

# Kaon Physics

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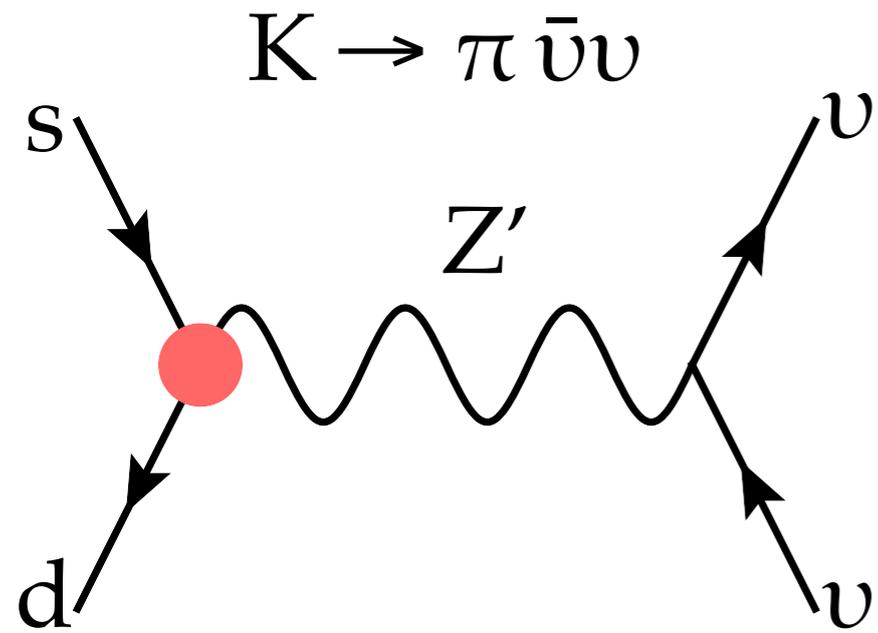


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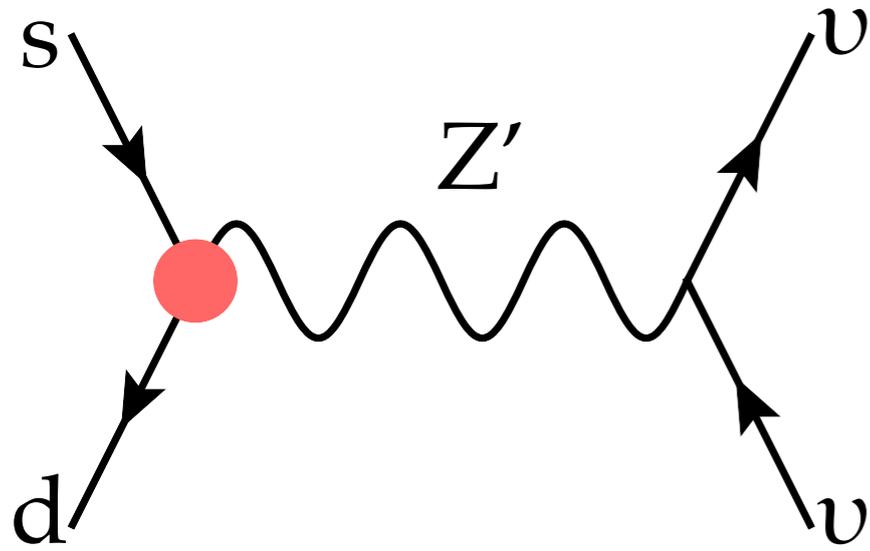


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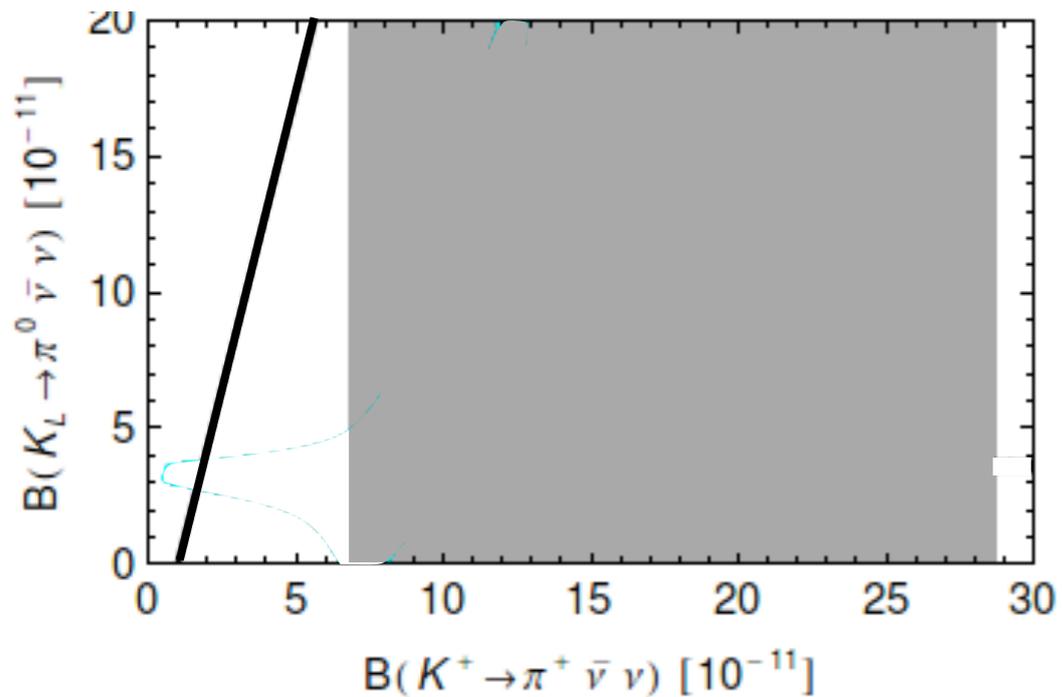
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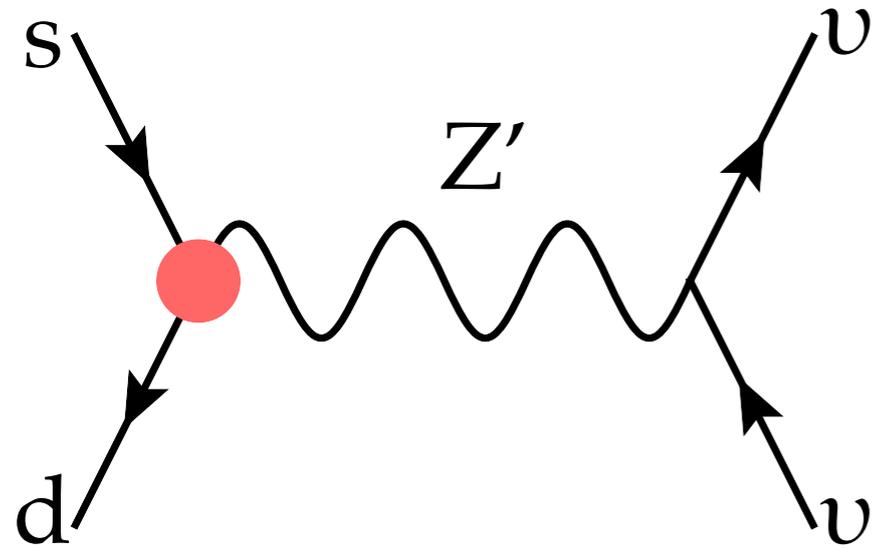
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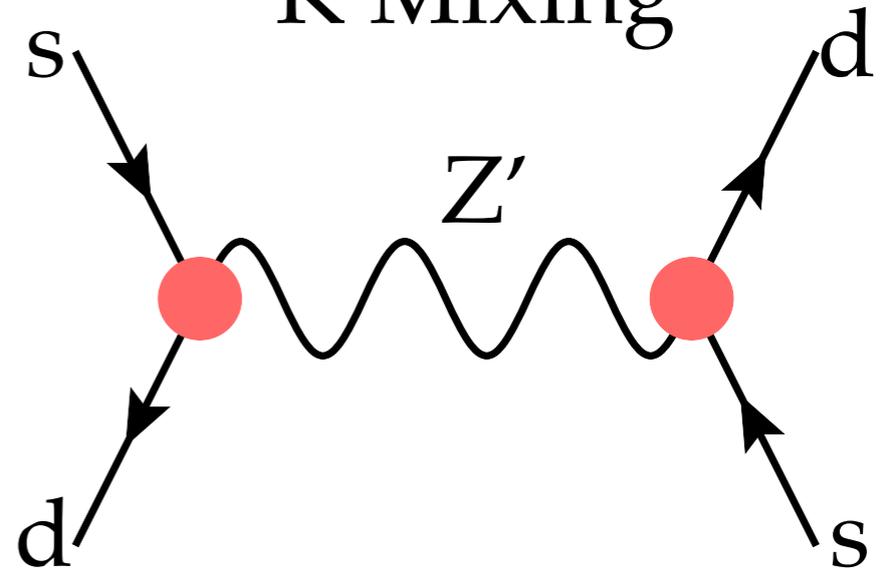


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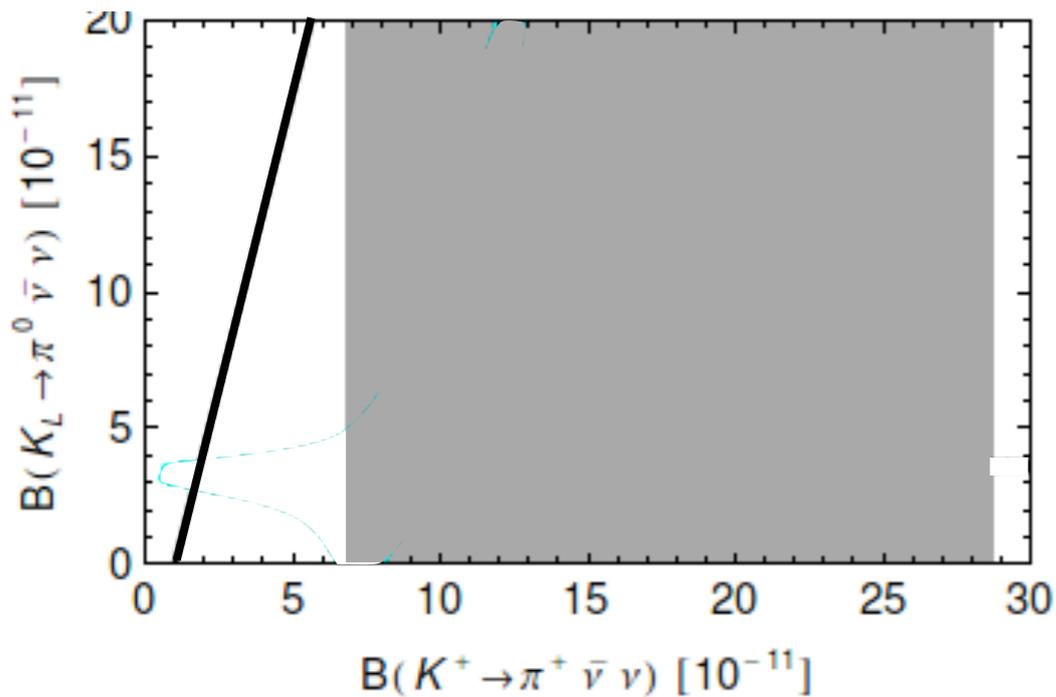
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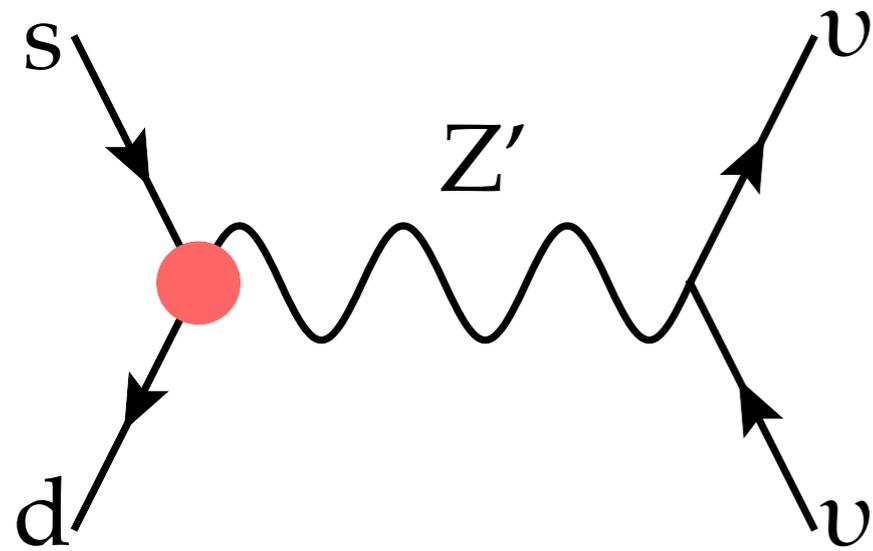


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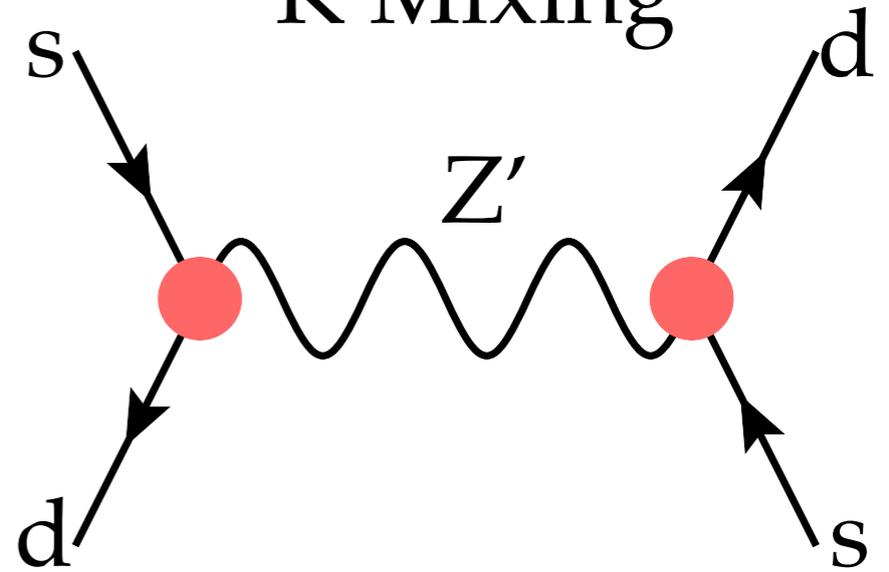
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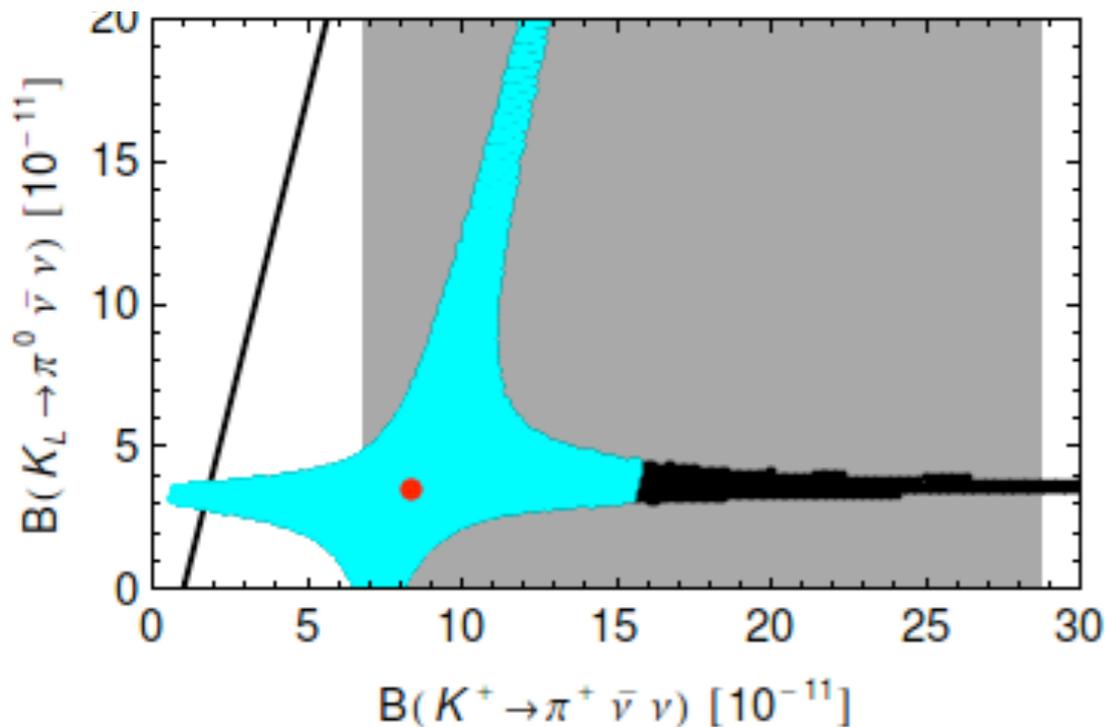


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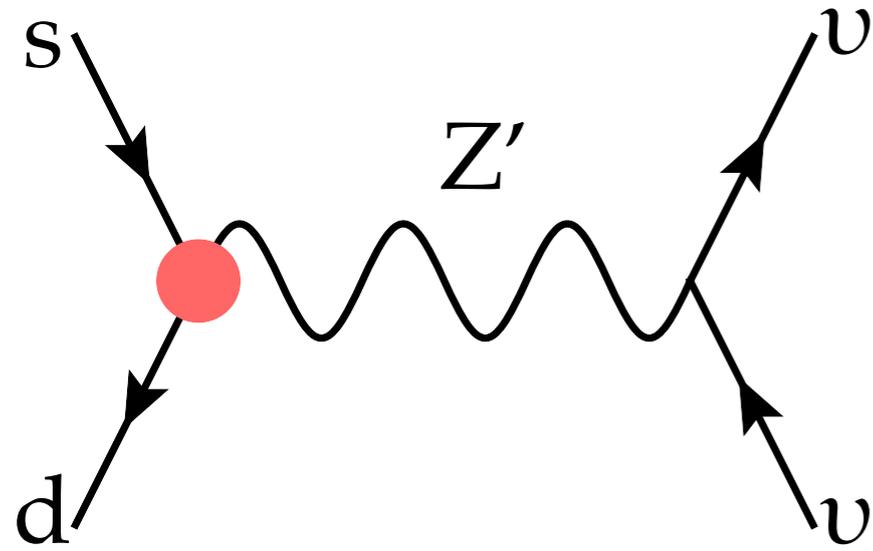
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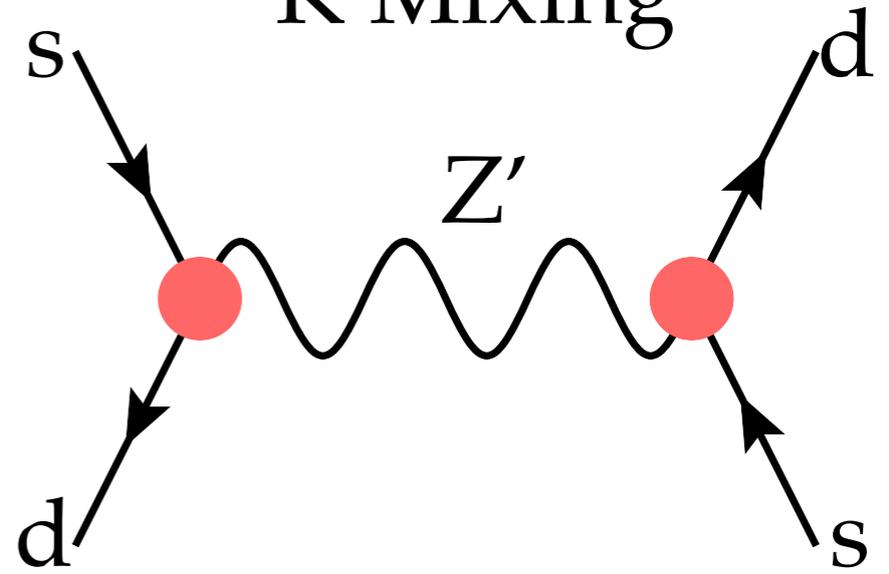
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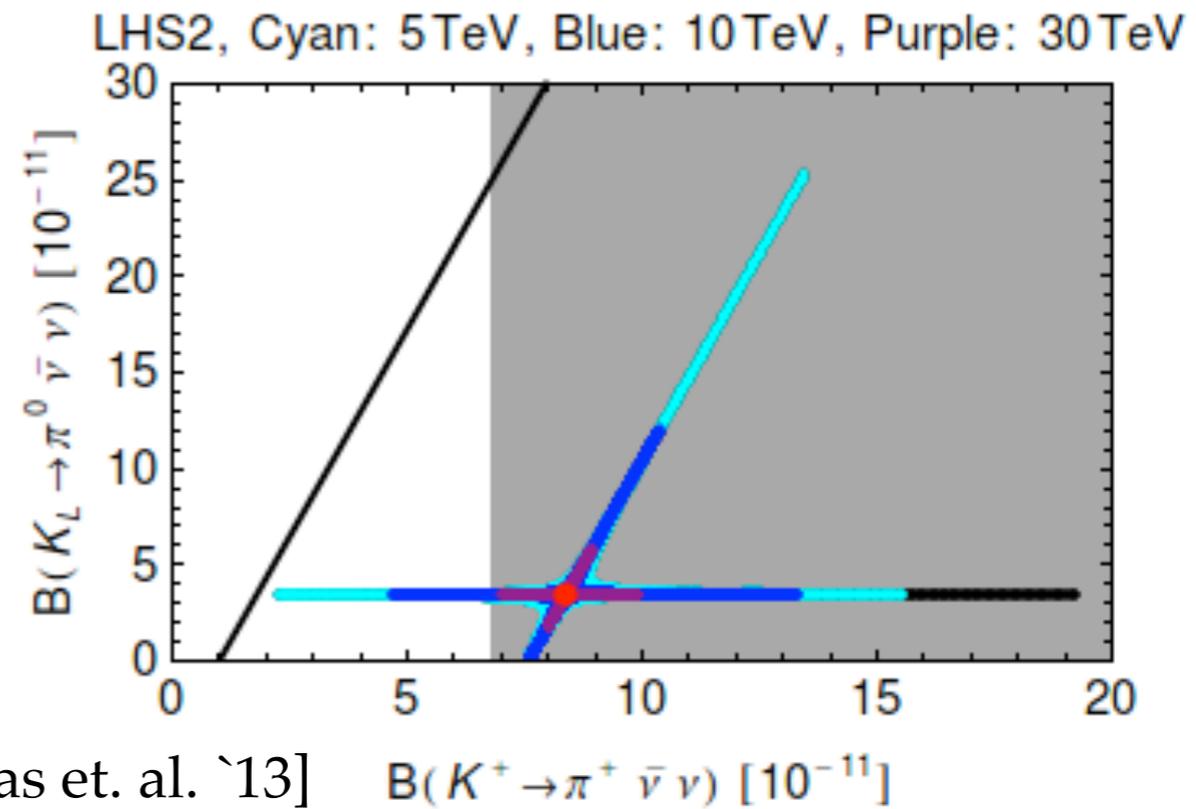
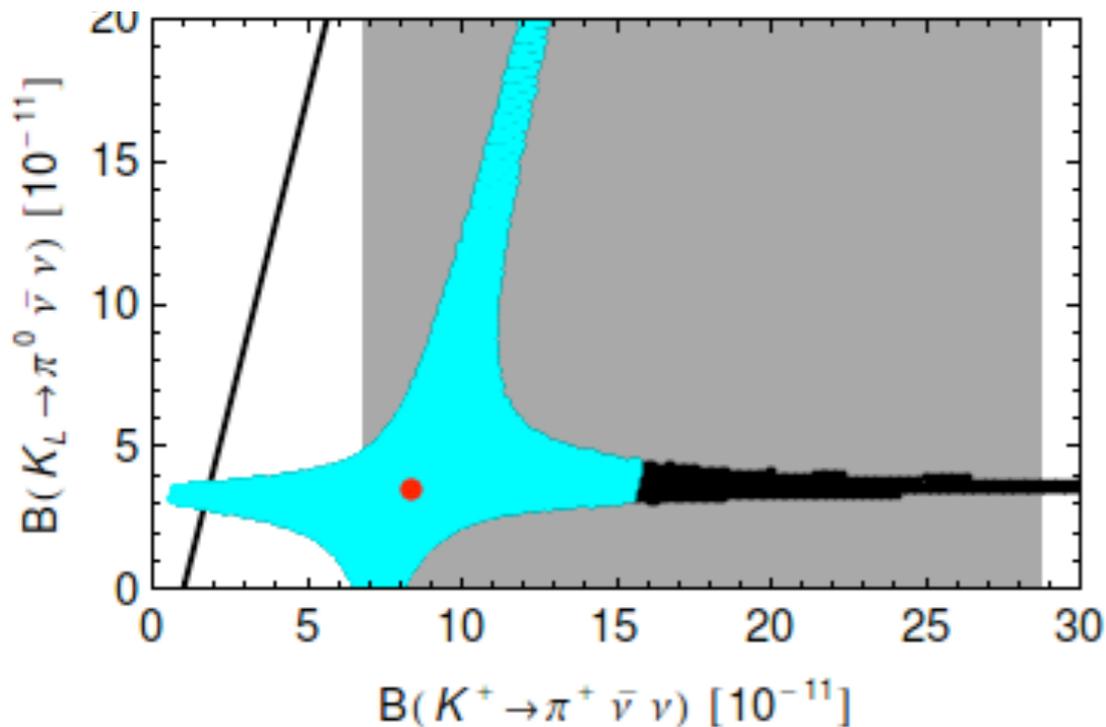


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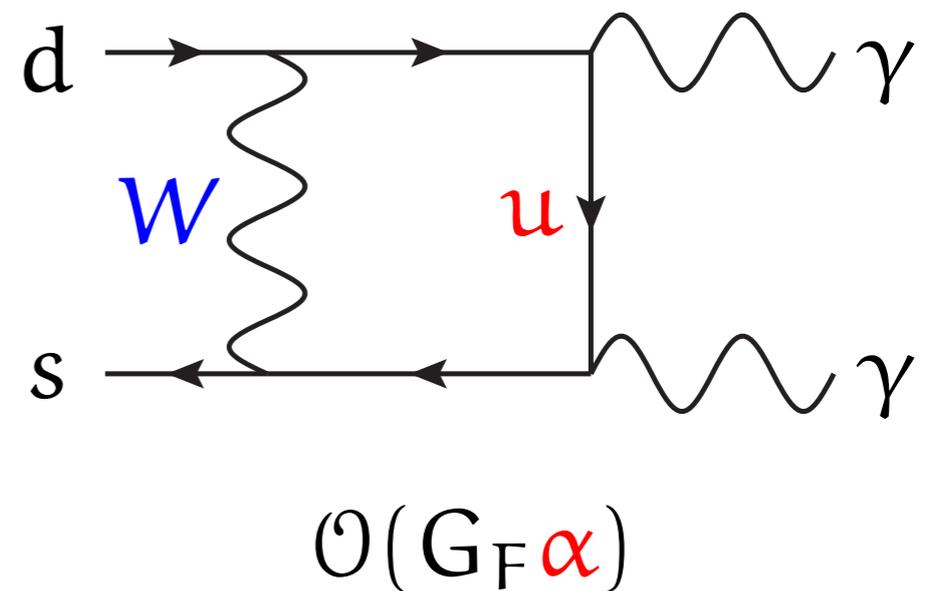
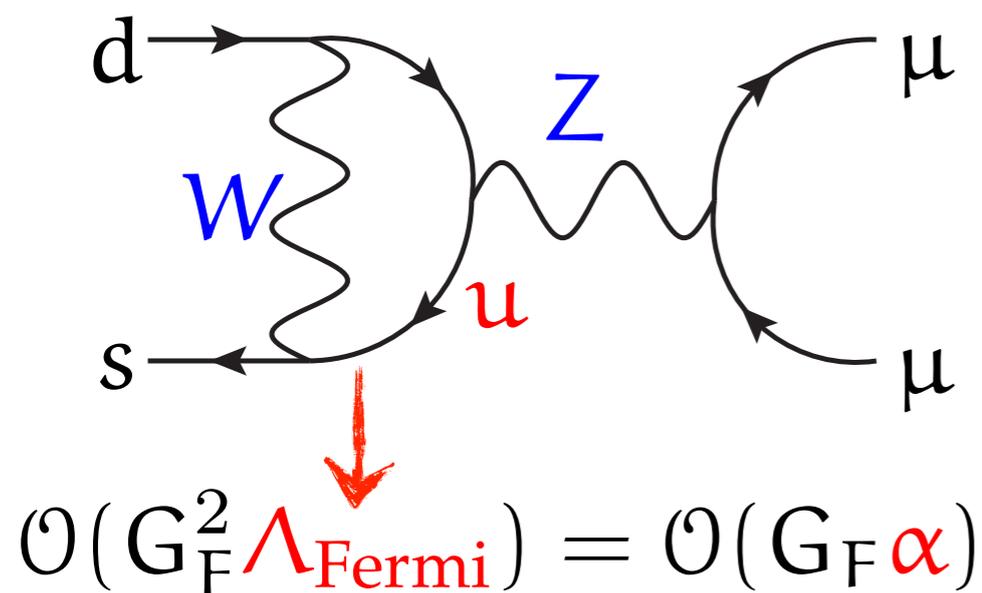
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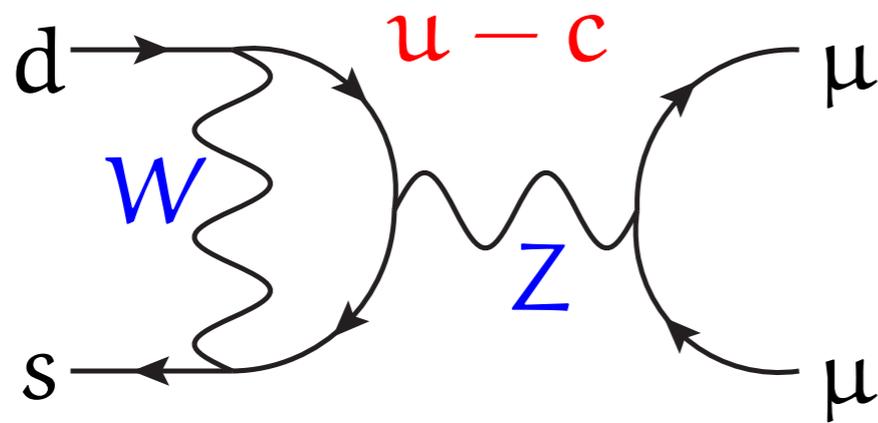
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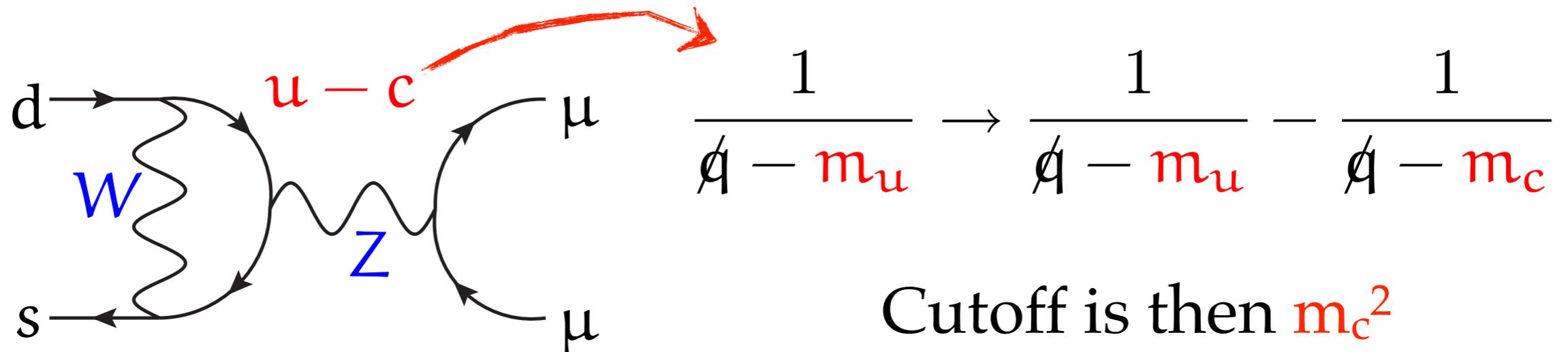
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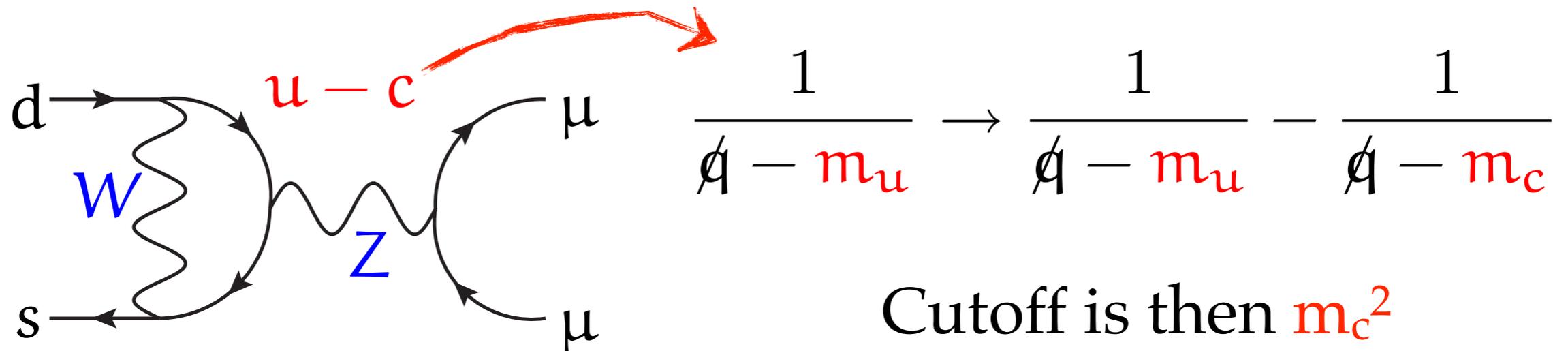
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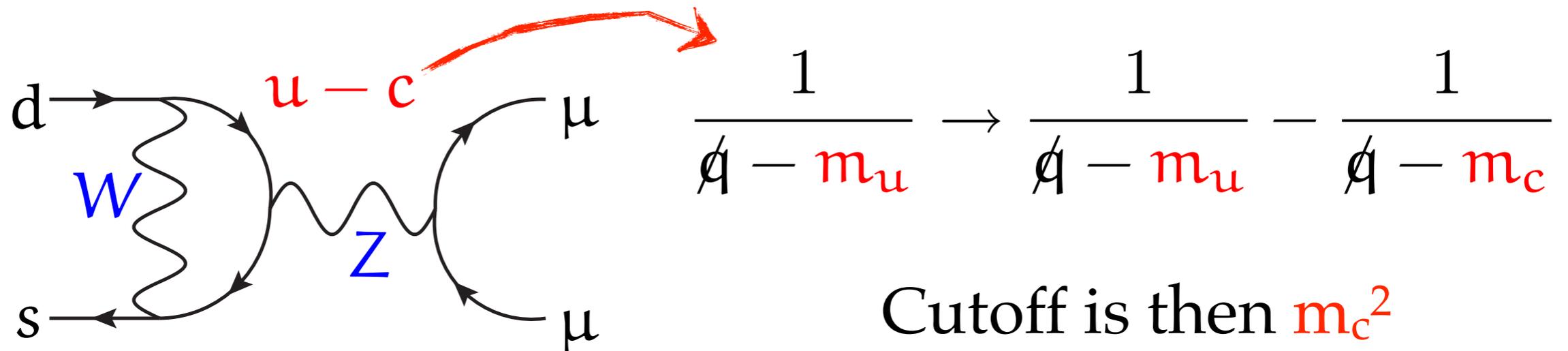


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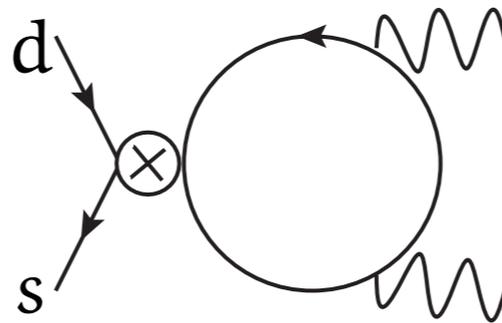
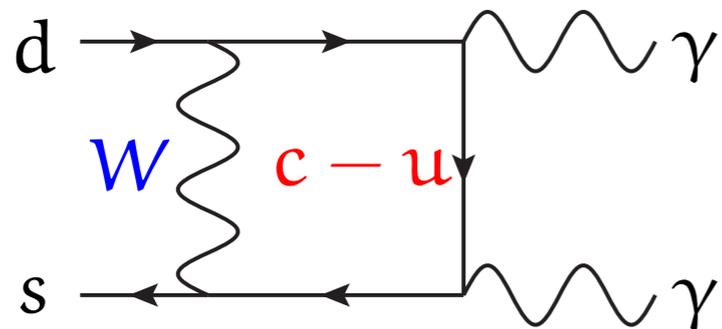
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The resulting  $m_c^2 G_F^2 \log \frac{m_c}{M_W}$  is known at NNLO [MG, Haisch '07]

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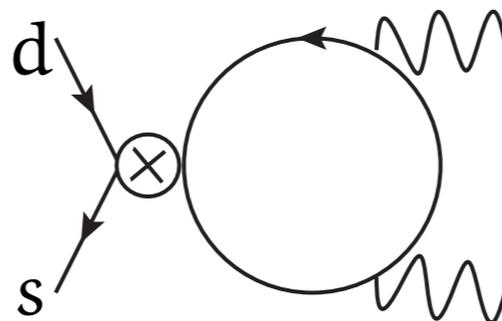
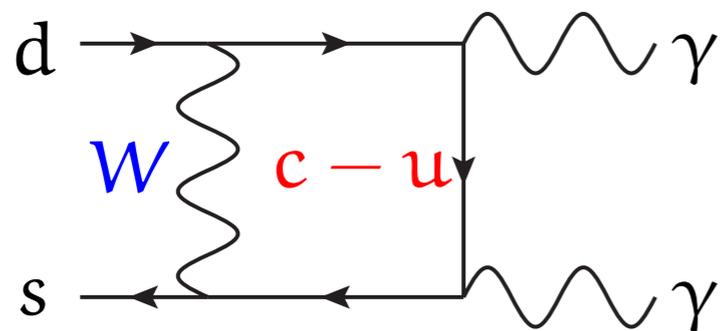


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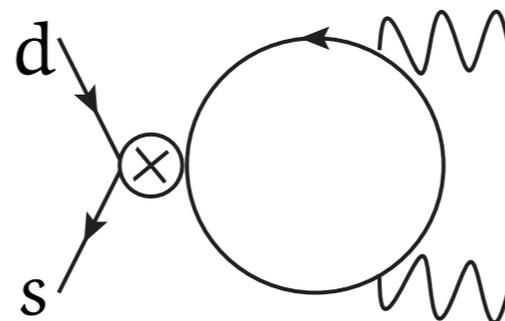
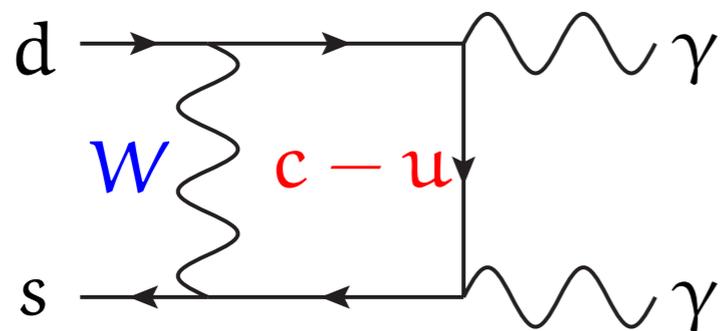
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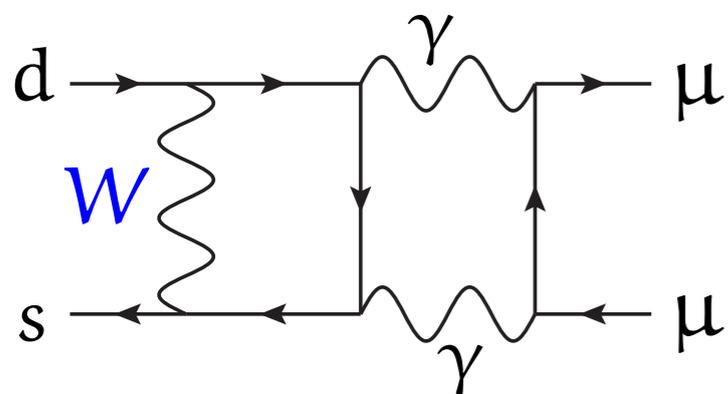


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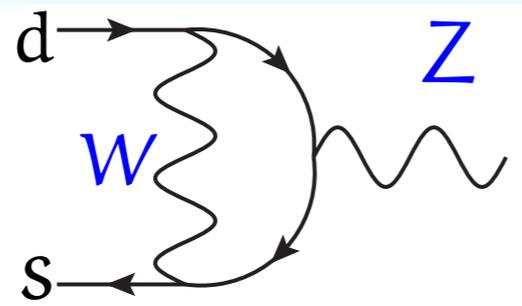
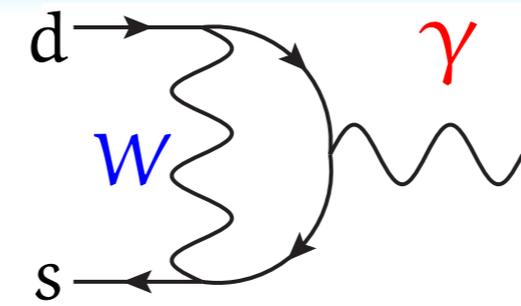
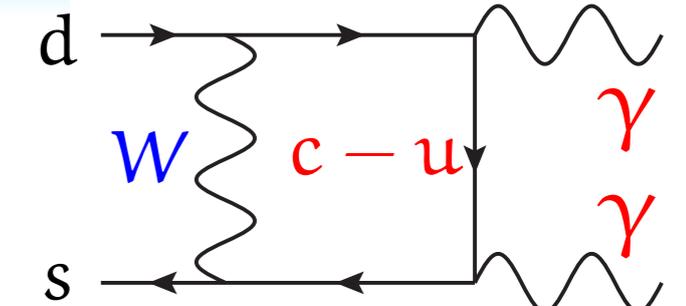


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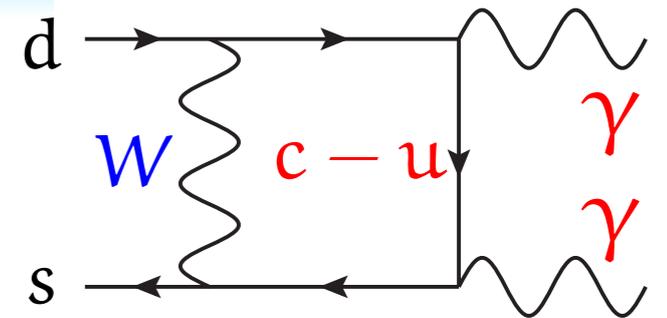
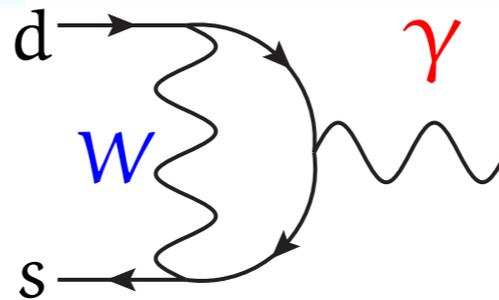
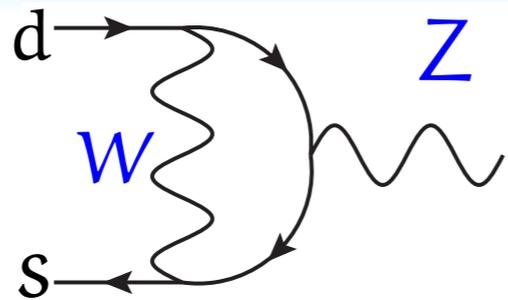
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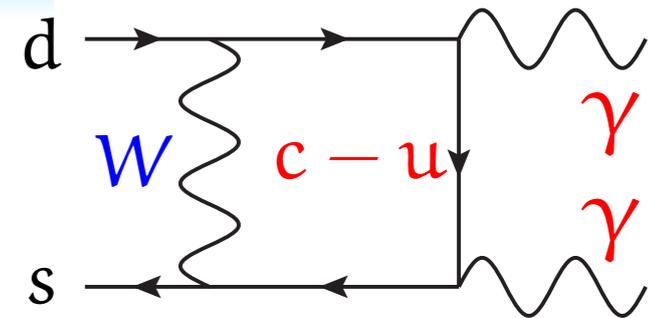
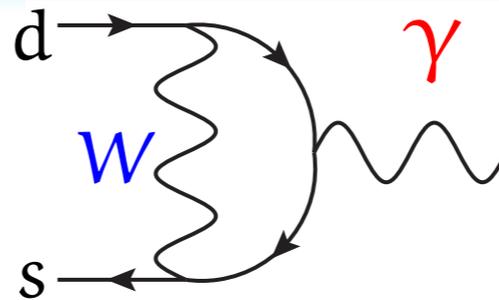
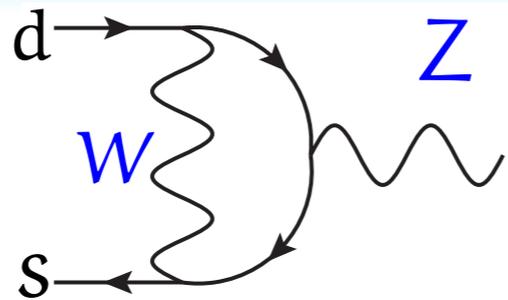
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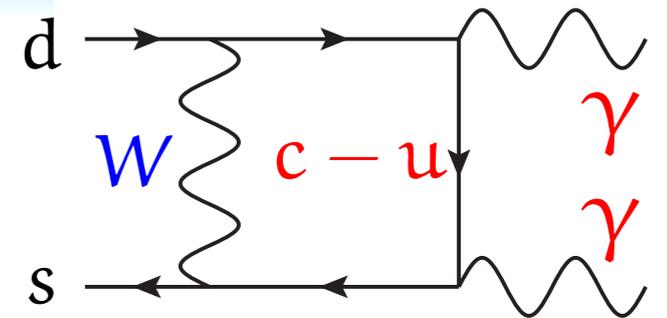
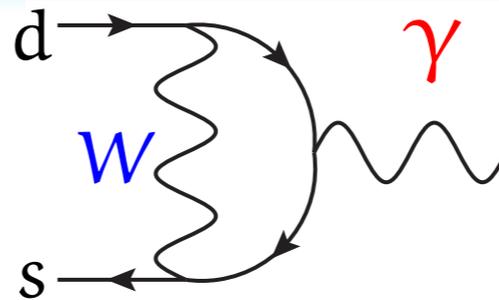
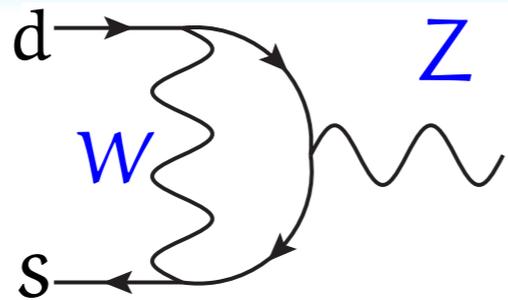
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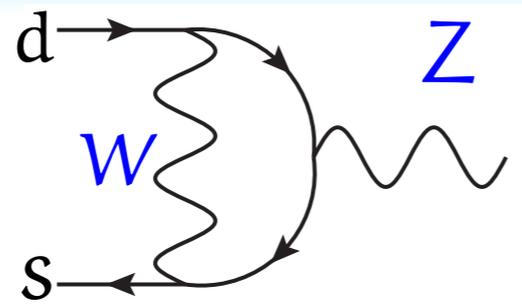
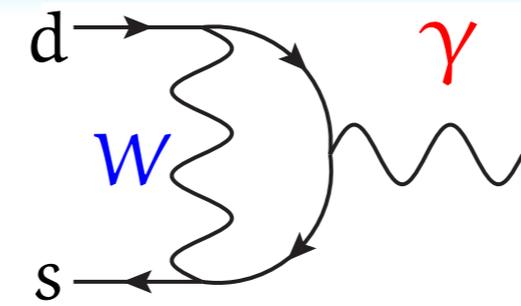
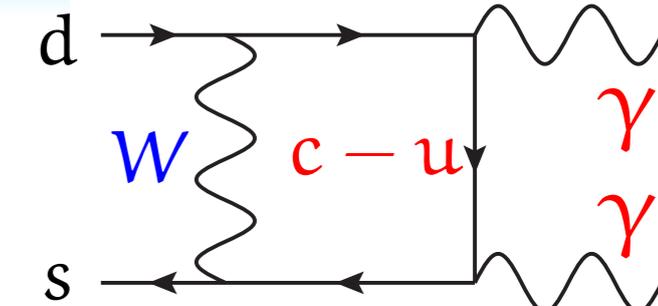
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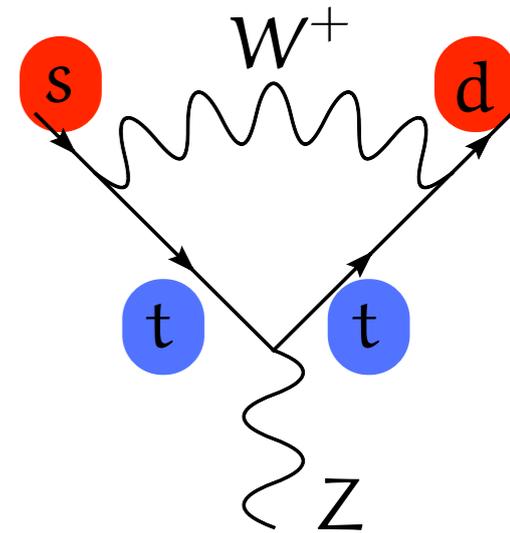
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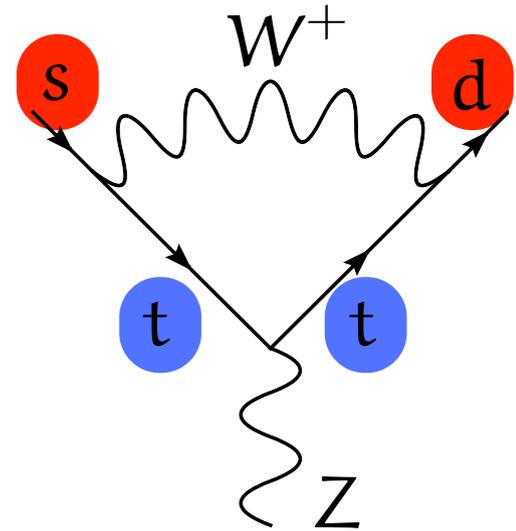


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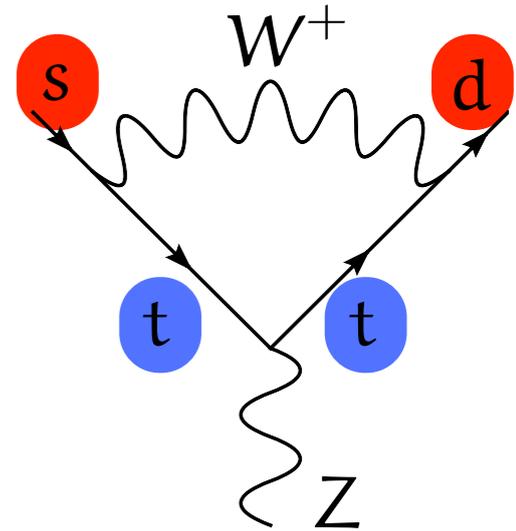
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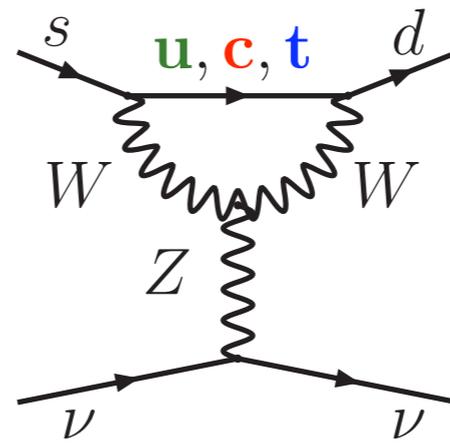
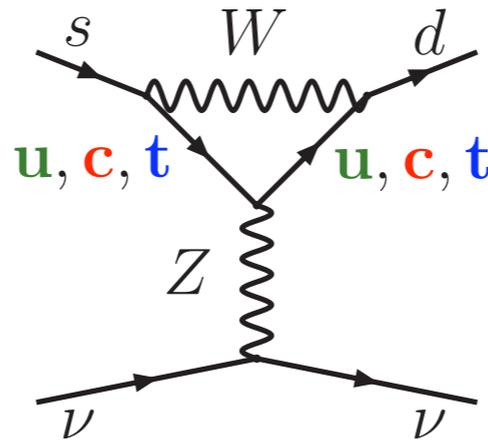
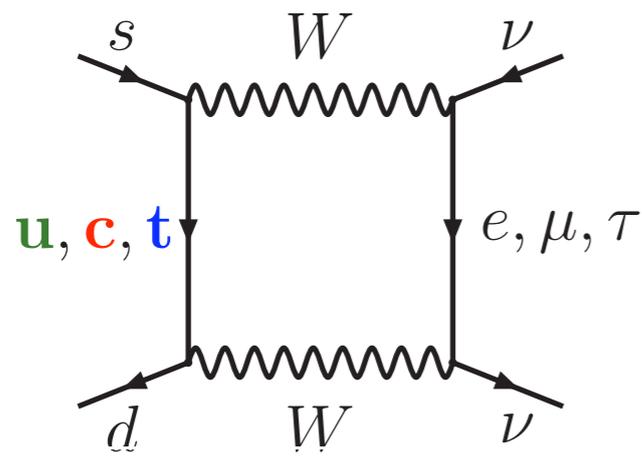
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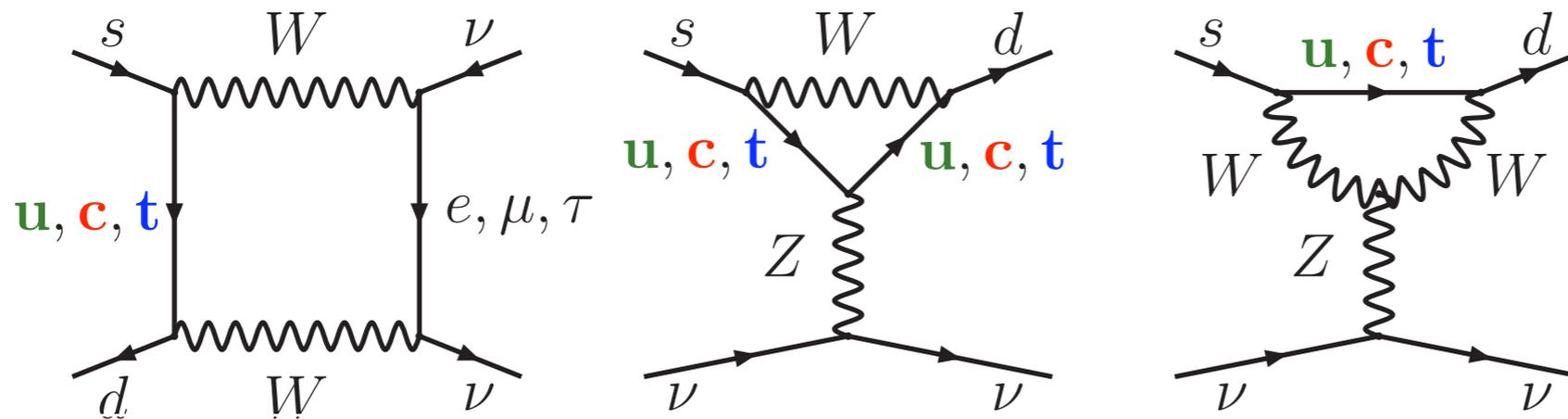
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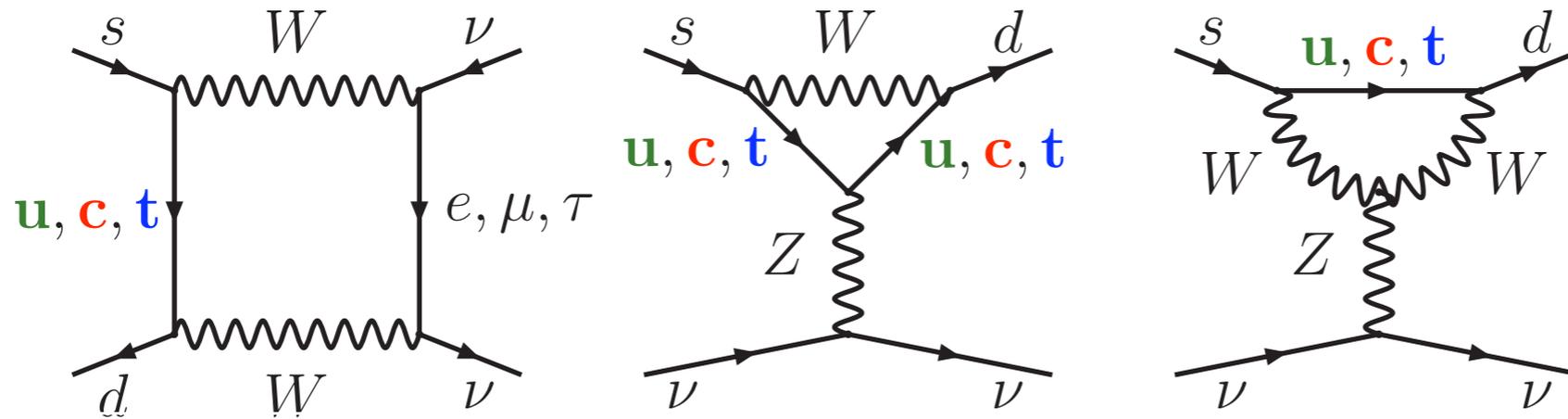
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Matching (NLO +EW):

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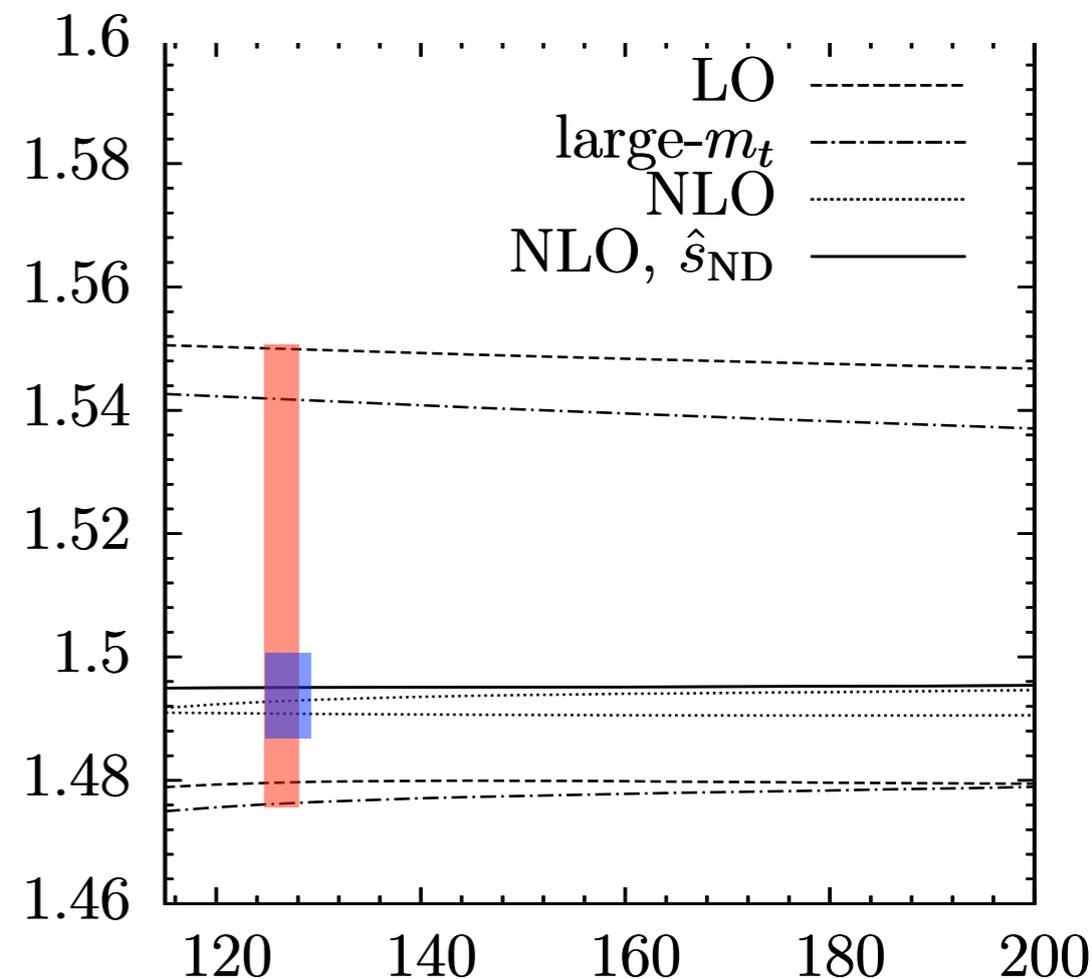
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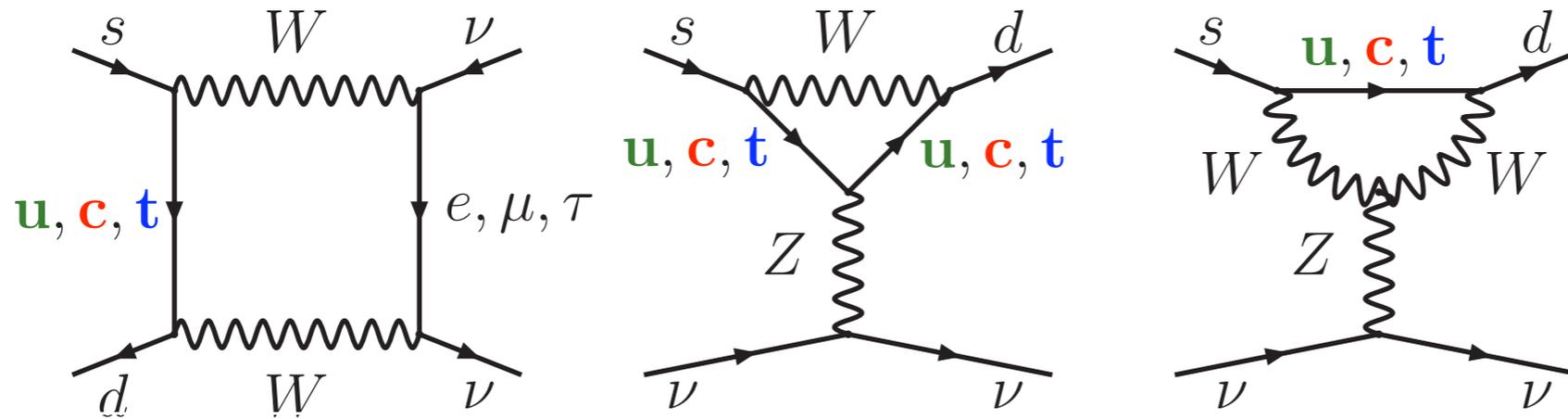
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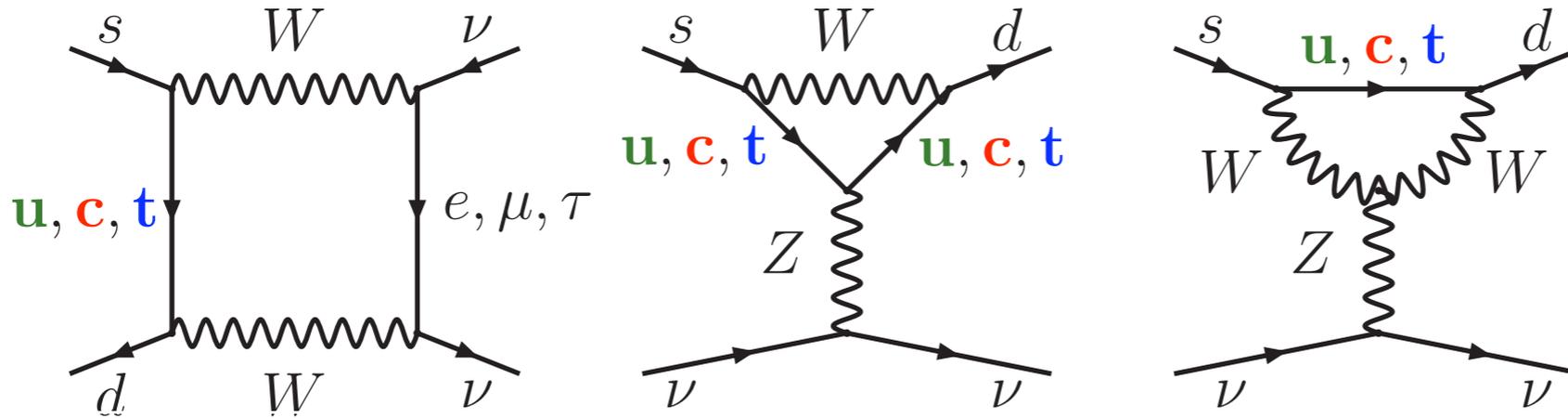
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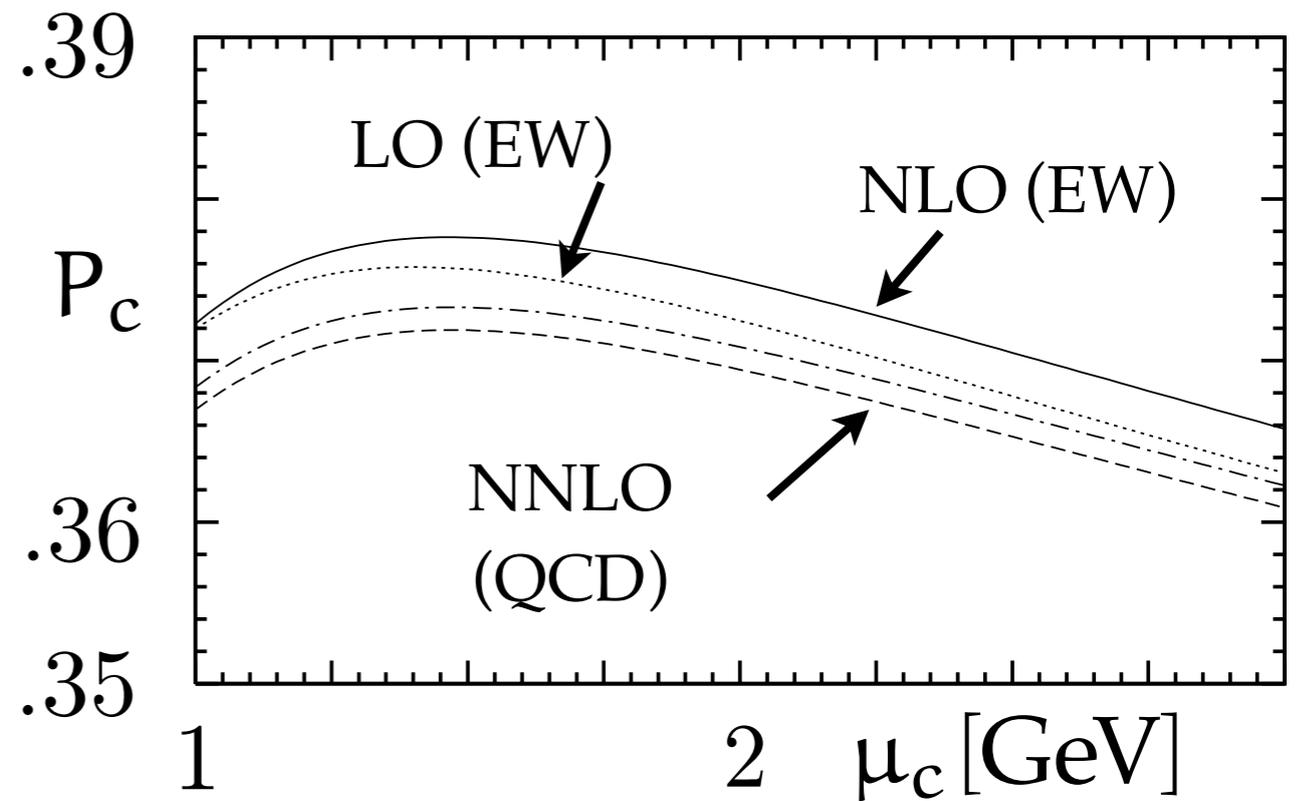
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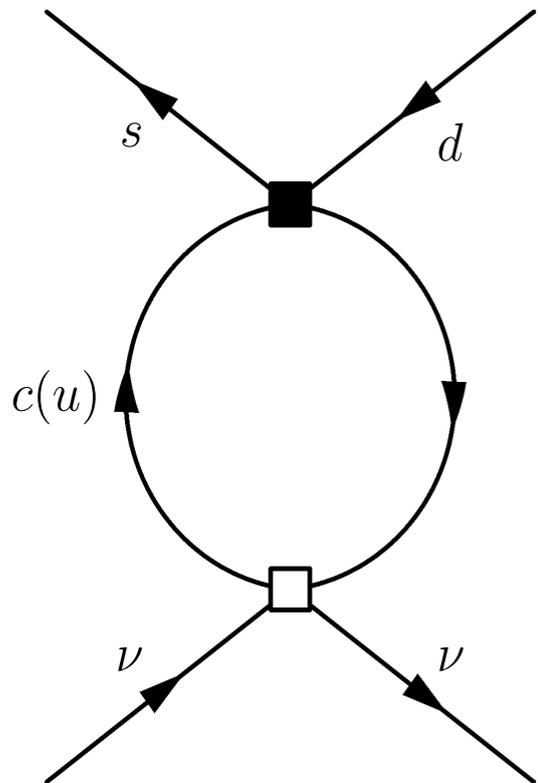
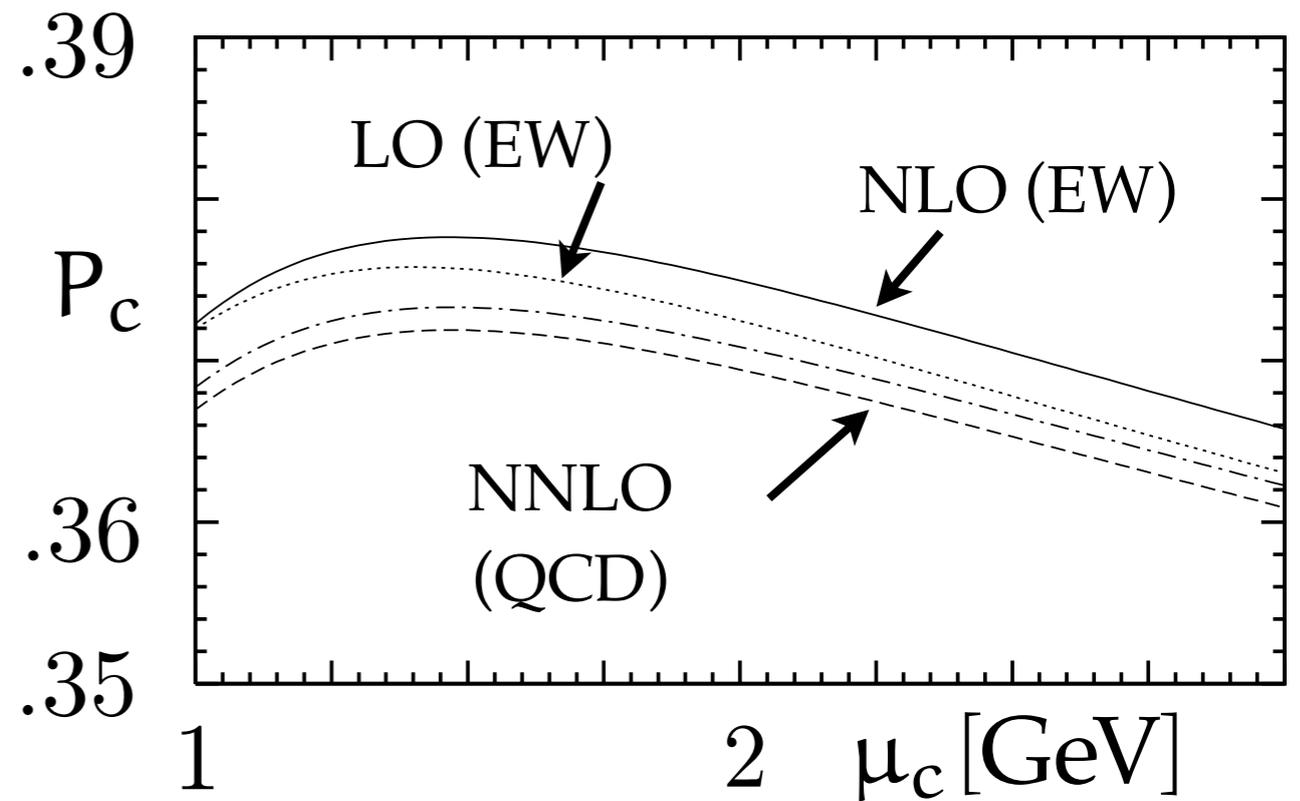


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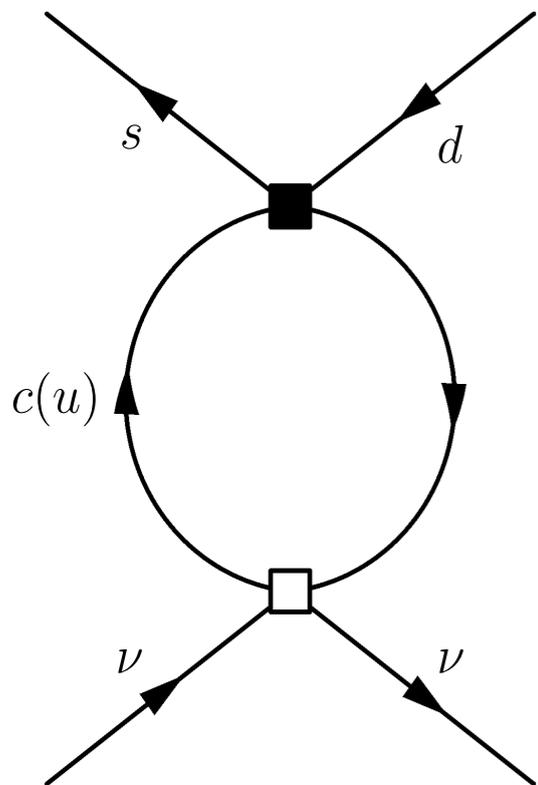
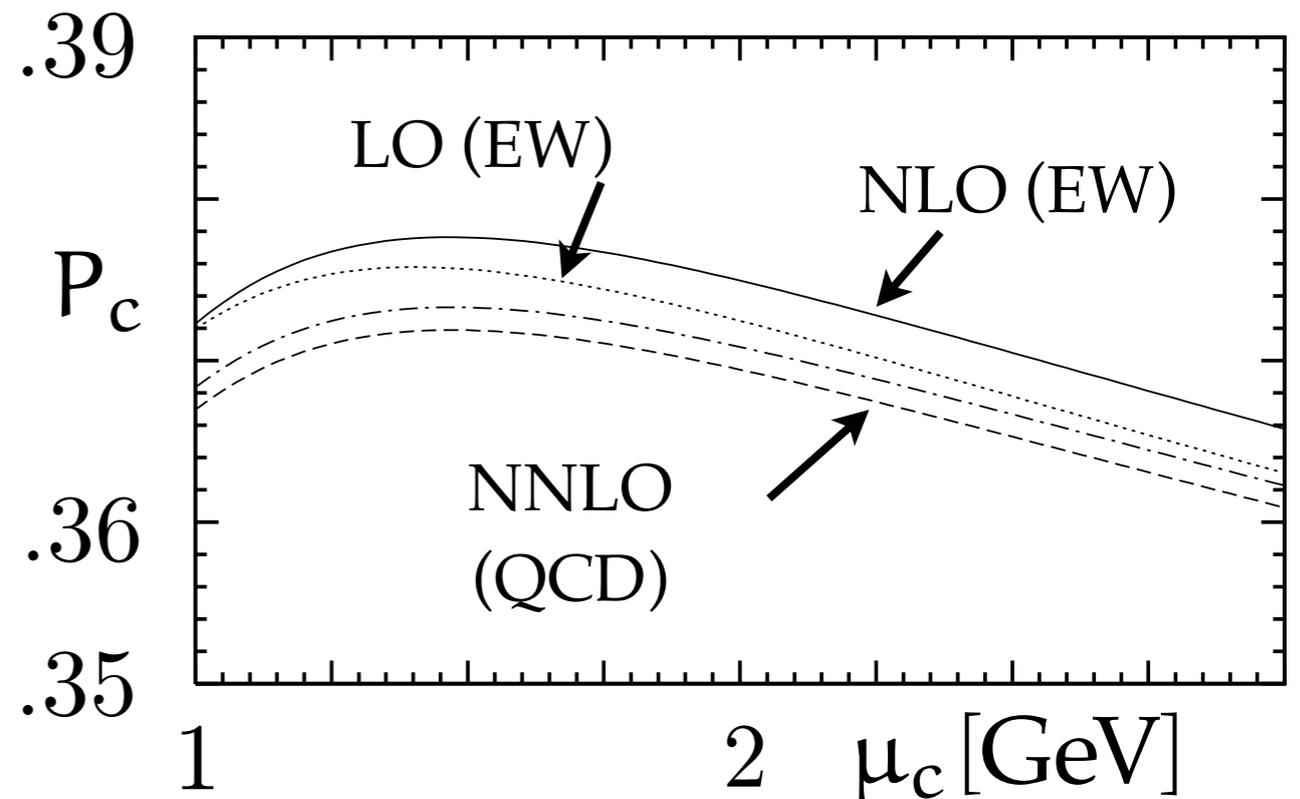
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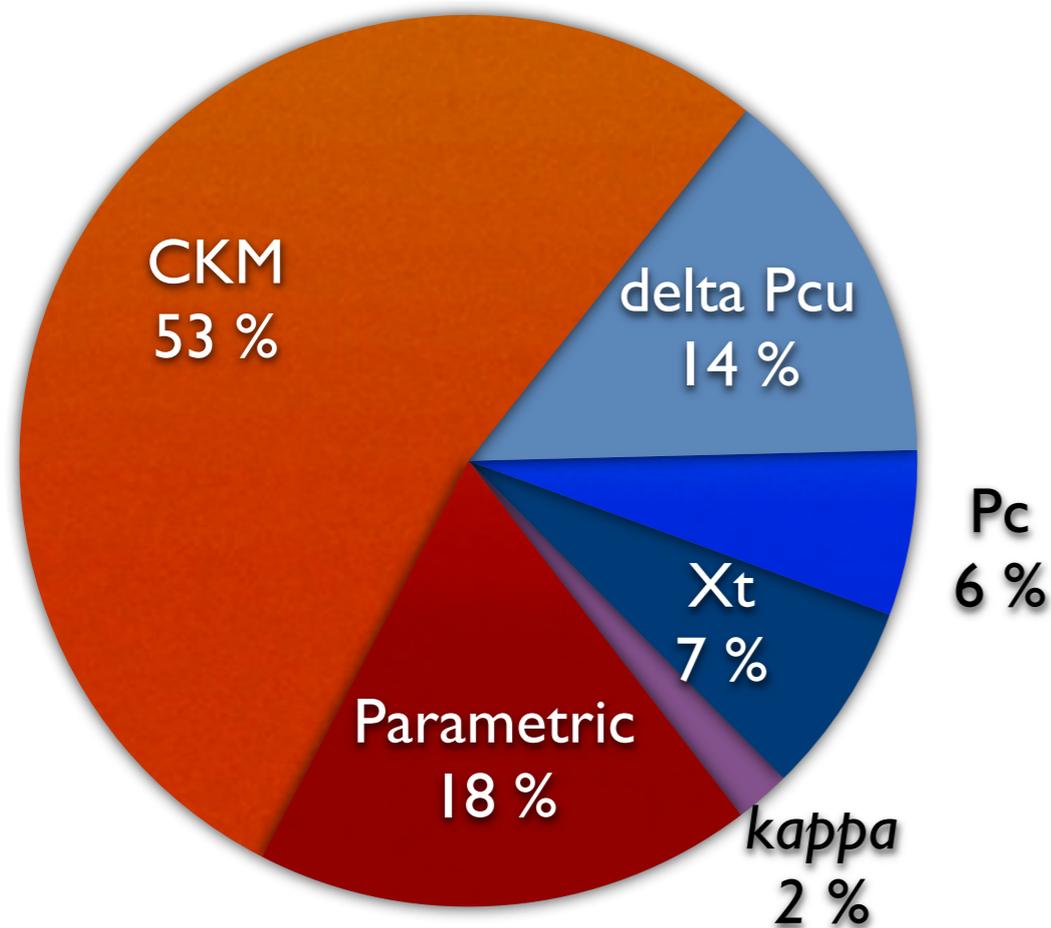
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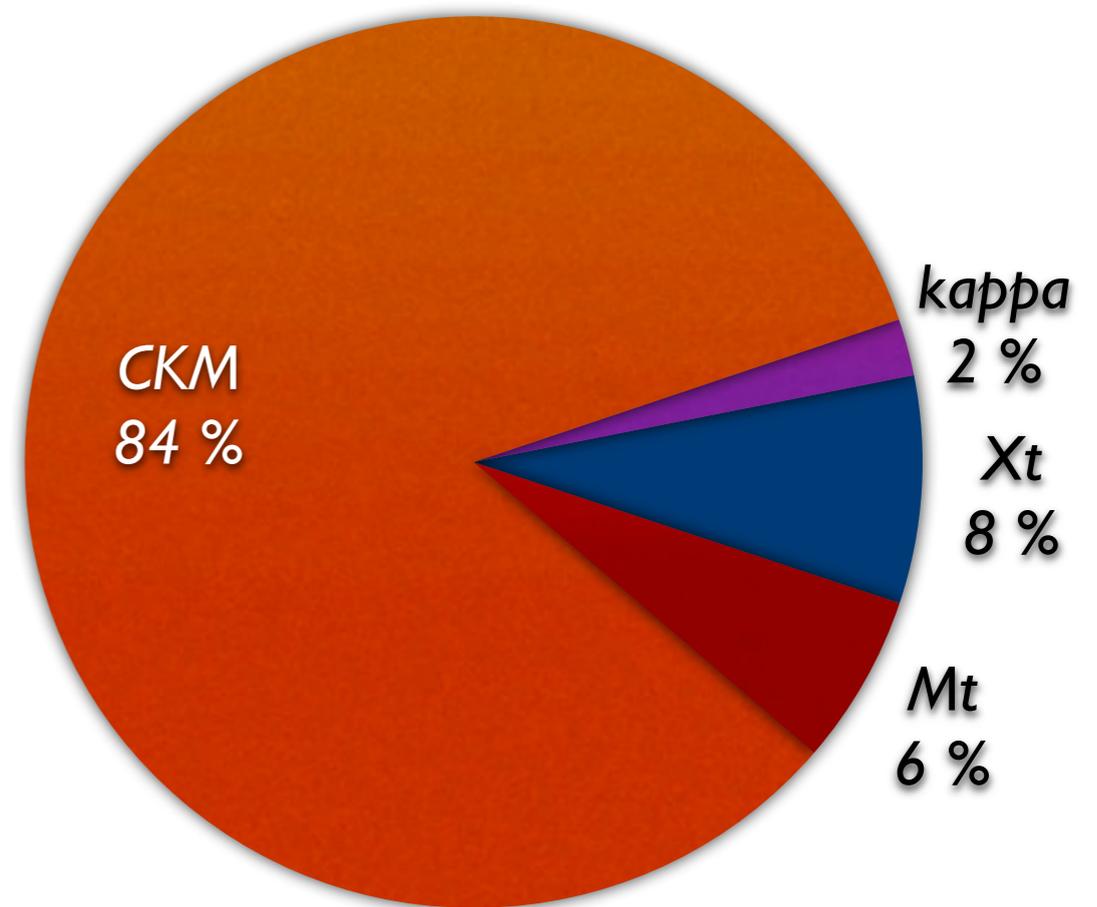
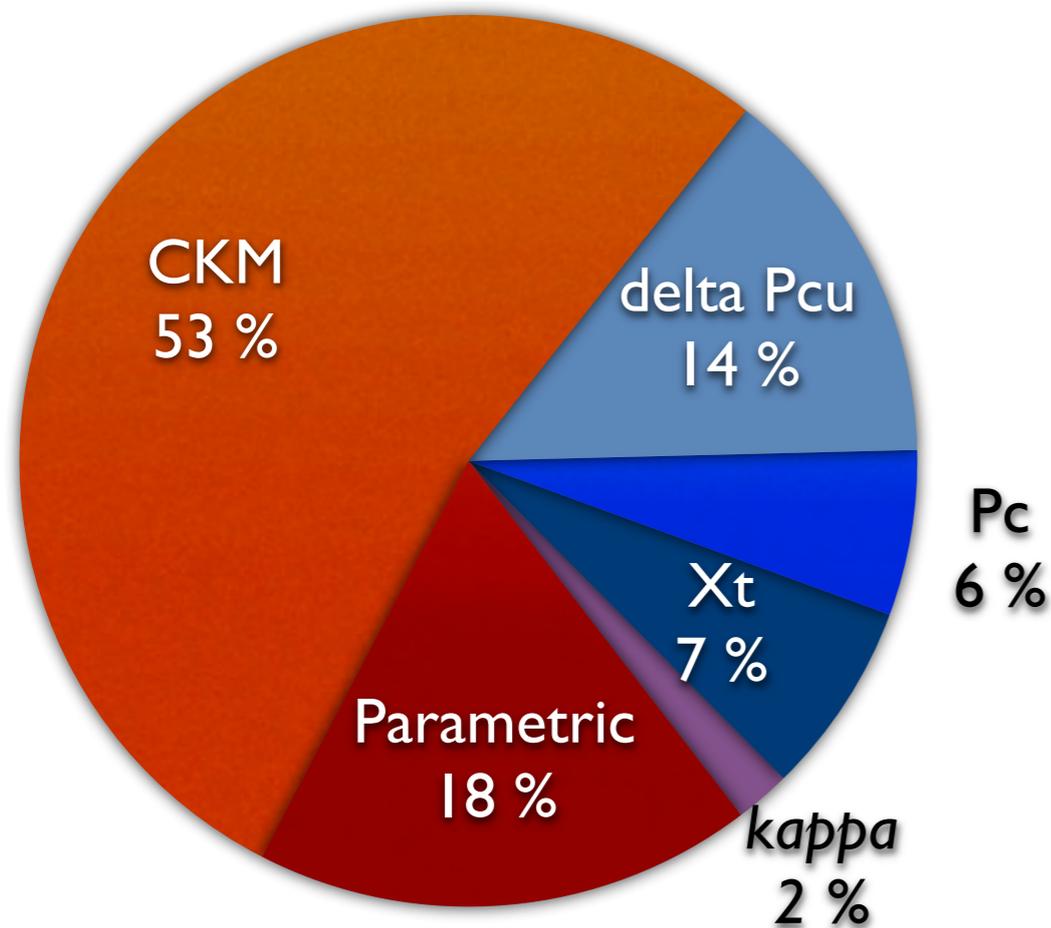
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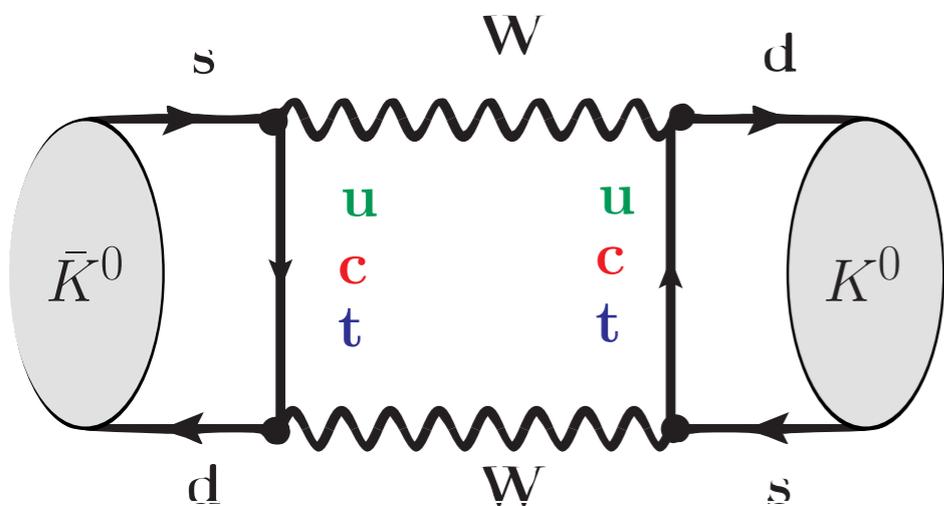
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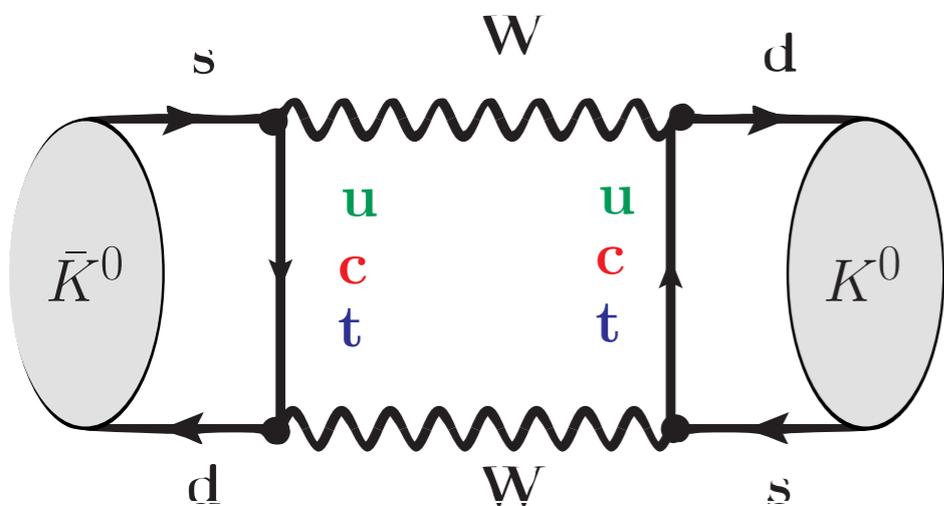
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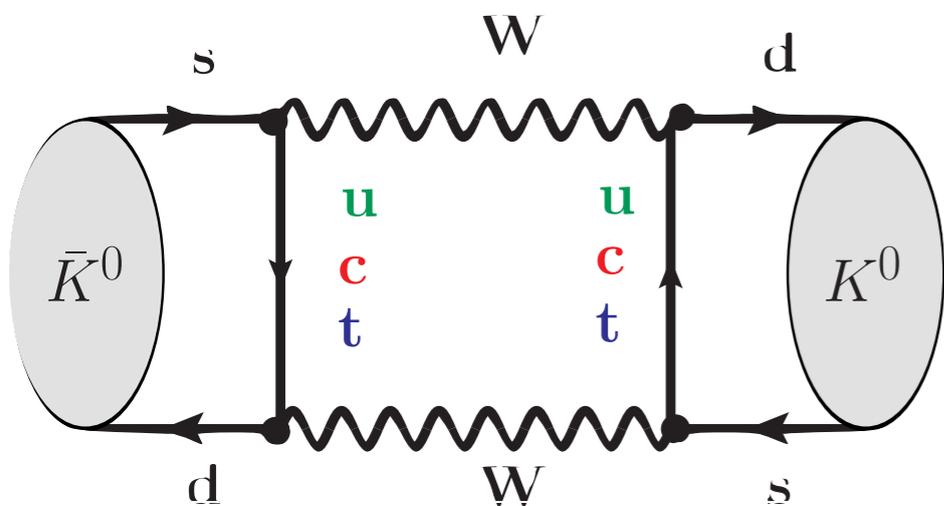
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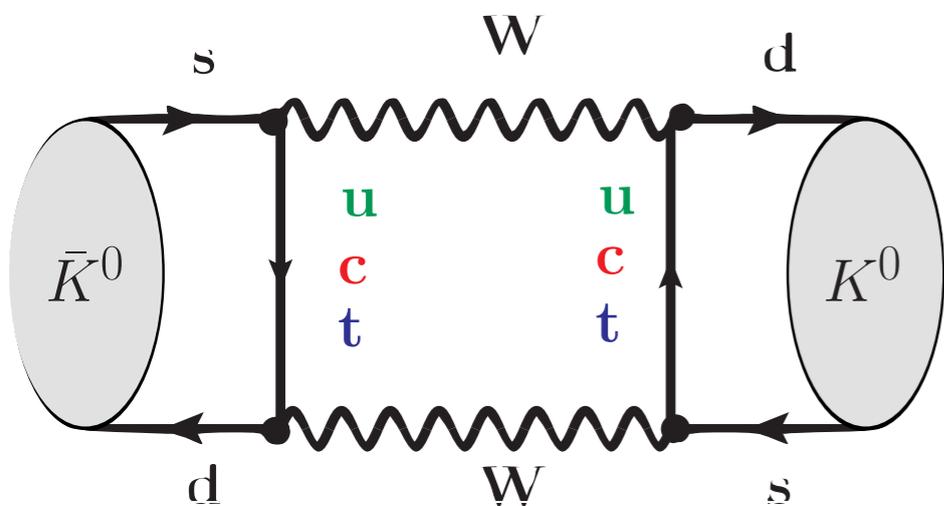
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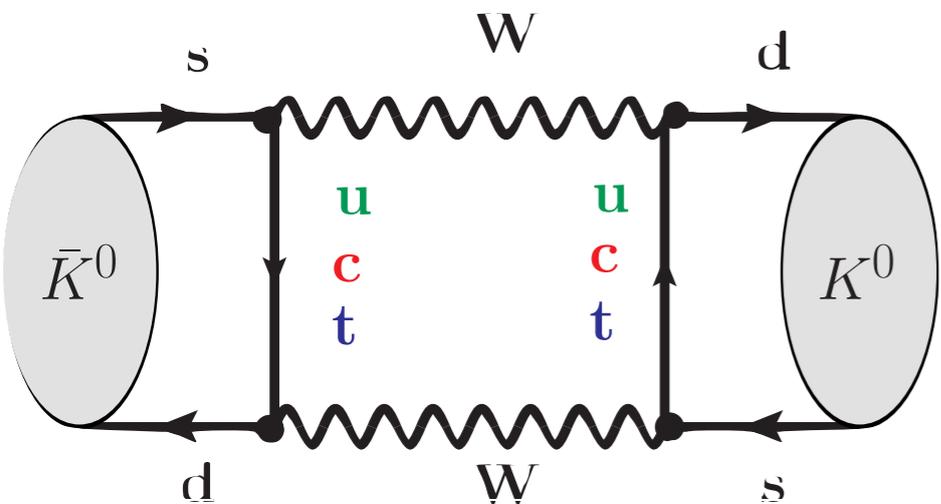
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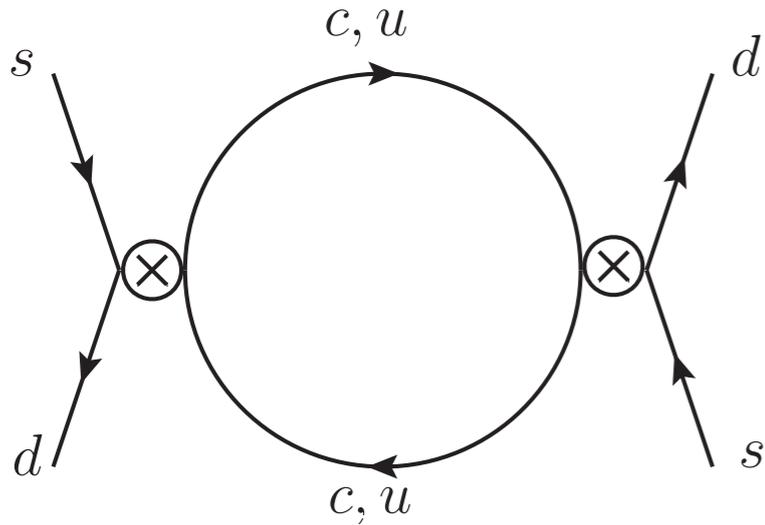
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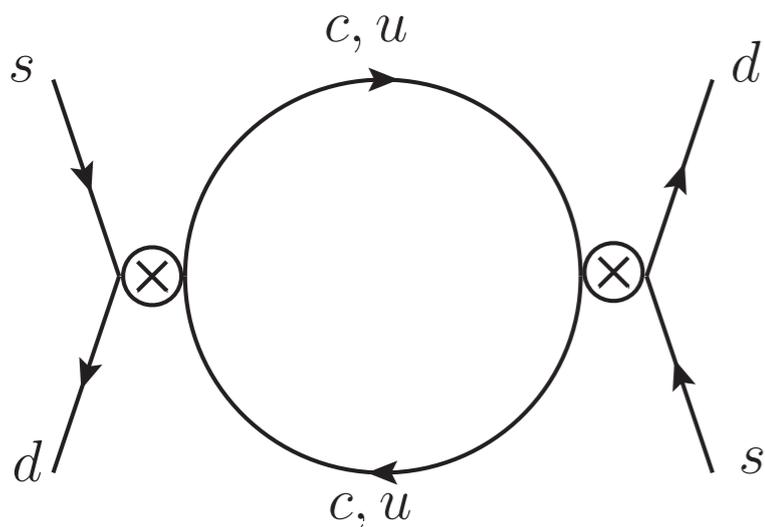


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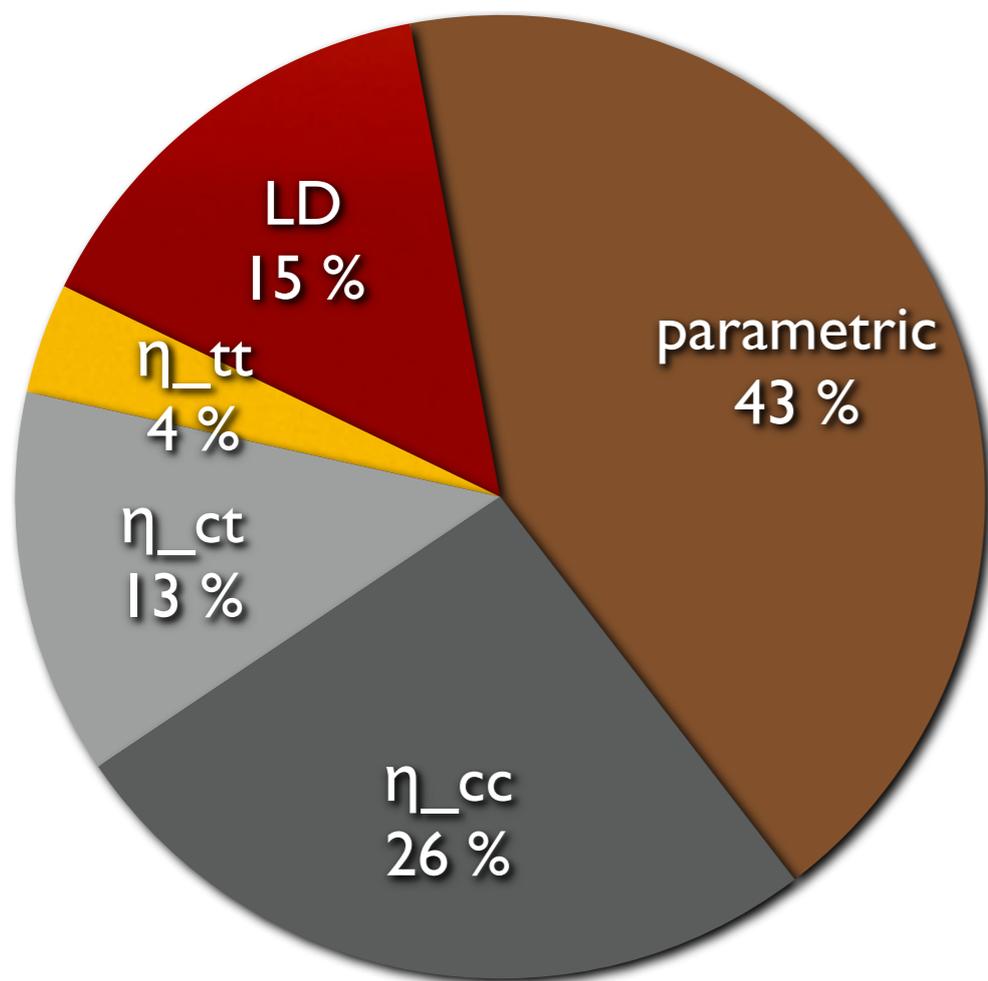
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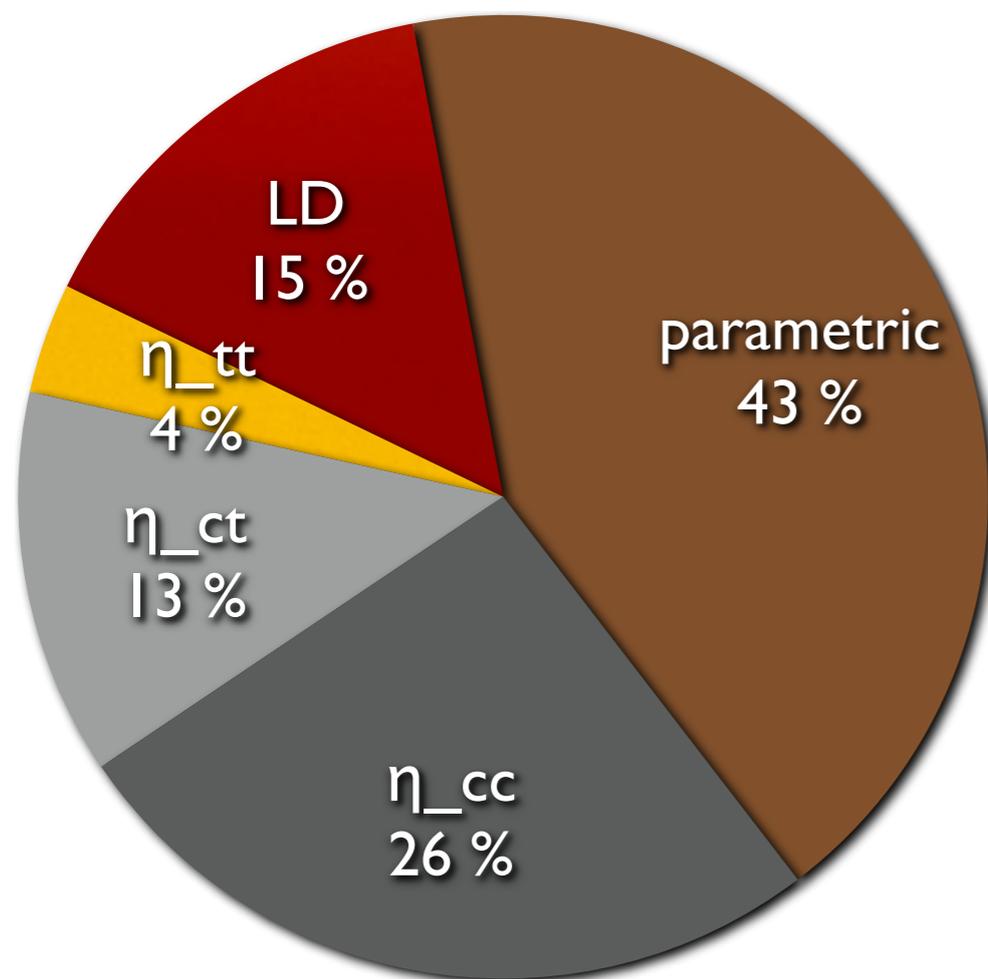
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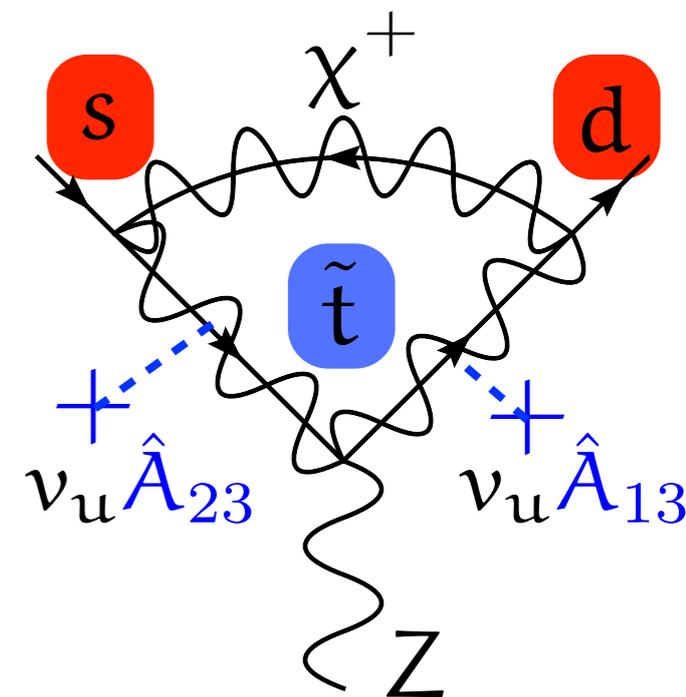
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In MFV no large effects are expected

Z Penguin sensitive

to up-type A-terms [Collangelo, Isidori '98]

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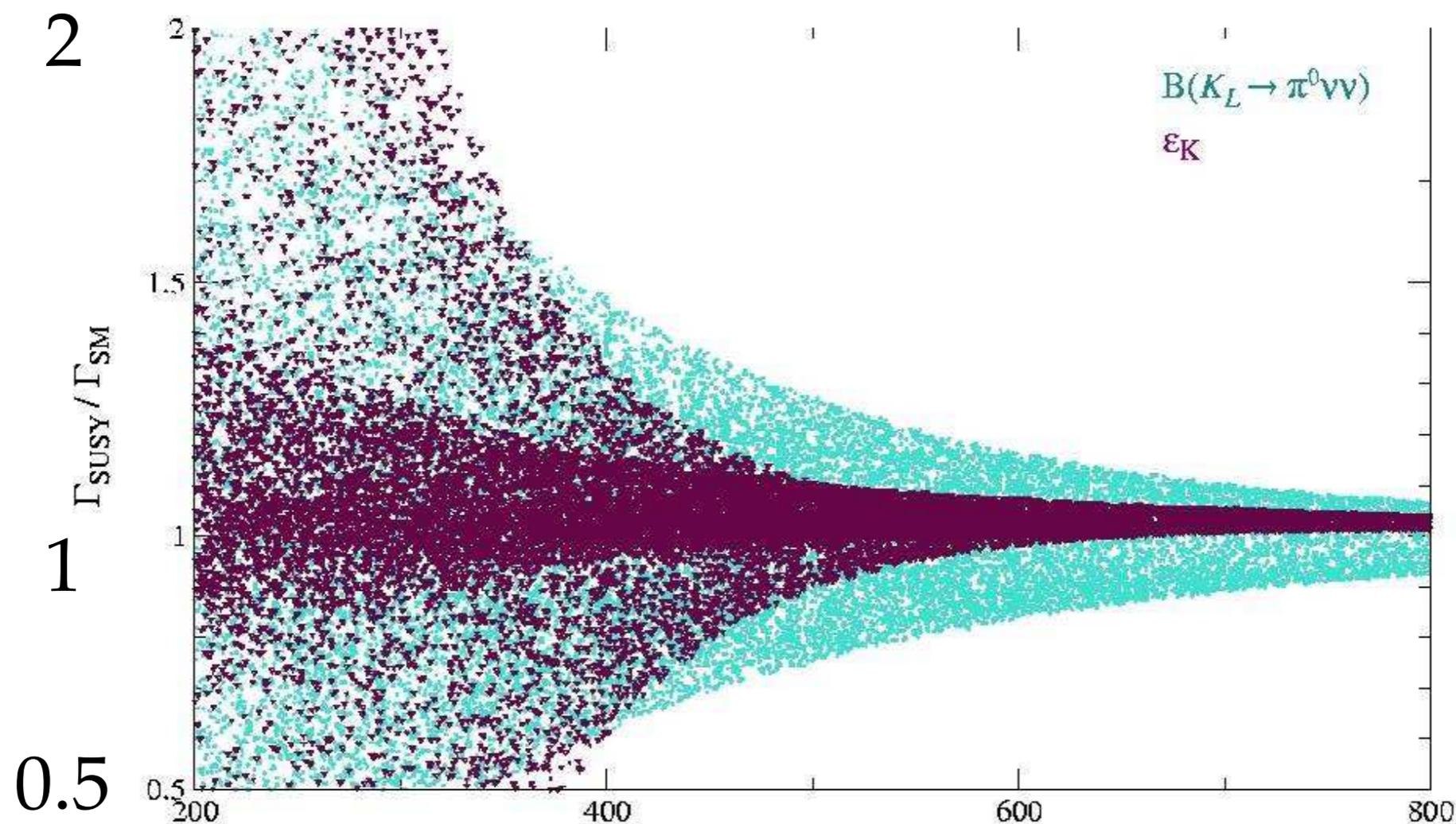
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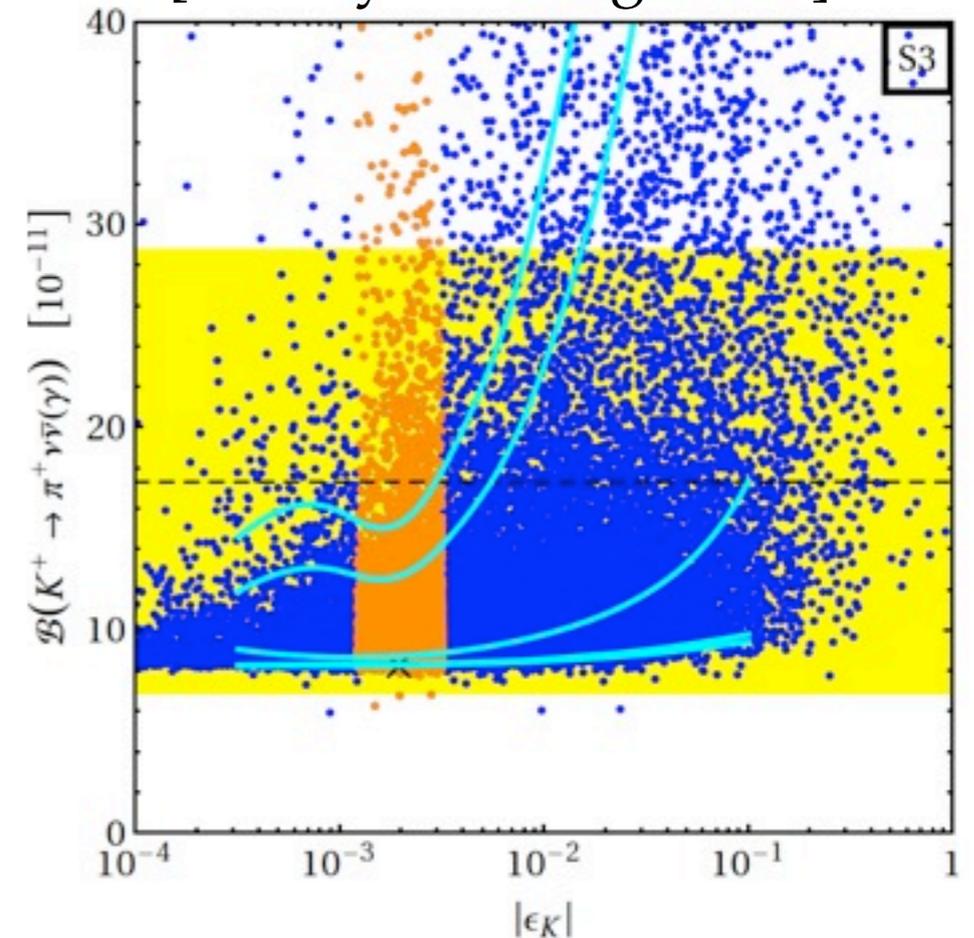
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RS with common down-type bulk mass  
[Plot by S. Casagrande]



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Lattice for  $N_F = 2+1$

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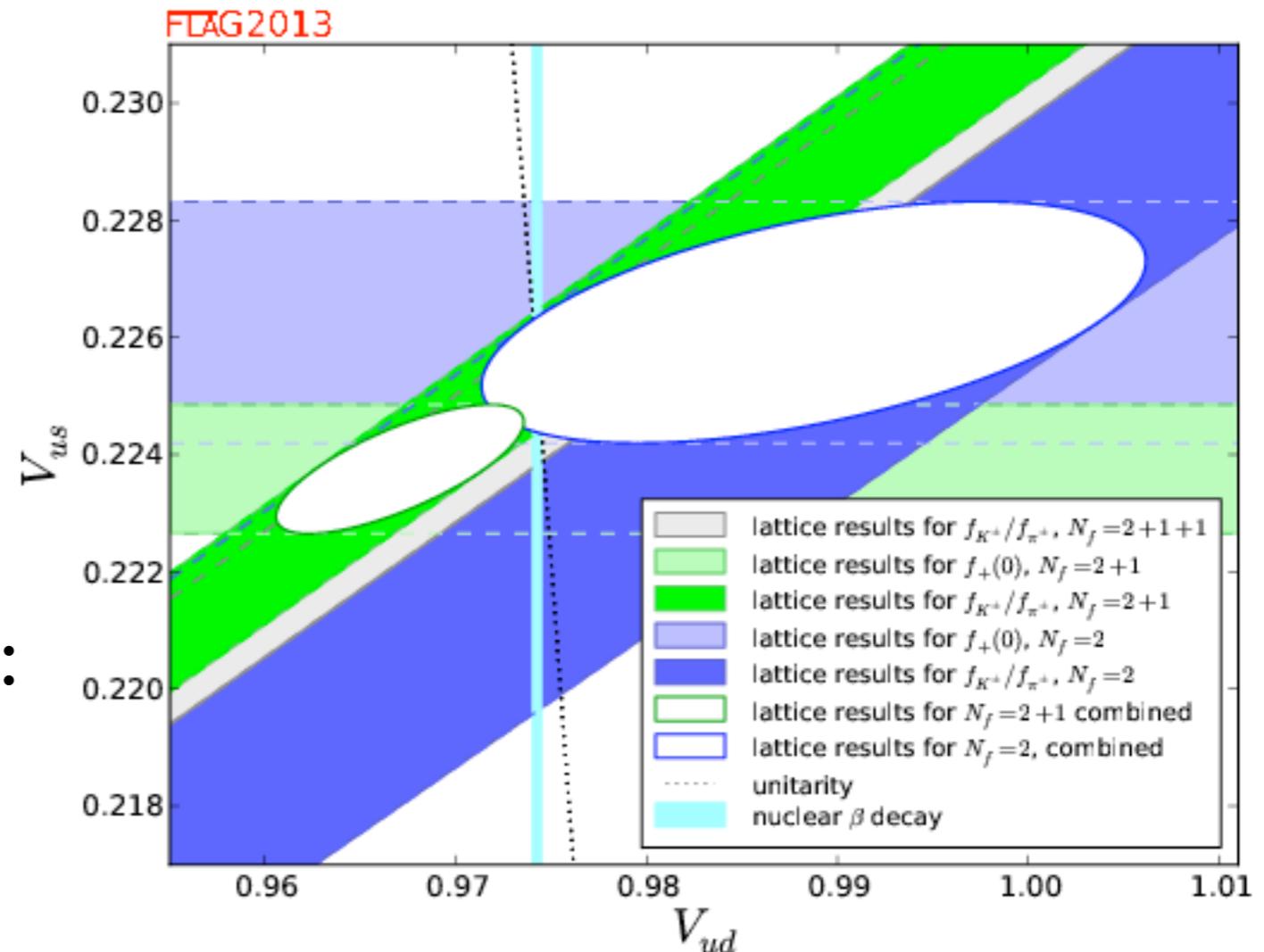
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# CKM Unitarity (Model Independent)

[Cirigliano et. al. '09]

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Use  $SU(2) \otimes U(1)$  invariant operators [Buchmüller-Wyler '06]  
(plus  $U(3)^5$  flavour symmetry)

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Constrained from EW precision data [Han, Skiba '05]

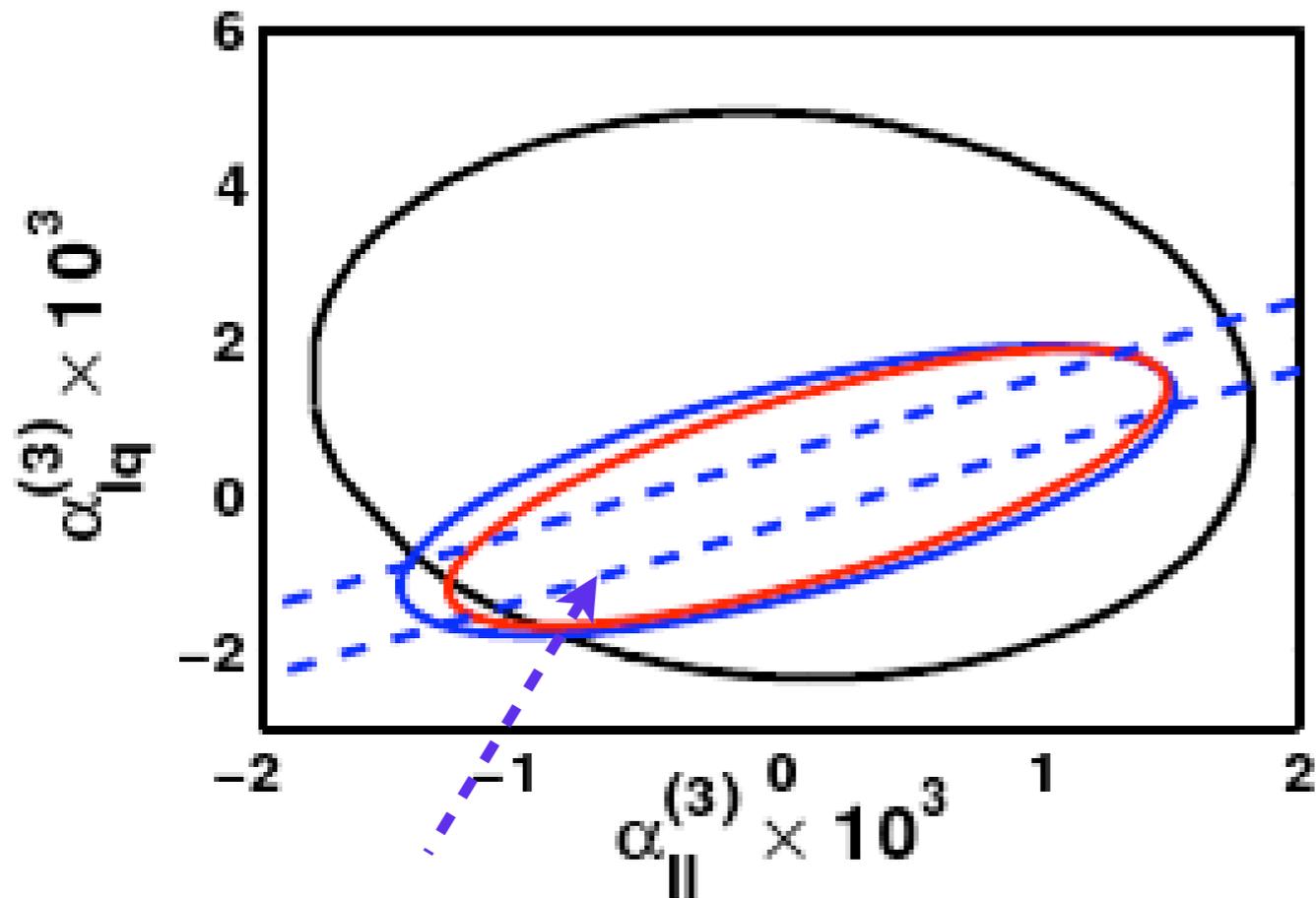
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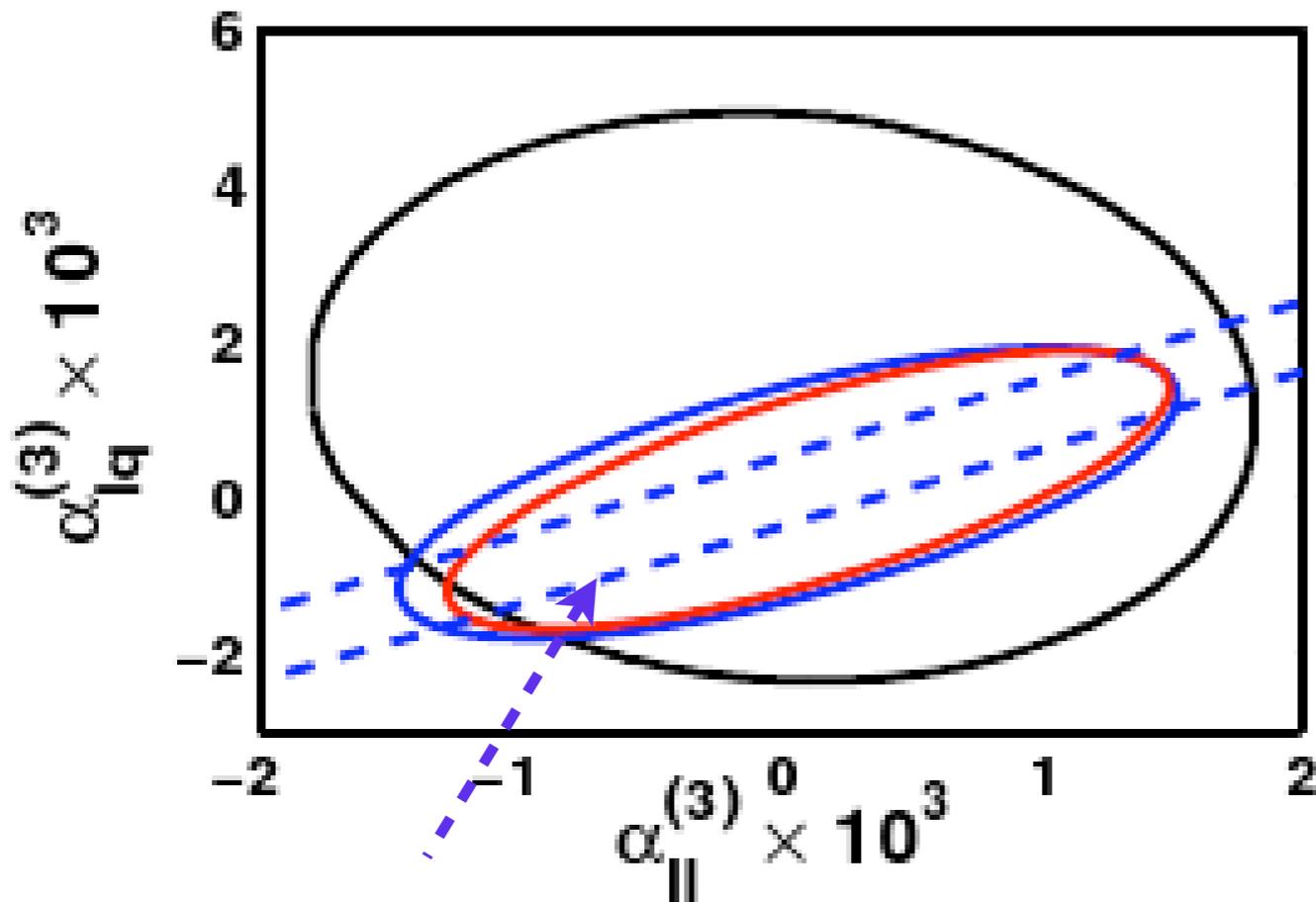


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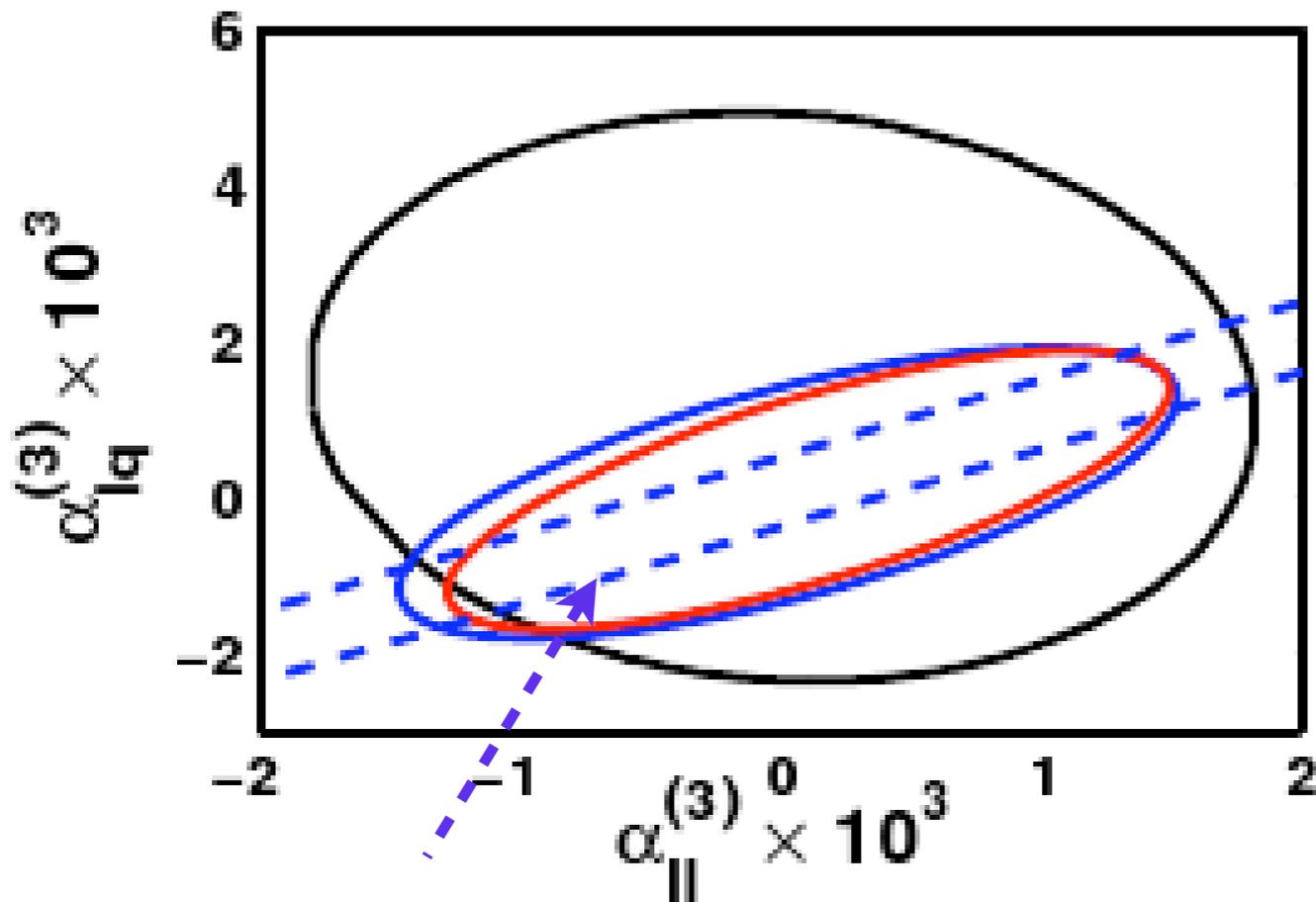
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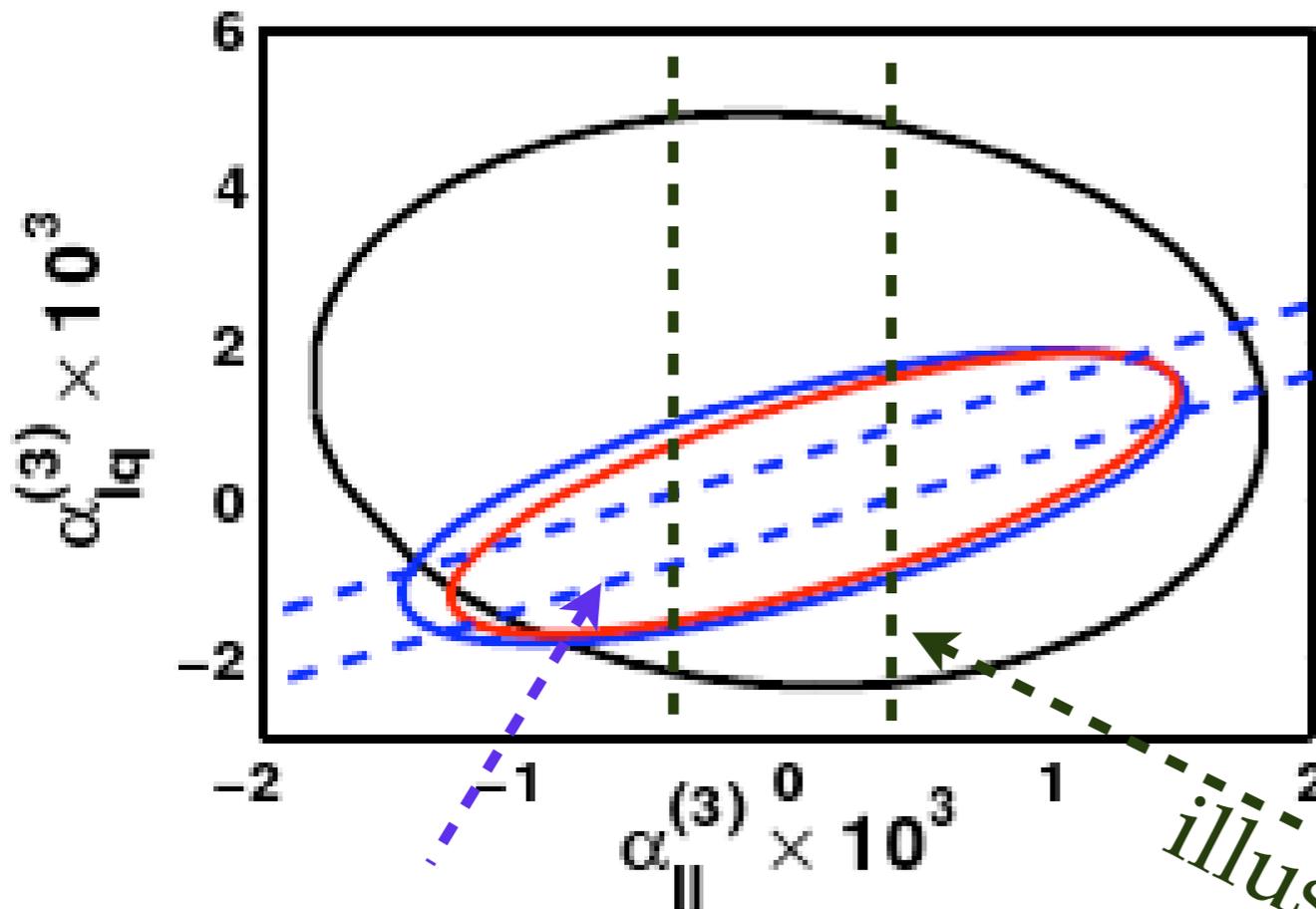
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