



# Quantum Non-locality at Colliders

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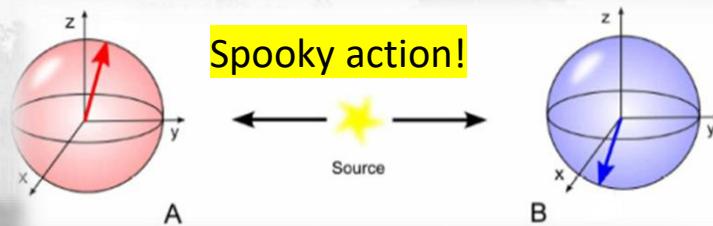
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# A short history of quantum Entanglement (1)

- ◆ Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen——EPR文章（1935），试图证明QM是不完整的。被关联的两个粒子的物理观测量是以某种方式互相关联：测量一个粒子的物理量会影响另一个粒子的观测量，如动量、位置。



Quantum Mechanical Description of physics reality described by wave function is not complete without a “hidden-variable theory”

“Can Quantum Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?”



A. Einstein

B. Podolski

N. Rosen

Physical reality must be local! - Podolsky

EPR Paradox



# A short history of quantum Entanglement (2)

## ◆ 贝尔不等式的提出

1964年，物理学家约翰·贝尔提出了著名的“**贝尔不等式**”。贝尔不等式为**局域性隐变量理论**提供了可检验的预测：如果该理论正确，某些物理量的测量结果应该满足特定的数学关系。



1947~  
Alain Aspect

2022



1942~  
John F. Clauser

2022



1945~  
Anton Zeilinger

2022



$$|E(a, b) + E(a, b') + E(a', b) - E(a', b')| \leq 2$$

**量子力学是非局域性理论！**

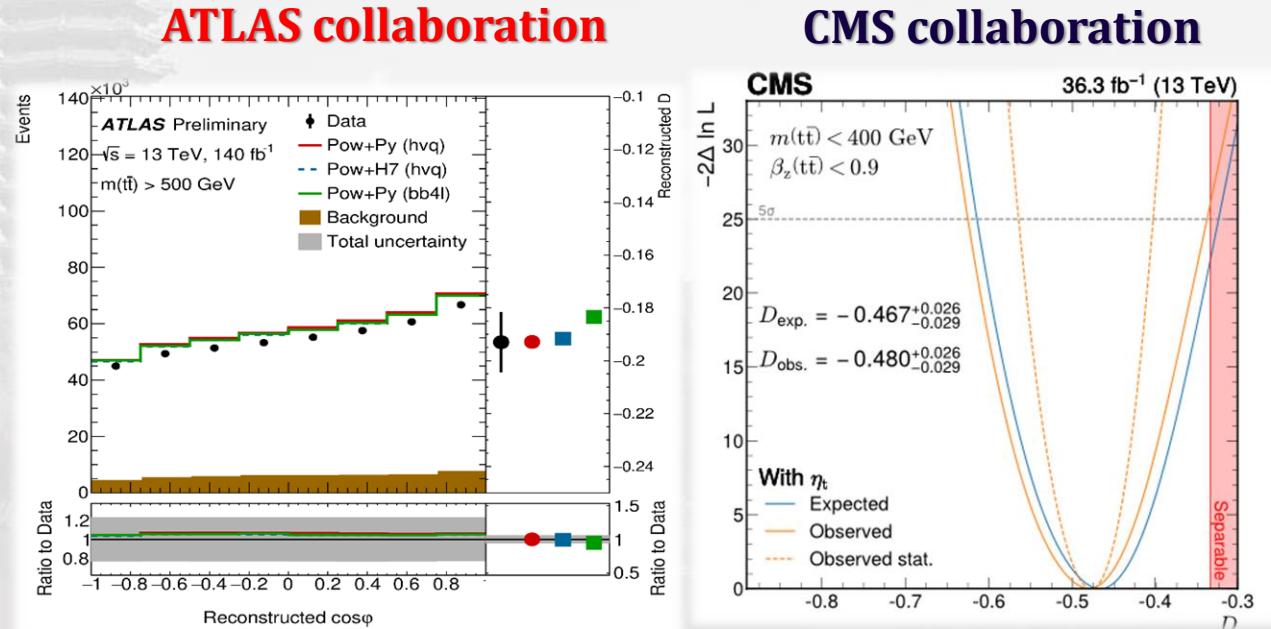
# Observation by LHC experiments

## Entanglement marker

$$D = \frac{\text{tr}[C]}{3} = -3 \langle \cos\varphi \rangle$$

$D \leq -\frac{1}{3}$  Entanglement condition

Y. Afik  
Eur. Phys. J. Plus **136**, 907  
(2021).



ATLAS Collaboration  
Nature **633**, 542 (2024).

CMS collaboration.  
Rep. Prog. Phys. **87**, 117801 (2024).



# Two-qutrit : $VV(ZZ, WW)$

## ◆ Bell-type inequality (CGLMP)

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

$$I_3 = \langle \mathcal{O}_{\text{Bell}} \rangle = \text{Tr}\{\rho \mathcal{O}_{\text{Bell}}\} \leq 2$$

A.J. Barr et.al, Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 139  
(2024) 104134

## ◆ Spin density matrix (SDM)

### ➤ Gell-Mann Parameterization

$$\rho(\lambda_1, \lambda'_1, \lambda_2, \lambda'_2) = \left( \frac{1}{9} [\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1}] + \sum_a f_a [T^a \otimes \mathbb{1}] + \sum_a g_a [\mathbb{1} \otimes T^a] + \sum_{ab} h_{ab} [T^a \otimes T^b] \right)_{\lambda_1 \lambda'_1 \lambda_2 \lambda'_2}$$

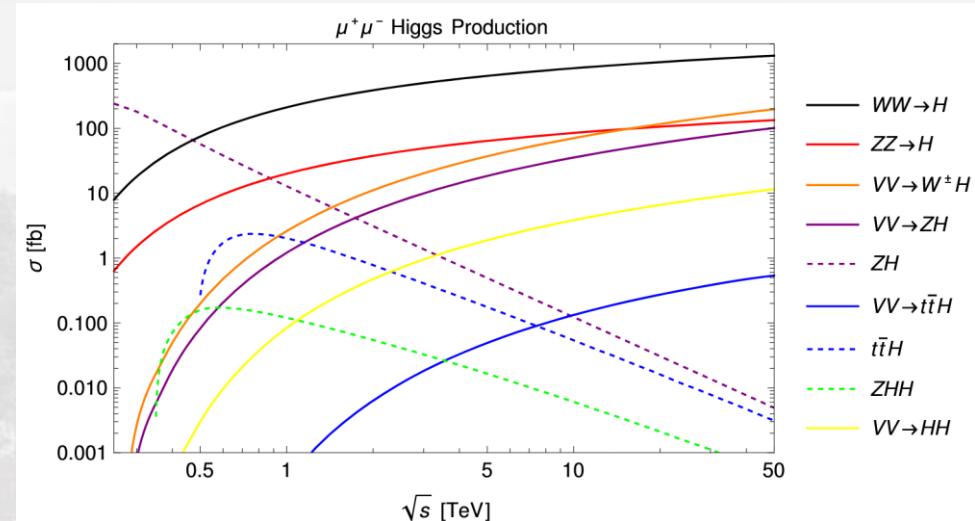
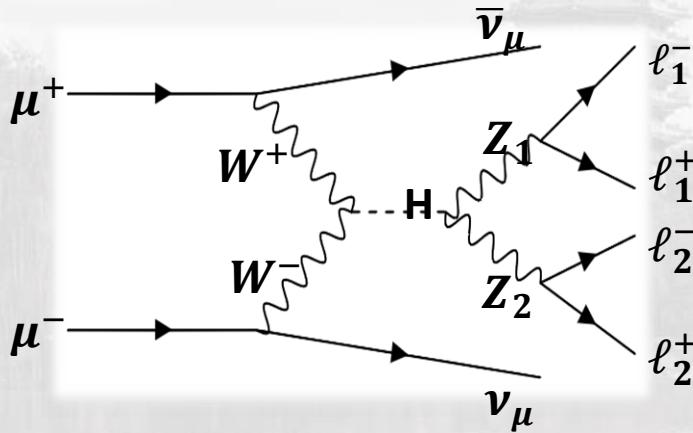
### ➤ Irreducible Tensor Parameterization

$$\rho = \frac{1}{9} \left[ \mathbb{1}_3 \otimes \mathbb{1}_3 + A_{LM}^1 T_M^L \otimes \mathbb{1}_3 + A_{LM}^2 \mathbb{1}_3 \otimes T_M^L + C_{L_1 M_1 L_2 M_2} T_{M_1}^{L_1} \otimes T_{M_2}^{L_2} \right],$$

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PhysRevD.107.016012

$$H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow \ell_1^+ \ell_1^- \ell_2^+ \ell_2^-$$

◆ Large number of Higgs events from Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)



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# Quantum State Tomography (量子层析)

- ◆ Differential Cross section:  $zz \rightarrow \ell_1^+ \ell_1^- \ell_2^+ \ell_2^-$  (parent particle's rest frame)

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$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} = \left( \frac{3}{4\pi} \right)^2 \text{Tr} \left\{ \rho (\Gamma_1 \otimes \Gamma_2)^T \right\} \quad \Gamma \propto \mathcal{M}^\dagger \mathcal{M}$$

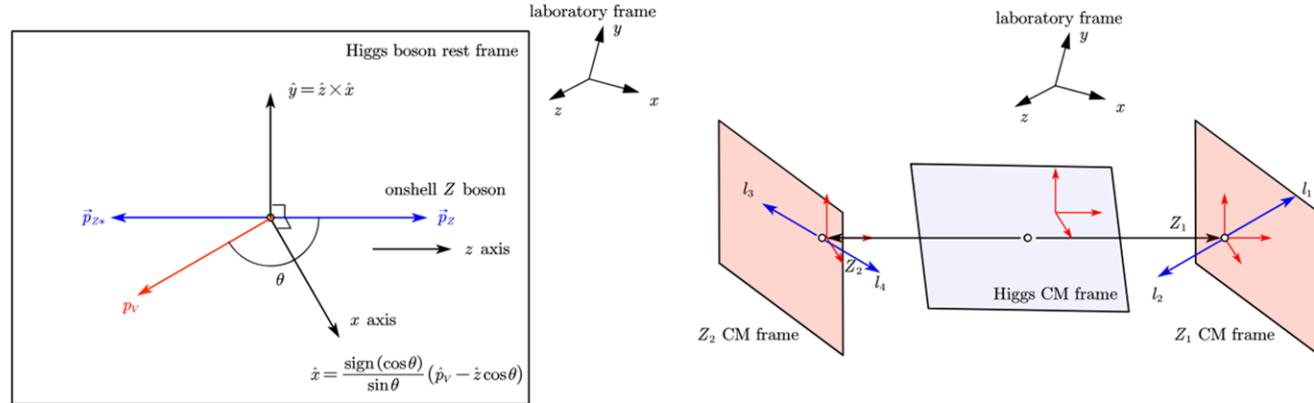


$$\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} = \frac{1}{(4\pi)^2} \left[ 1 + A_{LM}^1 B_L Y_L^M(\theta_1, \varphi_1) + A_{LM}^2 B_L Y_L^M(\theta_2, \varphi_2) + C_{L_1 M_1 L_2 M_2} B_{L_1} B_{L_2} Y_{L_1}^{M_1}(\theta_1, \varphi_1) Y_{L_2}^{M_2}(\theta_2, \varphi_2) \right]$$

- ◆ Statistical average over events gives the polarization and correlation coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} Y_L^M(\Omega_j) d\Omega_j &= \frac{B_L}{4\pi} A_{LM}^j, \quad j = 1, 2. \\ \int \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2} Y_{L_1}^{M_1}(\Omega_1) Y_{L_2}^{M_2}(\Omega_2) d\Omega_1 d\Omega_2 &= \frac{B_{L_1} B_{L_2}}{(4\pi)^2} C_{L_1 M_1 L_2 M_2}, \end{aligned}$$

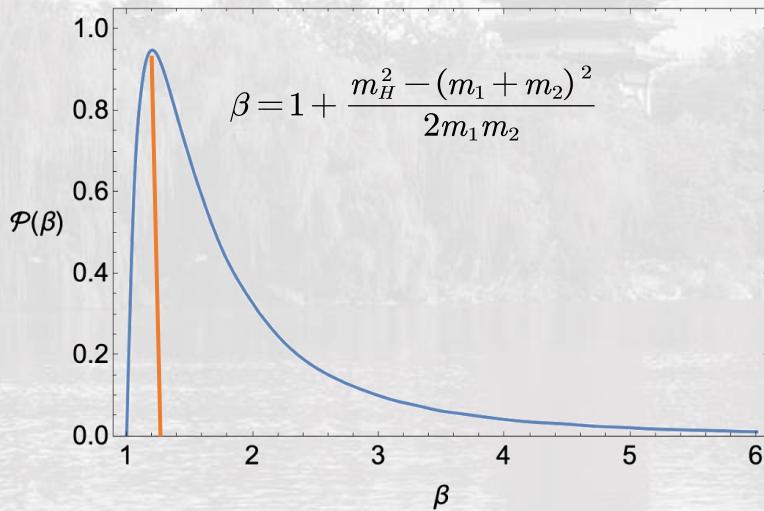
# Reference frame: helicity basis



- The  $\hat{z}$  axis is taken in the direction of the  $Z_1$  three-momentum in the Higgs boson rest frame.
- The  $\hat{x}$  axis is in the production plane and defined as  $\hat{x} = \text{sign}(\cos\theta)(\hat{p}_p - \cos\theta\hat{z})/\sin\theta$ , with  $\hat{p}_p = (0, 0, 1)$  the direction of one proton in the laboratory frame,  $\cos\theta = \hat{z} \cdot \hat{p}_p$ . The definition for  $\hat{x}$  is the same if we use the direction of the other proton  $-\hat{p}_p$ .
- The  $\hat{y}$  axis is taken such that  $\hat{y} = \hat{z} \times \hat{x}$ , orthogonal to the production plane.

# Quantum State of $H \rightarrow ZZ$

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



Only 9 entries are non-zero!

$$\rho = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\beta & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\beta & 0 & \beta^2 & 0 & -\beta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & -\beta & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

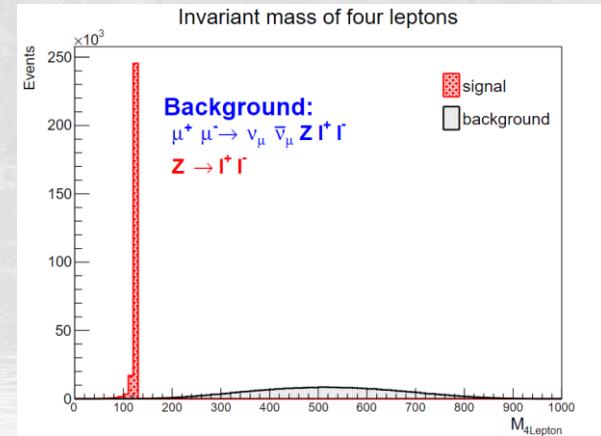
# Numerical results

◆  $\mu^+ \mu^- \rightarrow H \rightarrow 4\ell$  Events

Simulation Results from Madgraph

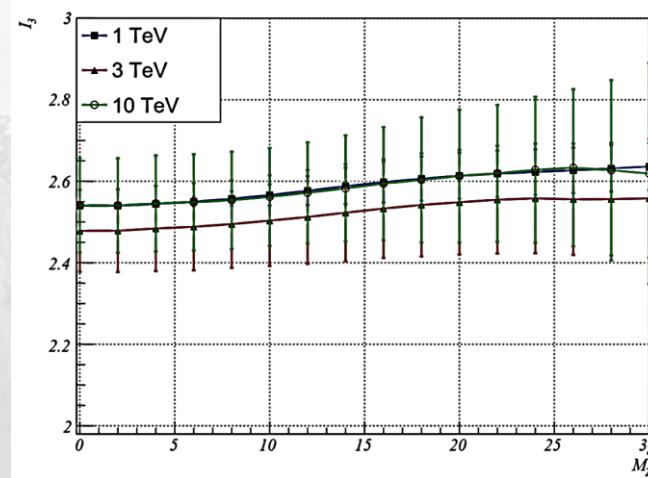
$\sqrt{s_\mu}$ [TeV]	$\sigma$ [fb]	Luminosity	Events
1	$1.51 \times 10^{-2}$	$30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$	455
3	$3.56 \times 10^{-2}$	$30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$	1089
10	$6.06 \times 10^{-2}$	$30 \text{ ab}^{-1}$	1890

- ◆ On-shell and off-shell bosons are identified based on the invariant mass of the lepton pairs.
- ◆ Almost background free.



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A very good manifestation of statistical behavior, towards large  $M_Z$ , smaller events, thus large uncertainty.

The expectation value of  $I_3$  as function of the off-shell Z mass  $M_Z^*$ .



# Numerical Results



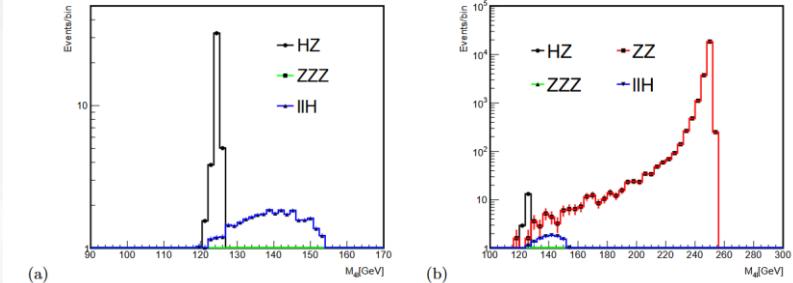
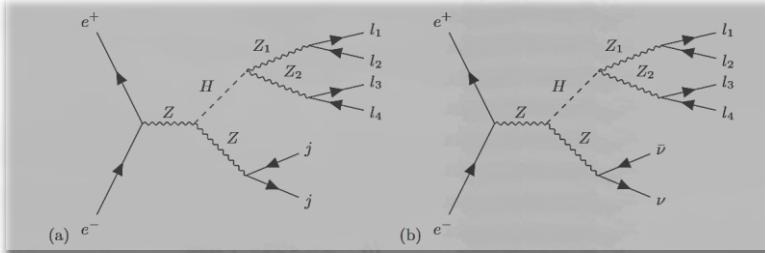
## ◆ Entanglement criteria:

$\sqrt{s} = 1 \text{ TeV}$			
$M_{Z_2}$ (GeV)	$I_3$	$C_{2,1,2,-1}$	$C_{2,2,2,-2}$
0.000	$2.563 \pm 0.325$	$-0.928 \pm 0.216$	$0.527 \pm 0.164$
10.000	$2.596 \pm 0.335$	$-0.943 \pm 0.220$	$0.553 \pm 0.179$
20.000	$2.654 \pm 0.373$	$-0.977 \pm 0.248$	$0.574 \pm 0.192$
30.000	$2.663 \pm 0.508$	$-0.979 \pm 0.334$	$0.589 \pm 0.248$

$\sqrt{s} = 3 \text{ TeV}$			
$M_{Z_2}$ (GeV)	$I_3$	$C_{2,1,2,-1}$	$C_{2,2,2,-2}$
0.000	$2.467 \pm 0.217$	$-0.871 \pm 0.121$	$0.493 \pm 0.377$
10.000	$2.499 \pm 0.225$	$-0.891 \pm 0.135$	$0.502 \pm 0.390$
20.000	$2.538 \pm 0.254$	$-0.908 \pm 0.163$	$0.536 \pm 0.365$
30.000	$2.543 \pm 0.342$	$-0.890 \pm 0.216$	$0.606 \pm 0.423$

$\sqrt{s} = 10 \text{ TeV}$			
$M_{Z_2}$ (GeV)	$I_3$	$C_{2,1,2,-1}$	$C_{2,2,2,-2}$
0.000	$2.539 \pm 0.312$	$-0.930 \pm 0.196$	$0.466 \pm 0.232$
10.000	$2.569 \pm 0.295$	$-0.946 \pm 0.194$	$0.482 \pm 0.217$
20.000	$2.616 \pm 0.321$	$-0.969 \pm 0.218$	$0.514 \pm 0.219$
30.000	$2.644 \pm 0.517$	$-0.943 \pm 0.334$	$0.527 \pm 0.280$

# Application in CEPC



$M_z^*$ [GeV]	$\mathcal{I}_3$	$C_{212-1}$	$C_{222-2}$
0	$2.823 \pm 0.640(1.29\sigma)$	$-1.080 \pm 0.420(2.57\sigma)$	$0.637 \pm 0.559(1.14\sigma)$
10	$2.913 \pm 0.692(1.32\sigma)$	$-1.126 \pm 0.451(2.50\sigma)$	$0.677 \pm 0.598(1.13\sigma)$
20	$3.092 \pm 0.800(1.37\sigma)$	$-1.225 \pm 0.514(2.38\sigma)$	$0.761 \pm 0.734(1.04\sigma)$
30	$3.048 \pm 1.816(0.58\sigma)$	$-1.160 \pm 1.192(0.97\sigma)$	$0.875 \pm 1.338(0.65\sigma)$

## Testing Bell inequalities and probing quantum entanglement at CEPC

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## Summary



- Quantum mechanics is non-local
- No local hidden variable theory is compatible with quantum theory
- Higgs decay can provide entangled qubit and qutrit system
- Quantum entanglement is still present at extremely relativistic environment.