



Local cancellation of IR singularities:  
an automated algorithm based on  
OpenLoops+LTD

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Based on ongoing work

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# Introduction

Following...

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## OpenLoops+LTD project [Bertolotti, Giraudo, Herren, Lindert, SP]

**Long term goal: NNLO automation** (not discussed in this talk)

Based on “combination” of LTD with

- NLO automation in OpenLoops2 [Buccioni, Maierhöfer, Lang, Lindert, SP, Zhang, Zoller '18]
- OpenLoops automation of 2-loop integrands [SP, Schär, Zoller '22]

**First objective: NLO automation** (first preliminary results today)

Main features of envisaged tool

- MC generator of real and “virtual” events with local IR cancellations
- flexible predictions for arbitrary observables (e.g. via Rivet)

Key motivation: assess potential of LTD vs established NLO generators

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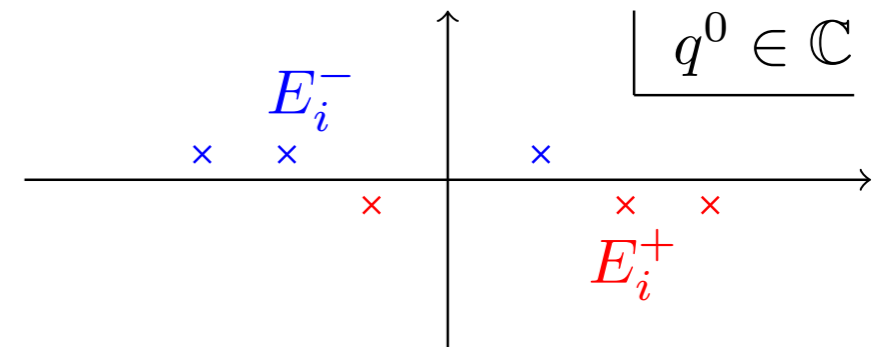
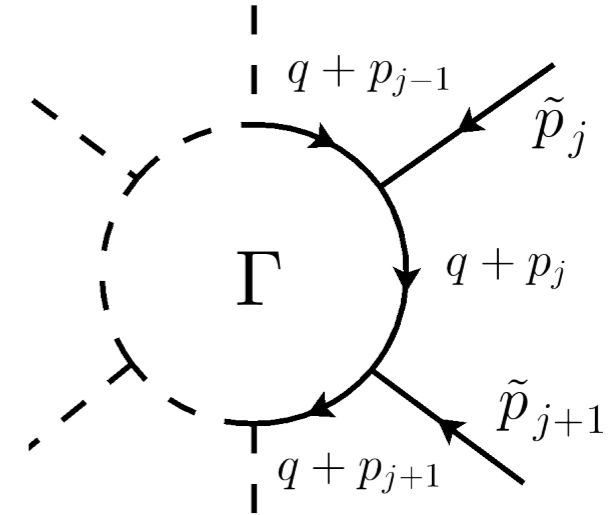
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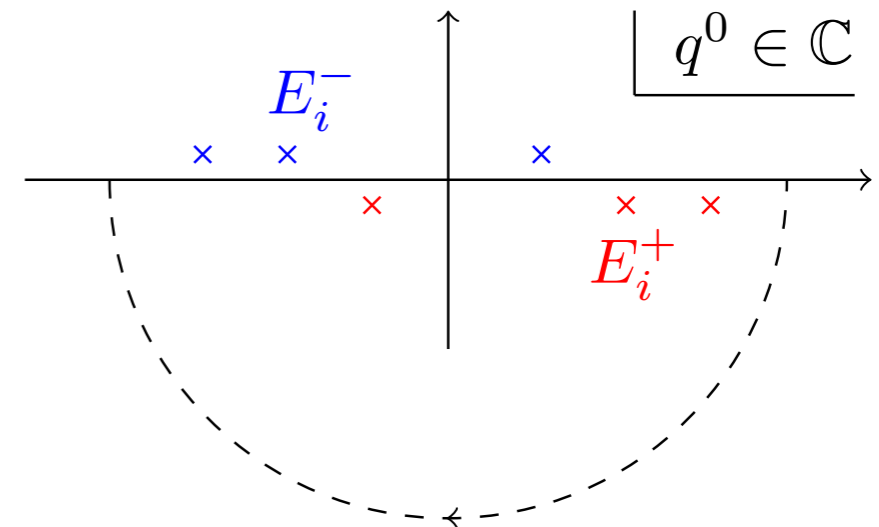
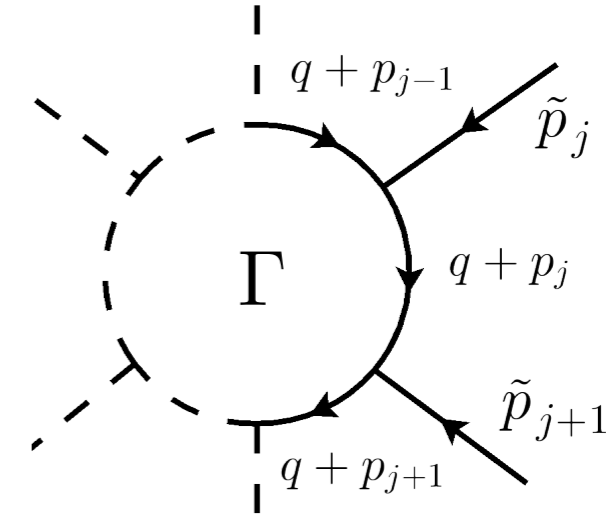
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Closing the contour in the lower half plane yields **the LTD formula**

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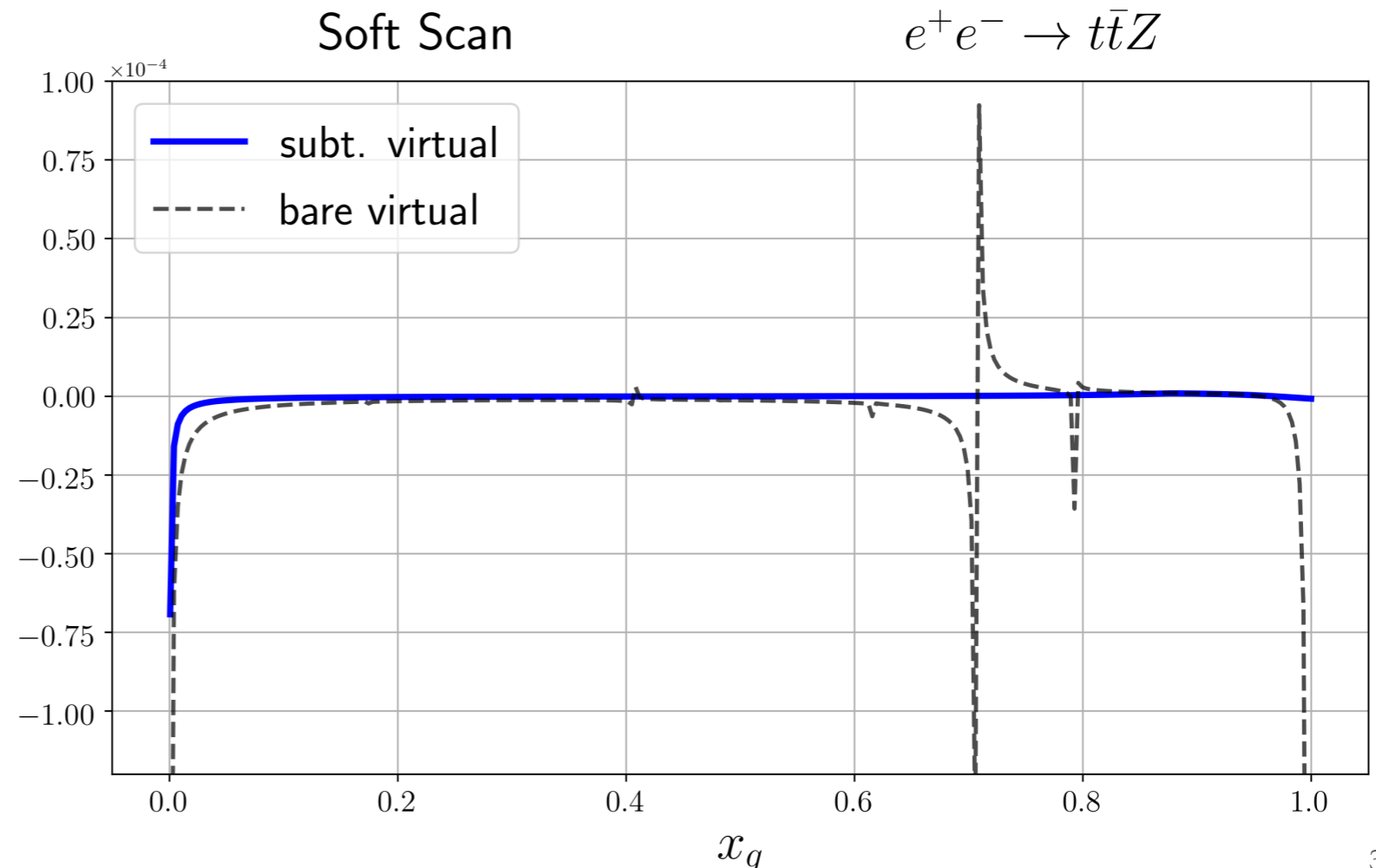
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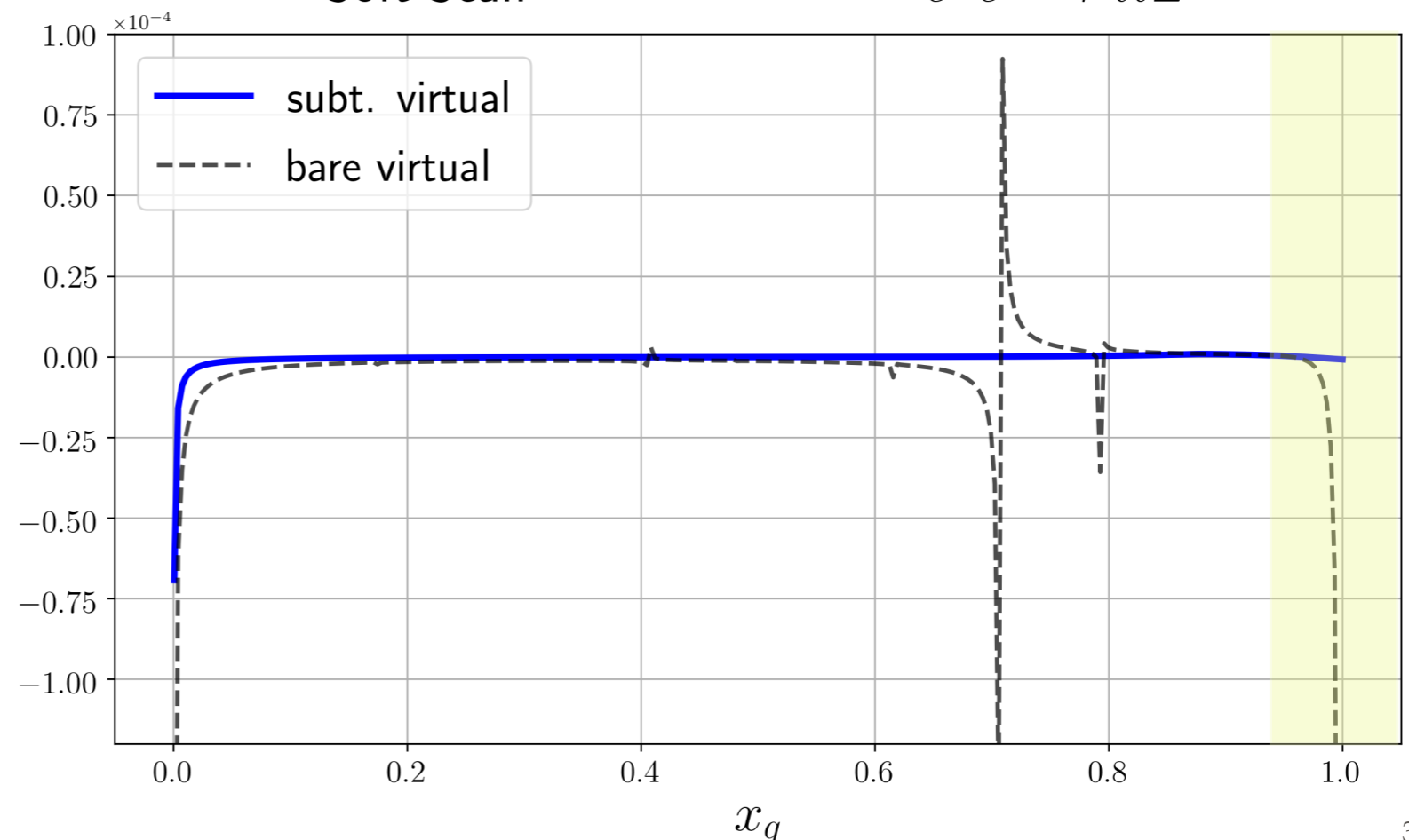
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Soft Scan

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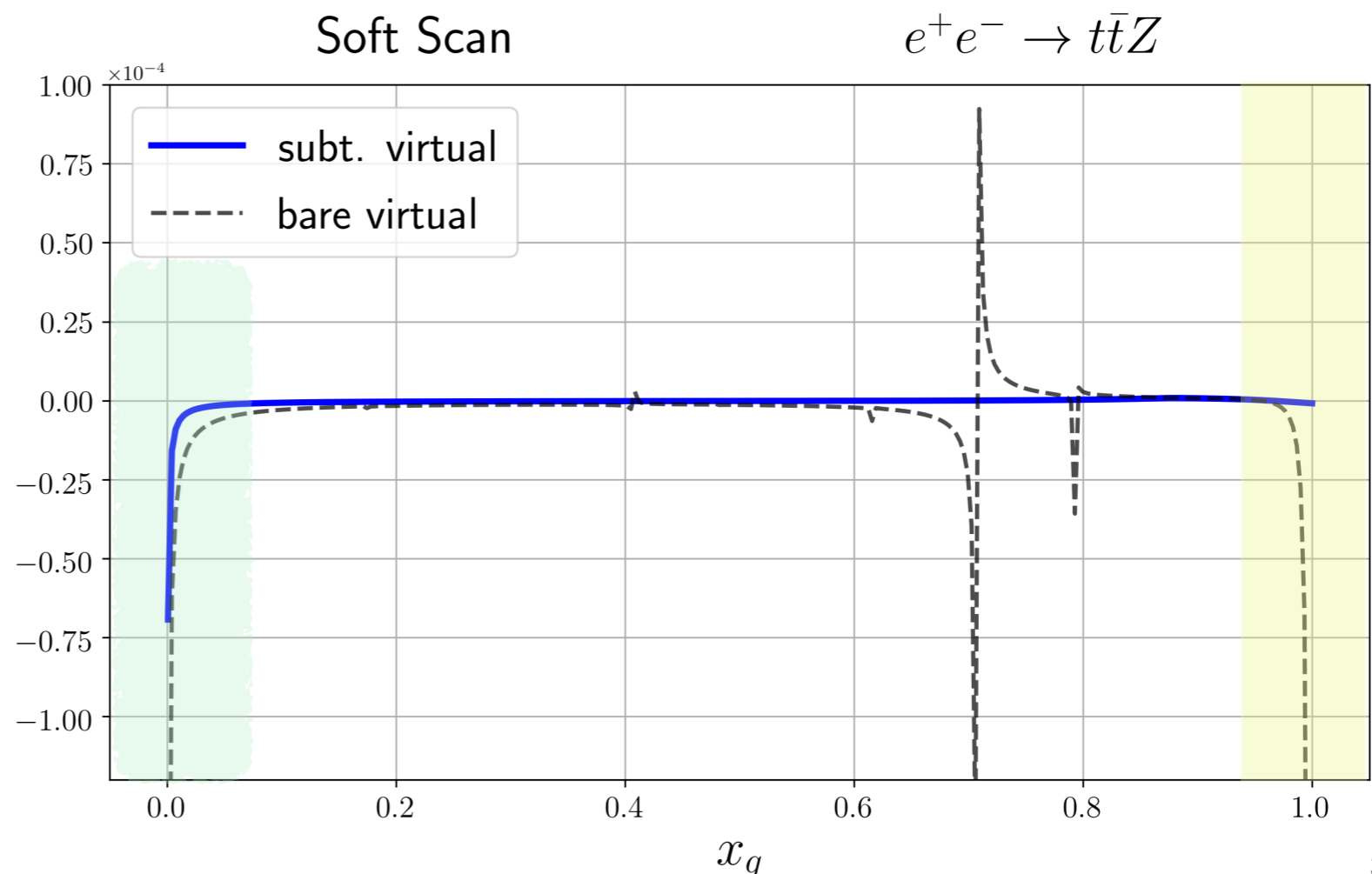
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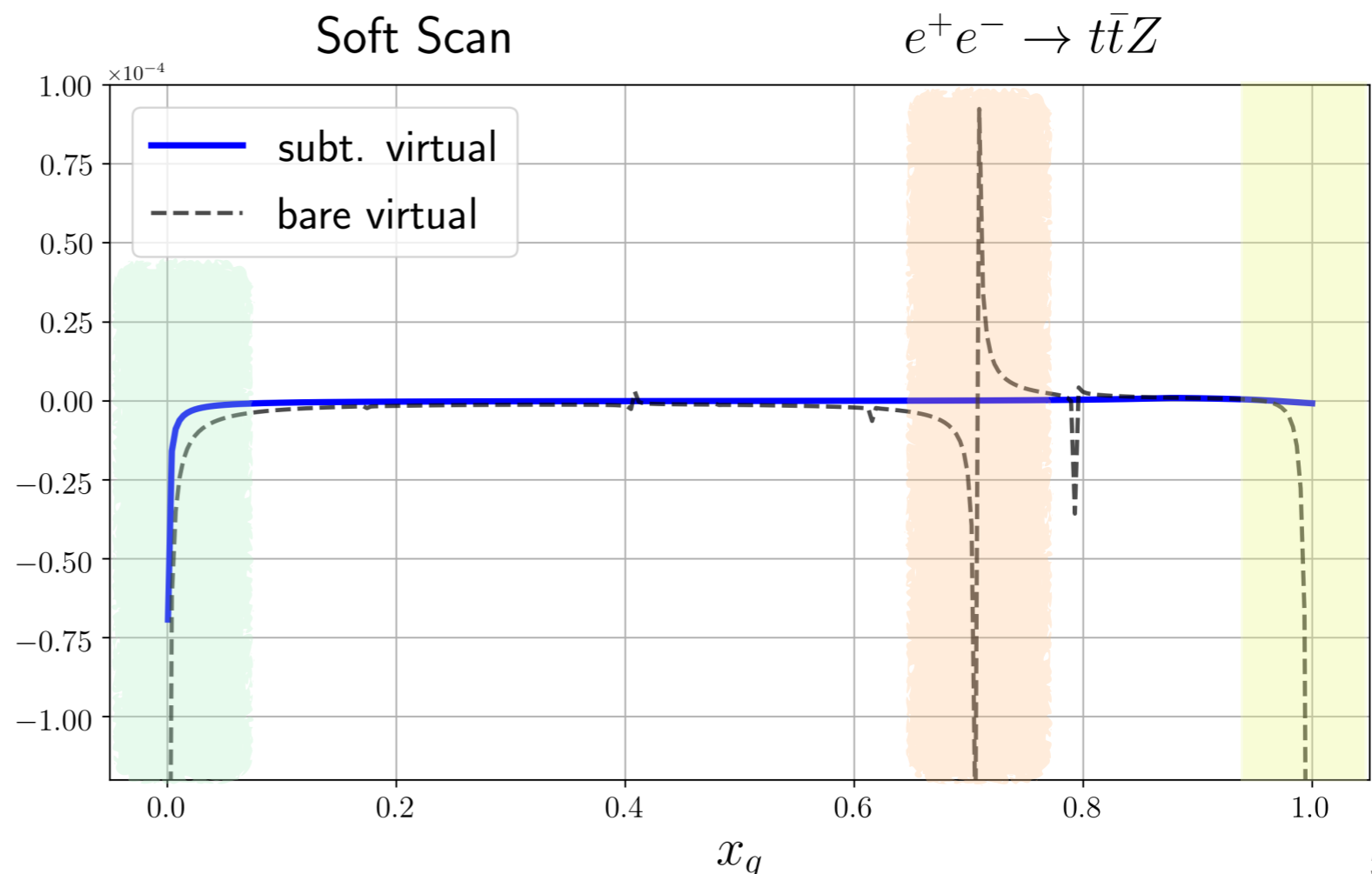
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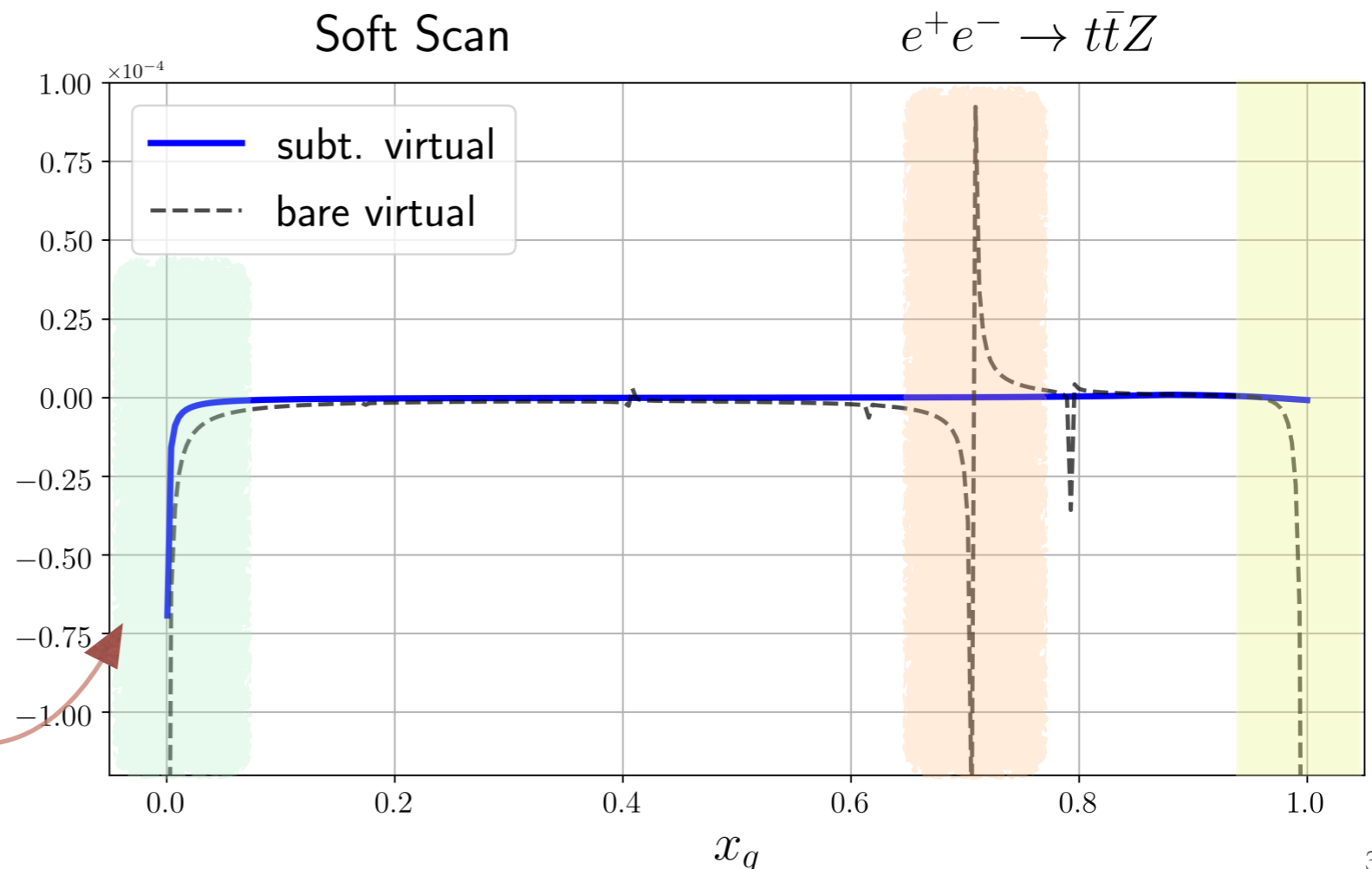
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How to deal with IR singularities?



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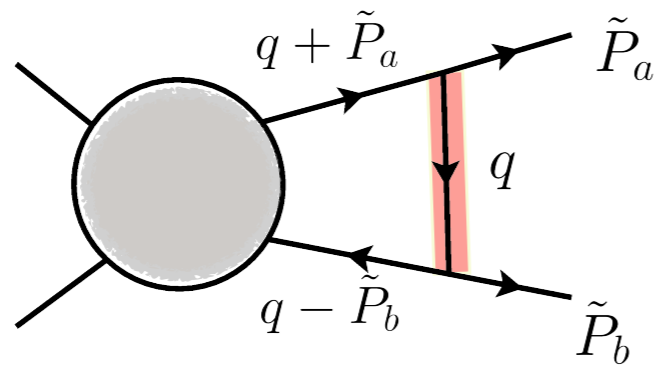
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**Direct cancellation of  
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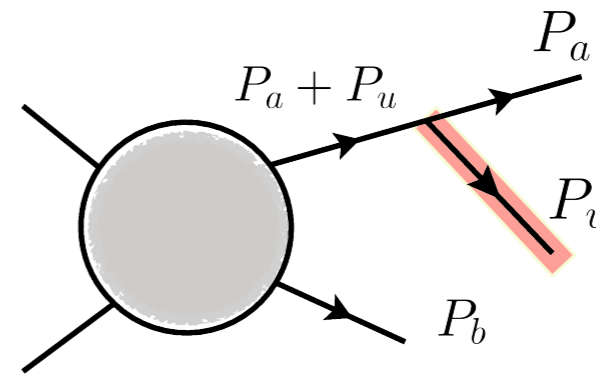
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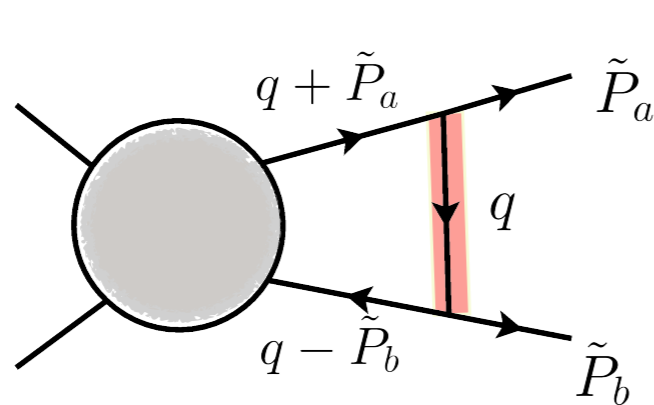
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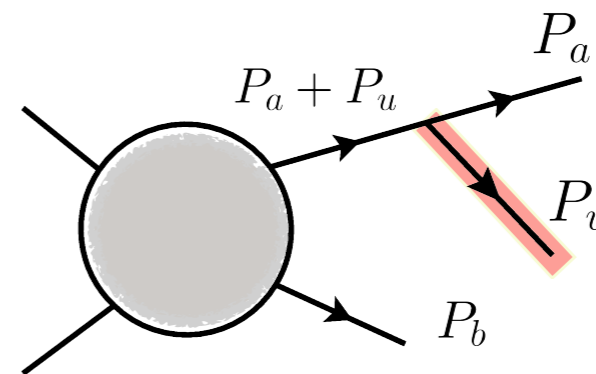
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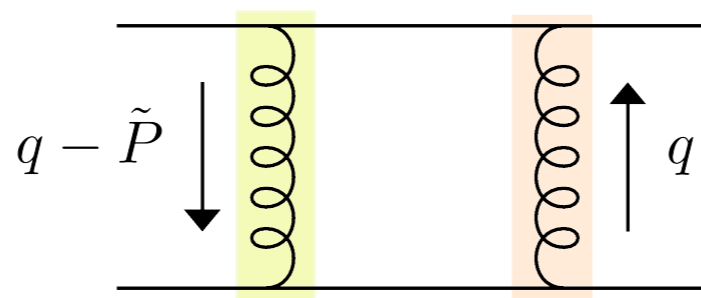


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However, in a given default parametrisation not all soft singularities are located at  $|\vec{q}| \rightarrow 0$ !

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Reparametrise!

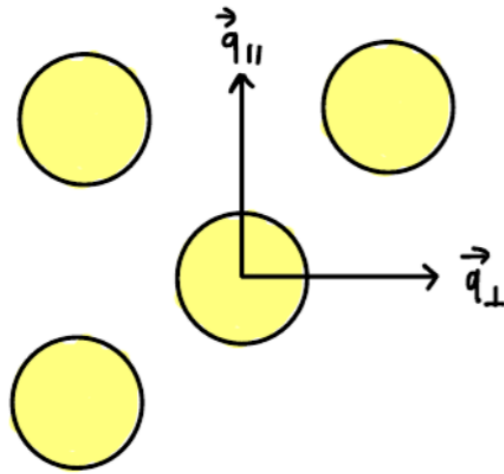


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$= 1$

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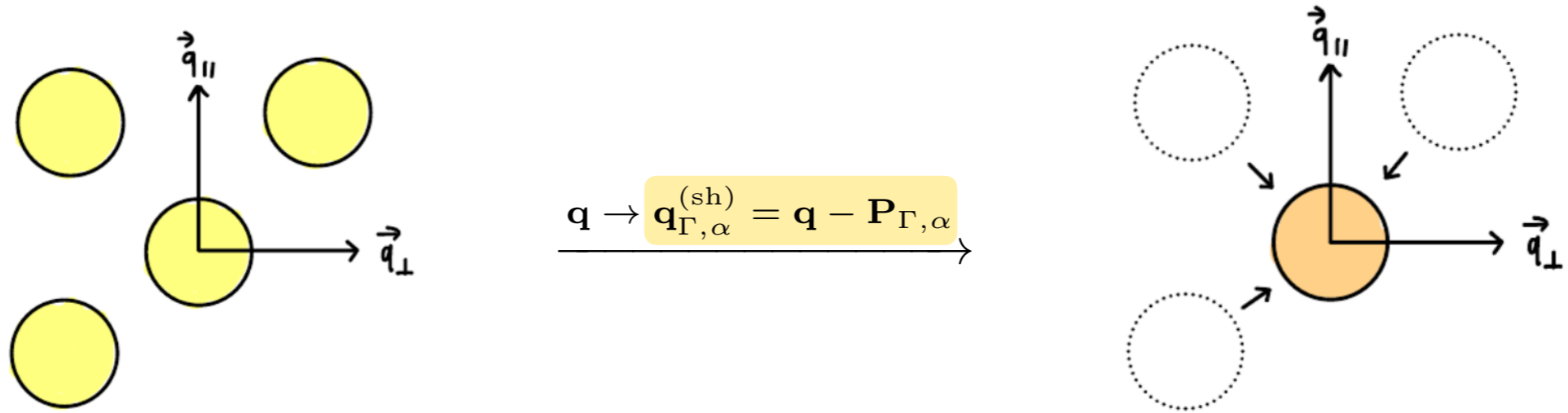
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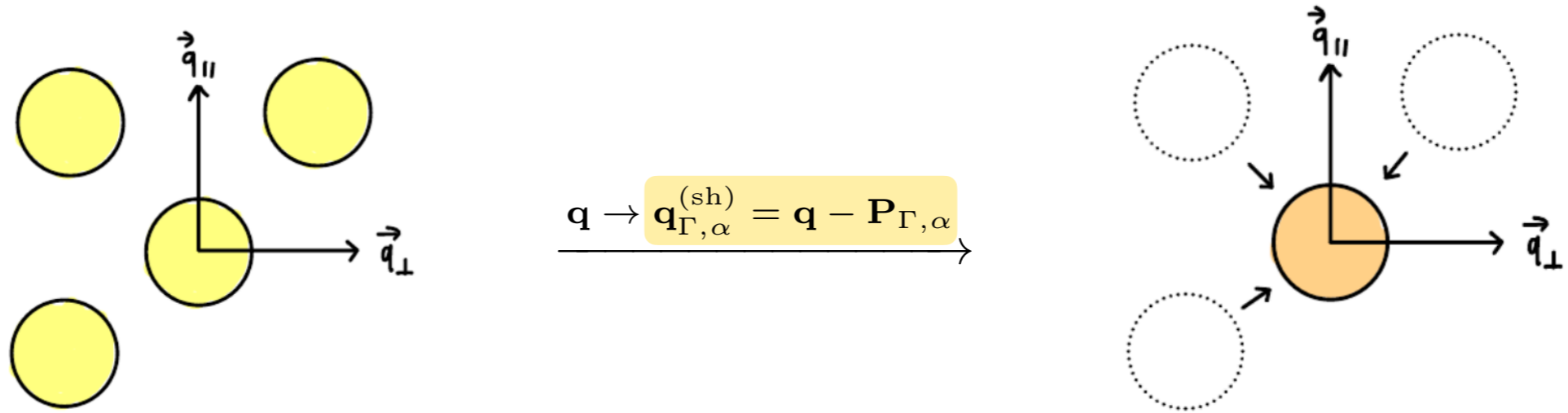
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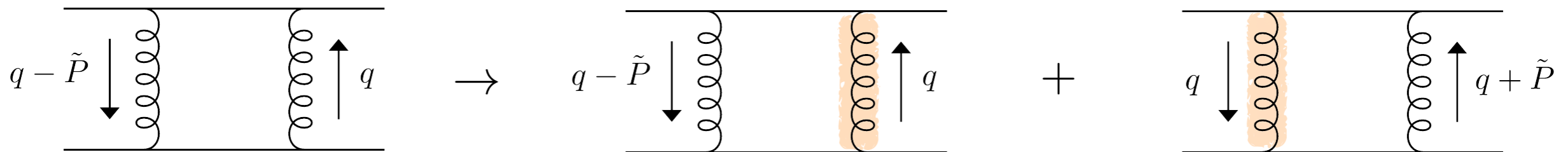
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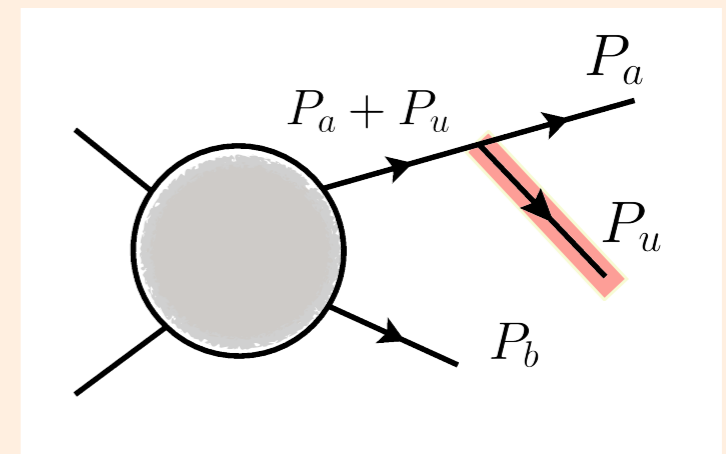
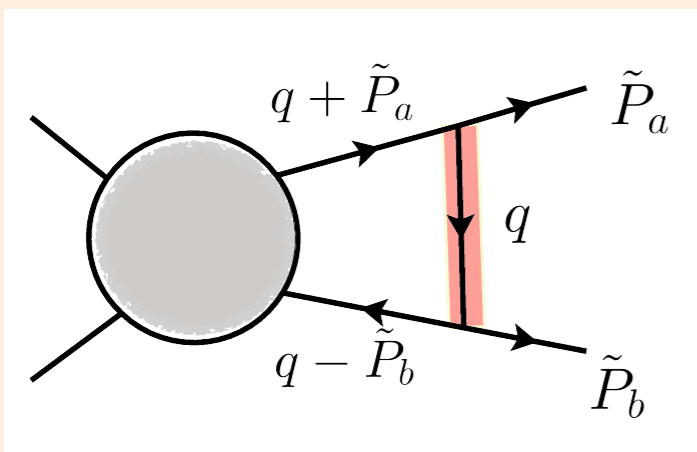
More explicitly...



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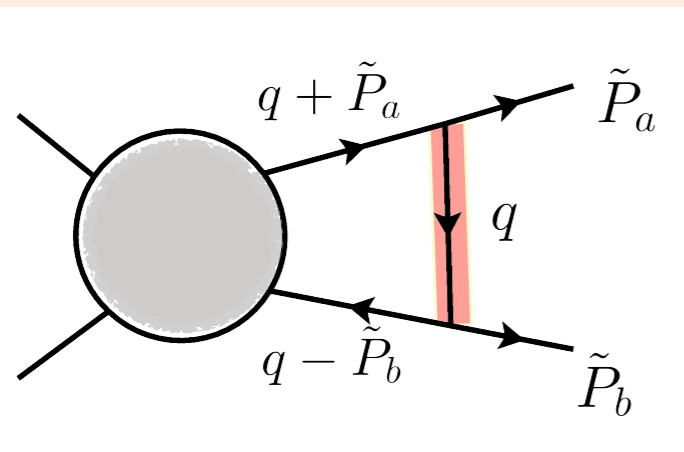
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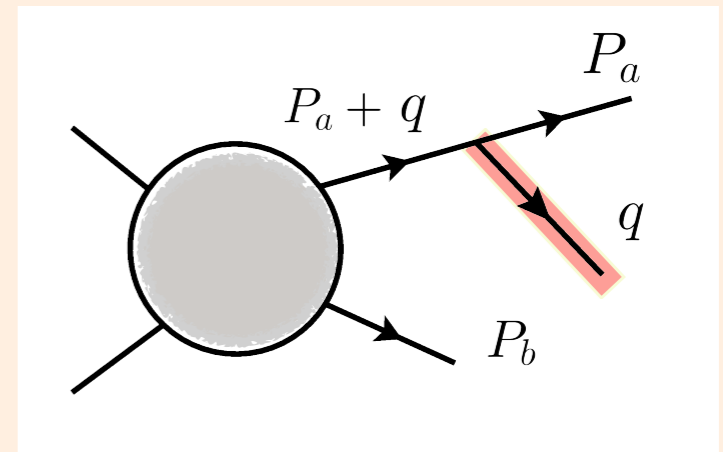
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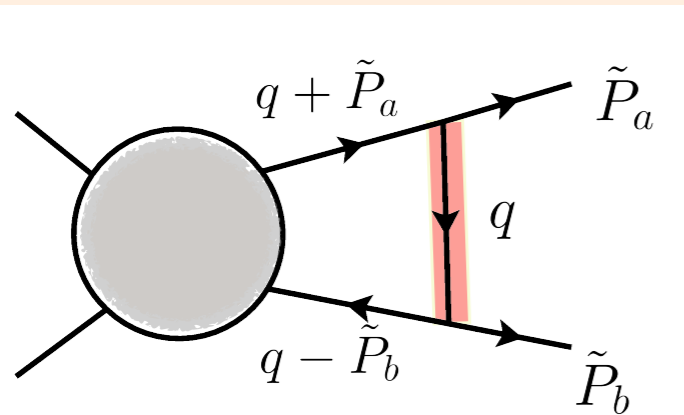


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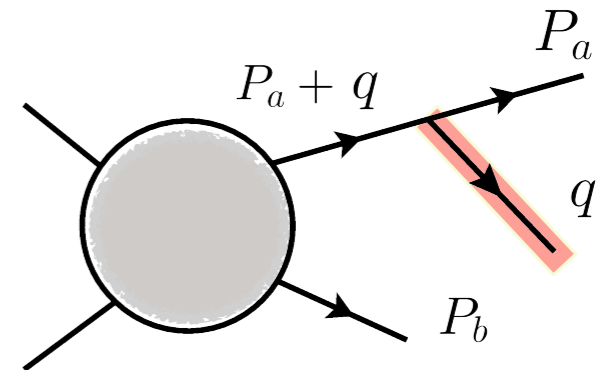
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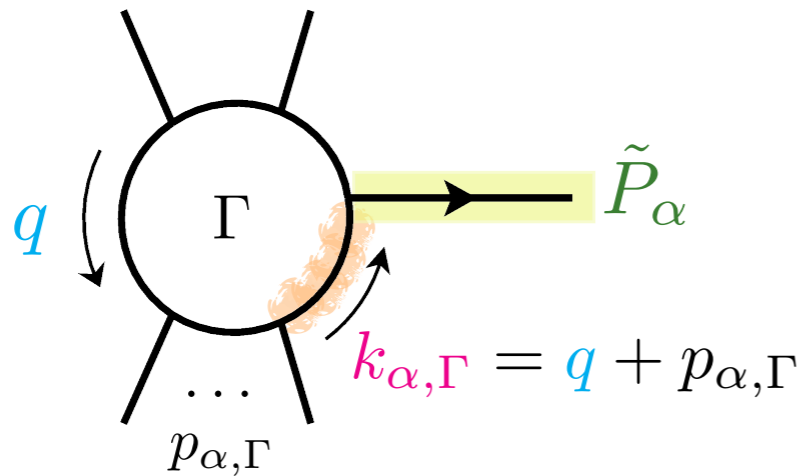
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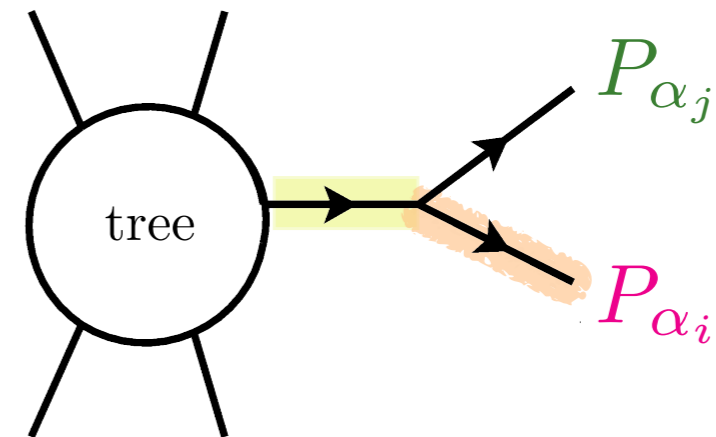
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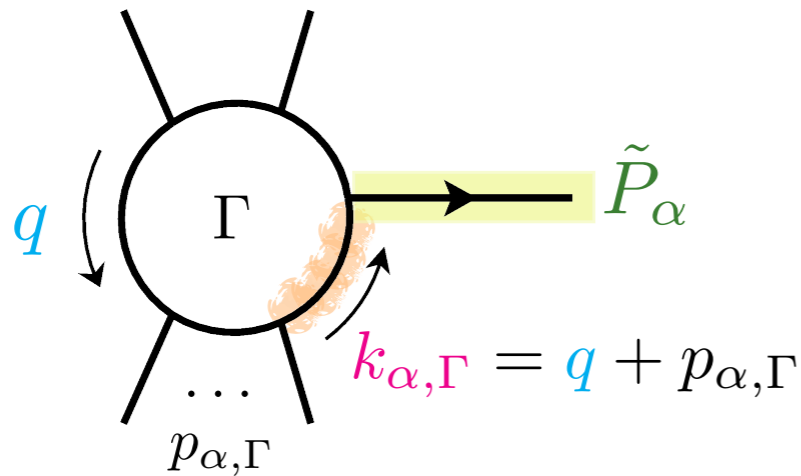
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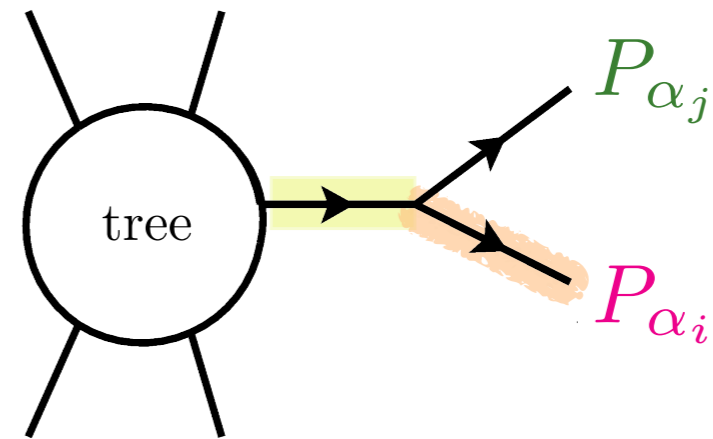
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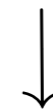
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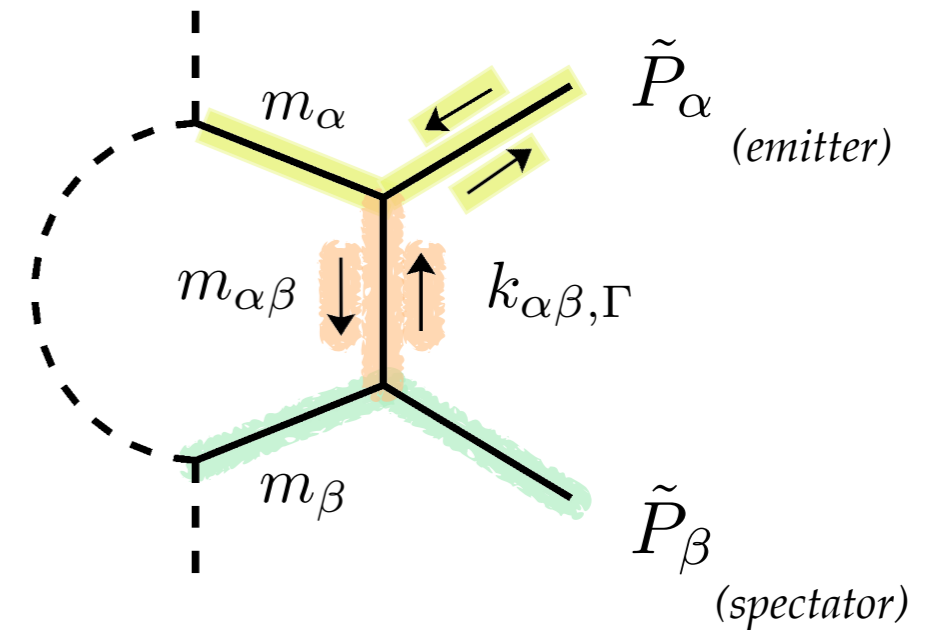
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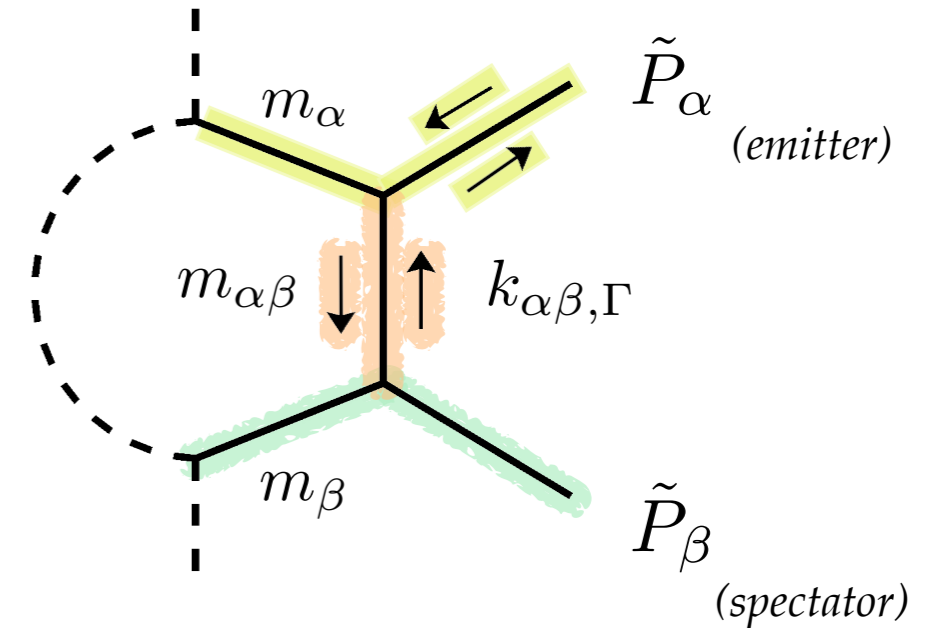
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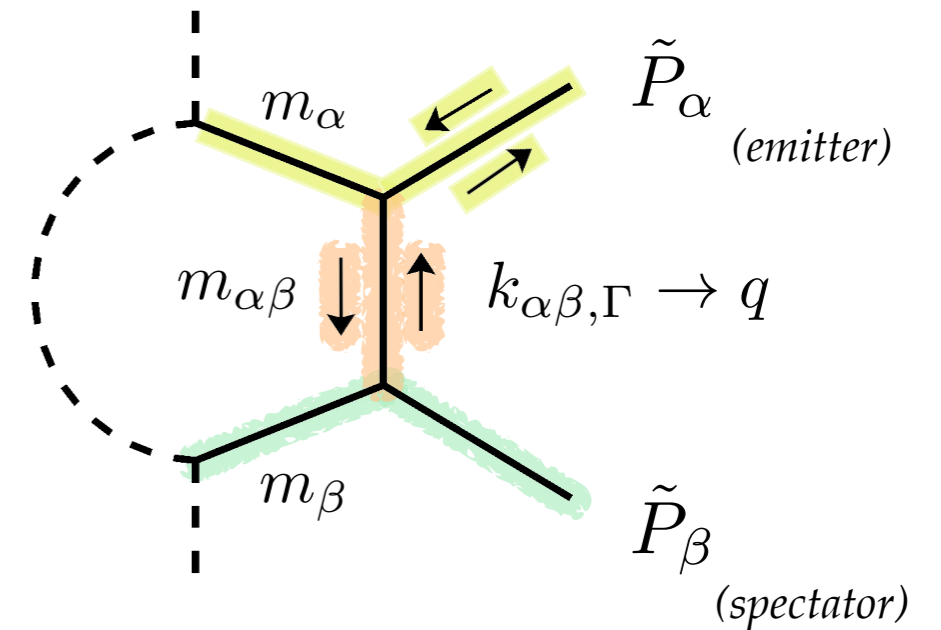
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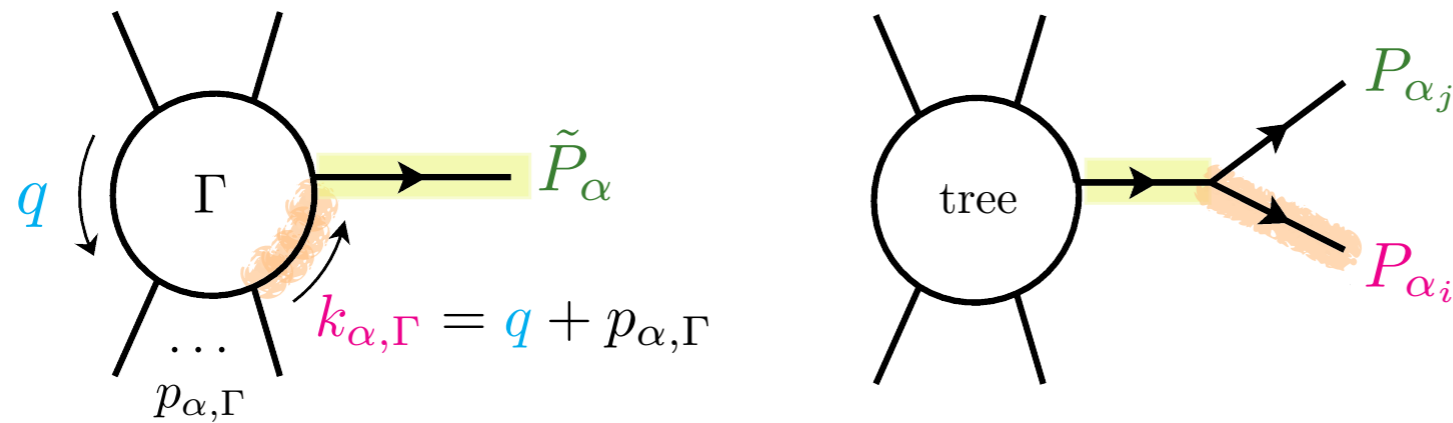
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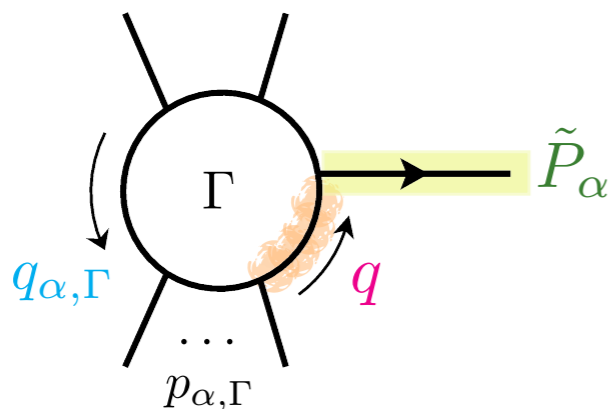
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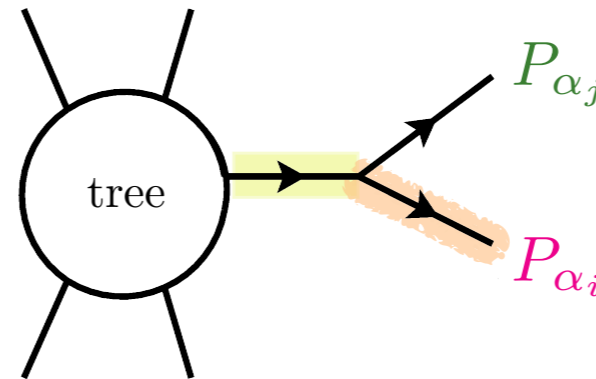
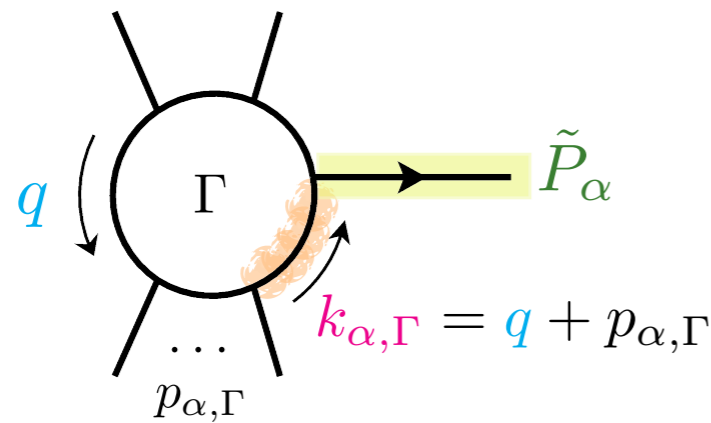


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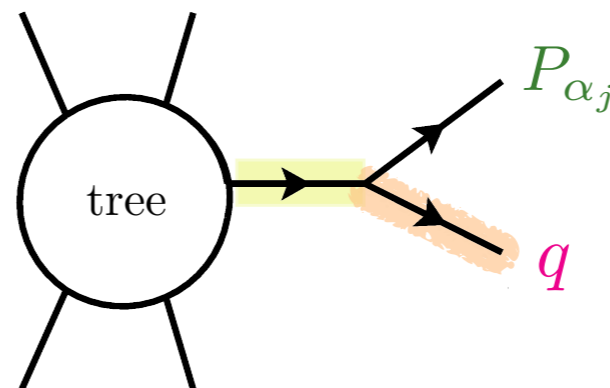
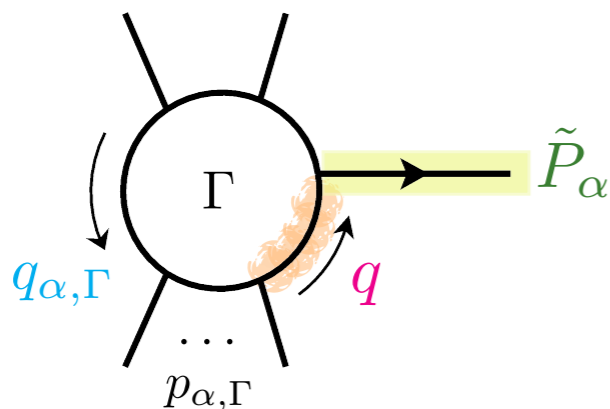
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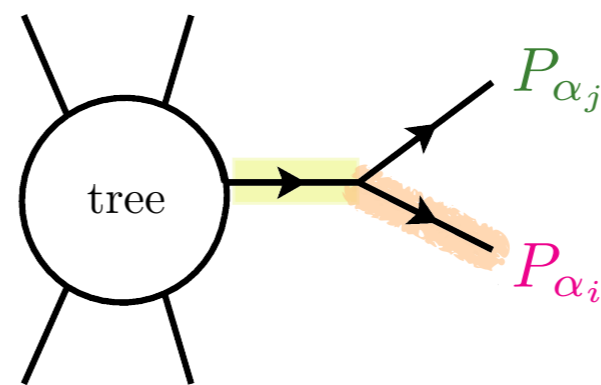
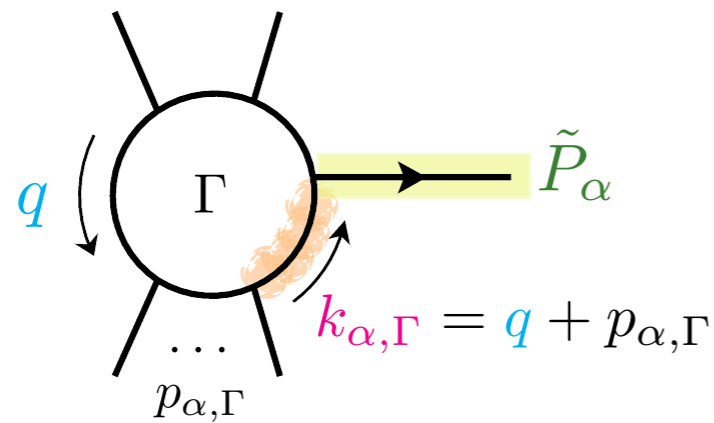
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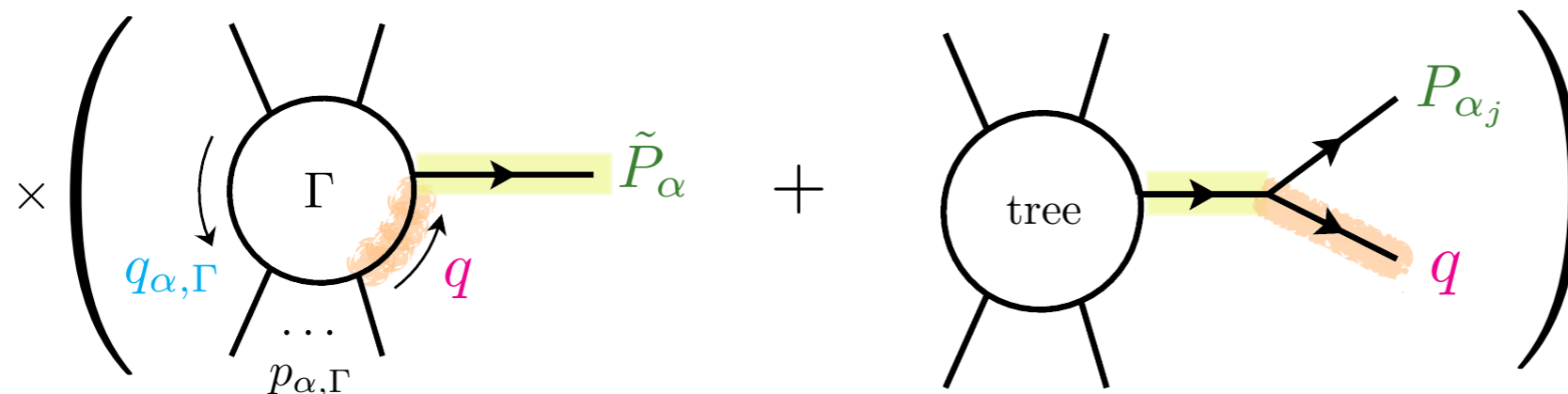
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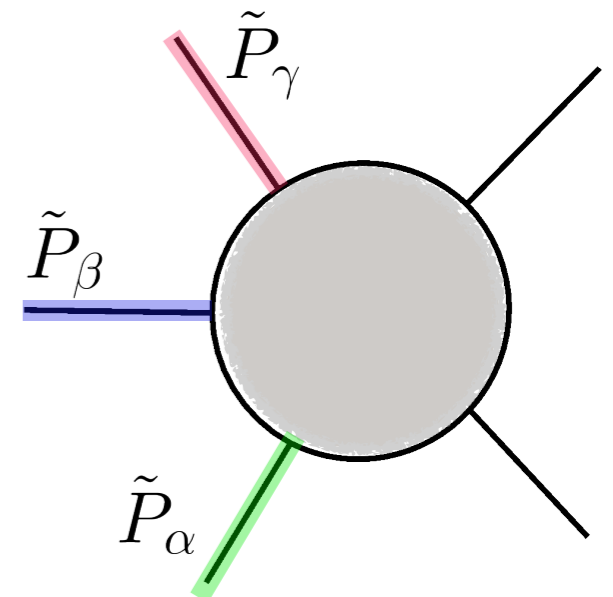
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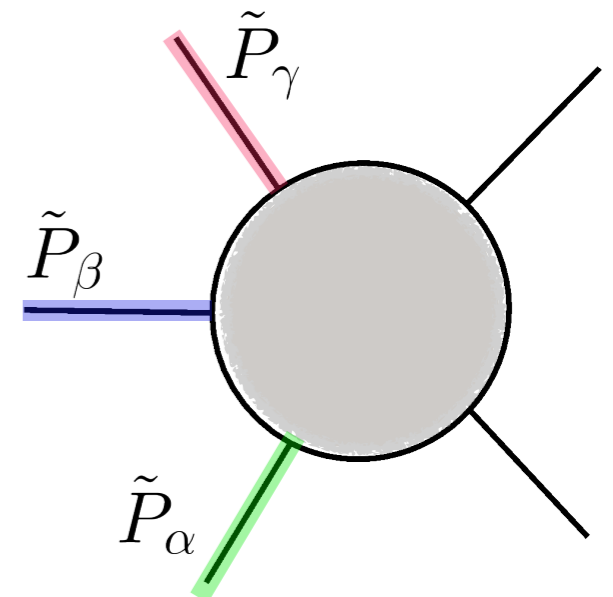
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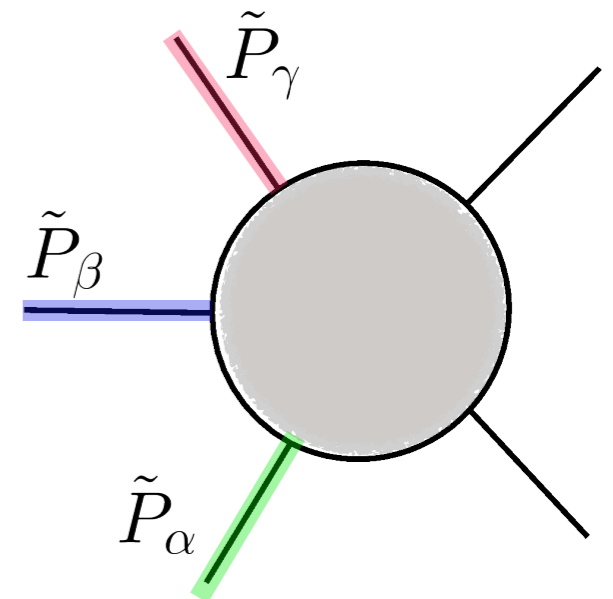
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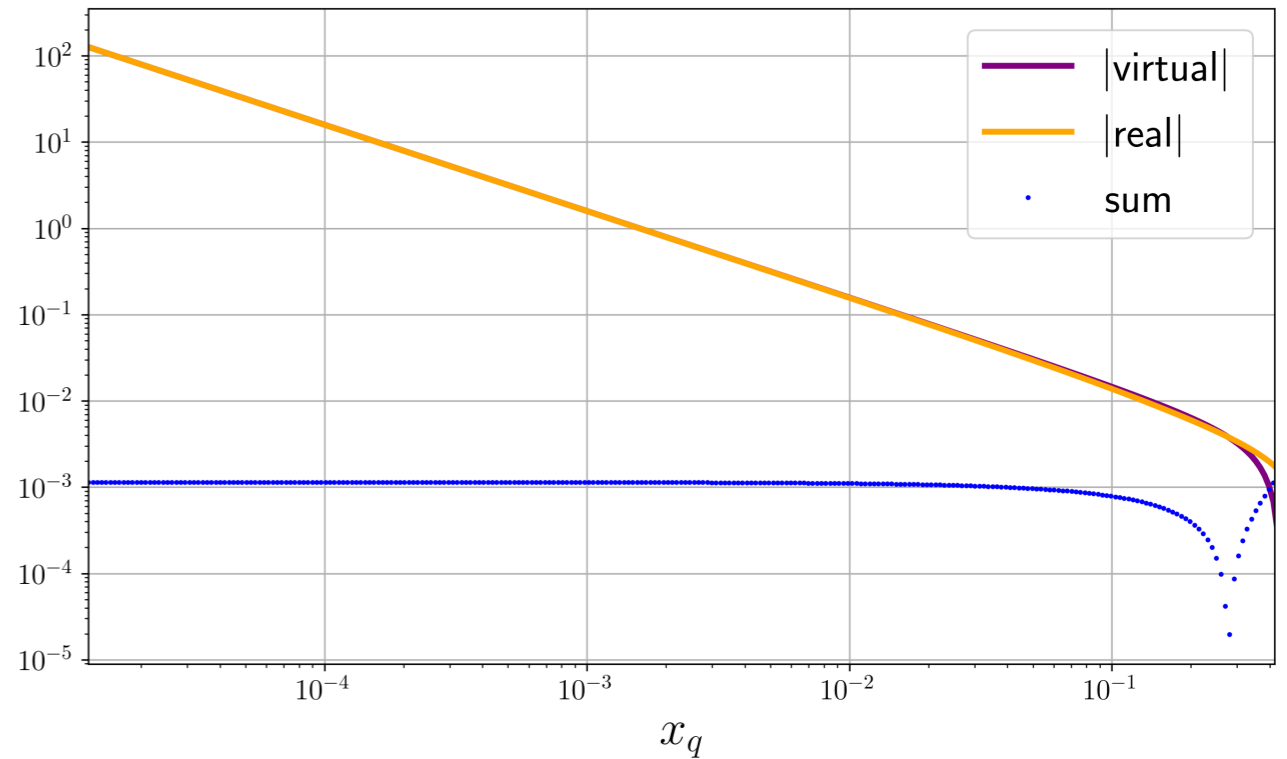
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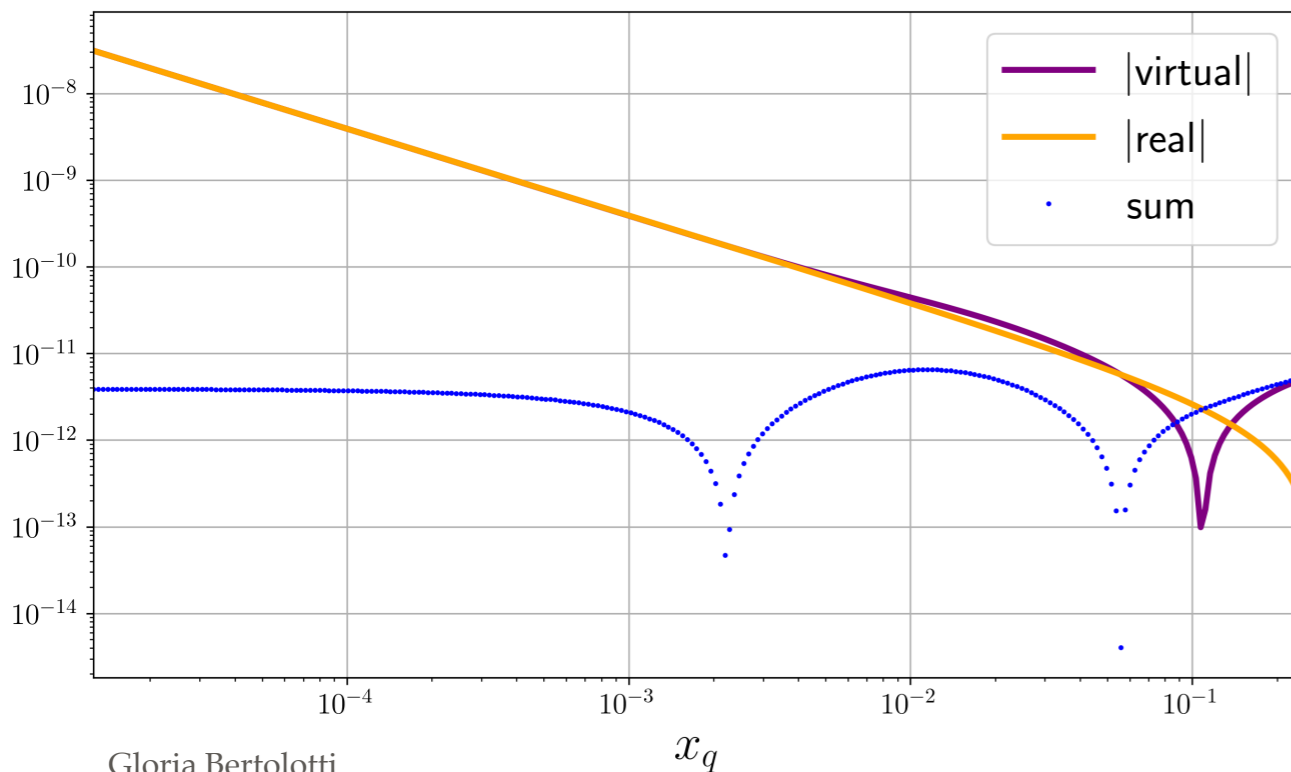
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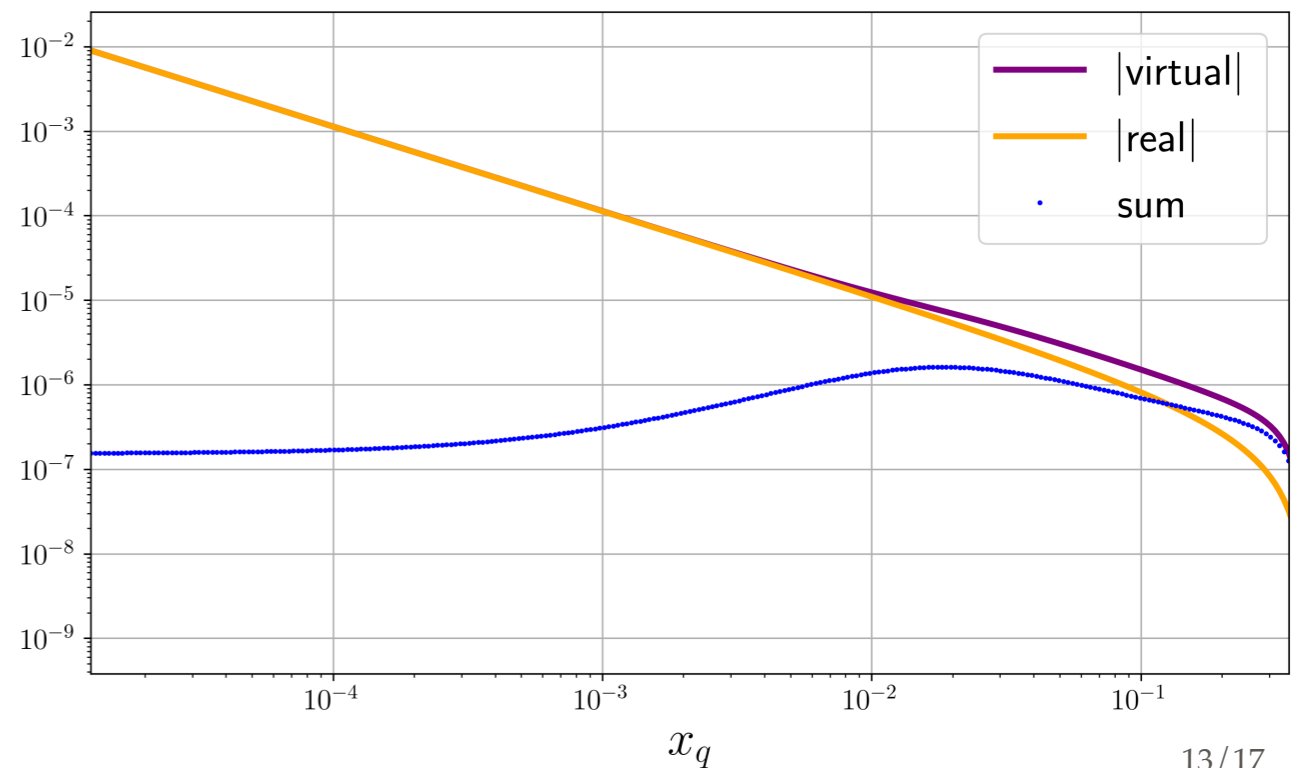
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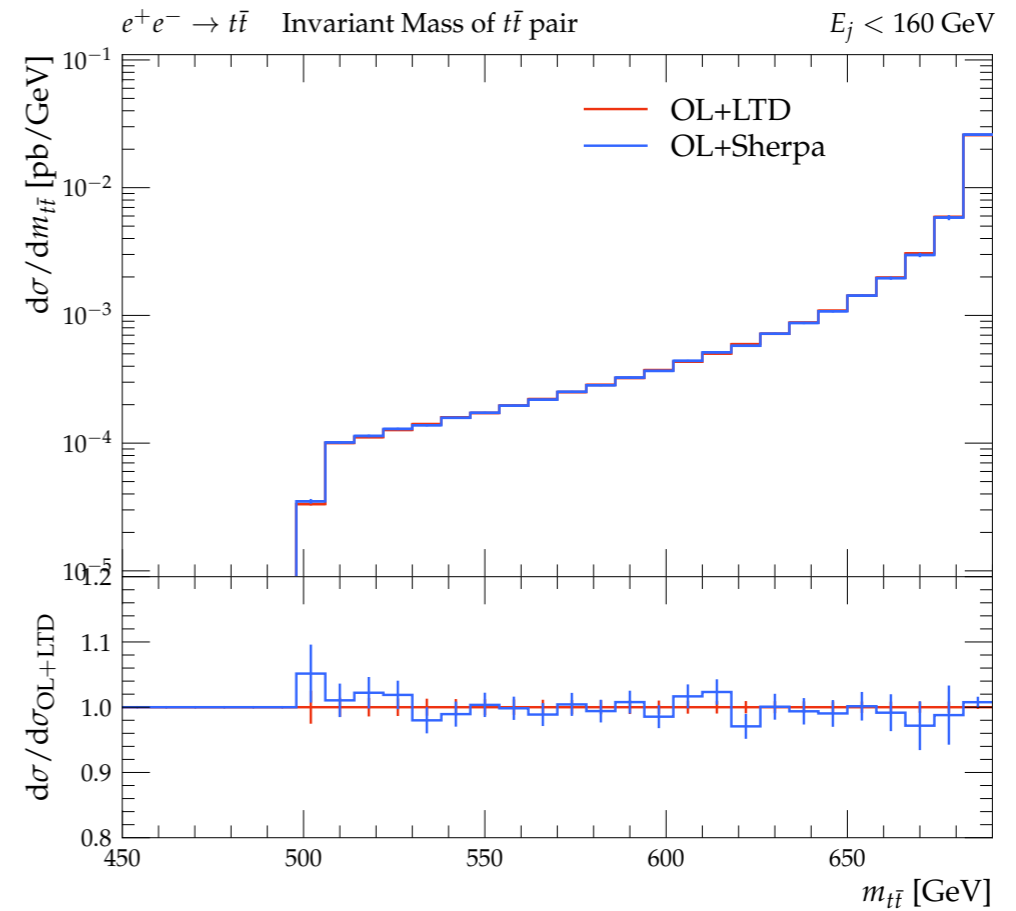


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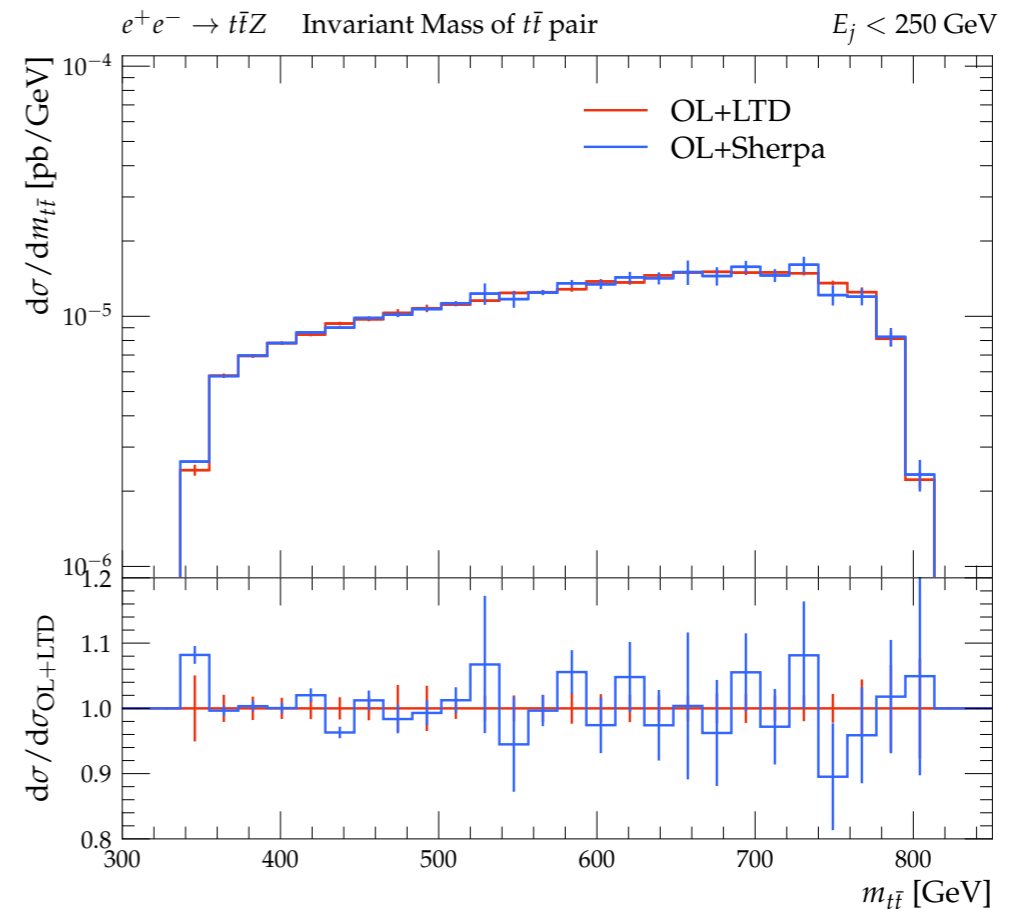
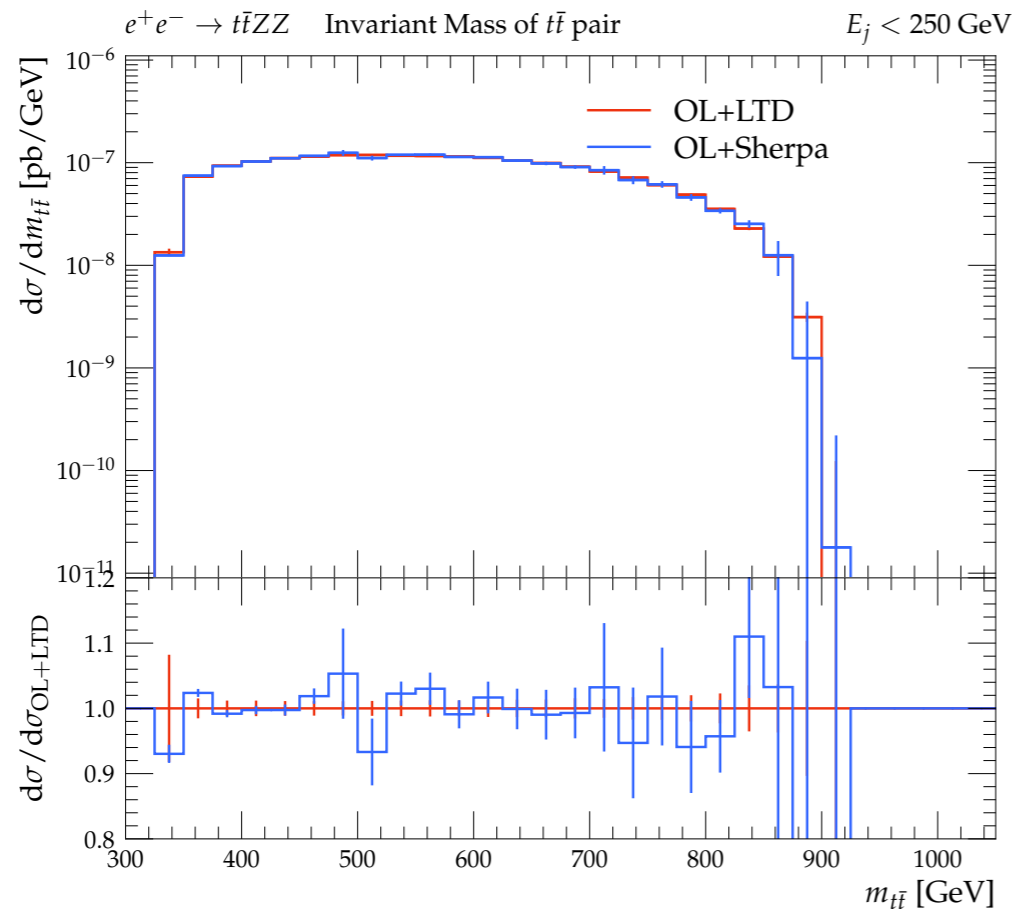
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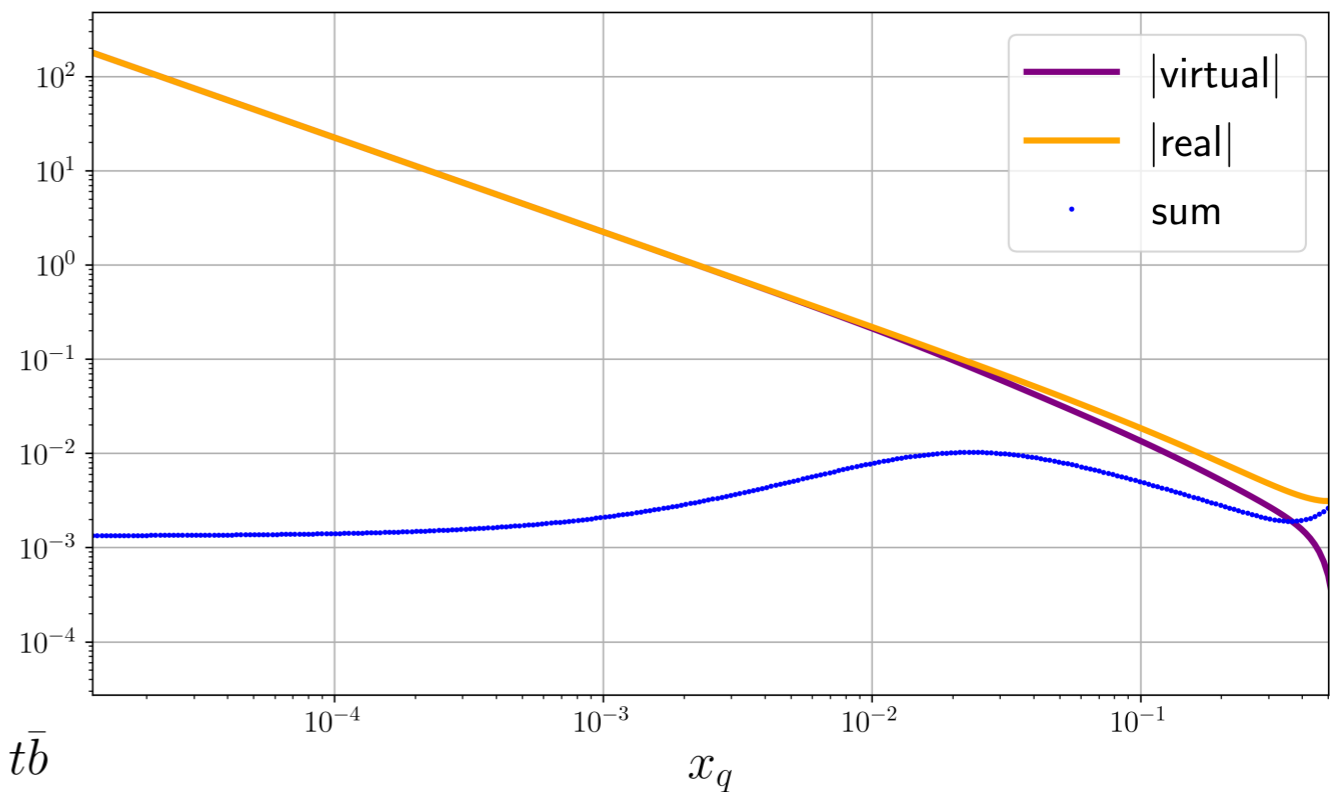
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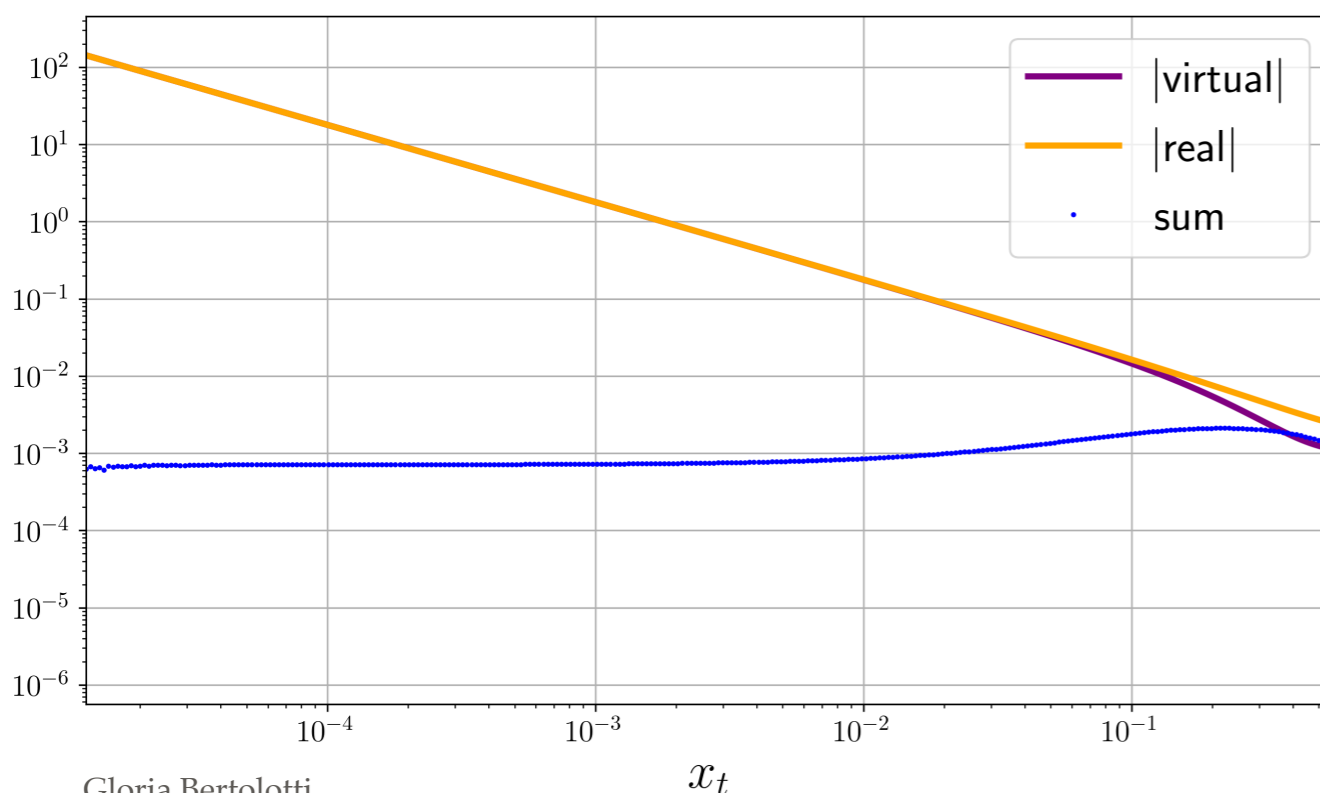
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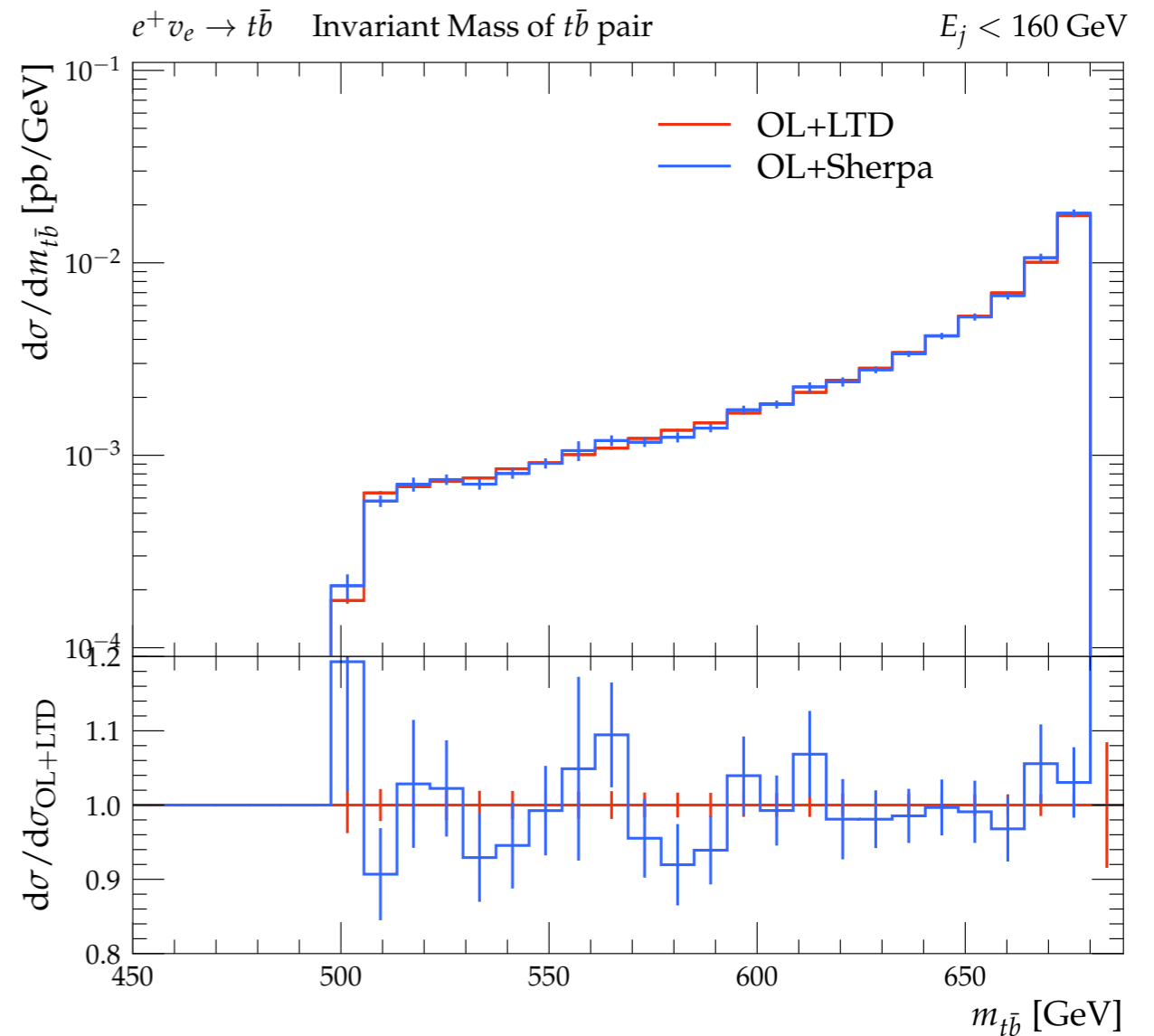
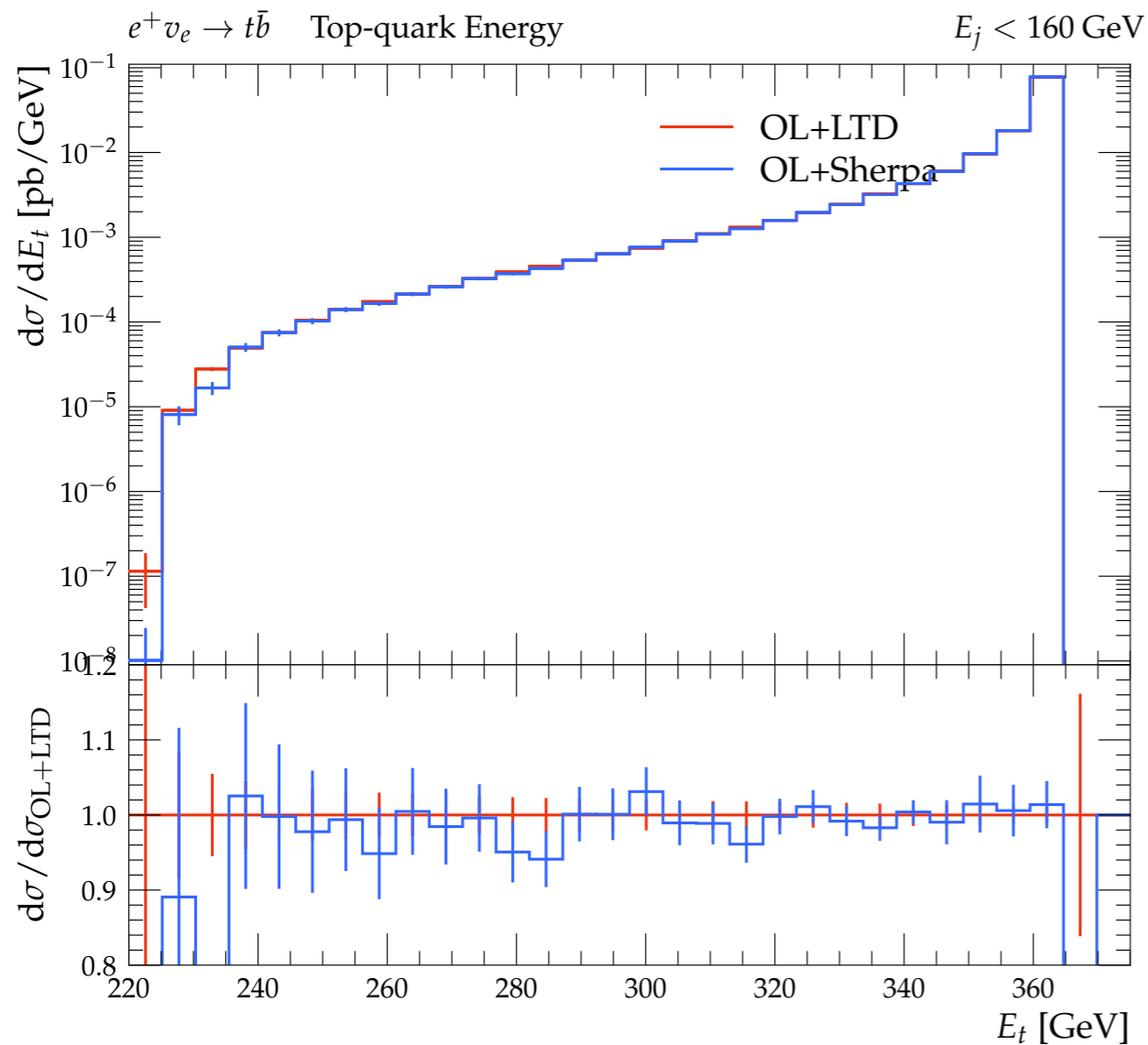
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