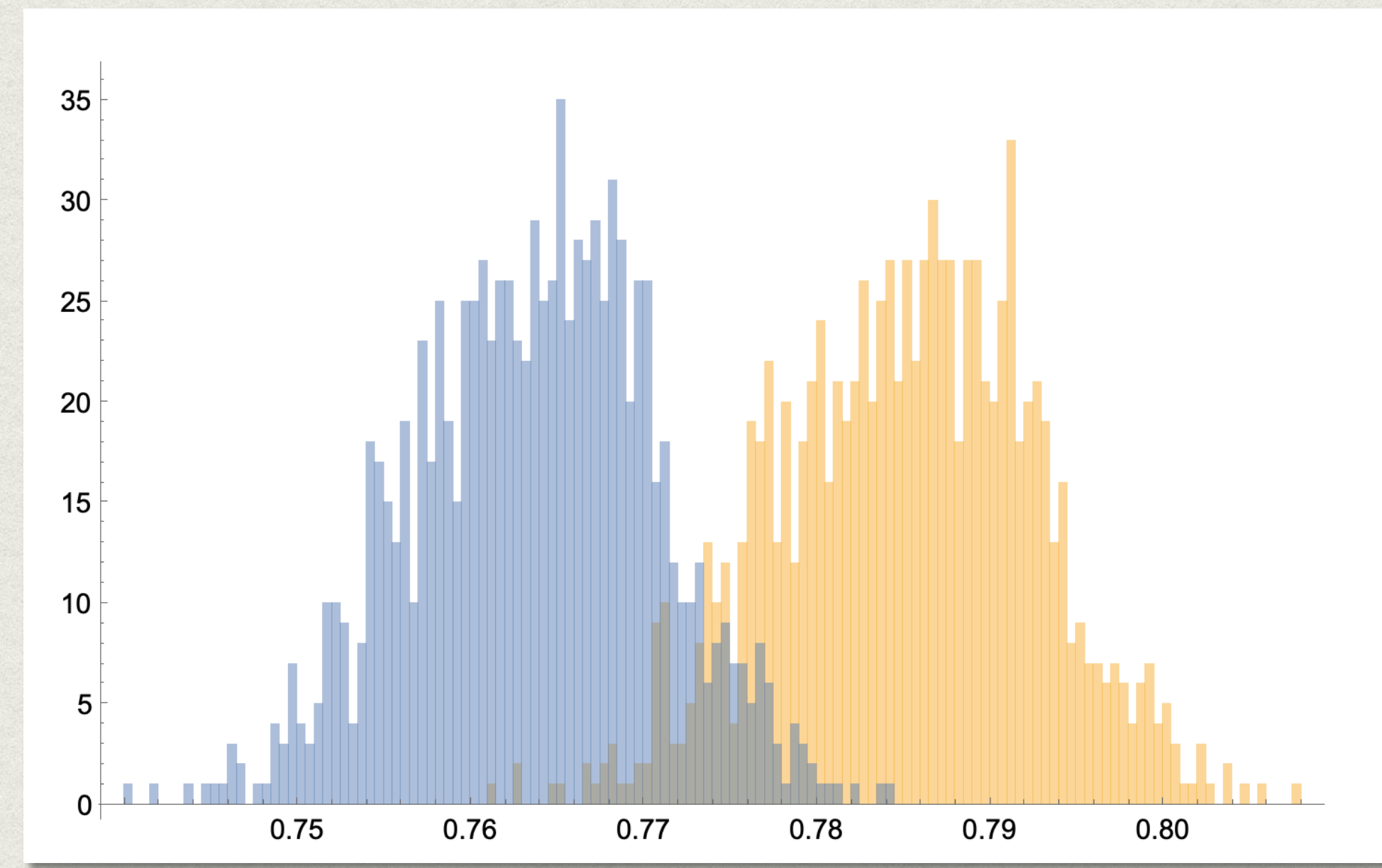
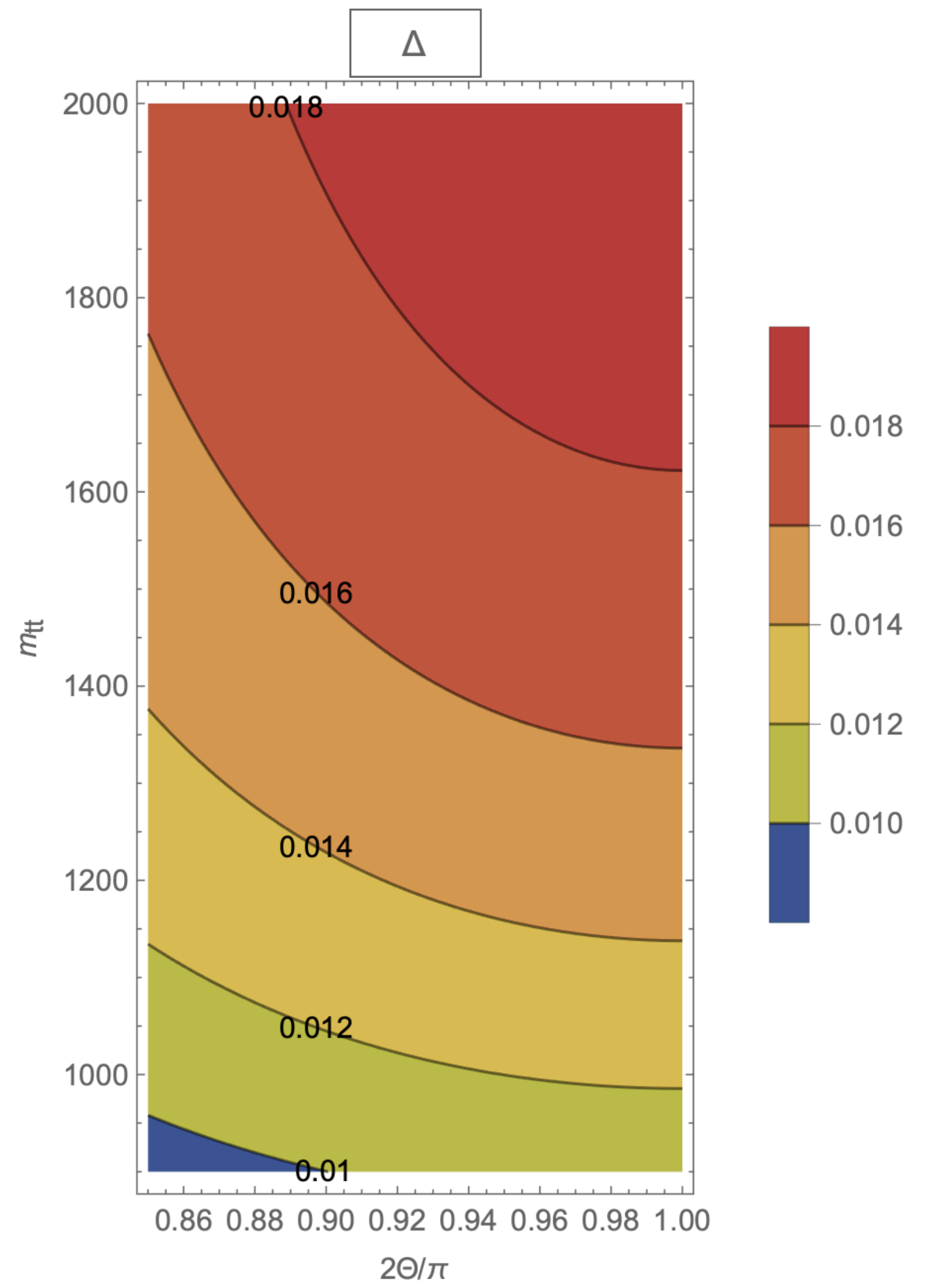
it should be tested in all numerical and analytical computations!



again, what is the uncertainty?







$\mu = 0.003$

significance: 3

	(run 2) $\mathcal{L} = 140 \text{ fb}^{-1}$	(Hi-Lumi) $\mathcal{L} = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}$
events	387	8294

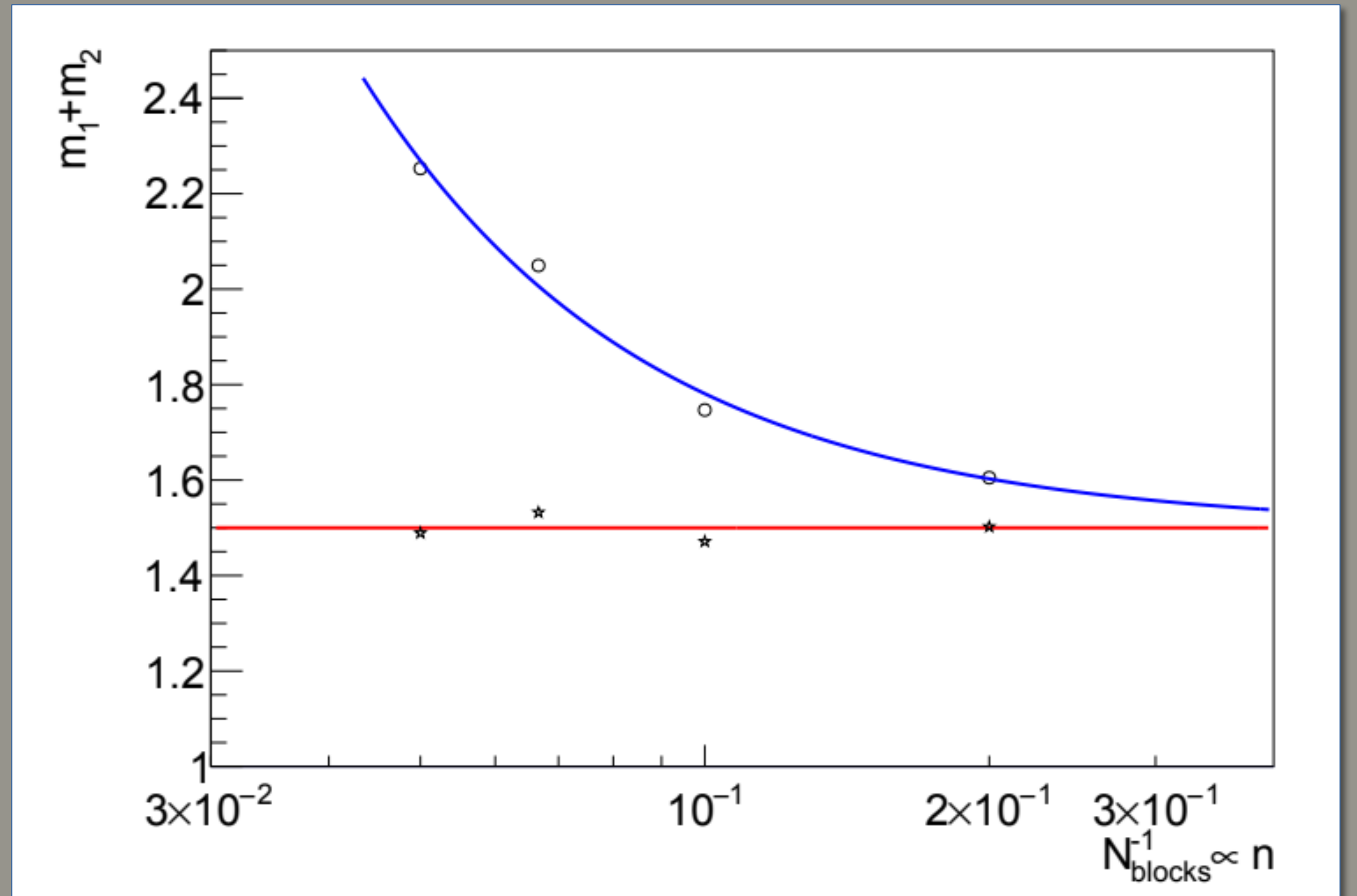
TABLE I. Number of expected events in the kinematical region  $m_{tt} > 900 \text{ GeV}$  and  $0.85 < x < 1$ .

previous limit:  $\mu < 0.02$



*in case someone asks*

consistent estimator



$$m_{t\bar{t}} \simeq 1.1 \text{ TeV} \quad 2\Theta/\pi \simeq 0.95$$



## Event generation

**MadGraph5** (NNPDF23)  
**DELPHES** (fast simulation  
ATLAS detector)

exactly two opposite sign leptons (e,mu) of different flavor

- at least 2 anti-k<sub>t</sub> jets with R=0.4
- at least 1 b-tagged jet
- $p_T > 25 \text{ GeV}$   $|\eta| < 2.5$  jets
- $p_T > 20 \text{ GeV}$   $|\eta| < 2.47$  leptons
- neutrino weighting technique (top quark momenta)

## Implementing at the LHC

W. Bernreuther, D. Heisler and Z. G. Si, JHEP 12, 026 (2015)  
 Y. Afik and J. R. M. de Nova, Eur.Phys.J.Plus 136 (2021) 9, 907

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$$\xi_{ab} = \cos \theta_+^a \cos \theta_-^b$$

3 x 3 matrix

	label	$\hat{a}$	$\hat{b}$
transverse	n	$\text{sign}(y_p) \hat{\mathbf{n}}_p$	$-\text{sign}(y_p) \hat{\mathbf{n}}_p$
r axis	r	$\text{sign}(y_p) \hat{\mathbf{r}}_p$	$-\text{sign}(y_p) \hat{\mathbf{r}}_p$
helicity	k	$\hat{\mathbf{k}}$	$-\hat{\mathbf{k}}$

$$C_{ab}[\sigma(m_{t\bar{t}}, \cos \Theta)] = -9 \frac{1}{\sigma} \int d\xi_{ab} \frac{d\sigma}{d\xi_{ab}} \xi_{ab}$$

diagonalization for each value  
 of invariant mass and scattering angle

$$m_1 + m_2 > 1$$