# What is next in top and diboson?

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Basic question: why?

Quantum mechanics is a fundamental pillar of modern physics! We have to test QM at all times!

However, it is not clear that we should see any effect at LHC even if QM has to be corrected (e.g. with non-linear terms)



... and it remains to be shown that effects should precisely be seen in entanglement measurements!



The possibility of QM violation is interesting but does not give a compelling argument for a sustained theoretical / experimental effort

According to quick poll with a small sample, people are not very enthusiastic with the possibility of QM disproval at LHC...



#### It is a new topic that gets headlines and publicity



... but after the initial novelty, future measurements will likely attract less attention ...

### Looking for new physics

Yes, but only if we use **dedicated** observables.

Example: ATLAS and CMS measured spin-correlation coefficients  $C_{kk}$ ,  $C_{rr}$ ,  $C_{nn}$  in t t-bar production.

If we consider entanglement observables

 $C_{kk} + C_{rr} + C_{nn} \equiv 3D$  $C_{kk} + C_{rr} - C_{nn} \equiv 3D_3$ 

and measure them indirectly from  $C_{kk}$ ,  $C_{rr}$ ,  $C_{nn}$ , it is unlikely to have any sensitivity gain.

The way to improve sensitivity is to consider observables that directly measure D and  $D_3$  from distributions.

[an observable for D is known since long]

**Movel entanglement tests** that were not possible before.

What is genuinely new in particle physics with respect to experiments with electrons and photons? Particle decay.\*

Post-decay entanglement:

A and B entangled  $A \rightarrow A_1 A_2$ 



A<sub>1</sub>, A<sub>2</sub> and B entangled A<sub>1</sub> and B entangled

JAAS 2307.06991

Entanglement and post-selection: JAAS 2308.07412 A and B entangled  $A \rightarrow A_1 A_2$ Measurement on B A and B entangled  $\neq$  spin selection on A, which already has decayed

\* J. Bernabéu, talk at 7<sup>th</sup> Red LHC workshop, Madrid, May 10-12 2023

**Movel entanglement tests** that were not possible before.

Also, tests with qutrits have only been performed with non-elementary objects. At LHC we have W and Z pairs in many processes:

▶ Higgs decays H → WW
Fabbri, Howarth, Maurin 2307.13783

► Higgs decays  $H \rightarrow ZZ$  JAAS, Bernal, Casas, Moreno 2209.13441

Electroweak production
Ashby-Pickering, Barr, Wierzchucka 2209.13990
Fabbrichesi, Floreanini, Gabrielli, Marzola 2302.00683



Morales 2306.17247

Last, but not least, entanglement measurements are quite demanding, and provide a stress test on our current understanding of

- theoretical modeling
- experimental systematic uncertainties

Example: ATLAS entanglement measurement



# In this respect, it is good to remember the $\Delta \Phi$ anomaly in top pair production

lab-frame azimuthal angle between leptons



#### New physics explanations break $\Delta \eta$ and $\sigma$ , see <u>here</u> and <u>here</u>

Entanglement observables involve spin correlations, which are sensitive to new physics.



we can parameterise deviations from SM in terms of dim-6 operators, which provide a definite framework for comparisons

Spin correlations are measured with angular distributions, with a relation that may be modified by new physics



we can also introduce dim-6 operators for the decay of top, W, Z, but typically there are better ways to constrain them

EFT is <u>not</u> a model. When evaluating sensitivity, one should beware flat directions, which may be natural in actual models

t t-bar example: top chromomagnetic dipole operator



#### t t-bar example: some four-fermion operators



Polarisation seems to outperform the rest of observables [note that experimental uncertainties are likely smaller] but this statement is basis-dependent (!)

 $H \rightarrow ZZ$  example: test anomalous HZZ interaction Fabbrichesi et al. 2304.02403



Useful by-products of entanglement studies are new measurement-friendly parameterisations of the  $V_1V_2$  density matrix [V = W, Z]



where  $T^{L}_{M}$  [L = 1,2] are irreducible tensors

$$\begin{split} T_1^1 &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_0^1 &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \\ T_2^2 &= \sqrt{3} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad T_2^1 &= \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\ T_2^2 &= -(T_2^2)^{\dagger} \\ T_{-1}^2 &= -(T_1^2)^{\dagger} \\ T_{-1}^2 &= -(T_1^2)^{\dagger} \\ T_{-1}^2 &= -(T_1^2)^{\dagger} \end{split}$$

Alternative: Gell-Mann matrices

# ... whose corresponding 4-d angular distribution for the $V_1V_2$ decay products is [using the charged leptons in leptonic decays]

Because spherical harmonics are orthogonal functions, to pick selected terms in the distribution one just has to take averages

constants you can calculate



#### What is next?

New observables more sensitive than old ones? That is yet to be determined

When dedicated observables are not found, perhaps forget about entanglement and go for density matrix elements

UV matching may help identify interesting observables and scenarios

Consider a system of two particles A, B, with spin state described by

$$\rho = \sum_{ijkl} p_{ij}^{kl} |\phi_i \chi_k\rangle \langle \phi_j \chi_l| \qquad |\phi_i\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_A , \quad |\chi_k\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_B$$

Let A decay  $A \rightarrow A_1 A_2 \dots$  with amplitudes

# are the spin spaces

 $M_{ij} = \langle p; \xi_i | T | \phi_j \rangle \qquad \qquad |\xi_i\rangle \in \mathcal{H}_{A_1} \otimes \mathcal{H}_{A_2} \otimes \dots$ 

Then, the spin state of  $A_1 A_2 \dots$  and B is described by

$$\rho' = \frac{1}{\sum_{ik} (M\rho^{kk} M^{\dagger})_{ii}} \sum_{ijkl} (M\rho^{kl} M^{\dagger})_{ij} |\xi_i \chi_k\rangle \langle \xi_j \chi_l|$$

Entanglement between A and B is inherited by the decay products of A. Post-decay entanglement is a novel test that cannot be performed with electrons / photons

Post-decay entanglement can be measured in top quark decays

When t t-bar are entangled and t-bar decays into  $W^-b$ , t is entangled with the  $W^-b$ -bar pair

#### Problem:

When we have several entangled particles and trace over [unobserved] degrees of freedom, entanglement may be lost.

The *b*-bar spin is not measured, and summing over it destroys entanglement.

#### Solution:

Consider a kinematical region where the *b*-bar spin aligns with the *t*-bar one (!)

Assume *t* t-bar are in a spin-triplet state  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\rangle \otimes |\downarrow\rangle + |\downarrow\rangle \otimes |\uparrow\rangle)$ 



t W<sup>-</sup> not entangled in general



but in some kinematical configurations they are!

Threshold, beamline basis z = (0,0,1)

 $\theta_W = angle between W^-$  momentum in t-bar rest frame and z axis

Looser cut  $m_{t\bar{t}} < 390 \text{ GeV}, \beta < 0.9, \cos \theta_W > 0.3$ more statistics  $\rho_{tW} \simeq 0.49 |\Psi\rangle \langle \Psi| + \dots$  $|\Psi\rangle \simeq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \left| \frac{1}{2} 0 \right\rangle - \left| - \frac{1}{2} 1 \right\rangle \right]$ Entanglement **Tighter cut**  $m_{t\bar{t}} < 390 \text{ GeV}, \beta < 0.9, \cos \theta_W > 0.9$ measure? less statistics  $\rho_{tW} \simeq 0.62 |\Psi\rangle \langle \Psi| + \dots$  $|\Psi\rangle \simeq 0.82 |\frac{1}{2}0\rangle - 0.57 |-\frac{1}{2}1\rangle$ 

Entanglement indicator:

lowest eigenvalue  $\lambda_1$  of the  $\rho^{T_2}$  matrix for tW





 $\lambda_1 < 0 \Leftrightarrow$  Entanglement

Other than top? Not many options [need decay products with measurable spin]

- WW  $\rightarrow \tau v \ell v$ : too many neutrinos.
- $ZZ \rightarrow \tau\tau \,\ell\ell$  : in principle doable at linear colliders; ZZ entangled and  $Z \rightarrow \tau\tau \sim H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  which may be reconstructed Altakach et al. 2211.10513
- $WZ \rightarrow \tau v \,\ell \ell$  : perhaps feasible at LHC, but WZ entanglement is small



Plots from Fabbrichesi et al. 2302.00683

#### What is next?

Post-decay entanglement: unique test of QM not possible in experiments with e<sup>-</sup> and γ

Shows that decay is <u>not</u> in general a spin `measurement' in the QM sense

Boson-fermion spin entanglement tests are quite rare, too!

#### The ZZ final state is clean and easy to reconstruct

Talks by A. Barr, J. Moreno, A. Bernal, L. Marzola

... but the WW final state is clearly superior in terms of both statistics and spin analysing power

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

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

Additional efforts towards realistic methods for WW are necessary!

The decay WW  $\rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$  cannot be uniquely reconstructed because of the two neutrinos: the system is underconstrained.

Promising attempts in VBF WW  $\rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$  using NNs





No studies for  $(\theta, \phi)$  reconstruction nor for general polarisations. Entanglement measurements are quite demanding!

For  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$ , entanglement conditions can be recast into a binary test using lab-frame dilepton kinematical distributions. JAAS, 2209.14033



Such an easy trick is not possible to test Bell inequalities but...

is there a meaningful mapping of CGLMP violation into  $\Delta \eta_{II}$ ,  $\Delta \varphi_{II}$ ,  $m_{II}$  regions?

to reduce bkg

Full reconstruction of  $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow \ell \nu q q$  possible by using c-tagging to distinguish jets Fabbri, Howarth, Maurin, 2307.13783

Penalties of full reconstruction:

- I/2 BR because  $W \rightarrow ud$  is not usable
- I/2 BR because  $W \rightarrow cs$  is assumed on shell,  $W \rightarrow \ell v$  off shell
- 0.4 efficiency for charm tagging

With BR 12x larger than WW  $\rightarrow 2\ell 2\nu$ , still 20% more statistics

Reconstruction procedure might be adapted to electroweak WW, replacing H mass constraint by  $W \rightarrow \ell v$  mass constraint.



After measurement in the threshold region, there are several items in the experimental to-do list:

Entanglement in boosted region

Semi-leptonic channel

**Bell** inequalities

Afik, Nova 2003.02280 Severi et al. 2110.10112 JAAS, Casas 2205.00542

Dong, Gonçalves, Kong, Navarro 2305.07075 Han, Low, Wu 2310.17696

Fabbrichesi, Floreanini, Panizzo 2102.11883 Severi et al. 2110.10112 Afik, Nova 2203.05582 JAAS, Casas 2205.00542

Other quantum measurements

Afik, Nova 2209.03969

$$\frac{\text{Priority}}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ 2 \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{expected} \\ \text{significance} \end{array} \right\rangle + \left| \begin{array}{c} \text{personal} \\ \text{preference} \end{array} \right\rangle \right]$$

Entanglement in boosted region

Entanglement witness:  $E \equiv C_{kk} + C_{rr} - C_{nn} - 1 > 0$ 

It is equivalent to Peres-Horodecki criterion for  $C_{kr} = 0$ 

For boosted region  $m_{tt} \ge 800$  GeV,  $\cos \theta \le 0.6$ 

σ	Cĸĸ	Crr	Cnn	C <sub>kr</sub>	C <sub>xx</sub>	C <sub>yy</sub>	Czz
93 fb	0.661	0.680	-0.574	0.121	~0	~0	0.786

E is close to optimal.

Direct application of Peres-Horodecki criterion [which has bias] is not likely to improve sensitivity.

Direct measurement using D<sub>3</sub> observable has smaller statistical uncertainty JAAS, Casas 2205.00542



angle between  $l^+$  and mirror image of  $l^$ momentum, reflected in the K-R plane

$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta'_{ab}} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + \alpha_a \alpha_b D_3 \cos\theta'_{ab} \right)$$

Entanglement test for boosted region:  $3D_3 - 1 > 0$ 



Reconstruction uncertainty in semileptonic channel also smaller Han, Low, Wu 2310.17696

Measurements in semi-leptonic channel final state

Using optimal hadronic polarimeter, statistical uncertainty decreases by a factor 1.6. What about systematic uncertainties?

Early ATLAS analysis with 4.6 fb<sup>-1</sup> at 7 TeV may give us a hint. 1407.4314

dilepton:  $C_{kk} = 0.23 \pm 0.06 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.07 \text{ (syst)}$ semileptonic:  $C_{kk} = 0.35 \pm 0.03 \text{ (stat)} \pm 0.08 \text{ (syst)}$ 

 $\Leftrightarrow$  Comparison cannot simply be extrapolated to other C's / distributions ...

- $\overleftrightarrow$  ... but suggests that systematics [which likely will dominate] will be comparable ...
- ☆ ... and in any case, threshold measurement in the semileptonic channel is a must, given the discrepancies found [likely due to mismodeling].

Dong et al. 2305.07075 Han, Low, Wu 2310.17696

no other spin

correlation analysis in

I+jets channel since then

#### Beyond top pairs: t t-bar W

Enormous spin correlations. For example, at the LO [inclusively]

$$\begin{split} \rho_{ttW^+} = & \frac{1}{12} \left[ 1 - 0.83 \ \mathbbm{1} \otimes \mathbbm{1} \otimes T_0^2 + 0.88 \ t_0^1 \otimes t_0^1 \otimes \mathbbm{1} \right. \\ & + 0.2 \left( t_0^1 \otimes \mathbbm{1} \otimes T_0^1 - t_1^1 \otimes \mathbbm{1} \otimes T_{-1}^1 - t_{-1}^1 \otimes \mathbbm{1} \otimes T_1^1 \right) \\ & + 0.2 \left( \mathbbm{1} \otimes t_0^1 \otimes T_0^1 - \mathbbm{1} \otimes t_1^1 \otimes T_{-1}^1 - \mathbbm{1} \otimes t_{-1}^1 \otimes T_1^1 \right) \\ & - 0.2 \left( t_1^1 \otimes t_0^1 \otimes T_{-1}^2 + t_{-1}^1 \otimes t_0^1 \otimes T_1^2 + t_0^1 \otimes t_1^1 \otimes T_{-1}^2 + t_0^1 \otimes t_{-1}^1 \otimes t_{-1}^1 \otimes T_1^2 \right) \\ & - 0.88 \ t_0^1 \otimes t_0^1 \otimes T_0^2 \right] \end{split}$$

three-particle measurements possible!

especially interesting because of cross section excesses







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#### Probing new physics

Naming a cancellation as `flat direction' is misleading because that suggests some fine-tuning.

Well-known examples of operators & models that produce such JAAS, 0811.3842

$$\mathcal{L}_{Ztt} = -\frac{g}{2c_W} \bar{t} \gamma^{\mu} (c_L^t P_L + c_R^t P_R) t Z_{\mu} \qquad \delta c_L^t = \left[ C_{\phi q}^{(3,3+3)} - C_{\phi q}^{(1,3+3)} \right] \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2} \mathcal{L}_{Zbb} = -\frac{g}{2c_W} \bar{b} \gamma^{\mu} (c_L^b P_L + c_R^b P_R) b Z_{\mu} \qquad \delta c_L^b = \left[ C_{\phi q}^{(3,3+3)} + C_{\phi q}^{(1,3+3)} \right] \frac{v^2}{\Lambda^2}$$

In the one-operator-at-a-time framework, both  $C_{\phi q}^{(3,3+3)}$  and  $C_{\phi q}^{(1,3+3)}$ are tightly constrained by  $Z \rightarrow bb$  at LEP.

But a VLQ singlet T precisely generates  $C_{\phi q}^{(1,3+3)} = -C_{\phi q}^{(3,3+3)}$  and no tree-level contribution to the Zbb vertex (!!!)

This is a decay  $0 \rightarrow I + I$ . Angular momentum conservation implies that many A and C coefficients are zero. The non-zero ones are

$$\begin{aligned} A_{10}^{1} &= -A_{10}^{2} , \quad A_{20}^{1} = A_{20}^{2} \\ C_{1010} , \quad C_{2020} , \quad C_{1020} , \quad C_{2010} \\ C_{111-1} &= C_{1-111}^{*} , \quad C_{222-2} = C_{2-222}^{*} , \quad C_{212-1} = C_{2-121}^{*} , \\ C_{112-1} &= C_{1-121}^{*} , \quad C_{211-1} = C_{2-111}^{*} \end{aligned}$$

and the 9×9 p matrix is sparse [relations among coefficients used below]

 $H \rightarrow VV$  special case

#### Results after Delphes simulation, $e\mu$ channel, L = 138 fb<sup>-1</sup>



The differences between the SM and separable hypotheses arise in the region with smaller bkg

The bkg systematics are small provided we normalise it with a sideband



# now this is the end