



Quantum information at collider experiments

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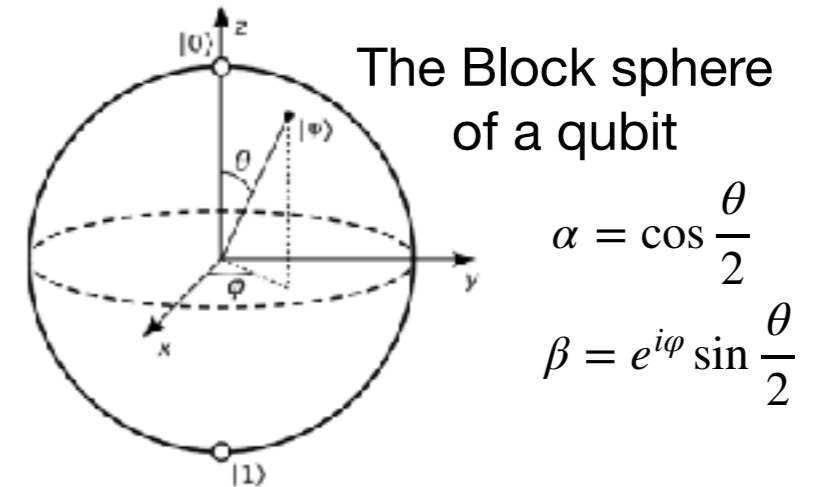
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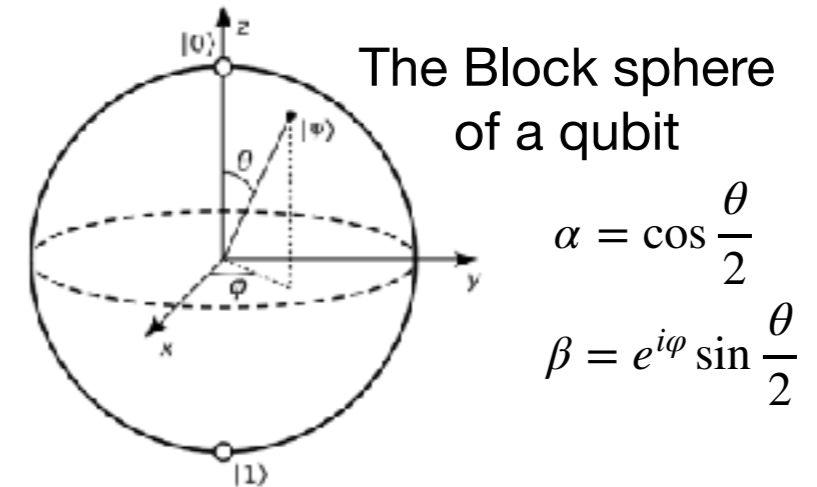
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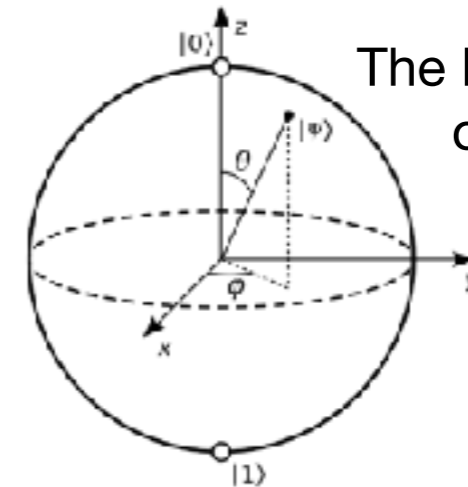
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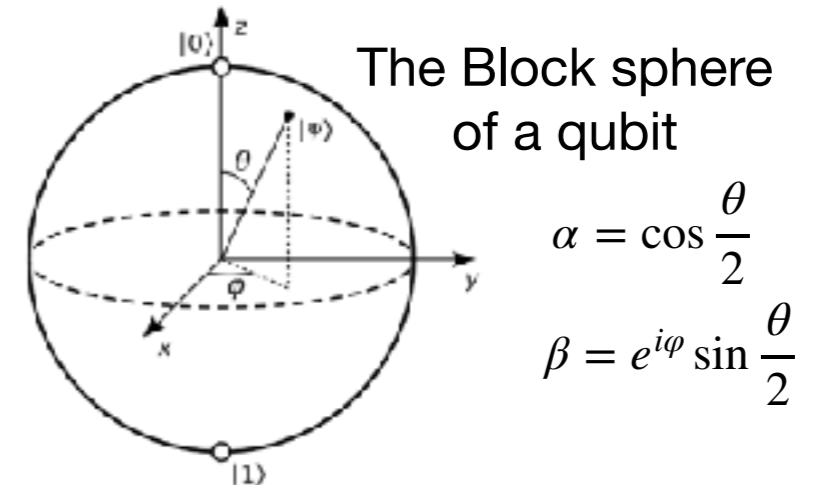
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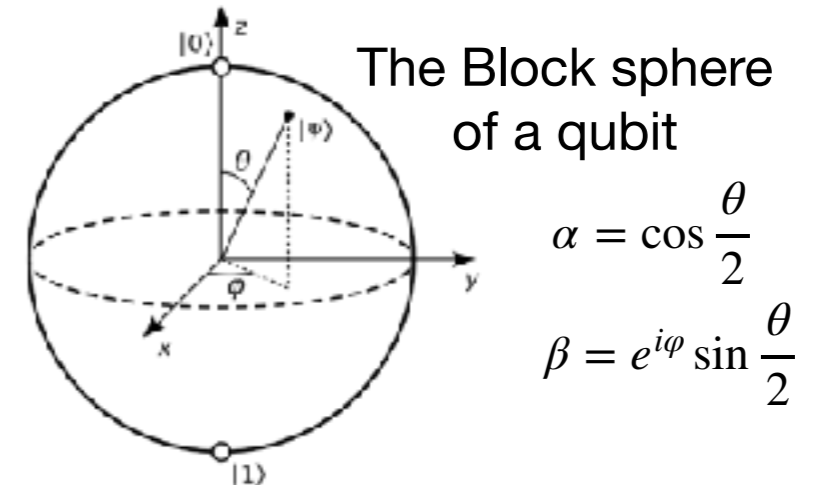
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Theorem (*Bell*): *if locality and realism hold, then $\mathcal{I}_2 \leq 2$.*

- When we compute the same quantity with the rules of *quantum mechanics* we obtain $\mathcal{I}_2 \leq 2\sqrt{2}$, hence *measuring $2 < \mathcal{I}_2 \leq 2\sqrt{2}$ would strongly favor quantum mechanics over hidden-variable theories.*

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The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Nobel Prize in Physics 2022 to

Alain Aspect

Institut d'Optique Graduate School – Université Paris-Saclay and École Polytechnique, Palaiseau, France

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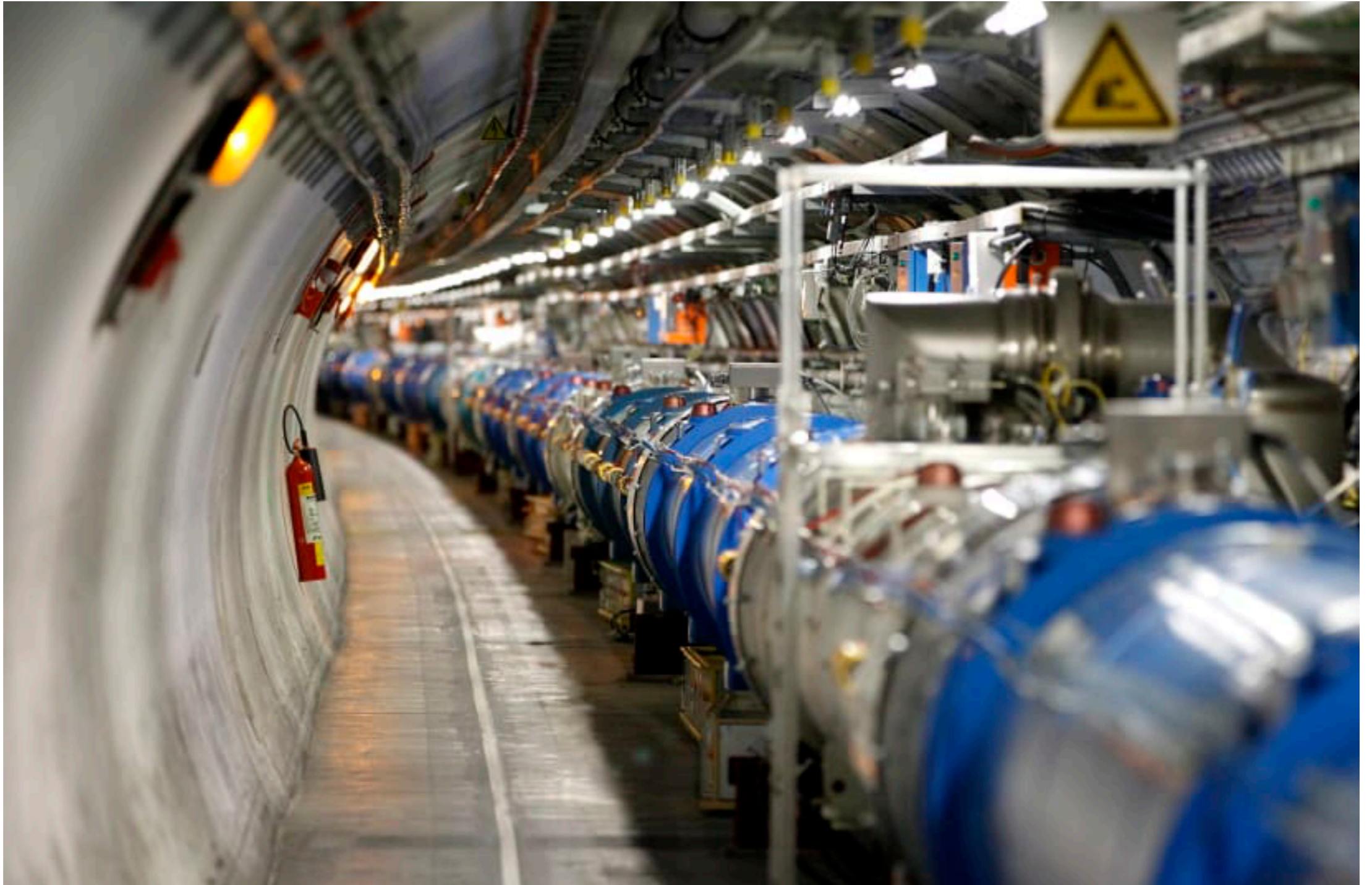
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“for experiments with entangled photons, establishing the violation of Bell inequalities and pioneering quantum information science”



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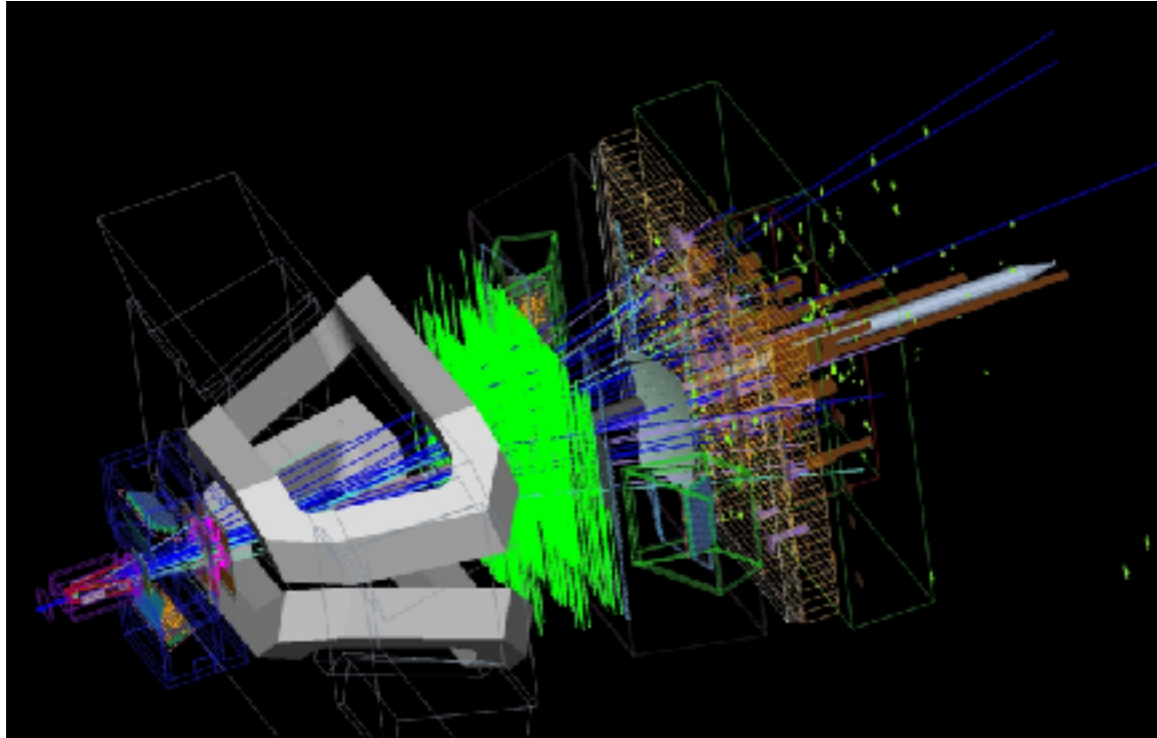
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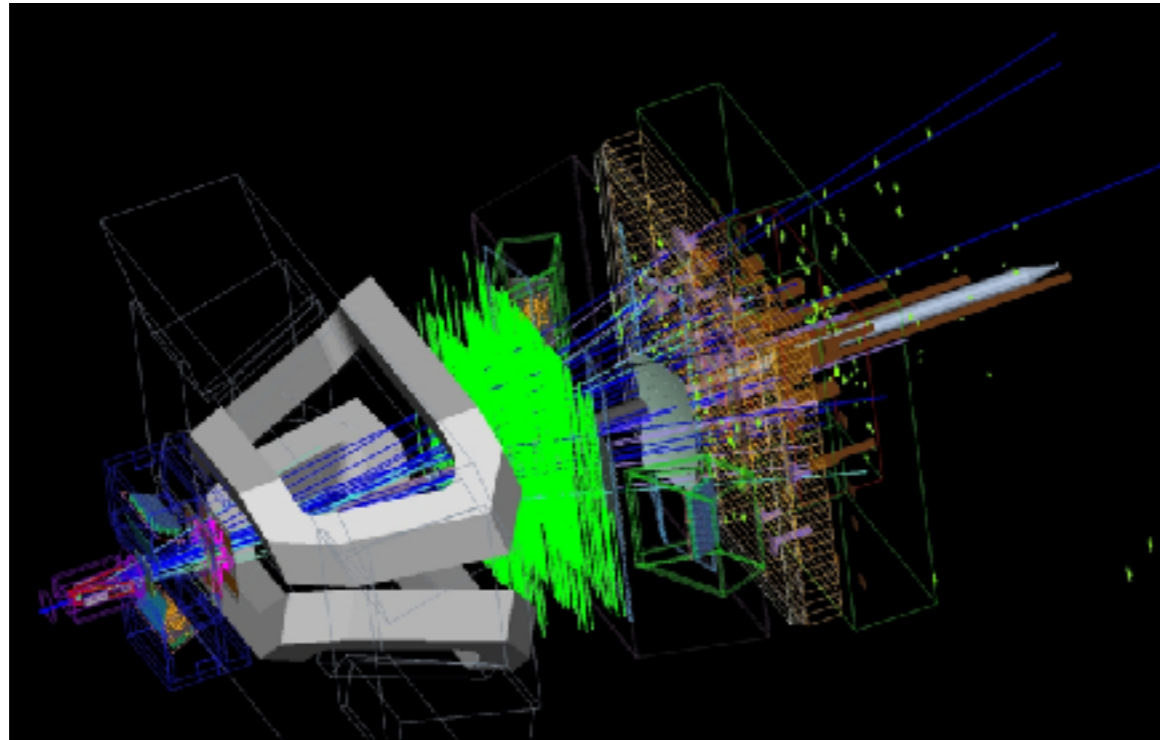
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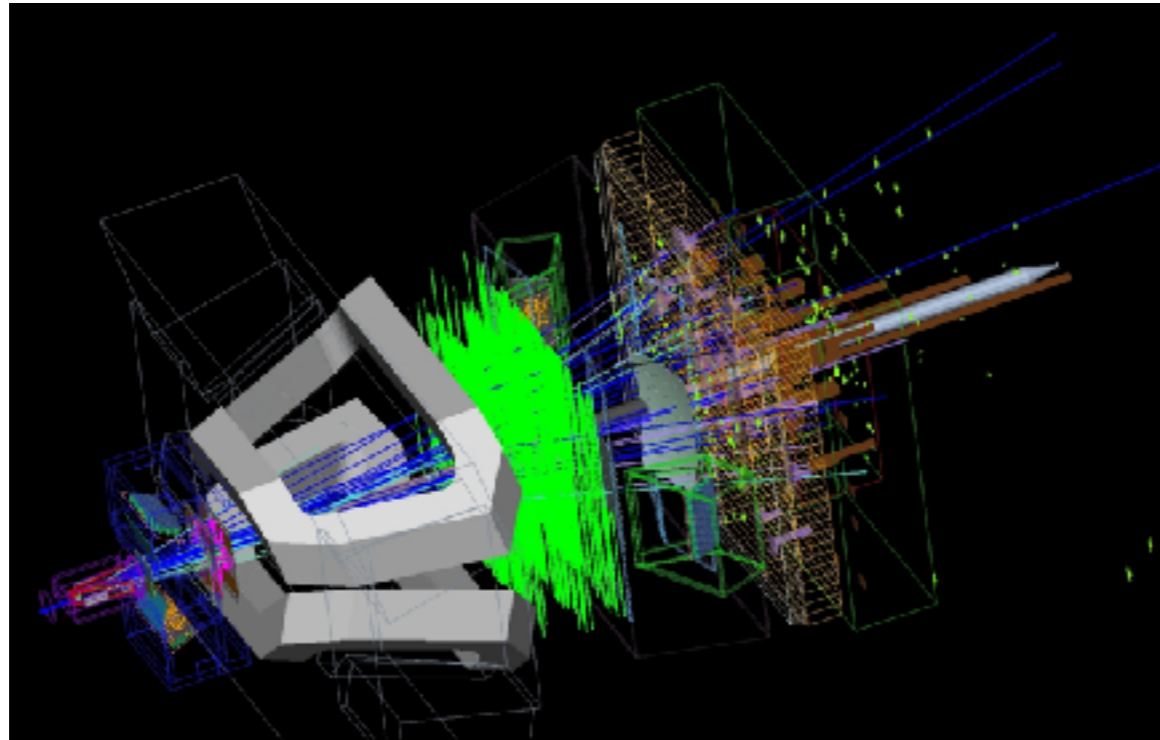


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$K^*(0.892)^0$	0.892	$d\bar{s}$	1^-

We focus on these decays:

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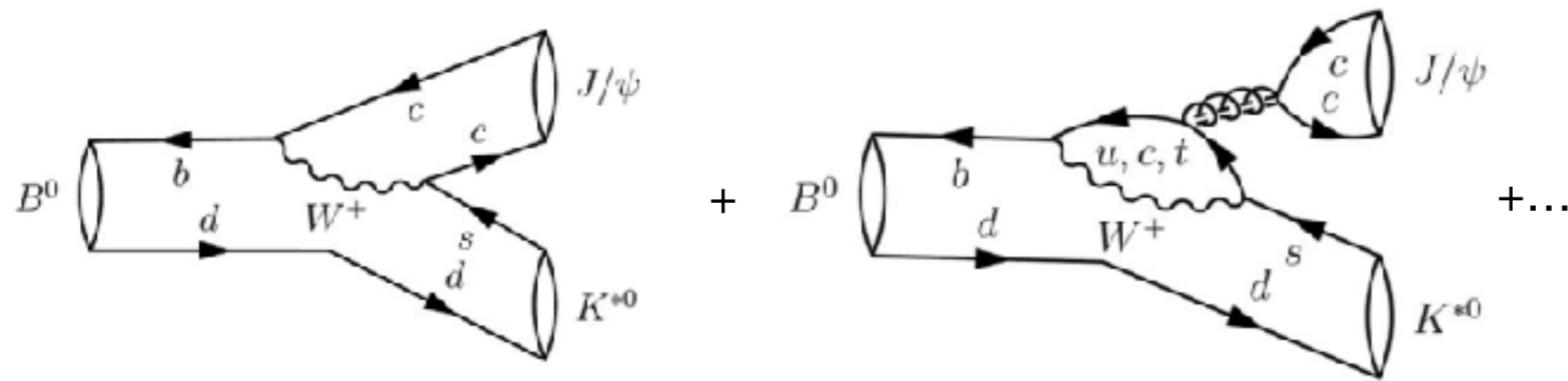
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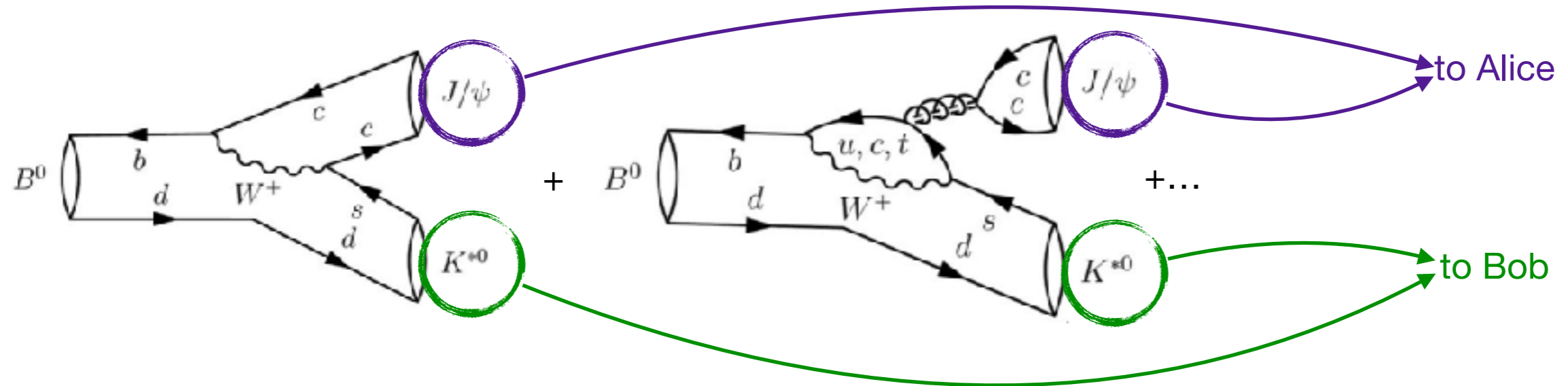
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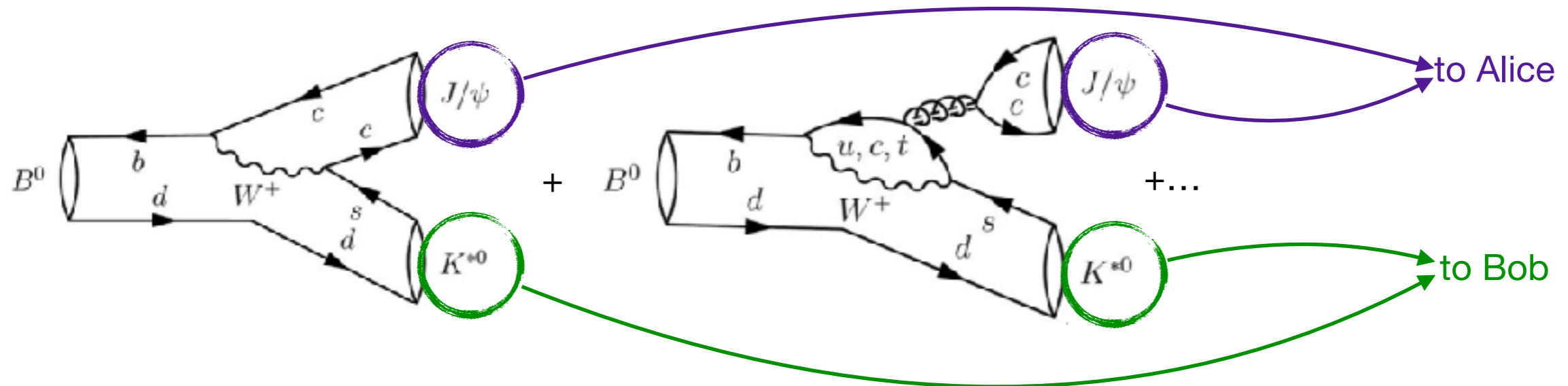
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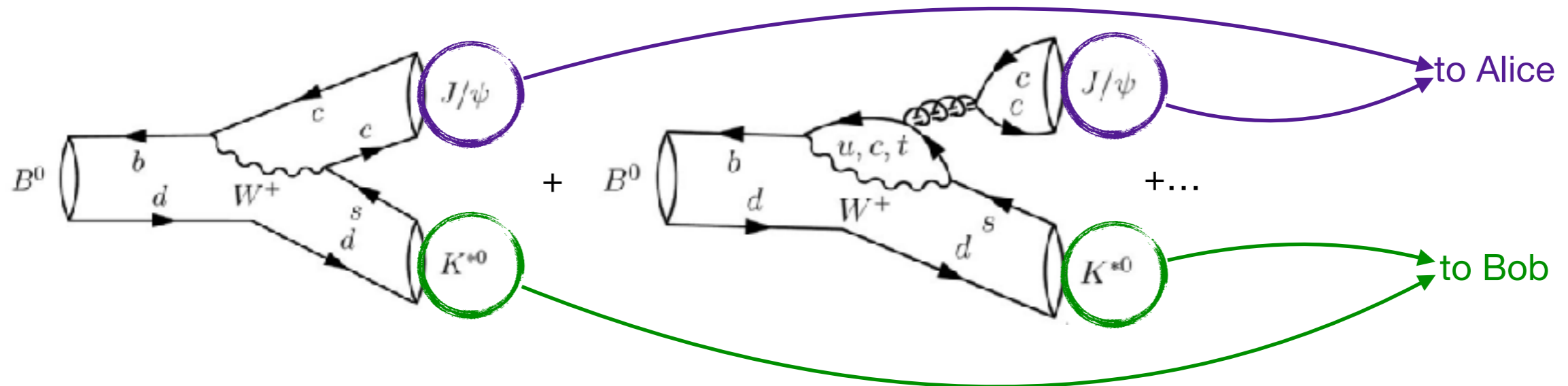
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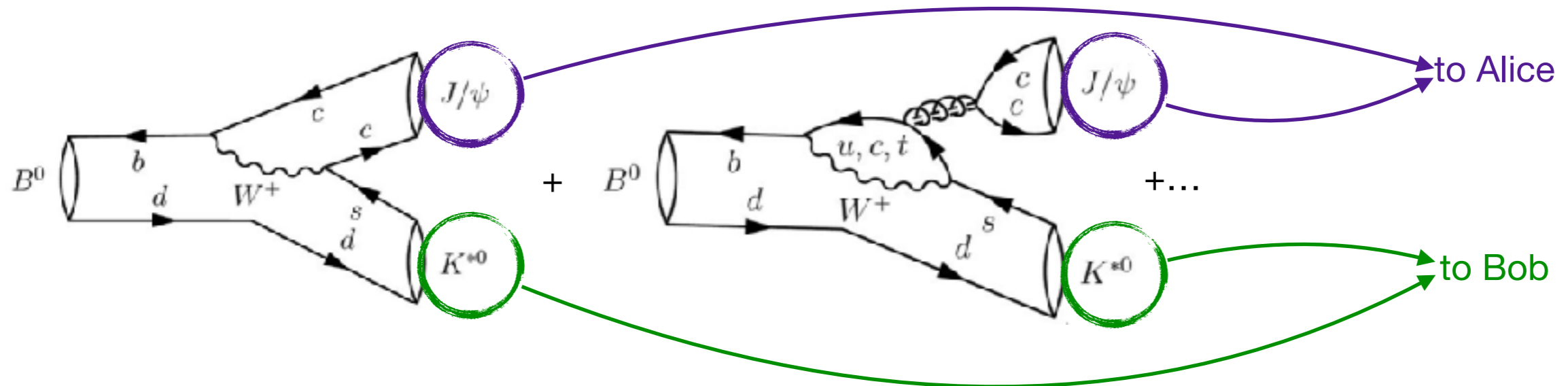
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Experimentalists measure the *polarization amplitudes* $A_0, A_\parallel, A_\perp$

$$\frac{h_0}{|H|} = A_0, \quad \frac{h_+}{|H|} = \frac{A_\parallel + A_\perp}{\sqrt{2}}, \quad \frac{h_-}{|H|} = \frac{A_\parallel - A_\perp}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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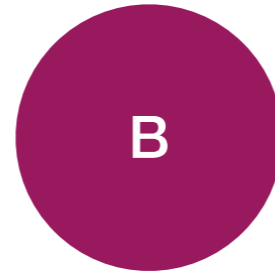
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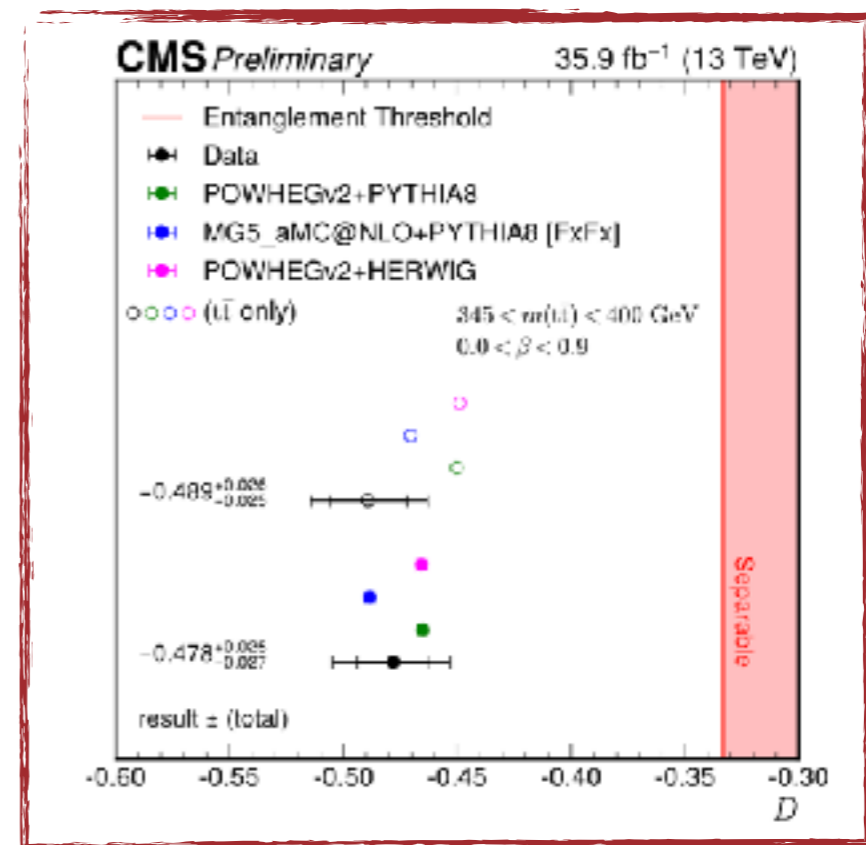
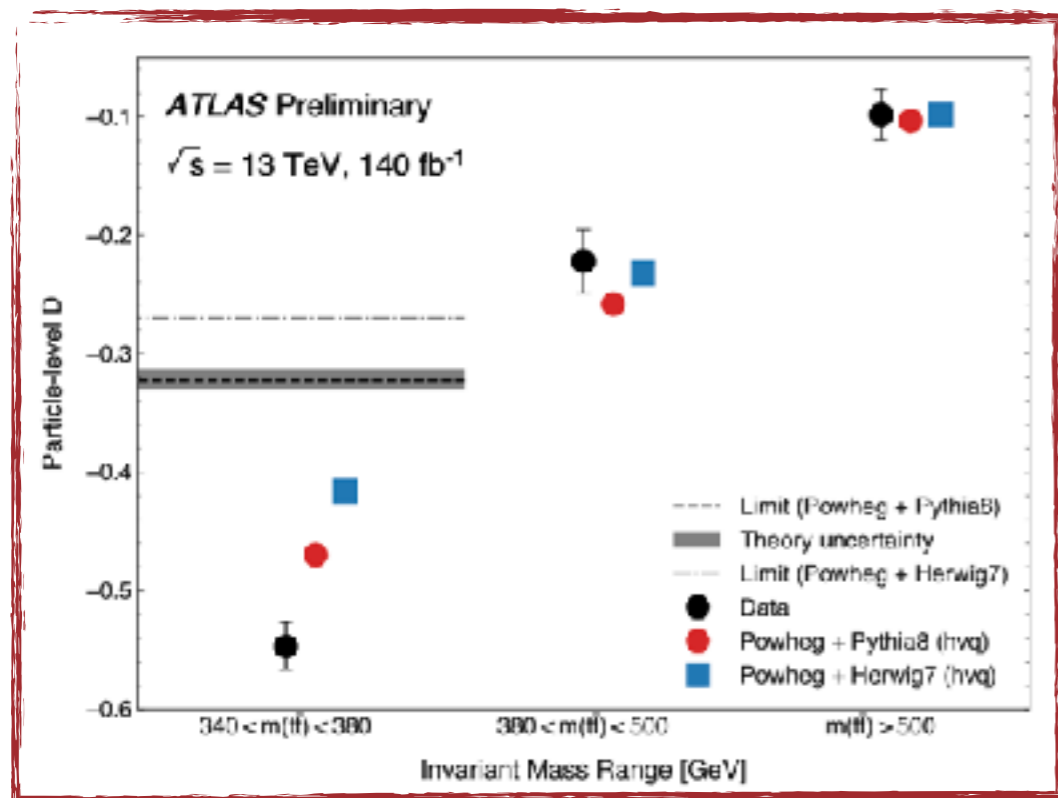
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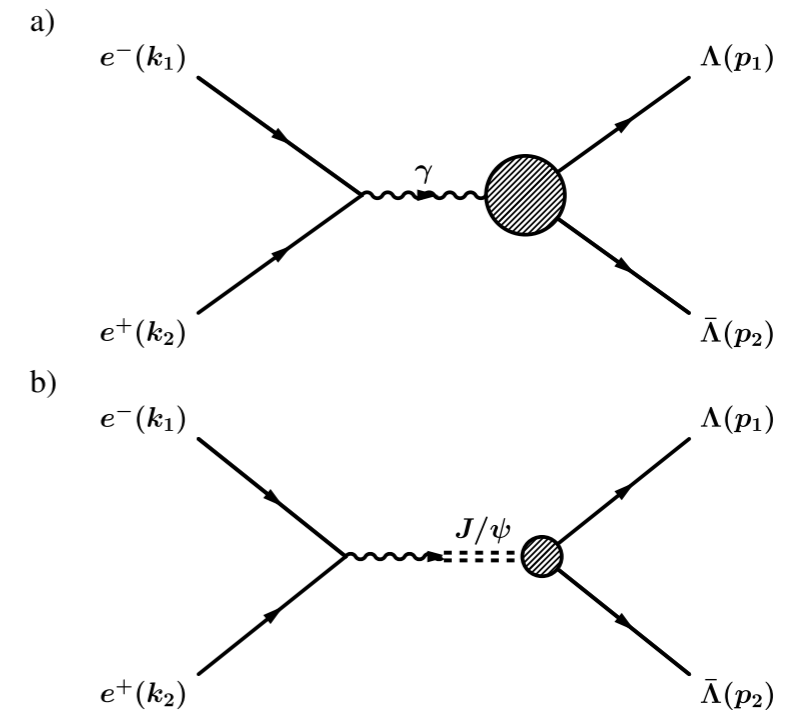
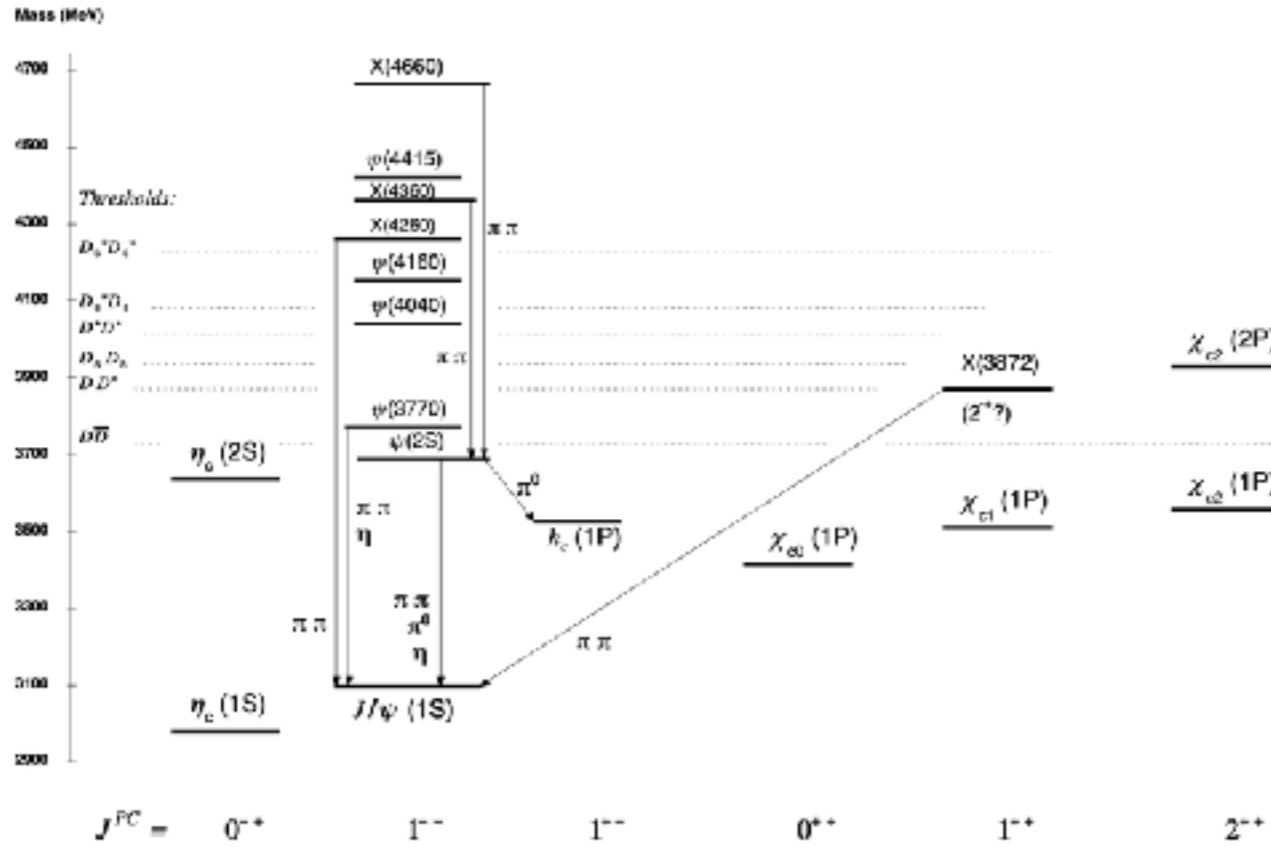
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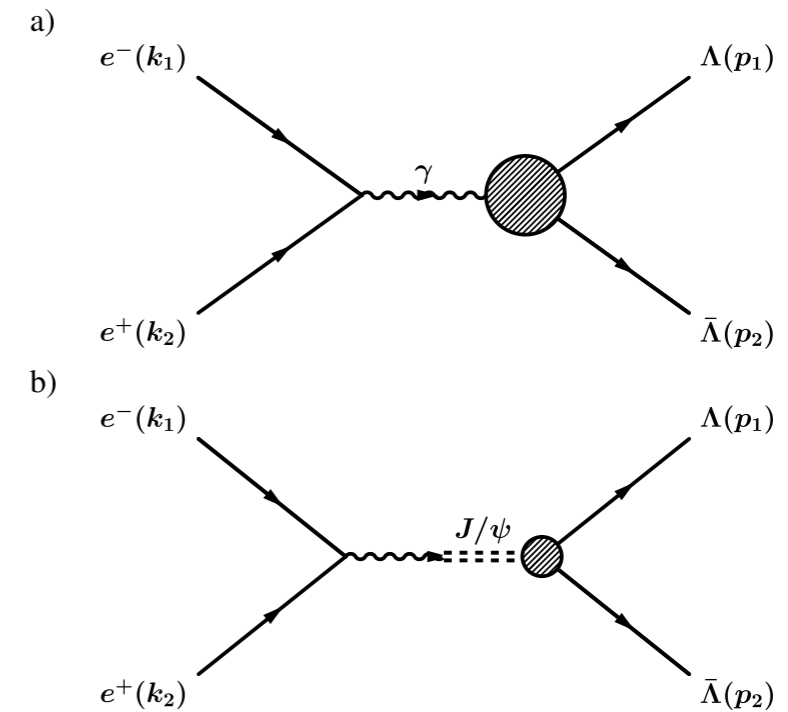
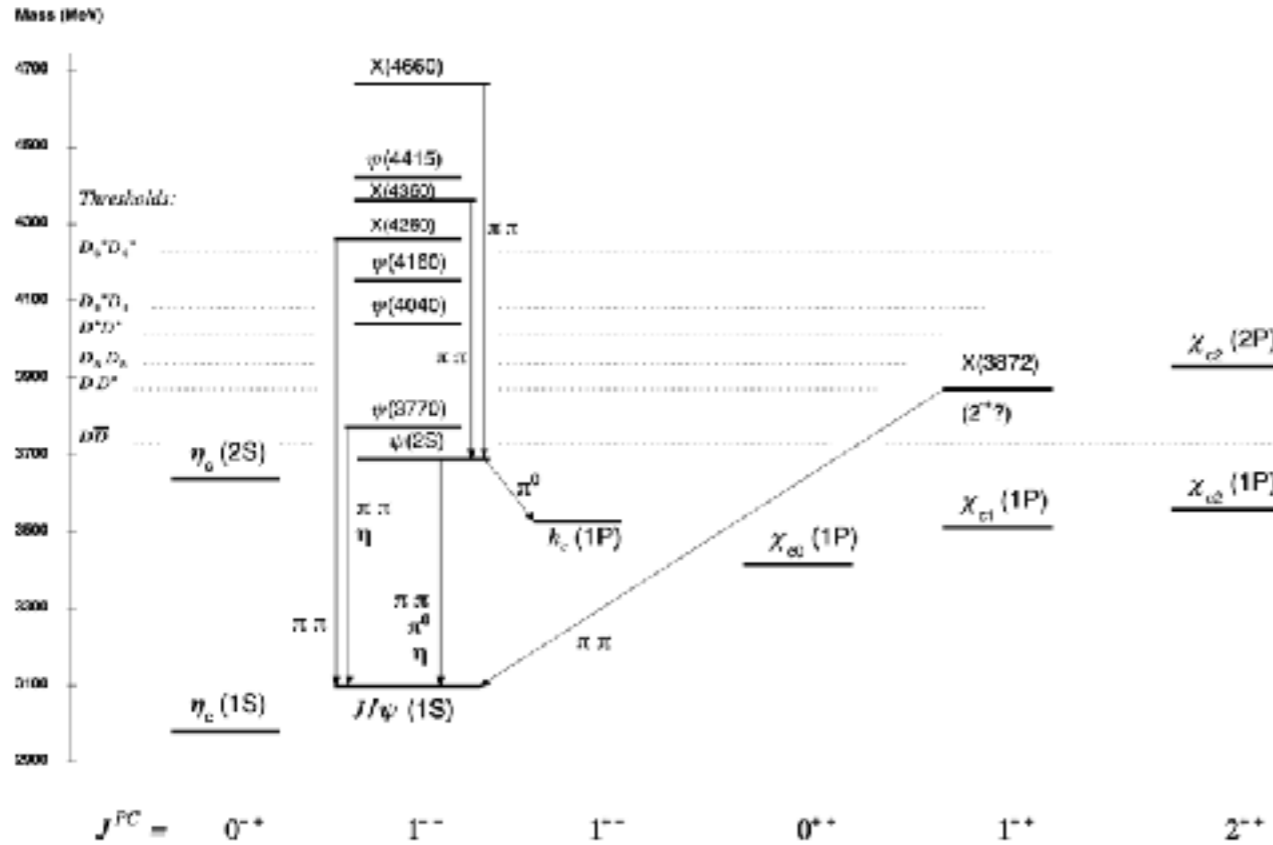
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Bell operator $\mathcal{I}_3 = \text{Tr}[\rho \mathcal{B}_3]$

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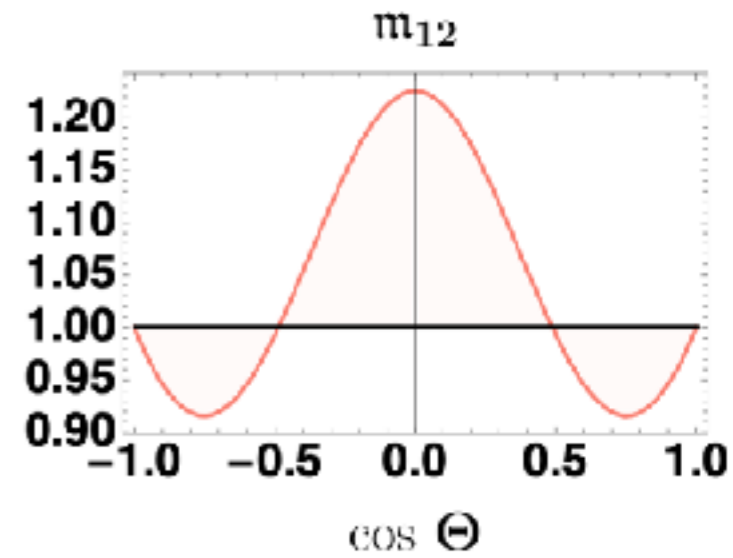
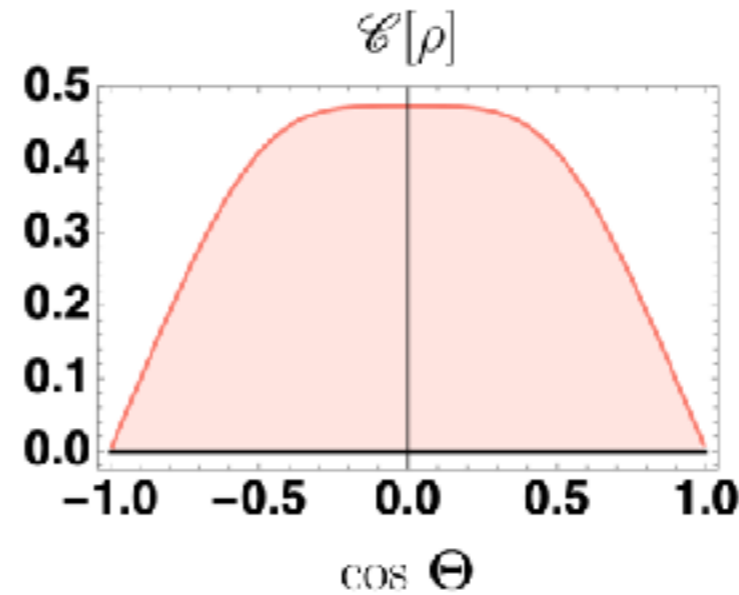
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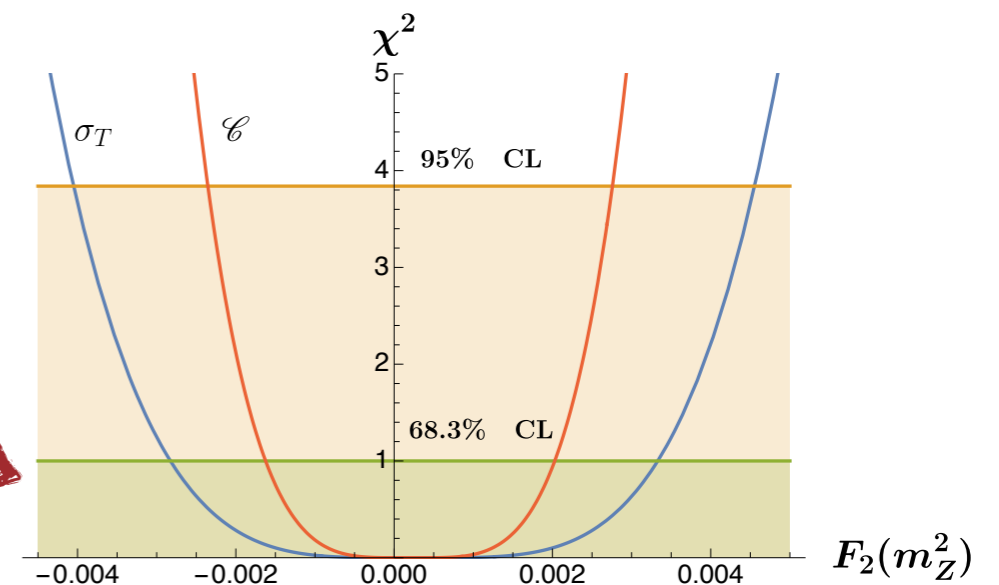
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