



# THE W AND Z BOSON SPIN OBSERVABLES AS MESSENGERS OF NEW PHYSICS AT LHC



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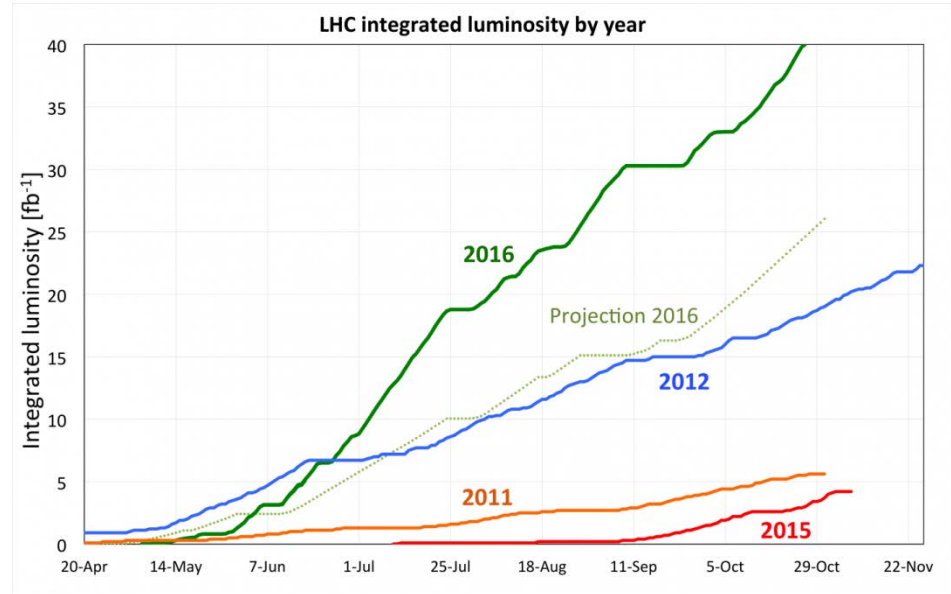
# OUTLINE

- Beyond “EXCESS OF EVENTS”  $\rightarrow$  W, Z Spin Observables as Messengers of hidden Production Mechanism
- Spin Density Matrix  $\rightarrow$  Why?, How?
- Correspondence Multipole Parameters  $\longleftrightarrow$  Asymmetries in Angular Distribution
- Polarized Top Quark Decay  $t \rightarrow bW$
- Heavy Resonance Decay  $j \rightarrow Z(W) j'$
- Drell-Yan Z + jets production
- Z boson + MET  $\longleftrightarrow$  SUSY, DM at LHC
- Outlook

# Beyond "EXCESS OF EVENTS"

- With the successful operation of LHC, accumulating a wealth of data in the ATLAS and CMS experiments, at CM energies of 7, 8 and 13 TeV, and the expected increasing statistics, measurements beyond simple event counts are mandatory!

*See: Frederick Bordry  
Plenary talk EPS-HEP 2017*



- Polarisation measurements, possible for particles with a short lifetime, through angular distributions of decay products
- WHY TO DO IT? Discriminating power between SM and New Physics models. W and Z most interesting -> MESSENGERS of hidden Production Mechanism

# SPIN DENSITY MATRIX

- Quantum mixed state for Spin 1 has 8 independent Spin Observables:

MULTIPOLE PARAMETERS  $t(L,M) \rightarrow$  3 L=1 Polarisation  
5 L=2 Alignments

- Spin Density Matrix

$$\rho = \frac{1}{3}\mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{M=-1}^1 \langle S_M \rangle^* S_M + \sum_{M=-2}^2 \langle T_M \rangle^* T_M$$

- Spherical basis of Spin Operators and Rank 2 Irreducible Tensors  $\rightarrow$   
**OBSERVABLE Expectation Values.**

- HOW TO MEASURE THEM? Correspondence  $t(L,M)$  with the angular distribution

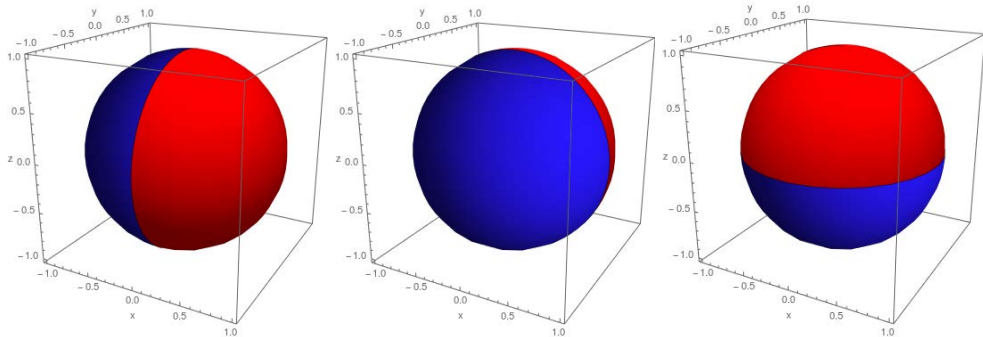
$$\text{Tr} [ M_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2; m} \rho_{mm'} M_{m'; \lambda_1, \lambda_2}^* ] \quad ; \quad \mathcal{M}_{m\lambda_1\lambda_2} = b_{\lambda_1\lambda_2} D_{m\lambda}^{1*}(\phi^*, \theta^*, 0)$$

with  $D^1$  the **Wigner D functions** for  $J=1$ ;  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2$  are the helicities of the two lepton decay products and  $\lambda = \lambda_1 - \lambda_2$

- $W \rightarrow$  fixed  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2) / Z \rightarrow$  L&R  $\longrightarrow$  Polarization Analyzer  $\eta_l = \left[ (g_L^l)^2 - (g_R^l)^2 \right] / \left[ (g_L^l)^2 + (g_R^l)^2 \right]$

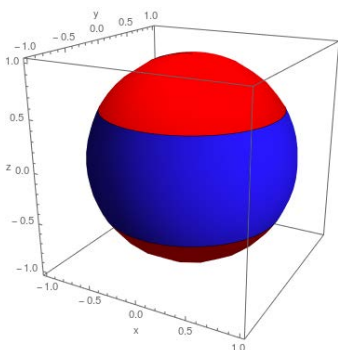
# HOW? Asymmetries $\leftrightarrow$ $t(L,M)$

Forward-backward:  $J_x, J_y, J_z$

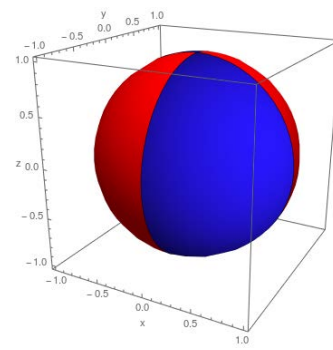
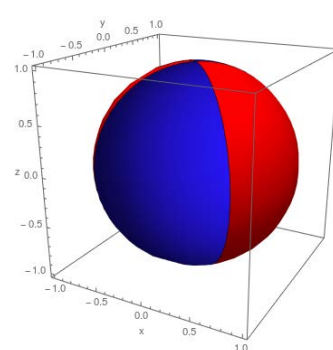
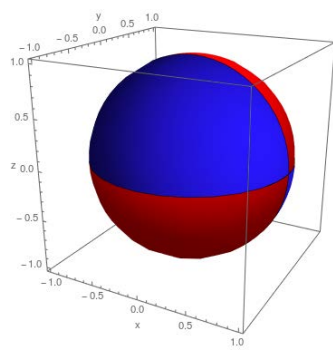
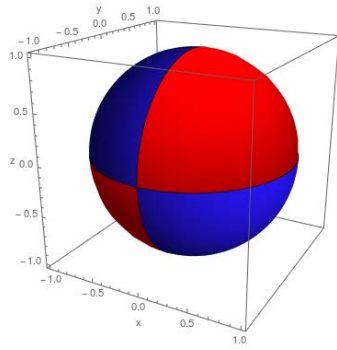


$$\begin{aligned}t_0^1 &= J_z \\t_1^1 &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(J_x + iJ_y) \\t_0^2 &= T_0 \\t_1^2 &= A_1 + iA_2 \\t_2^2 &= B_1 + iB_2\end{aligned}$$

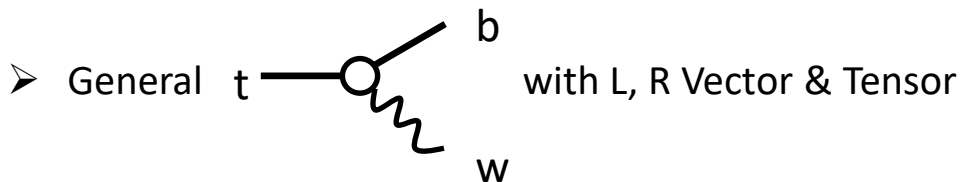
Edge-central:  $T_0$



Double forward-backward:  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2$



# POLARIZED TOP QUARK DECAY

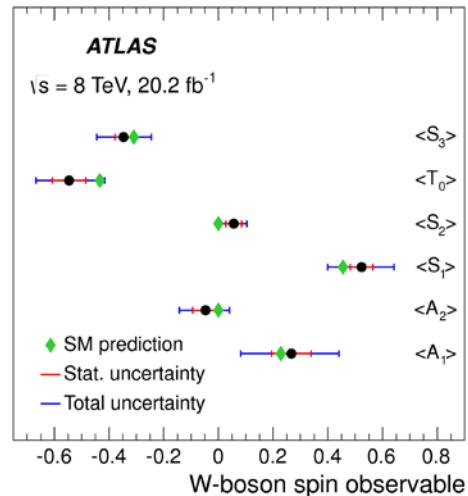
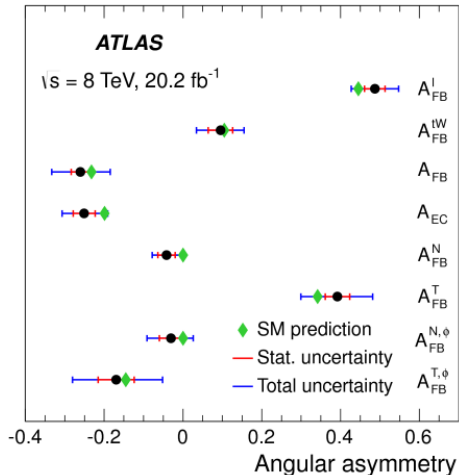


	$\langle S_1 \rangle$	$\langle S_2 \rangle$	$\langle S_3 \rangle$	$\langle T_0 \rangle$	$\langle A_1 \rangle$	$\langle A_2 \rangle$
SM	0.510	0	-0.302	-0.445	0.255	0
$g_R = 0.03$	0.500	0	-0.278	-0.472	0.249	0
$g_R = 0.10 i$	0.507	-0.084	-0.284	-0.434	0.253	-0.042

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \langle B_1 \rangle = \langle B_2 \rangle = 0 \quad \text{since } \rho_{\pm 1, \mp 1} = 0 \\ \text{The transverse } \langle S_{1,2} \rangle, \langle A_{1,2} \rangle \text{ need Top Quark Polarization} \end{array} \right.$

➤ Sensitivity to a **dipole interaction** described by a complex coupling

$g_R$



# HEAVY PARTICLE DECAYS

➤  $j=1/2 \rightarrow Z + j' = 1/2 \leftrightarrow$  similar analysis to  $t \rightarrow Wb$

➤  $j=0 \rightarrow Z + j' = 0 \leftrightarrow$  Particularly interesting  $\Rightarrow$  FULL LONGITUDINAL Z  $\leftrightarrow$   
 $\lambda=0 \leftrightarrow$  P- wave  $L=1$

- The only non-zero  $\rho_{00} = 1 \Rightarrow \langle T_0 \rangle = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}$   $A(0^-) \rightarrow Z + h(0^+)$

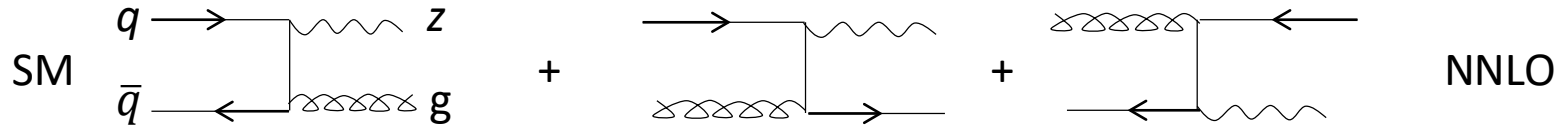
➤  $j=0 \rightarrow Z + j' = 1 \leftrightarrow$  Spin Density Matrix diagonal

- The diagonal Spin Observables  
Di-Boson Resonance

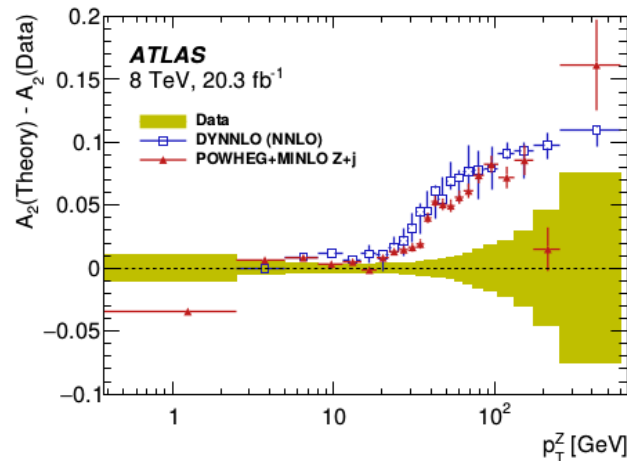
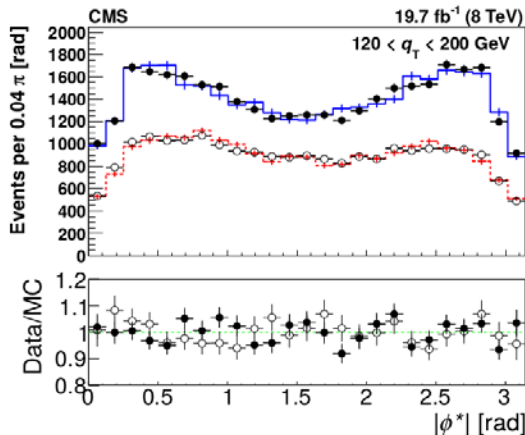
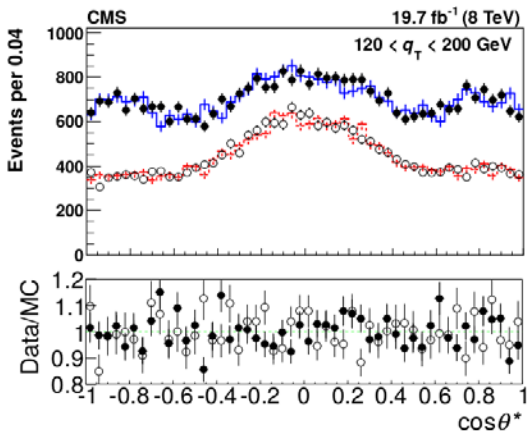
$$\langle S_3 \rangle = \left[ |a_{1,1}|^2 - |a_{-1,-1}|^2 \right] / N$$

$$\langle T_0 \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} \left[ 1 - 3|a_{00}|^2 / N \right]$$

# DRELL-YAN Z + jets



- Polarization Terms  $\langle S_K \rangle$  affected by small Polarization Analyzer
- Experimental Analysis in bins of rapidity & transverse momentum made at Tevatron, CMS & ATLAS  $\rightarrow$  Interest in separating Z-spin observables, **Some Tension**

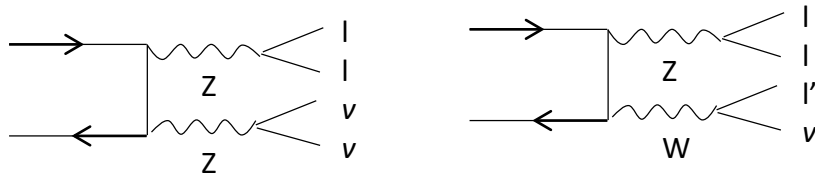


ATLAS  $A_2 \leftrightarrow \langle B_1 \rangle$  M =  $\pm 2$  Alignment



# Z boson + MET

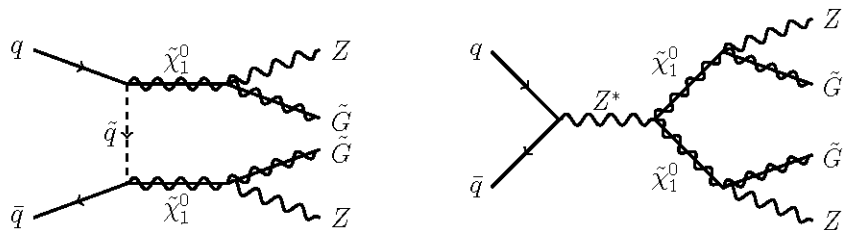
- Search for LHC SUSY signals & Dark Matter production
- Angular distribution of  $l$  in  $Z \rightarrow ll$  as function of final MET
- Leading SM



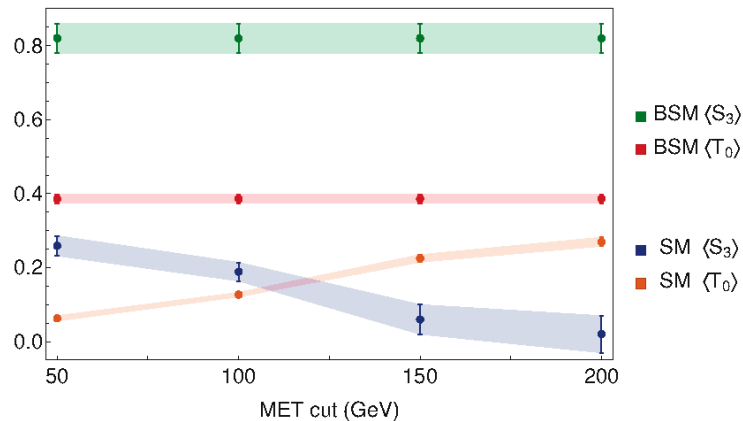
$l'$  undetected  
(small  $p_{\perp}$ , large rapidity)

- Simulation at 13 TeV CM, with Z-direction as unique reference
- ➔ Access to  $\langle S_3 \rangle$ ,  $\langle T_0 \rangle$  with very interesting dependence on MET cut above 100 GeV

- SUSY Dark Matter Model
  - Gravitino  $\tilde{G}$  LSP
  - Neutralino  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  NLSP



$$j = \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow Z + j' = \frac{3}{2} \leftrightarrow \langle T_0 \rangle = 1/\sqrt{6}$$



# OUTLOOK

- Wealth of LHC collision data → Separate W, Z boson spin observables.  
**How?** : Definite Asymmetries in the Angular Distribution of leptons.

- **Why?** → **Discriminating Power of hidden Production Mechanism, either SM or New Physics scenarios.**

- W boson Spin properties in t → W b decay clearly distinguish SM from a dipole vertex.
- Two-body Decay of Heavy Particles involving W or Z boson →  
Different Spin assignments lead to specific zeros and values of the W or Z Spin observables.
- Drell-Yan Z production → Tension in the identified Transverse  $M = \pm 2$  Alignment at large  $p_{\perp}$
- Z boson + MET → - Interesting rapid variation of  $\langle S_3 \rangle$  and  $\langle T_0 \rangle$  in SM above 100 GeV of MET, characteristic of SM.  
- Different and constant values for a  $\tilde{X}_1^0$  decay to Z +  $\tilde{G}$  model.

- **Looking for New Physics** ↔  
**Invaluable interesting methodology by means of these Spin Observables**