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Progress on the transverse SSA  
in single-inclusive jet production  
at an EIC at NLO

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# What is the final goal?

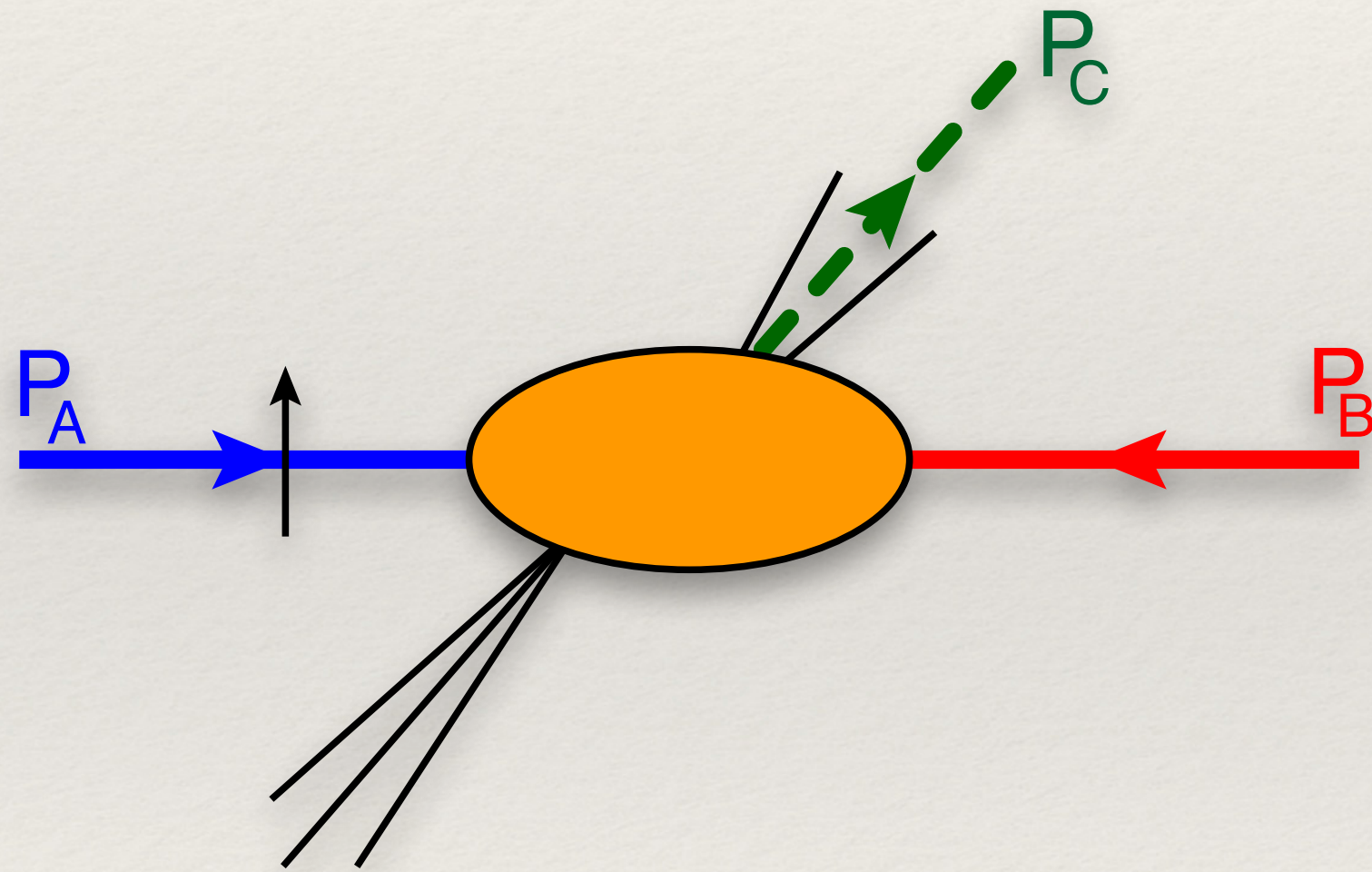
Transverse Single (Double) Spin Asymmetries  
in single-inclusive processes in collinear pQCD

$$A_N = \frac{\sigma^\uparrow - \sigma^\downarrow}{\sigma^\uparrow + \sigma^\downarrow}$$

or

$$\Delta\sigma_T = \frac{\sigma^{\rightarrow\uparrow} - \sigma^{\rightarrow\downarrow}}{\sigma^{\rightarrow\uparrow} + \sigma^{\rightarrow\downarrow}}$$

$$P_A^\uparrow + P_B \rightarrow P_C + X$$



## Experimental data

Polarized proton collisions at RHIC (STAR, PHENIX, BRAHMS)

$$p^\uparrow p \rightarrow (\pi, \text{jet}, \gamma, l, \Lambda, J/\psi, \dots) X$$

Theory: LO in pQCD

[Koike, Yoshida, Qiu, Metz, Pitonyak, Kang, ...]

Polarized eN collisions (HERMES, JLab, COMPASS, EIC)

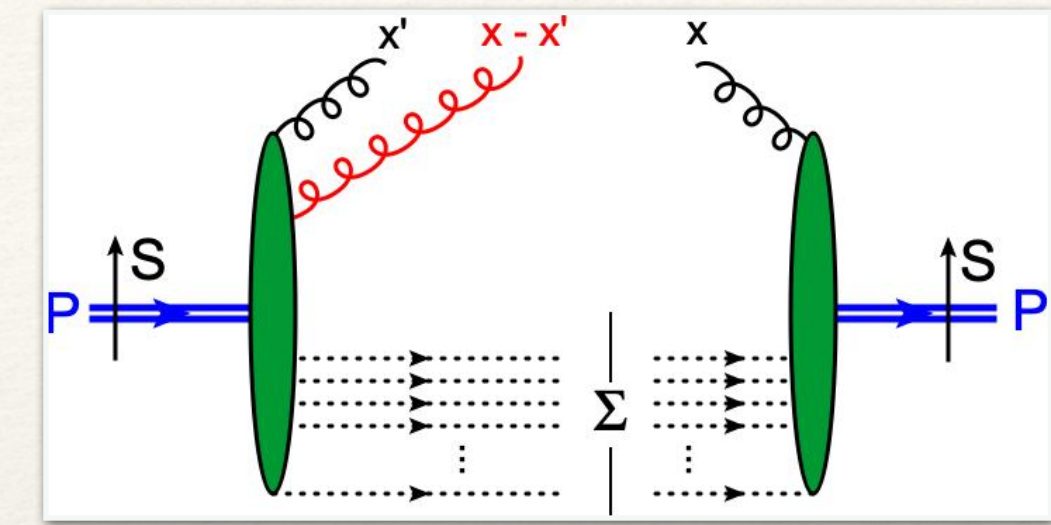
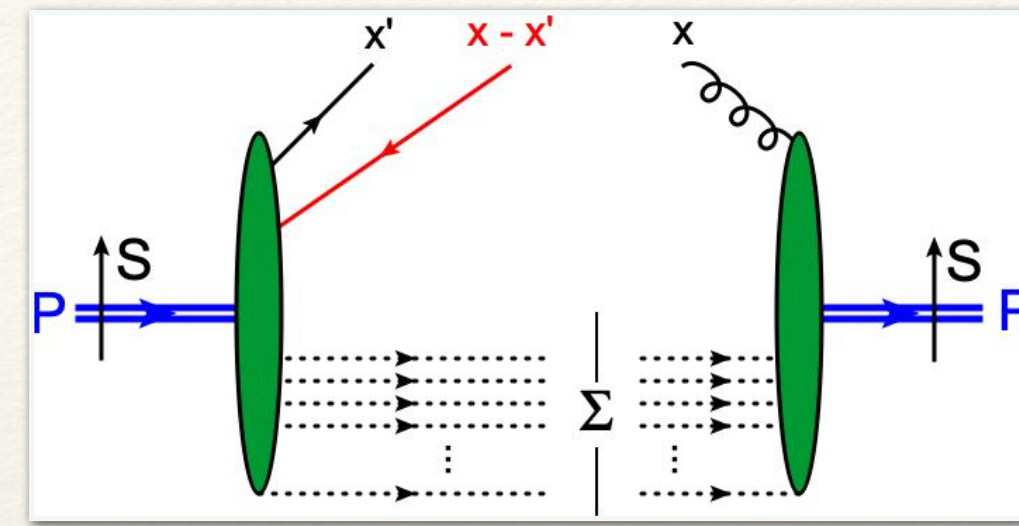
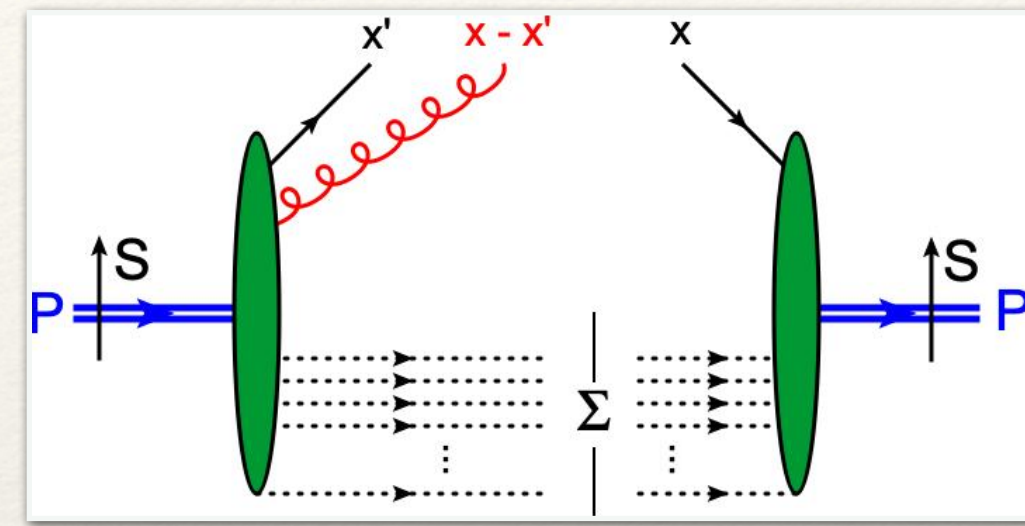
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Theory: LO, some NLO

Final goal: global analysis (at NLO) (one day...)

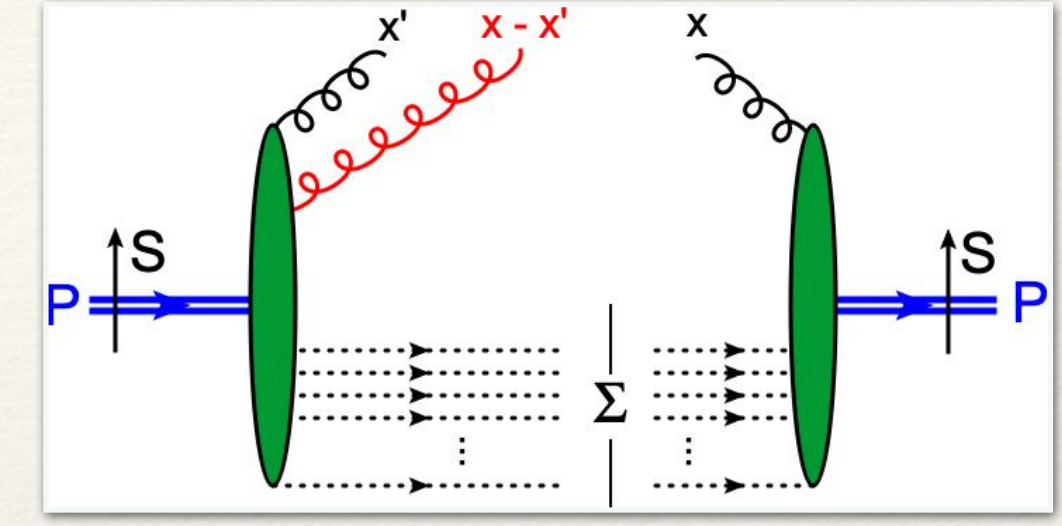
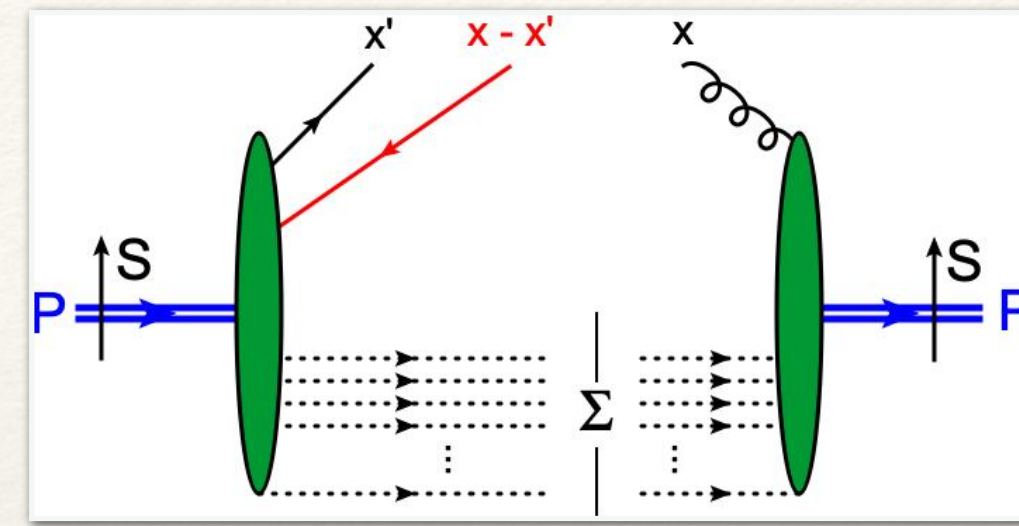
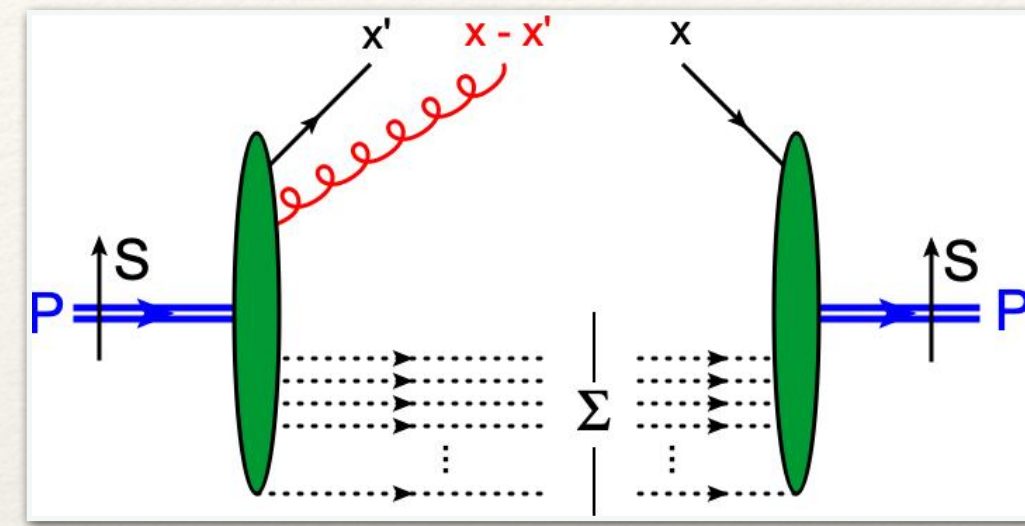
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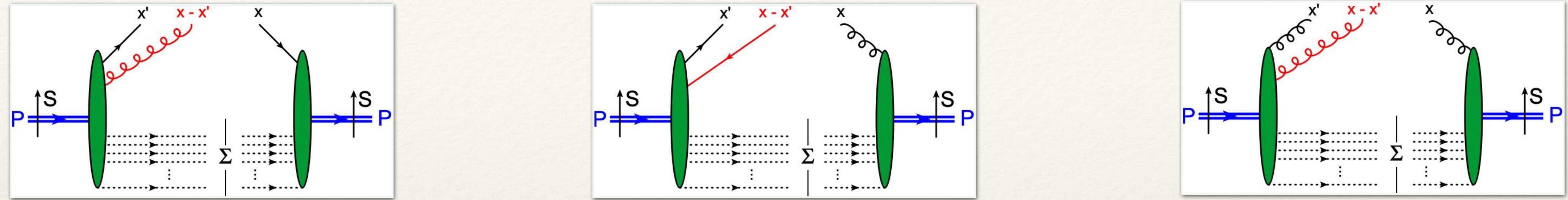
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Why relevant?

- collinear pQCD: they generate transverse SSA
- dynamical information: color Lorentz force [M. Burkardt]
- TMD physics: large transverse momentum behavior of Sivers, Boer-Mulder, worm gear function & their evolution

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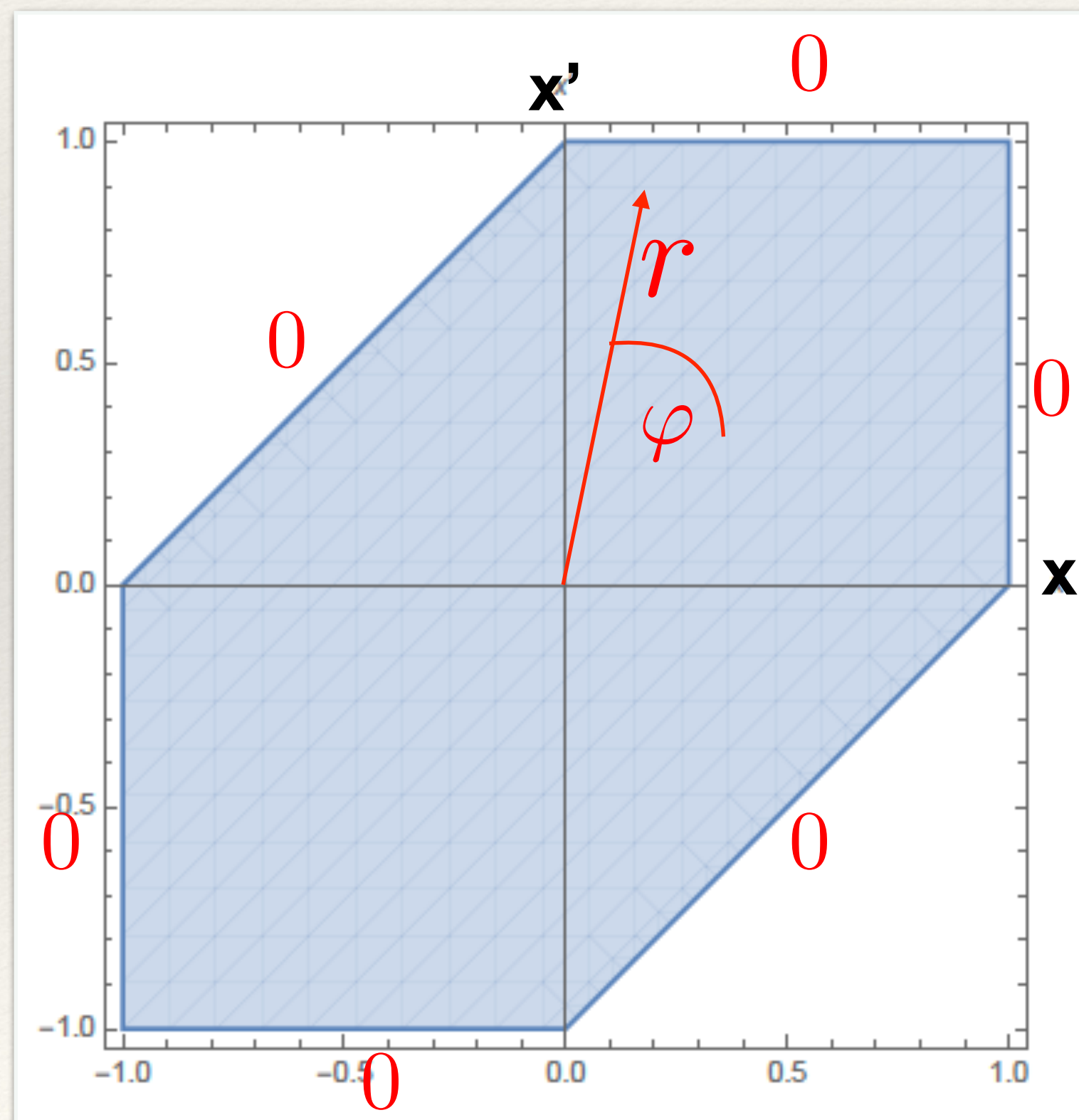
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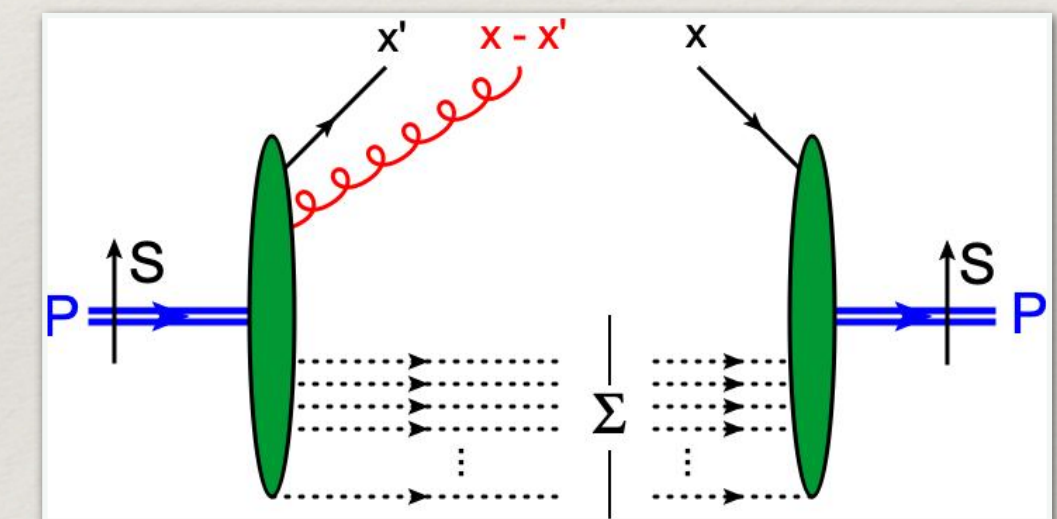
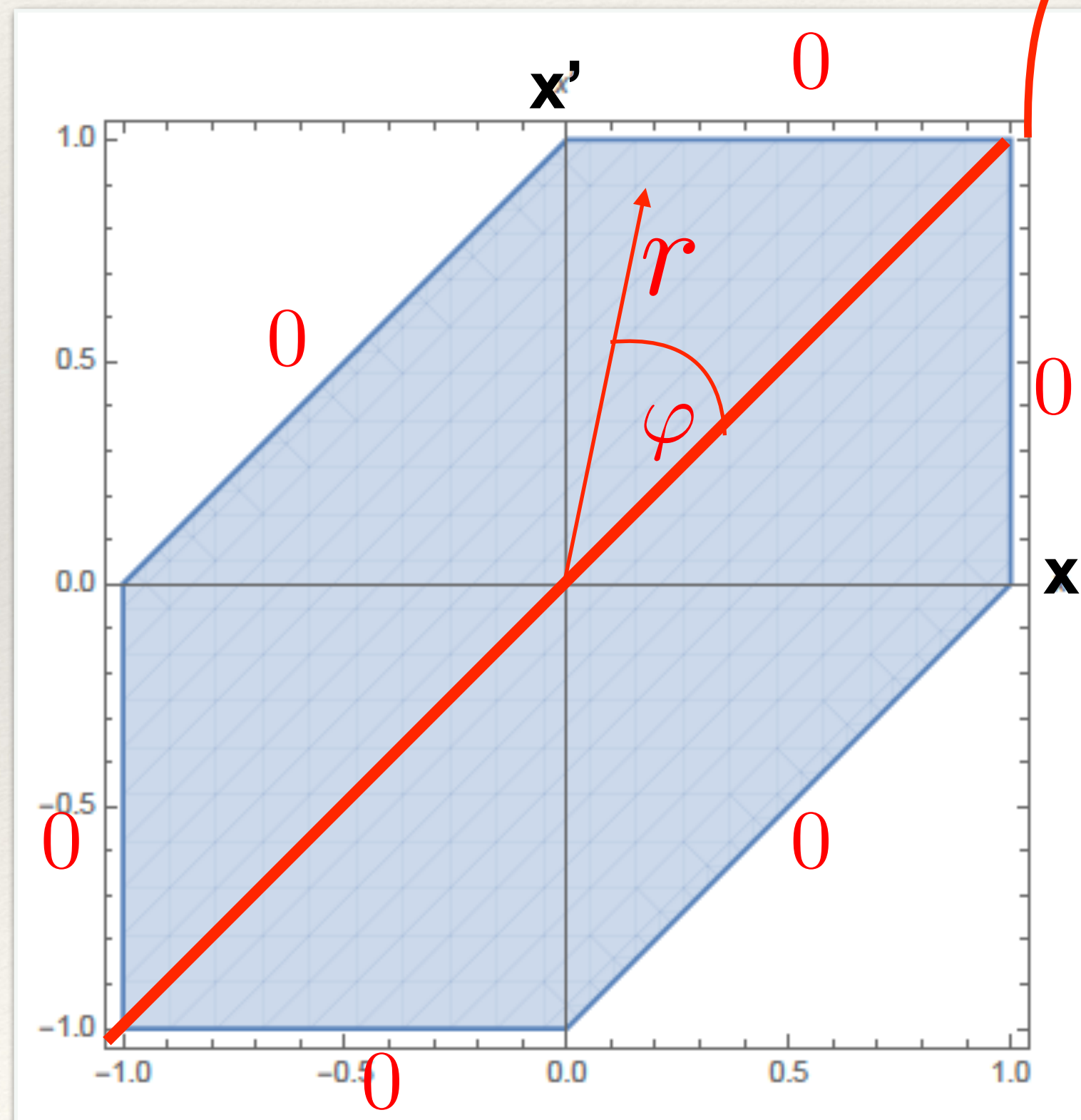
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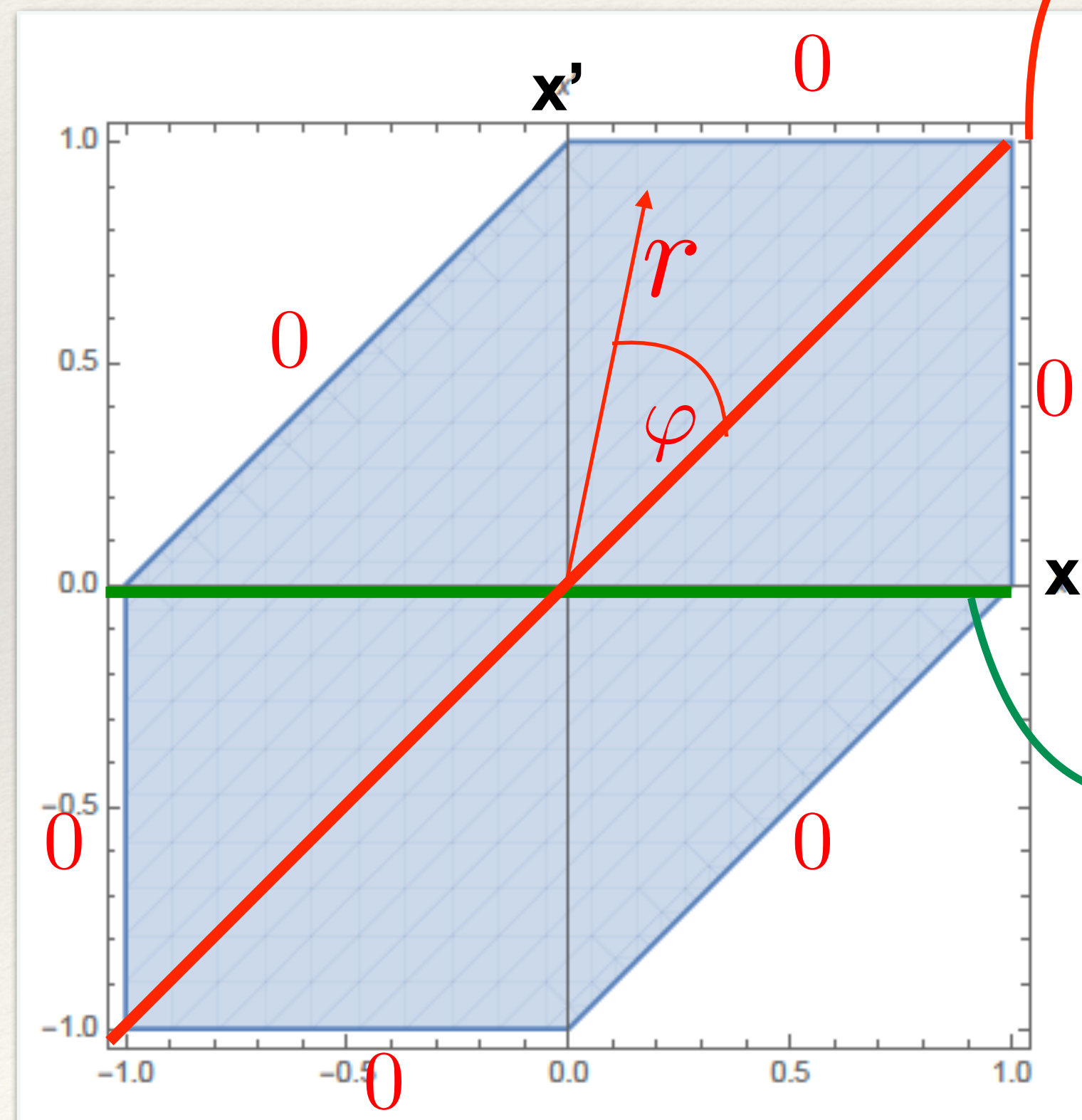
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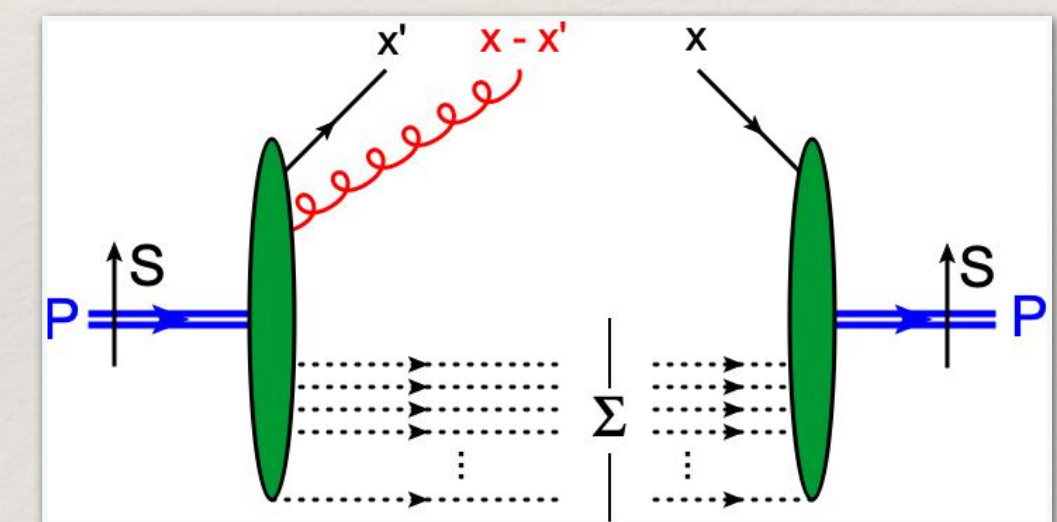
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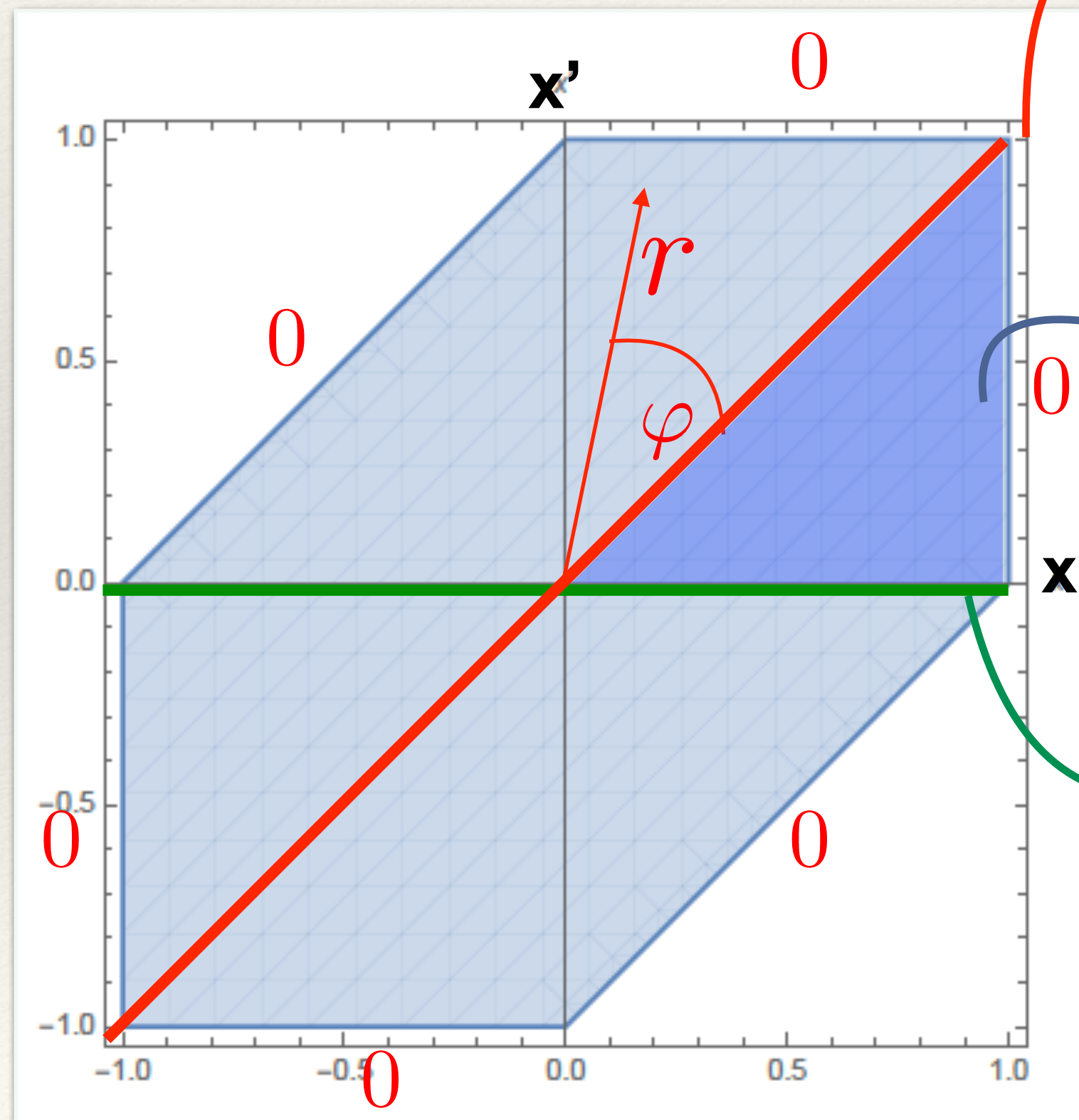
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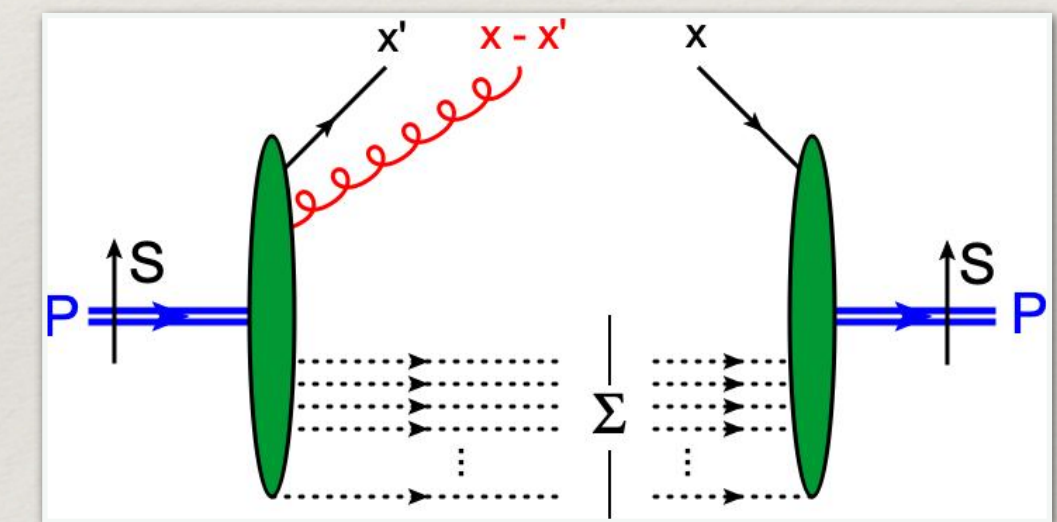
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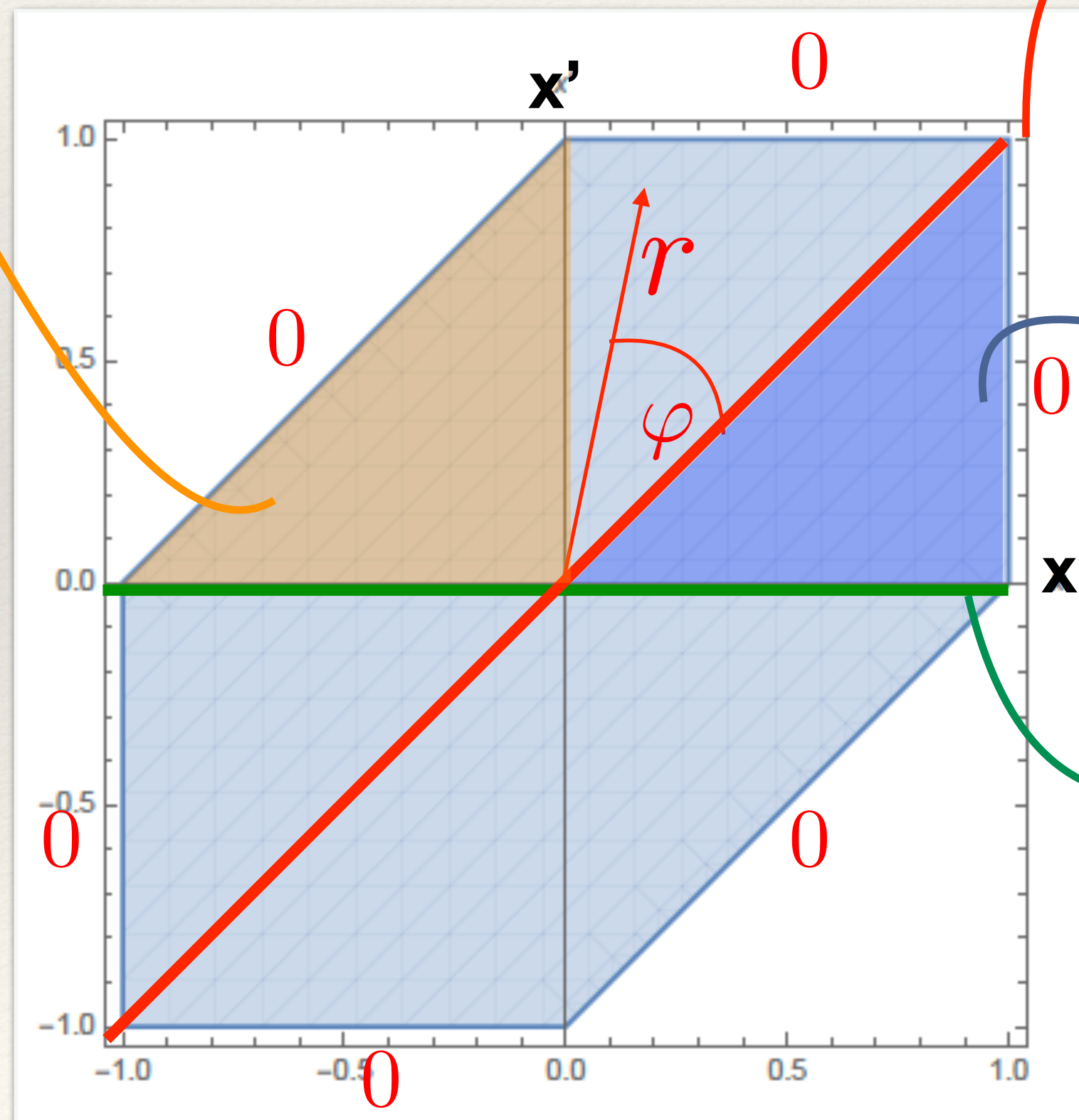
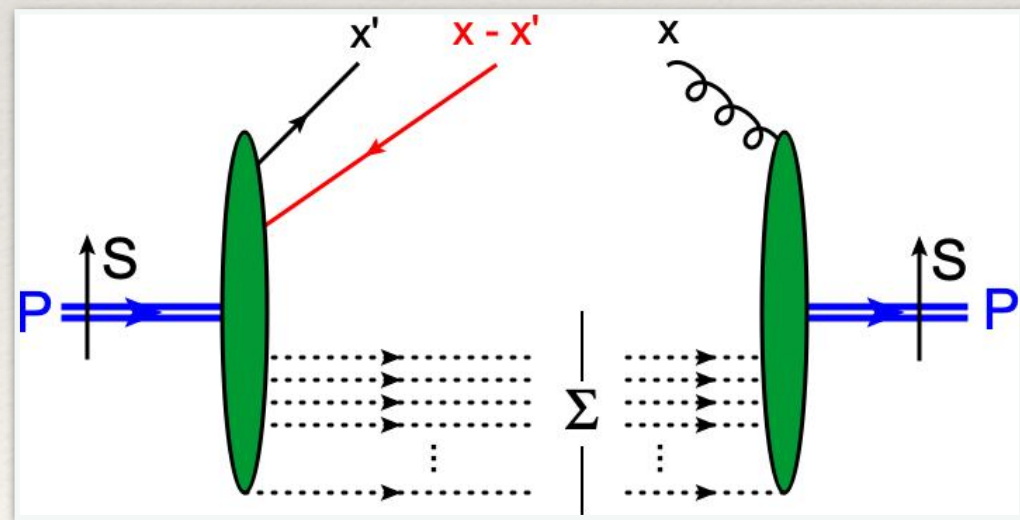
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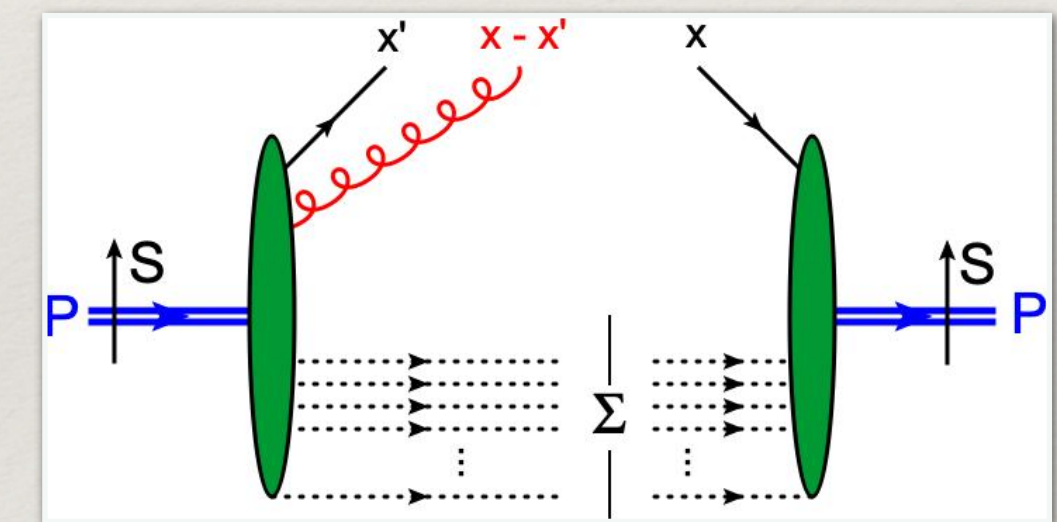
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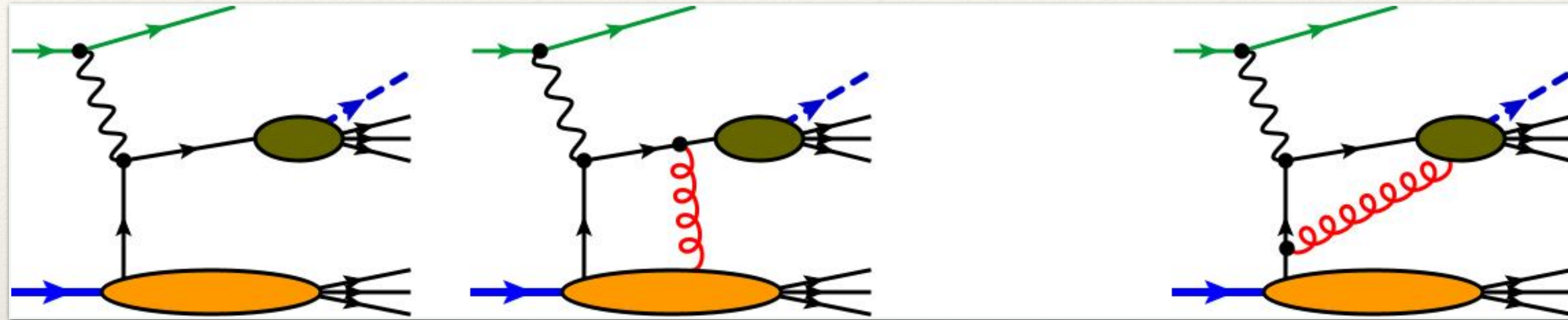


**Inclusive  $\pi$  (or jet) production  
in l+N collisions at LO**

# Example: Single-inclusive hadron production $e N^\uparrow \rightarrow \pi X$

[Gamberg, Kang, Metz, Pitonyak, Prokudin; Kanazawa, Koike, Metz, Pitonyak, MS]

final state lepton *not* detected!



$$A_N \propto \sum_q e_q^2 \int dz \left(1 - x \frac{d}{dx}\right) F_{FT}^q(x, x) D_1^{\pi/q}(z)$$

reduction to jets:

LO:  $D_1(z) \rightarrow \delta(1 - z)$

NLO: “small-cone approximation”

$$+ \sum_q e_q^2 \int dz h_1^q(x) \int dz_1 \int dz_2 \Im[\hat{H}_{FU}^{\pi/q}](z_1, z_2) f(z_1, z_2)$$

transversity pdf

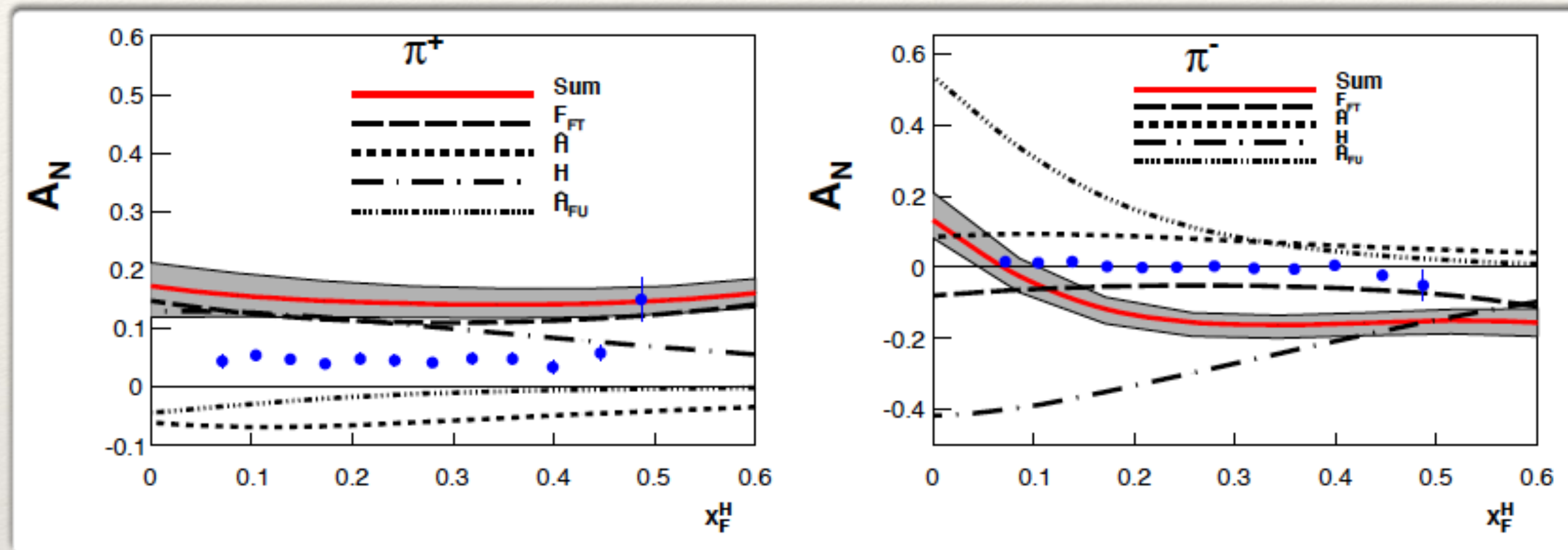
chiral-odd qgq ff

Feasible at a future EIC, NLO corrections might be large

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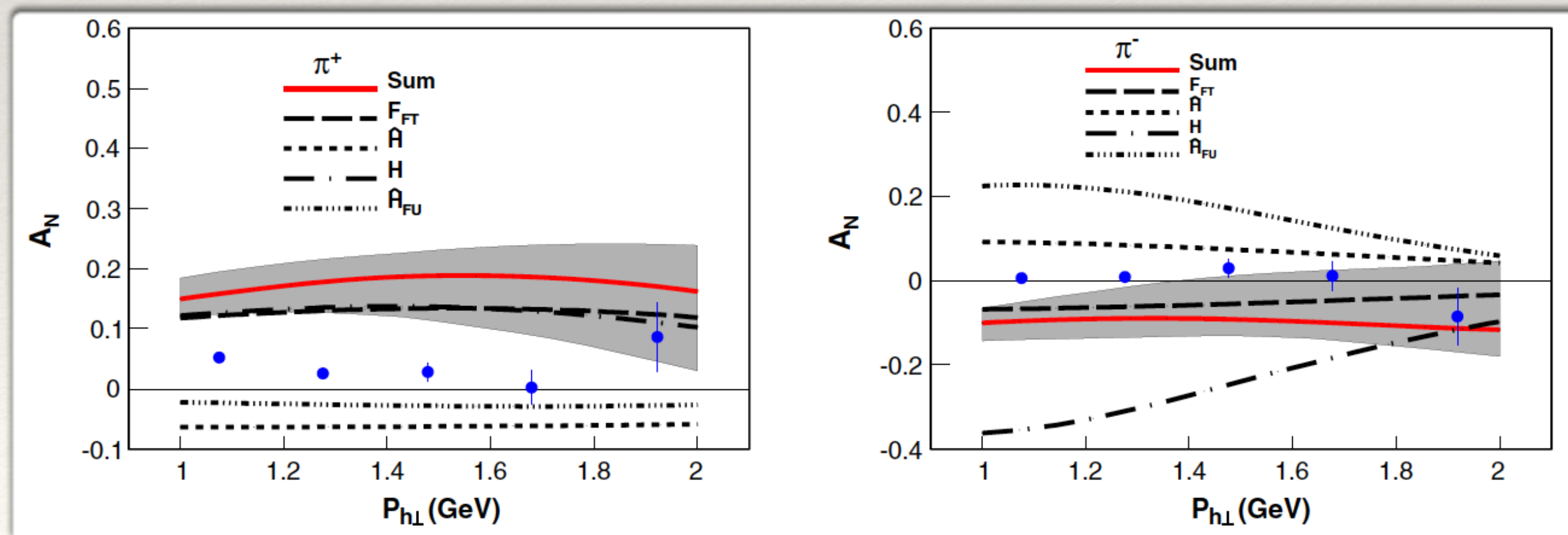
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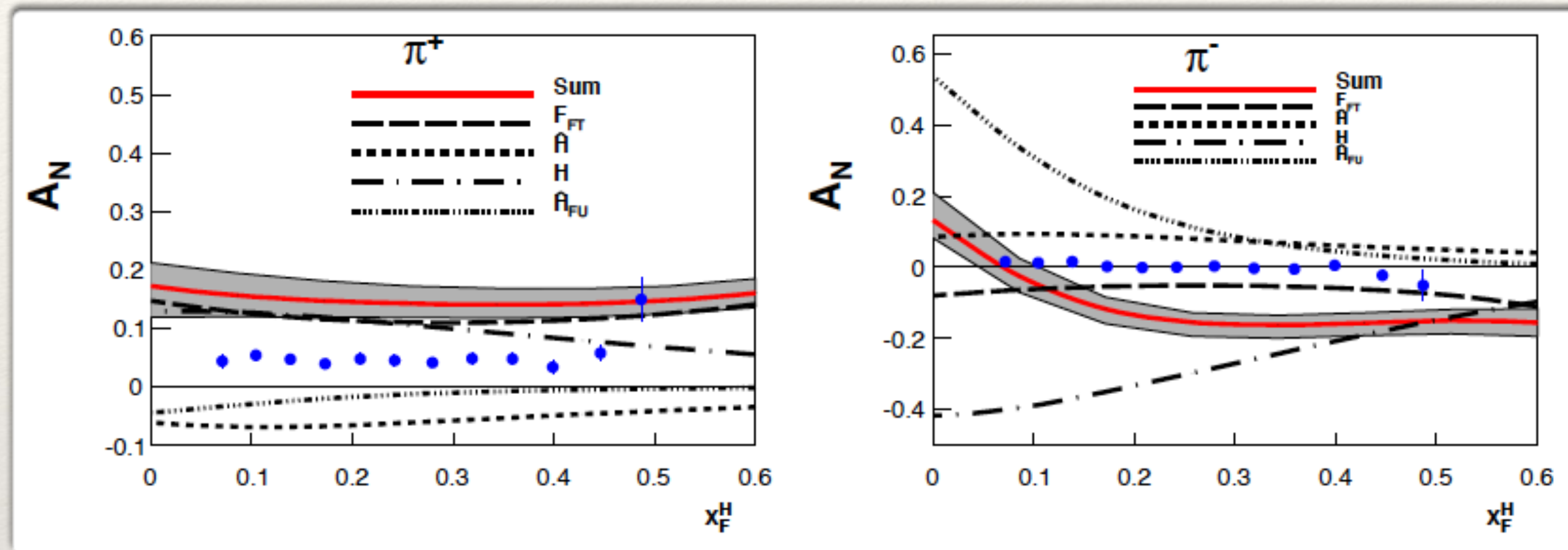
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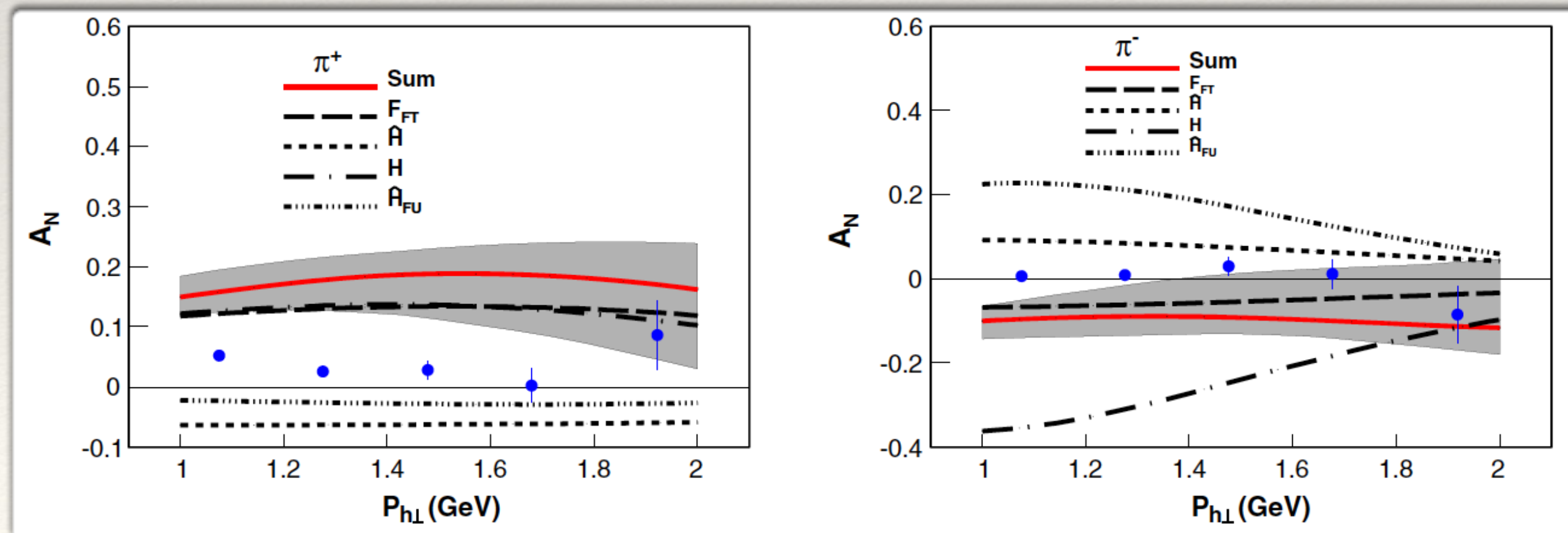
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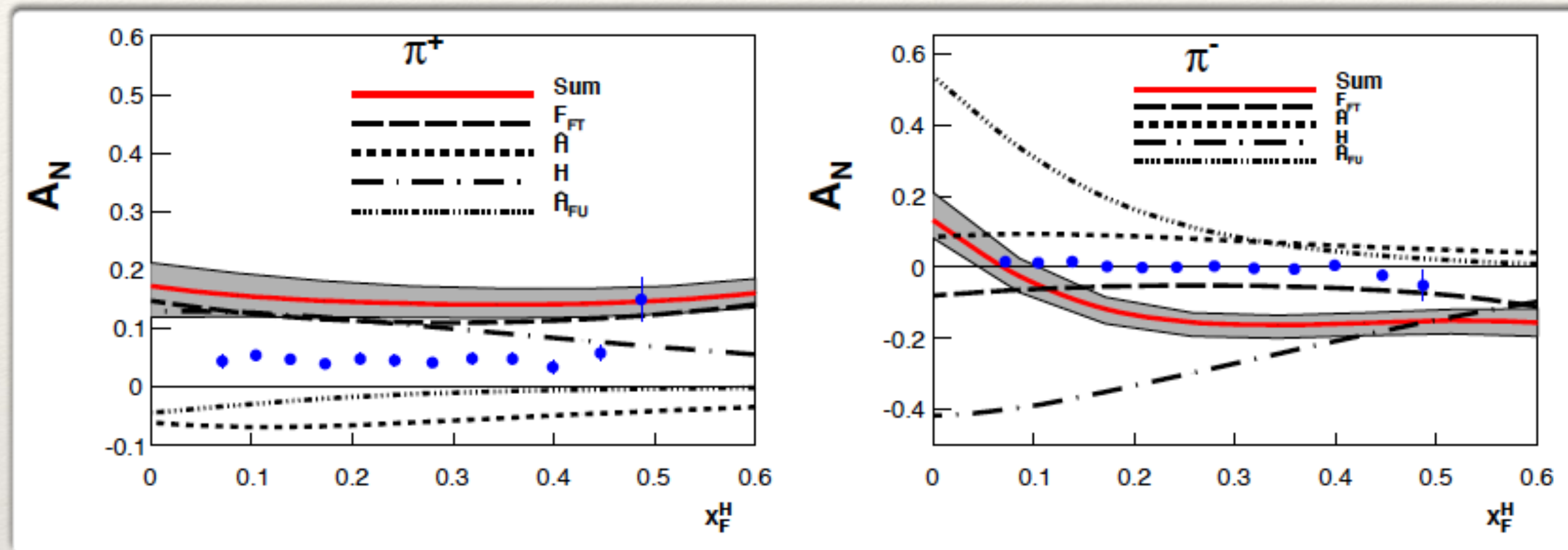
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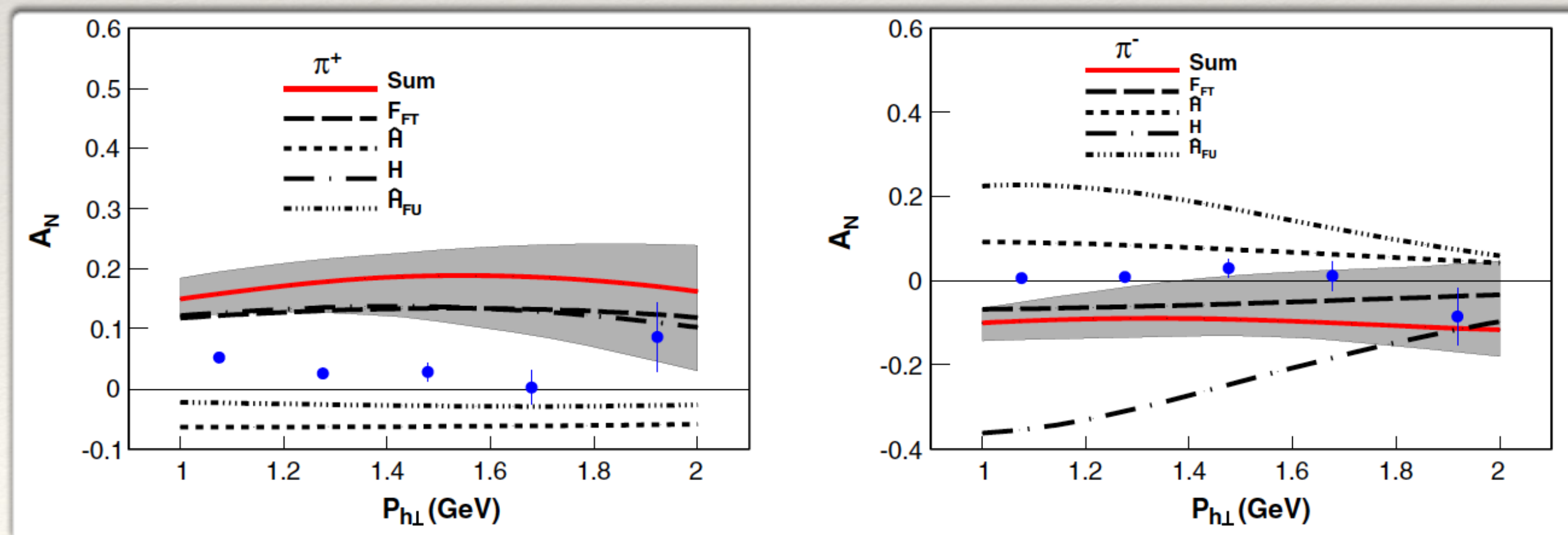
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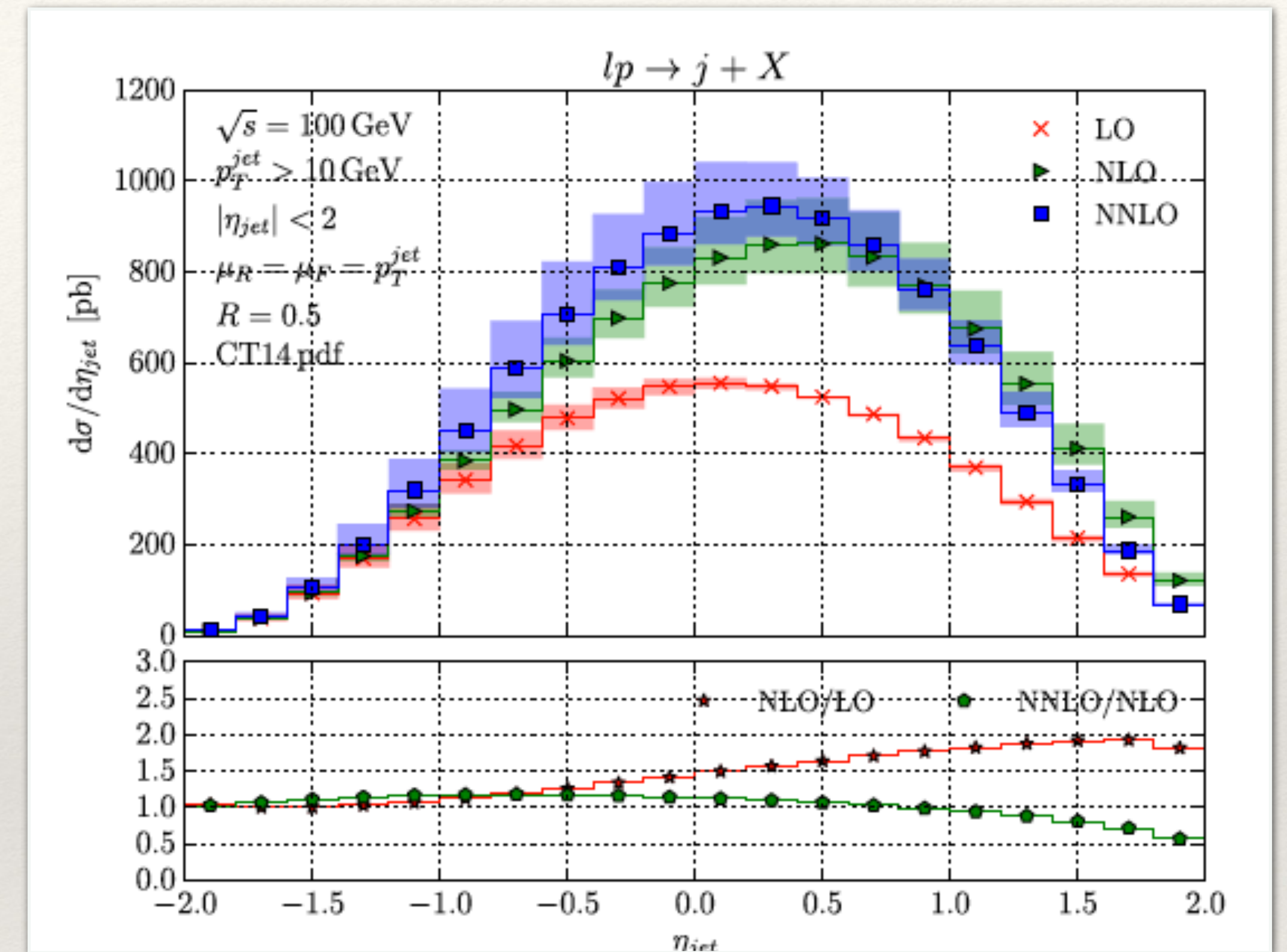
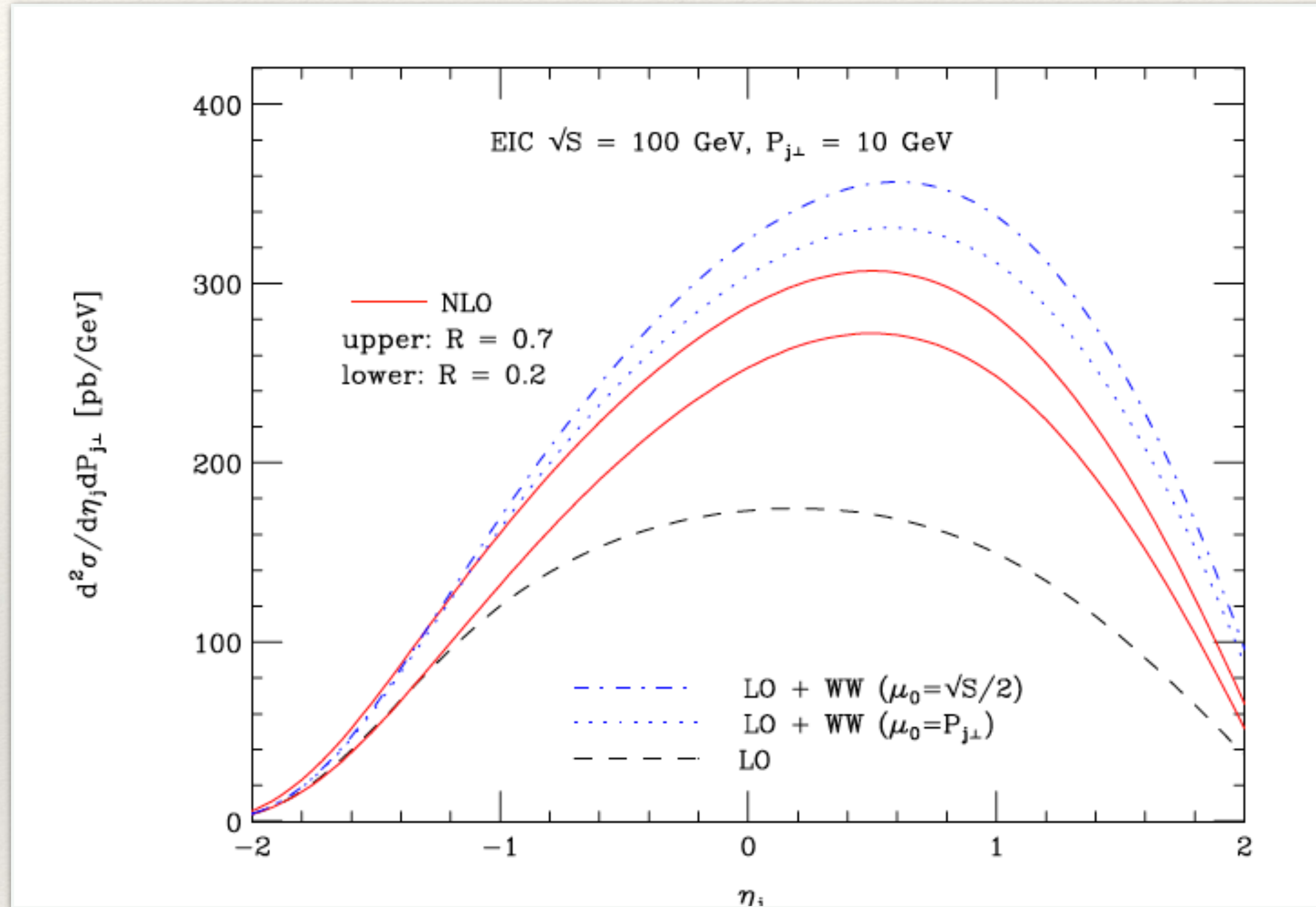
# Jet Production at EIC (no fragmentation)

## NLO: $K \sim 1 - 2$

[Hinderer, MS, Vogelsang, PRD, 2015, 2017]

## NNLO

[Abelof et al., PLB 763, 52 (2016)]



→ perturbative series converges at NNLO

→  $K$  - factor of *denominator* of SSA may be enough to reduce factor 2 discrepancy to data, NLO corrections of *numerator* of SSA small? Cancellations?



**Inclusive  $\pi$  / jet production in  
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[Tollkühn, MS, Vogelsang, ongoing work]

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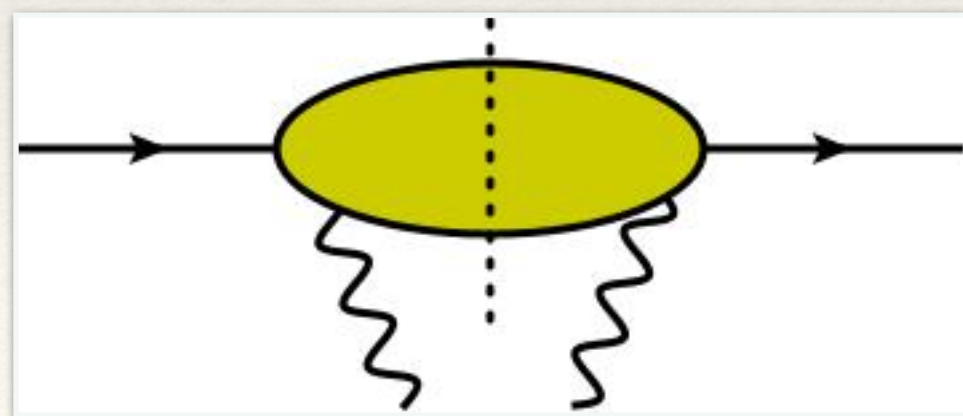
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- Collinear divergencies due to *massless* leptons:

“photon-in-lepton” pdf




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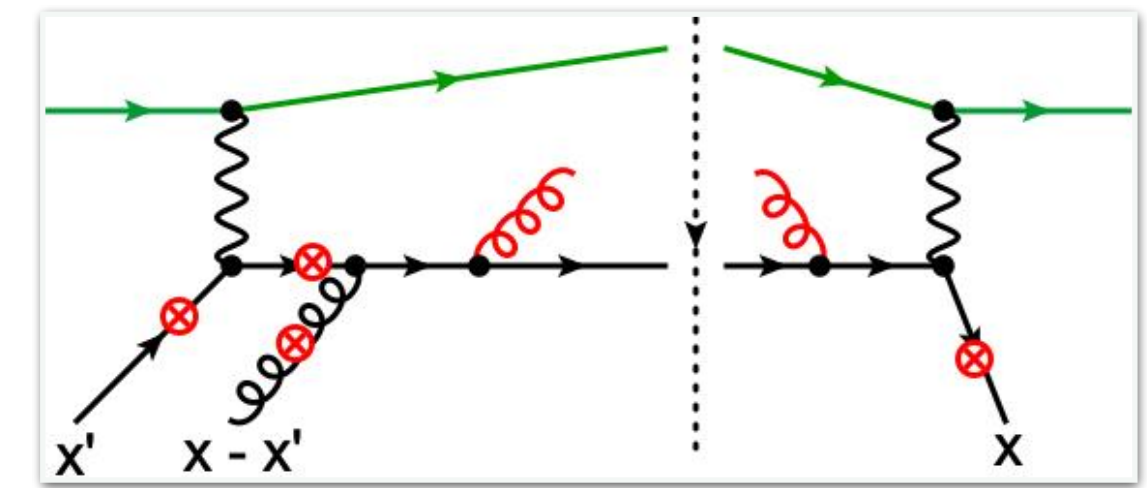
combine with hard part

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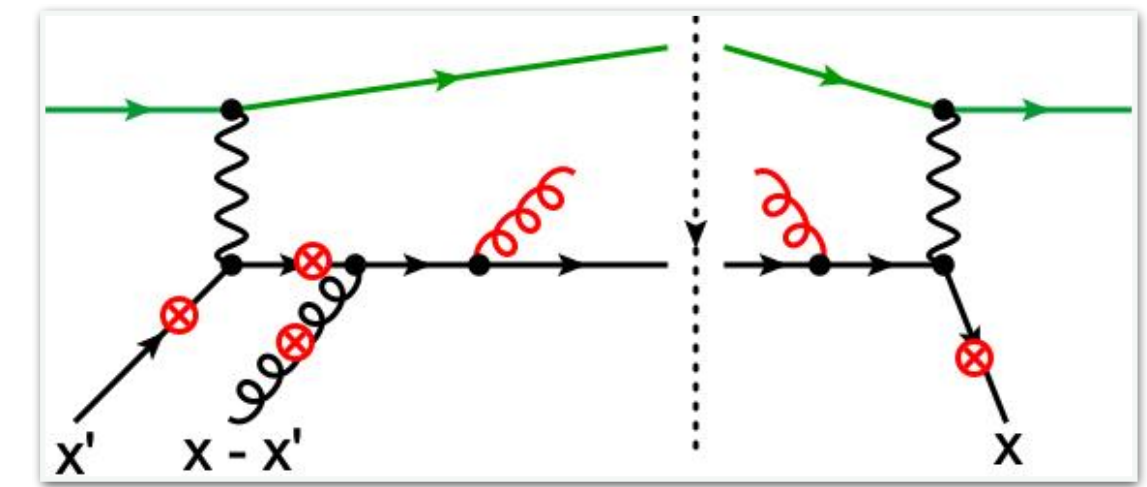
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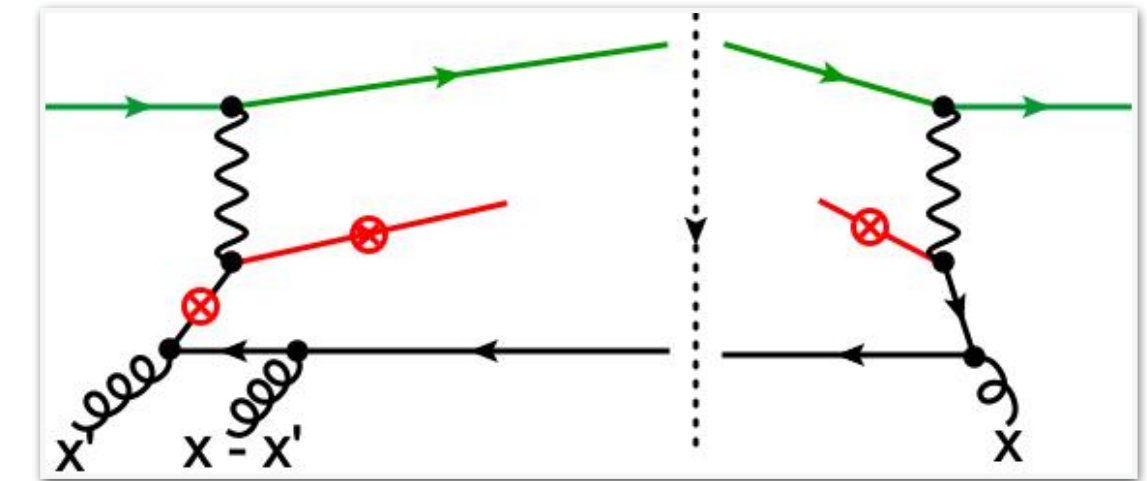


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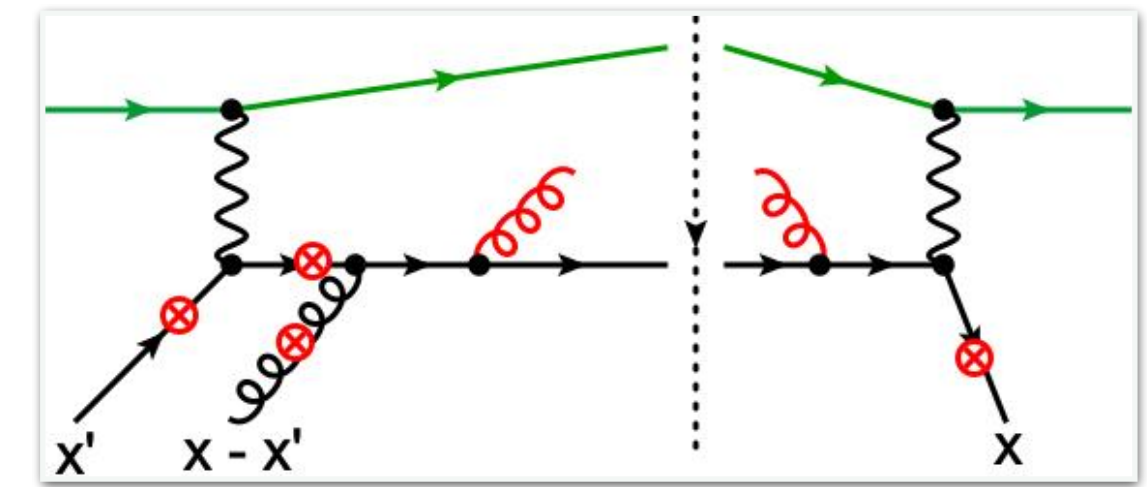


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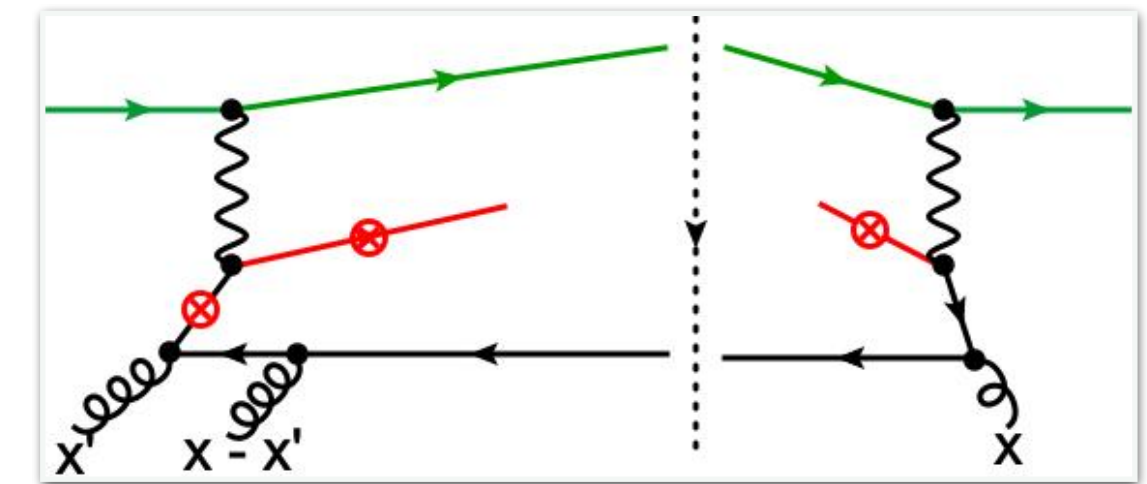
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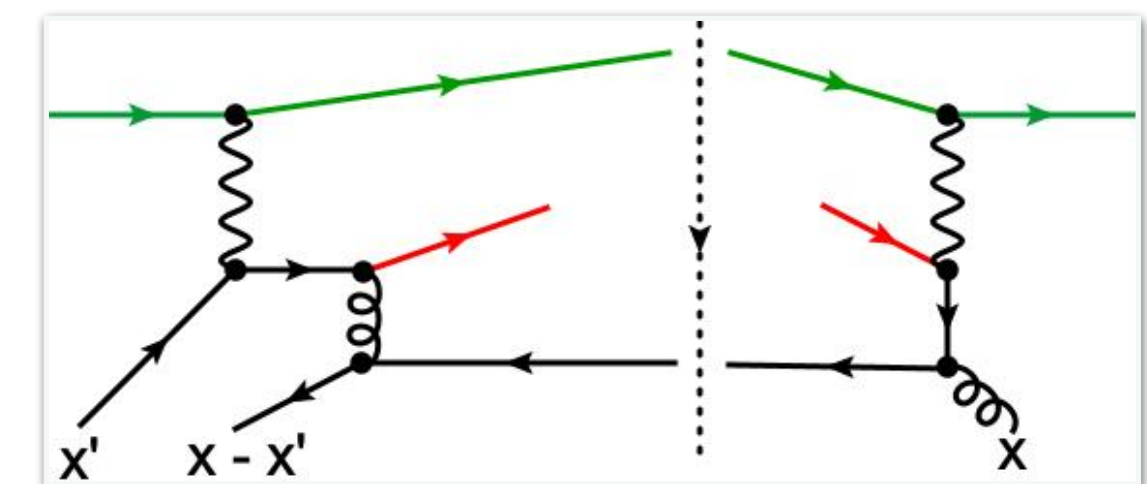
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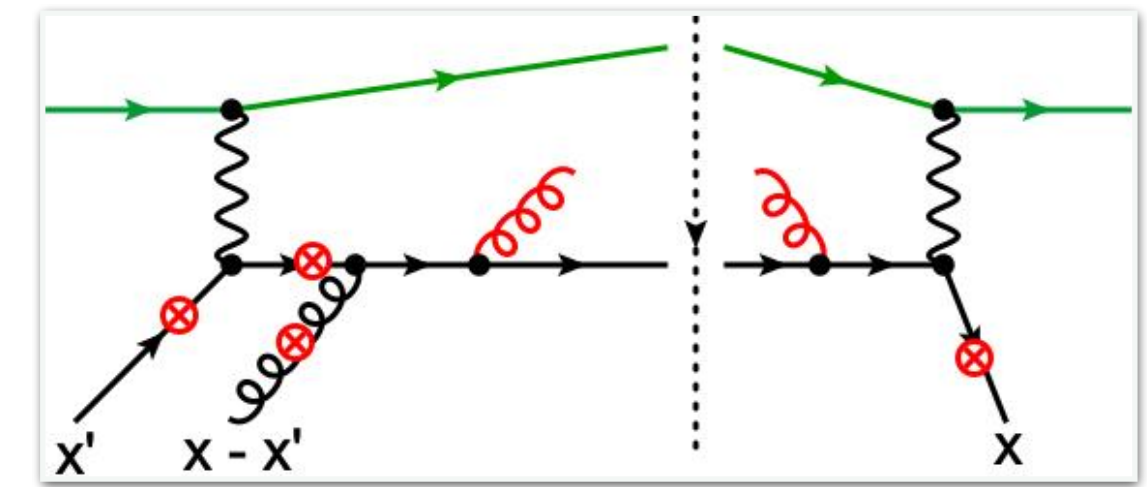


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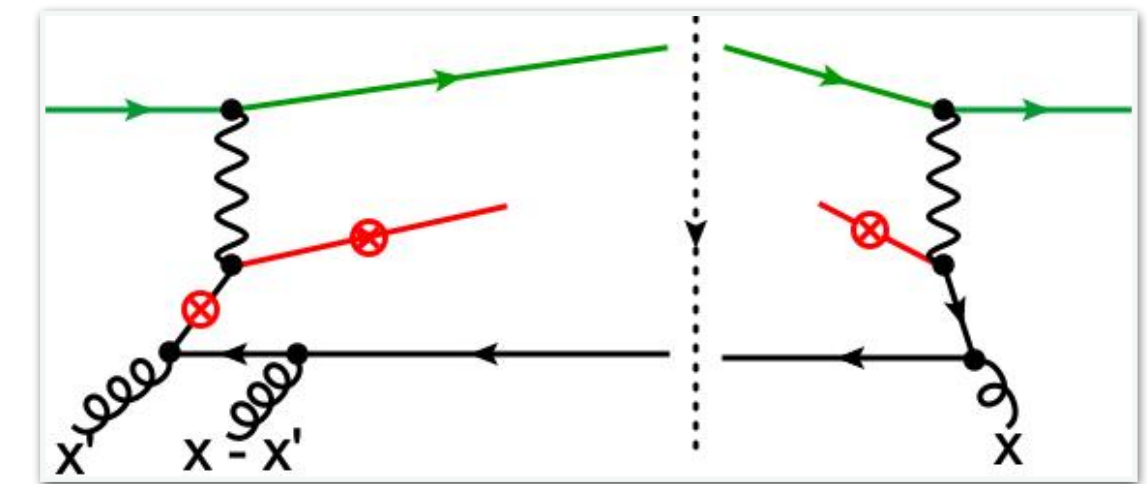
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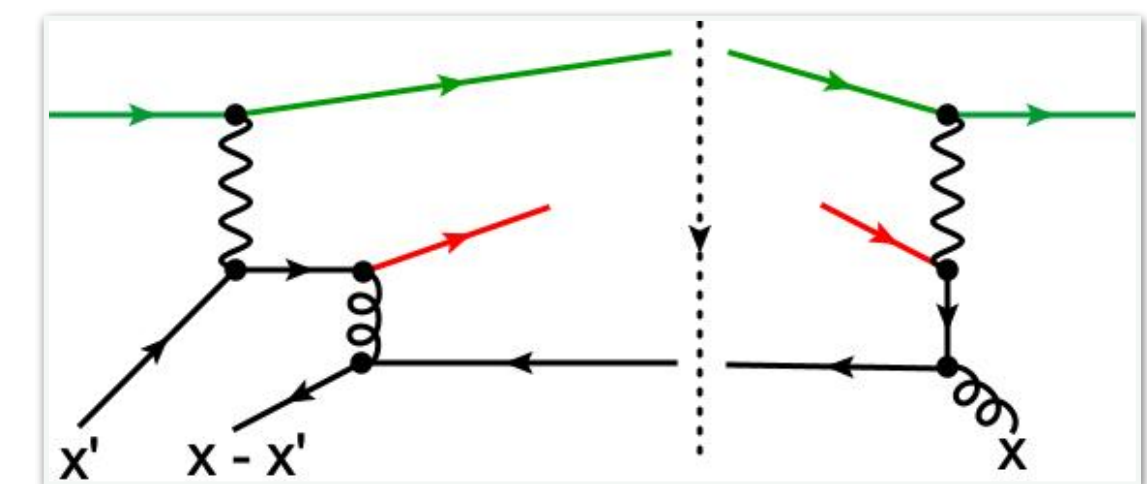
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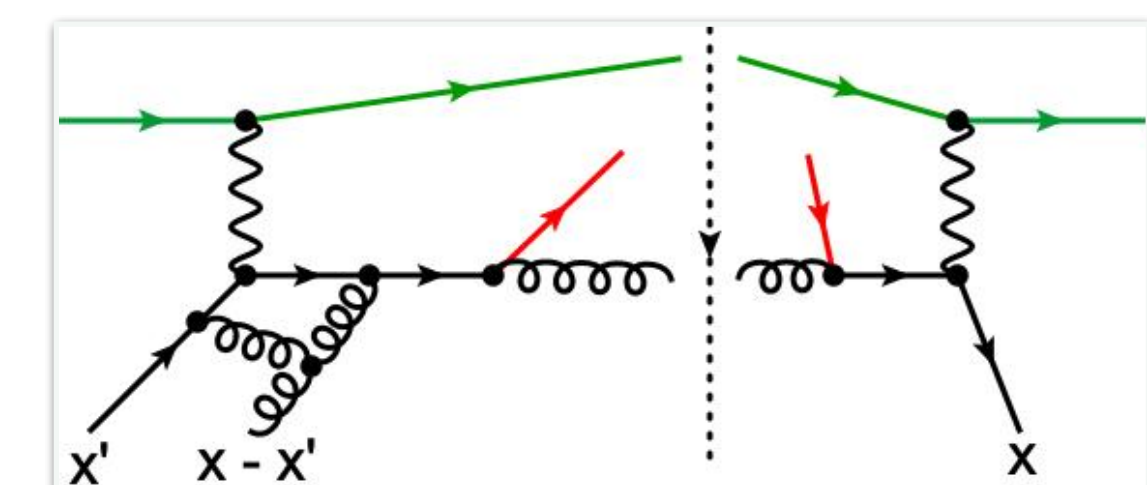
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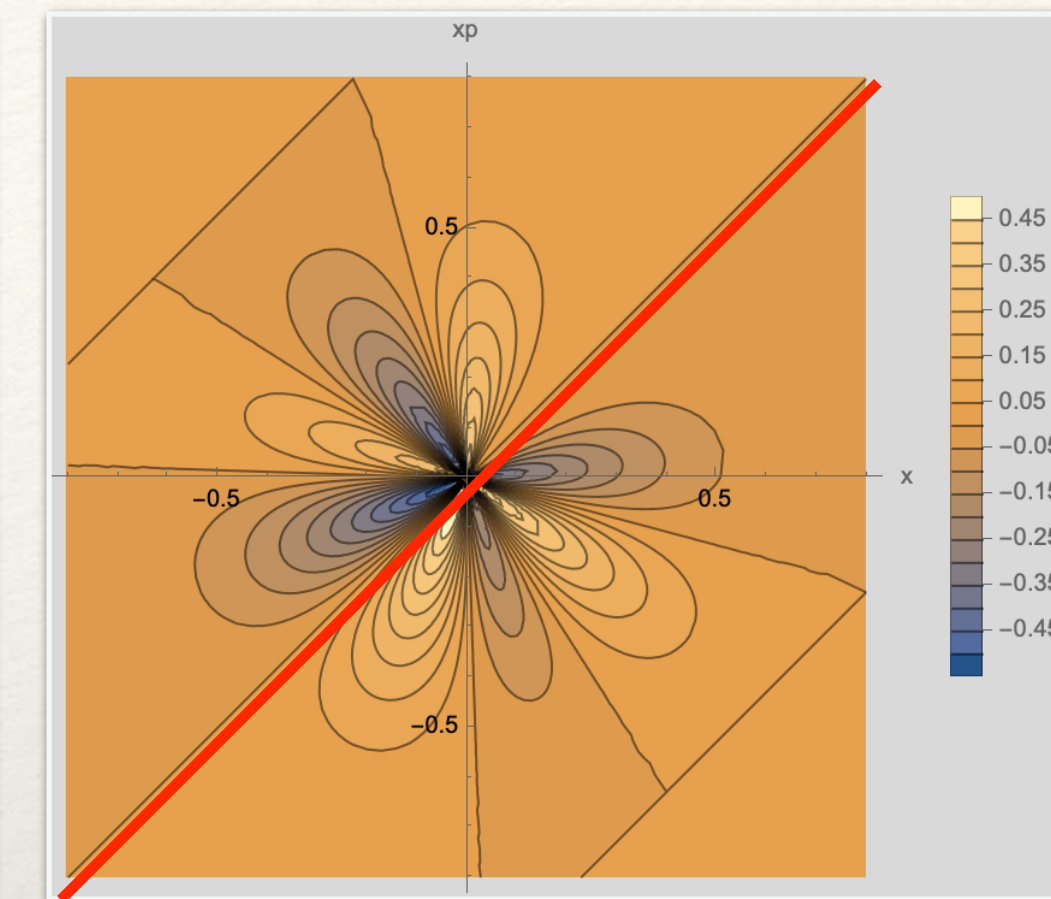
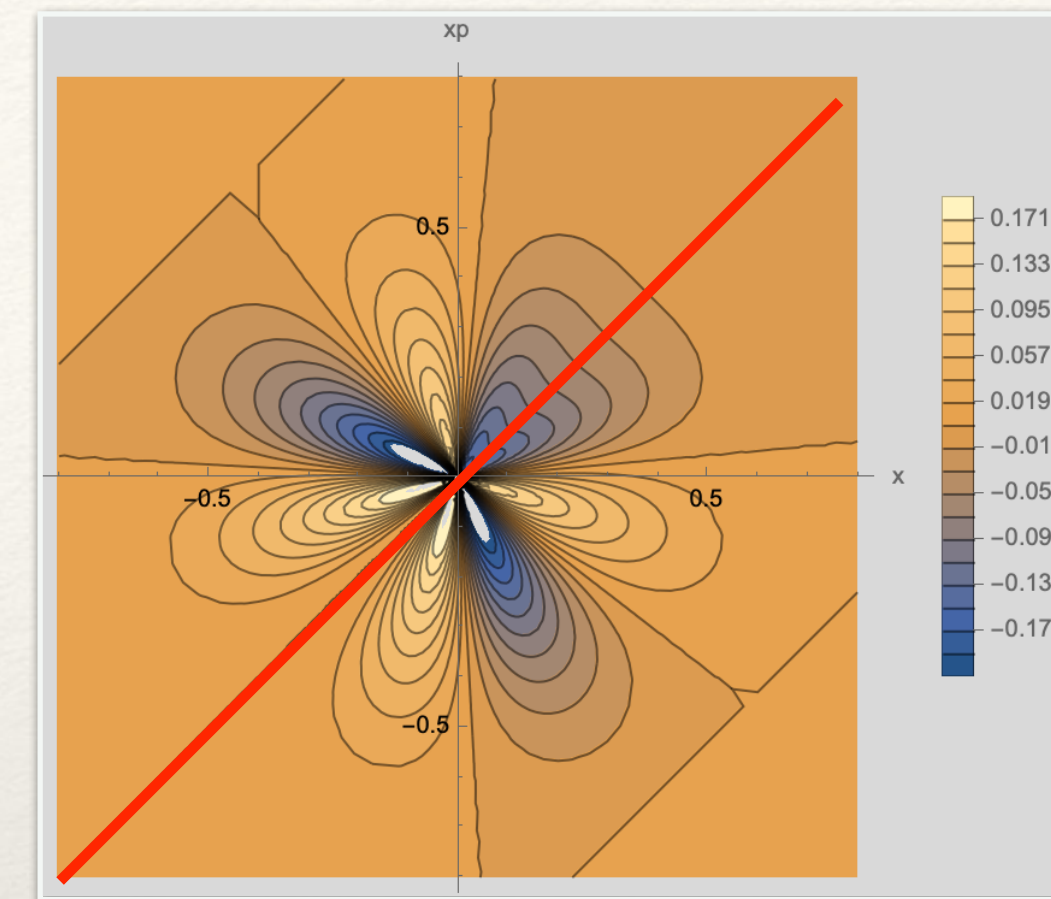
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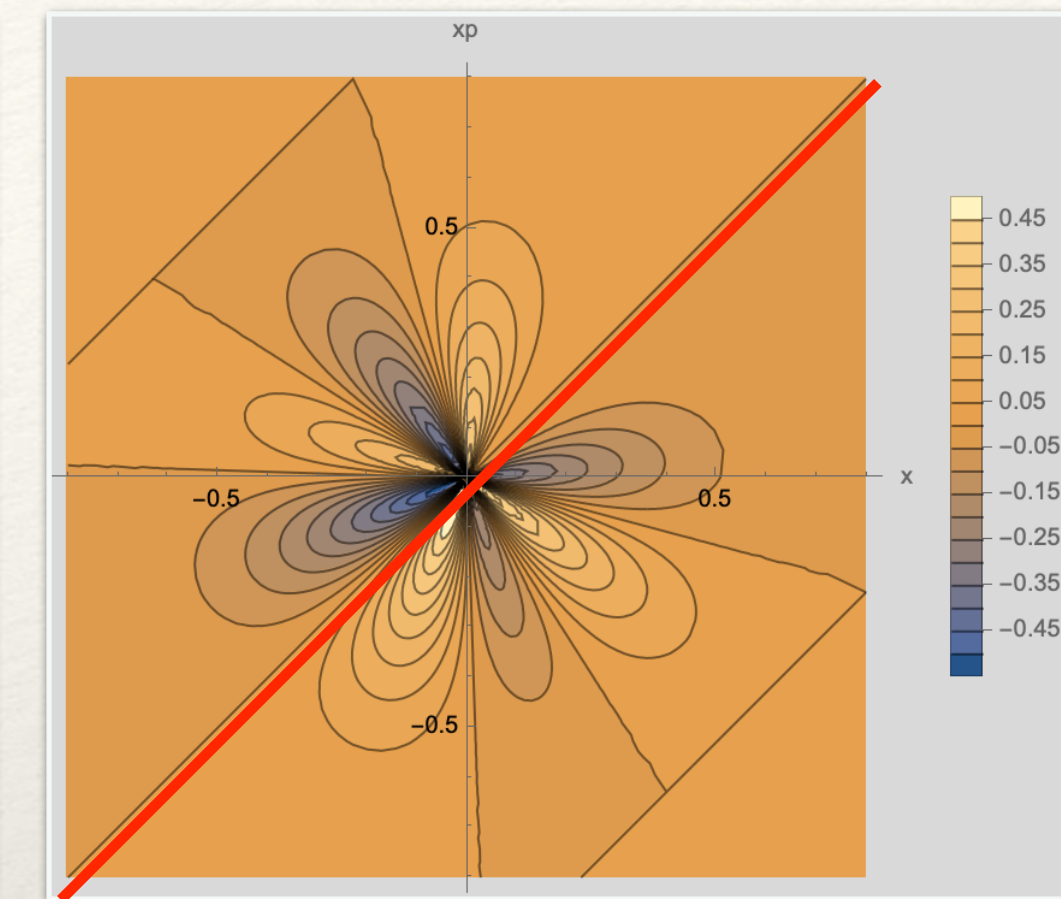
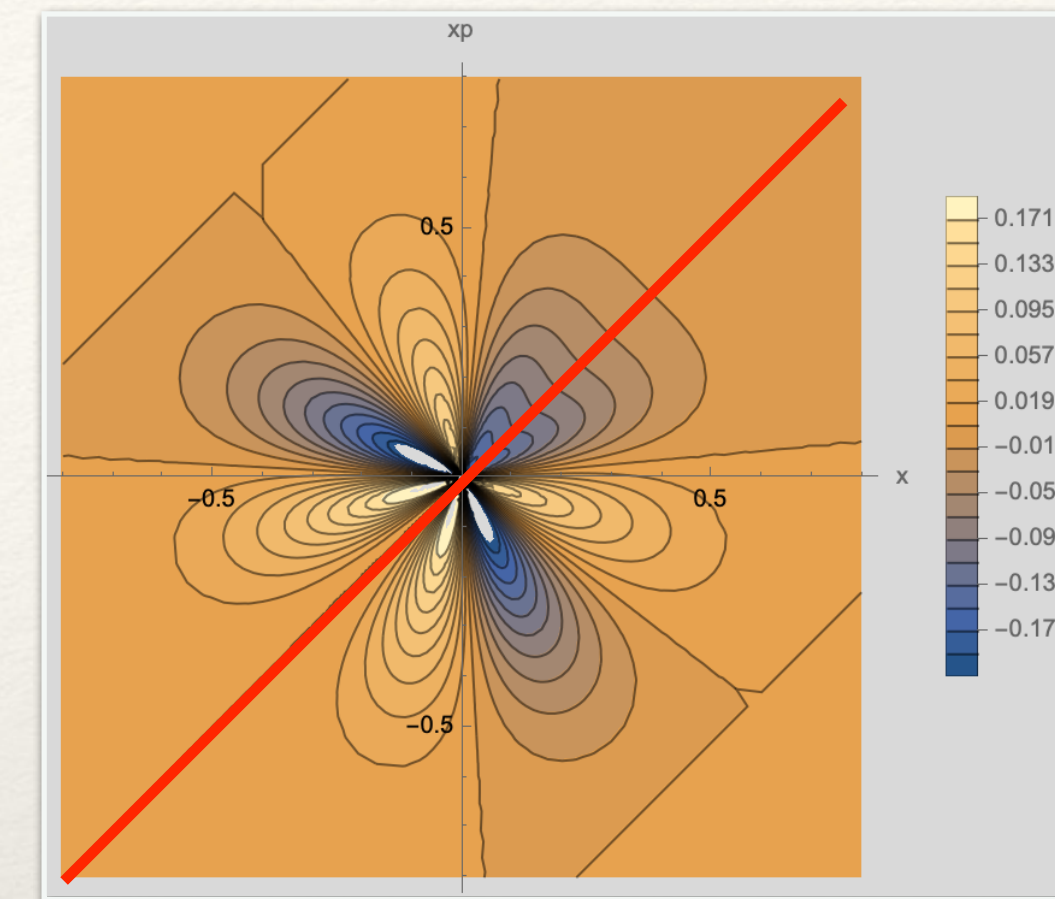
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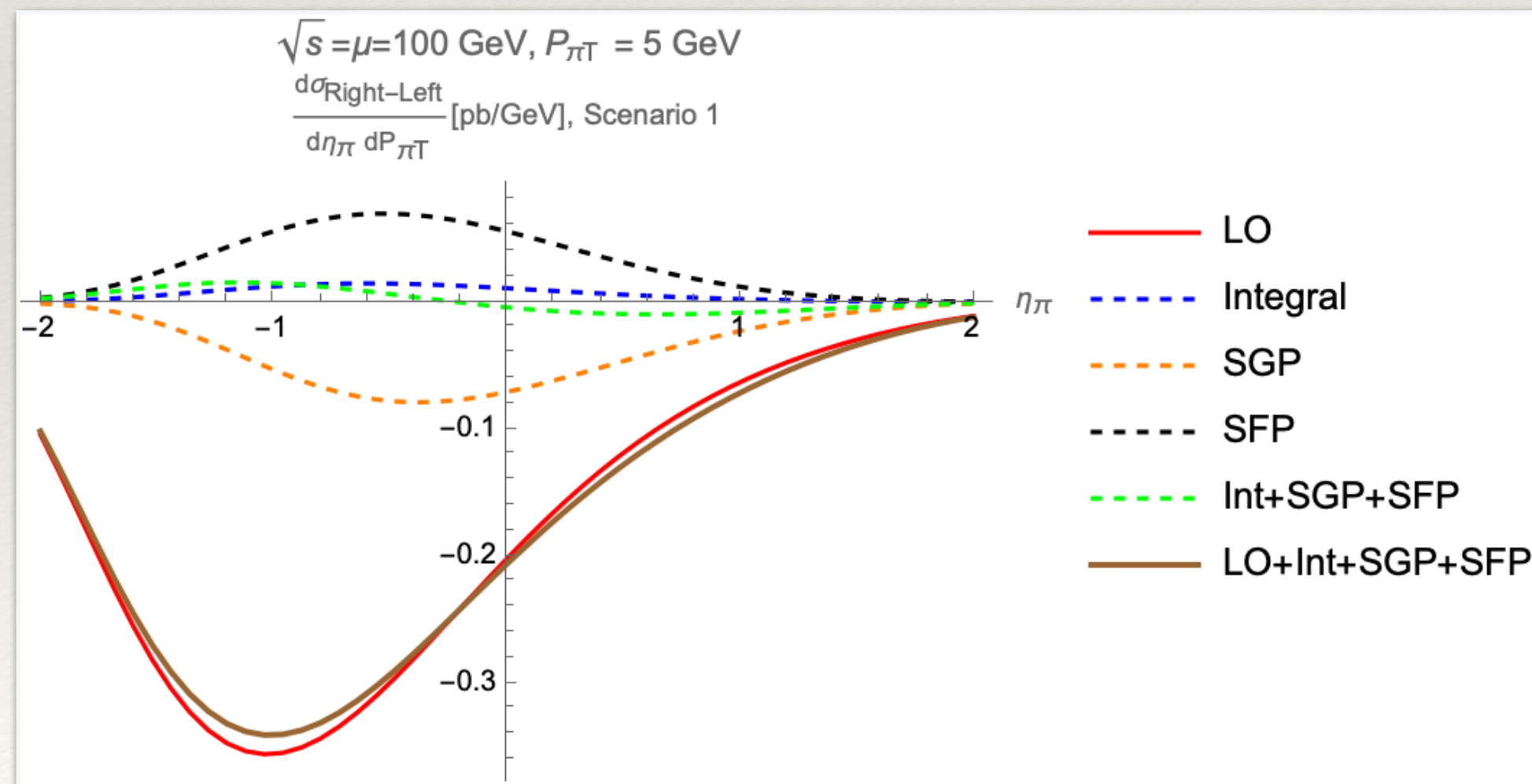
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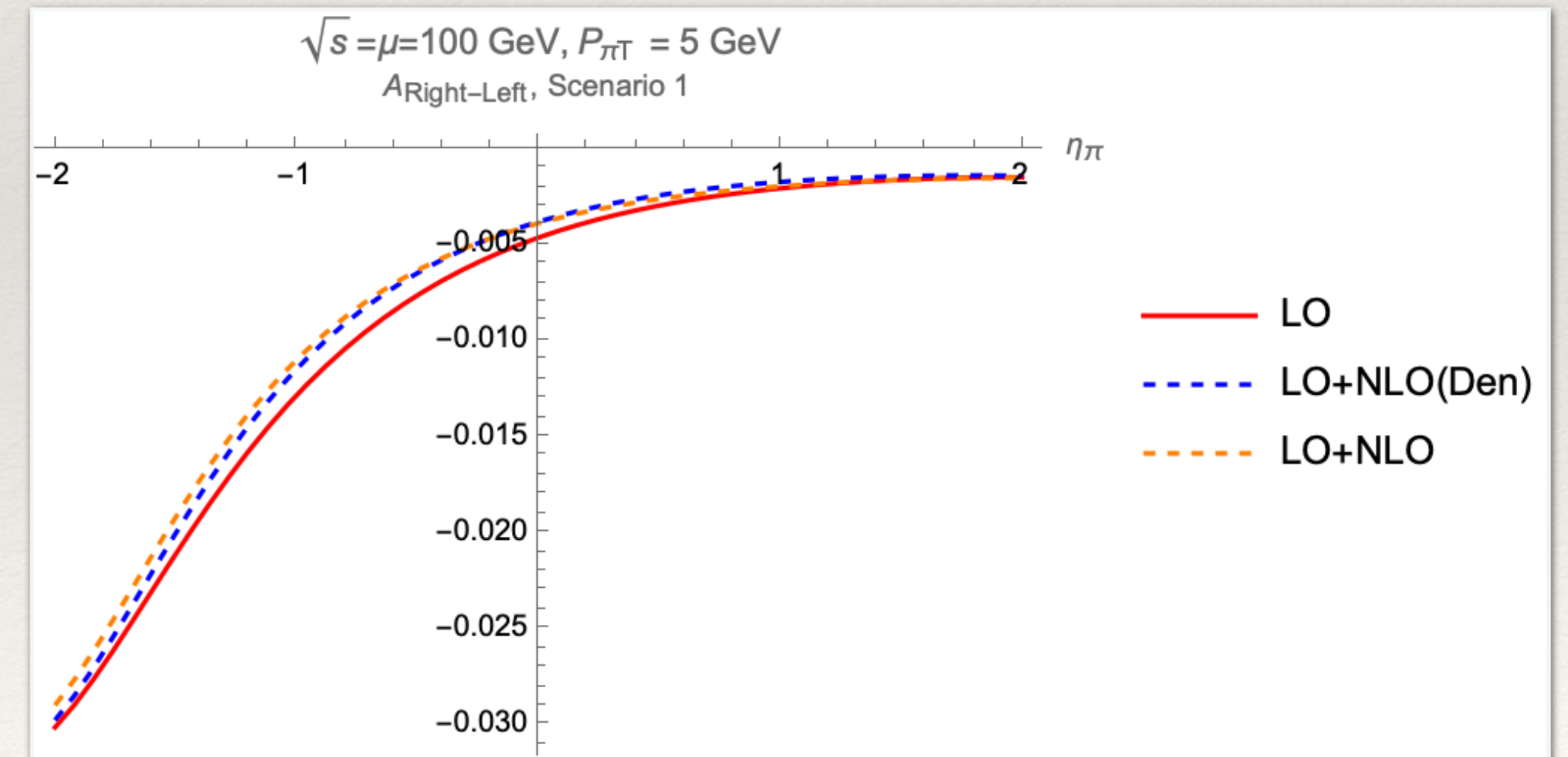
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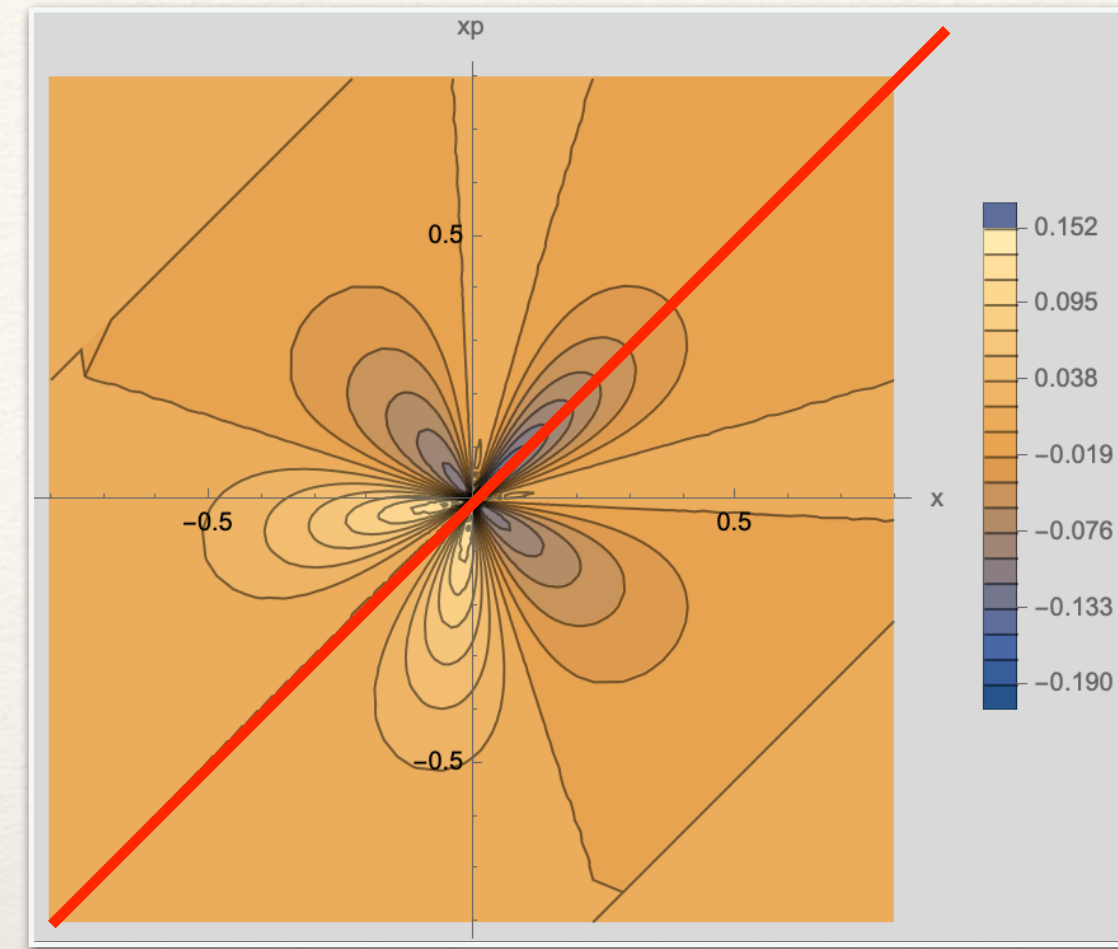


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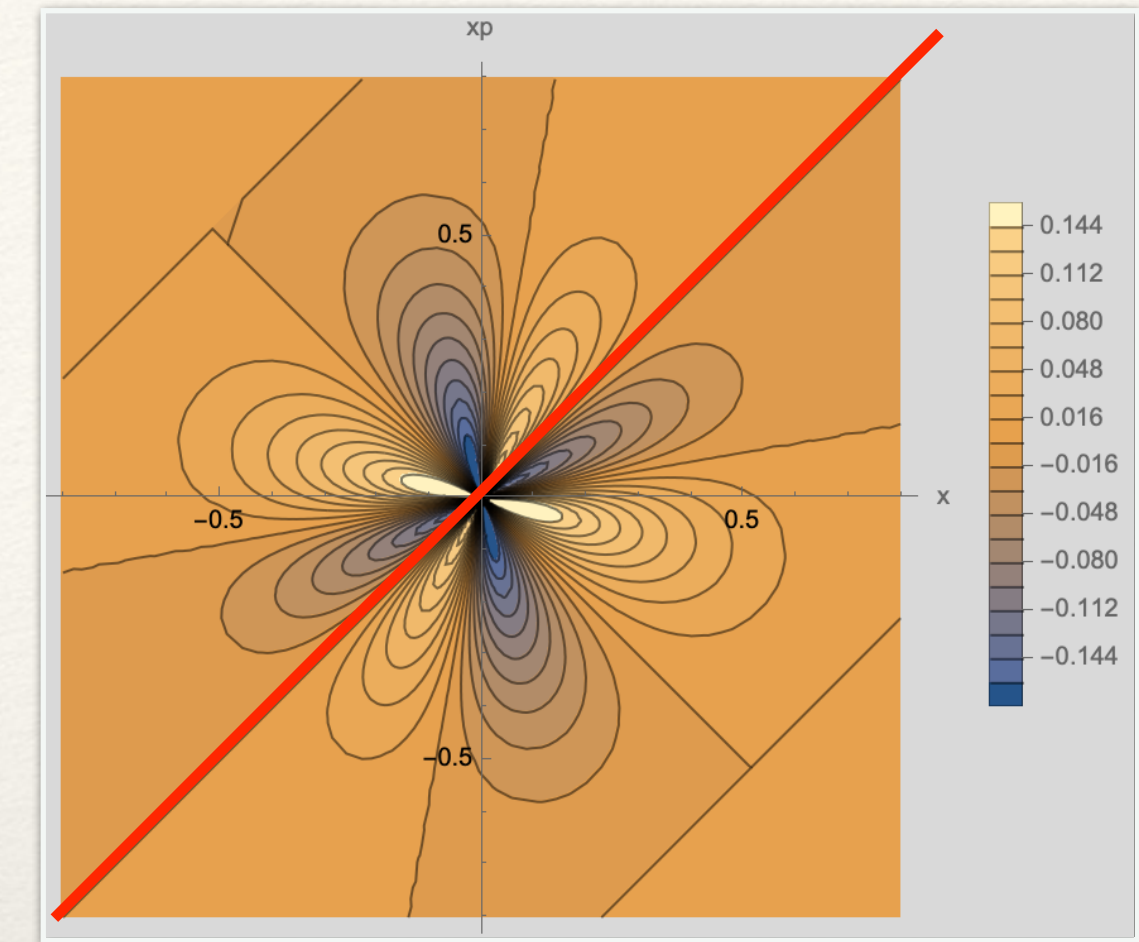
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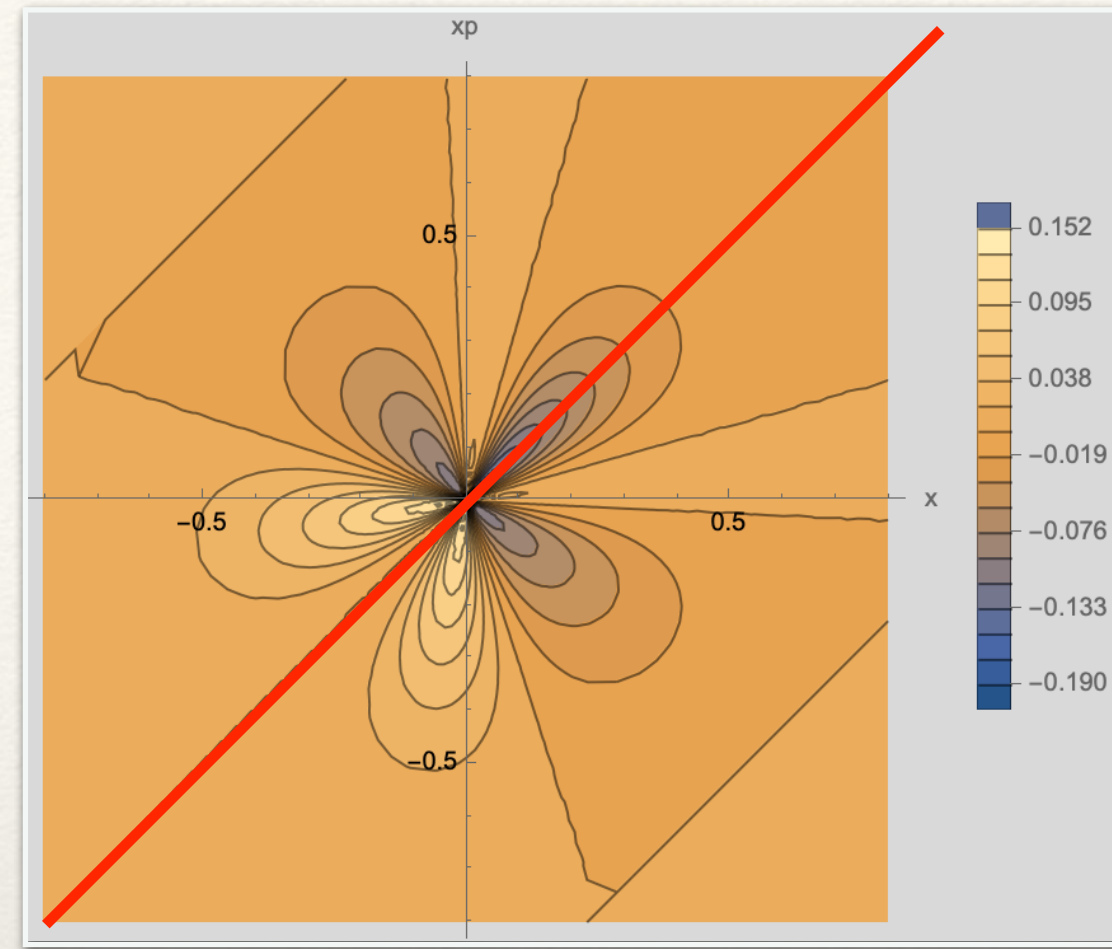
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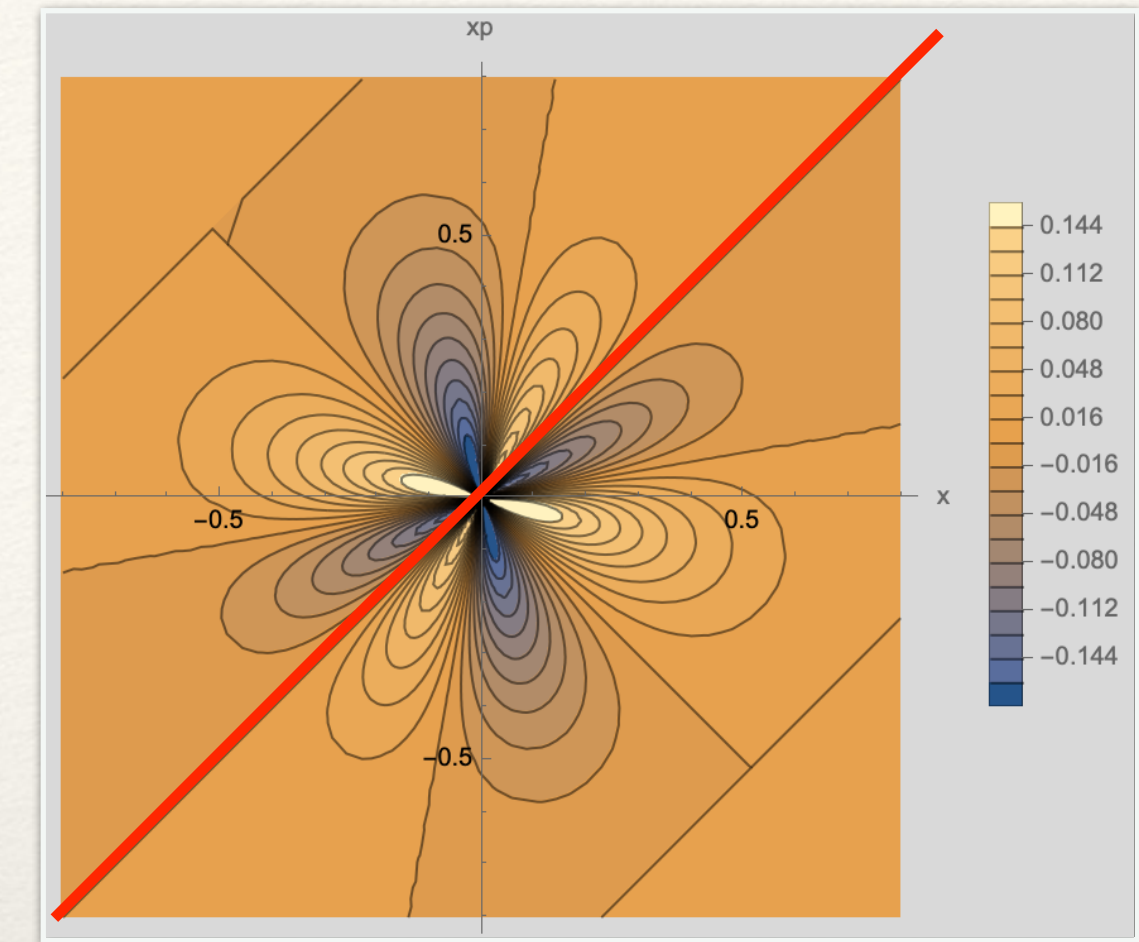
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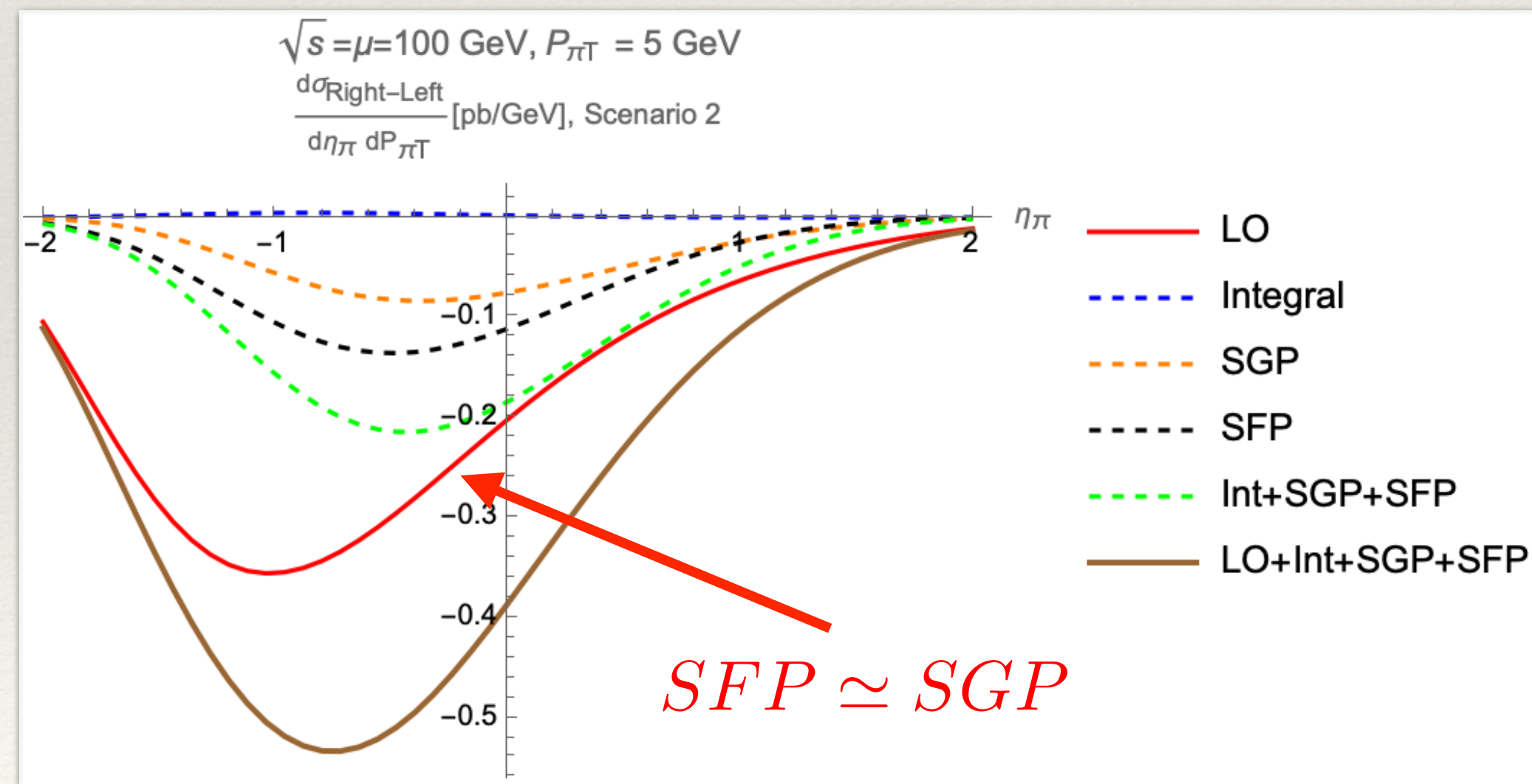


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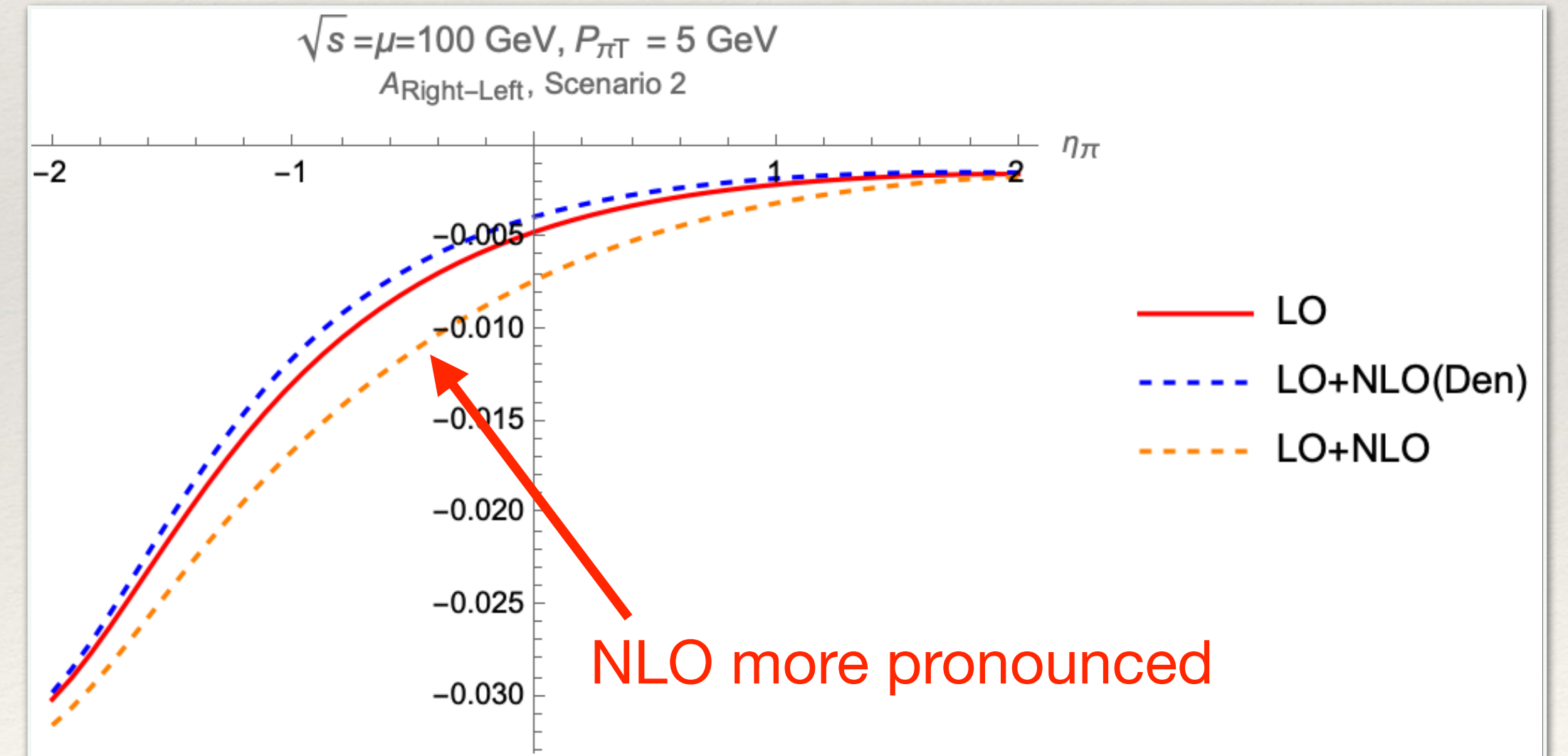
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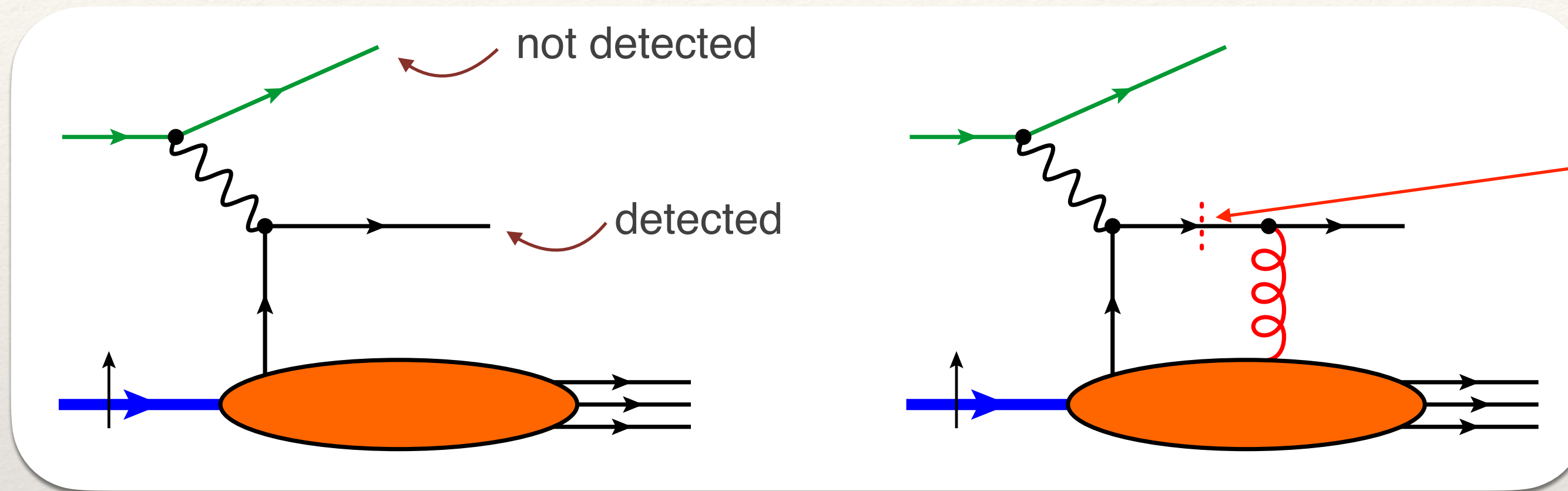
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[ongoing work with D. Rein & W. Vogelsang]
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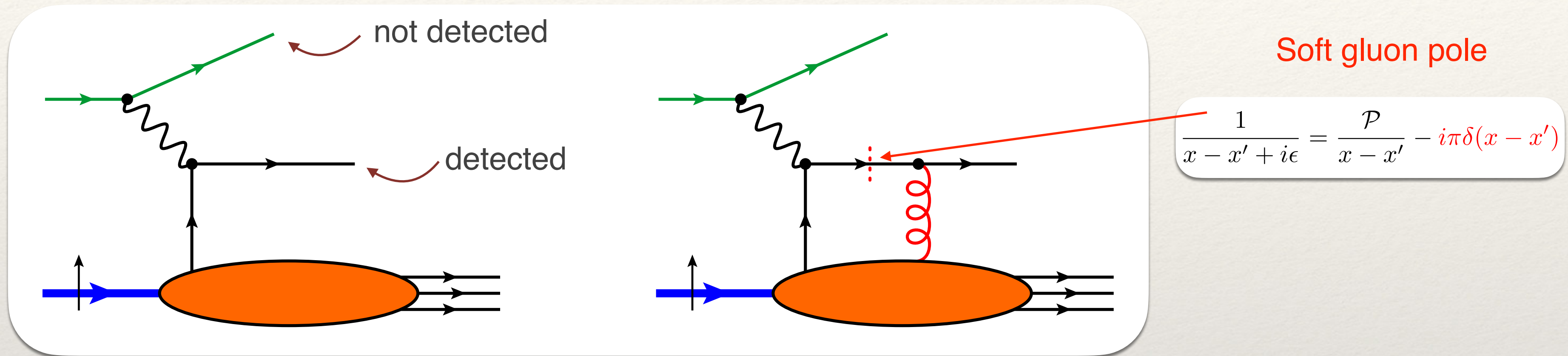
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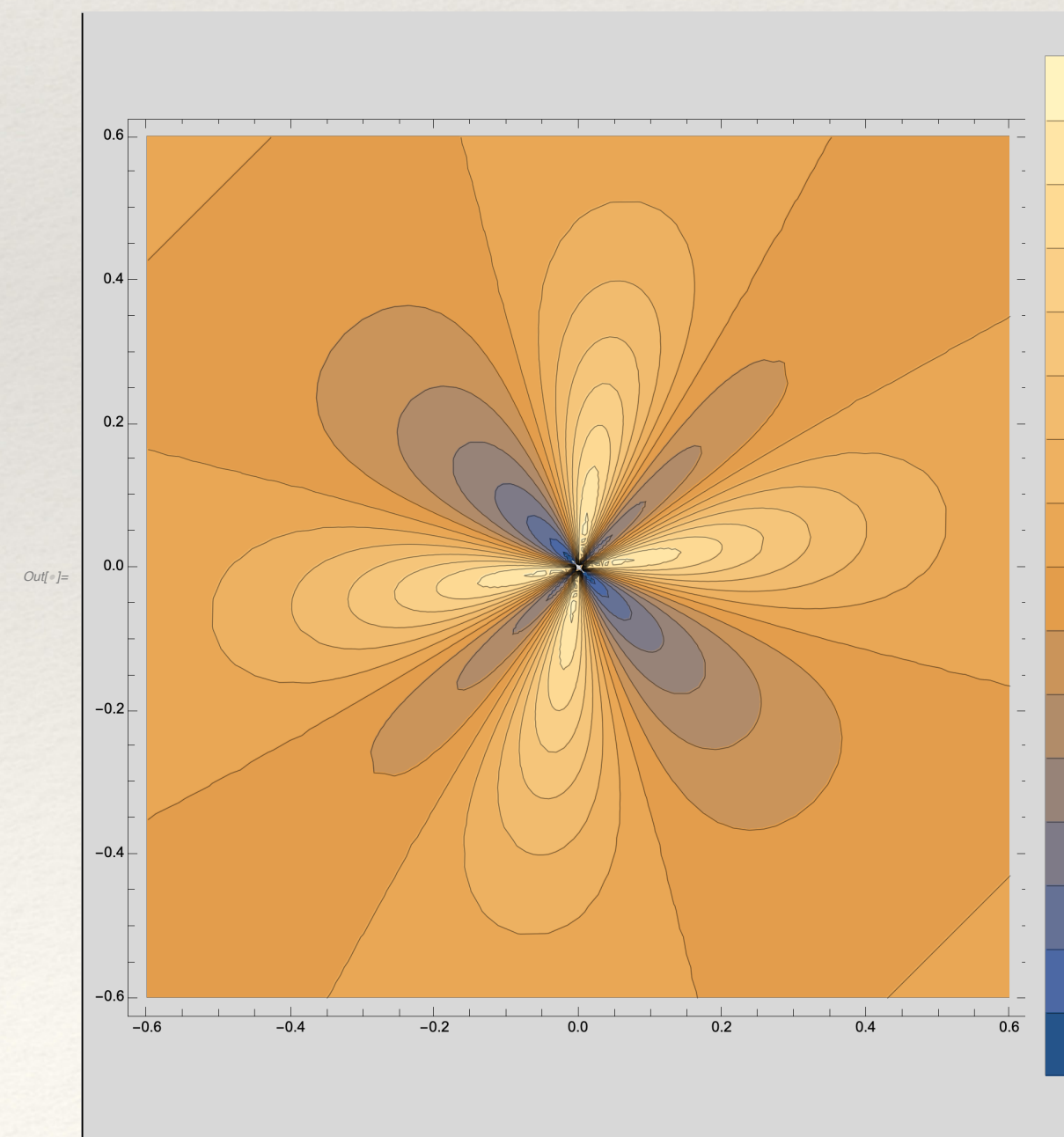
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Example for  $F_{FT}$  (random choice)

$$\tilde{a}_2^u = -\frac{1}{2}, \tilde{a}_4^u = 1, \tilde{a}_6^u = \frac{1}{3}$$

Ideally: Fit values from experimental data

→ EIC!