

The top doesn't just spin, it also orbits!

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We have been hearing about measuring spin of top, W , Z , even τ , for decades.

But probably, last time you studied orbital angular momentum (OAM) was in your degree. Why is it so?

OAM cannot be directly measured from angular distributions!

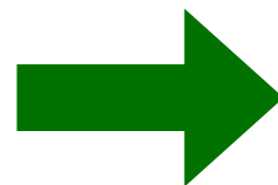
Yet, it is there. Consider for example $H \rightarrow VV$, with $V = W, Z$

Initial state $J = 0$



Final state $J = 0$

total spin of VV pair: $0, 1, 2$



$\ell = 0, 1, 2$

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Let's introduce a reference system (x,y,z) in the H rest frame. Decay amplitudes using a **fixed spin quantisation axis \hat{z}** [whatever] look like

$$A_{11}^c = [\dots] Y_2^{-2}(\Omega)$$

$$A_{10}^c = [\dots] Y_1^{-1}(\Omega) + [\dots] Y_2^{-1}(\Omega)$$

$$A_{1-1}^c = [\dots] Y_0^0(\Omega) + [\dots] Y_1^0(\Omega) + [\dots] Y_2^0(\Omega)$$

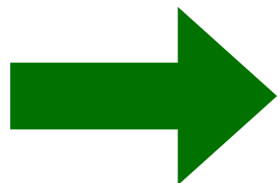
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s_1, s_2 : 3rd spin components
for V_1, V_2 in \hat{z} axis

There are 9 amplitudes.
c superscript stands for
'canonical' as opposed to
the commonly-used
helicity amplitudes

with $\Omega=(\theta,\phi)$ the angles of [say] V_1 in H rest frame

- Note:
- spherical harmonics up to $\ell = 2$
 - $s_1 + s_2 + m = 0$



OAM is there! And there it is, just like it should be!

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Hmm... ok... but how do the amplitudes get an angular dependence?

$$A_{11}^c = [\dots] Y_2^{-2}(\Omega)$$

$$A_{10}^c = [\dots] Y_1^{-1}(\Omega) + [\dots] Y_2^{-1}(\Omega)$$

$$A_{1-1}^c = [\dots] Y_0^0(\Omega) + [\dots] Y_1^0(\Omega) + [\dots] Y_2^0(\Omega)$$

...

Setting a particular value for the third spin component along a particular direction \hat{z} breaks isotropy in the Higgs decay.

This is in contrast with **helicity amplitudes** which are just numbers

$$A_{11}^h = a_{11}$$

$$A_{00}^h = a_{00}$$

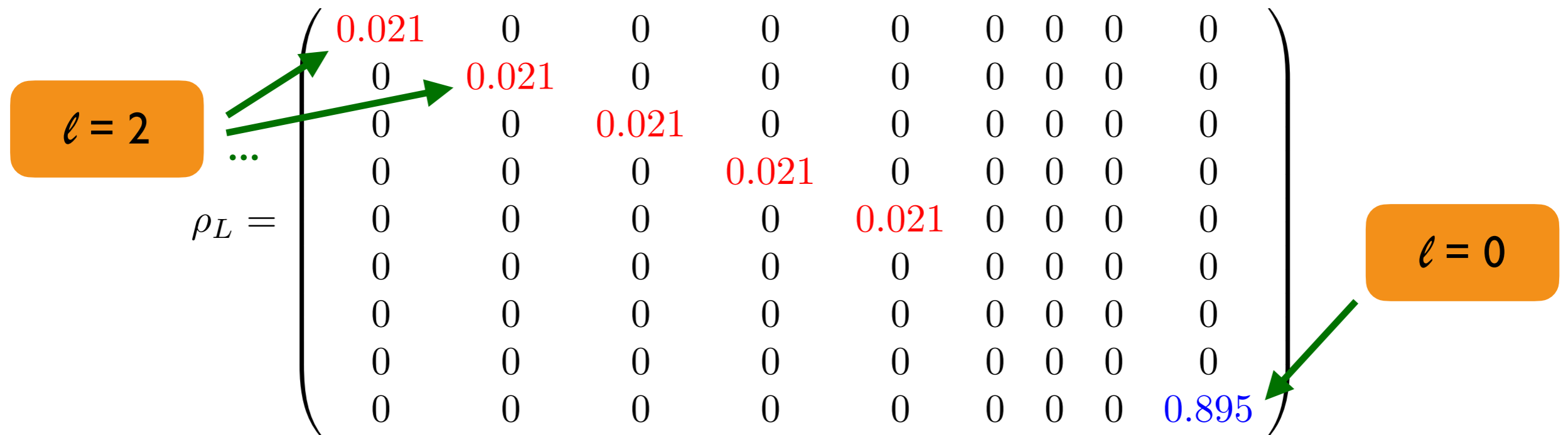
$$A_{-1-1}^h = a_{-1-1}$$

Only 3 amplitudes

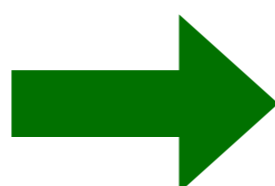
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But wait... the Higgs is a scalar, and scalar decays are isotropic, how is this possible?

density operator for L



$$\sum_{m=-2}^{m=2} |Y_m^2(\theta, \phi)|^2 = \frac{5}{4\pi}$$



all (θ, ϕ) dependence is lost

OAM cannot be directly measured from angular distributions!

[of course, you can calculate it, from initial state and decay amplitudes]

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Q: OK, but I have seen helicity amplitudes, and I never saw OAM there.

A: Sure, in the helicity direction \vec{p} the third component of OAM vanishes

$$m = 0$$

because $\vec{L} = \vec{r} \times \vec{p}$. This does not imply

$$l = 0$$

Actually, this property makes helicity amplitudes simpler in order to extract parameters from experimental measurements.

For $H \rightarrow VV$ there are 3 helicity amplitudes vs 9 canonical amplitudes.

For $t \rightarrow bW$ it is 4 vs 26!

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Entanglement measurements involving OAM are rare — and never done in HEP!

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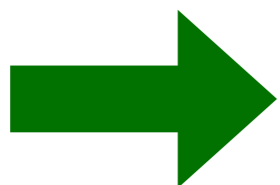
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take your new physics hats off, enjoy new SM measurements!

The
trick

The trick

If one is able to experimentally measure

- initial spin state ρ_t
- canonical decay amplitudes $A_{Ms_1s_2;lm}$

already done,
I will skip it

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then, one is able to determine the **full density operator** ρ_{LWb} that fully describes the top decay, also including OAM!

$$(\rho_{LWb})_{s_1s_2;lm}^{s'_1s'_2;l'm'} = (\rho_t)_{MM'} A_{Ms_1s_2;lm} A_{M's'_1s'_2;l'm'}^*$$

Fortunately, most of these quantities can be obtained from observables already measured by ATLAS.

The trick

$$\begin{aligned}
 A_{\frac{1}{2}1\frac{1}{2};1-1} &= A_{-\frac{1}{2}-1-\frac{1}{2};11} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{6}} \mathcal{F}_1^-, & A_{\frac{1}{2}1\frac{1}{2};2-1} &= -A_{-\frac{1}{2}-1-\frac{1}{2};21} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{30}} \mathcal{F}_2, \\
 A_{\frac{1}{2}0\frac{1}{2};00} &= -A_{-\frac{1}{2}0-\frac{1}{2};00} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{9}} \mathcal{F}_0, & A_{\frac{1}{2}0\frac{1}{2};10} &= A_{-\frac{1}{2}0-\frac{1}{2};10} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{3}} \mathcal{F}_1^0, \\
 A_{\frac{1}{2}0\frac{1}{2};20} &= -A_{-\frac{1}{2}0-\frac{1}{2};20} = -\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{45}} \mathcal{F}_2, & A_{\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2};11} &= A_{-\frac{1}{2}1-\frac{1}{2};1-1} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{6}} \mathcal{F}_1^+, \\
 A_{\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2};21} &= -A_{-\frac{1}{2}1-\frac{1}{2};2-1} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{30}} \mathcal{F}_2, & A_{\frac{1}{2}1-\frac{1}{2};00} &= -A_{-\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2};00} = -\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{9}} \mathcal{F}_0, \\
 A_{\frac{1}{2}1-\frac{1}{2};10} &= A_{-\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2};10} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{3}} \mathcal{F}, & A_{\frac{1}{2}1-\frac{1}{2};20} &= -A_{-\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2};20} = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{45}} \mathcal{F}_2, \\
 A_{\frac{1}{2}0-\frac{1}{2};11} &= A_{-\frac{1}{2}0\frac{1}{2};1-1} = -\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{3}} \mathcal{F}, & A_{\frac{1}{2}0-\frac{1}{2};21} &= -A_{-\frac{1}{2}0\frac{1}{2};2-1} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{15}} \mathcal{F}_2, \\
 A_{\frac{1}{2}-1-\frac{1}{2};22} &= -A_{-\frac{1}{2}1\frac{1}{2};2-2} = -\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{15}} \mathcal{F}_2.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{F} &= a_{-1-\frac{1}{2}} - a_{1\frac{1}{2}}, & \mathcal{F}_1^0 &= a_{0-\frac{1}{2}} - a_{0\frac{1}{2}}, \\
 \mathcal{F}_0 &= \sqrt{2}(a_{1\frac{1}{2}} + a_{-1-\frac{1}{2}}) + a_{0\frac{1}{2}} + a_{0-\frac{1}{2}}, \\
 \mathcal{F}_1^\pm &= \pm(a_{-1-\frac{1}{2}} - a_{1\frac{1}{2}}) + \sqrt{2}(a_{0\frac{1}{2}} - a_{0-\frac{1}{2}}), \\
 \mathcal{F}_2 &= a_{-1-\frac{1}{2}} + a_{1\frac{1}{2}} - \sqrt{2}(a_{0\frac{1}{2}} + a_{0-\frac{1}{2}})
 \end{aligned}$$

$a_{\lambda_1\lambda_2}$ are the
helicity
amplitudes

The trick

Use helicity basis to
measure $a_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}$ in data

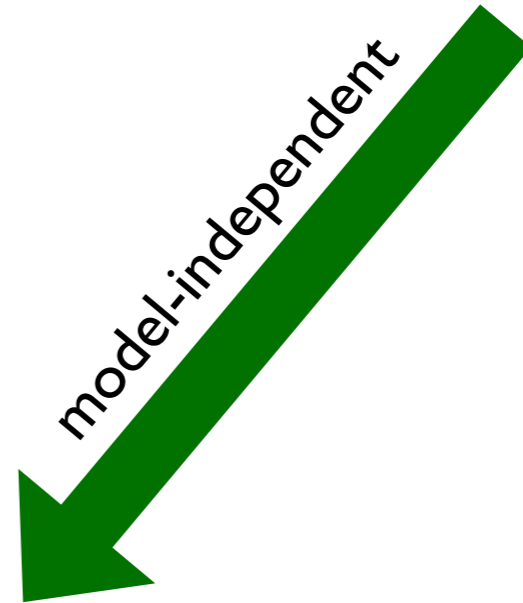
model-independent



obtain canonical
amplitudes from

$a_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}$

model-independent



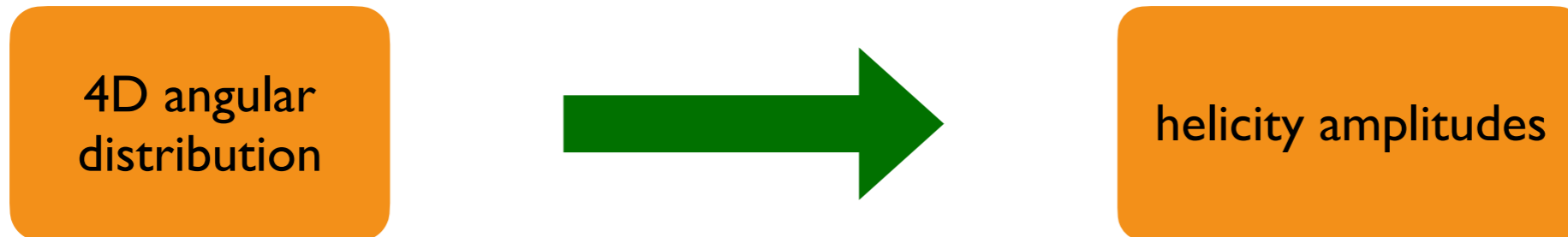
obtain ρ_{LWb} from data



Measuring helicity
amplitudes

Measuring helicity amplitudes

To obtain helicity amplitudes $a_{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}$ we ignore OAM for a moment and work in the helicity basis [of course!]

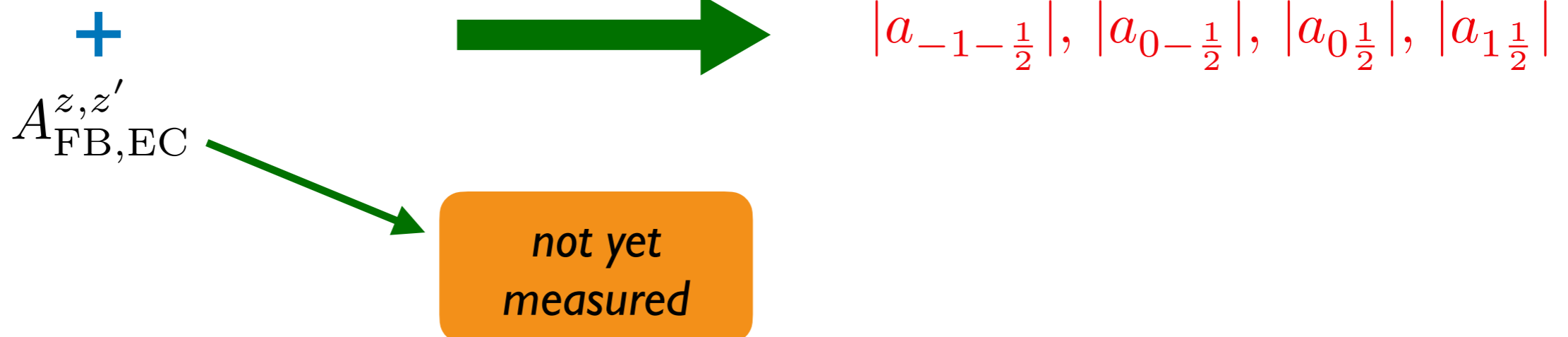


The relevant angles are well known:

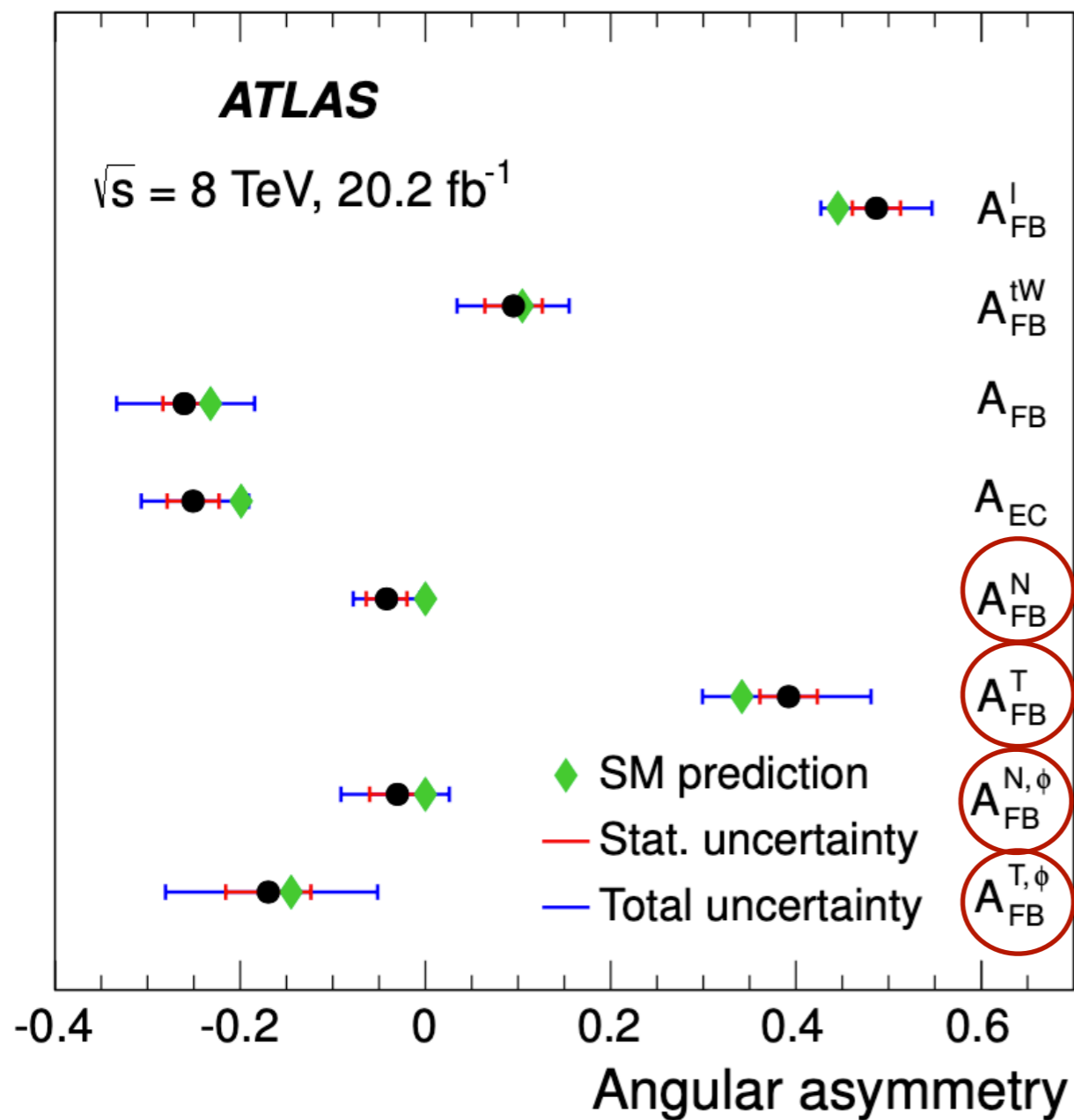
$(\theta_\ell^*, \phi_\ell^*)$	of ℓ in W rest frame
(θ, ϕ)	of W in t rest frame

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W helicity fractions



Measuring helicity amplitudes



$A_{\text{FB}}^N \equiv A_{\text{FB}}^{y'}$
 $A_{\text{FB}}^T \equiv A_{\text{FB}}^{x'}$
 $A_{\text{FB}}^{N,\phi} \equiv A_{\text{FB}}^{y'z'}$
 $A_{\text{FB}}^{T,\phi} \equiv A_{\text{FB}}^{x'z'}$



$\arg a_{0\frac{1}{2}} a_{1\frac{1}{2}}^*$
 $\arg a_{-1-\frac{1}{2}} a_{0-\frac{1}{2}}^*$

What about $\arg a_{0\frac{1}{2}} a_{0-\frac{1}{2}}^*$? Can't be measured without measuring b polarisation, unknown phase.

But don't panic!

Bipartite and tripartite entanglement

Bipartite and tripartite entanglement

There are several points one can address from ρ_{LWb} :

- Is tripartite entanglement genuine?
- Are A, B subsystems entangled when C is marginalised?

They can be addressed using Peres-Horodecki sufficient condition for entanglement, and using the entanglement measure [negativity]

$$N(\rho) = \frac{\|\rho^{T_B}\| - 1}{2}$$

for A, B any subsystems of $\mathcal{H}_L \otimes \mathcal{H}_{S_1} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{S_2}$



Bipartite and tripartite entanglement

Tripartite entanglement is genuine if the state is entangled under any bipartition of $\mathcal{H}_L \otimes \mathcal{H}_{S_1} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{S_2}$

$N > 0 \Rightarrow$ entanglement

A	B	$N(\rho)$
\mathcal{H}_L	$\mathcal{H}_W \otimes \mathcal{H}_b$	1.65
\mathcal{H}_W	$\mathcal{H}_L \otimes \mathcal{H}_b$	0.80
\mathcal{H}_b	$\mathcal{H}_L \otimes \mathcal{H}_W$	0.50

- Entanglement is very large in all cases!
- These are SM values for top [not anti-top] with $P_z = 1$
- For single-top production, slightly smaller

Bipartite and tripartite entanglement

Given the three subsystems A, B, C , we can marginalise C [trace over its space] and obtain the entanglement between A and B

A	B	$N(\rho)$
\mathcal{H}_L	\mathcal{H}_W	0.62
\mathcal{H}_L	\mathcal{H}_b	0.40
\mathcal{H}_W	\mathcal{H}_b	0.01

- C is the unlisted subsystem in all cases.
- These are SM values for top [not anti-top] with $P_z = 1$

Bipartite and tripartite entanglement

What about $\arg a_{0\frac{1}{2}} a_{0-\frac{1}{2}}^*$ which in principle is not measured?

This is the phase between amplitudes with $\lambda = 1/2$ and $\lambda = -1/2$ for b .

Since the former are quite suppressed by the small m_b , this phase is **fairly irrelevant** in order to establish entanglement.

Entanglement	SM phase	[0,2 π]
L-(Wb)	1.653	[1.653,1.678]
W -(Lb)	0.795	diff = 10^{-6}
b -(LW)	0.496	[0.495,0.496]

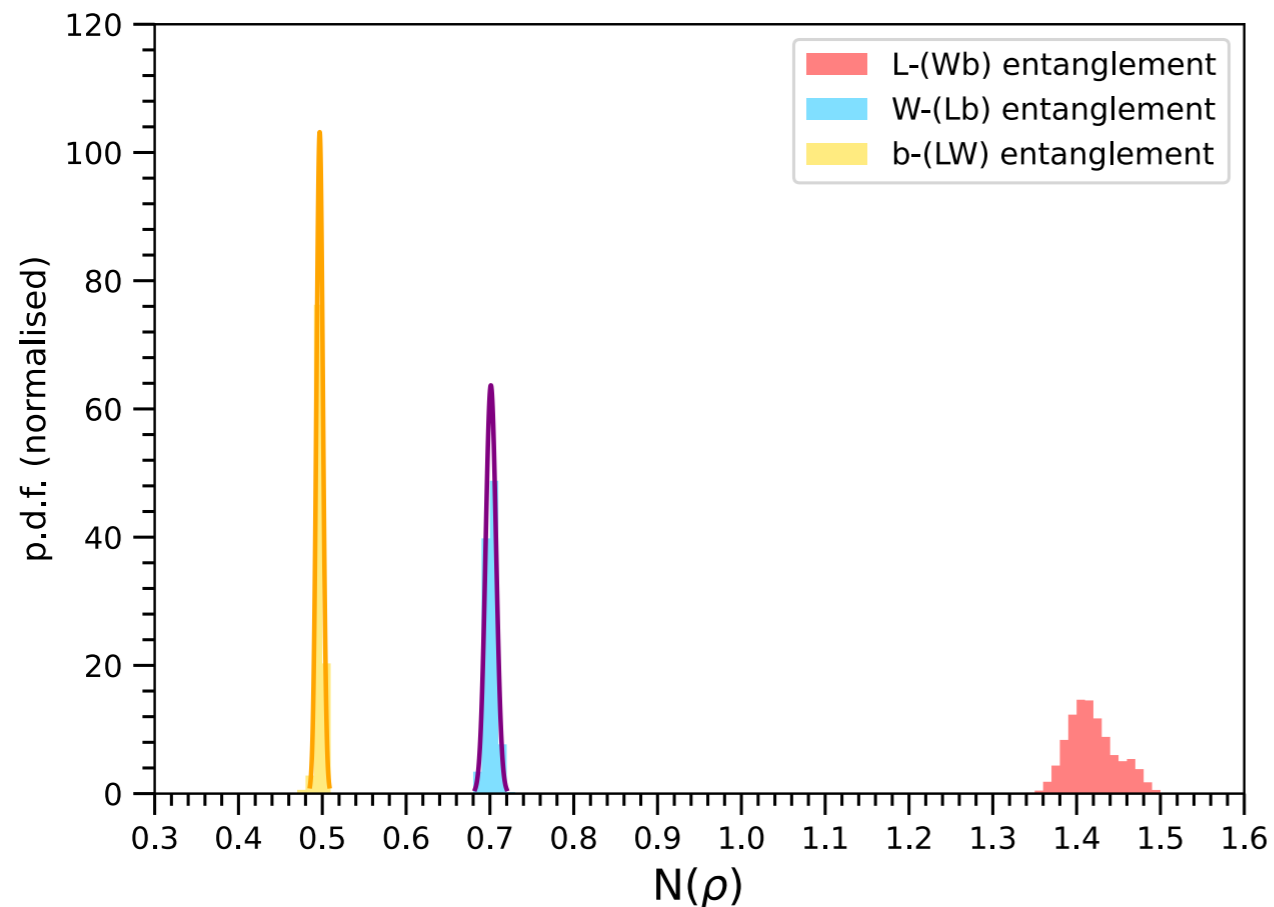
Entanglement	SM phase	[0,2 π]
L- W	0.615	[0.615,0.628]
L- b	0.396	[0.396,0.411]

Expected
uncertainty

Expected uncertainty in t -channel single top

Pseudo-experiments performed assuming 50K events

[number obtained from Run 2 ATLAS measurement]



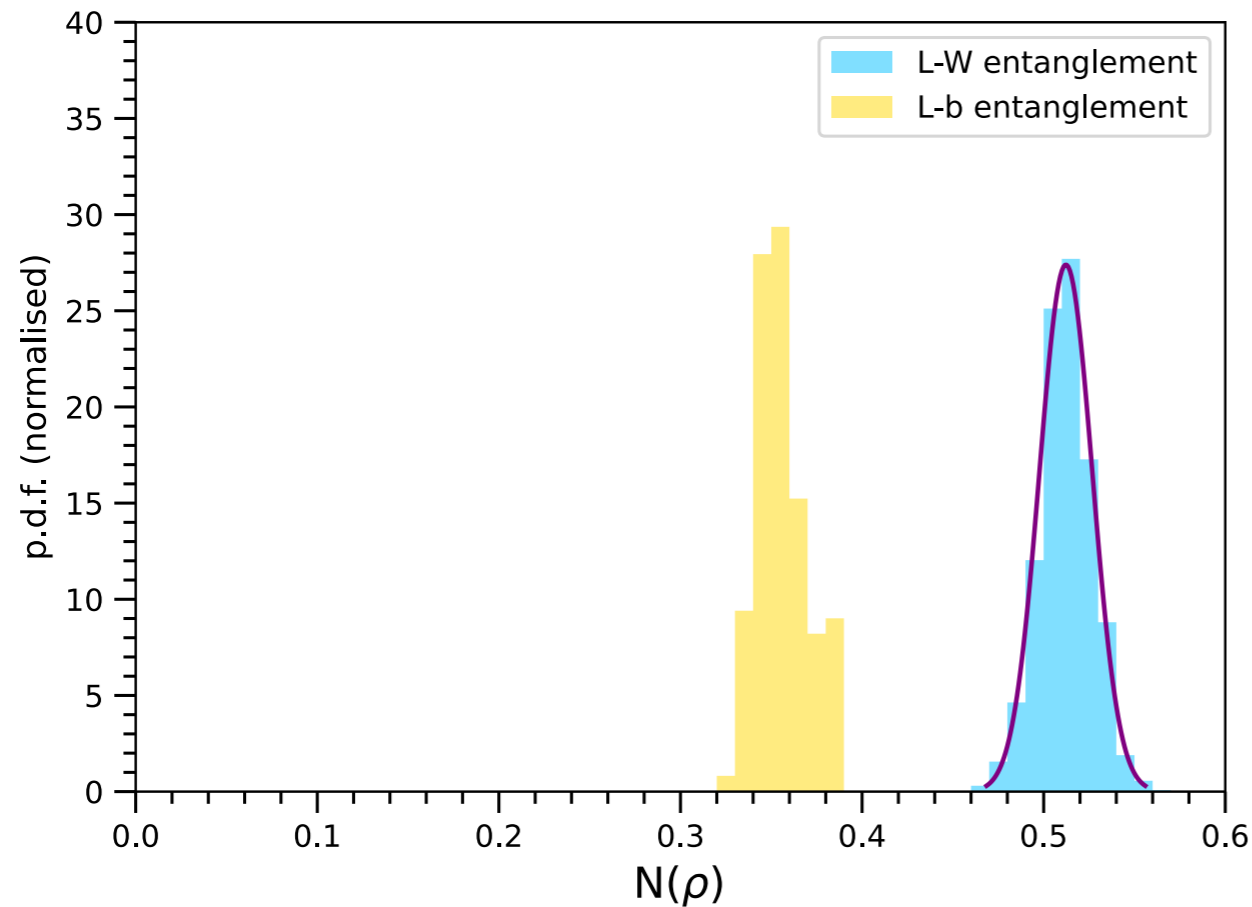
Tripartite entanglement

	Run 2
L-(Wb)	$\gg 5\sigma$
W-(Lb)	$\gg 5\sigma$
b-(LW)	$\gg 5\sigma$

Expected uncertainty in t -channel single top

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Bipartite entanglement

	Run 2
L-W	$\gg 5\sigma$
L-b	$\gg 5\sigma$

Expected uncertainty in t -channel single top

Systematics in entanglement measurements can be estimated using **actual uncertainties** in Run 1 / Run 2 measurements of the input observables

	$N(\rho_{LW})$	$N(\rho_{Lb})$	$N(\rho_{L[Wb]})$	$N(\rho_{W[Lb]})$	$N(\rho_{b[LW]})$
P_1	+0.01 -0	+0.003 -0	+0.03 -0	+0.044 -0.003	+0.021 -0.003
P_2	+0 -0	+0 -0	+0 -0	+0.001 -0	+0 -0
P_3	+0.015 -0.024	+0 -0.013	+0.091 -0.063	+0.057 -0.027	+0.008 -0.003
F_+	+0 -0.02	+0 -0.034	+0 -0.054	+0.004 -0	+0 -0
F_0	+0.003 -0.023	+0.007 -0.017	+0.036 -0.033	+0.028 -0.025	+0.008 -0
$A_{\text{FB,EC}}^{z,z'}$	+0.05 -0.042	+0 -0.1	+0.078 -0.006	+0.054 -0.003	+0.008 -0.041
$A_{\text{FB}}^{x'}$	+0 -0	+0 -0	+0 -0	+0 -0	+0 -0
$A_{\text{FB}}^{y'}$	+0 -0	+0 -0	+0.002 -0	+0 -0	+0 -0
$A_{\text{FB}}^{x'z'}$	+0 -0	+0 -0	+0 -0	+0 -0	+0 -0
$A_{\text{FB}}^{y'z'}$	+0.008 -0	+0 -0.002	+0.023 -0	+0.01 -0	+0 -0
Total	+0.054 -0.057	+0.008 -0.11	+0.13 -0.09	+0.095 -0.038	+0.026 -0.041

educated guess for this observable



Expected uncertainty in t -channel single top

Entanglement significance
including systematics

	Run 2
L-(Wb)	15σ
W -(Lb)	18σ
b -(LW)	12σ
L- W	8.7σ
L- b	3.2σ

Remarks

- Possible to measure right now entanglement between OAM and spin
- Possible to measure right now tripartite entanglement
- Doing the same as previously done, using available data

End

Quantum
Entanglement:
basics

Quantum entanglement: basics

The state of a system composed by two sub-systems **A** and **B** is **separable** if it can be written as

$$|\psi\rangle = |a\rangle_A \otimes |b\rangle_B$$

Otherwise, it is entangled, e.g. something like

$$|\psi\rangle = |a_1\rangle_A \otimes |b_1\rangle_B + |a_2\rangle_A \otimes |b_2\rangle_B$$

A typical example of entanglement is the combination of two spin-1/2 systems in the spin-0 configuration

$$|\psi\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle_A \otimes |\downarrow\rangle_B - |\downarrow\rangle_A \otimes |\uparrow\rangle_B$$

General systems are not described by pure states $|\psi\rangle$ but by density operators ρ .

Quantum entanglement: basics

Any operator cannot be a density operator. A valid density operator has several characteristics:

- Unit trace
- Hermitian
- Positive semidefinite: eigenvalues ≥ 0

A density operator describing a composite system is **separable** if it can be written as

$$\rho_{\text{sep}} = \sum_n p_n \rho_n^A \otimes \rho_n^B$$

Note: in general, one has something like

$$\rho = \sum_{ijkl} p_{ij}^{kl} |\psi_i\rangle\langle\psi_j| \otimes |\psi_k\rangle\langle\psi_l|$$

Quantum entanglement: basics

Necessary criterion for separability:

Peres, quant-ph/9604005
Horodecki, quant-ph/9703004


taking the partial transpose in subspace of B [for example] the resulting density operator is valid.

 it has non-negative eigenvalues [unit trace and hermicity automatic]

Example: composite system $A \otimes B$ with $\dim \mathcal{H}_A = n$, $\dim \mathcal{H}_B = m$

P_{ij} are $m \times m$ matrices, $(P_{ij})^{kl} = p_{ij}^{kl}$

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & \cdots & P_{1n} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ P_{n1} & & & P_{nn} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{orange arrow}} \rho^{T_2} = \begin{pmatrix} P_{11}^T & P_{12}^T & \cdots & P_{1n}^T \\ P_{21}^T & P_{22}^T & & \\ \vdots & & \ddots & \\ P_{n1}^T & & & P_{nn}^T \end{pmatrix}$$



$(n \cdot m) \times (n \cdot m)$ matrix

Quantum entanglement: basics

To take away:

- It is quite complicated to prove [analytically] that a composite system is in a separable state.
- However, we are interested in showing that the system is **entangled**.
- To prove that, in some systems there are simple sufficient conditions that do the work
 - ✱ two spin-1/2 particles
 - ✱ $H \rightarrow VV$ [bipartite]
- Otherwise, use directly the counter-reciprocal of Peres-Horodecki necessary condition

ρ^{T2} non-positive $\Rightarrow \rho^{T2}$ not valid \Rightarrow system entangled