

# Quantum Tomography at the Collider

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# Executive Summary:

We bypass 75 years of field theoretic formalism and particle physics superstructure to describe systems model-independently in terms of basic quantum mechanics

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schoolbooks talk about wave functions

inclusive experiments measure density matrices traced down from larger density matrices

*But first: An advertisement*





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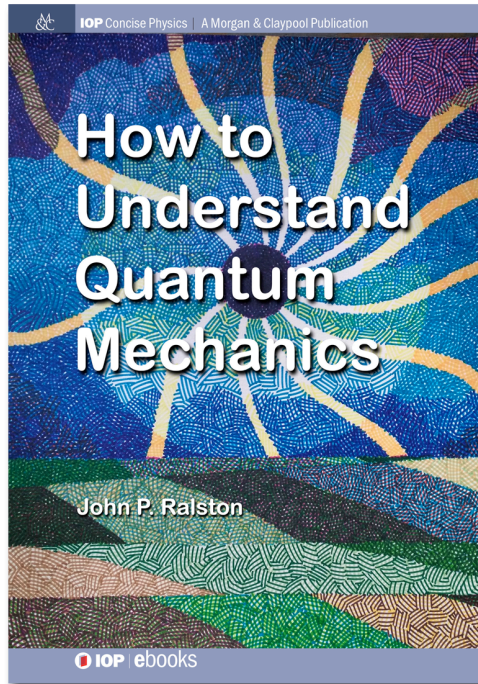
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itself is *descriptive*,  
not *predictive*

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series will be  
in your library.  
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# Let's Begin with Some Results

“dijets” means  
2 jets, each  
made of many particles  
plus everything else not measured

histograms show a  
Lorentz-invariant angular  
distribution of jet1 v jet 2  
measuring a density matrix

raw data processed,  
bypassing 600 pages  
of theory papers

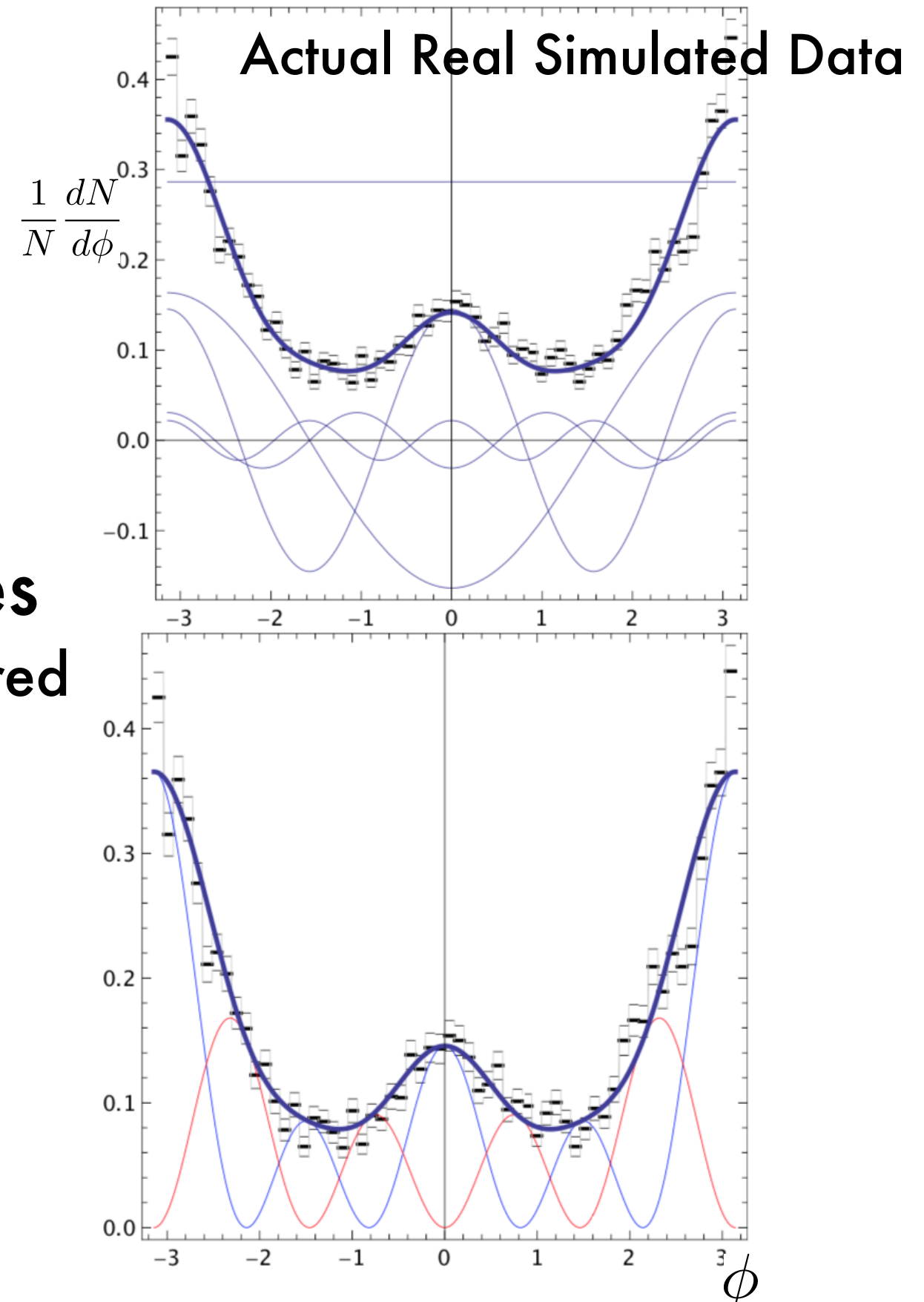
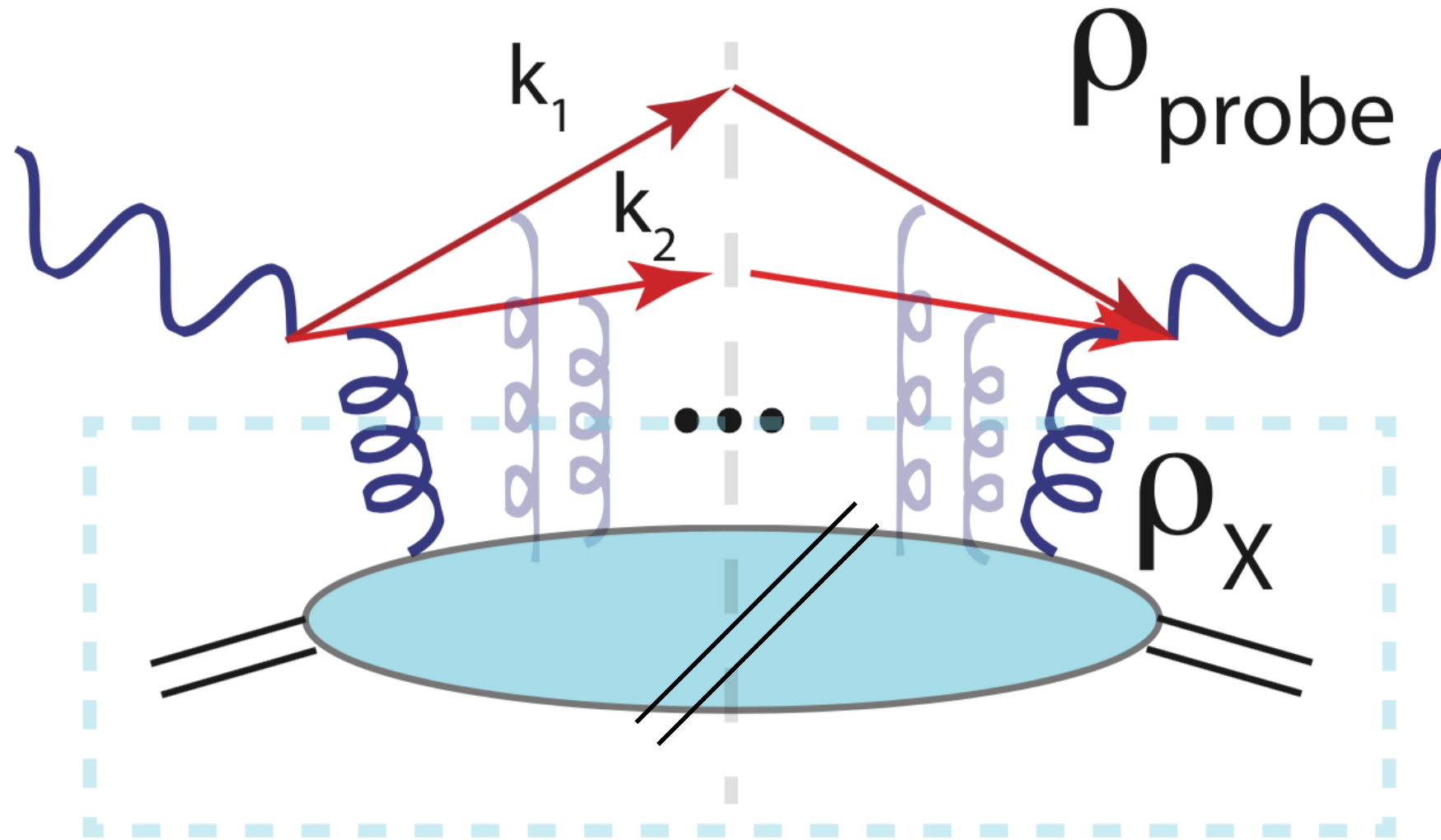


FIG. 4: Top: Maximum likelihood fit, with the contributions of  $\cos m\phi$  for  $m = 0 - 4$ . Bottom: Two weighted distributions defined by  $f_+(\phi) = \text{Re}(\psi)^2$  (blue) and  $f_-(\phi) = \text{Im}(\psi)^2$  (red), coming from the eigenstates of the rank two density matrix.



# mandatory diagram for collider theorists



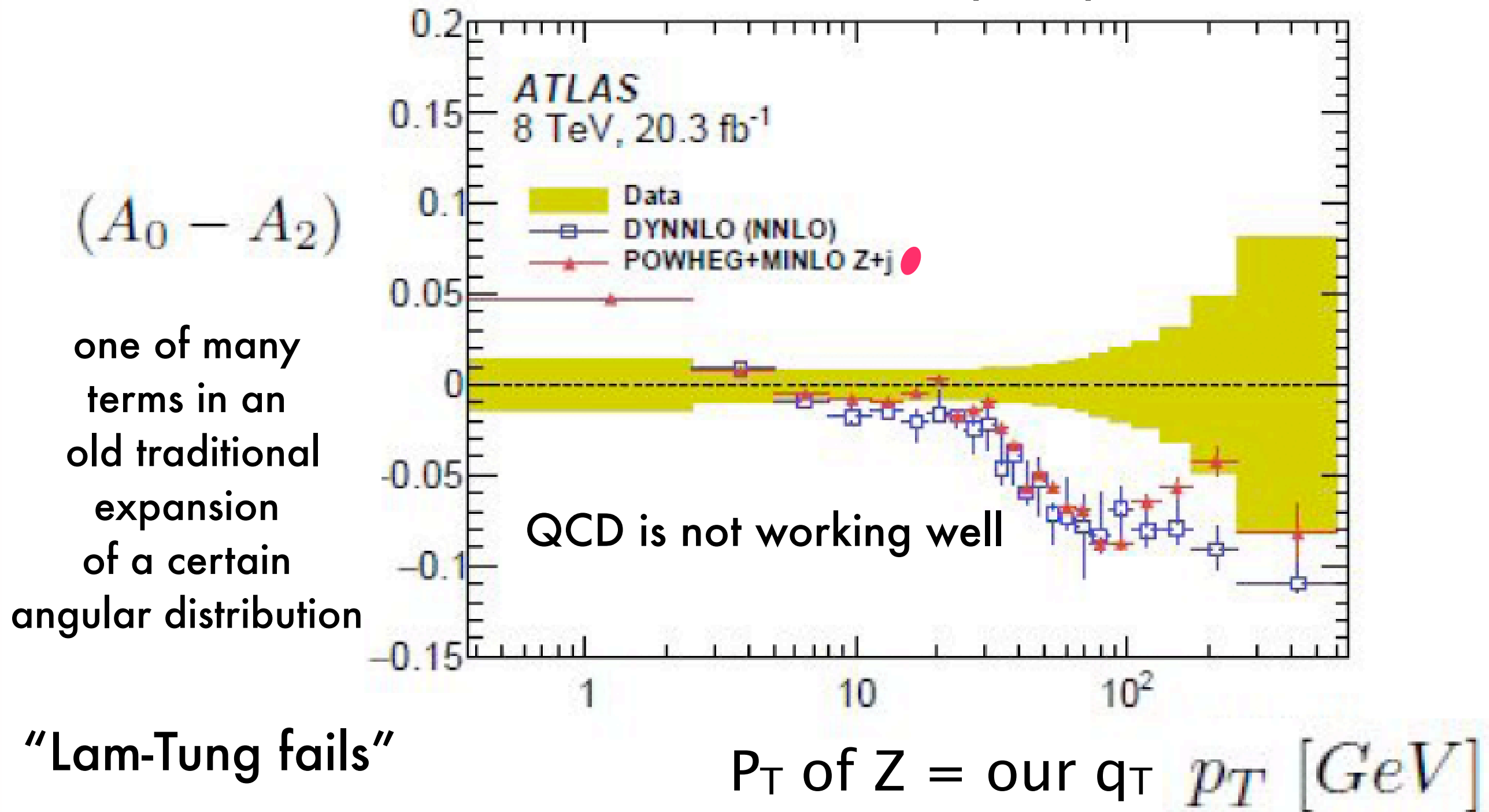
**FIG. 1:** By analogy with deeply inelastic scattering, a dijet probe replaces the handle of the handbag diagram with a shoulder strap (red) defining new elements of the probe density matrix  $\rho_{probe}$ . Each orthogonal element of  $\rho_{probe}$  can extract a corresponding projection of the unknown system density matrix  $\rho_X$  inside the dashed box. Unlike the deeply inelastic structure functions no assumptions of perturbation theory or one-photon exchange need be made.



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ATLAS data  
1606.00689

$proton + proton \rightarrow Z + anything \rightarrow \mu^+ + \mu^- + anything$   
"lepton pairs"





We use the experimental  
information to measure the  
polarization density matrix  
of the Z boson

Using CERN  
open data  
is better, but not  
yet ready  
to show you

$$\frac{dN}{d\cos\theta d\phi} \sim \text{tr}(\rho_{probe}\rho_X)$$

$\rho_{probe}$  = known density matrix

$\rho_X$  = unknown density matrix

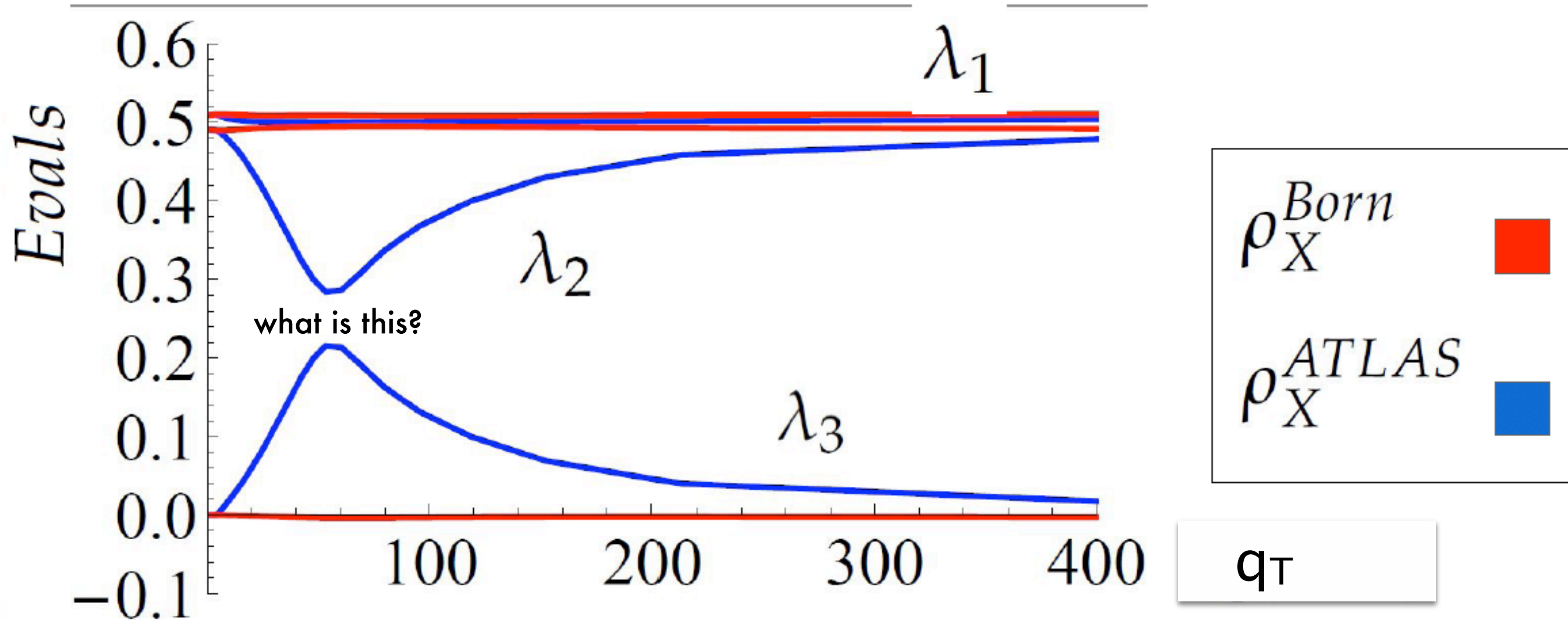
The notation does not look Lorentz invariant,  
but the quantities are



# The density matrix eigenvalues are strange

y-integrated data. [arXiv: 1606.00689](#)

Evals  $\lambda_j$  of  $\rho_X^{ATLAS}$  (blue ) are very different from evals from Born-level physics (red).



there is no precedent for the resonance-like bump



# The entanglement entropy is strange



**S**      this has  
never been  
seen before

$p_T$  (same as  $q_T$ ) of pair in GeV units



# Tomography builds higher dimensional structure from lower dimensional projections

probe operators  $G_\ell$

$$\text{tr}(G_\ell G_k) = \delta_{\ell k} \quad \text{orthonormal matrices}$$

observable:  $\langle G_\ell \rangle = \text{tr}(G_\ell \rho_X)$

$$\rho_X = \text{unknown system}$$

reconstruction:

Fano, 1957

$$\rho_X = \sum_{\ell} \langle G_\ell \rangle G_\ell$$

Completeness? It's complete for what it spans



# Bring Us Data: We'll Give You a Density Matrix

*Example : events with 2 particles, or 2 jets plus anything else*

4-momenta  $k, k'$   
total pair momentum  $Q = k + k'$

pair rest frame  $Q^\mu = (\sqrt{Q^2}, \vec{0})$

$$l^\mu = k^\mu - k'^\mu = \sqrt{Q^2}(0, \hat{\ell});$$

$$\hat{\ell} = (\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta).$$

$$P(Q, \ell | init) = P(\ell | Q, init)P(Q | init).$$

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$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{3}{4\pi} \text{tr} (\rho(\ell) \rho(X)),$$

$$\rho(\ell) = \text{known density matrix} = \sum_{\ell} c_{\ell} G_{\ell}$$

$$\rho(X) = \text{unknown density matrix}$$

**reconstruction:**

$$\rho_X = \sum_{\ell} \langle G_{\ell} \rangle G_{\ell}$$



the probe is two “massless” fermions

$$1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2 \times 1/2$$

$$\rho_{ij}(\ell) = \frac{1+a}{3} \delta_{ij} - a \hat{\ell}_i \hat{\ell}_j - ib \epsilon_{ijk} \hat{\ell}_k \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{up to spin-2} \\ \text{from} \\ \text{symmetry} \end{array}$$

Standard Model + shelf of books  
predicts nothing more than two numbers

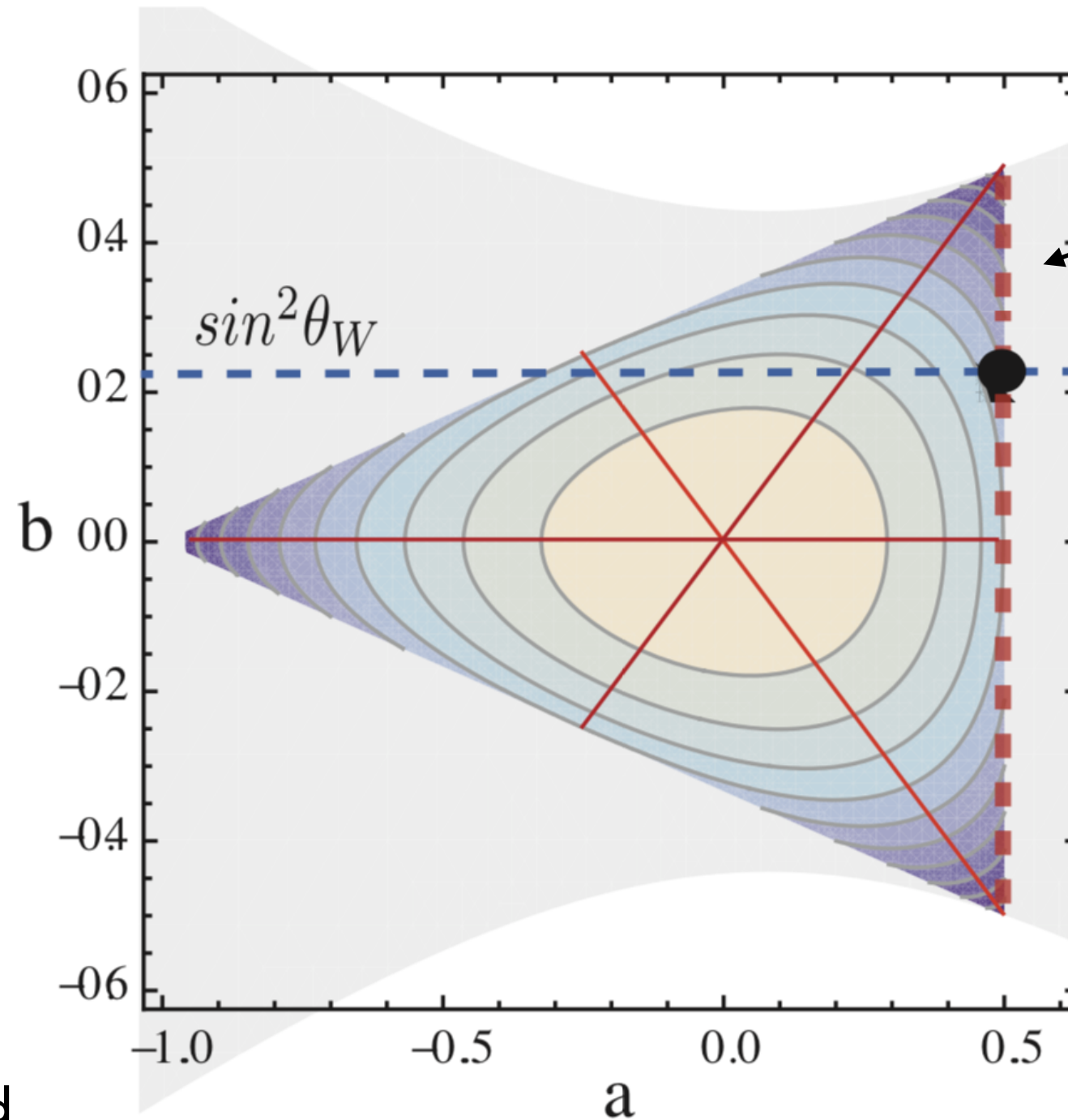
$$a = 1/2; \quad b = \sin^2 \theta_W$$

we could get a, b tomographically  
from another experiment

*We don't need a theory. Sometimes less theory is better theory.*

gray:  
positivity  
of  
cross section

both CMS and ATLAS  
have positivity wrong,  
when it's even mentioned



vertical line: on shell  
helicity conservation

color:  
positivity  
of  
eigenvalues

contours:  
constant  
entropy

**FIG. 2:** Contours of constant entropy  $\mathcal{S}$  of the lepton density matrix  $\rho(\ell)$  (Eq. 3) in the plane of parameters  $(a, b)$ . Contours are separated by  $1/10$  unit with  $\mathcal{S} = 0$  at the central intersection. The horizontal dashed line shows the lowest order Standard Model prediction  $b = \sin^2\theta_W$ . Annihilation with on-shell helicity conservation is indicated by the vertical dashed line  $a = 1/2$ . The left corner of the triangle is a pure state with longitudinal polarization, while the two right corners are pure states of circular polarization. The interior lines represent matrices with maximal symmetry, where two eigenvalues are equal. They cross at the unpolarized limit. The curved gray region represents the much less restrictive constraints of a positive distribution using Eq. 8 and lepton universality.



# Maintaining positivity when fitting data

$$\rho(X)(m) = M(m) \cdot M^\dagger(m);$$

$$M(m) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sum_k m^2(k)}} \begin{pmatrix} m_1 & m_4 + im_5 & m_6 + im_7 \\ 0 & m_2 & m_8 + im_9 \\ 0 & 0 & m_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Cholesky decomposition

**fit the m-parameters**

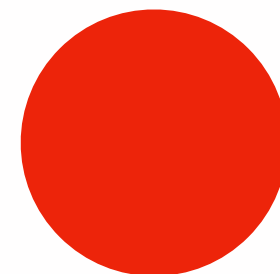
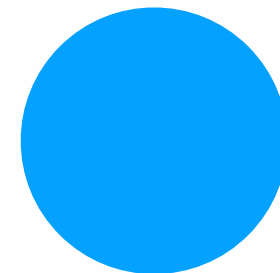
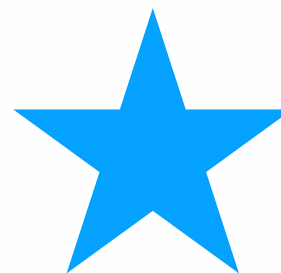
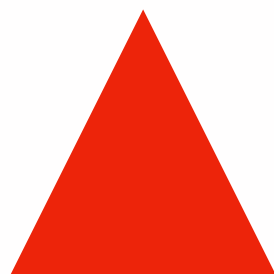
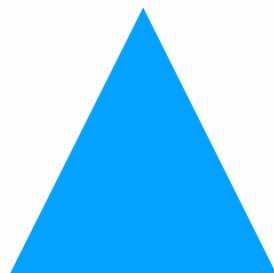
**“convex optimization problem”  
one and only one minimum of  $\chi^2$**

# The Mirror Trick

5 spin 2 tensors

Probe:  $\rho_{ij}(\ell) = \frac{1}{3}\delta_{ij} + b\hat{\ell} \cdot \vec{J}_{ij} + aU_{ij}(\hat{\ell});$  where  $U_{ij}(\hat{\ell}) = \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} - \hat{\ell}_i\hat{\ell}_j = U_{ji}(\ell); \text{tr}(U(\ell)) = 0;$

System:  $\rho_{ij}(X) = \frac{1}{3}\delta_{ij} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{S} \cdot \vec{J}_{ij} + U_{ij}(X);$  where  $U(X) = U^T(X); \text{tr}(U(X)) = 0.$



probe

system

$$\langle \triangle | \square \rangle = 0, \text{ etc.}$$



# what is a spin parameter?

Probe:  $\rho_{ij}(\ell) = \frac{1}{3}\delta_{ij} + b\hat{\ell} \cdot \vec{J}_{ij} + aU_{ij}(\hat{\ell}); \quad \text{where} \quad U_{ij}(\hat{\ell}) = \frac{\delta_{ij}}{3} - \dots$

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$\uparrow \quad \uparrow$   
 $\vec{S}$  rotation generator

**beginning quantum mechanics,  
and conventional books, expand in pure states**

$$\rho_{pure, ij}(\vec{S}) = \frac{1}{2}(\delta_{ij} - \hat{S}_i \hat{S}_j) - \frac{i}{2}\epsilon_{ijk} \hat{S}_k.$$

Define spatial axes  $X^\mu, Y^\mu, Z^\mu$  satisfying Lorentz invariant

$$Q \cdot X = Q \cdot Y = Q \cdot Z = 0. \quad (1)$$

The frame vectors being orthogonal implies

$$X \cdot Y = Y \cdot Z = X \cdot Z = 0$$

improved  
Collins Soper

$$\tilde{Z}^\mu = P_A^\mu Q \cdot P_B - P_B^\mu Q \cdot P_A;$$

$$\tilde{X}^\mu = Q^\mu - P_A^\mu \frac{Q^2}{2Q \cdot P_A} - P_B^\mu \frac{Q^2}{2Q \cdot P_B};$$

$$\tilde{Y}^\mu = \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} P_{A\nu} P_{B\alpha} Q_\beta.$$

**Everything  
is Lorentz  
invariant  
and easy**

To analyze data for each event labeled  $J$ :

Compute  $Q_{(J)} = k_J + k'_J; \quad \ell_J = k_J - k'_J; \quad (X_J^\mu, Y_J^\mu, Z_J^\mu);$

$\vec{\ell}_{XYZ,J} = (X_J \cdot \ell_J, Y_J \cdot \ell_J, Z_J \cdot \ell_J);$  normalized

$\hat{\ell}_J = \ell_{XYZ,J} / \sqrt{-\ell_{XYZ,J} \cdot \ell_{XYZ,J}}.$

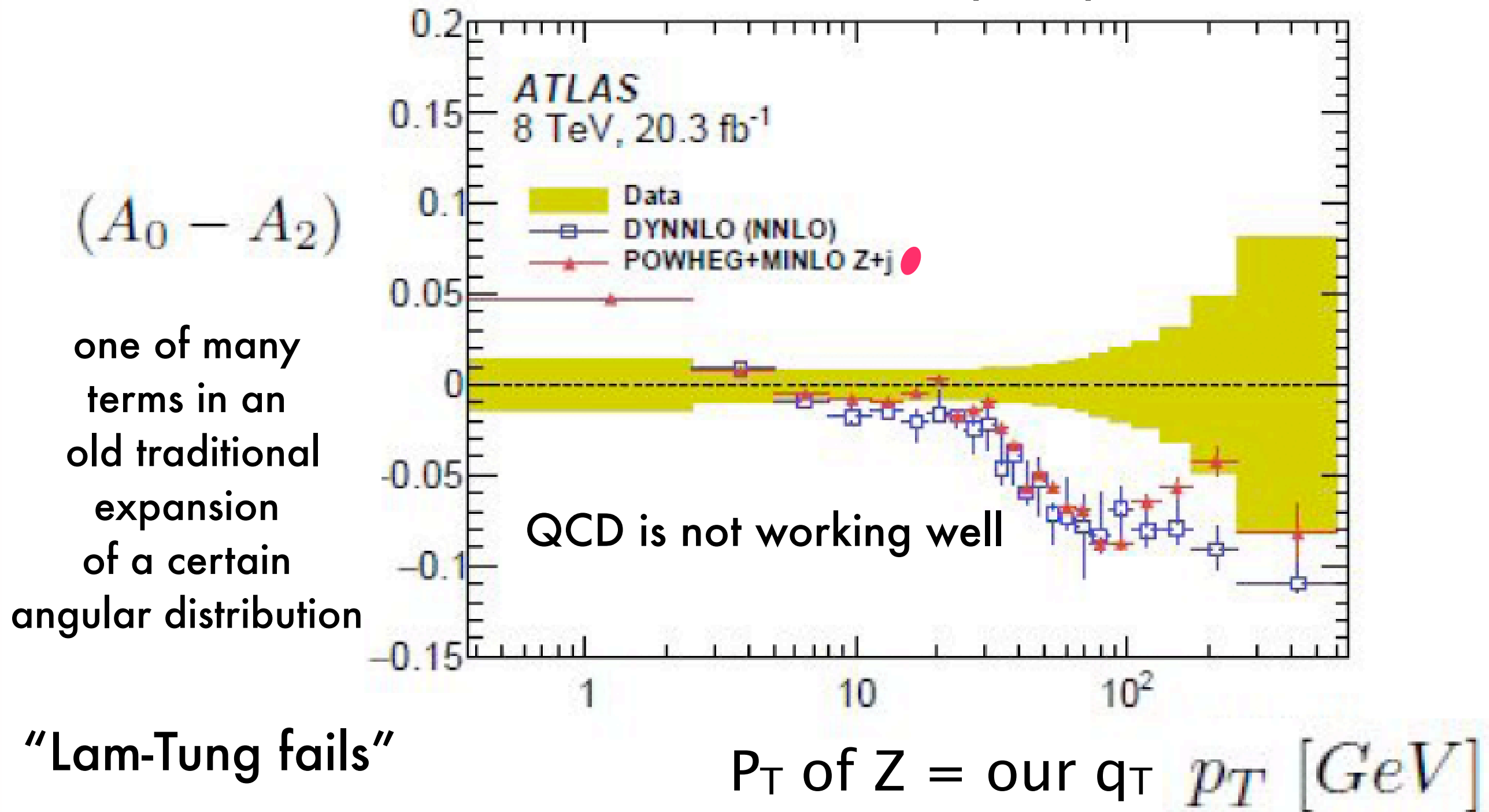
**use lab momenta to compute invariants**



# What did we find?

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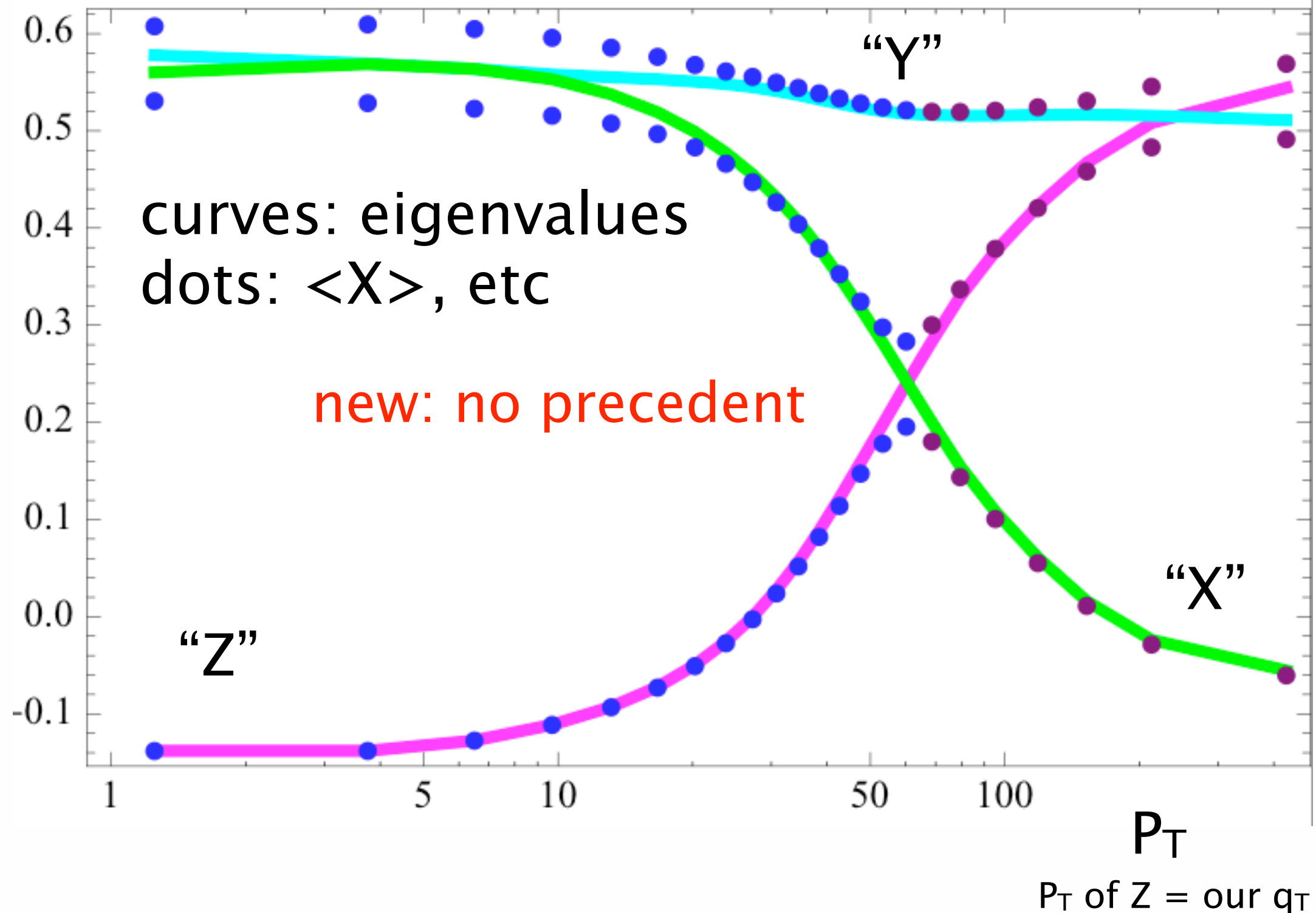
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"lepton pairs"



# Avoided level crossing; eigenvectors swap

quantum expectation values

$\langle X \rangle, \langle Y \rangle, \langle Z \rangle$  v  $P_T$



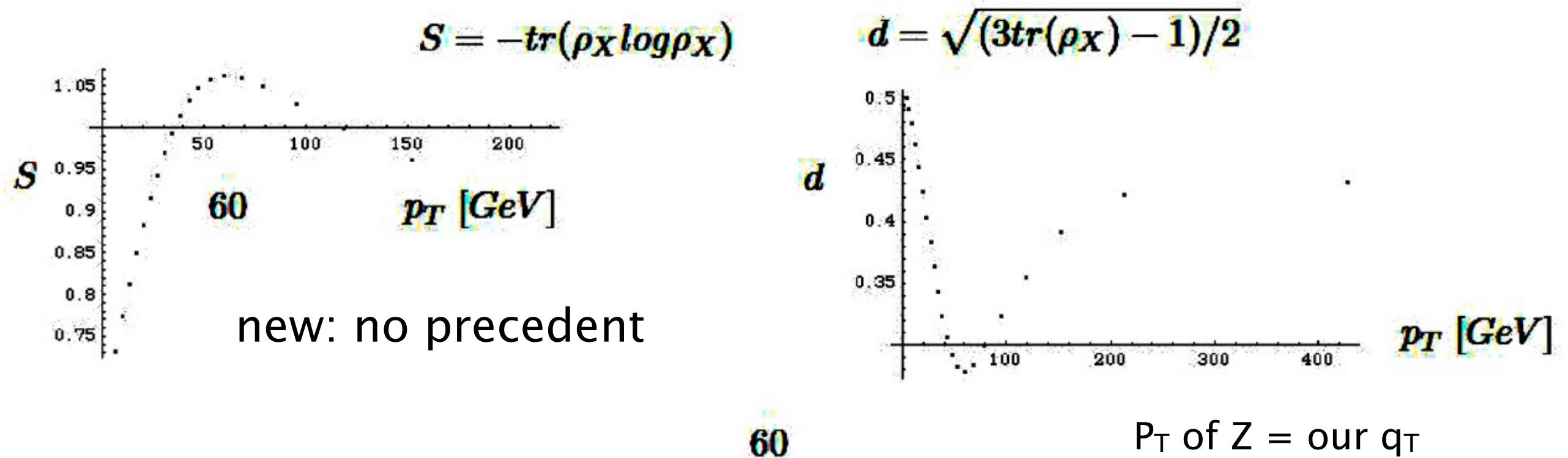
ATLAS  
analysis  
tables  
lack  
error bars

the entanglement entropy

$$S = -\text{tr}(\rho)\log(\rho); \quad \underset{\substack{| \\ \text{pure}}}{0} < S < \underset{\substack{| \\ \text{unpolz}}}{\log(N)}$$

What's the bump at  $p_T = 60$  GeV about?

We plot the entropy  $S$  and the degree of polarization  $d$



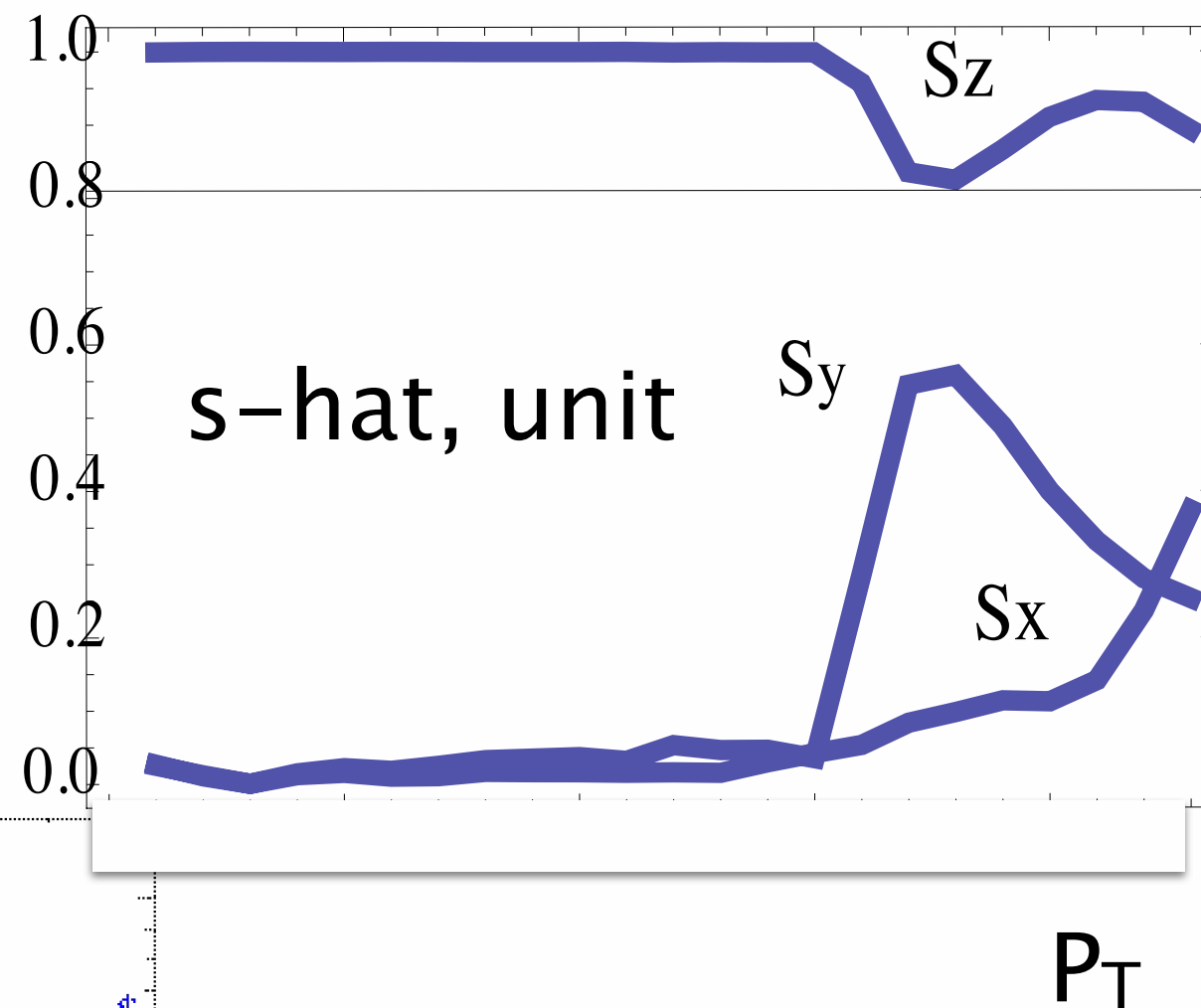
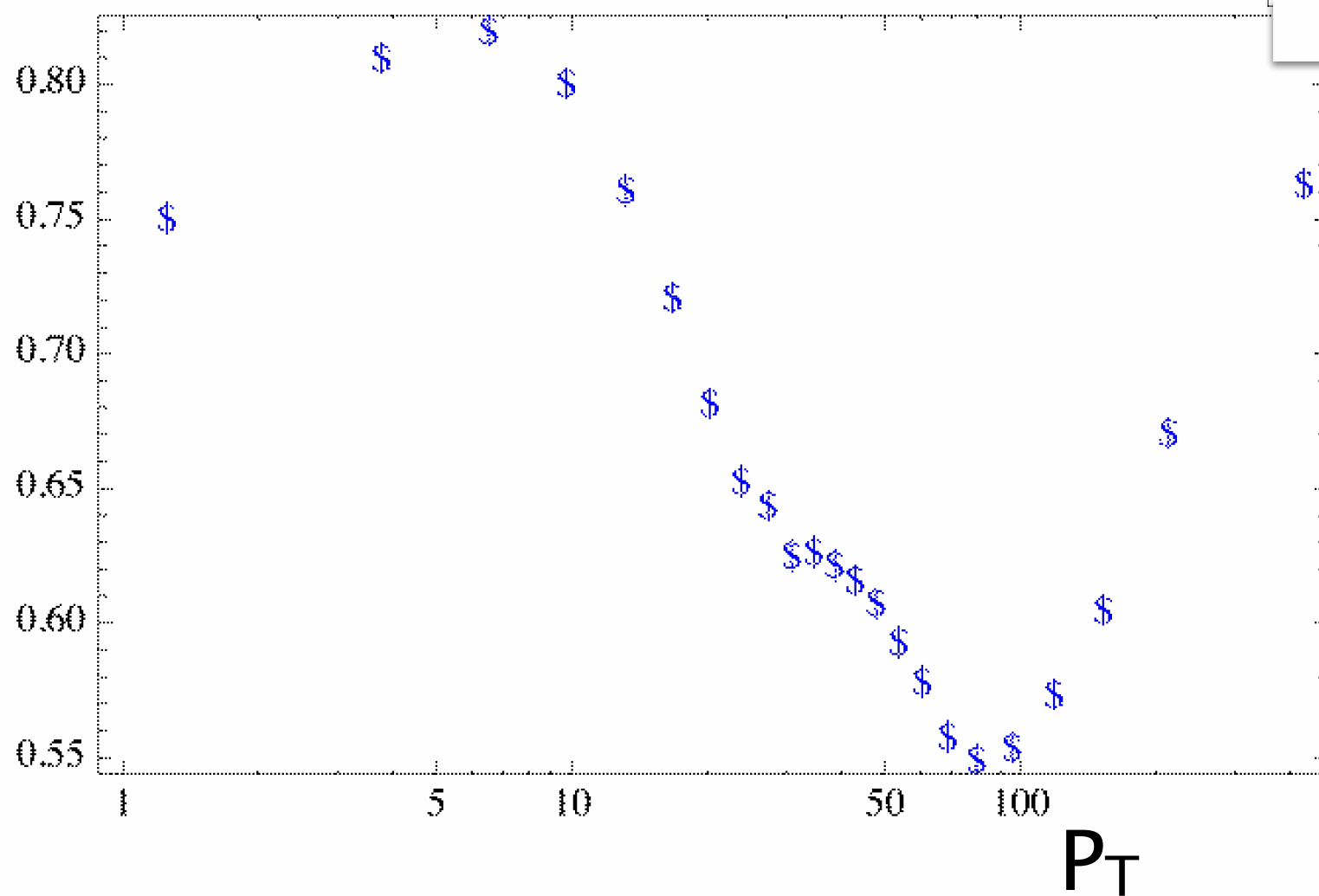
Bump has the accidents if not the substance of a phase transition..



# strange spin magnitudes and directions

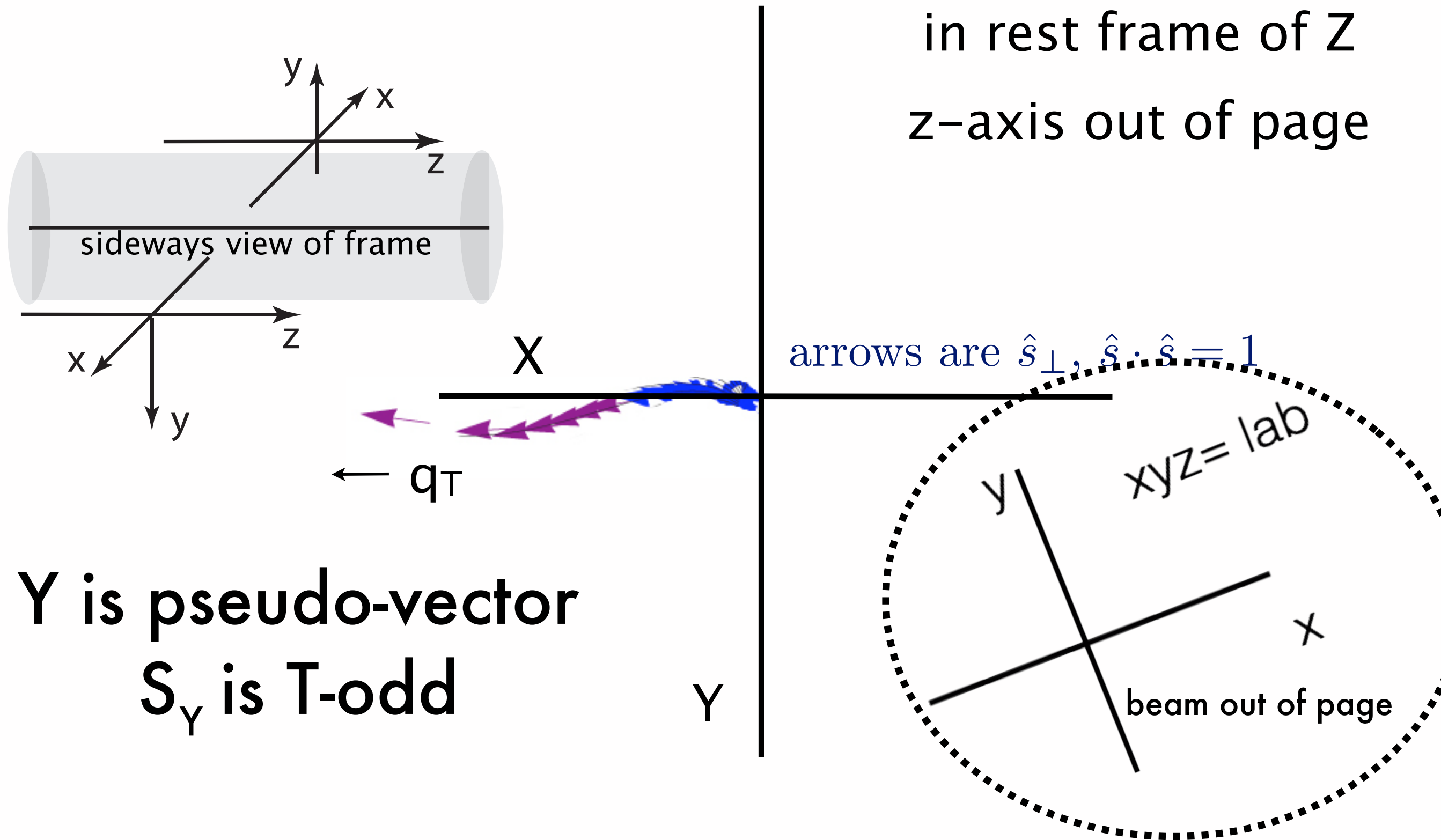
multiplied by 10

$10 \times |S|$



$P_T$  of Z = our  $q_T$

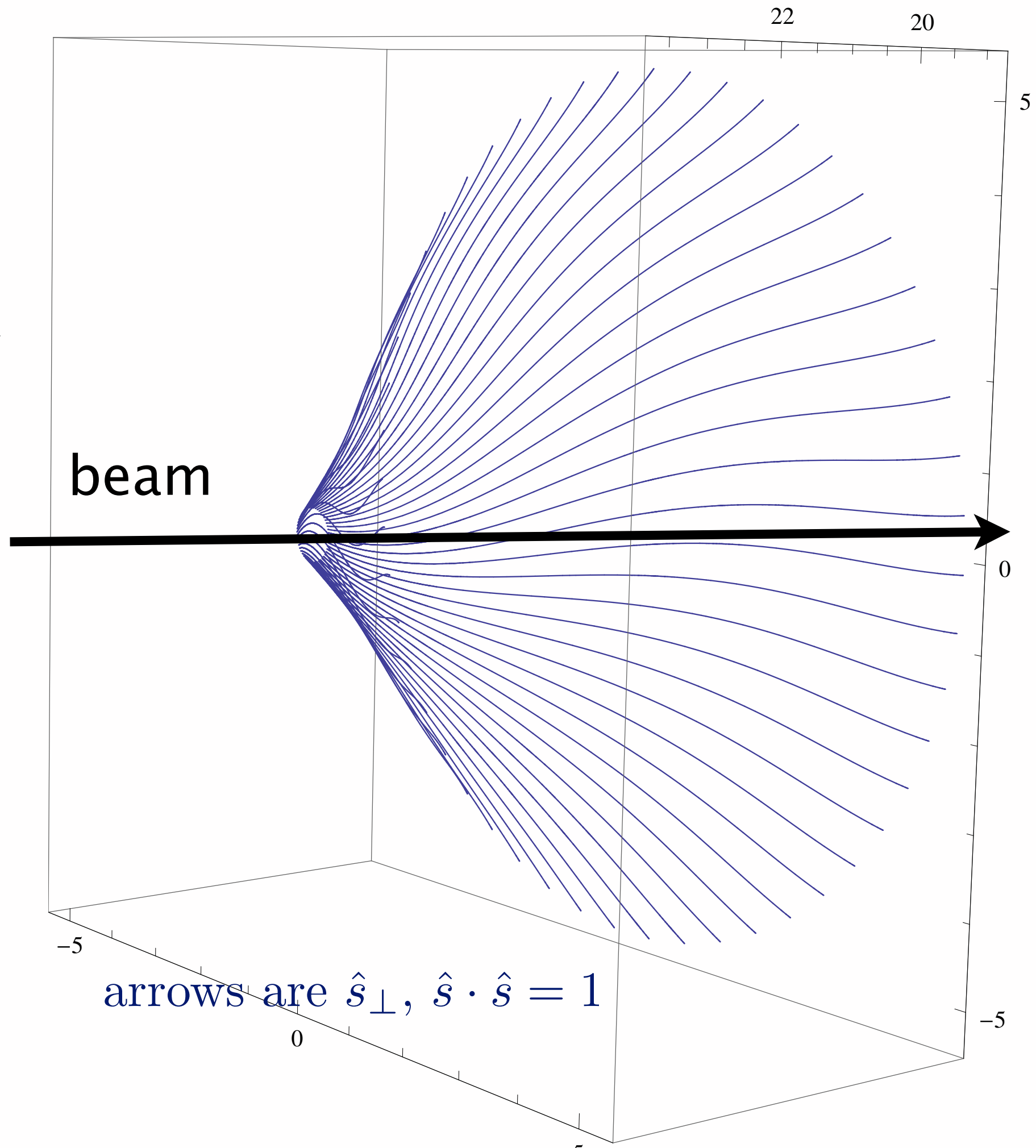
# Unexpected discovery in spin parameters of the Z



3D  
holography  
of the  
Z spin,  
lab frame

$(q_x, q_y, q_z)$

2% of Z's are  
polarized  
pure state  
spinning  
as shown

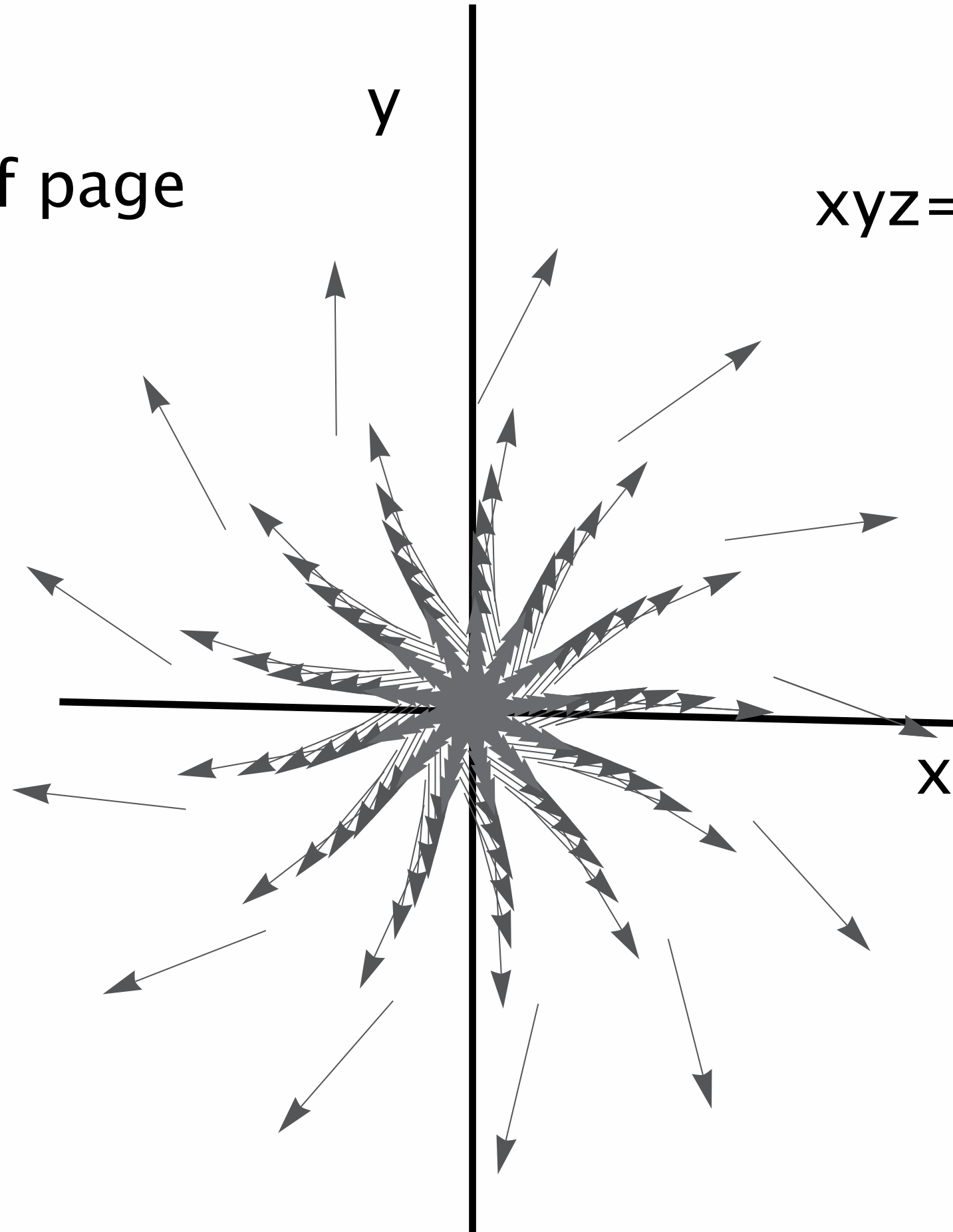




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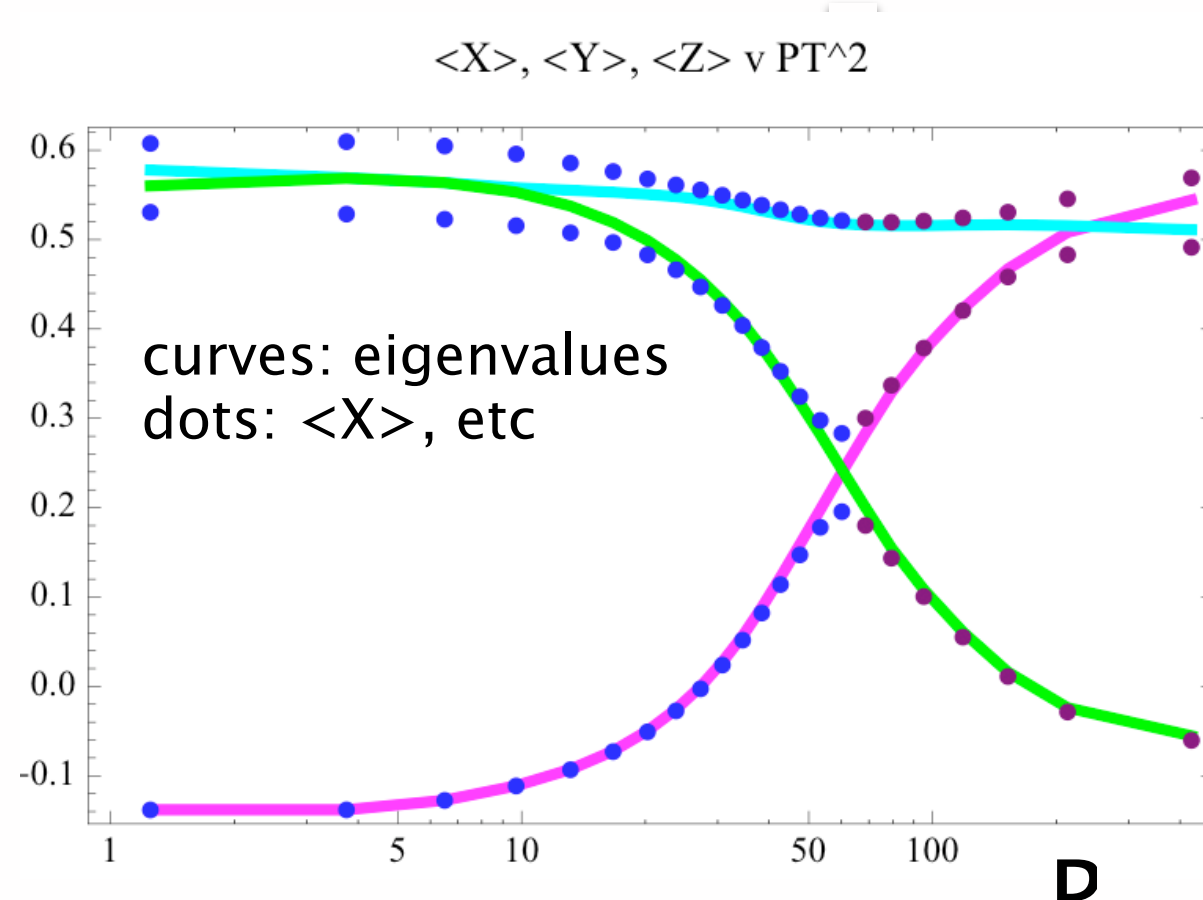
xyz= lab

2% of Z's are  
polarized  
pure state,  
spin-  
correlated  
with  $P_T$

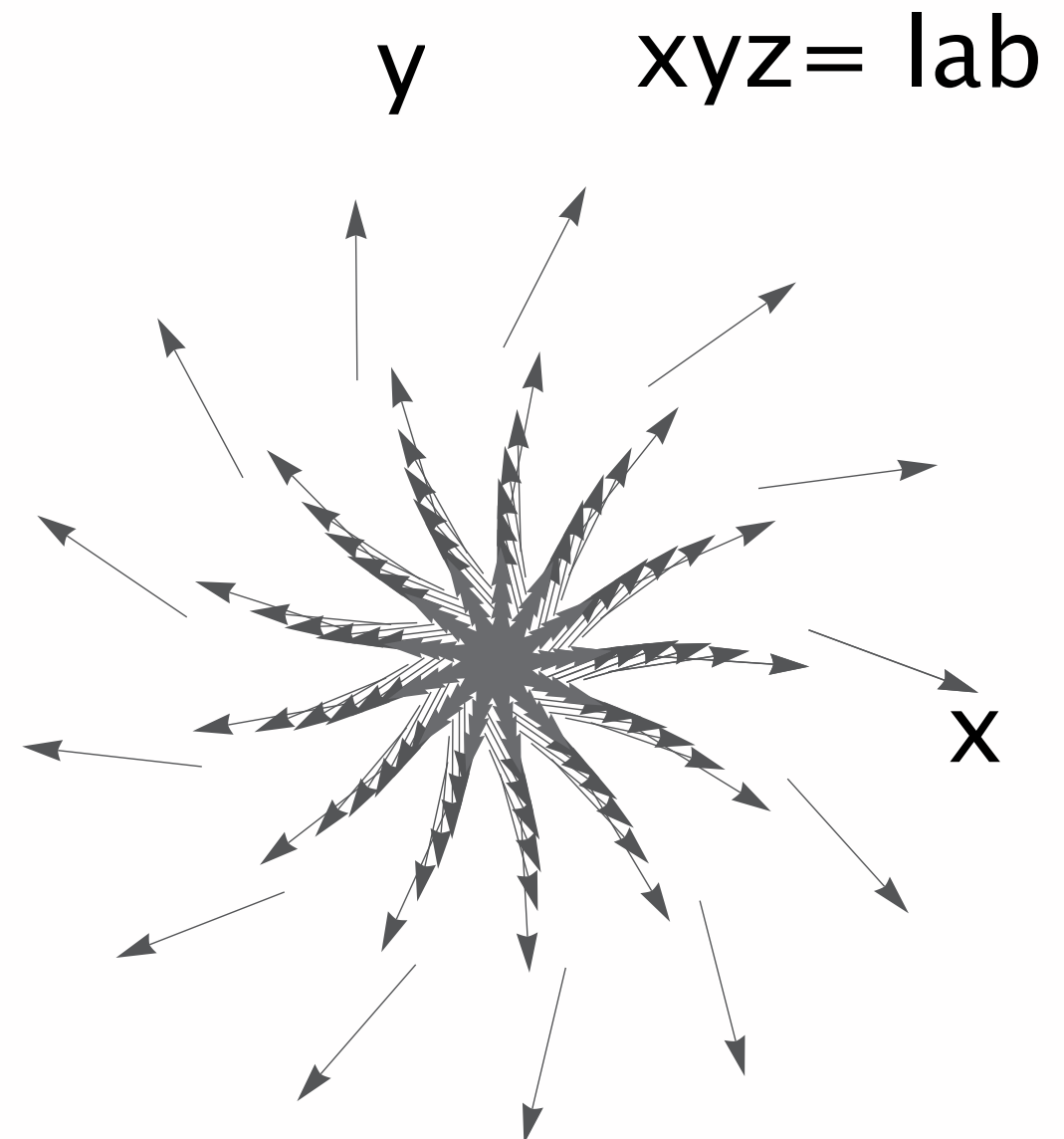


arrows are  $\hat{s}_\perp$ ,  $\hat{s} \cdot \hat{s} = 1$

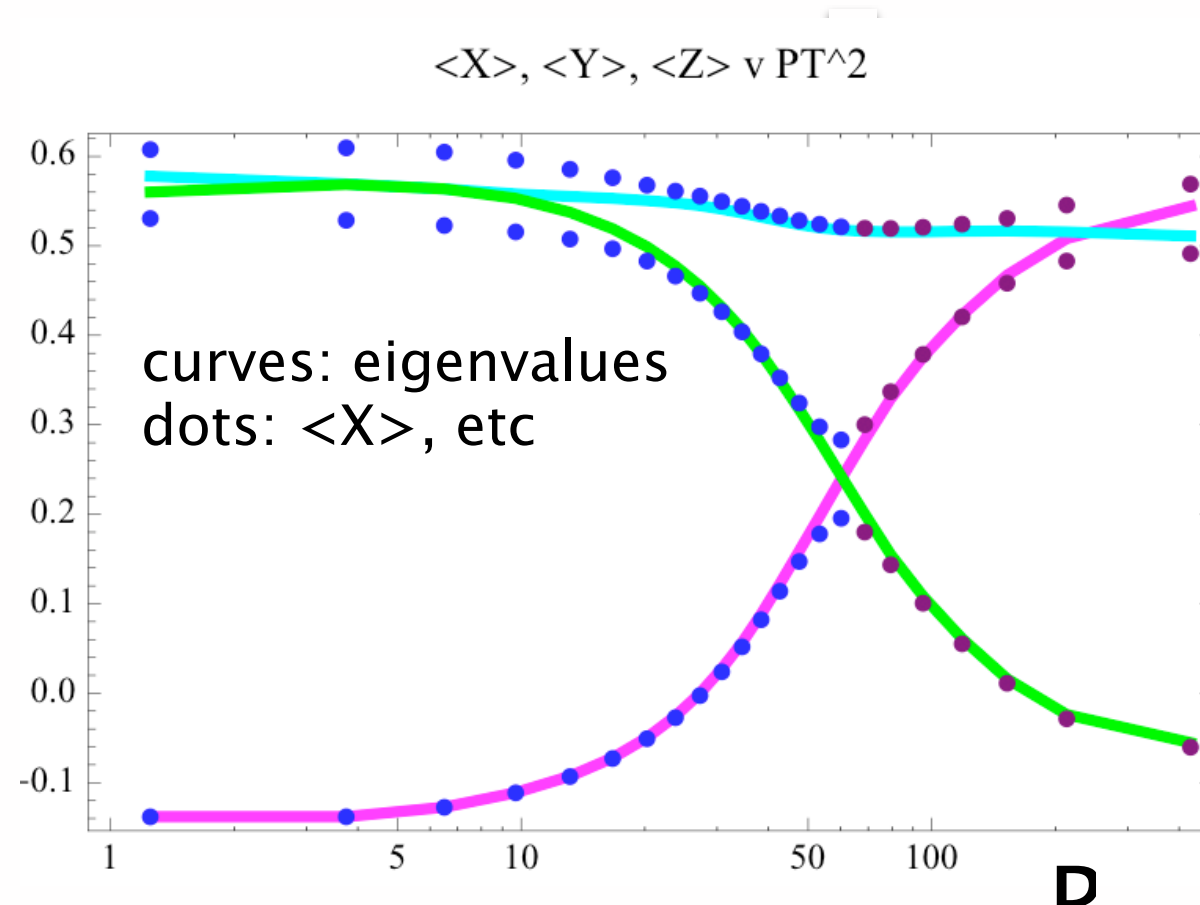
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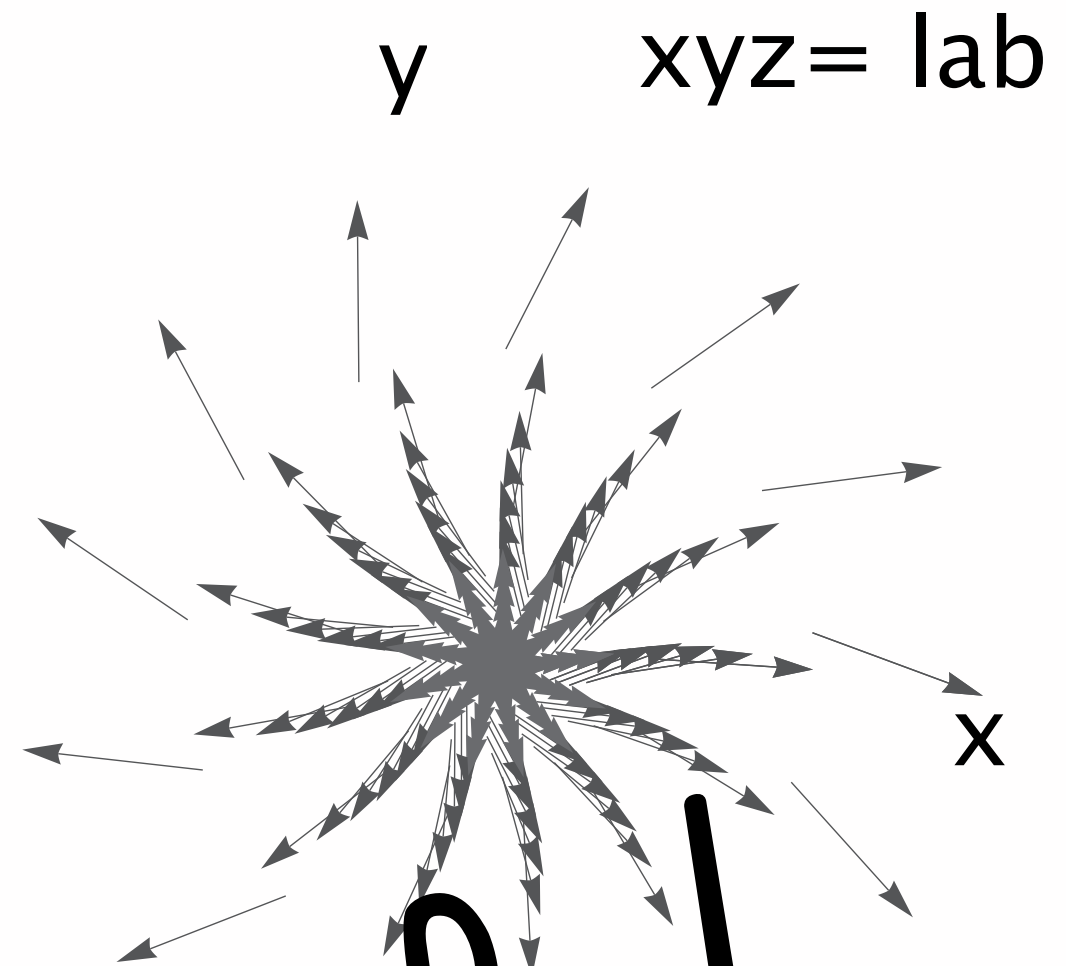


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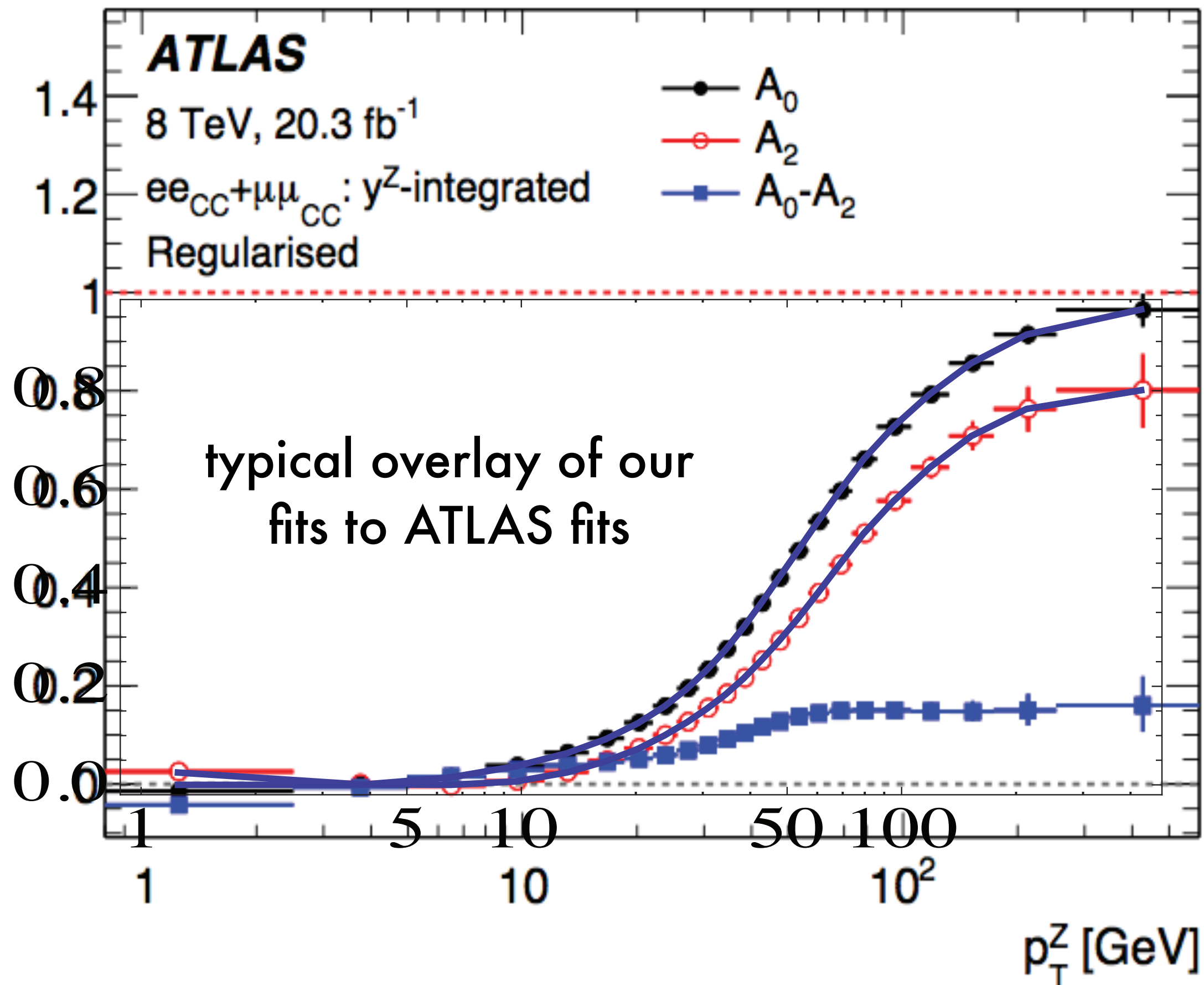


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Thanks!





$A_i$  $P_T$  of  $Z$  = our  $q_T$