

# CP and entanglement in $H \rightarrow VV$ decays

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$H \rightarrow VV$  from  
first principles

# Framework

For a pair of spin-1 particles  $V=W,Z$  the full spin density operator reads

$$\rho = \frac{1}{9} \left( 1_{9 \times 9} + A_{LM}^1 T_M^L \otimes 1_{3 \times 3} + A_{LM}^2 1_{3 \times 3} \otimes T_M^L + C_{L_1 M_1 L_2 M_2} T_{M_1}^{L_1} \otimes T_{M_2}^{L_2} \right)$$

8 polarisations for  $V_1$

8 polarisations for  $V_2$

64 spin correlations

where  $T_M^L$  [ $L = 1,2$ ] are irreducible tensors

$$T_1^1 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_0^1 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$T_2^2 = \sqrt{3} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_2^1 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

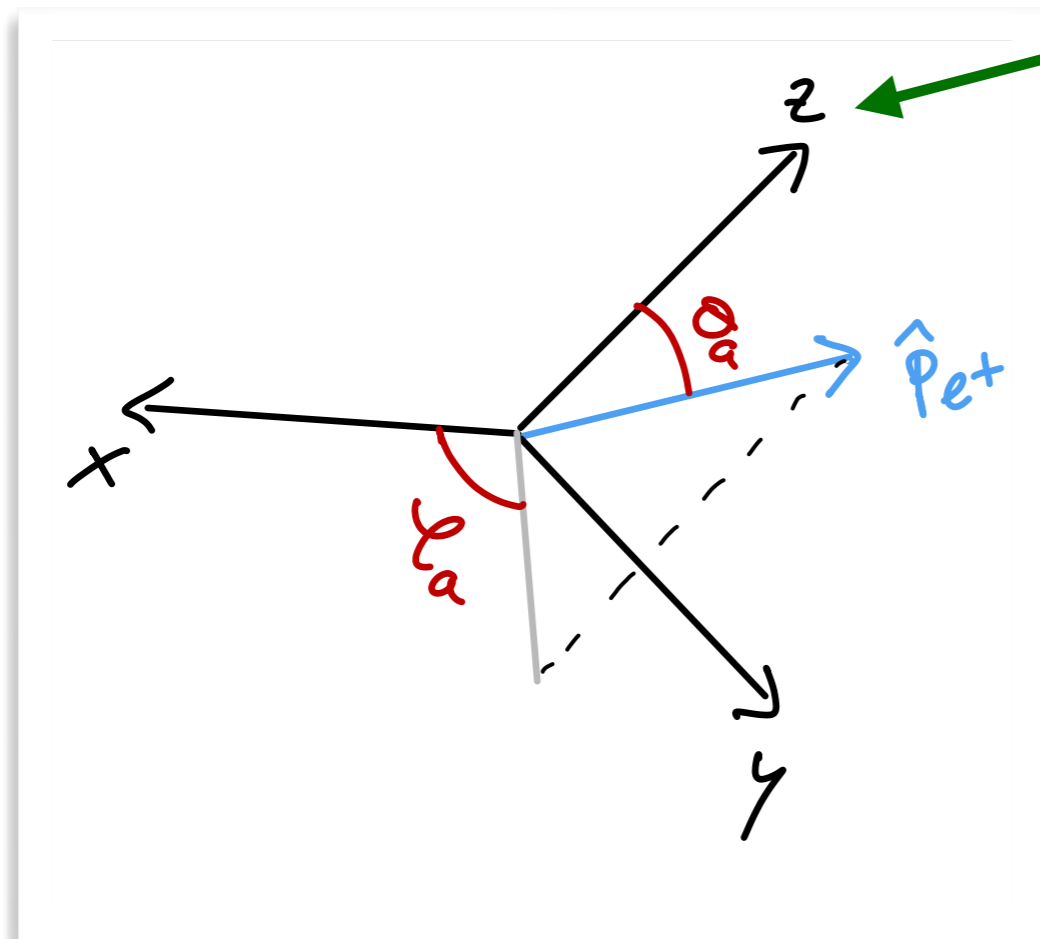
$$T_0^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{-1}^1 &= -(T_1^1)^\dagger \\ T_{-2}^2 &= -(T_2^2)^\dagger \\ T_{-1}^2 &= -(T_1^2)^\dagger \end{aligned}$$

Alternative: Gell-Mann matrices

# Framework

These  $A$  and  $C$  coefficients characterising the spin state of a  $VV$  pair can be measured from the charged lepton distributions, fixing a reference system [the same for both bosons]



Usually, the  $\hat{Z}$  axis is aligned with the weak boson momenta in  $H$  rest frame

$$\Omega_1 = (\theta_1, \varphi_1)$$
$$\Omega_2 = (\theta_2, \varphi_2)$$

rest-frame polar coordinates of the charged leptons (negative lepton for  $Z$ )

# Framework

... and the density operator translates into a 4D distribution

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left[ 1 + B_{L_1}^1 A_{L_1 M_1}^1 Y_{L_1}^{M_1}(\Omega_1) + B_{L_2}^2 A_{L_2 M_2}^2 Y_{L_2}^{M_2}(\Omega_2) \right.$$

$$\eta_\ell = \begin{cases} \frac{g_L^2 - g_R^2}{g_L^2 + g_R^2} & Z \\ 1 & W^- \\ -1 & W^+ \end{cases}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \Omega_1 &= (\theta_1, \varphi_1) \\ \Omega_2 &= (\theta_2, \varphi_2) \end{aligned} \right\} + B_{L_1}^1 B_{L_2}^2 C_{L_1 M_1 L_2 M_2} Y_{L_1}^{M_1}(\Omega_1) Y_{L_2}^{M_2}(\Omega_2) \quad B_1 = -\sqrt{2\pi}\eta_\ell, \quad B_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{5}}$$

Especially simple because spherical harmonics are **orthogonal functions**

$$\int \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} Y_{L_1}^{M_1}(\Omega_1)^* Y_{L_2}^{M_2}(\Omega_2)^* = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} B_{L_1} B_{L_2} C_{L_1 M_1 L_2 M_2}$$

constants you can calculate

data follow this distribution

calculate the average of this quantity on your data

the quantity you want

# Framework

The terms of our expansion in  $Y_L^M$  has easier interpretation than equivalent expressions, e.g.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{d^3\Gamma}{dc_{\theta_1} dc_{\theta_2} d\phi} \sim & a^2 \left[ s_{\theta_1}^2 s_{\theta_2}^2 - \frac{1}{2\gamma_a} s_{2\theta_1} s_{2\theta_2} c_\phi + \frac{1}{2\gamma_a^2} [(1 + c_{\theta_1}^2)(1 + c_{\theta_2}^2) + s_{\theta_1}^2 s_{\theta_2}^2 c_{2\phi}] \right. \\
 & \left. - \frac{2\eta_1\eta_2}{\gamma_a} \left( s_{\theta_1} s_{\theta_2} c_\phi - \frac{1}{\gamma_a} c_{\theta_1} c_{\theta_2} \right) \right] \\
 & + |b|^2 \frac{\gamma_b^4}{\gamma_a^2} x^2 s_{\theta_1}^2 s_{\theta_2}^2 \\
 & + |c|^2 \frac{\gamma_b^2}{\gamma_a^2} 4x^2 \left[ 1 + c_{\theta_1}^2 c_{\theta_2}^2 - \frac{1}{2} s_{\theta_1}^2 s_{\theta_2}^2 (1 + c_{2\phi}) + 2\eta_1\eta_2 c_{\theta_1} c_{\theta_2} \right] \\
 & - 2a\Im(b) \frac{\gamma_b^2}{\gamma_a^2} x s_{\theta_1} s_{\theta_2} s_\phi [\eta_2 c_{\theta_1} + \eta_1 c_{\theta_2}] \\
 & - 2a\Re(b) \frac{\gamma_b^2}{\gamma_a^2} x \left[ -\gamma_a s_{\theta_1}^2 s_{\theta_2}^2 + \frac{1}{4} s_{2\theta_1} s_{2\theta_2} c_\phi + \eta_1\eta_2 s_{\theta_1} s_{\theta_2} c_\phi \right] \\
 & - 2a\Im(c) \frac{\gamma_b}{\gamma_a} 2x \left[ -s_{\theta_1} s_{\theta_2} c_\phi (\eta_1 c_{\theta_2} + \eta_2 c_{\theta_1}) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + \frac{1}{\gamma_a} (\eta_1 c_{\theta_1} (1 + c_{\theta_2}^2) + \eta_2 c_{\theta_2} (1 + c_{\theta_1}^2)) \right] \\
 & - 2a\Re(c) \frac{\gamma_b}{\gamma_a} 2x s_{\theta_1} s_{\theta_2} s_\phi \left[ -c_{\theta_1} c_{\theta_2} + \frac{s_{\theta_1} s_{\theta_2} c_\phi}{\gamma_a} - \eta_1\eta_2 \right] \\
 & + 2\Im(b^*c) \frac{\gamma_b^3}{\gamma_a^2} 2x^2 s_{\theta_1} s_{\theta_2} c_\phi [\eta_2 c_{\theta_1} + \eta_1 c_{\theta_2}] \\
 & + 2\Re(b^*c) \frac{\gamma_b^3}{\gamma_a^2} 2x^2 s_{\theta_1} s_{\theta_2} s_\phi [c_{\theta_1} c_{\theta_2} + \eta_1\eta_2] ,
 \end{aligned}$$

# Framework

$H \rightarrow VV$  has many symmetries, which impose restrictions and relations among the 80 coefficients. In terms of the three **general** helicity amplitudes  $a_{11}$ ,  $a_{00}$ ,  $a_{-1-1}$ , and for fixed  $m_V^*$ ,

$$A_{20}^1 = A_{20}^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} [ |a_{11}|^2 + |a_{-1-1}|^2 - 2|a_{00}|^2 ]$$

$$\mathcal{N} = |a_{11}|^2 + |a_{-1-1}|^2 + |a_{00}|^2$$

$$C_{1010} = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} [ |a_{11}|^2 + |a_{-1-1}|^2 ]$$

$$C_{2020} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} [ |a_{11}|^2 + |a_{-1-1}|^2 + 4|a_{00}|^2 ]$$

$$C_{222-2} = C_{2-222}^* = 3 \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} a_{11} a_{-1-1}^*$$

$$C_{111-1} = -C_{212-1} = C_{1-111}^* = -C_{2-121}^* = -\frac{3}{2} \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} [ a_{11} a_{00}^* + a_{00} a_{-1-1}^* ]$$

CP-conserving

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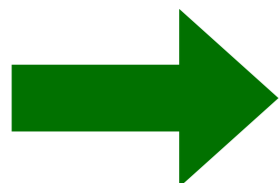
CP-violating

# Framework

Coefficients with  $L = 1$  have a **suppressed effect** on the distribution for  $ZZ$

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left[ 1 + B_{L_1}^1 A_{L_1 M_1}^1 Y_{L_1}^{M_1}(\Omega_1) + B_{L_2}^2 A_{L_2 M_2}^2 Y_{L_2}^{M_2}(\Omega_2) \right. \\ \left. + B_{L_1}^1 B_{L_2}^2 C_{L_1 M_1 L_2 M_2} Y_{L_1}^{M_1}(\Omega_1) Y_{L_2}^{M_2}(\Omega_2) \right]$$

$B_1 = -\sqrt{2\pi}\eta_\ell \longrightarrow \eta_\ell = \pm 1 (W) ; 0.13 (Z)$



- Coefficients  $A_{1M}, C_{1M2M'}$  have a suppression 1/10  $\longrightarrow \Delta_{\text{stat}} \text{ 3x penalty}$
- Coefficients  $C_{1M1M'}$  have a suppression 1/100  $\longrightarrow \Delta_{\text{stat}} \text{ 10x penalty}$

Therefore, it pays off to use **relations between coefficients** to extract observables from the most precisely measured ones.

In addition, coefficients with  $L = 2$  are even in  $(\theta, \phi)$  and **do not require to distinguish fermions** in  $V \rightarrow f_1 f_2$  [can use hadronic decays for example]



Measuring the  
full density  
operator

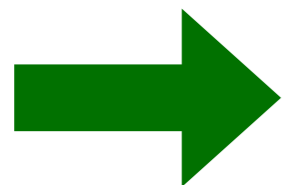
## Measuring the full density operator

If one is able to experimentally measure

- initial spin state [trivial for  $H$ ]
- decay amplitudes

then, one is able to determine the **full density operator**  $\rho_{LSIS2}$  that fully describes the Higgs decay, also including OAM!

For the Higgs boson decay to  $VV$ , the determination of  $\rho_{LSIS2}$  has to be performed in bins of  $m_{V^*}$  with subsequent [weighted] sum over bins



**Enough accuracy with 20 GeV bins**, even for HL-LHC statistics

Note: within *narrow* bins of  $m_{V^*}$ , the  $VV$  pair is produced in an almost pure state.

# Measuring the full density operator

For the Higgs boson decay to  $VV$ ,

$$(\rho_{LS_1S_2})_{s_1s_2;lm}^{s'_1s'_2;l'm'} = A_{s_1s_2;lm} A_{s'_1s'_2;l'm'}^*$$

with

$$A_{11;2-2} = A_{-1-1;22} = -\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{15}}(a_{11} + 2a_{00} + a_{-1-1})$$

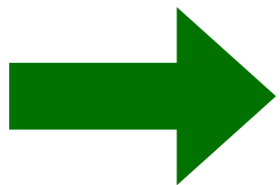
$$A_{10;2-1} = A_{01;2-1} = A_{0-1;21} = A_{-10;21} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{15}}(a_{11} + 2a_{00} + a_{-1-1})$$

$$A_{1-1;20} = A_{-11;20} = -\sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{45}}(a_{11} + 2a_{00} + a_{-1-1})$$

$$A_{00;20} = -\sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{45}}(a_{11} + 2a_{00} + a_{-1-1})$$

$$A_{10;1-1} = -A_{1-1;10} = -A_{01;1-1} = A_{0-1;11} = A_{-11;10} = -A_{-10;11} = \sqrt{\frac{\pi}{3}}(a_{11} - a_{-1-1})$$

$$A_{1-1;00} = -A_{00;00} = A_{-11;00} = -\sqrt{\frac{4\pi}{9}}(a_{11} - a_{00} + a_{-1-1})$$



The problem is reduced to a binned measurement of the  $a$ 's

# Measuring the full density operator

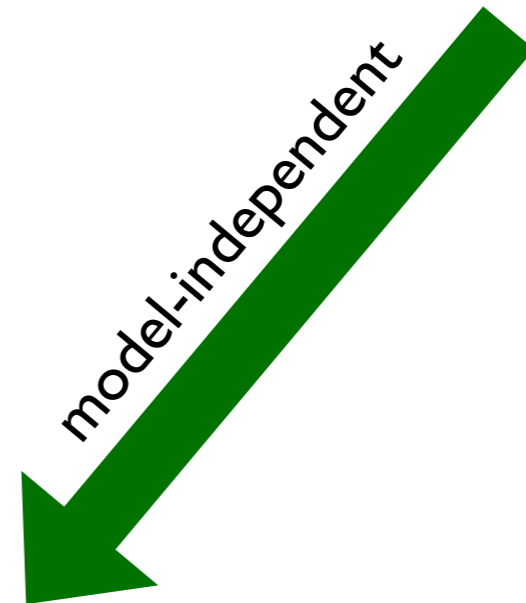
Use helicity basis to measure  $a_{11}, a_{00}, a_{-1-1}$  in data

model-independent



obtain canonical amplitudes from  $a_{11}, a_{00}, a_{-1-1}$

model-independent



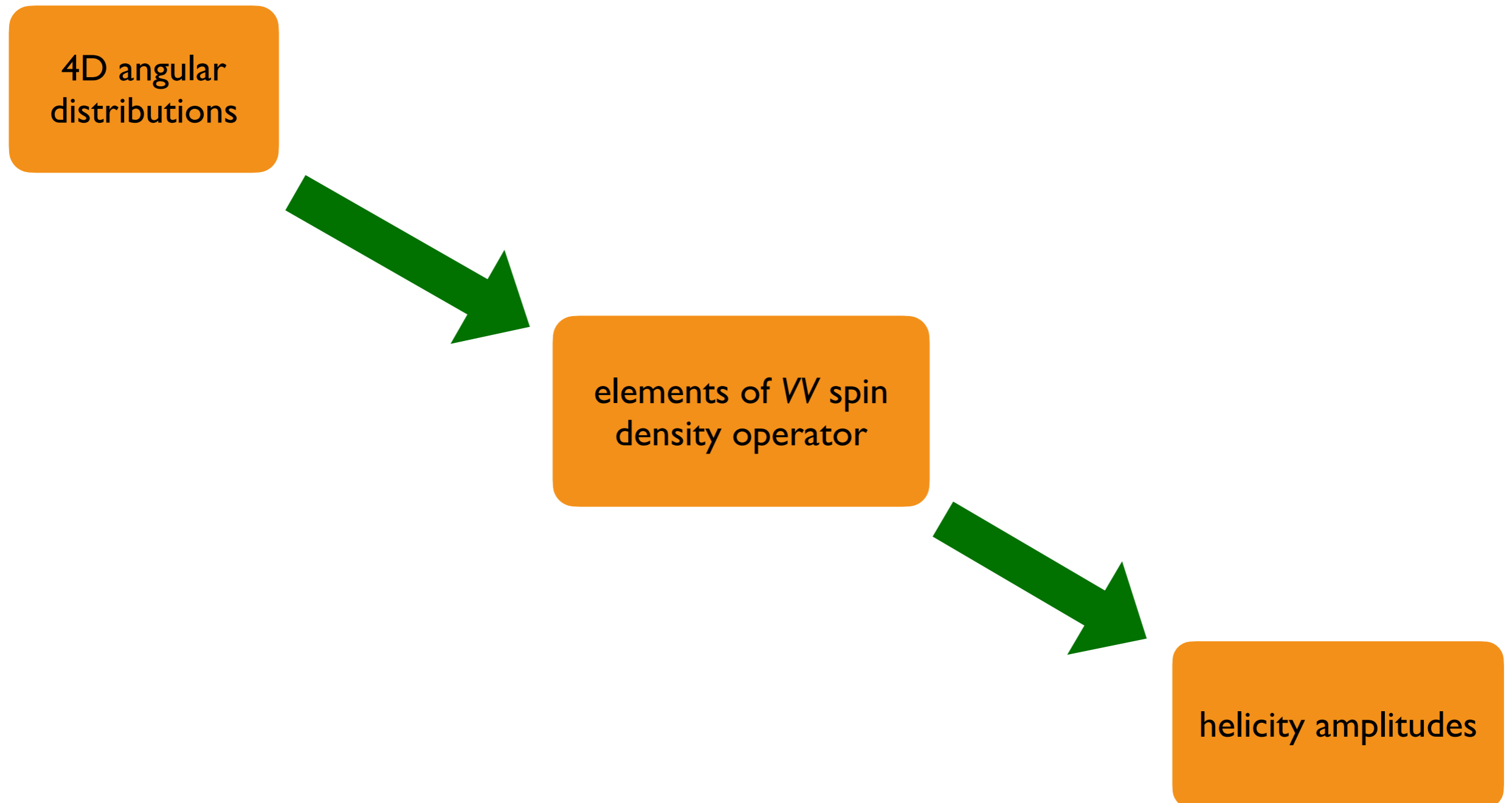
obtain  $\rho_{\text{LSIS2}}$  from data



Measuring helicity  
amplitudes

## Measuring helicity amplitudes

To obtain helicity amplitudes  $a_{111}$ ,  $a_{000}$ ,  $a_{-1-1-1}$  we ignore OAM for a moment and work in the helicity basis [of course!]



## Measuring helicity amplitudes

One can determine the amplitudes  $a_{11}$ ,  $a_{00}$ ,  $a_{-1-1}$  under two frameworks



Model independence is cool, but gives awful sensitivity.

On the other hand, CP-violating effects in  $H \rightarrow VV$  are at the  $10^{-5}$  level in the SM...



It may not be such a bad idea to **assume CP conservation** when testing entanglement

# Measuring helicity amplitudes

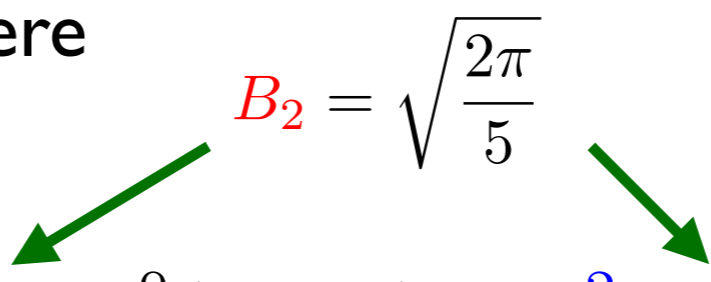
If we assume CP conservation

- $a_{11} = a_{-1-1}$
- We have the condition  $|a_{11}|^2 + |a_{00}|^2 + |a_{-1-1}|^2 = \mathcal{N}$  [say 1]
- there is only one independent parameter [relative sign with  $a_{00}$  fixed]

Then, the amplitudes  $a_{11}$ ,  $a_{00}$ ,  $a_{-1-1}$  can all be determined from binned measurements of  $A_{20}^1 \equiv A_{20}^2$ , where

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left[ 1 + A_{20}^1 B_2 Y_2^0(\theta_1, \phi_1) + A_{20}^2 B_2 Y_2^0(\theta_2, \phi_2) + \dots \right]$$

$B_2 = \sqrt{\frac{2\pi}{5}}$





# Bipartite and tripartite entanglement

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

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## Bipartite and tripartite entanglement

There are several things one can address from  $\rho_{LS_1S_2}$ :

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

These can be addressed using Peres-Horodecki sufficient condition for entanglement, and using the entanglement measure

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

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  $VV$  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	$N(\rho)$
$\mathcal{H}_L$	$\mathcal{H}_{S_1} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{S_2}$	0.757
$\mathcal{H}_{S_1}$	$\mathcal{H}_L \otimes \mathcal{H}_{S_2}$	0.998
$\mathcal{H}_{S_2}$	$\mathcal{H}_L \otimes \mathcal{H}_{S_1}$	0.998

- Entanglement is very large in all cases.
- Values close to unity have a nice explanation...
- These are theoretical values for  $ZZ$ ; for  $WW$  they are quite close.

## 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	$N(\rho)$
$\mathcal{H}_L$	$\mathcal{H}_{S1}$	0.105
$\mathcal{H}_L$	$\mathcal{H}_{S2}$	0.105
$\mathcal{H}_{S1}$	$\mathcal{H}_{S2}$	0.843

- $C$  is the unlisted subsystem in all cases.
- These are theoretical values for  $ZZ$ ; for  $WW$  they are quite close.

This is different from what is done in helicity basis, e.g.

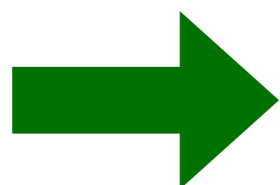
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# Bipartite and tripartite entanglement

$10^6$   $ZH$  events expected, vs

- $1.7 \cdot 10^7$   $gg \rightarrow H$  events in Run2+3
- $1.6 \cdot 10^8$   $gg \rightarrow H$  events at HL-LHC

	BR	Sensitive to L=1	Sensitive to L=1
$ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$	$1.24 \cdot 10^{-4}$	✓	✓
$ZZ \rightarrow 2\ell 2\tau$	$1.17 \cdot 10^{-4}$	✓	✓
$ZZ \rightarrow 2\ell 2q$	$2.44 \cdot 10^{-3}$	✓	✗
$WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$	$1.05 \cdot 10^{-2}$	✓	✓
$WW \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$	$3.13 \cdot 10^{-2}$	✓	✗



$ZZ$  does not seem competitive

Probing new  
interactions

## Probing new interactions

I will now use this framework to probe new physics. The general  $HVV$  interactions are

$$\mathcal{L}_{HWW} = \frac{g^2 v}{2} \left[ a g_{\mu\nu} + b \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{M_W^2} + c \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \frac{p^\alpha q^\beta}{M_W^2} \right] W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- H \quad \begin{array}{l} p = k_1 + k_2 \\ q = k_1 - k_2 \end{array}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{HZZ} = \frac{g^2 v}{4c_W^2} \left[ a' g_{\mu\nu} + b' \frac{p_\mu p_\nu}{M_Z^2} + c' \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} \frac{p^\alpha q^\beta}{M_Z^2} \right] Z_\mu Z_\nu H$$

SM:  $a=a'=1$

anomalous, CP-  
conserving

anomalous, CP-  
breaking



## Probing new interactions

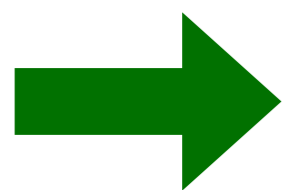
The amplitude  $a_{00}$  can be measured very precisely from  $A_{20}$

$$A_{20}^1 = A_{20}^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{|a_{00}|^2}{\mathcal{N}}$$

At the kinematical limit  $m_{V^*} = m_H - m_V$ , the state is a spin singlet with

$$-a_{00} = a_{11} = a_{-1-1}$$

But departures from SM prediction are possible for lower  $m_{V^*}$ , and are testable.



- $A_{20}$  probes the presence of derivative CP-conserving terms.
- Can use hadronic decays as well as leptonic ones.

... no estimates as yet ... probably equivalent to previous work ...

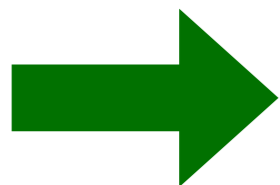
## Probing new interactions

The polarisation  $A_{10}$  and spin correlation coefficients  $C_{1M2-M}$  are CP-violating

$$A_{10}^1 = -A_{10}^2 = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} [ |a_{11}|^2 - |a_{-1-1}|^2 ]$$

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- $A_{10}$  and  $C_{1M2-M}$  probe derivative CP-violating terms.
- They can be measured in semileptonic decays too:  
select leptonic  $V$  for  $L=1$  and hadronic  $V$  for  $L=2$

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## Ideas to keep in mind

- ☑  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  at  $e^+e^-$  colliders is probably not competitive with LHC and HL-LHC.
- ☑ Except for the possibility of post-decay entanglement in  $ZZ \rightarrow 2\ell 2\tau$  [no time to mention what this is].
- ☑  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu\ell\nu$  is competitive, because at  $e^+e^-$  colliders the two neutrinos can be reconstructed.
- ☑  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell\nu qq$  is competitive too, because of smaller background
- ☑  $H \rightarrow WW$  offers a better opportunity to probe CP-violating interactions because  $L=L$  correlations are not suppressed.
- ☑ If you want to work on it, let me know!

End

## Rescuing $L$ from oblivion

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

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

OAM cannot be directly measured from angular distributions!

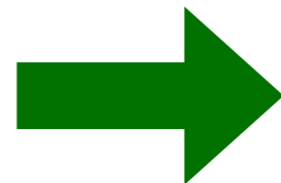
Yet, it is there. Consider for example  $H \rightarrow VV$ , with  $V = W, Z$

Initial state  $J = 0$



Final state  $J = 0$

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



$\ell = 0, 1, 2$

## Rescuing $L$ from oblivion

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

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

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

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

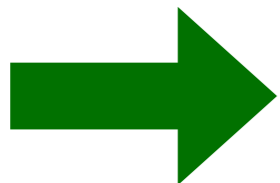
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$s_1, s_2$ : 3<sup>rd</sup> spin components  
for  $V_1, V_2$  in  $\hat{z}$  axis

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!

## Rescuing $L$ from oblivion

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

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

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

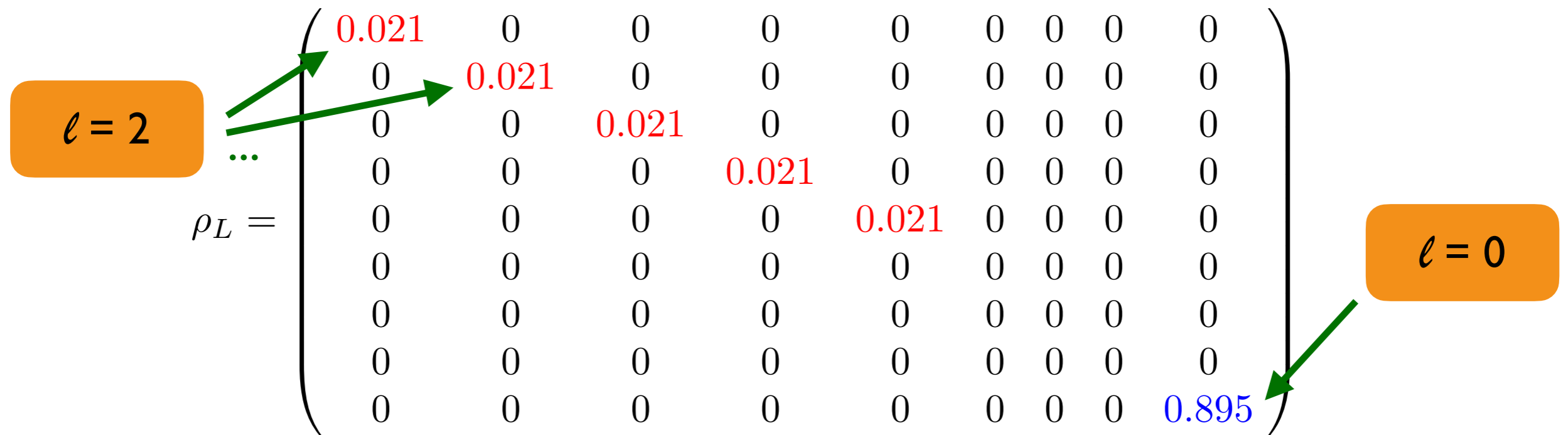
$$A_{-1-1}^h = a_{-1-1}$$

Only 3 amplitudes

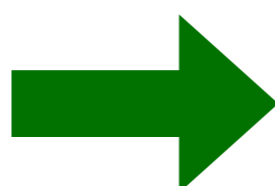
# Rescuing $L$ from oblivion

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  $(\theta, \phi)$  dependence is lost

OAM cannot be directly measured from angular distributions!

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



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  $\rho$ .

## Quantum entanglement: basics

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

- Unit trace
- Hermitian
- Positive semidefinite: eigenvalues  $\geq 0$

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

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

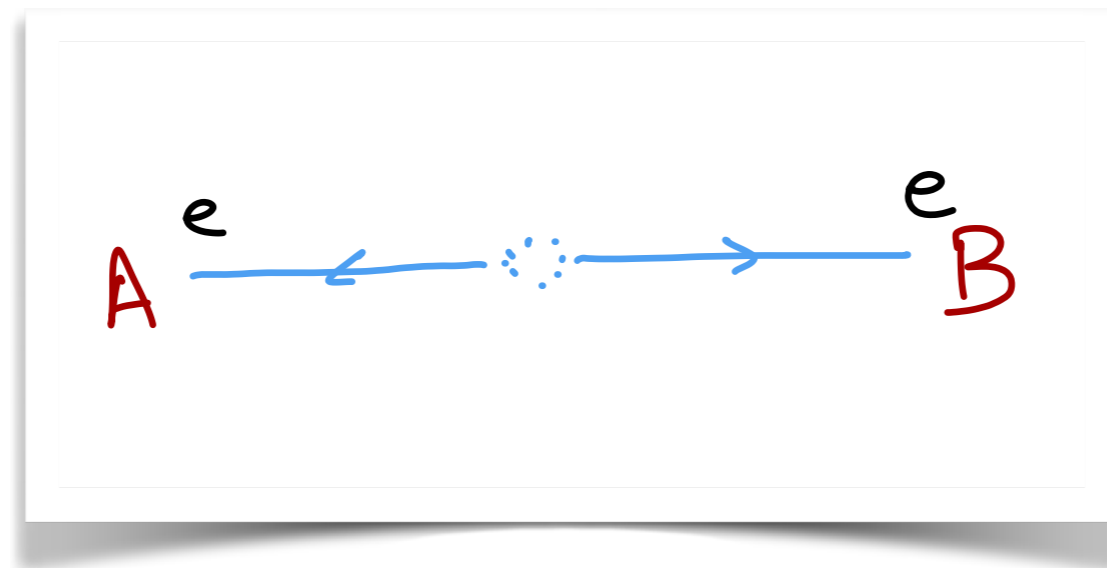
# Bell inequalities

## Bell inequalities

Bell-like inequalities hold for classical systems. Their violation implies quantum mechanics.

In particular, the violation implies that the quantum system is not described by **hidden variables**.

Bell-like inequalities are based on measurements for two separate subsystems A [Alice] and B [Bob]. Experiments usually performed measuring **spins**.



## Bell inequalities

A useful formulation of Bell-like inequalities for spin-1/2 is provided by the so-called CHSH inequalities for two systems A (Alice) and B (Bob).

Clauser, Horne, Shimony, Holt, '69

Alice measures two spin observables  $A, A'$ . Bob measures two spin observables  $B, B'$ . [Both normalised to unity]. Then, classically:

$$|\langle AB \rangle - \langle AB' \rangle + \langle A'B \rangle + \langle A'B' \rangle| \leq 2$$

these are spin correlation observables!

One can show violation of CHSH inequalities if one finds spin observables  $A, A'$  for Alice and  $B, B'$  for Bob such that the inequality is violated.

in a given quantum state!



## Bell inequalities

For spin-1 systems there is an inequality that is stronger than CHSH. For any observables  $A_1, A_2$  [on system A],  $B_1, B_2$  [on system B] CGLMP PRL '02

$$I_3 = P(A_1 = B_1) + P(B_1 = A_2 + 1) + P(A_2 = B_2) + P(B_2 = A_1) \\ - [P(A_1 = B_1 - 1) + P(B_1 = A_2) + P(A_2 = B_2 - 1) + P(B_2 = A_1 - 1)] \leq 2$$

if the systems are classical.

There is a well-known choice of  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2$  that is believed to maximise  $I_3$  for the spin-singlet state

$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|+-\rangle - |00\rangle + |-+\rangle)$$

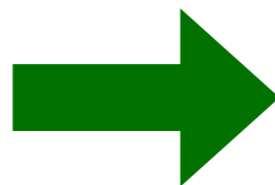
and can be conveniently written in terms of a 'Bell operator'

$$\mathcal{O}_{\text{Bell}} = \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} (T_1^1 \otimes T_{-1}^1 + T_{-1}^1 \otimes T_1^1) + \frac{2}{3} (T_2^2 \otimes T_{-2}^2 + T_{-2}^2 \otimes T_2^2)$$

However, this is not optimal for the mixed spin state of the  $VV$  pair resulting from  $H$  decay...

**OAM strikes again!** The  $VV$  pair is produced in a state of zero total angular momentum. But besides spin, there is OAM.

$V$  at rest in  $H$  c.m. frame

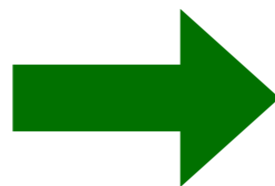


$$L = 0 ; S = 0$$

in helicity basis

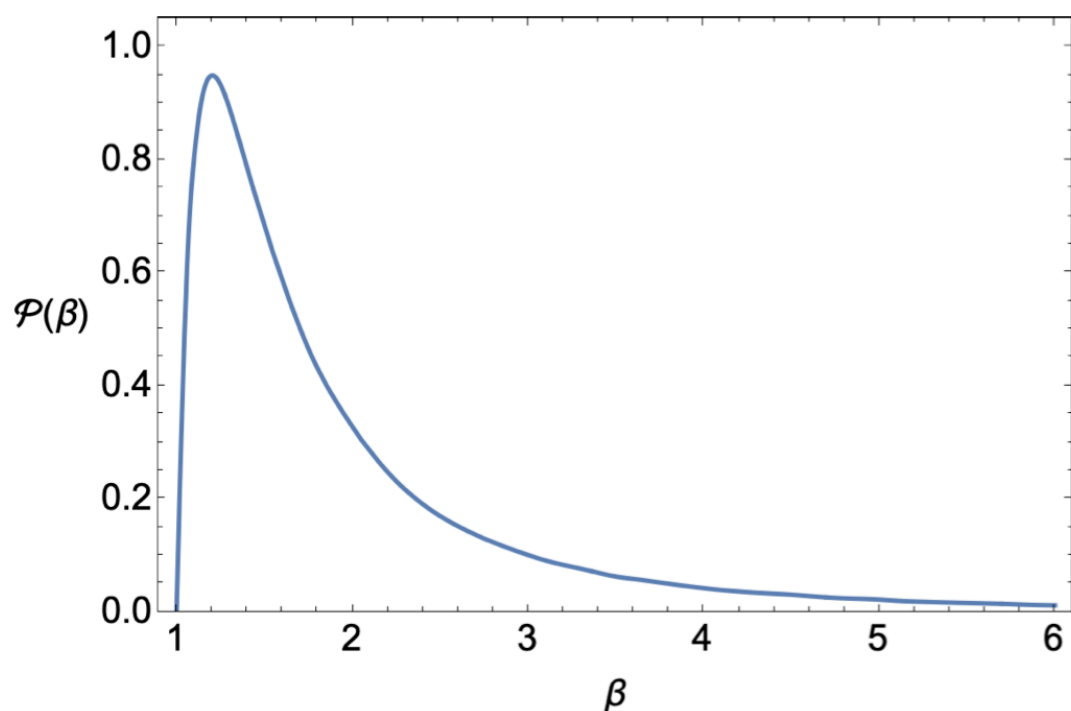
$$|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} (|+-\rangle - |00\rangle + |-+\rangle)$$

$V$  not at rest but yet angular momentum conservation



$$|\psi_\beta\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\beta^2}} (|+-\rangle - \beta|00\rangle + |-+\rangle)$$

p.d.f. for  $H \rightarrow ZZ$

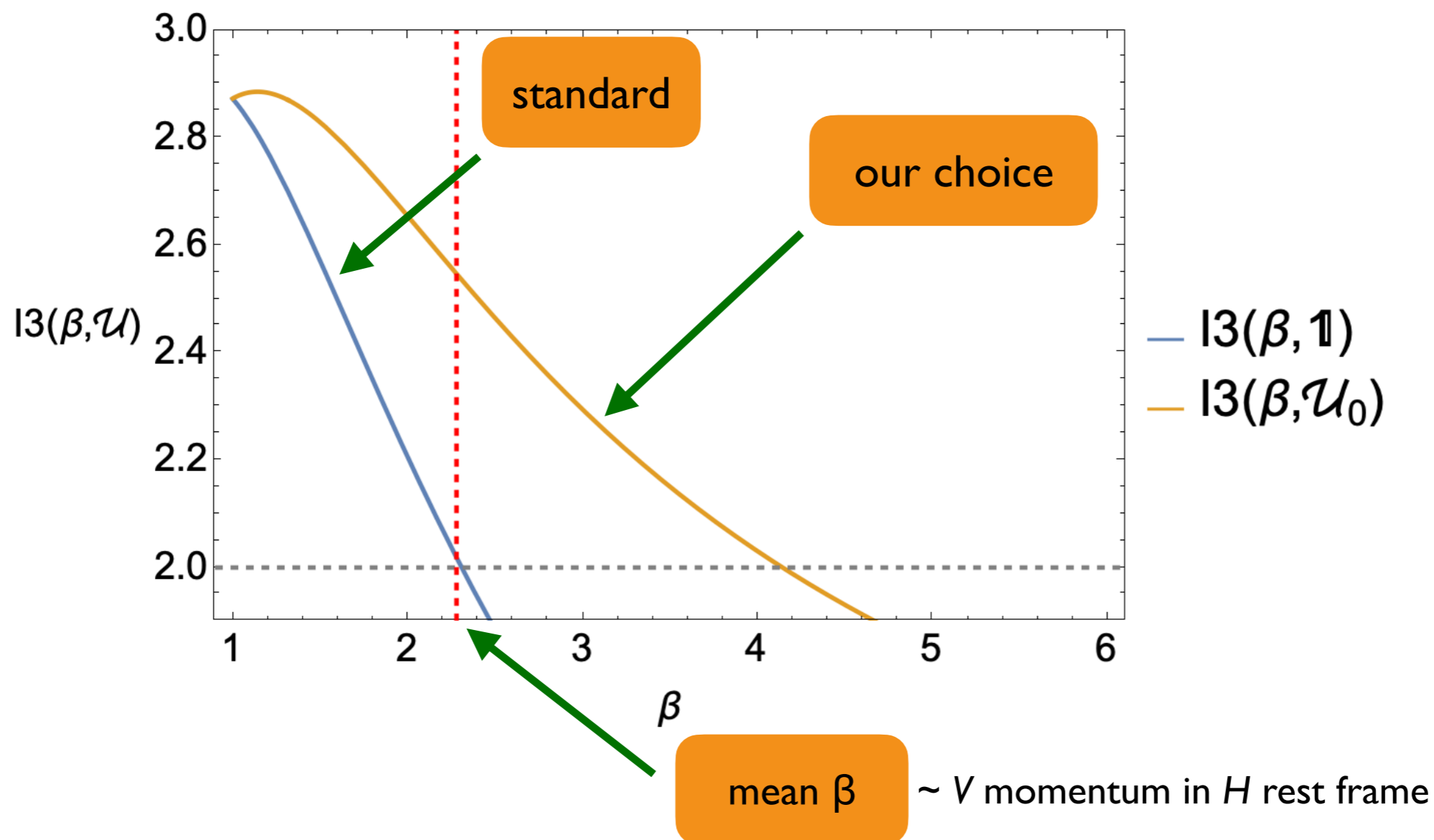


$$\rho = \int d\beta \mathcal{P}(\beta) |\psi_\beta\rangle \langle \psi_\beta|$$

mixed state

For  $H \rightarrow VV$  a Bell operator that has larger expected value can be written

$$\mathcal{O}'_{\text{Bell}} = -\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}T_0^1 \otimes T_0^1 + \frac{1}{2}T_0^2 \otimes T_0^2 + \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}(T_1^1 \otimes T_{-1}^1 + T_{-1}^1 \otimes T_1^1) \\ - \frac{1}{3}(T_1^2 \otimes T_{-1}^2 + T_{-1}^2 \otimes T_1^2) + \frac{1}{12}(T_2^2 \otimes T_{-2}^2 + T_{-2}^2 \otimes T_2^2)$$

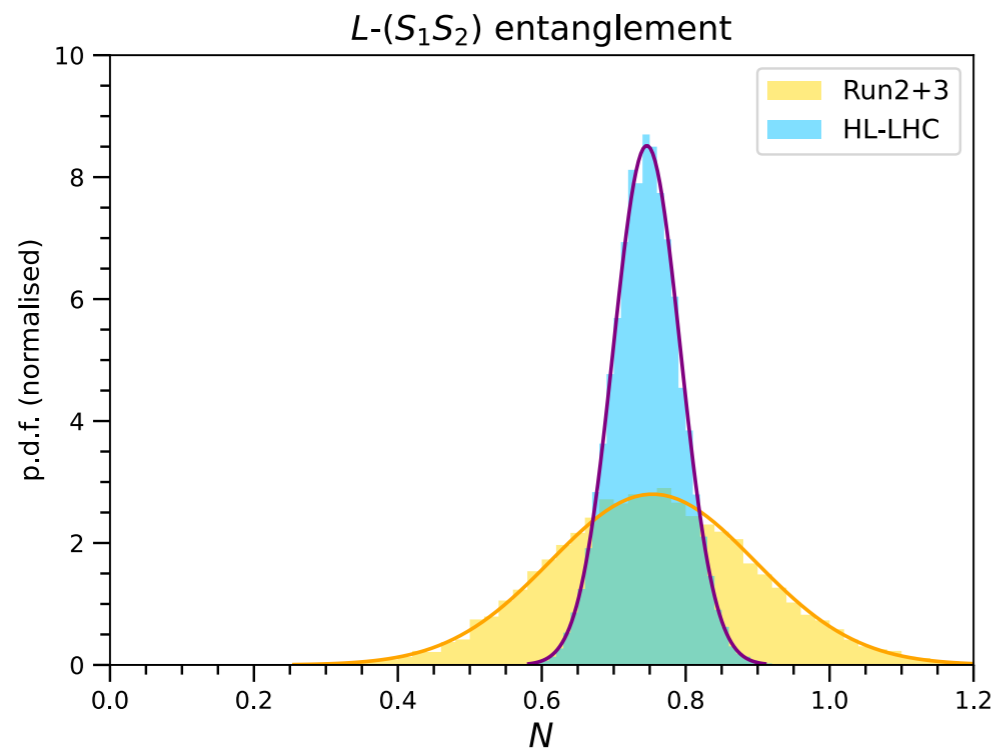


Expected  
statistical  
uncertainty

# Expected statistical uncertainty in $ZZ$

Pseudo-experiments performed assuming 490 events

[ $x_{\text{sec}} \times \text{BR} \times \text{lumi} \times \text{eff} = 0.25$ ]

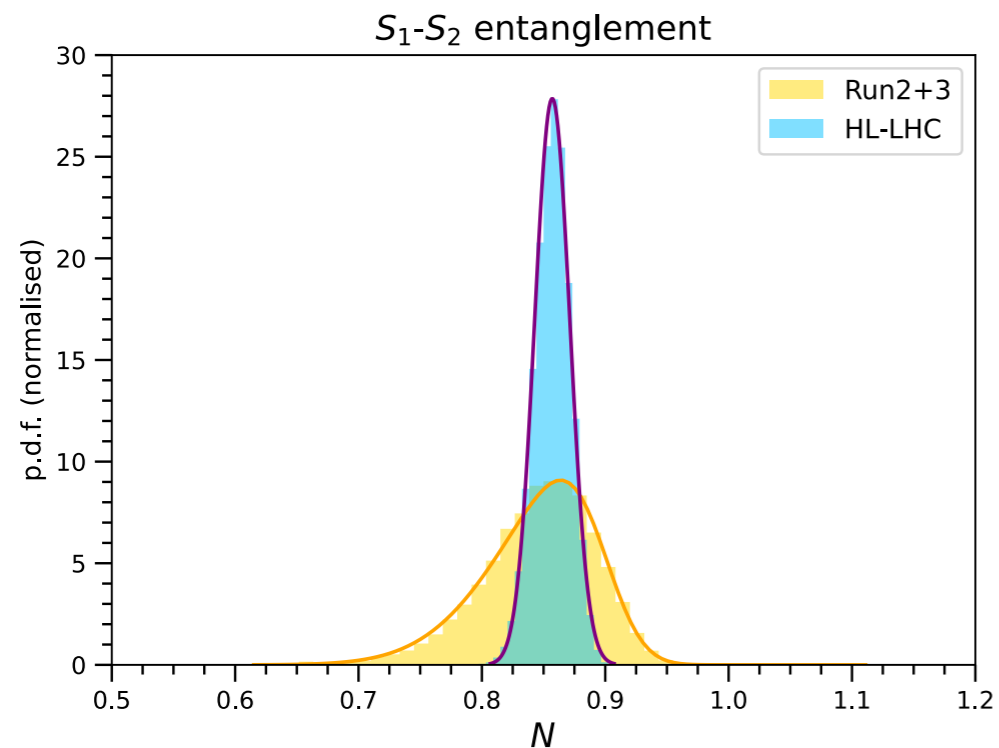
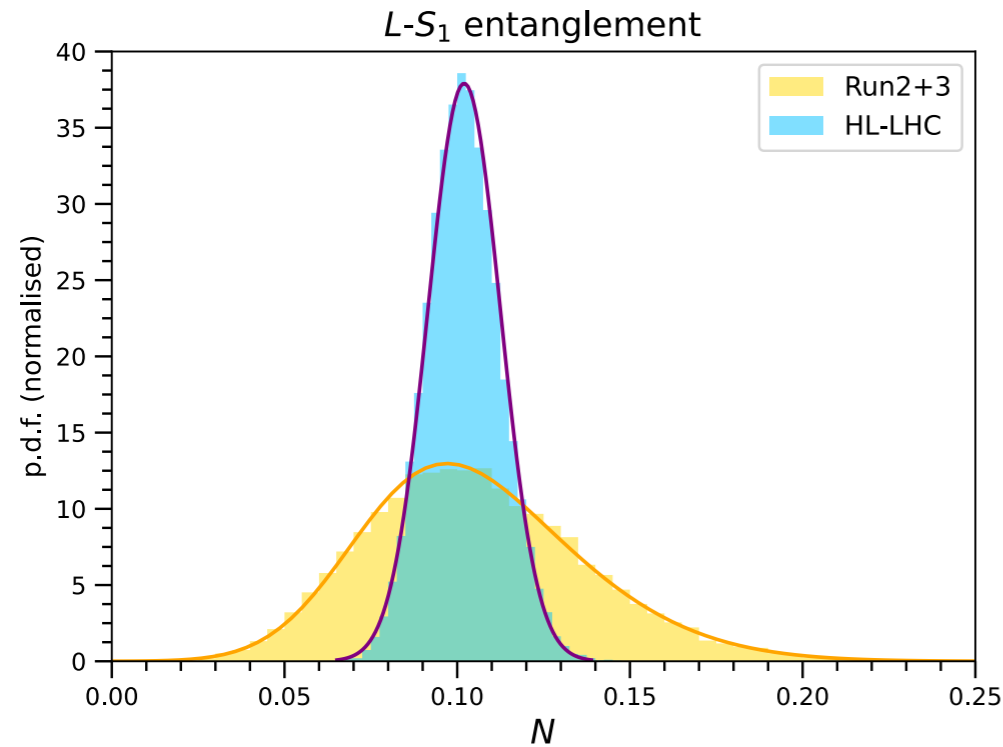


## Tripartite entanglement

	Runs 2+3
$L-(S_1S_2)$	$5.3\sigma$
$S_1-(LS_2)$	$\gg 5\sigma$
$S_2-(LS_1)$	$\gg 5\sigma$

Likely, genuine tripartite entanglement can be established in Run 3

# Expected statistical uncertainty in ZZ



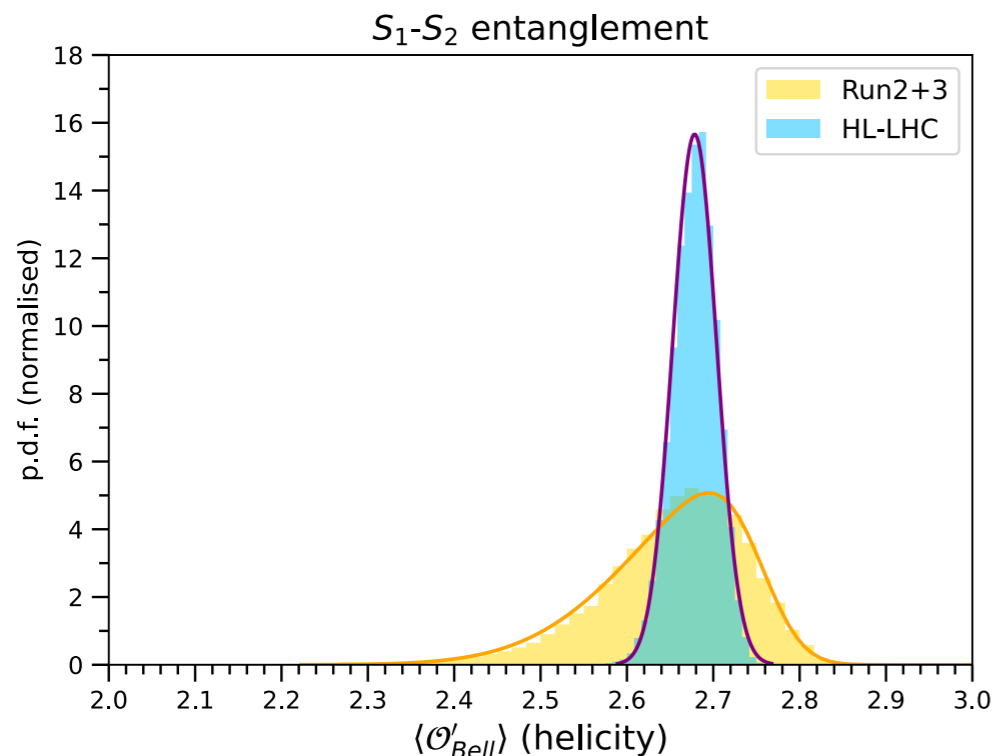
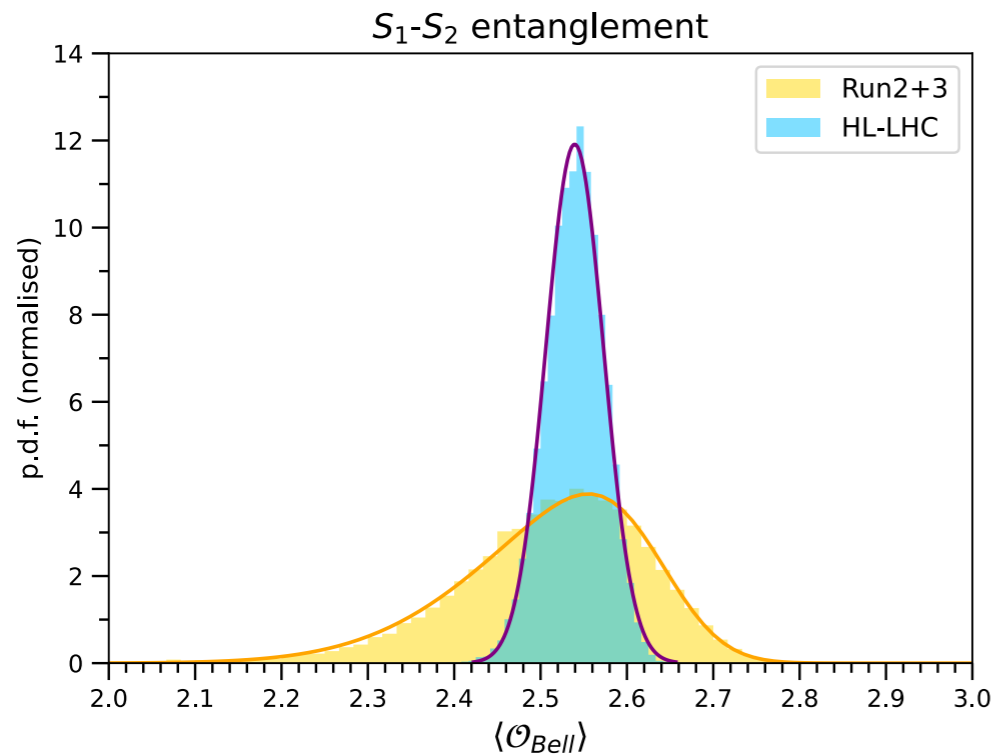
## Bipartite entanglement

	Runs 2+3
$L-S_1$	$4.3\sigma$
$L-S_2$	$4.3\sigma$
$S_1-S_2$	$\gg 5\sigma$

The p.d.f. is not Gaussian for a small dataset but is well approximated by a skew-normal distribution.

# Expected statistical uncertainty in ZZ

Also: Bell inequality violation



## Bell inequality

	Runs 2+3
Canonical basis	$3.8\sigma$
Helicity basis	$5.7\sigma$

Bases are not equivalent. In both cases we integrate over decay angles in  $H$  rest frame, but in helicity basis the reference system moves too.