



Multi-hadron matrix elements from lattice QCD

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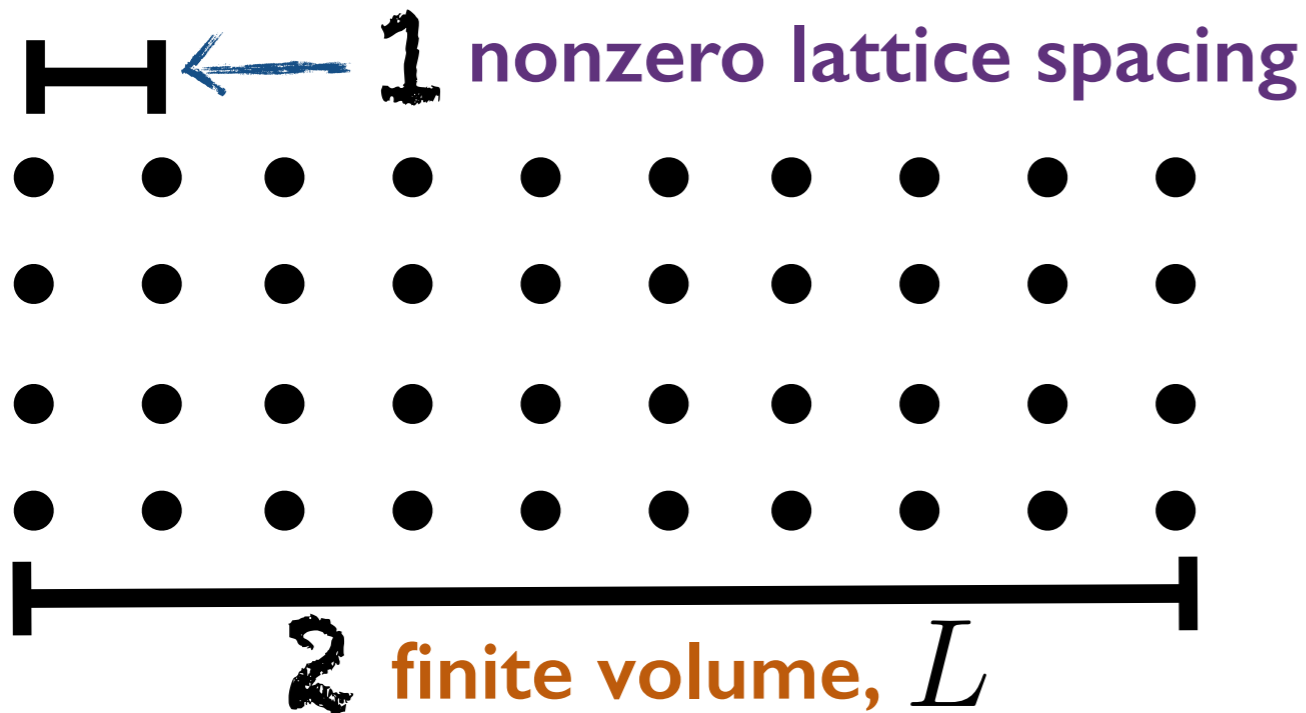
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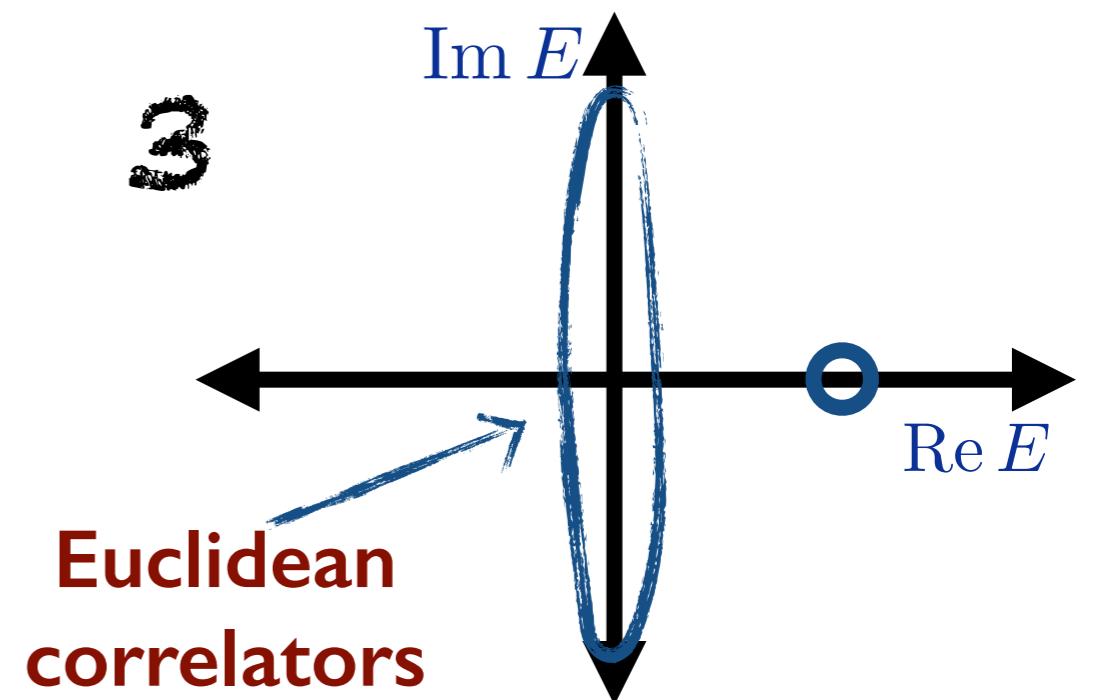
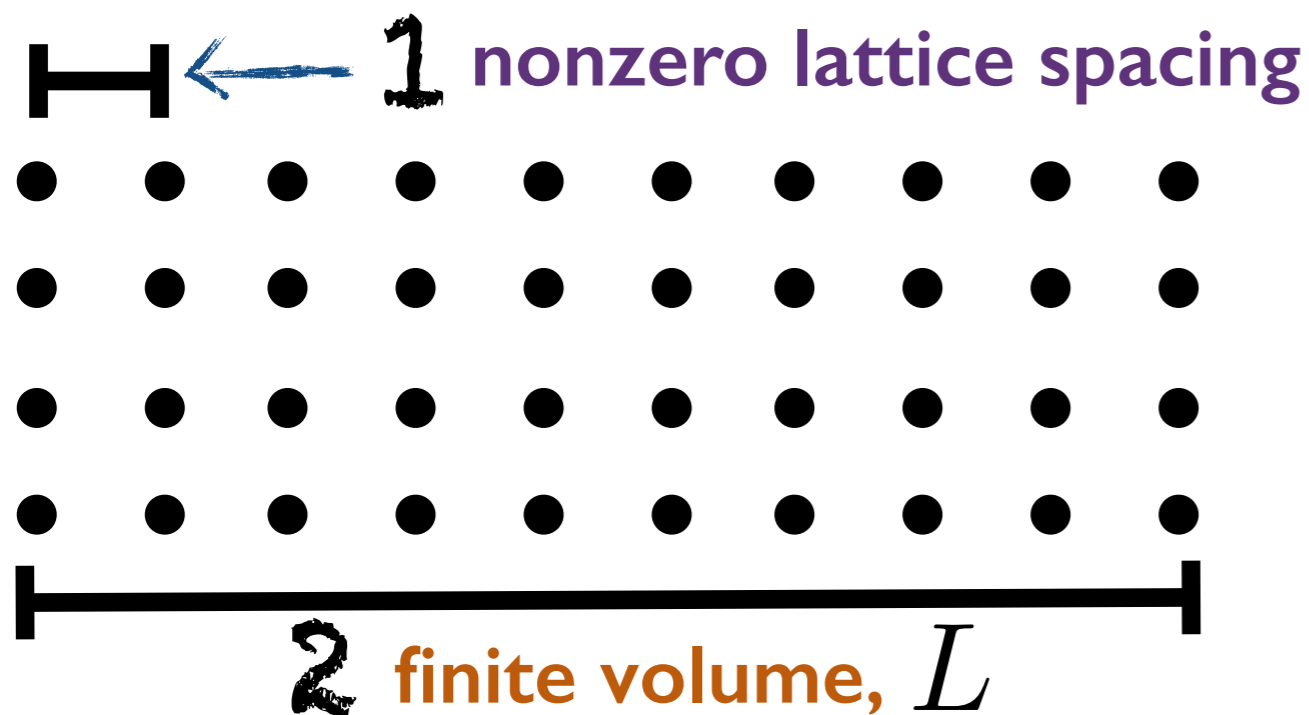


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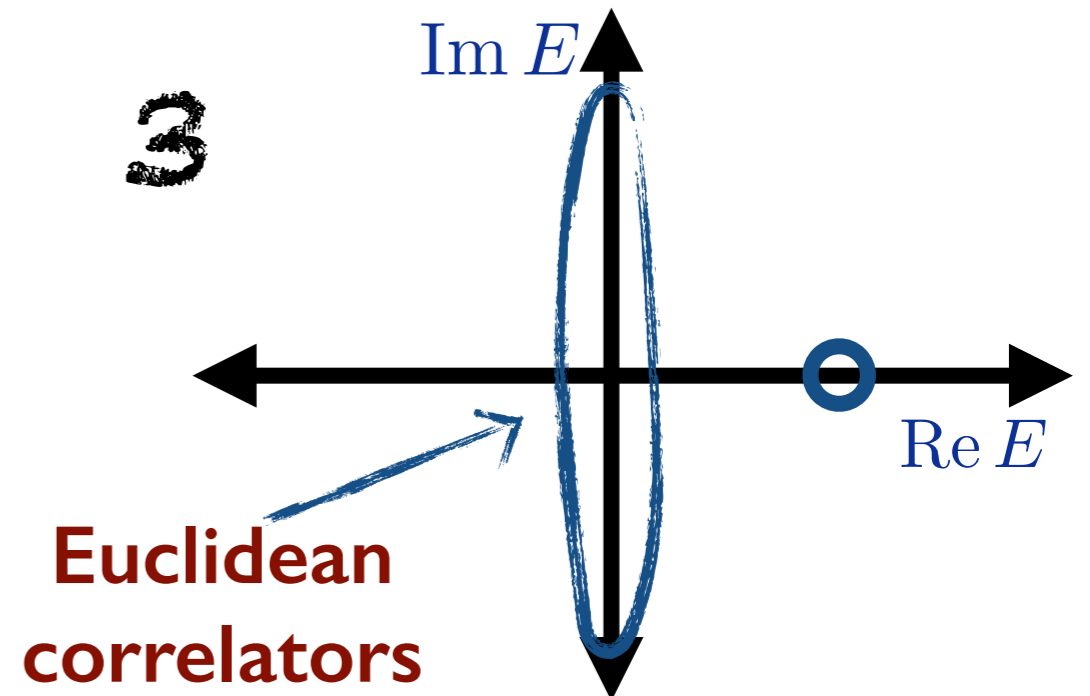
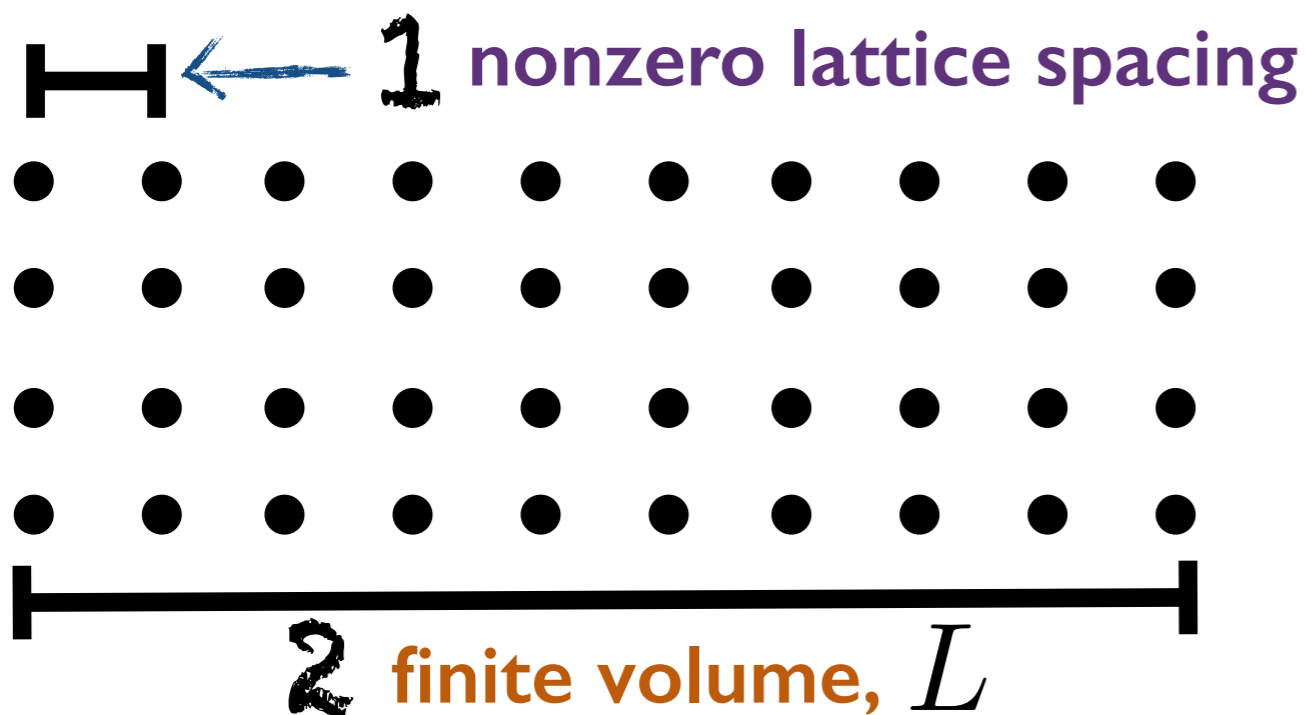
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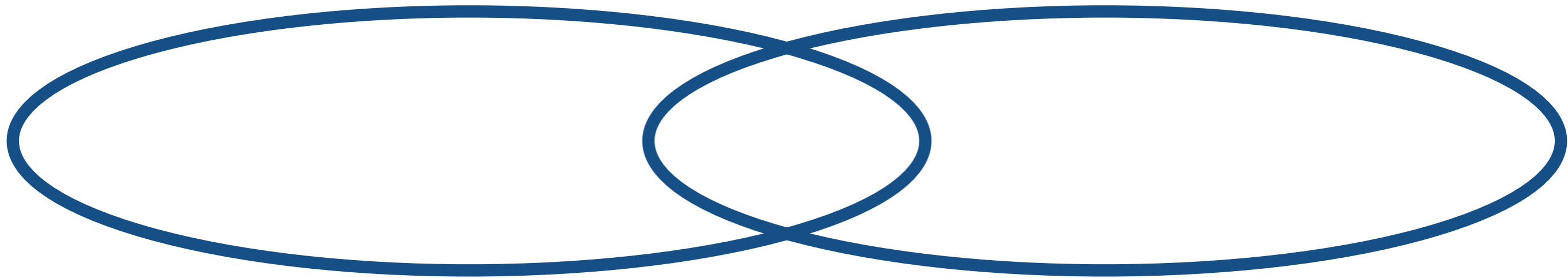
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To extract multi-hadron decay and scattering amplitudes we do not take the infinite-volume limit

$$N + \nu_\ell \longrightarrow \ell + X \quad X \in \{N, N\pi, N\pi\pi, \dots\}$$

This is the focus of this talk!

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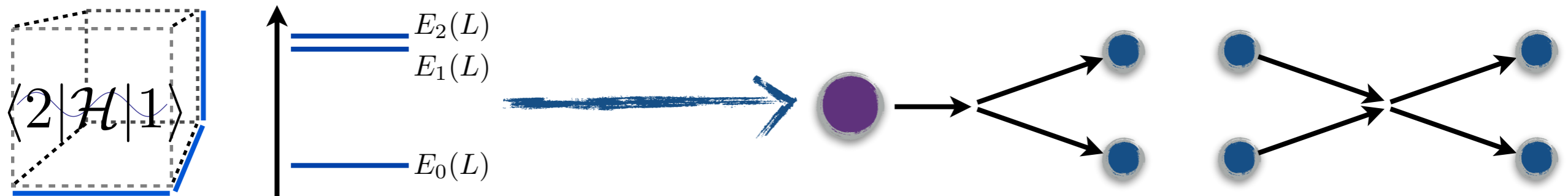
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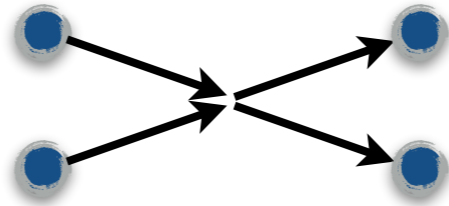
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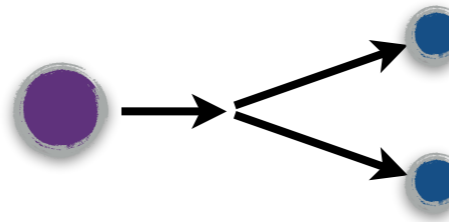
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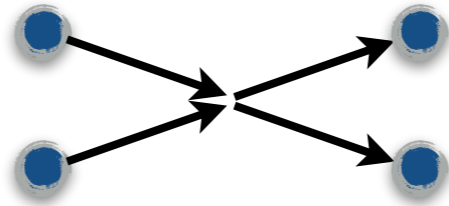
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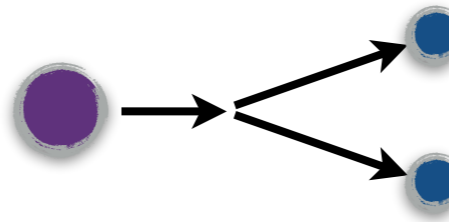
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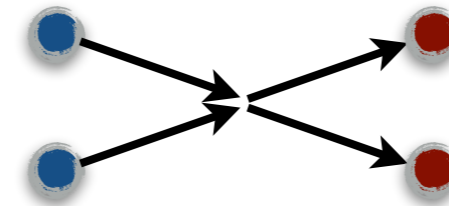
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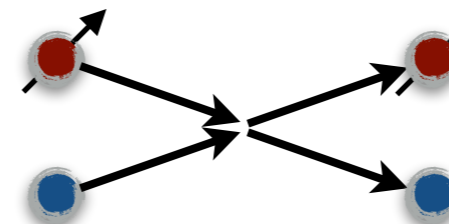
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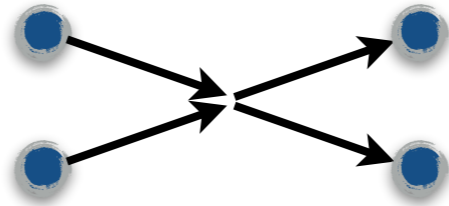
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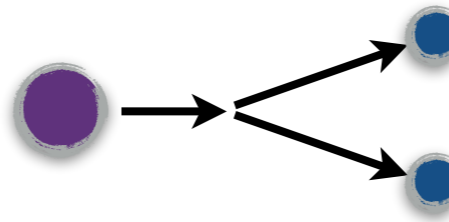
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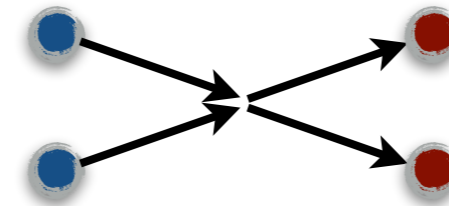
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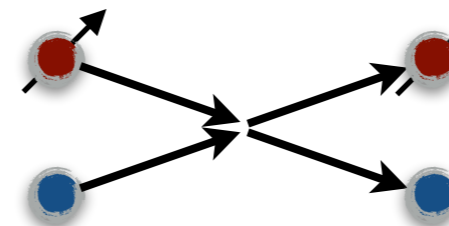
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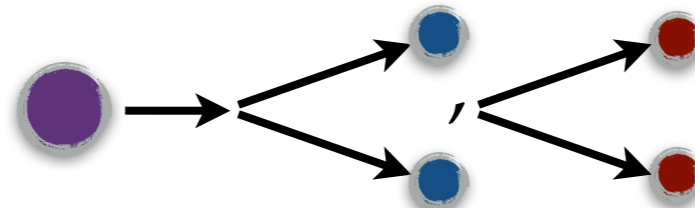
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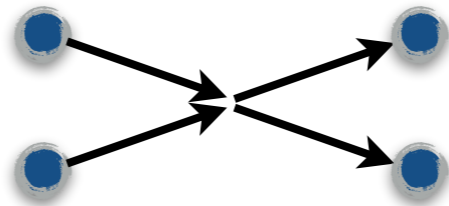
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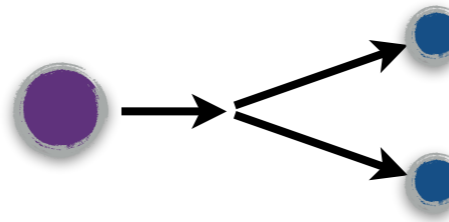
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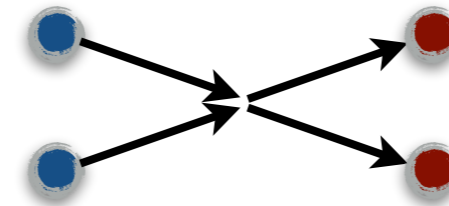
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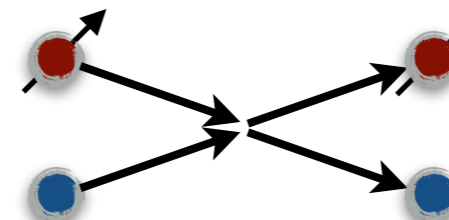
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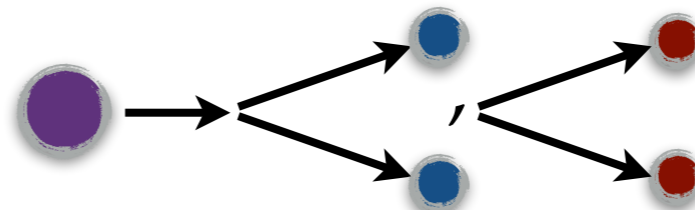
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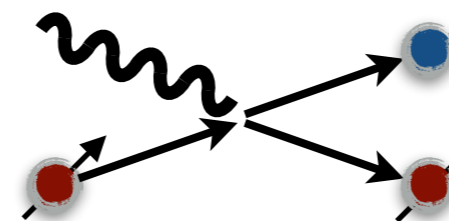
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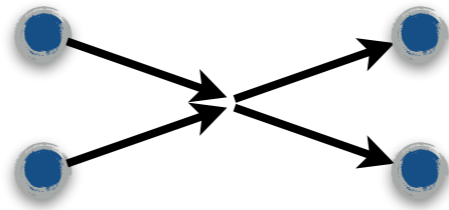
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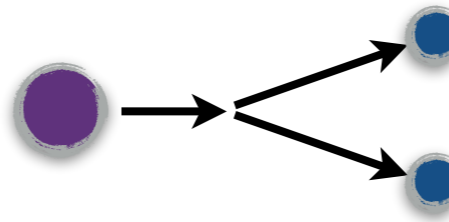
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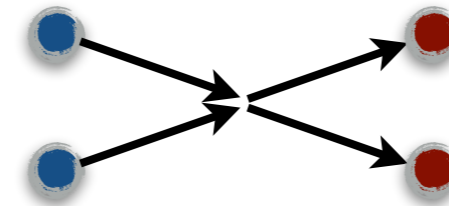
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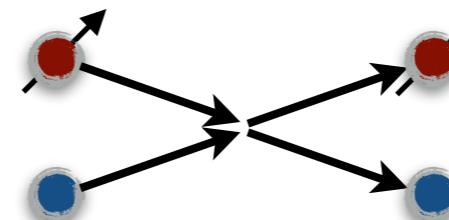
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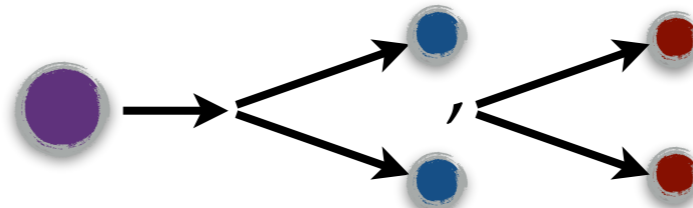
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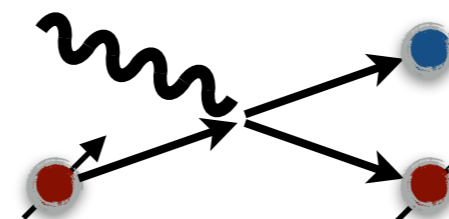
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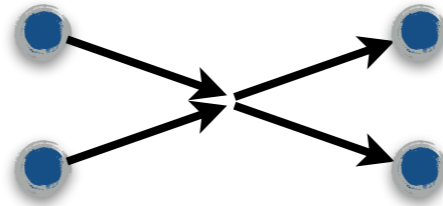
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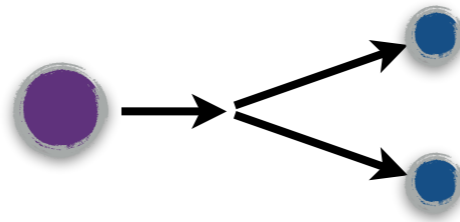
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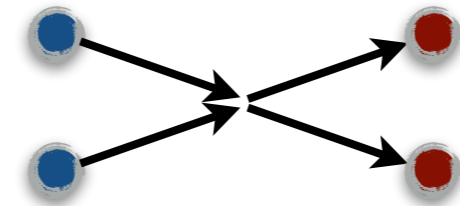
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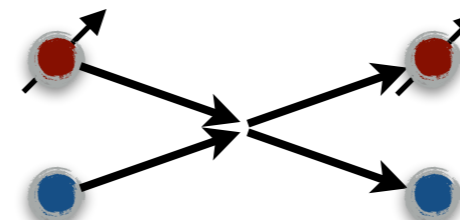
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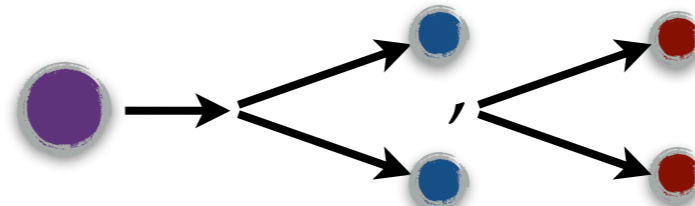
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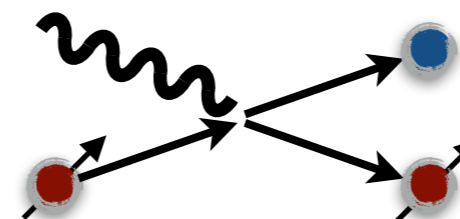
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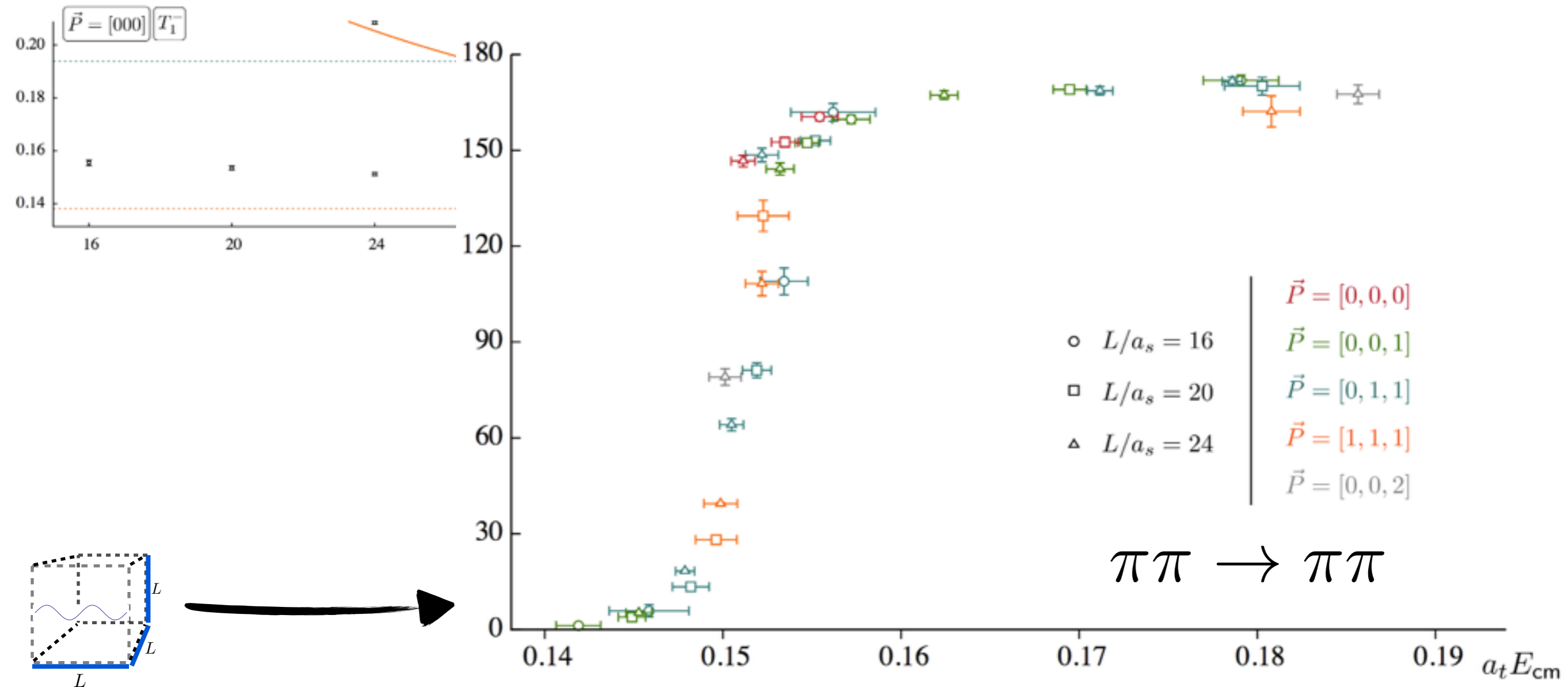
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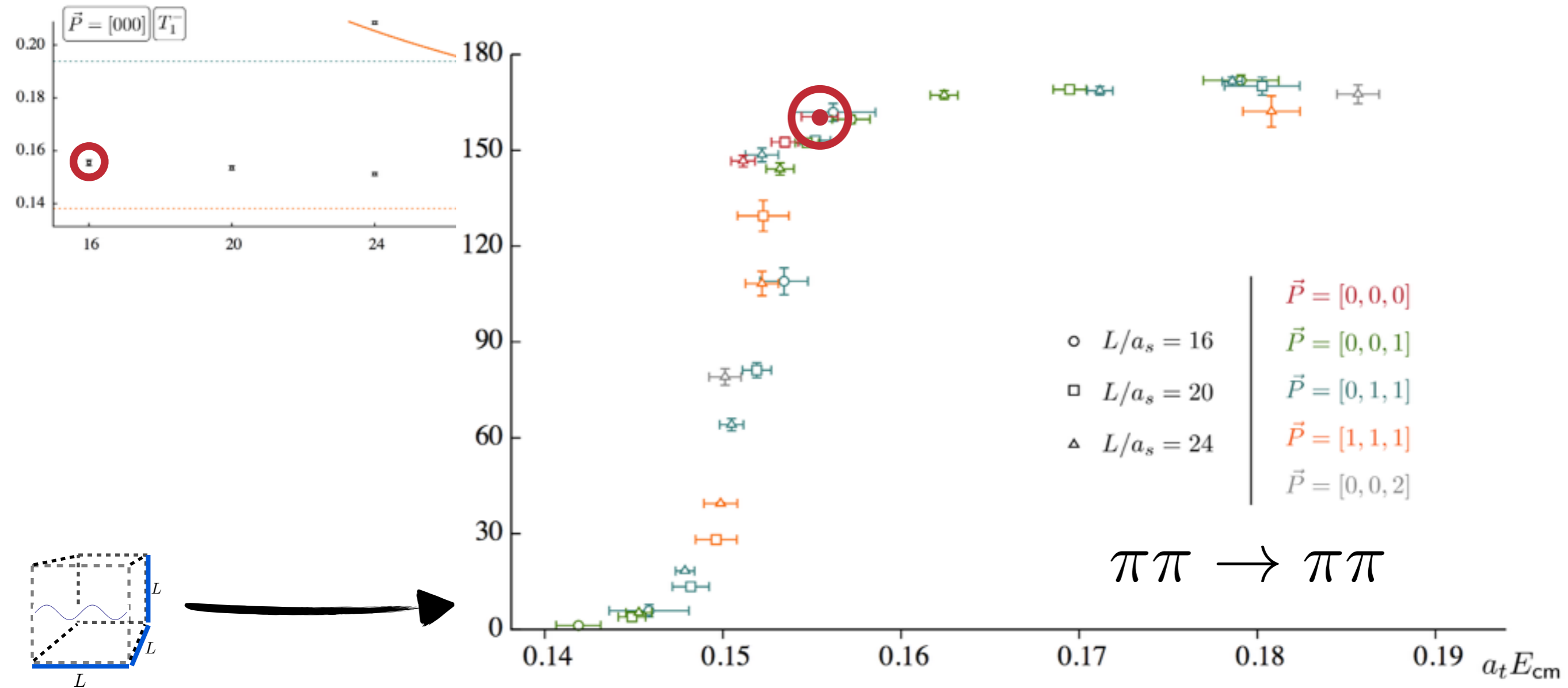
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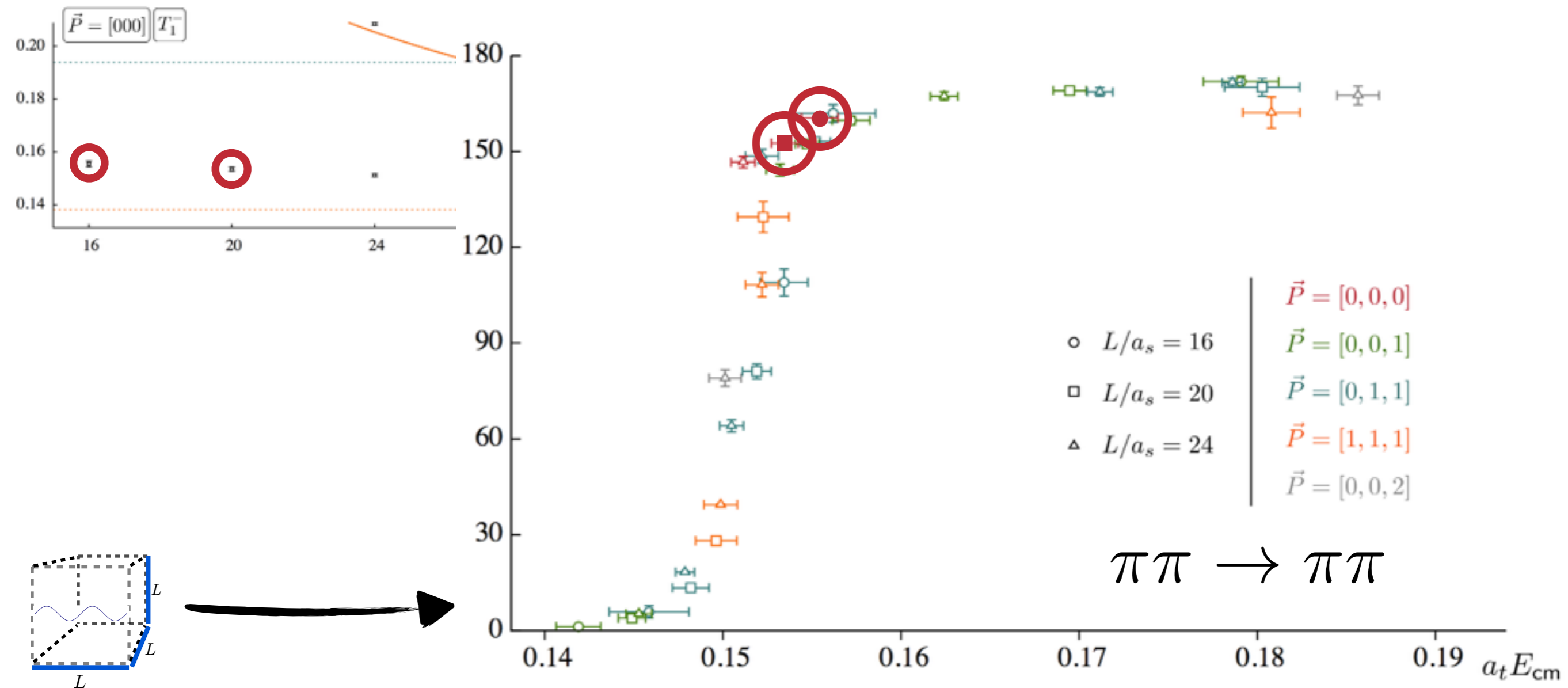
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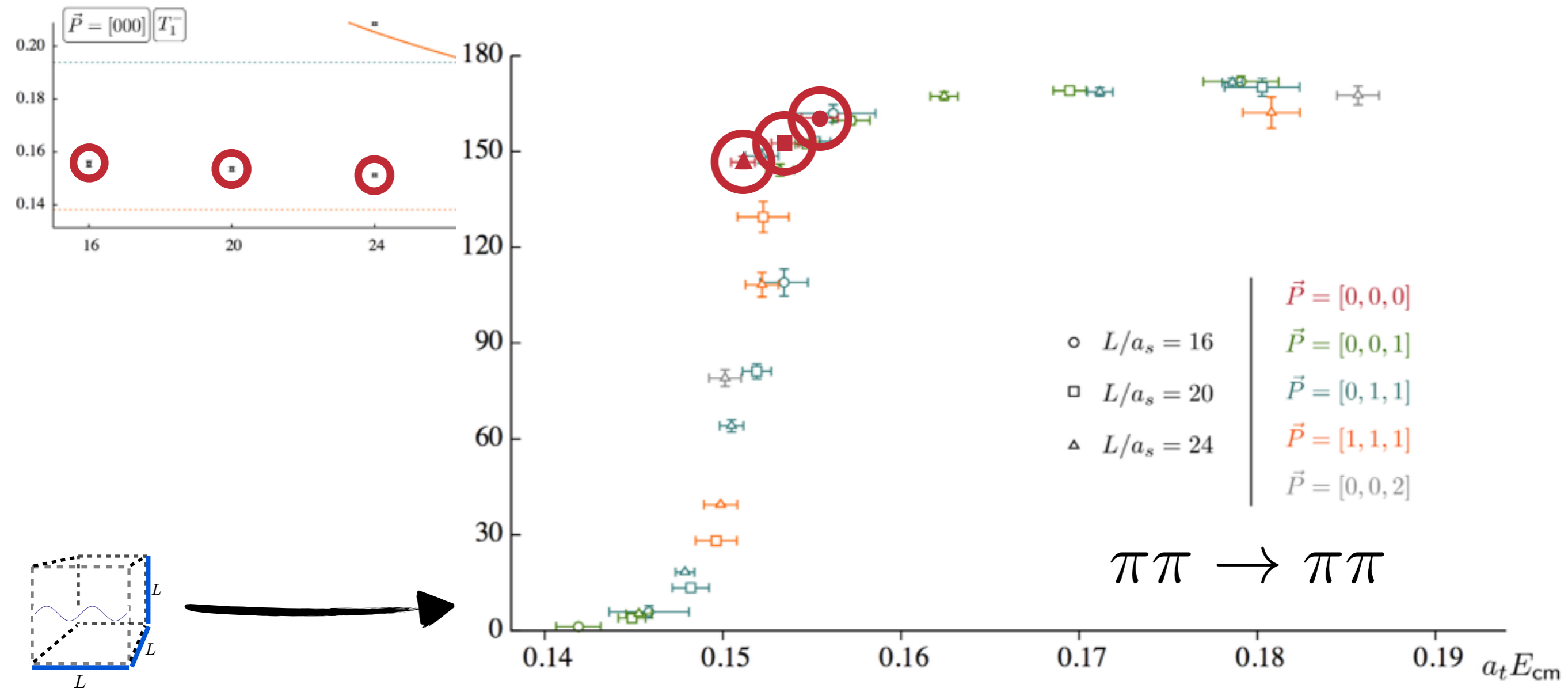
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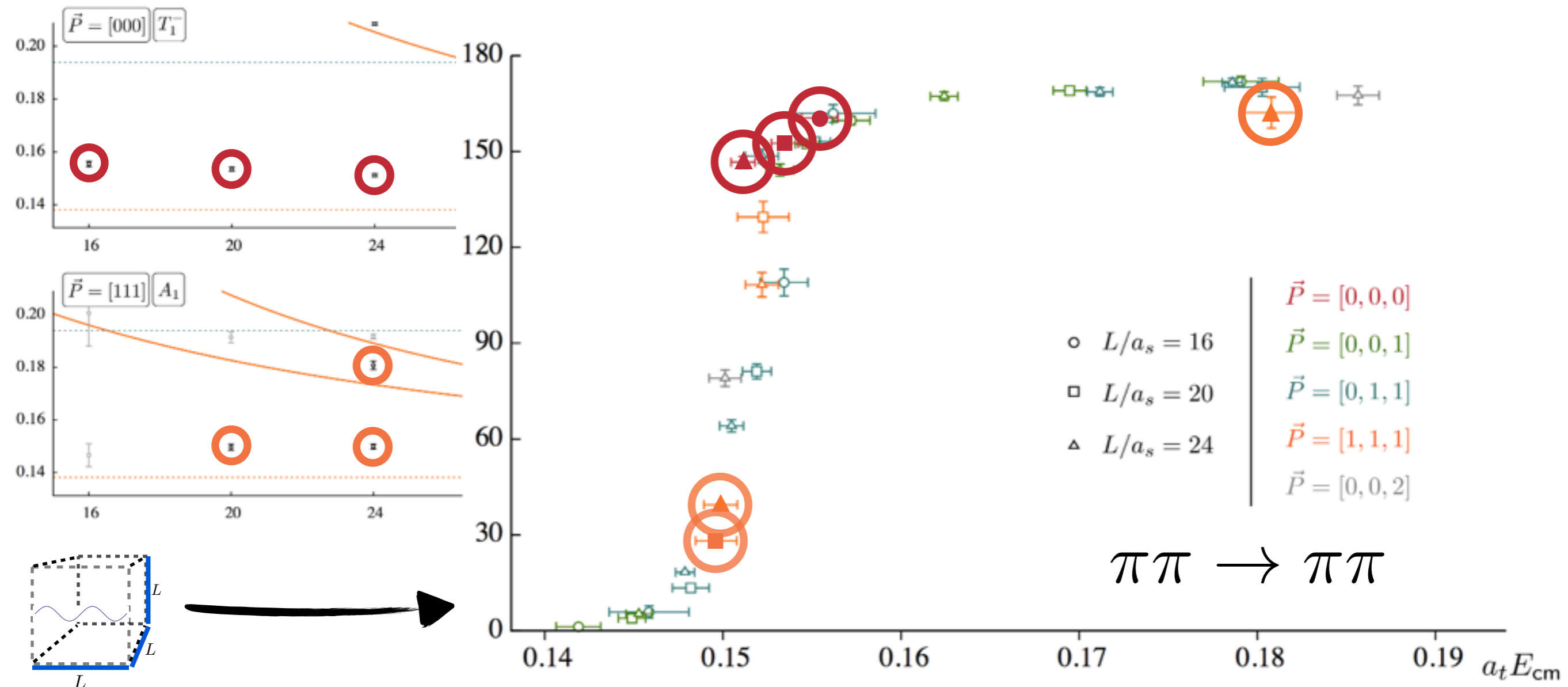
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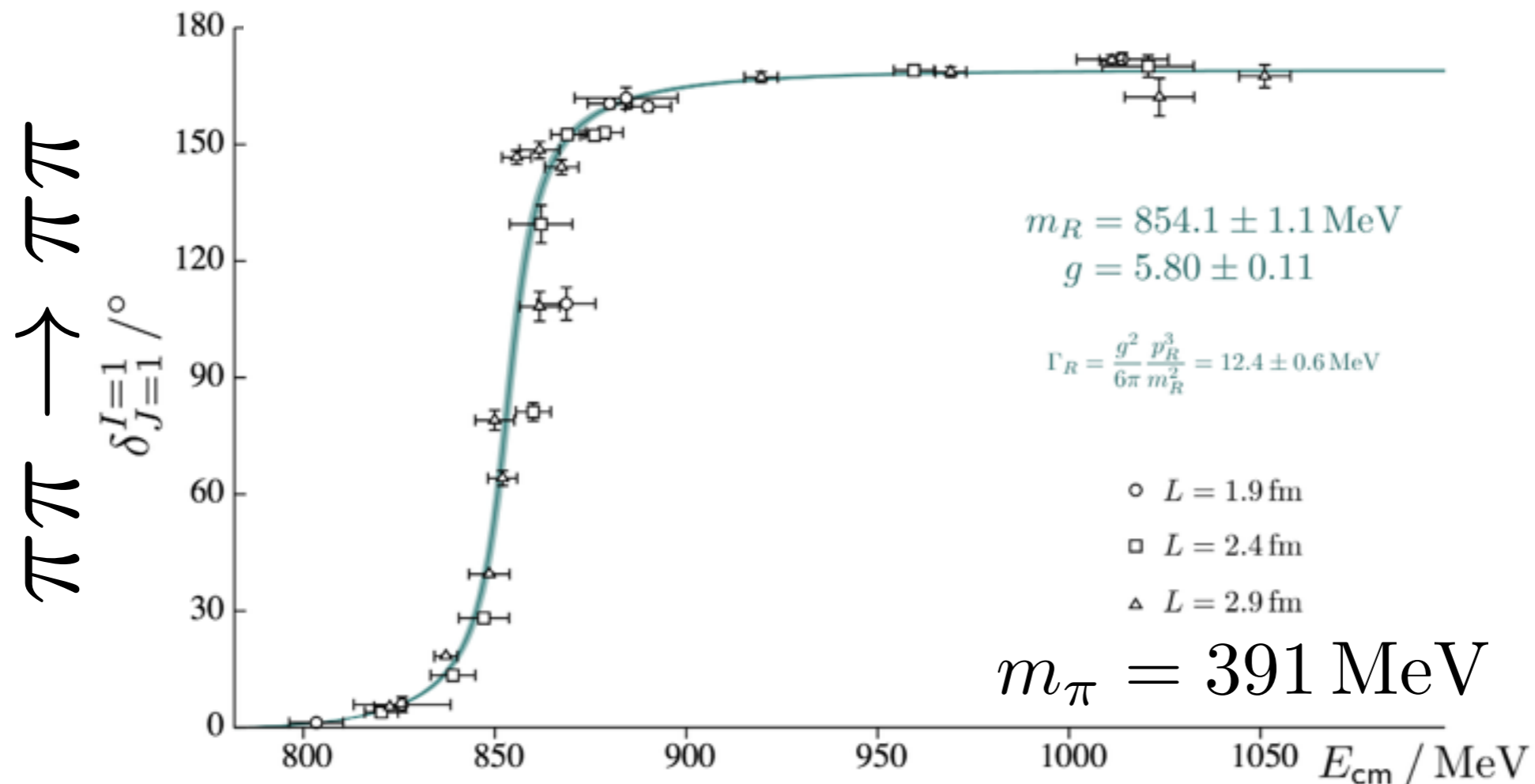
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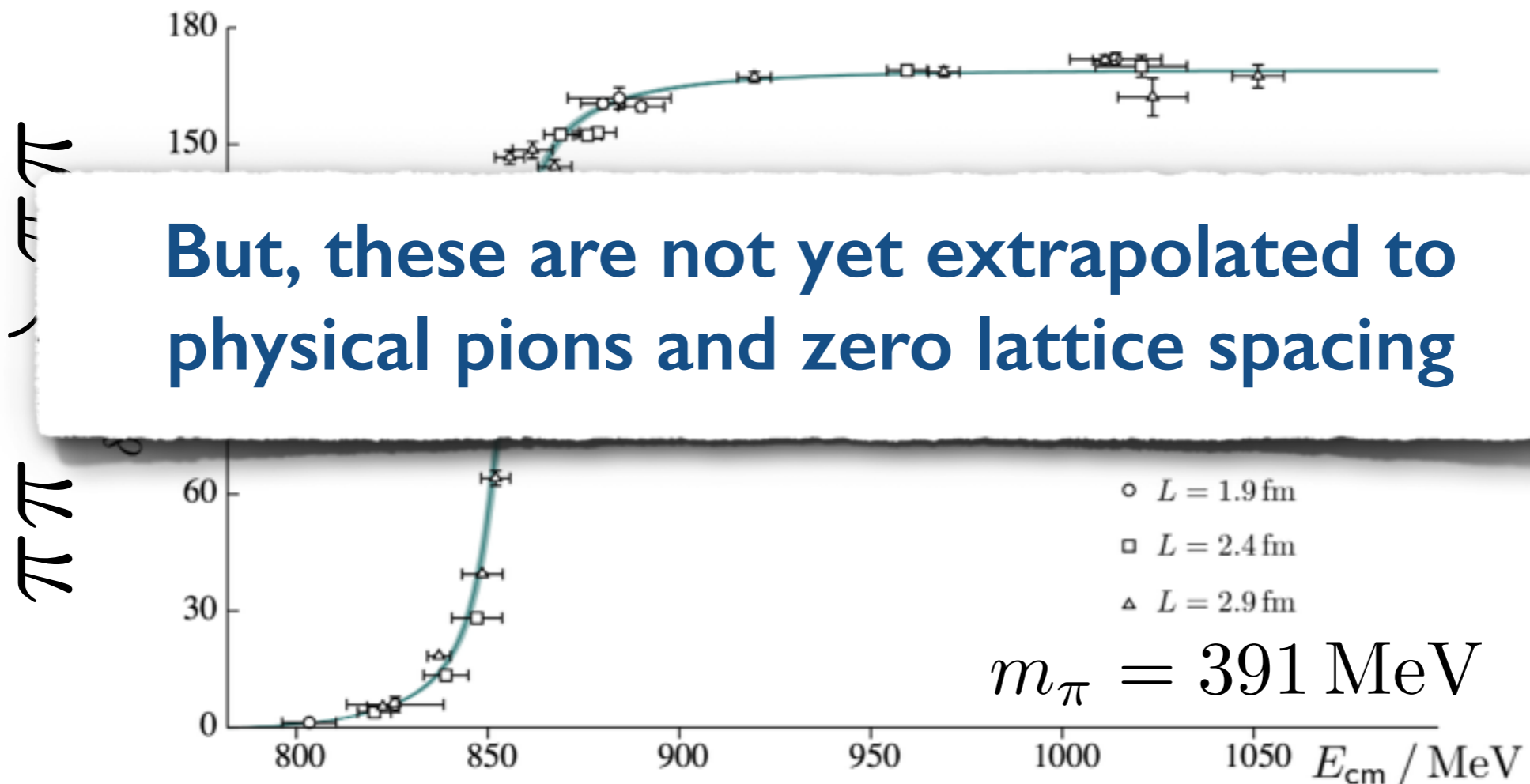
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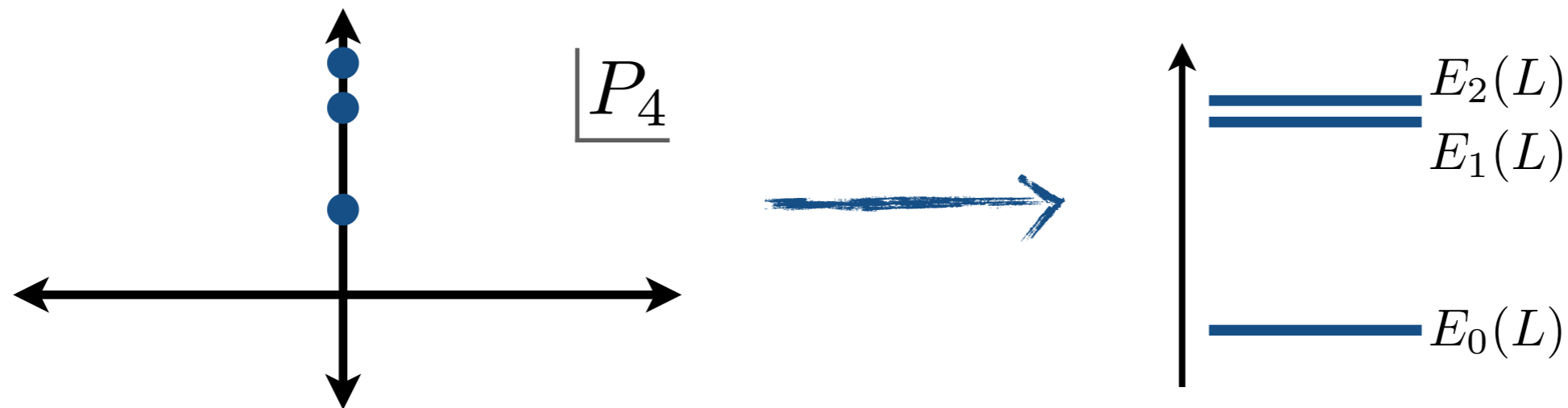
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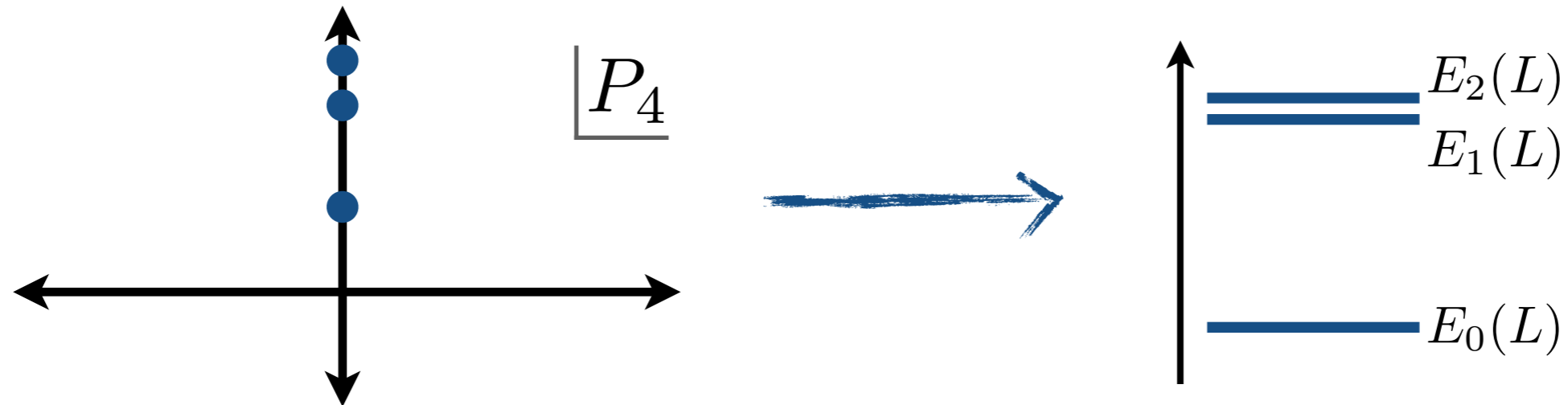


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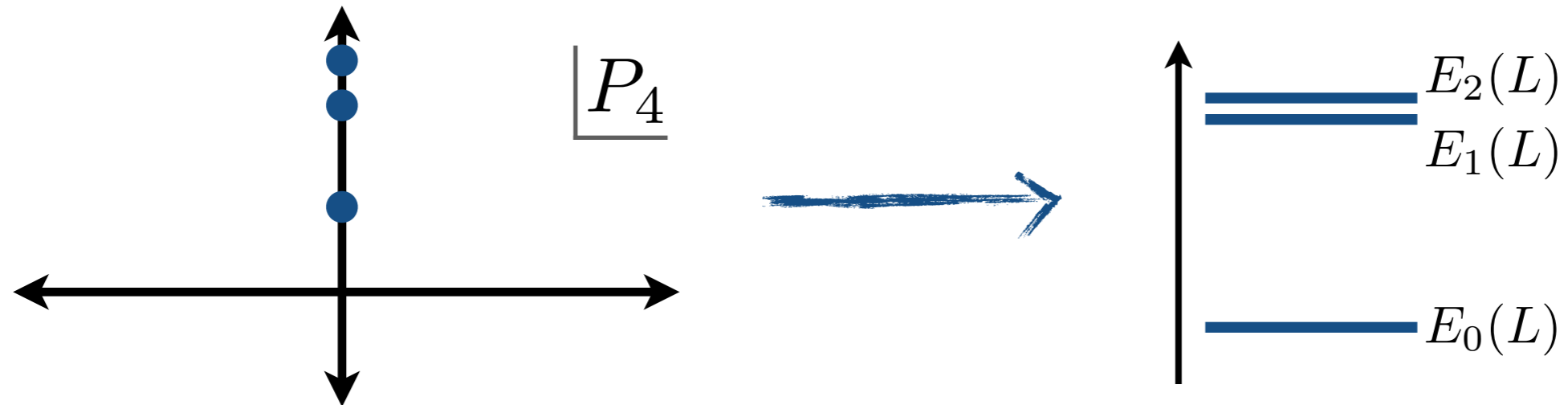
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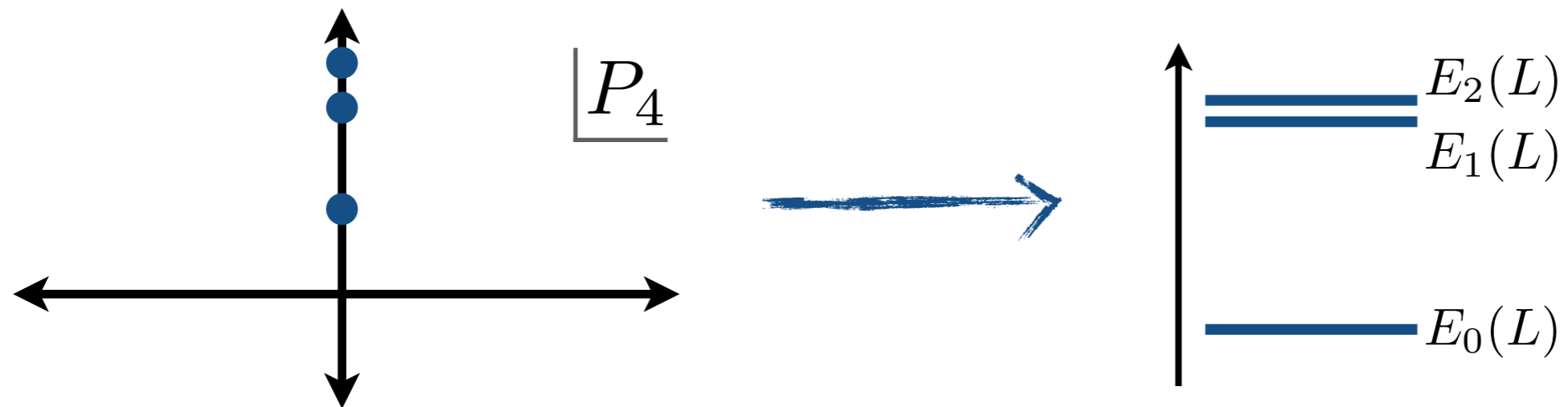


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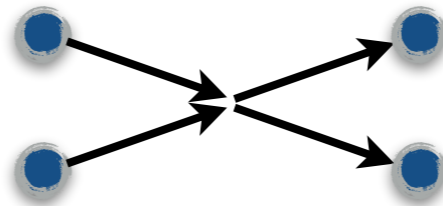
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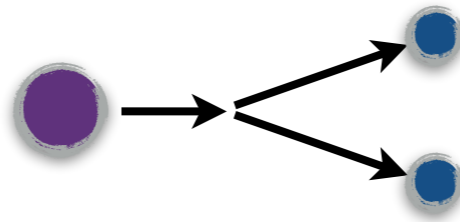
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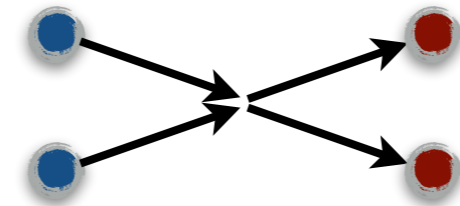
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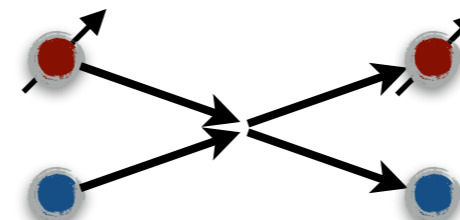
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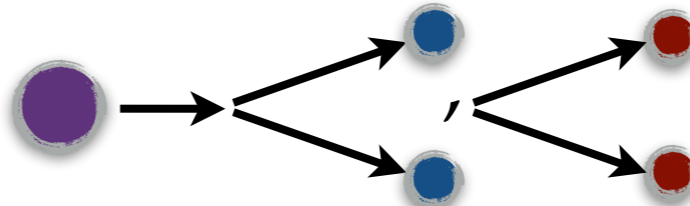
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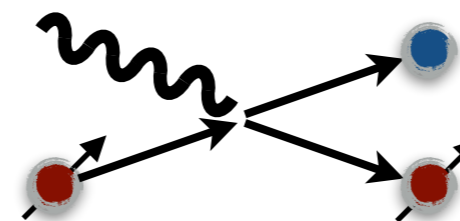
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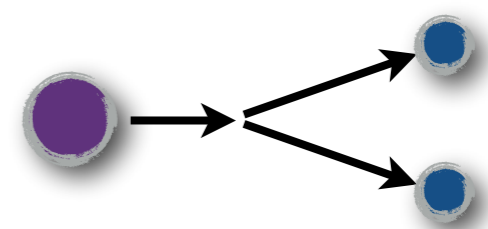
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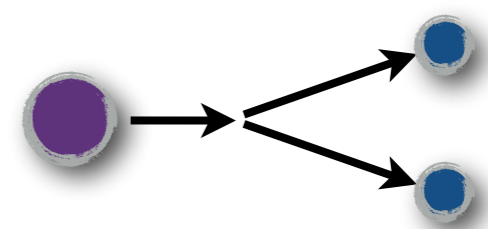


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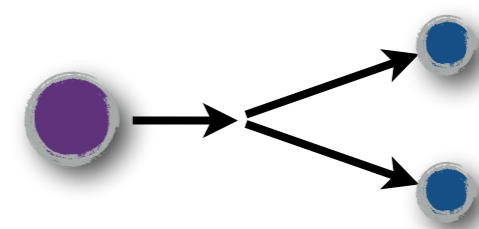
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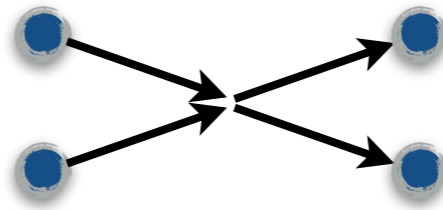
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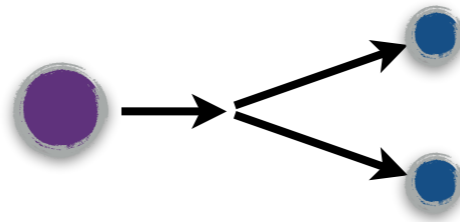
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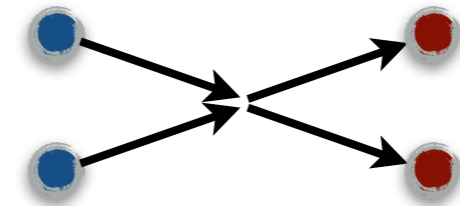
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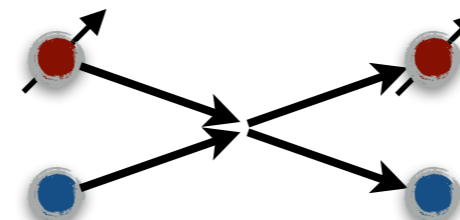
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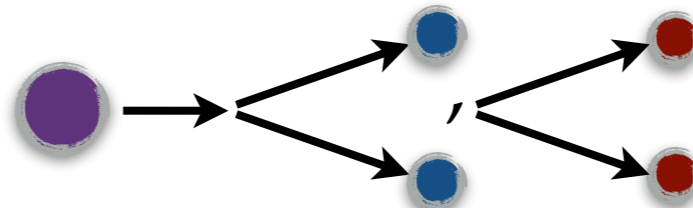
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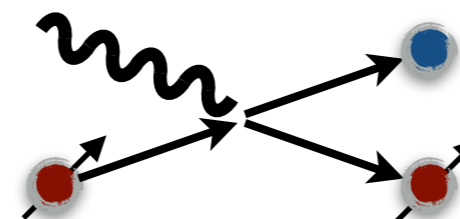
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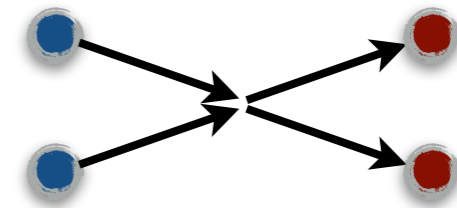
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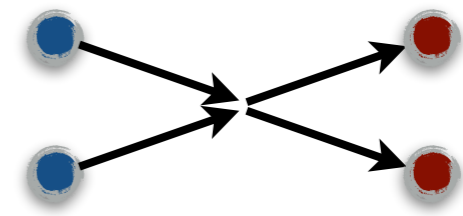


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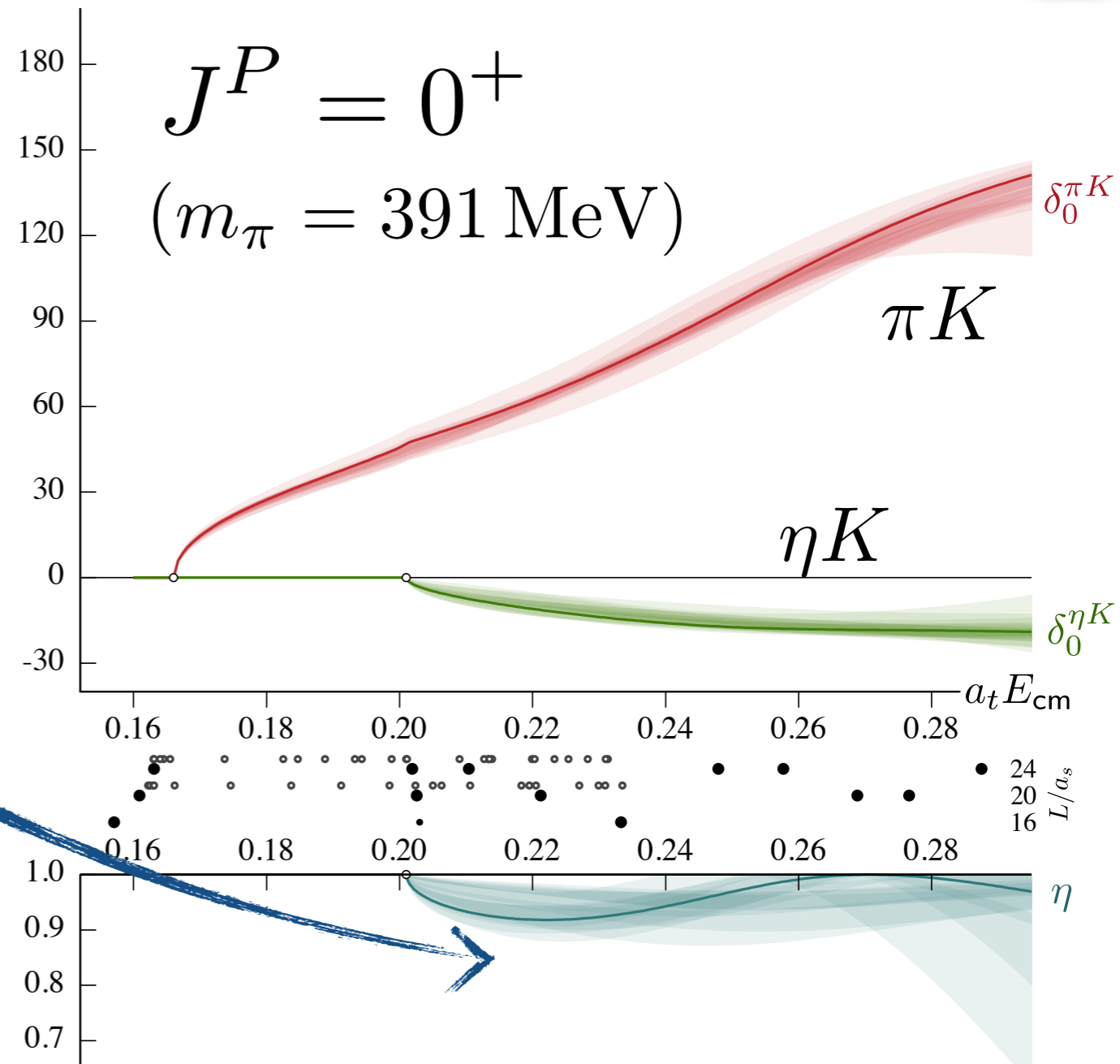
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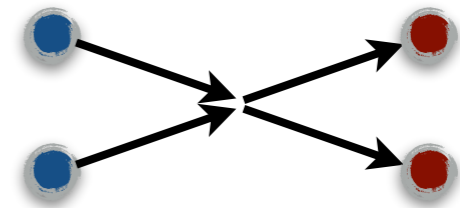
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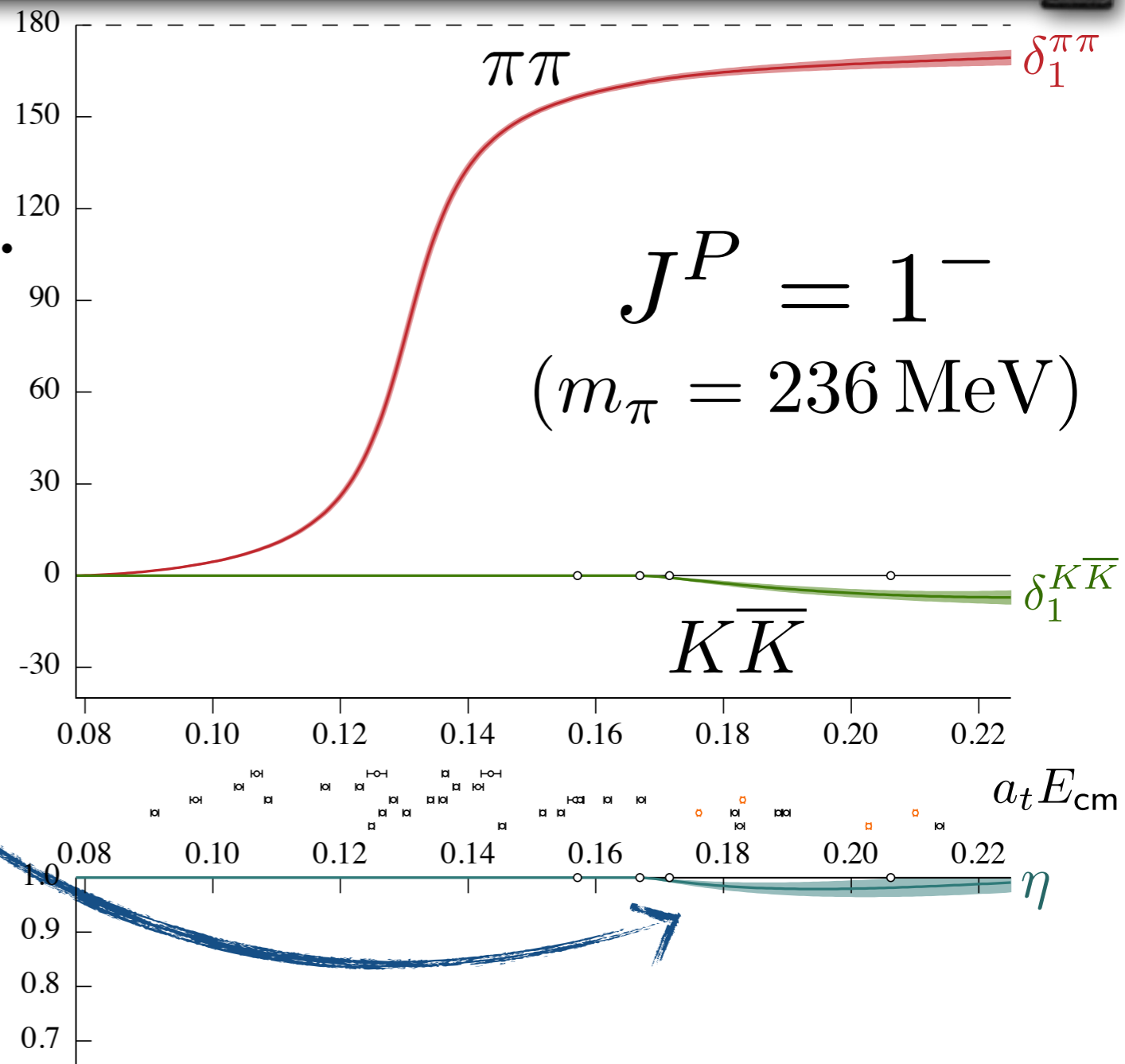
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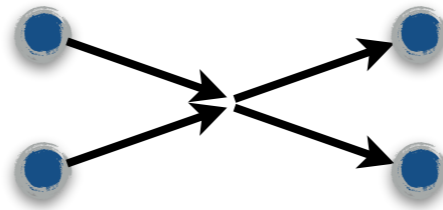


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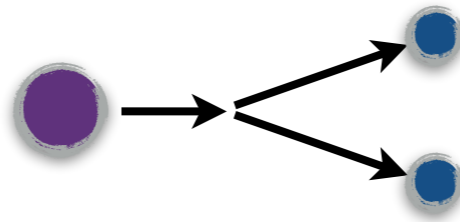
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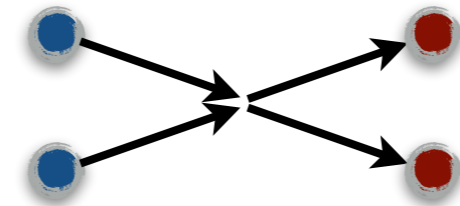
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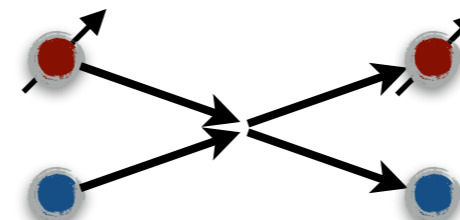
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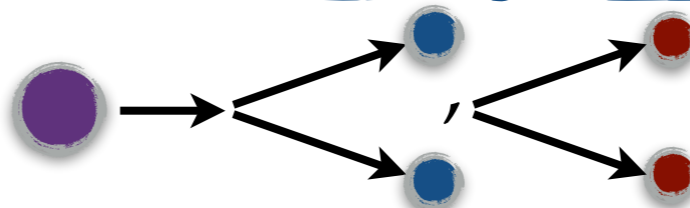
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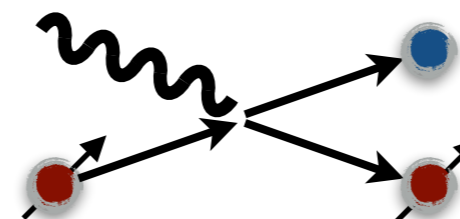
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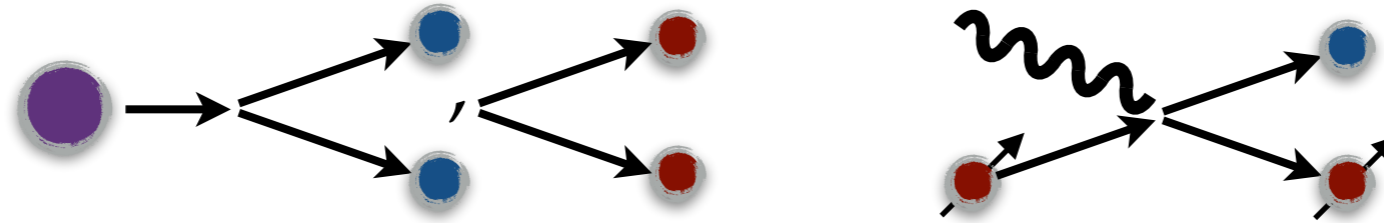
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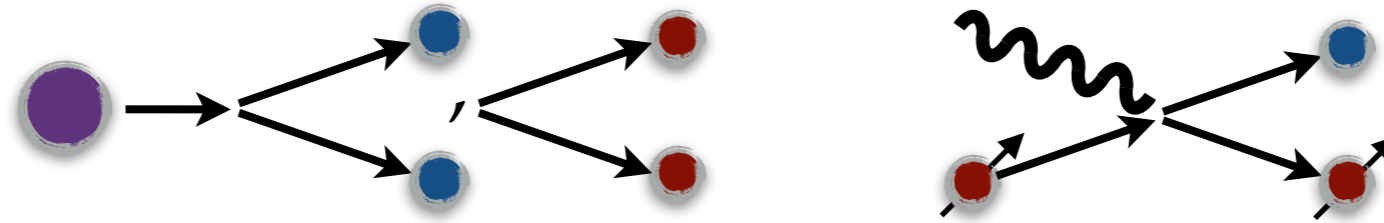
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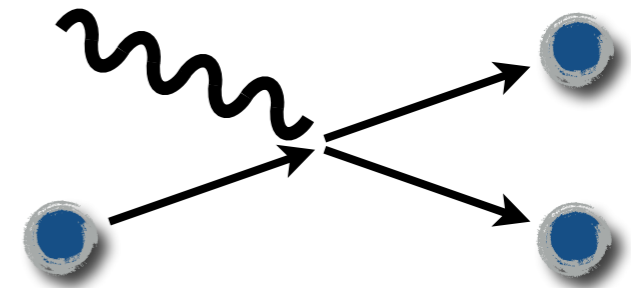
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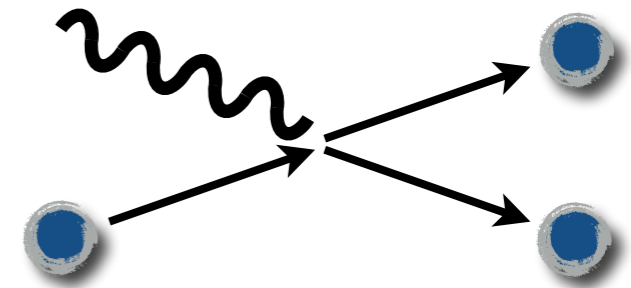
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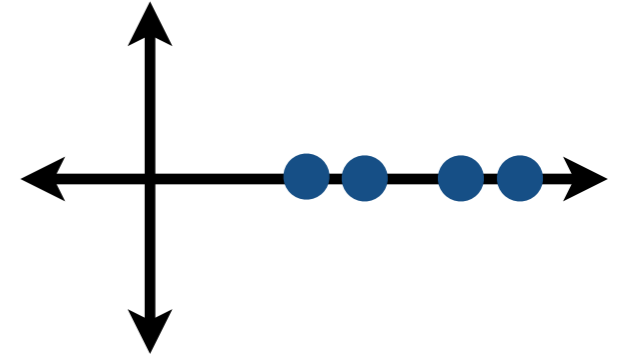
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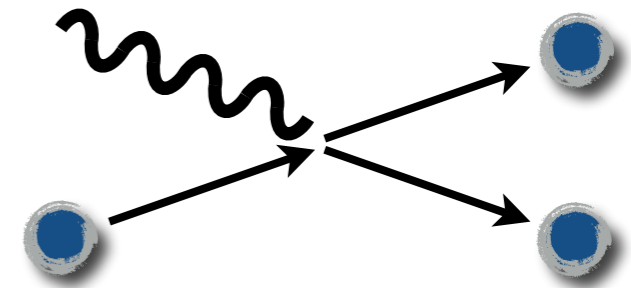
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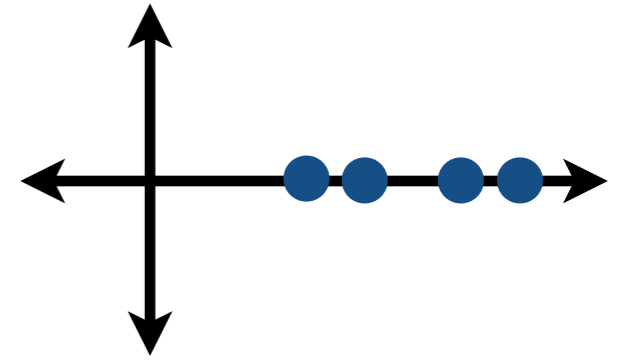
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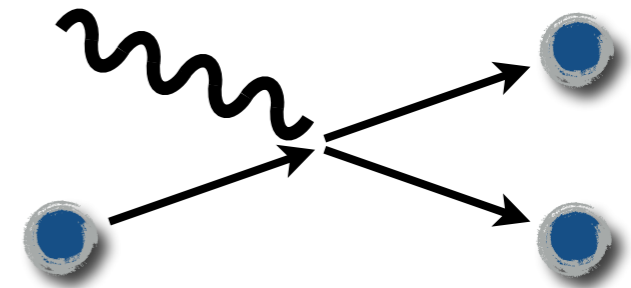
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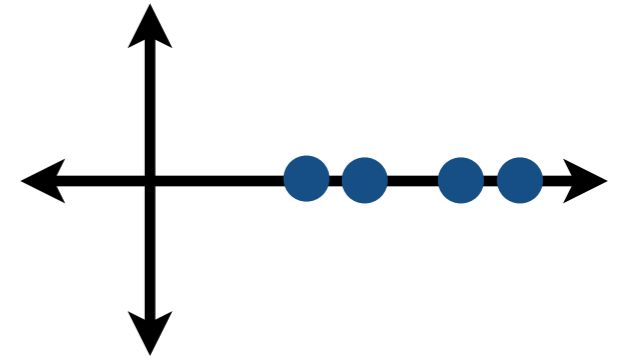
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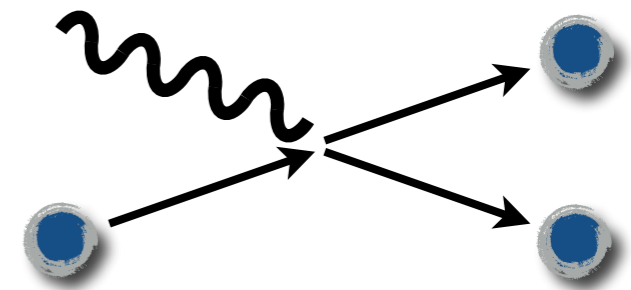
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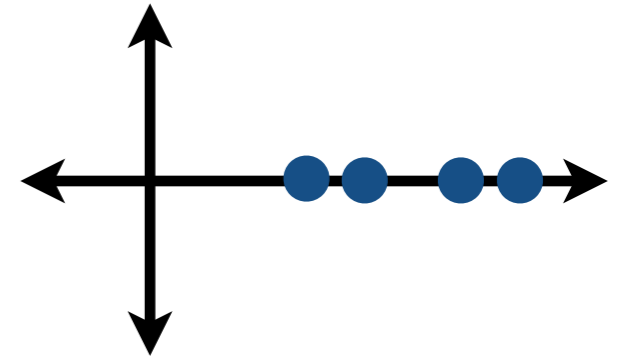
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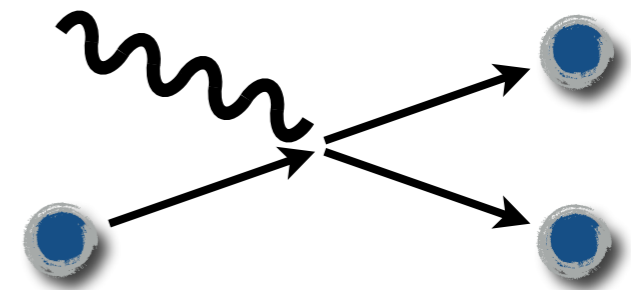
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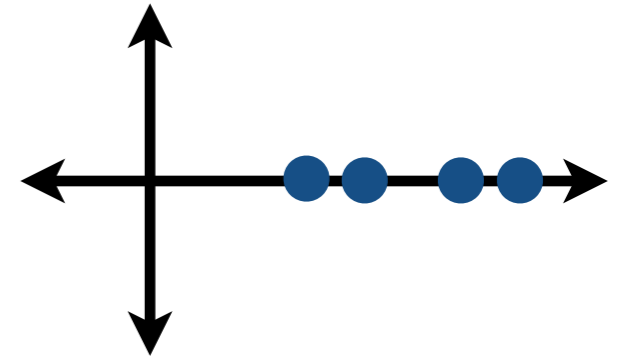
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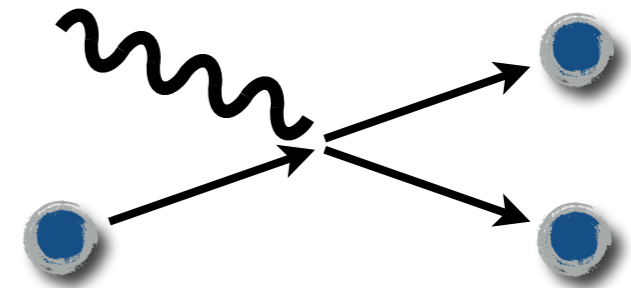
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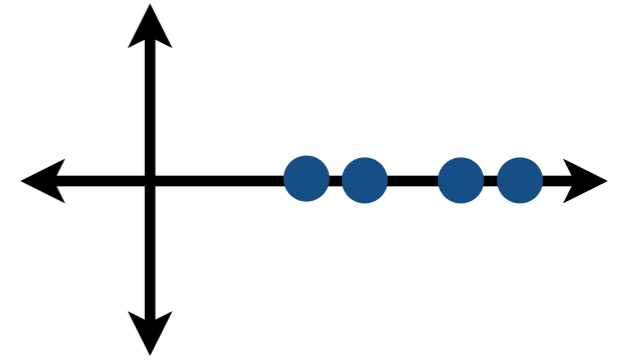
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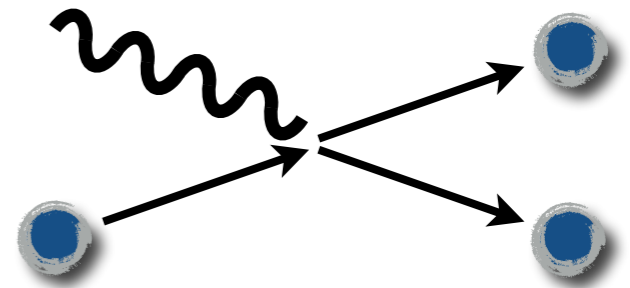
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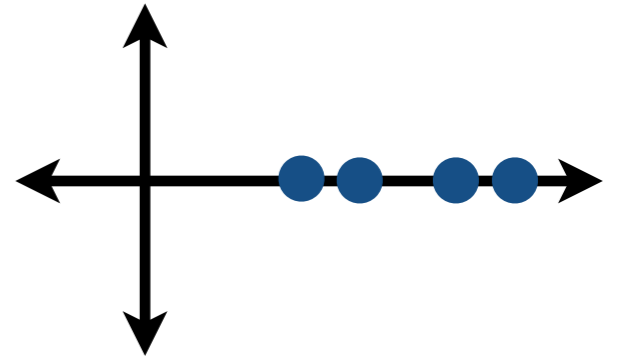
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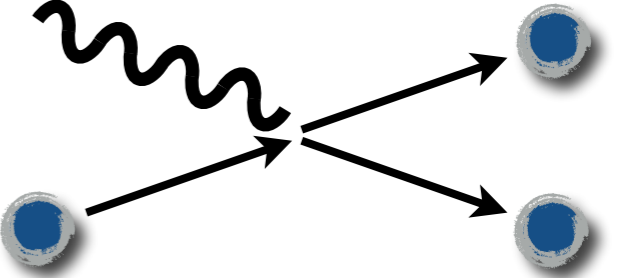
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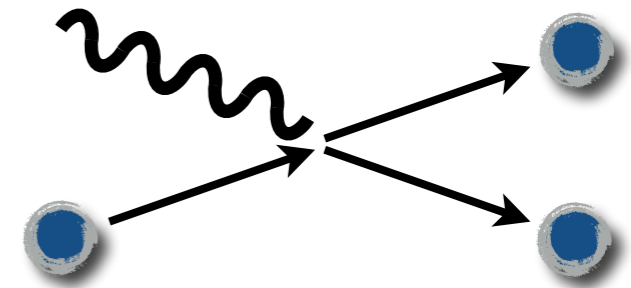
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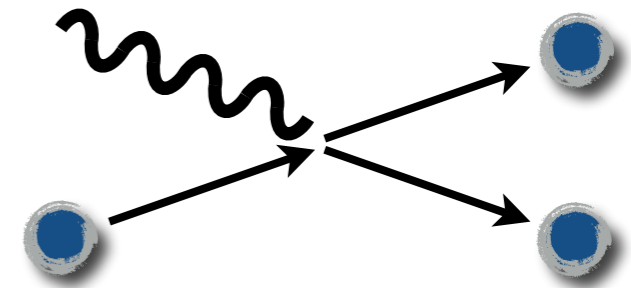
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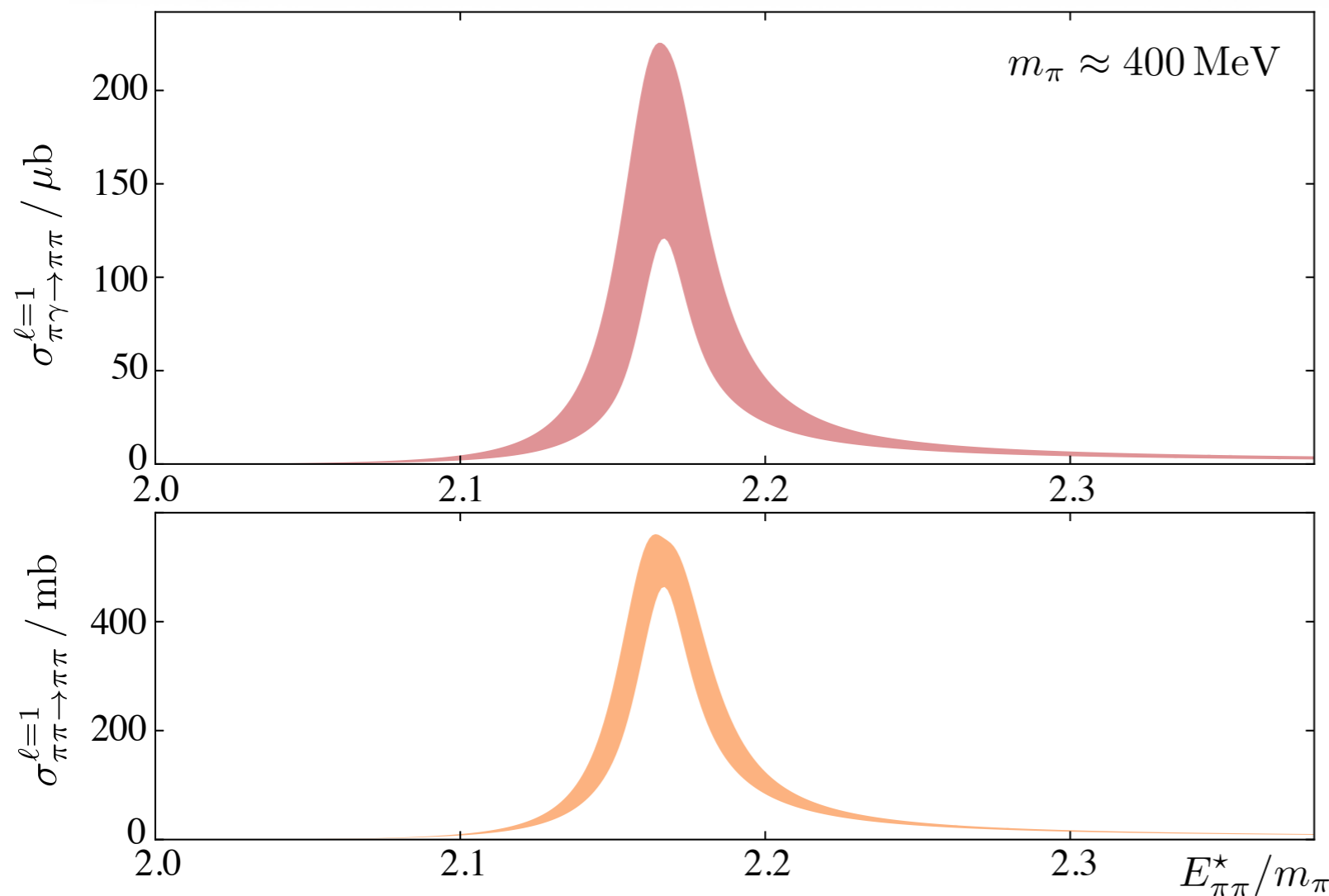
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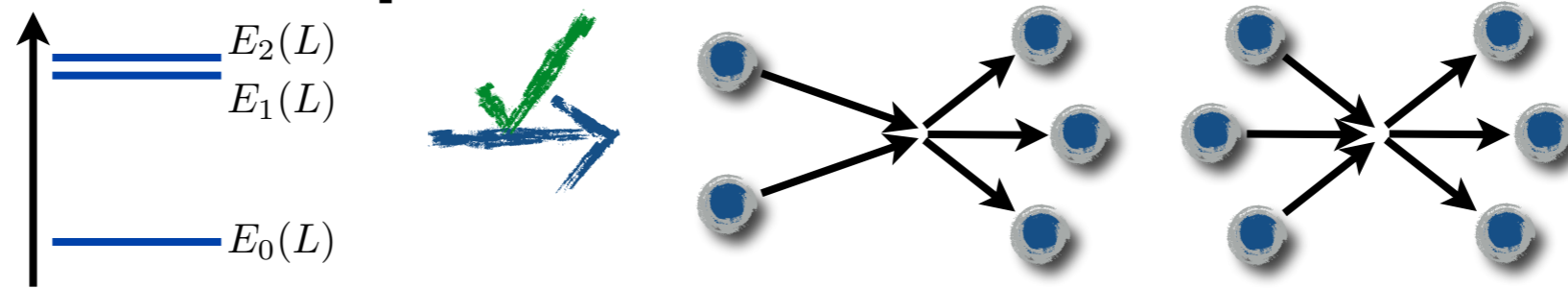
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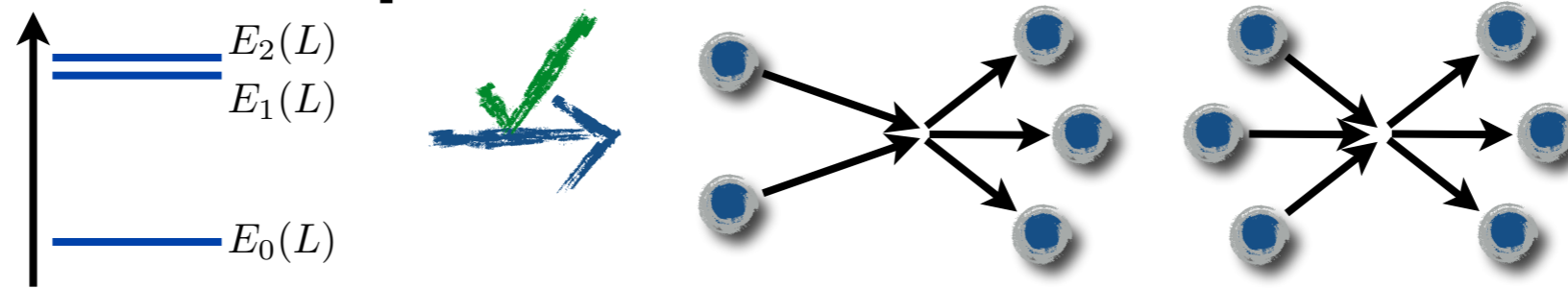


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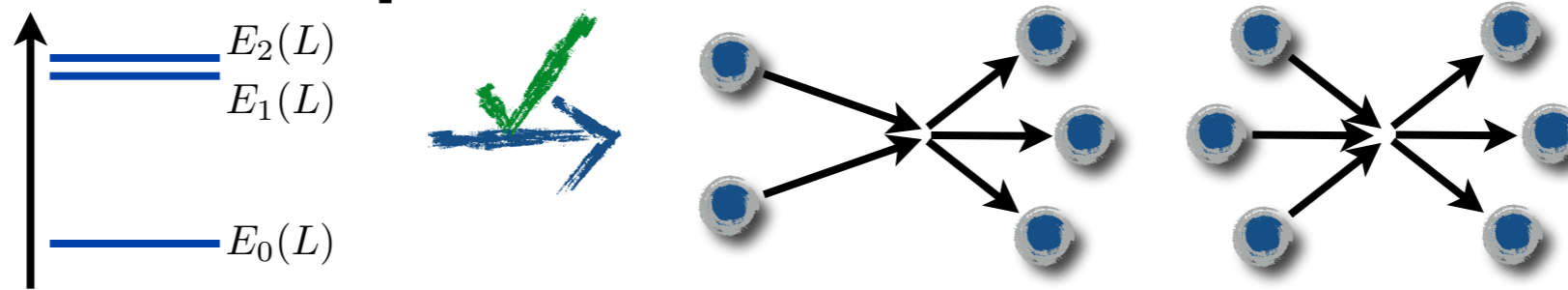
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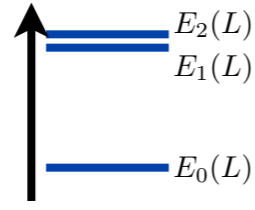
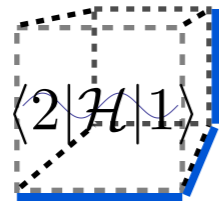
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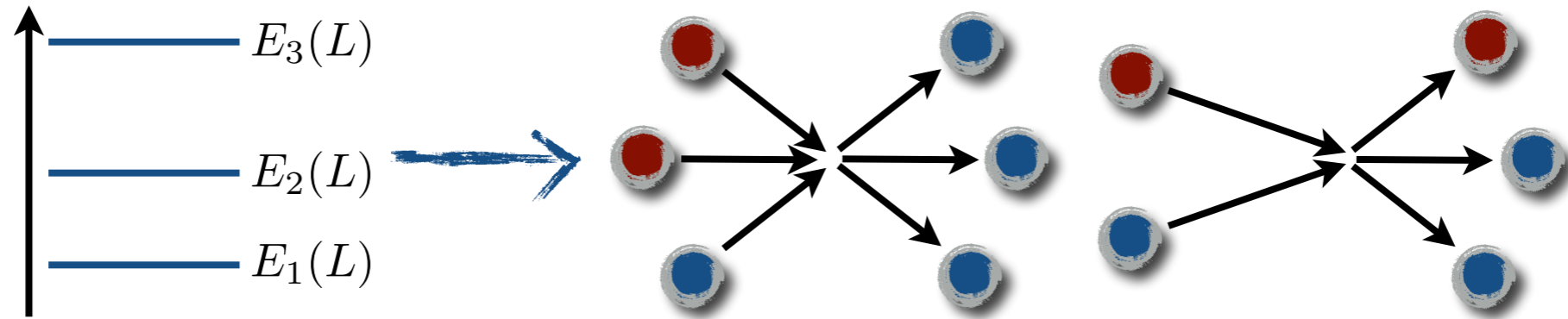
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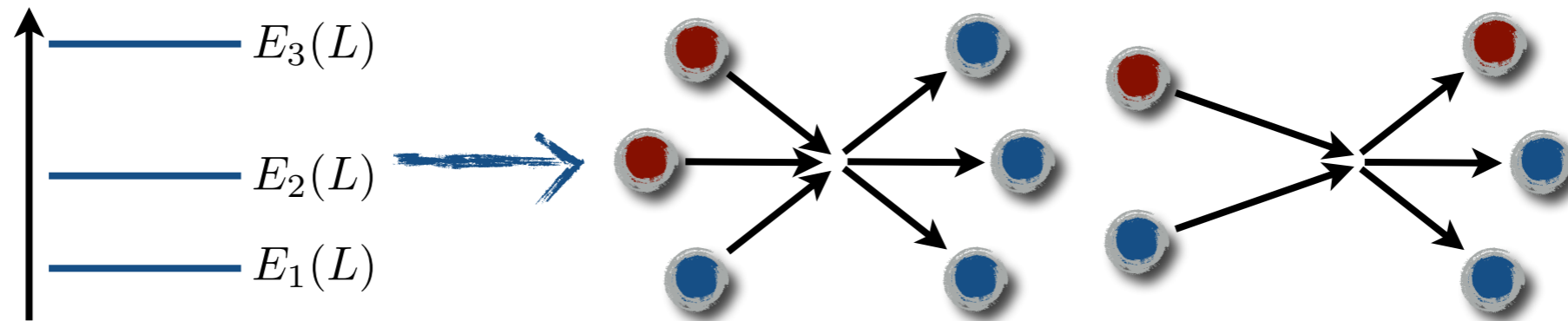
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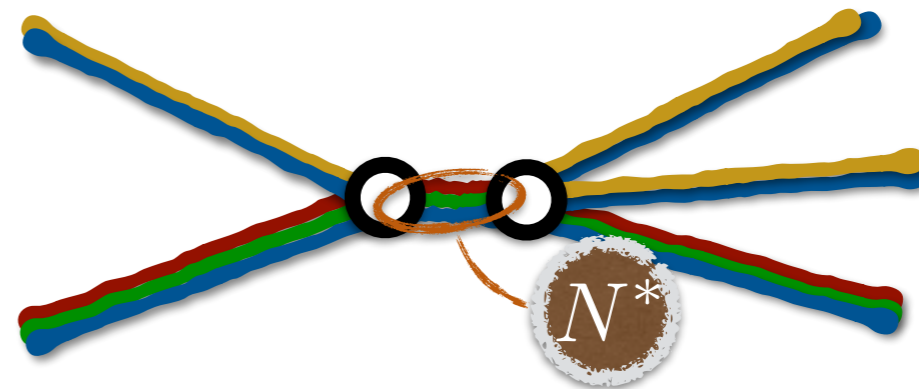


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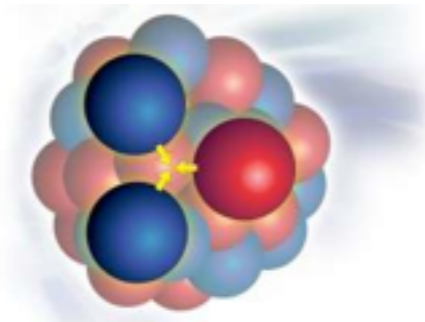


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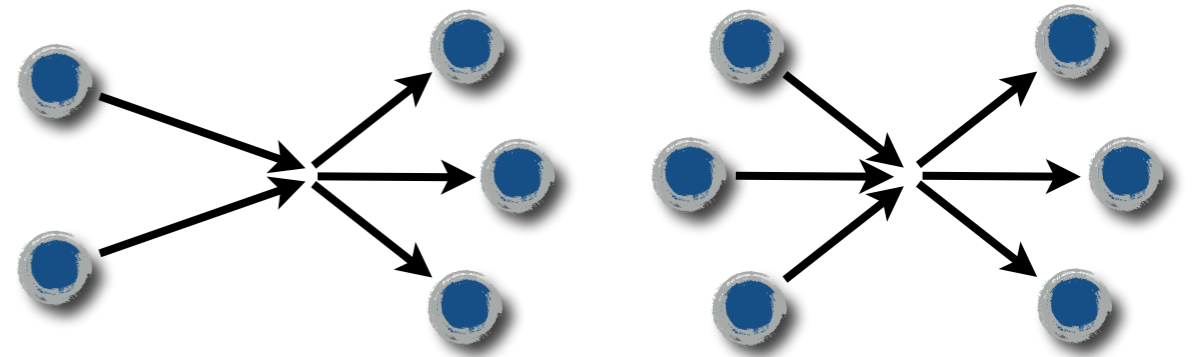
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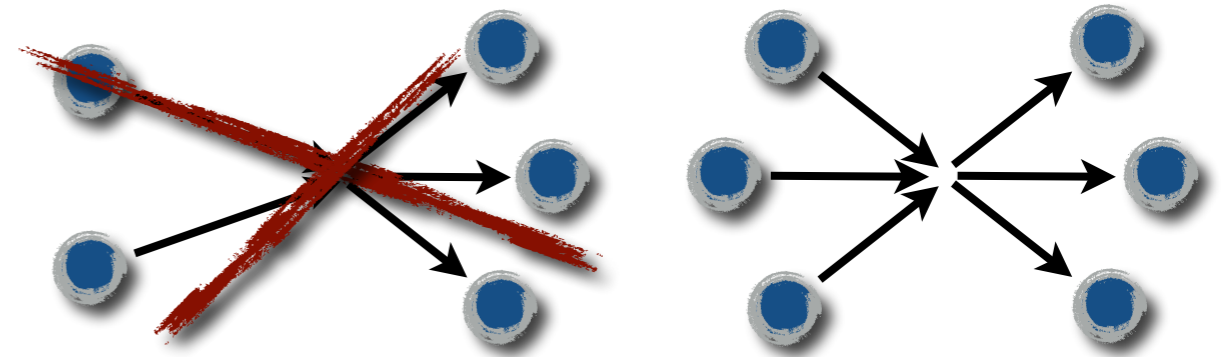
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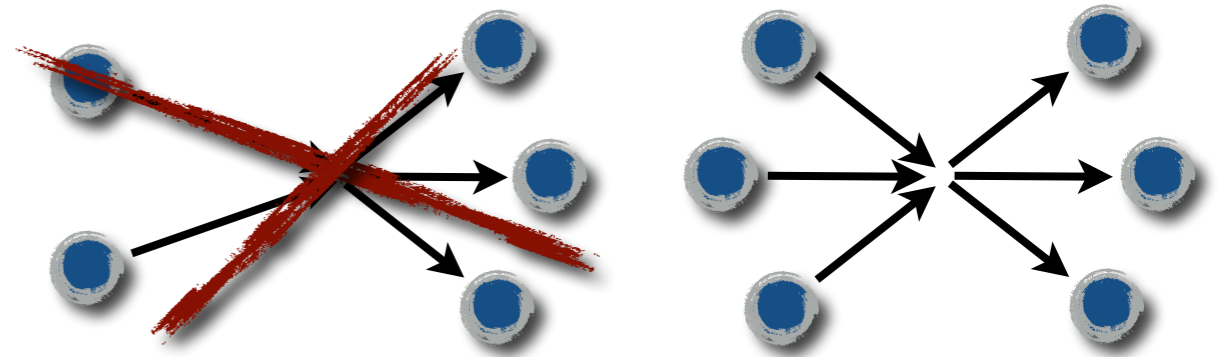


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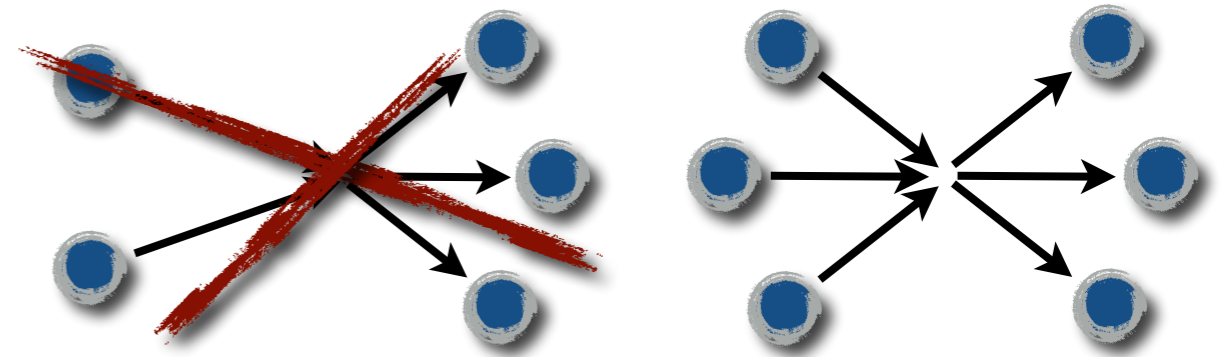


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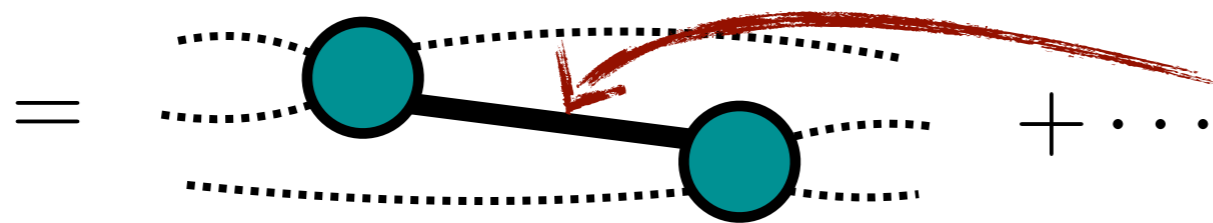
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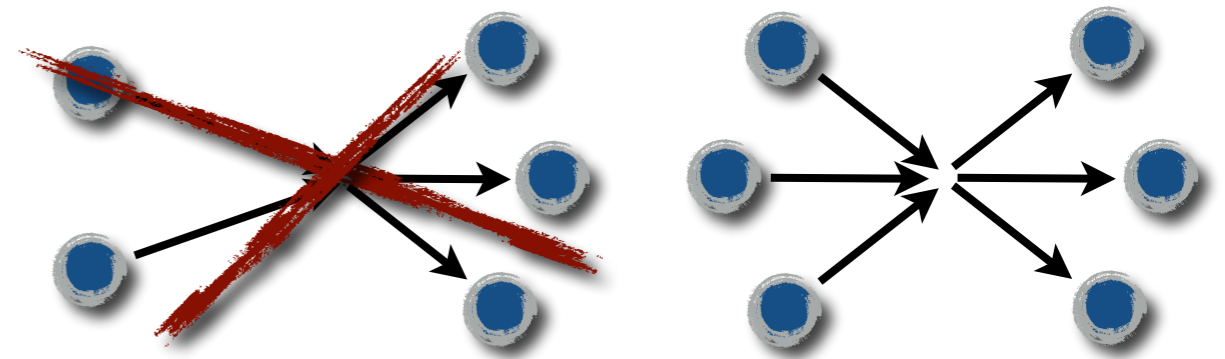
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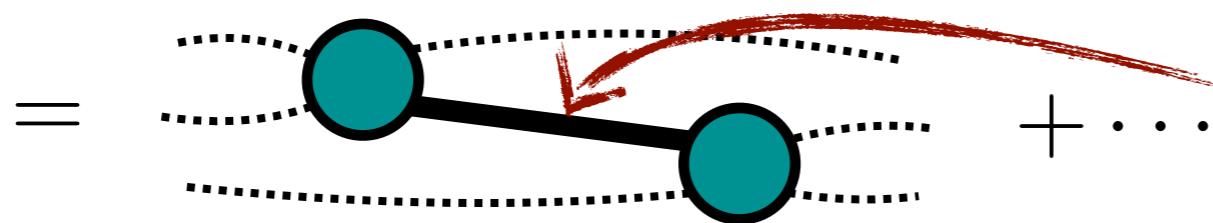
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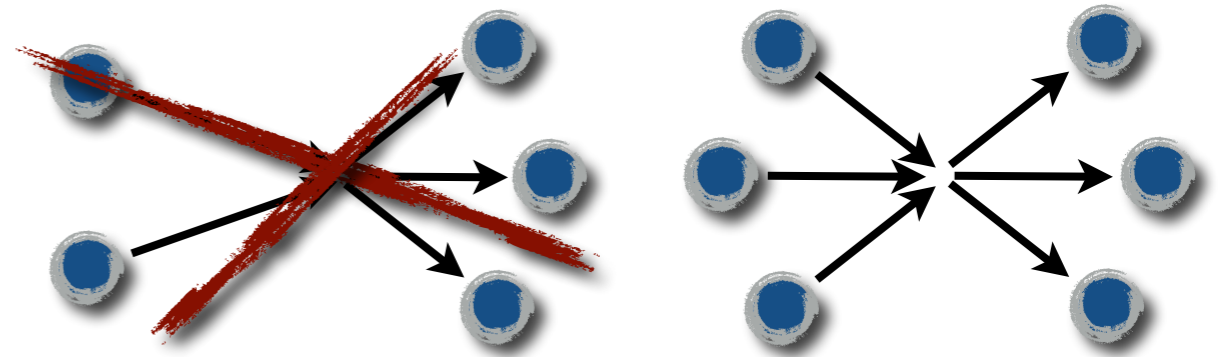
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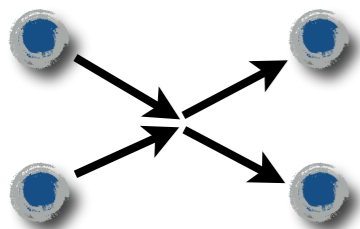
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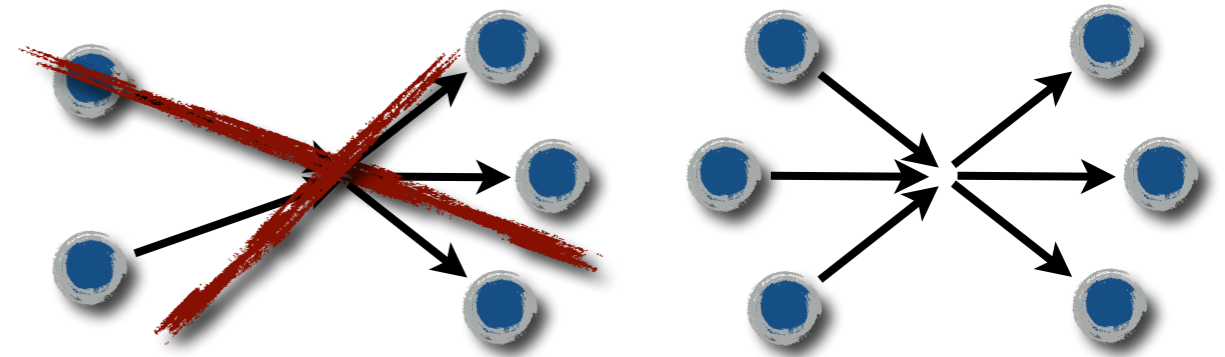
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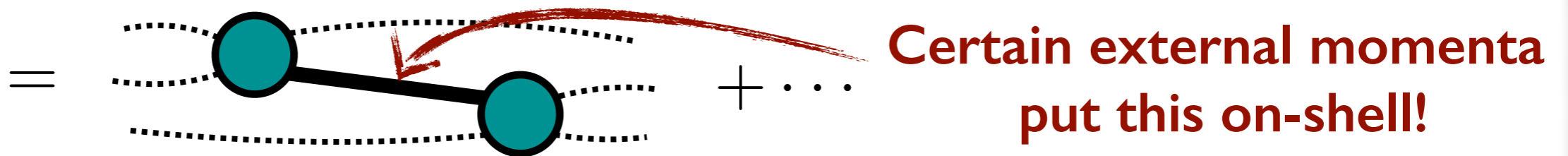
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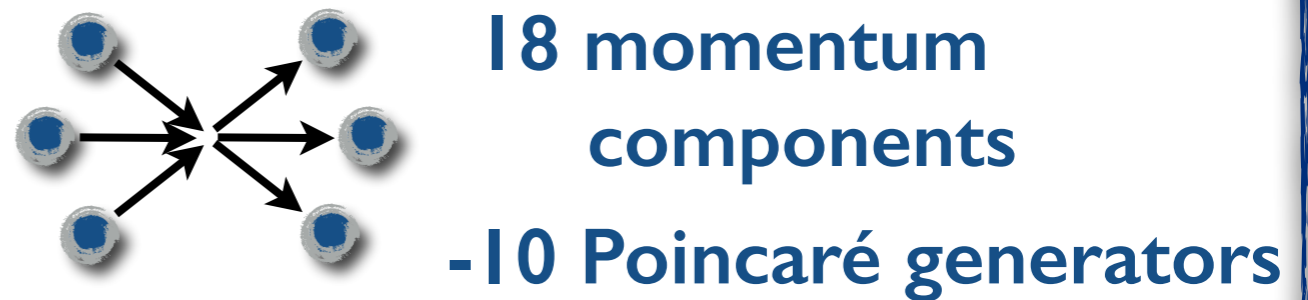
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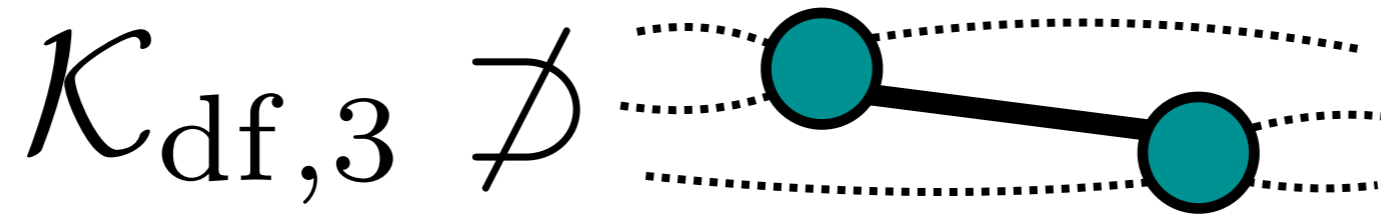


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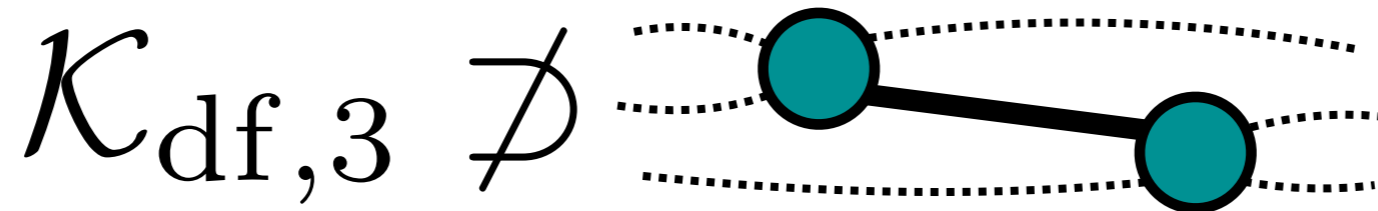


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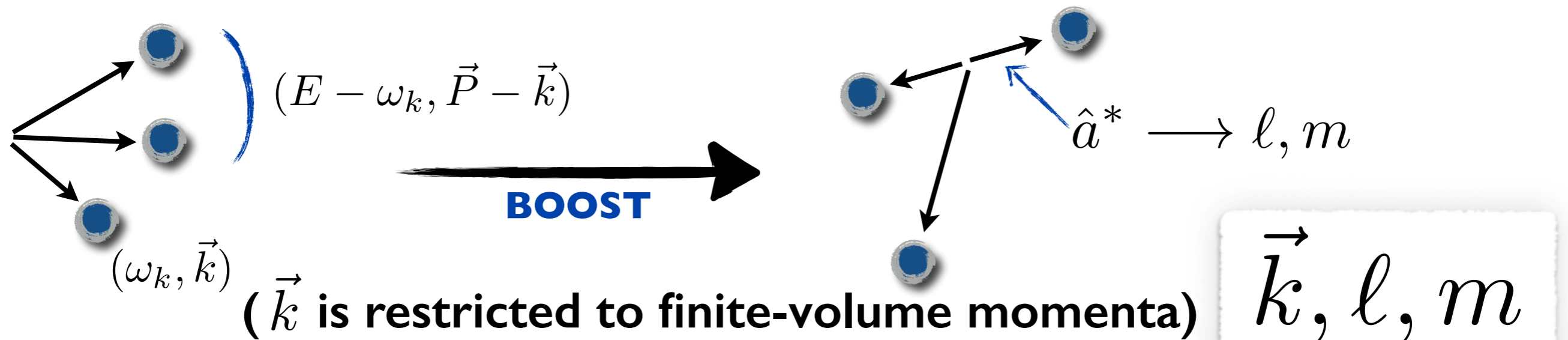
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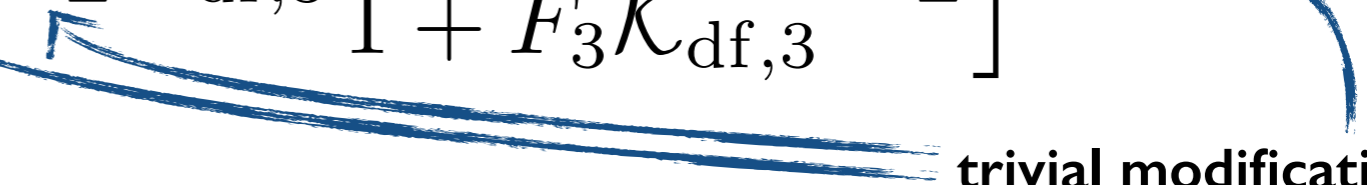
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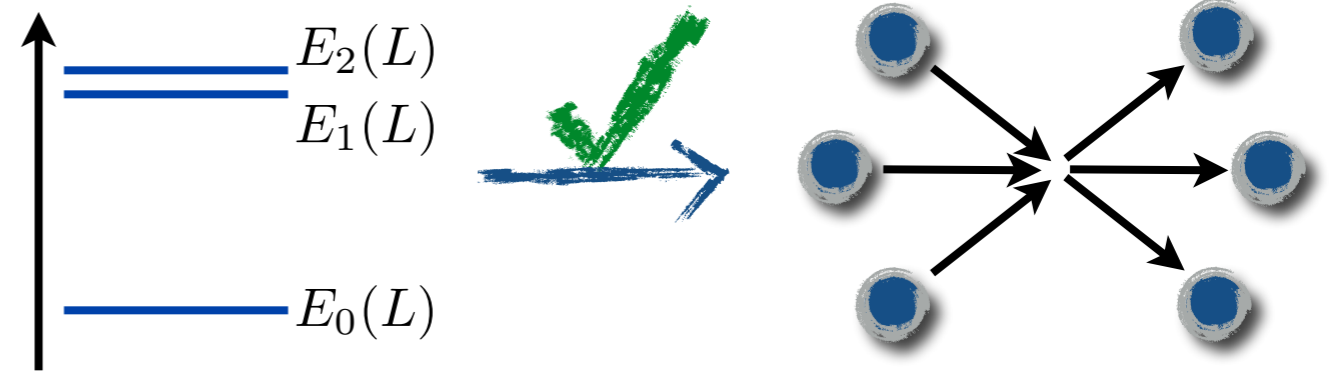
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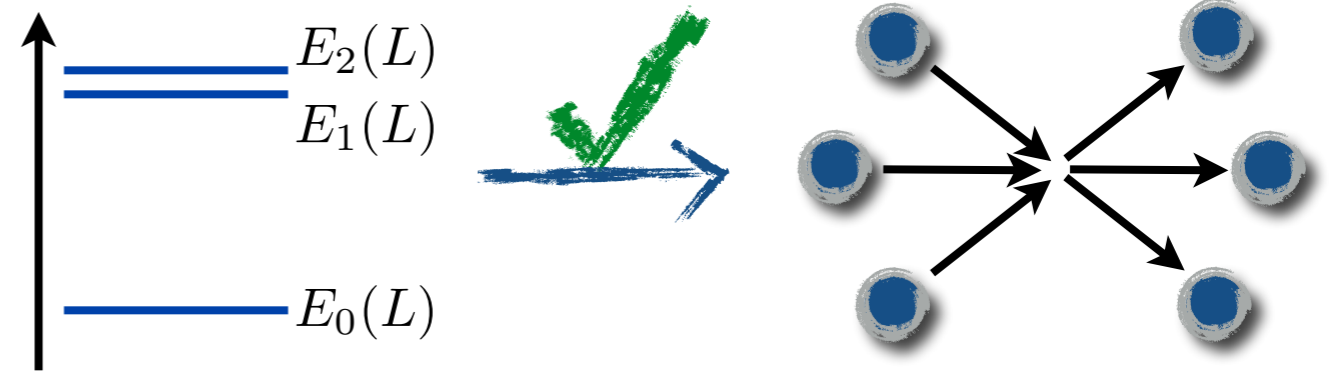
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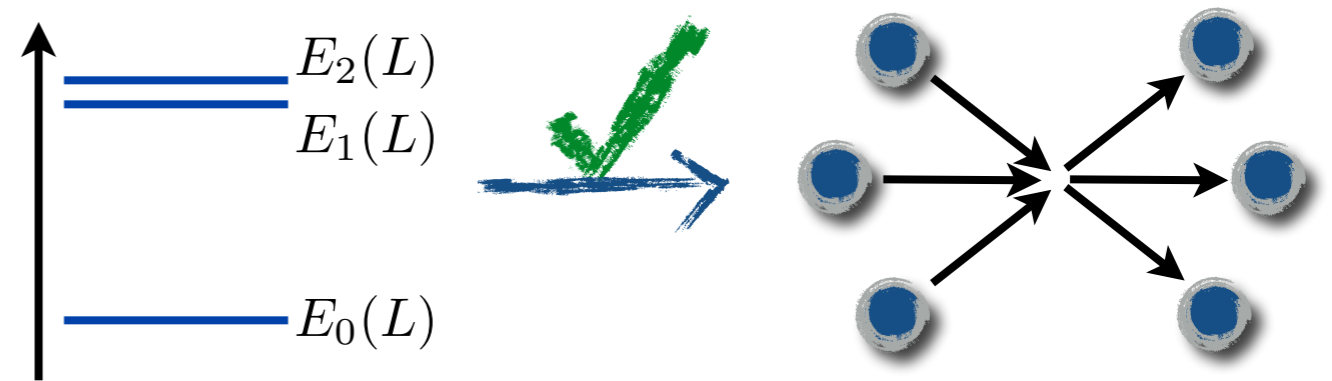
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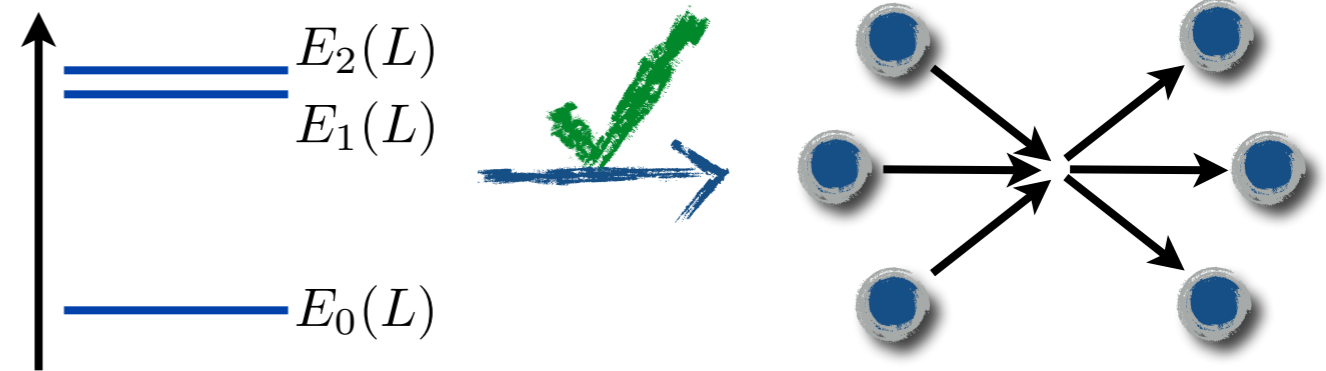
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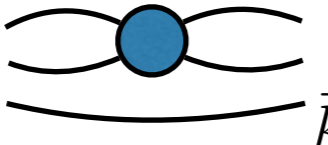
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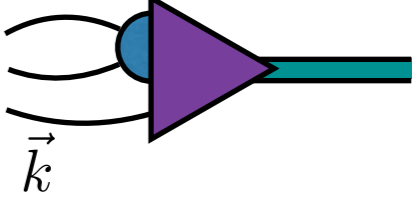
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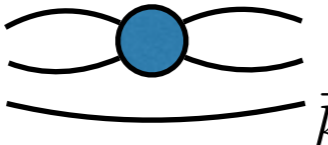
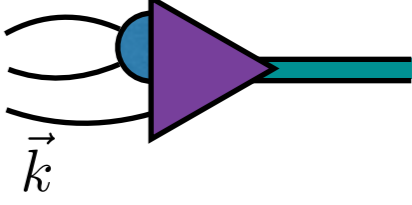


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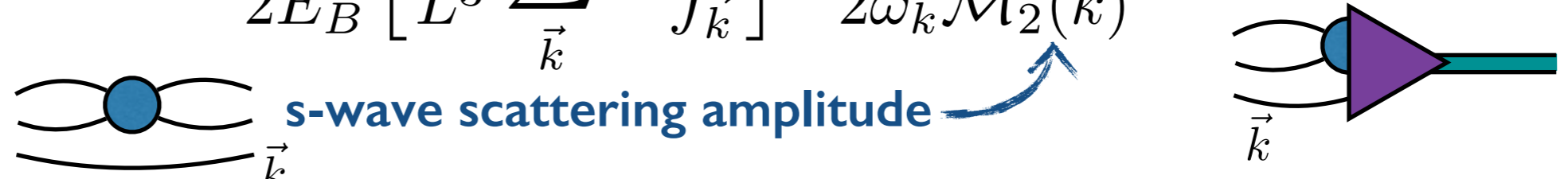
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