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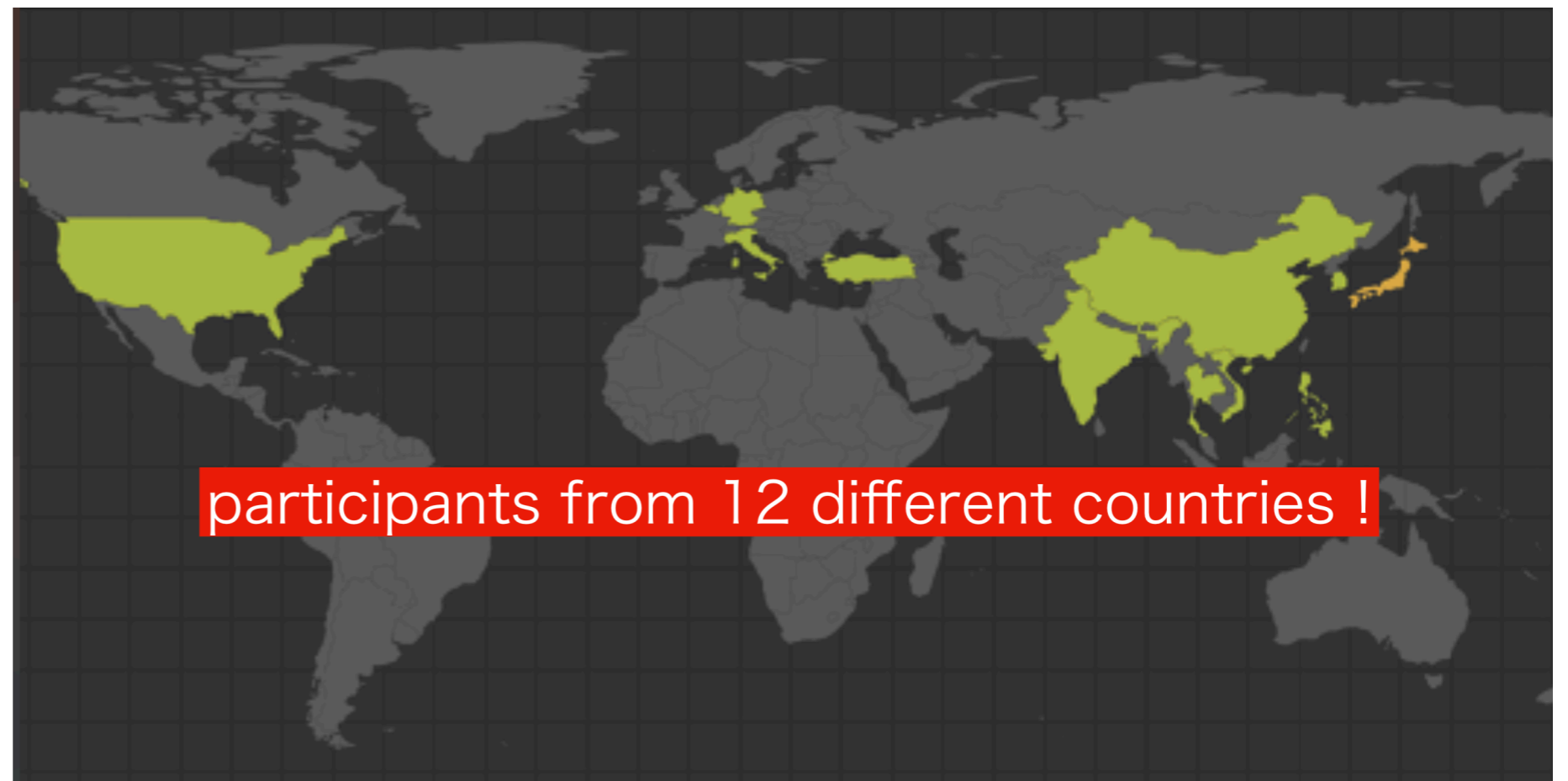
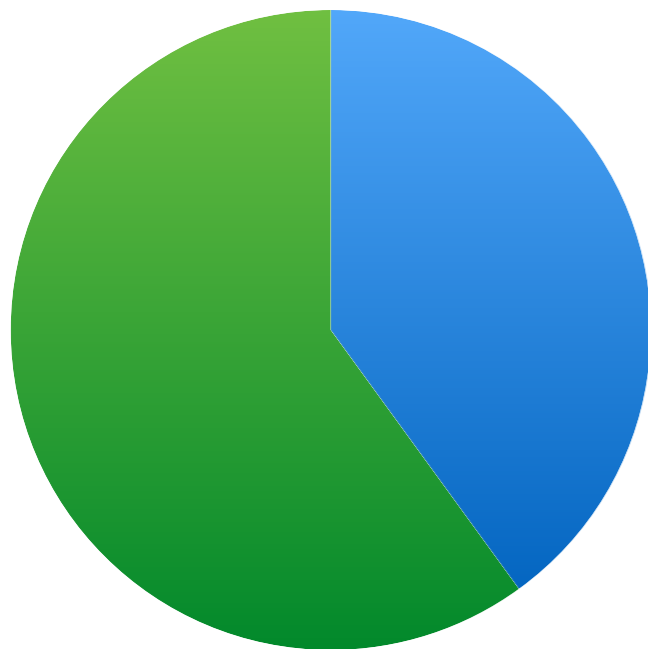
MonteCarlo Simulation
Olivier Mattelaer

Who am I

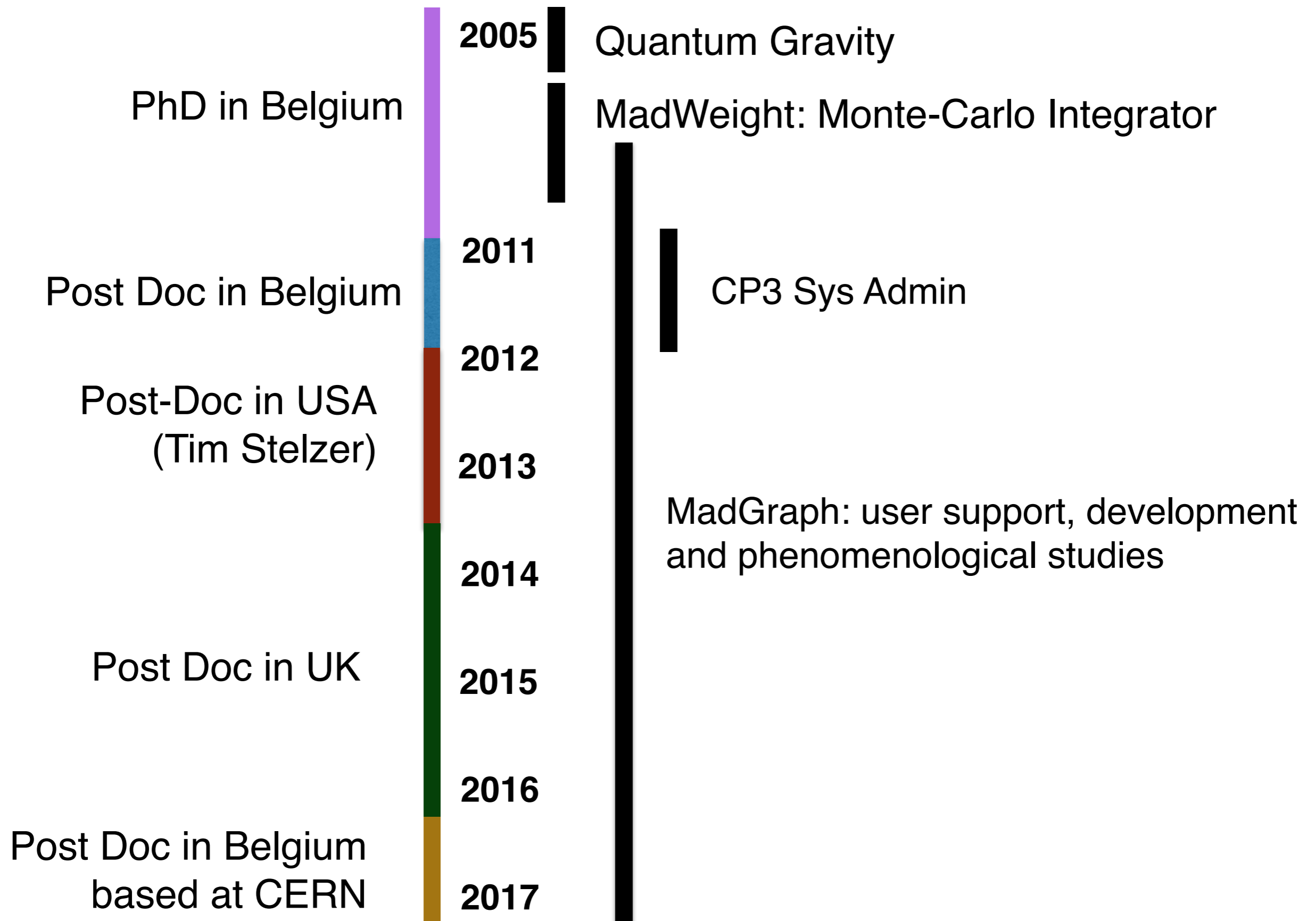
Research scientist at University of Louvain in Belgium
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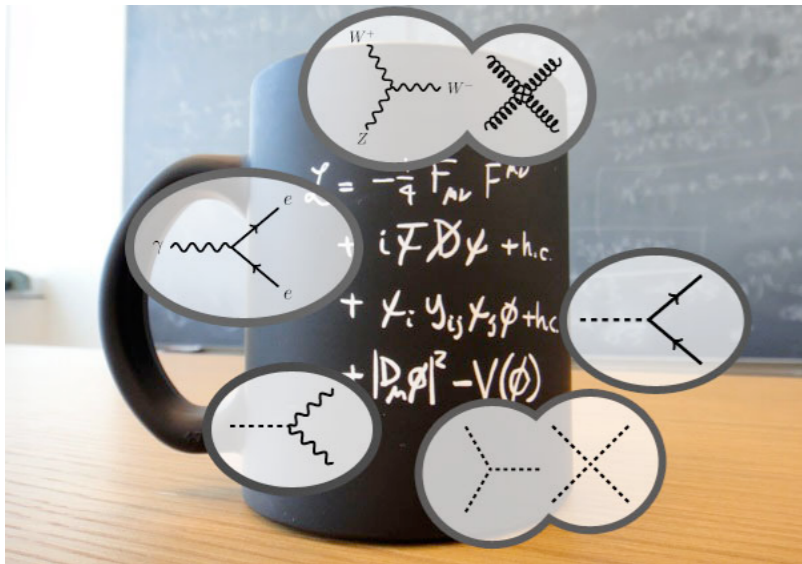
- partially for the Physics department (60%)
- also managing the HPC cluster (40%)

● IT ● Physics

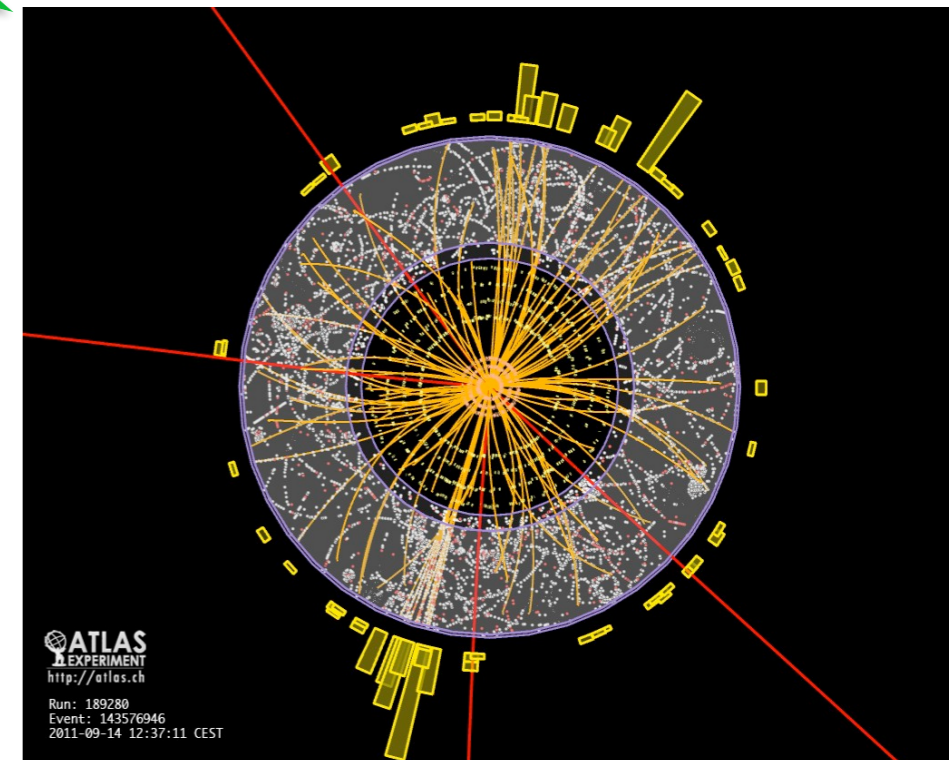
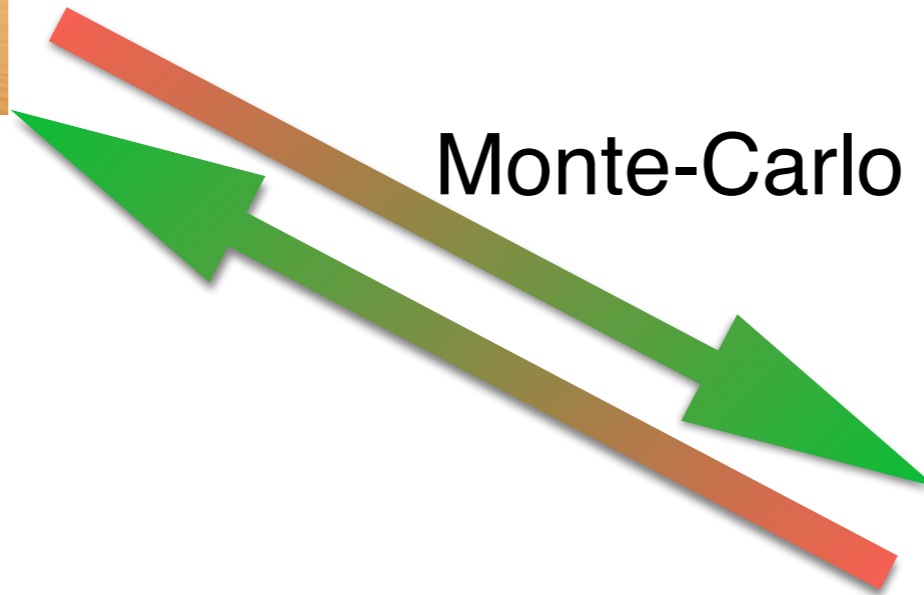


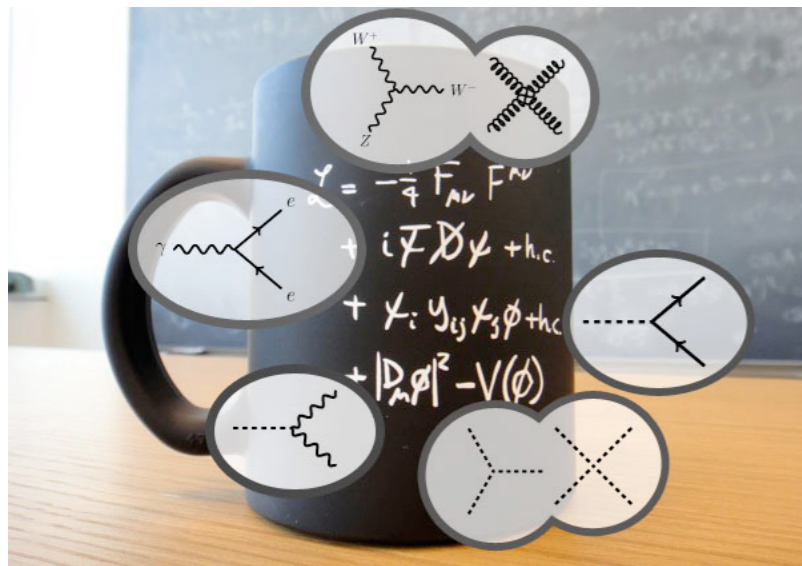
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Monte-Carlo Physics

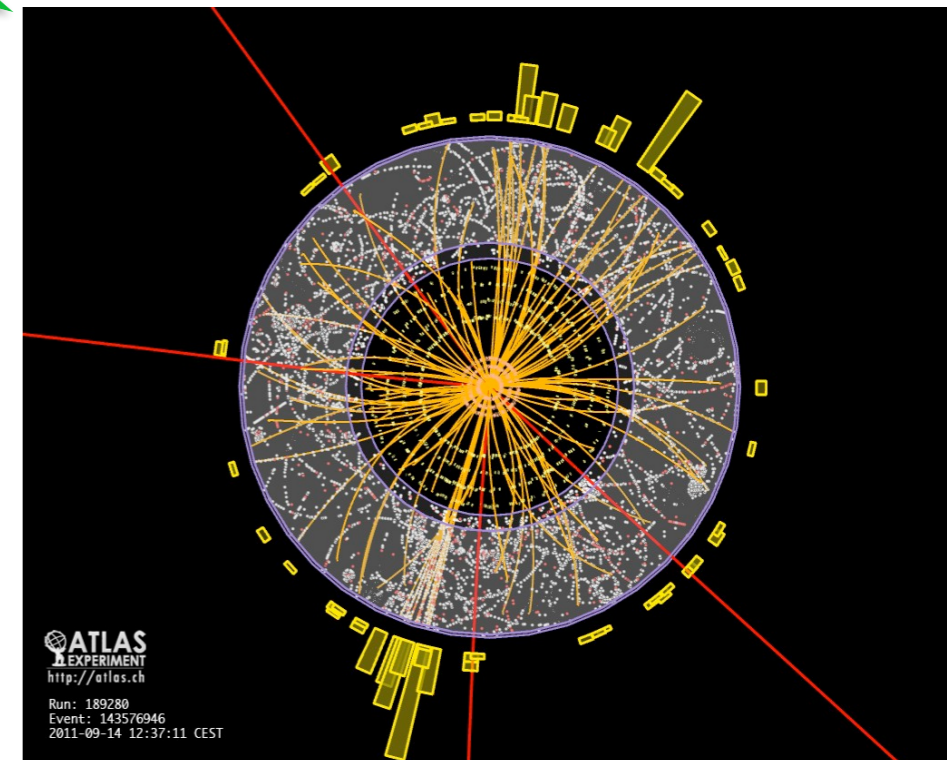




Monte-Carlo Physics

Our goal

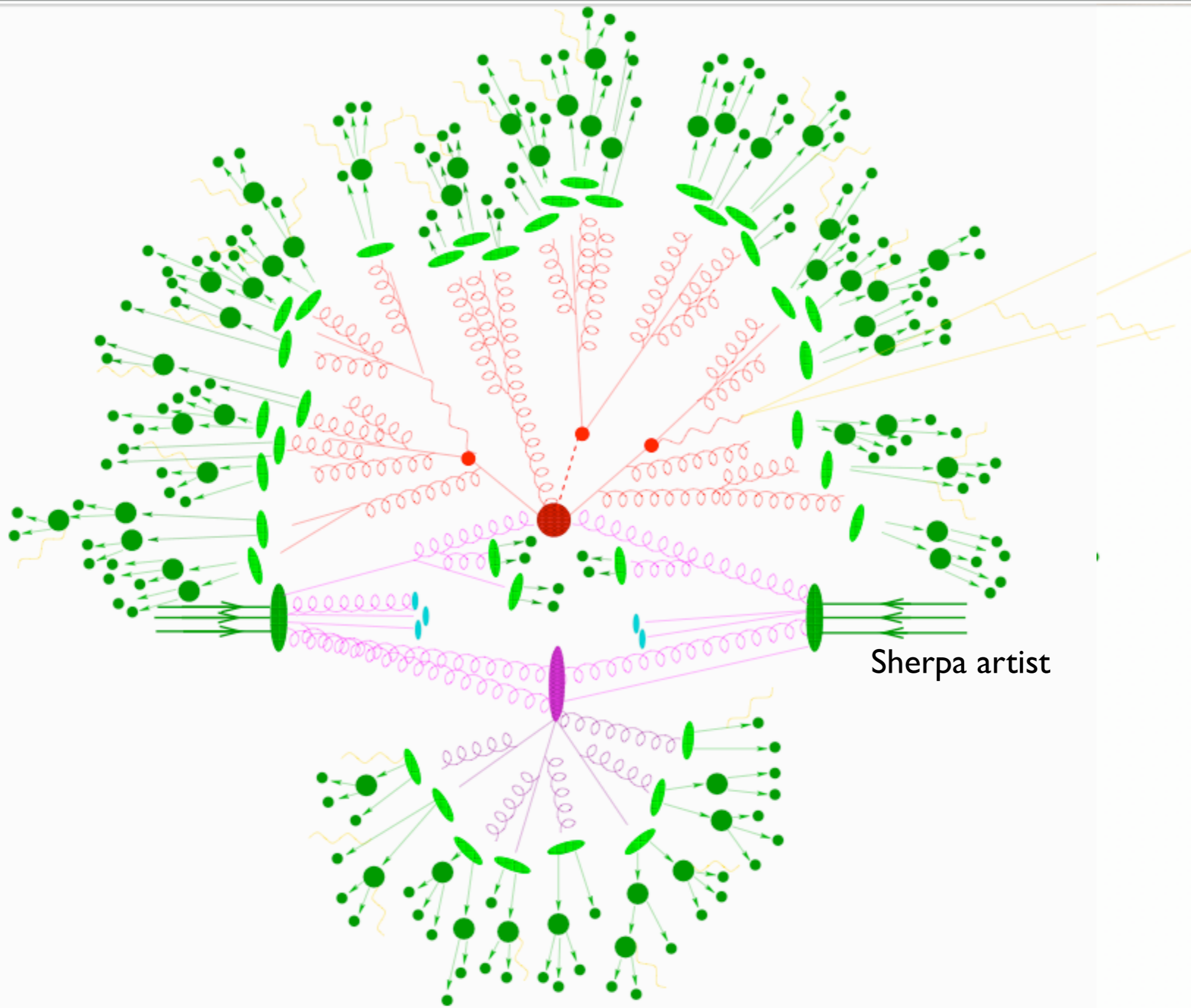
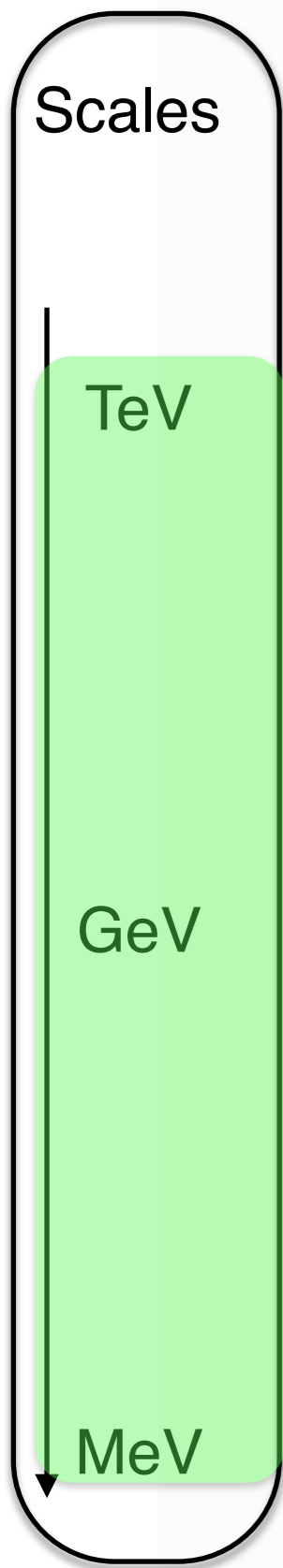
- Cross-section
- Differential cross-section
- Un-weighted events



Simulation of collider events

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What are the MC for?



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Scales

TeV

GeV

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1. High- Q^2 Scattering

2. Parton Shower

👉 where BSM physics lies

👉 process dependent

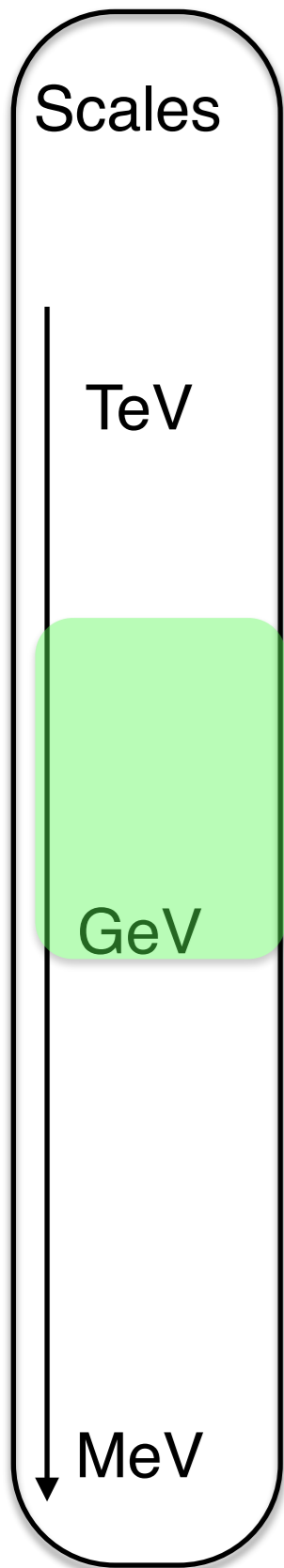
👉 first principles description

👉 it can be systematically improved

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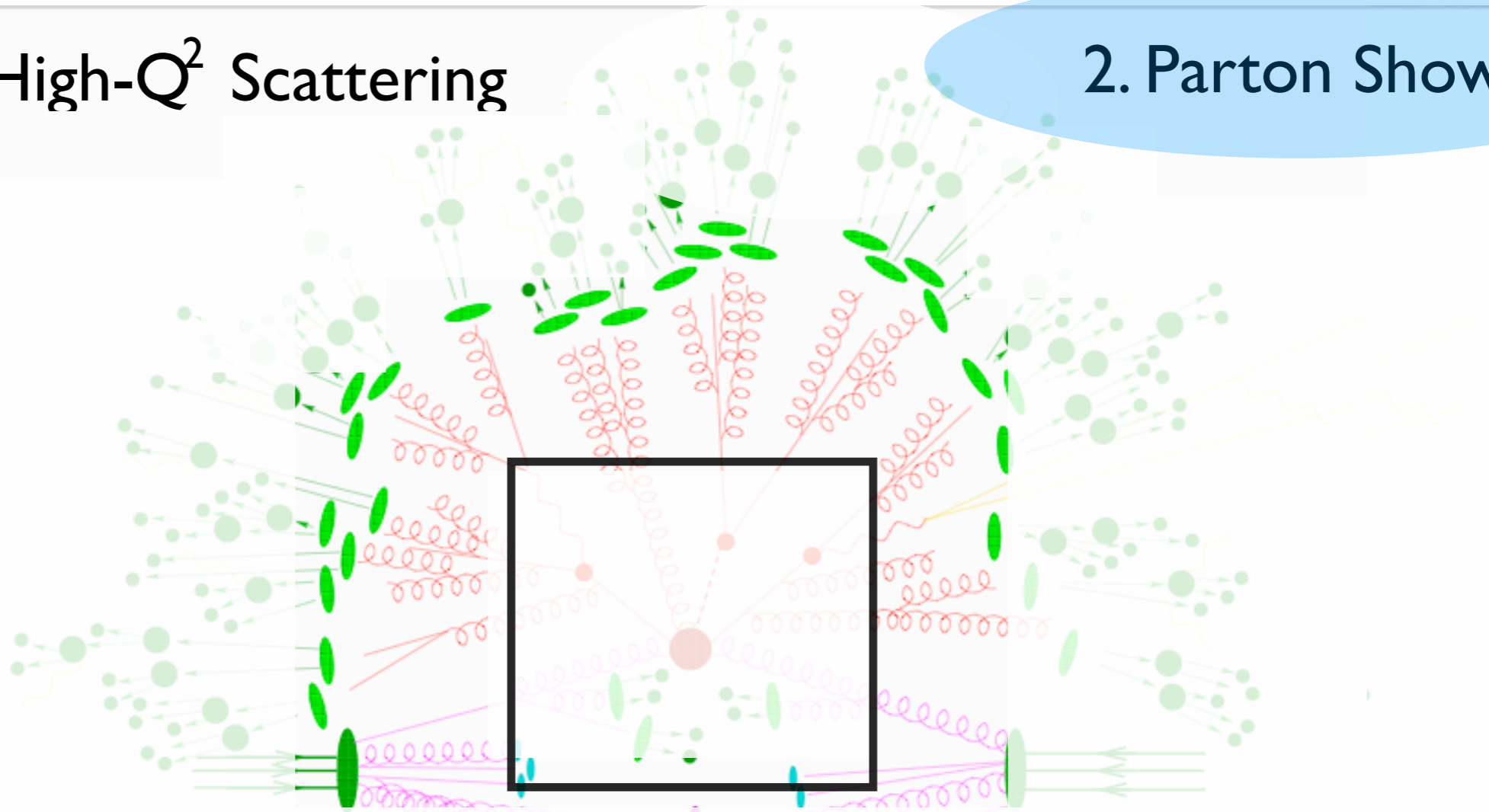
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- ☞ QCD - "known physics"
- ☞ universal/ process independent
- ☞ first principles description

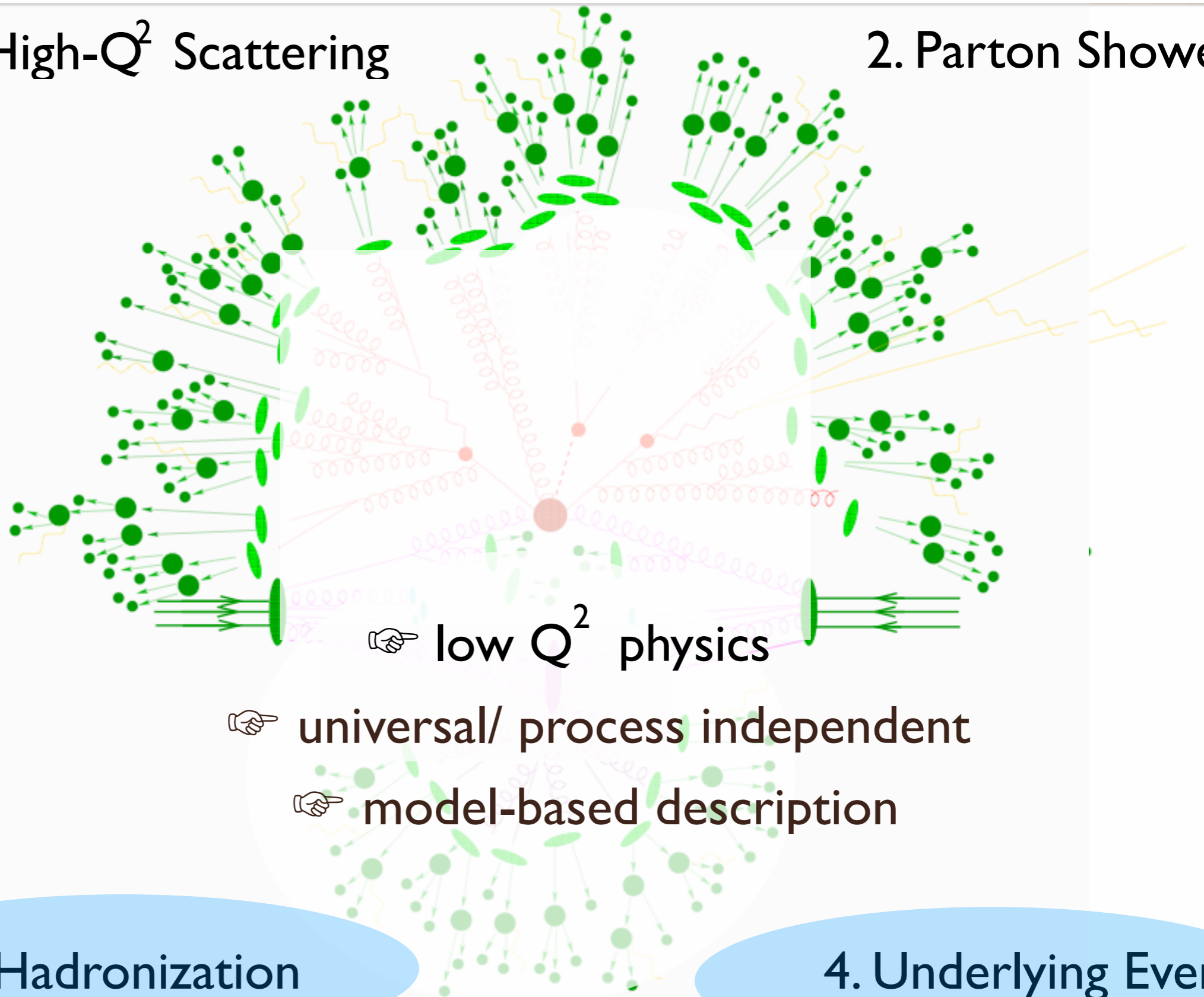
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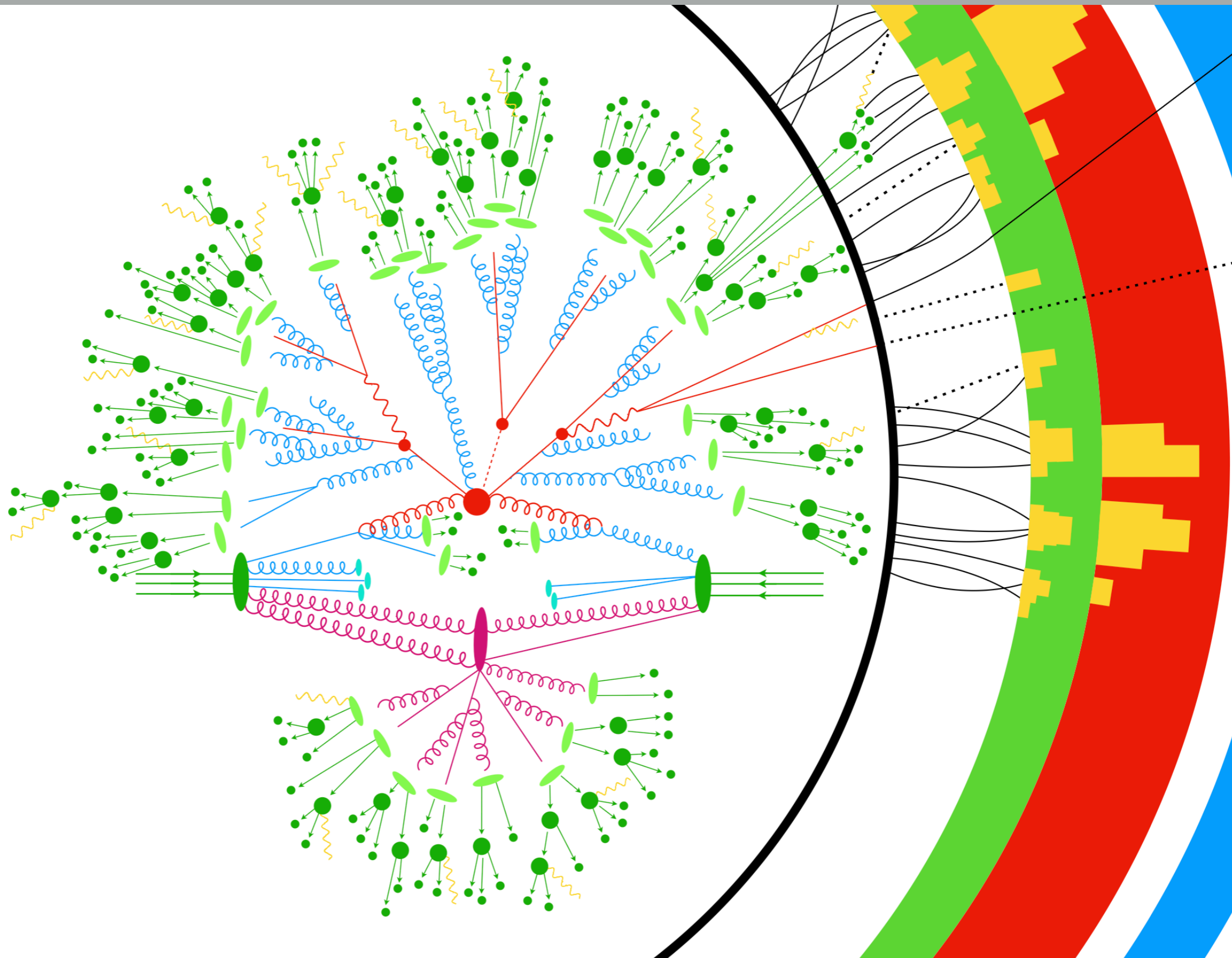
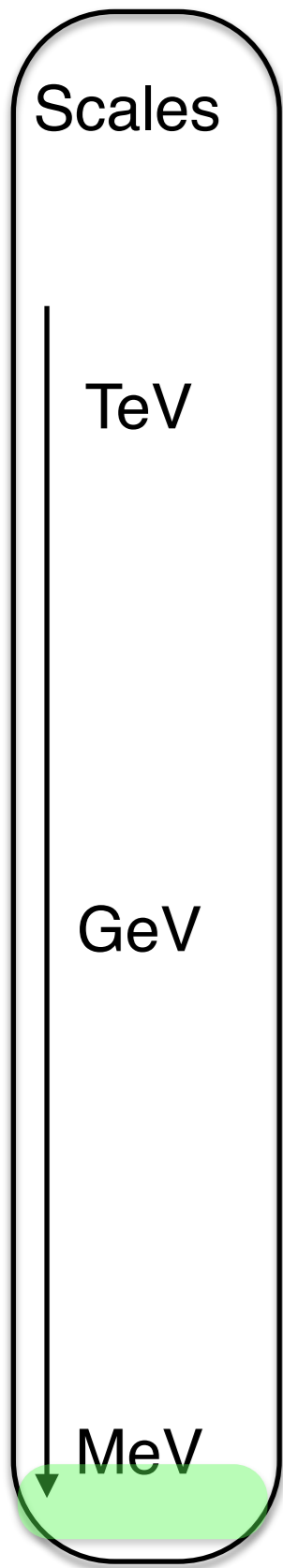
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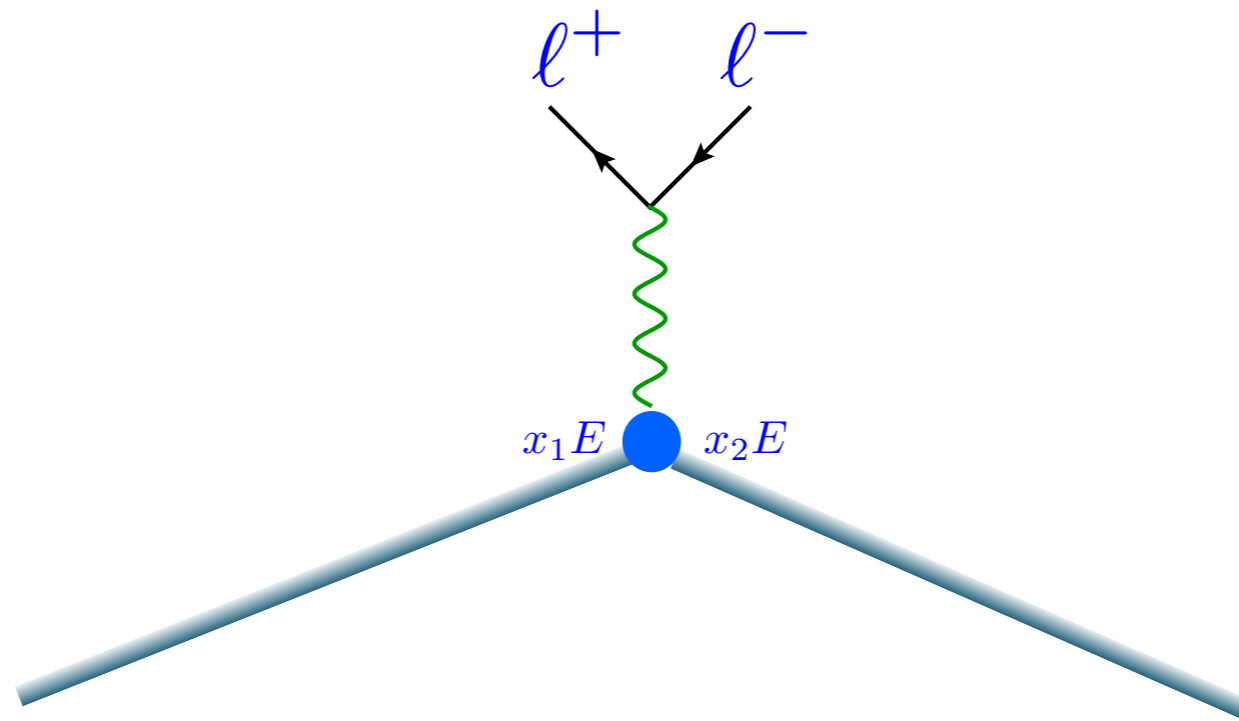
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To Remember

- Multi-scale problem
 - ➔ New physics visible only at High scale
 - ➔ Problem split in different scale
 - Factorisation theorem

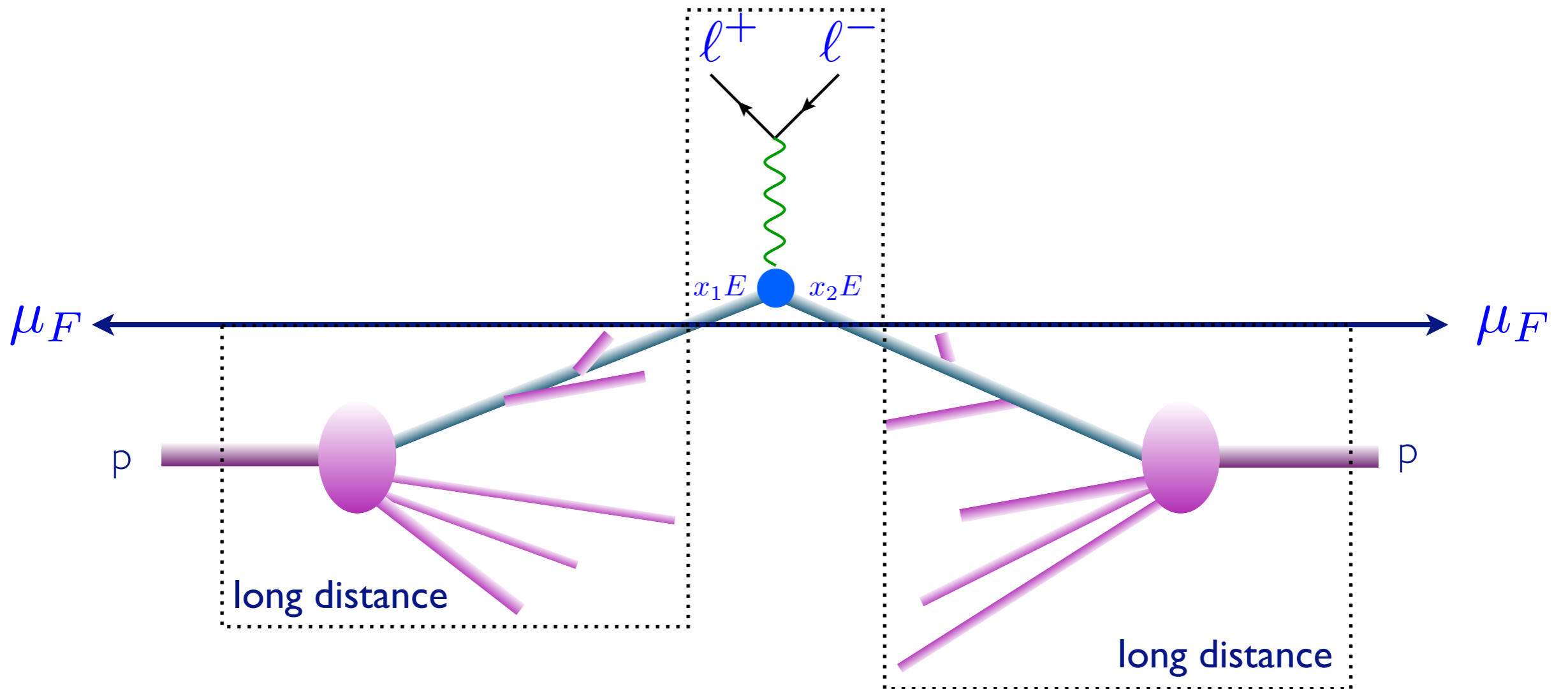
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Parton-level cross
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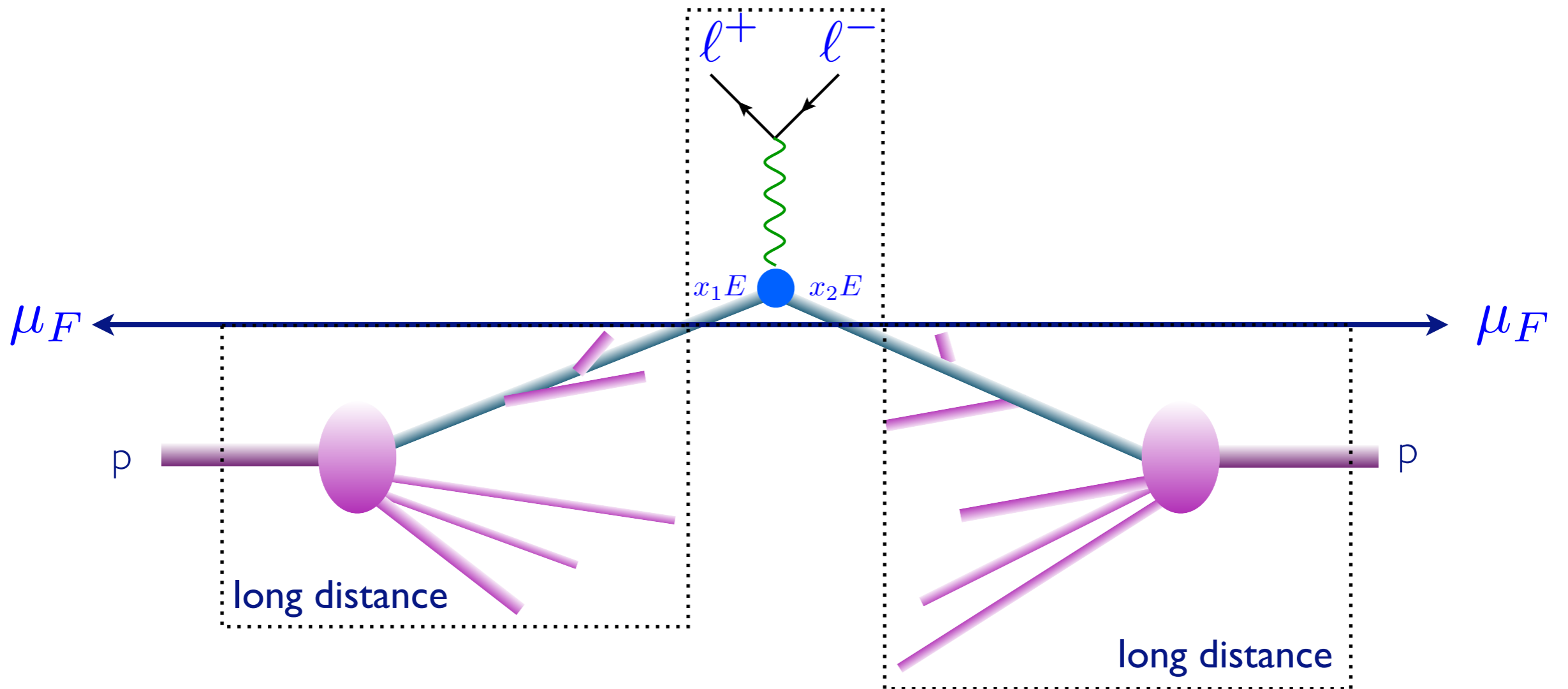


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Phase-space integral
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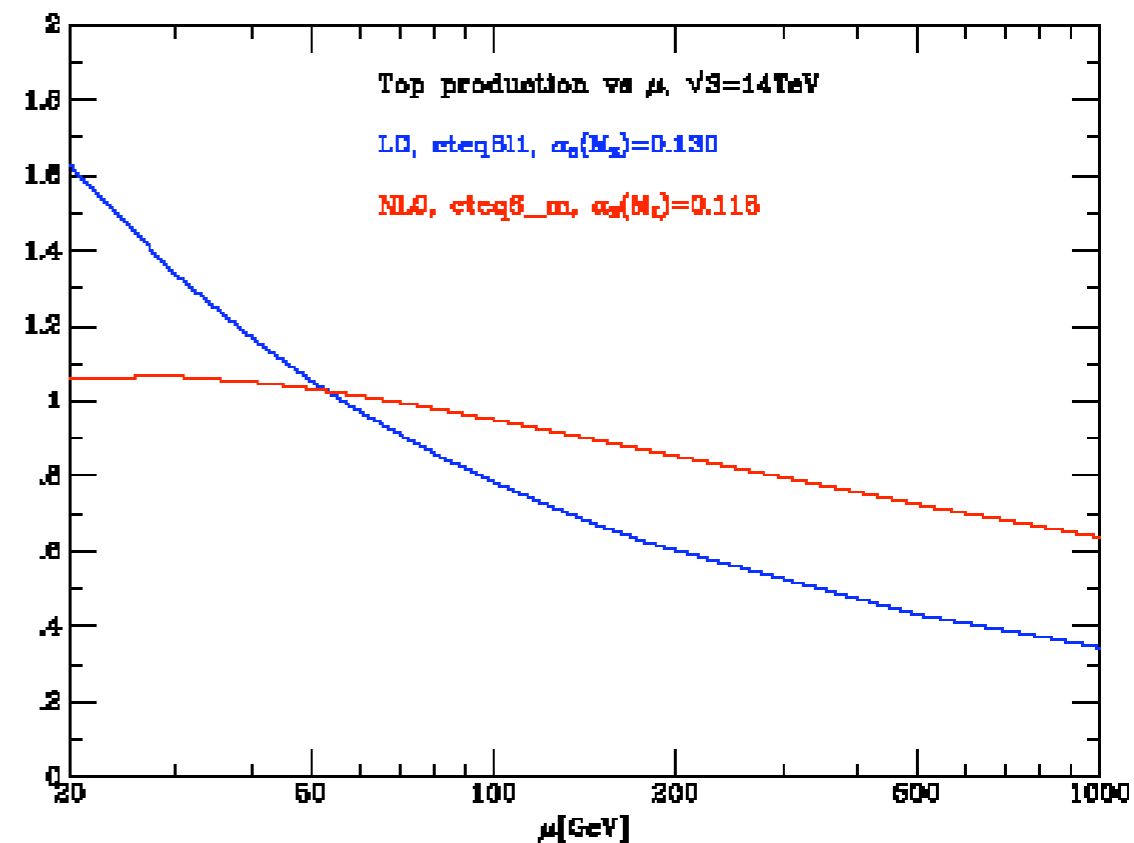
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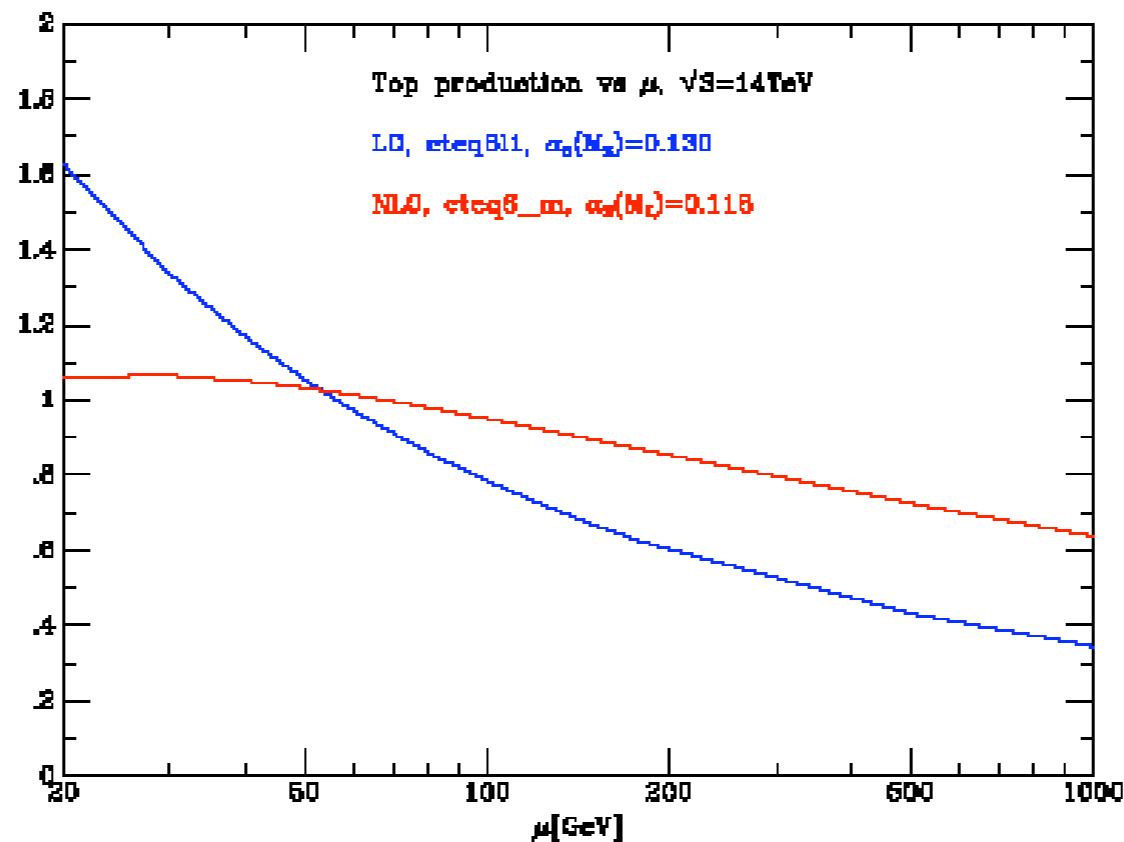
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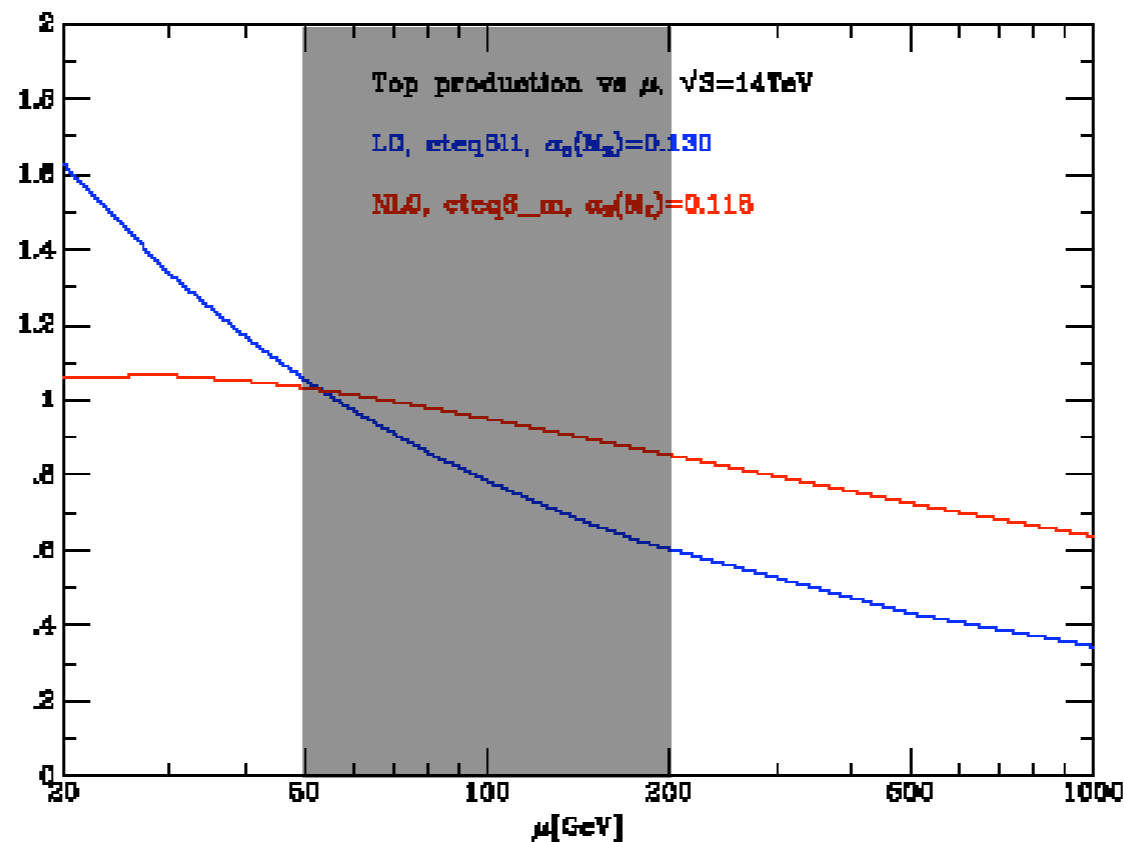
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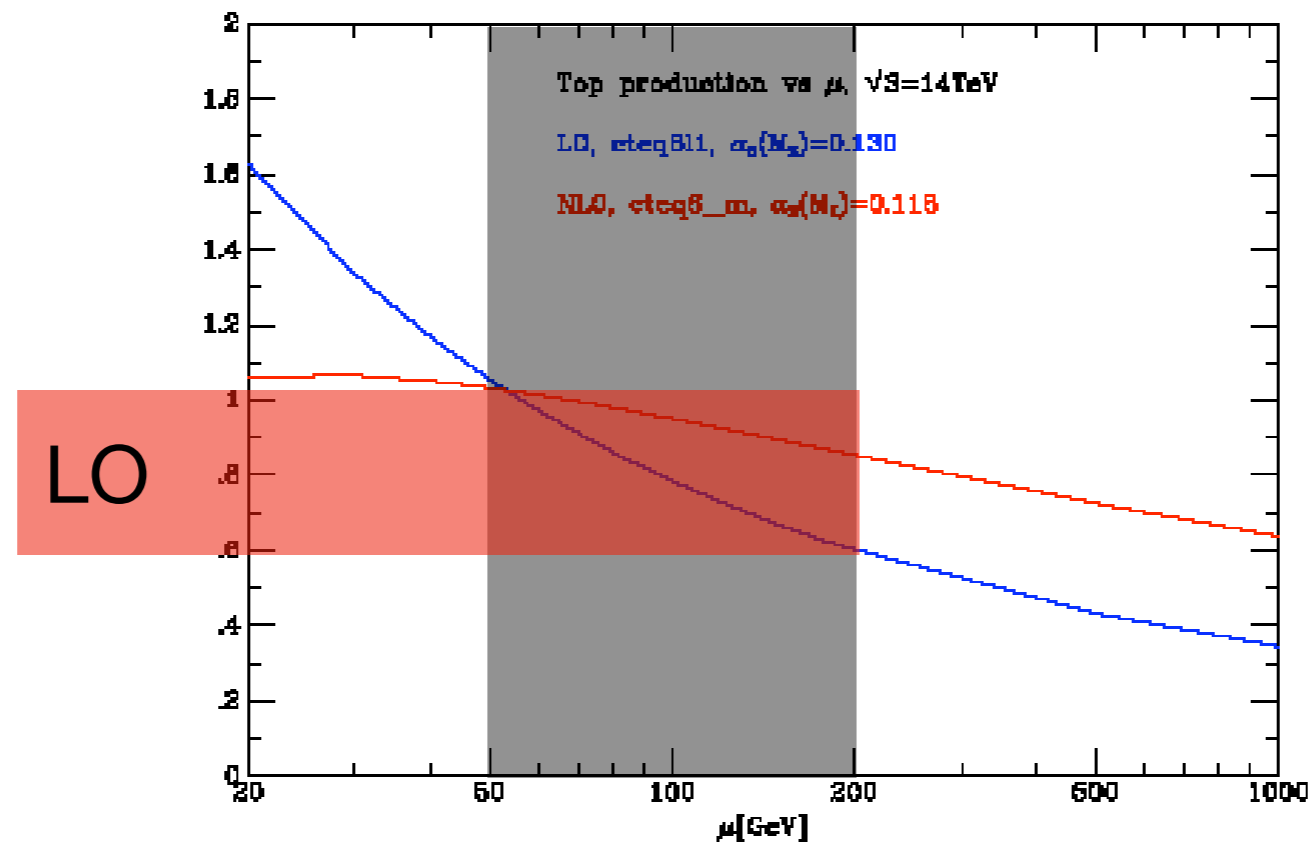
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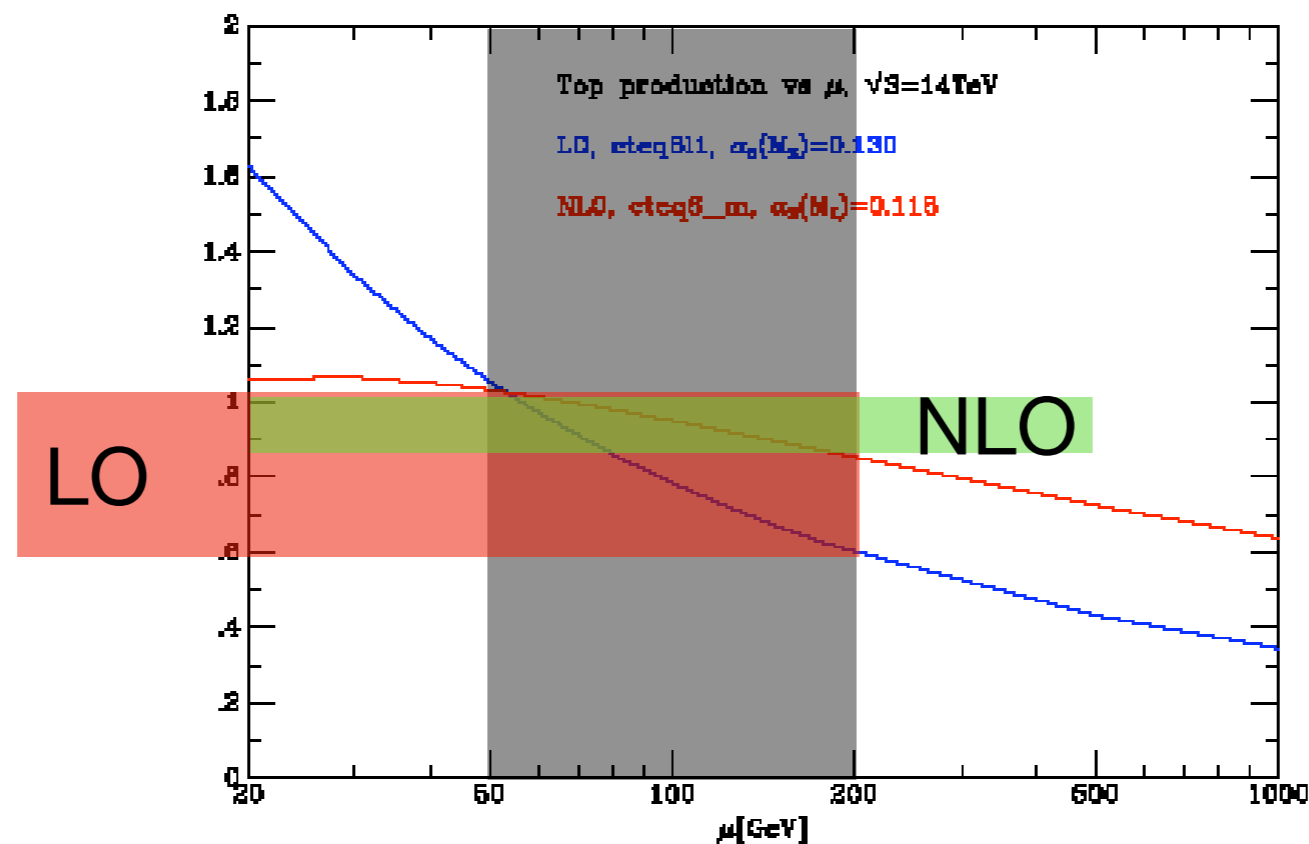
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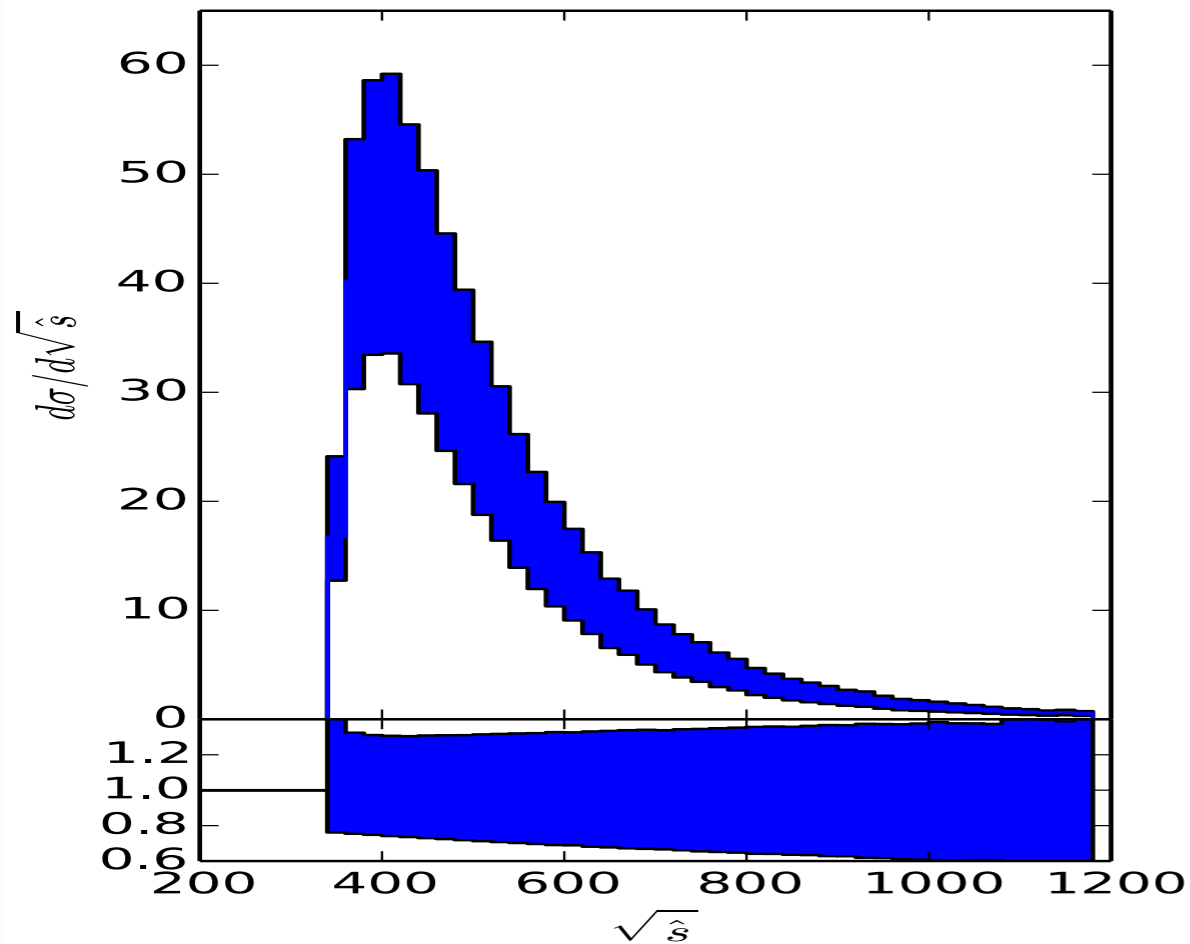


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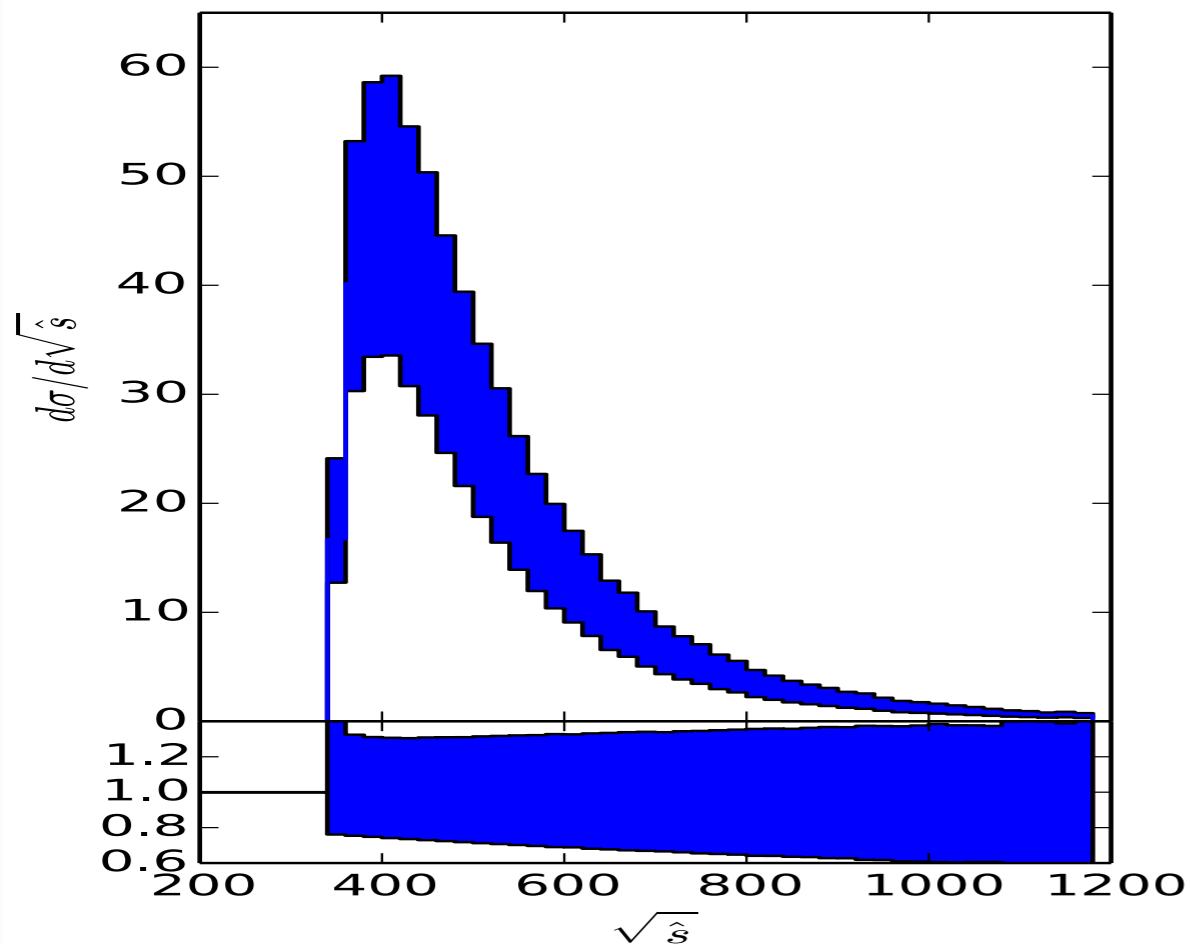


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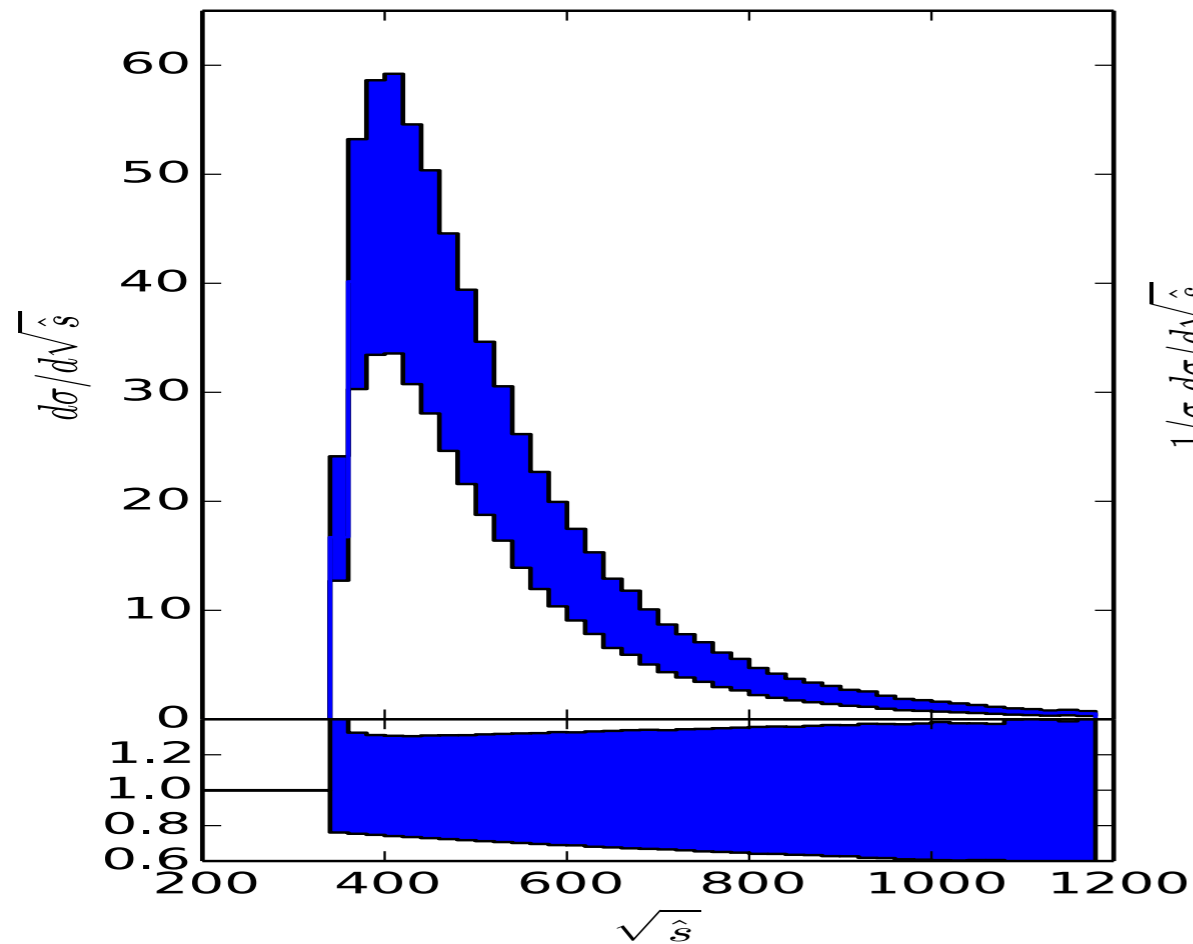
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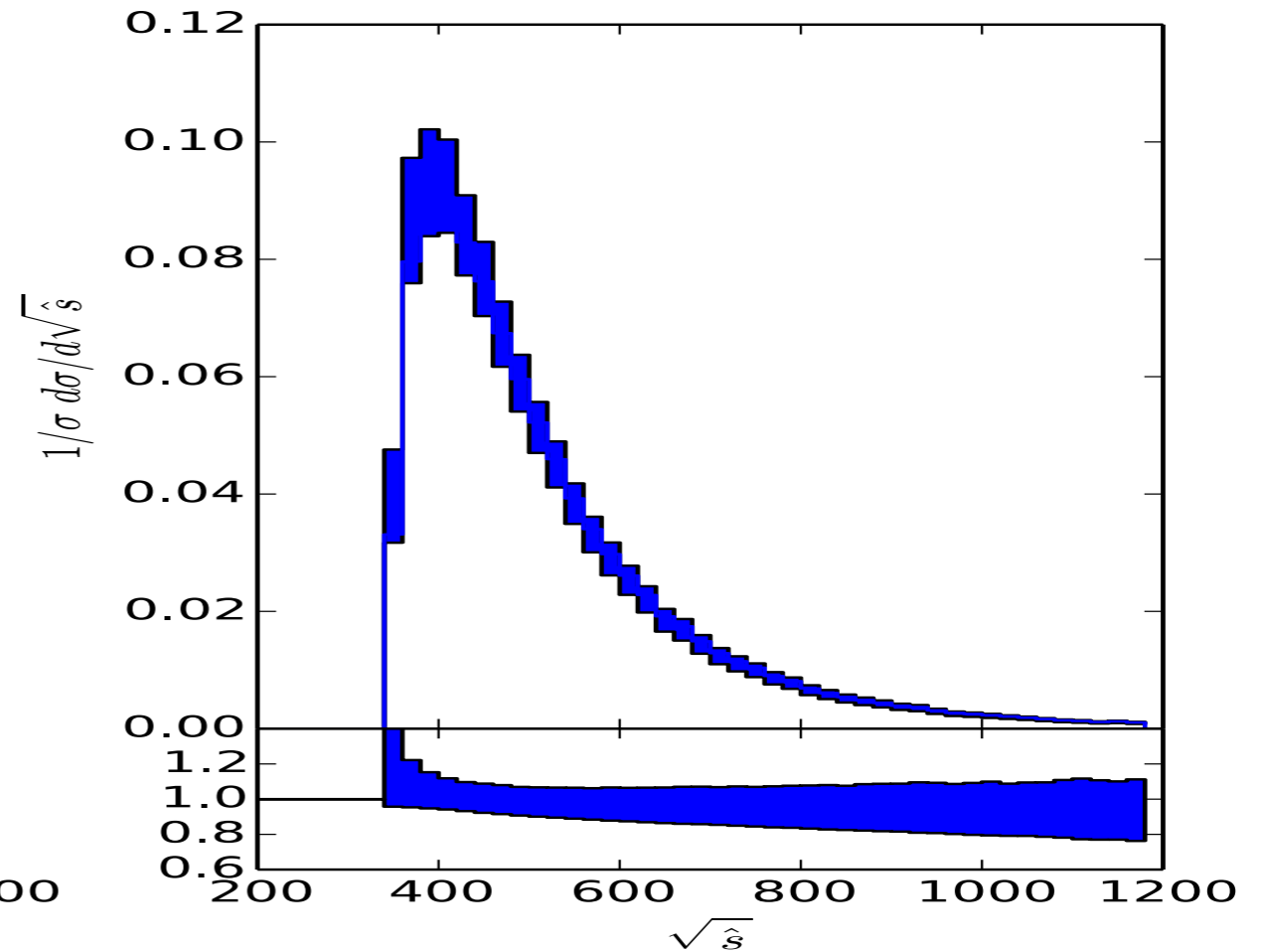
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- PDF: content of the proton
 - ➔ Define the physics/processes that will dominate on your accelerator
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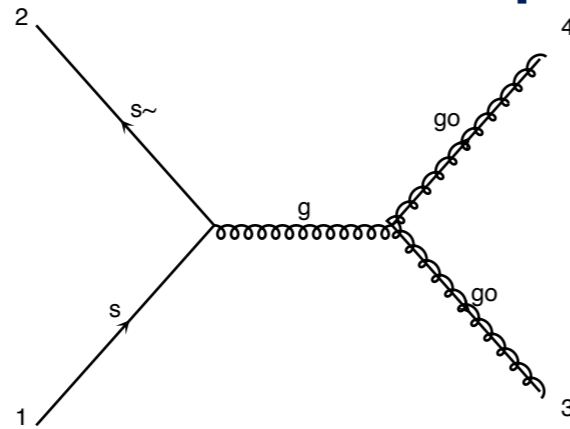


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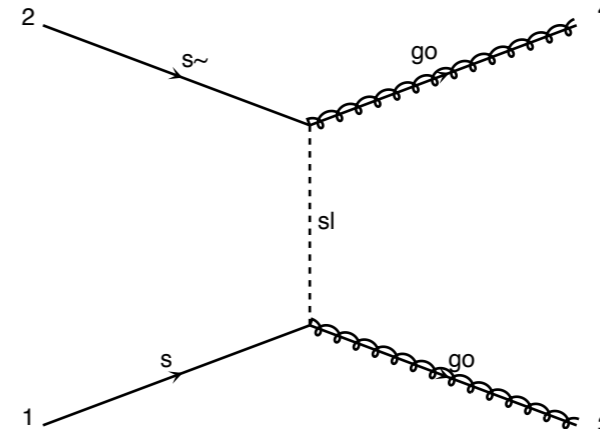


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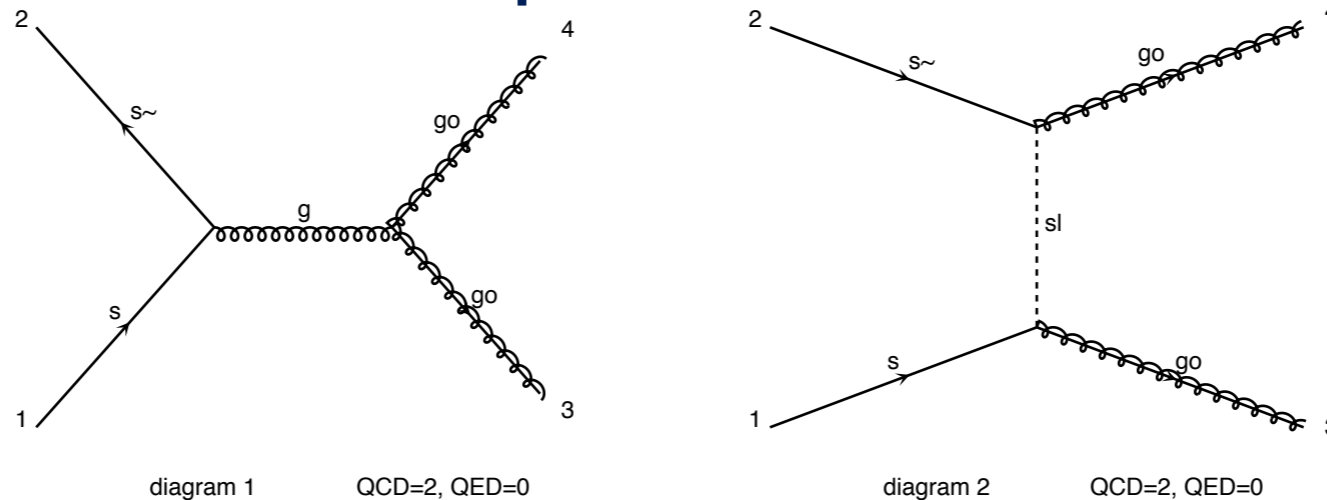
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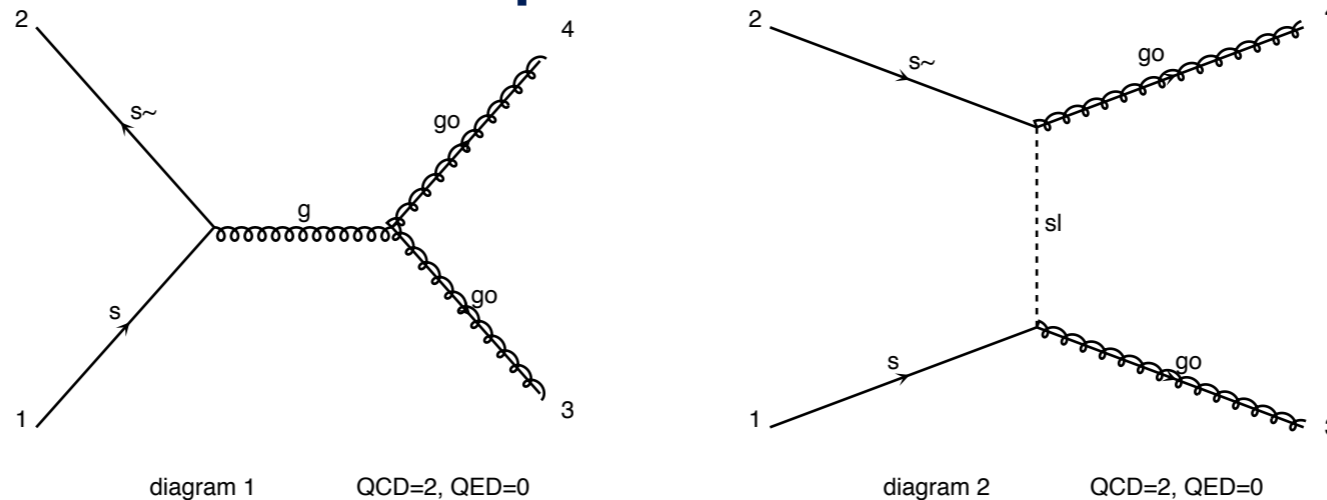
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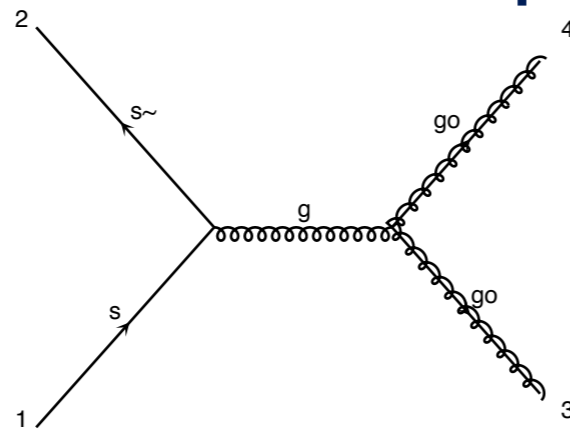


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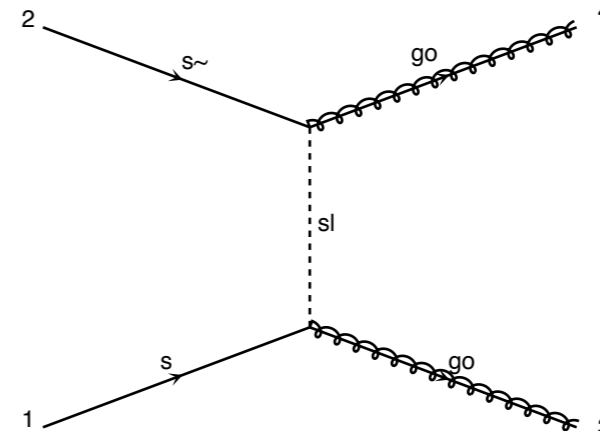


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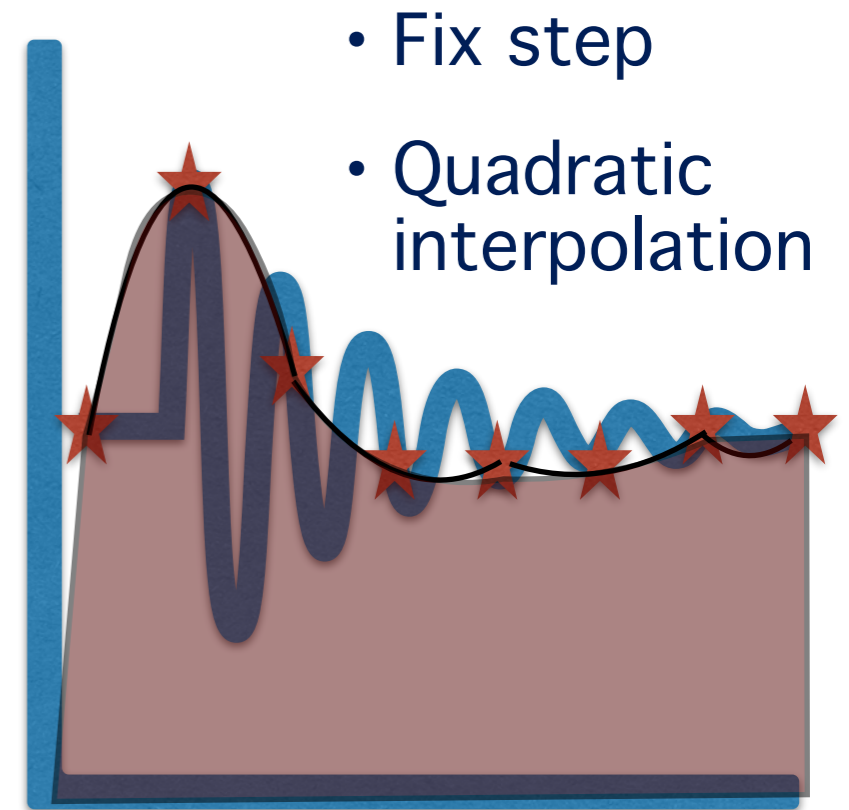
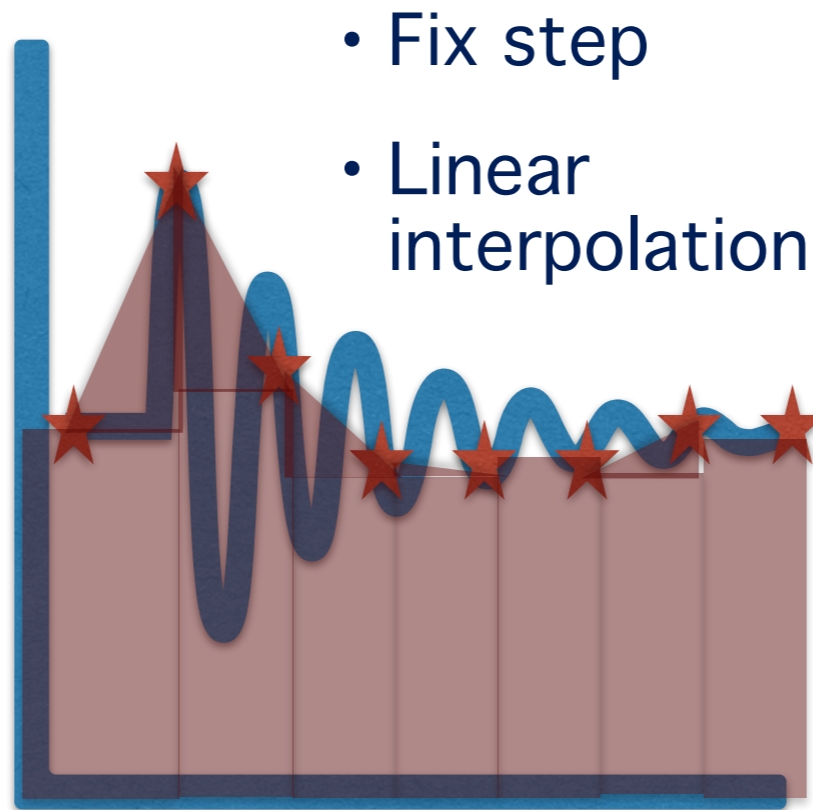
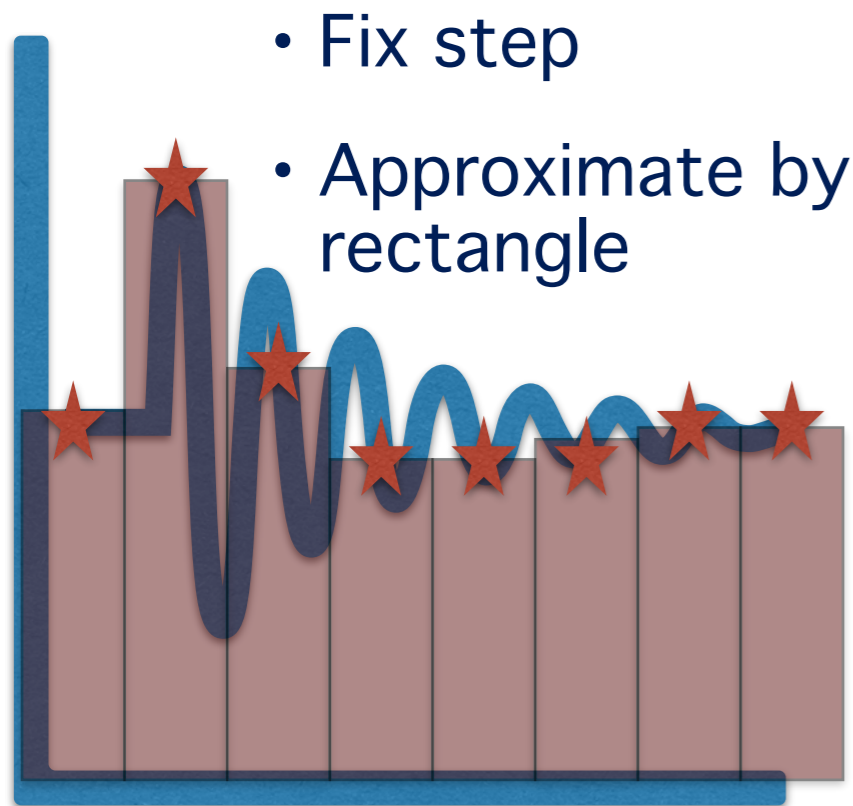
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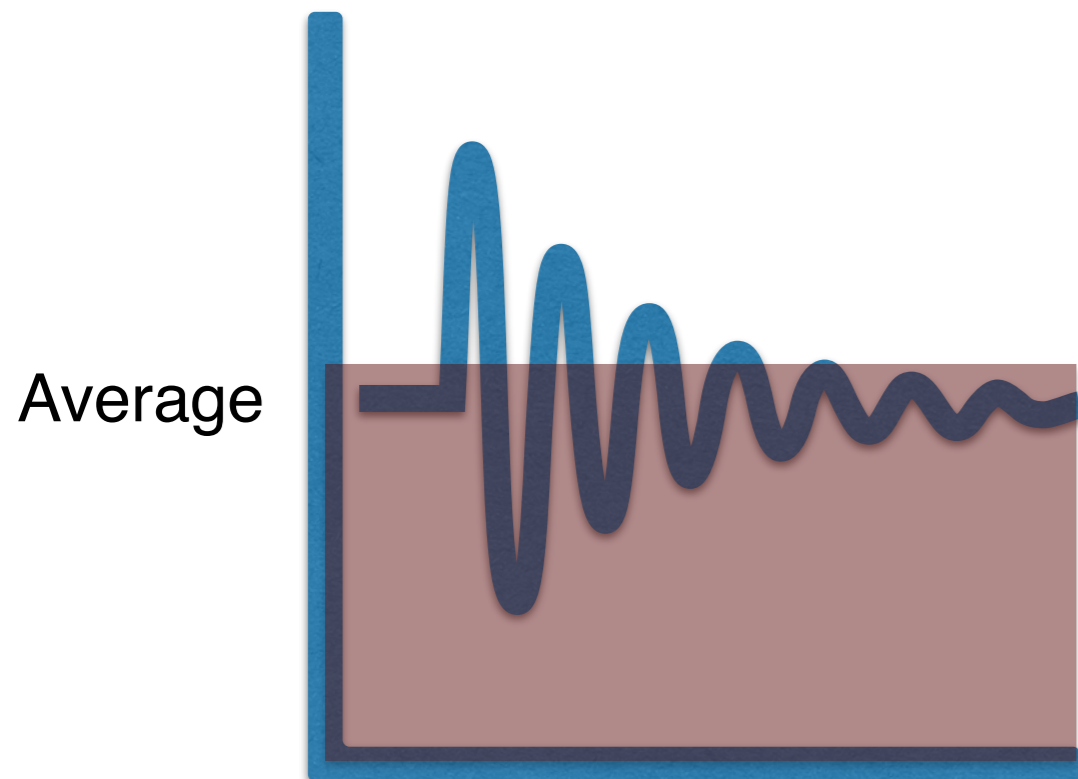
Not only integrating but also **generates events**

How to integrate



• Trapezium

• Simpson



Compute the average instead

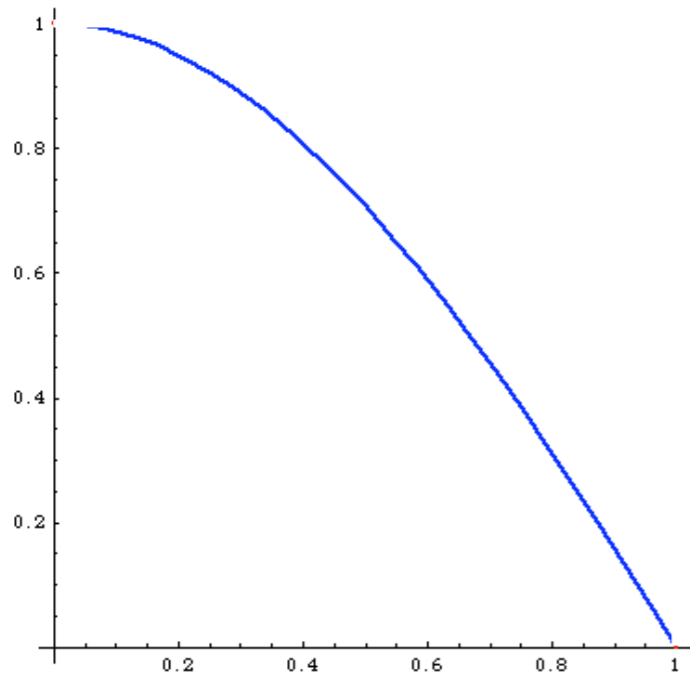
-> Use same method as pool estimate

-> Use random number point in the x direction

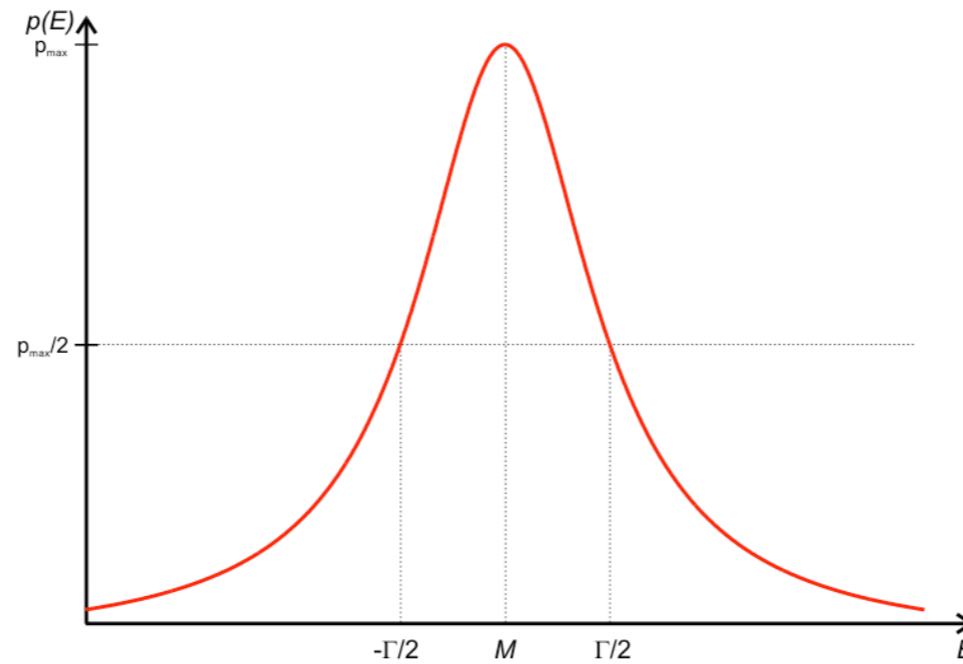
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Integration

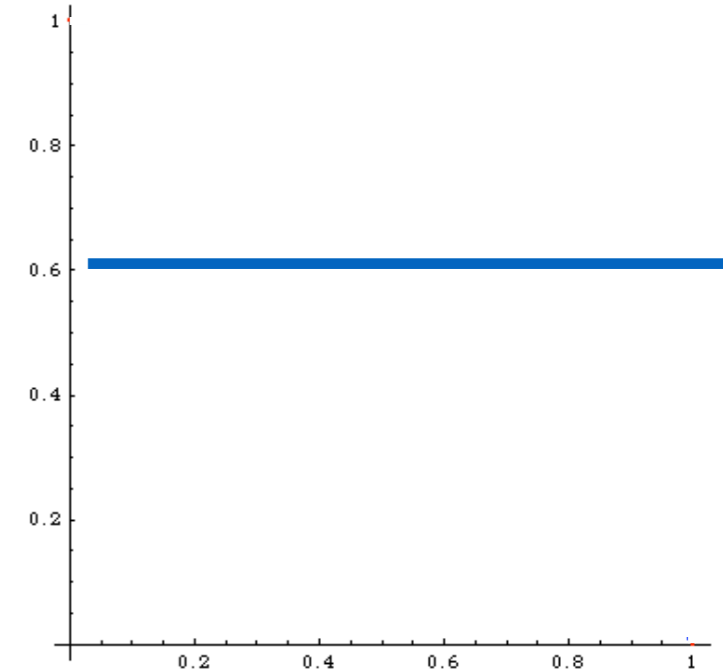
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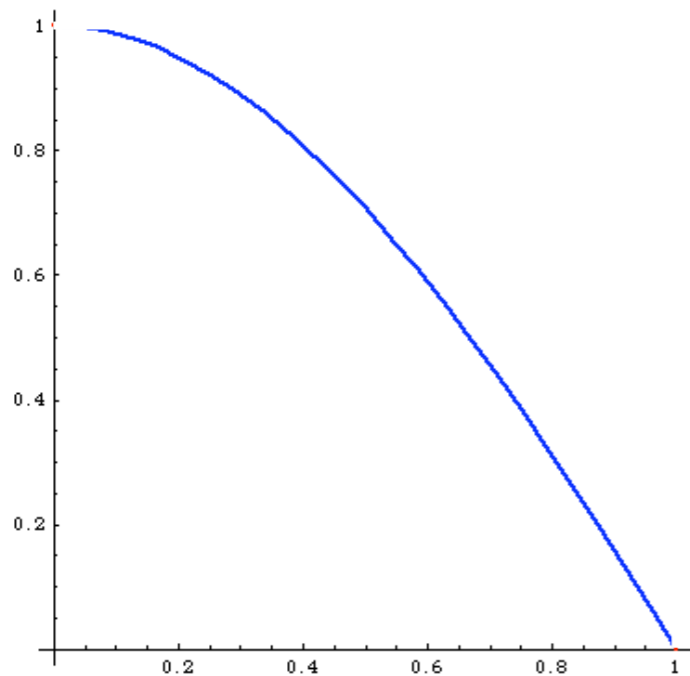


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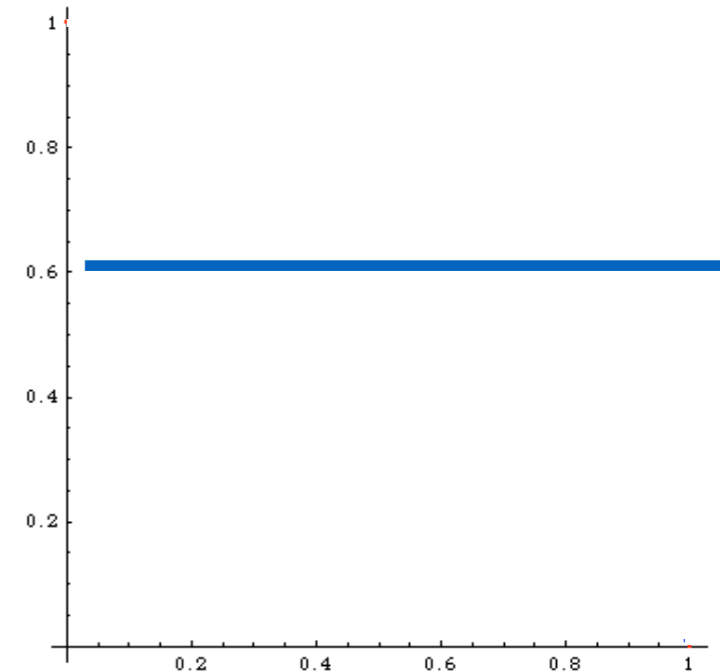
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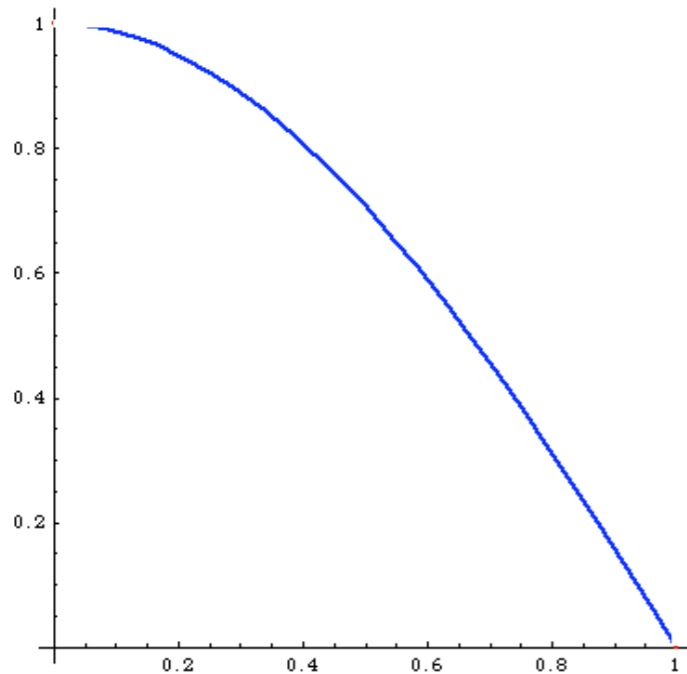


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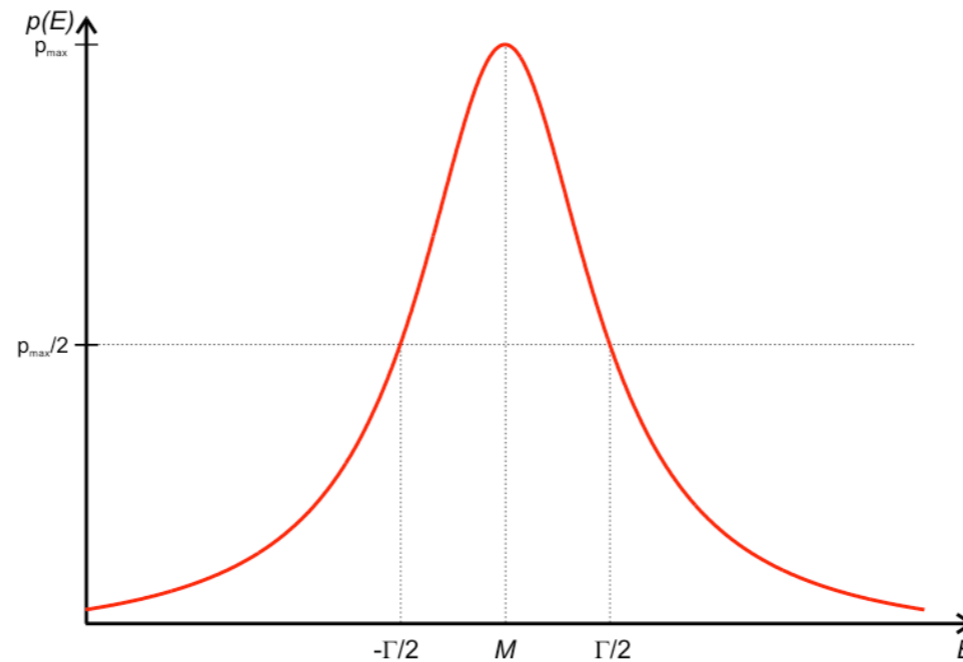
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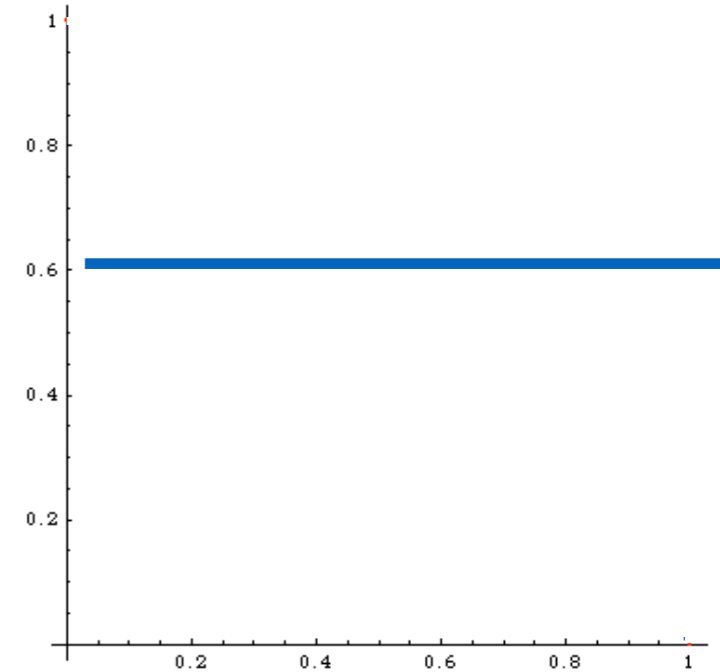
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	simpson	MC
3	0,638	0,3
5	0,6367	0,8
20	0,63662	0,6
100	0,636619	0,65
1000	0,636619	0,636

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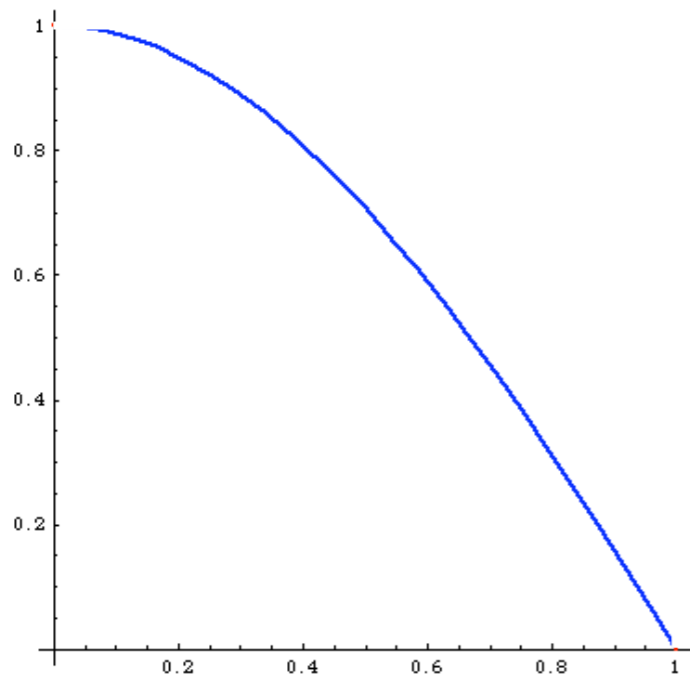
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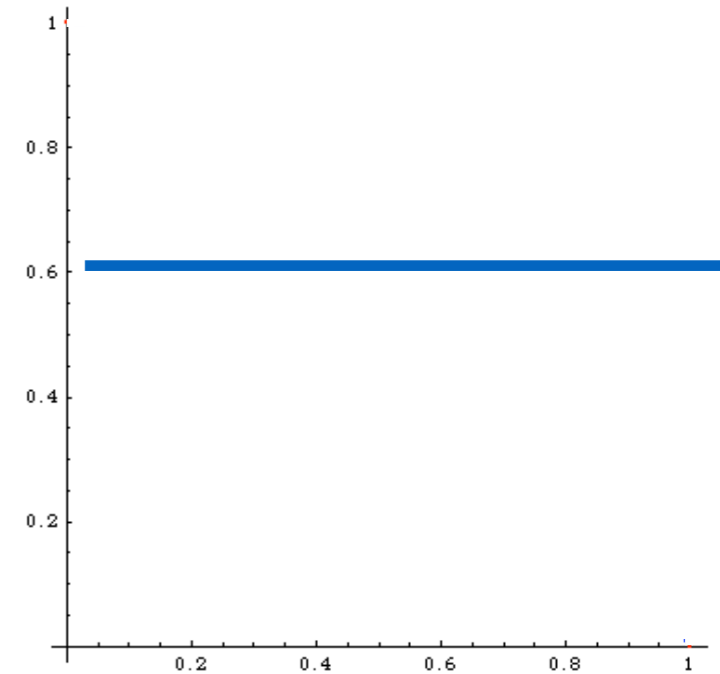
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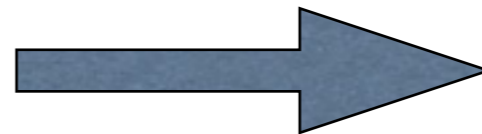
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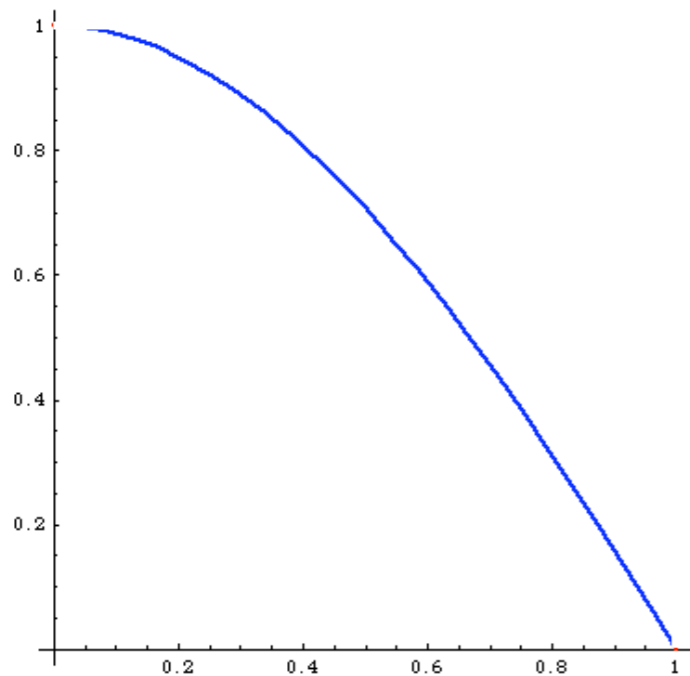
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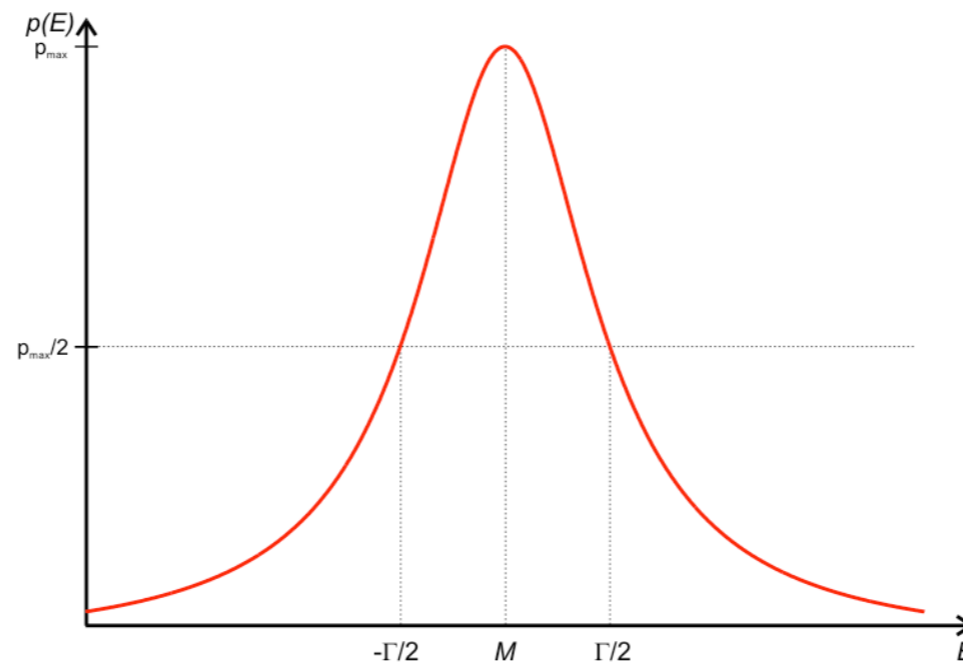
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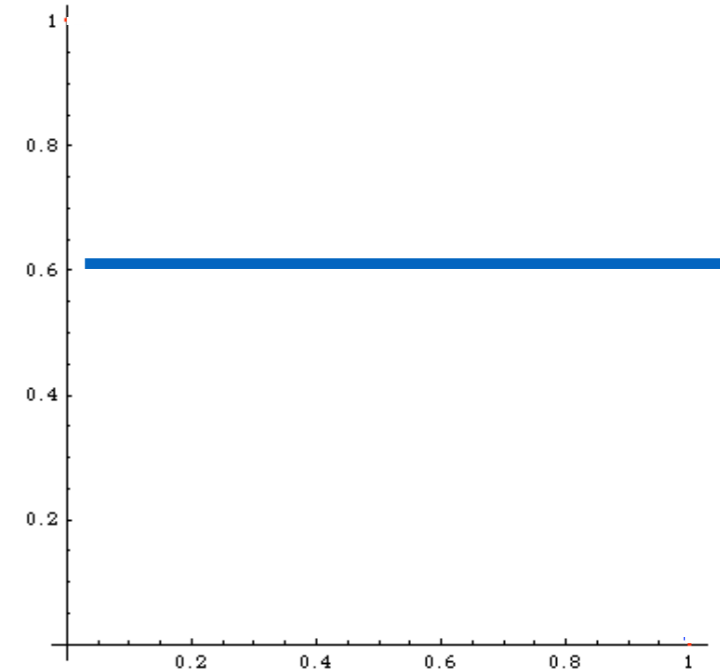
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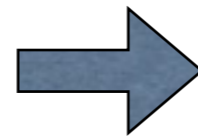
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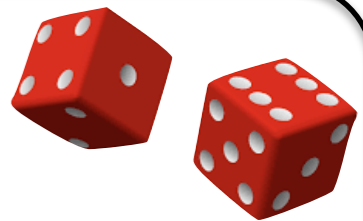
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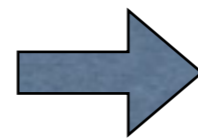
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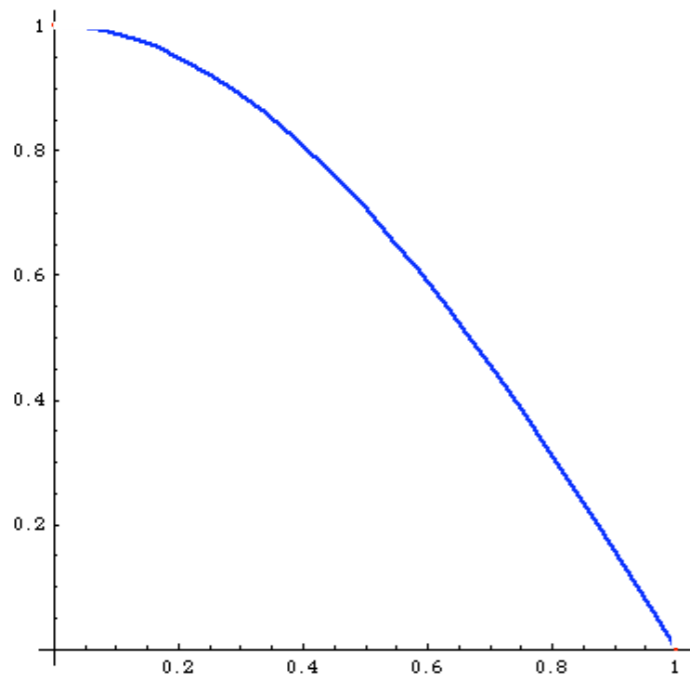
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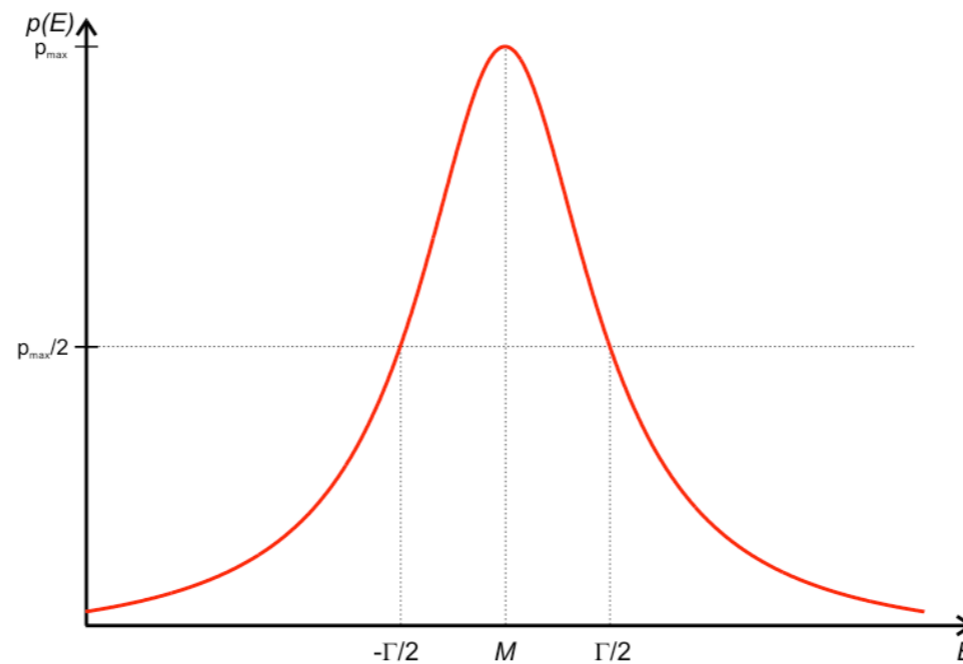
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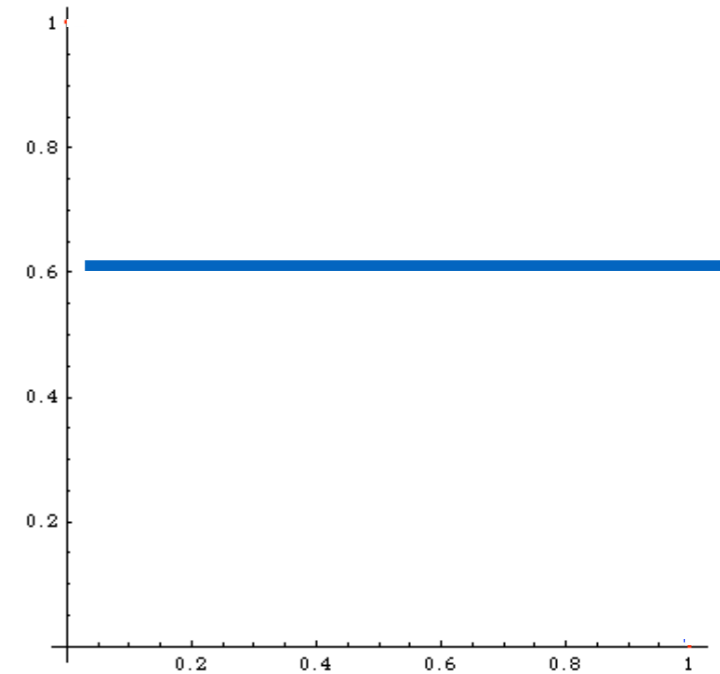
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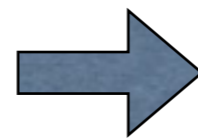
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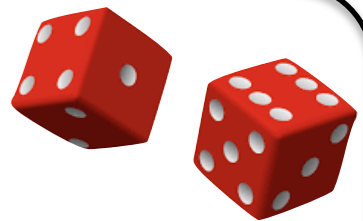
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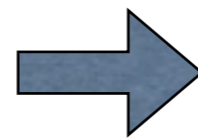
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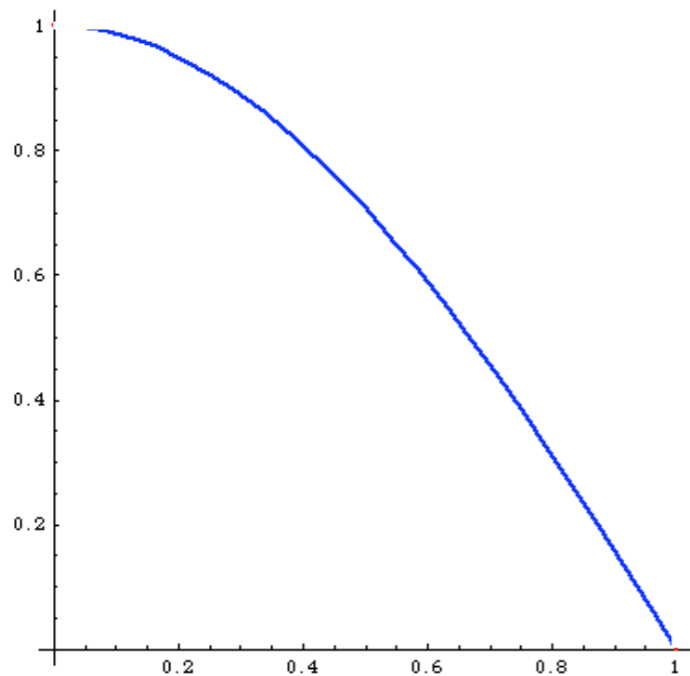


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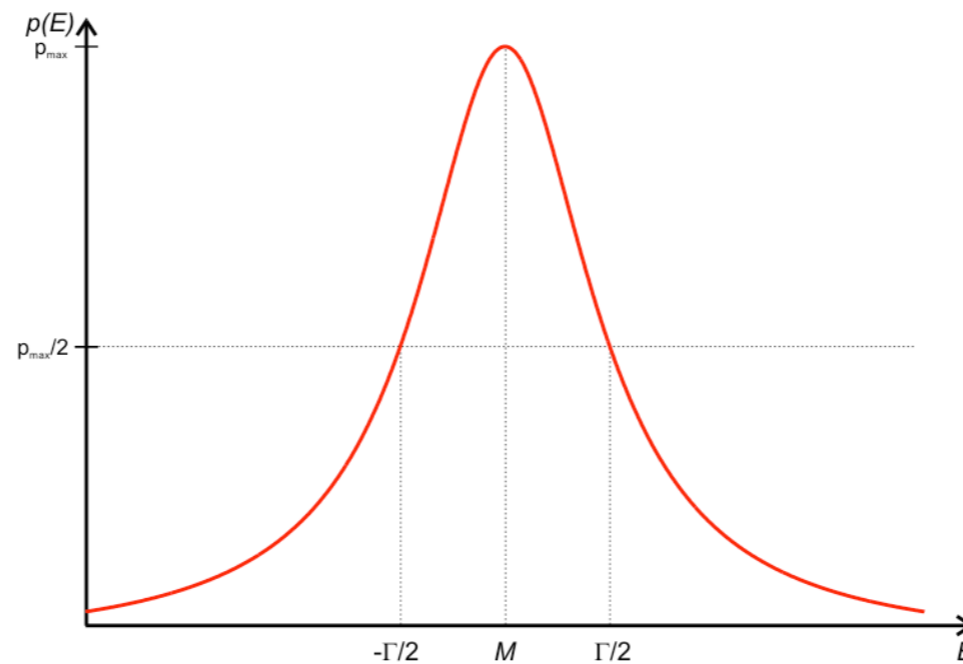
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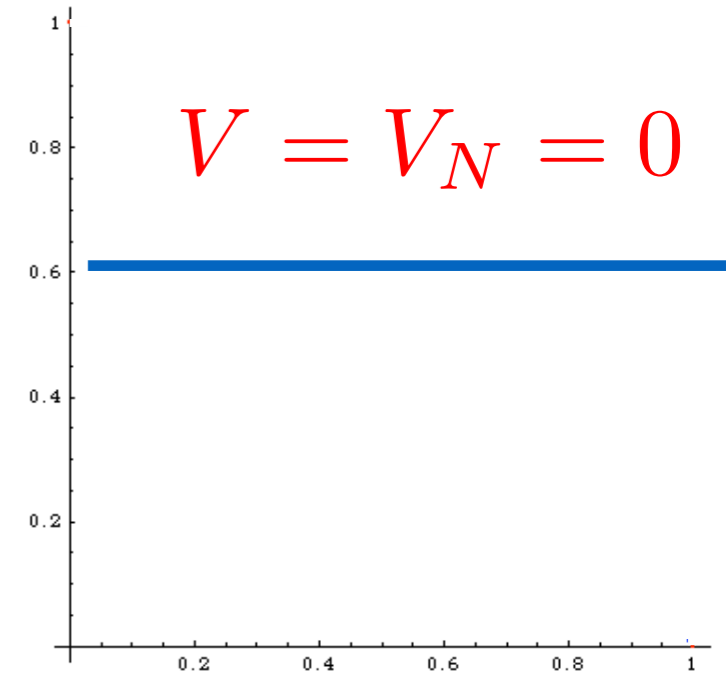
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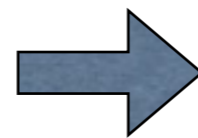
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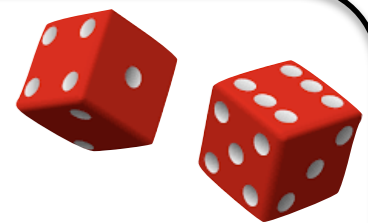
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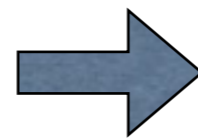
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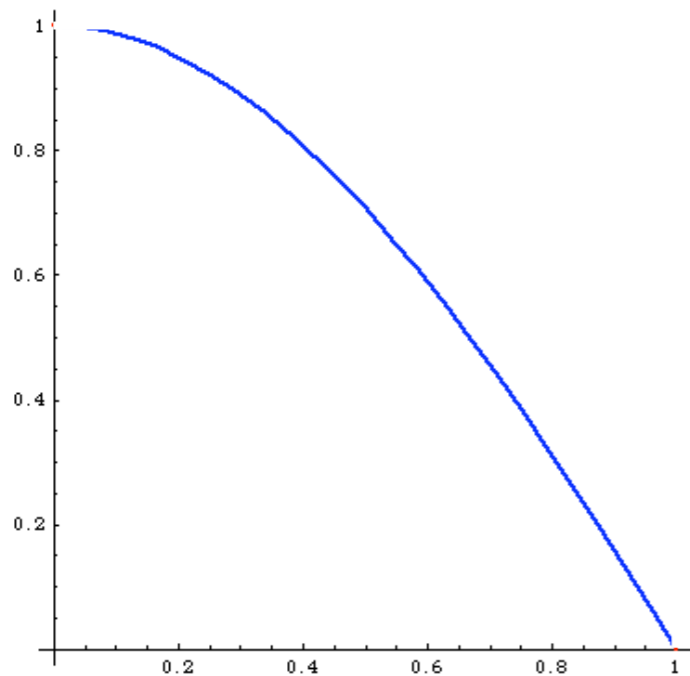


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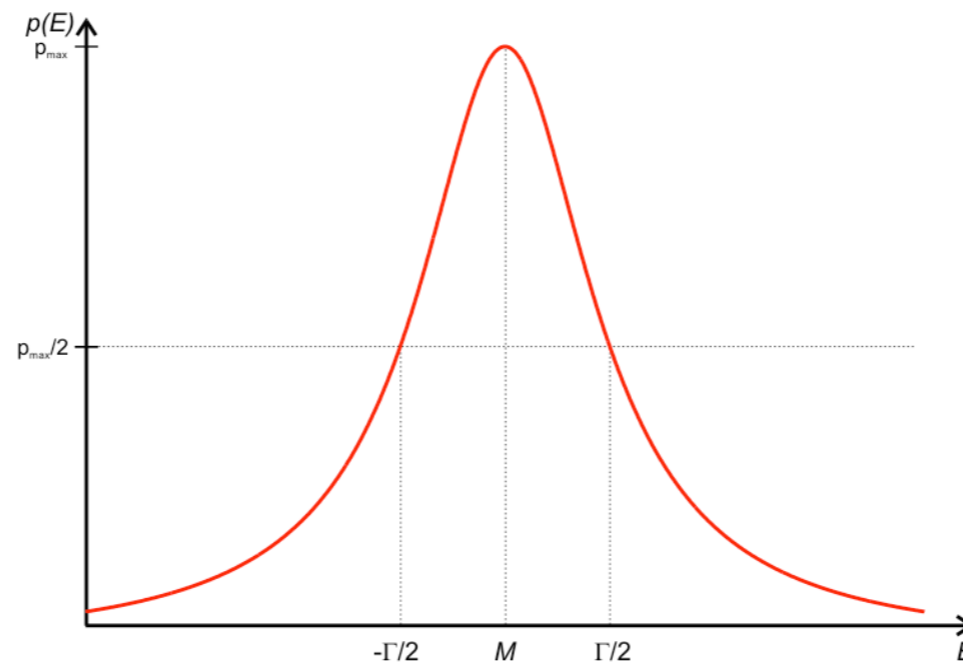
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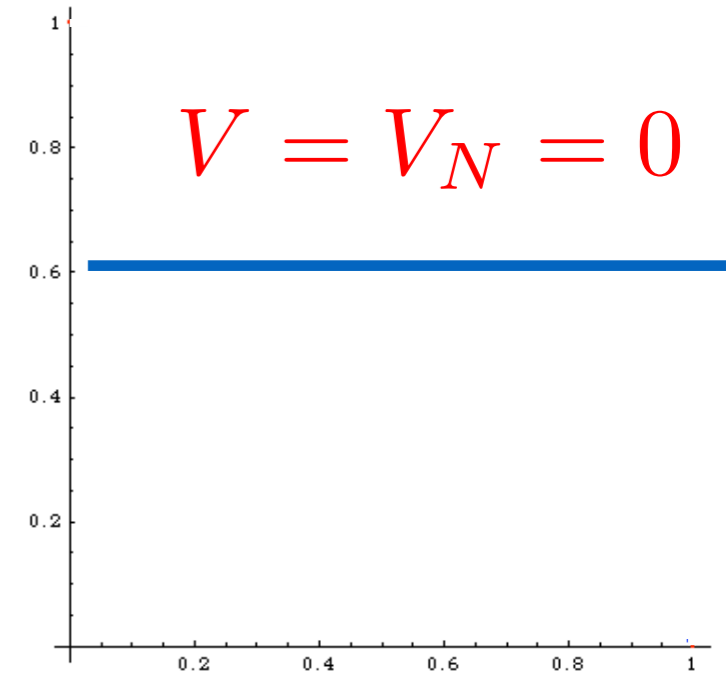
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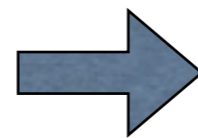
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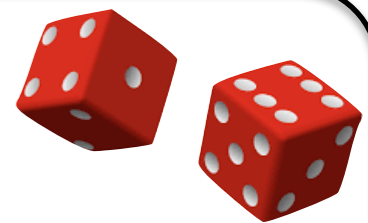
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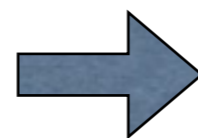
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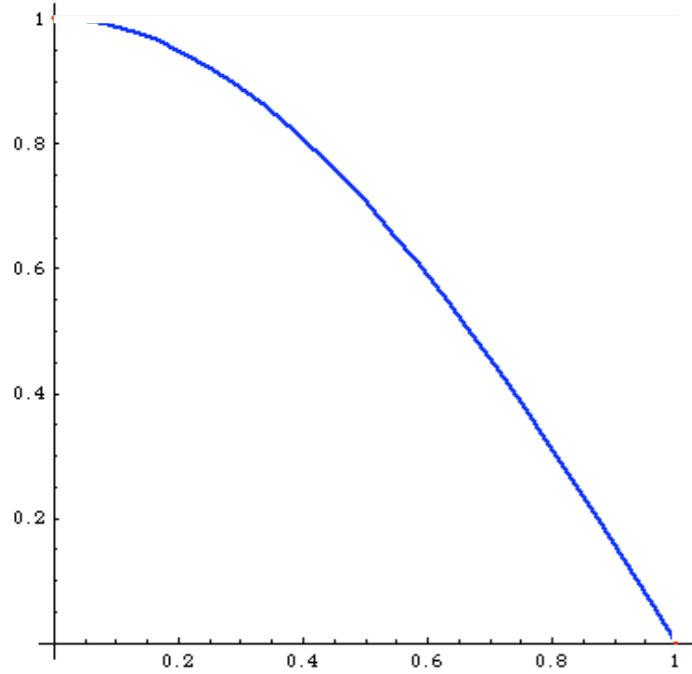


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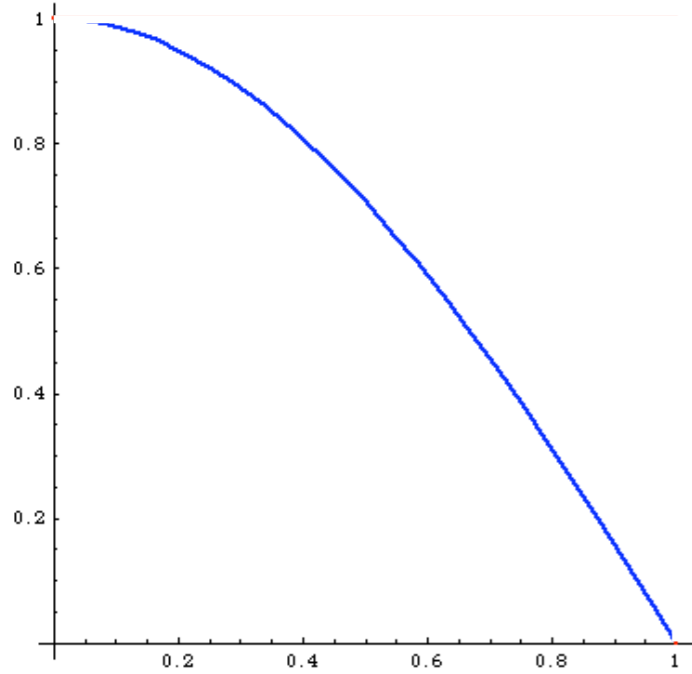
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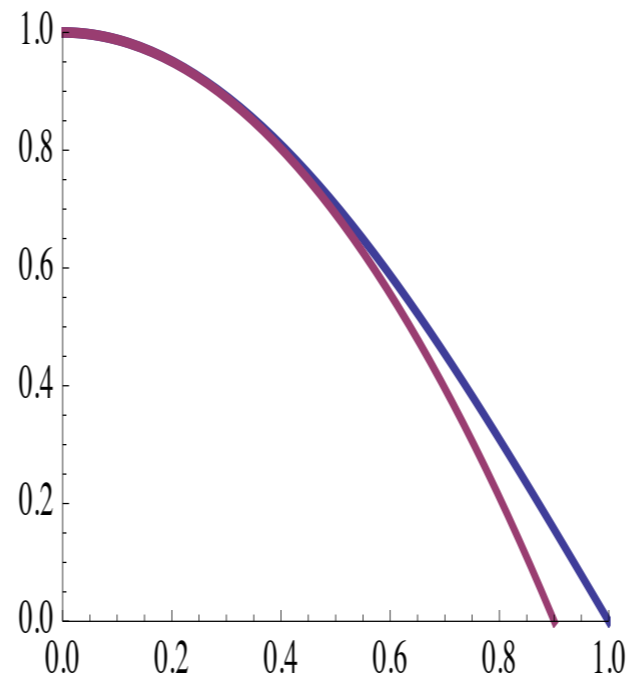
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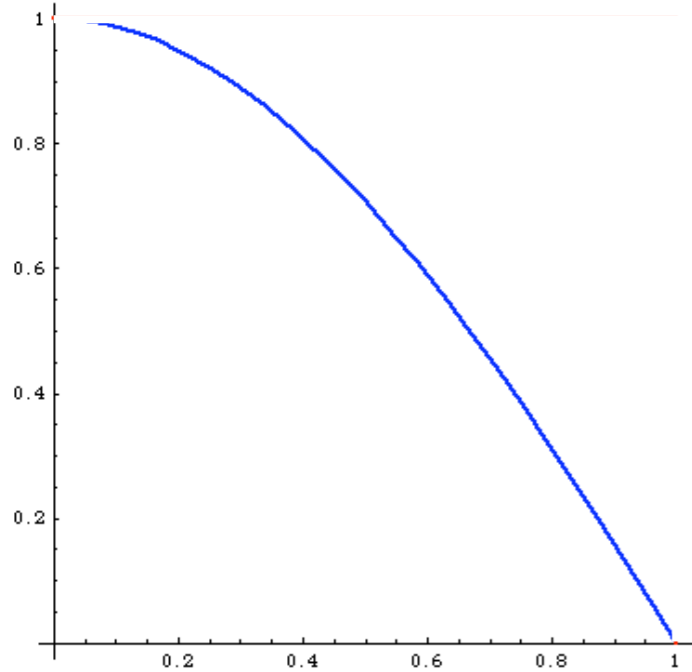
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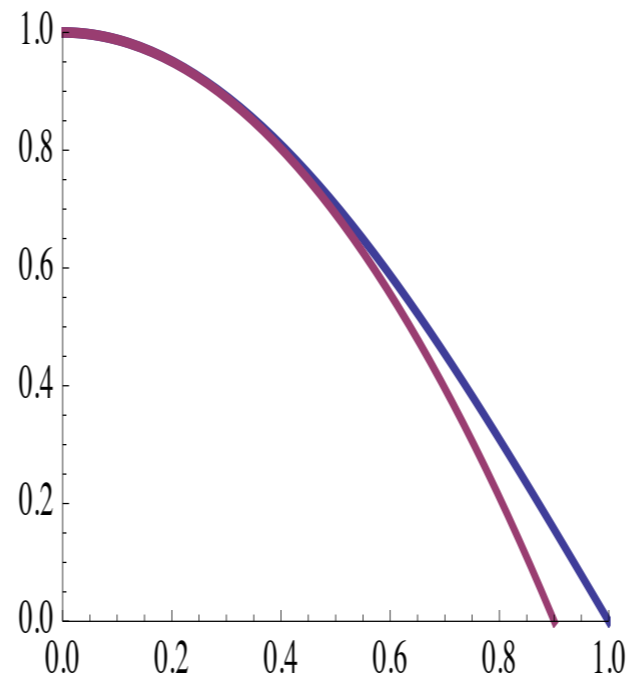
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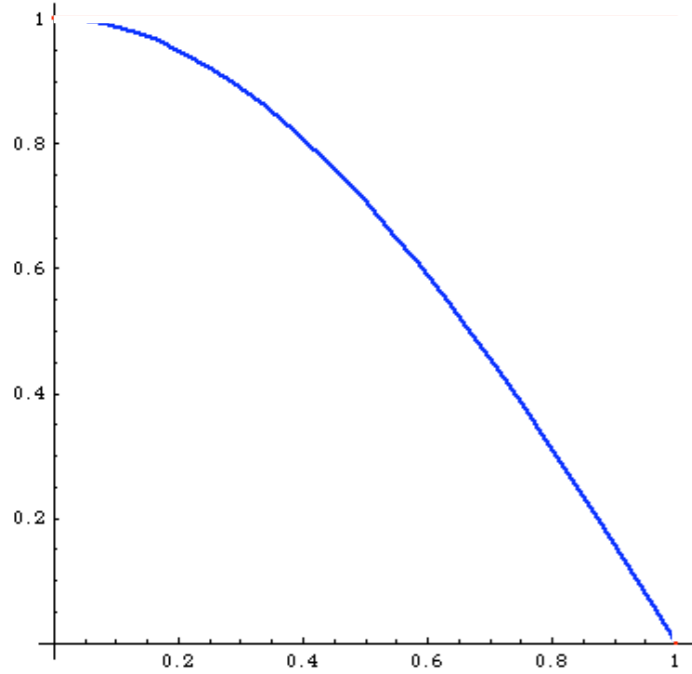
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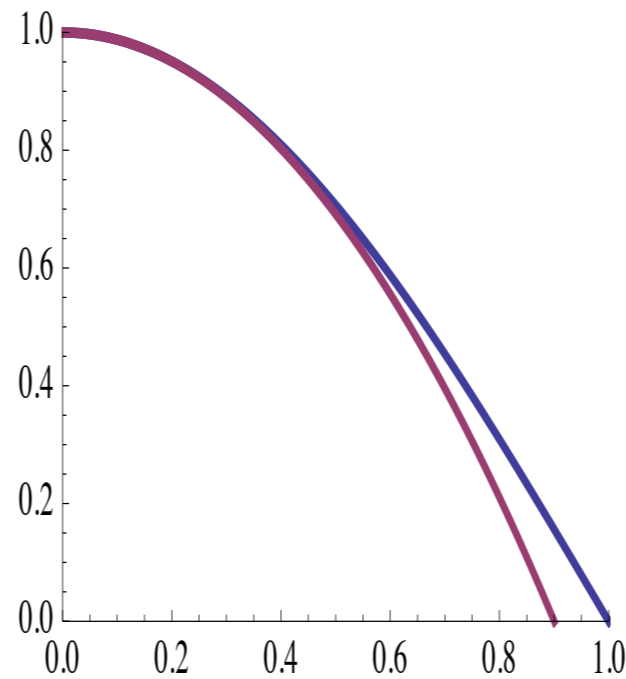
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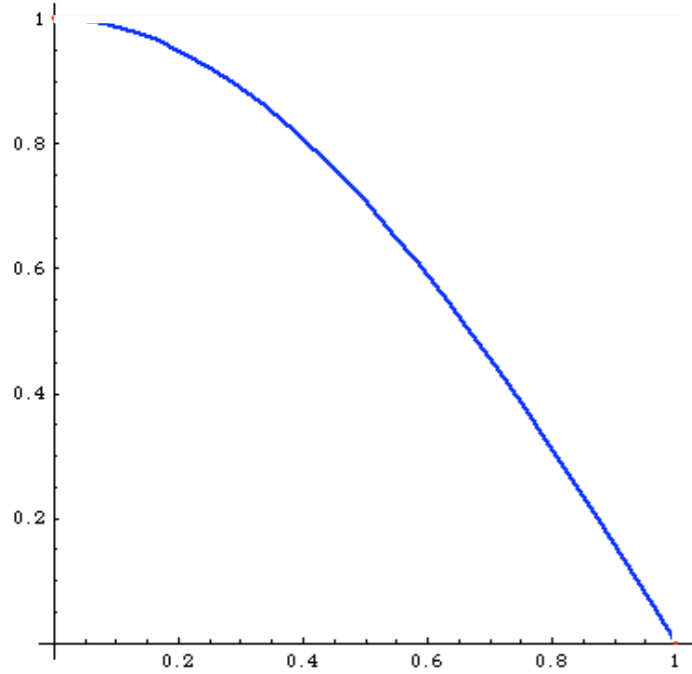
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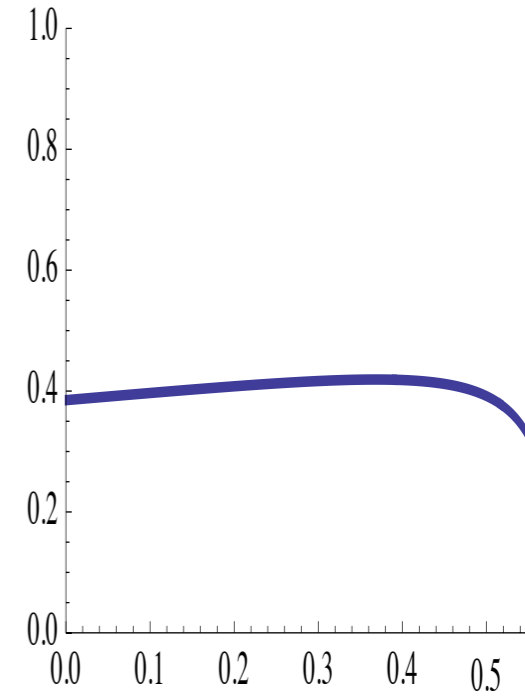
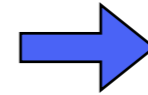
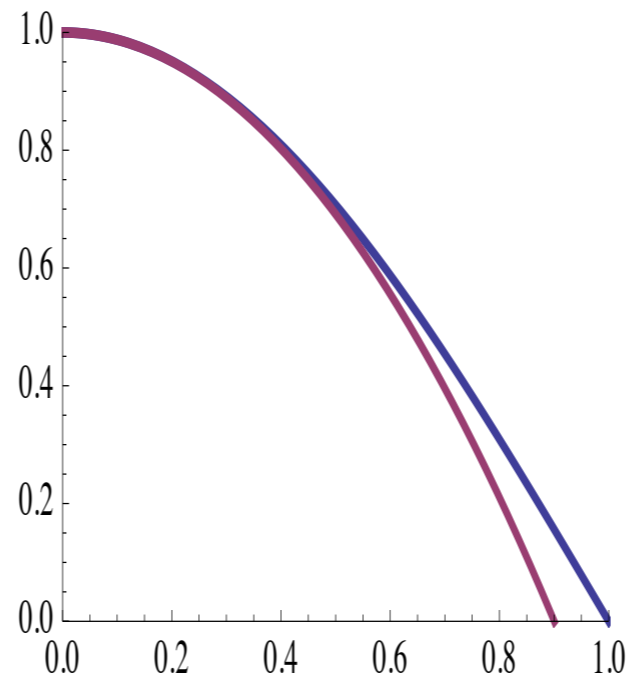
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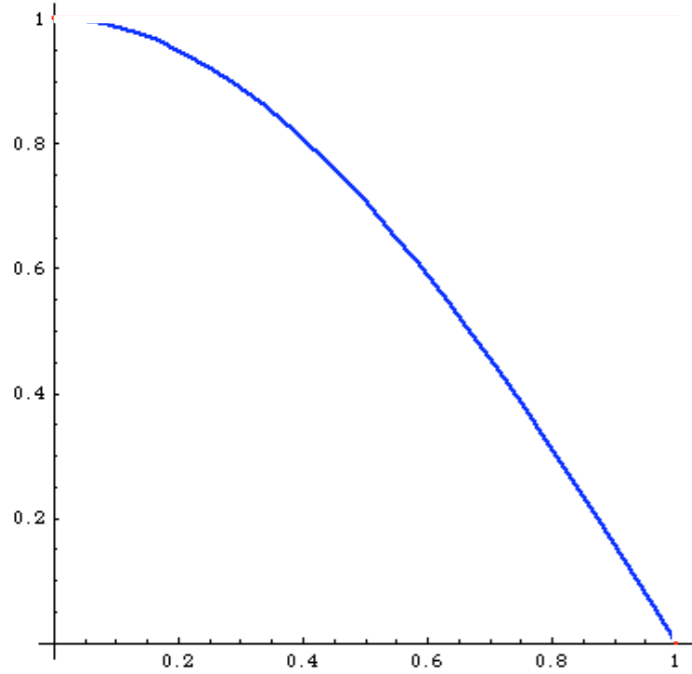
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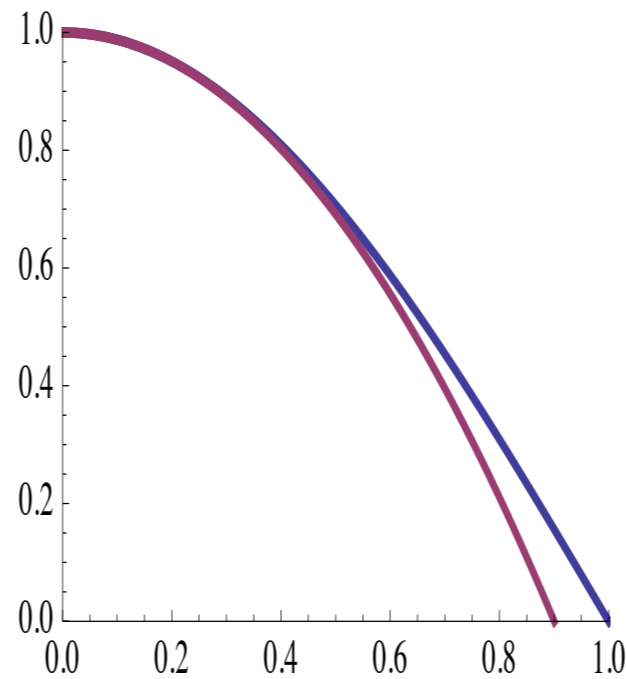
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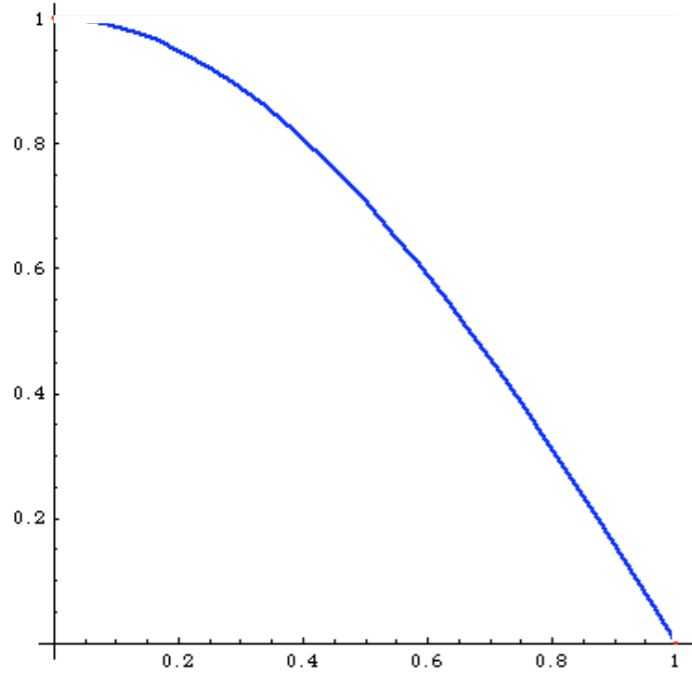


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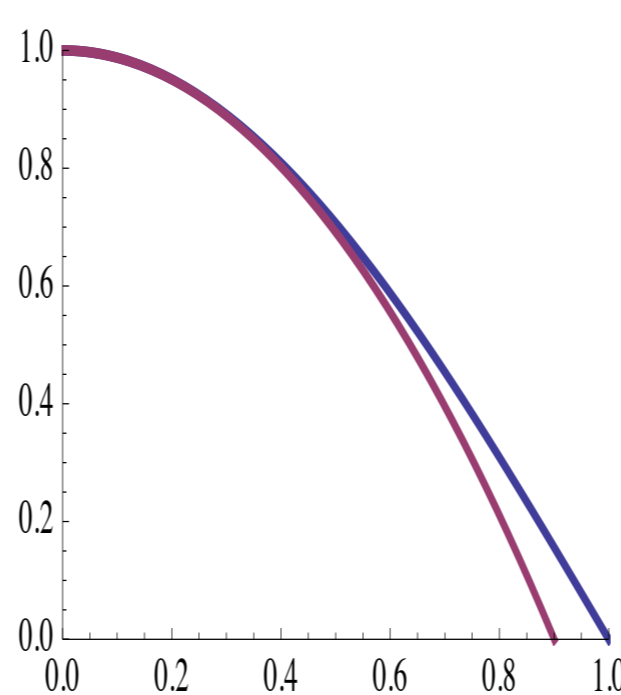
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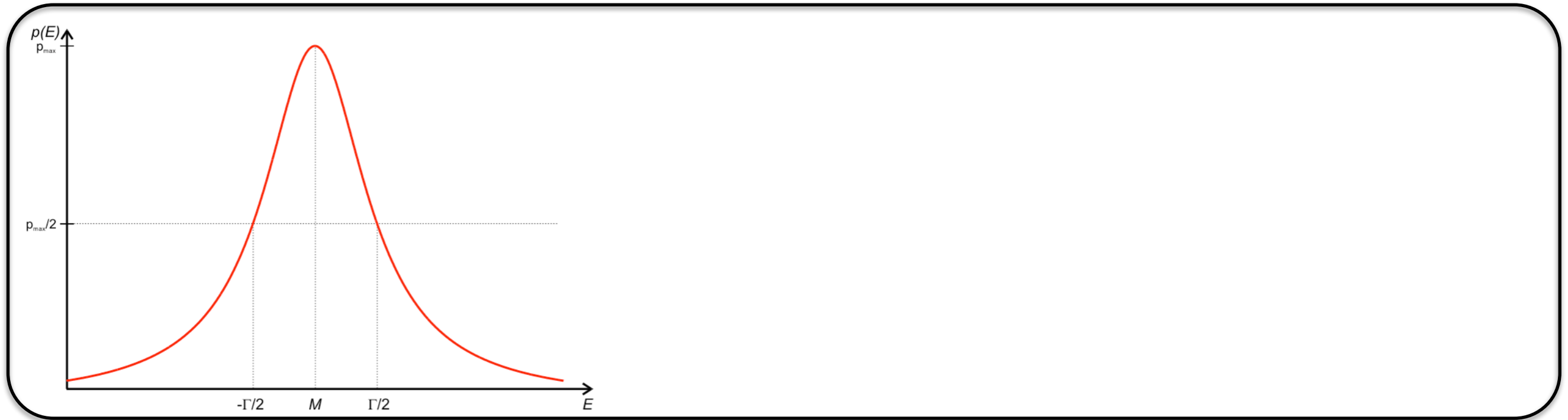
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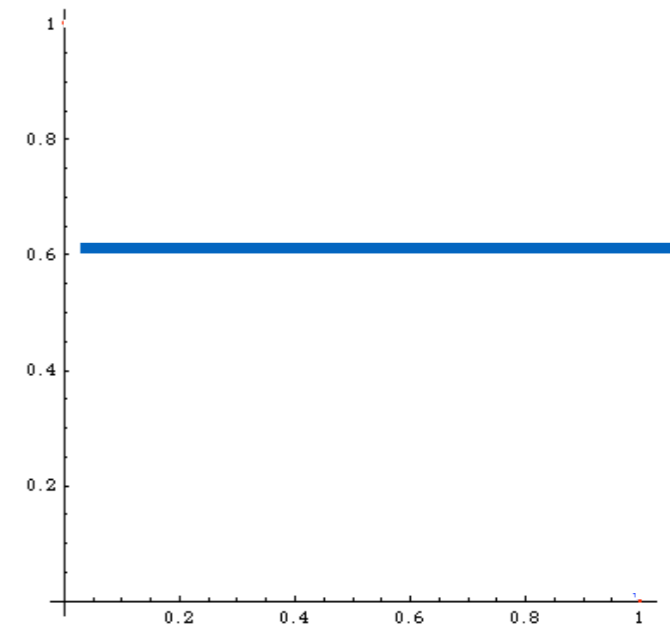
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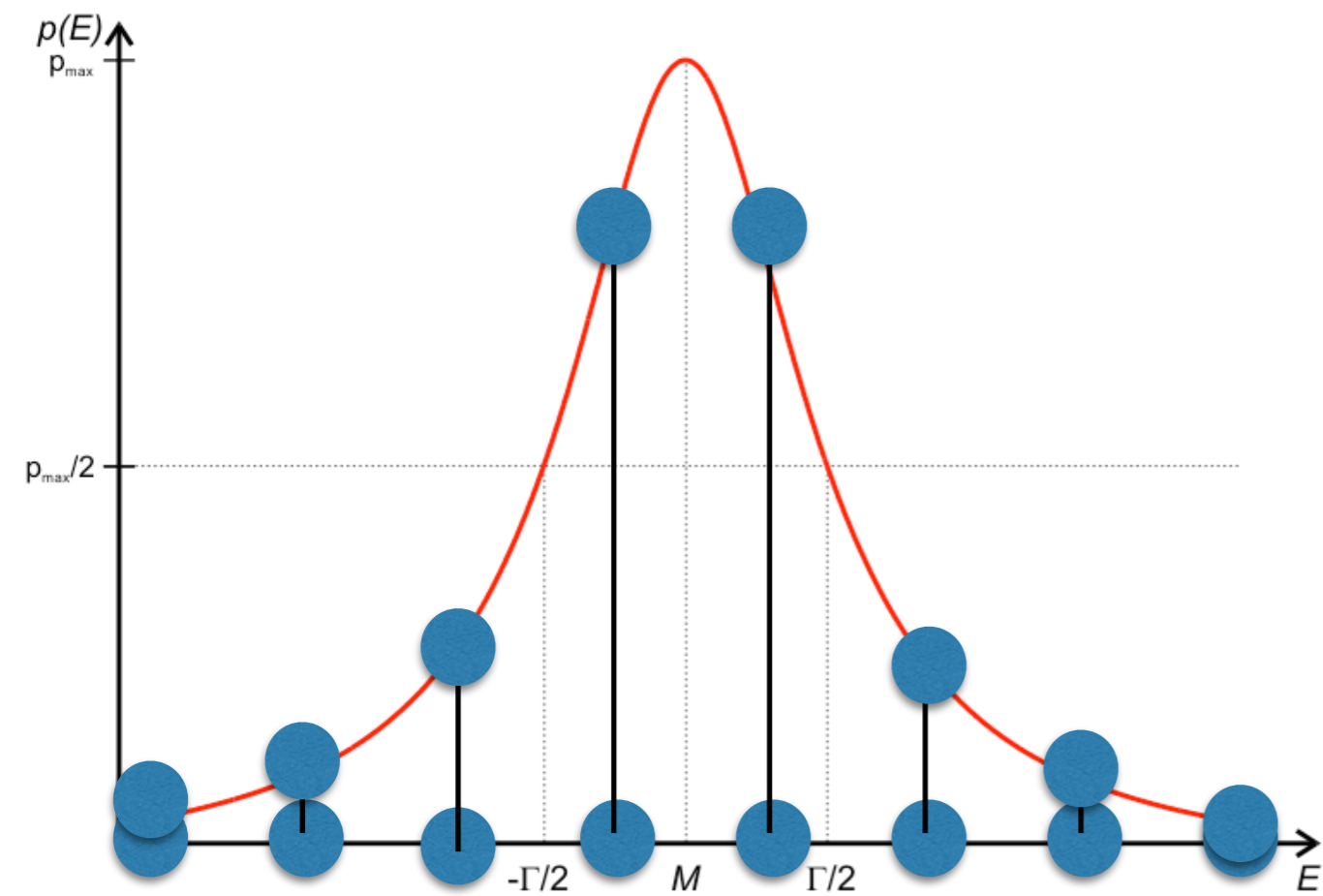


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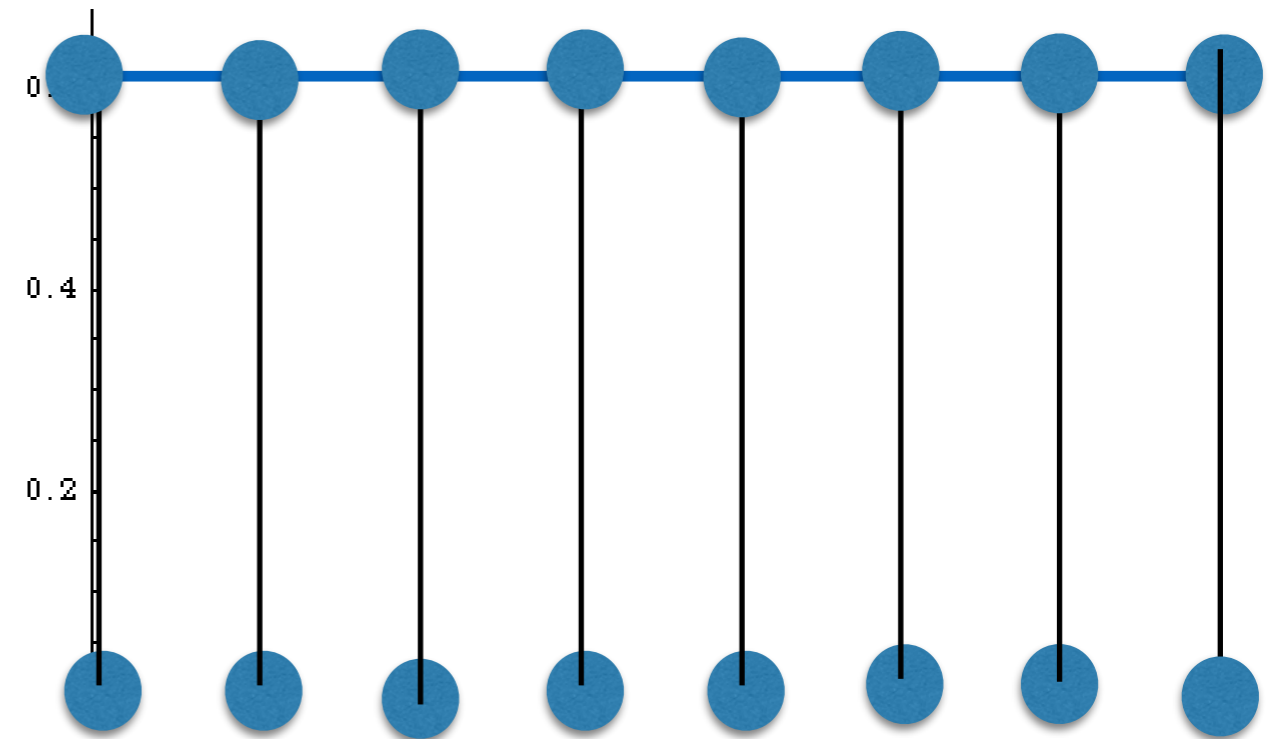
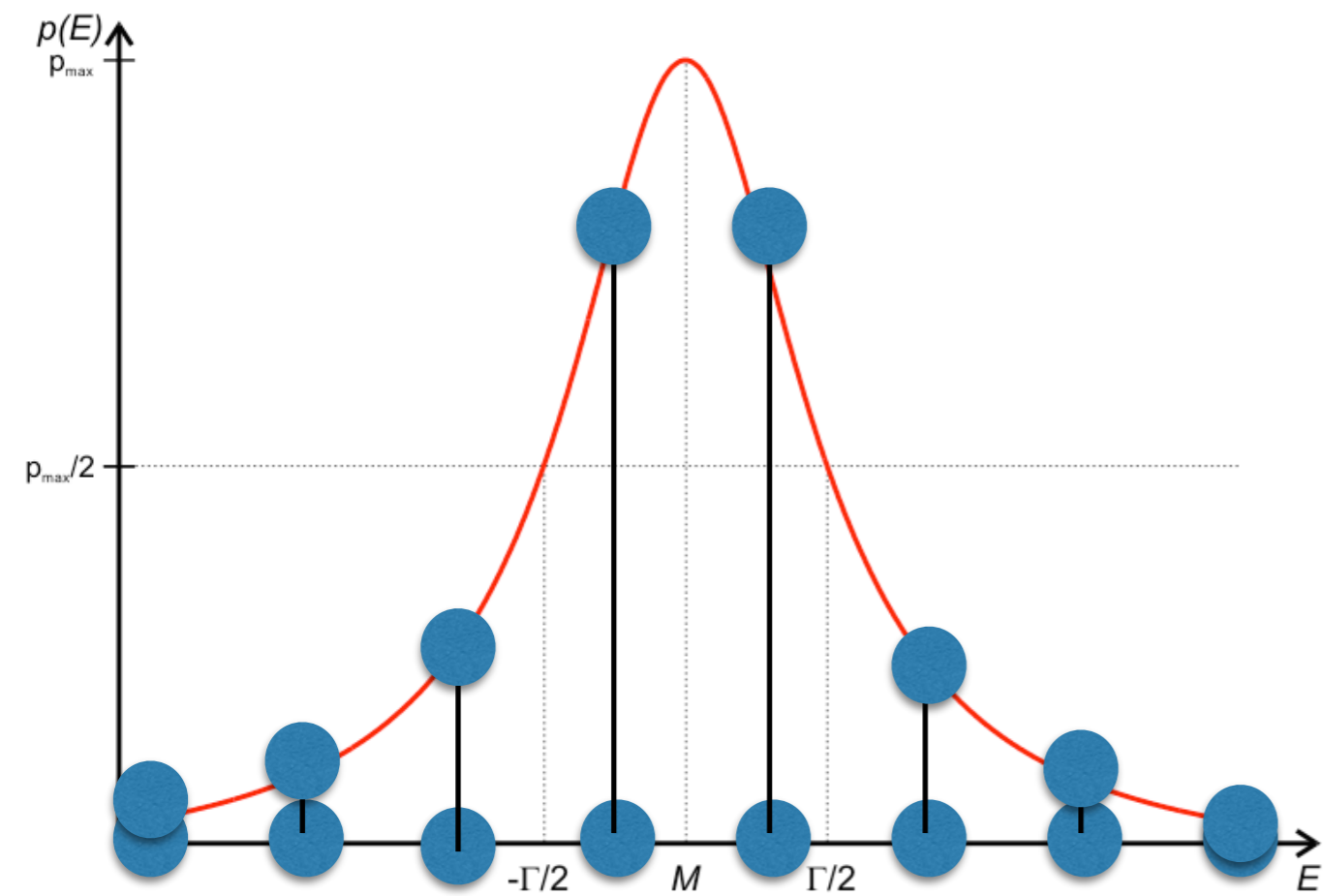
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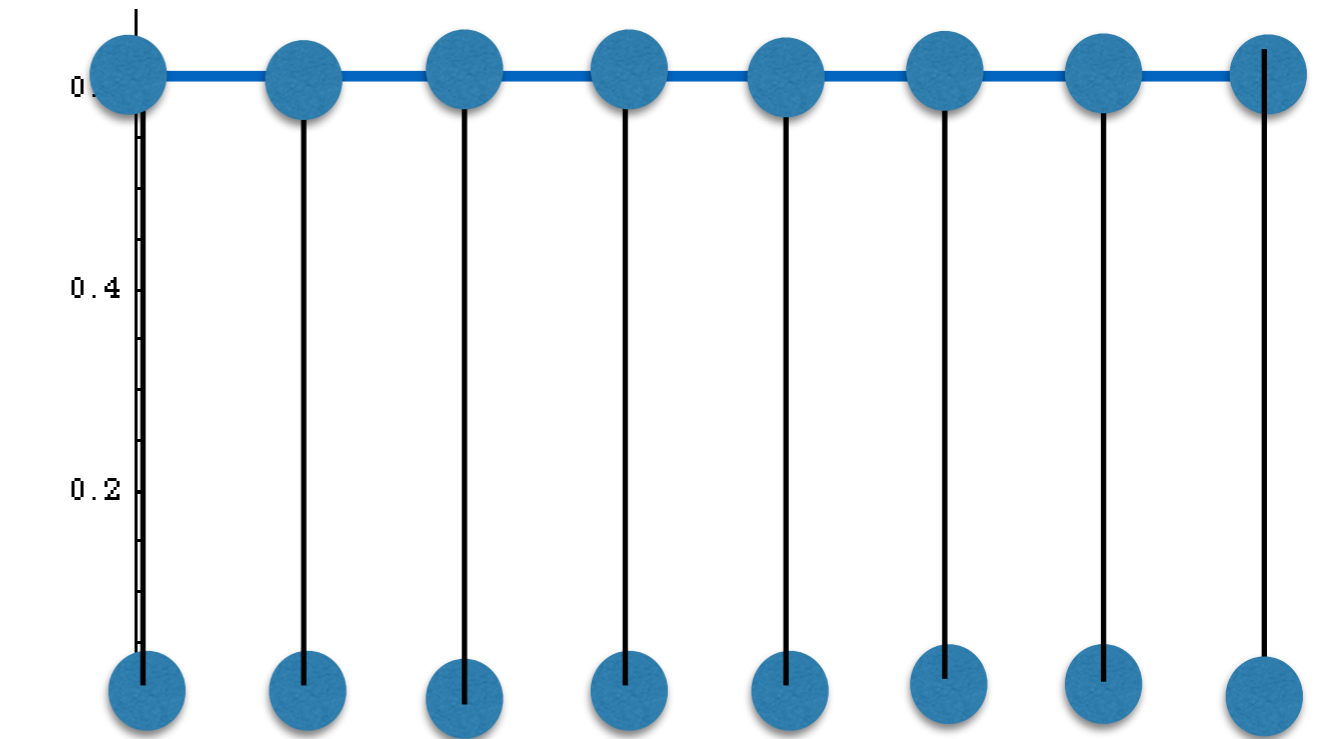
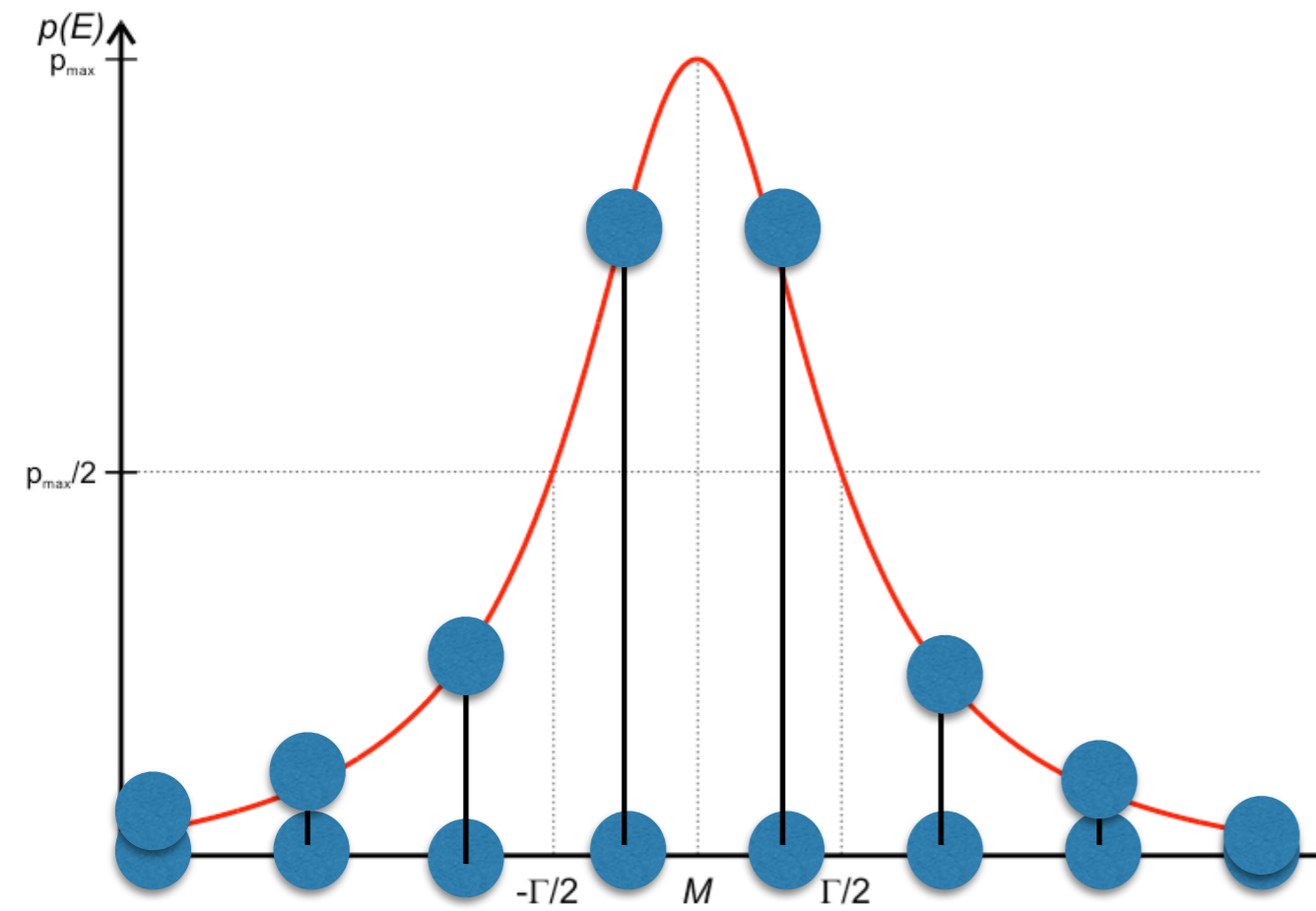
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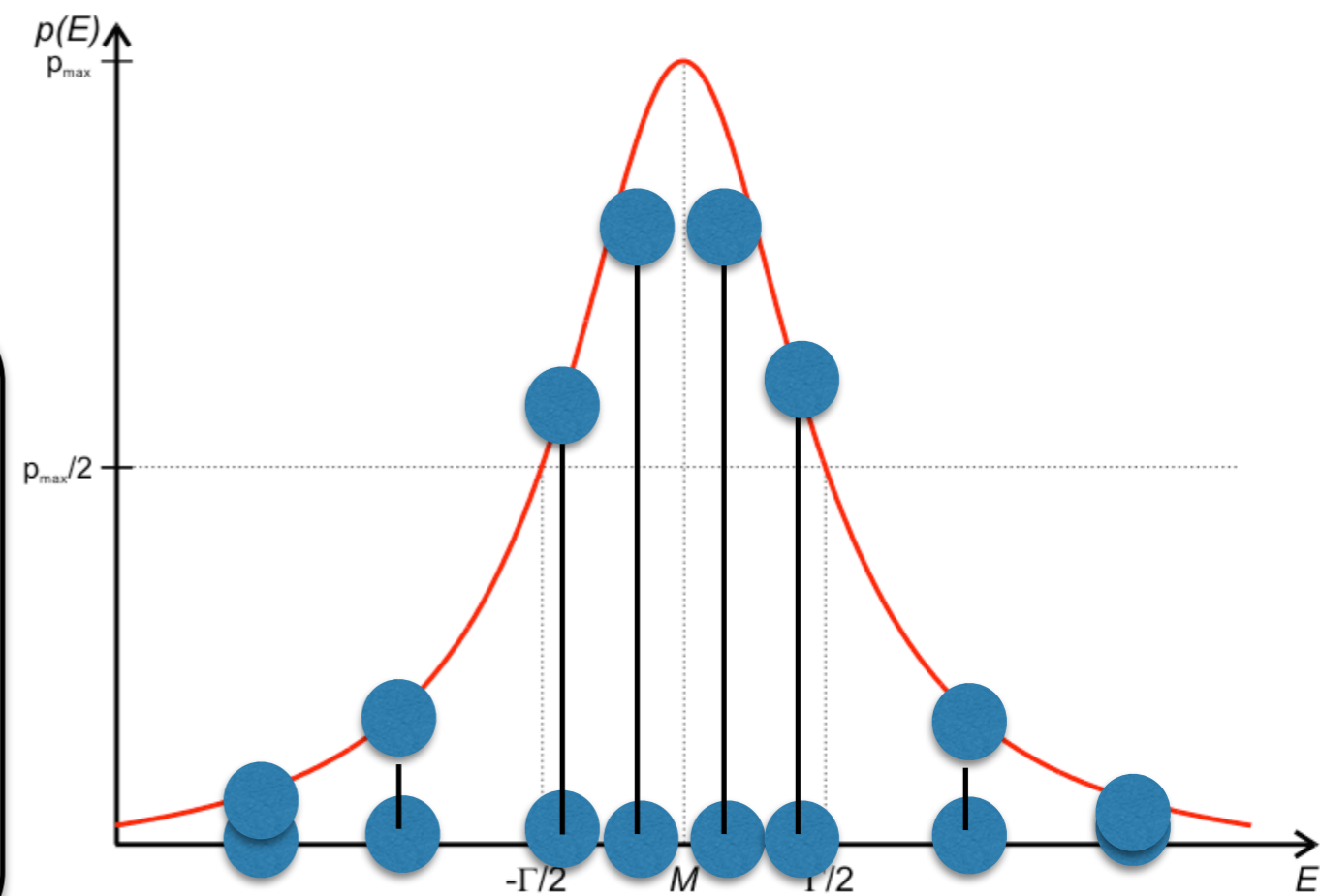
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Importance Sampling

Key Point

- Generate the **random point** in a distribution which is close to the function to integrate.
- This is a change of variable, such that the function is **flatter** in this new variable.
- Needs to know an **approximate function**.

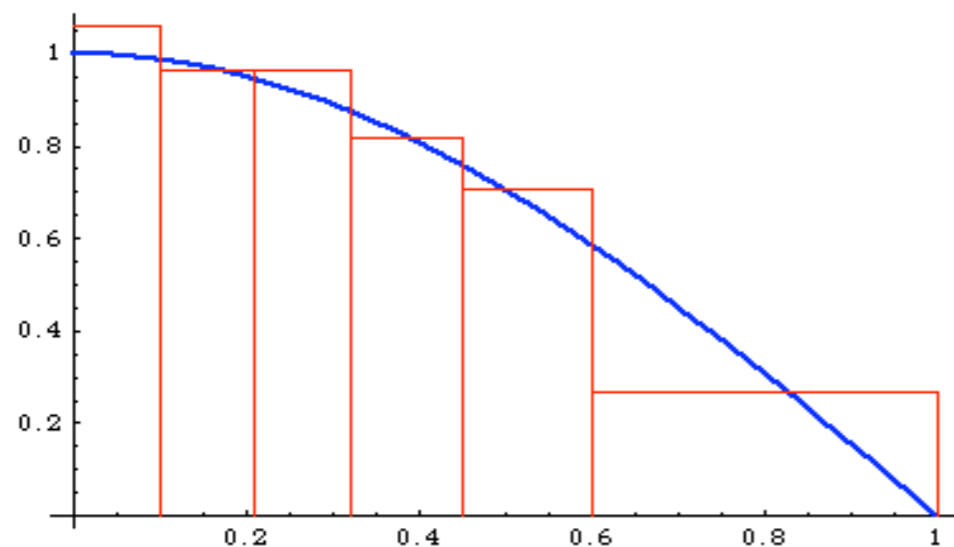
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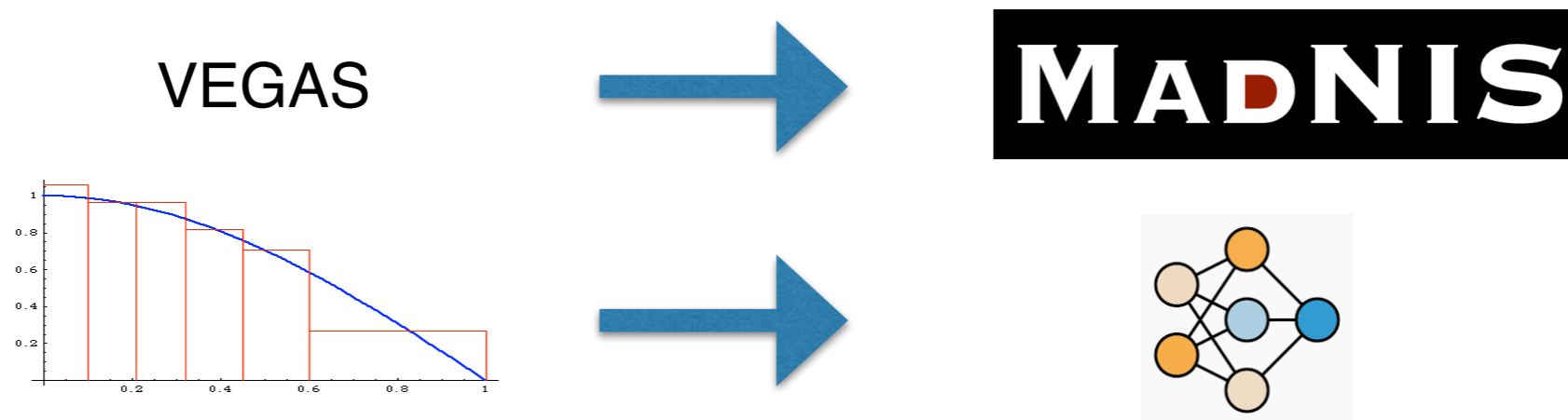


Algorithm

1. Creates bin such that each of them have the same contribution.
 - ➔ Many bins where the function is large
2. Use the approximate for the importance sampling method.

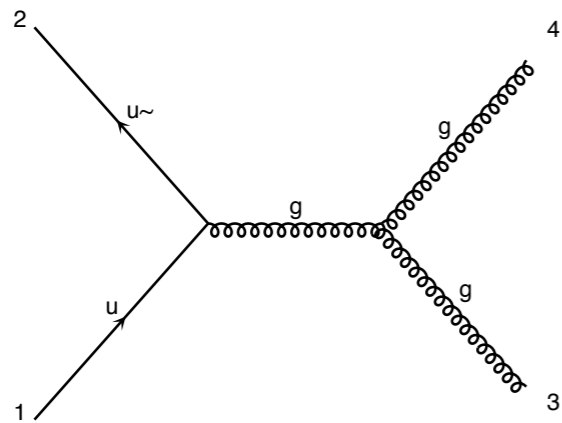
Can we do Better?

- Importance sampling/VEGAS is learning a function
 - ➔ HOT TOPIC: Machine Learning
 - ➔ Lot of work in progress

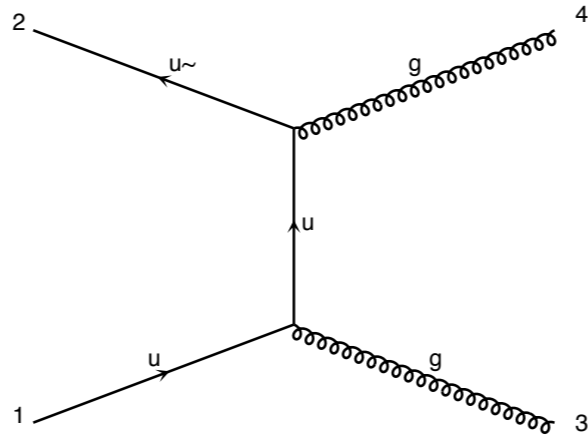


~20 times more efficient

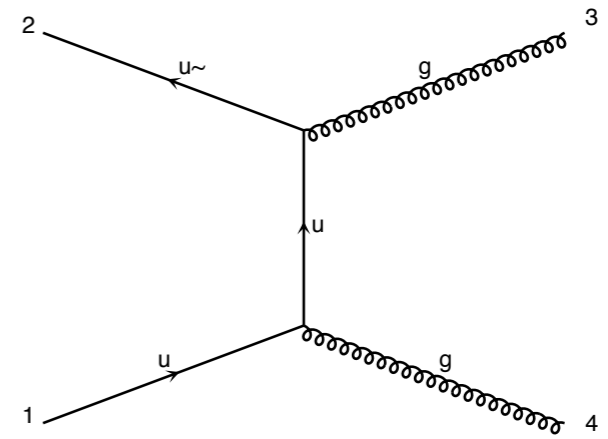
Example: QCD $2 \rightarrow 2$



$$\propto \frac{1}{\hat{s}} = \frac{1}{(p_1 + p_2)^2}$$



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$$\propto \frac{1}{\hat{u}} = \frac{1}{(p_1 - p_4)^2}$$

Three very different pole structures contributing to the same matrix element.

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[P1 qq wpwm](#)

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G3	239	1.16	220.04	10856.0	45.5
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each term might not be gauge invariant

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To Remember

- Phase-Space integration is difficult
- We need to know the function
 - ➔ Be careful with cuts
- MadGraph split the integral in different contribution linked to the Feynman Diagram
 - ➔ Those are not the contribution of a given diagram

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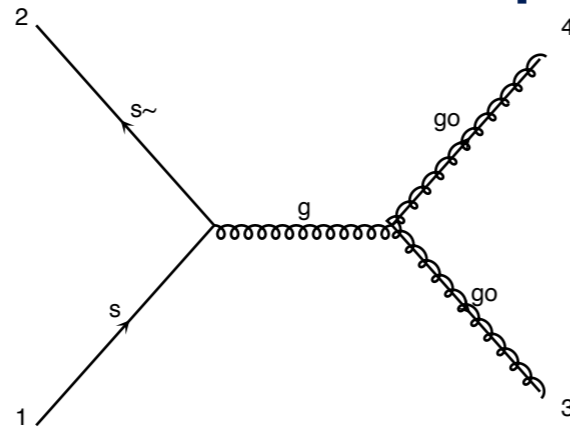


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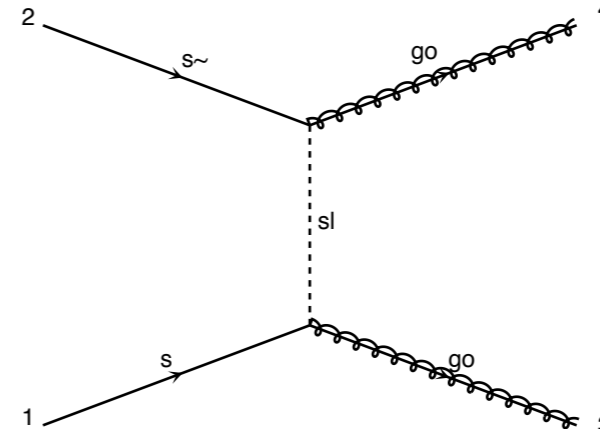


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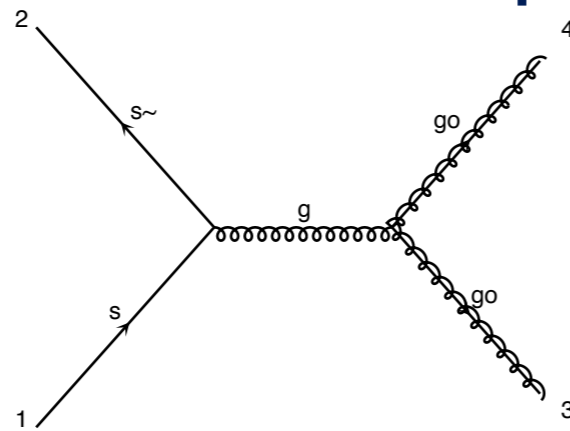


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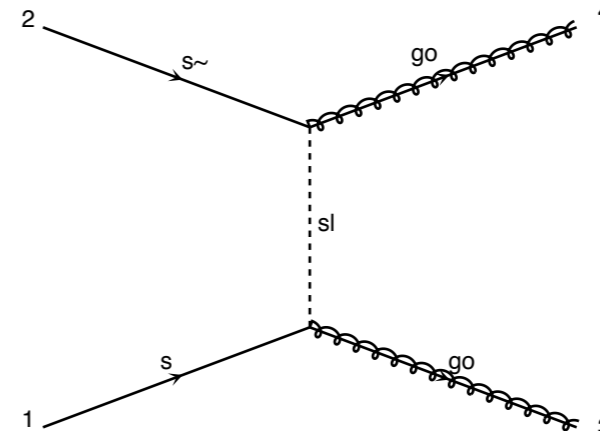


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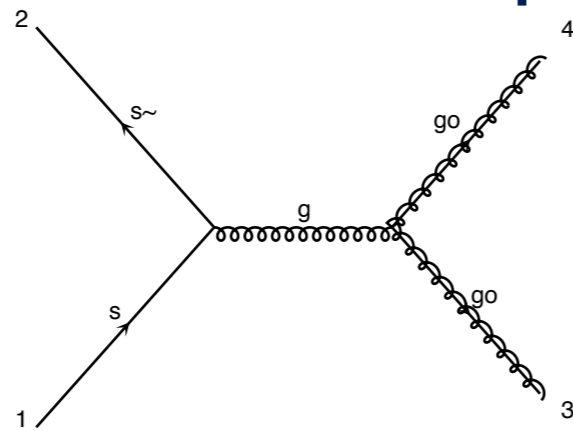


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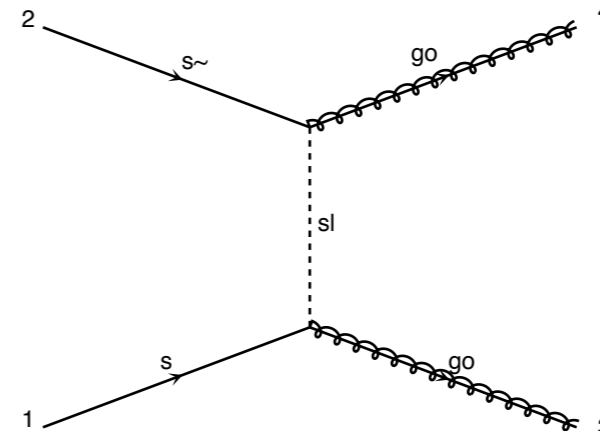


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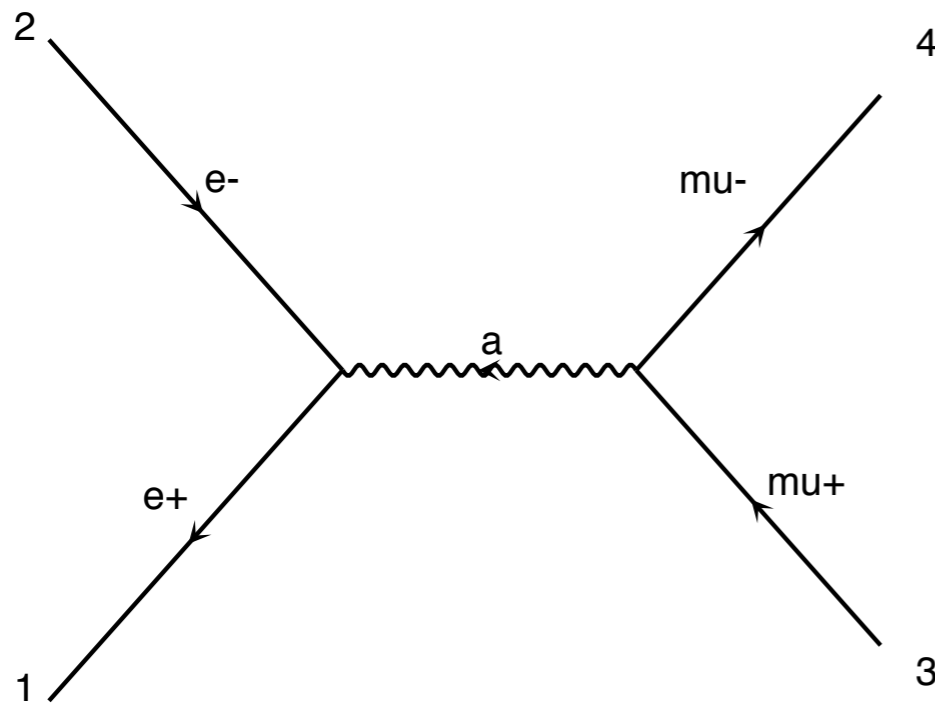
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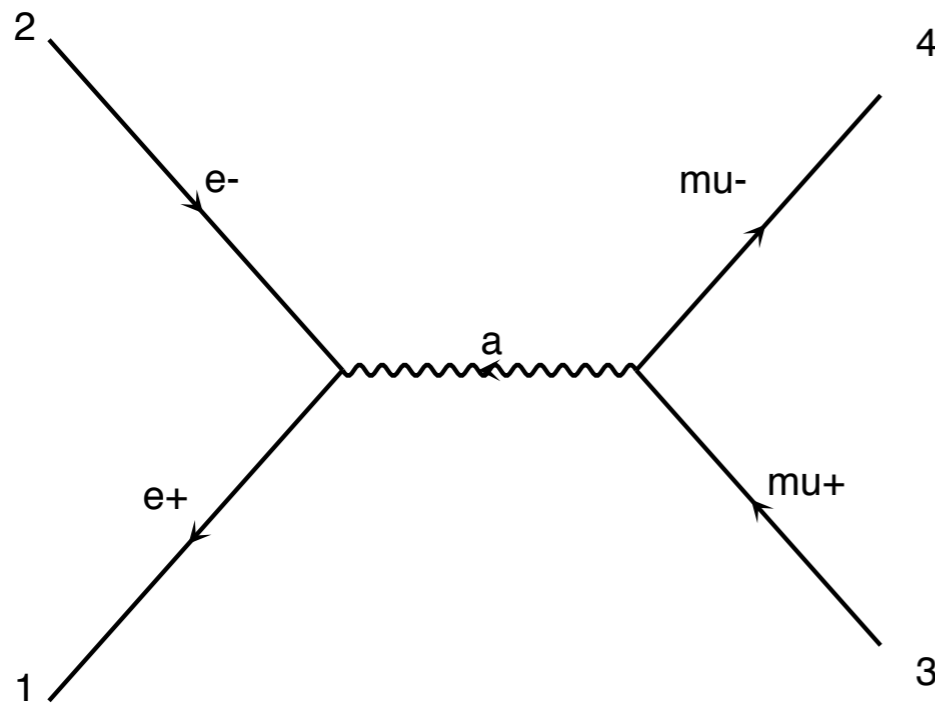
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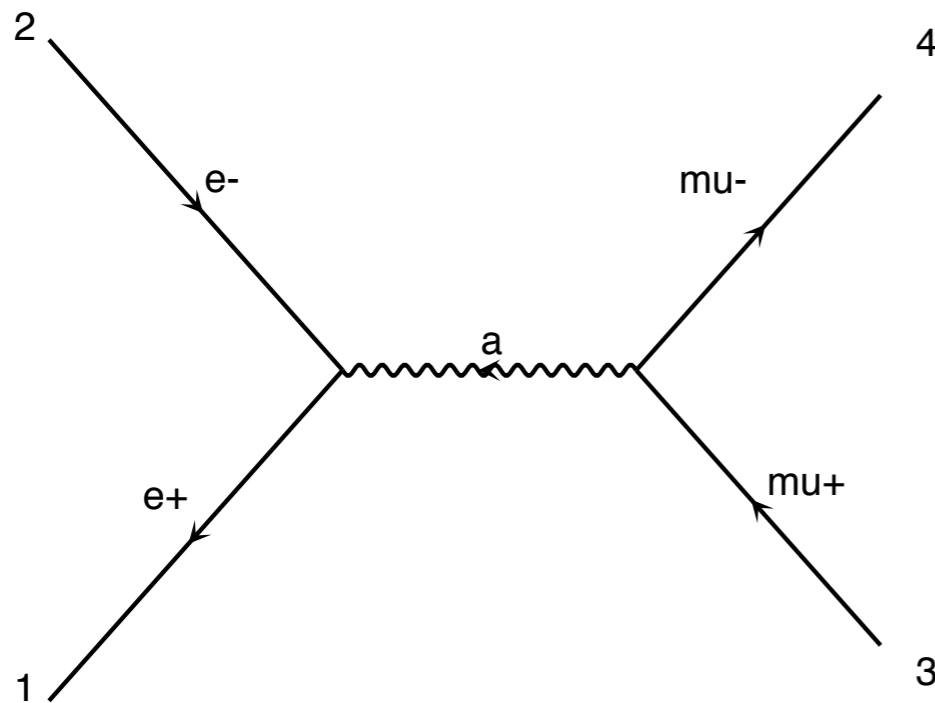
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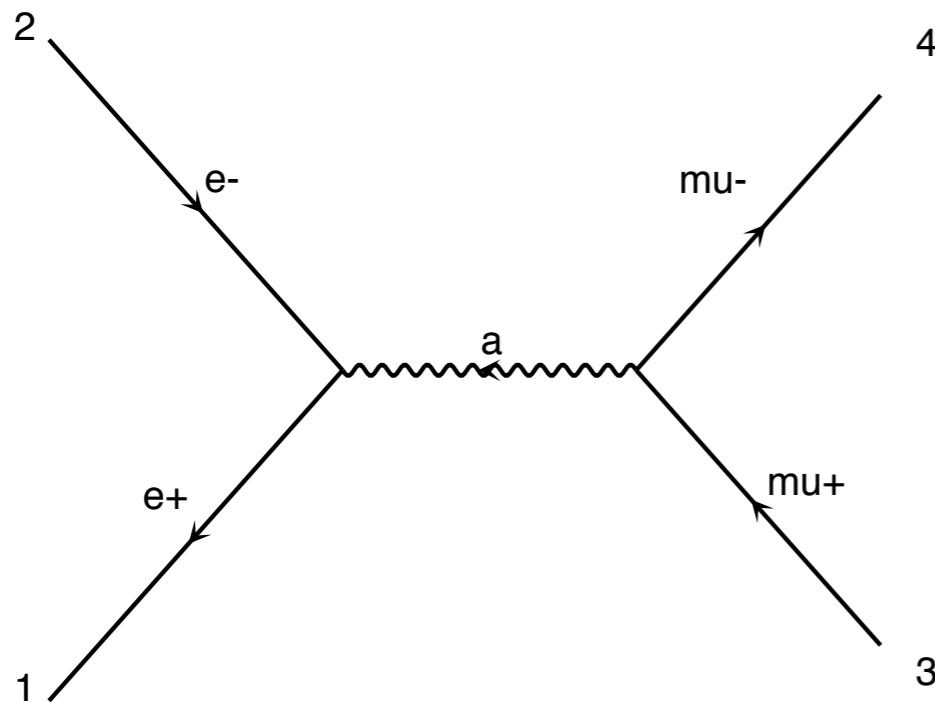
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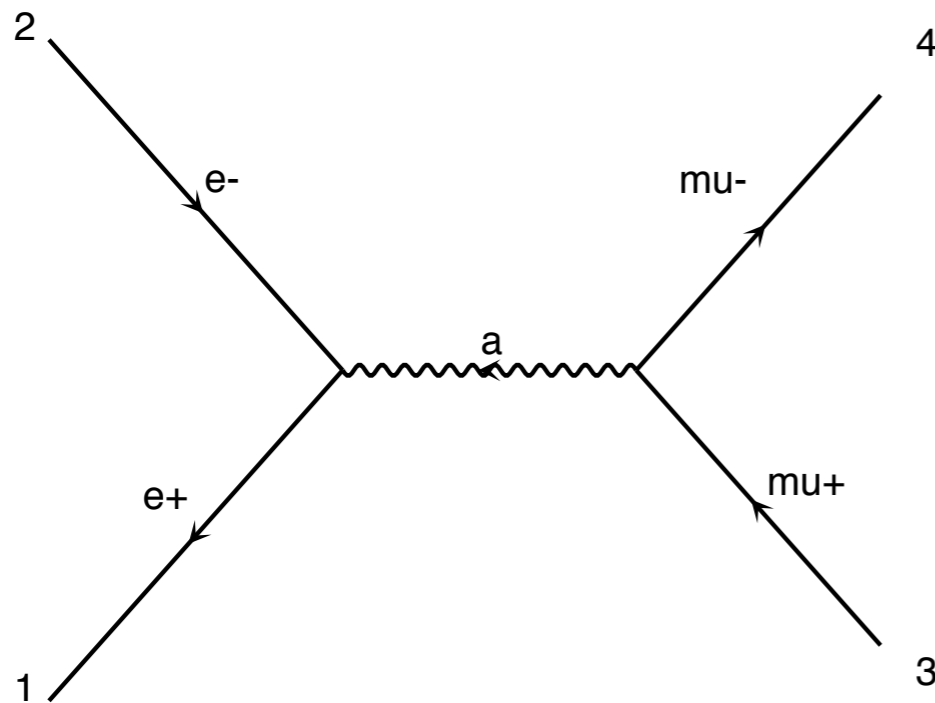
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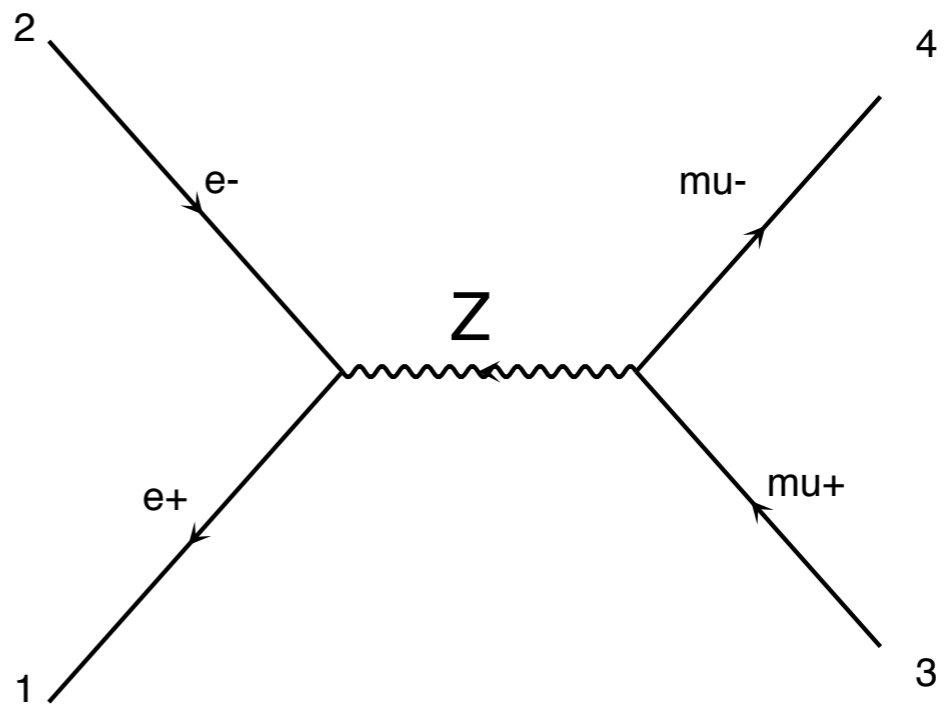
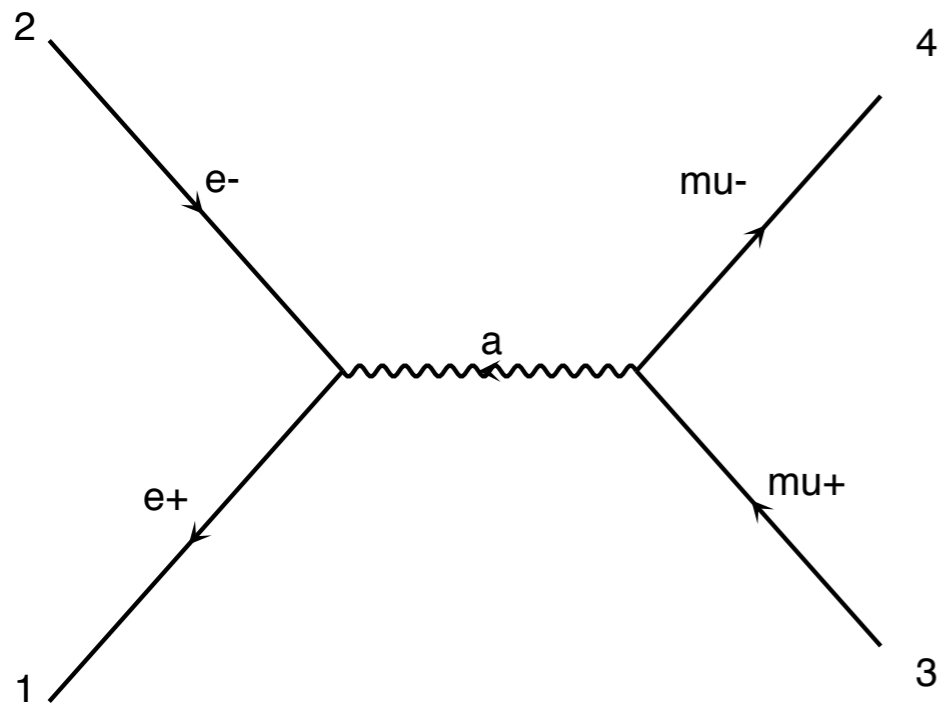
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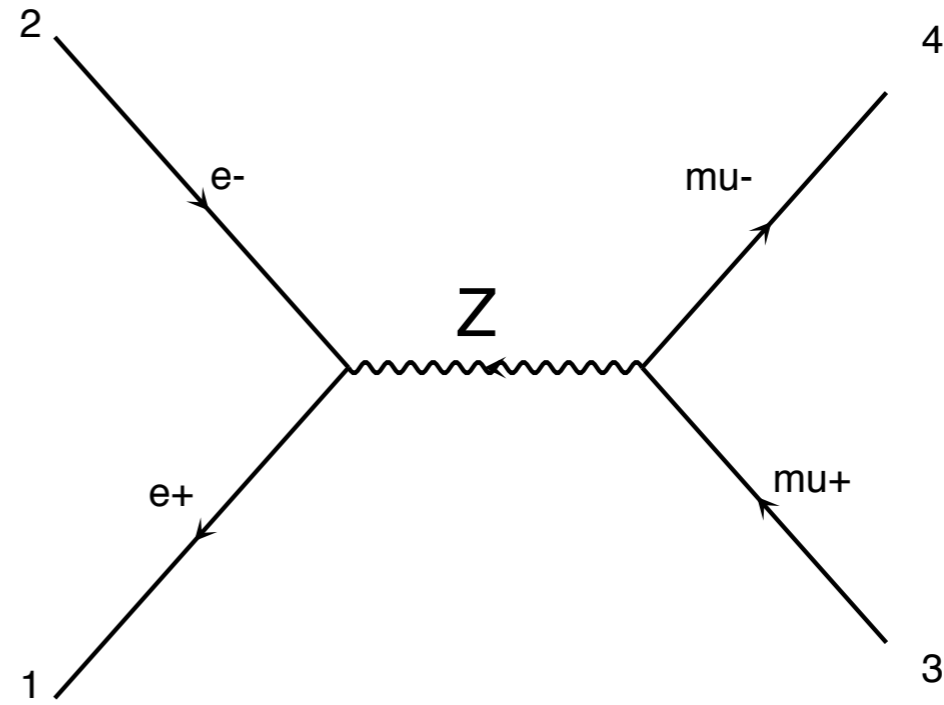
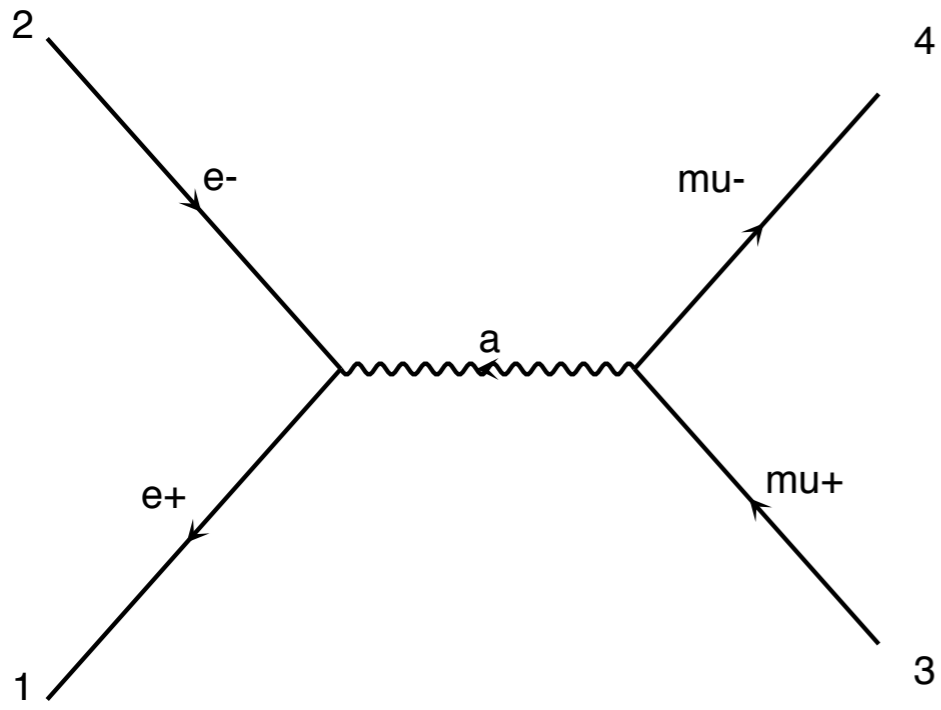
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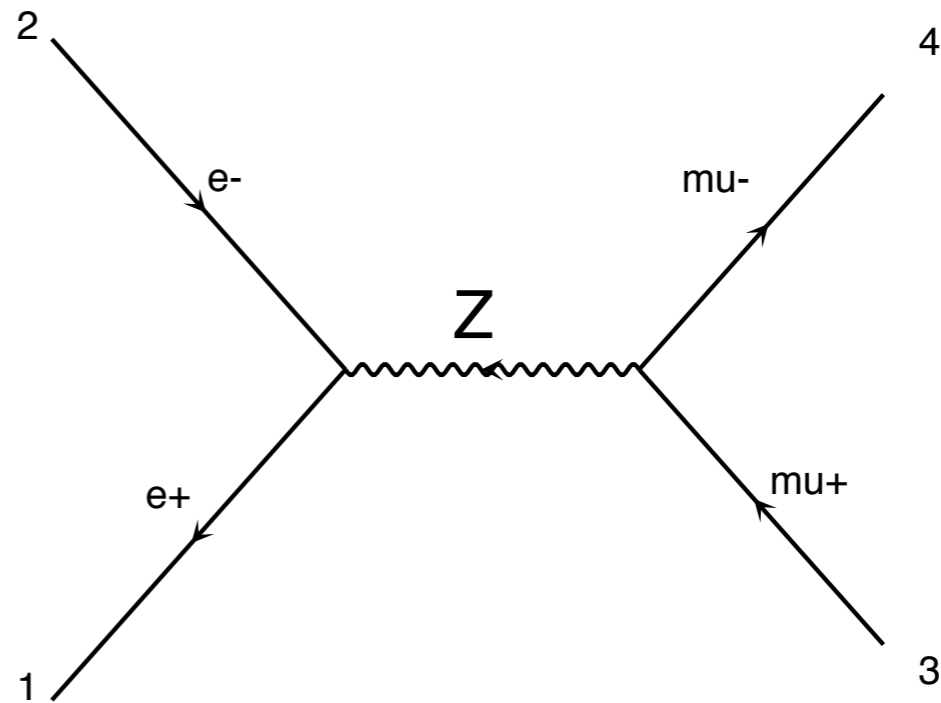
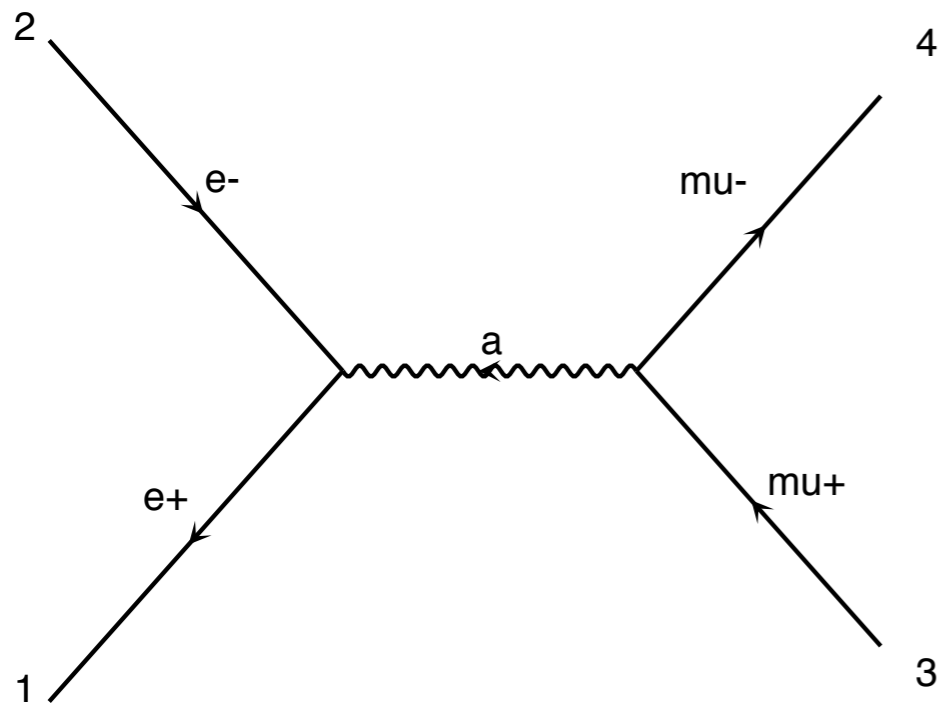
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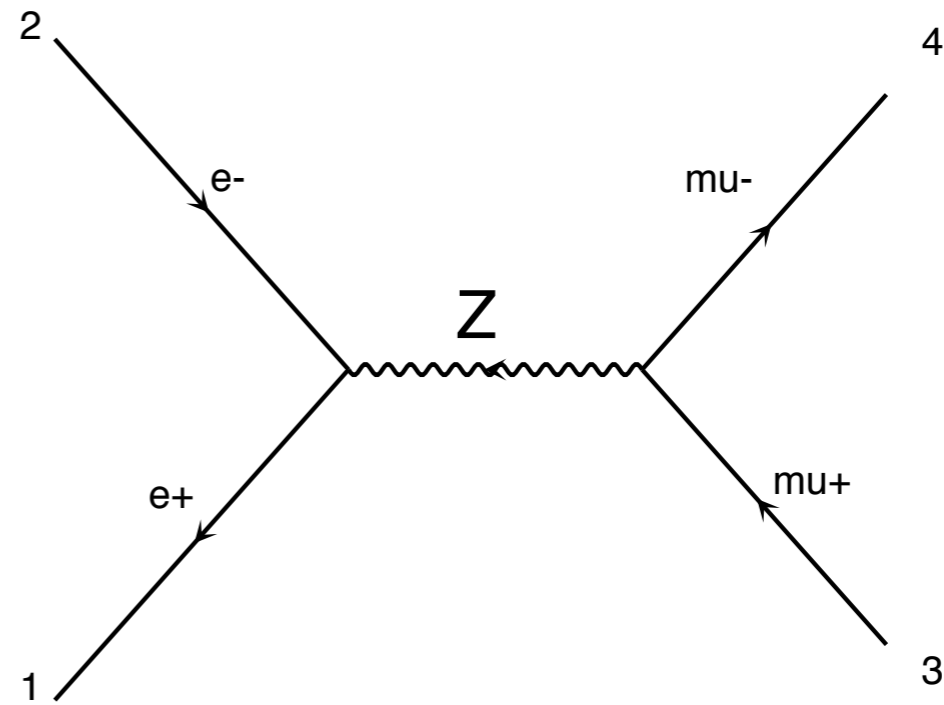
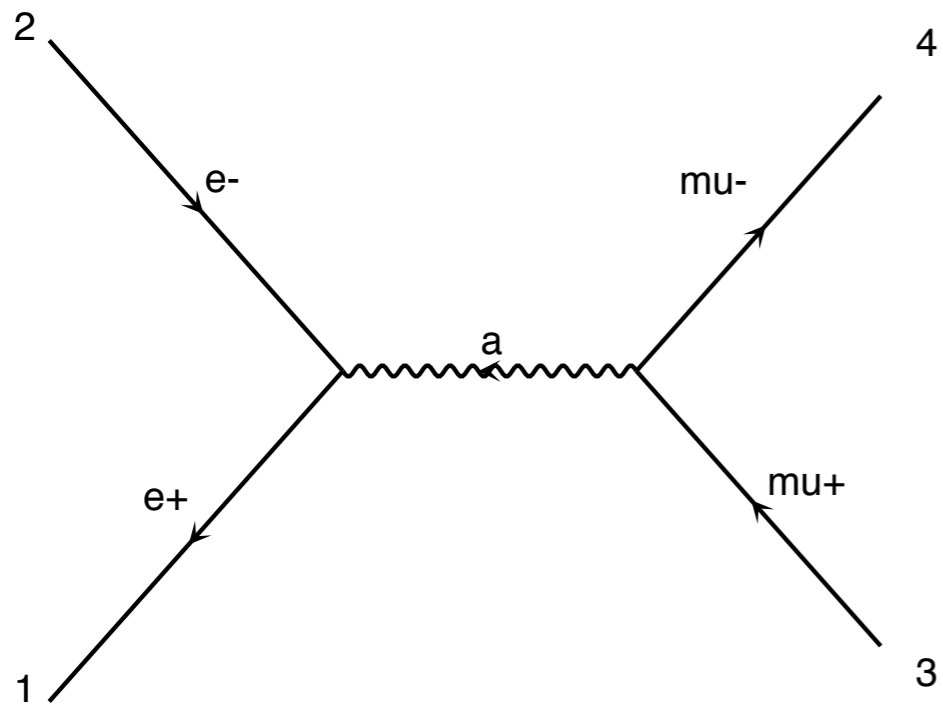


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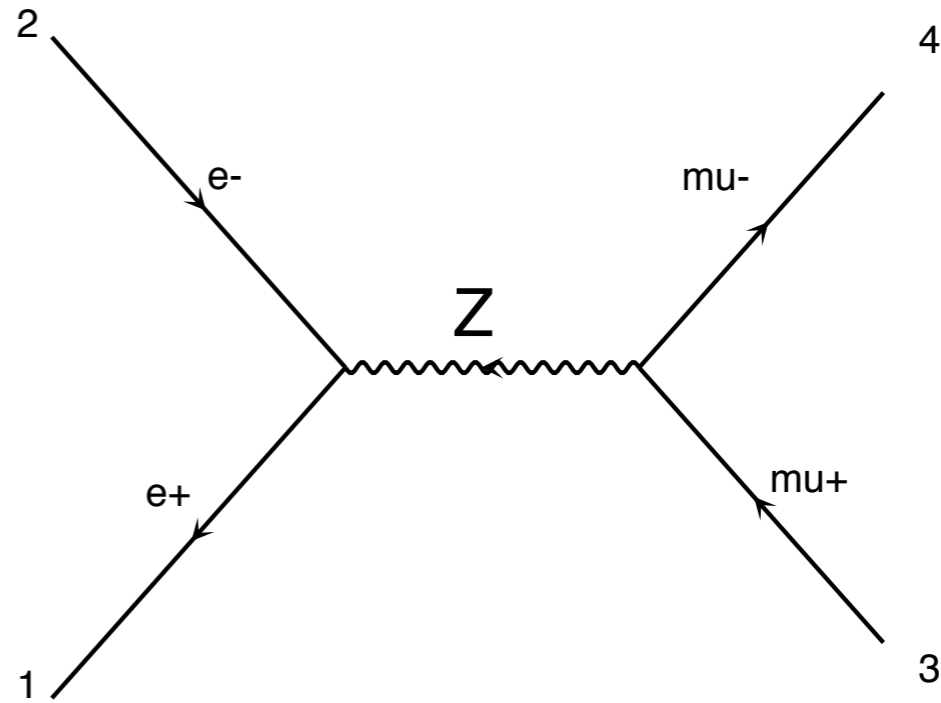
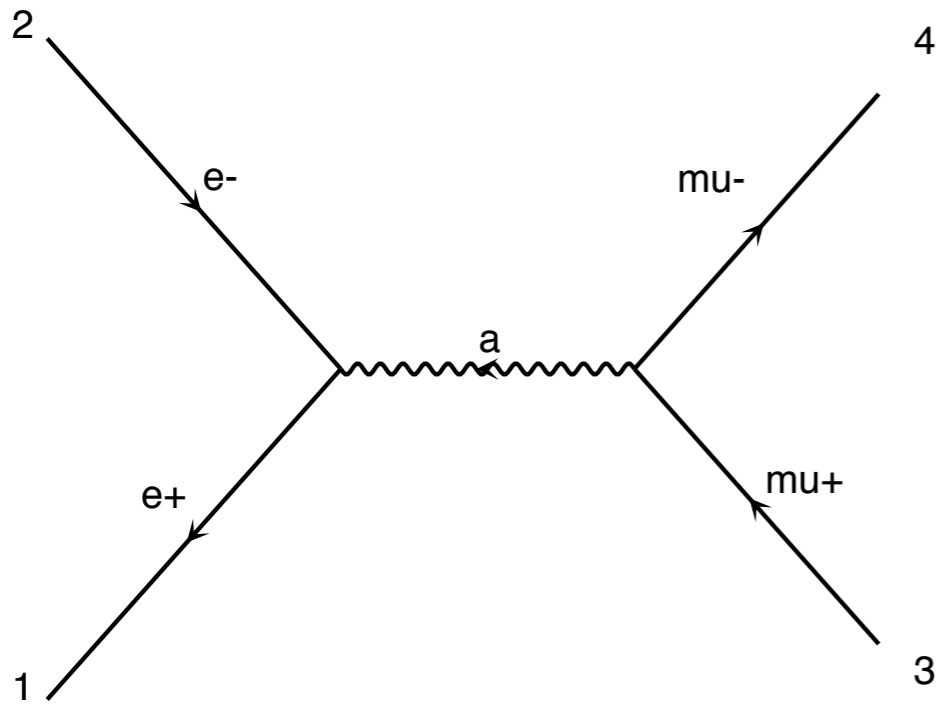
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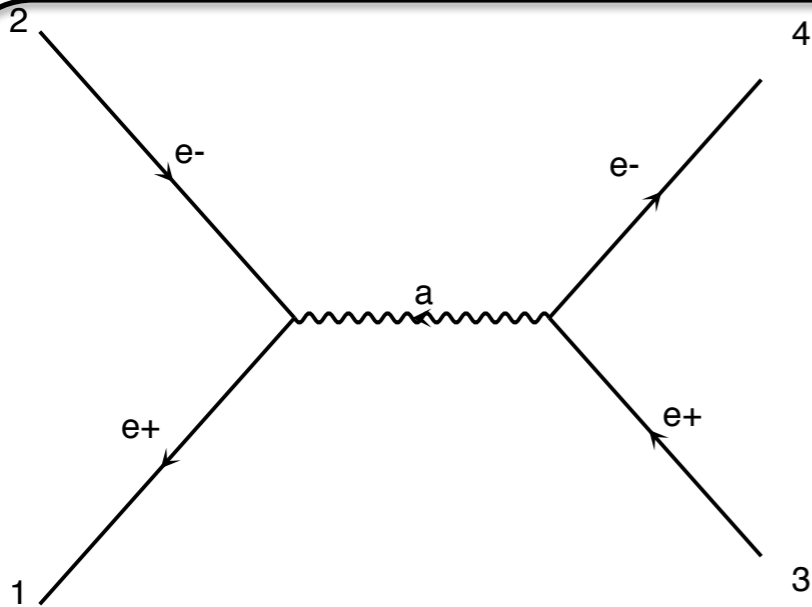
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In practise possible up to 2^4

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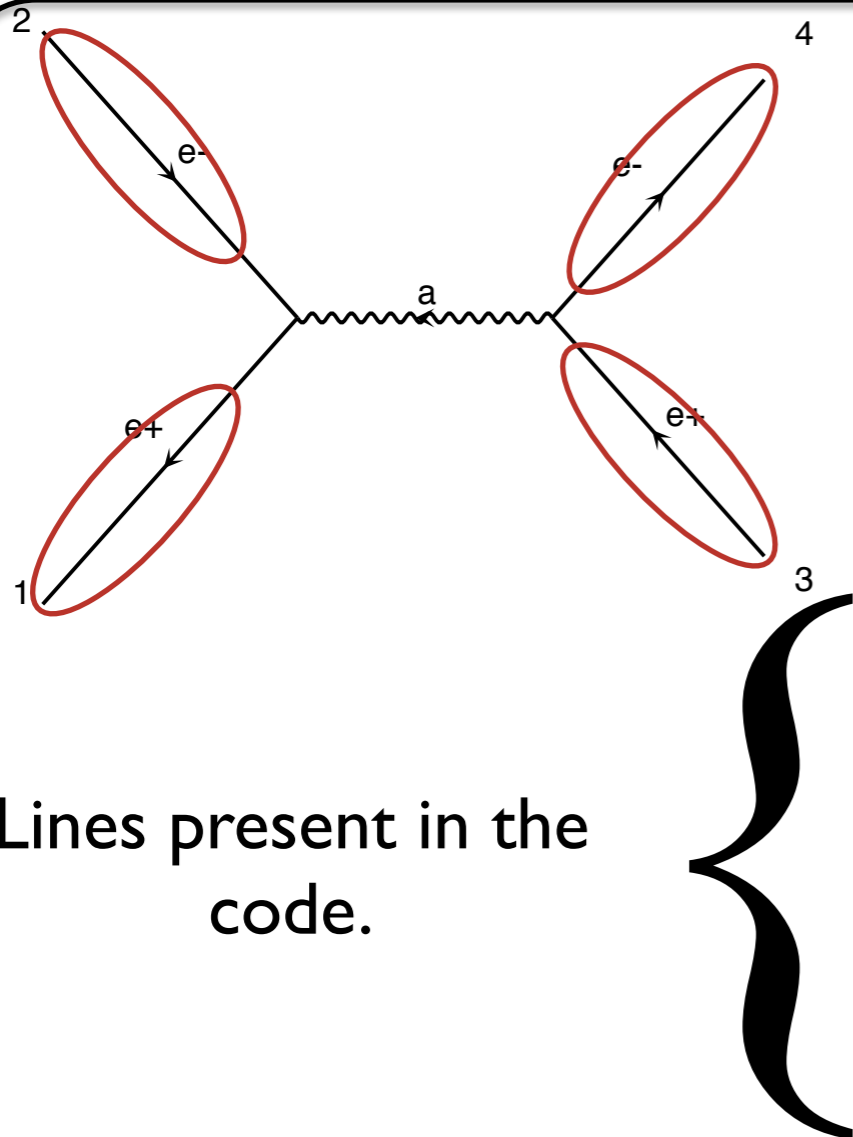
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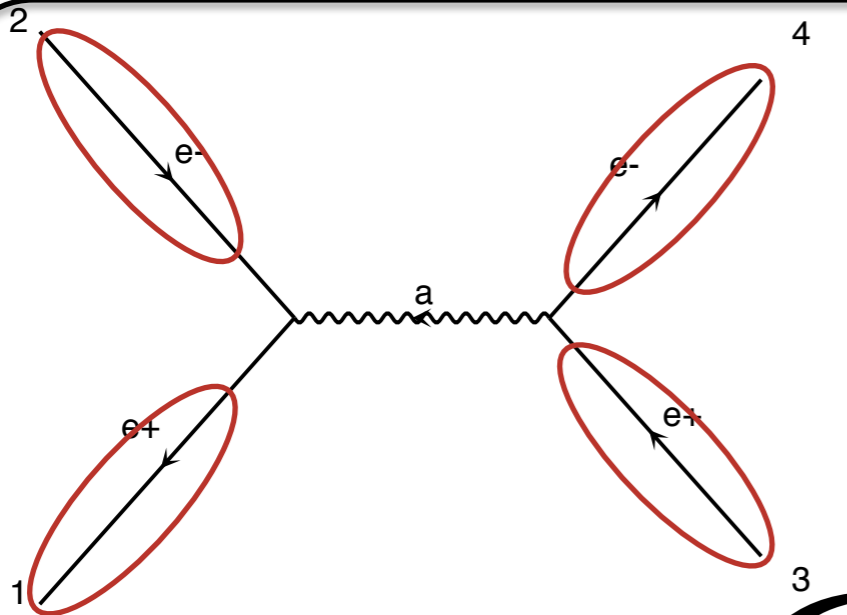
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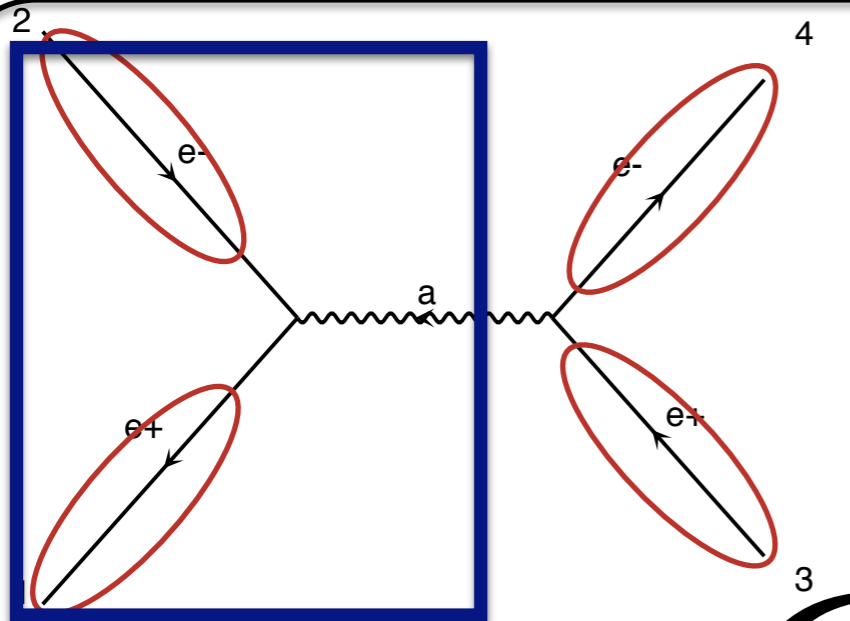
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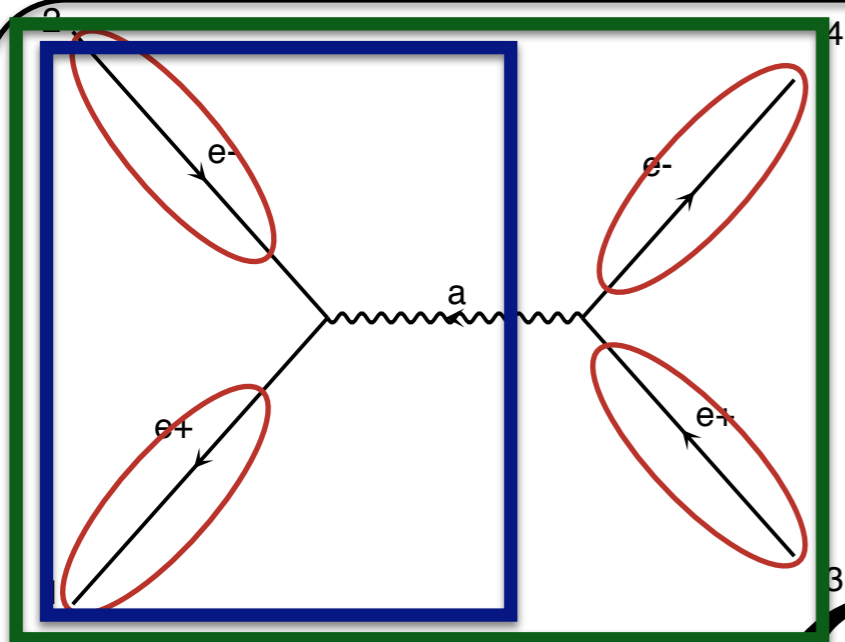
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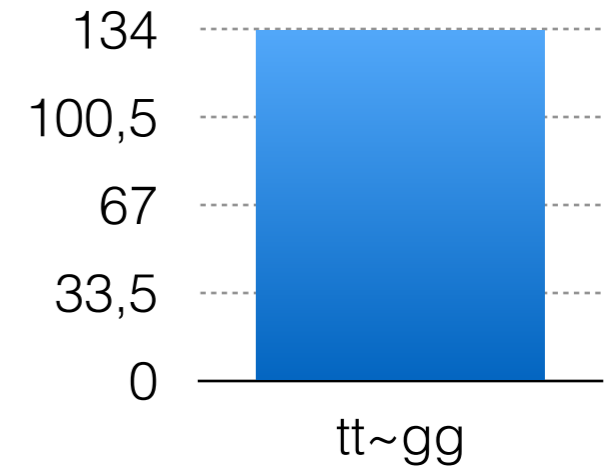
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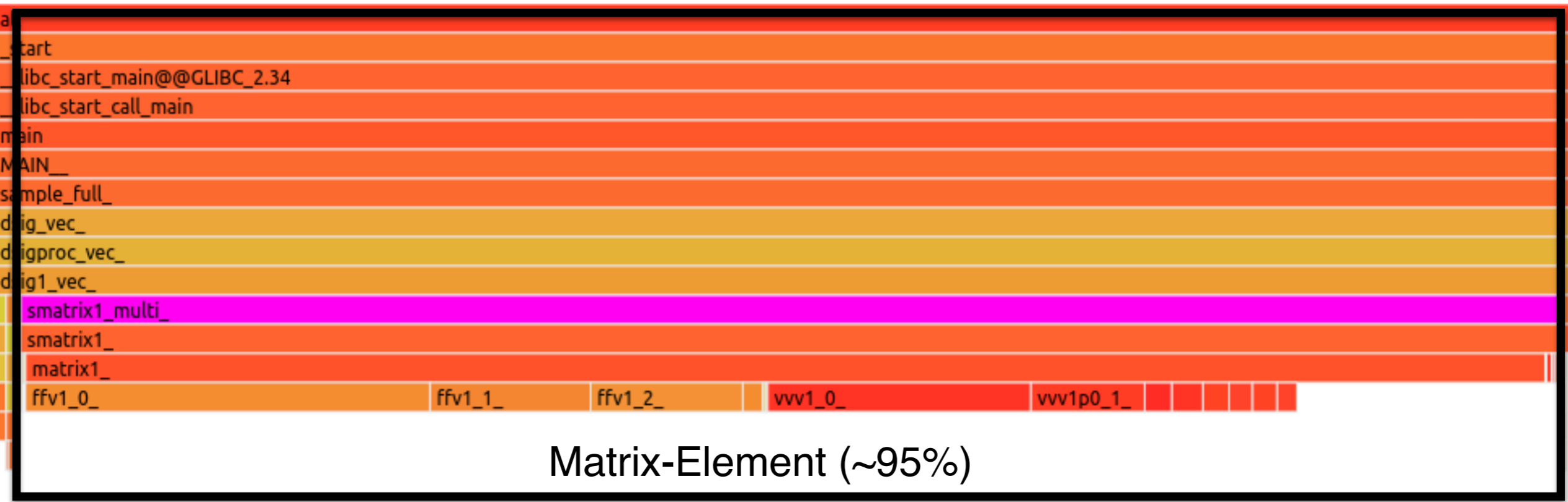
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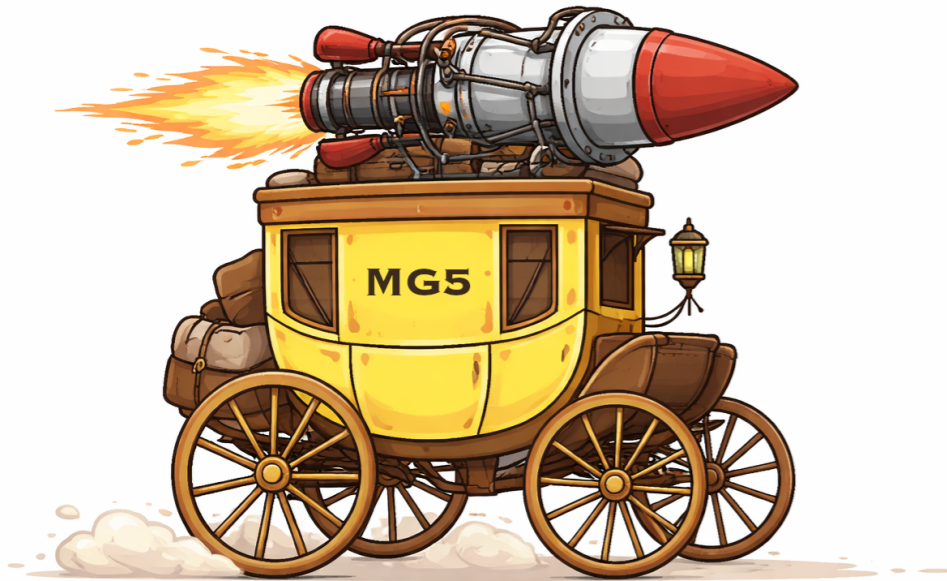


Total execution time: **134.83 s**

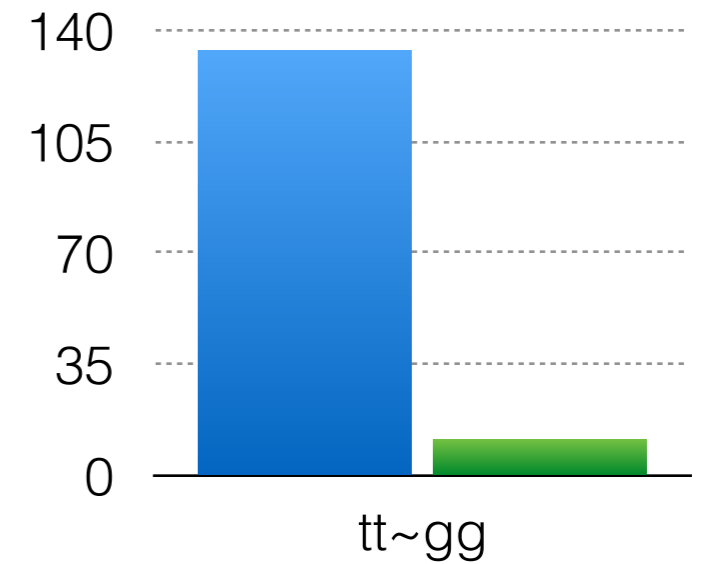
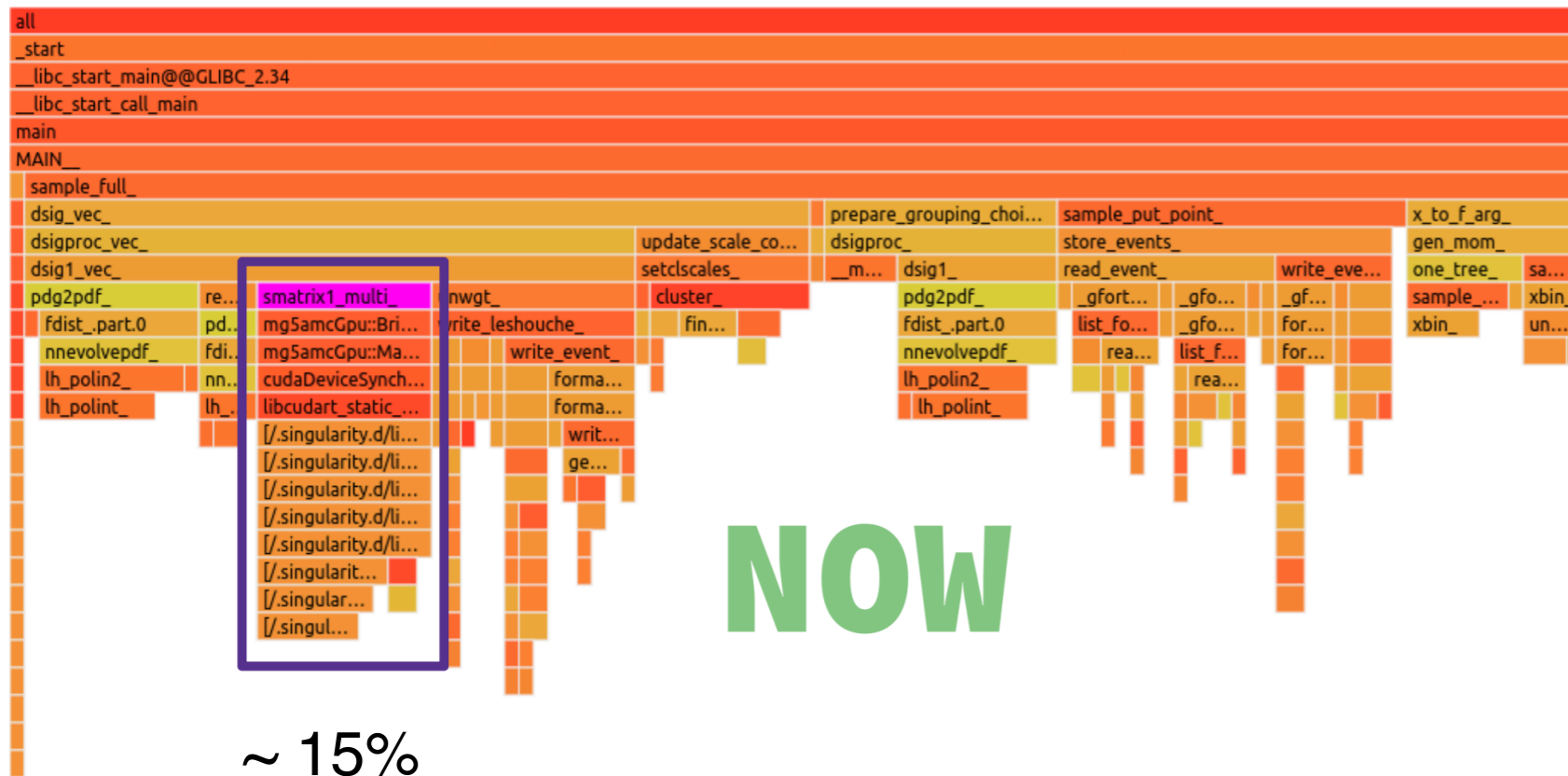


BEFORE

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Total execution time: **10.94 s**

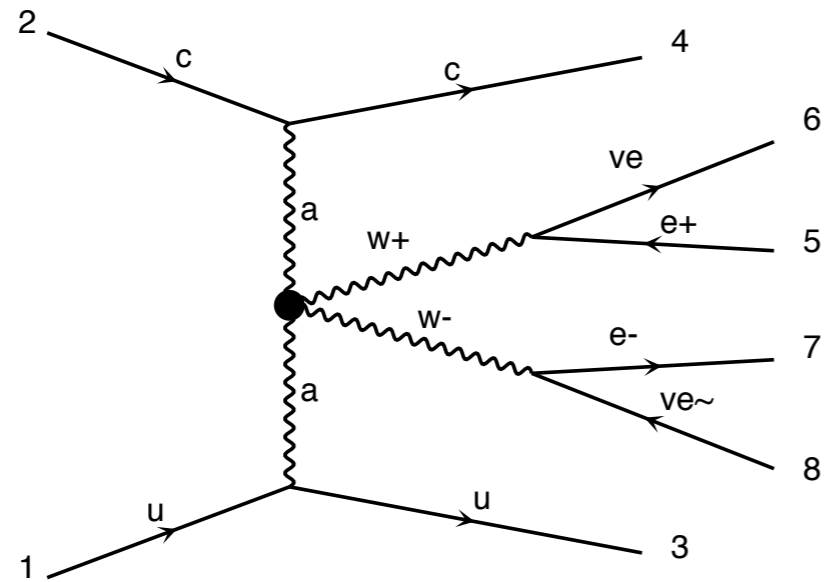


To Remember

- Numerical computation faster than analytical computation
- We are able to compute matrix-element
 - ➔ for large number of final state
 - ➔ for any BSM theory
 - ➔ actually also for loop
- Big Improvement for MadGraph7

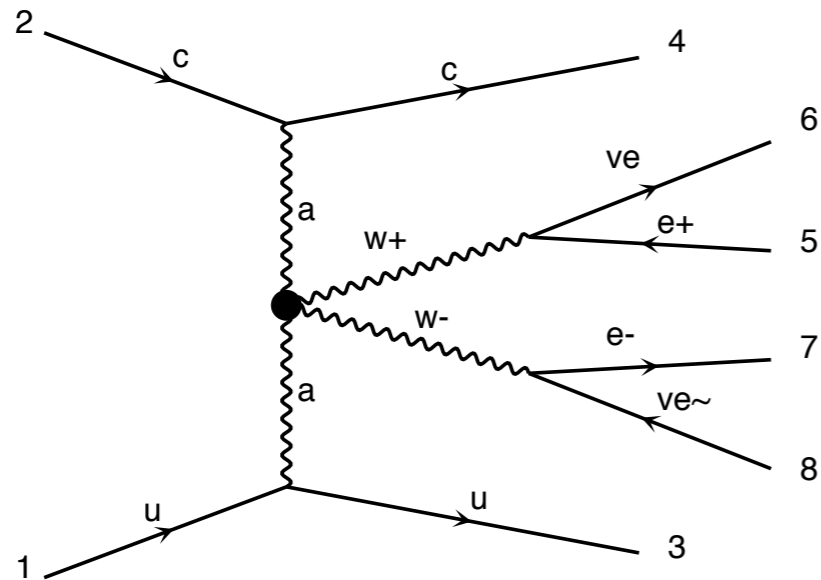
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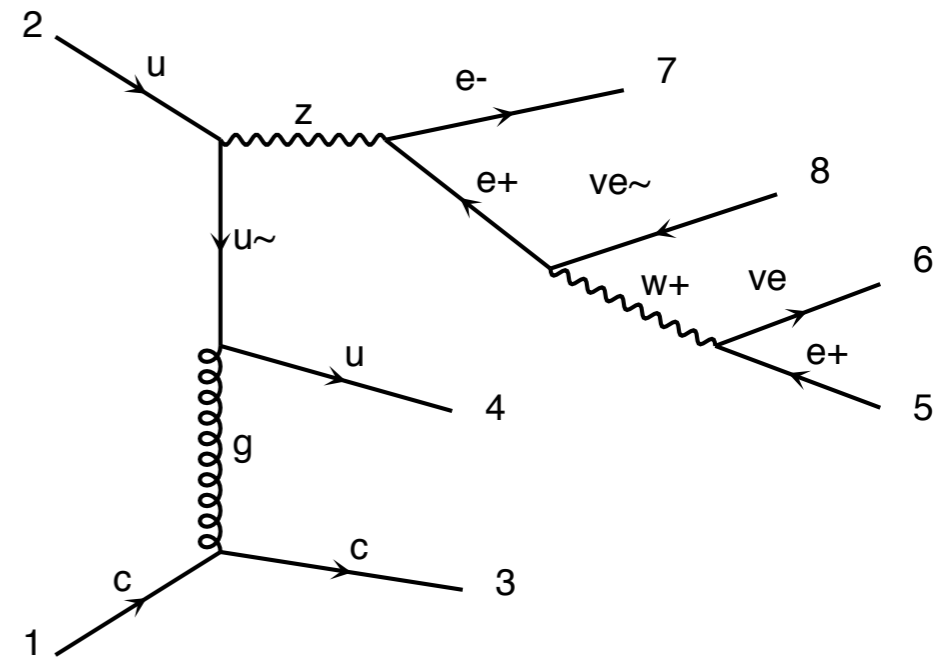


Decay

Resonant Diagram



Non Resonant Diagram



- Problem**
- Process complicated to have the full process
 - ➔ Including off-shell contribution

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Comment

- This is an **Approximation!**
- This force the particle to be on-shell!
 - Recover by re-introducing the Breit-wigner up-to a cut-off
- The loop is not a free parameter

Decay chain

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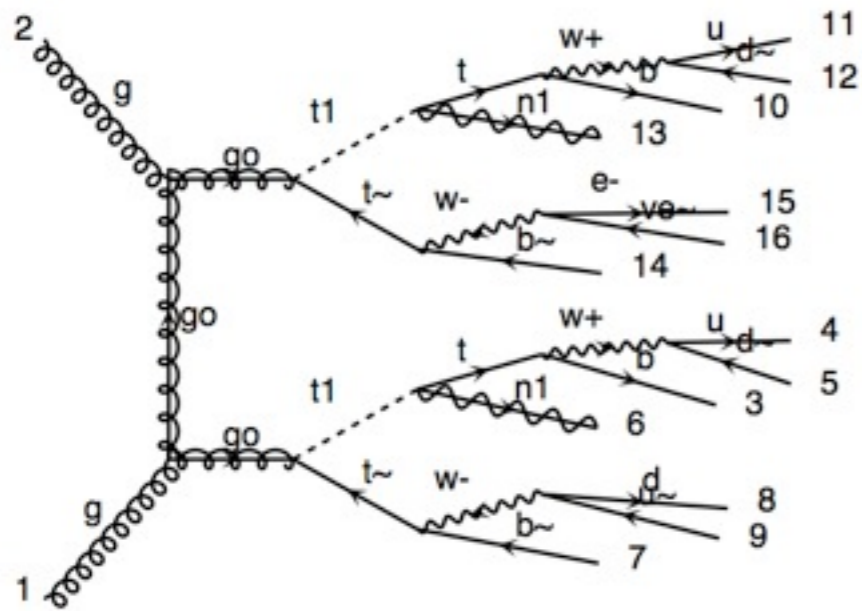


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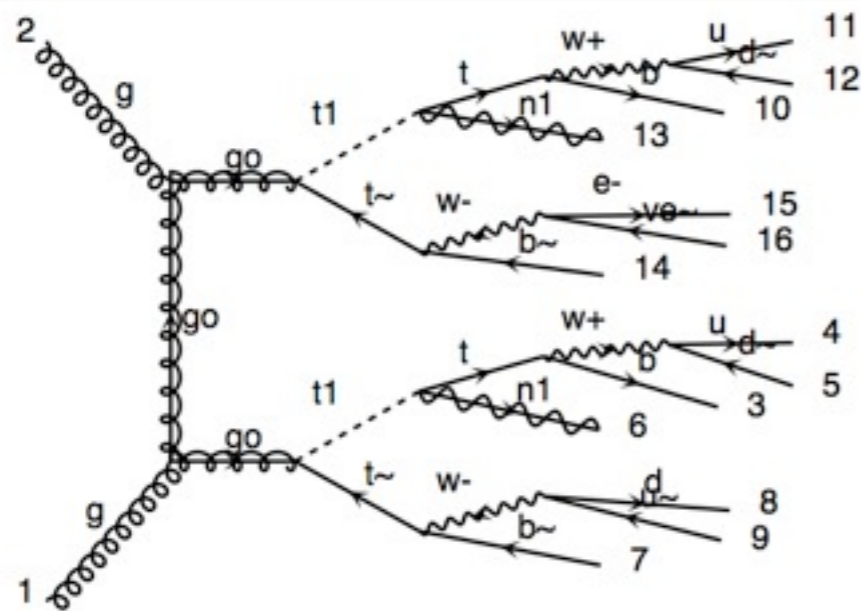


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- This syntax has an invariant mass cut associated to $t/t^{\sim}/W$
- Other syntax/tools exists for NWA (like MadSpin)

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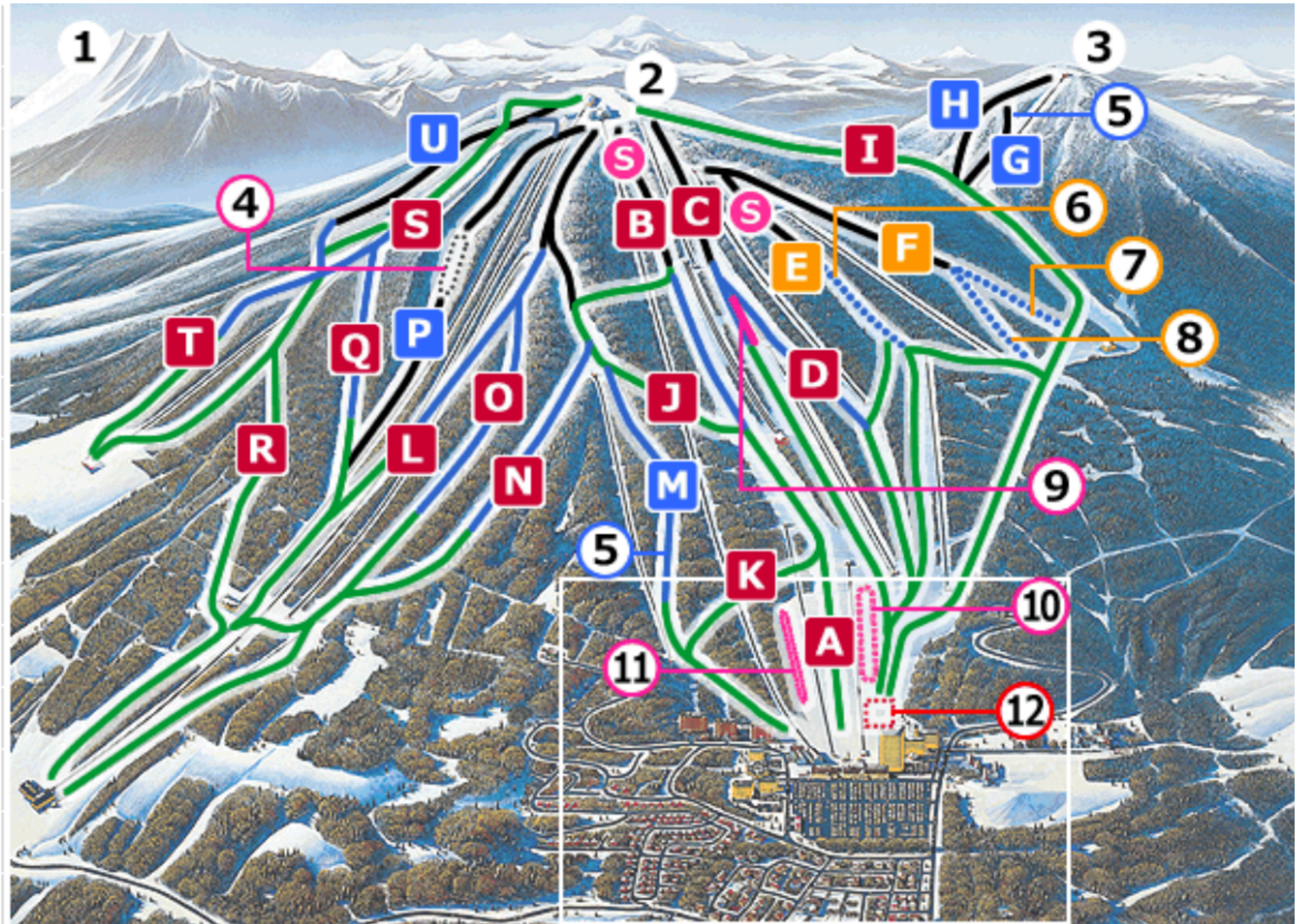
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To Remember

$$\sum_{a,b} \int dx_1 dx_2 d\Phi_{\text{FS}} f_a(x_1, \mu_F) f_b(x_2, \mu_F) \hat{\sigma}_{ab \rightarrow X}(\hat{S}, \mu_F, \mu_R)$$

Phase-space integral Parton density functions Parton-level cross section

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 - Define the physics/processes that will dominate on your accelerator
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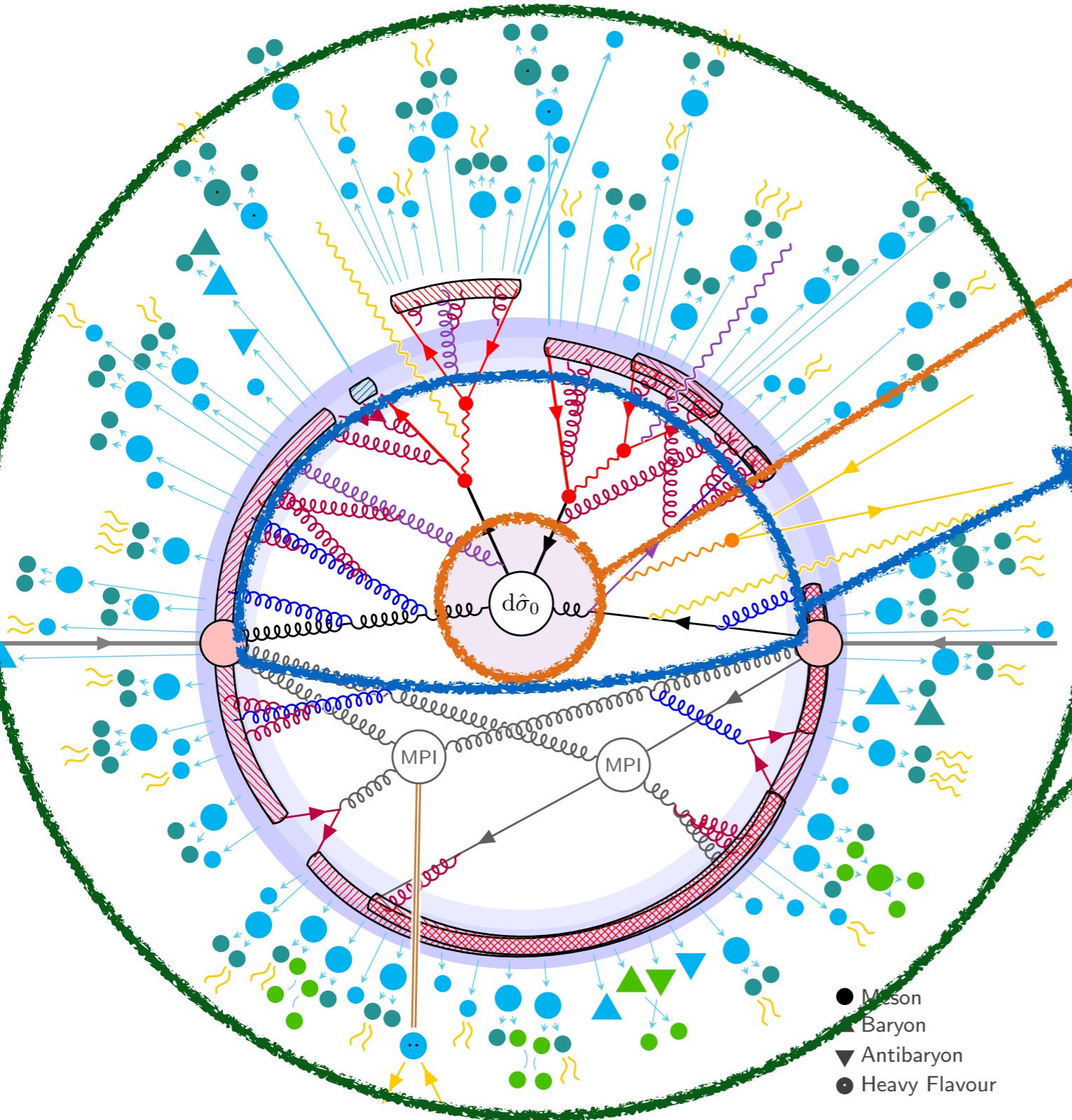
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MADGRAPH

MadGraph5_aMC@NLO

Olivier Mattelaer

Collider Physics



Hard process

- Depends on the model (SM/BSM)
- Perturbative QCD
- **Core #1 of this talk**

Parton showering

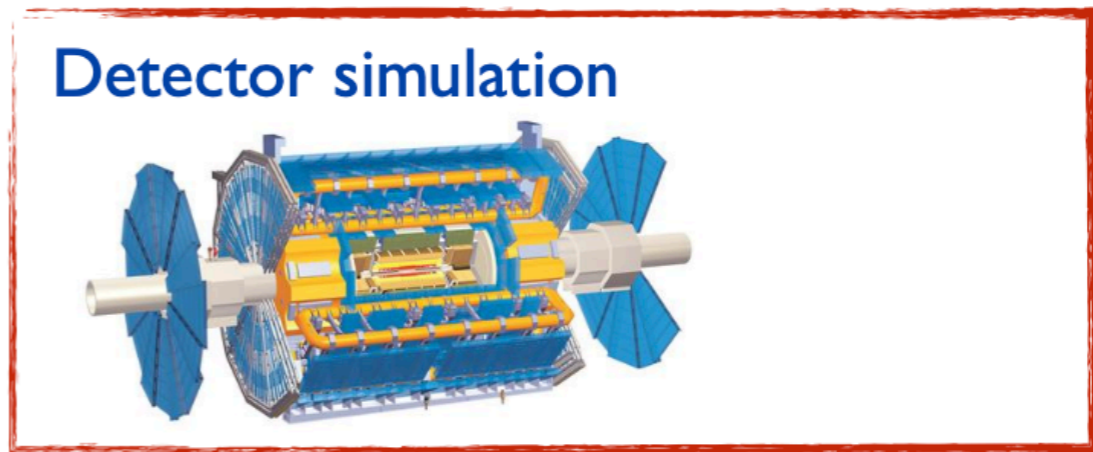
- Universal (QCD)

Hadronisation

- Model-based, universal

Underlying event

- Model-based, non-universal



- Meson
- ▲ Baryon
- ▼ Antibaryon
- Heavy Flavour

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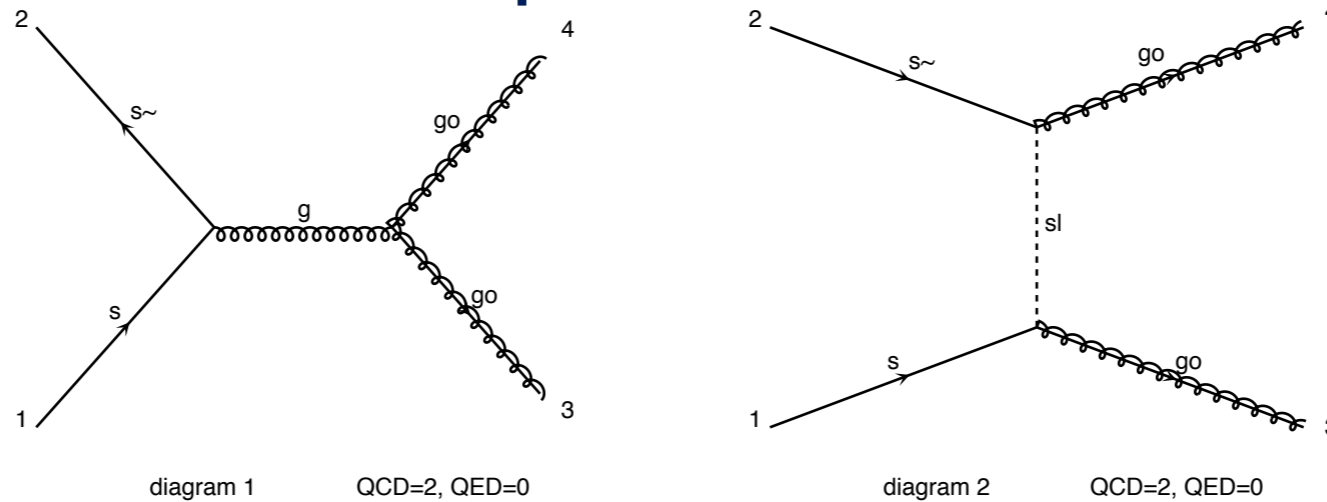
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Matrix-Element

Calculate a given process (e.g. gluino pair)

- Determine the production mechanism



- Evaluate the matrix-element

$$|\mathcal{M}|^2 \quad \rightarrow \text{Need Feynman Rules!}$$

- Phase-Space Integration

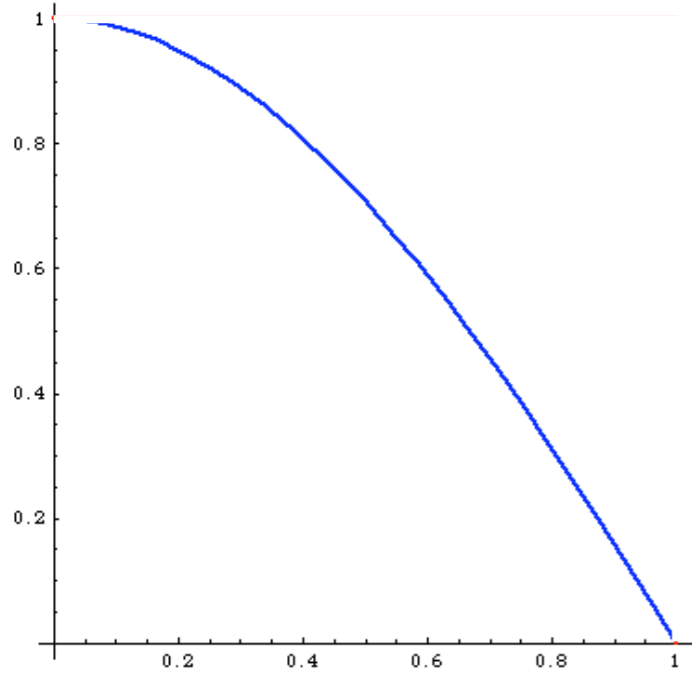
$$\sigma = \frac{1}{2s} \int |\mathcal{M}|^2 d\Phi(n)$$

Easy
enough

Hard

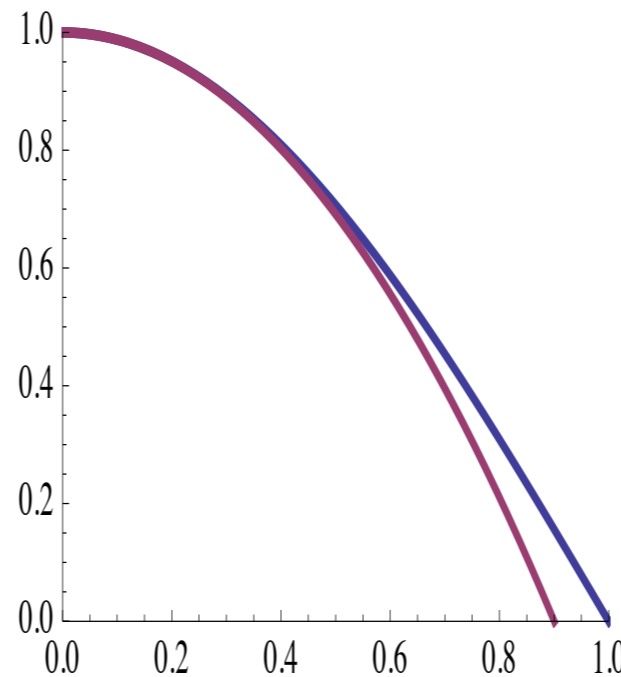
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Importance Sampling



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$$I = \int_0^1 dx (1 - cx^2) \frac{\cos \left(\frac{\pi}{2} x \right)}{(1 - cx^2)} = \int_{\xi_1}^{\xi_2} d\xi \frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} x[\xi]}{1 - x[\xi]^2 c}$$

$$\rightarrow \simeq 1$$

$$I_N = 0.637 \pm 0.031/\sqrt{N}$$

The Phase-Space parametrization is important to have an efficient computation!

To Remember

- Phase-Space integration is difficult
- We need to know the function
 - ➔ Be careful with cuts
- MadGraph split the integral in different contribution linked to the Feynman Diagram
 - ➔ Those are not the contribution of a given diagram

Goal of today

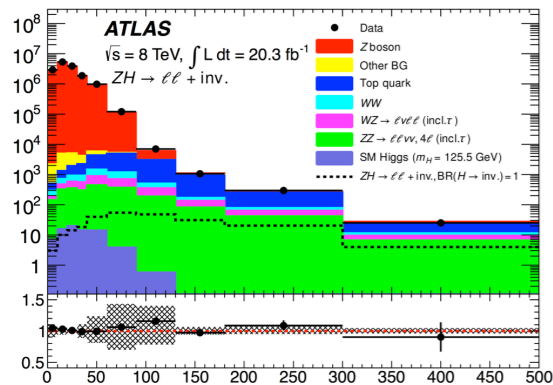
- Event Generation
- Learn how we evaluate (tree-level) matrix-element
- Learn Narrow-width Approximation

Event Generation

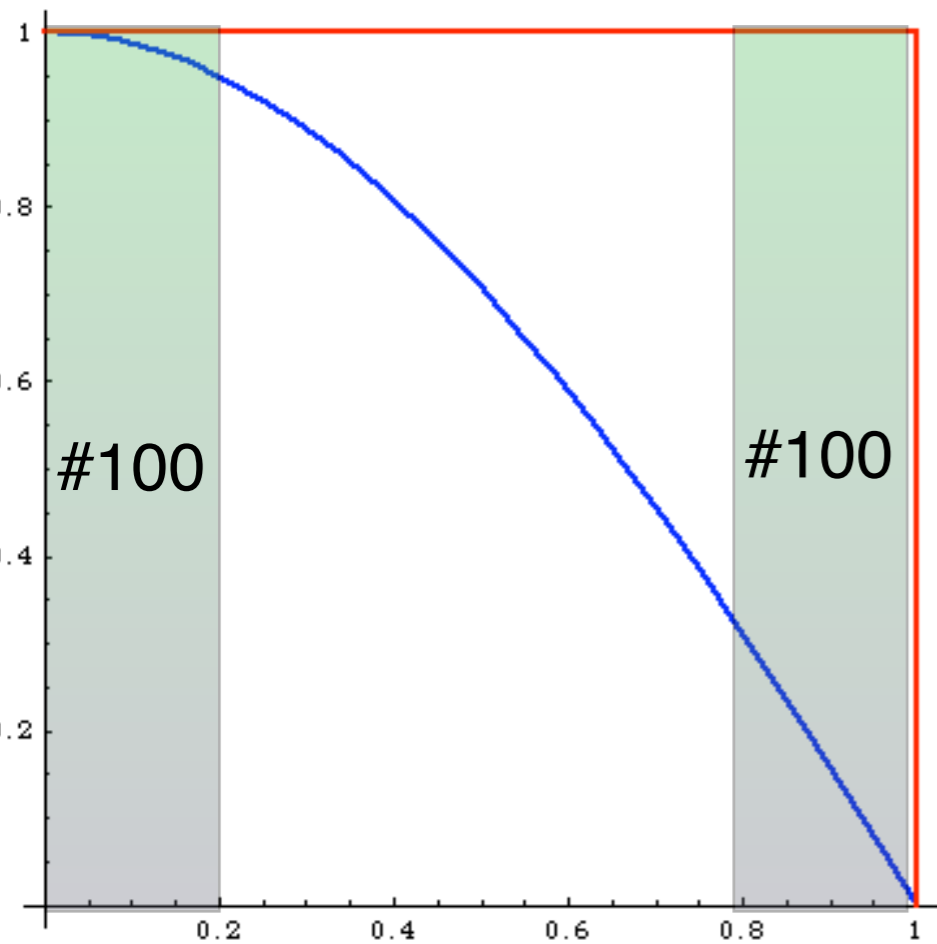
What is the goal?

- Cross-section
 - But large theoretical uncertainty

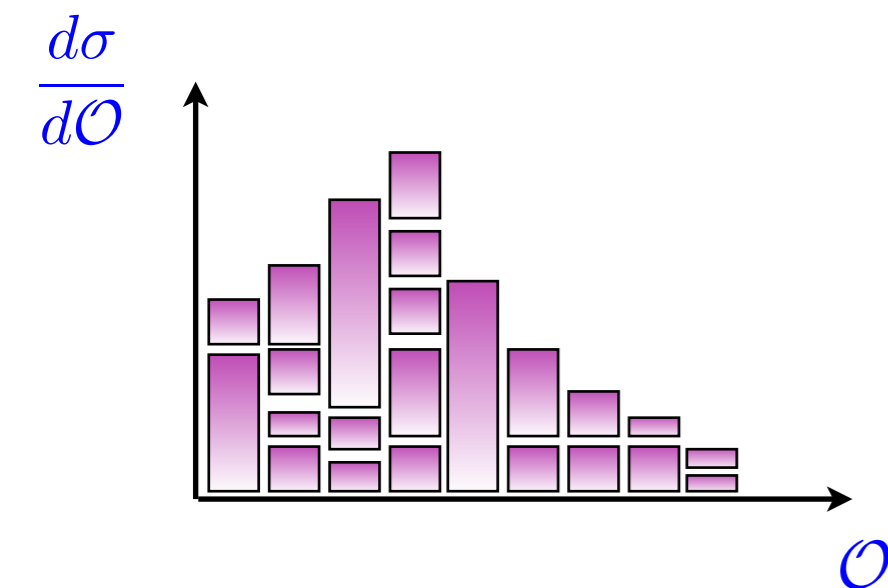
- Differential Cross-Section
 - Provided as sample of events
 - Sample size is problematic
 - Those events will need to have full detector simulation



How to get sample?



- Monte-Carlo integration use **random** points
 - We can keep those
 - (Uncorrelated) **sample**



- Points not distributed as the real function
- Need to keep track of the importance of each point (weight)
- Typically a lot of event have low information

Typical choice

Weighted sample

- Output of the MC
- Easy
- Large file
- Histogram with weight

Biased sample

- Modify the weight to enhance (in number of events) a part of the phase-space
- For tails !

Unweighted sample

- Event distributed like in nature
- All event have the same weight.
- Weight is physical (proportional to cross-section of the sample)
- Larger statistical error on tails
- Smaller file

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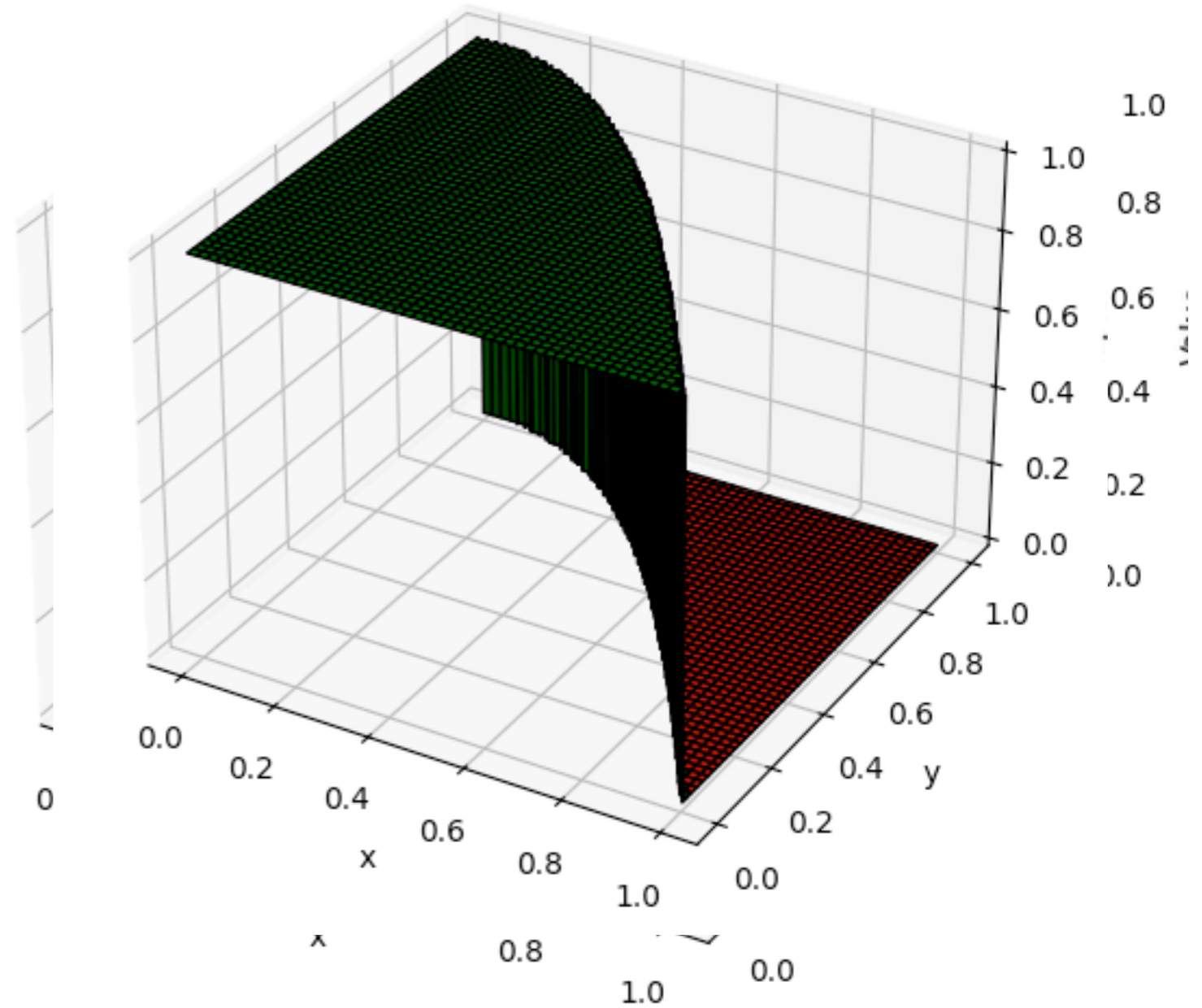
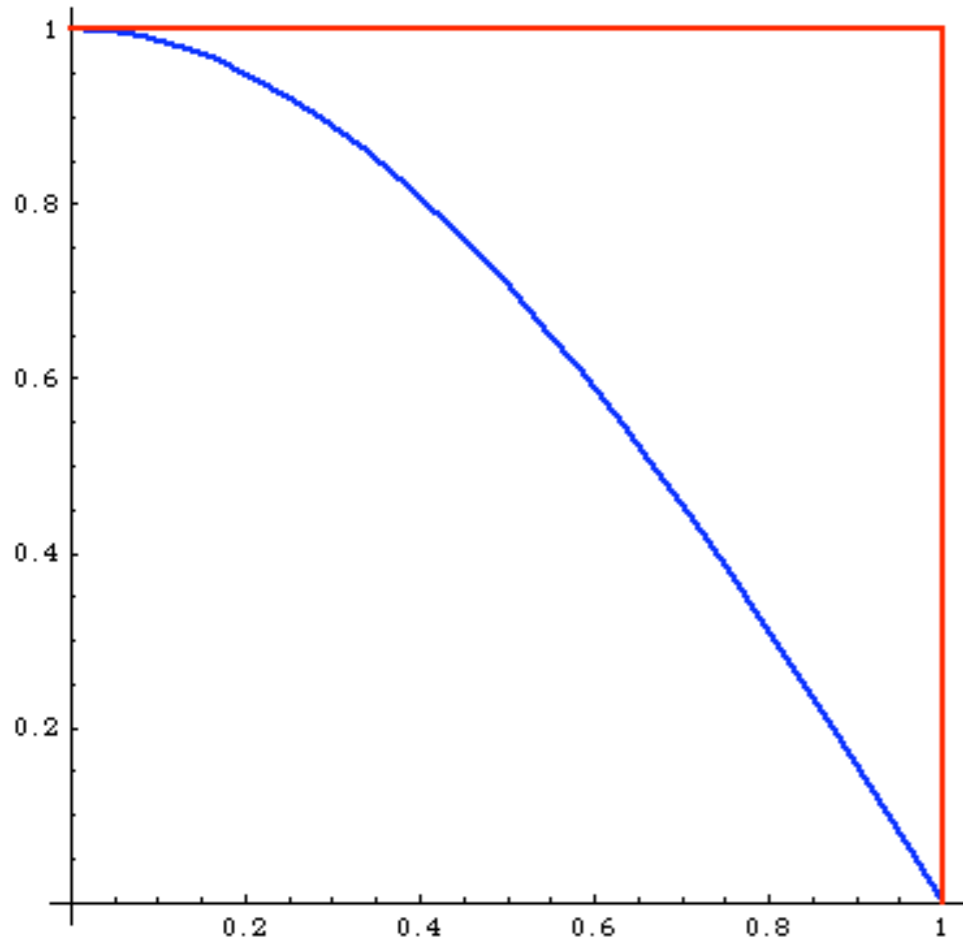
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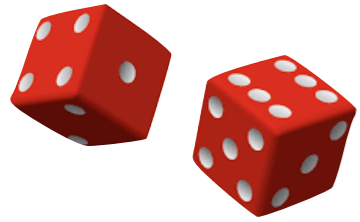
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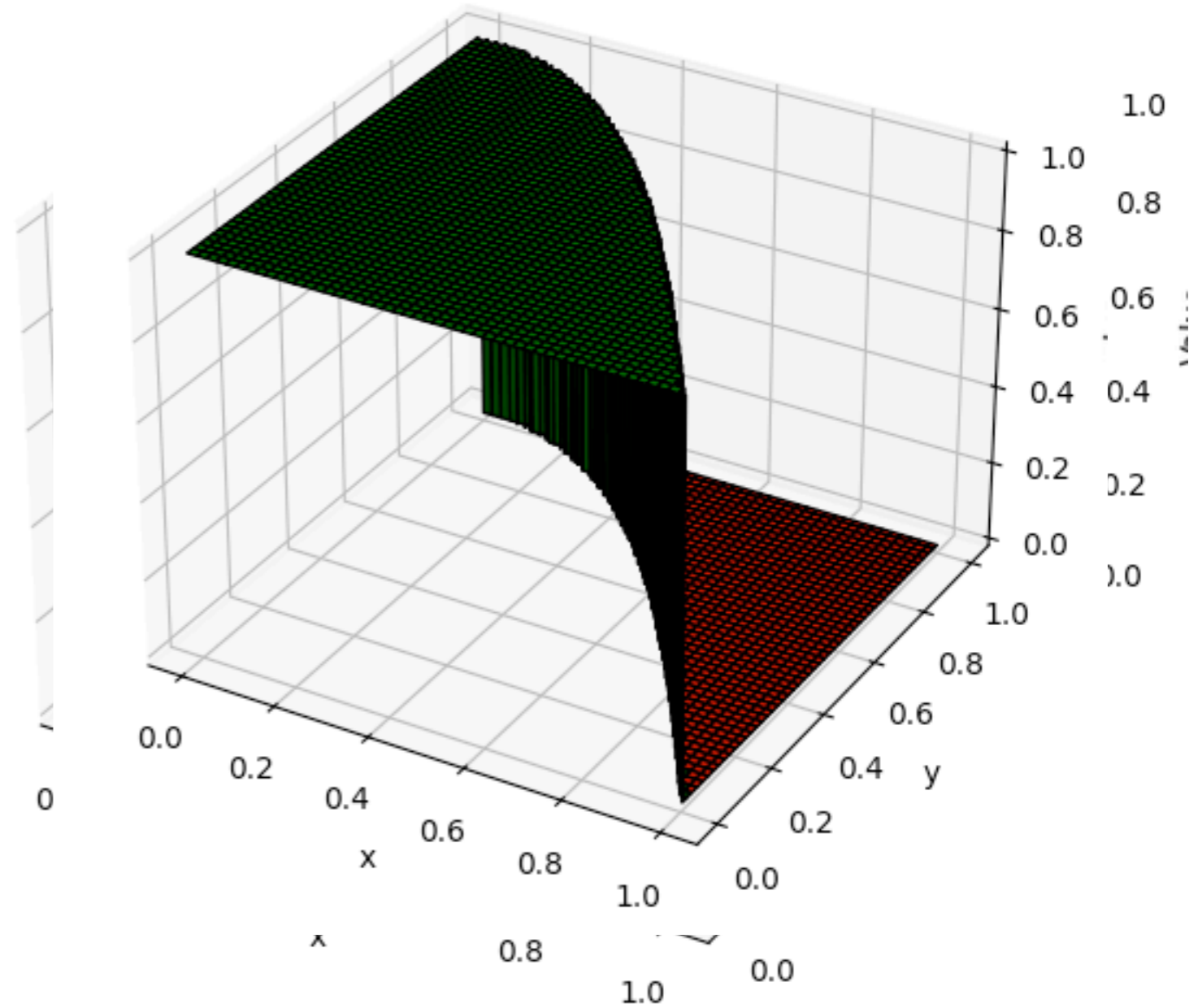
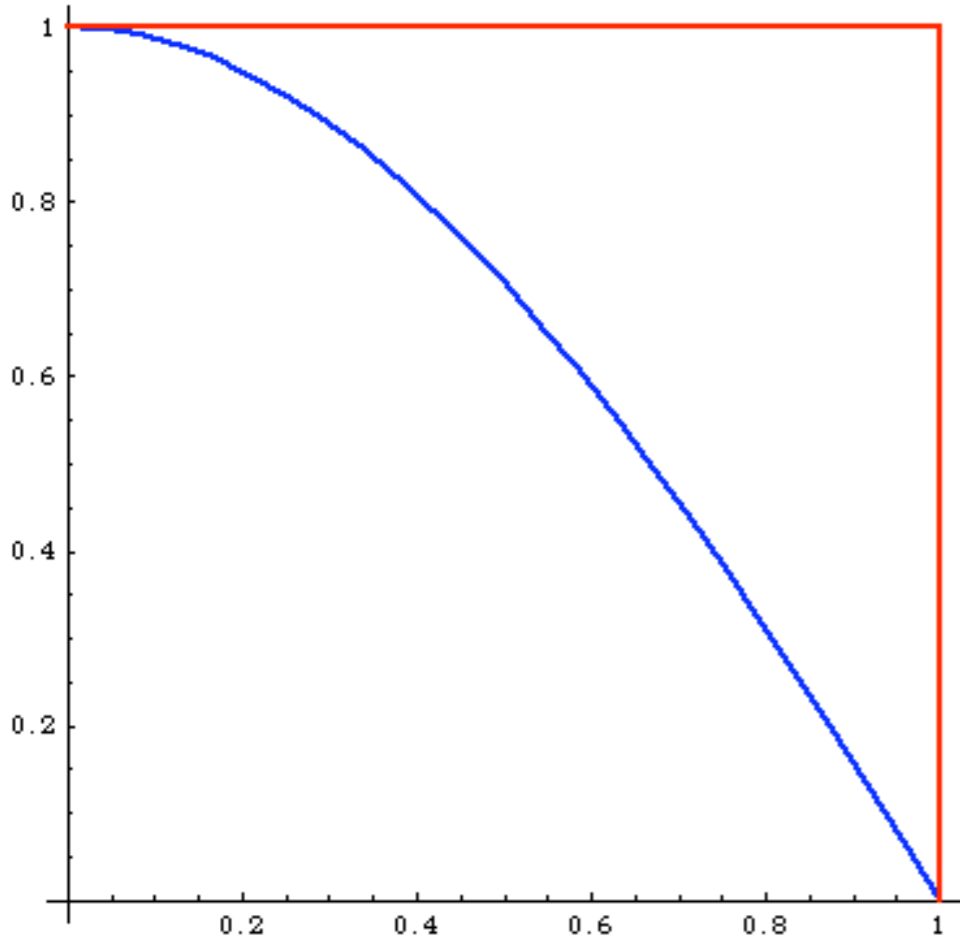
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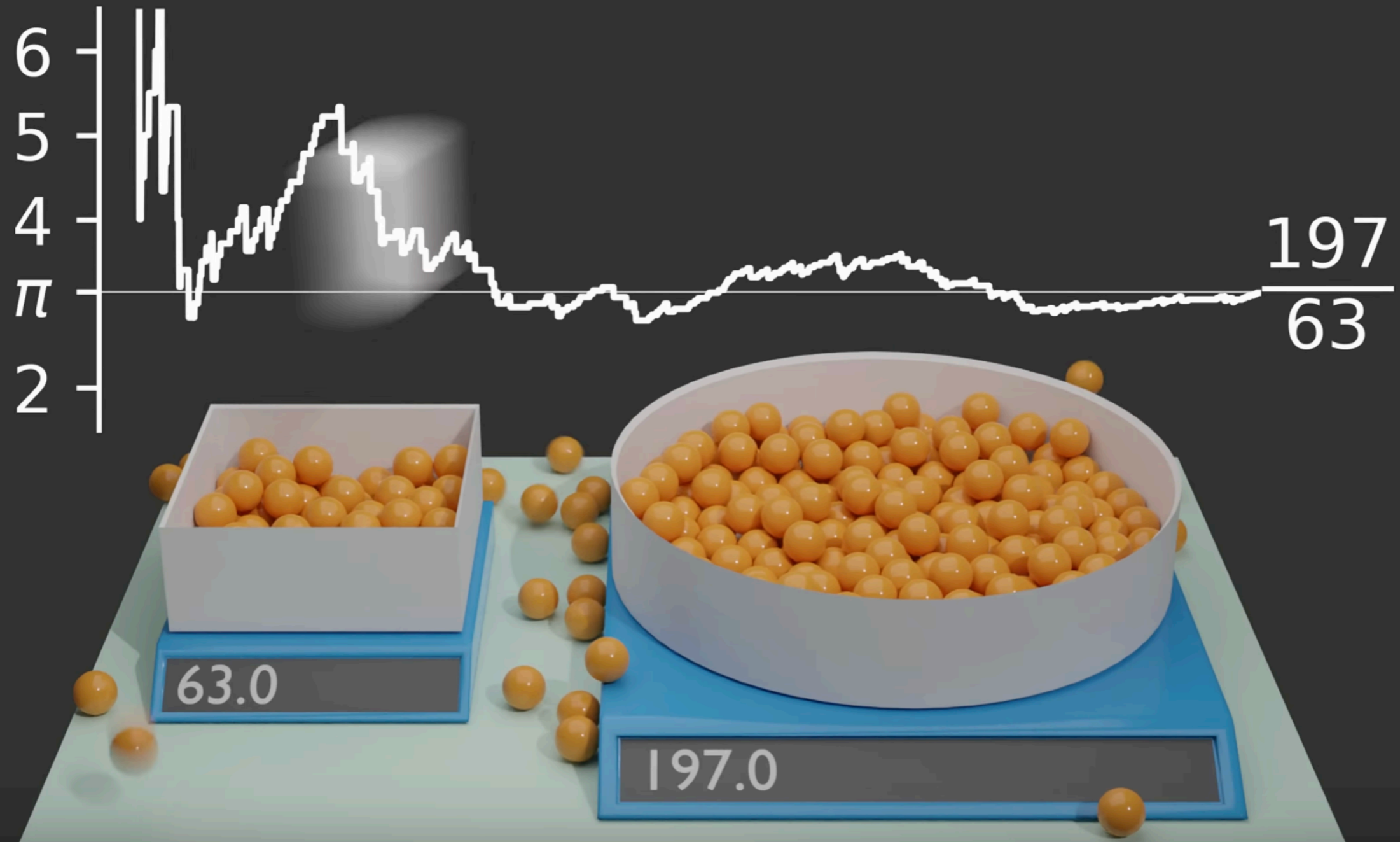
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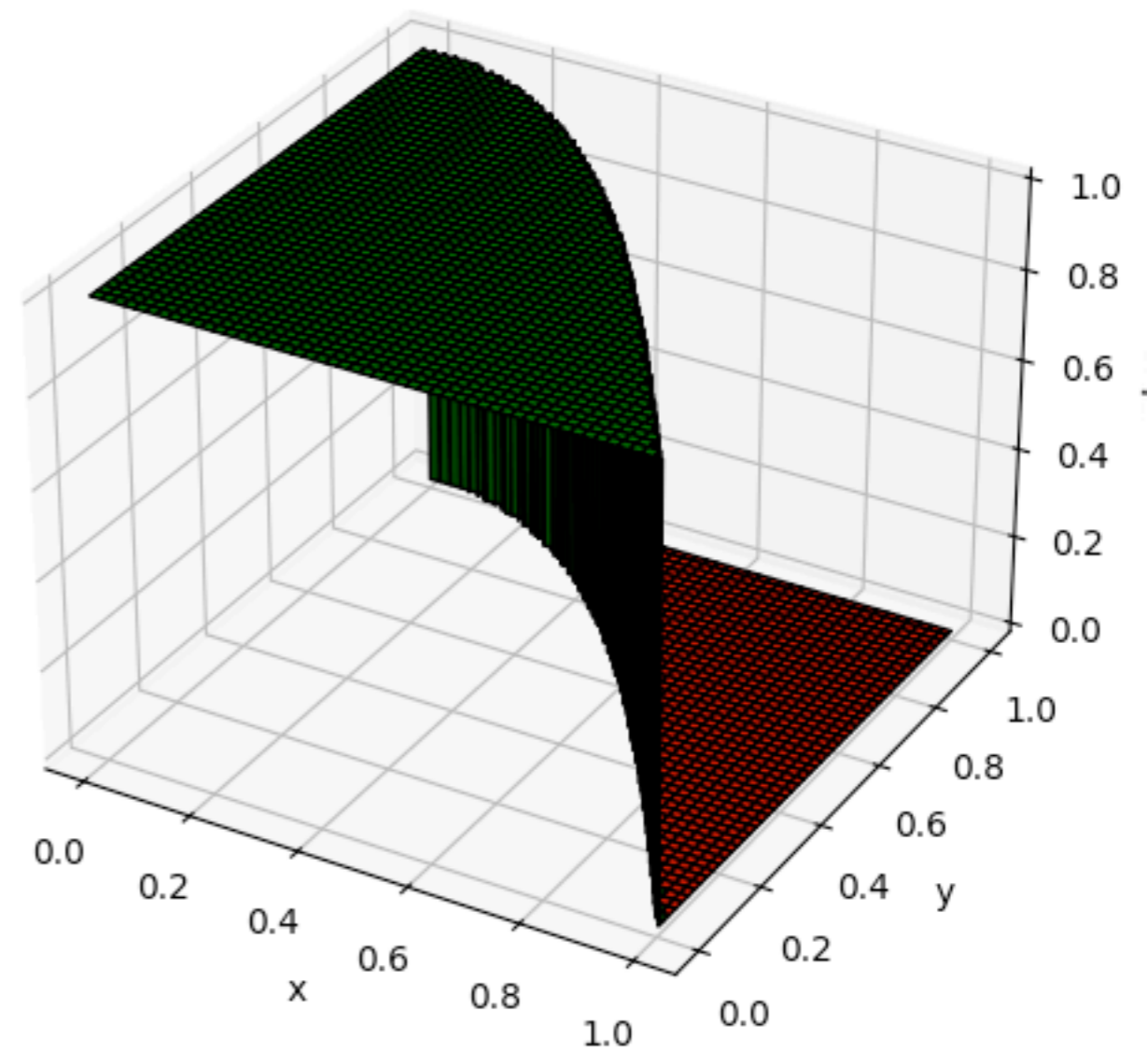
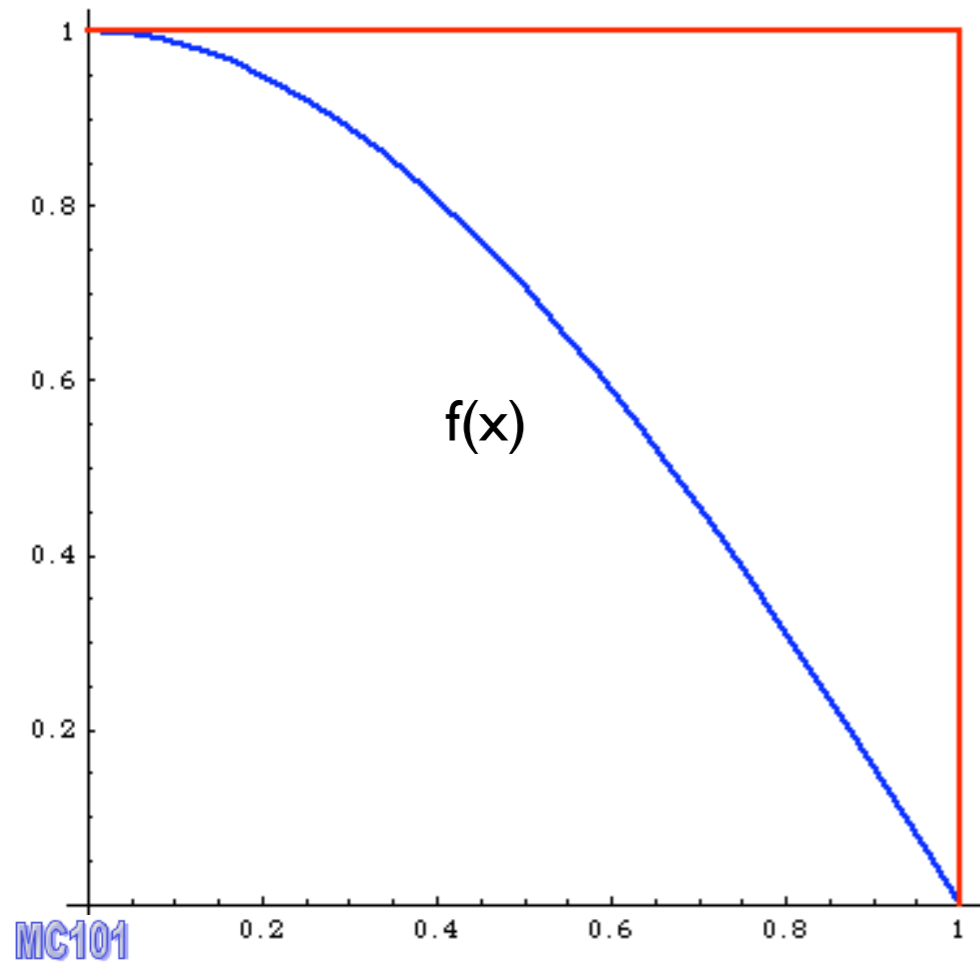
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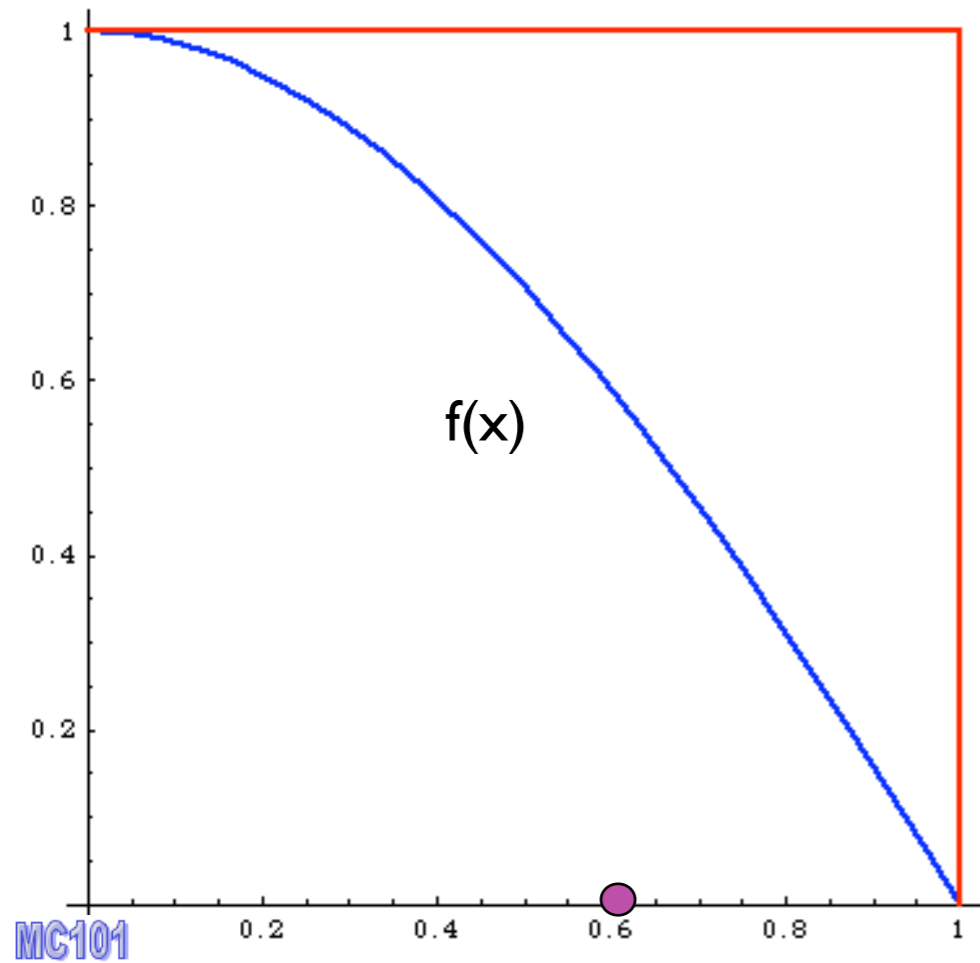
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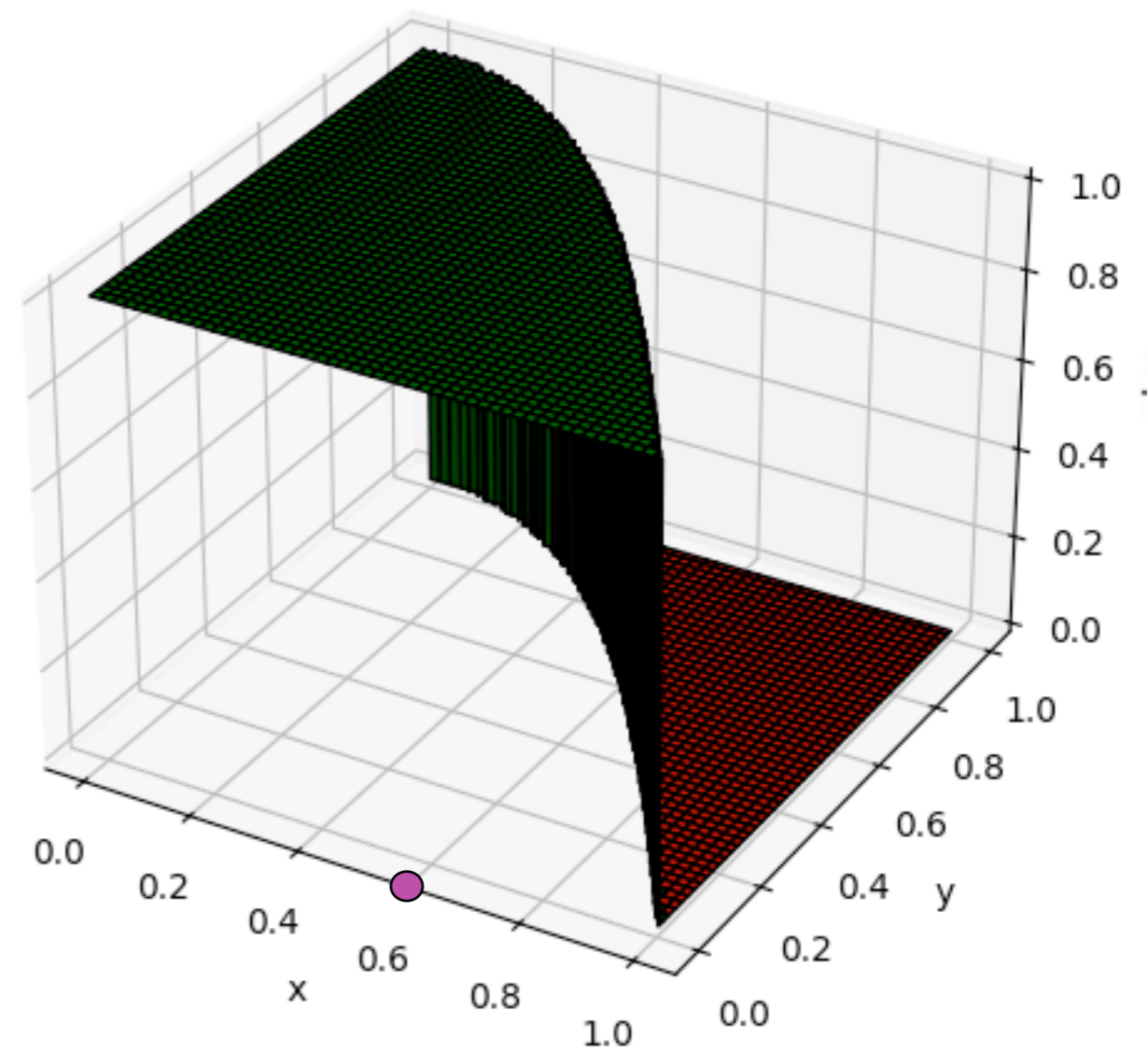
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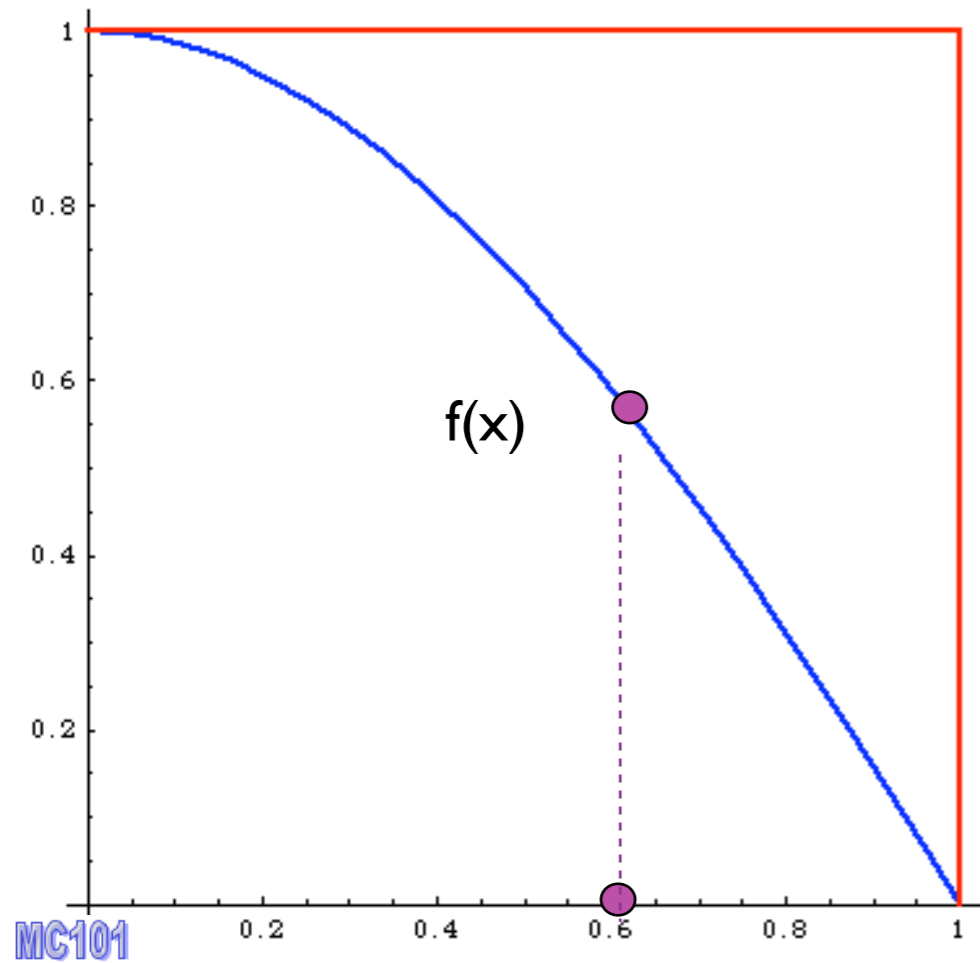
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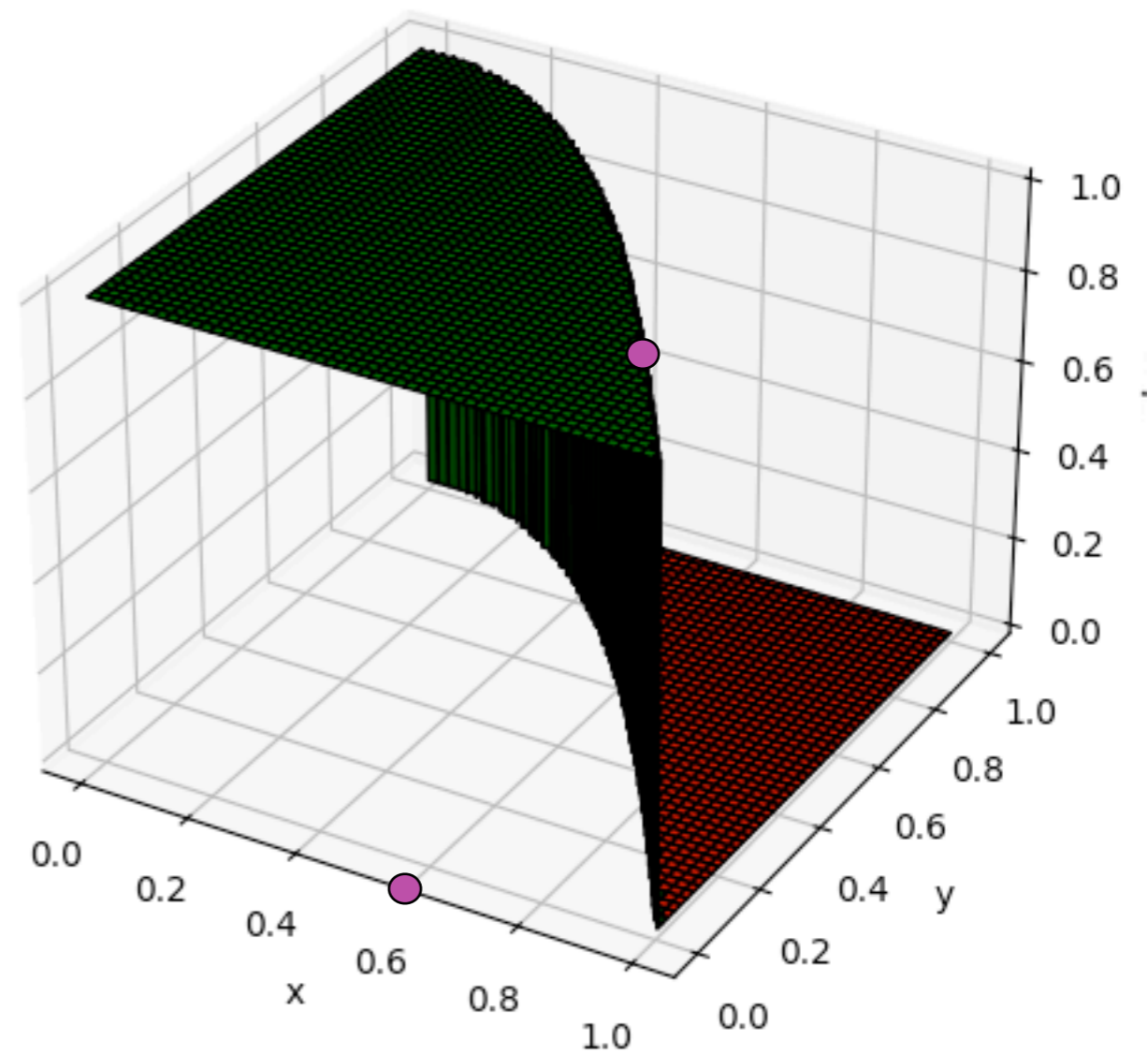
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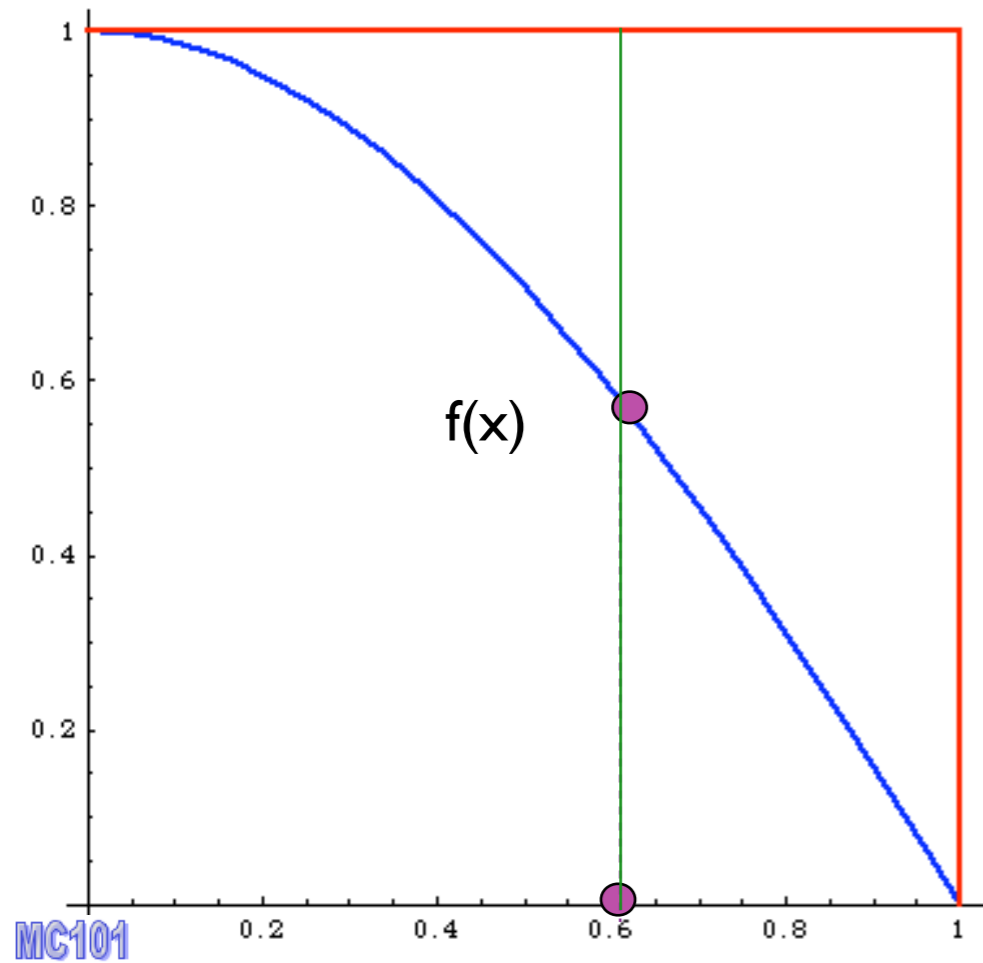
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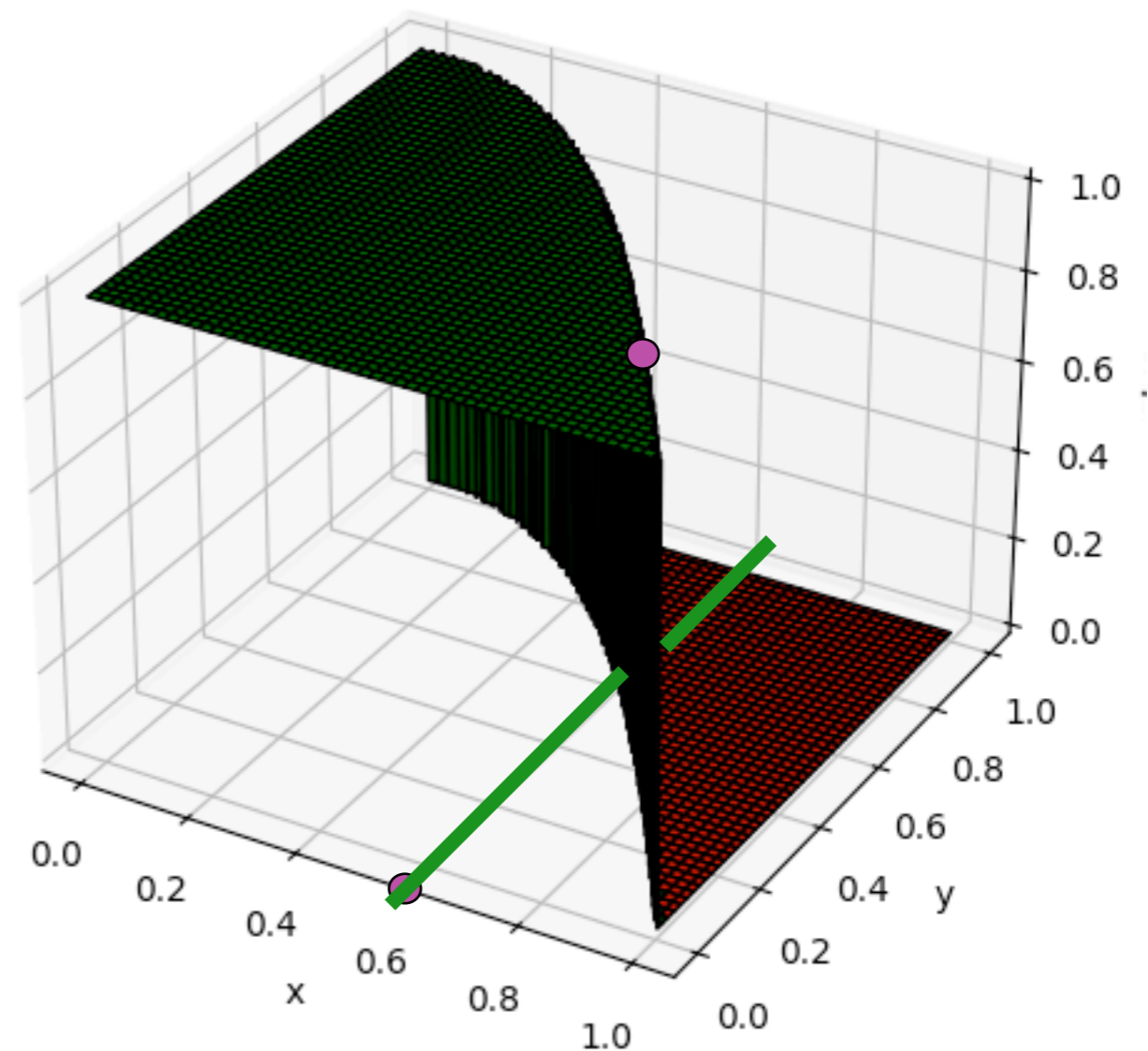


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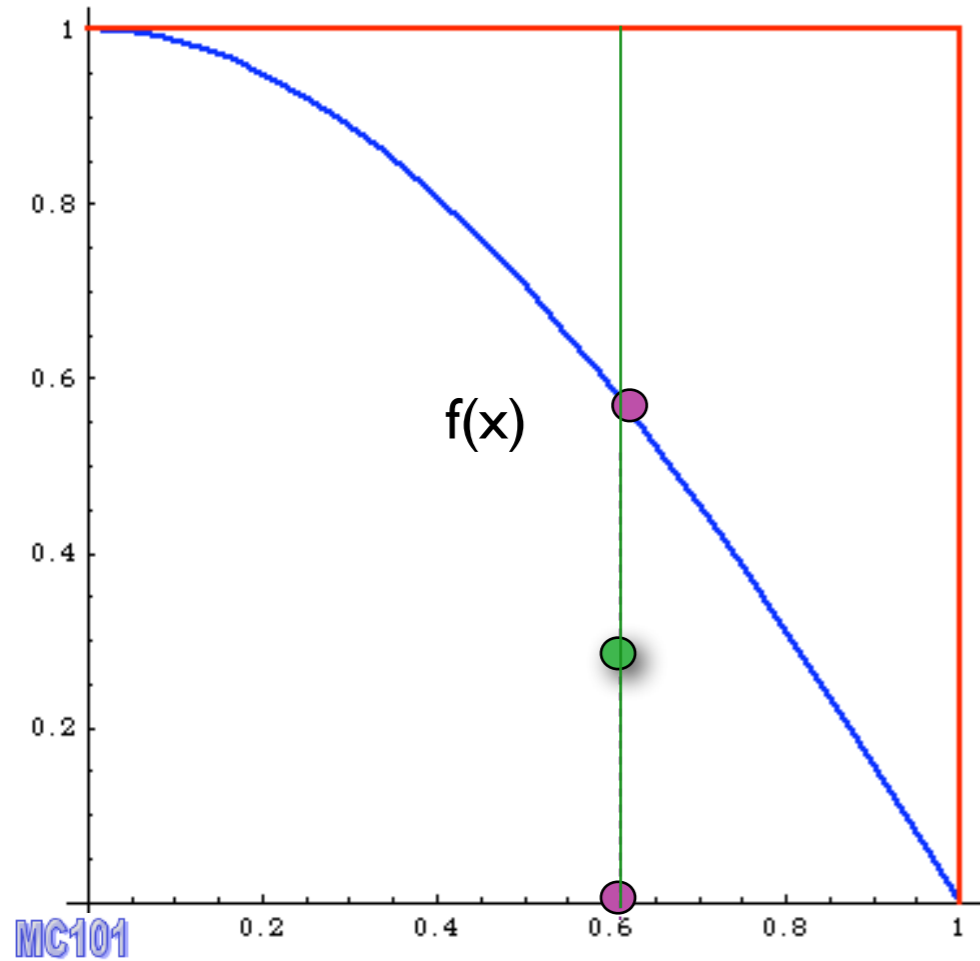


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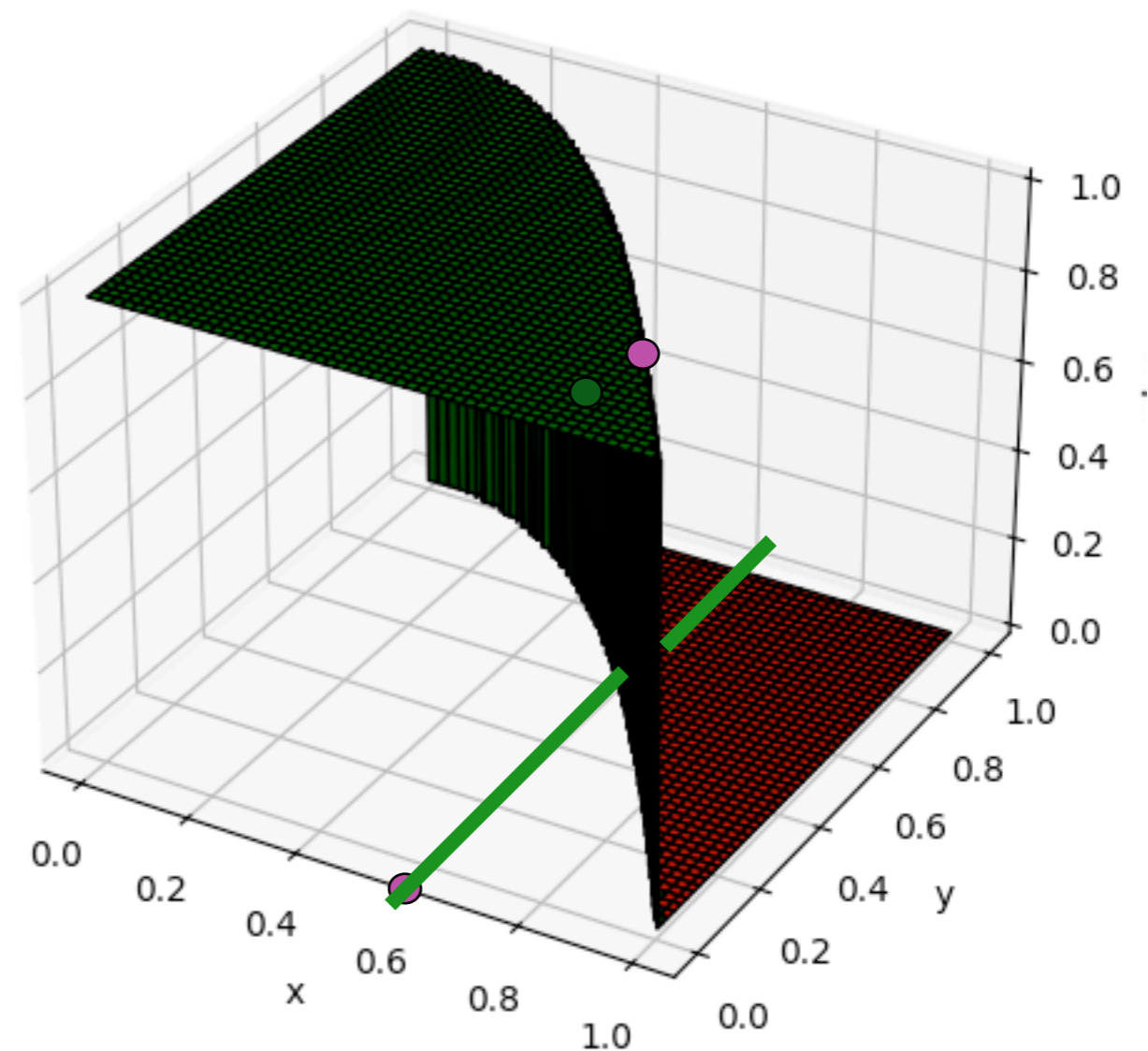


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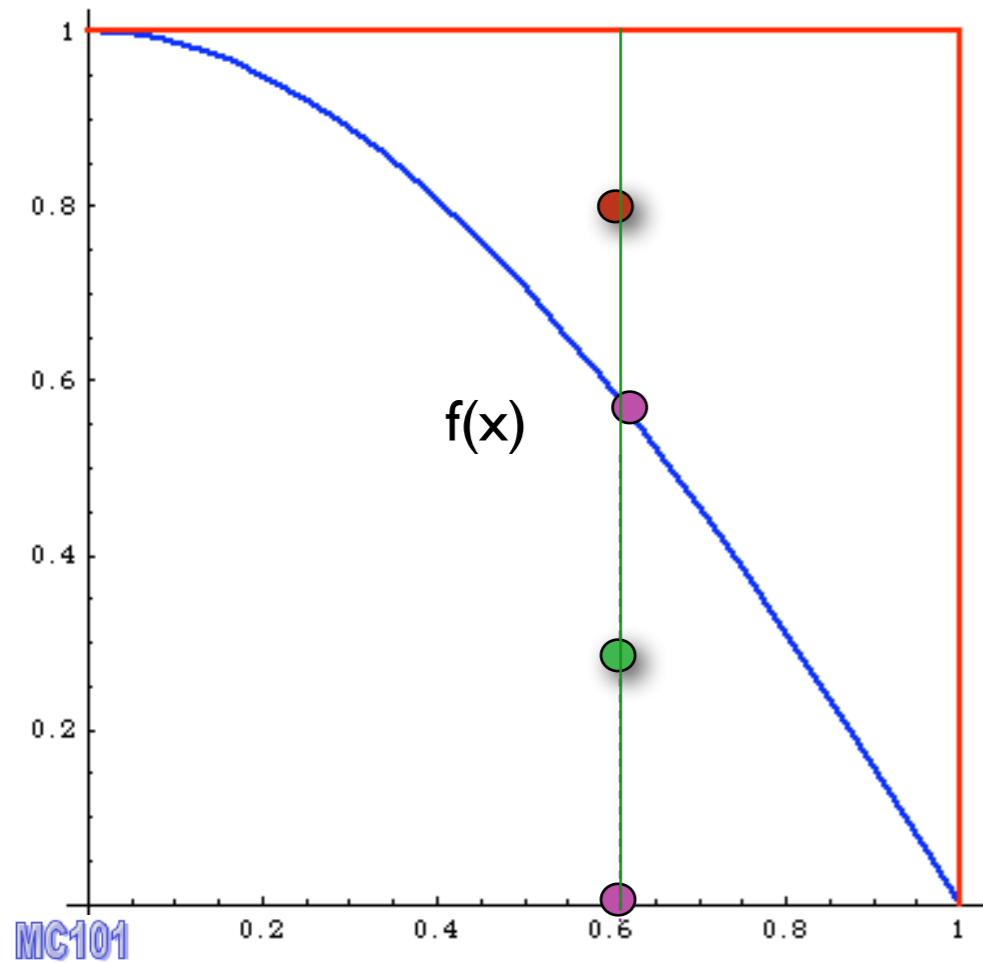


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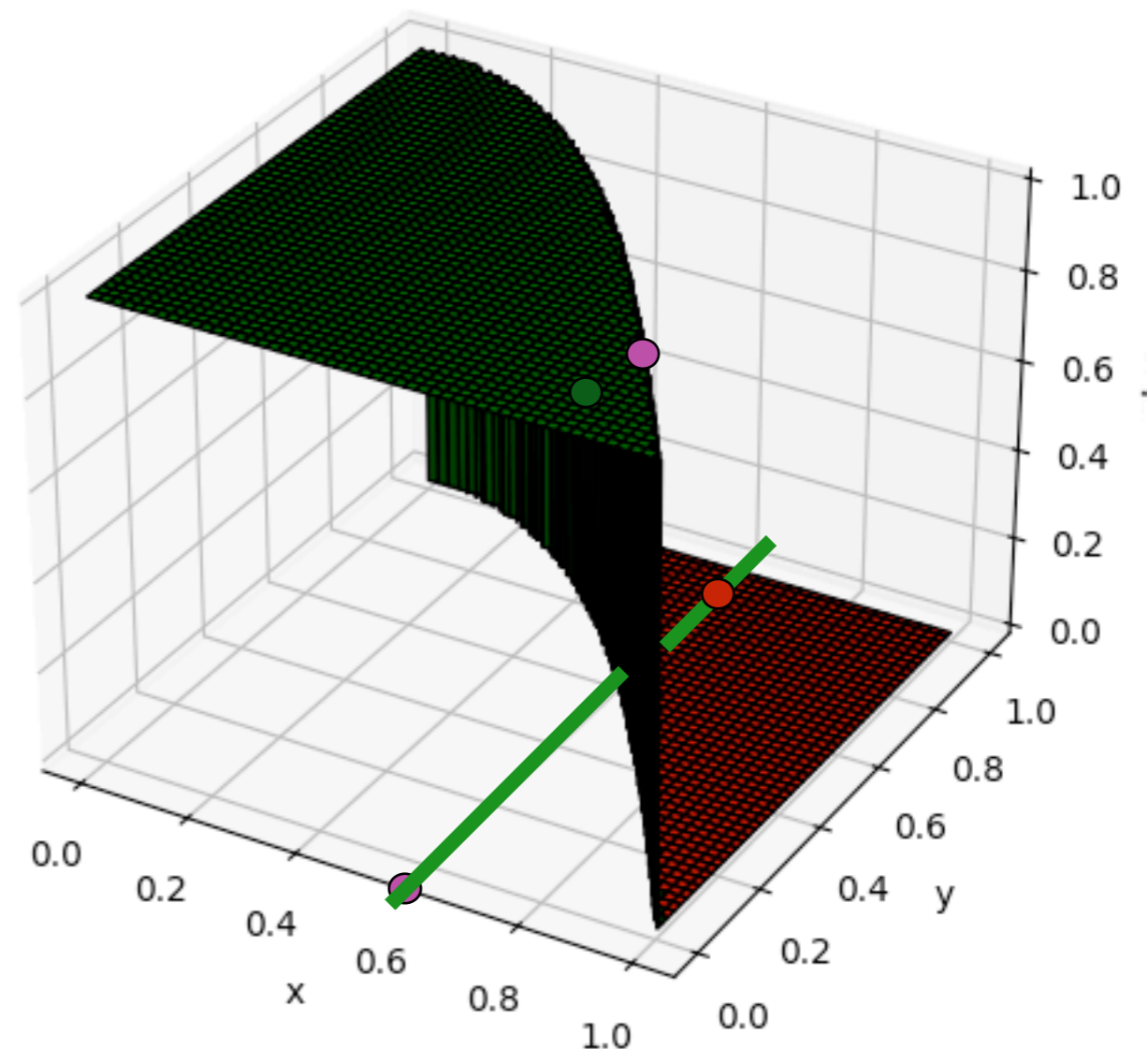


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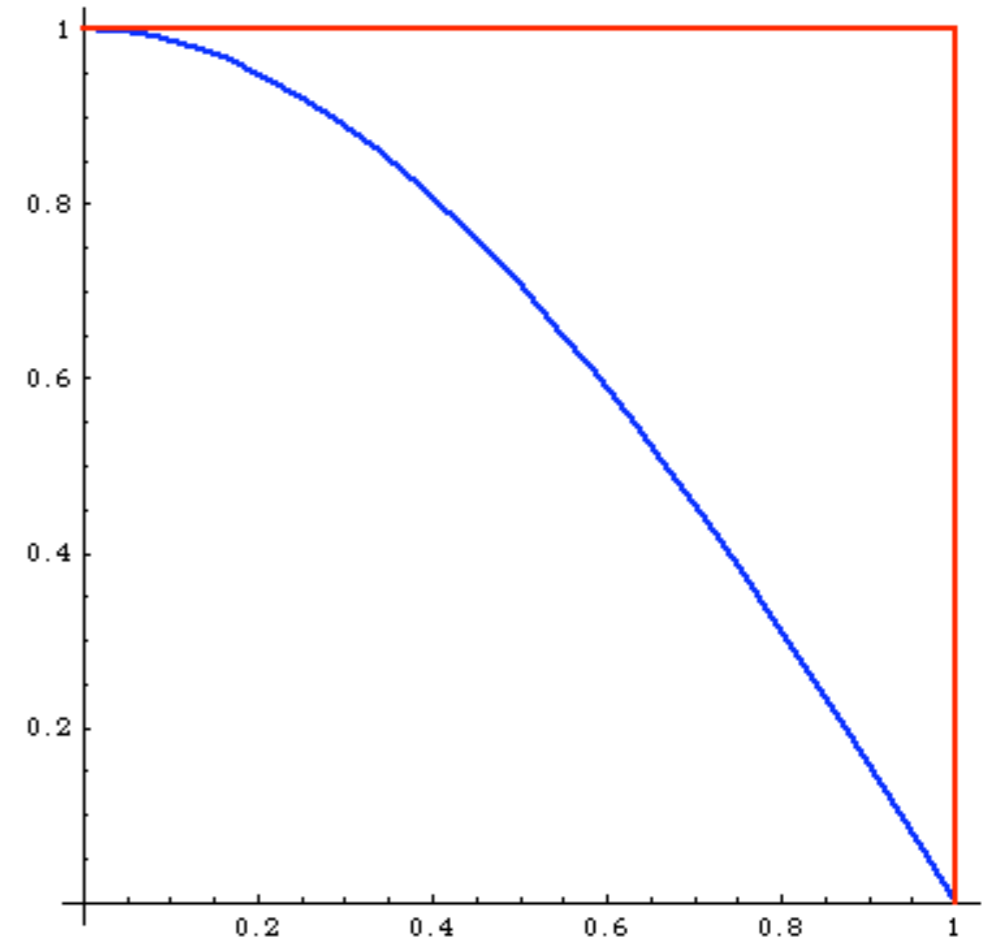
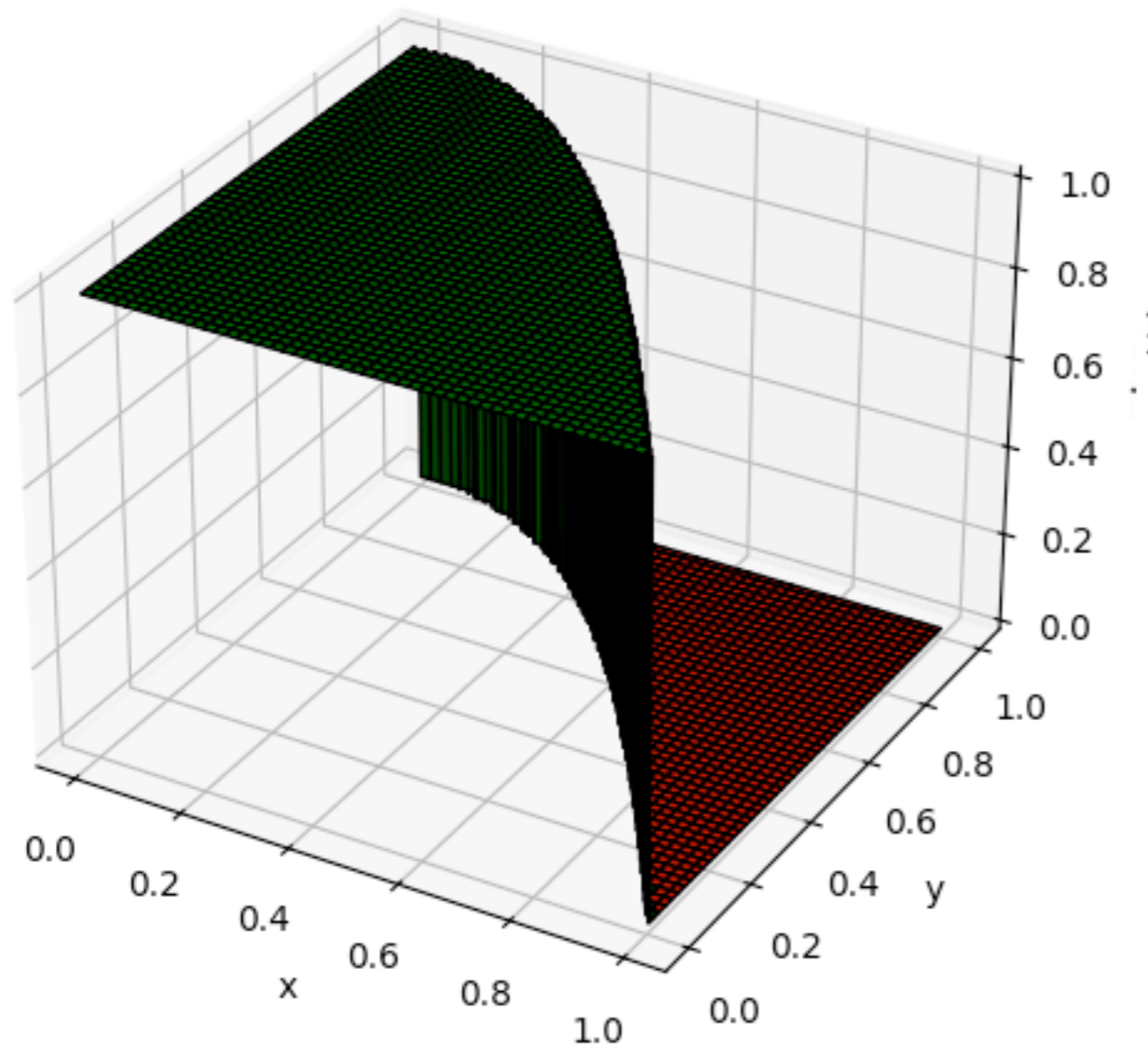


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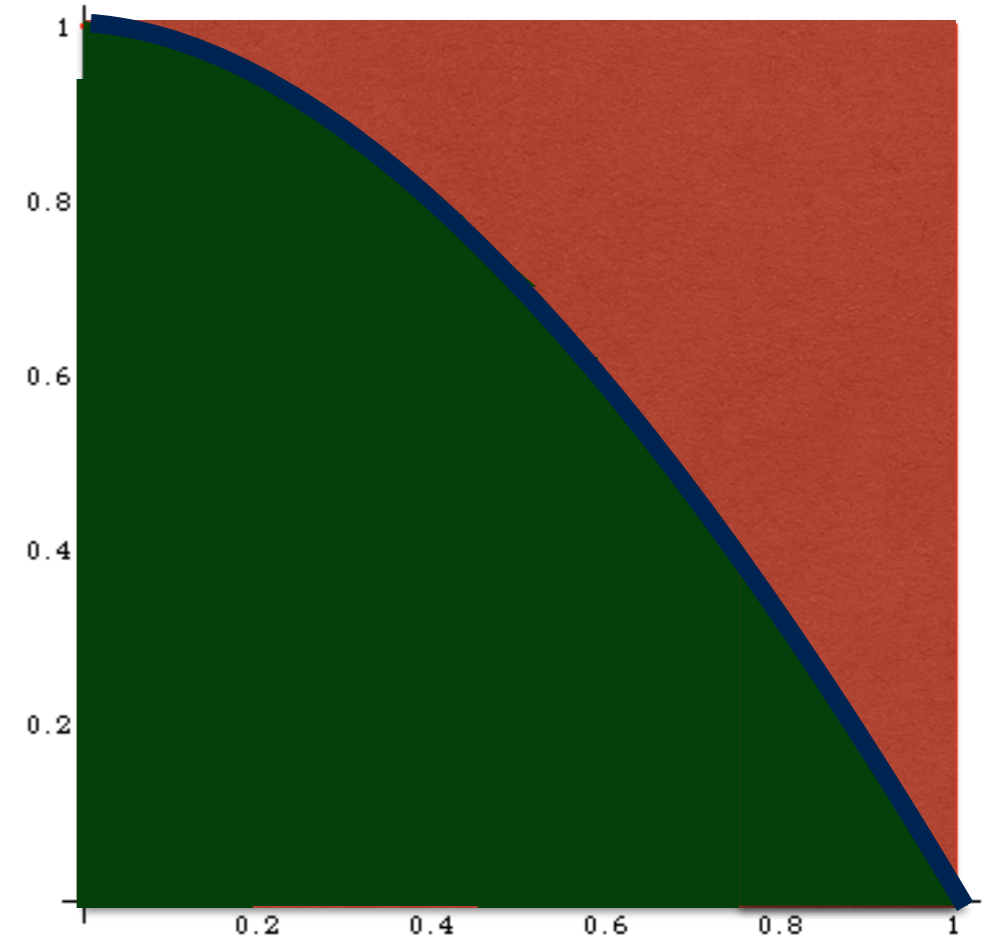
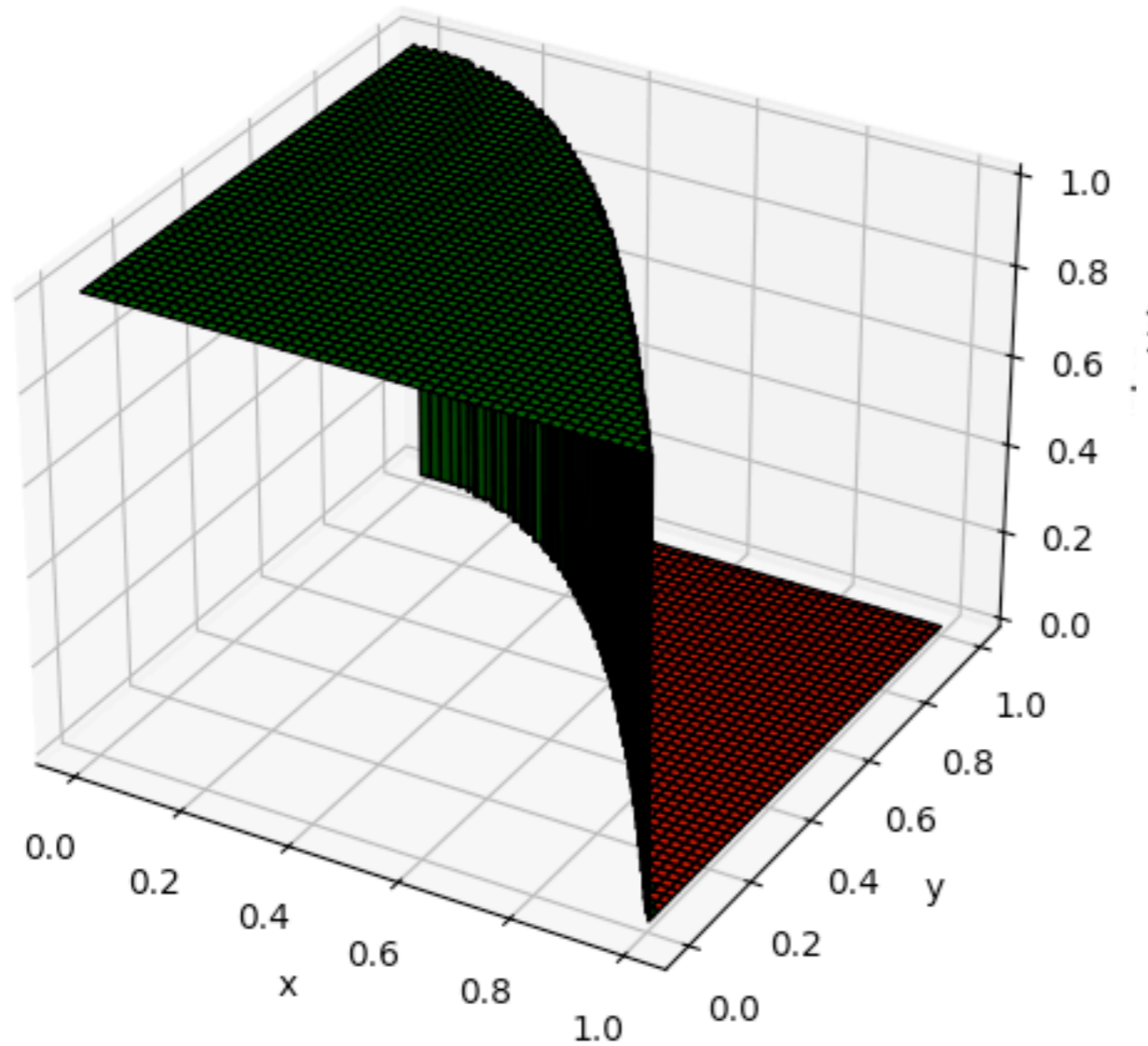


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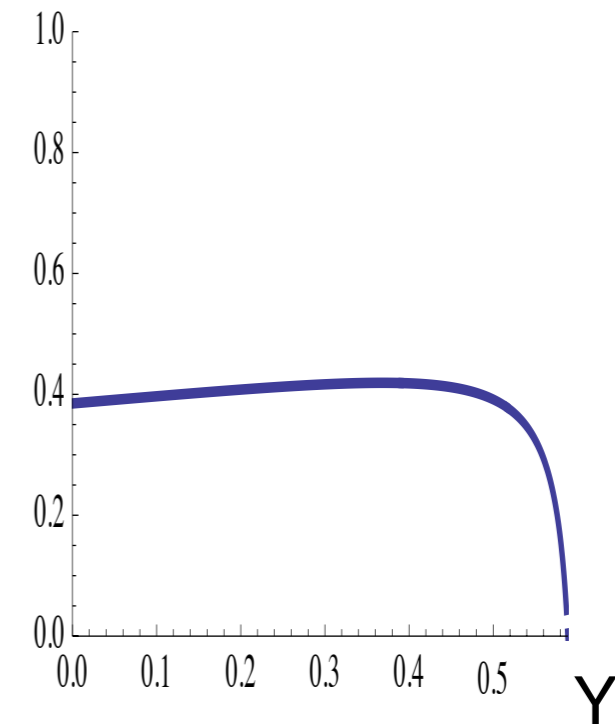
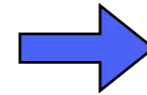
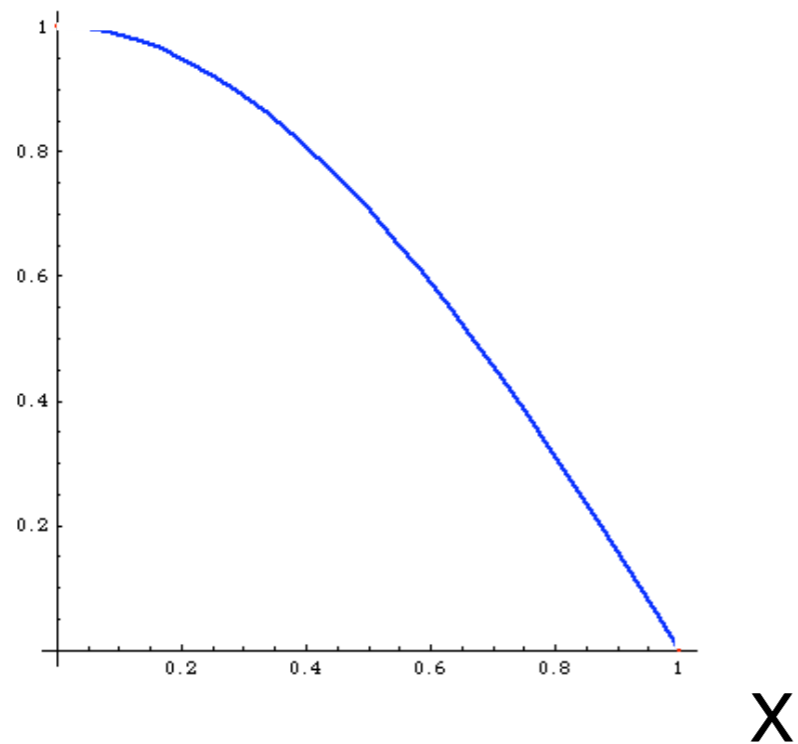
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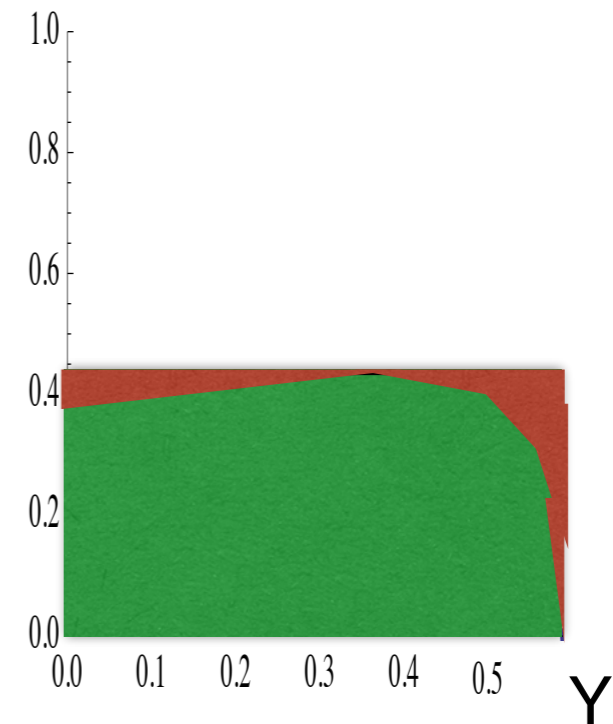
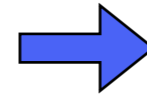
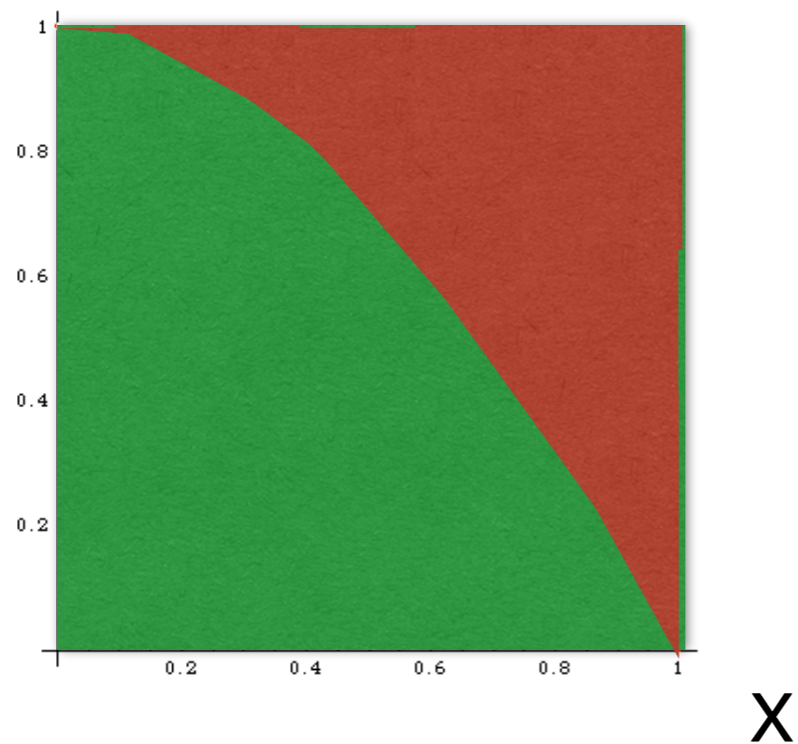


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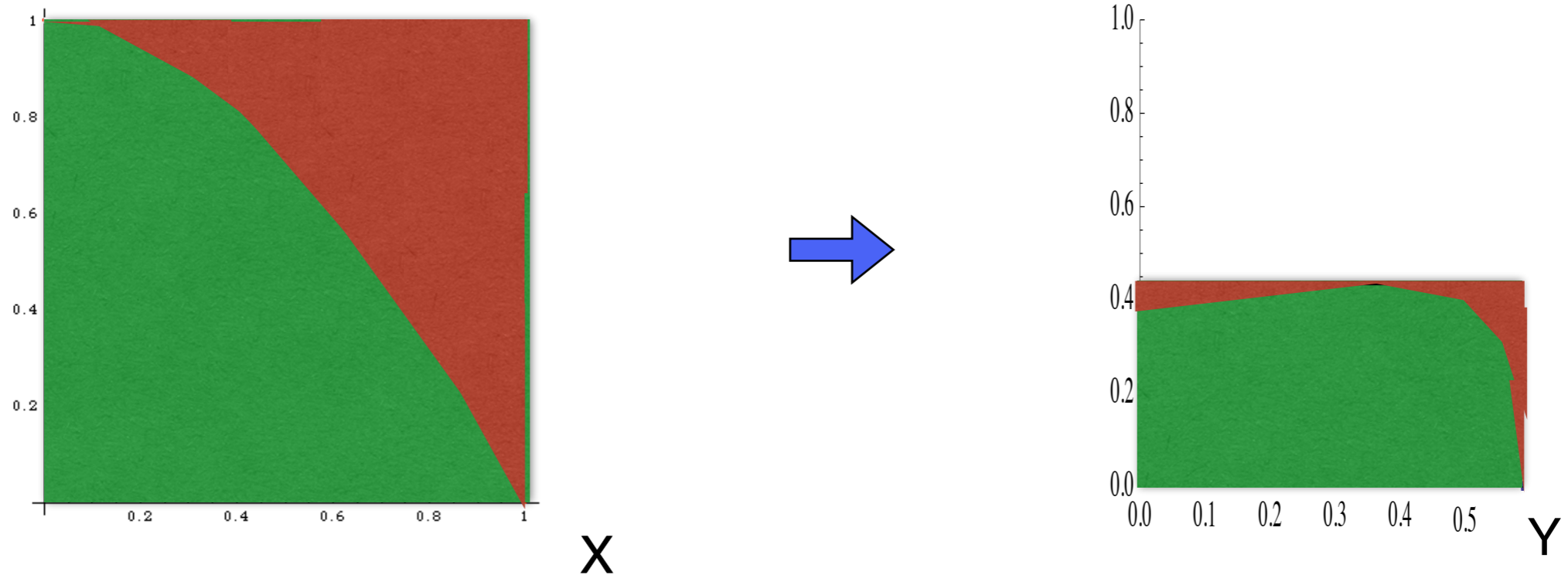
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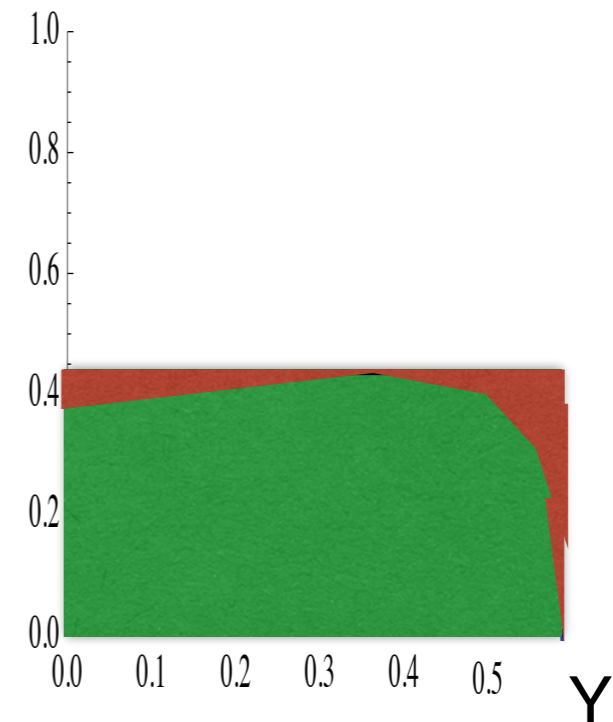
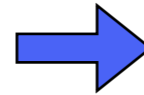
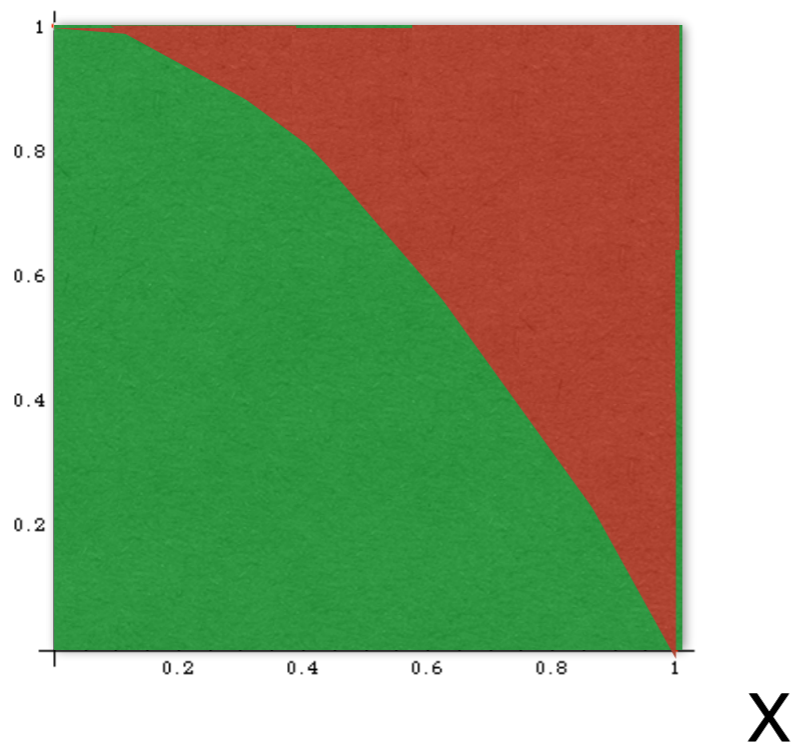


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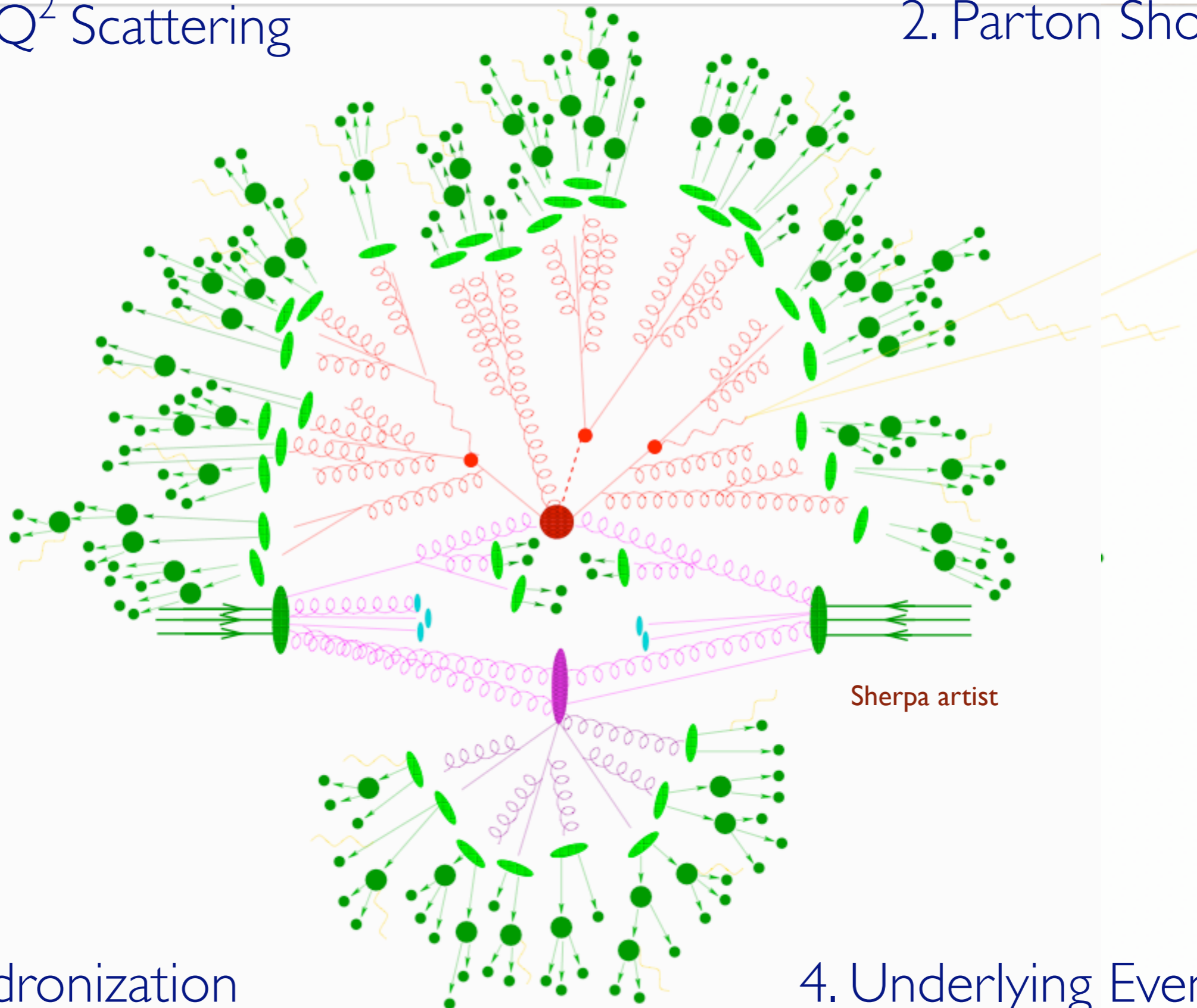
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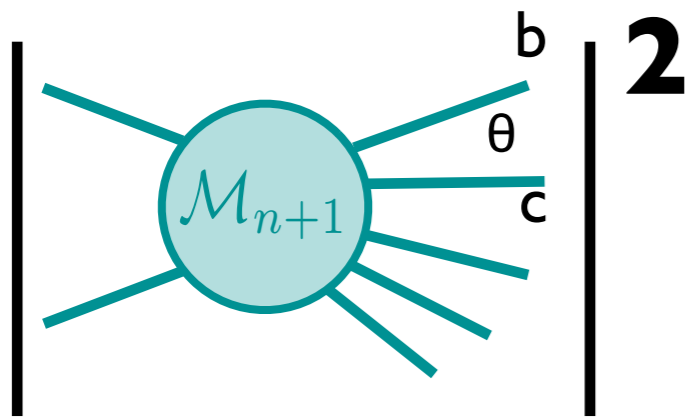
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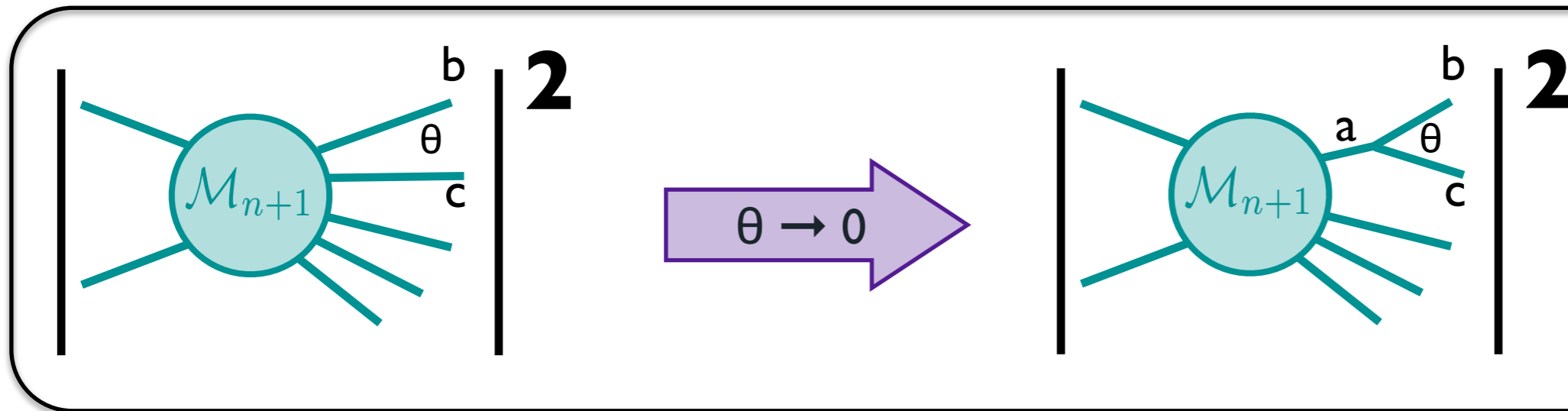
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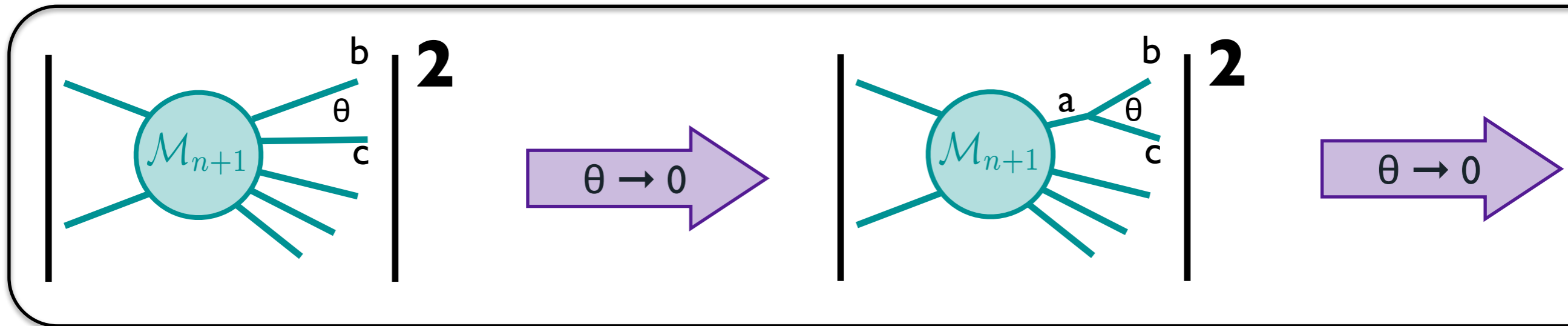
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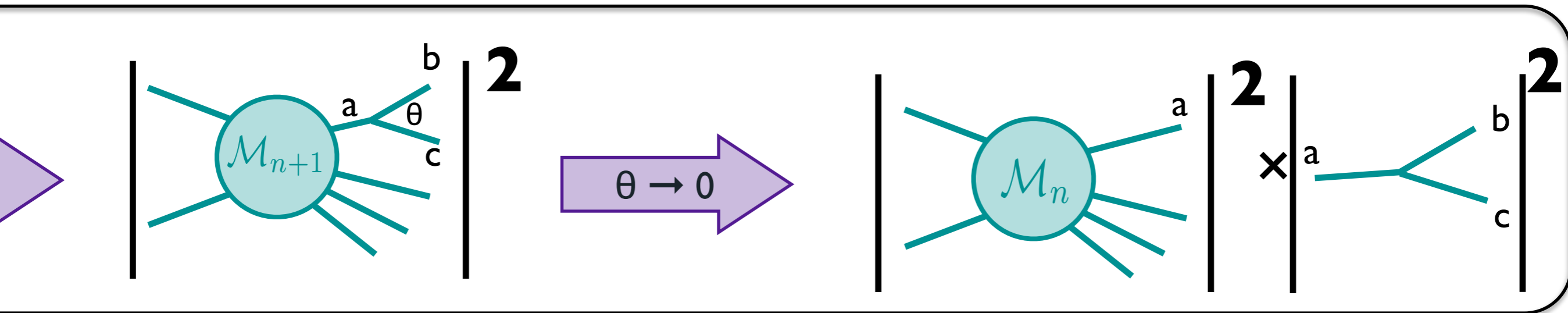
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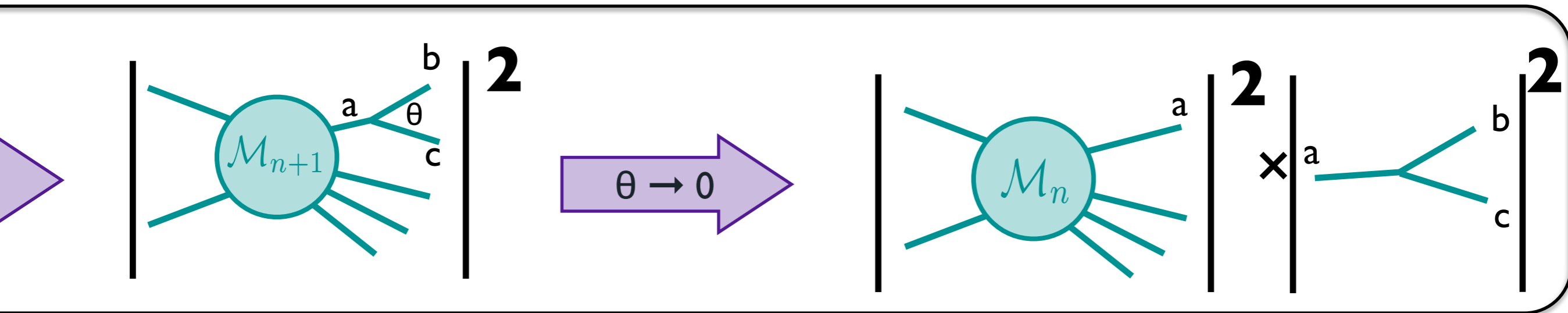
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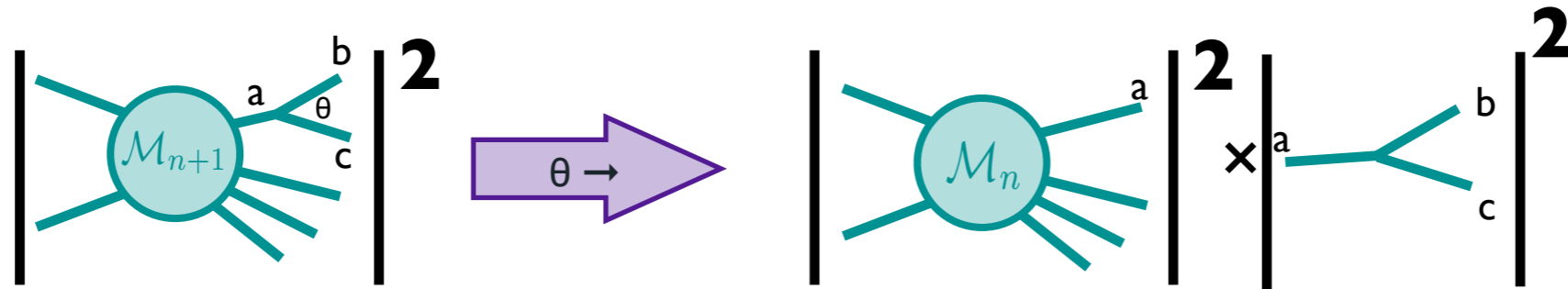
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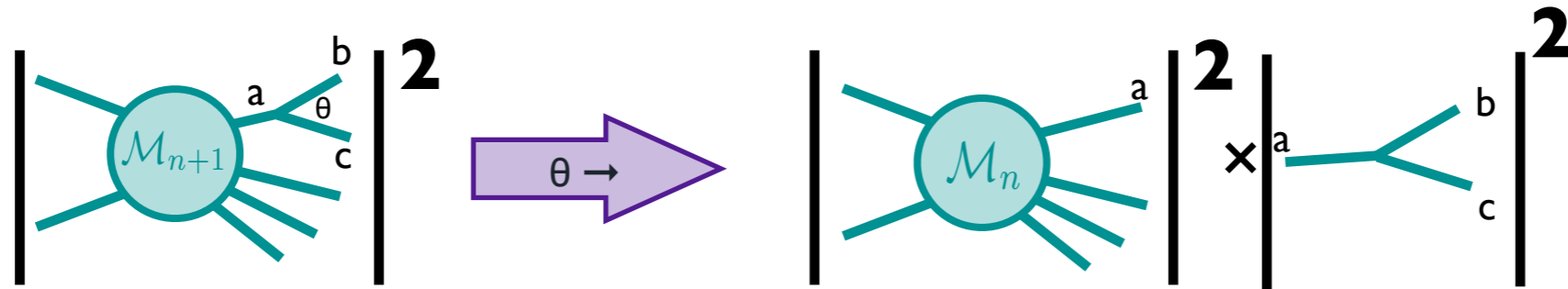
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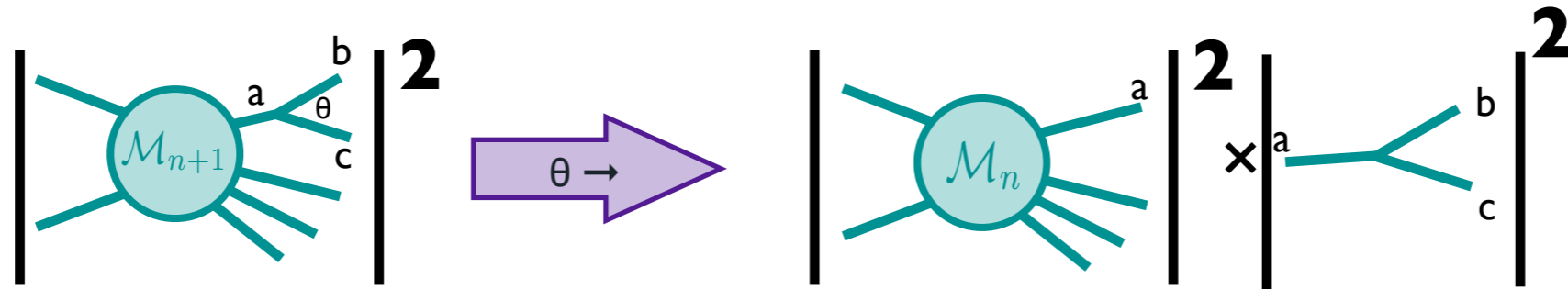


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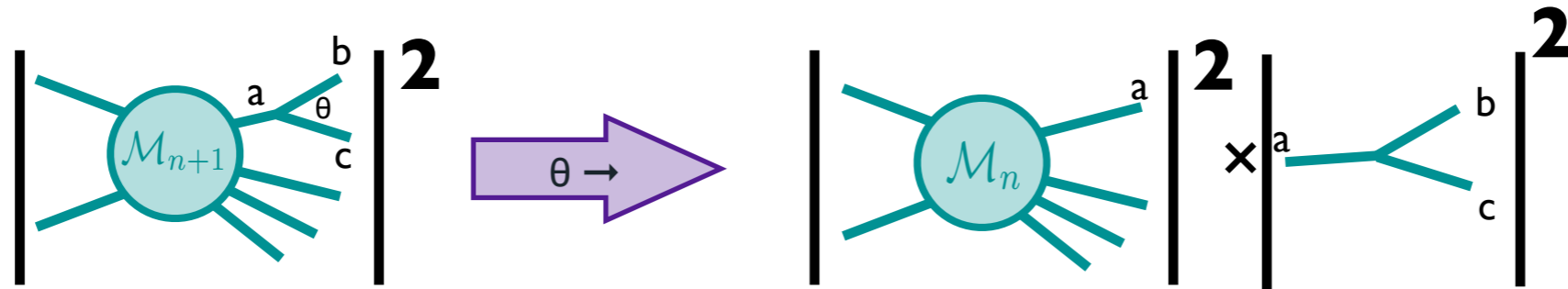


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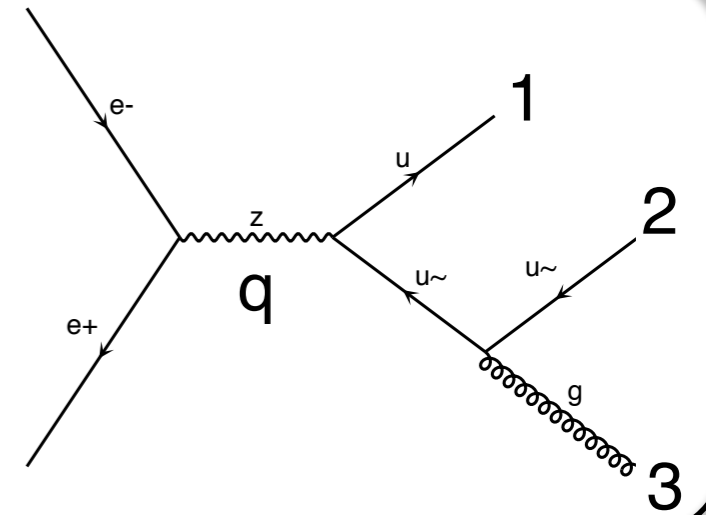
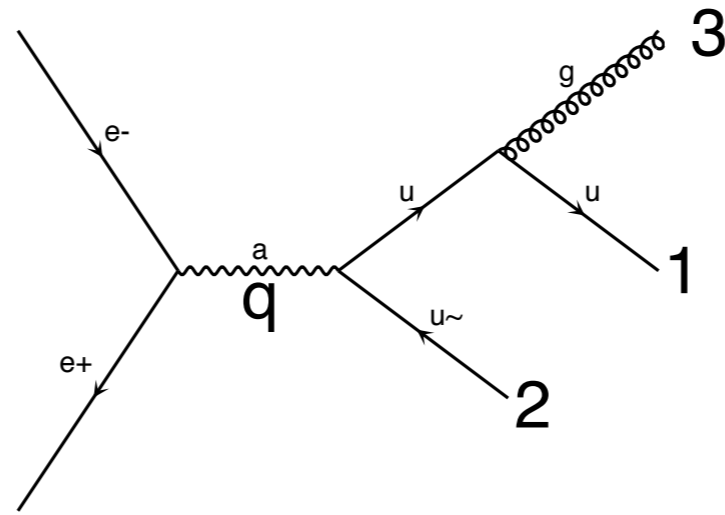
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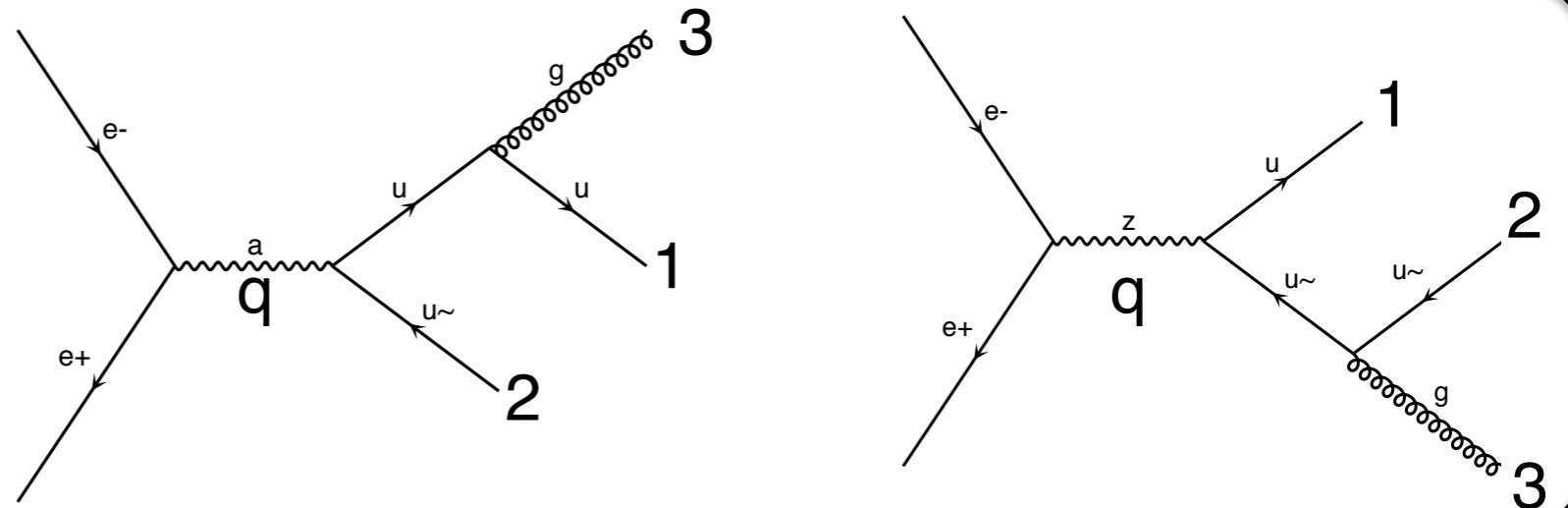
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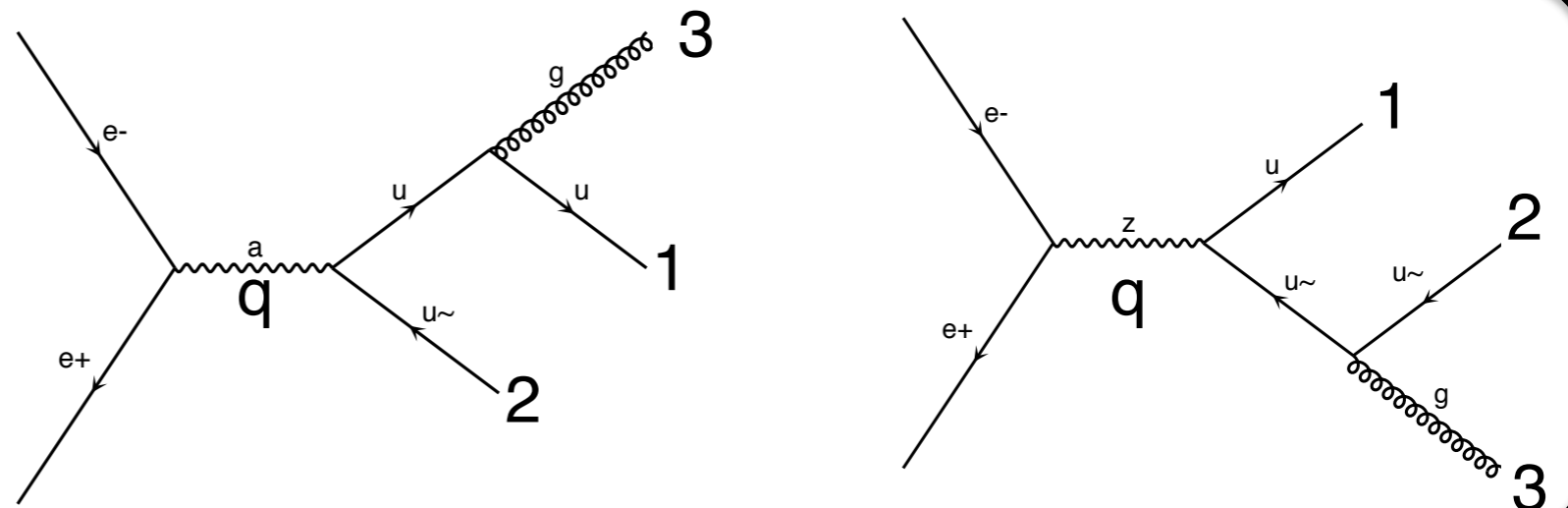
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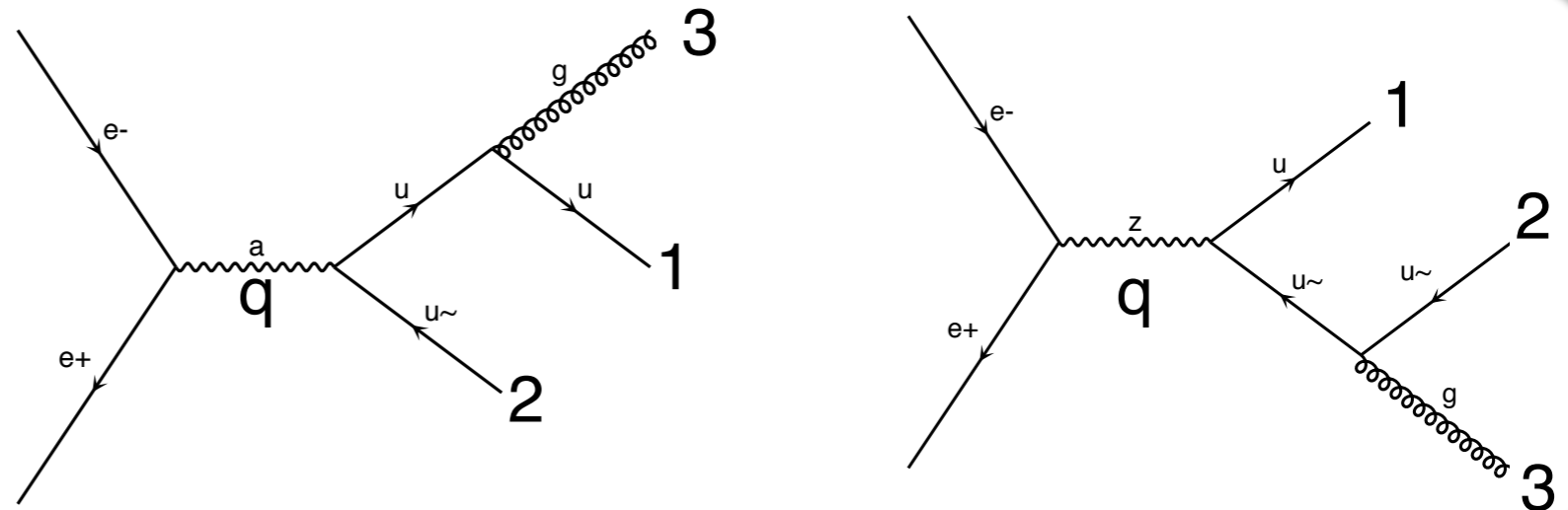
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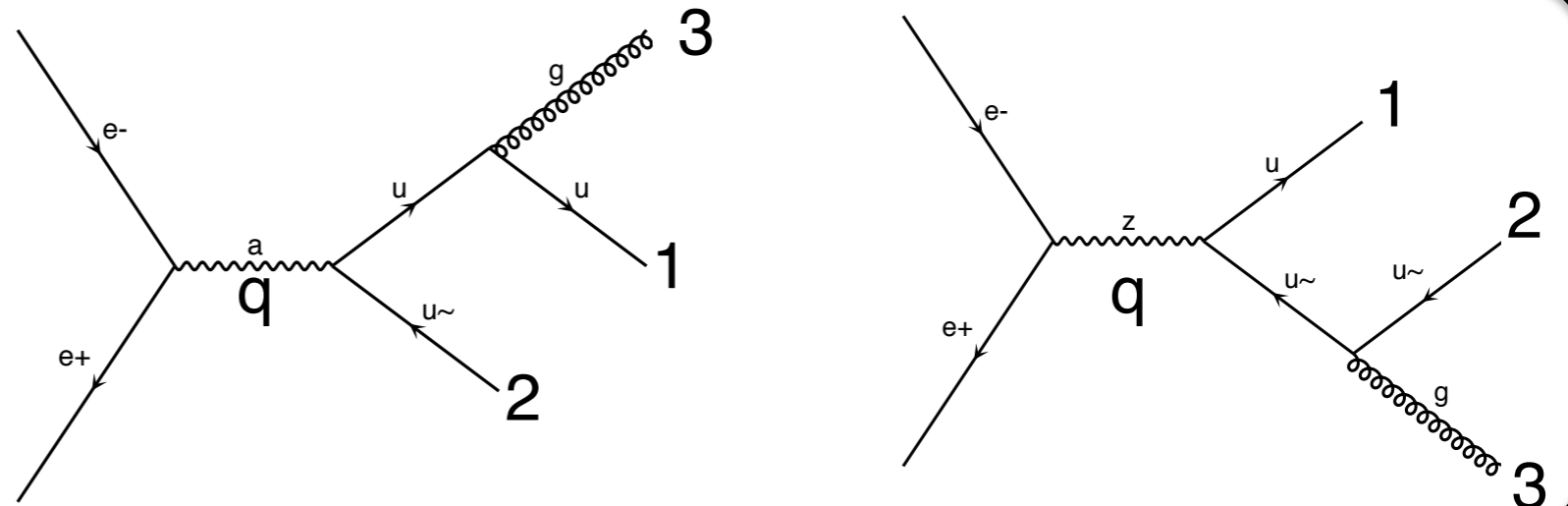
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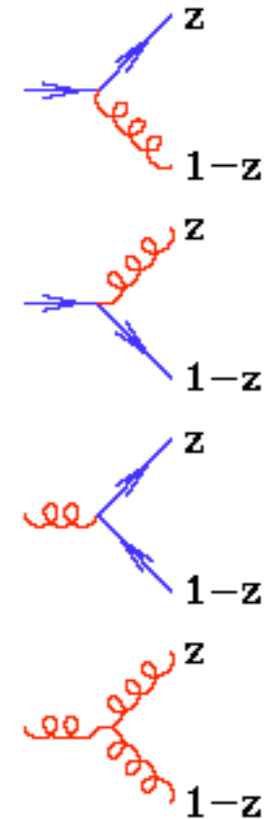
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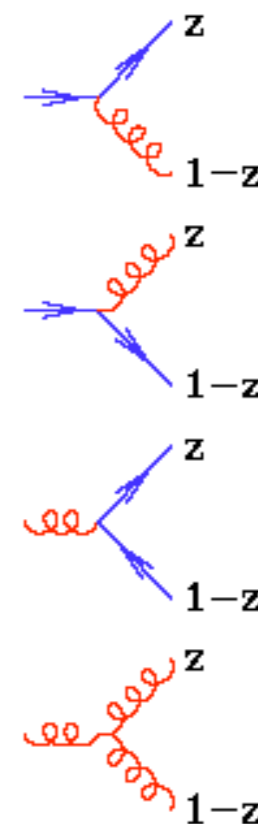
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- * Gluons radiate the most
- * P_{qg} has no soft divergences
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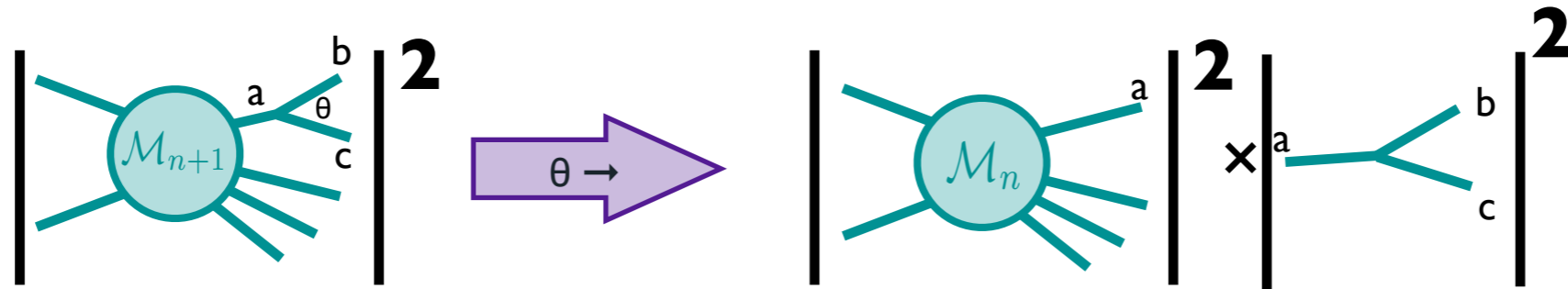
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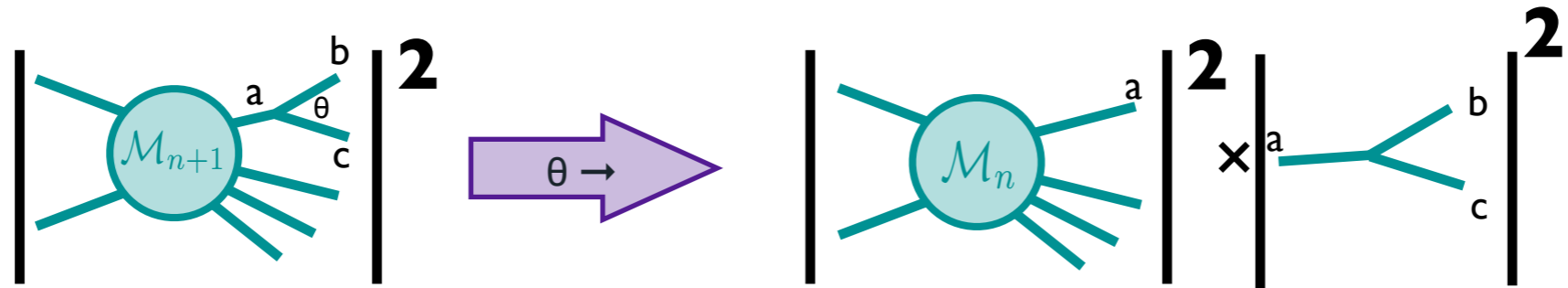
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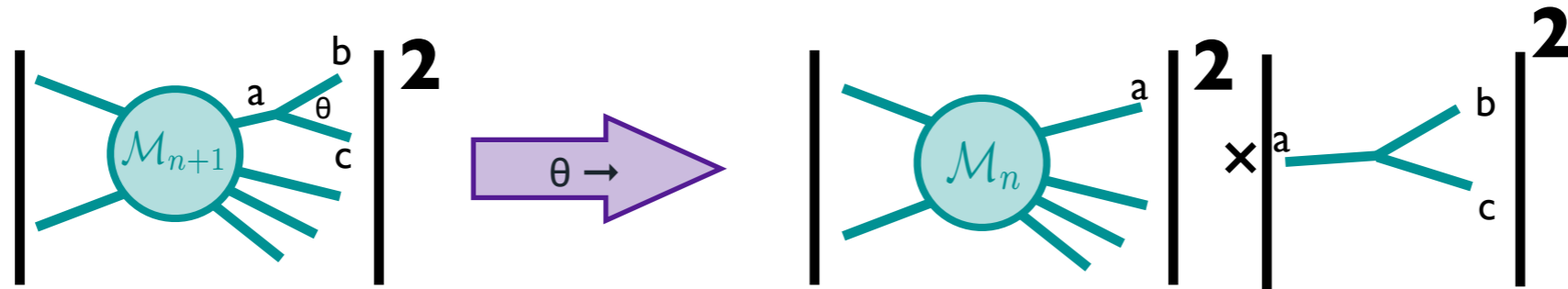


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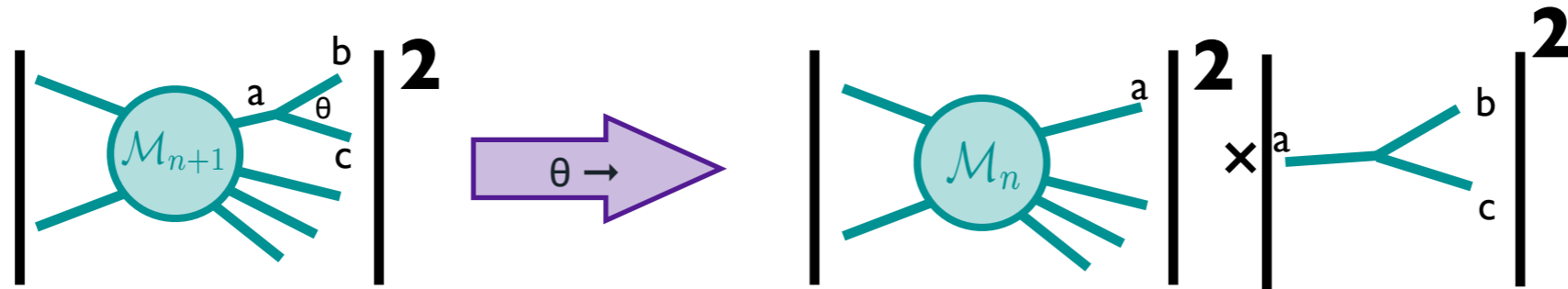


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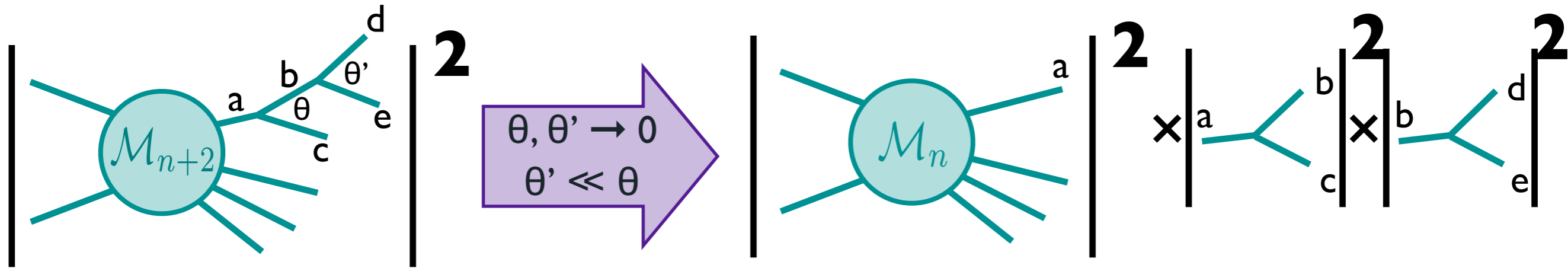
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- Collinear Factorisation does not include interference term
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$$\sigma_{n+k} \propto \alpha_s^k \int_{Q_0^2}^{Q^2} \frac{dt}{t} \int_{Q_0^2}^t \frac{dt'}{t'} \dots \int_{Q_0^2}^{t^{(k-2)}} \frac{dt^{(k-1)}}{t^{(k-1)}} \propto \sigma_n \left(\frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} \right)^k \log^k(Q^2/Q_0^2)$$

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Parton shower

- ✱ The Sudakov form factor is the heart of the parton shower. It gives the probability that a parton does not branch between two scales
- ✱ Using this no-emission probability the **branching tree of a parton** is generated.
- ✱ Define **dP_k** as the probability for k ordered splittings from leg a at given scales

$$\begin{aligned}dP_1(t_1) &= \Delta(Q^2, t_1) dp(t_1) \Delta(t_1, Q_0^2), \\dP_2(t_1, t_2) &= \Delta(Q^2, t_1) dp(t_1) \Delta(t_1, t_2) dp(t_2) \Delta(t_2, Q_0^2) \Theta(t_1 - t_2), \\&\dots = \dots \\dP_k(t_1, \dots, t_k) &= \Delta(Q^2, Q_0^2) \prod_{l=1}^k dp(t_l) \Theta(t_{l-1} - t_l)\end{aligned}$$

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singularities

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Consider the contributions from (exactly) 0 and 1 emissions from leg a:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{\sigma_n} = \Delta(Q^2, Q_0^2) + \Delta(Q^2, Q_0^2) \sum_{bc} dz \frac{dt}{t} \frac{d\phi}{2\pi} \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}(z)$$

- Expanding to first order in α_s gives

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- Same structure of the two latter terms, with opposite signs: cancellation of divergences between the approximate virtual and approximate real emission cross sections.
- The probabilistic interpretation of the shower ensures that infrared divergences will cancel for each emission.

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- Parton shower is unitary (and IR safe)
- Parton shower is a Markov Chain
 - One emission at the time
- Each interactions has its own scale for alphas
- Various choice for the evolution parameter

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N3LO or NNNLO
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- Including higher corrections improves predictions and reduces theoretical uncertainties

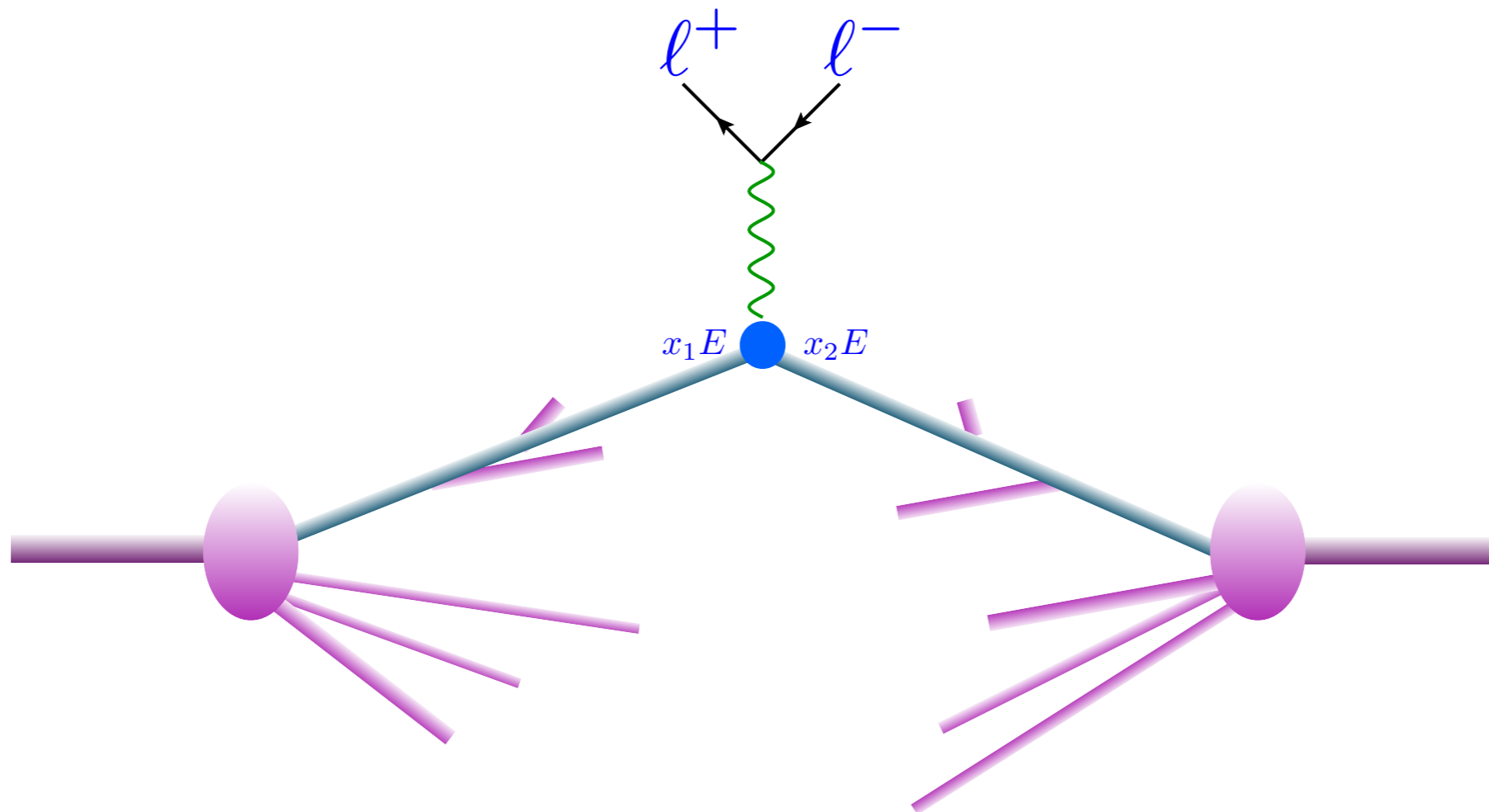
NLO corrections

- **NLO corrections have three parts:**
 - The Born contribution, i.e. the Leading order.
 - Virtual (or Loop) corrections: formed by an amplitude with a closed loop of particles interfered with the Born amplitudes
 - Real emission corrections: formed by amplitudes with one extra parton compared to the Born process
- **Both Virtual and Real emission have one power of α_s extra compared to the Born process**

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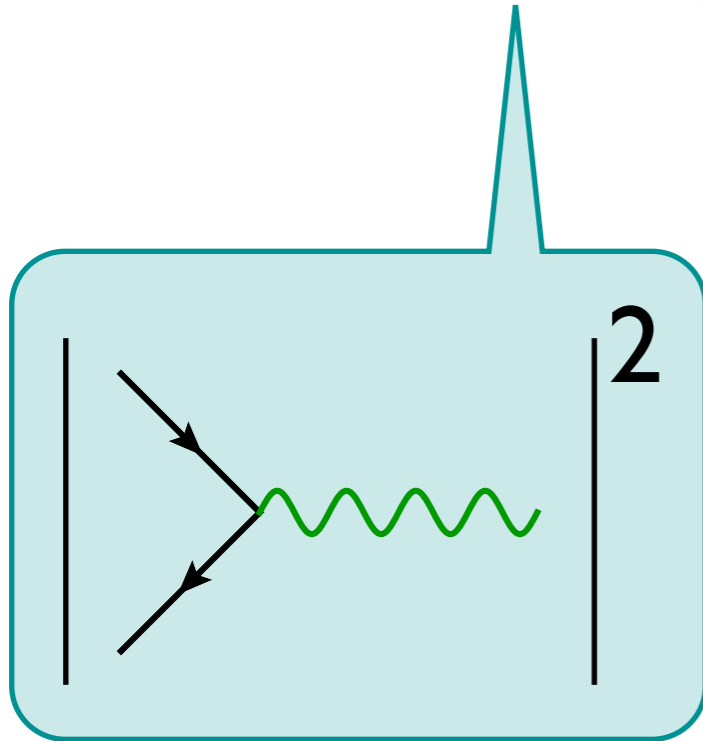
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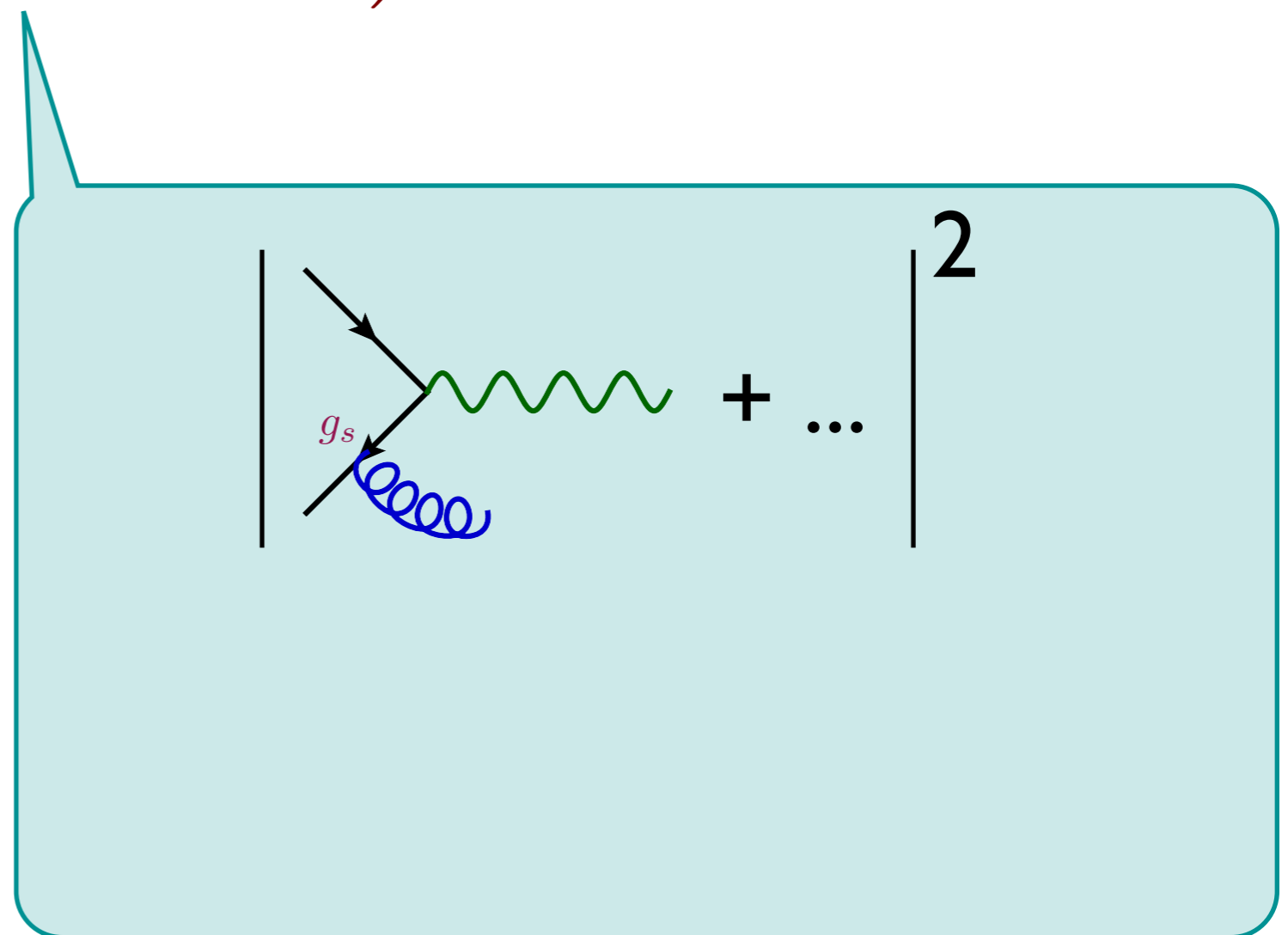
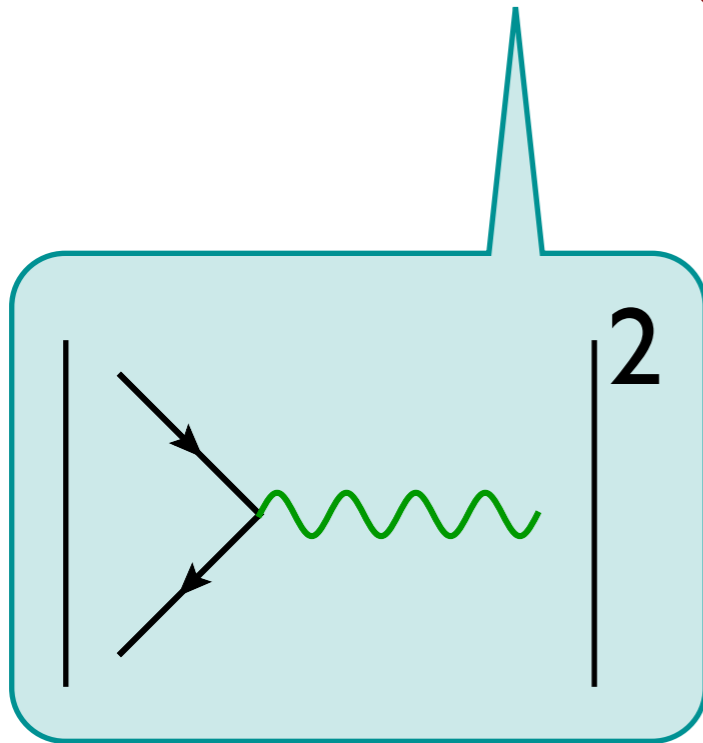
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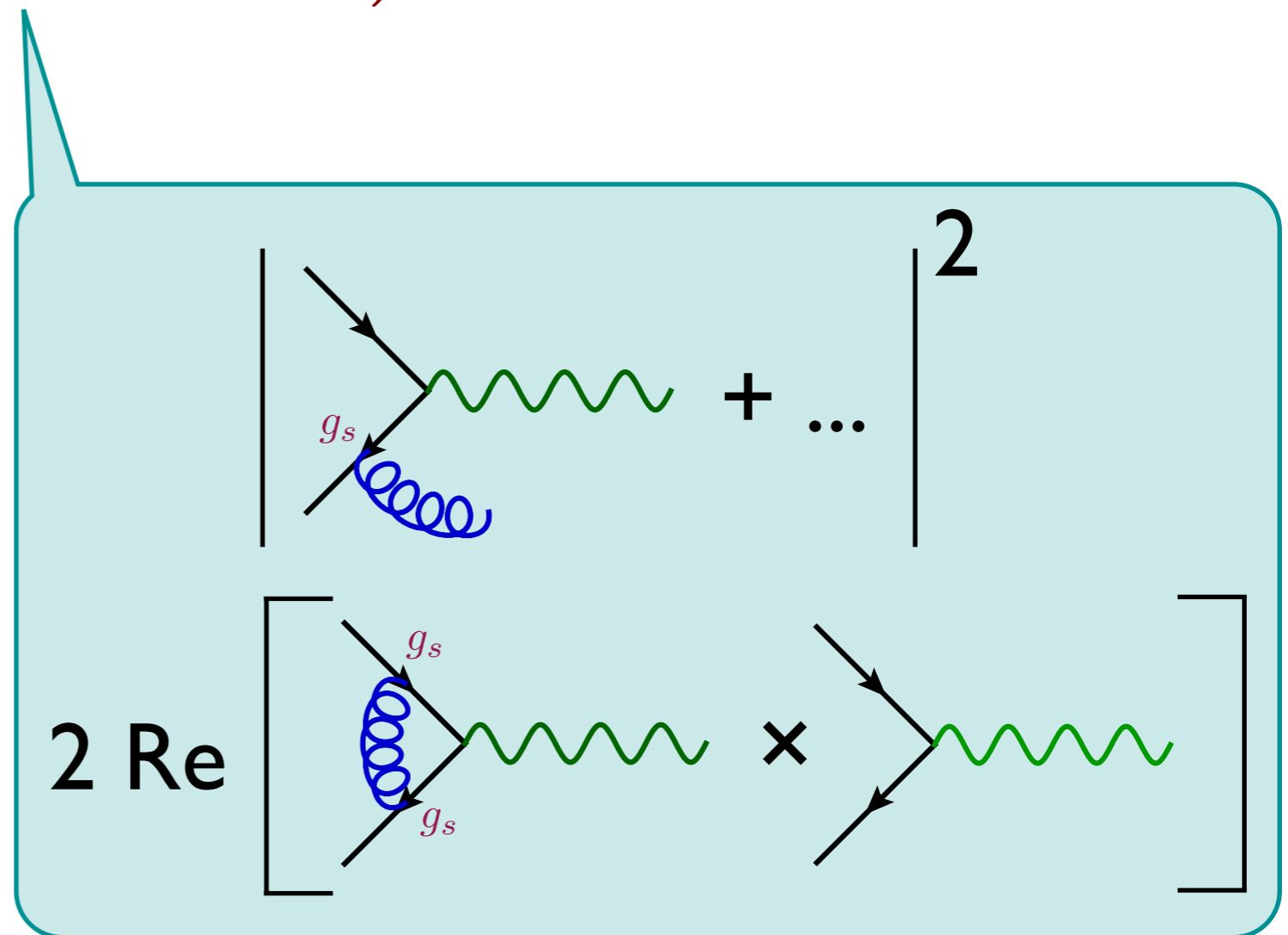
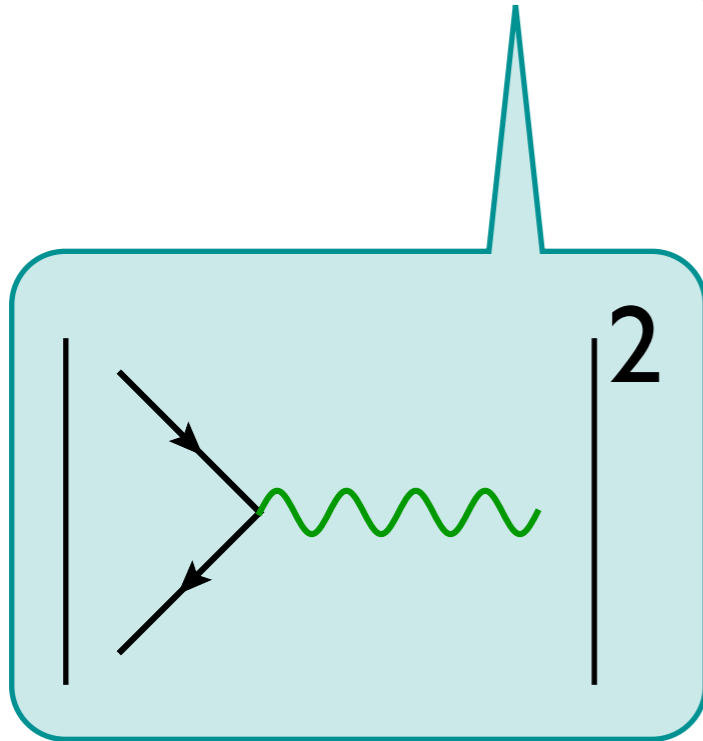
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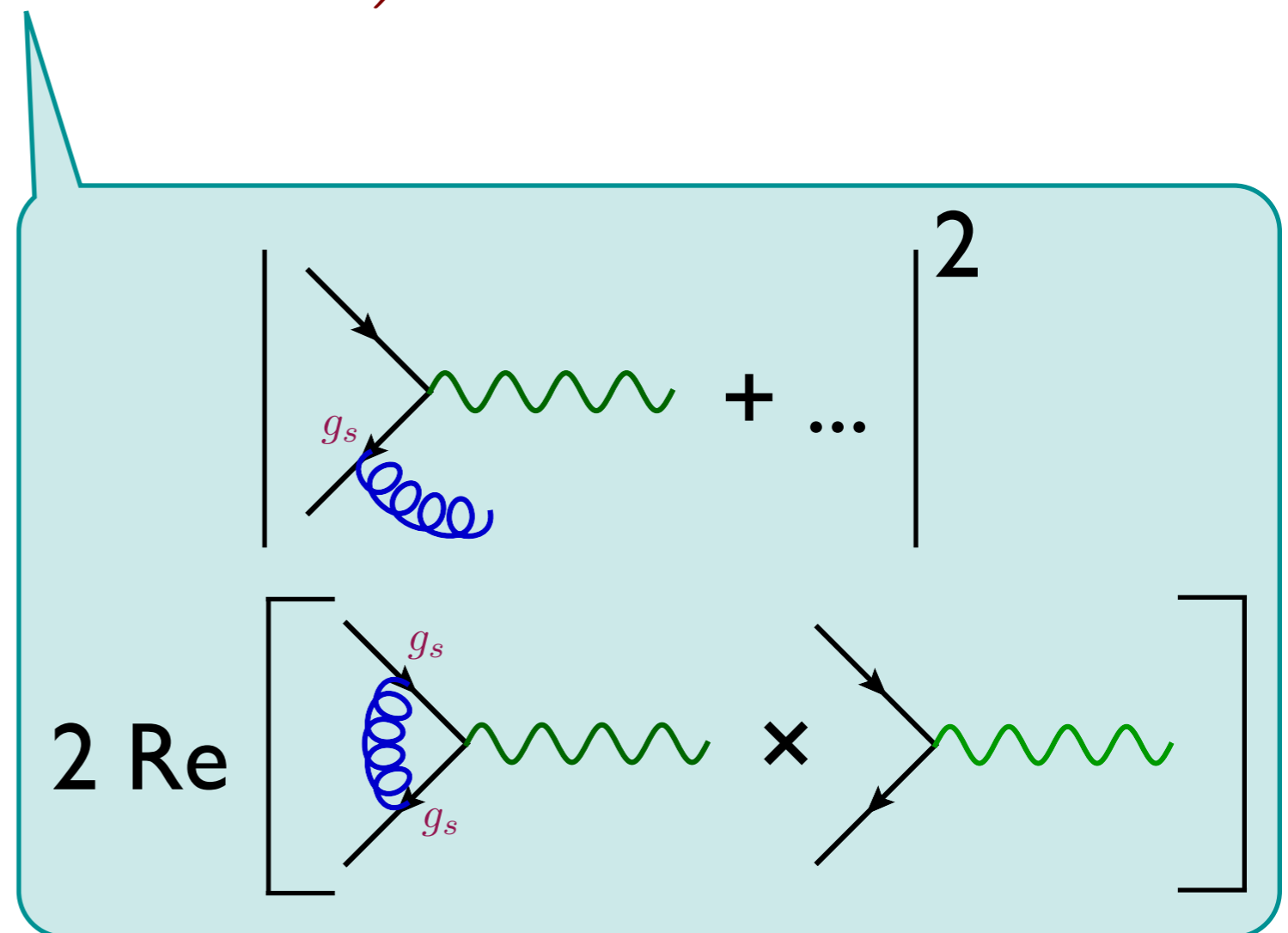
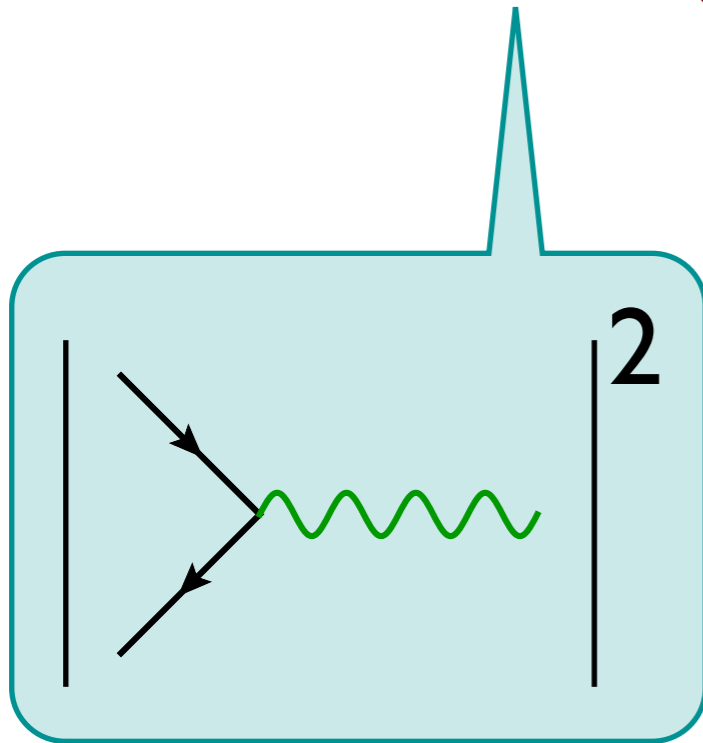
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Question time



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Allez sur wooclap.com

2

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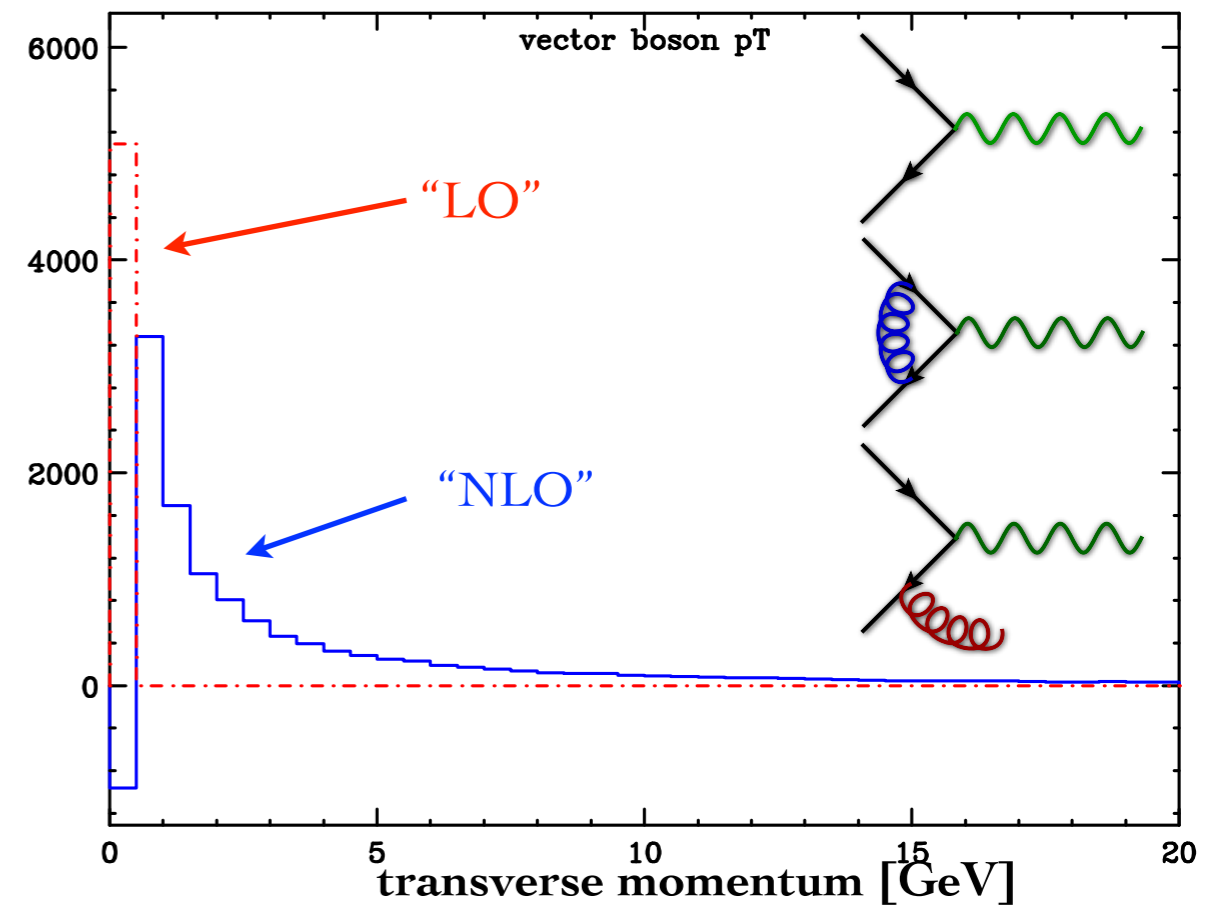
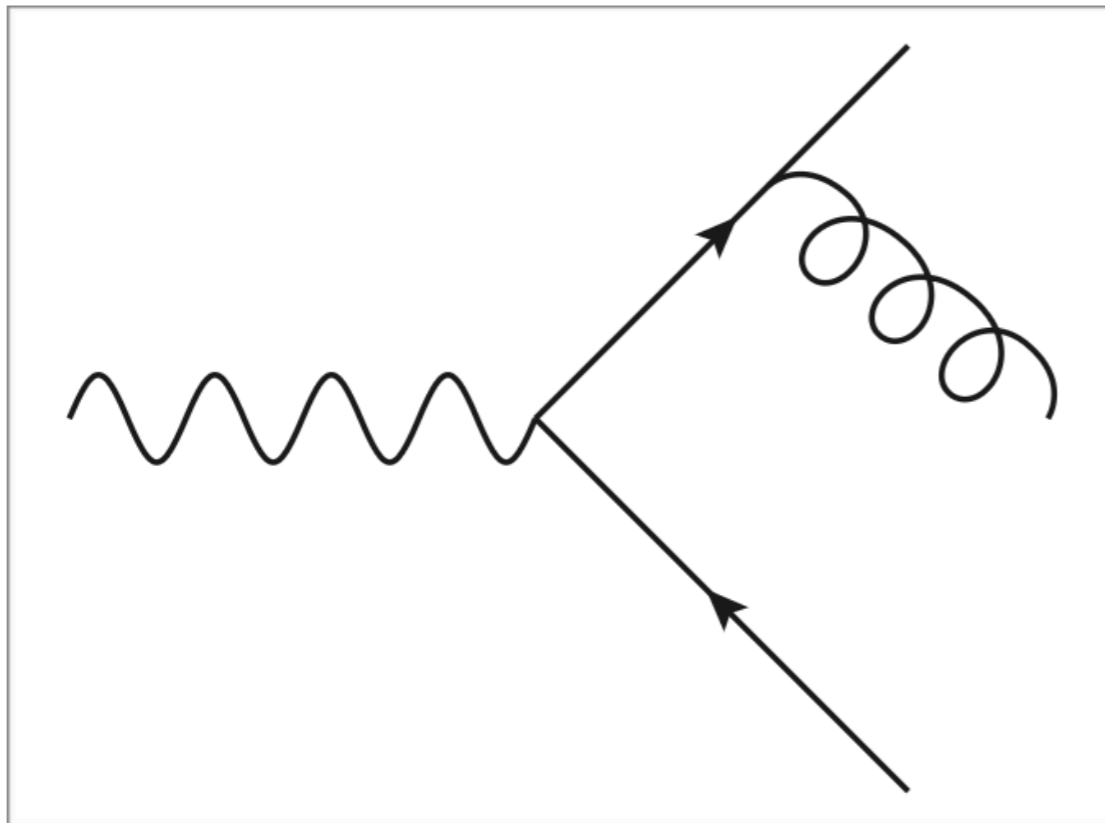
Code d'événement
MADGRAPH



Activer les réponses par SMS

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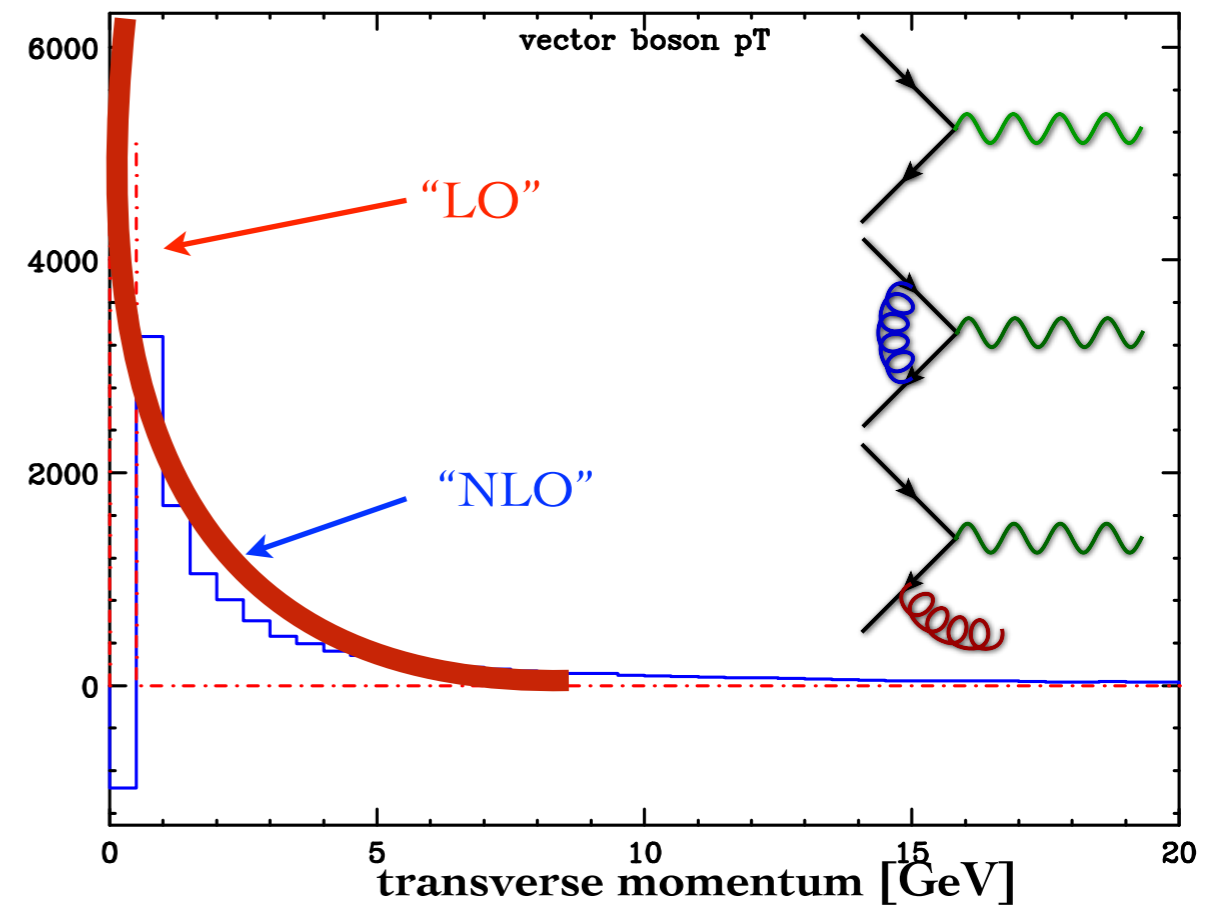
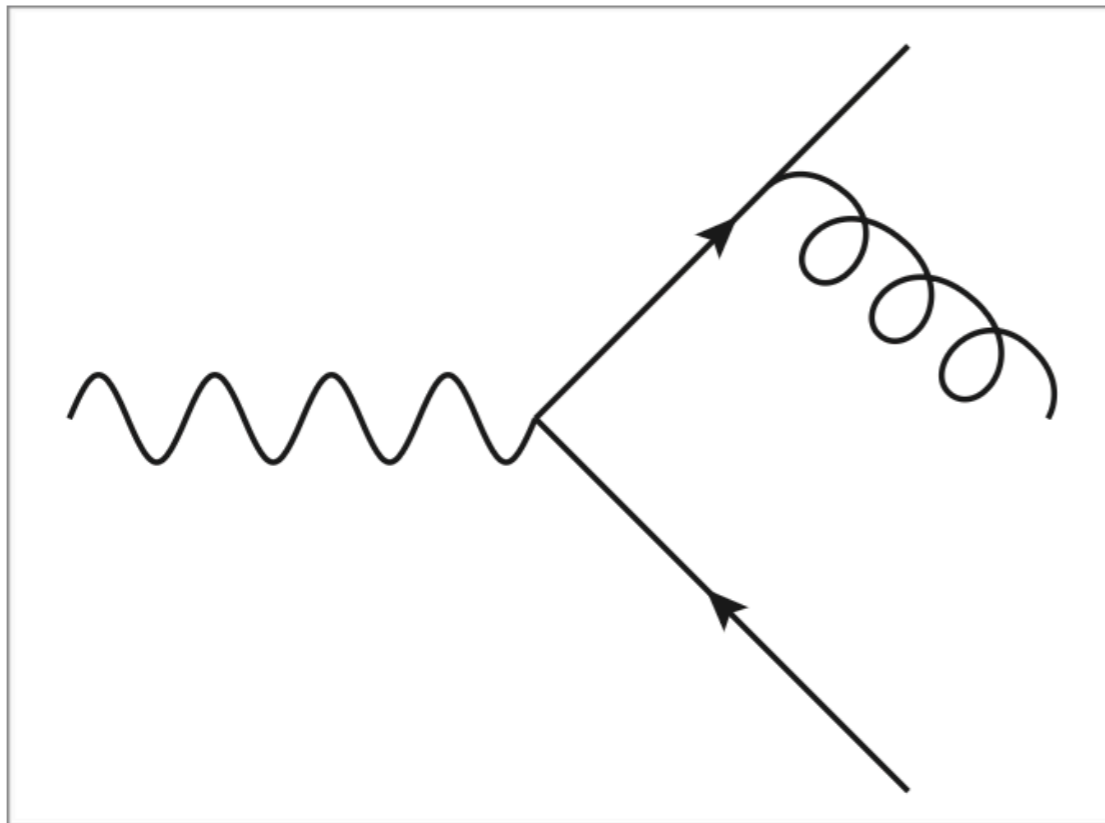
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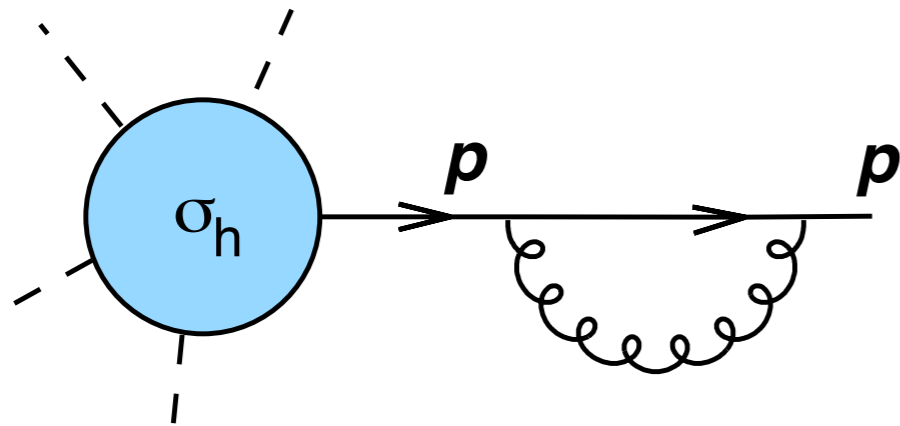
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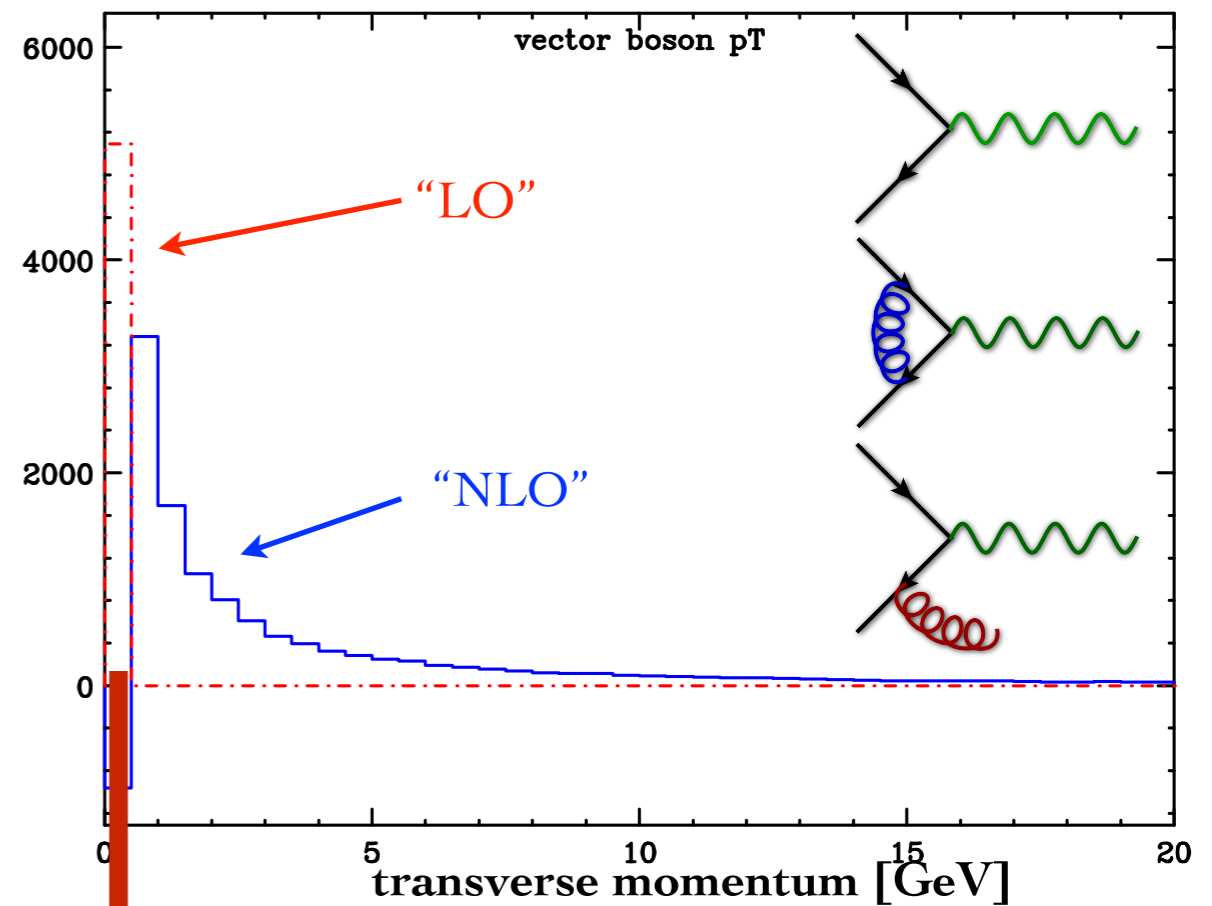
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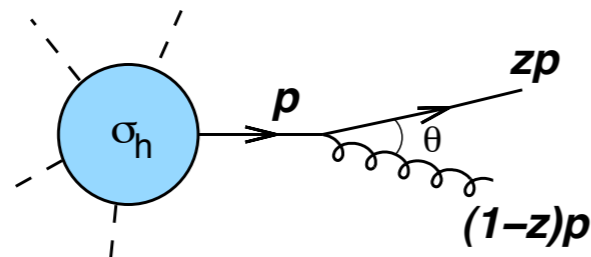
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- loop computed in dimensional regularisation
- divergence appears as pole in the regularisation parameters

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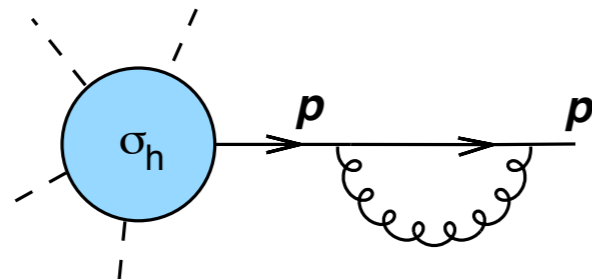
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where k_t is the transverse momentum of the gluon, $k_t = E \sin\theta$.

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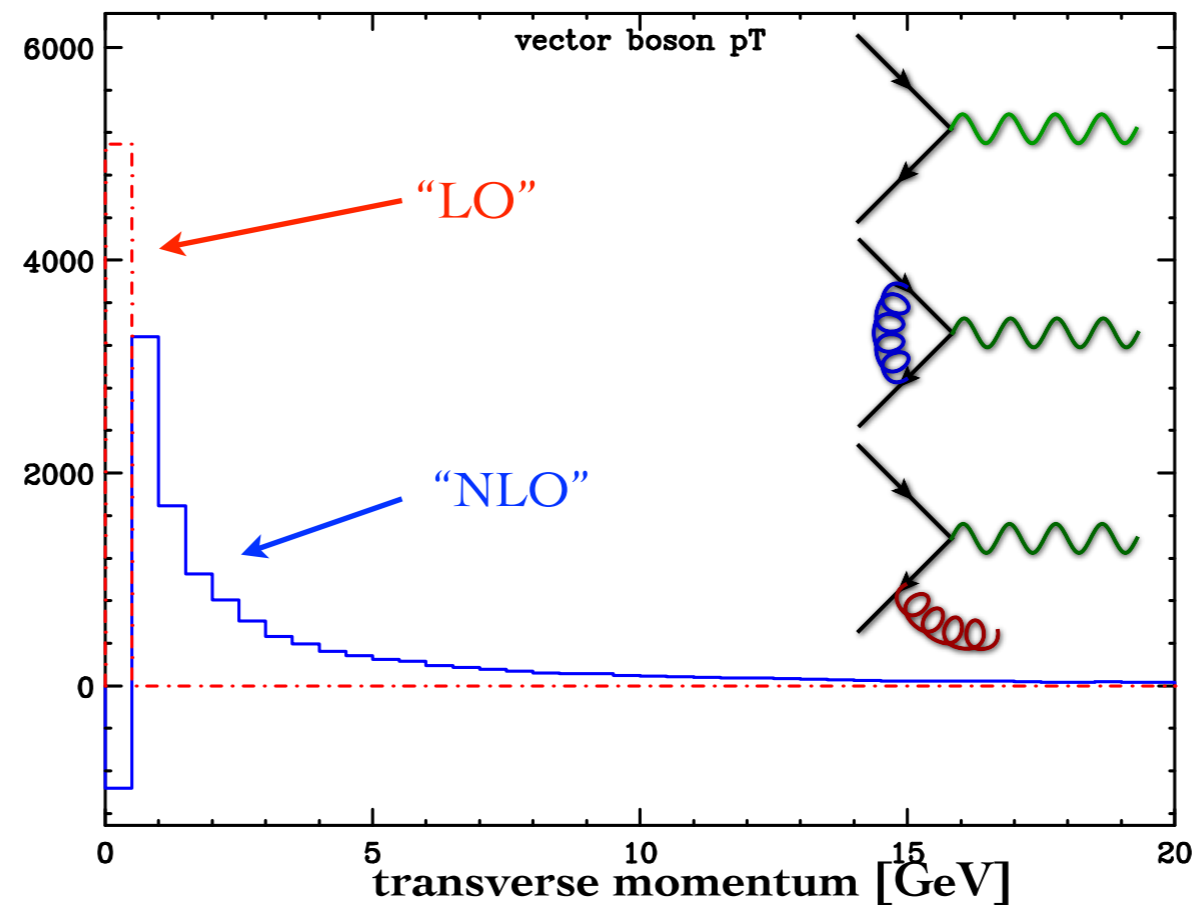


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- KLN : The **sum is finite**

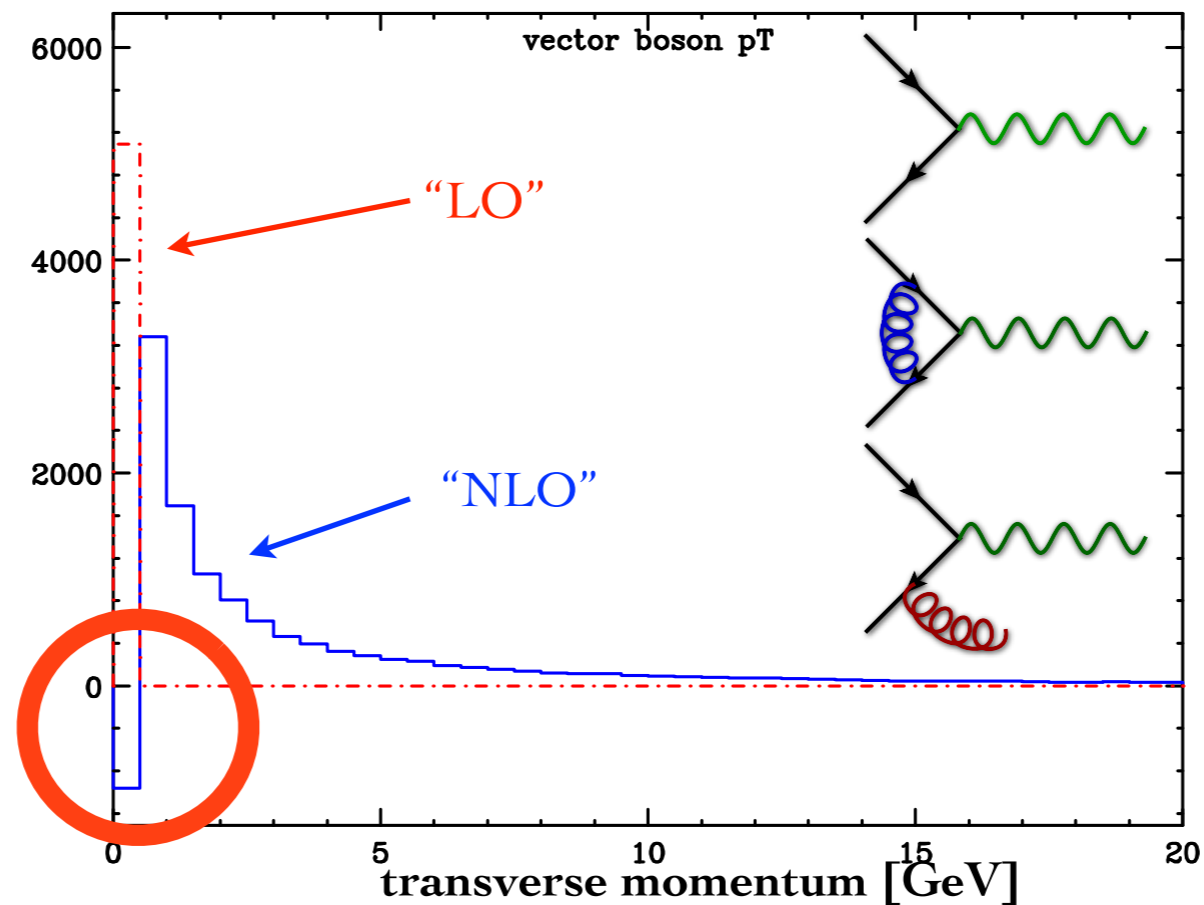
for observables that cannot distinguish between two collinear partons ($k_t \rightarrow 0$); a hard and a soft parton ($z \rightarrow 1$); and a single parton (in the virtual contributions)

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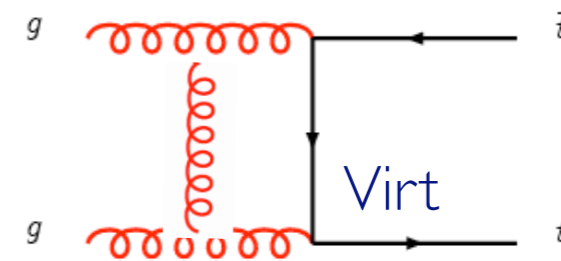
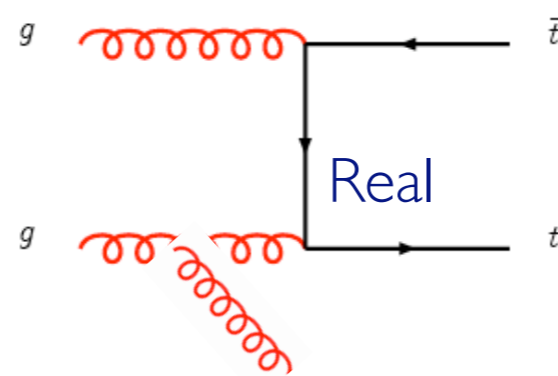
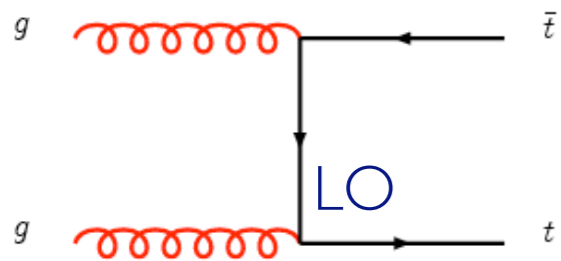
- For an observable to be calculable in fixed-order perturbation theory, the **observable should be infrared safe**, i.e., it should be insensitive to the emission of soft or collinear partons.
- In particular, if p_i is a momentum occurring in the definition of an observable, it must be invariant under the branching
$$p_i \rightarrow p_j + p_k,$$
whenever p_j and p_k are collinear or one of them is soft.

- Examples

- “The number of gluons” produced in a collision is not an infrared safe observable
- “The number of hard jets defined using the k_T algorithm with a transverse momentum above 40 GeV,” produced in a collision is an infrared safe observable

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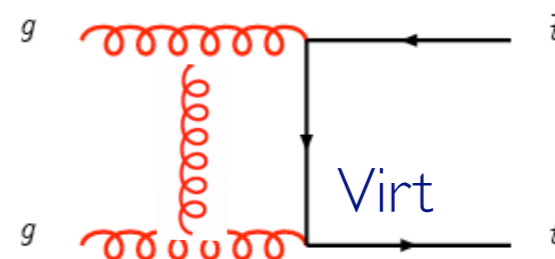
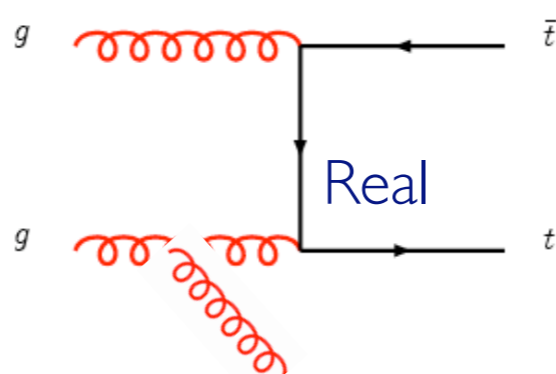
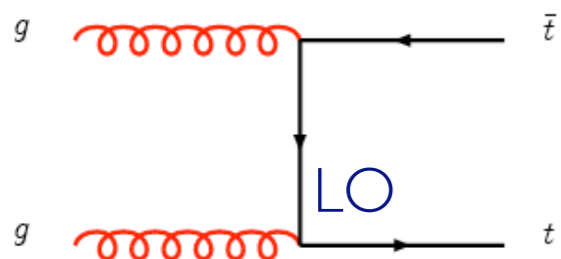


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- Transverse momentum of the top quark ✓
- Transverse momentum of the top-antitop pair ✗
- Transverse momentum of the jet ✗
- Top-antitop invariant mass ✓
- Azimuthal distance between the top and anti-top ✗

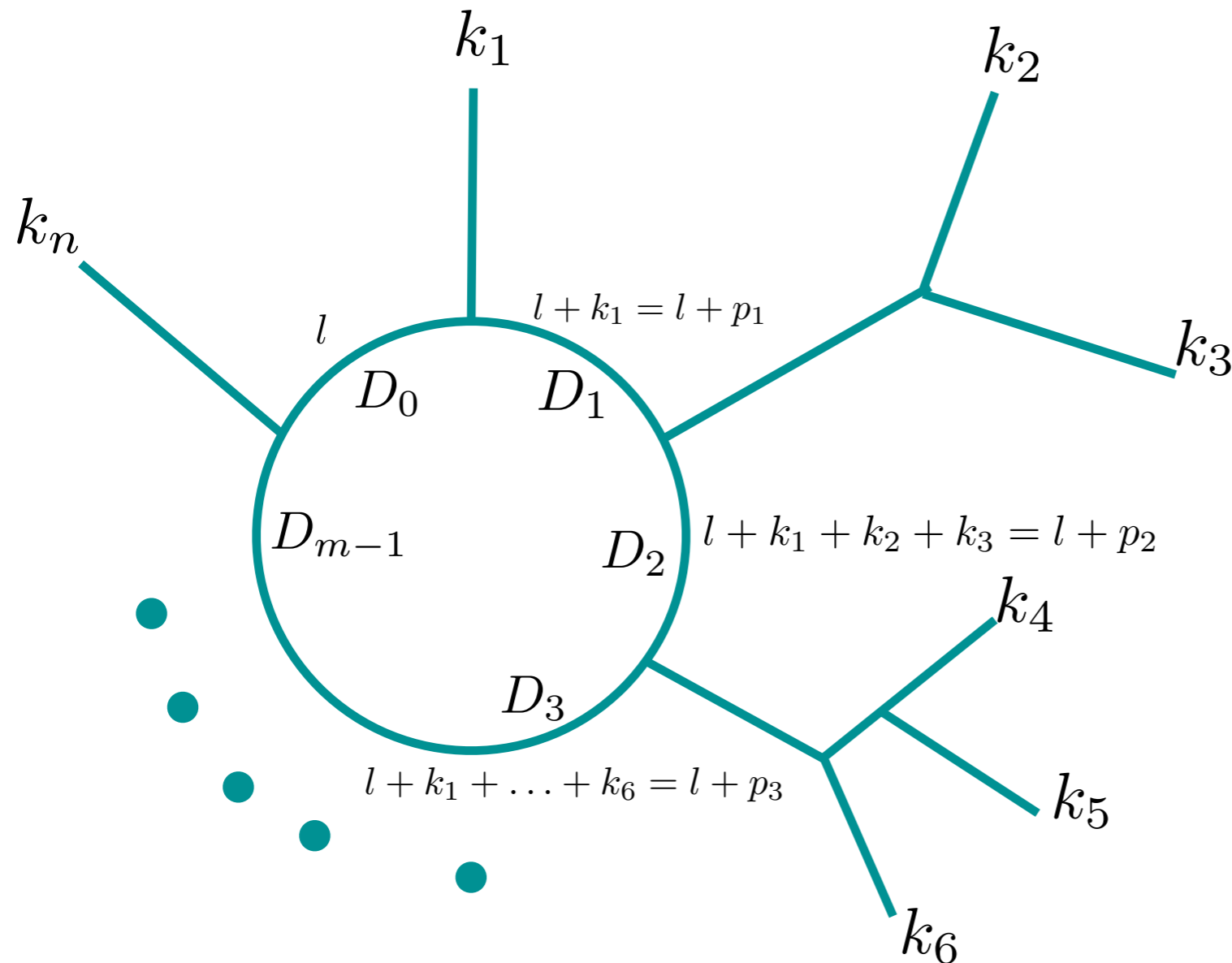
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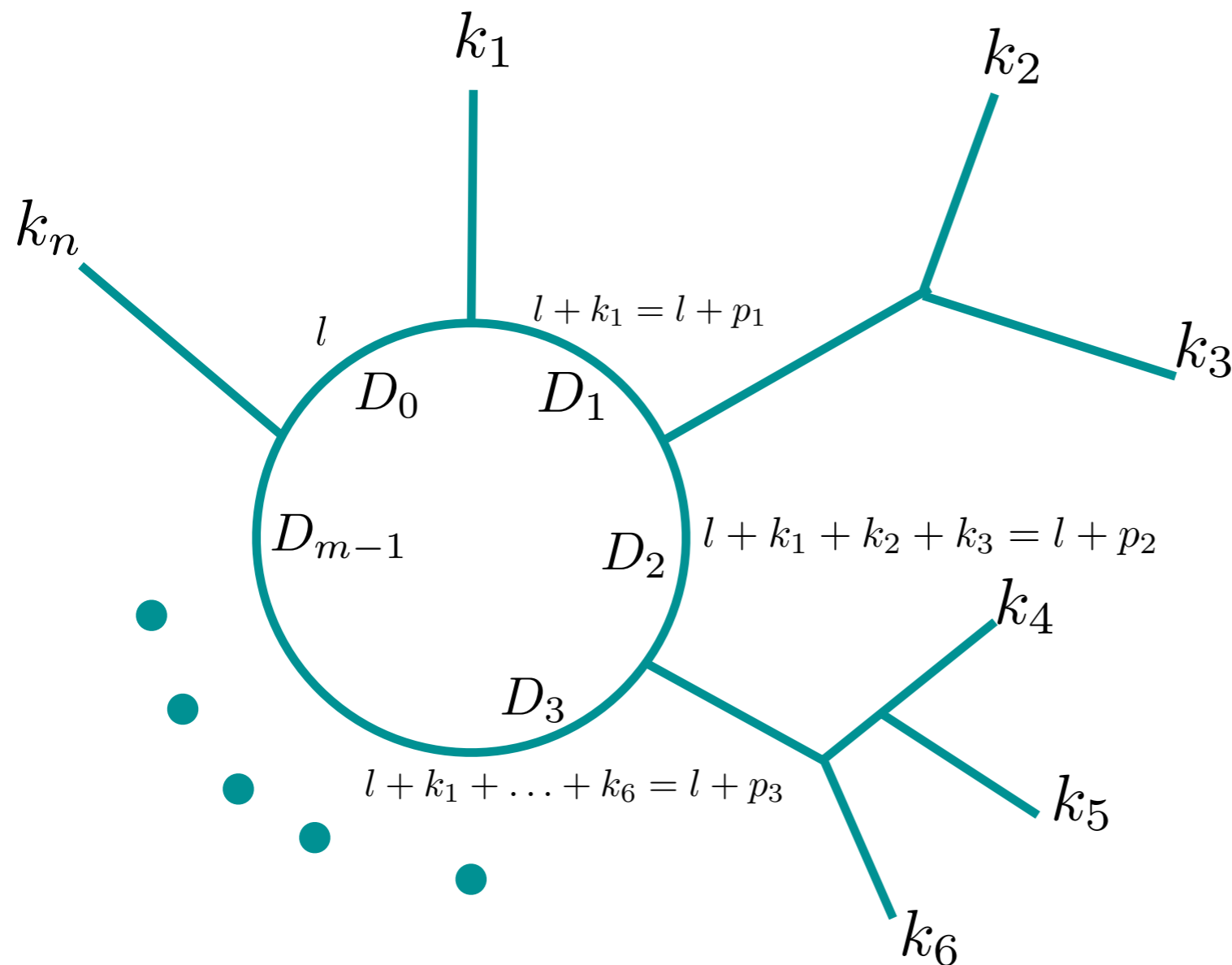
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$$D_i = (l + p_i)^2 - m_i^2$$

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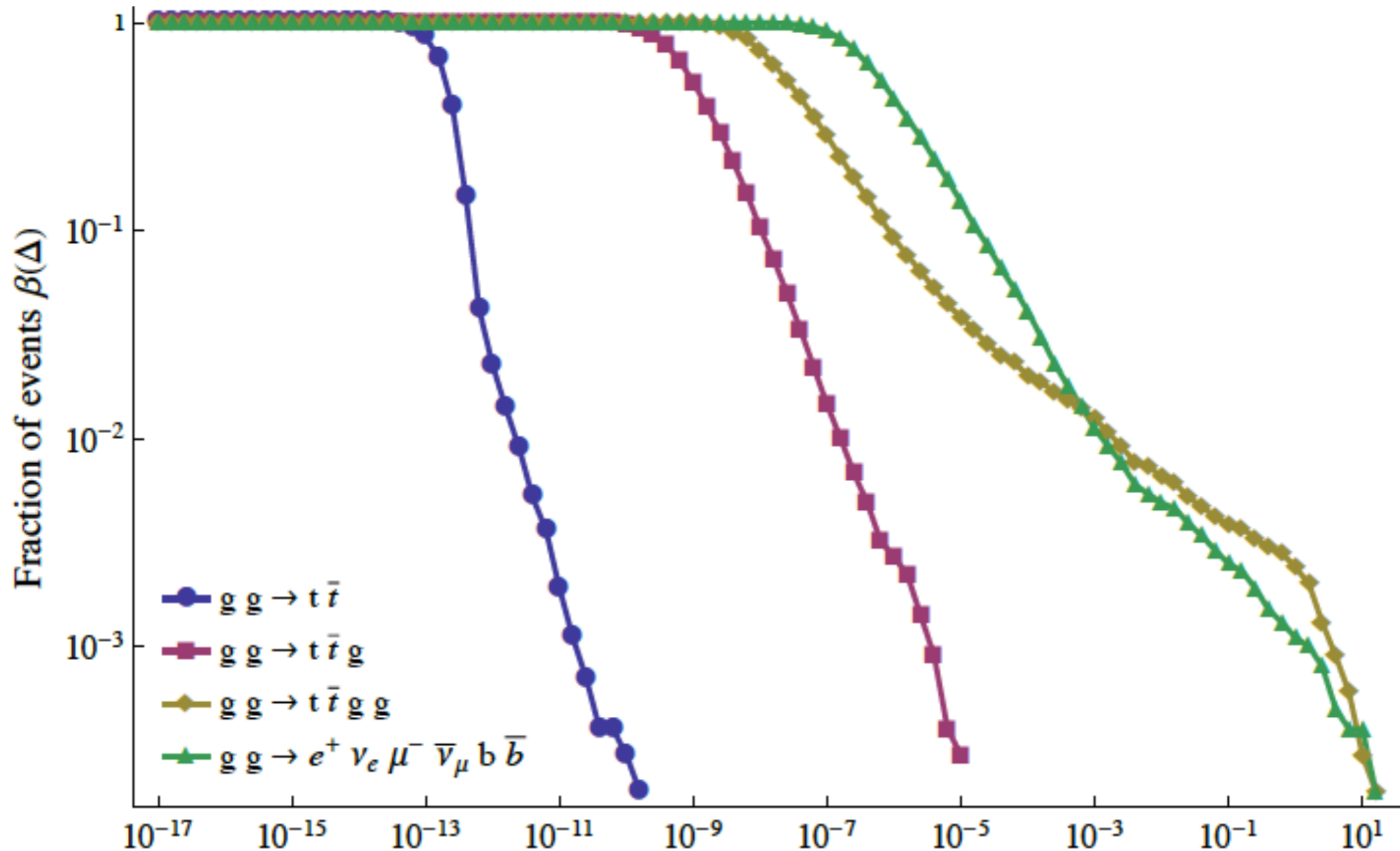
Two methods

- Passarino-Veltman
- OPP

One Tool

- MadLoop

Numerical Stability



- For 2 to 4 processes, $\sim 7\%$ of the Phase-space point have a precision worse than $1e-3$
 ➔ Previous solution pass to quadruple precision (extremelly slow)

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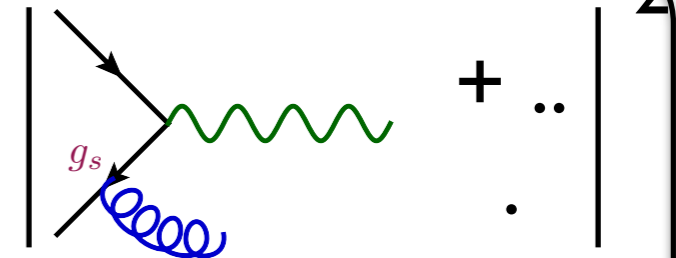
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Example

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- Type of Divergencies of the real



- Let's introduce a regulator

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 dx \frac{g(x)}{x^{1+\epsilon}} = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 dx x^{-\epsilon} f(x)$$

for any non-integer non-zero value for ϵ this integral is finite

- We would like to factor out the explicit poles in ϵ so that they can be canceled explicitly against the virtual corrections

Slicing method

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Subtraction method

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- Add and subtract the same term

$$\lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 dx x^{-\epsilon} f(x) = \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 dx x^{-\epsilon} \left[\frac{g(0)}{x} + f(x) - \frac{g(0)}{x} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int_0^1 dx \left[g(0) \frac{x^{-\epsilon}}{x} + \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x^{1+\epsilon}} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{\epsilon} g(0) + \int_0^1 dx \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x}$$

Same pole !

Numerically integrable.

Slicing vs Subtraction

- In both cases the pole is extracted and we end up with a finite remainder:

$$g(0) \log \delta + \int_{\delta}^1 dx \frac{g(x)}{x}$$

$$\int_0^1 dx \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x}$$

- Subtraction acts like a plus distribution
- Slicing works only for small δ : δ -independence of cross section and distributions must be proven; subtraction is exact
- Both methods have cancelations between large numbers. If for a given observable $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} O(x) \neq O(0)$ or we choose a too small bin size, instabilities will arise (we cannot ask for an infinite resolution)
- Subtraction is in general more flexible: good for automation

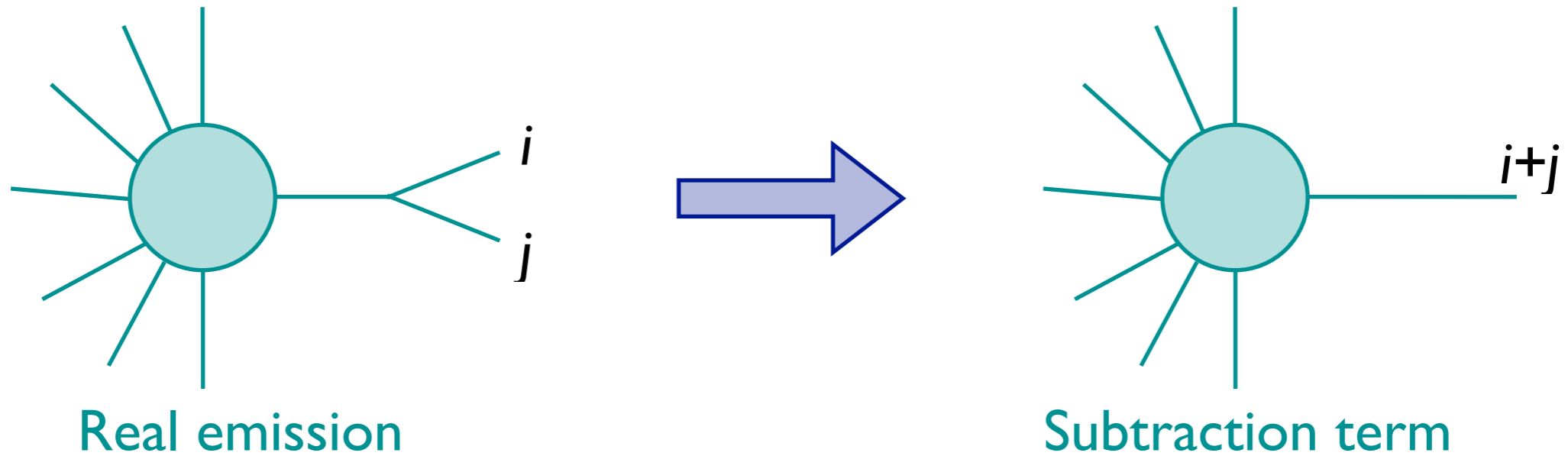
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$$\sigma_{NLO} = \int d^4\Phi_n \mathcal{B} + \int d^4\Phi_n \mathcal{V} + \int d^4\Phi_{n+1} \mathcal{R}$$

Doing subtractions:

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma_{NLO} &= \int d^4\Phi_n \mathcal{B} \\ &+ \int d^4\Phi_n \left(\mathcal{V} + \int d^d\Phi_1 \mathcal{C} \right)_{\varepsilon \rightarrow 0} \\ &+ \int d^4\Phi_{n+1} (\mathcal{R} - \mathcal{C}) \end{aligned}$$

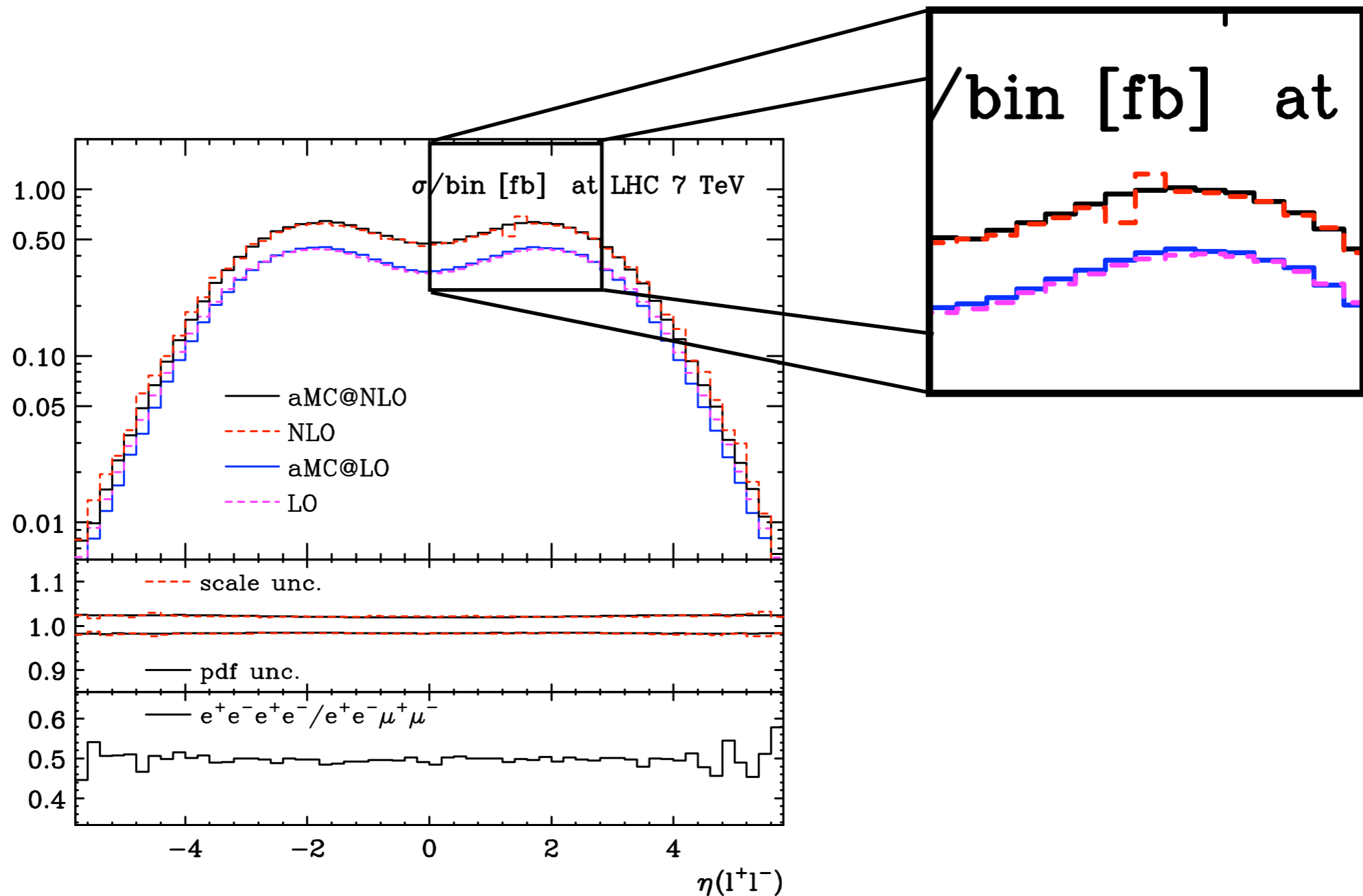
counter events



- This is not possible without changing any of the other momenta in the process
- When applying cuts or making plots, events and counter events might end-up in different bins
- Use IR-safe observables and don't ask for infinite resolution! (KLN theorem)

4 charged lepton

- The NLO results shows a typical peak-dip structure that hampers fixed order calculations



Counter-Events

Dipole subtraction

Catani, Seymour, [hep-ph/9602277](#) & [hep-ph/9605323](#)

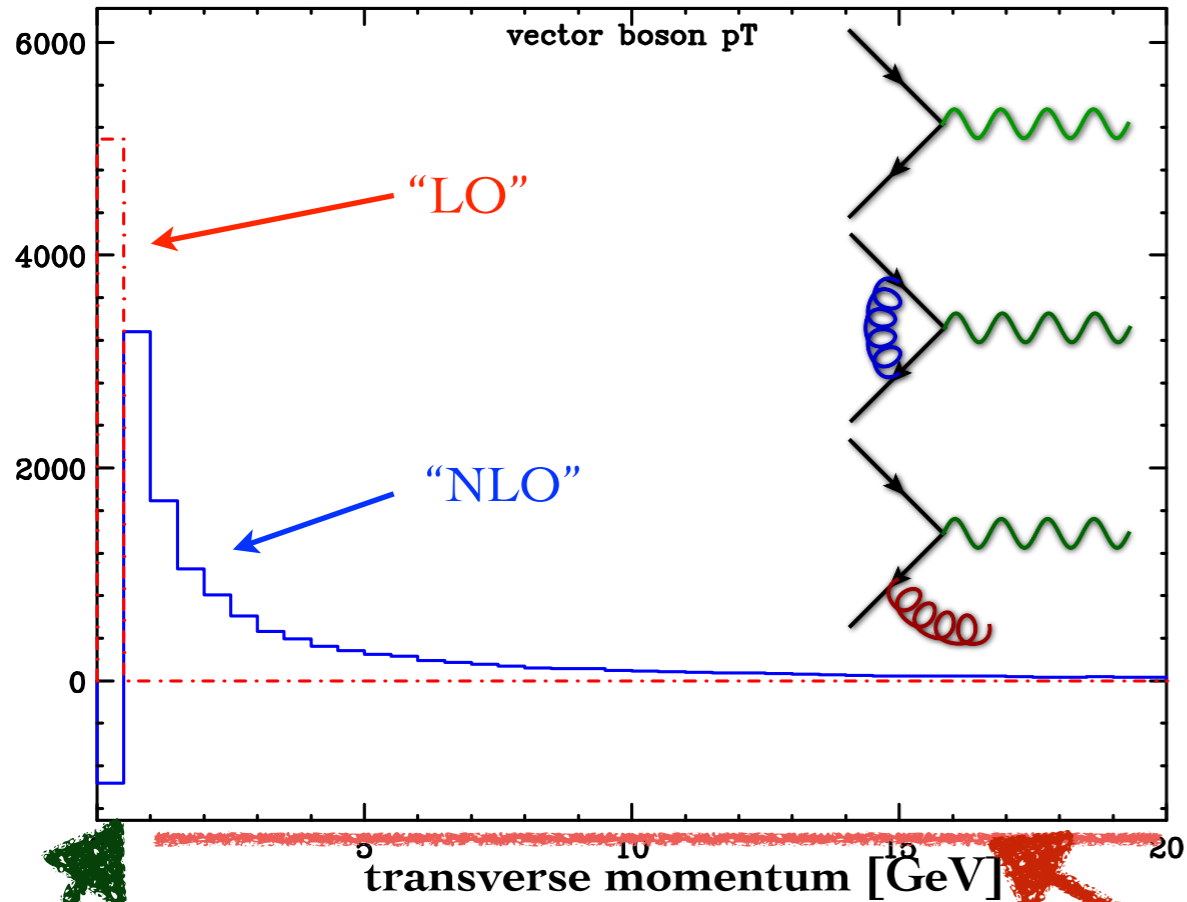
- Recoil taken by one parton
→ N^3 scaling
- Method evolves from cancelation of soft divergences
- Proven to work for simple and complicated processes
- Automated in MadDipole, AutoDipole, Sherpa, Helac-NLO, ...

FKS subtraction

Frixione, Kunszt, Signer, [hep-ph/9512328](#)

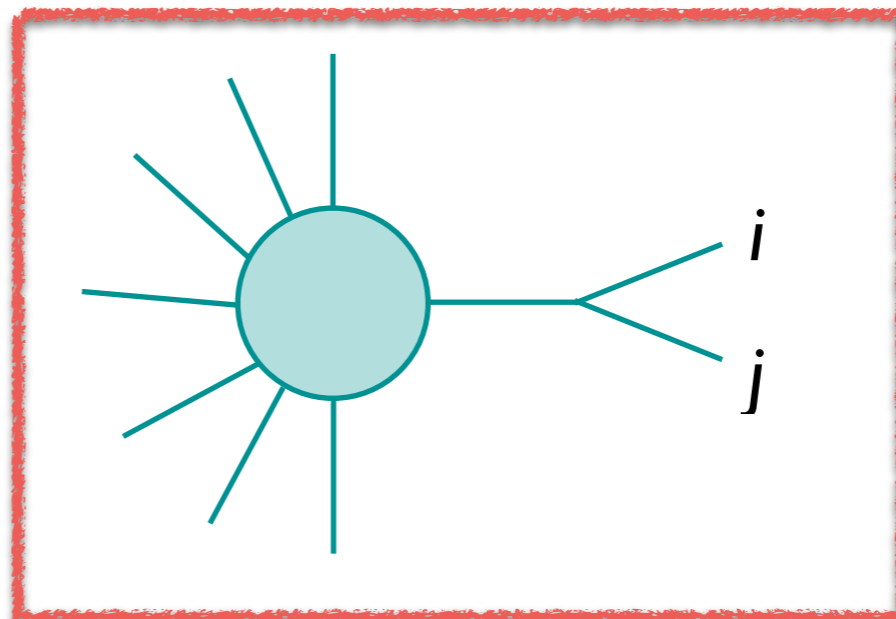
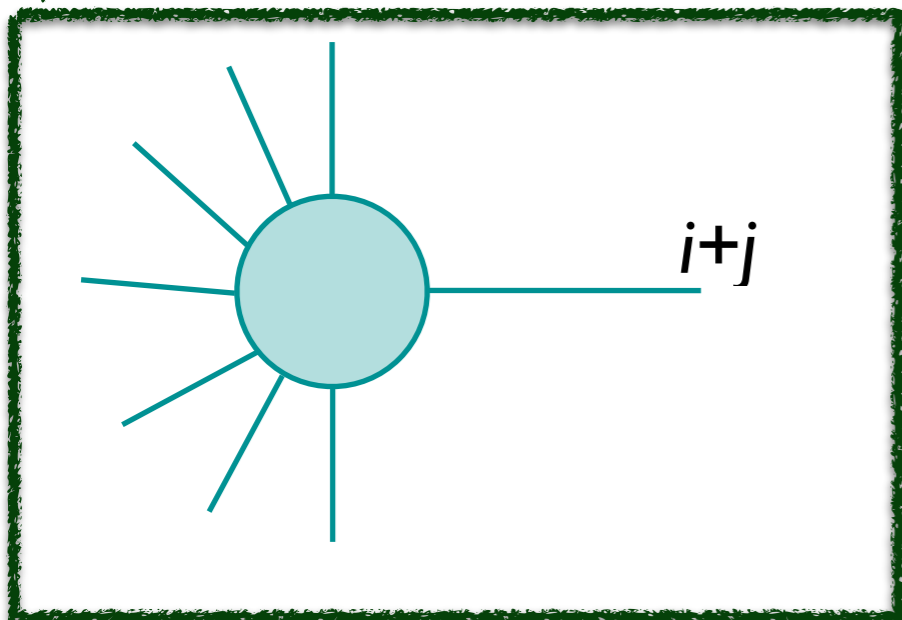
- Recoil distributed among all particles
→ N^2 scaling
- Method evolves from cancelation of collinear divergences
- Proven to work for simple and complicated processes
- Automated in MadGraph5_aMC@NLO and in the Powheg box/Powhel

No sample of events (FNLO)



Issue to generate (unweighted) events
Since two different kinematic (and they are not bounded independently

Need to fill histograms (on the flight)



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To Remember

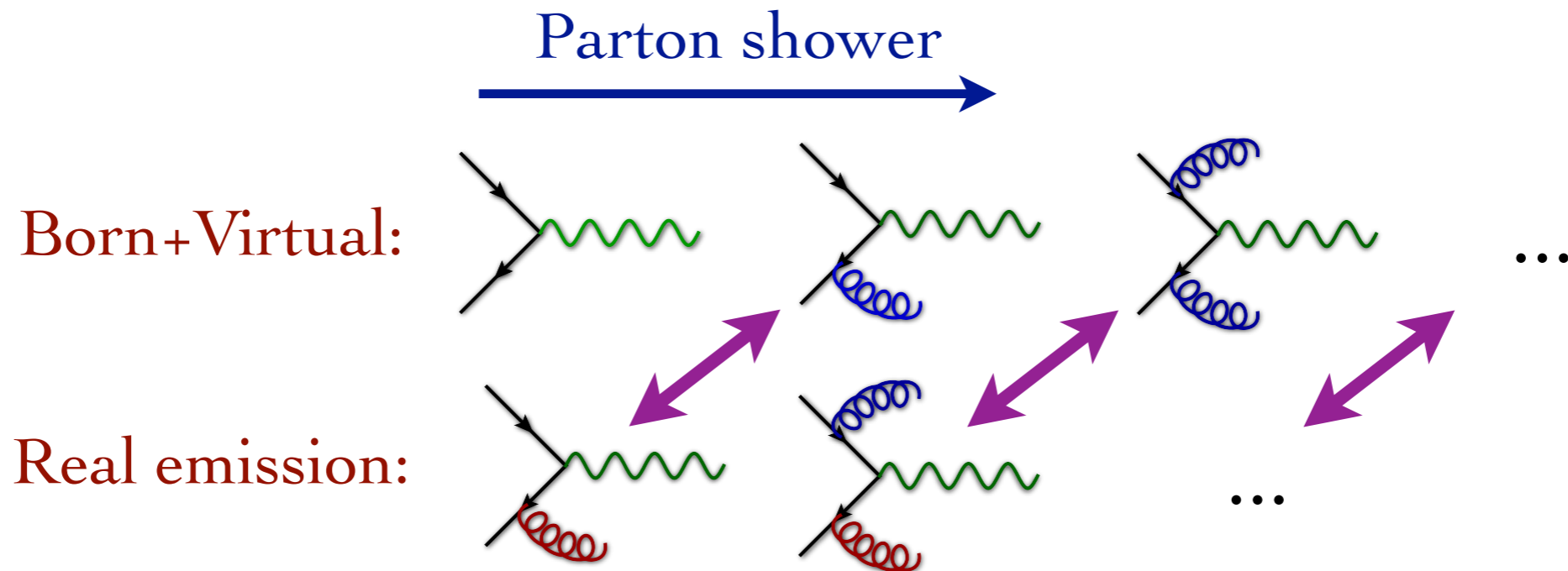
- Virtual and real matrix element are not finite, but their sum is. Subtraction methods can be used to extract divergences for real-emission matrix elements and cancel explicitly the poles from the virtuals
- Event and counterevents have different kinematics. Unweighting is not possible, we need to fill plots on-the-fly with weighted events
- For plots, only IR-safe observable with finite resolution must be used!

Plan

- NLO Introduction
- Loop Computation
- Dealing with Singularities
- Matching@NLO

Matching NLO

- At **NLO** one faces even more severe **double-counting** issues:



- And also part of the **virtual contribution** is double counted through the **definition** of the **Sudakov factor** Δ

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Naive implementation

- Let us *assume* we can generate events separately for Born, virtuals and real emissions, and that we pass them to a parton shower

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{“NLO+PS”}}}{dO} = [\mathcal{B} + \mathcal{V}] d\Phi_n I_{MC}^n(O) + d\Phi_{n+1} \mathcal{R} I_{MC}^{n+1}(O)$$

- Do we get the NLO cross section?
- Let us expand the shower operator at order α_s (0 or 1 emission)

$$I_{MC} = \Delta_a(Q, Q_0) + \Delta_a(Q, Q_0) d\Phi_1 \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}$$

$$\Delta_a(Q, Q_0) = \exp \left[- \int d\Phi_1 \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc} \right] \simeq 1 - \int d\Phi_1 \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}$$

$$I_{MC} \simeq 1 - \int d\Phi_1 \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc} + d\Phi_1 \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc}$$

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- At order α_s we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\sigma^{\text{"NLO+PS"}}}{dO} &= [\mathcal{B} + \mathcal{V}] d\Phi_n + d\Phi_{n+1} \mathcal{R} \\ &\quad - \mathcal{B} d\Phi_n \int d\Phi_1 \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc} + \mathcal{B} d\Phi_n d\Phi_1 \frac{\alpha_s(t)}{2\pi} P_{a \rightarrow bc} \end{aligned}$$

- Which is **not** the NLO

MC@NLO procedure

[Frixione & Webber (2002)]

- To remove the double counting, we can add and subtract the same term to the m and $m+1$ body configurations

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Double counting avoided

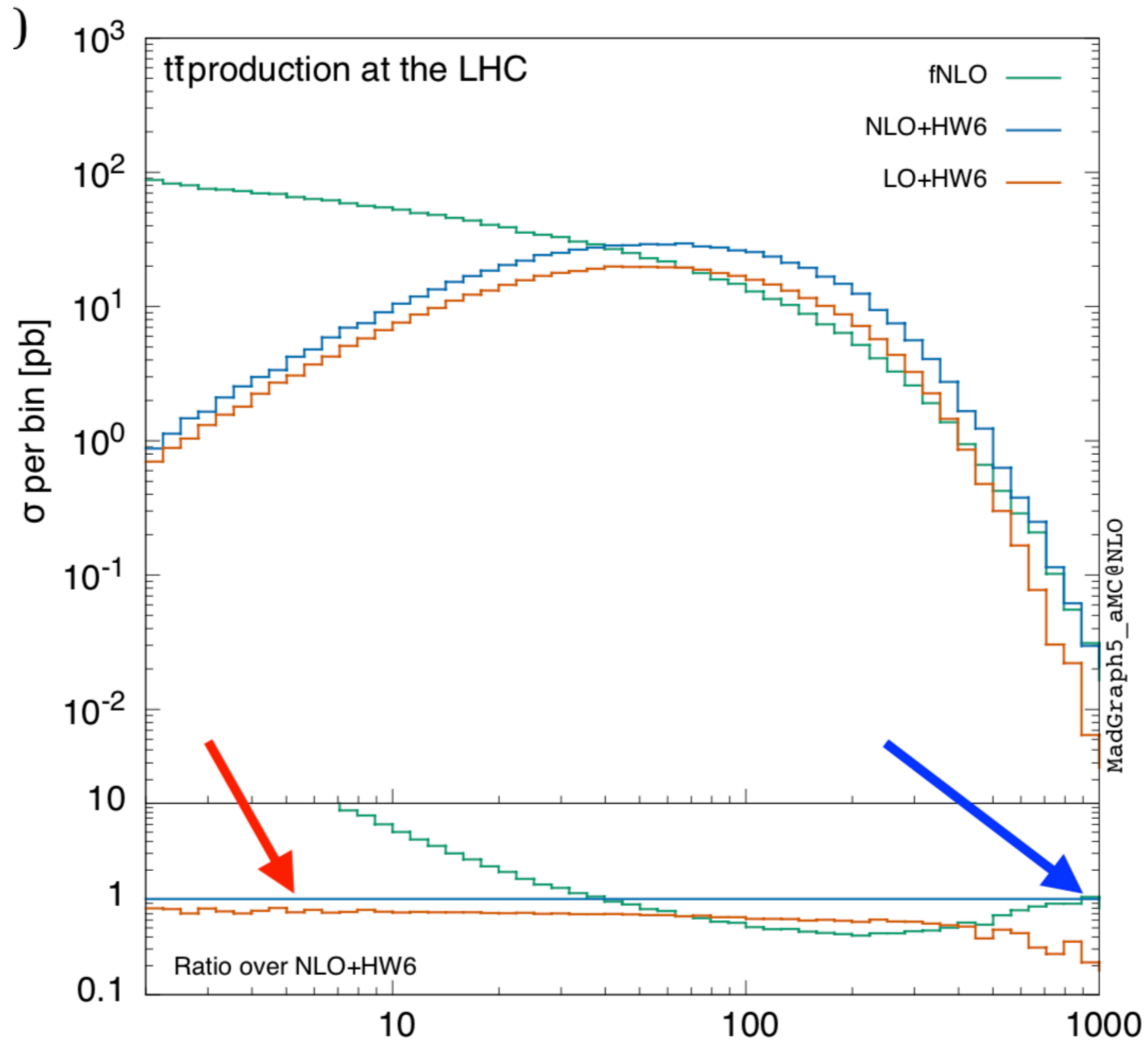
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- Expanded at NLO

$$I_{\text{MC}}^{(m)}(O) dO = 1 - \int d\Phi_1 \frac{MC}{B} + \int d\Phi_1 \frac{MC}{B} + \dots$$

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\text{“MC@NLO”}}}{dO} = \left[\mathcal{B} + \mathcal{V} + \int d\Phi_1 MC \right] d\Phi_n + d\Phi_{n+1} [\mathcal{R} - MC] \\ + \mathcal{B} \left[- \int d\Phi_1 MC + \int d\Phi_1 MC \right] d\Phi_n$$

Smooth matching



Stability & unweighting

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{NLOwPS}}}{dO} = \left[d\Phi_m (B + \int_{\text{loop}} V + \int d\Phi_1 MC) \right] I_{\text{MC}}^{(m)}(O) \\ + \left[d\Phi_{m+1} (R - MC) \right] I_{\text{MC}}^{(m+1)}(O)$$

- The **MC** subtraction terms are defined to be what the shower does to get from the m to the $m+1$ body matrix elements. Therefore the cancellation of singularities is exact in the $(R - \text{MC})$ term

- The integral is bounded all over phase-space; we can therefore generate **unweighted events!**
 - “S-events” (which have m body kinematics)
 - “H-events” (which have $m+1$ body kinematics)

MC@NLO properties

- Good features of including the subtraction counter terms
 1. **Double counting avoided:** The rate expanded at NLO coincides with the total NLO cross section
 2. **Smooth matching:** MC@NLO coincides (in shape) with the parton shower in the soft/collinear region, while it agrees with the NLO in the hard region
 3. **Stability:** weights associated to different multiplicities are separately finite. The **MC** term has the same infrared behavior as the real emission (there is a subtlety for the soft divergence)

Negative weights

$$\frac{d\sigma_{\text{NLOwPS}}}{dO} = \left[d\Phi_m \left(B + \int_{\text{loop}} V + \int d\Phi_1 MC \right) \right] I_{\text{MC}}^{(m)}(O) \\ + \left[d\Phi_{m+1} (R - MC) \right] I_{\text{MC}}^{(m+1)}(O)$$

- We generate events for the two terms between the square brackets (S- and H-events) separately
- There is no guarantee that these contributions are separately positive (even though predictions for infra-red safe observables should always be positive!)
- Therefore, when we do event unweighting we can only unweight the events **up to a sign**. These signs should be taken into account when doing a physics analysis (i.e. making plots etc.)
- The events are only physical when they are showered.

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What we have learned

- That all observable of an NLO computation are not NLO accurate.
- How to evaluate the loop
- NLO computation done with counter-events
 - ➔ bin miss-match possible
- NLO+PS generation allow event generation
 - ➔ Events Physical only after the Parton-Shower.
 - ➔ The Events should be generated for a given shower (in MC@NLO)