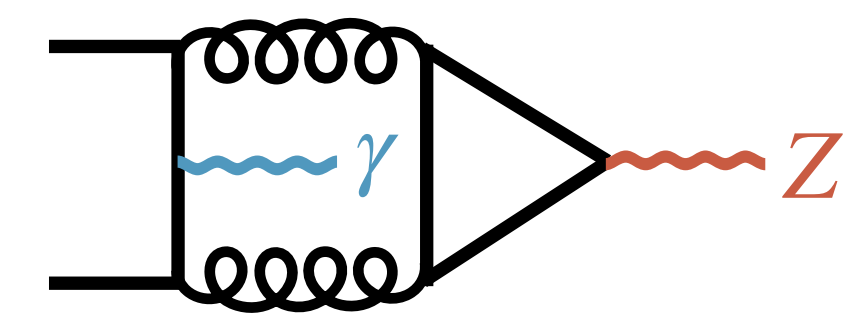
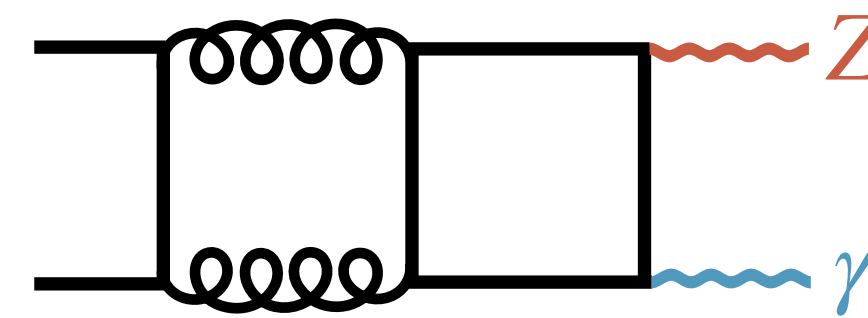
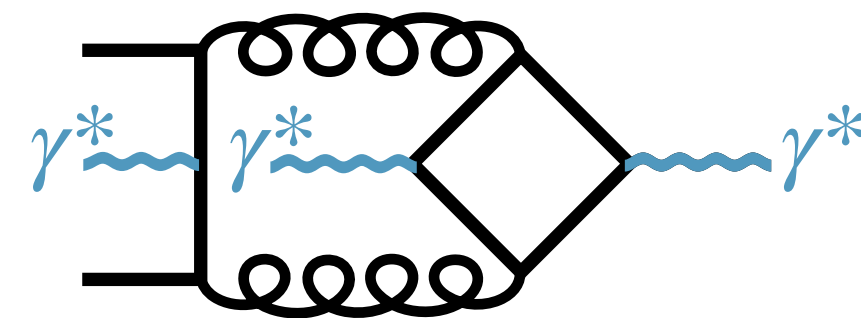
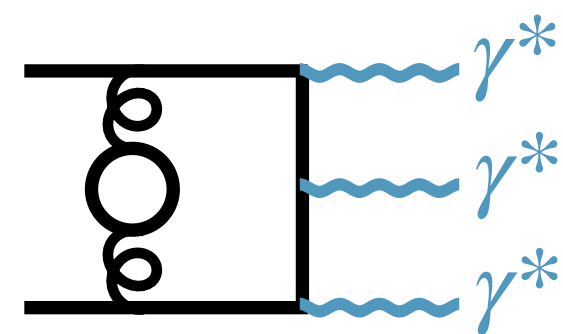




Off-shell triphoton production via quark loops from numerical integration

On [2407.18051](#), [2510.18801](#), [2603.03169](#), [2603.03171](#) in collaboration with Matilde Vicini

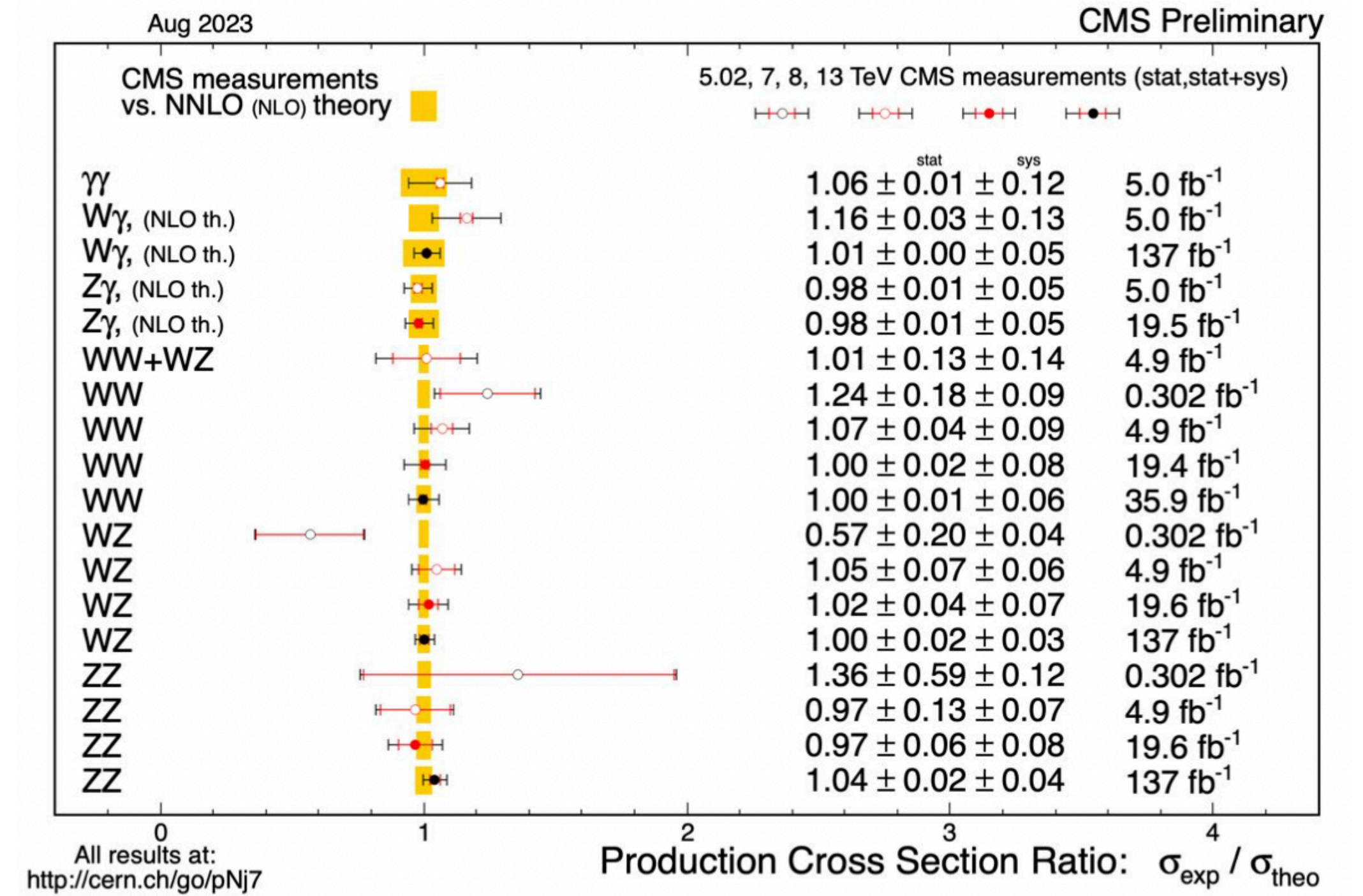


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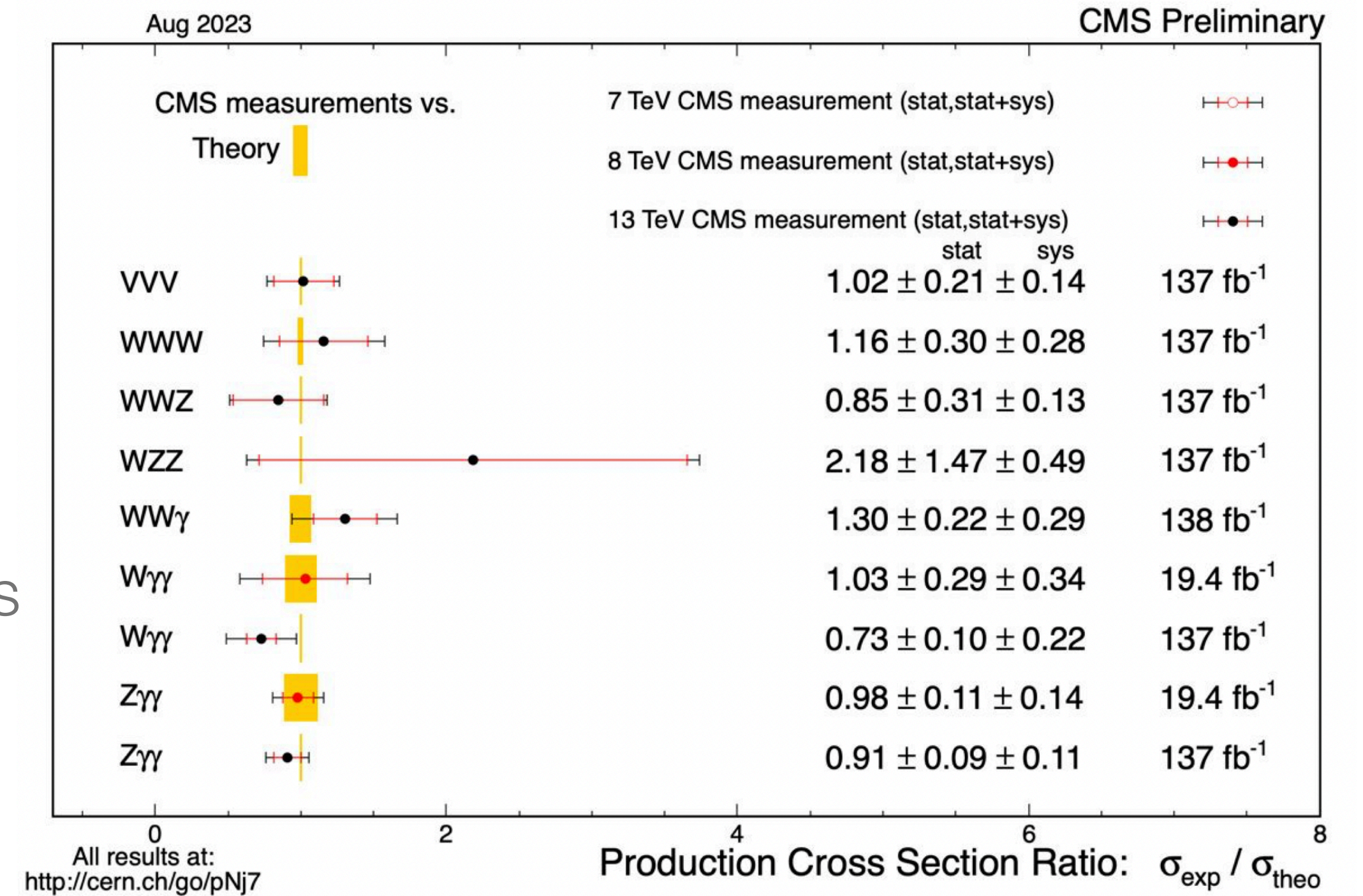
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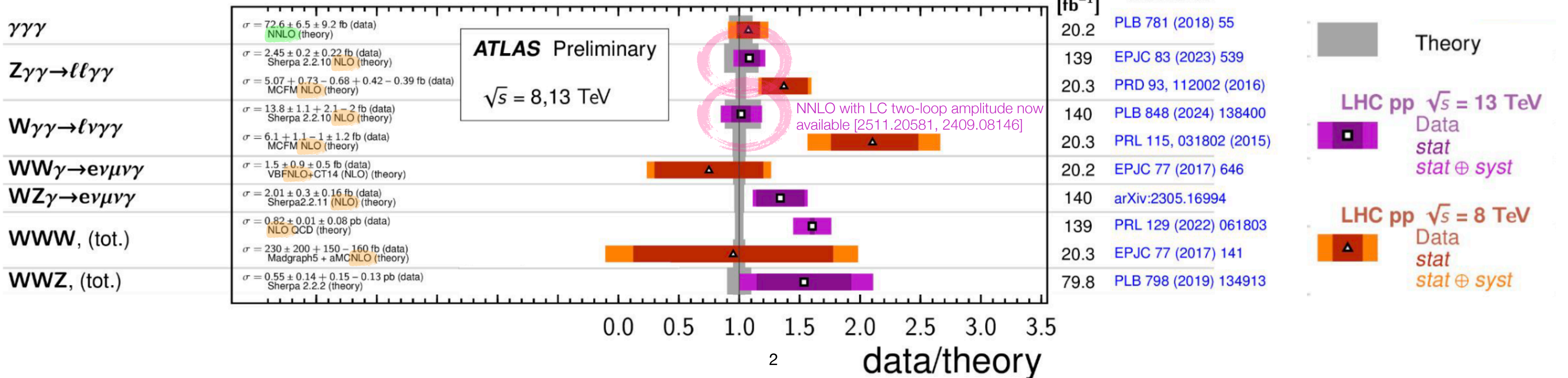
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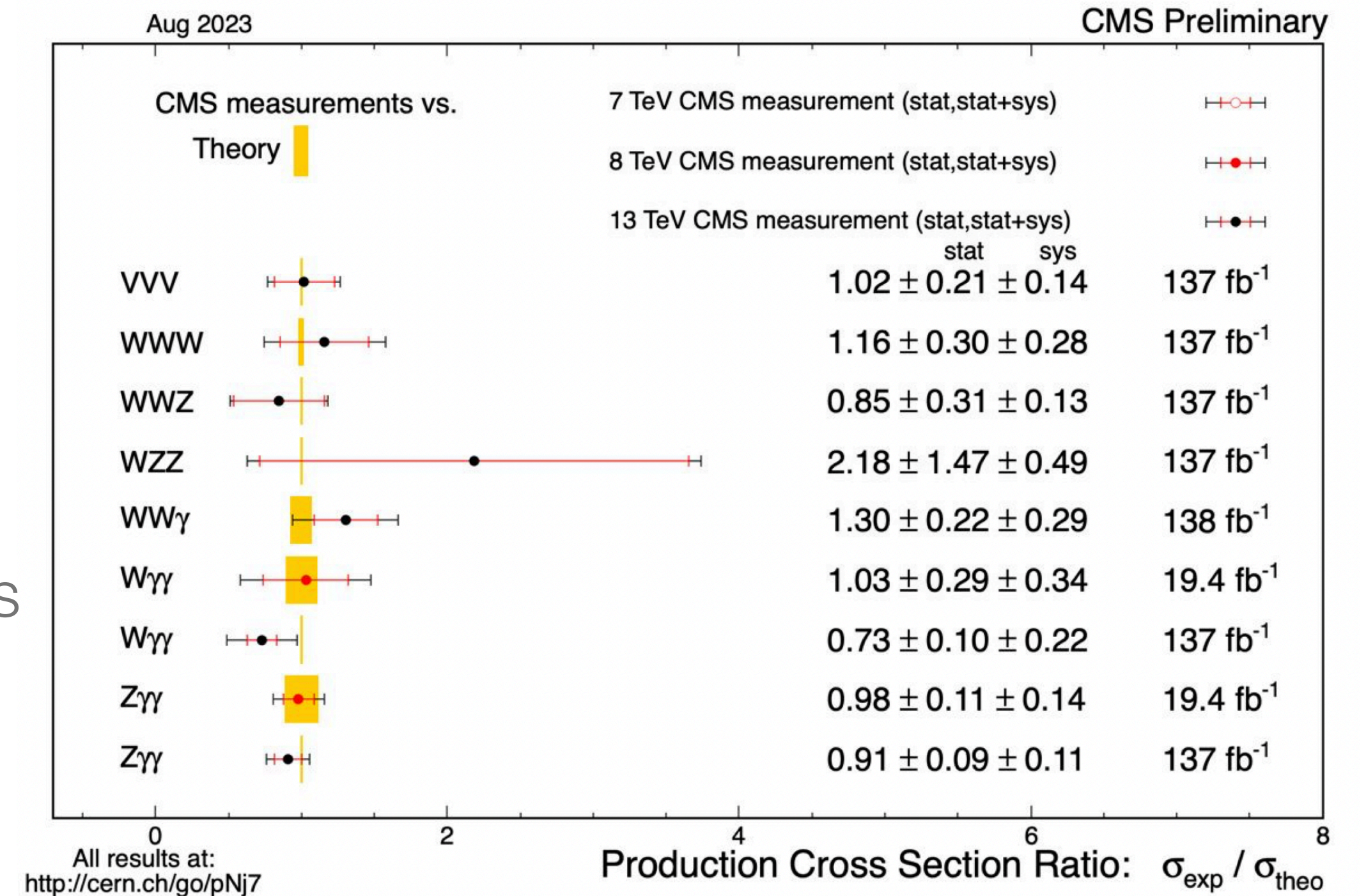
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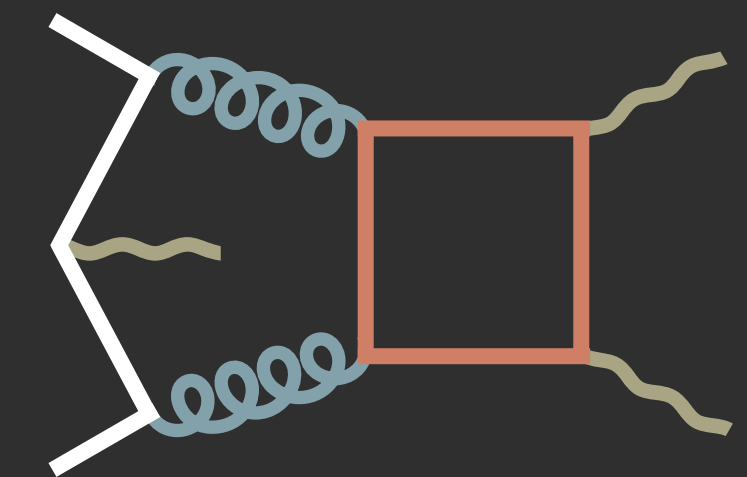
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Break new ground in multi-scale multi-loop calculations!

- Two-loop 5-point integrals: planar, non-planar, light- & heavy-quark loops, IR, UV and threshold singularities, ...
- Intractable IBP reduction & unknown Master Integrals
- Breakthroughs in analytic methods needed... Resort to numerical methods!



Our approach for the two-loop virtual corrections: Local subtraction & direct numerical integration

Anastasiou, Haindl, Karlen, Sahoo
Serman, Venkata, Vicini, Yang, Zeng
[2603.12862, 2601.22936, 2509.07805, 2403.13712,
2212.12162, 2008.12293, 1812.03753]

finite remainder: $R^{(2)} = M^{(2)} - \frac{2\beta_0}{\epsilon} M^{(1)} - \mathbf{Z}^{(1)} M^{(1)} - \mathbf{Z}^{(2)} M^{(0)}$

UV renorm.
Catani IR poles

$C_{\text{IR&UV}}$ from local factorisation

hard scattering amplitude

$$M_{\text{hard}}^{(2)} = M^{(2)} - C_{\text{IR&UV}}$$



- finite in $D = 4$ dimensions, no dim reg. ($\gamma^5 \dots$)
- integrate numerically with Monte Carlo methods
- directly in momentum space
- no IBPs, no Master integrals, no sector decomposition

renormalisation & factorisation scheme change

$$+ C_{\text{IR&UV}} - \frac{2\beta_0}{\epsilon} M^{(1)} - \mathbf{Z}^{(1)} M^{(1)} - \mathbf{Z}^{(2)} M^{(0)}$$

calculate analytically in $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions

$$= c_1 M_{\text{hard}}^{(1)} + c_0 M^{(0)}$$

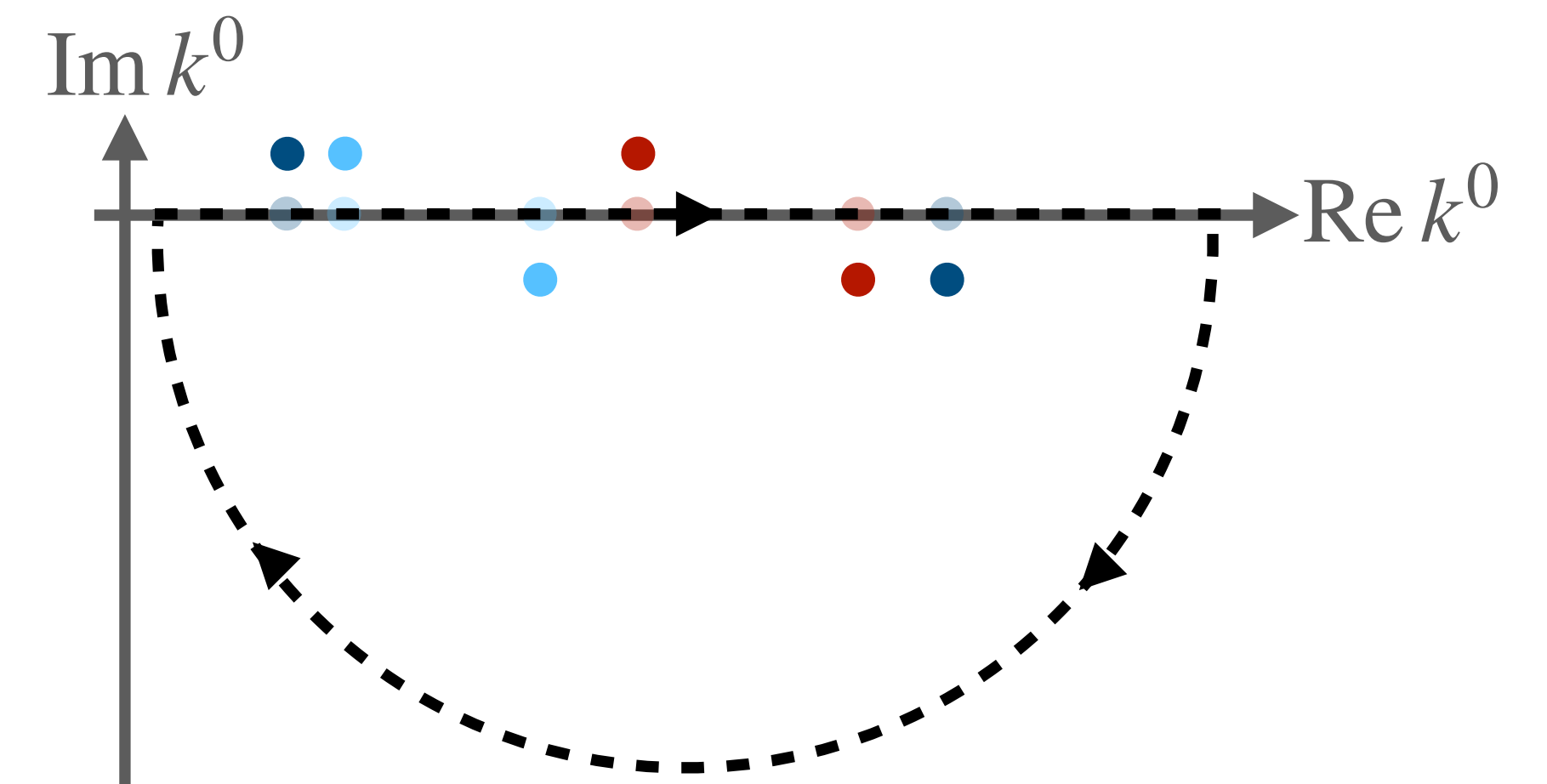
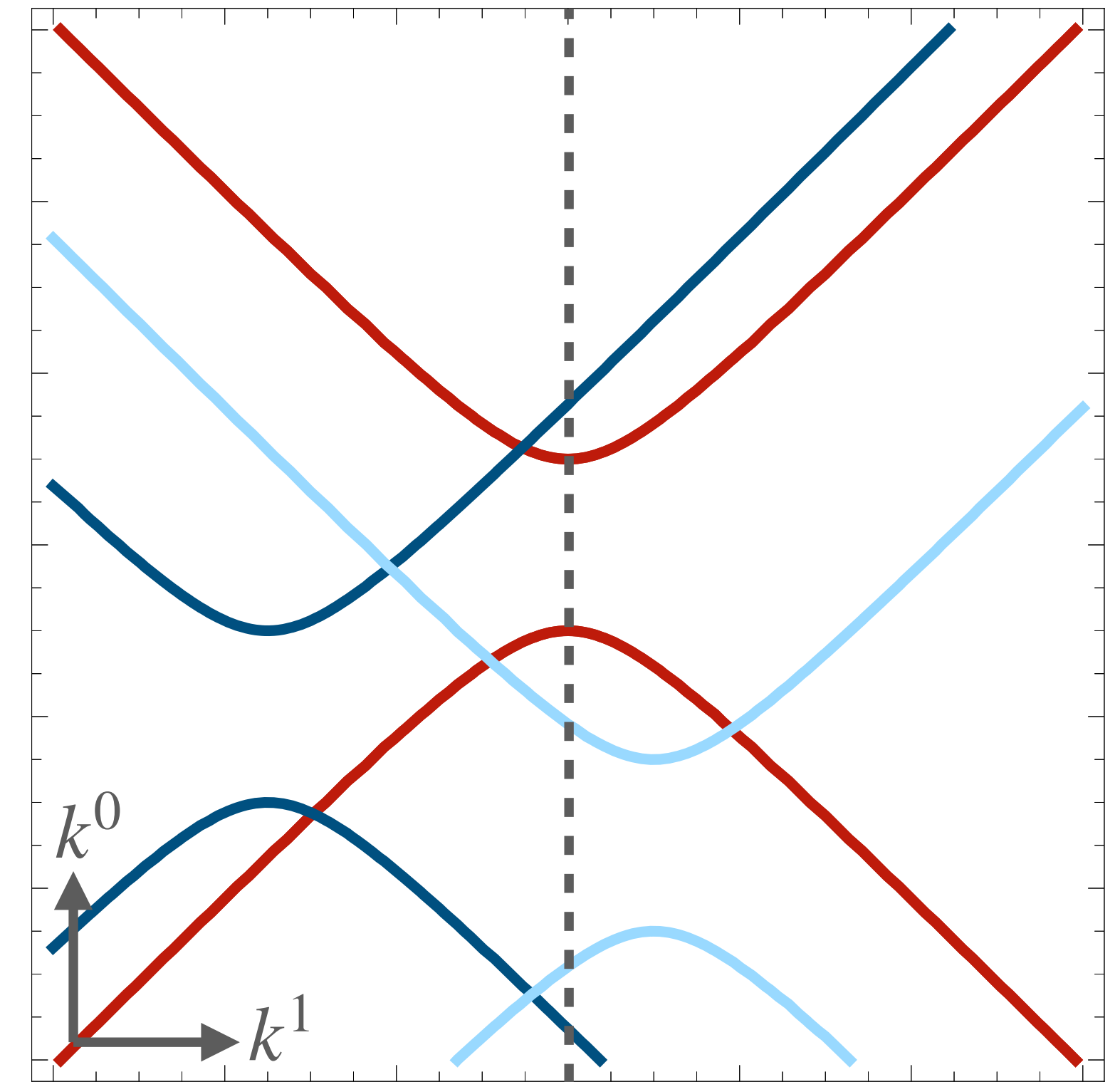
interfere with tree & integrate over phase space
to get the virtual corrections: $\int d\Pi \sum_{\text{hel.}} |M|^2$

Local singularities of finite loop integrals

$$M_{\text{hard}} = \sum \text{Feyn. diagrams + local IR \& UV CTs} \dots$$

$$= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow 0} \int [d^4k] \sum \dots \frac{\dots}{q_i^2 - m_i^2 + i\epsilon} \dots$$

- ⚡ poles in the integration domain
- ✓ causal prescription
- ⚠ implement causal prescription for numerical integration
→ analytic integration over k^0

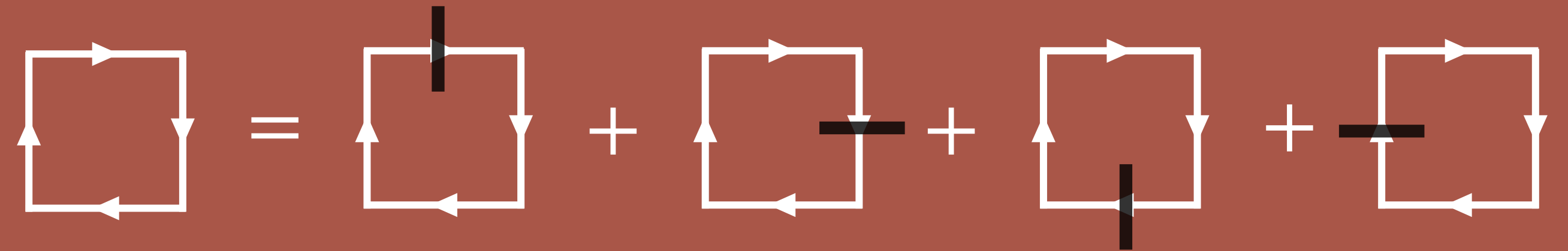


Loop integrals are rational functions in the energy component of the loop momentum
 → integrate using the residue theorem: from D to $D - 1$ integration dimensions per loop

Catani, Rodrigo et al. [0804.3170], ETHZ [1906.06138],
 Mainz [1902.02135], Valencia [2001.03564, 2010.12971]

Loop-Tree Duality

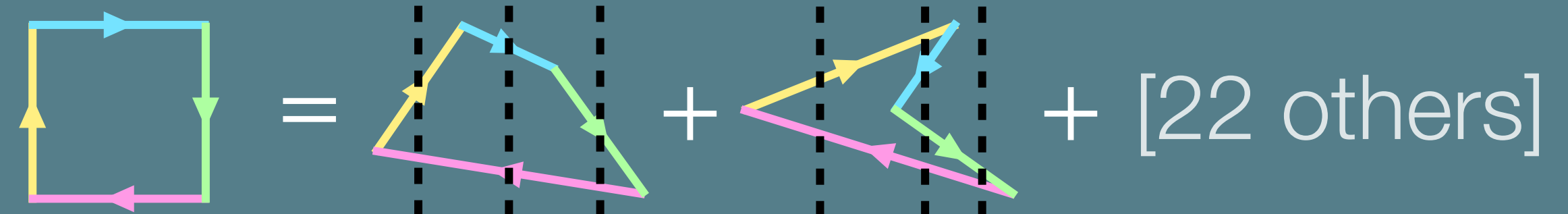
compact expression but problematic spurious
 singularities and derivatives for raised propagators



cf. Collins, Soper, Sterman '85, ...

Time-Ordered Perturbation Theory

still some spurious singularities and more terms

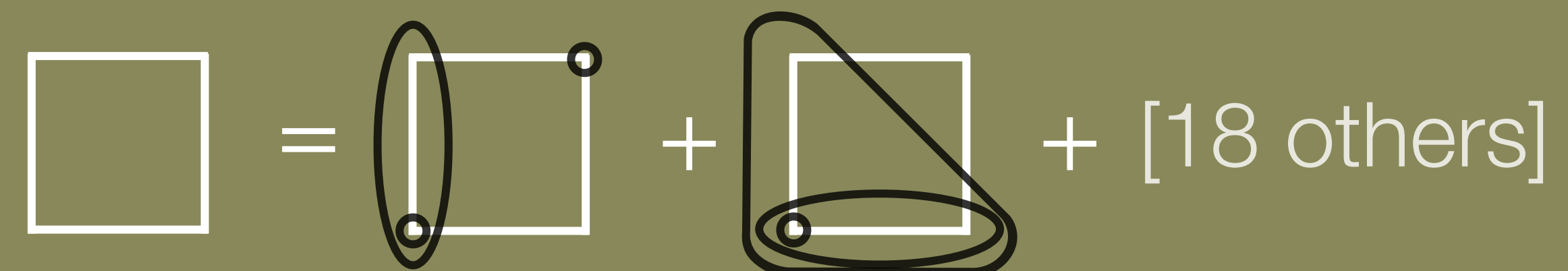


Valencia [2006.11217, 2112.09028, 2103.09237, 2102.05062]
 ETHZ [2009.05509], Mainz [2208.01060] Stony Brook [2309.13023]

Causal representations

no spurious singularities

CFF: Capatti
 [2211.09653]



Threshold singularities

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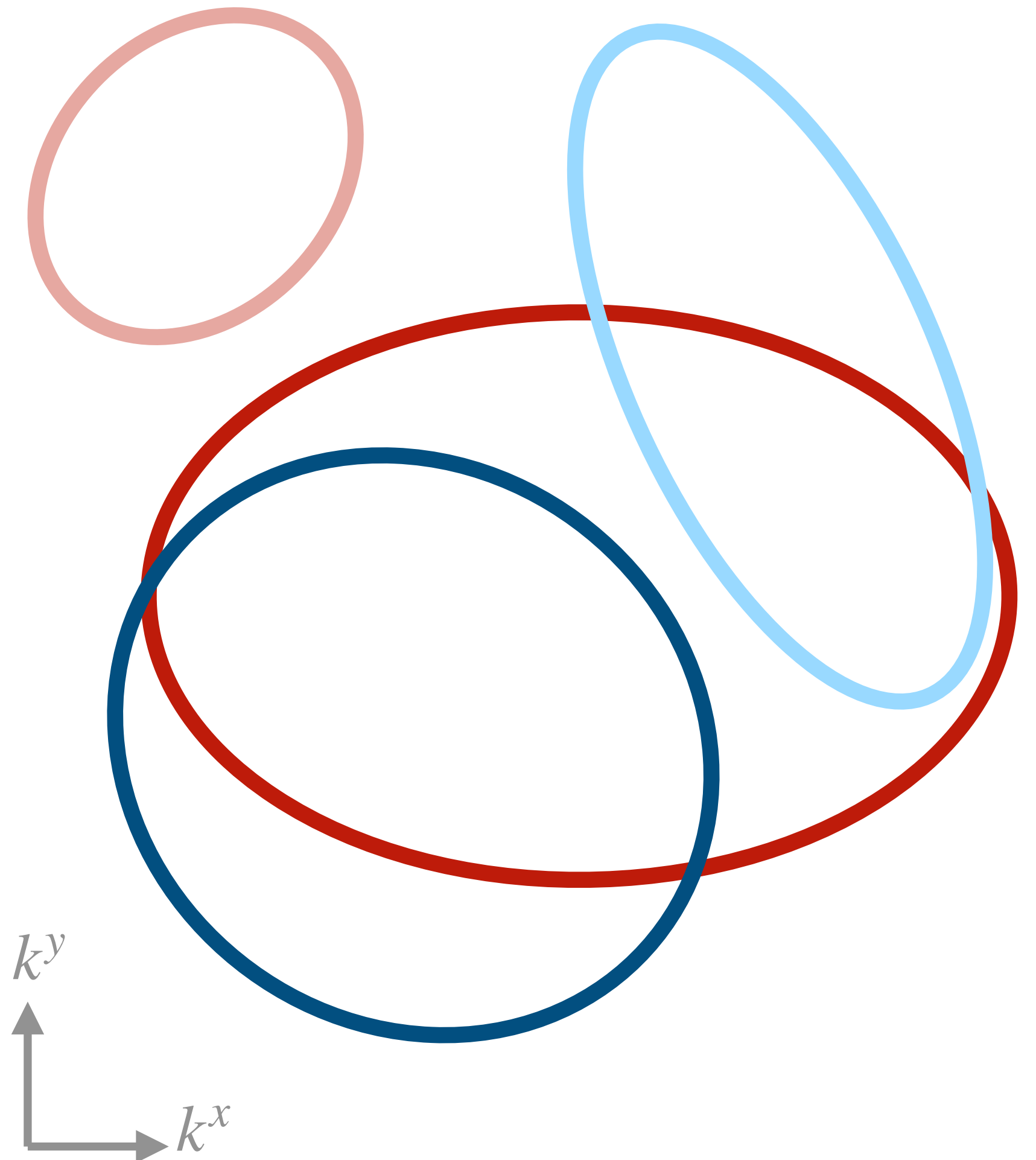
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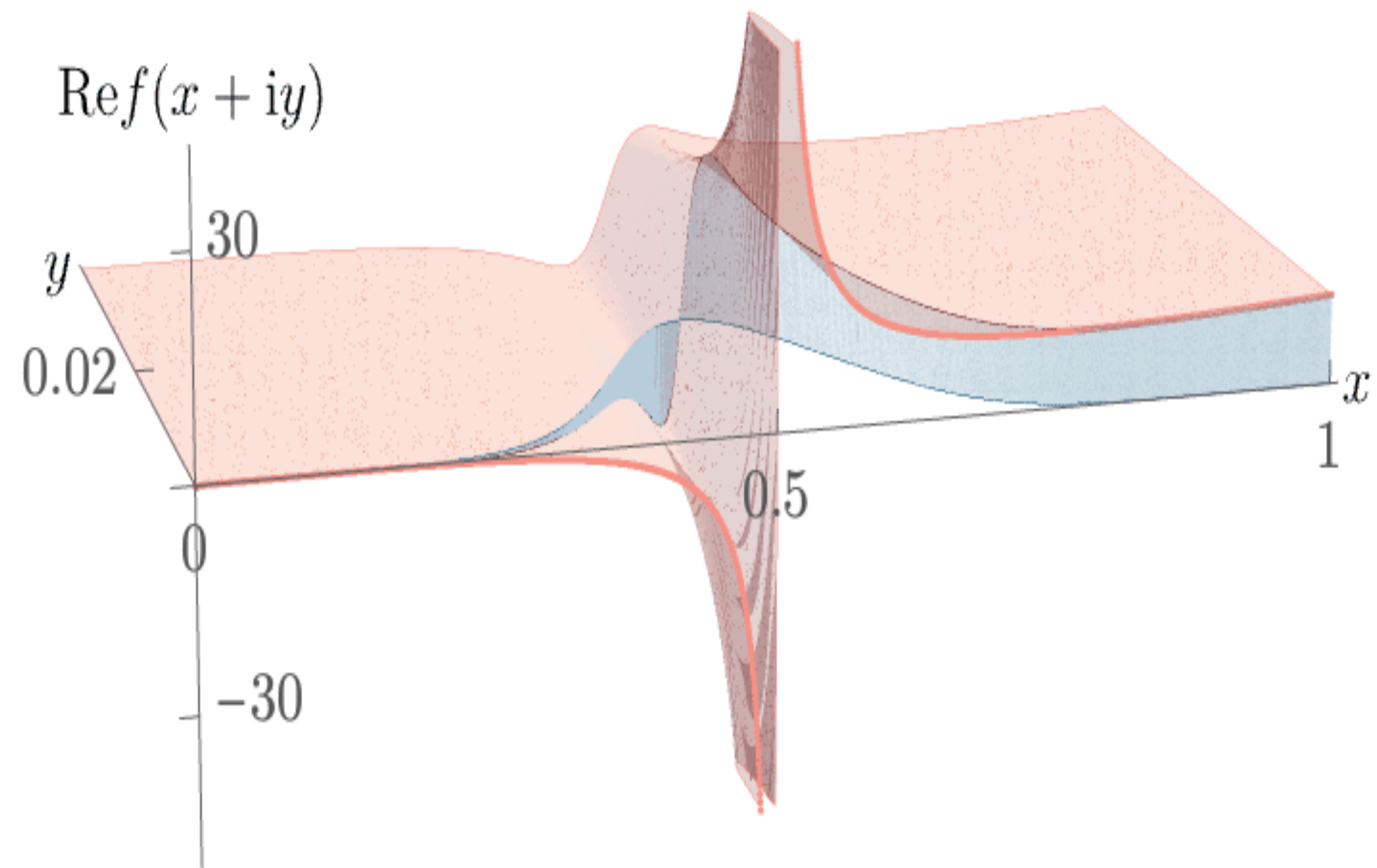
→ Same problems? Yes but fewer integration dimensions & fewer integrand singularities in compact region!

$$E_i = \sqrt{\vec{q}_i^2 + m_i^2}$$



contour deformation

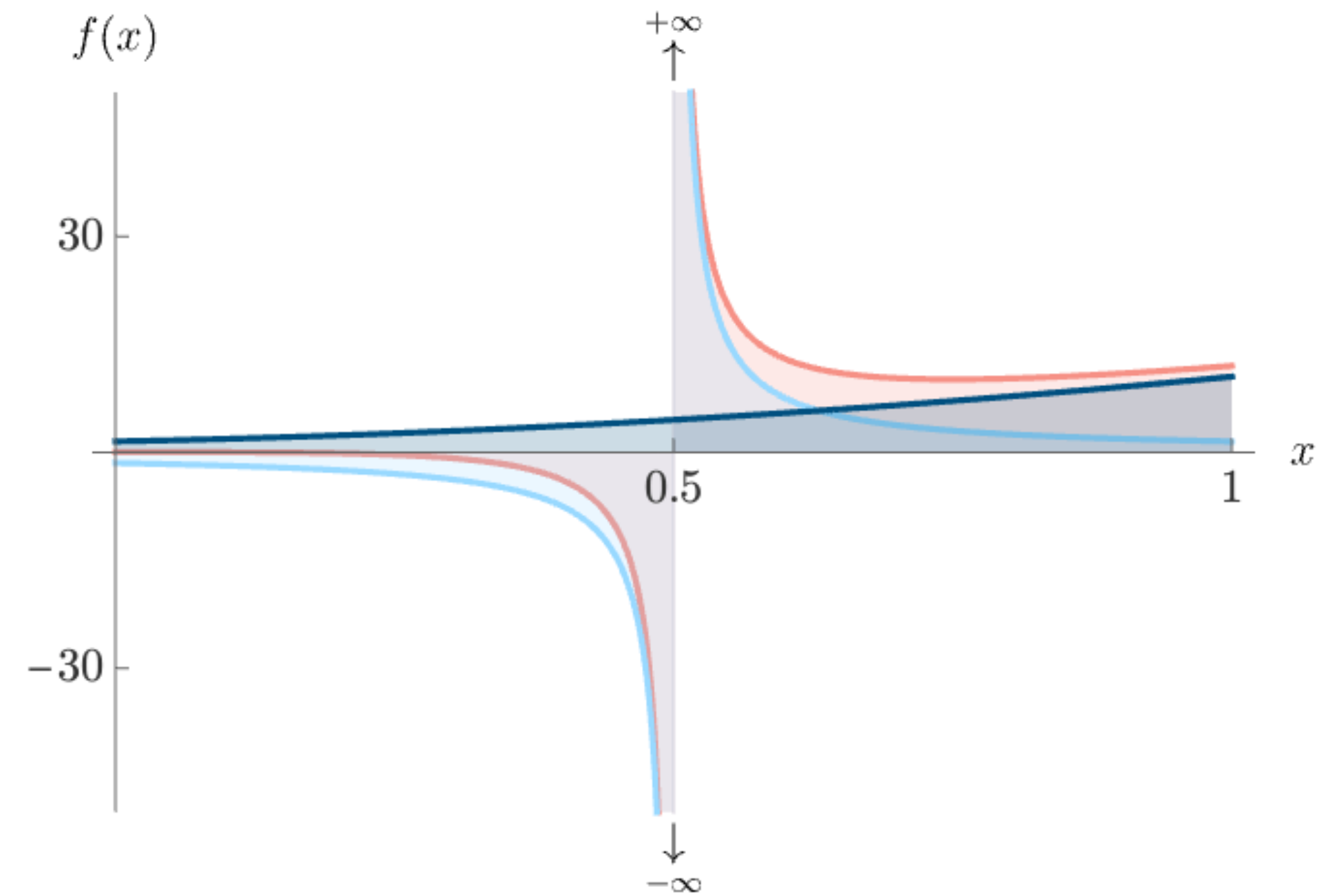
$$\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$$



$$\frac{1}{1000000} \sum_{i=1}^{1000000} \text{Re}f(z(x_i)) j_z(x_i) = 4.9948$$

subtraction

$$\frac{1}{x - x_0 + i\epsilon} = \text{PV} \frac{1}{x - x_0} - i\pi\delta(x_0)$$



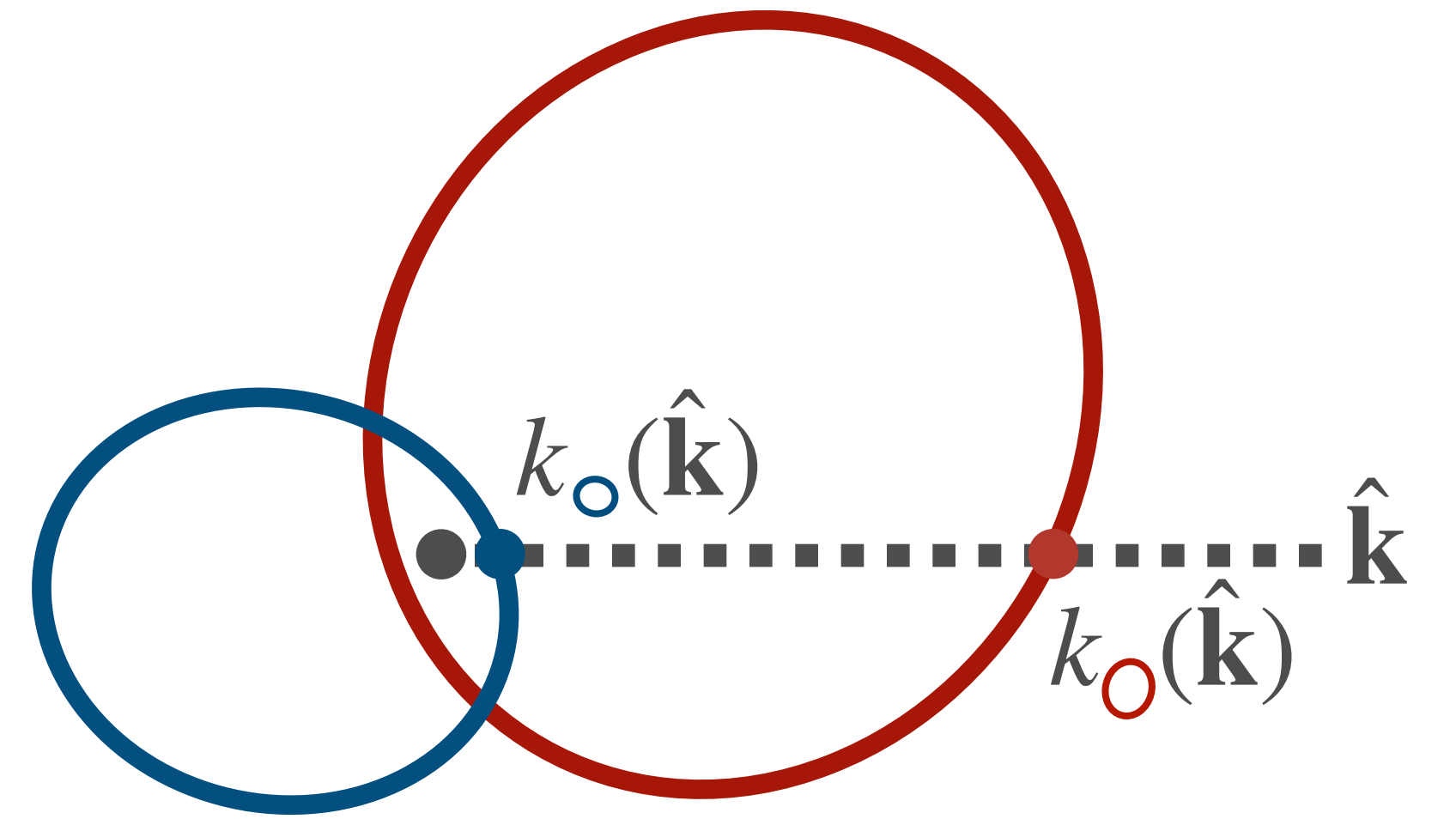
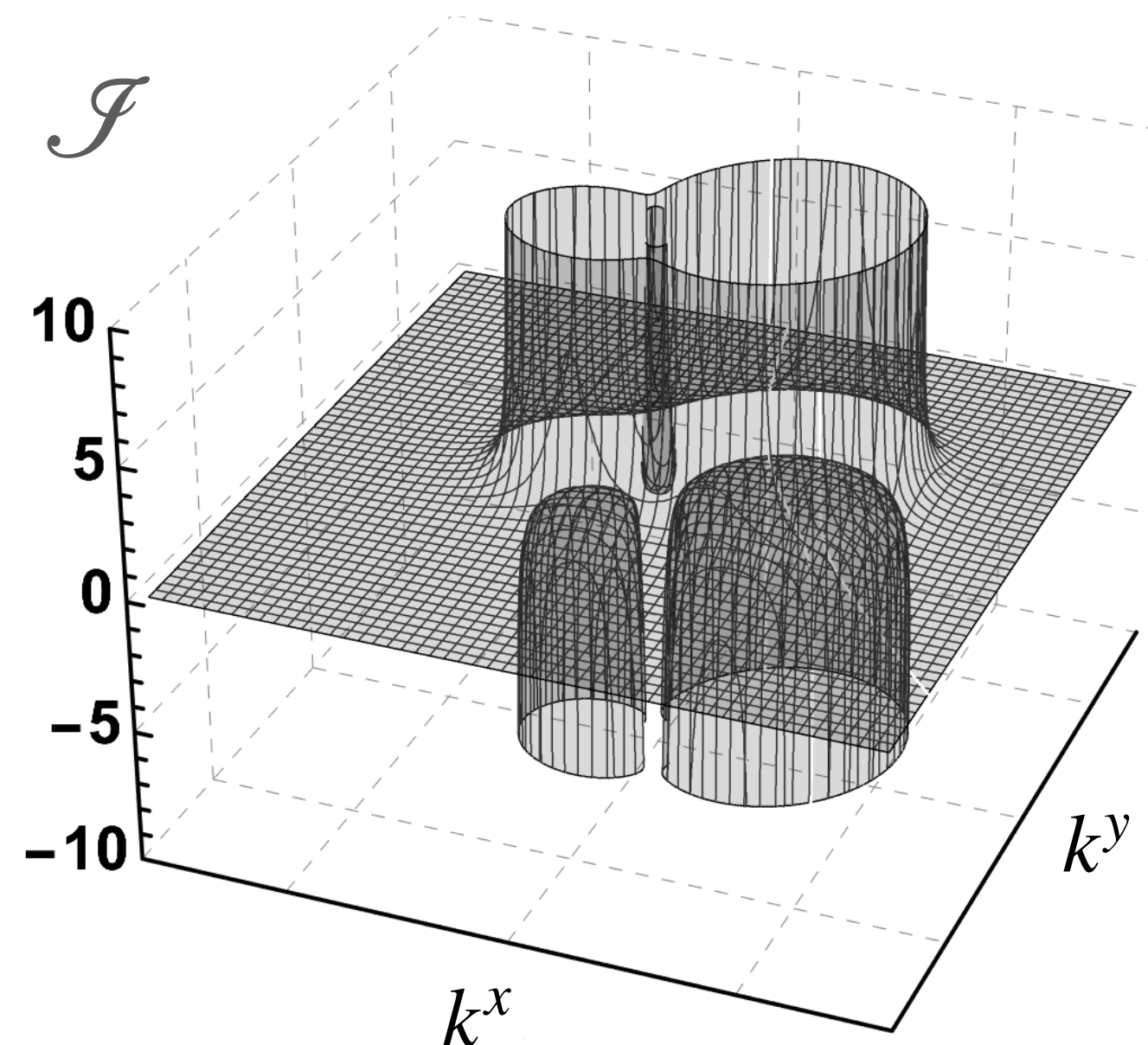
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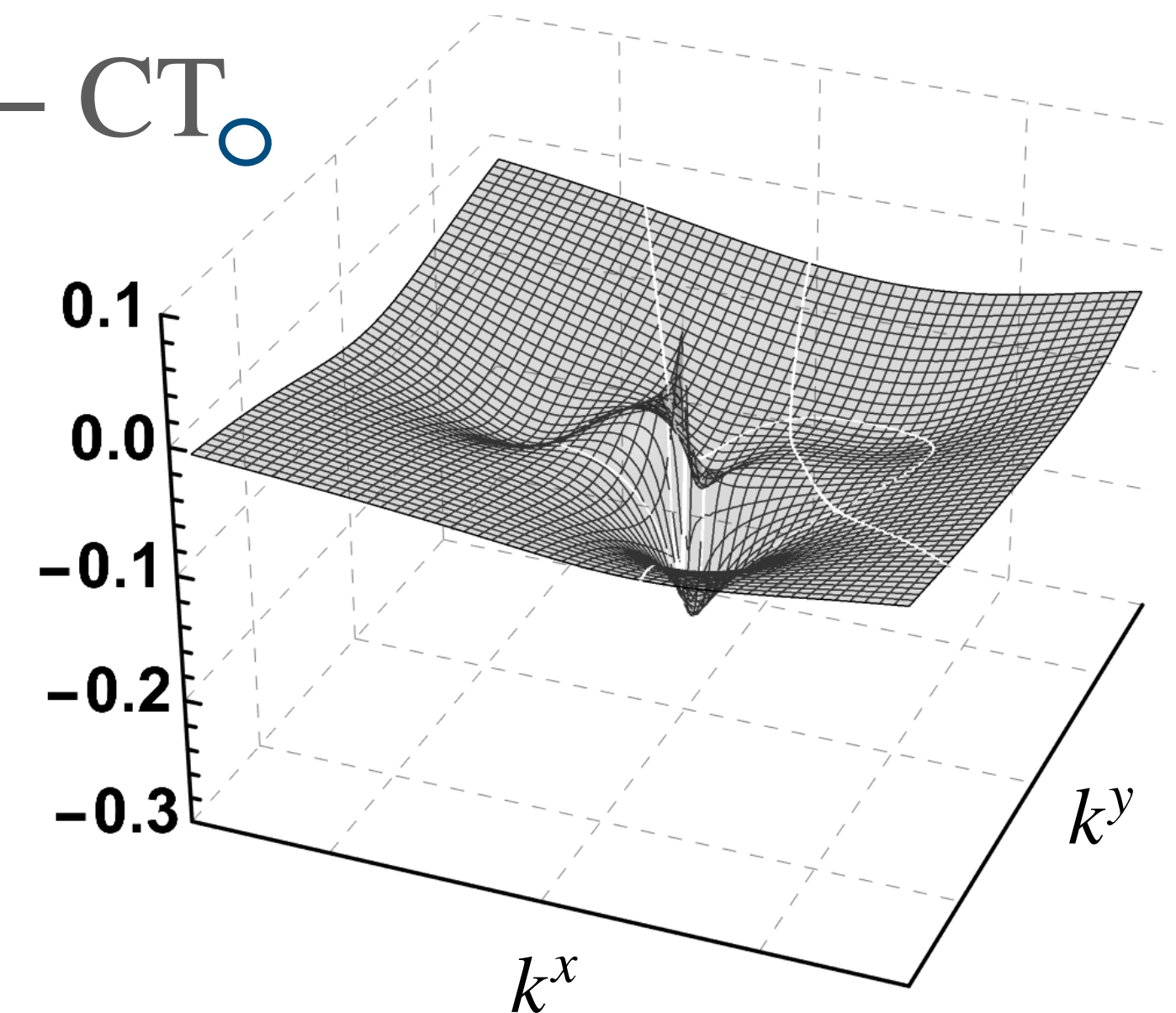
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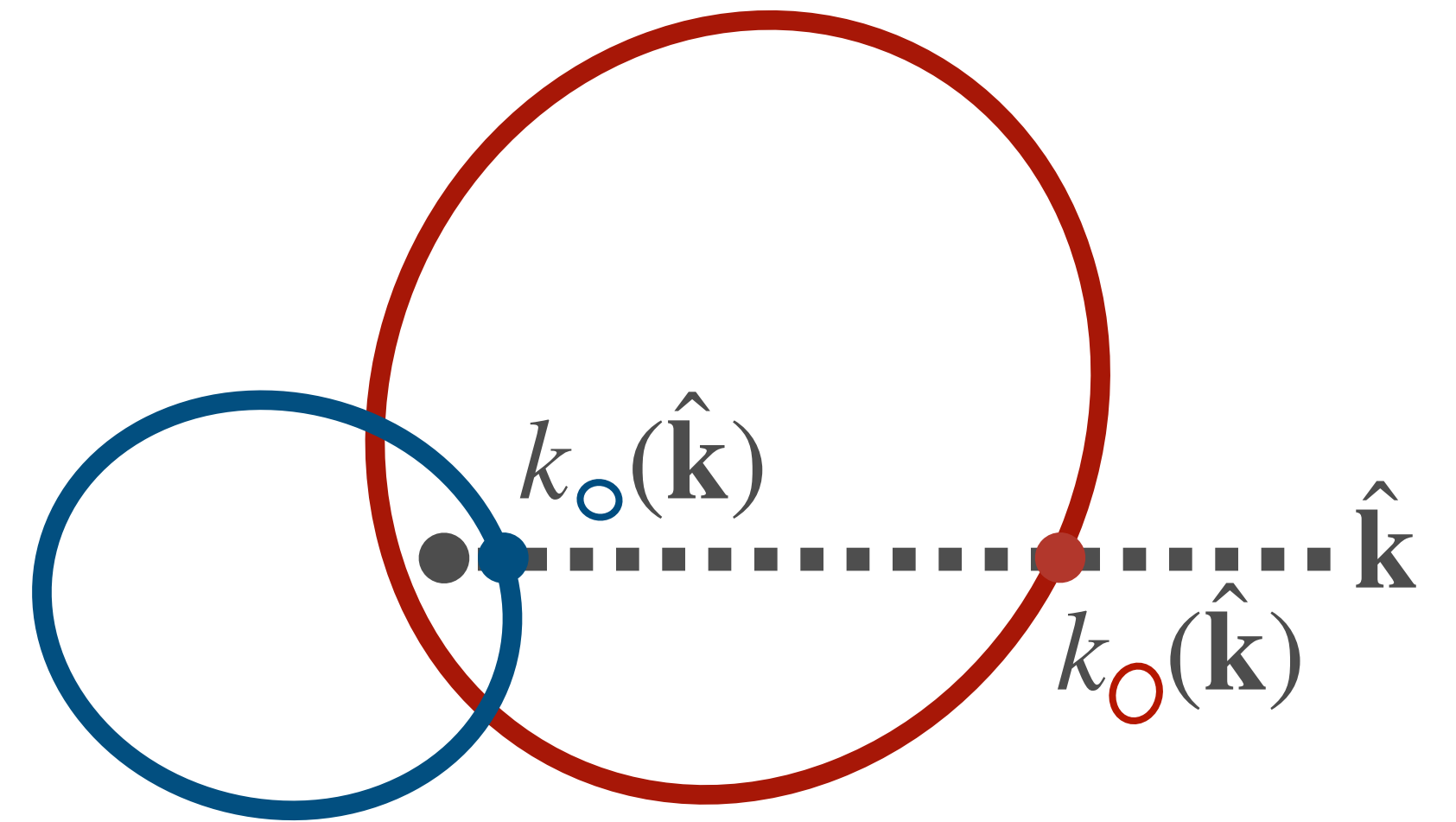
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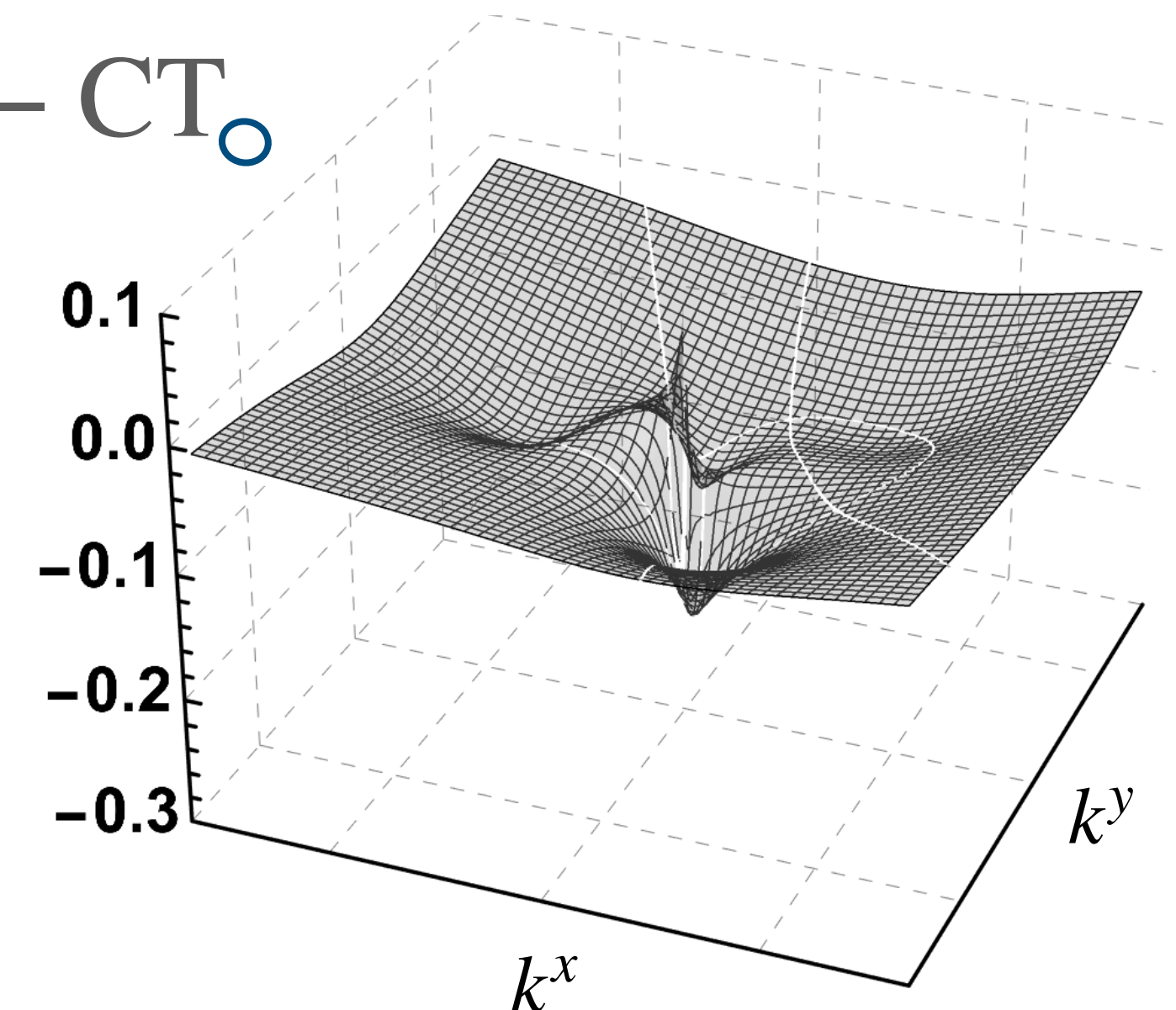
for parity symmetric processes or observables

$$\int d\Pi d^3 \vec{k} d^3 \vec{l} \sum_{\text{hel.}} 2 \text{Re} \left[\begin{array}{c} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \\ \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \text{---} \end{array} + \dots \right]$$



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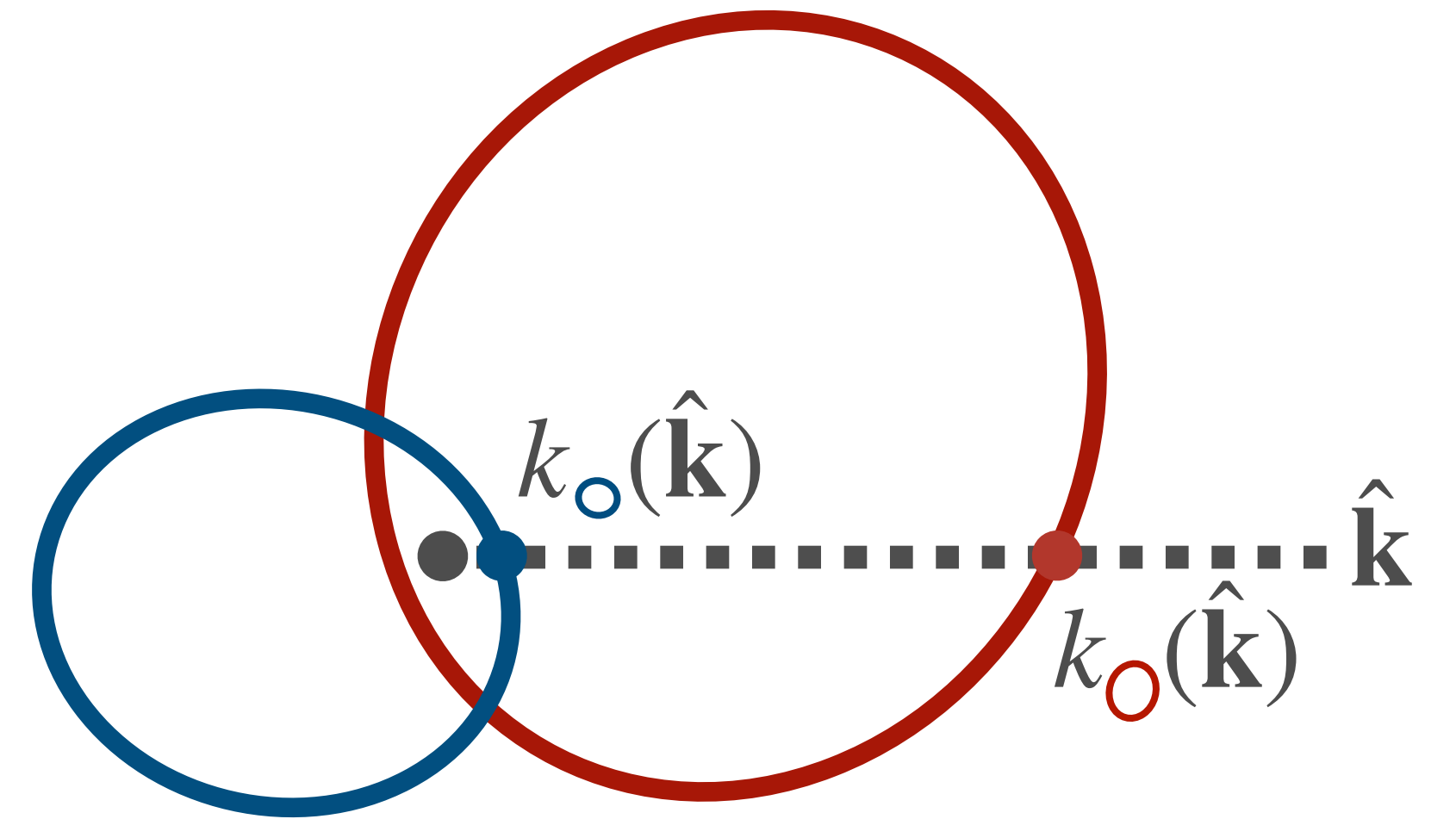
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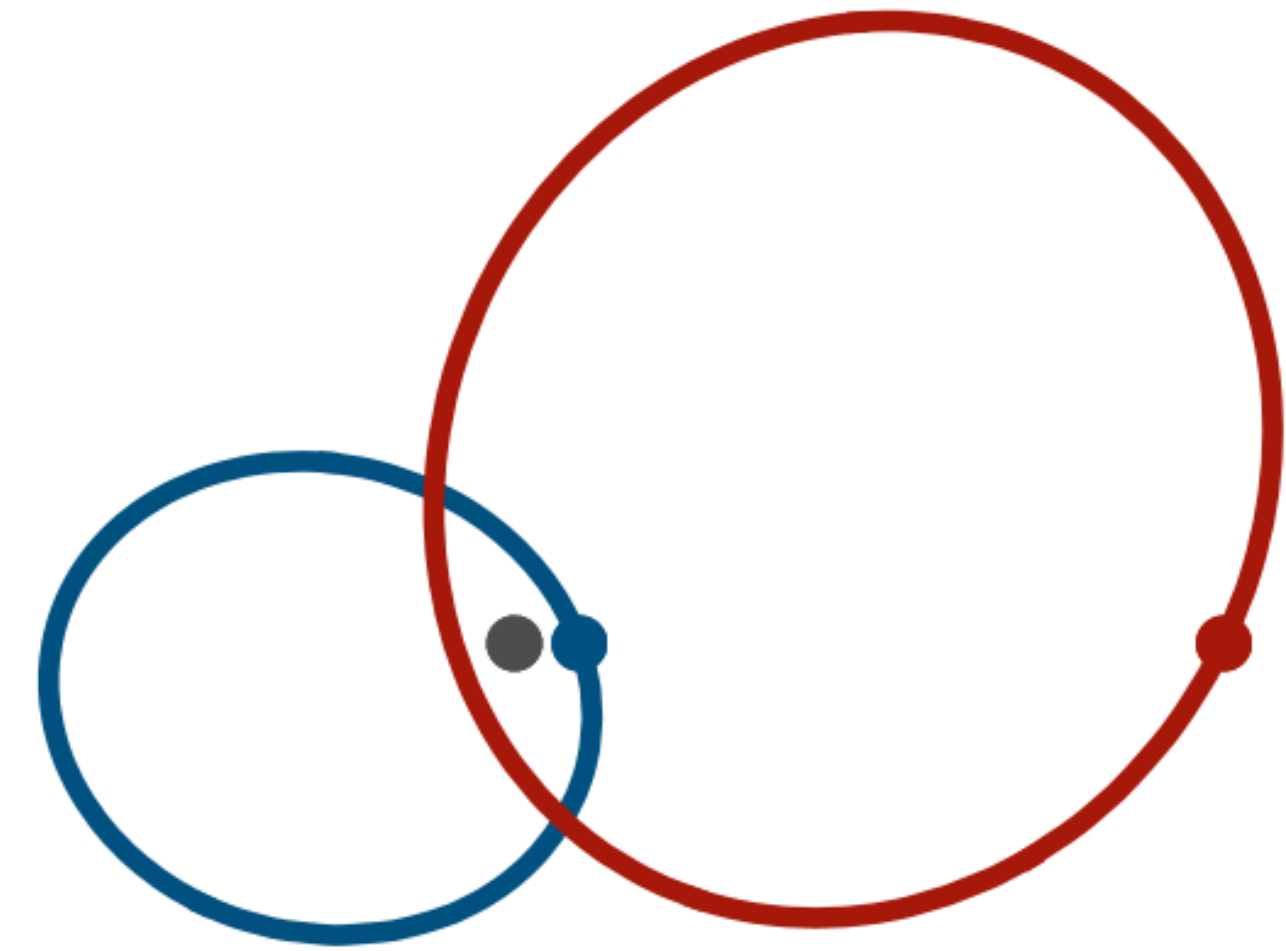
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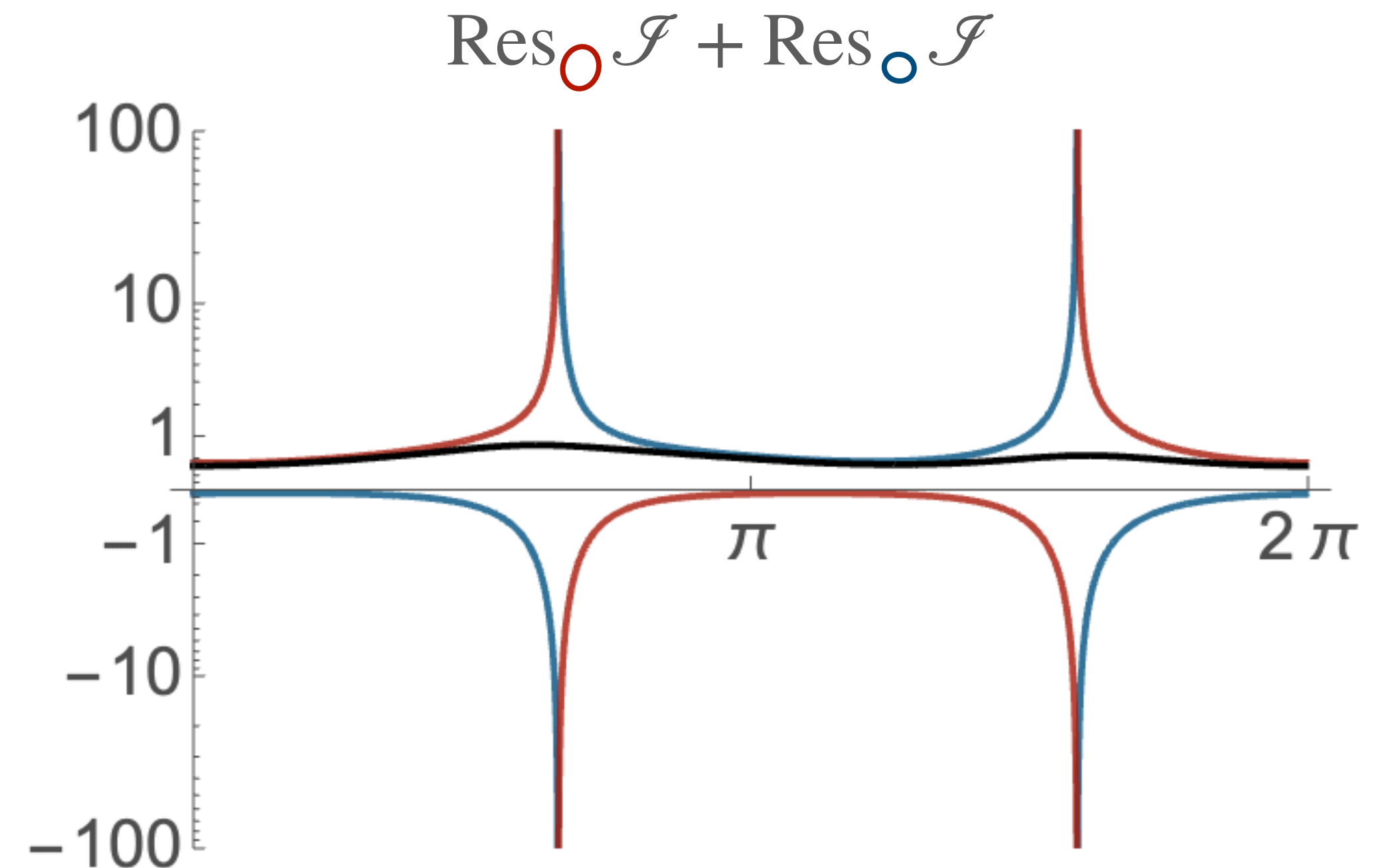
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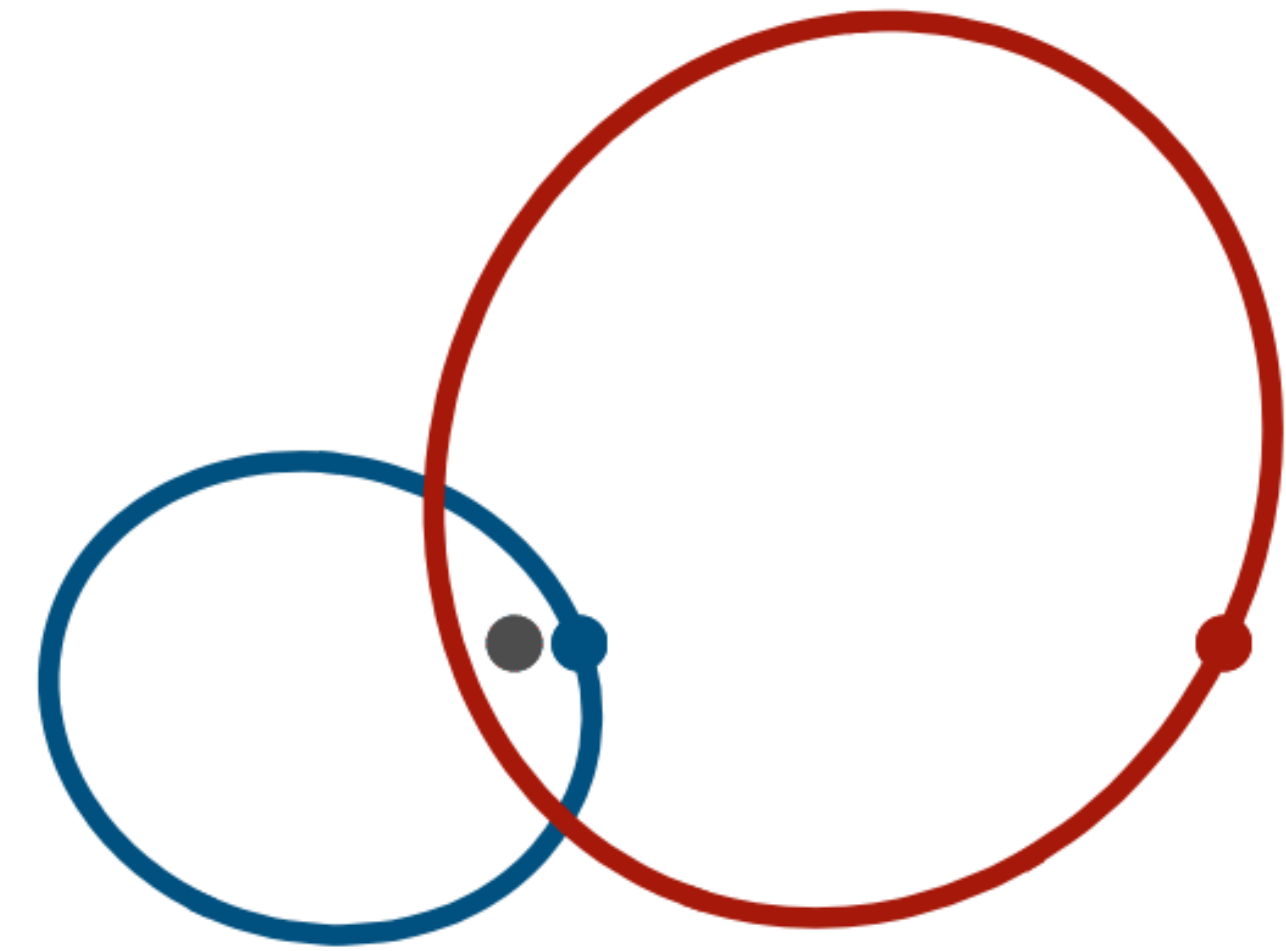
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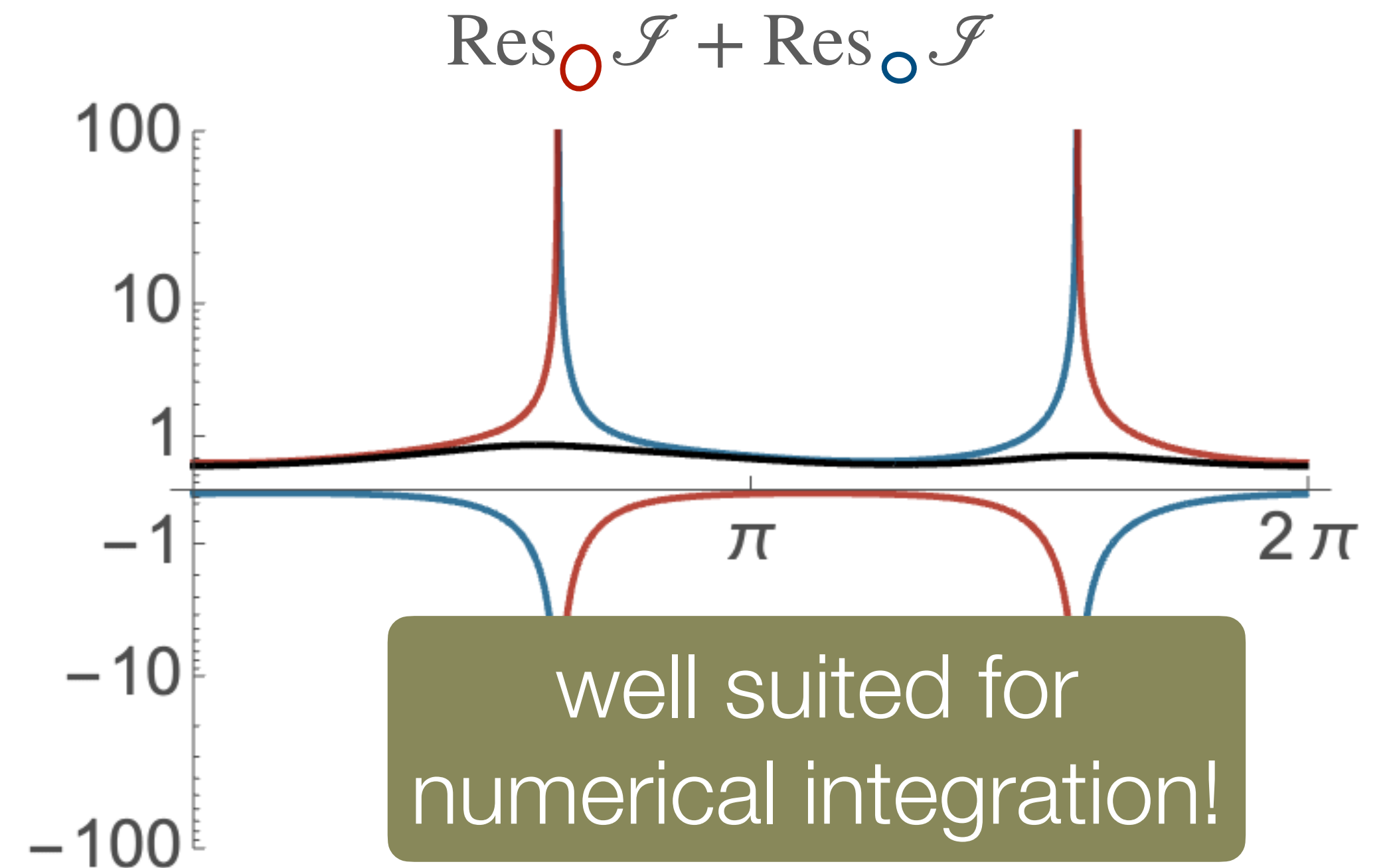
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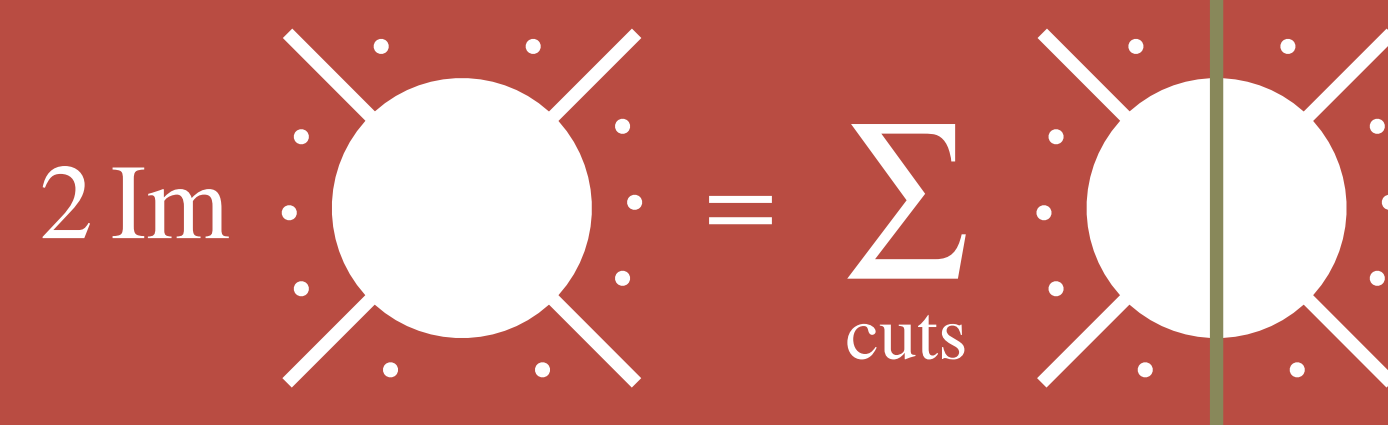
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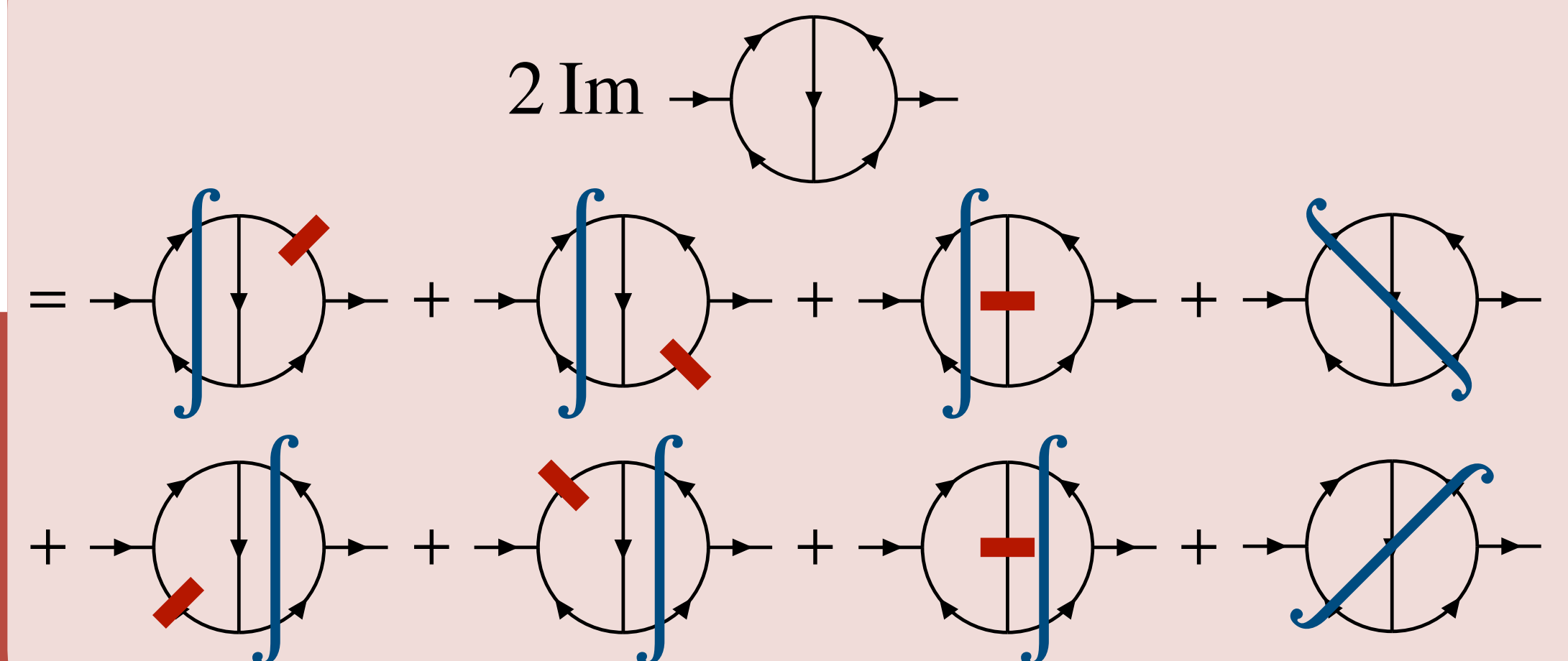
Optical theorem

$$2 \text{Im } A(i \rightarrow f) = \sum_x \int d\Pi_x A(i \rightarrow x) A^*(f \rightarrow x)$$



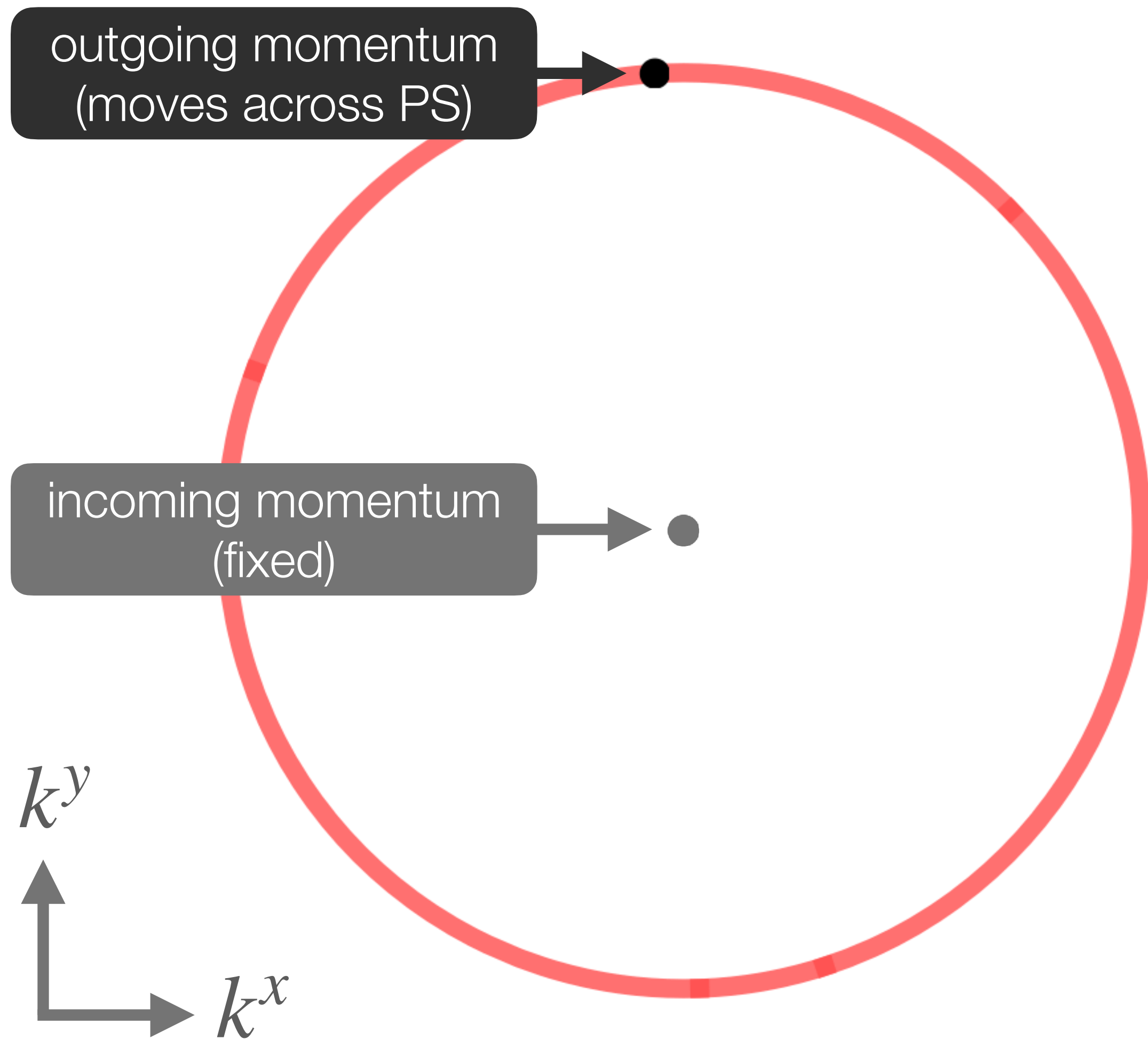
locally finite!*

*with the right threshold parametrisation
 aligns singularities incl. FSR IR between real and virtual
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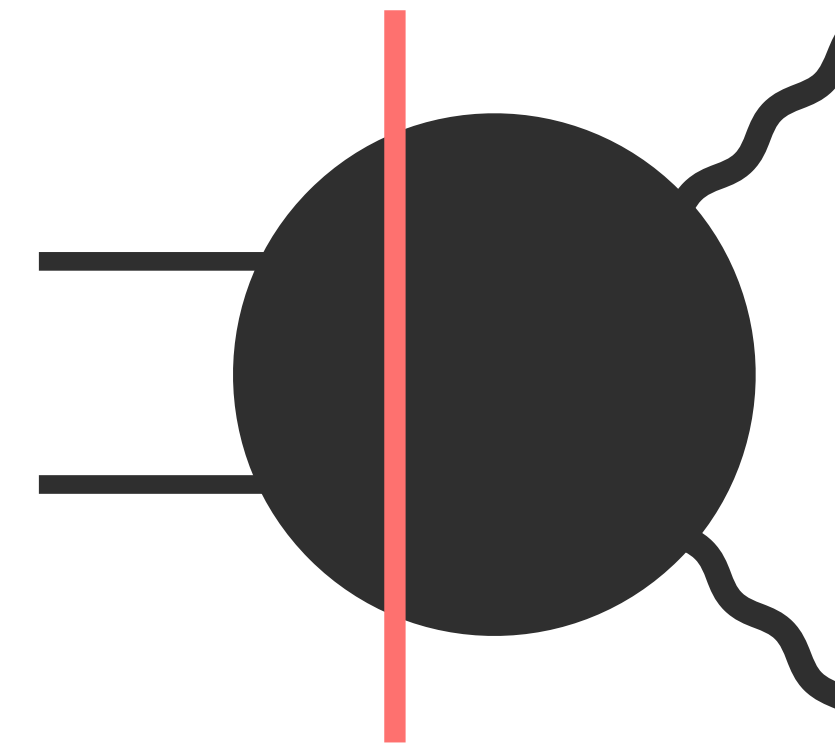
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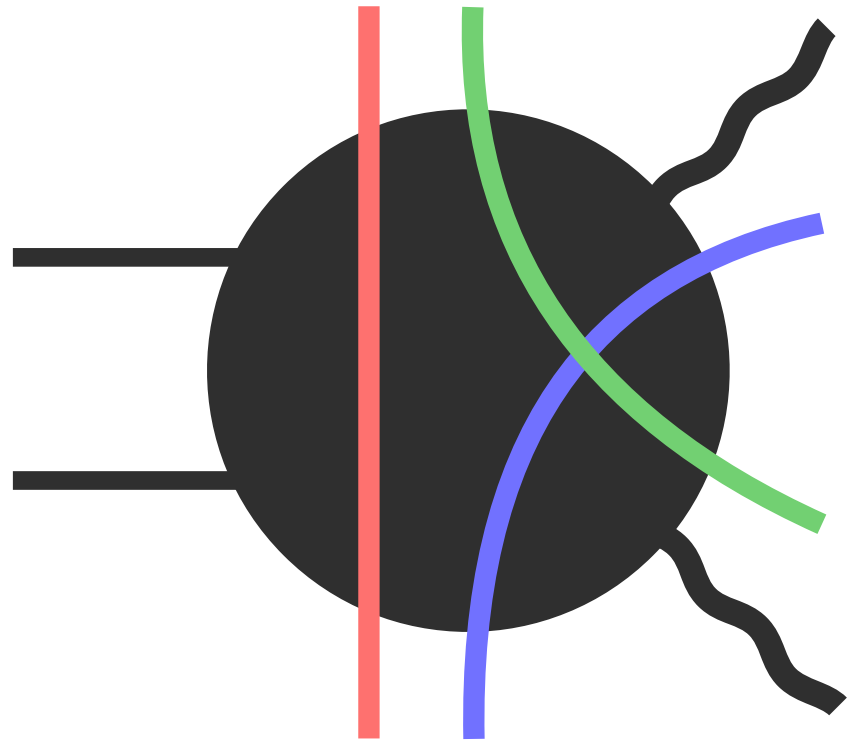
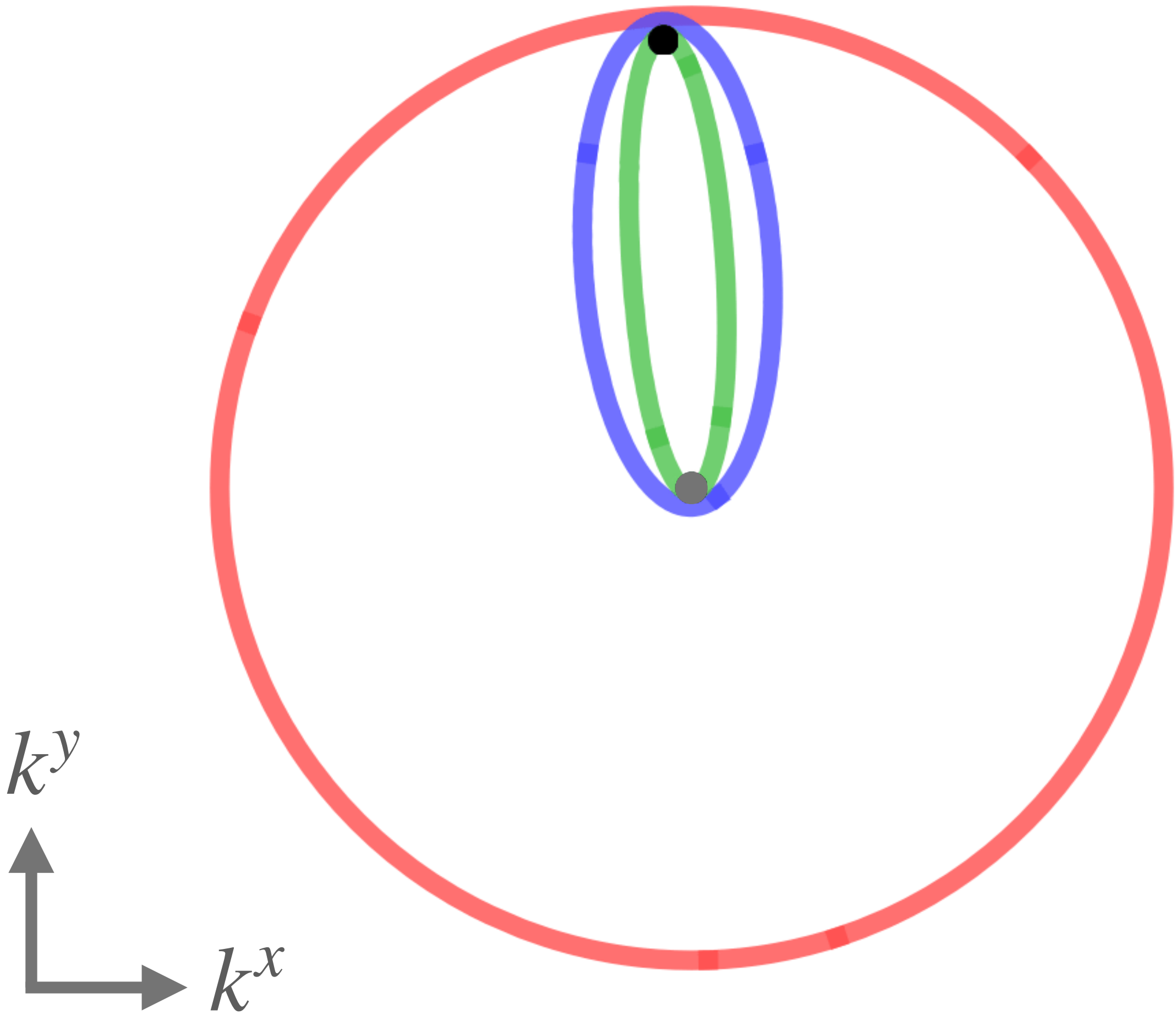


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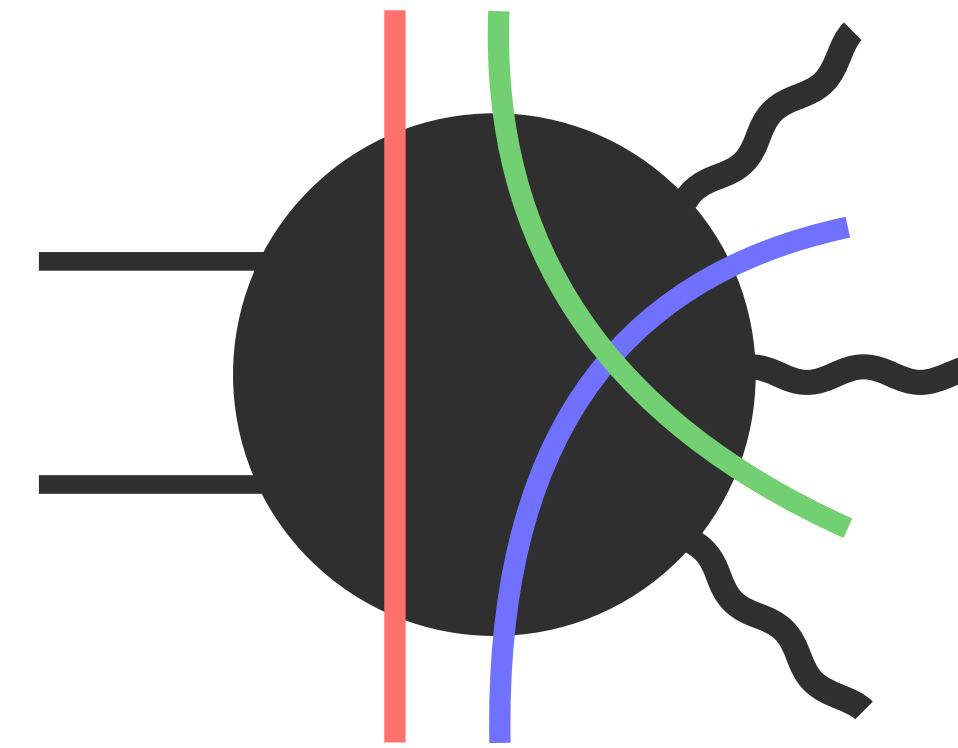
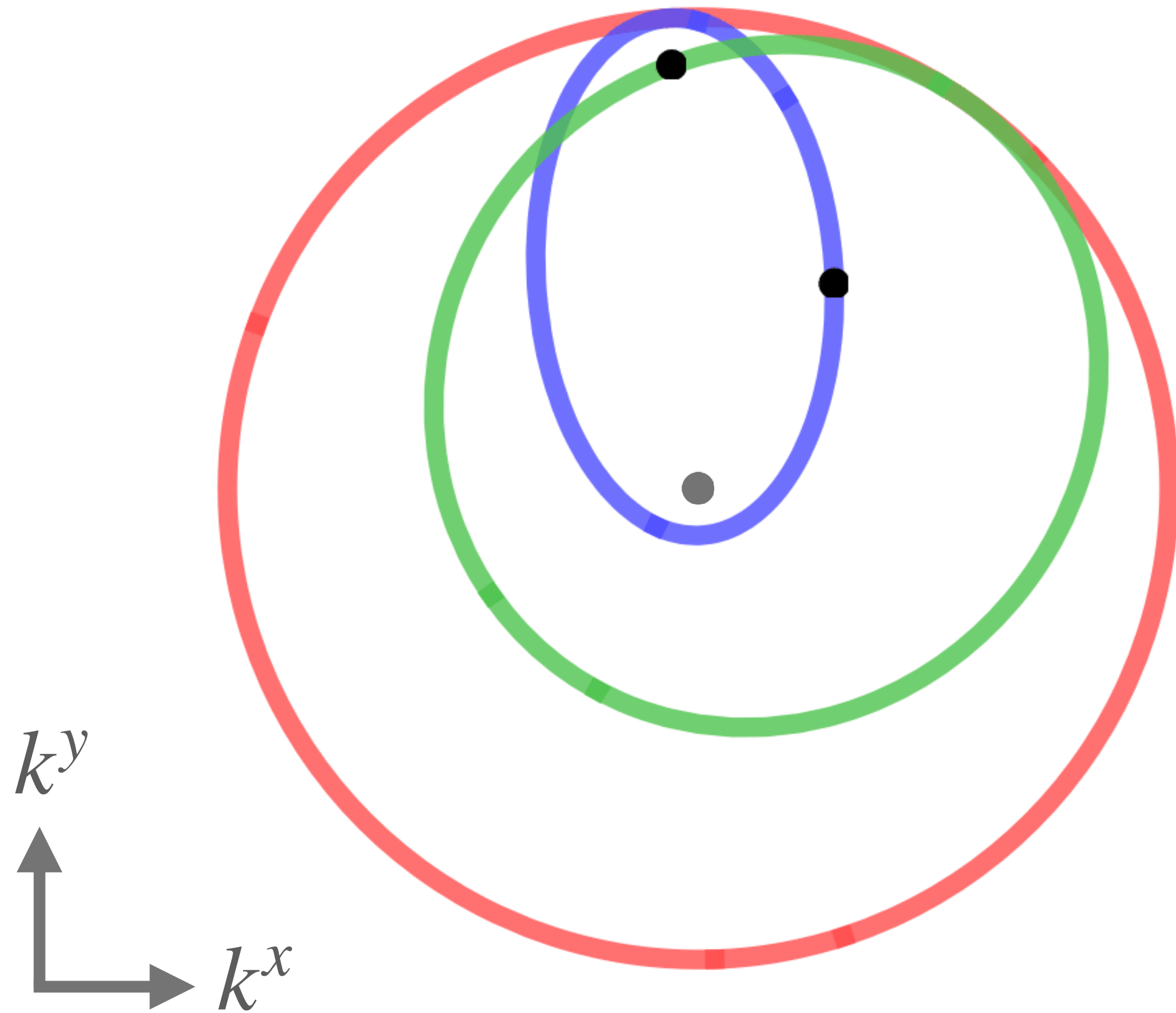


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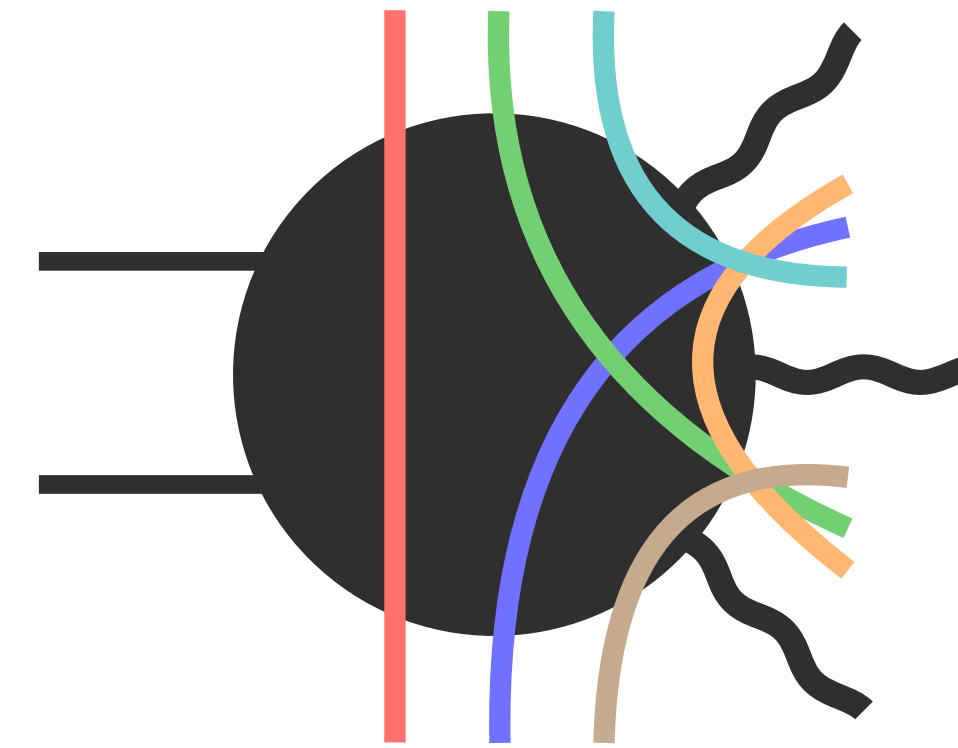
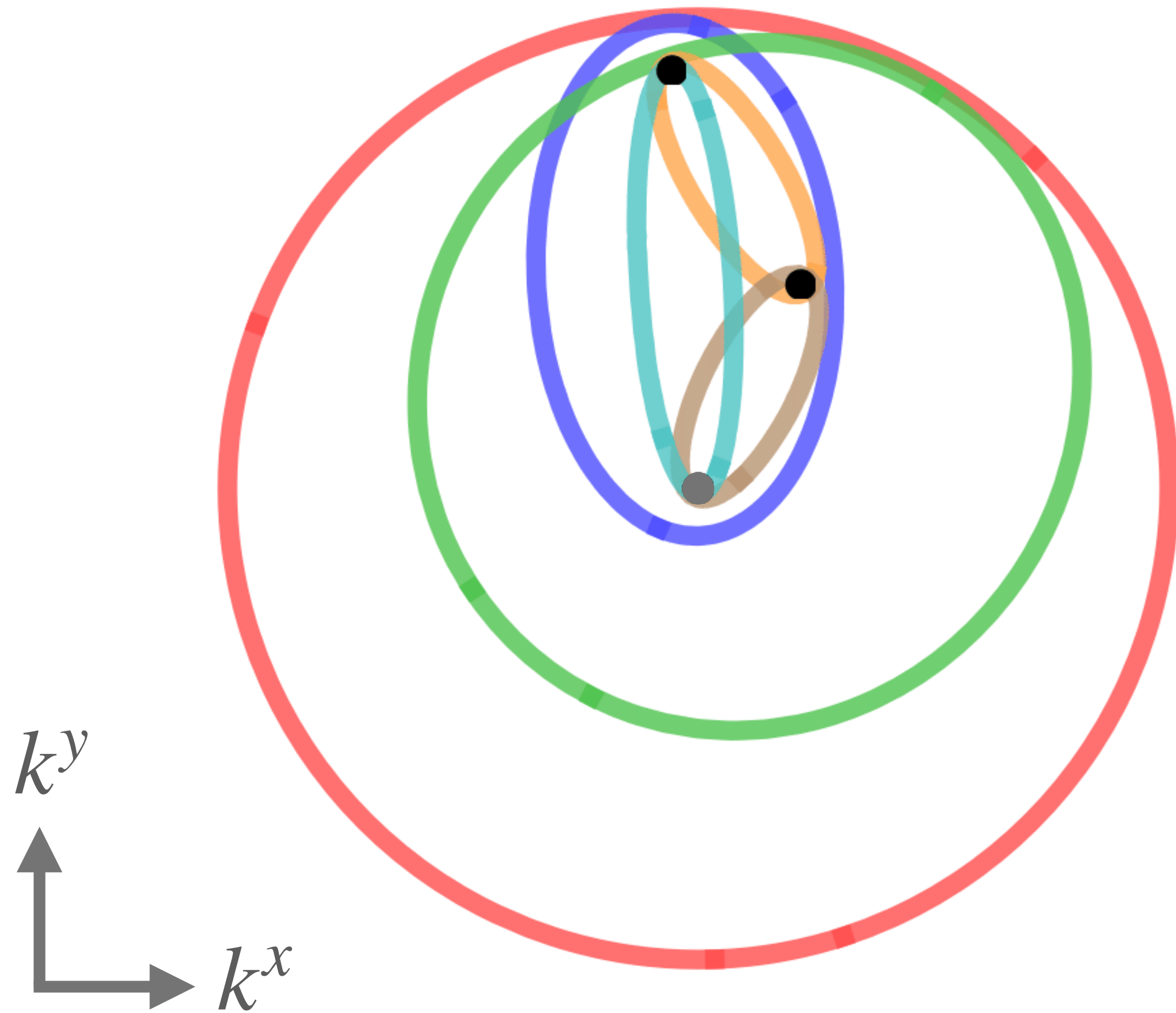


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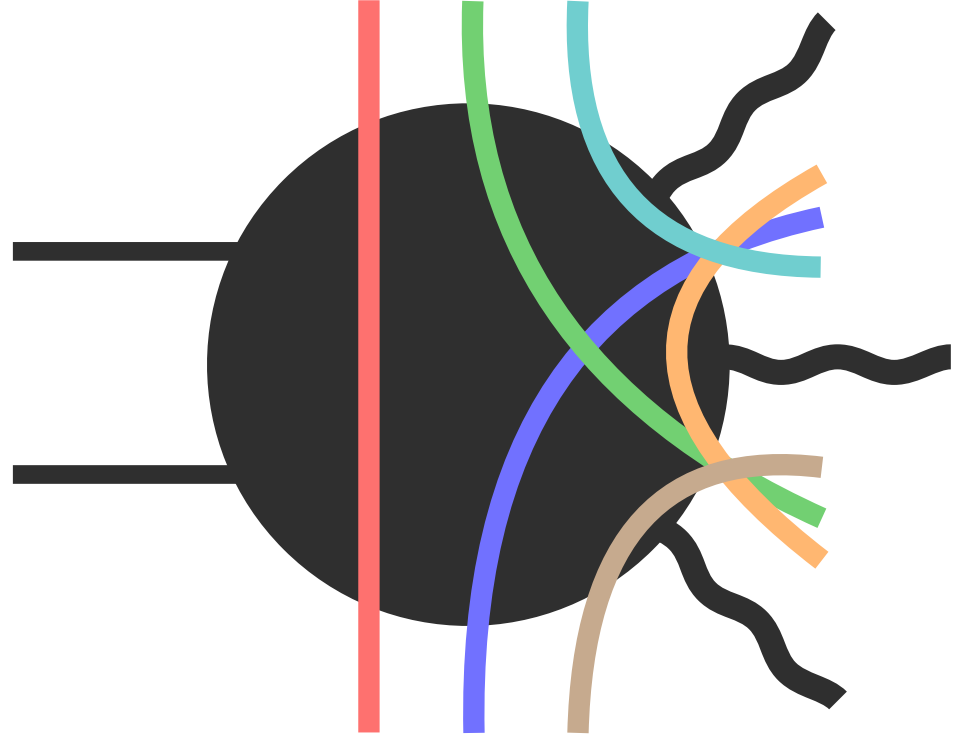
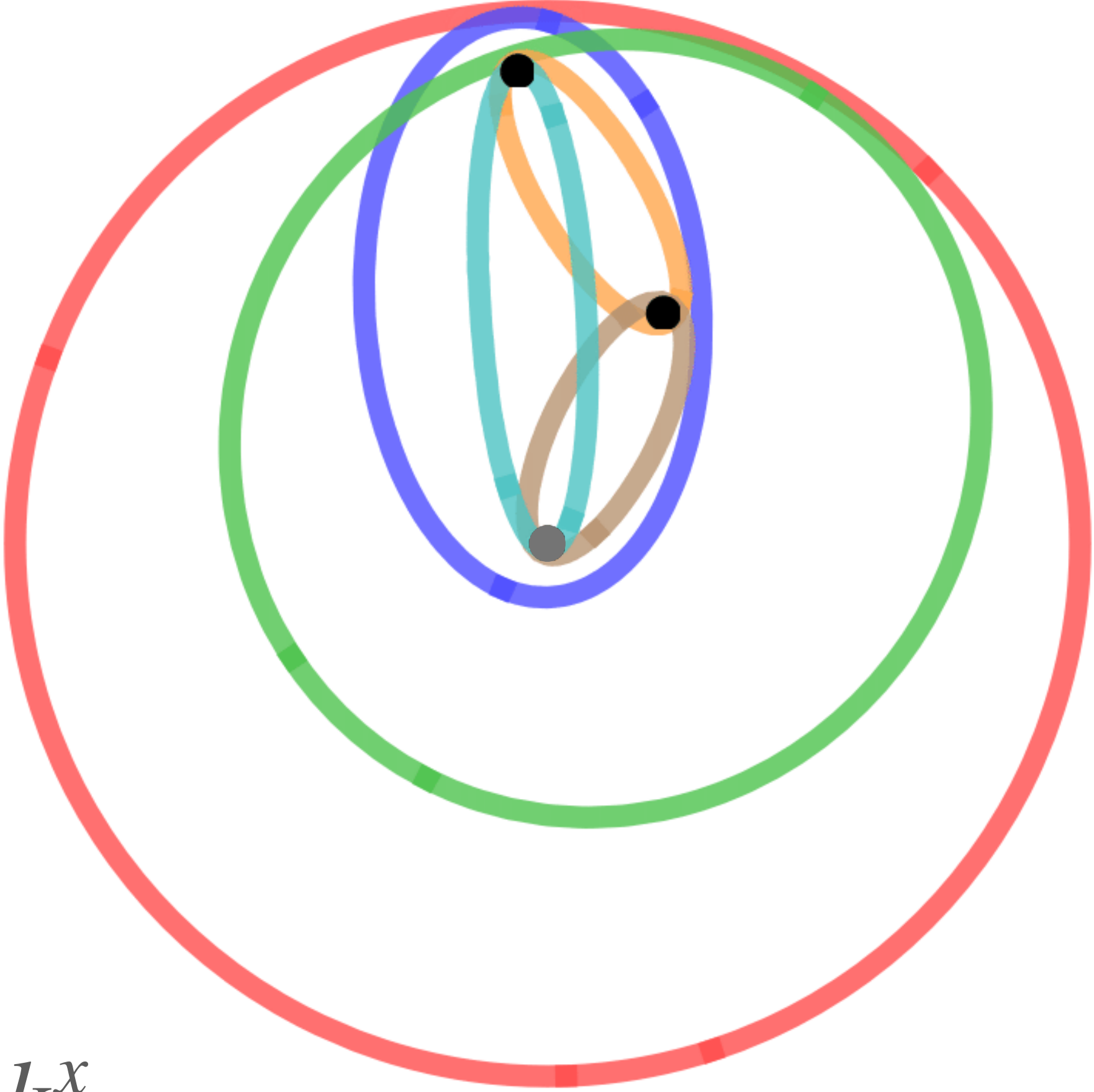
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overlapping thresholds
multi-channelling

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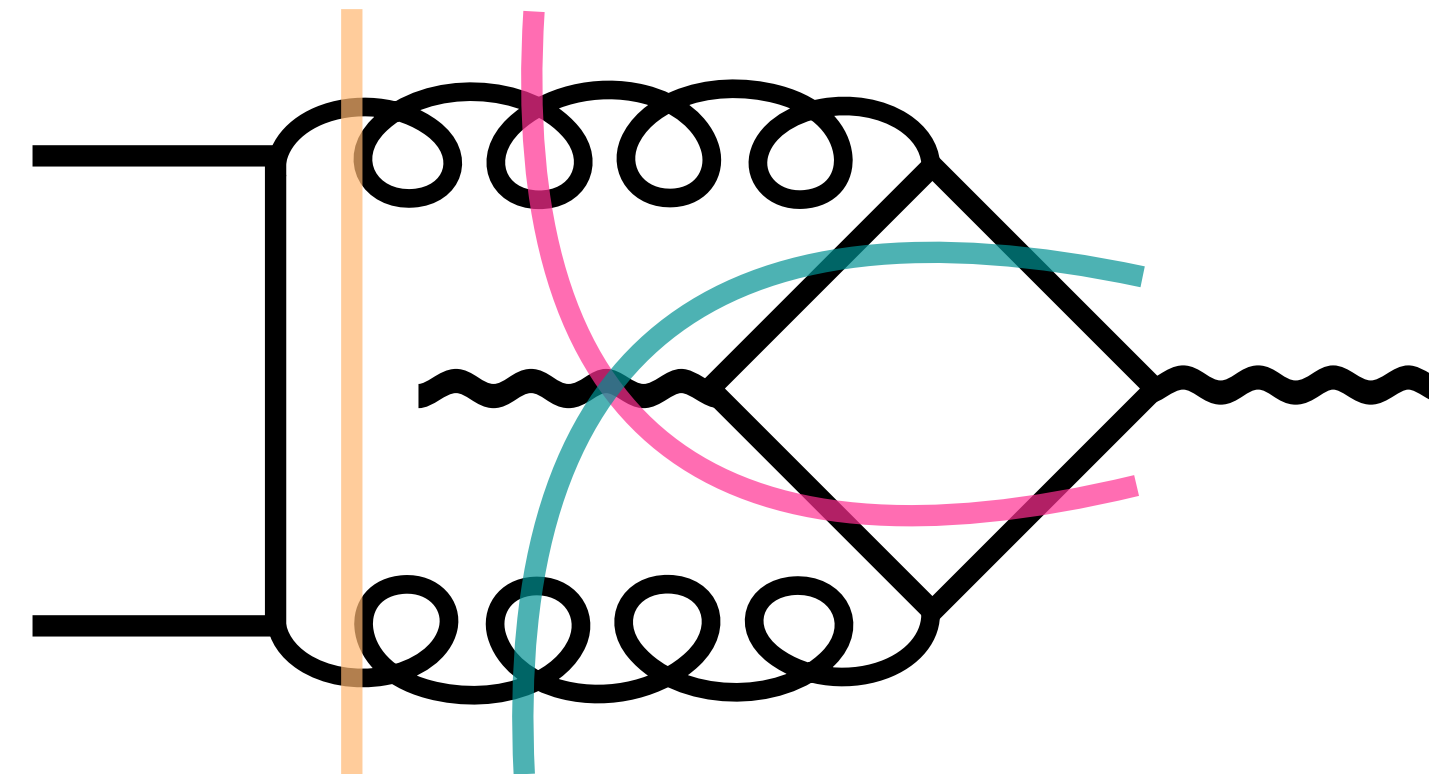
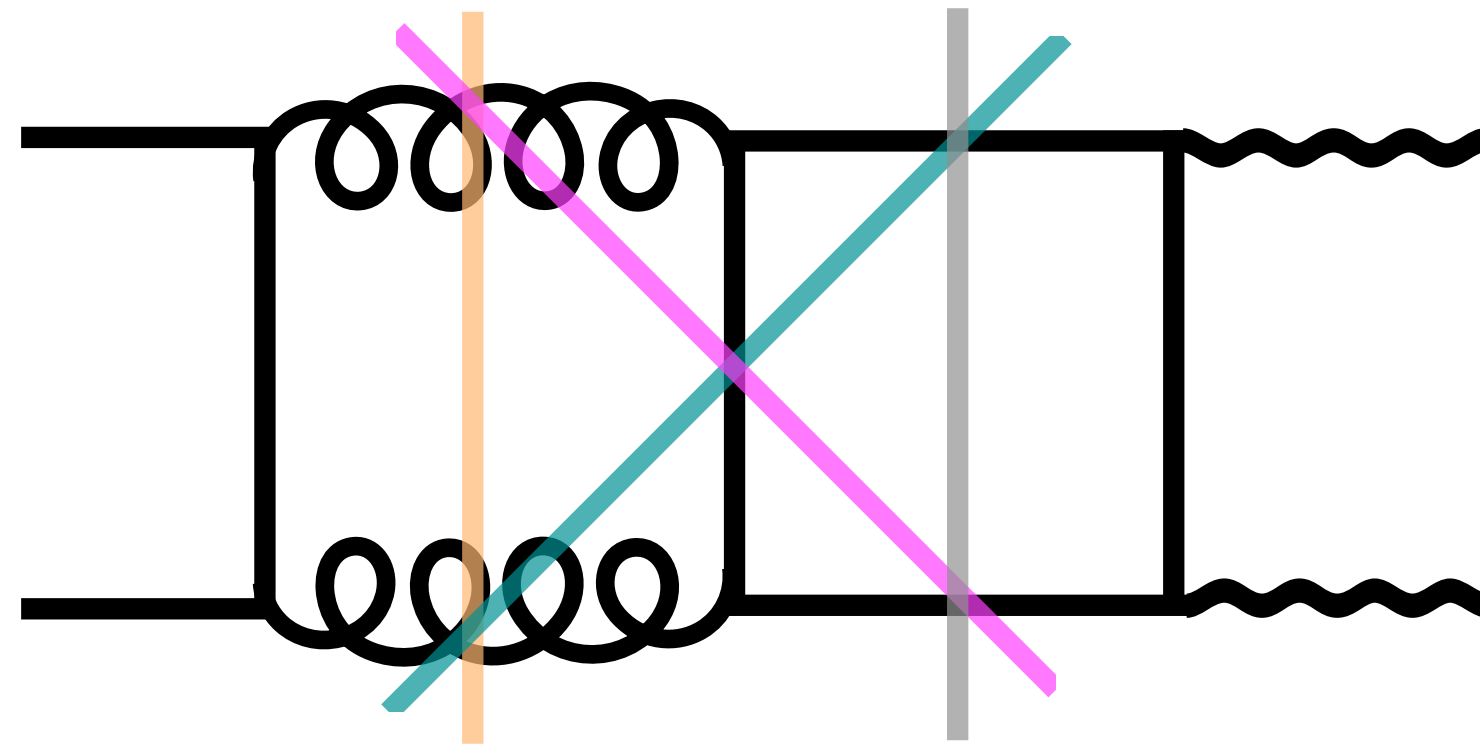
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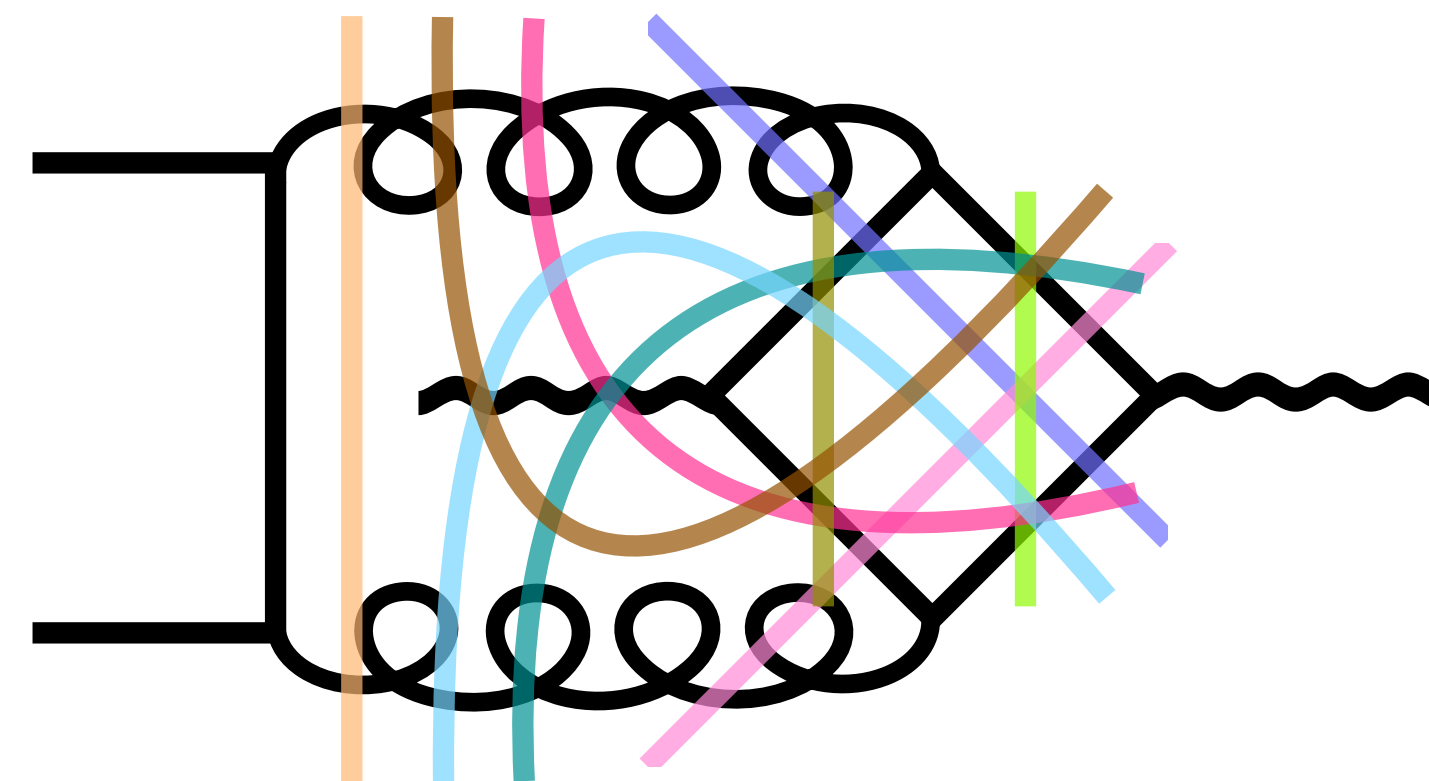
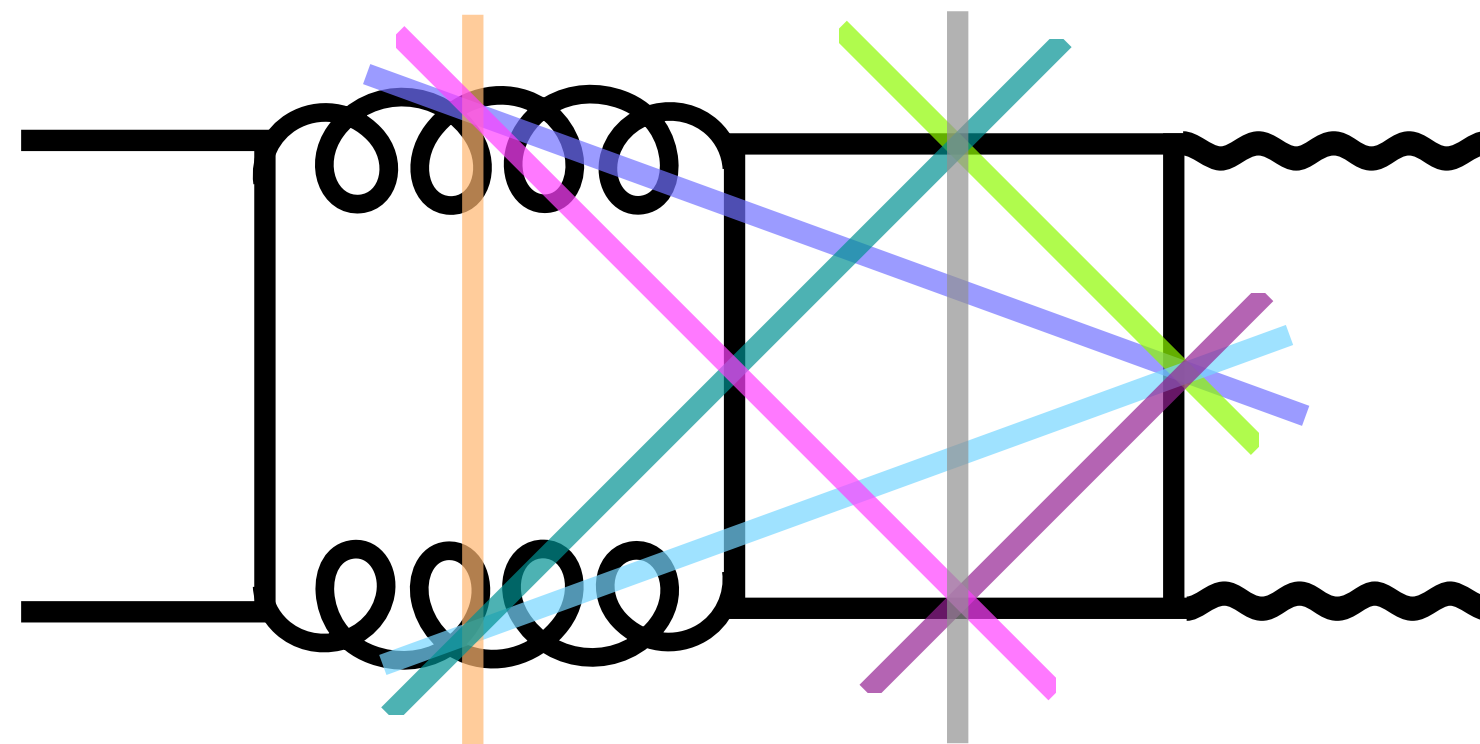
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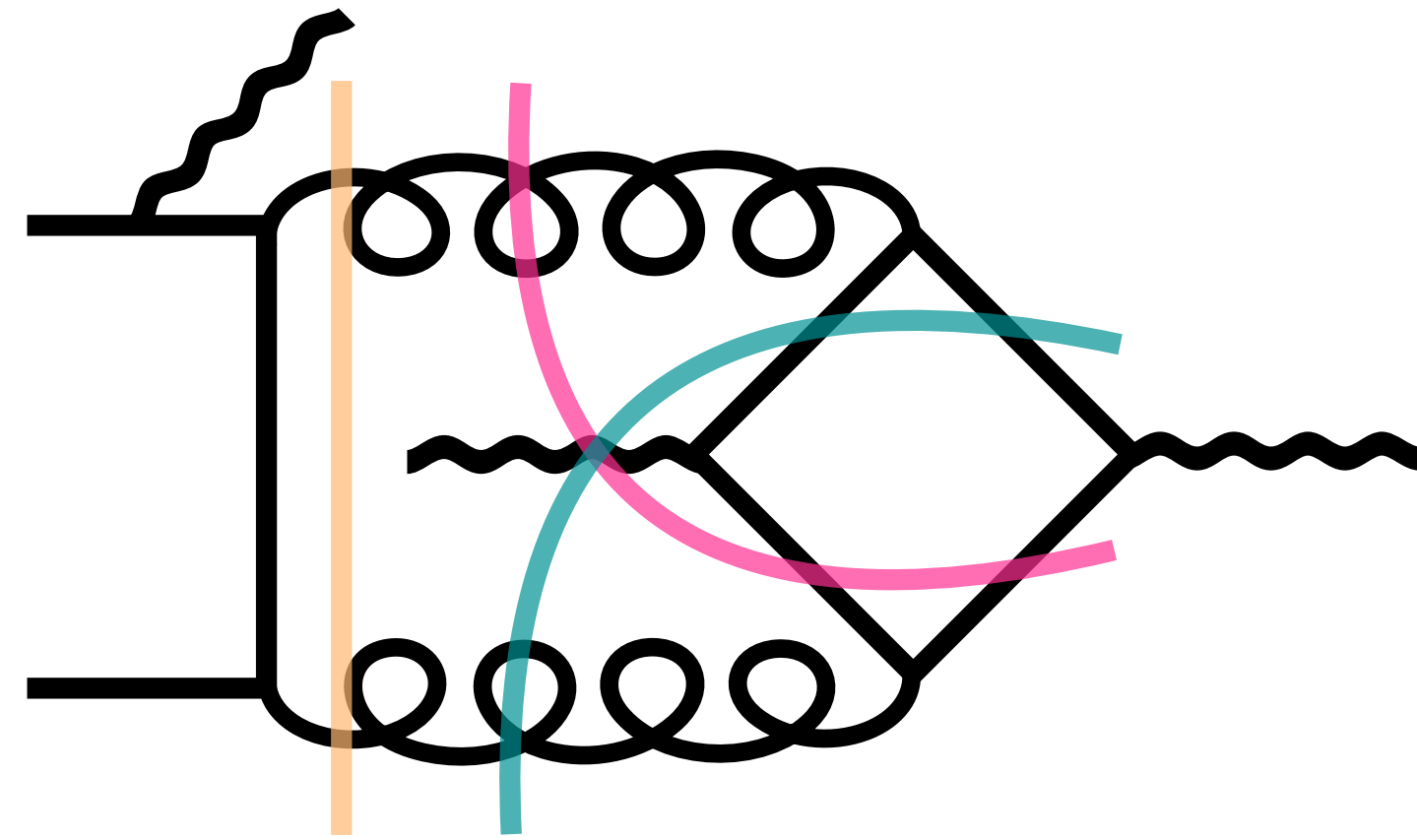
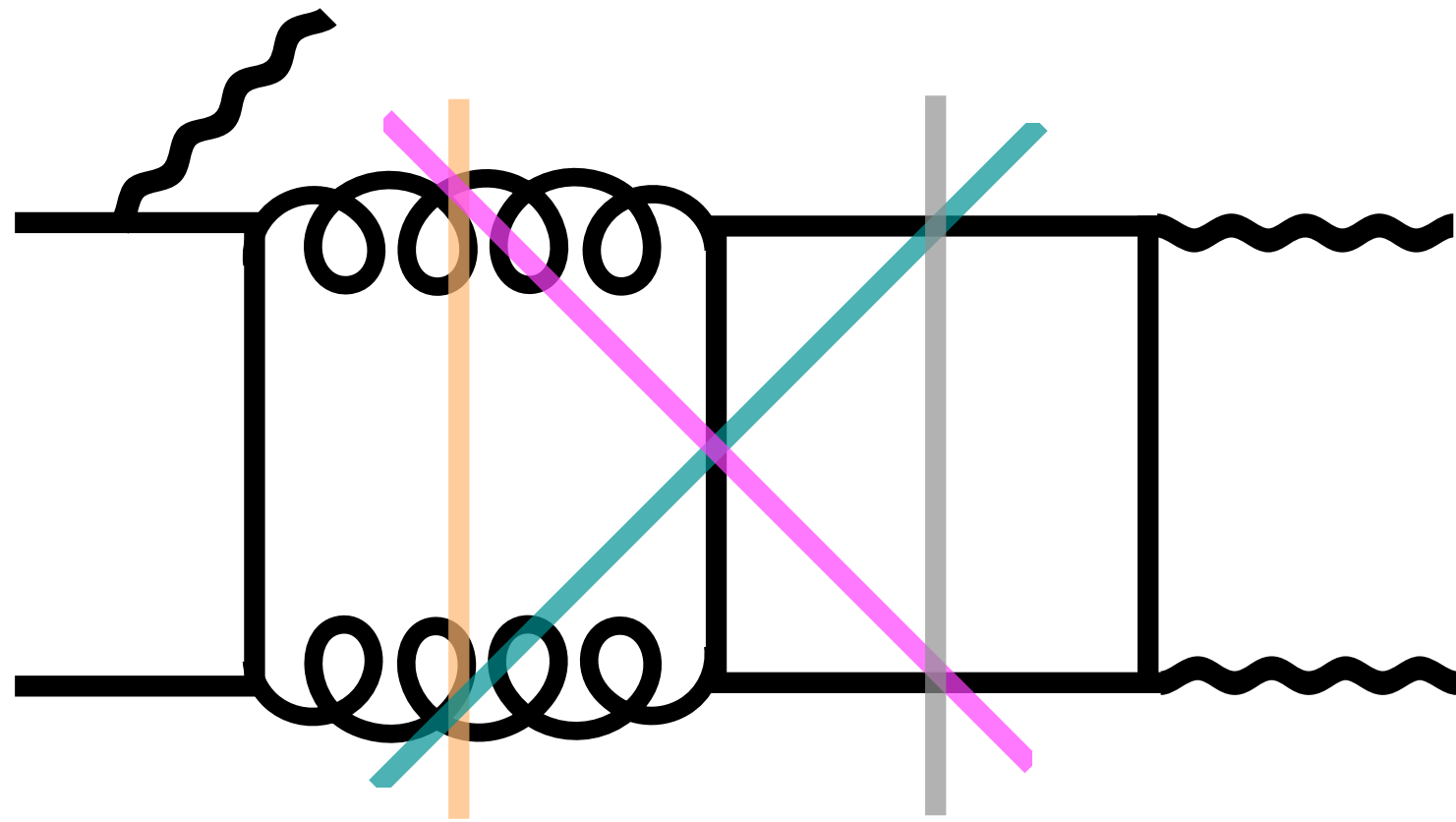
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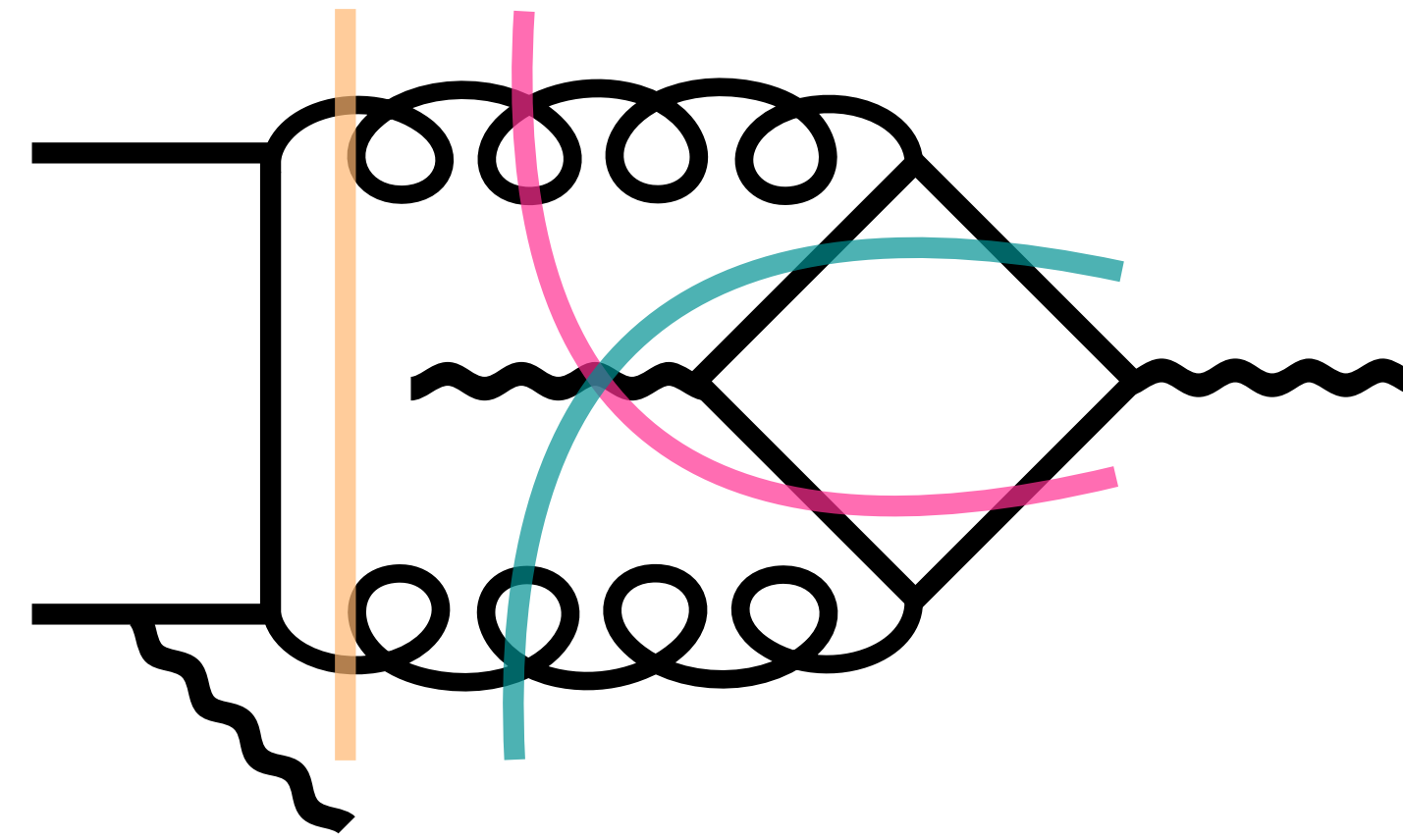
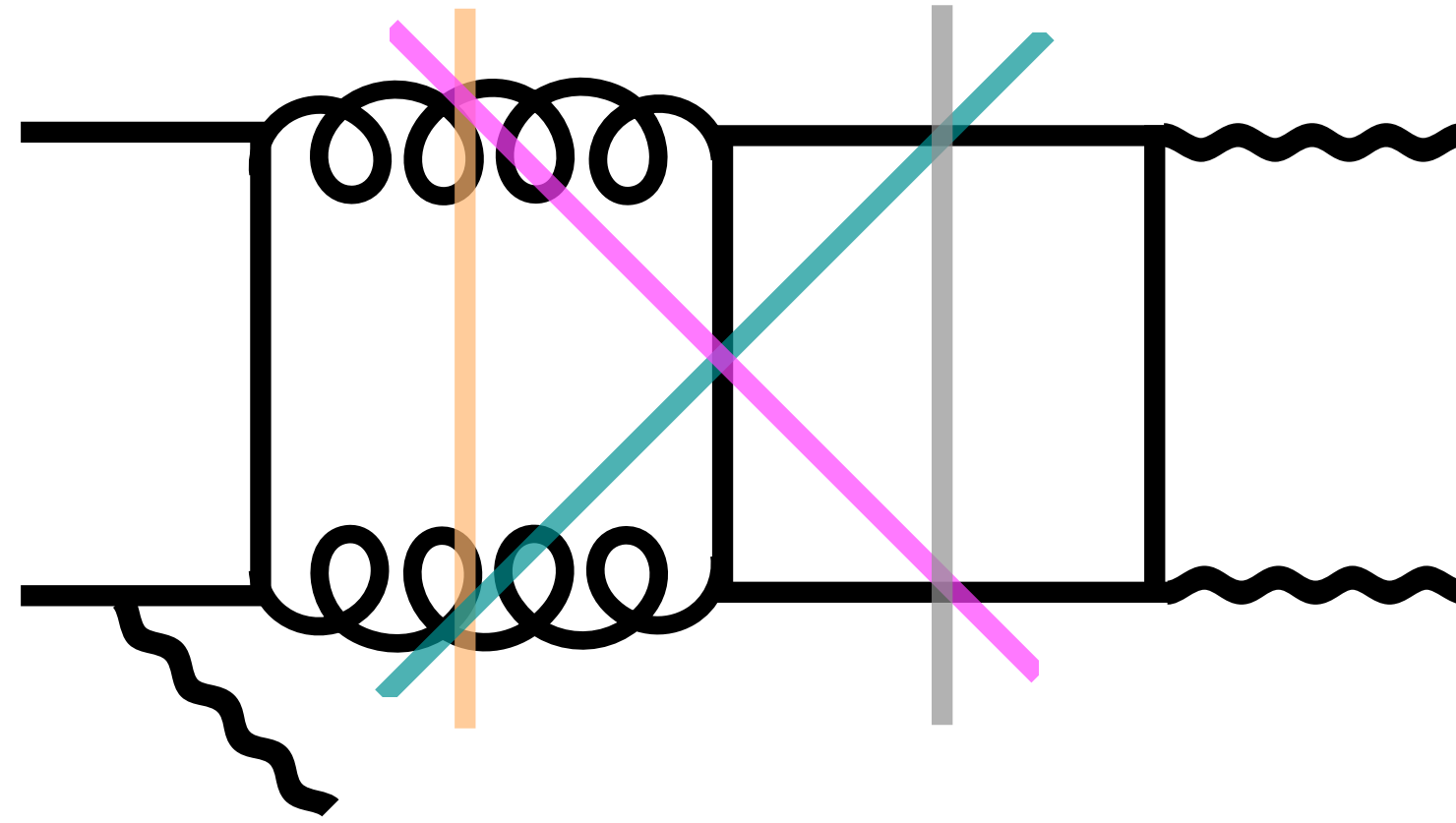
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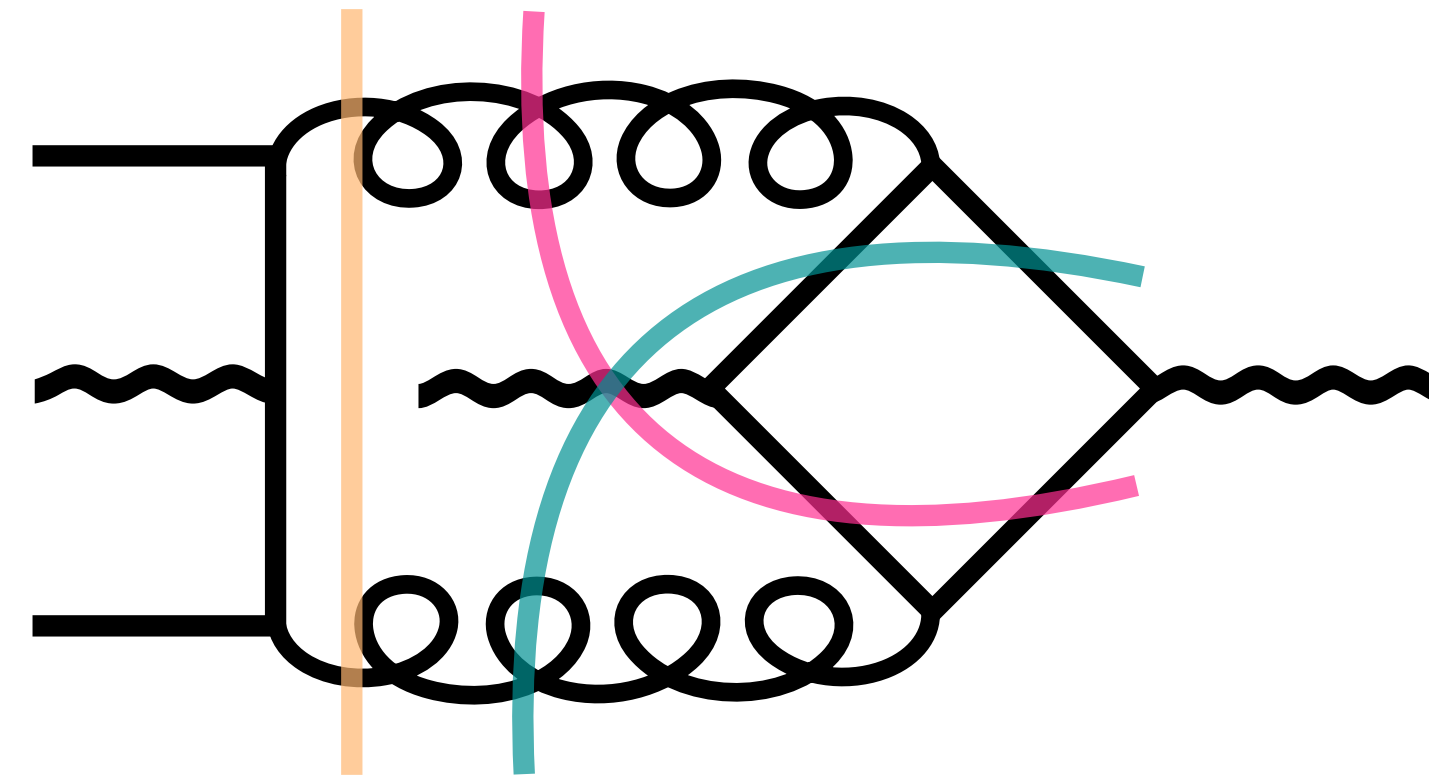
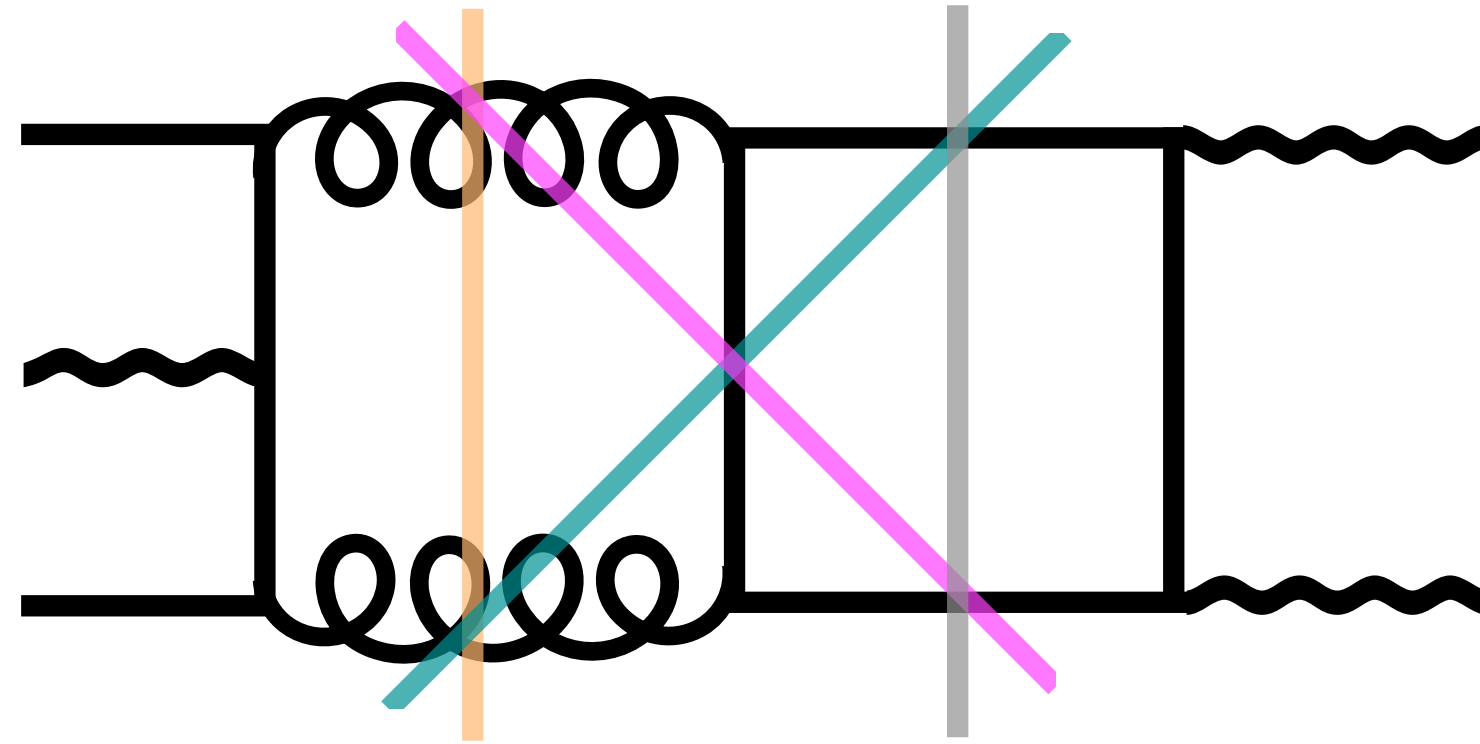
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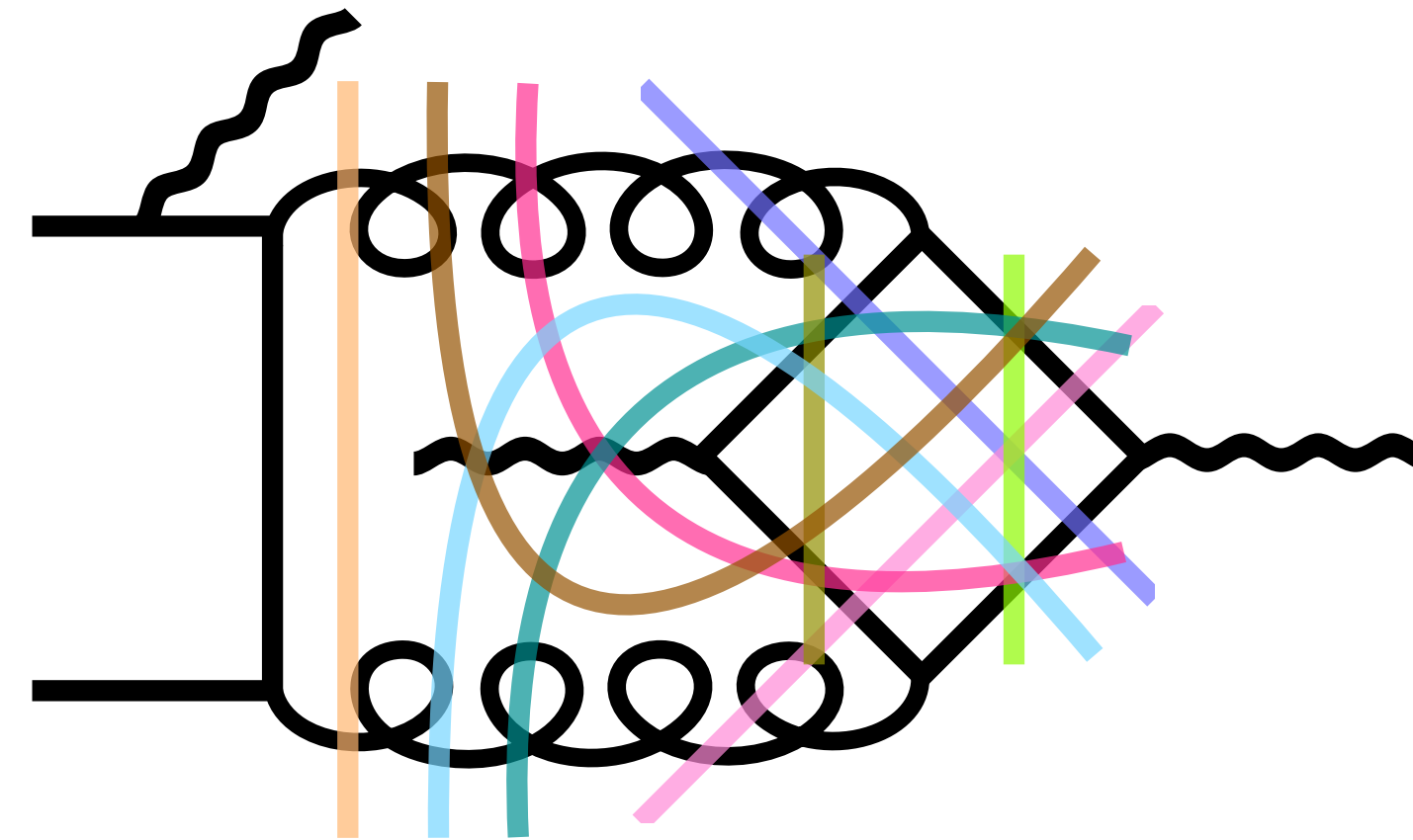
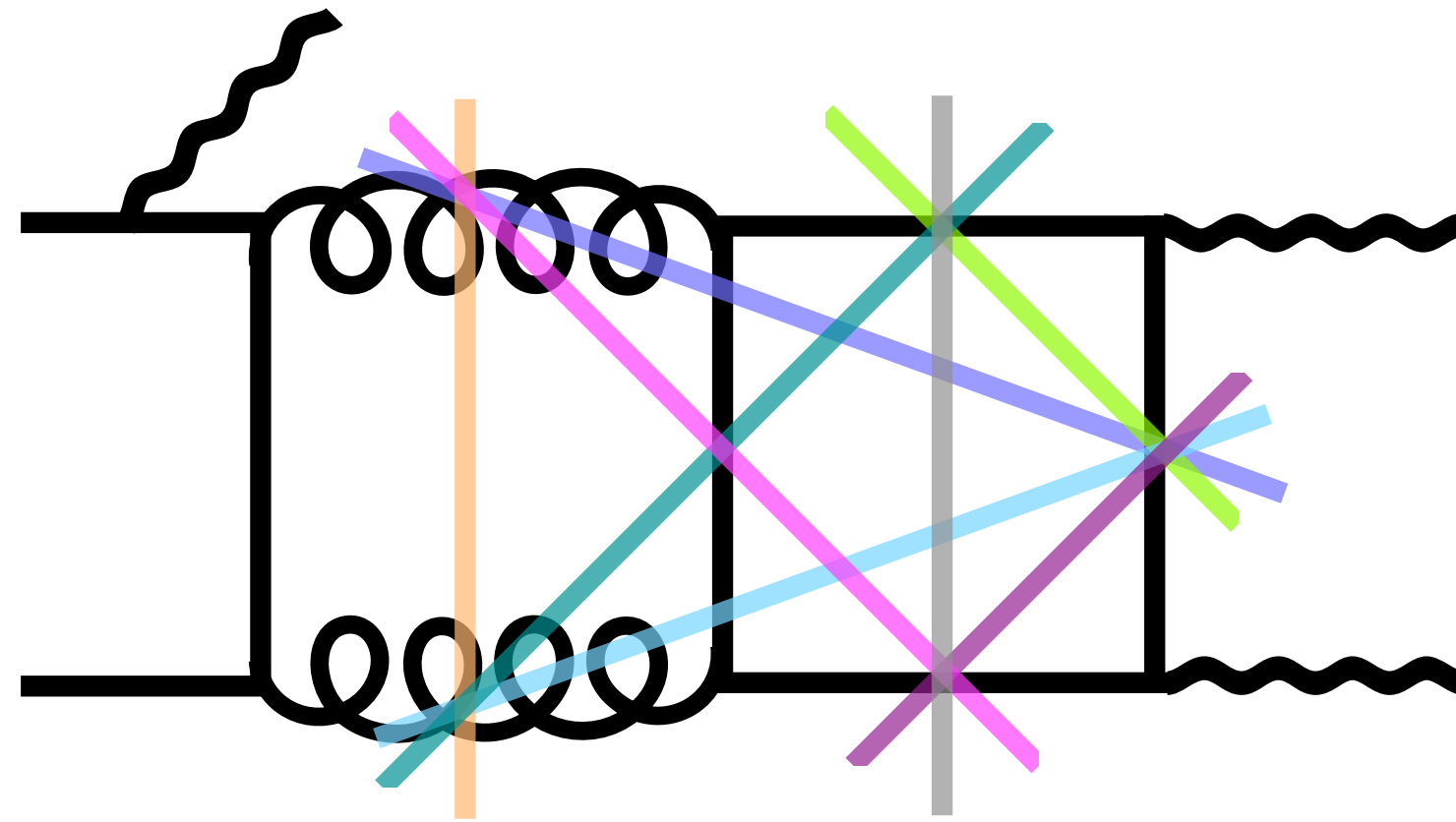
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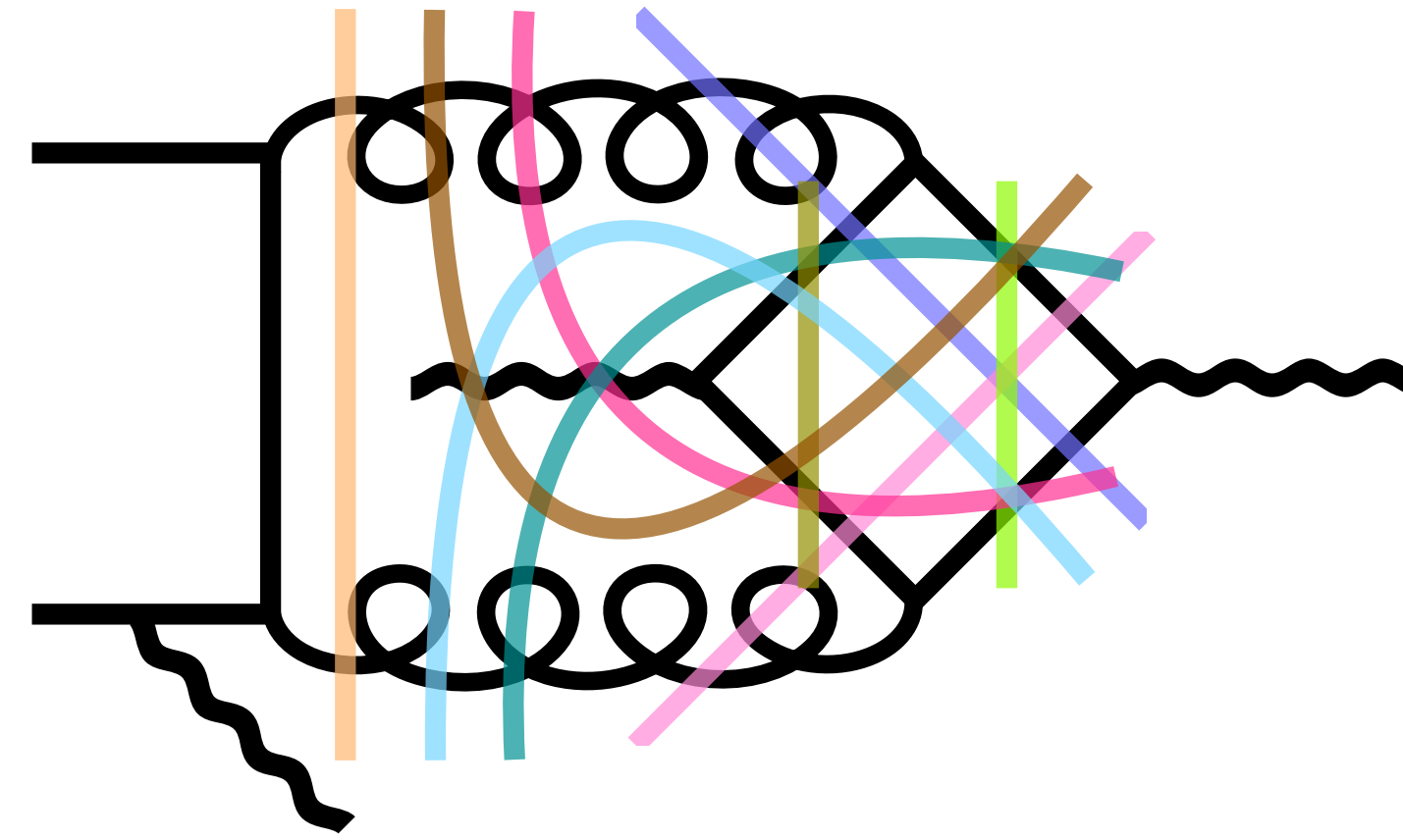
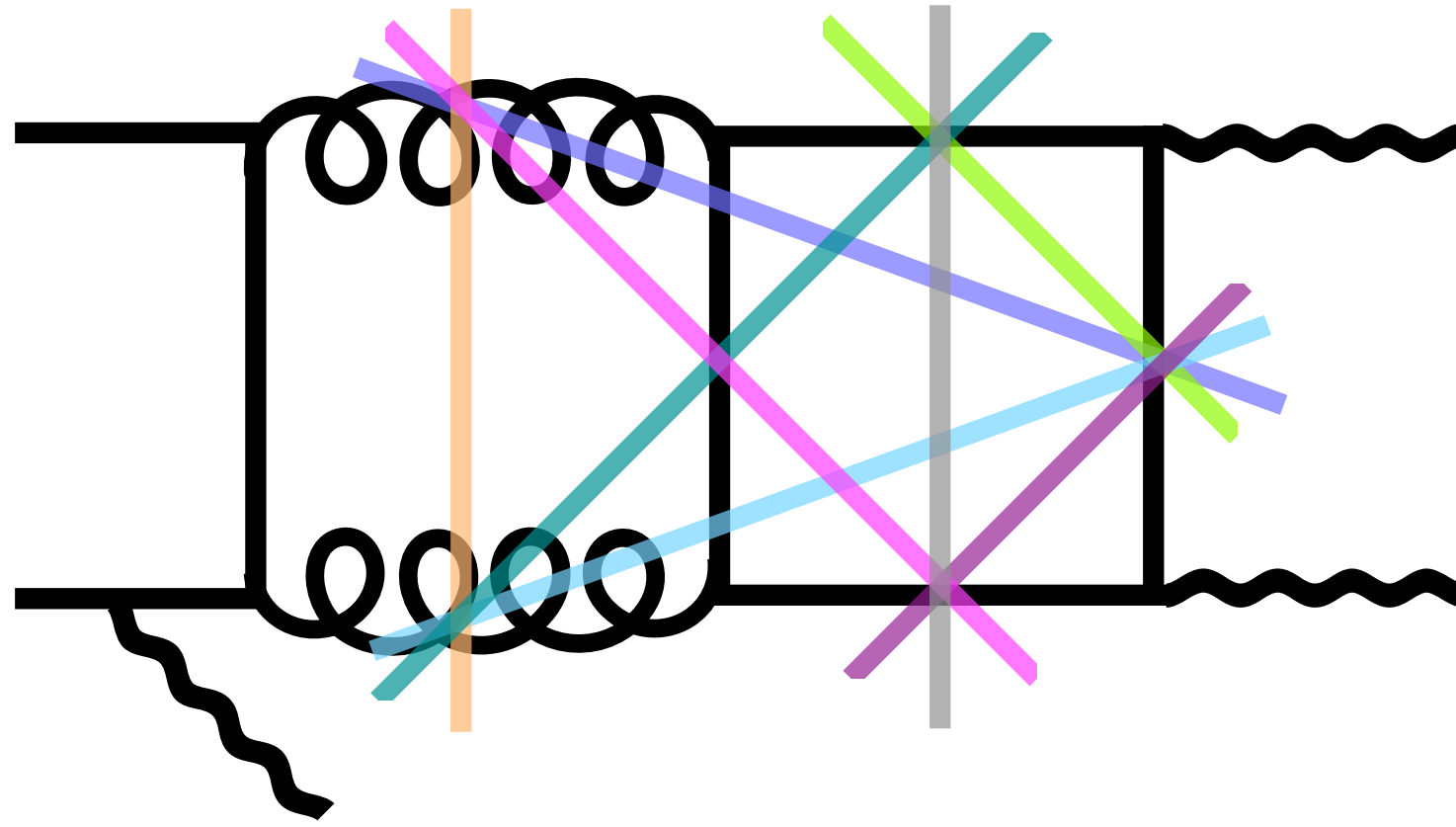
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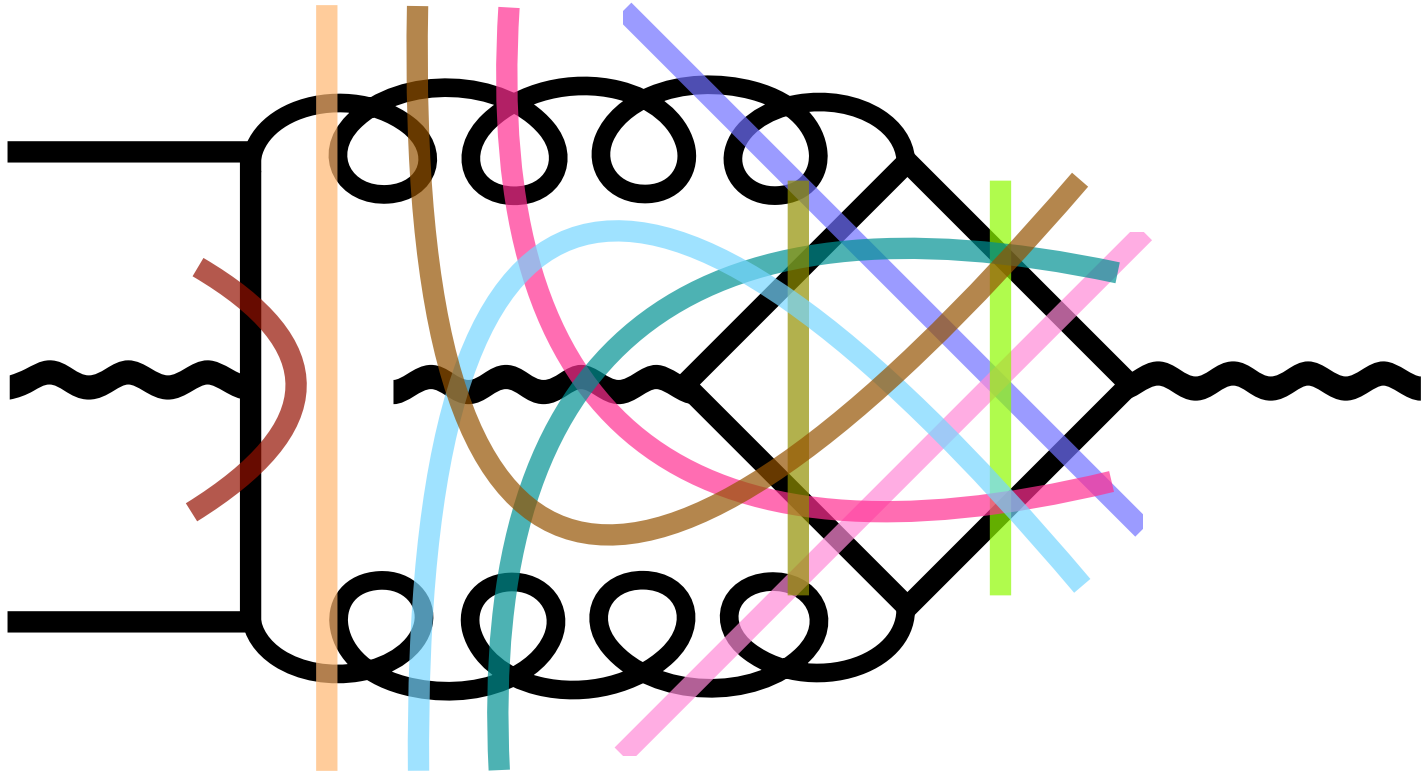
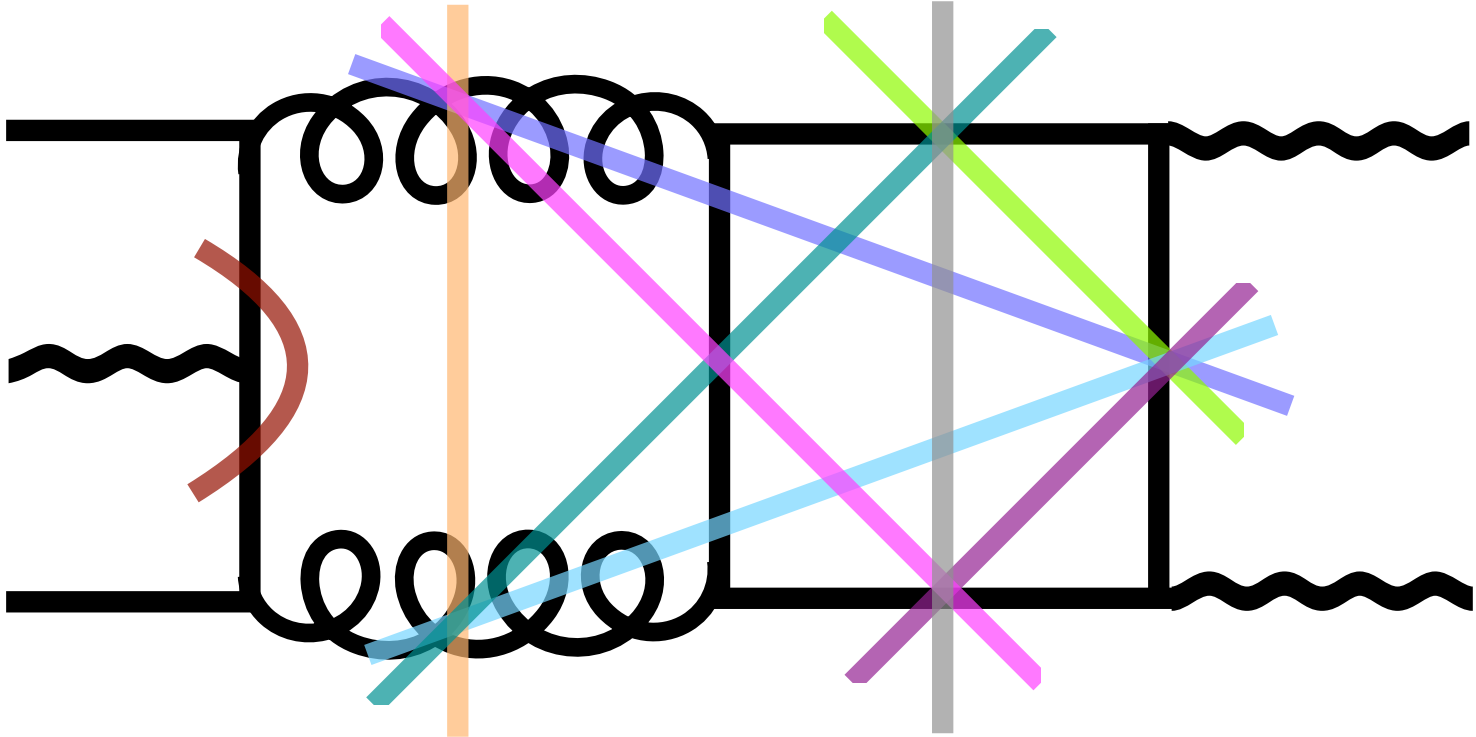
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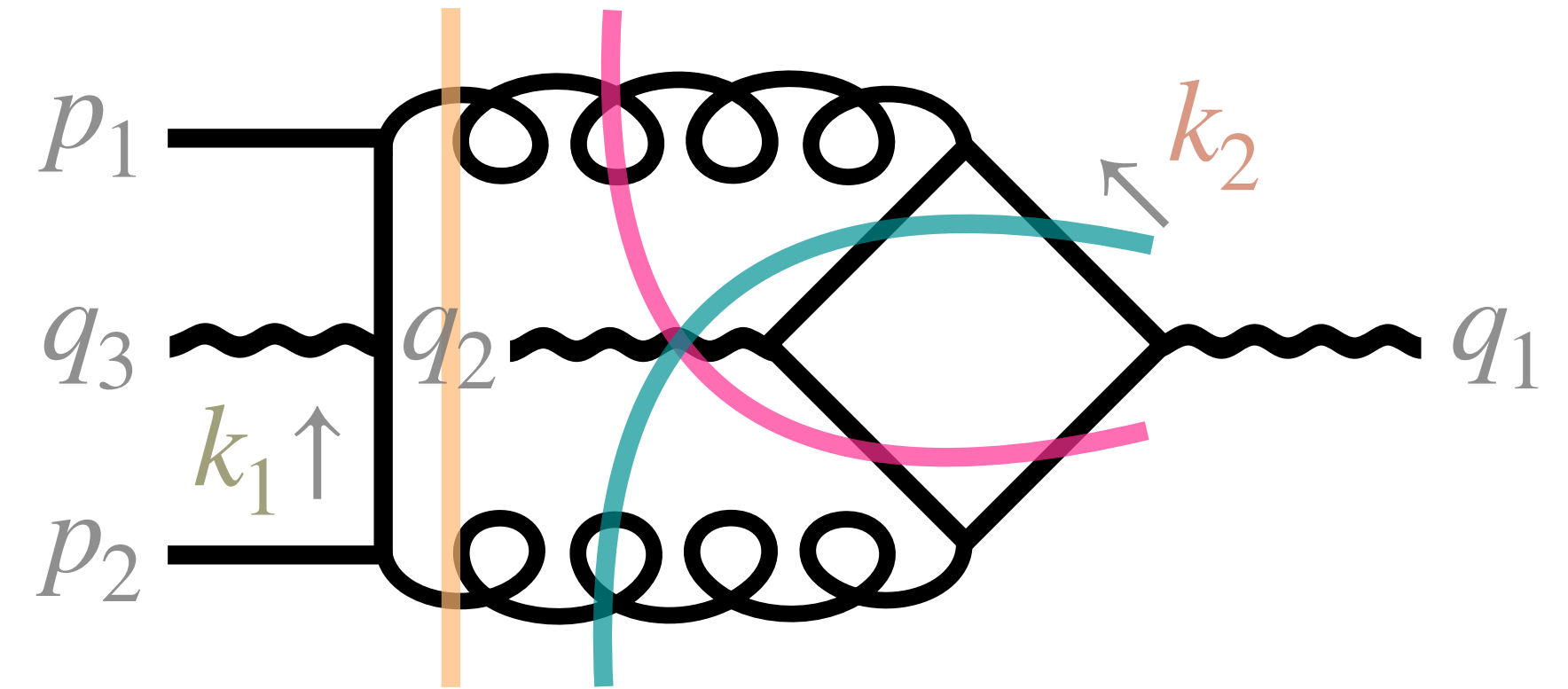
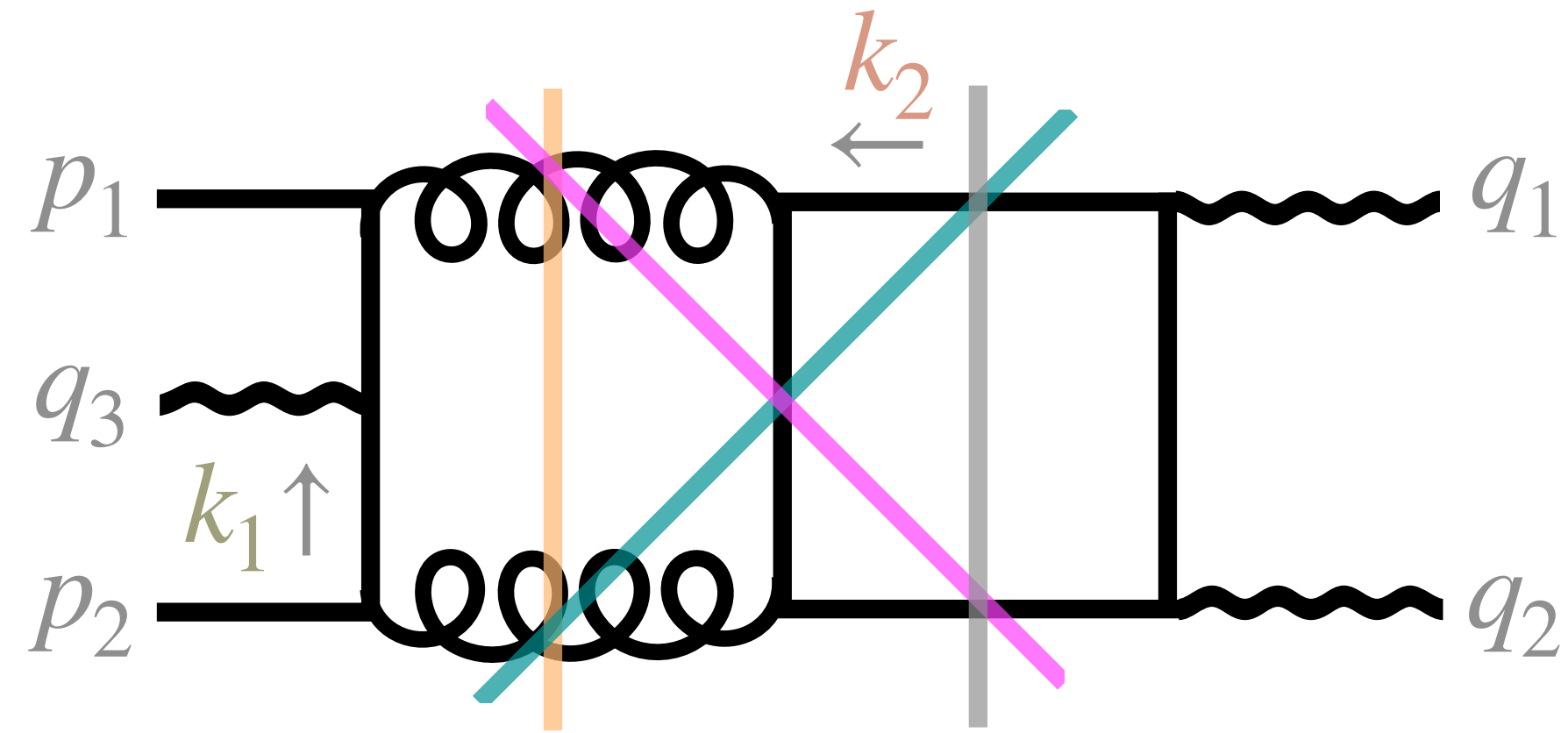
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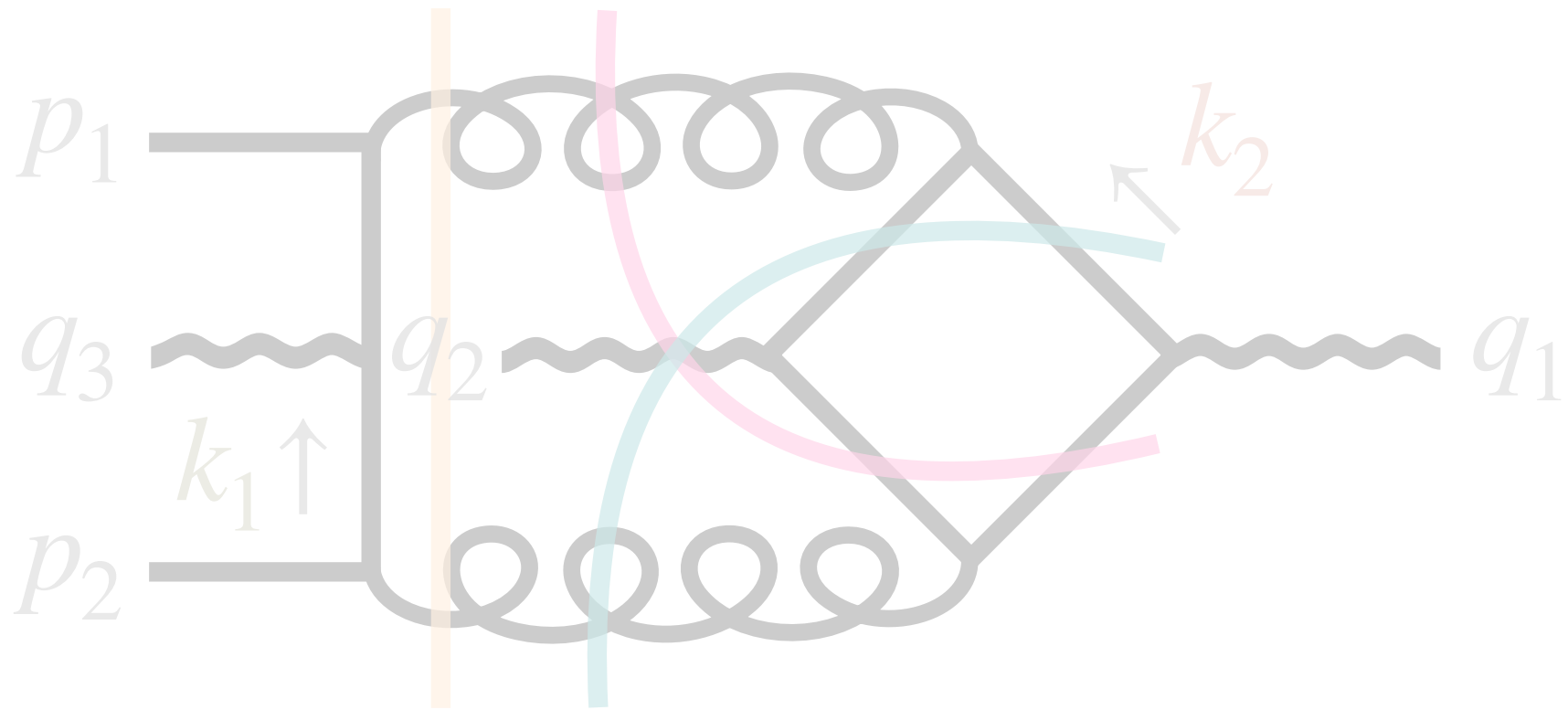
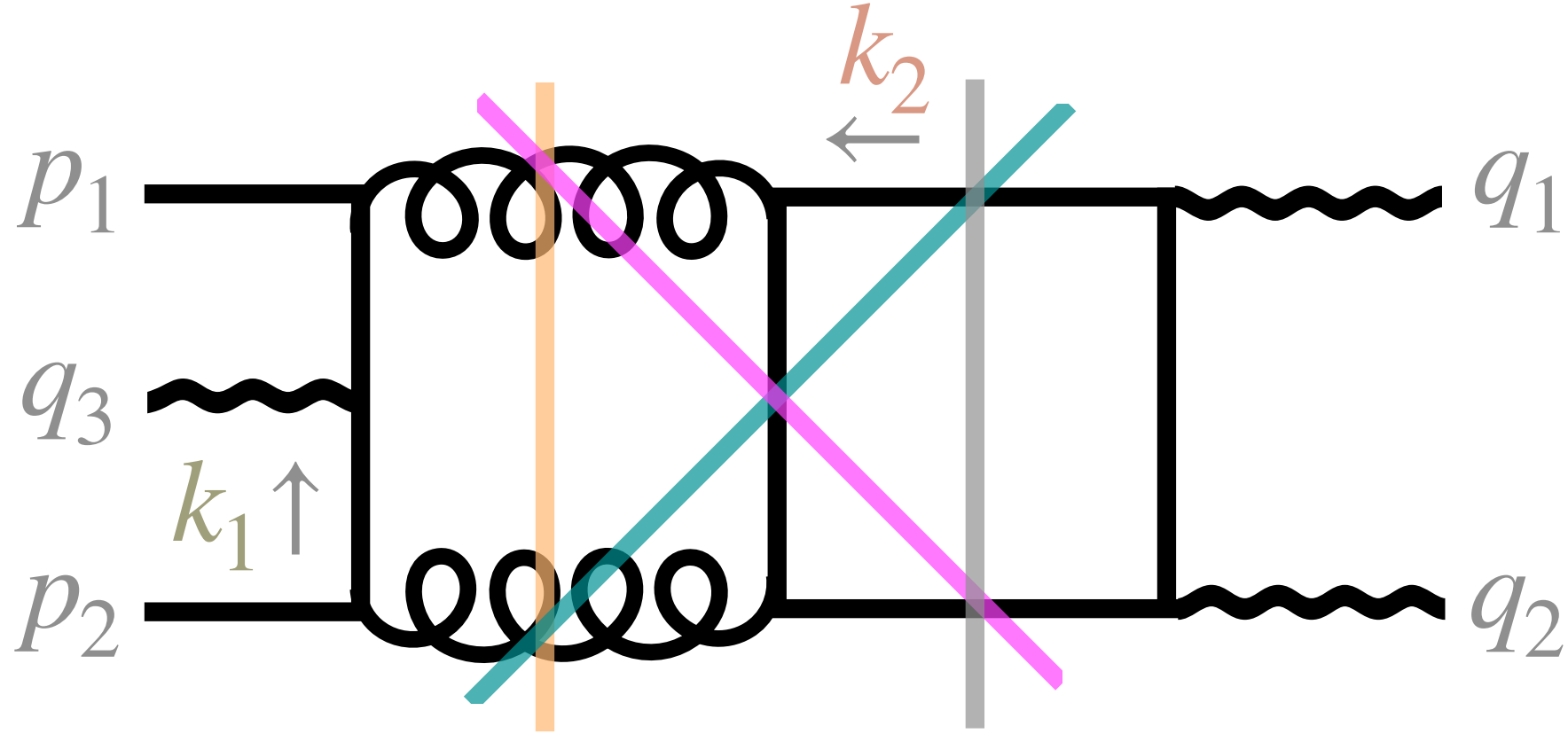


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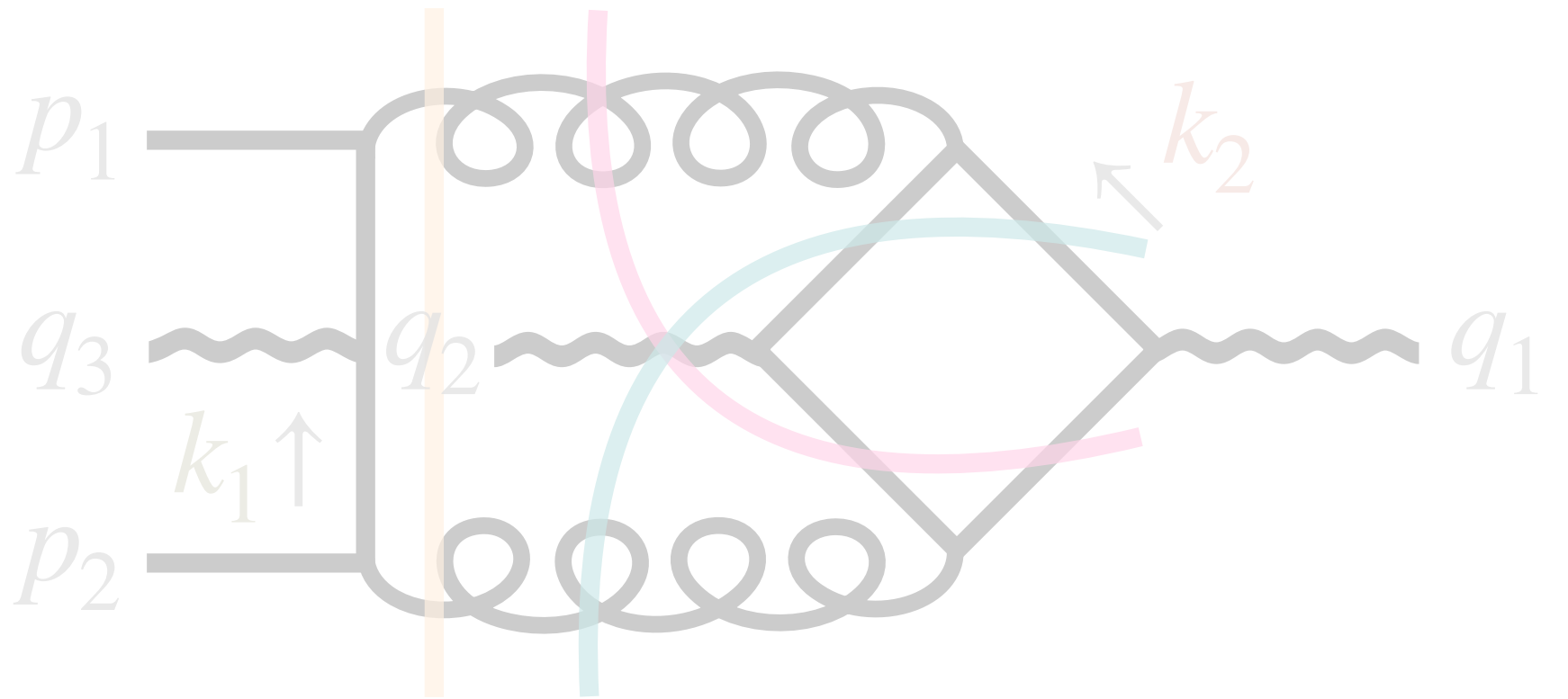
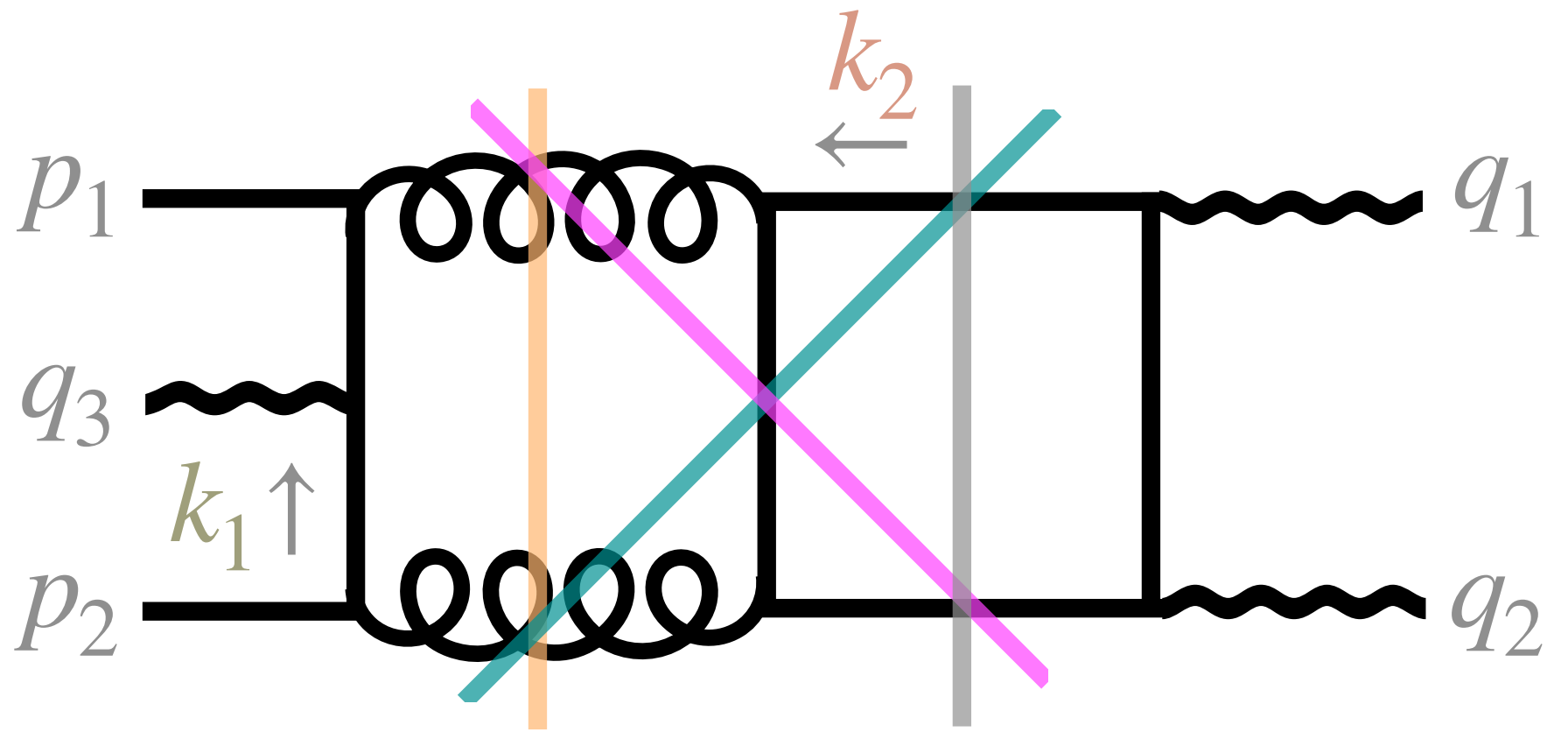
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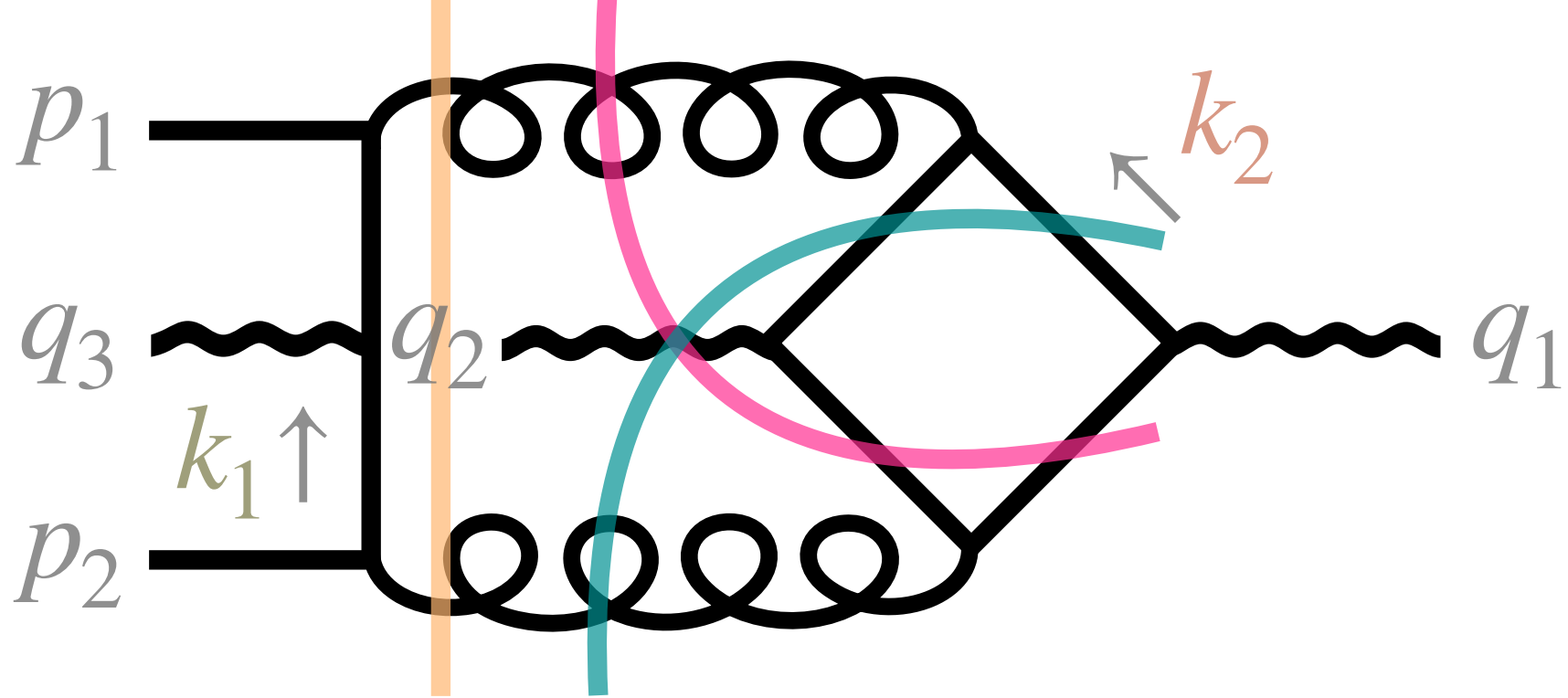
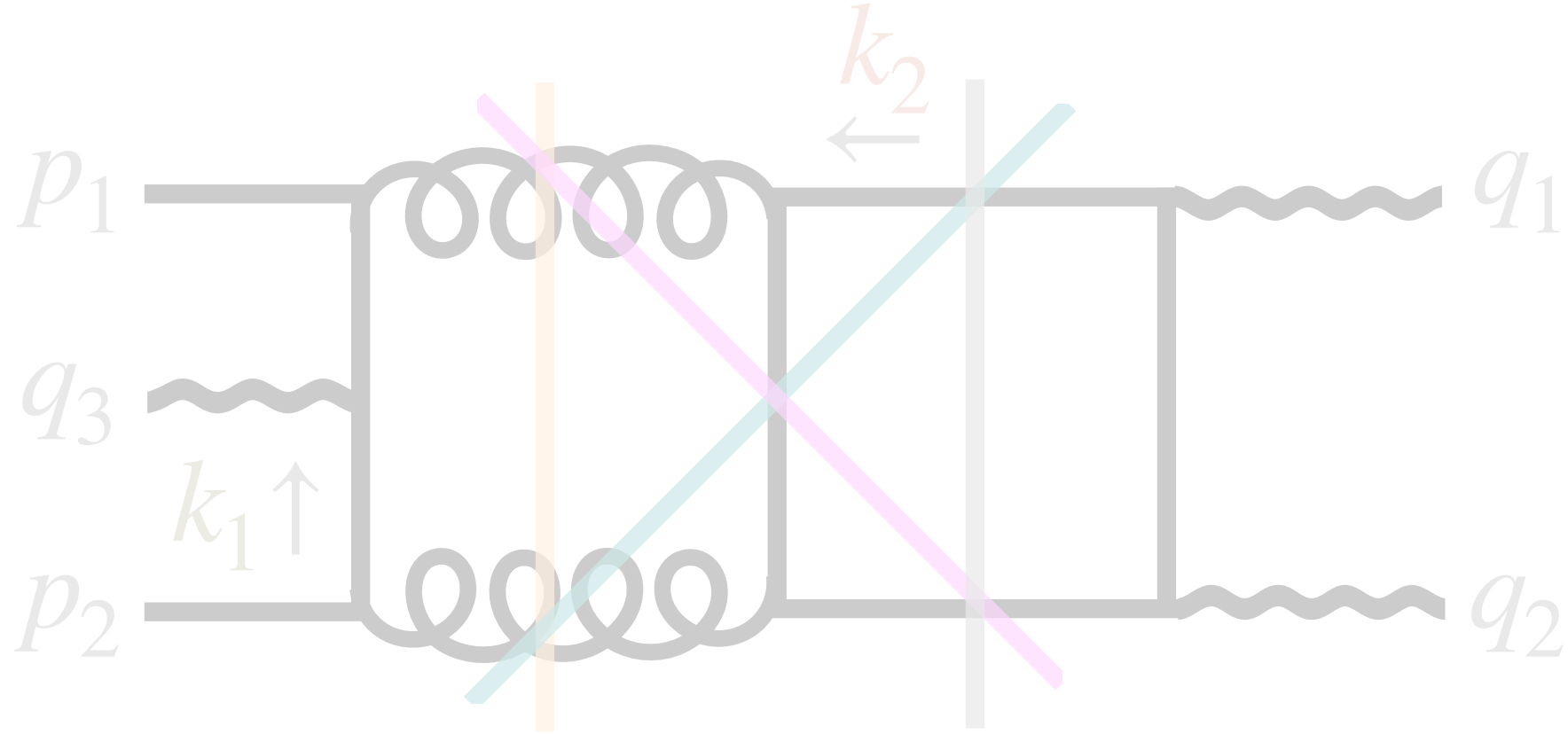
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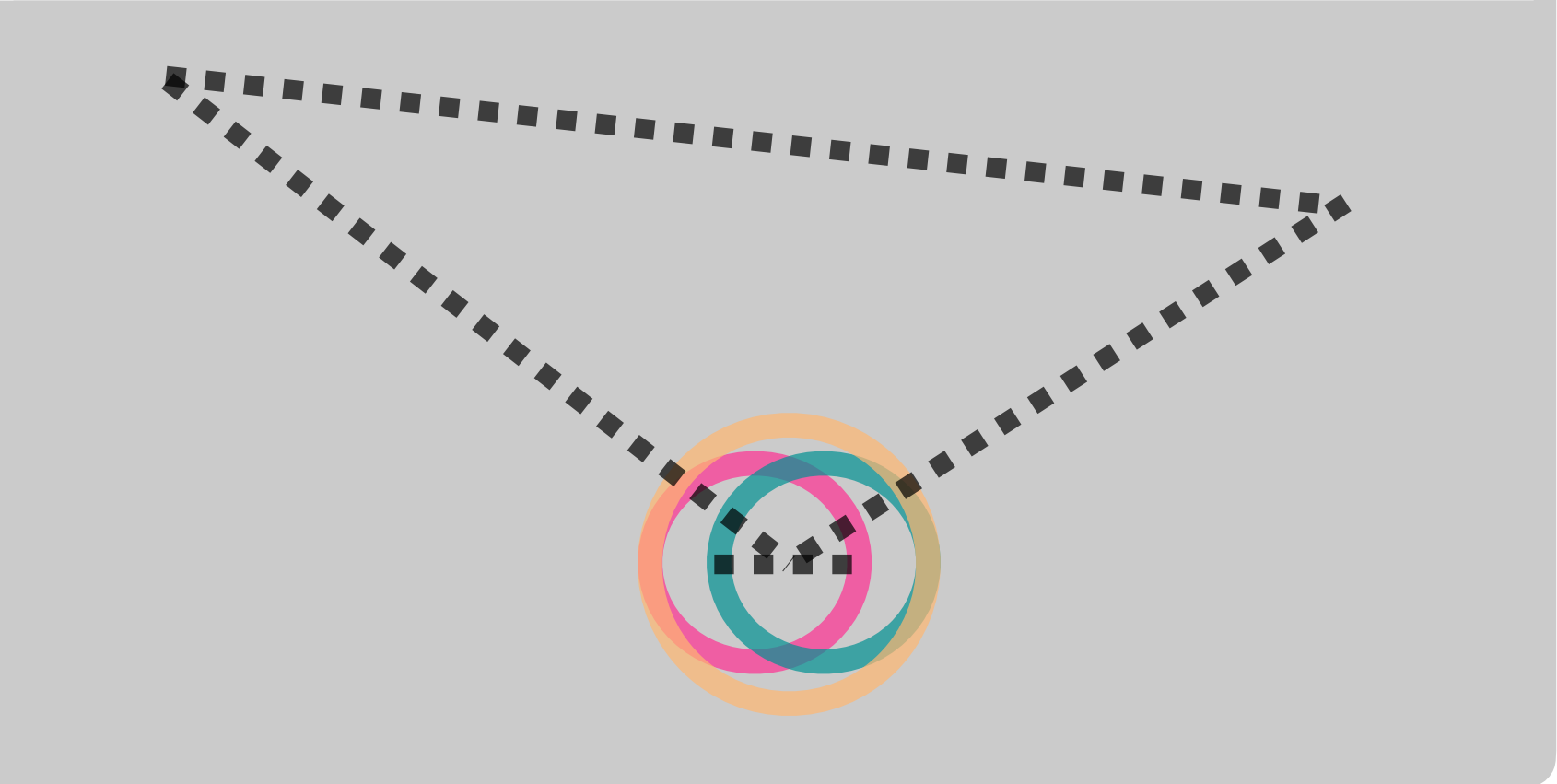
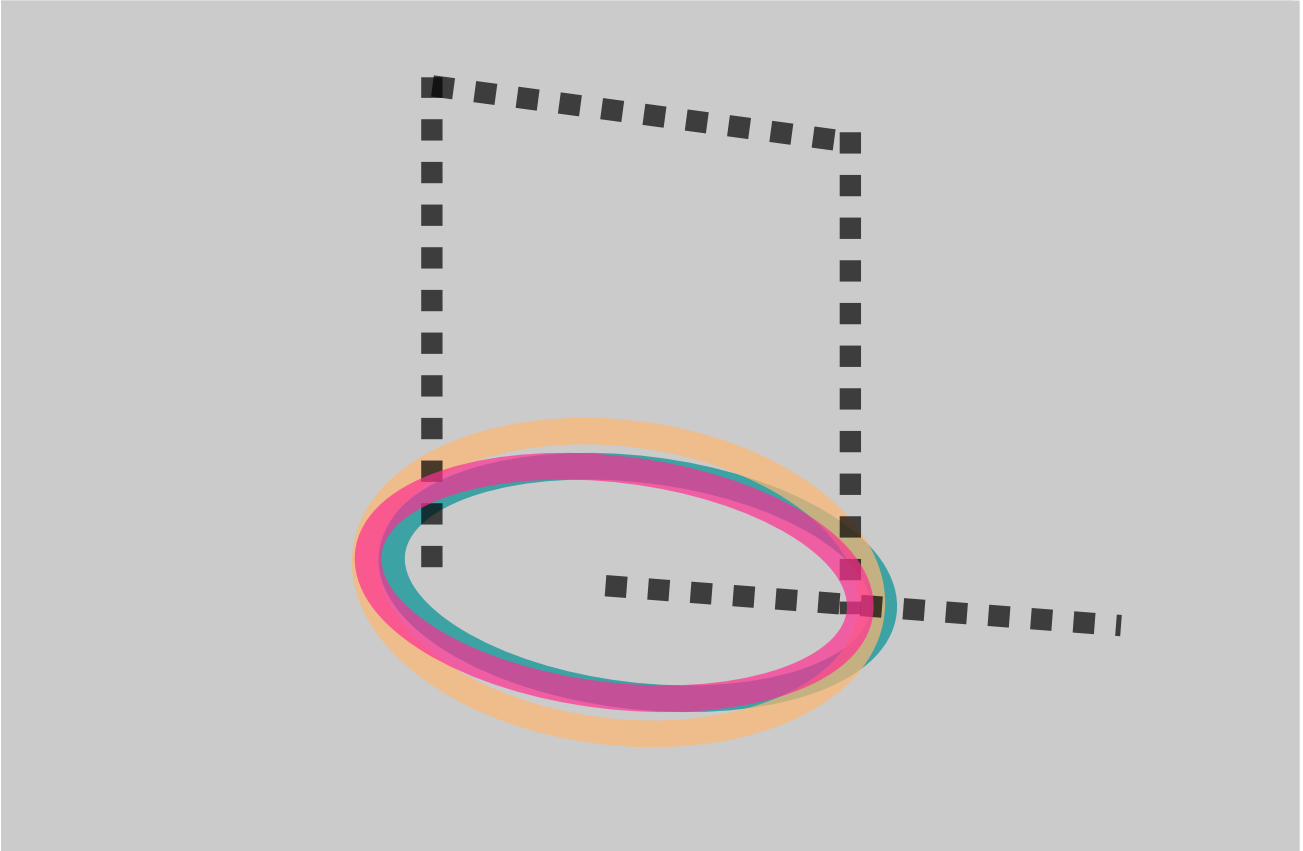


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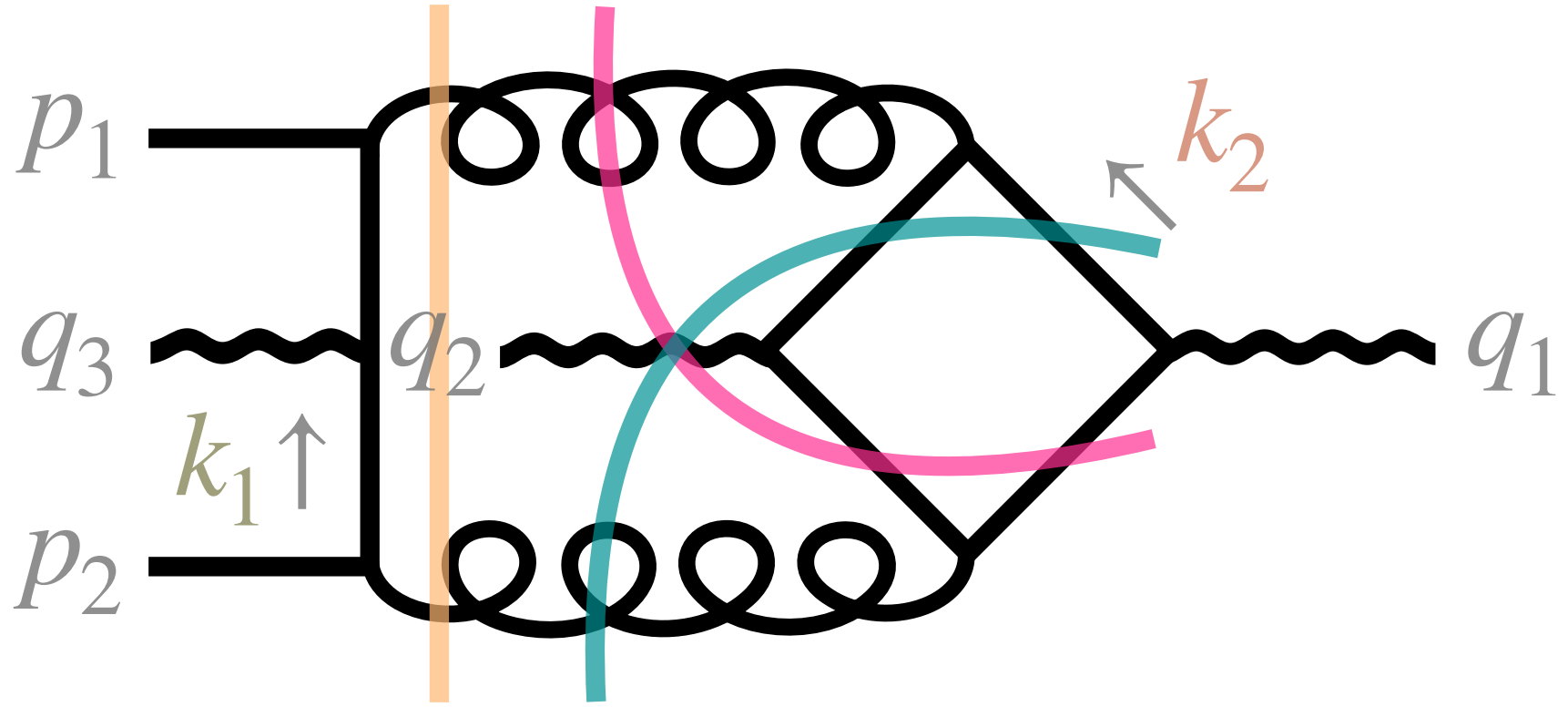
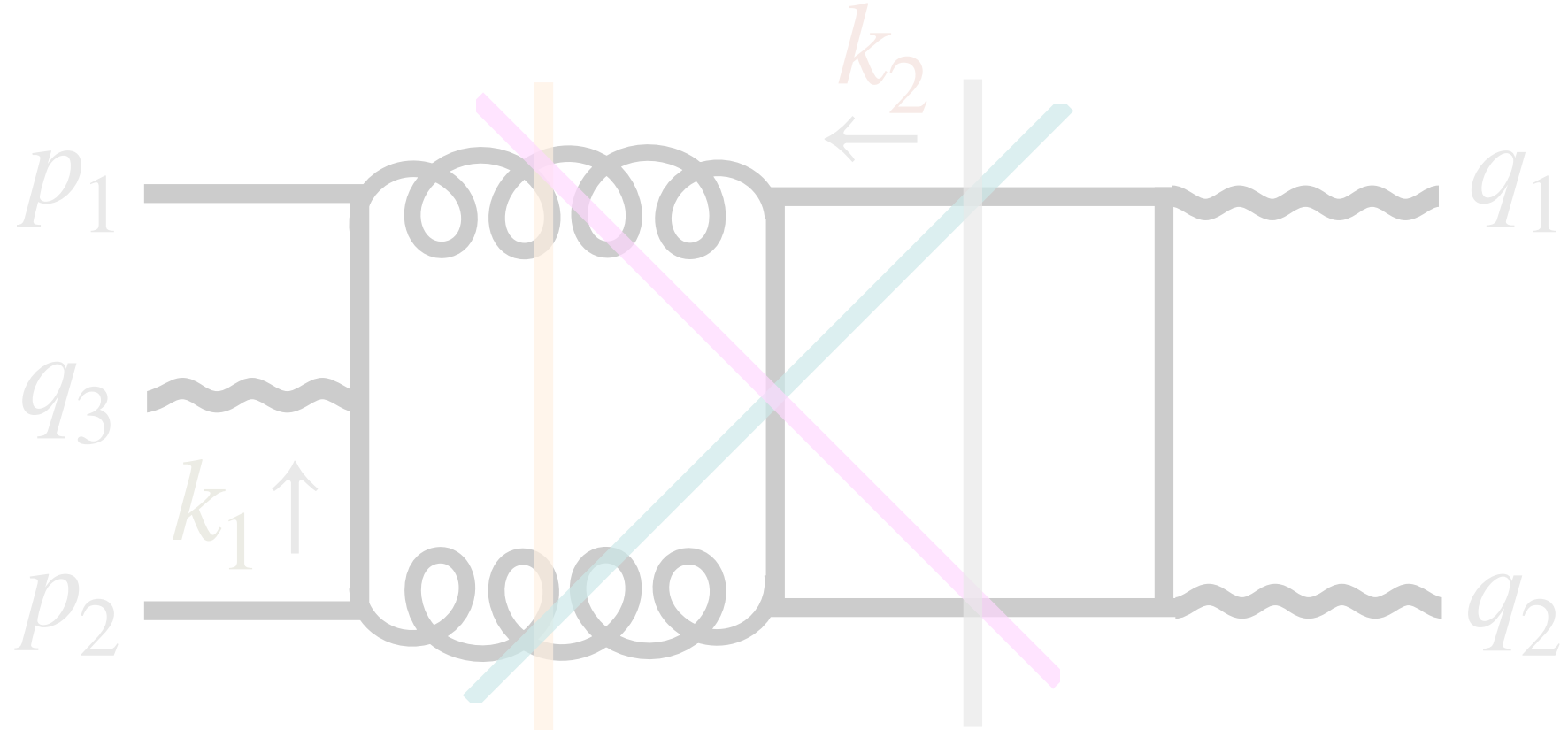


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Kleiss, Denner, Dittmaier, Roth, Wackerroth, Soper, Weinzierl, ...

Multi-channel Monte Carlo and importance sampling

Integral $\int d\mathbf{k} f(\mathbf{k})$



On the hypercube $\int d\mathbf{x} \frac{f(\phi_c(\mathbf{x}))}{\rho_c(\phi_c(\mathbf{x}))}$
 ρ_c inv. Jacobian det. of ϕ_c

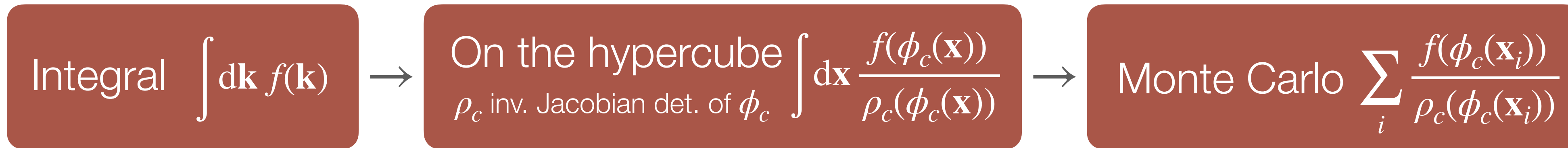


Monte Carlo $\sum_i \frac{f(\phi_c(\mathbf{x}_i))}{\rho_c(\phi_c(\mathbf{x}_i))}$

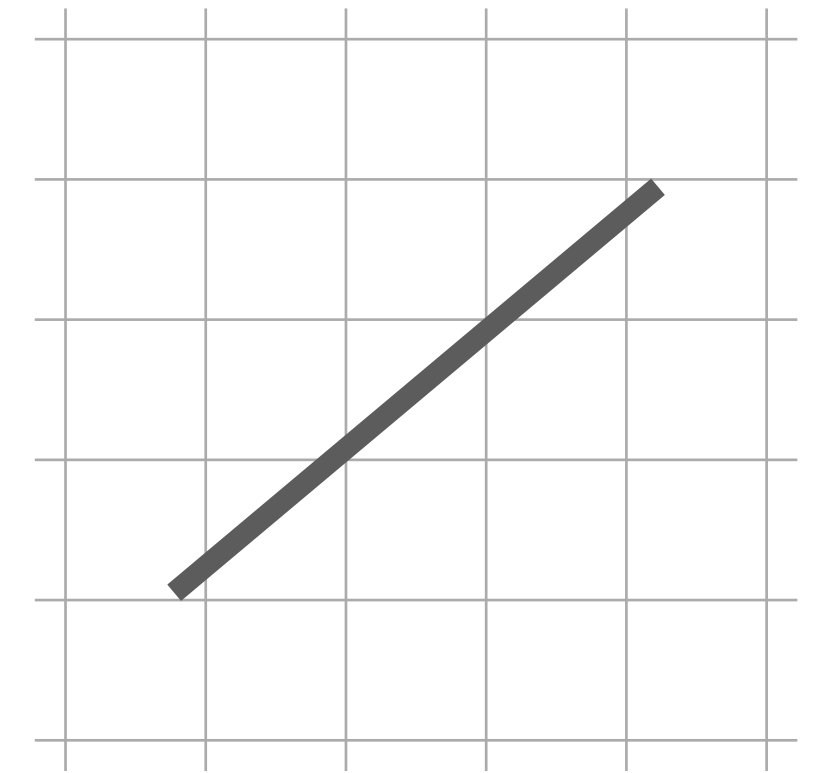
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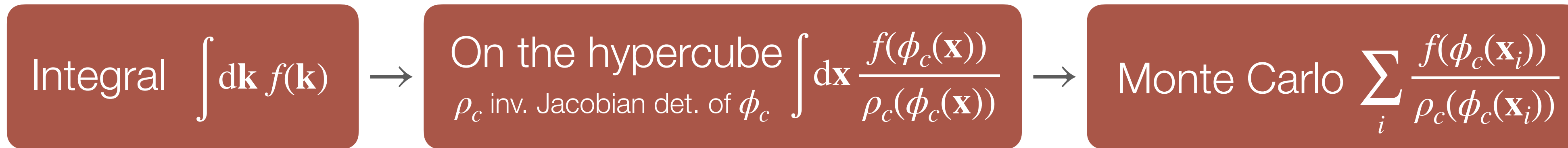
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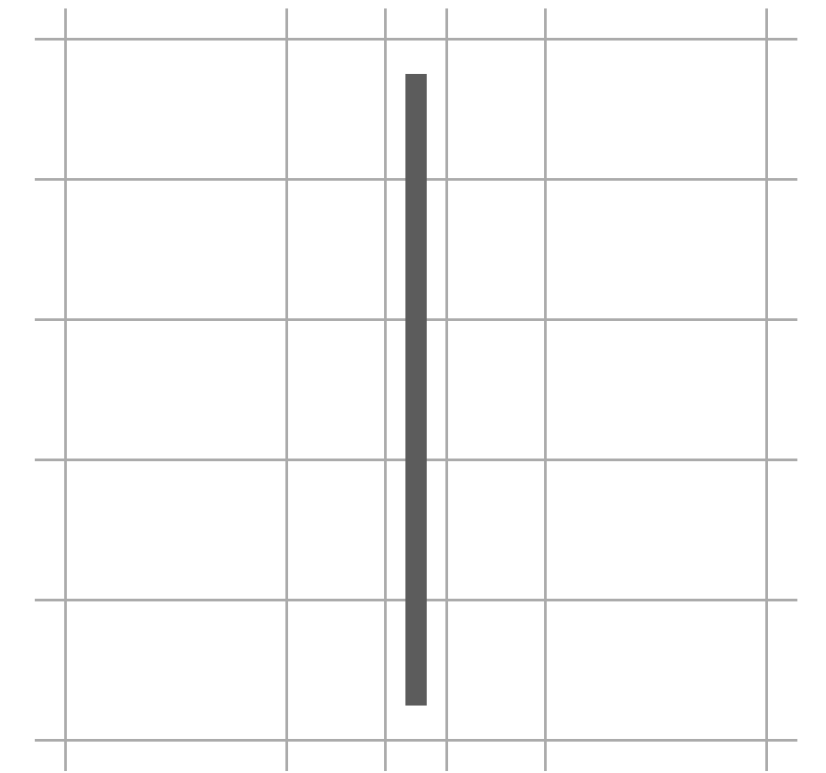
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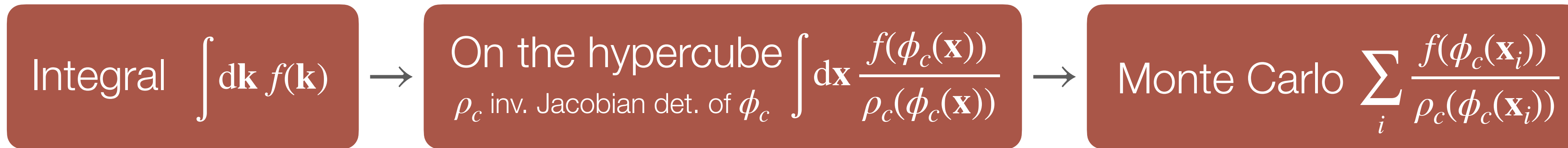
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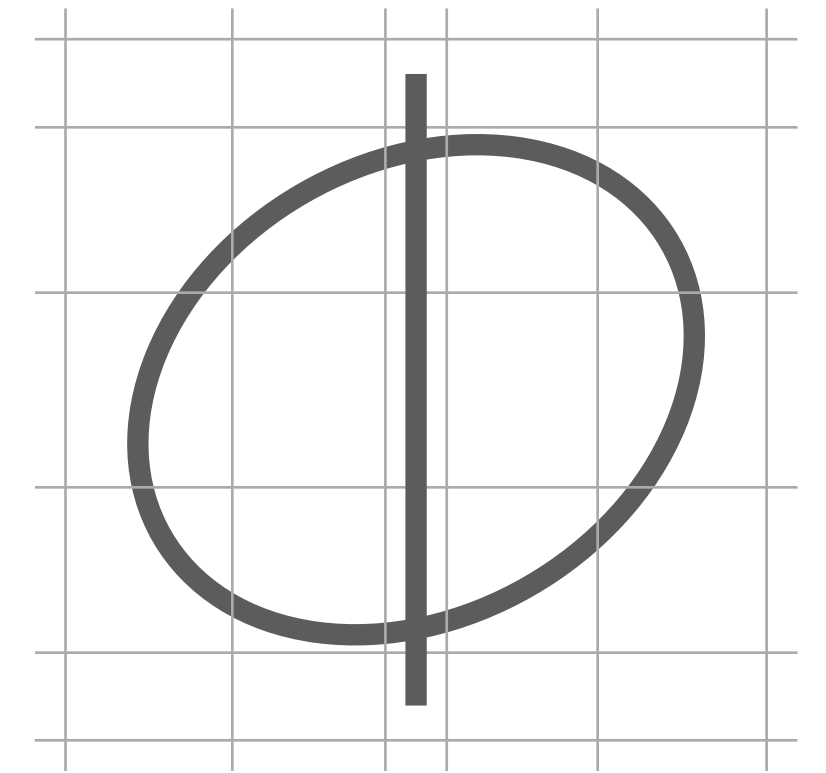
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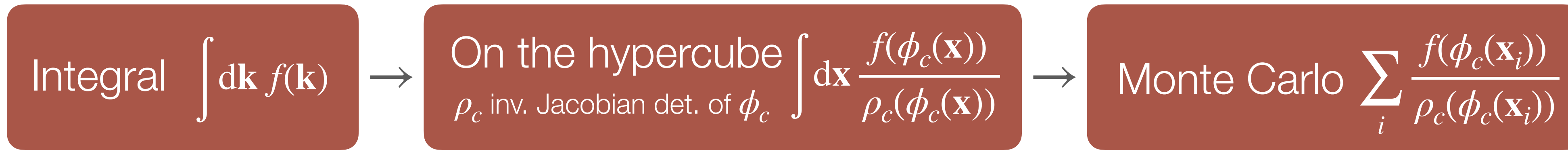
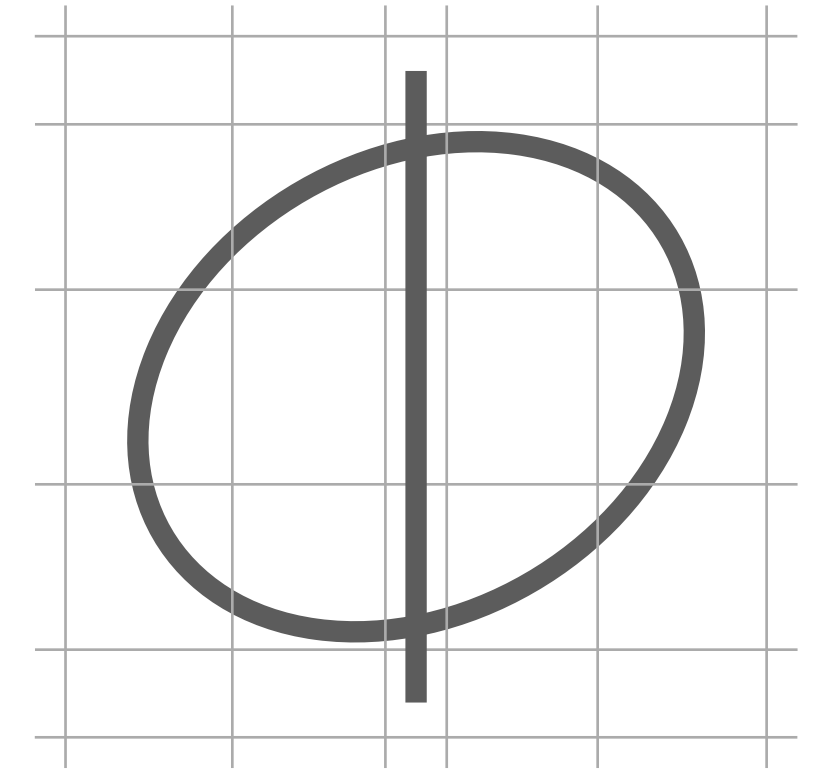
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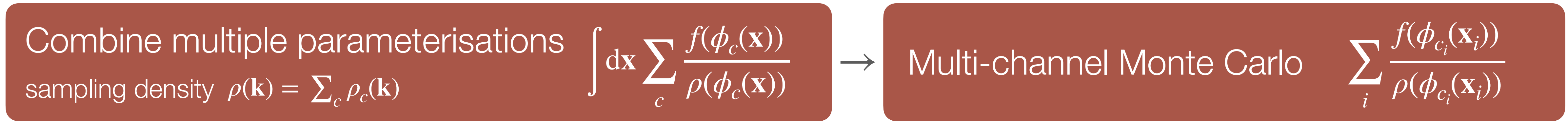
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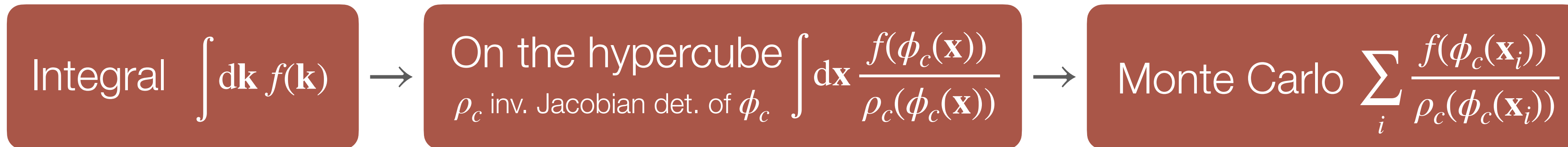
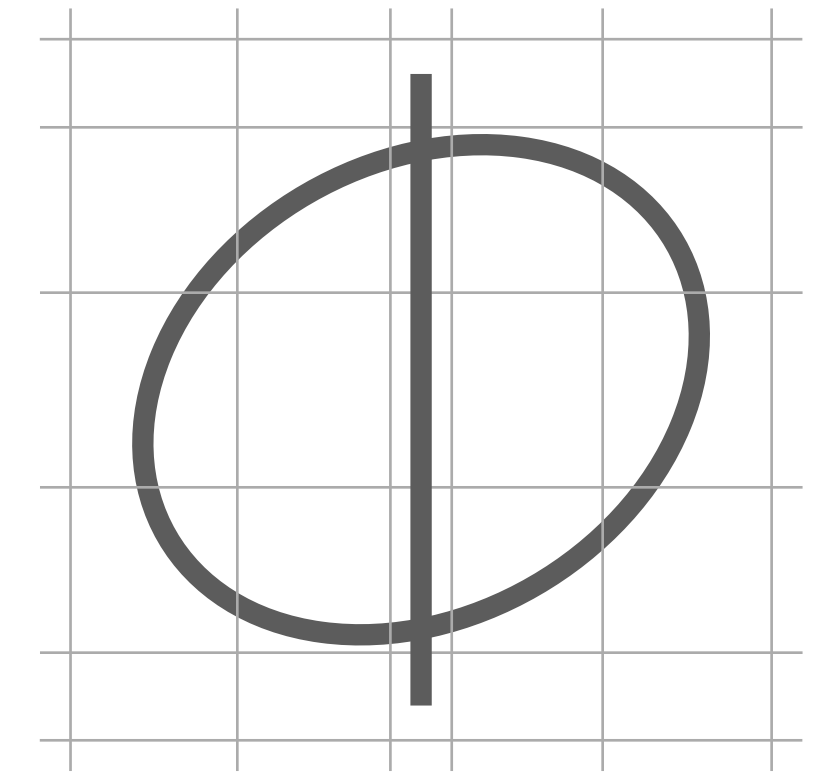


! adds integration dimension **✓** flattens multiple peaks **✓** more accurate estimate & grid adaptation **✓** separate grids for channels

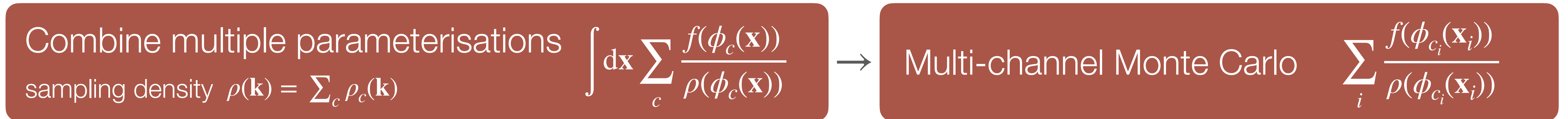
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Soft
from massless particles
spherical coordinates + $r \sim \frac{x}{1-x}$

$$\sim \frac{1}{|\vec{q}|}$$

improvements comparable
to tropical sampling of
Borinsky, Fraaije [2504.09613]

Euclidean (2, 3, 4 loops)		physical (2 & 3 loops)	
naive	adaptive	naive	adaptive
$10^2 - 10^4$	$10 - 10^3$	$10 - 10^2$	1

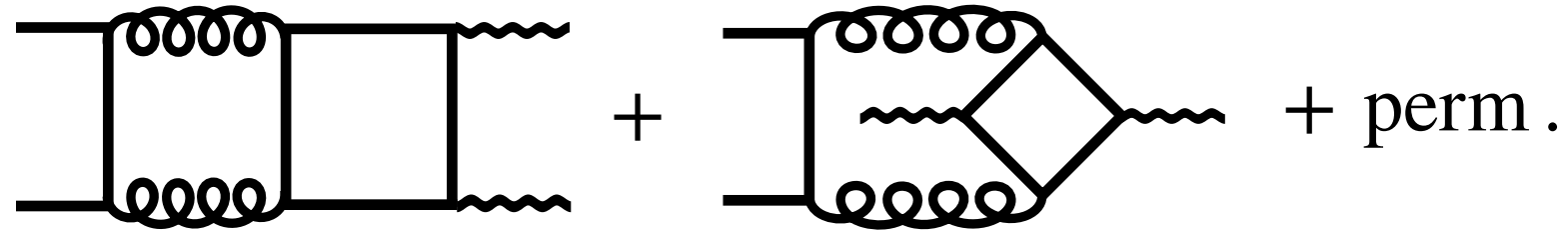
Collinear
from splittings of massless particles
elliptic coordinates

$$\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{|\vec{q}| + |\vec{q} + \vec{p}| - |\vec{p}|}}$$

physical (1 & 2 loops)	
naive	adaptive
10^2	2

How many more samples
single-channel MC needs to
match multi-channel MC error
(extrapolated after 10^9 samples).

Two-loop corrections via quark loops



DK, Matilde Vicini
[2510.18801]

Double-virtual corrections (PS integrated, incl. PDFs)

Process	Part	N_p [10^8]	Exp.	Result	Δ [%]
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ $m = 0$	$\hat{\sigma}_P^{(2, \tilde{N}_f), R}$	1000.8	10^{-4}	-5.4142 ± 0.0062	0.115
	$\hat{\sigma}_{NP}^{(2, \tilde{N}_f), R}$	1000.8	10^{-4}	3.9034 ± 0.0030	0.076
	$R_{UV} \hat{\sigma}^{(2, \tilde{N}_f)}$	1.4	10^{-4}	-1.0357 ± 0.0005	0.048
	$\sigma^{(2, \tilde{N}_f)}$		10^{-3}	-1.4886 ± 0.0026	0.173
	benchmark	0.1	10^{-3}	-1.4905 ± 0.0004	0.025
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$ $m = 0$	$\hat{\sigma}_P^{(2, \tilde{N}_f), R}$	352.0	10^{-4}	-1.0802 ± 0.0004	0.035
	$\hat{\sigma}_{NP}^{(2, \tilde{N}_f), R}$	529.3	10^{-4}	2.8959 ± 0.0014	0.048
	$R_{UV} \hat{\sigma}^{(2, \tilde{N}_f)}$	1.1	10^{-5}	-3.5849 ± 0.0017	0.047
	$\sigma^{(2, \tilde{N}_f)}$		10^{-4}	1.1126 ± 0.0032	0.287
	benchmark	0.1	10^{-4}	1.1187 ± 0.0005	0.043
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$ $m = 0$	$\hat{\sigma}_P^{(2, \tilde{N}_f), R}$	1808.6	10^{-6}	-4.0711 ± 0.1084	2.662
	$\hat{\sigma}_{NP}^{(2, \tilde{N}_f), R}$	1570.3	10^{-6}	0.7717 ± 0.3021	39.142
	$R_{UV} \hat{\sigma}^{(2, \tilde{N}_f)}$	46.1	10^{-7}	-6.9927 ± 0.0035	0.049
	$\sigma^{(2, \tilde{N}_f)}$		10^{-5}	-4.6321 ± 0.2231	4.816
	benchmark	0.02	10^{-5}	-4.2678 ± 0.0084	0.197

Analytic references from:
Anastasiou, Glover,
Tejeda-Yeomans
[0201274]
Gehrmann, von
Manteuffel, Tancredi
[1503.04812],
Abreu, De Laurentis, Ita,
Klinkert, Page, Sotnikov
[2305.17056]
Becchetti, Coro, Nega,
Tancredi, Wagner
[2502.00118]

off-shell triphoton
light-quark loops

on-shell diphoton
heavy-quark loops

on-shell triphoton
heavy-quark loops

Squared matrix elements at RAMBO PS points

Process	PSP	Exp.	Reference	Result	Δ [σ]	Δ [%]
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ $m = 0$	1	10^{+2}	-7.2127	-7.2574 ± 0.0458	0.976	0.631
	2	10^{+2}	-6.7813	-6.7649 ± 0.0421	0.391	0.622
	3	10^{+2}	-8.4533	-8.5154 ± 0.0558	1.113	0.655
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$ $m = 0$	1	10^{+2}	-4.6281	-4.5791 ± 0.0347	1.411	0.758
	2	10^{+2}	-4.5407	-4.5137 ± 0.0352	0.768	0.780
	3	10^{+2}	-4.3357	-4.2968 ± 0.0339	1.149	0.788
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma_2^*$ $m = 0$	1	10^{+2}	-5.2774	-5.2742 ± 0.0087	0.363	0.164
	2	10^{+2}	-5.1052	-5.0972 ± 0.0087	0.913	0.170
	3	10^{+2}	-5.3523	-5.3433 ± 0.0110	0.821	0.206
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$ $m = 0$	1	10^{-1}	-3.3918	-3.4066 ± 0.0159	0.929	0.467
	2	10^{+0}	-1.4313	-1.4335 ± 0.0101	0.217	0.707
	3	10^{-1}	-3.3987	-3.3930 ± 0.0167	0.341	0.493
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^* \gamma^*$ $m = 0$	1	10^{-1}		-2.1869 ± 0.0209		0.956
	2	10^{-1}		-4.8302 ± 0.0481		0.996
	3	10^{-1}		-2.1826 ± 0.0208		0.951
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ $m > 0$	1	10^{+0}	4.0175	4.0709 ± 0.0358	1.491	0.879
	2	10^{+1}	-4.9939	-4.9853 ± 0.0098	0.883	0.196
	3	10^{+2}	-2.8525	-2.8432 ± 0.0075	1.236	0.264
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma^* \gamma^*$ $m > 0$	1	10^{+0}		4.0862 ± 0.0392		0.959
	2	10^{+1}		-5.3944 ± 0.0185		0.343
	3	10^{+2}		-2.9477 ± 0.0118		0.401
$q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma\gamma$ $m > 0$	1	10^{-2}		-5.5712 ± 0.0538		0.966
	2	10^{-1}		-3.6549 ± 0.0312		0.854
	3	10^{-2}		-3.5927 ± 0.0334		0.931

Integrand evaluations times $\mathcal{O}(0.1-10$ ms)

Monte Carlo samples $\mathcal{O}(10^8-10^{10})$

Hours to days on a single node on ETH's Euler cluster

Preview of other two-loop contributions to $q \bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ at a random PS point

local CTs known: Anastasiou, Haindl, Karlen, Sahoo Serman, Venkata, Vicini, Yang, Zeng [2509.07805, 2403.13712, 2212.12162, 2008.12293, 1812.03753]

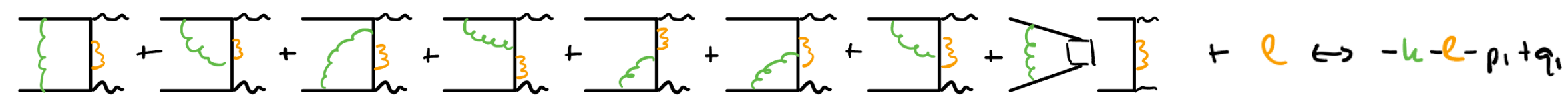
new features: triple-gluon vertex, initial- and final-state loop polarisations, transverse momentum symmetrisations, Tensor reduction through symmetrisation, ...

LC SE



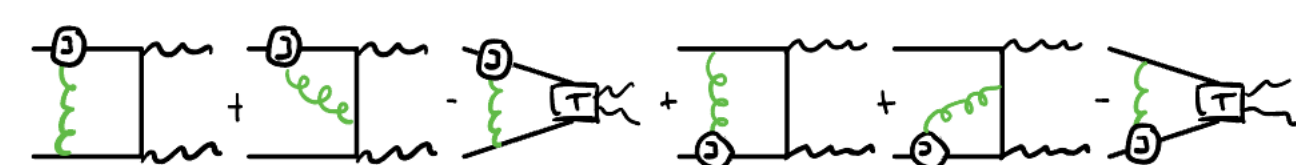
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SLC SE



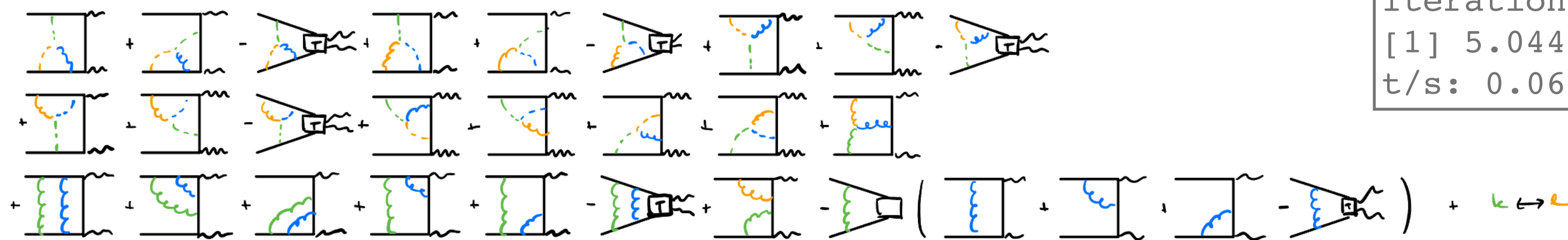
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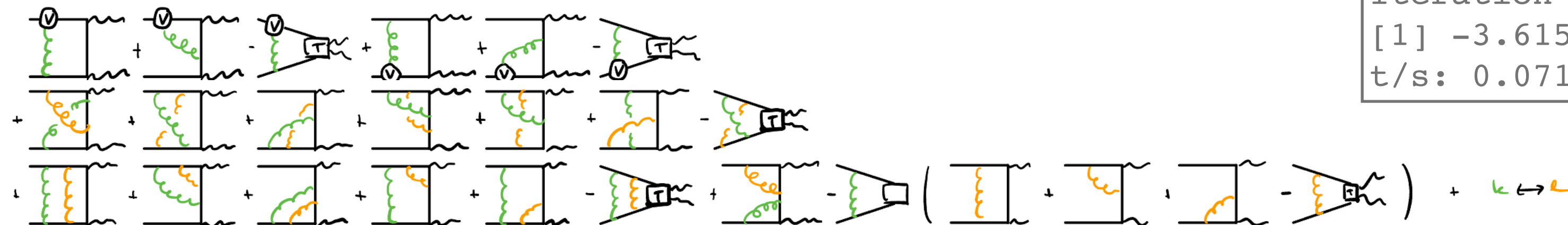
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LC



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→ ongoing work with Matilde Vicini

Summary & Outlook

- ☑ State-of-the-art two-loop calculations using numerical integration over loop & phase space are feasible!

Local IR factorisation
& UV renormalisation

Analytic loop energy integration
LTD, CFF, TOPT, ...

Threshold
subtraction

Importance
sampling

flexible and robust framework suited for automation

C++ · FORM · MATHEMATICA · PYTHON · QGRAF · RUST · SYMBOLICA · SPENSO · VEGAS

- ☑ Demonstrated for di- and triboson production processes (on- and off-shell) via quark loops (light or heavy)
- ☐ Apply techniques to computation of full two-loop amplitudes: **work in progress!**
- ☐ A lot more to explore...
 - ☐ Multi-channel loop & phase-space integration, importance sampling, ...
 - ☐ Efficient integrand constructions, recursions, unitarity, ...
 - ☐ Combine with real radiation, processes with coloured final state, ...