

# Quantum tops at the FCC

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# Introduction

Big interest in the theory community in the past 5 years

## Measurement of entanglement in top pair production at the LHC

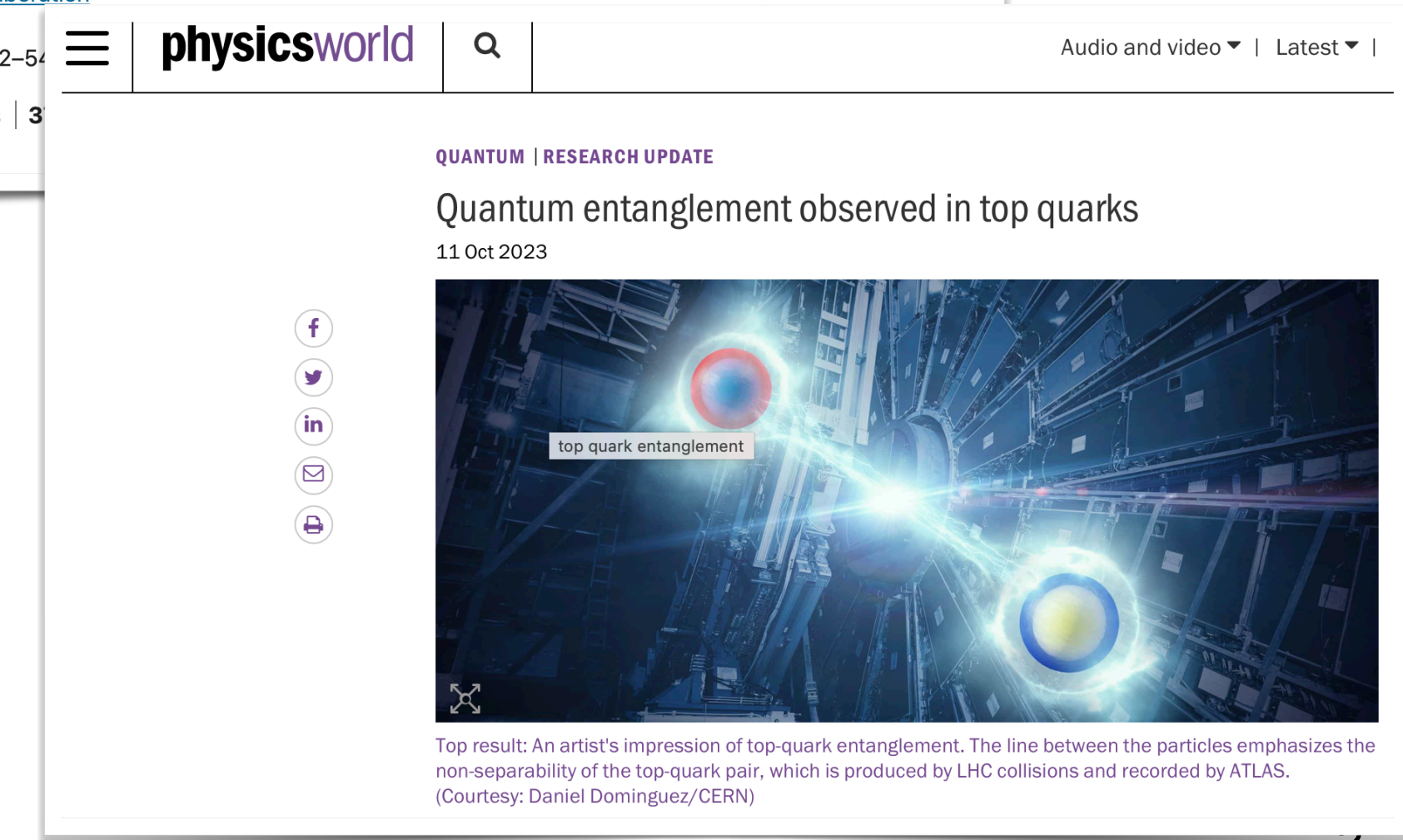
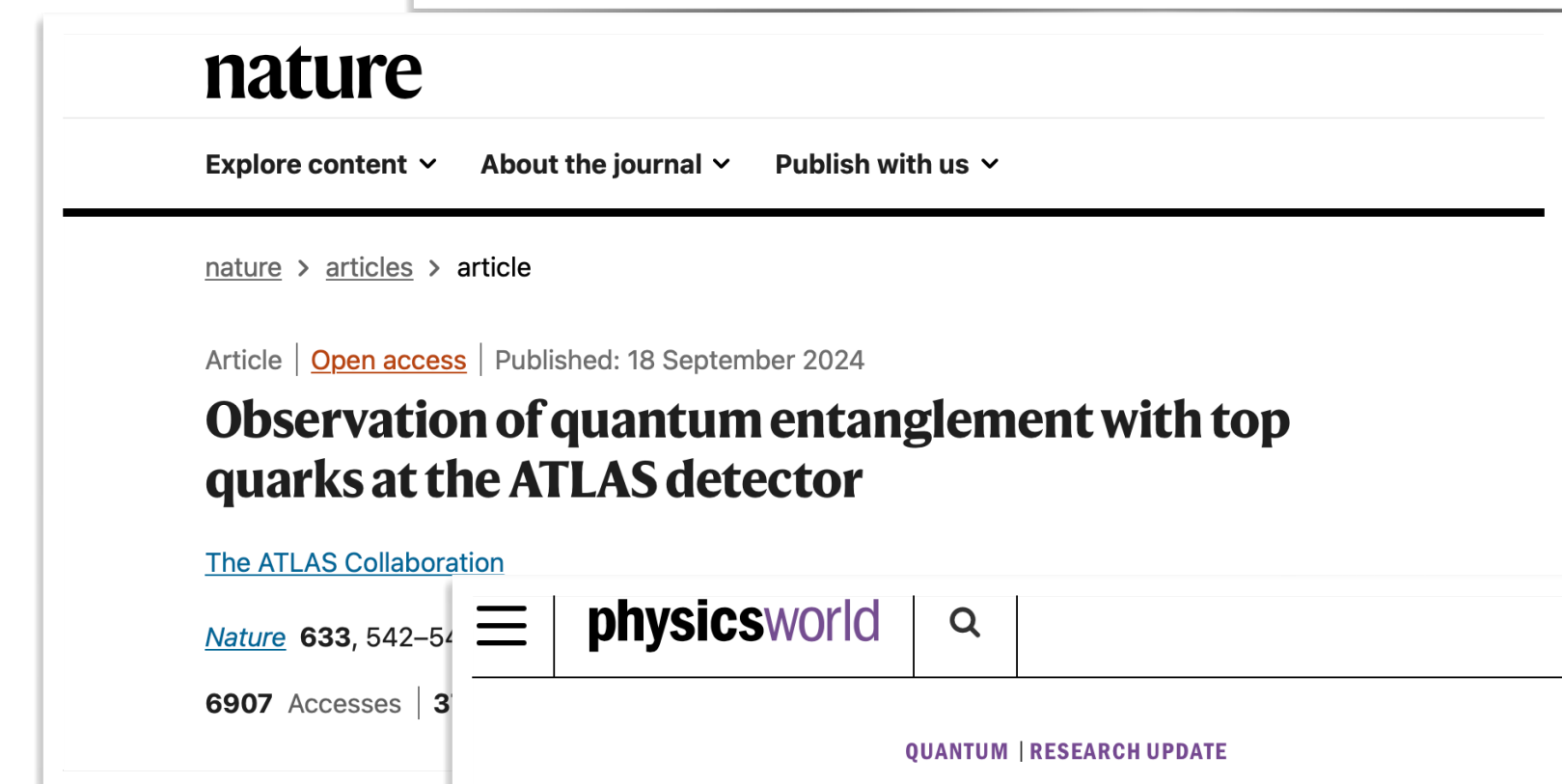
Why is this interesting?

Quantum mechanics at the TeV scale!

What can we learn in particle physics using QM/QI?

New insights and information about new physics

I will talk about top quarks but other systems explored (e.g. see Luca's talk on taus tomorrow)



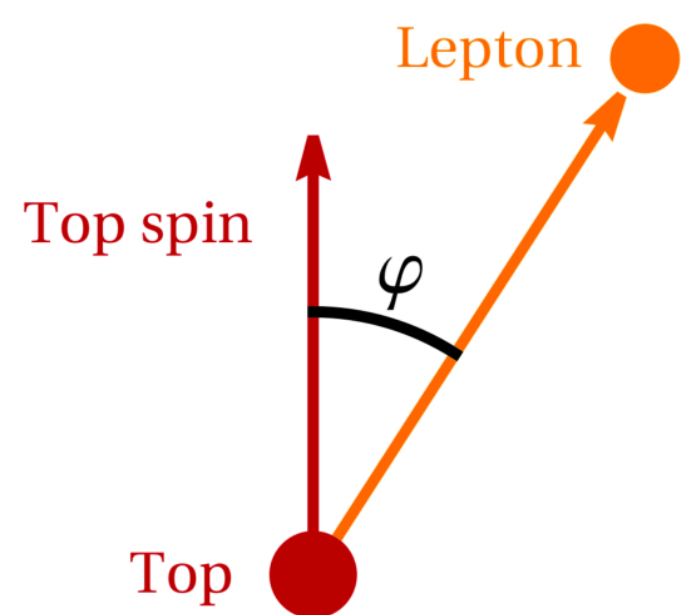
# Spin density matrix

Tops produced in pairs have their spins  $S_i, S_j$  correlated: a two-qubit system

Spin density matrix:

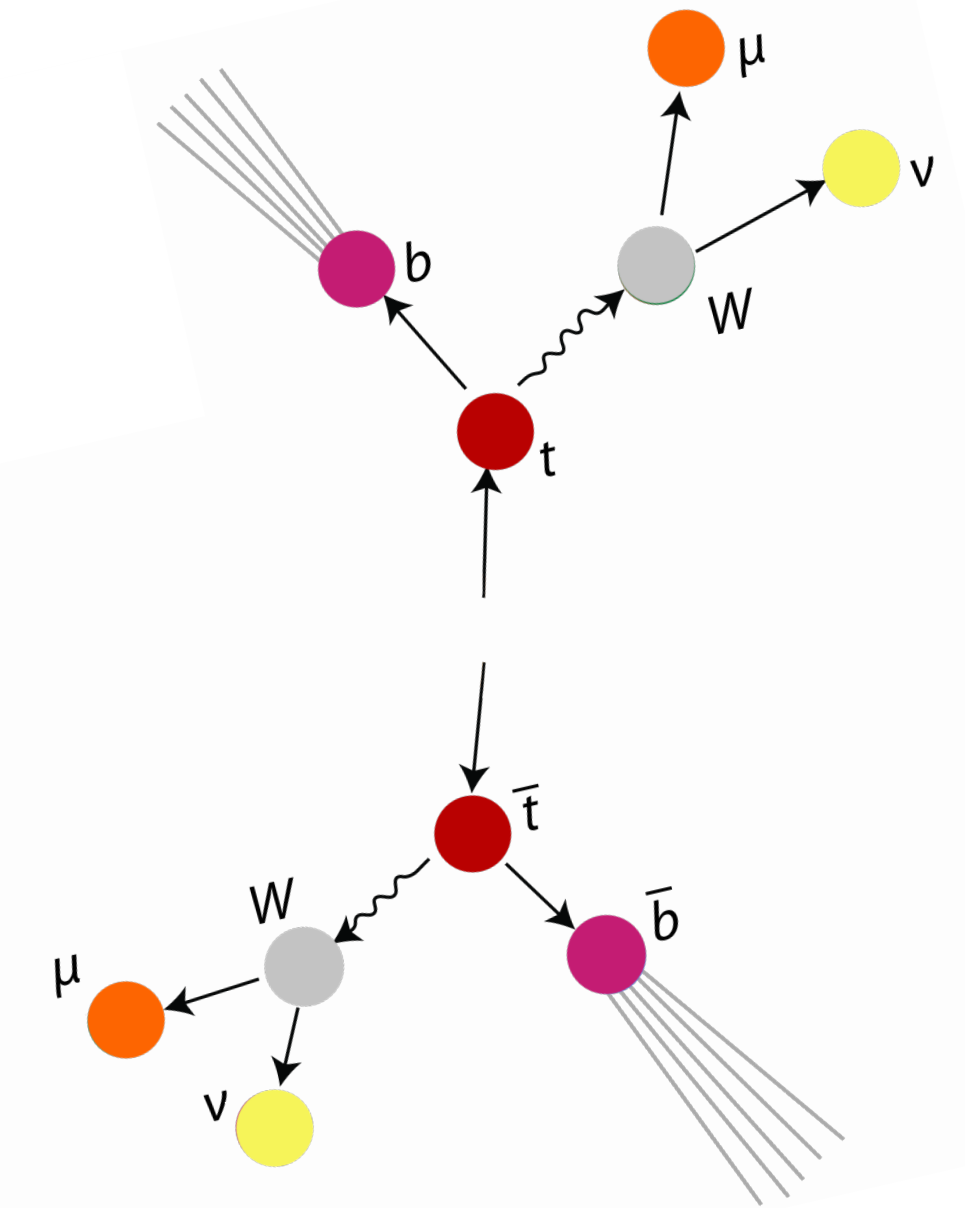
$$\rho = \frac{1}{4} \left( \mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1} + \sum_{i=1}^3 B_i \sigma_i \otimes \mathbb{1} + \sum_{i=j}^3 \bar{B}_j \mathbb{1} \otimes \sigma_j + \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^3 C_{ij} \sigma_i \otimes \sigma_j \right)$$

15 parameters describe the quantum state of the top pair



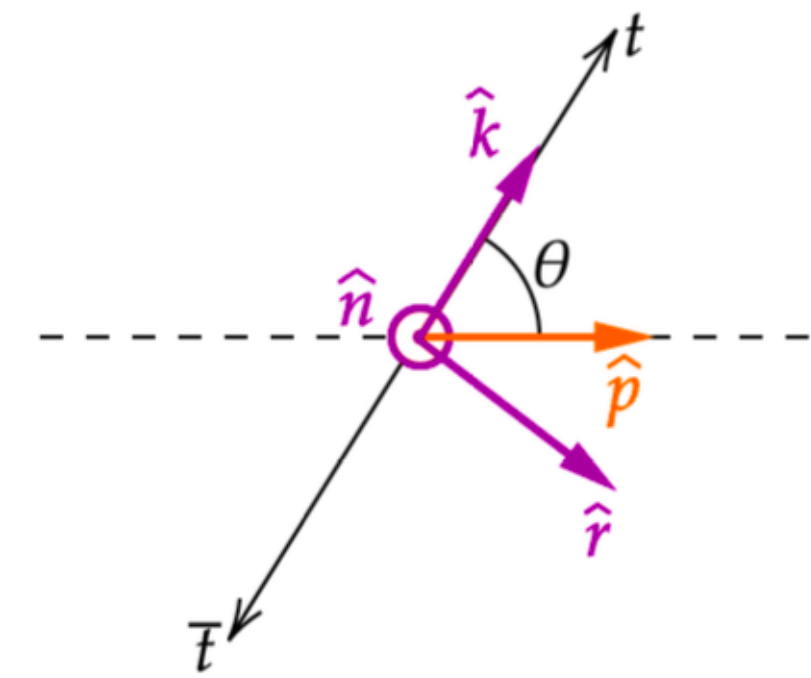
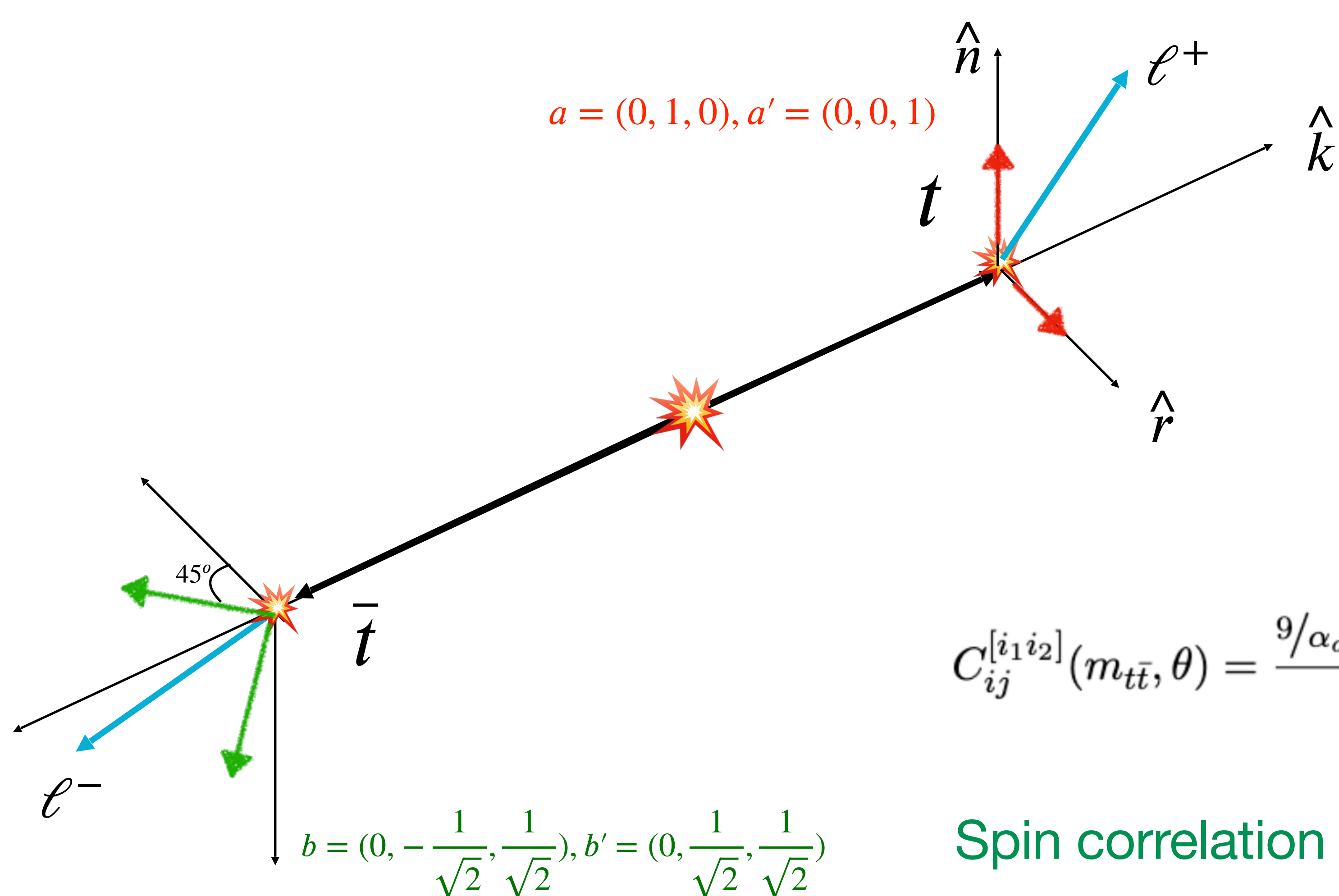
$$\langle S_i \rangle = B_i, \quad \langle \bar{S}_i \rangle = \bar{B}_j, \quad \langle S_i \bar{S}_j \rangle = C_{ij}$$

Extracted by measuring angular distributions of decay products



Quantum tomography is measurement of 15 parameters: 6 polarisations and 9 correlations

# Kinematics



$\hat{k} = \text{top direction}, \quad \hat{r} = \frac{\hat{p} - \hat{k} \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}, \quad \hat{n} = \frac{\hat{p} \times \hat{k}}{\sin \theta}$

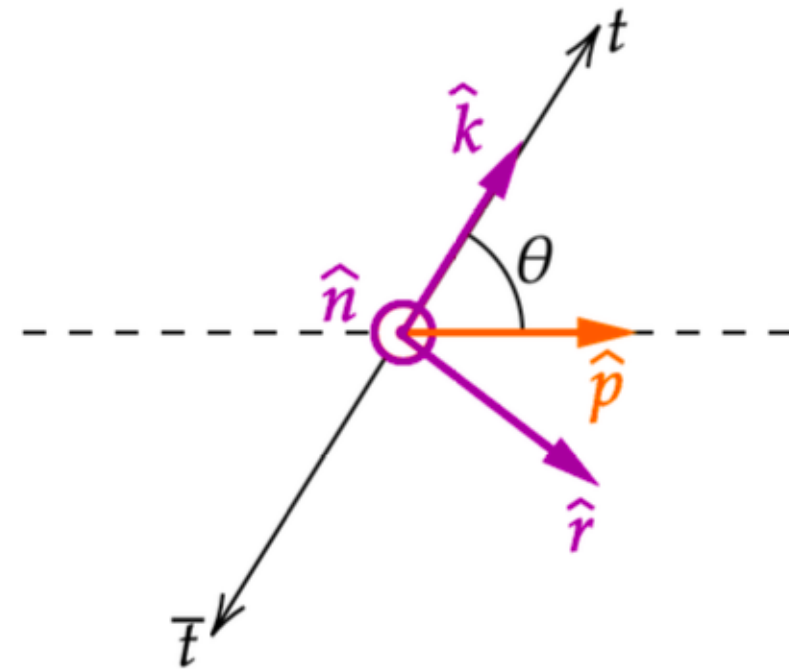
Helicity basis

$$C_{ij}^{[i_1 i_2]}(m_{t\bar{t}}, \theta) = \frac{9/\alpha_a \alpha_b \int \cos \theta_{ai} \cos \theta_{bj} |\mathcal{M}_{i_1 i_2 \rightarrow t \bar{t} \rightarrow a b X}|^2 d\pi}{\int |\mathcal{M}_{i_1 i_2 \rightarrow t \bar{t} \rightarrow a b X}|^2 d\pi}$$

Spin correlation coefficients are averages of angles



# From spin correlations to entanglement



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$$D^{(1)} = 1/3(+C_{kk} + C_{rr} + C_{nn}),$$

$$D^{(k)} = 1/3(+C_{kk} - C_{rr} - C_{nn}),$$

$$D^{(r)} = 1/3(-C_{kk} + C_{rr} - C_{nn}),$$

$$D^{(n)} = 1/3(-C_{kk} - C_{rr} + C_{nn}).$$

$$D_{\min} \equiv \min\{D^{(1)}, D^{(k)}, D^{(r)}, D^{(n)}\}$$

Entanglement markers, from the Peres-Horodecki criterion

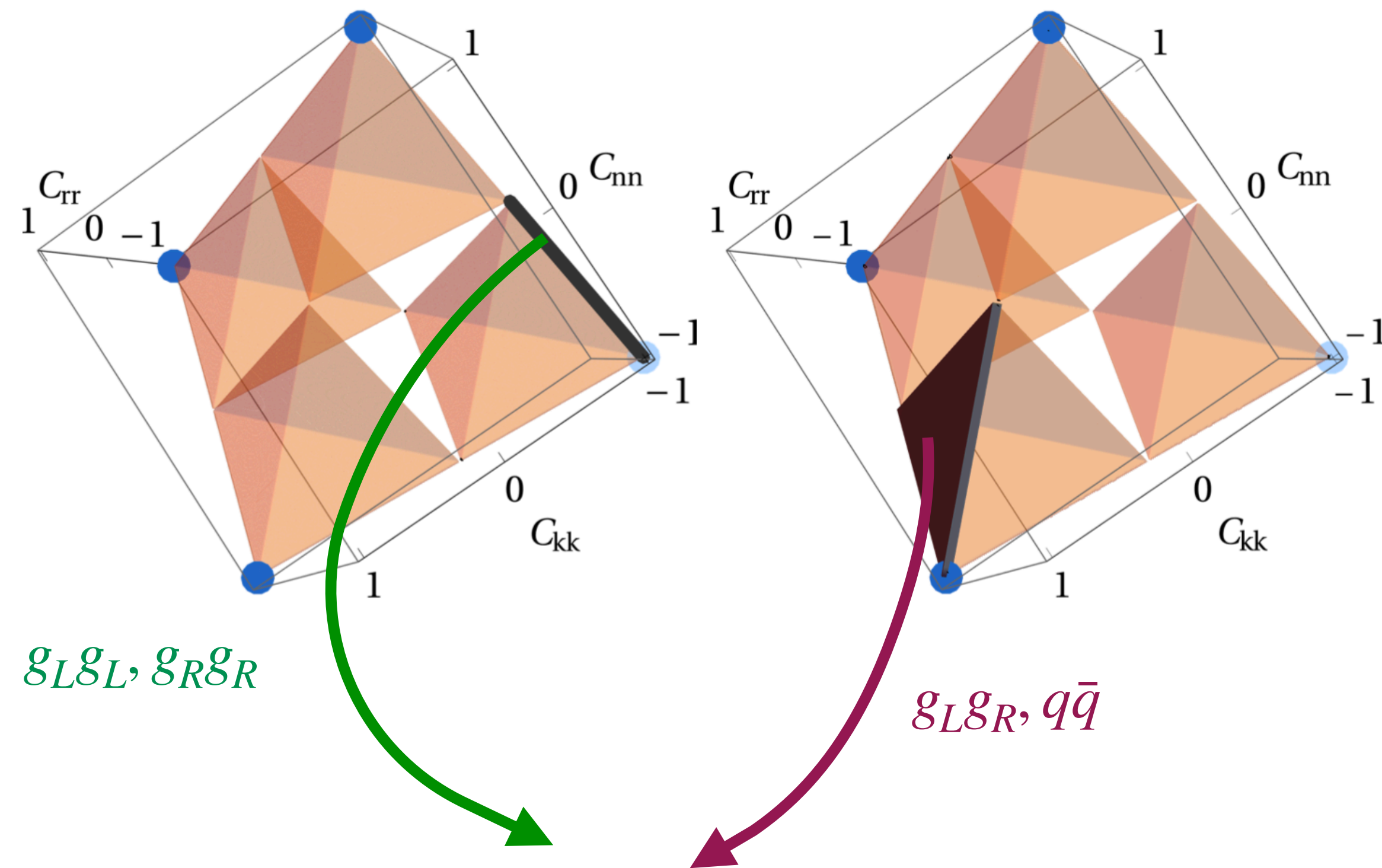
$$D_{\min} < -1/3$$

for a proof see [arXiv:2003.02280](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.02280)

Necessary and sufficient condition for entanglement

$$C = \frac{1}{2} \max(0, -1 - 3D_{\min}) > 0$$

# When are tops entangled?



Consider top pair production in pp collisions  
Which spin states can be reached?

Threshold:

- entangled singlet state
- from same helicity gluons

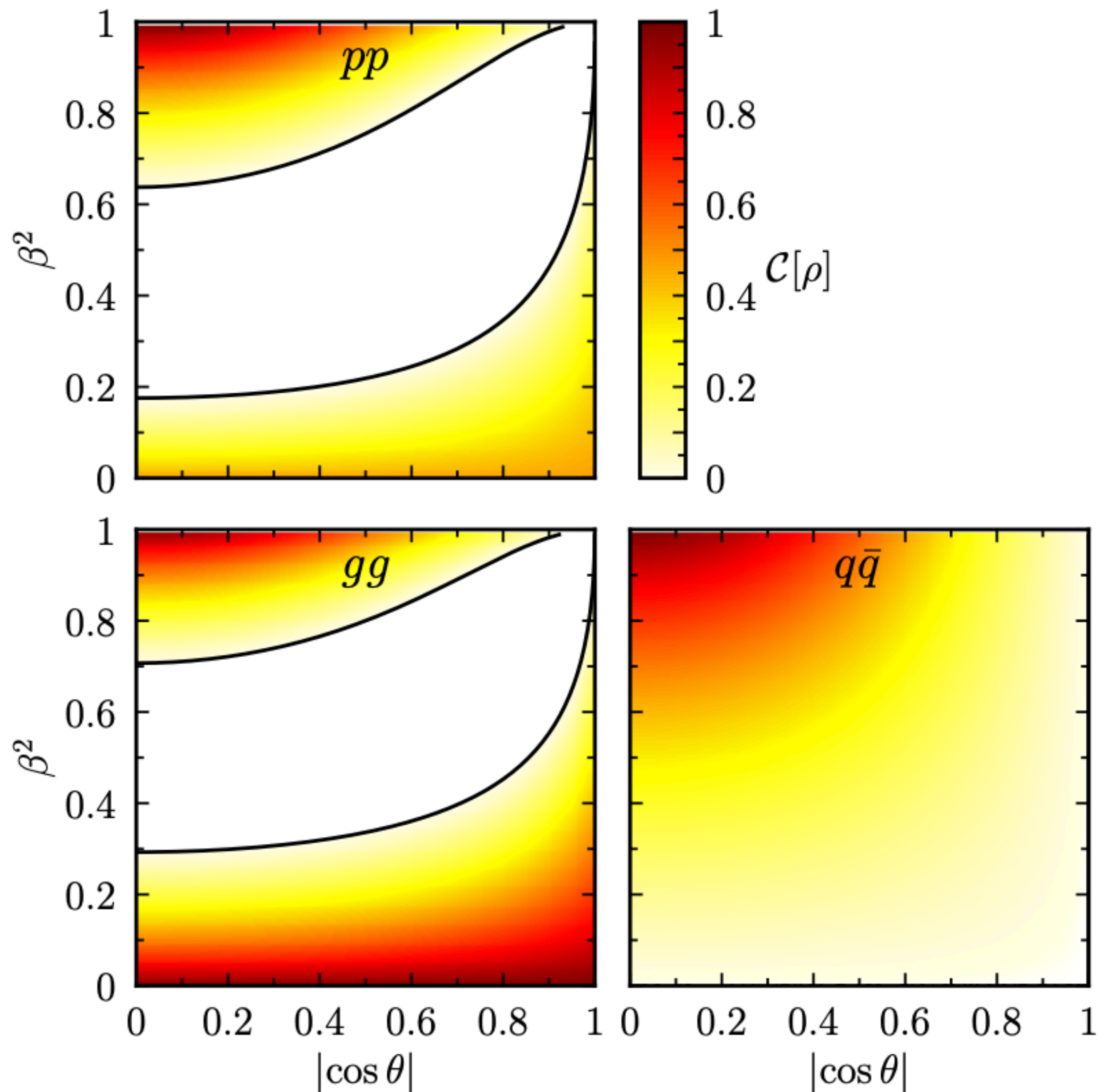
Boosted:

- entangled triplet state
- for qqbar pairs and opposite helicity gluons

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reachable entangled states

# Entanglement in the SM



Concurrence:  $C = \frac{1}{2} \max(0, -1 - 3D_{\min})$

White regions: no entanglement ( $C < 0$ )

Maximal entanglement regions

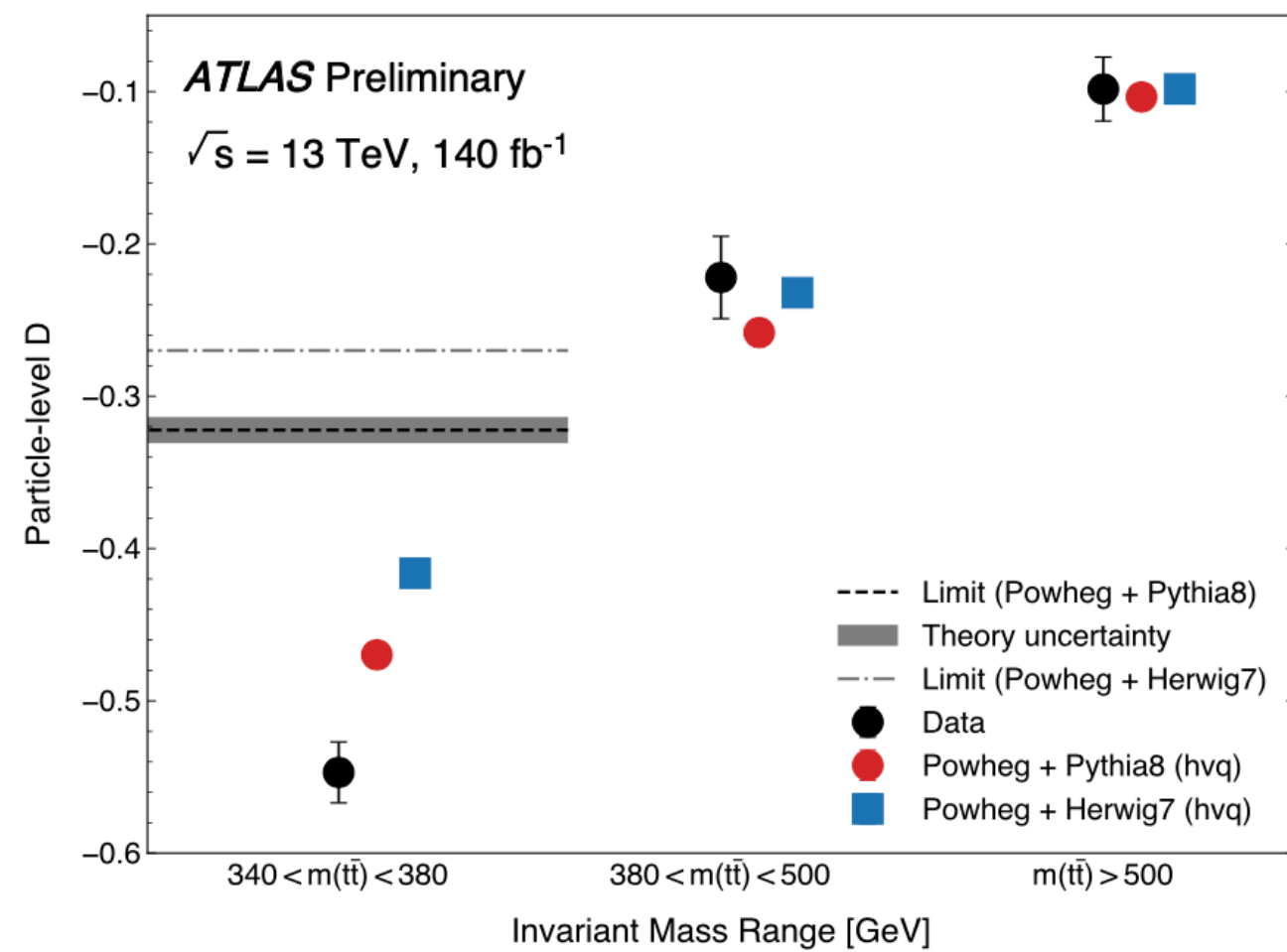
At threshold:  $\beta^2 = 0, \forall \theta$

High-Energy:  $\beta^2 \rightarrow 1, \cos \theta = 0$

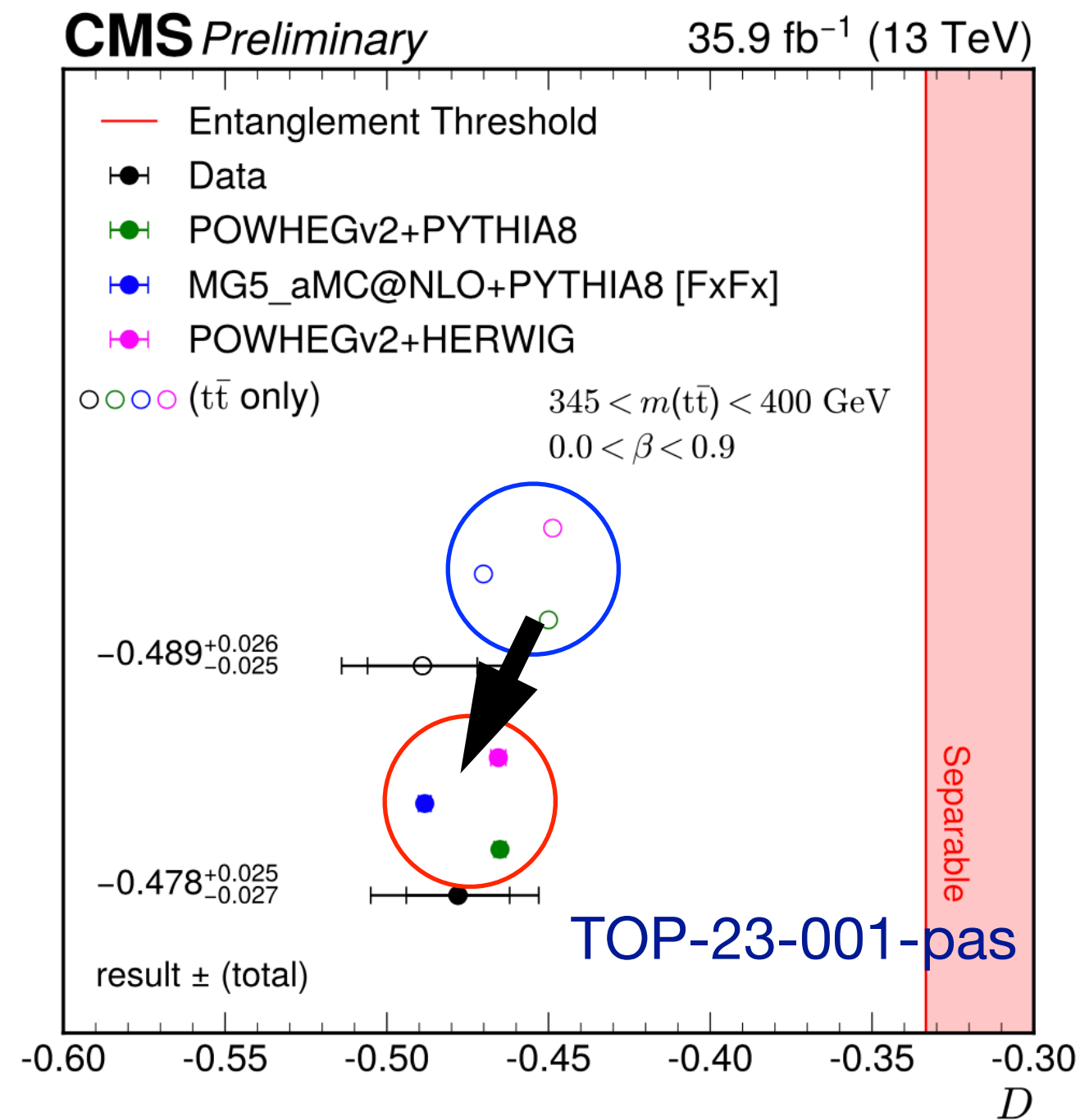
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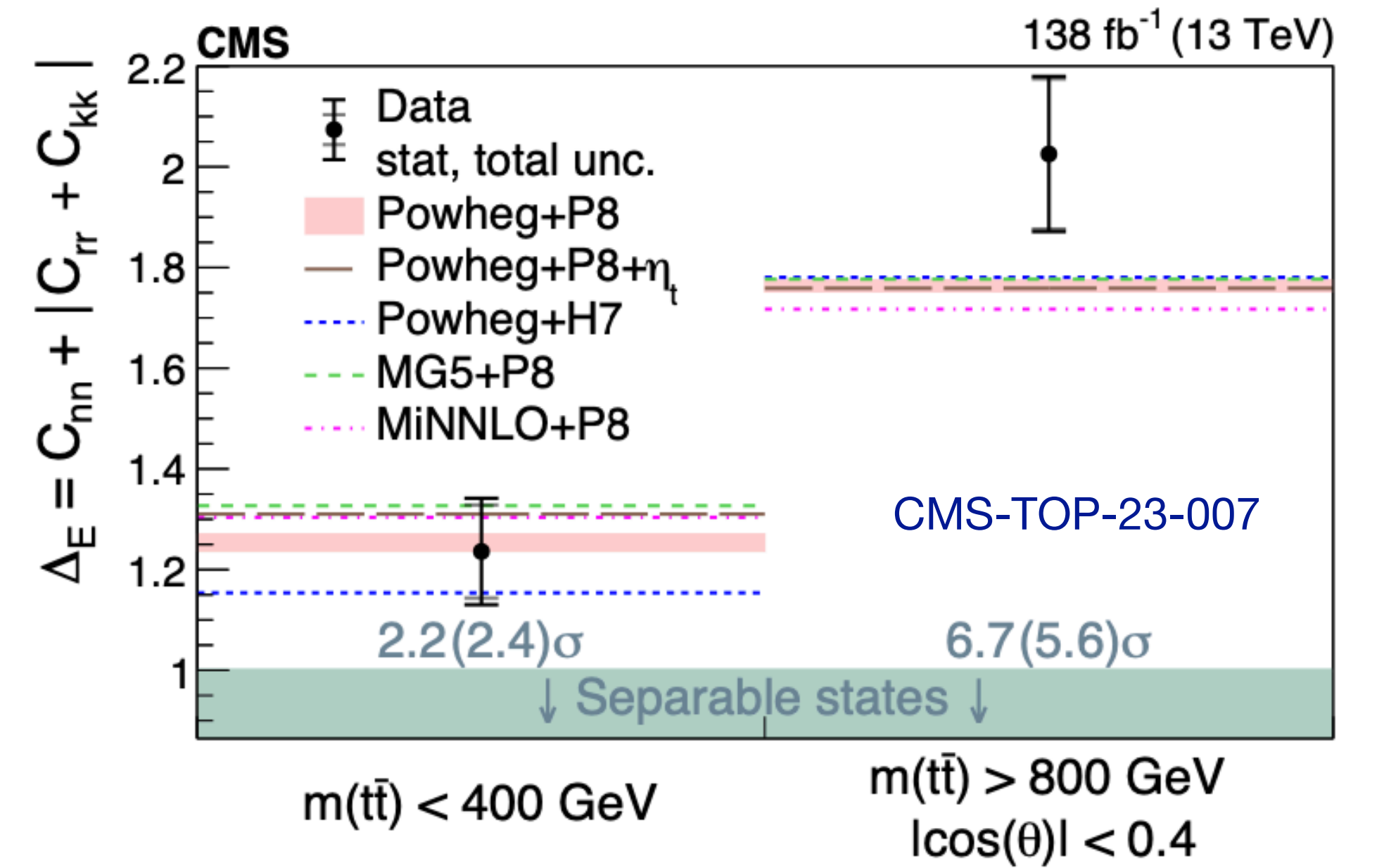
# First measurements



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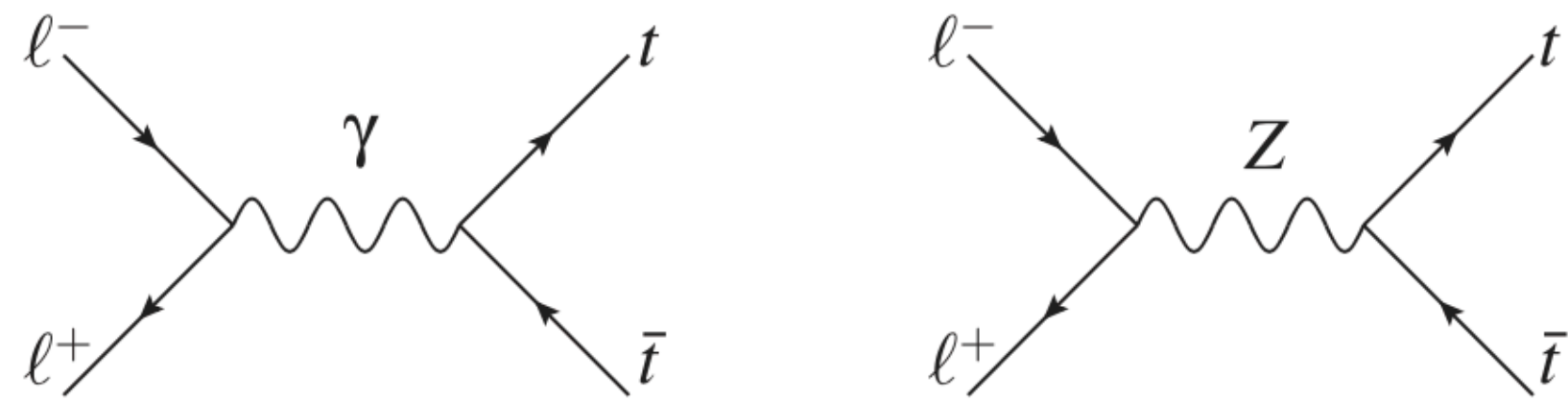
Entanglement observation at threshold by ATLAS and CMS



Entanglement observation at high energy by CMS

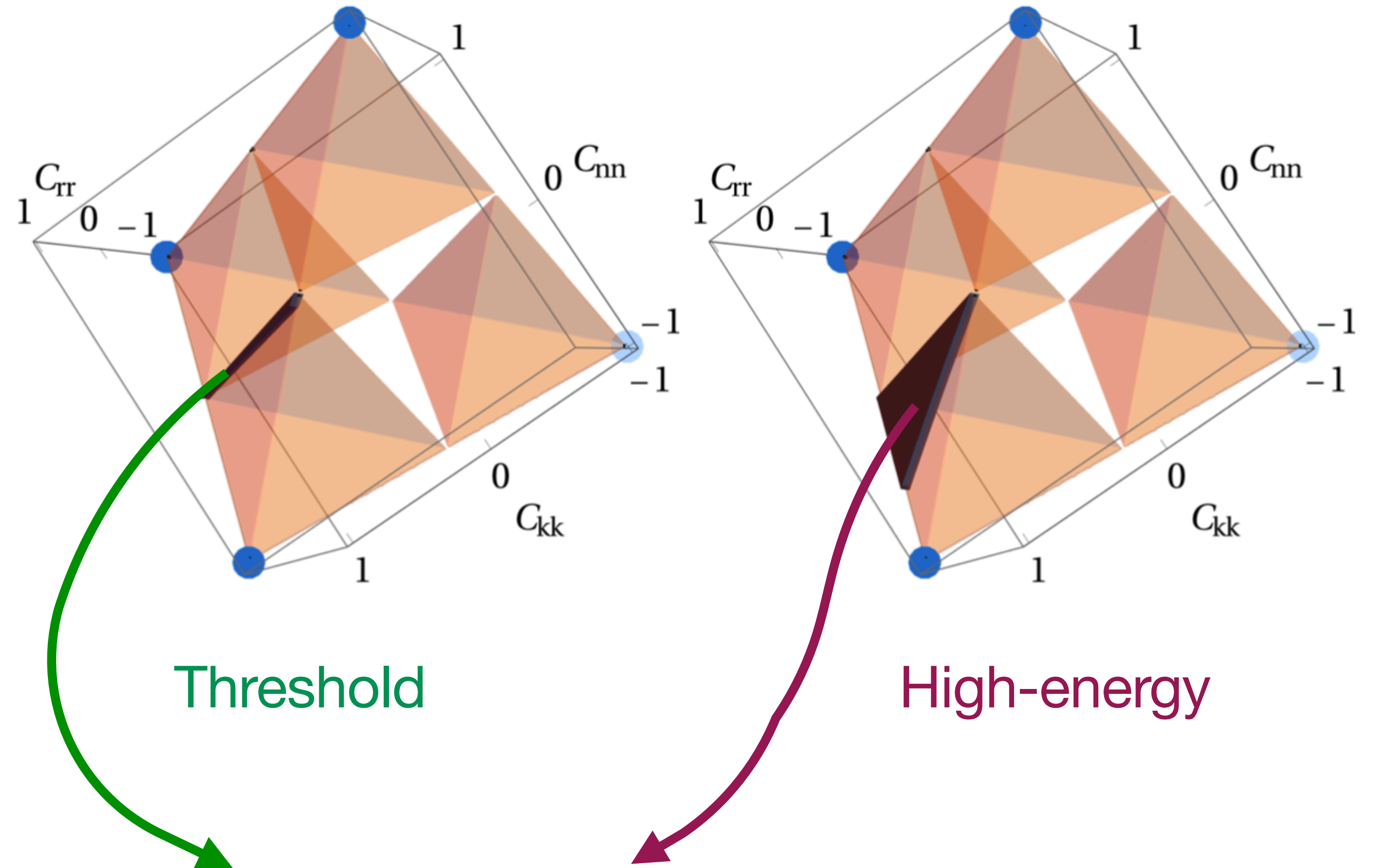


# Tops in lepton colliders



$$\frac{1}{3} \text{Tr} [\mathcal{C}] = D^{(1)} = +\frac{1}{3},$$

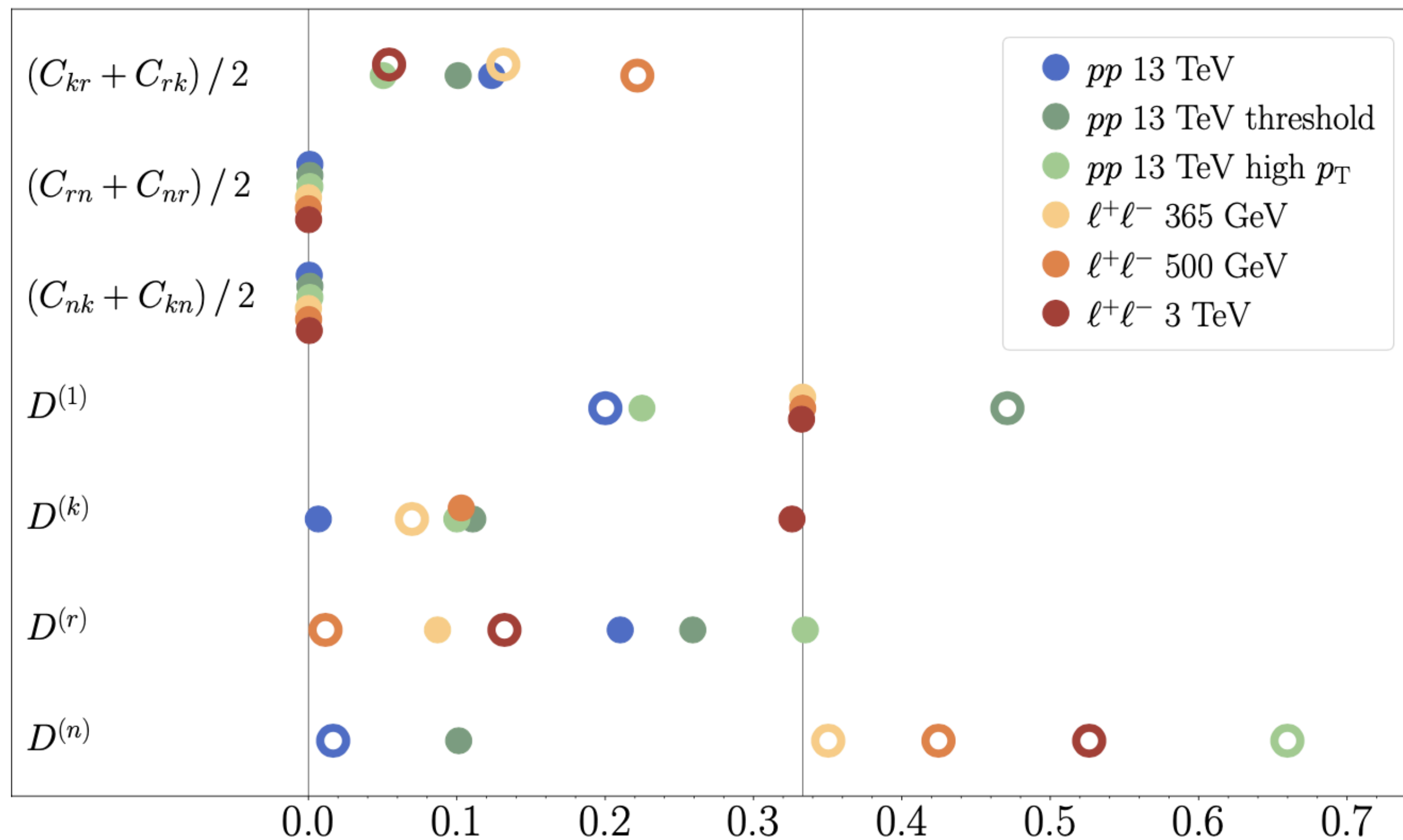
Spin-1 exchange  
Spin triplet state



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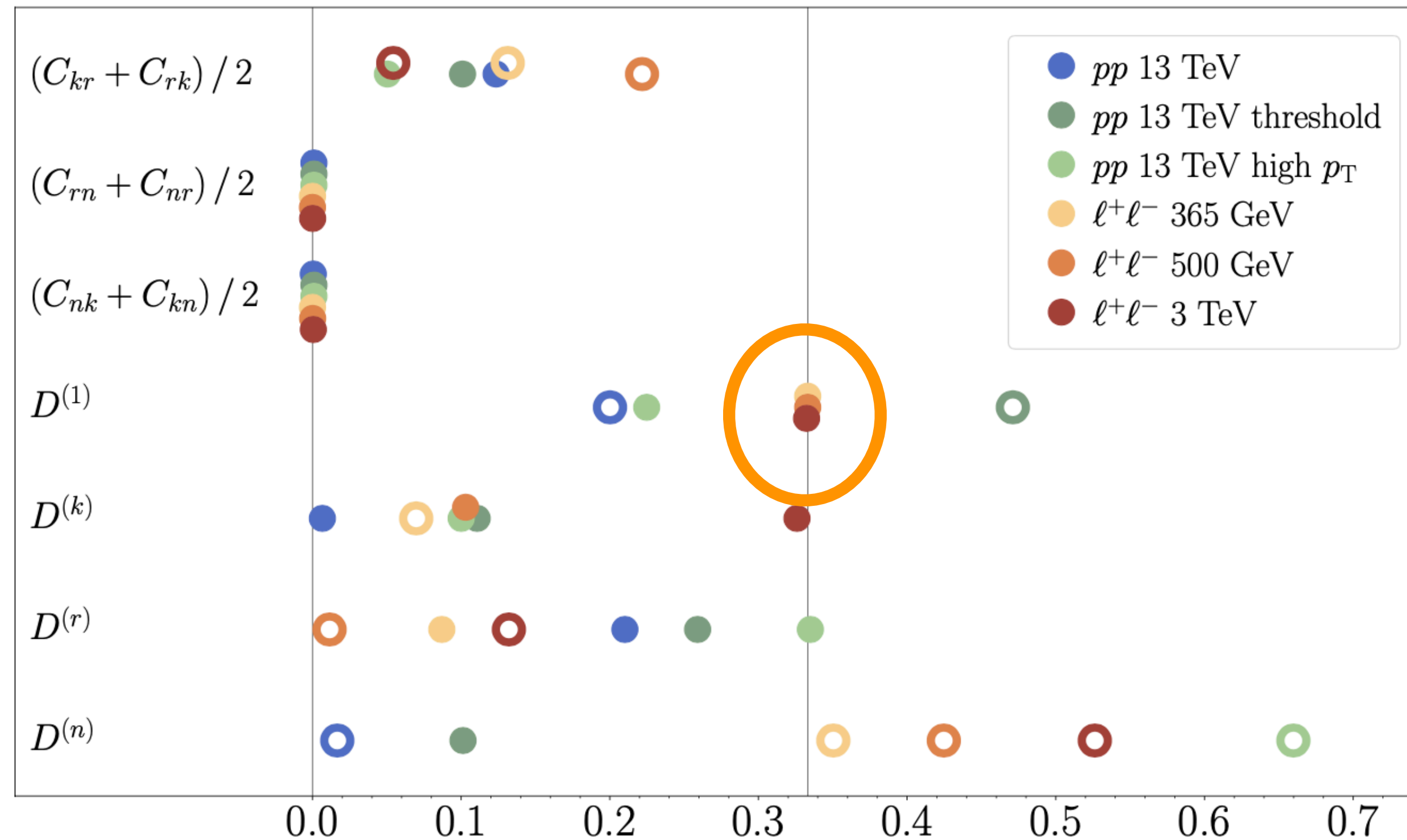
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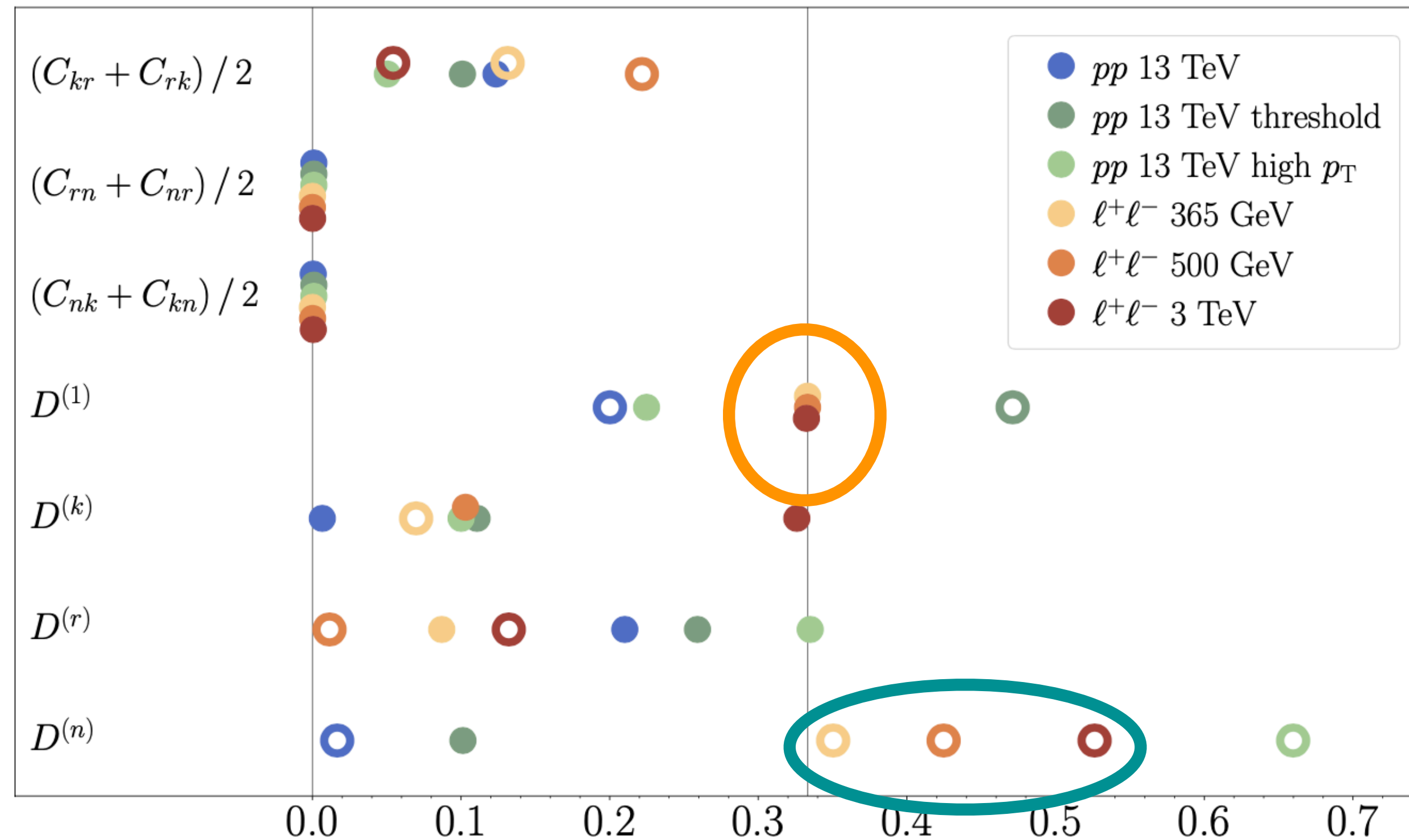
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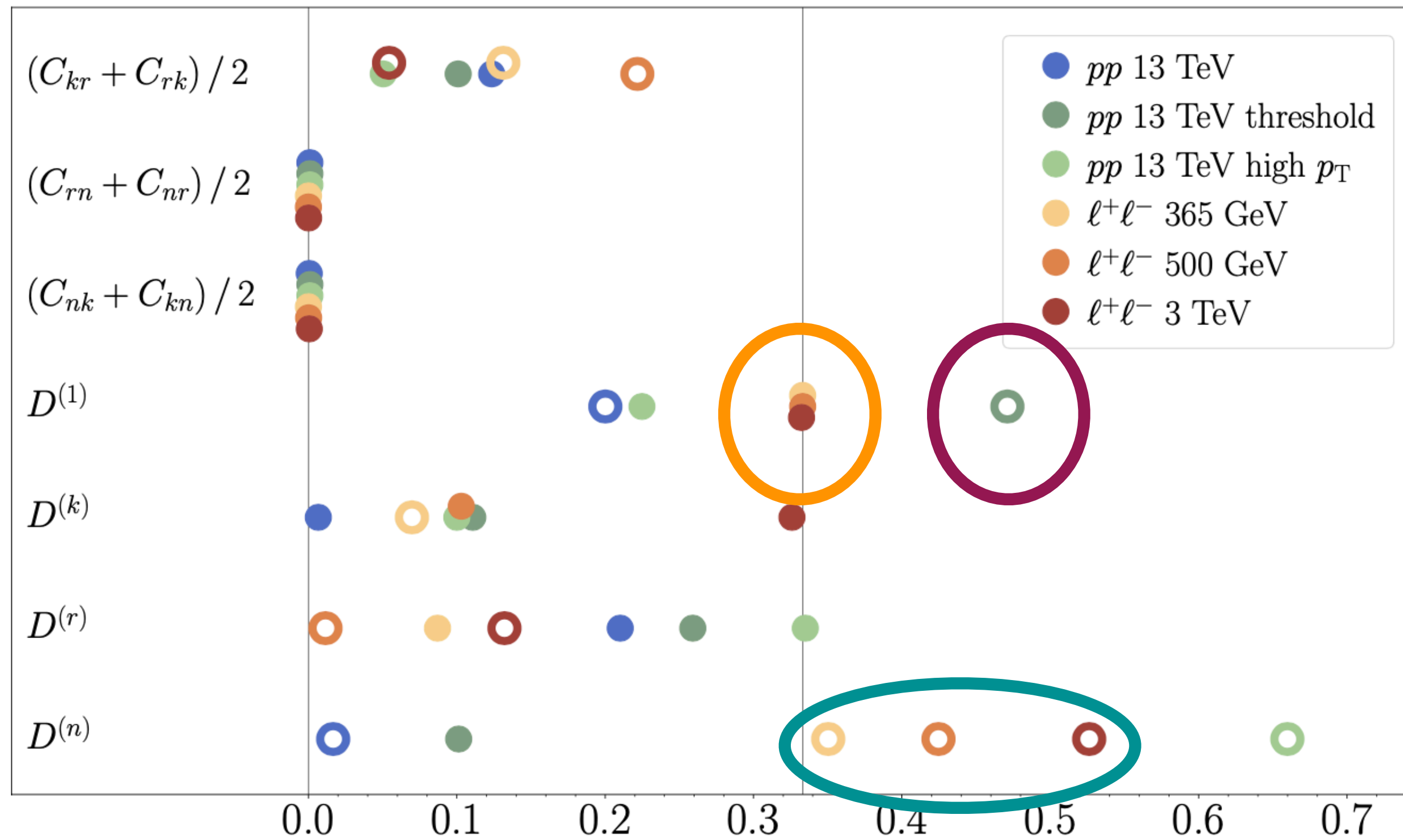


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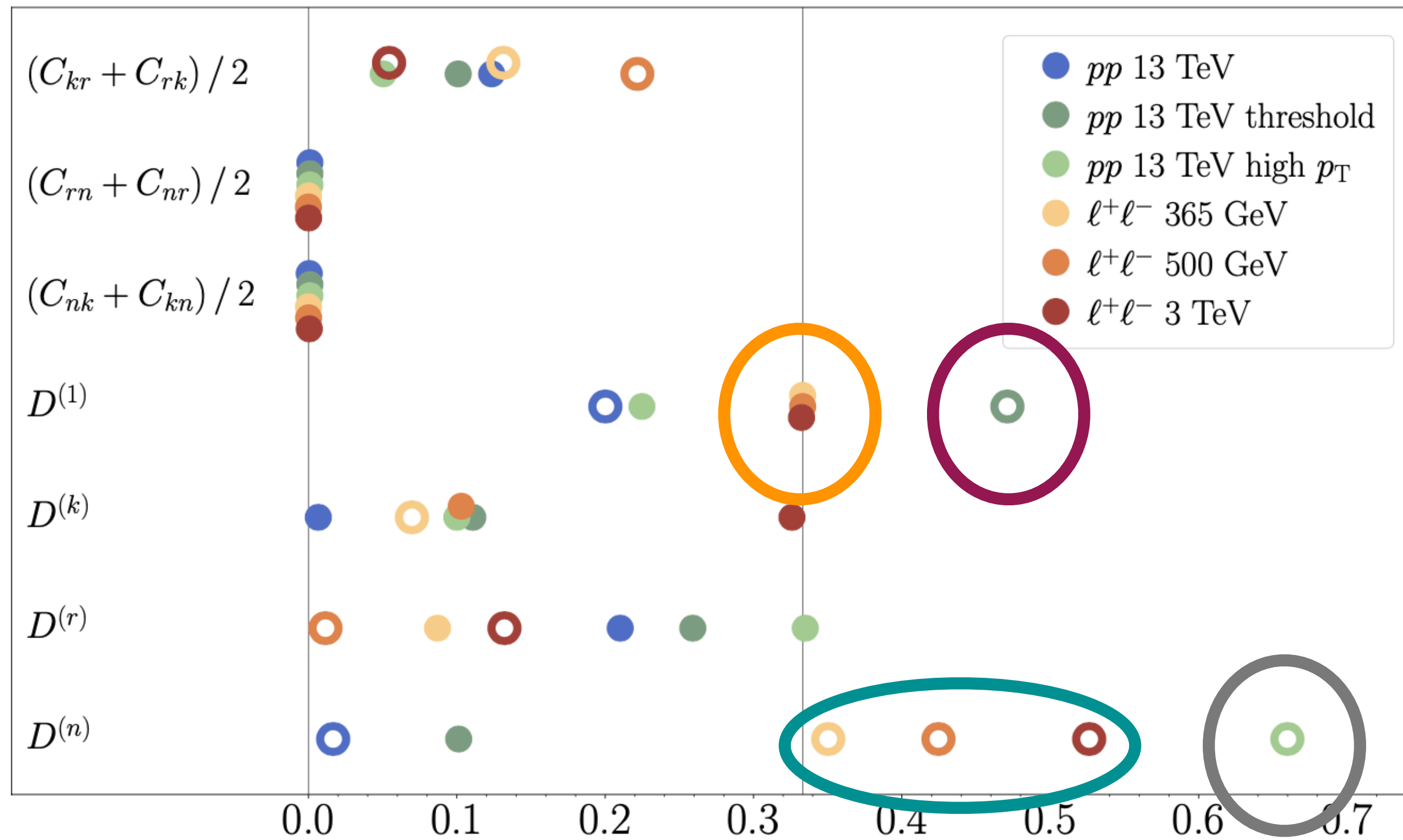
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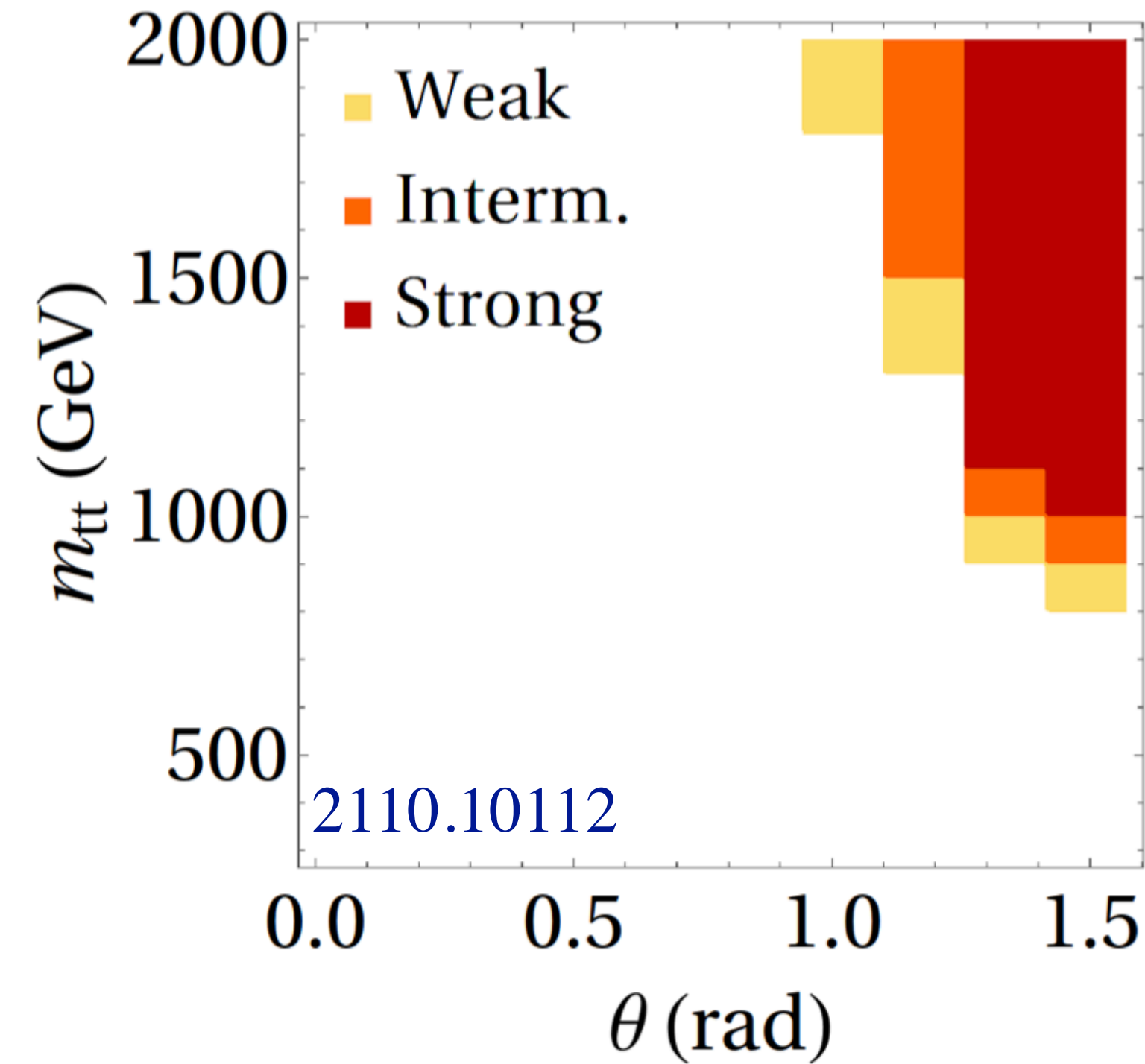
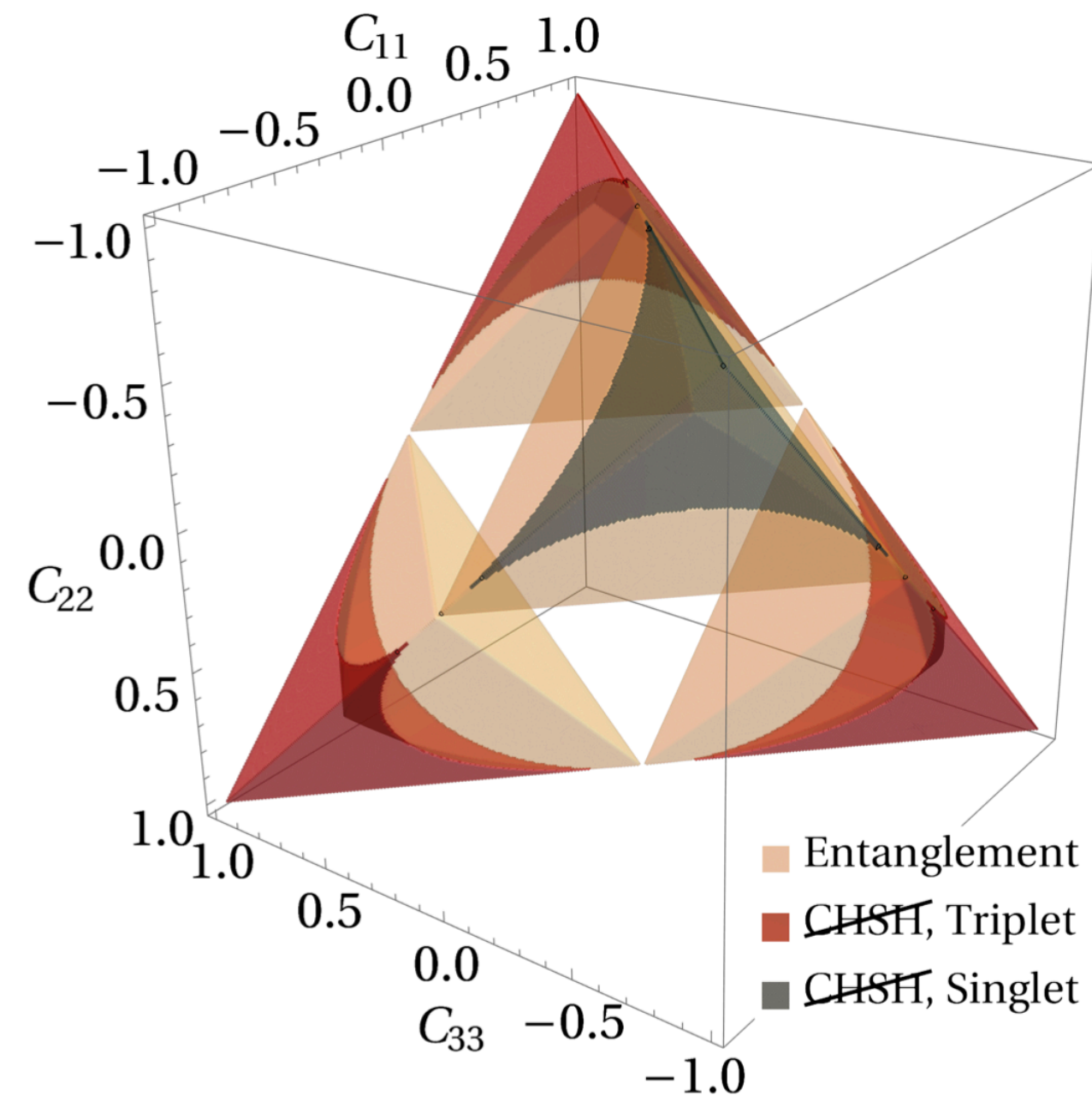
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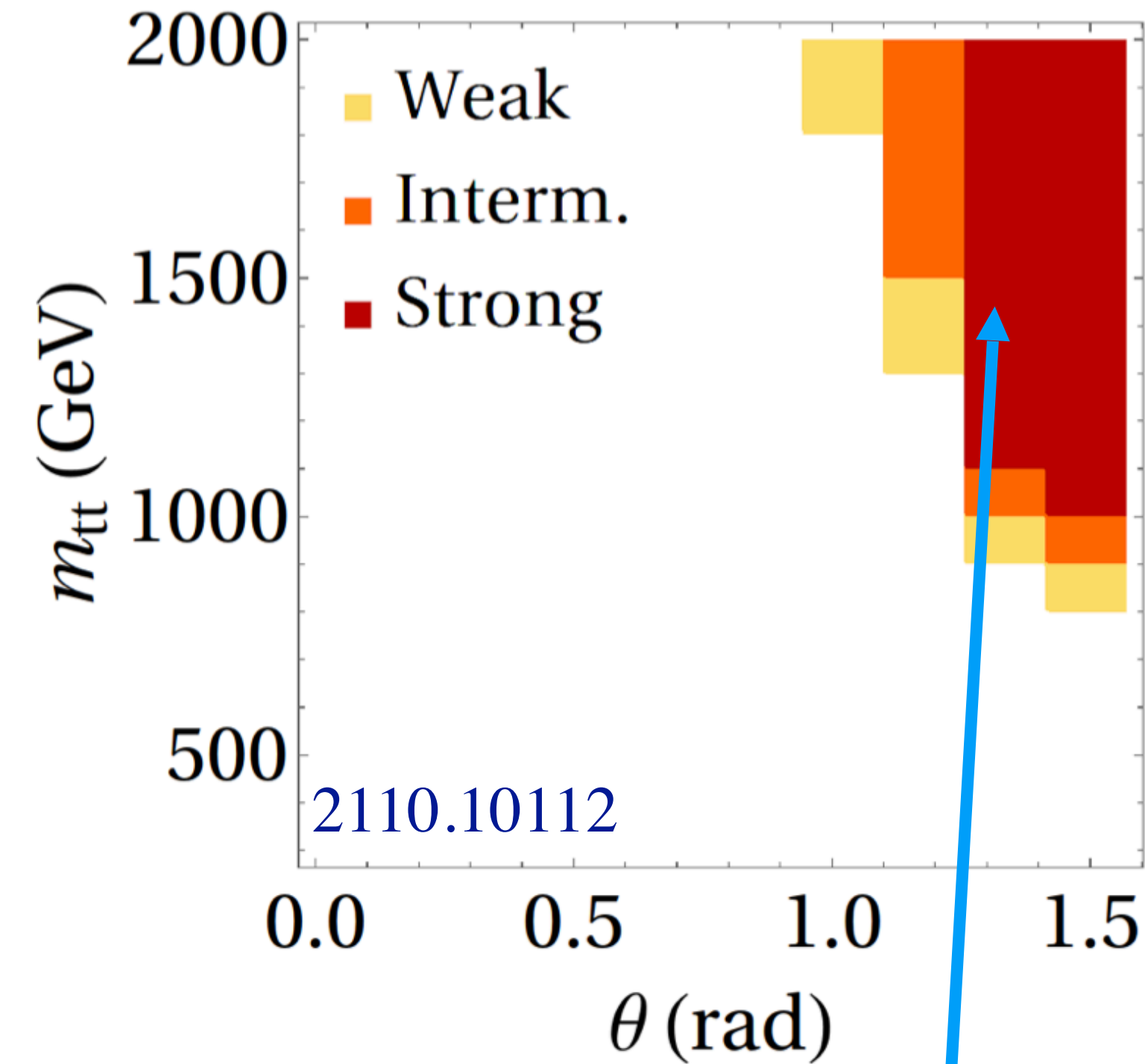
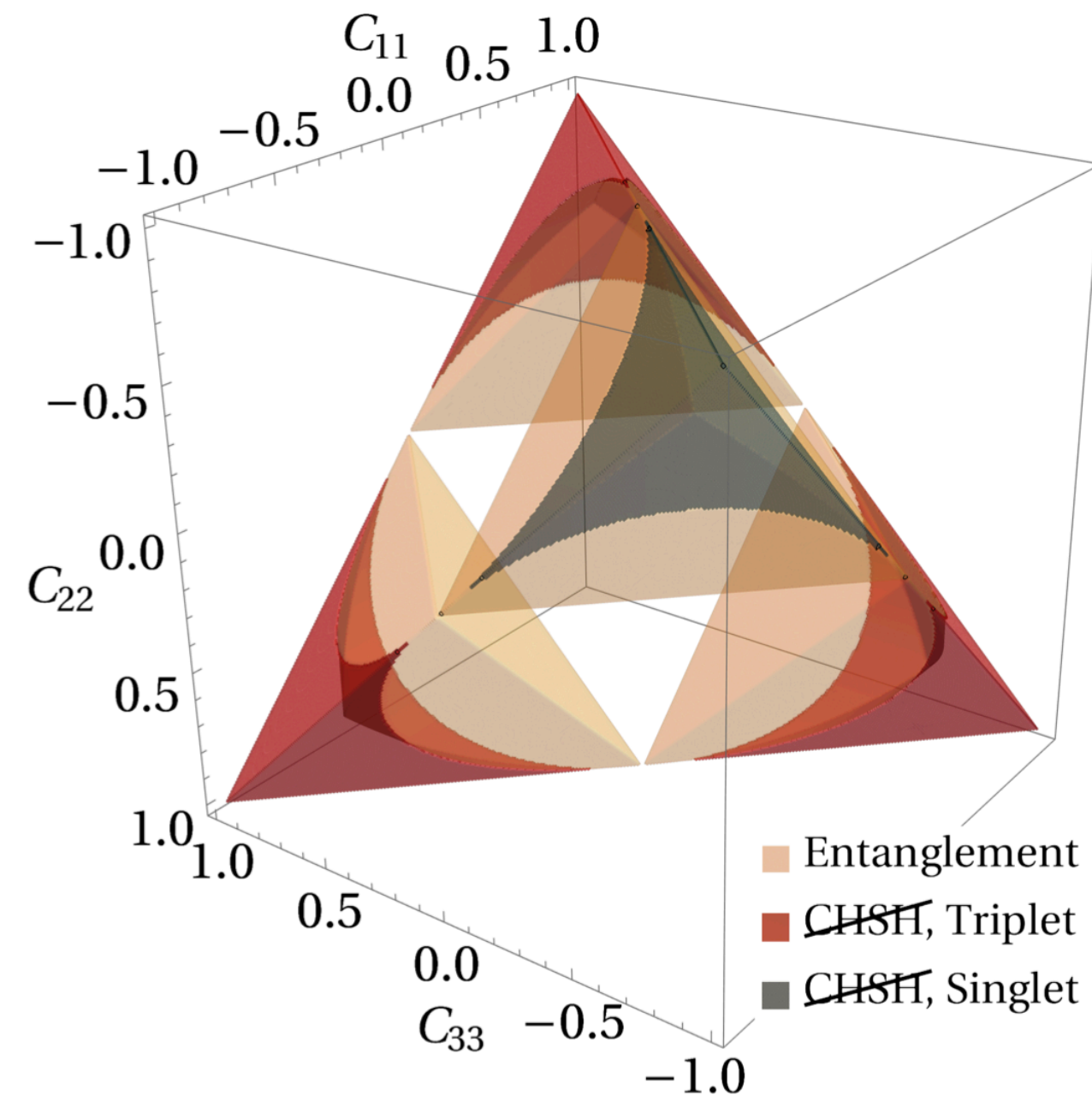
$$\text{CHSH} \quad \left| \sum_{ij} C_{ij} (a_i b_j - a_i b'_j + a'_i b_j + a'_i b'_j) \right| \leq 2$$

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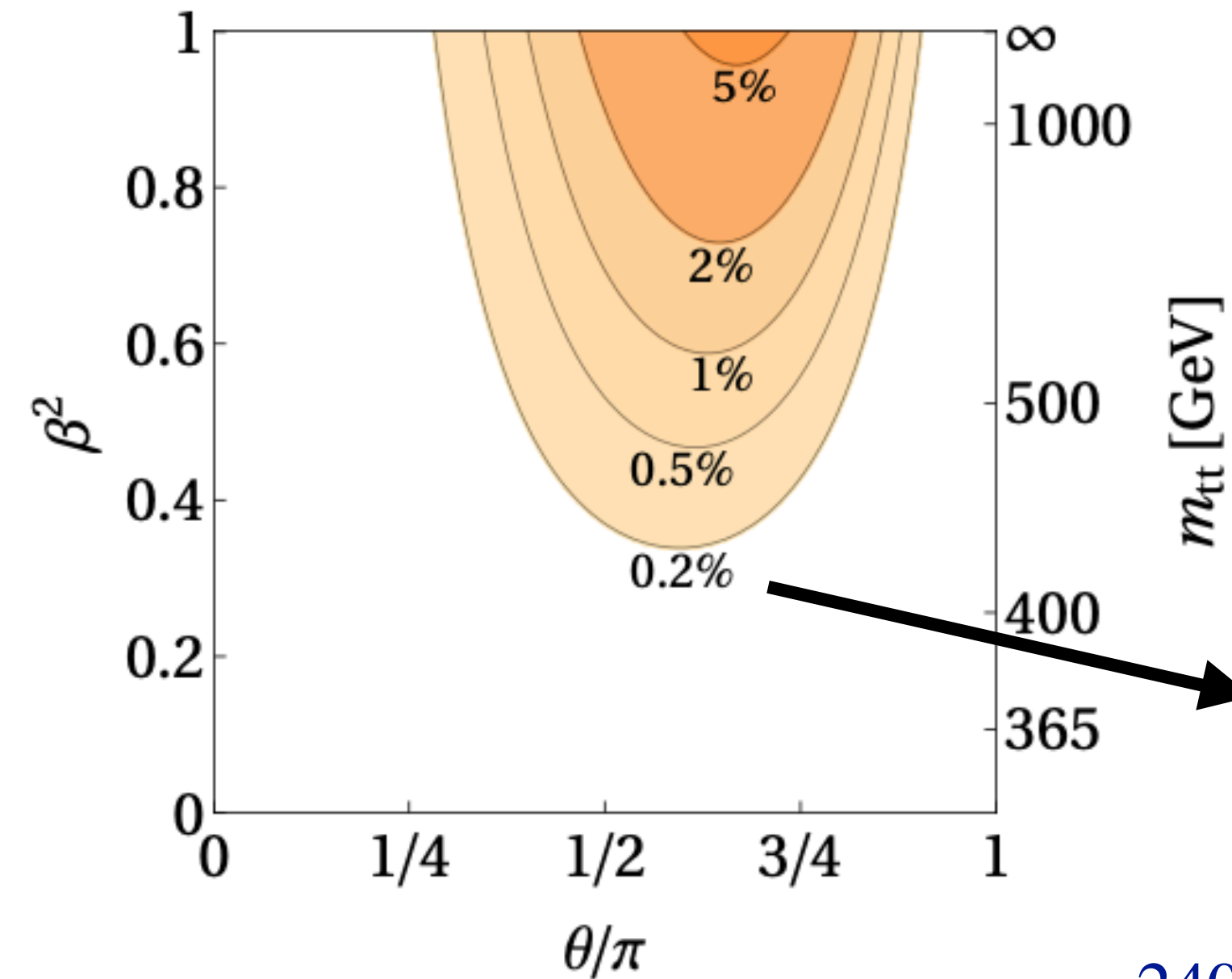
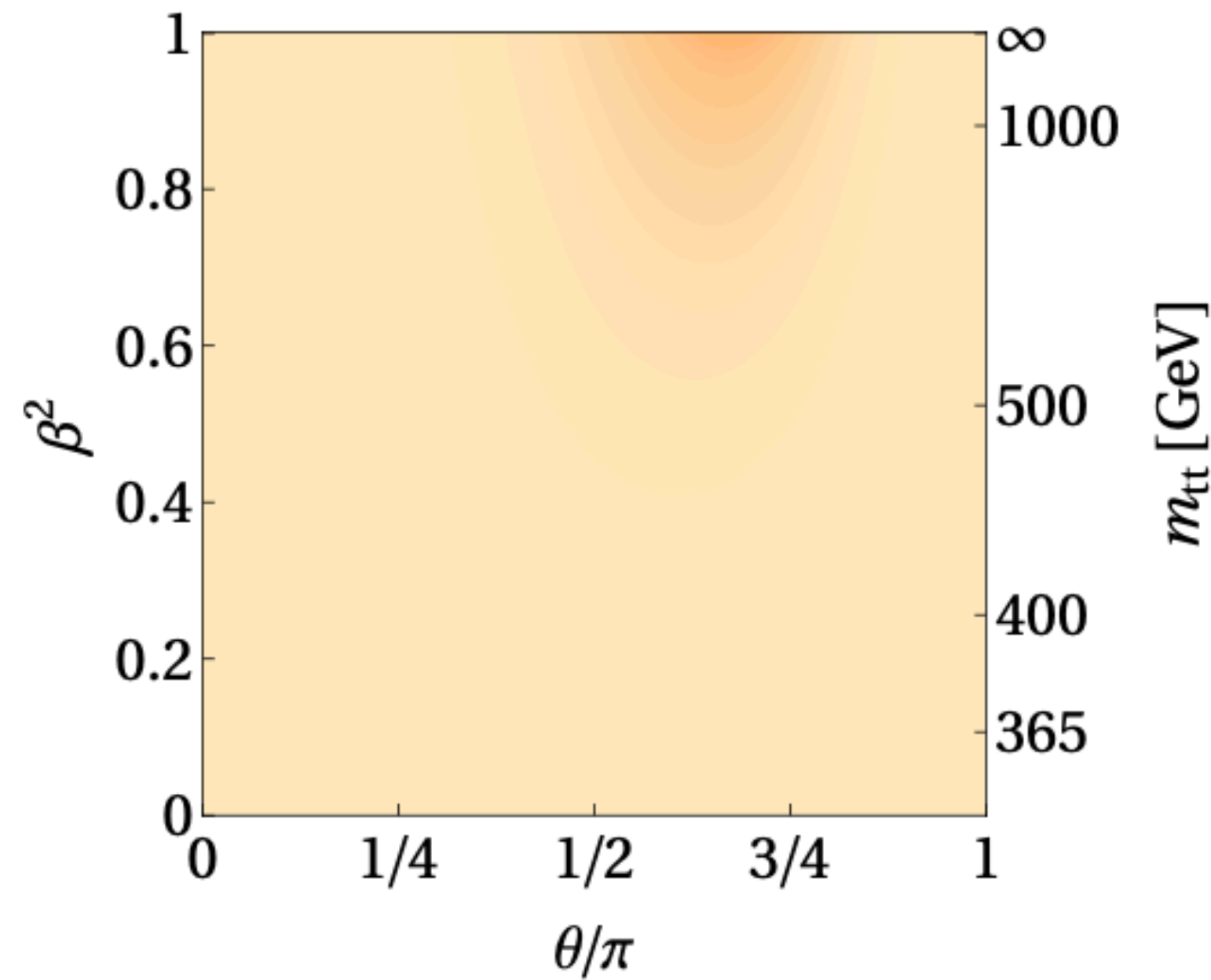
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$$\sqrt{2} \left| -C_{rr} + C_{nn} \right| > 2$$

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# Bell inequalities at lepton colliders



Experimental accuracy  
needed to establish Bell  
violation

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$$\langle a b + a b' + a' b - a' b' \rangle \equiv \langle \mathcal{B}(a, a', b, b') \rangle > 2, \quad \implies \text{Bell violation.}$$

Bell violation everywhere, but  $B \sim 2$

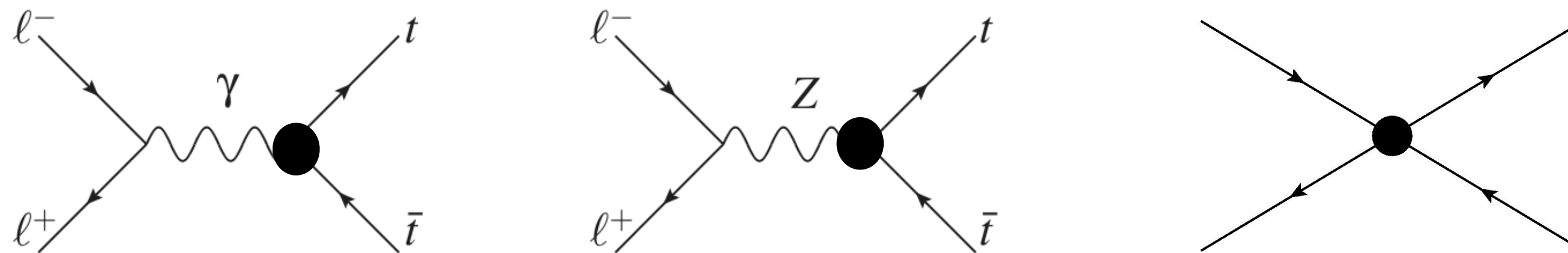
Better prospects of Bell violation at higher energy lepton colliders (extremely hard at 365 GeV)

# Using QI for new physics

Can they tell us anything interesting/new?

- SMEFT  New Interactions of SM particles

$$\mathcal{L}_{EFT} = \mathcal{L}_{SM} + \sum_i \frac{C_i^{(6)} O_i^{(6)}}{\Lambda^2} + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-4})$$



# SMEFT in lepton colliders

## Degrees of freedom

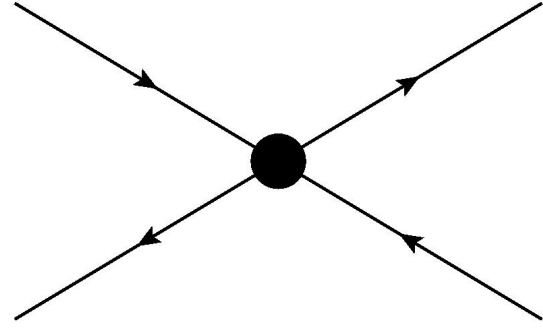
$$\mathcal{O}_{Q\ell}^{(1)} = (\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu Q_L)(\bar{\ell}_L \gamma_\mu \ell_L),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{Q\ell}^{(3)} = (\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu \sigma_I Q_L)(\bar{\ell}_L \gamma_\mu \sigma^I \ell_L),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{Qe} = (\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu Q_L)(\bar{\ell}_R \gamma_\mu \ell_R),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{t\ell} = (\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu t_R)(\bar{\ell}_L \gamma_\mu \ell_L),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{te} = (\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu t_R)(\bar{\ell}_R \gamma_\mu \ell_R).$$



**4-fermion operators**

$$c_{Q\ell}^{(3)} + c_{Q\ell}^{(1)},$$

$$c_{VV} = \frac{1}{4}(c_{Q\ell}^{(1)} - c_{Q\ell}^{(3)} + c_{te} + c_{t\ell} + c_{Qe}),$$

$$c_{AV} = \frac{1}{4}(-c_{Q\ell}^{(1)} + c_{Q\ell}^{(3)} + c_{te} + c_{t\ell} - c_{Qe}),$$

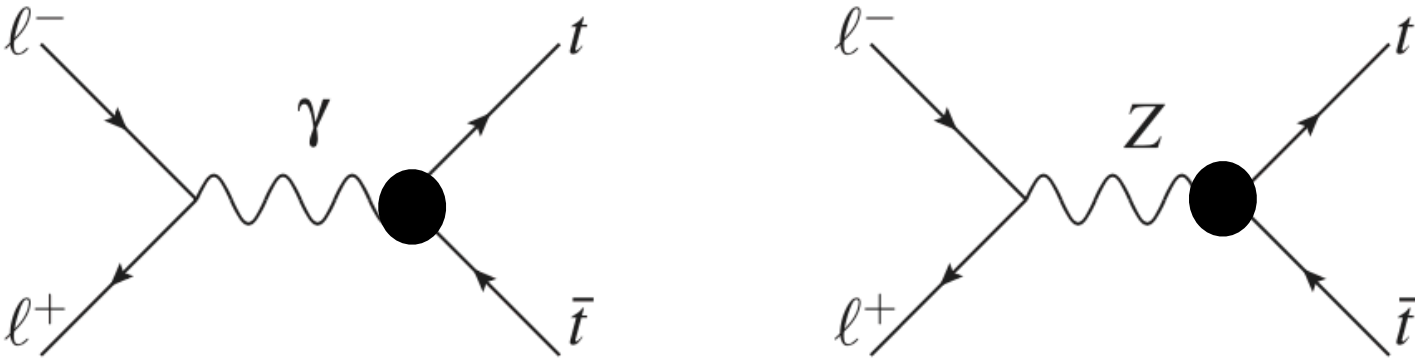
$$c_{VA} = \frac{1}{4}(-c_{Q\ell}^{(1)} + c_{Q\ell}^{(3)} + c_{te} - c_{t\ell} + c_{Qe}),$$

$$c_{AA} = \frac{1}{4}(c_{Q\ell}^{(1)} - c_{Q\ell}^{(3)} + c_{te} - c_{t\ell} - c_{Qe}).$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi Q}^{(1)} = i(\phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi)(\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu Q_L),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi Q}^{(3)} = i(\phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_{\mu I} \phi)(\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu \sigma^I Q_L),$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{\phi t} = i(\phi^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}_\mu \phi)(\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu t_R),$$



**current operators**

$$\mathcal{O}_{tW} = (\bar{Q}_L \gamma^{\mu\nu} \sigma_I t_R) \tilde{\phi} W_{\mu\nu}^I,$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{tB} = (\bar{Q}_L \gamma^{\mu\nu} t_R) \tilde{\phi} B_{\mu\nu}.$$

**dipole operators**

$$c_{\phi Q}^{(3)} + c_{\phi Q}^{(1)},$$

$$c_{\phi V} = \frac{1}{2}(c_{\phi t} + c_{\phi Q}^{(1)} - c_{\phi Q}^{(3)}),$$

$$c_{\phi A} = \frac{1}{2}(c_{\phi t} - c_{\phi Q}^{(1)} + c_{\phi Q}^{(3)}).$$

$$c_{tZ} = c_W c_{tW} - s_W c_{tB},$$

$$c_{t\gamma} = s_W c_{tW} + c_W c_{tB},$$

# Structure of spin correlations within SMEFT

Degeneracy between possible structures arising from SM and EFT

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 A^{[0]} &= F^{[0]} (\beta^2 c_\theta^2 - \beta^2 + 2) \\
 A^{[1]} &= 2 F^{[1]} c_\theta \\
 A^{[2]} &= F^{[2]} (1 + c_\theta^2)
 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{SM}$$
  

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 A^{[6,0,D]} &= F^{[6,0,D]} \\
 A^{[6,1,D]} &= F^{[6,1,D]} c_\theta \\
 A^{[8,DD]} &= F^{[8,DD]} (-\beta^2 c_\theta^2 - \beta^2 + 2)
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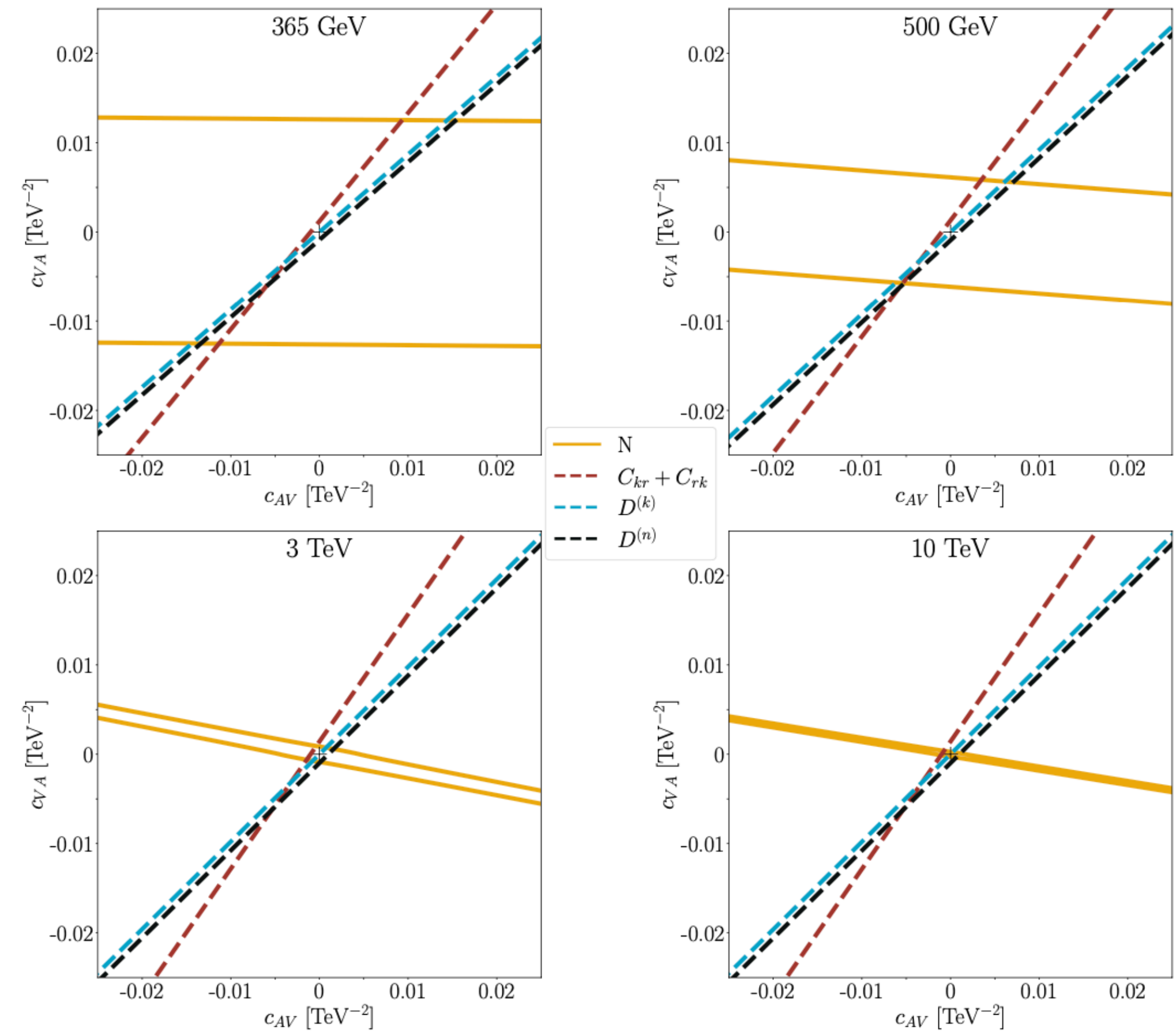
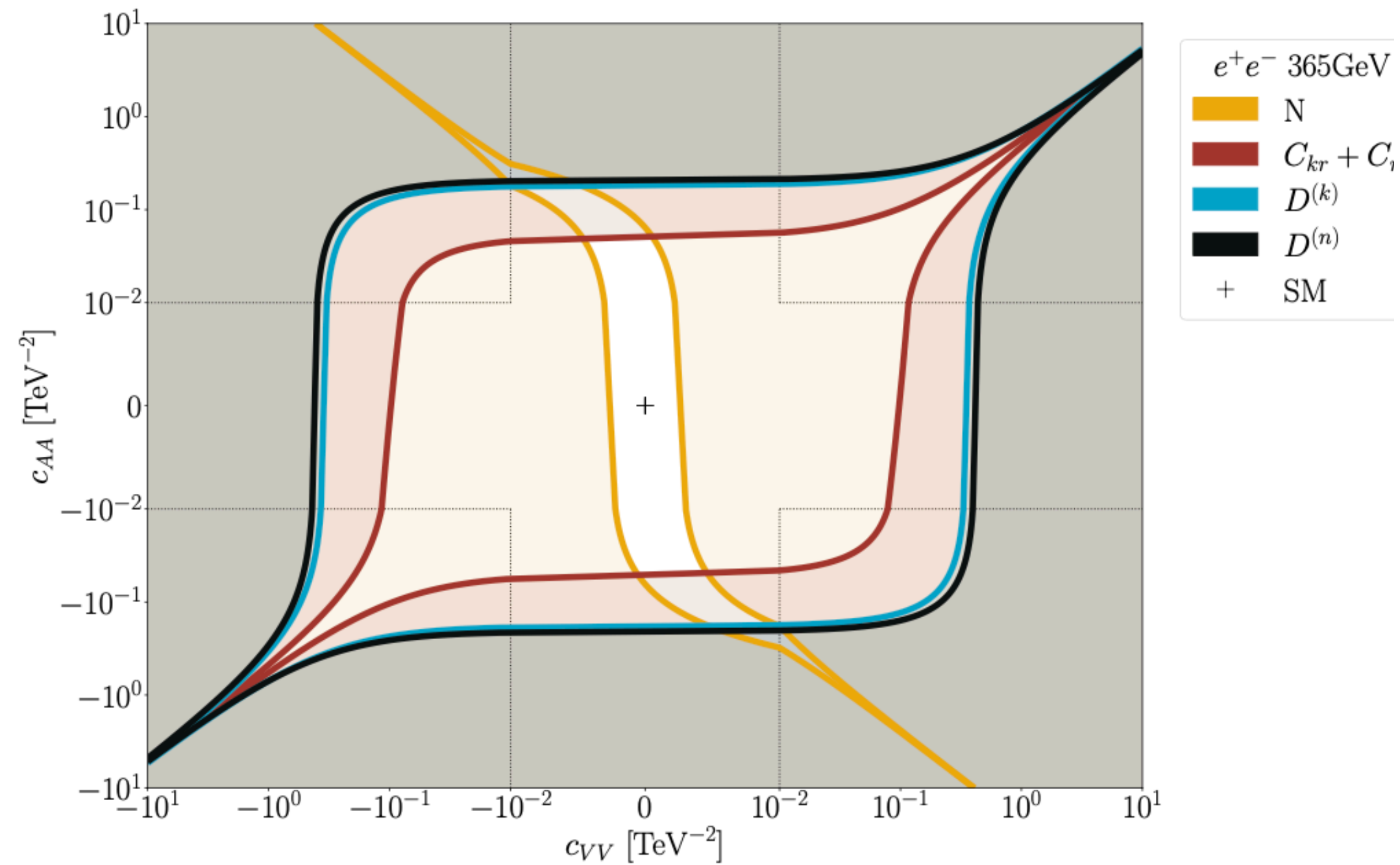
		$\mathcal{M}_1$		
		$Q_t, g_{Vt},$ $c_{VV}, c_{VA}, c_{\phi V}$	$g_{At},$ $c_{AV}, c_{AA}, c_{\phi A}$	$c_{tZ}, c_{t\gamma}$
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	$g_{At}$ $c_{AV}, c_{AA}, c_{\phi A}$	$A^{[1]}$	$A^{[2]}$	$A^{[6,1,D]}$
	$c_{tZ}, c_{t\gamma}$	$A^{[6,0,D]}$	$A^{[6,1,D]}$	$A^{[8,DD]}$

New structures related to dipole operators, the rest gives linear combinations of pre-existing structures

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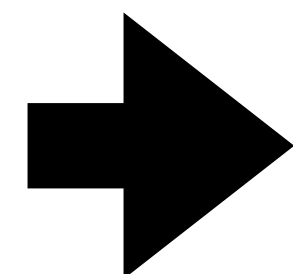


# Breaking degeneracies with Quantum Obs



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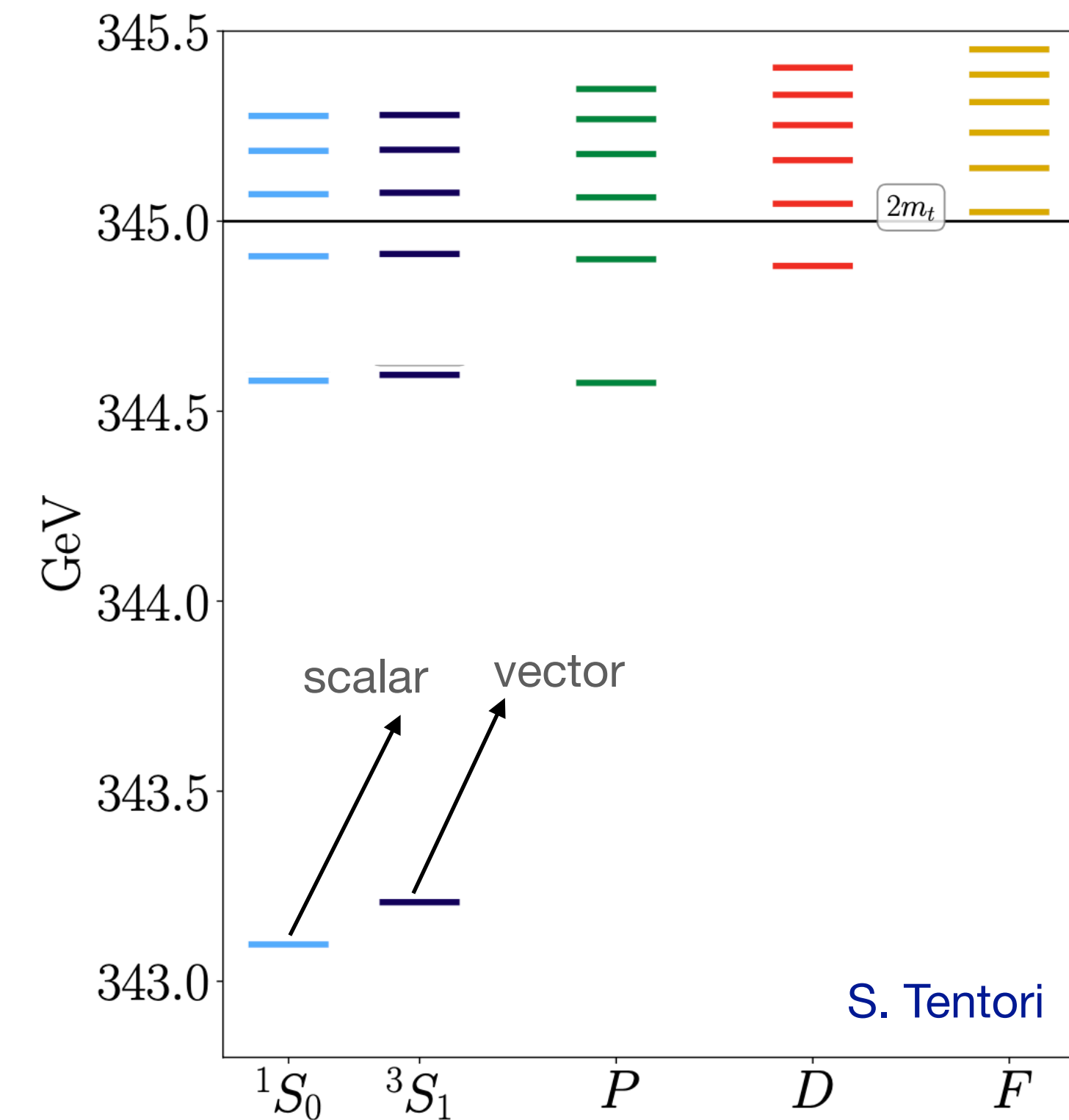
Spin correlation observables probe different linear combinations of Wilson coefficients



Breaking degeneracies

# Old New Physics: Threshold effects

- Quasi-Bound State of top and antitop
- Energy states obtained by solving Schrödinger equation with QCD potential
- Described by NRQCD
- Ground state  $n=1$  S-wave
- Spin-singlet vs spin-triplet depending on production mode
  - spin singlet for  $pp$  and spin triplet for  $e^+e^-$
- Most results obtained for  $e^+e^-$  threshold



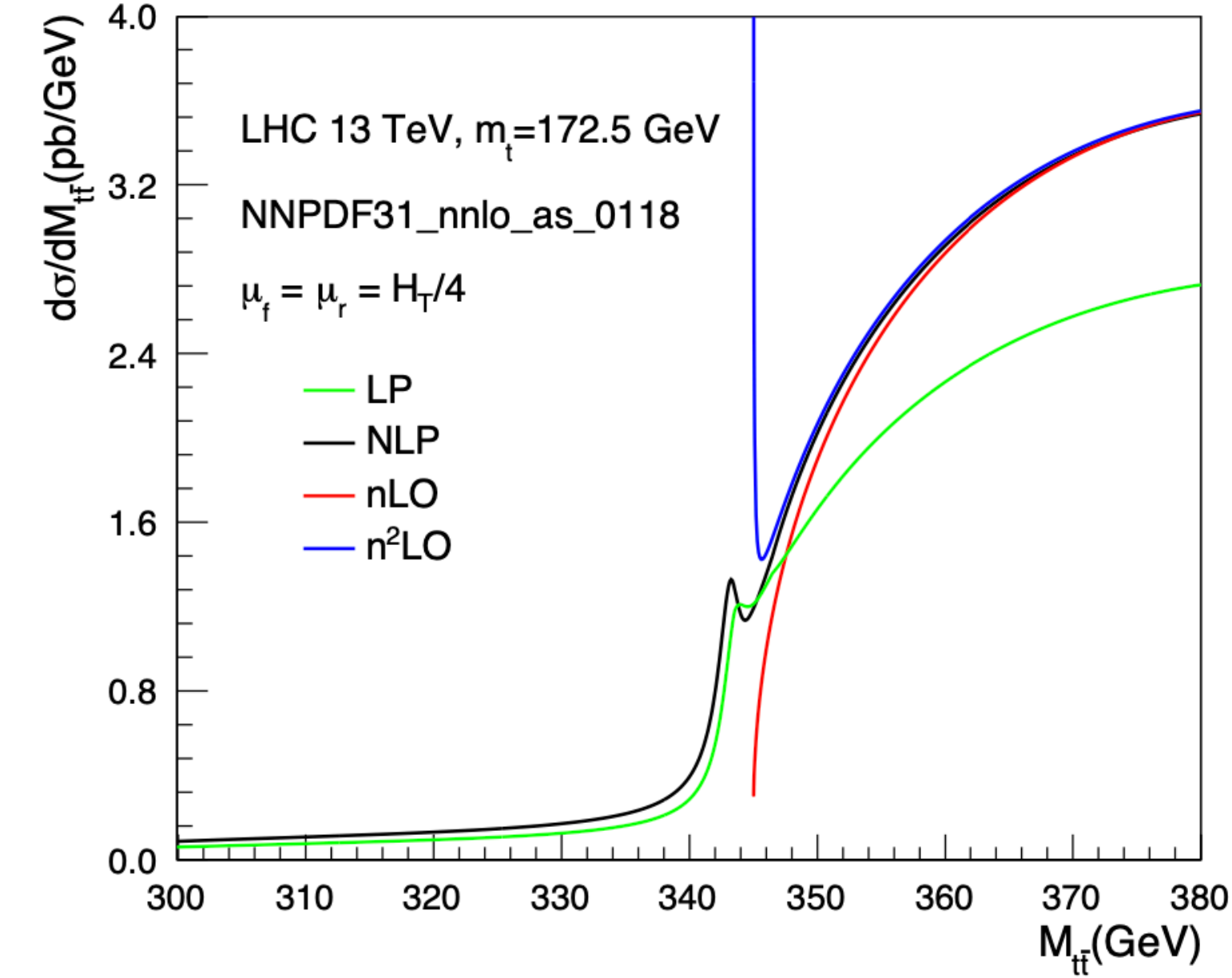
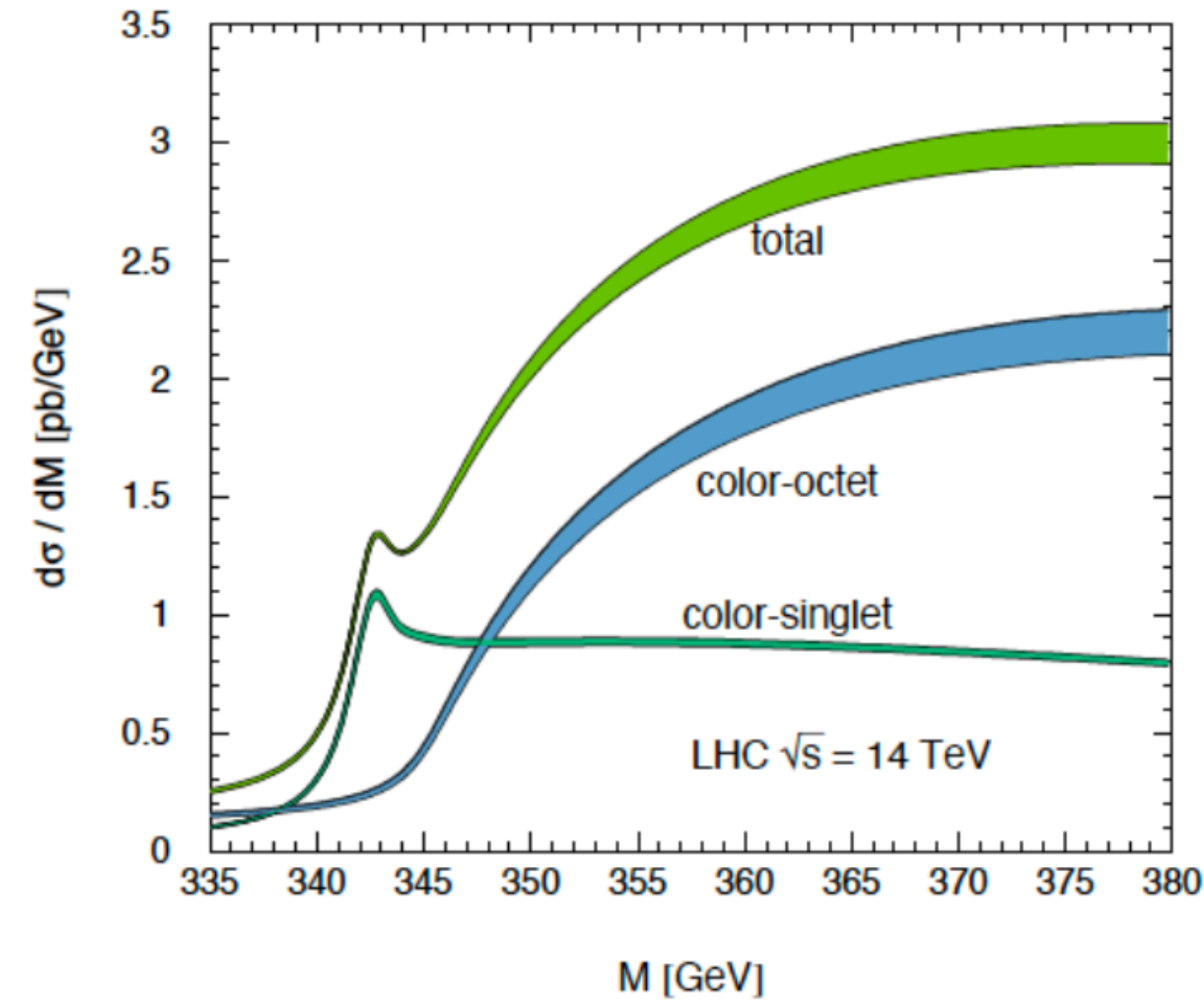
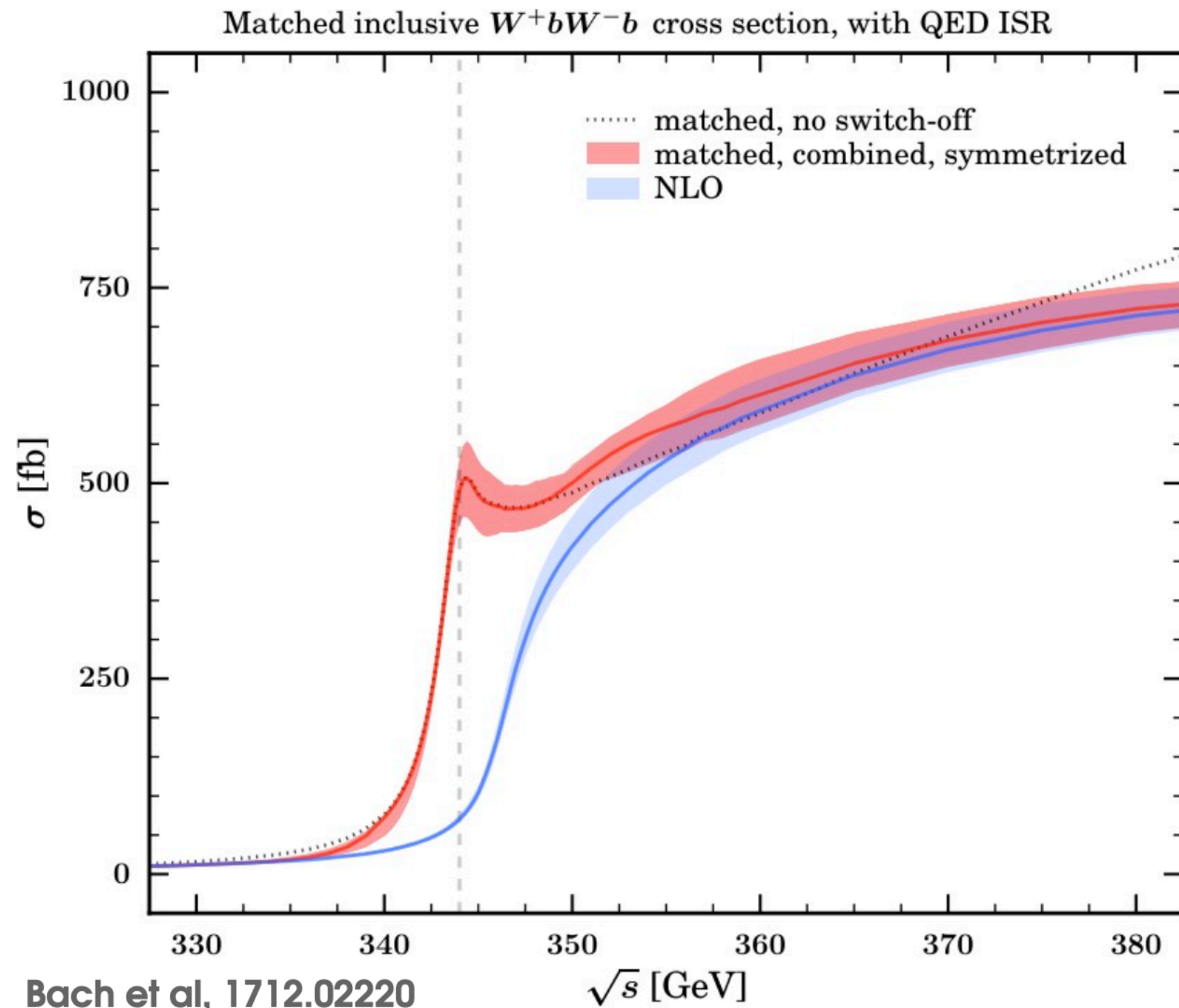
$$\left[ (E + i\Gamma_t) - \left( \frac{\nabla^2}{m_t} + V(\mathbf{r}) \right) \right] G(\mathbf{r}, E + i\Gamma_t) = \delta^{(3)}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$V_{\text{QCD}}(r, \mu_B) = C^{\text{[col]}} \frac{\alpha_s(\mu_B)}{r} \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s}{4\pi} \left( 2\beta_0 \log(e^\gamma \mu_B r) + \frac{31}{9} C_A - \frac{10}{9} n_f \right) + \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2) \right]$$

# What do we know about toponium?

$$e^+e^-$$

LHC results



Fully differential NLO+LL, Coulomb Resummation

Coulomb Resummation

Any computation needs matching between below threshold, toponium region, continuum



# Toponium modelling

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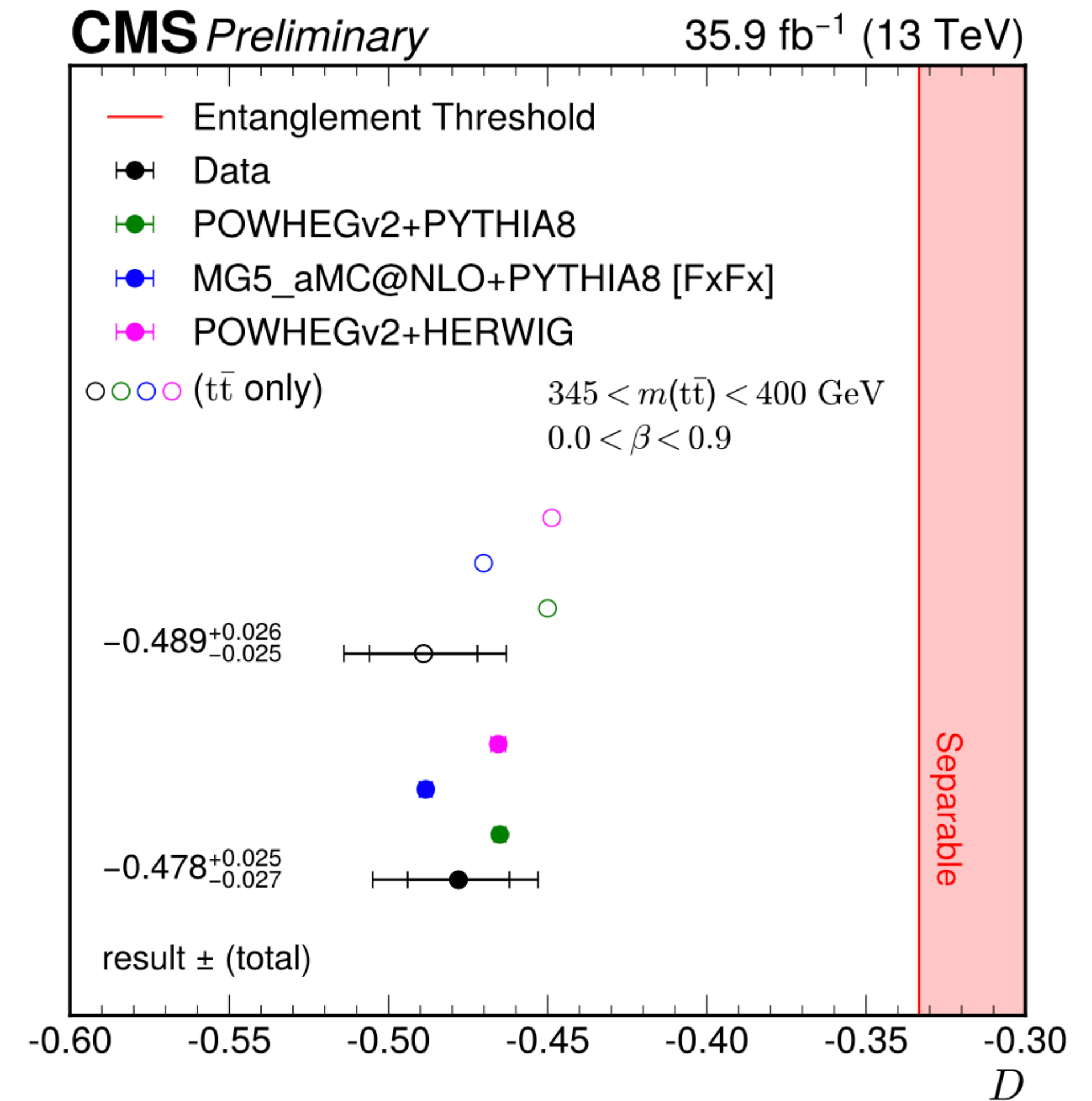
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- vector resonance for lepton collisions
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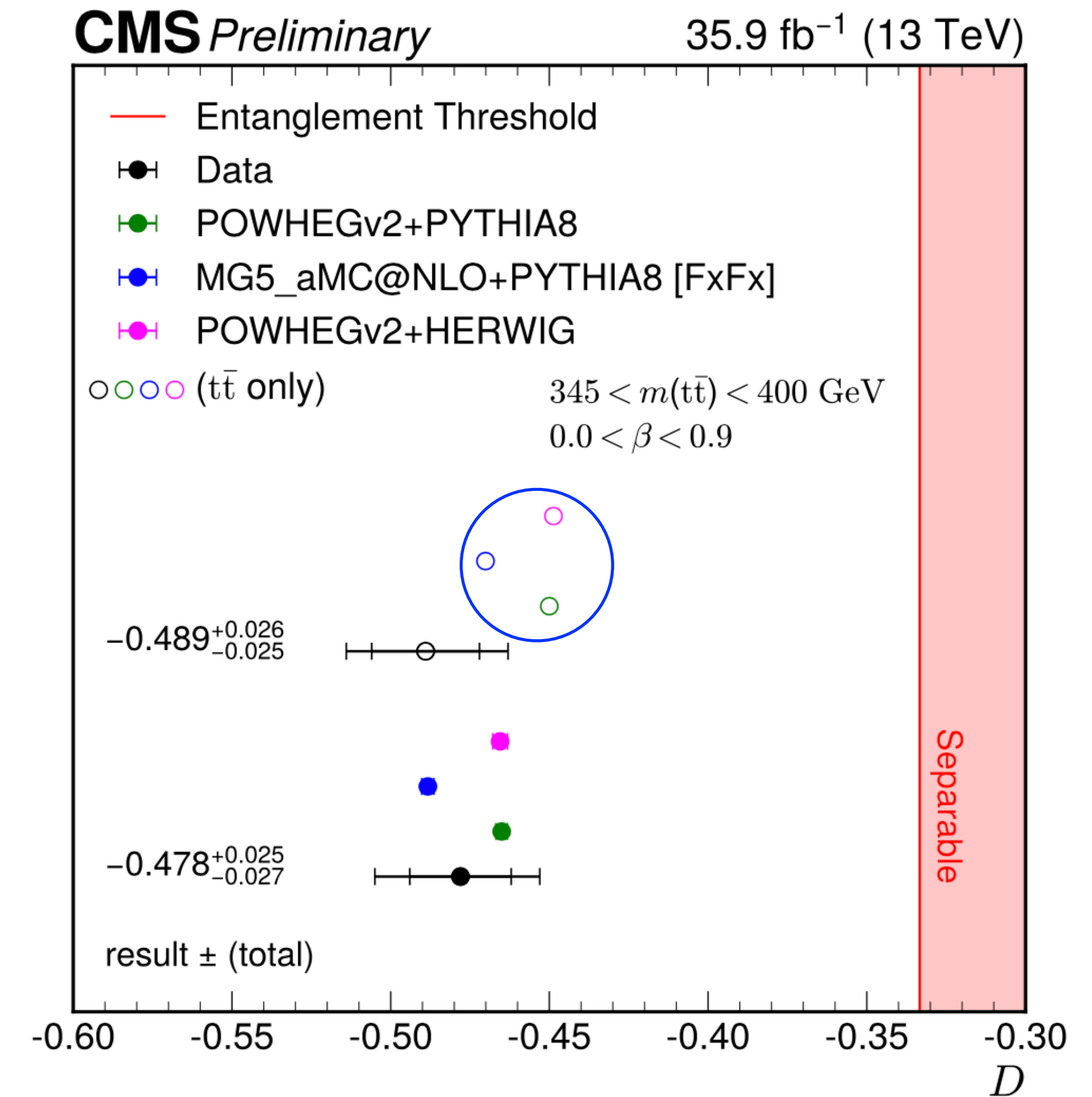
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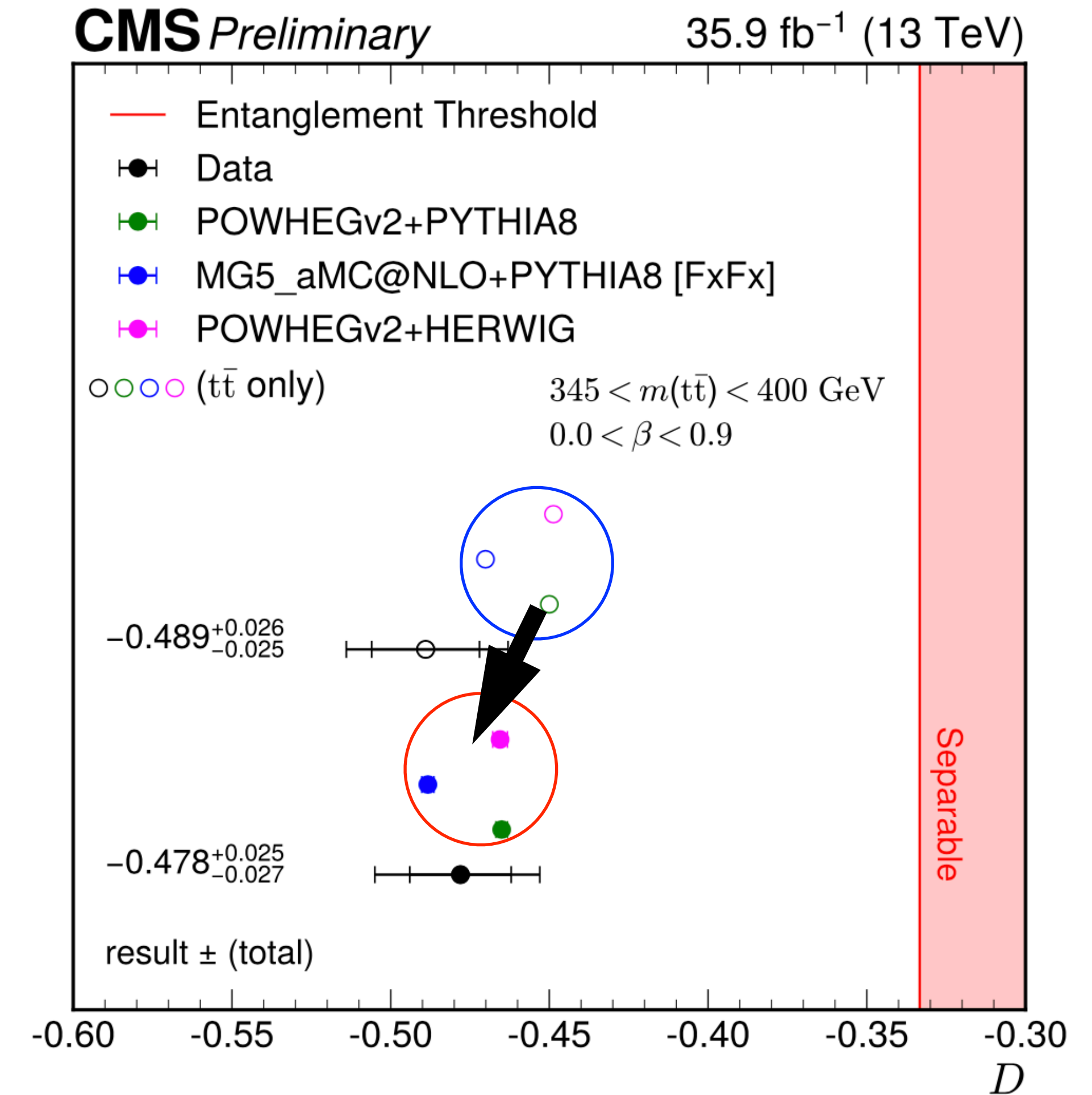
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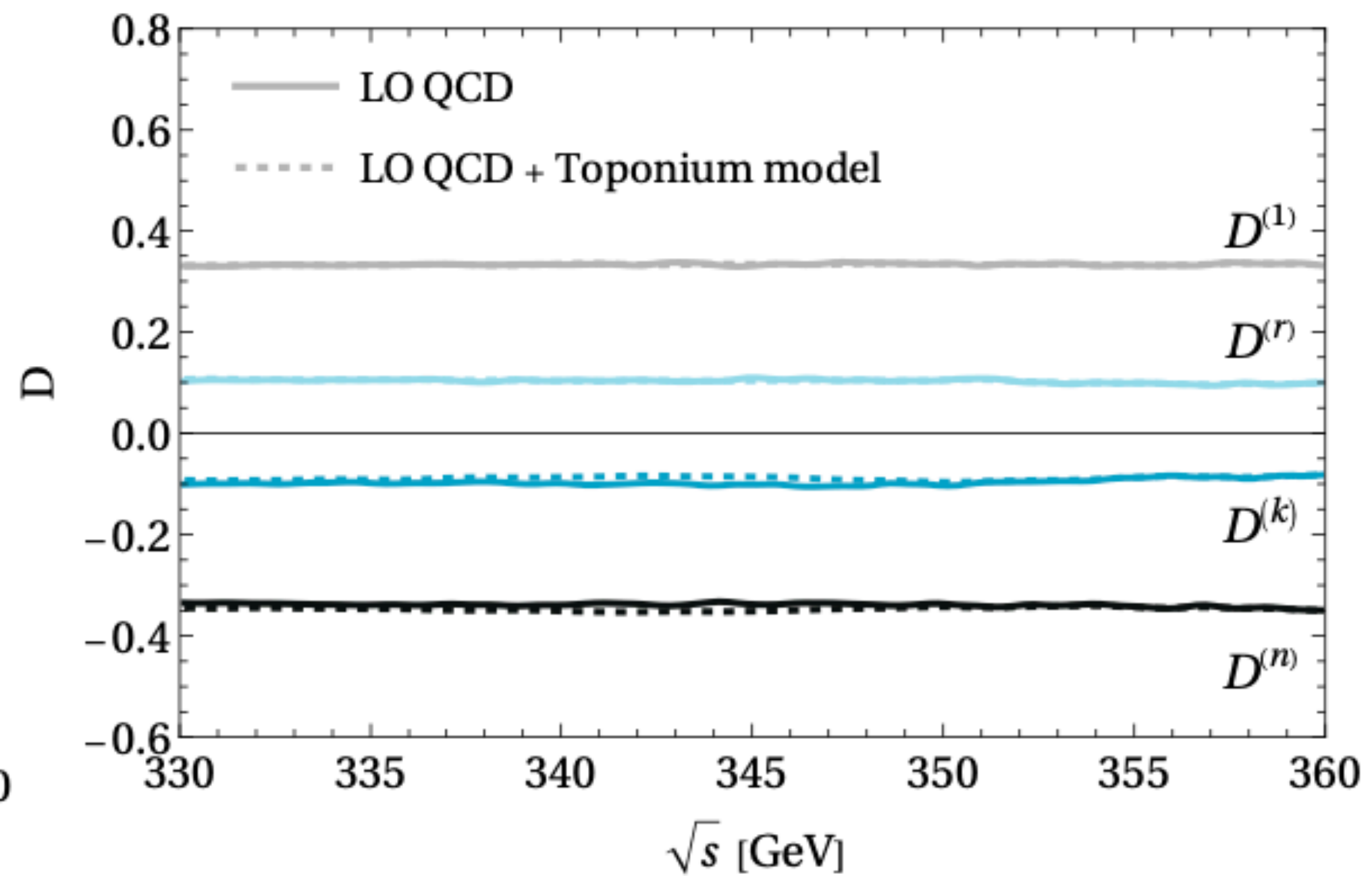
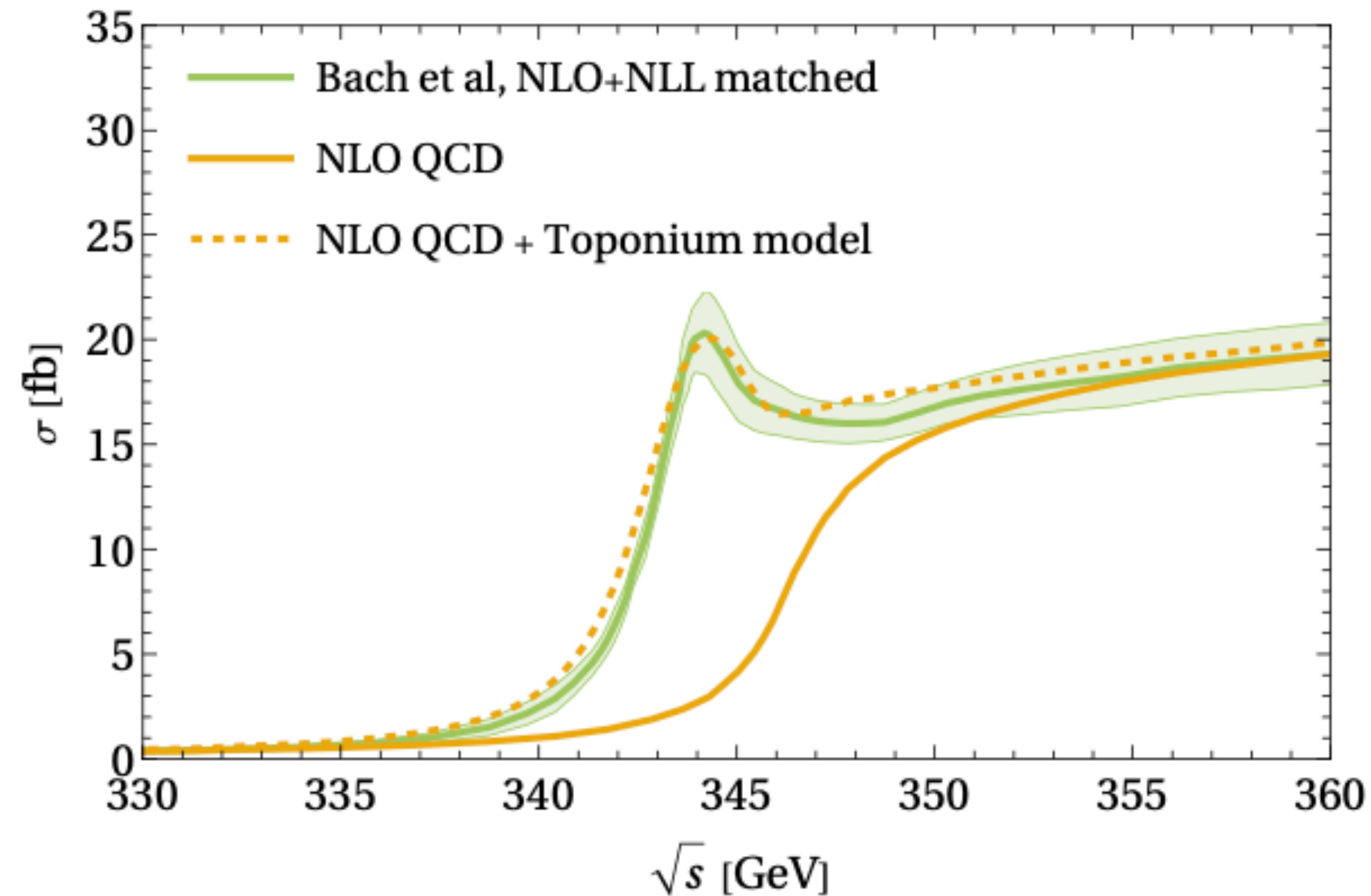
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# Toponium in $e^+e^-$



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Bound state effects have an impact on the lineshape (increase of cross-section)

No impact on entanglement markers (unlike the LHC)

Vector resonance leads to the same spin correlations as the EW Standard Model

# Conclusions

- A new era of quantum observables at colliders is here
- Ideas and methods of QM adjusted to high energy physics
- First measurements, and lots of studies already here
- Top pairs an ideal testing ground, different degrees of correlations can be observed
- QI observables are not only fun but can also help to probe new physics
- SMEFT introduce new structures, thus probing new linear combinations between coefficients
- QI observables can break degeneracies between operators when combined with standard observables



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