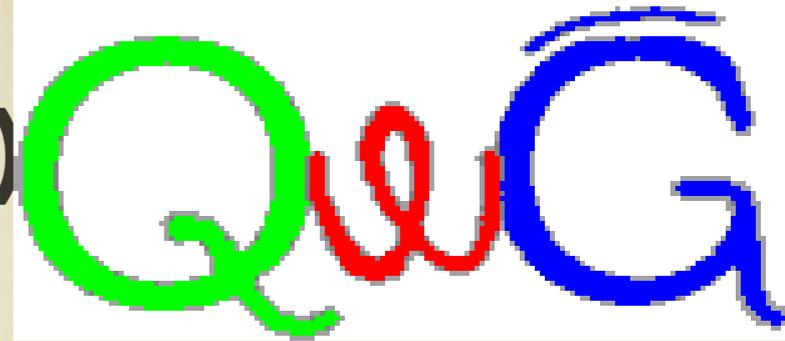




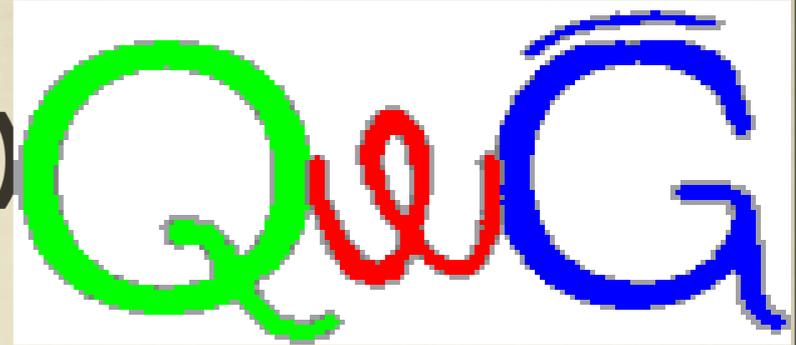
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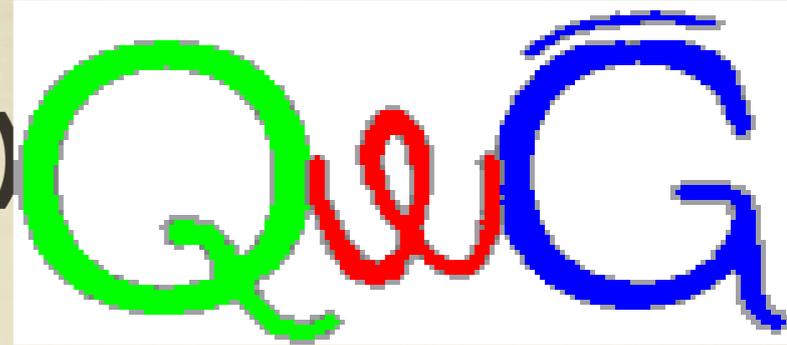
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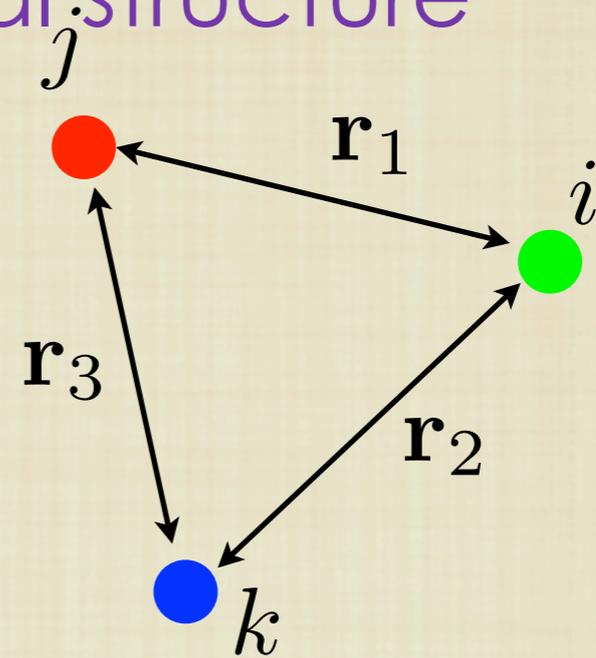
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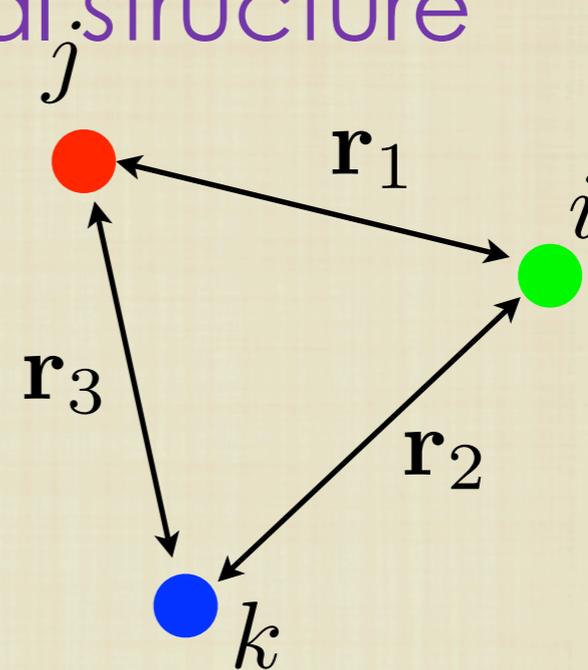
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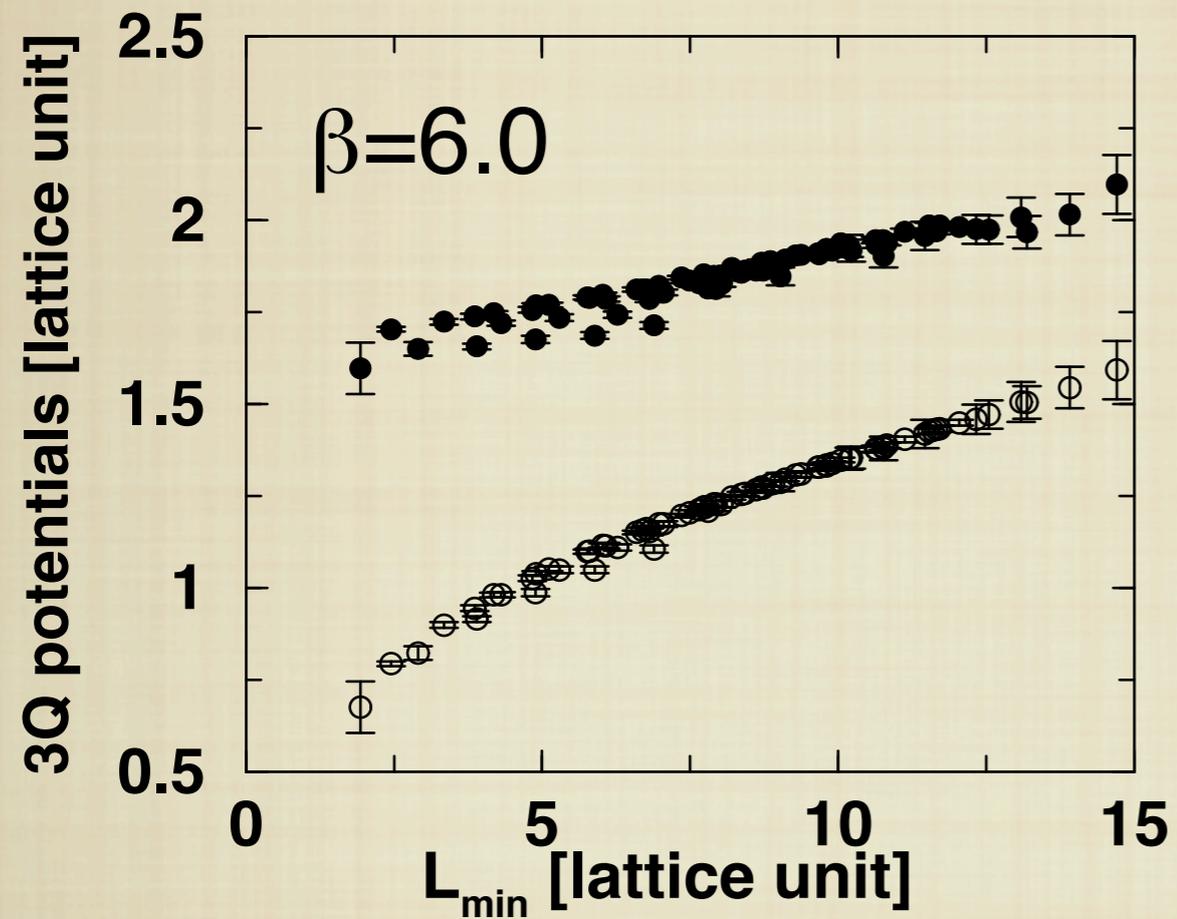
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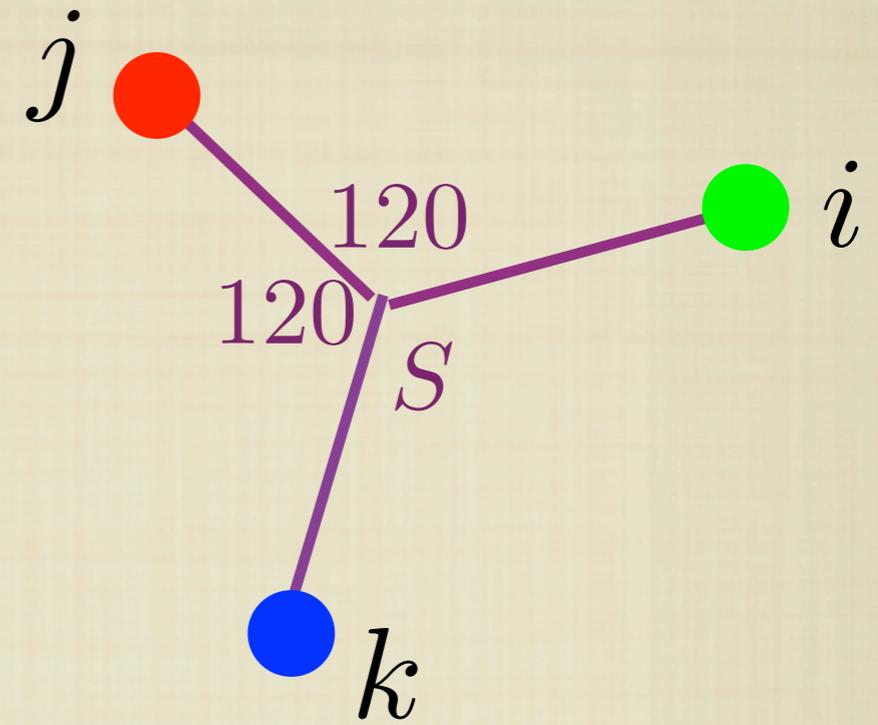
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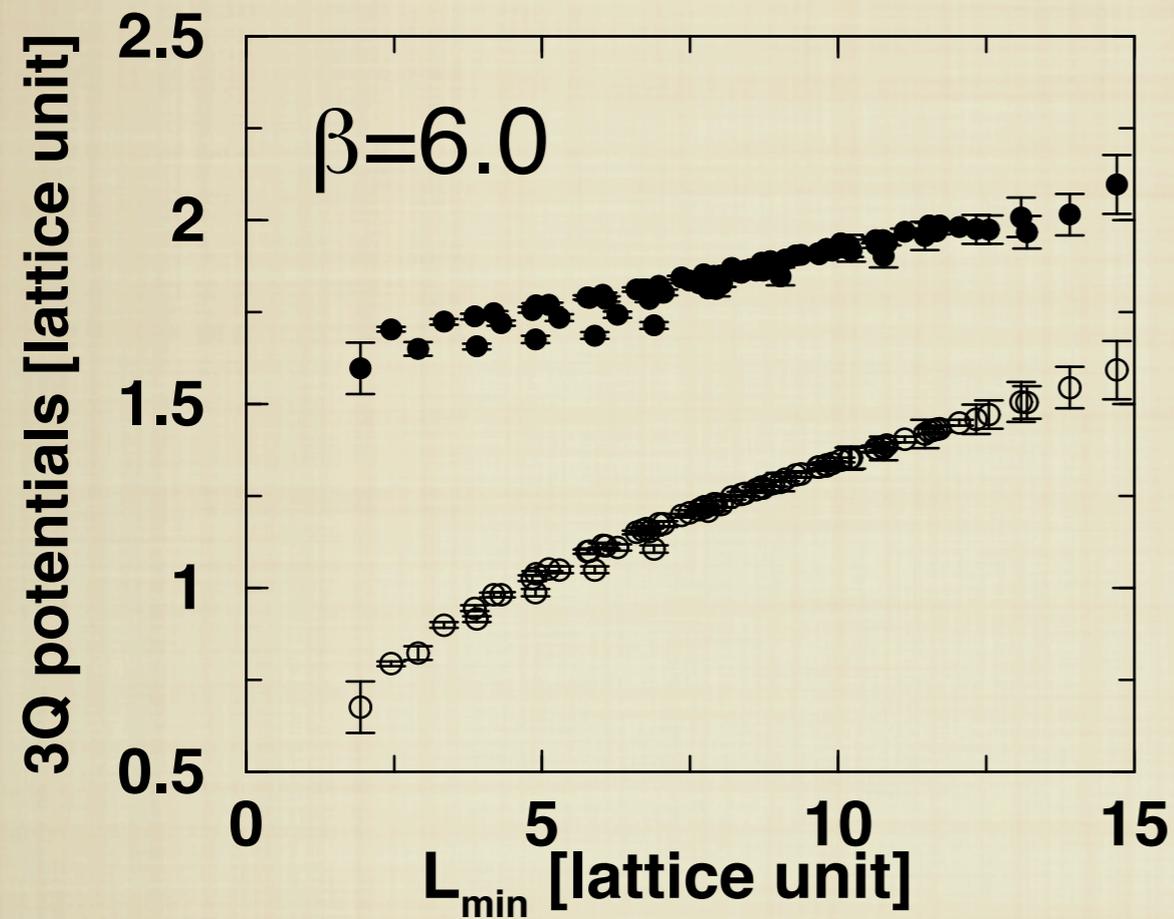
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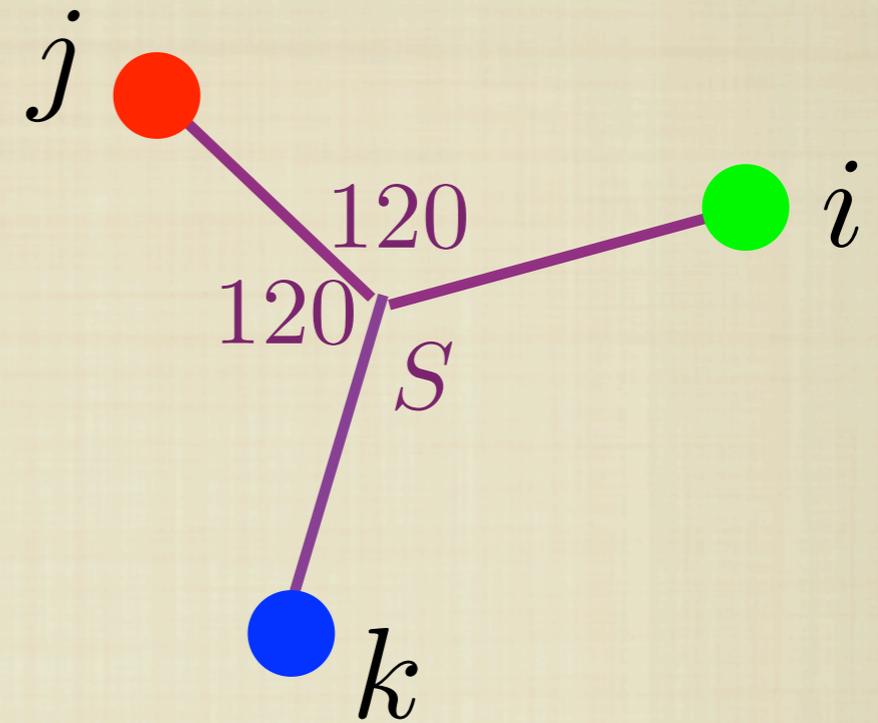
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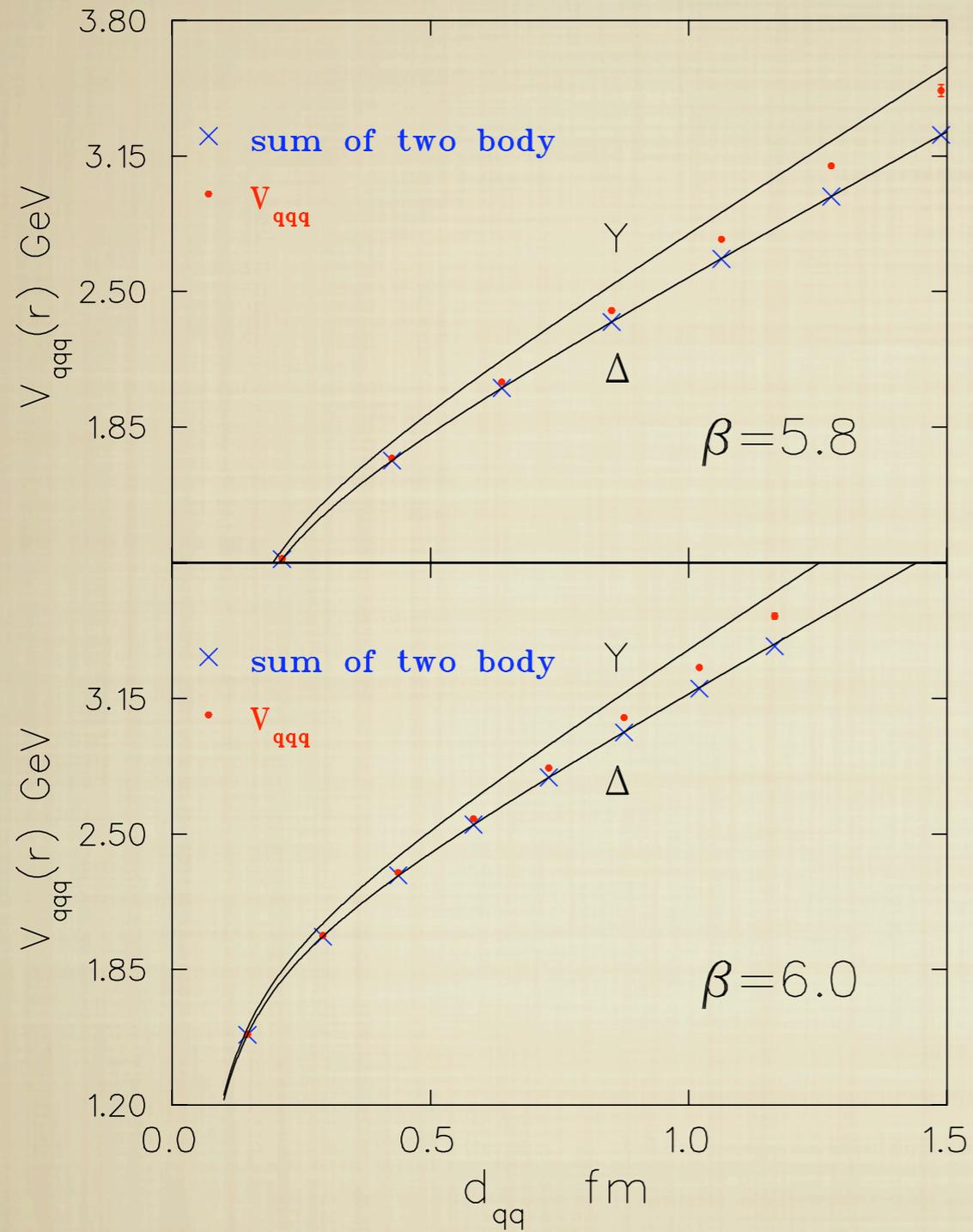
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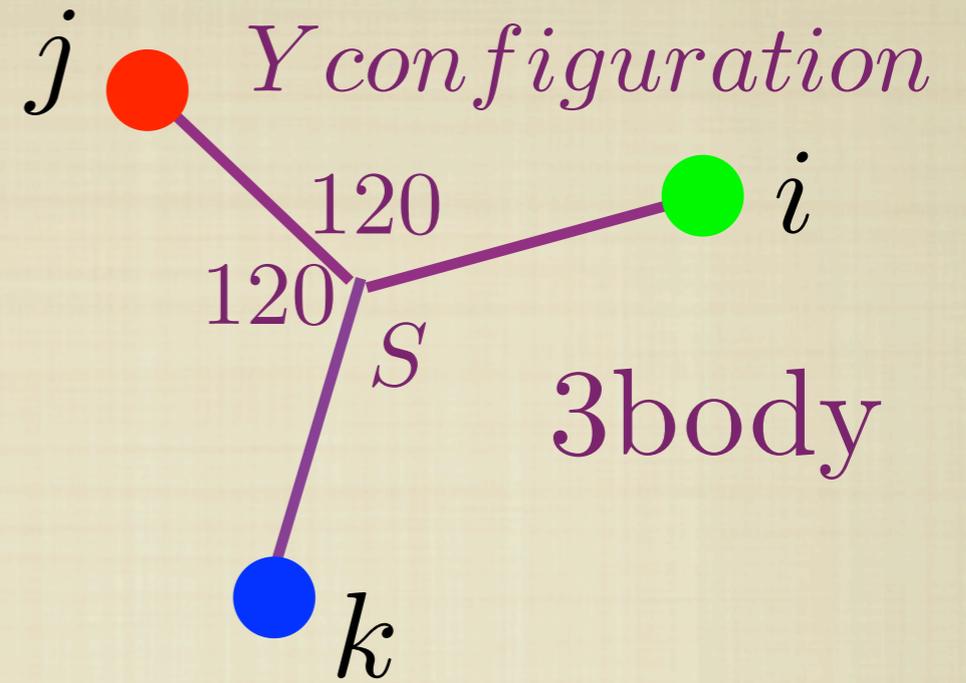
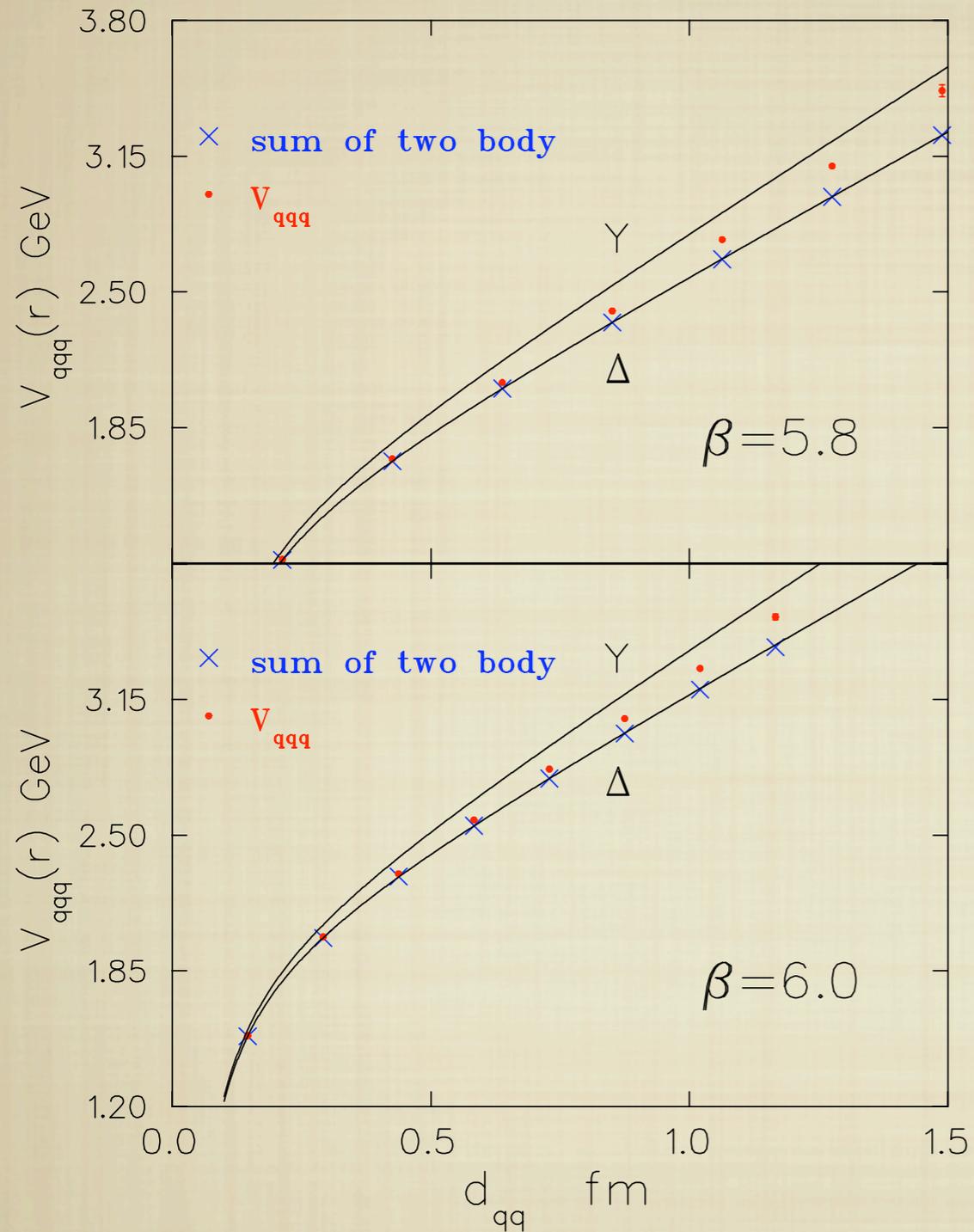
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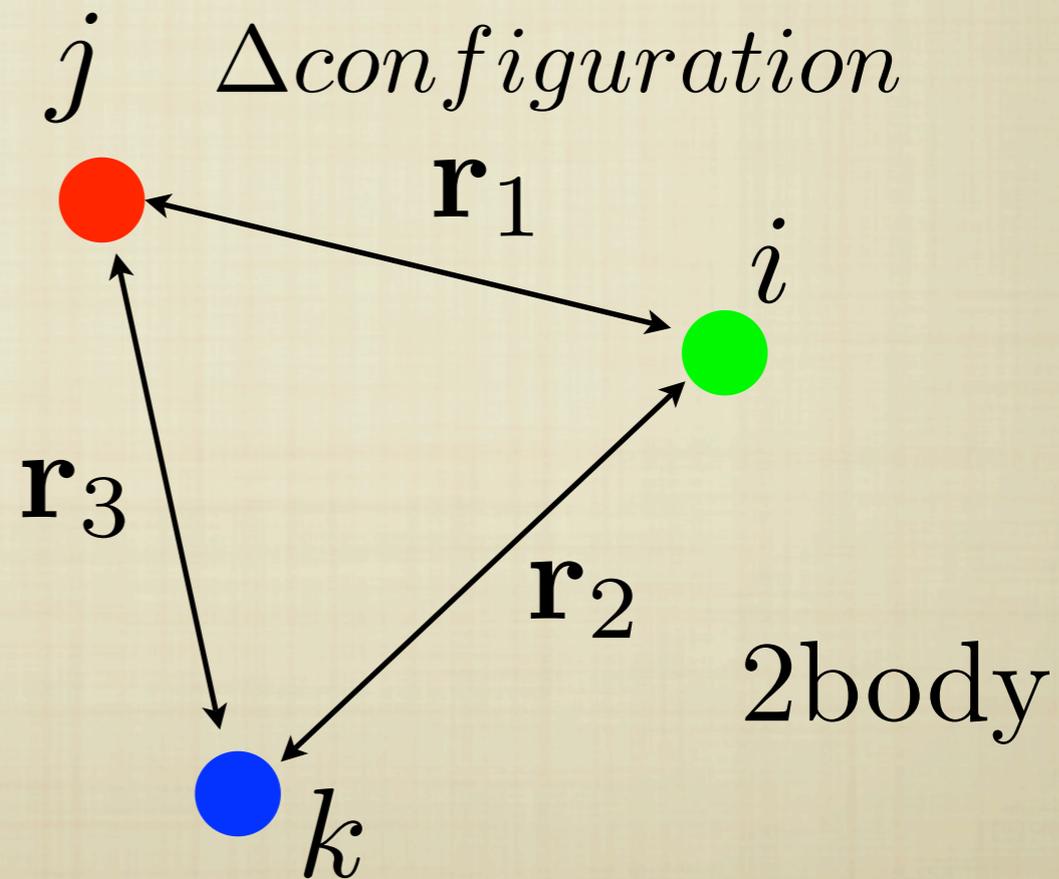
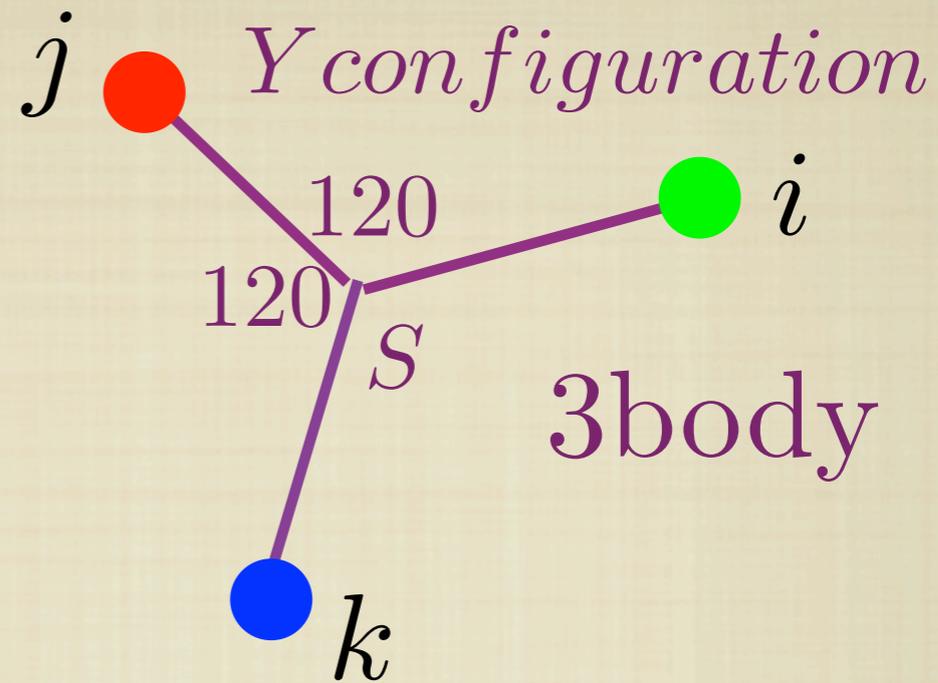
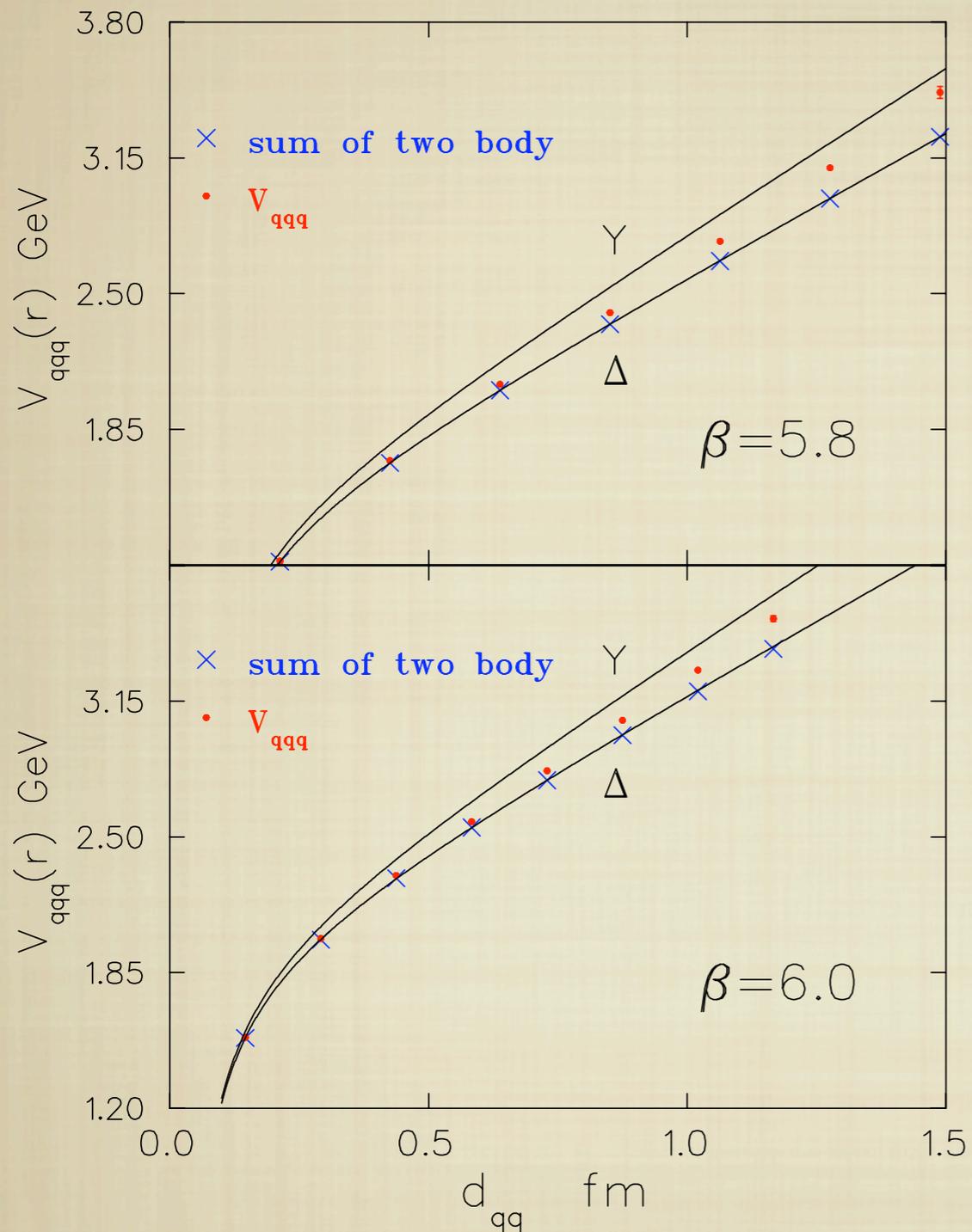
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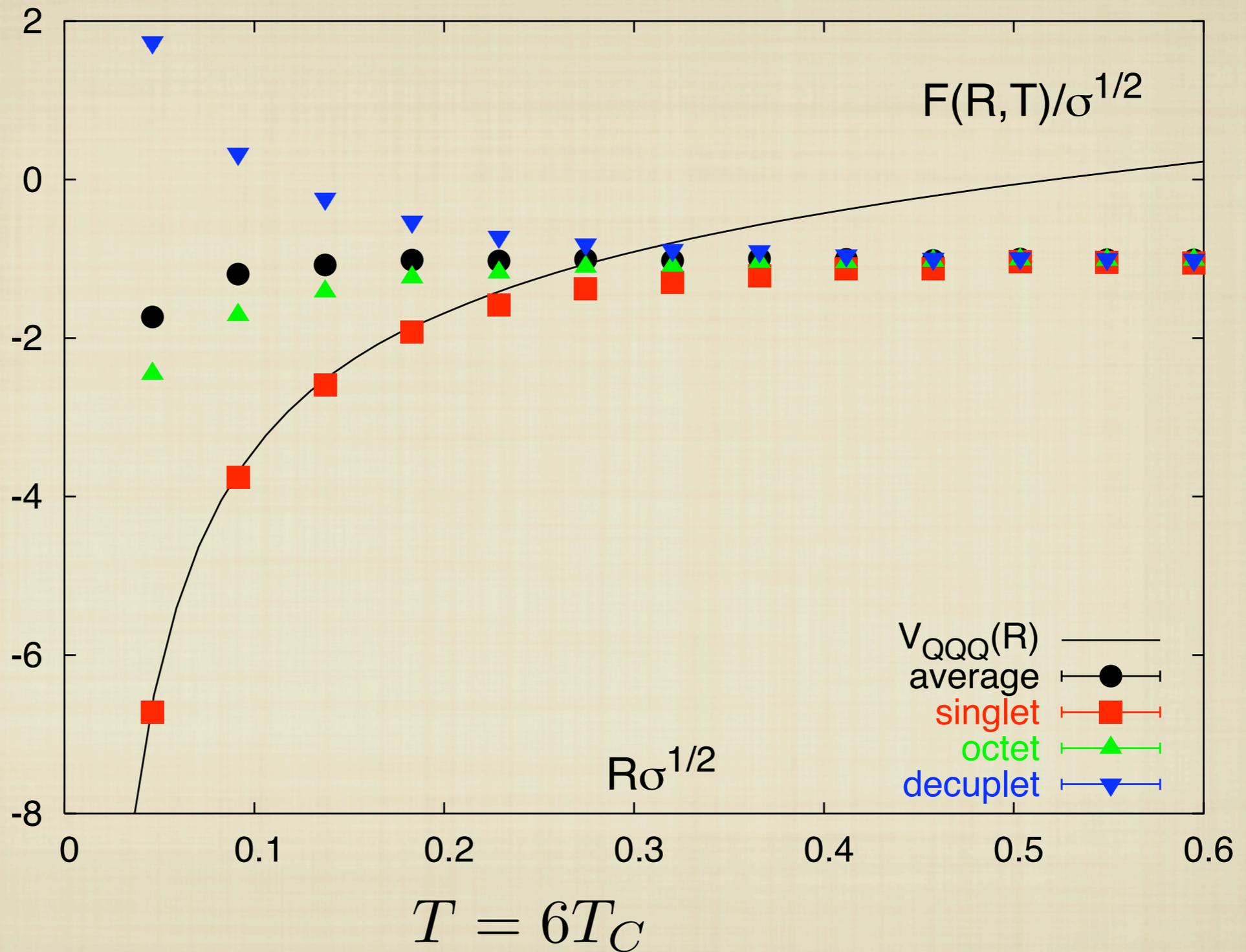
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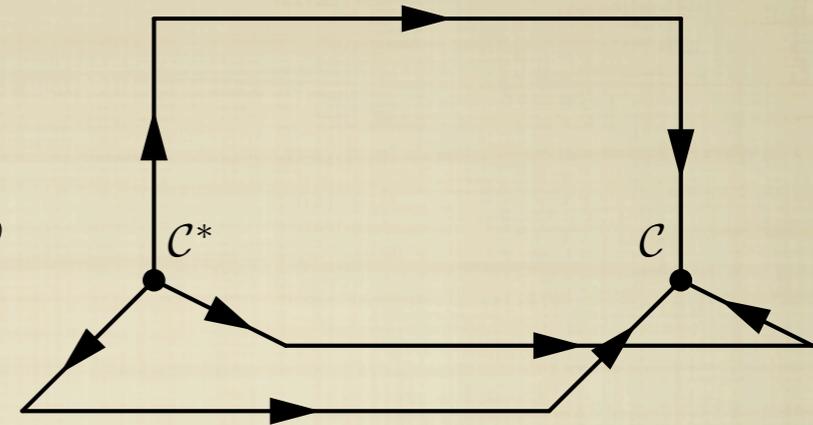
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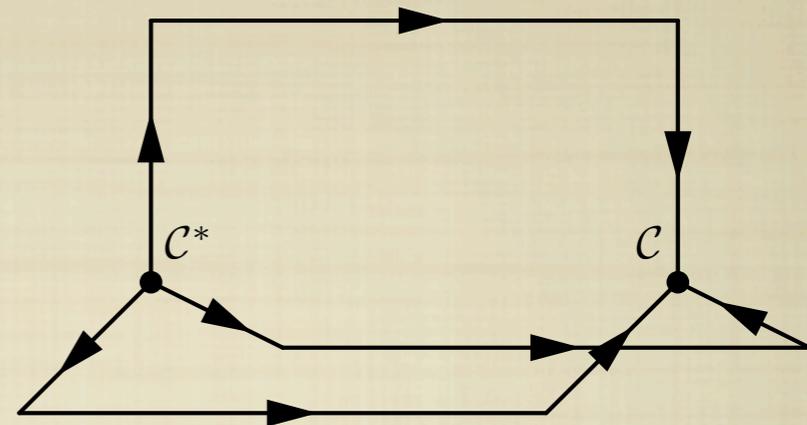
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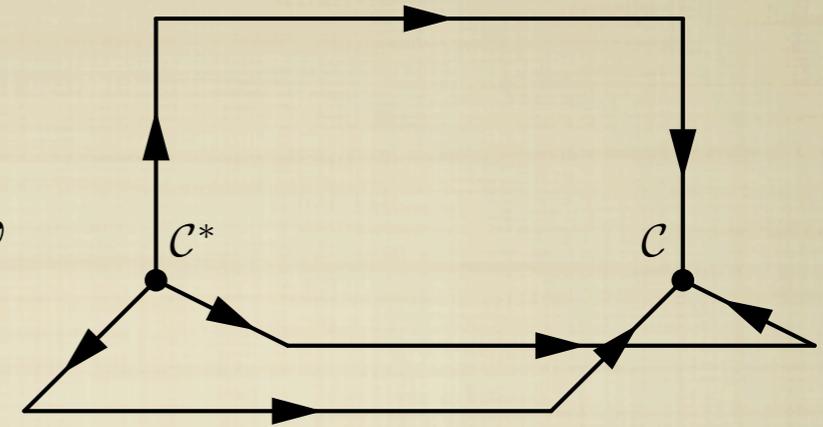
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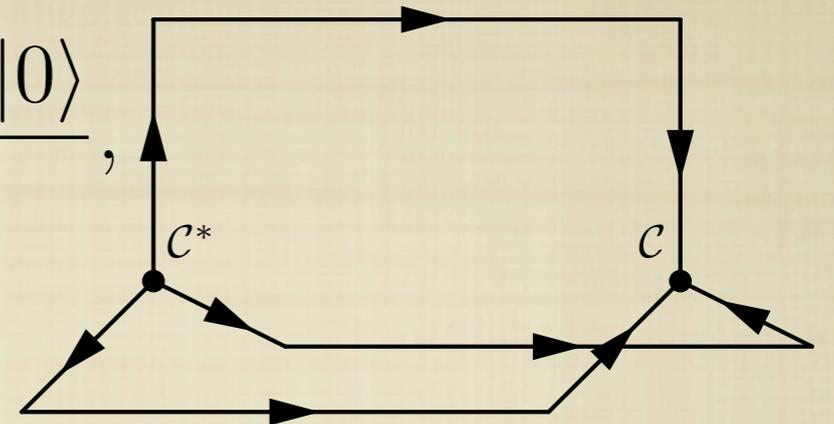
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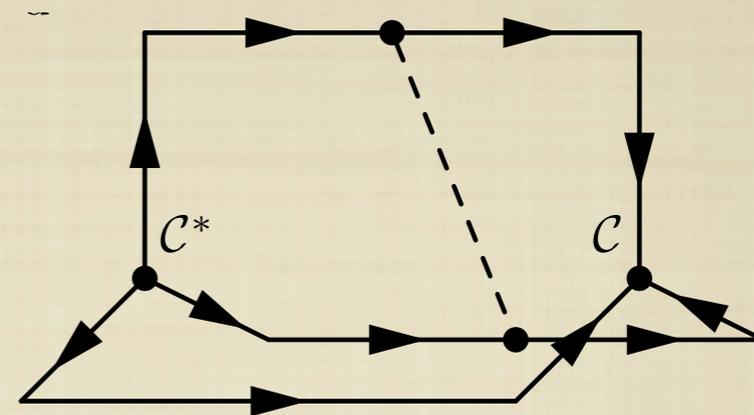
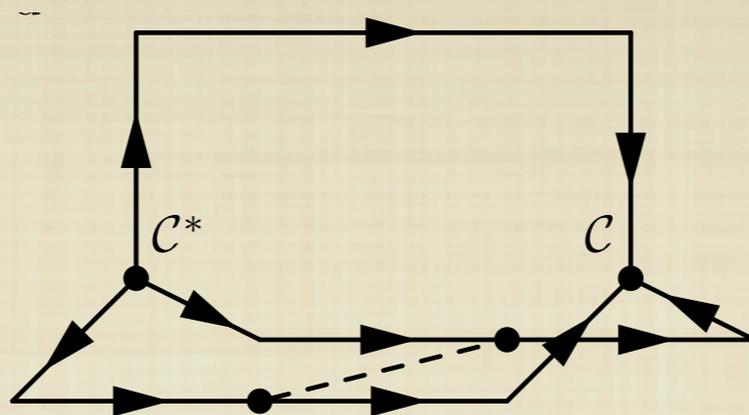
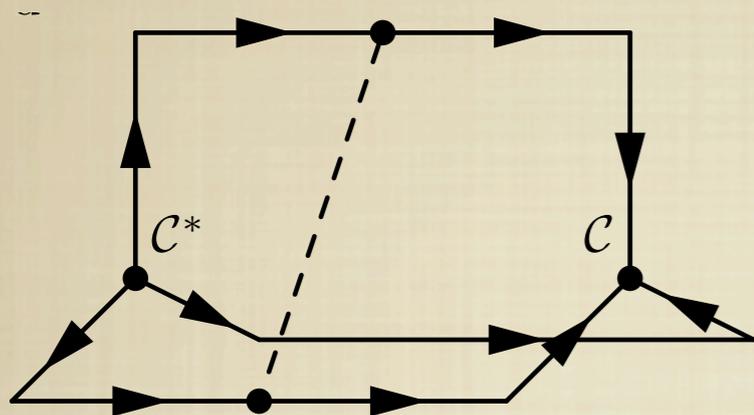
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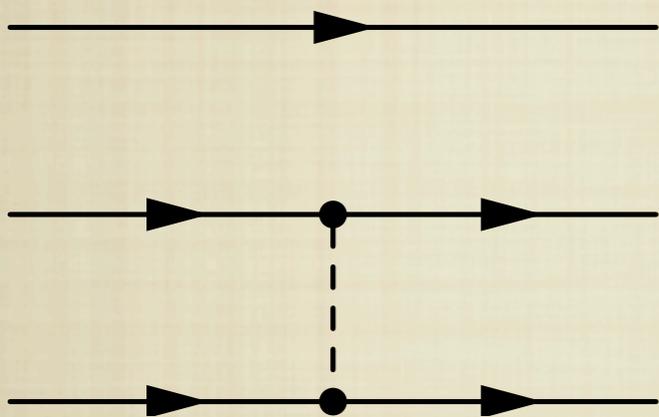
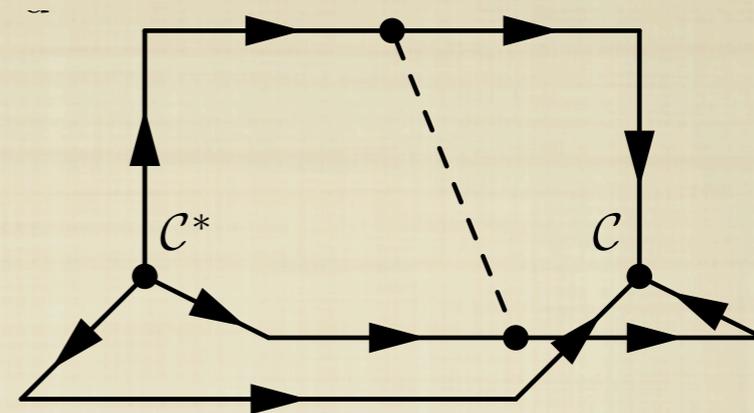
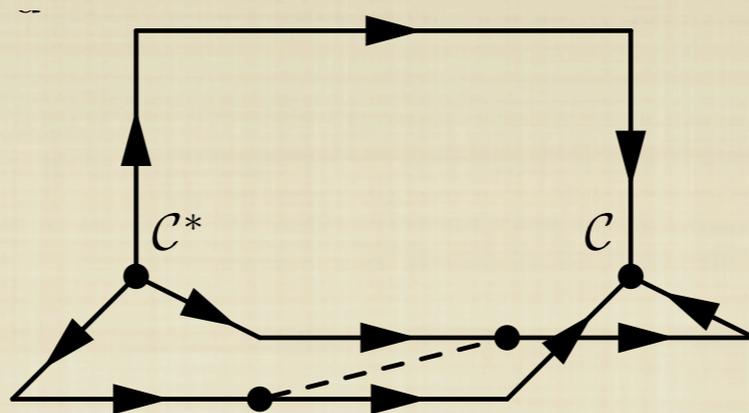
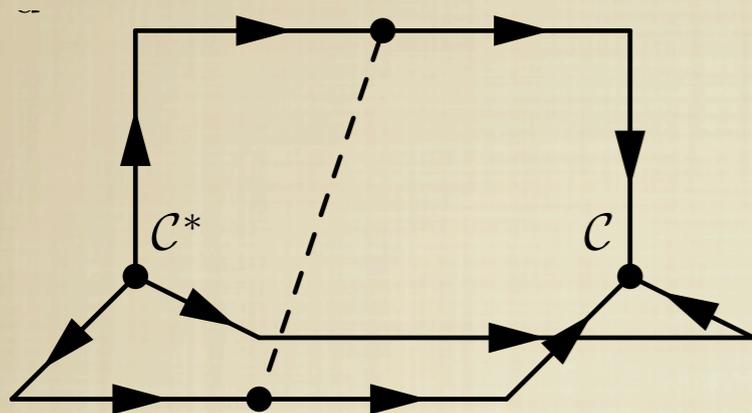
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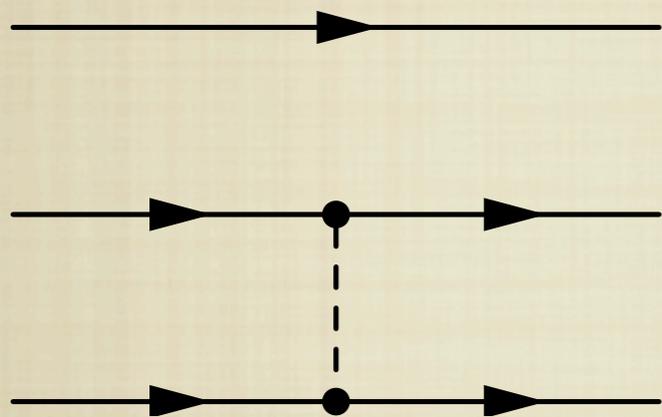
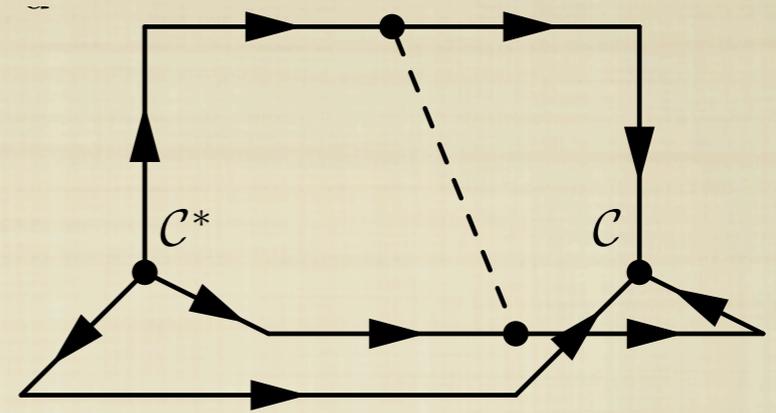
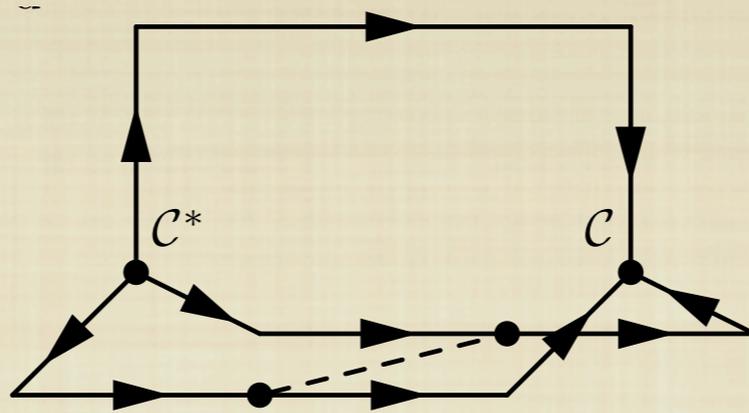
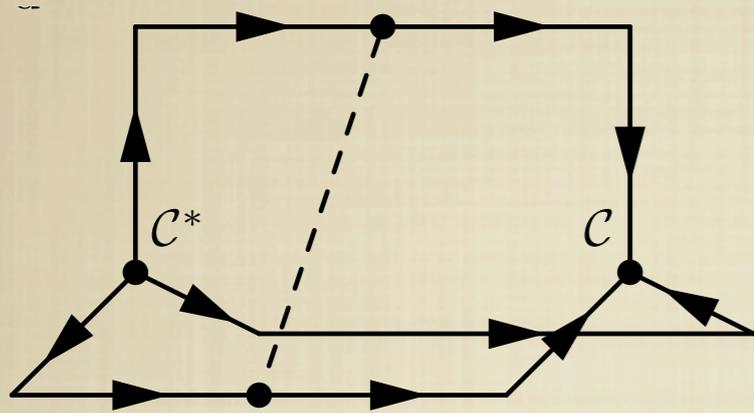
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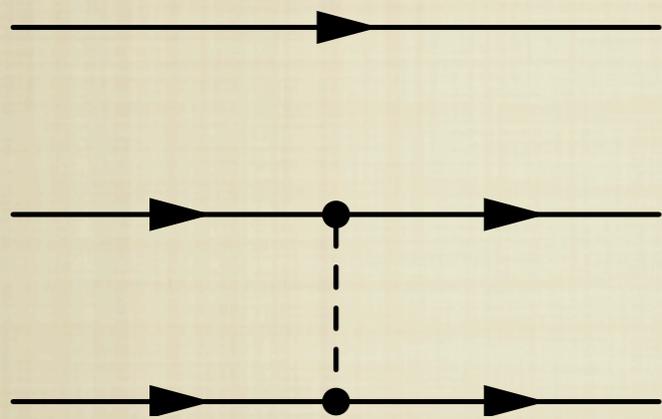
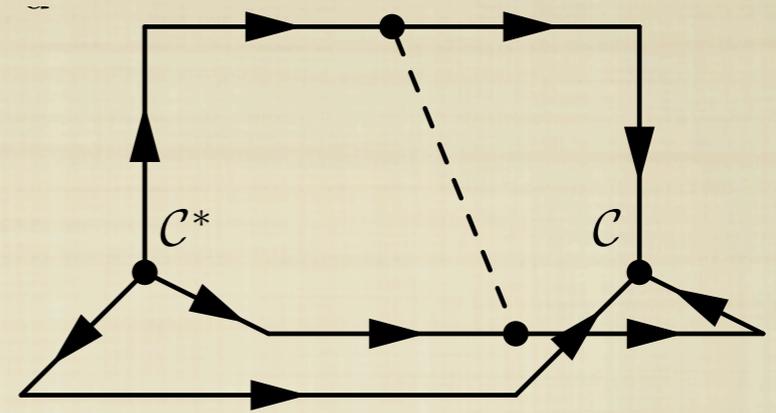
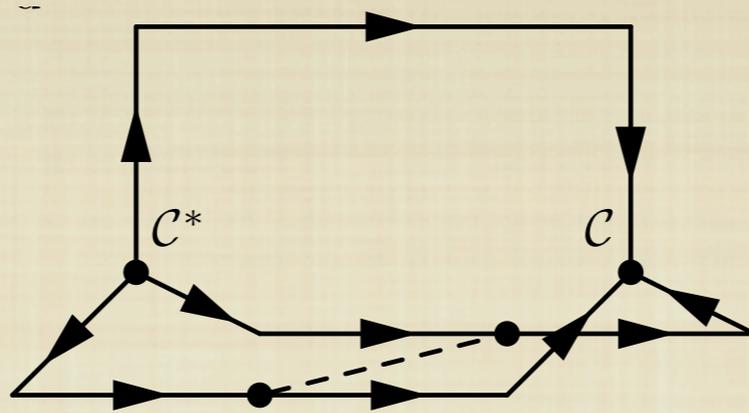
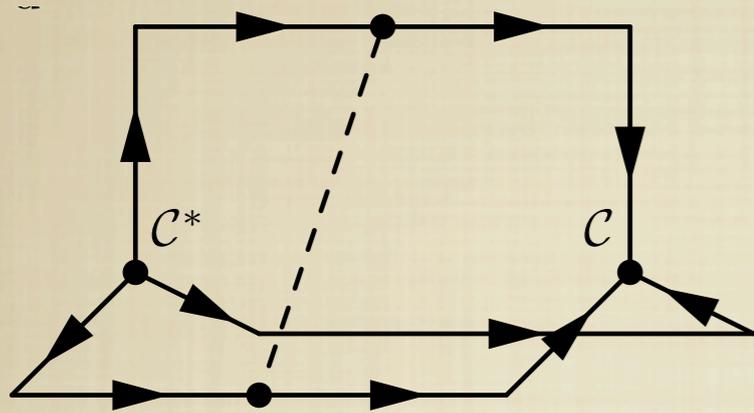


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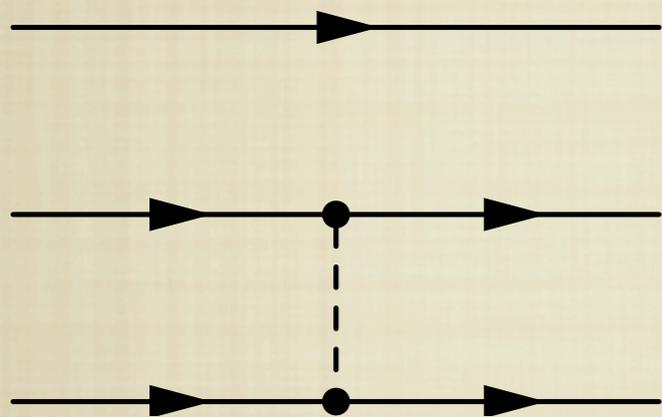
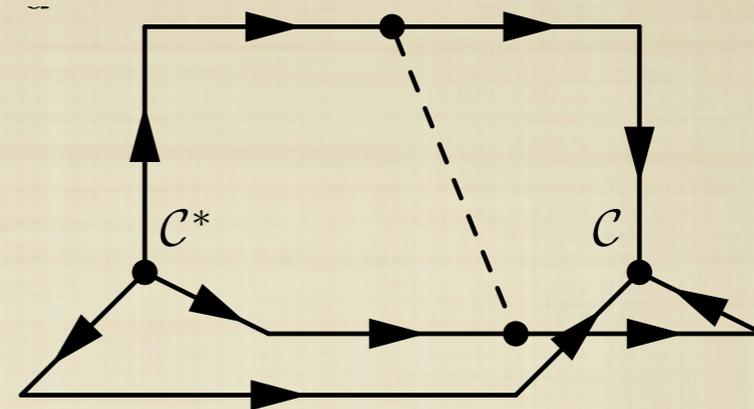
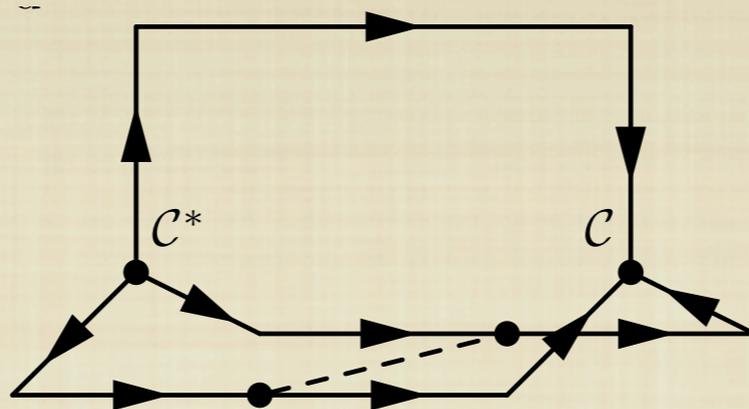
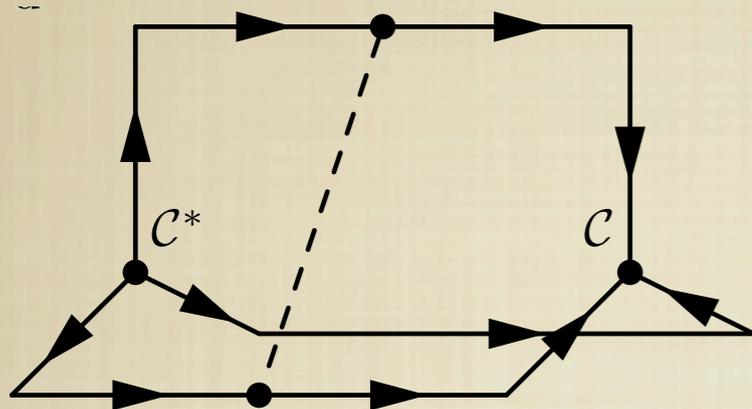
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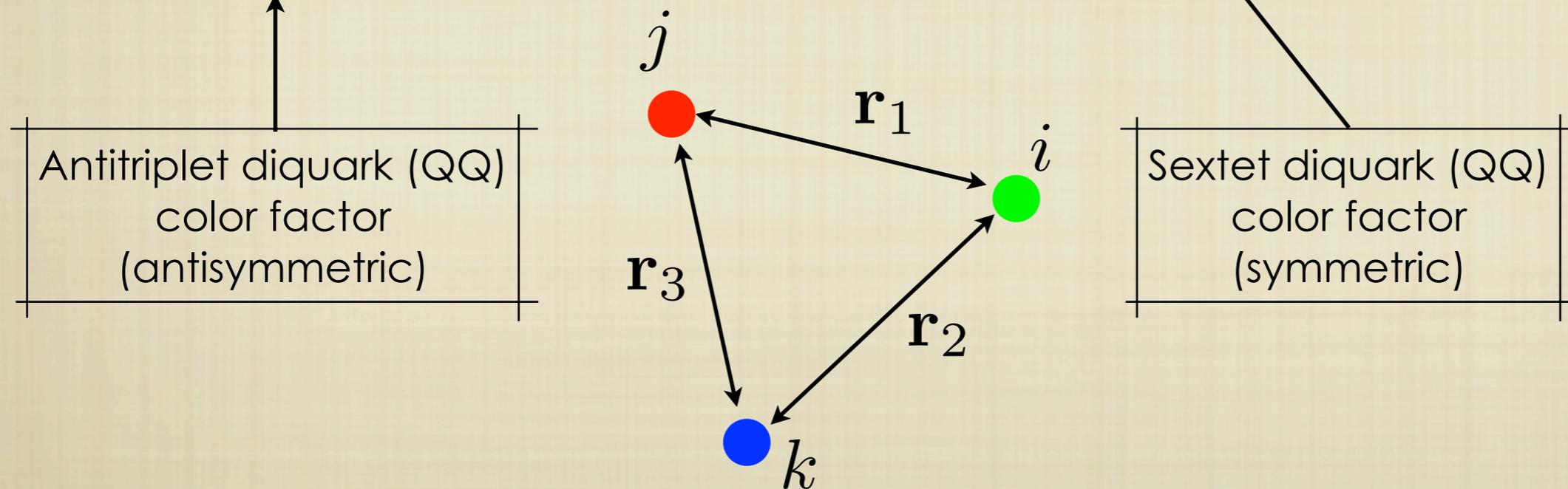
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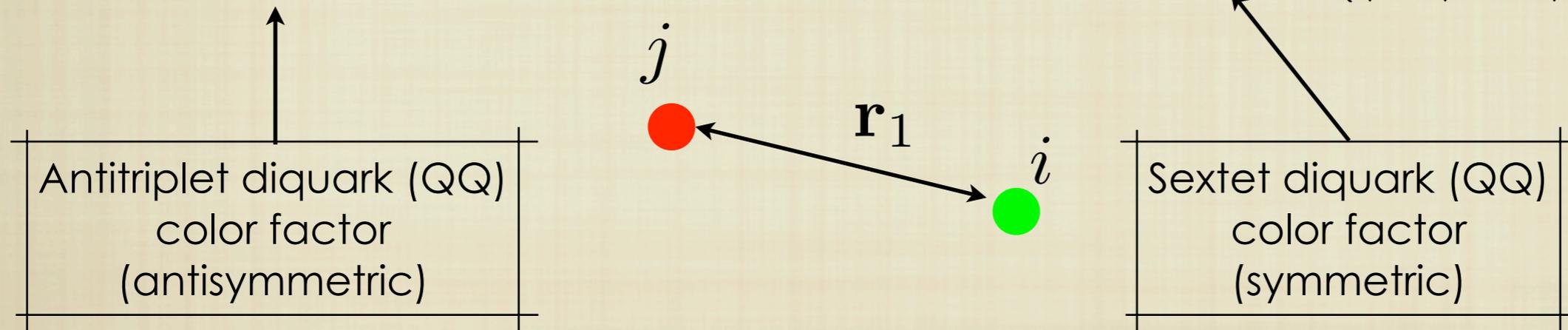
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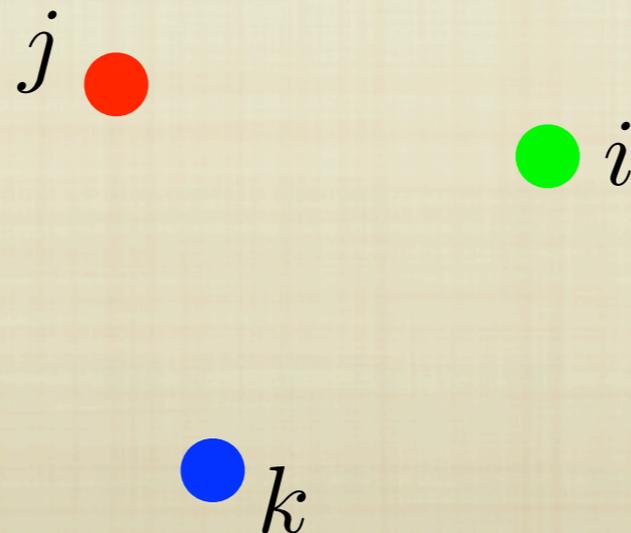
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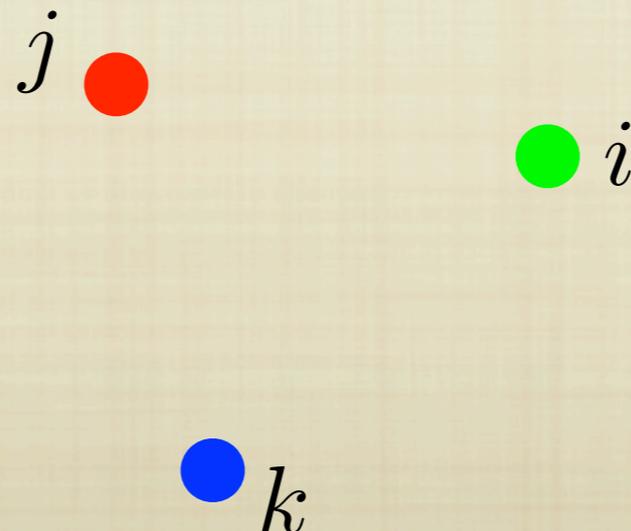
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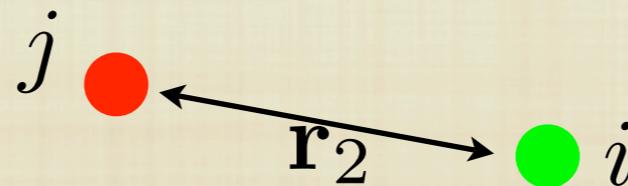
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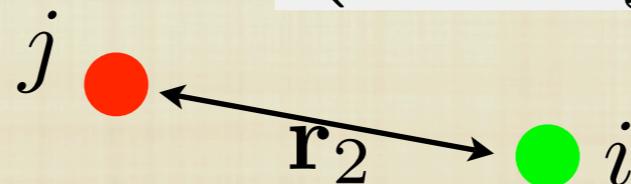


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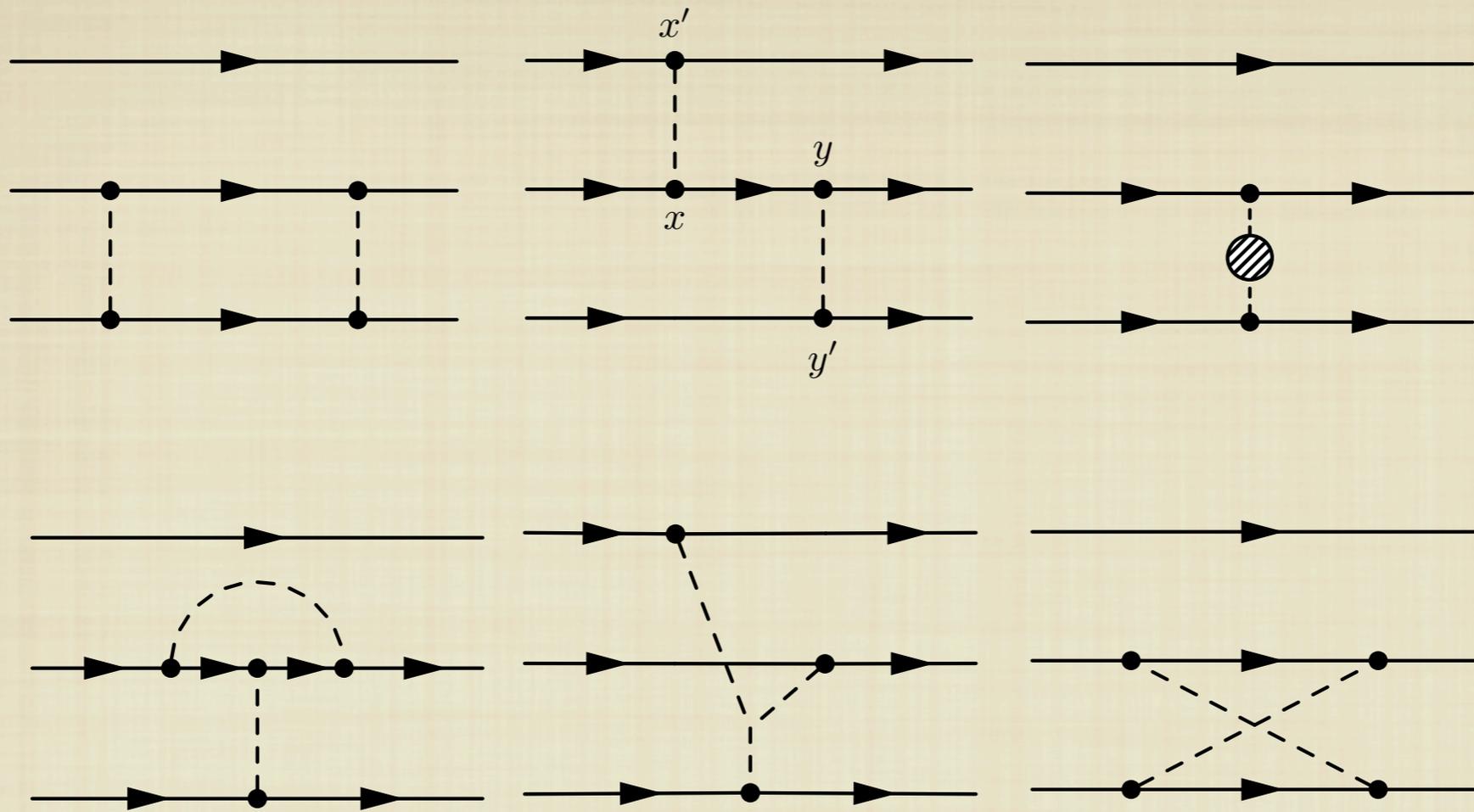
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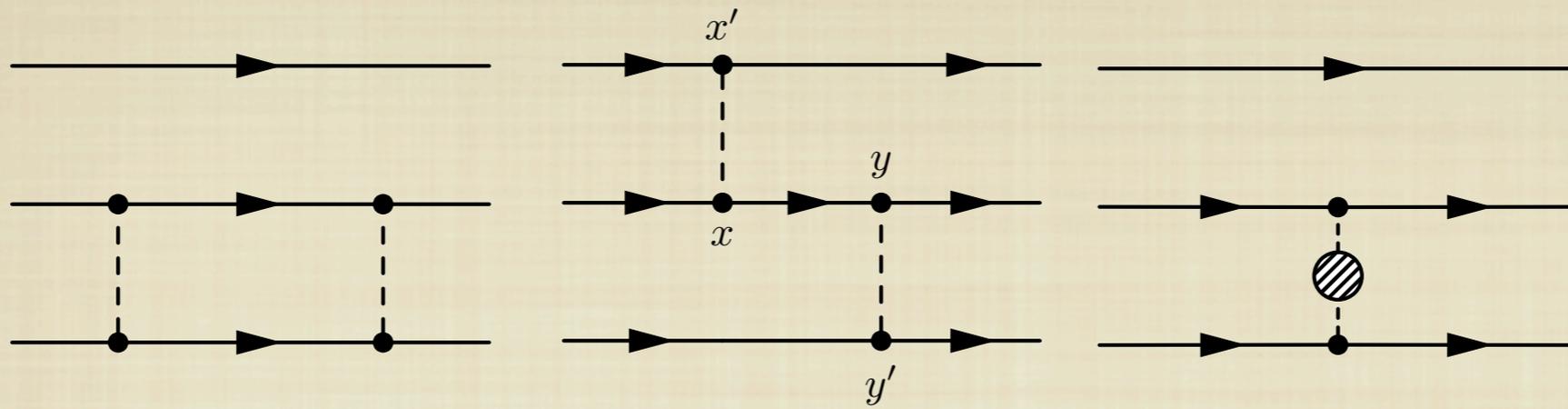
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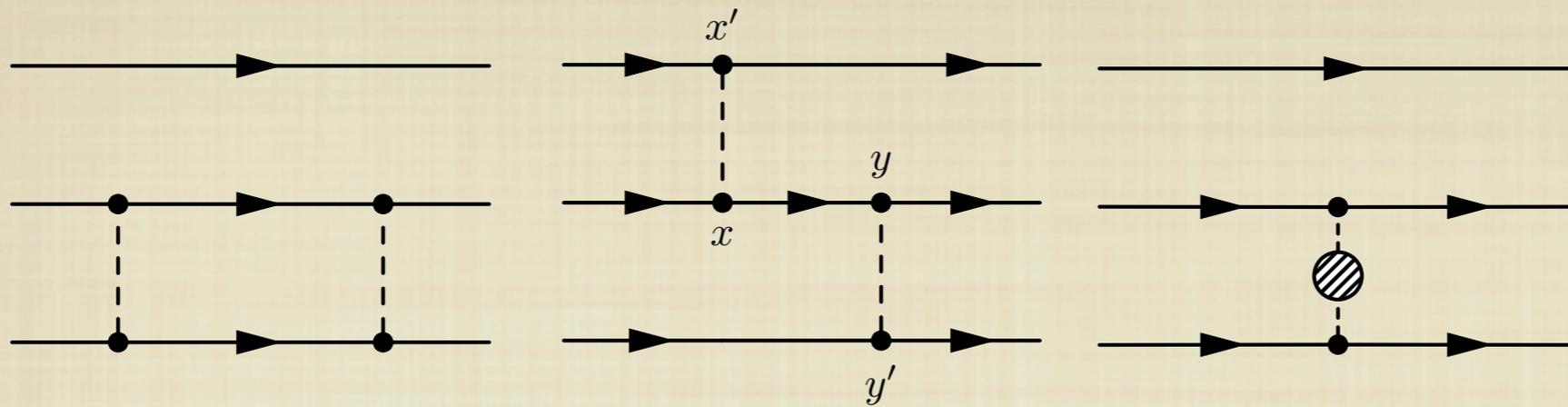
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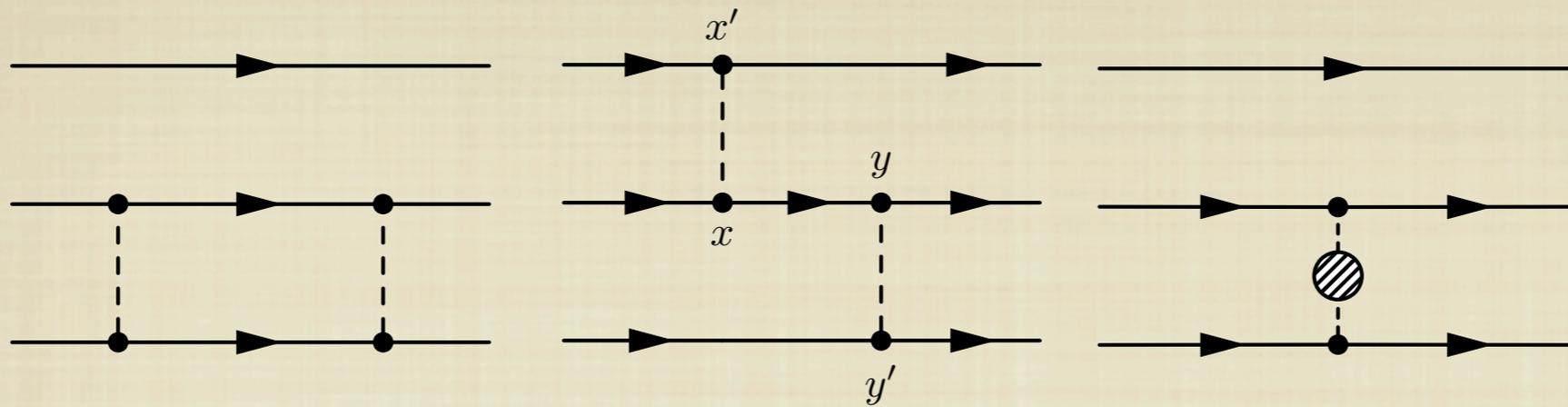


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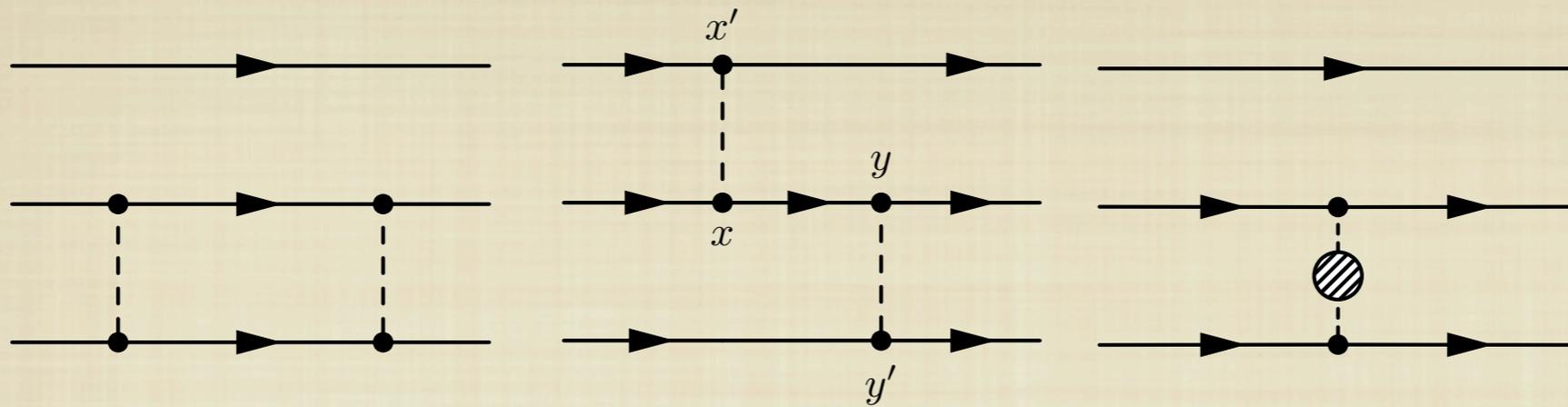
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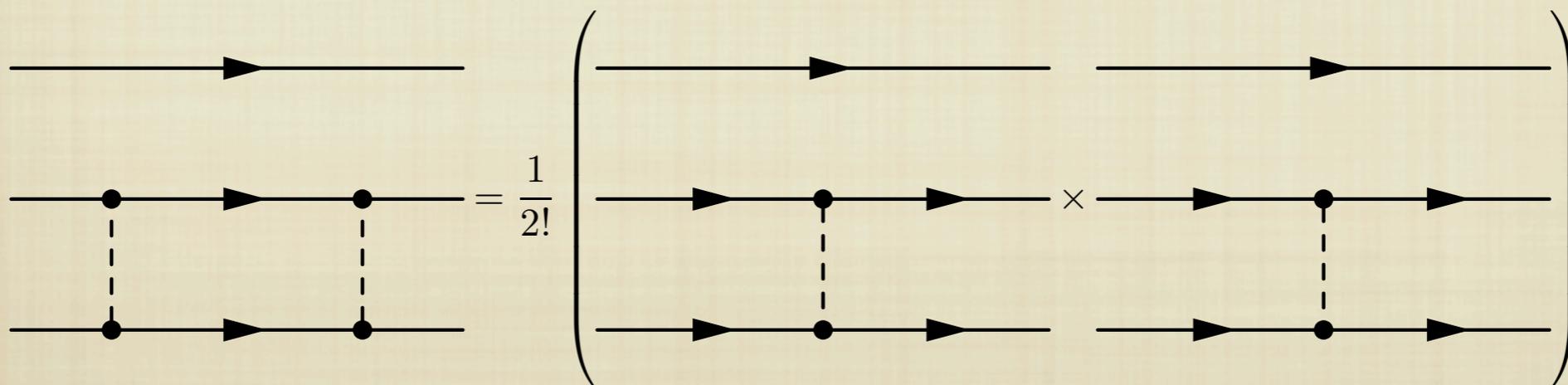
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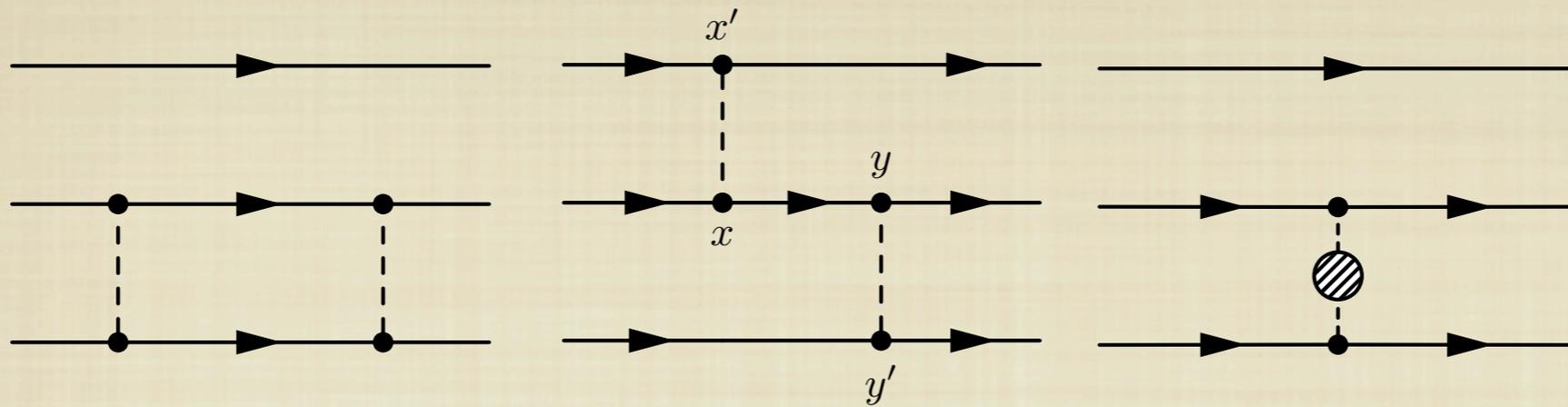
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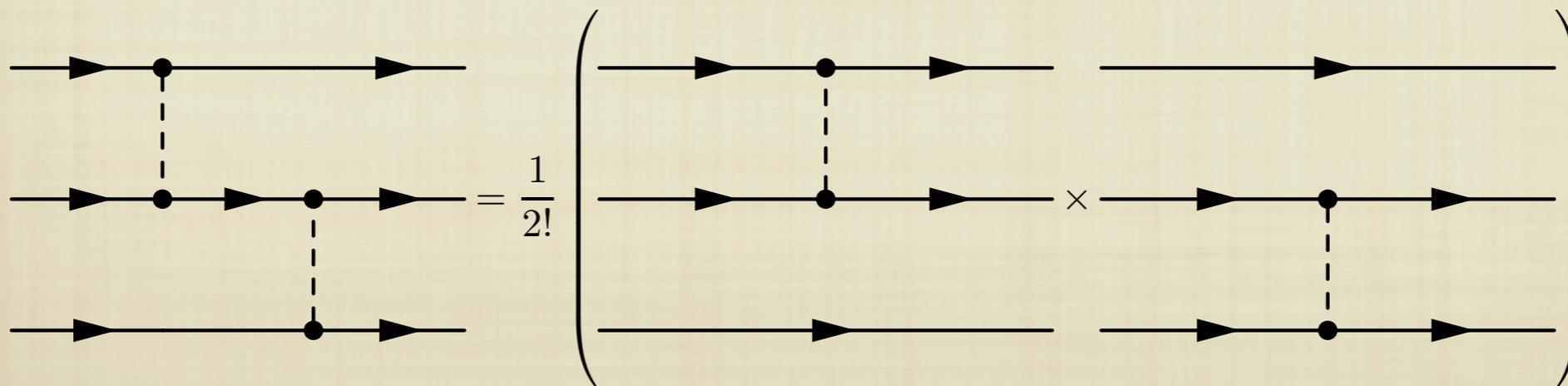
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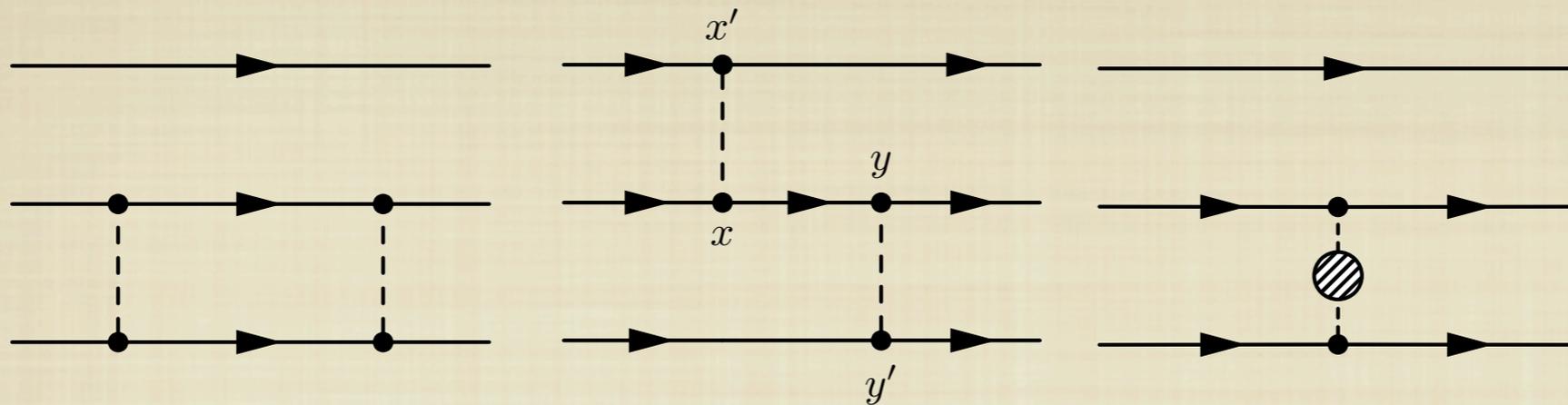
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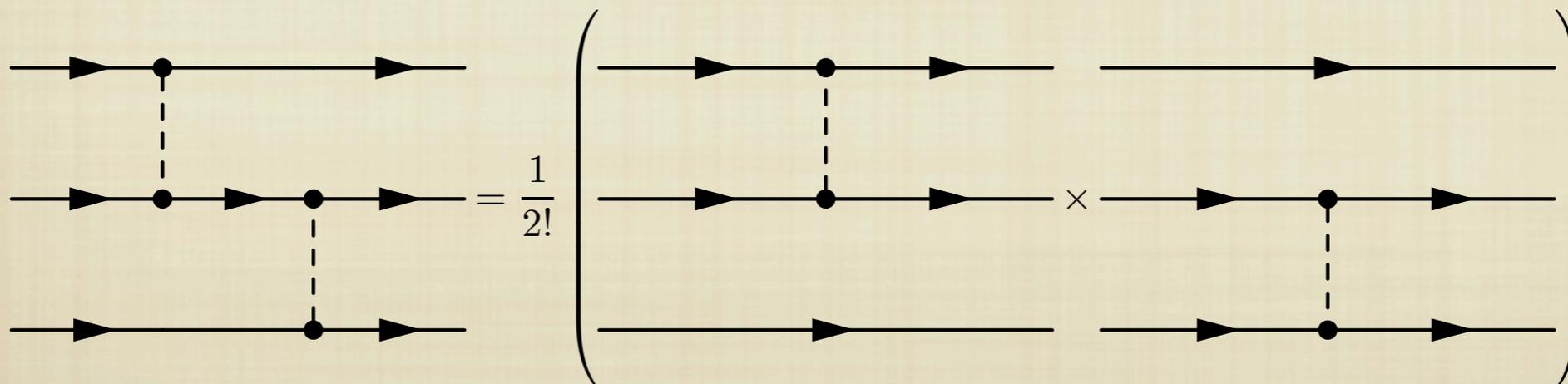
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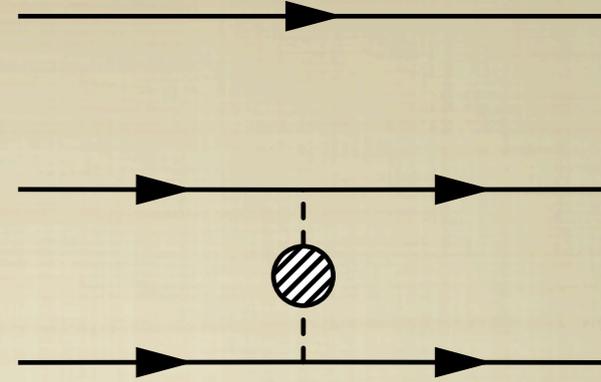
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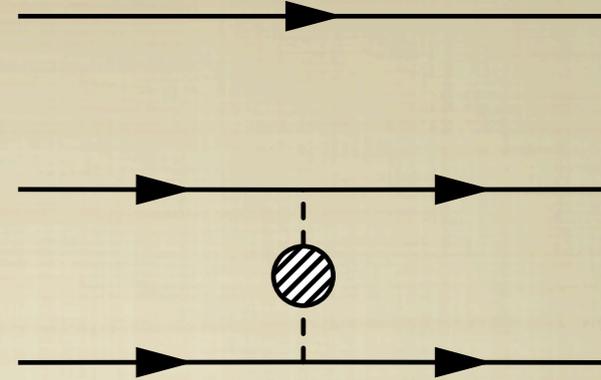
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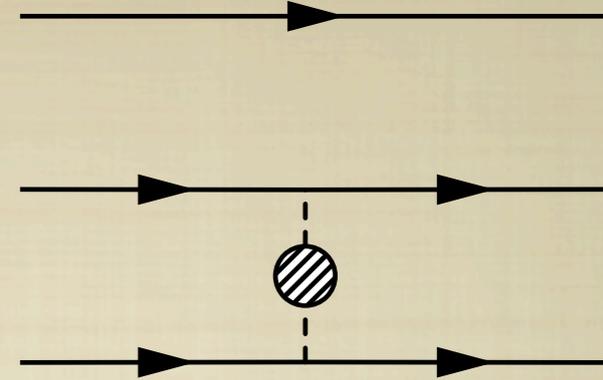
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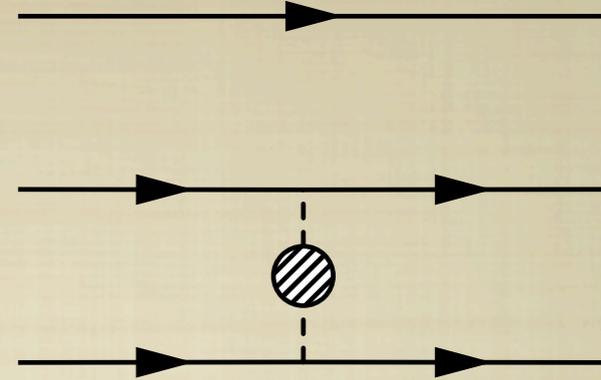


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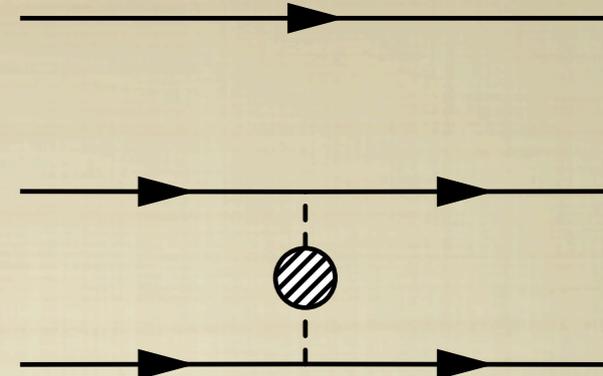


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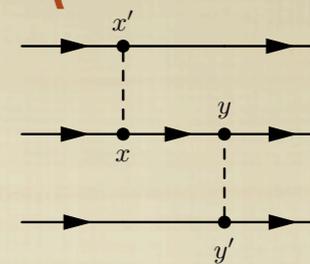
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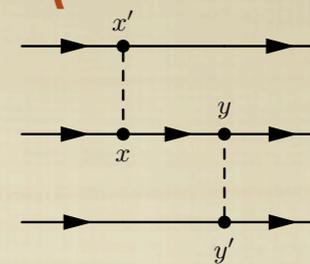
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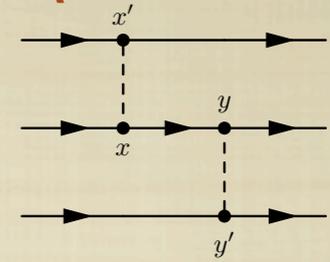
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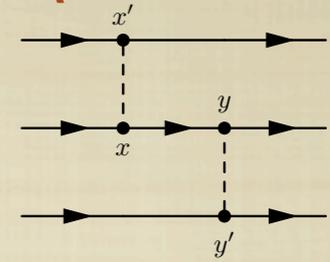
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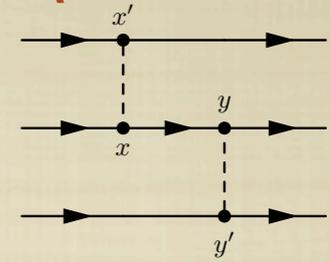
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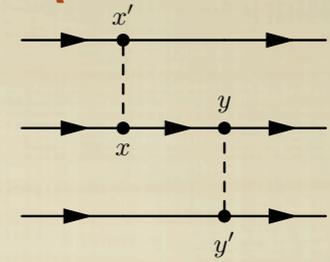
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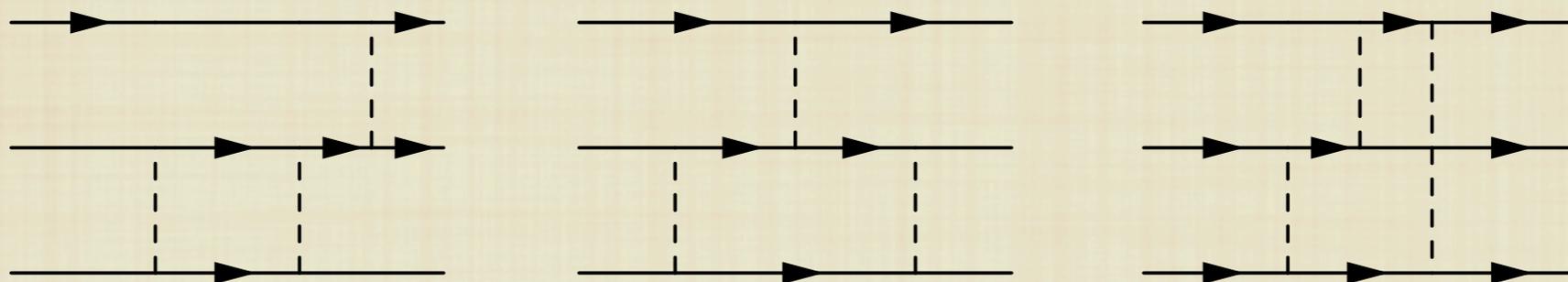
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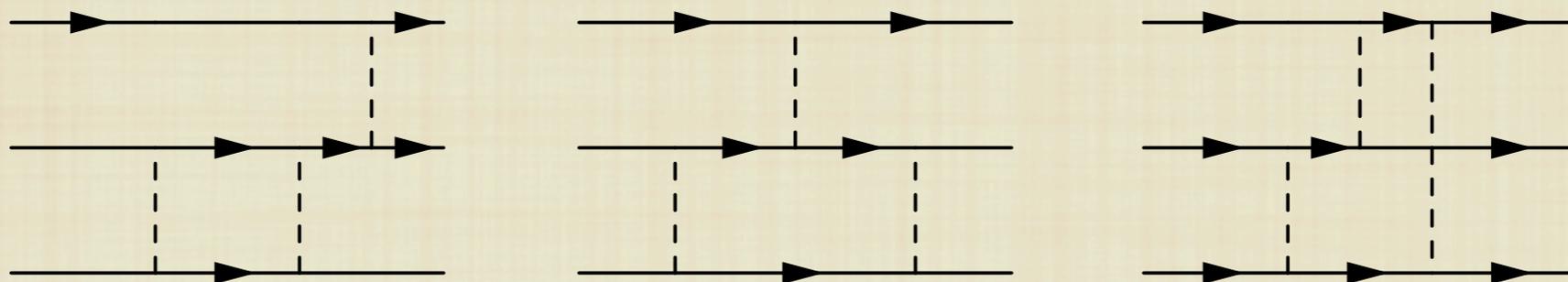
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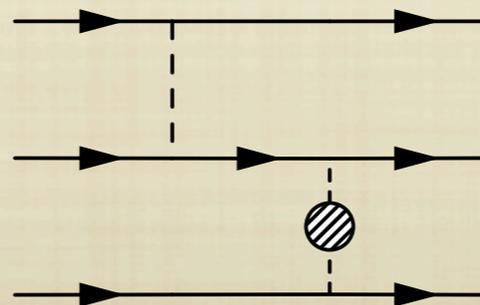
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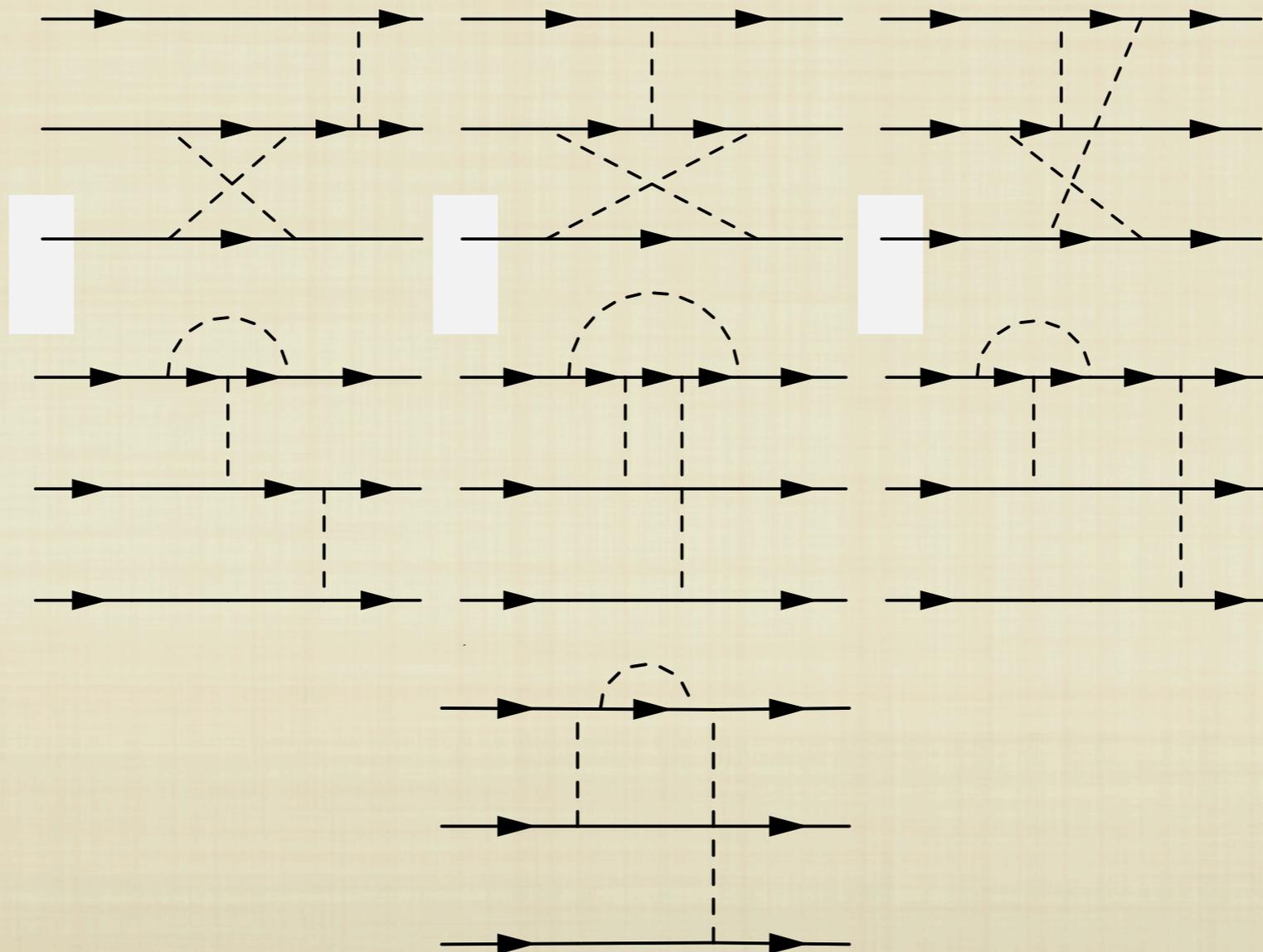
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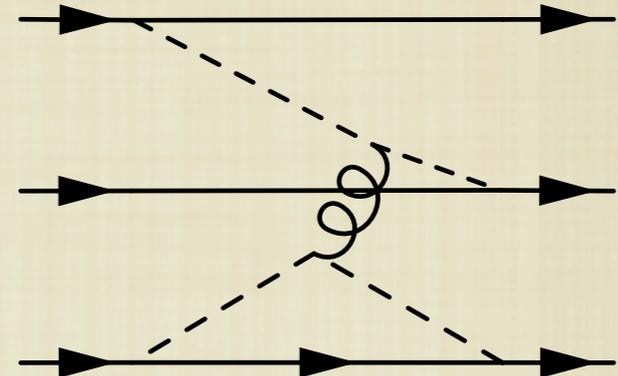
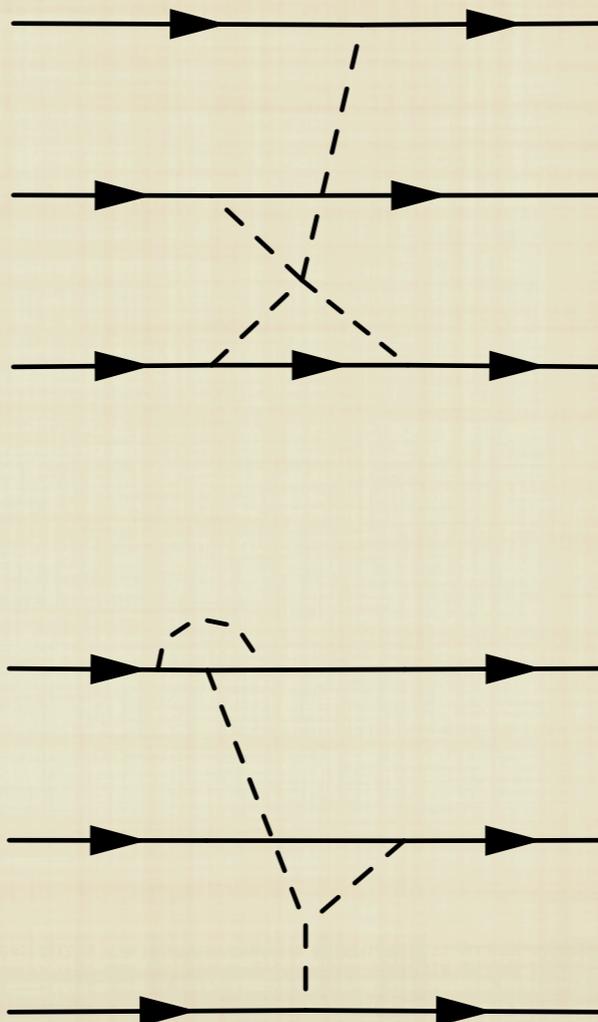
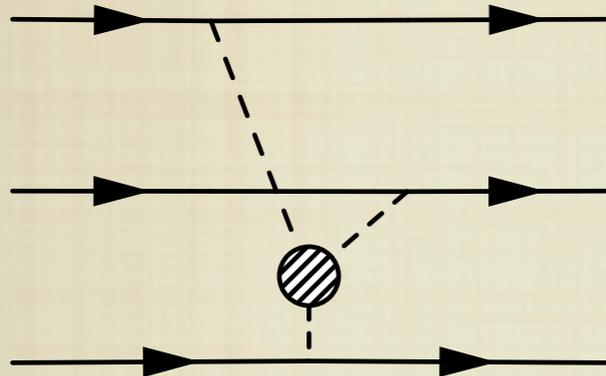
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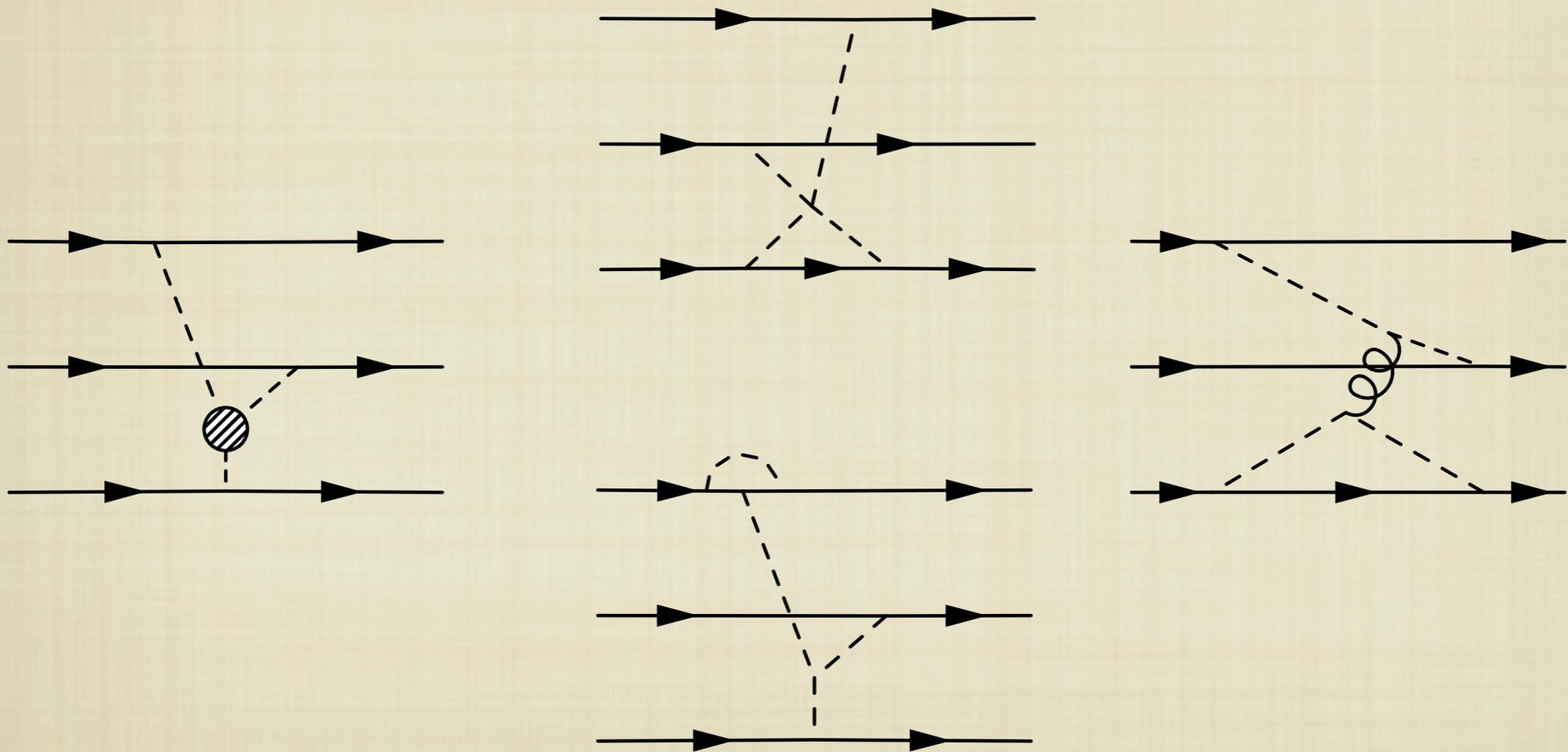
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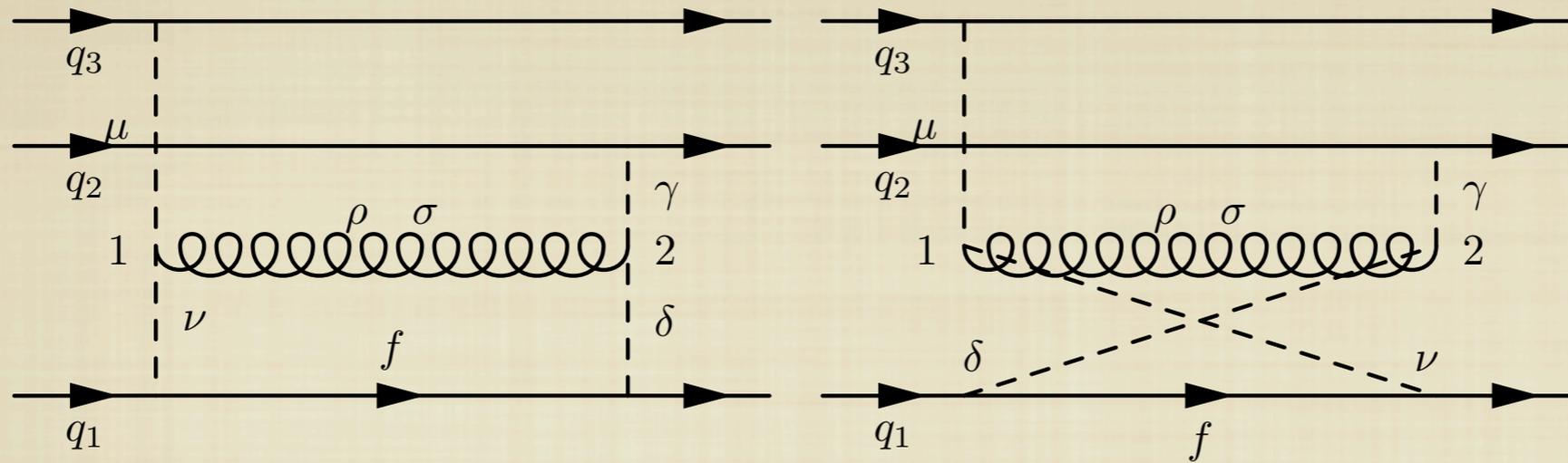
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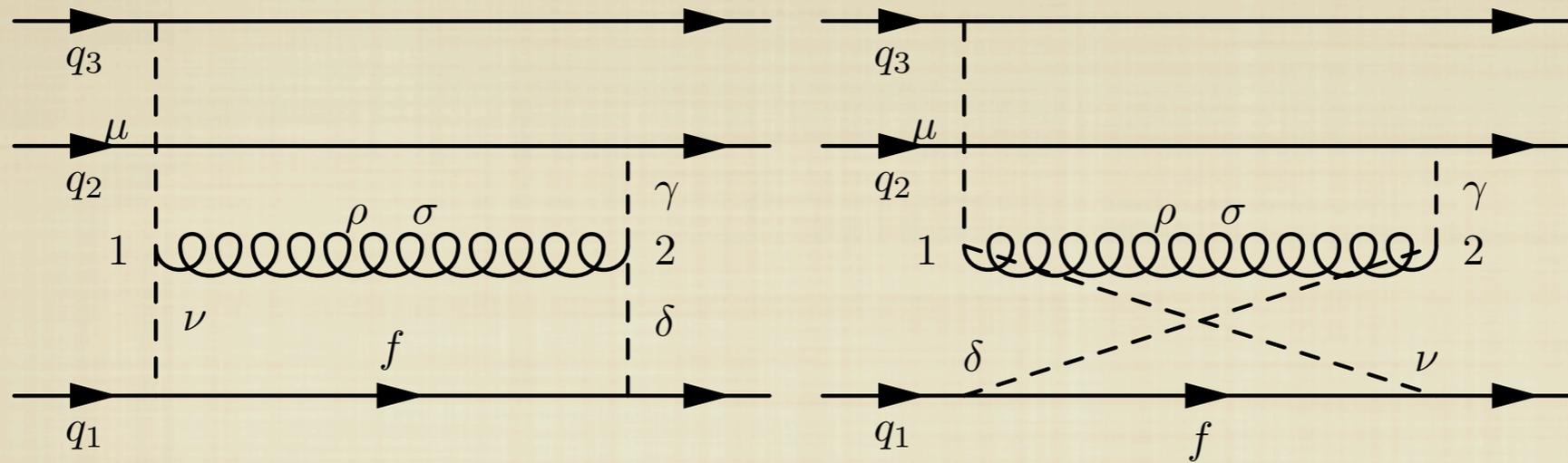
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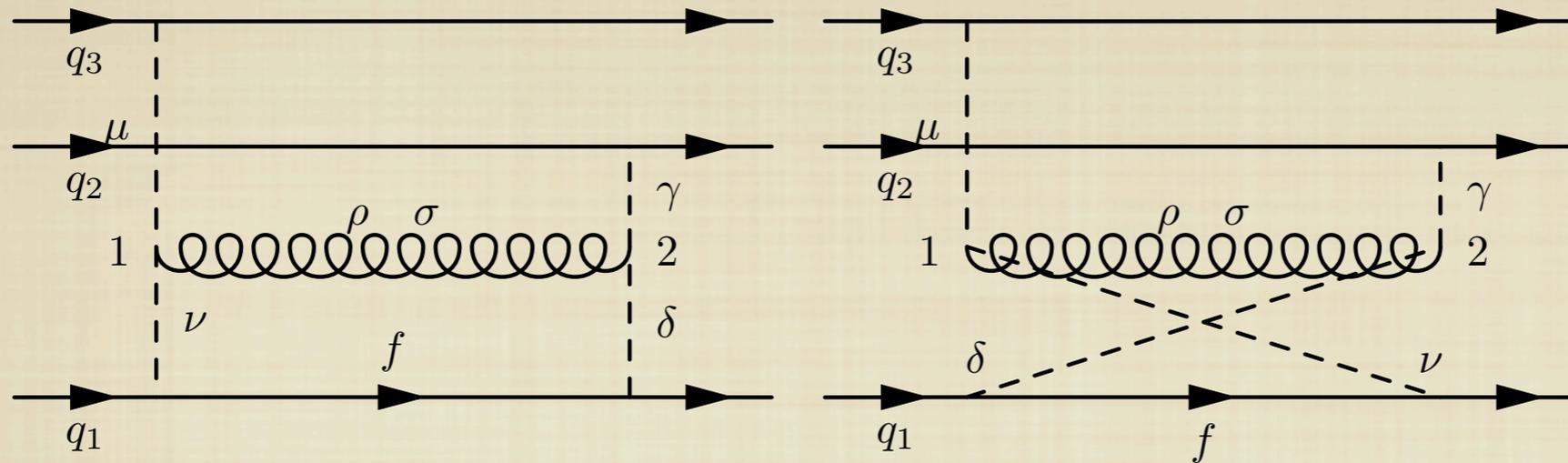


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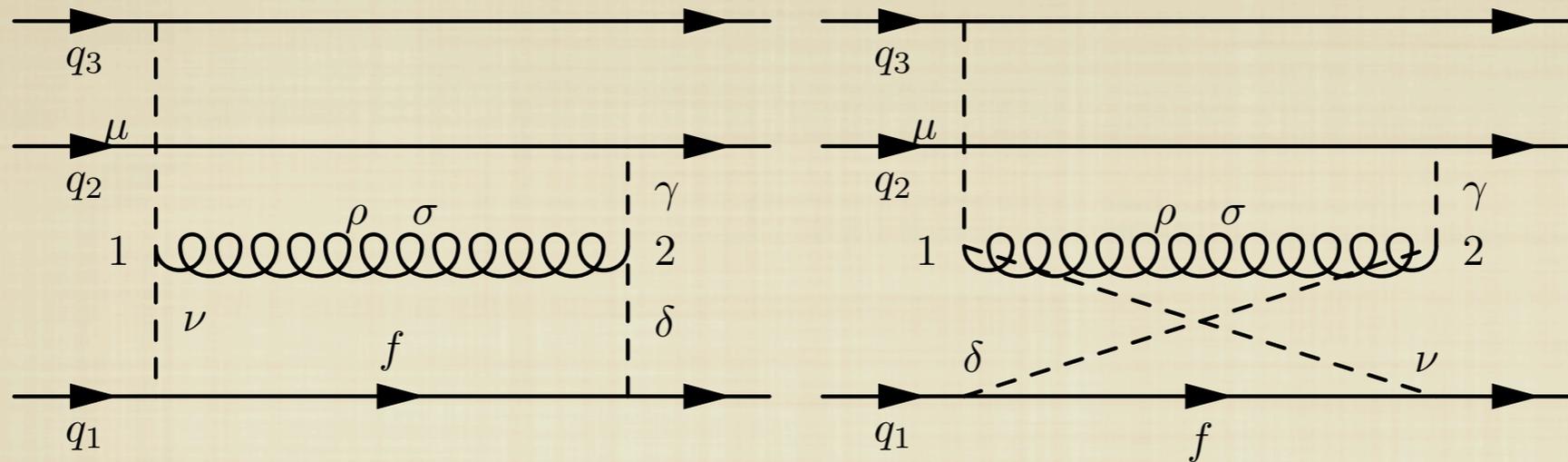


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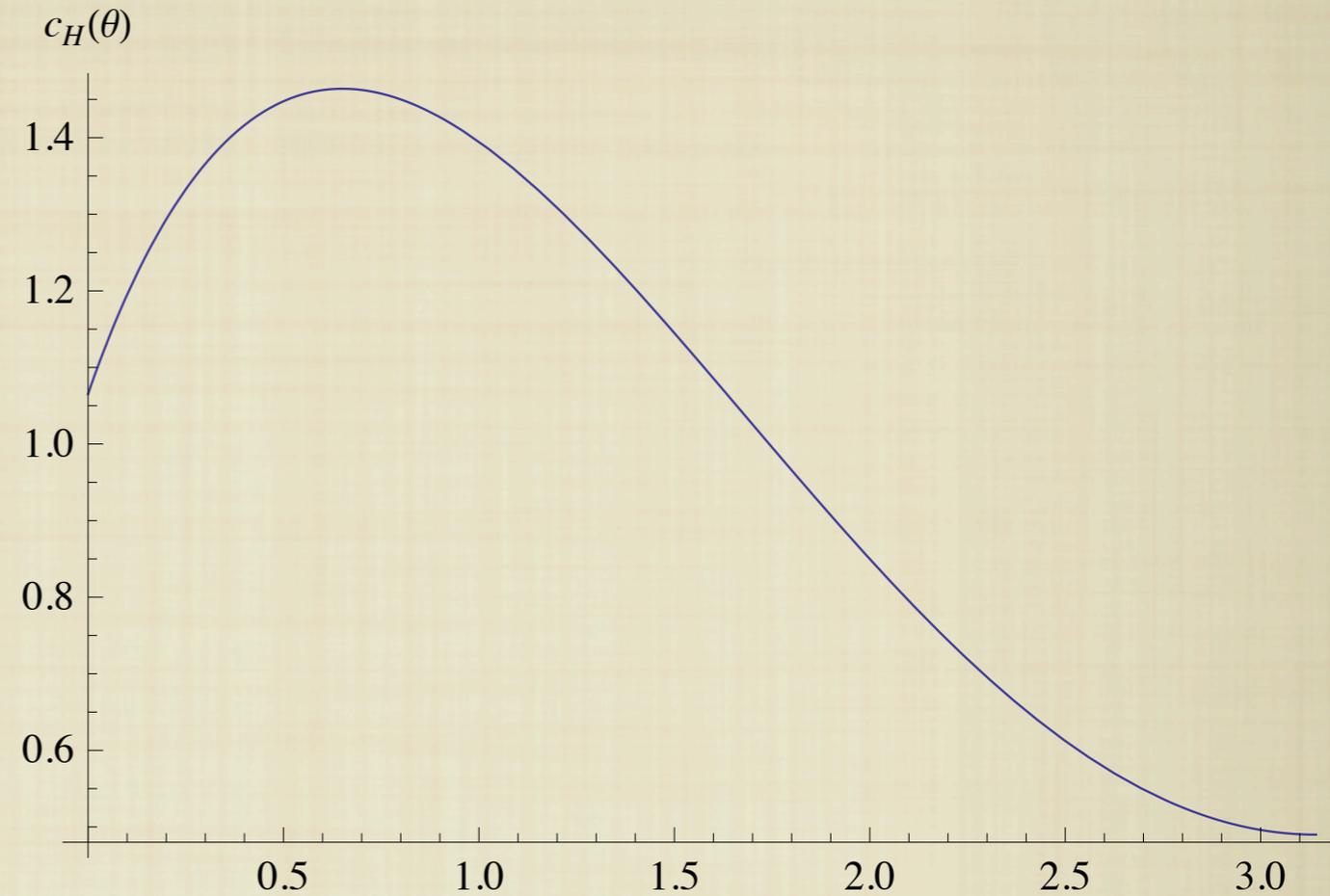
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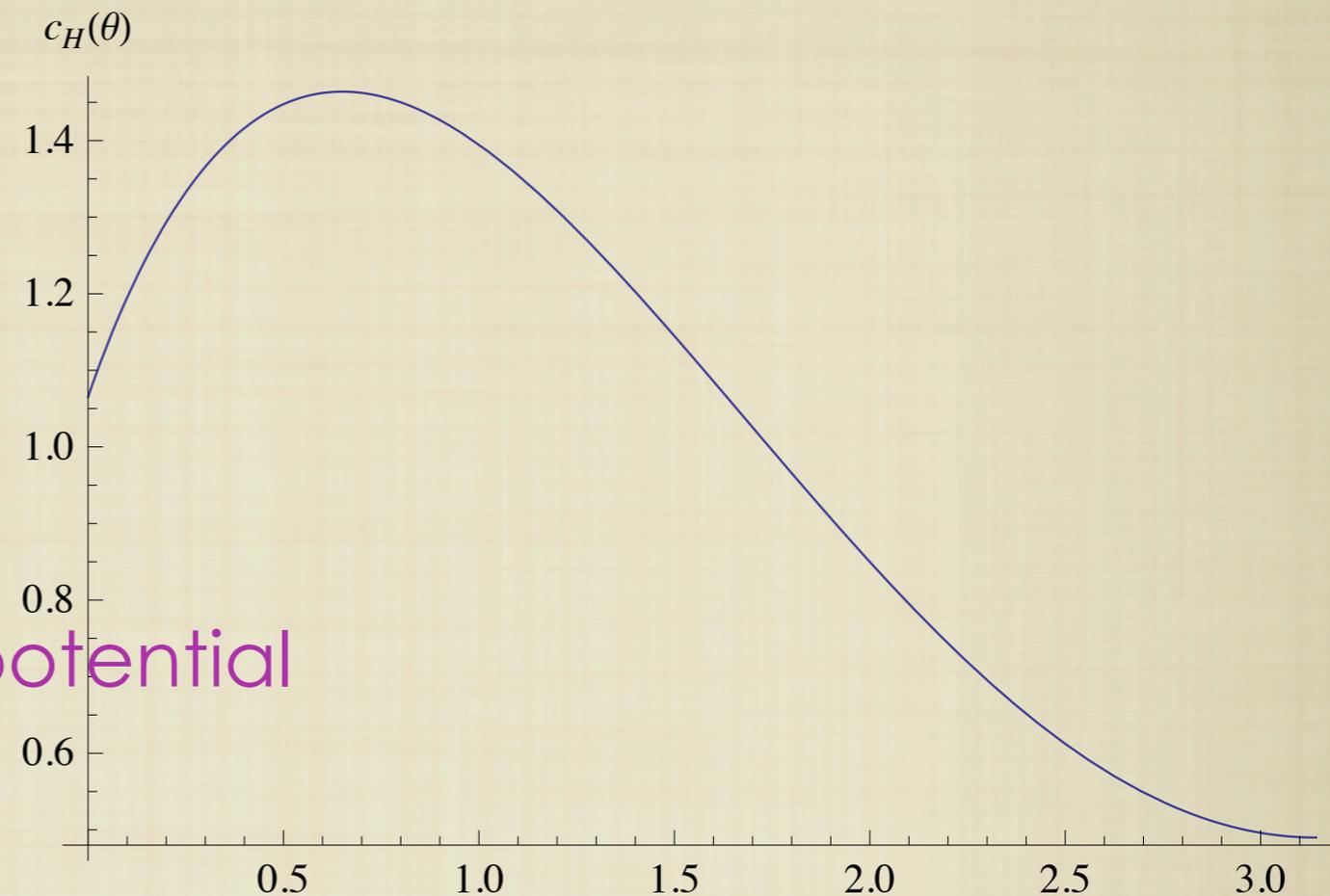
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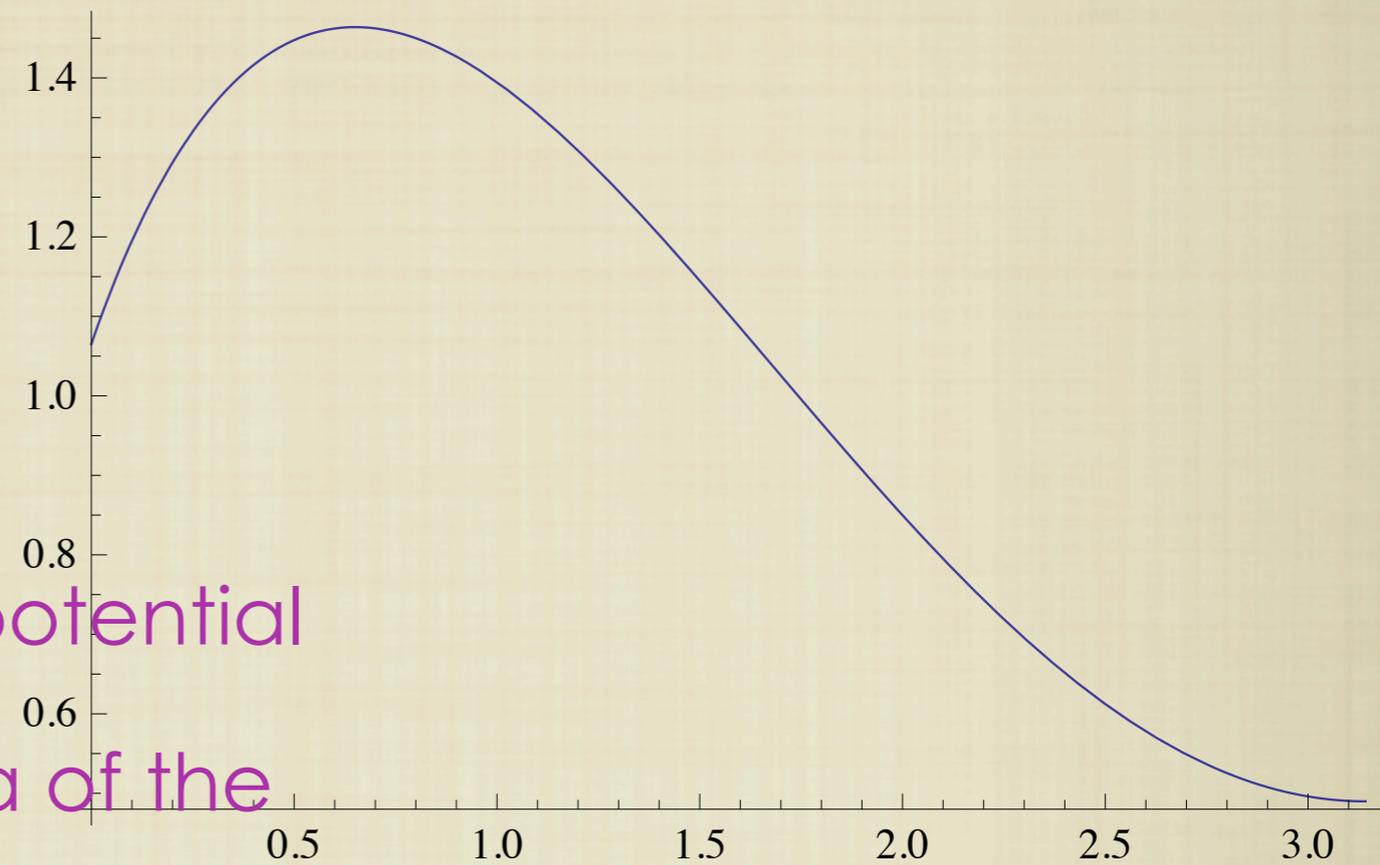
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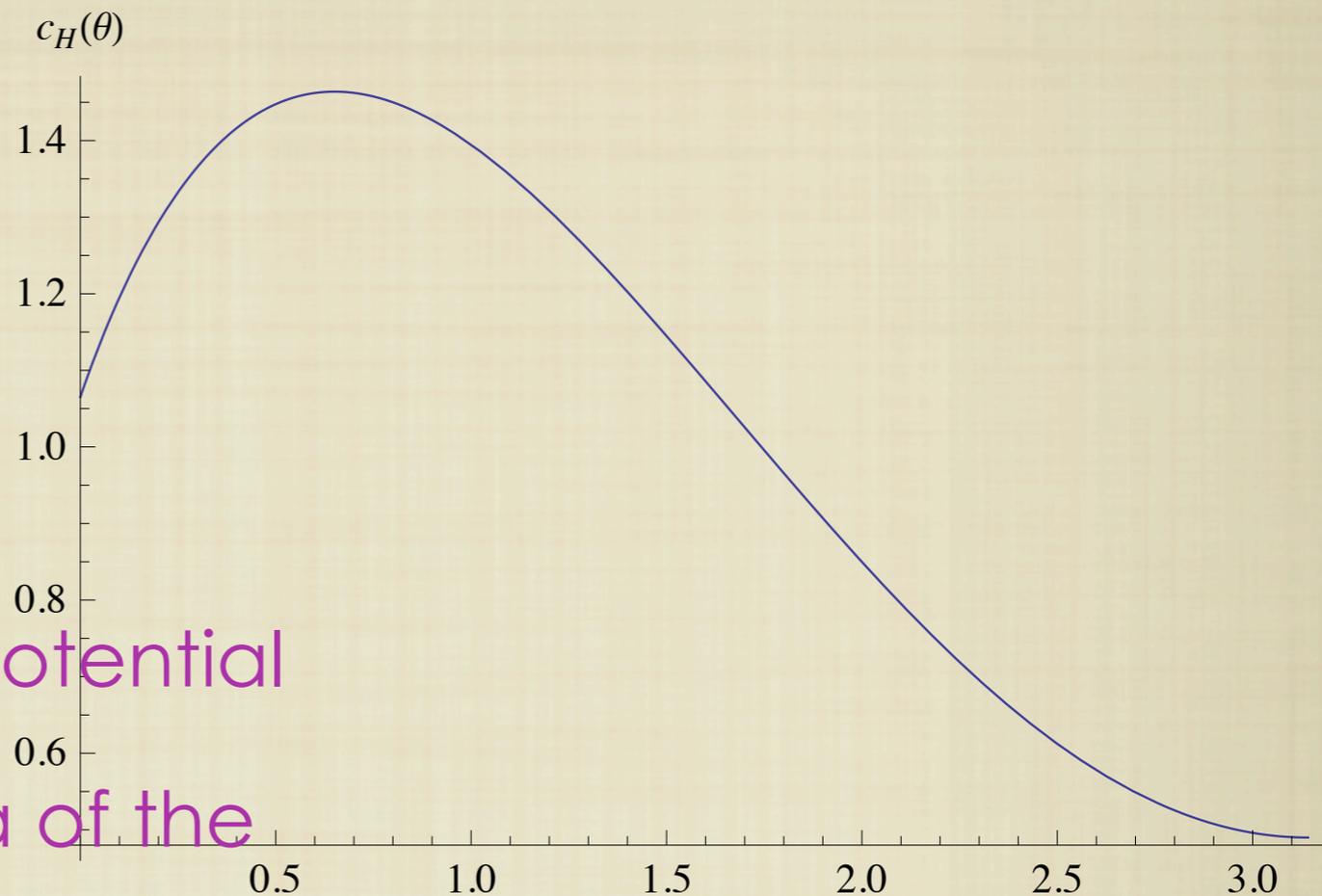
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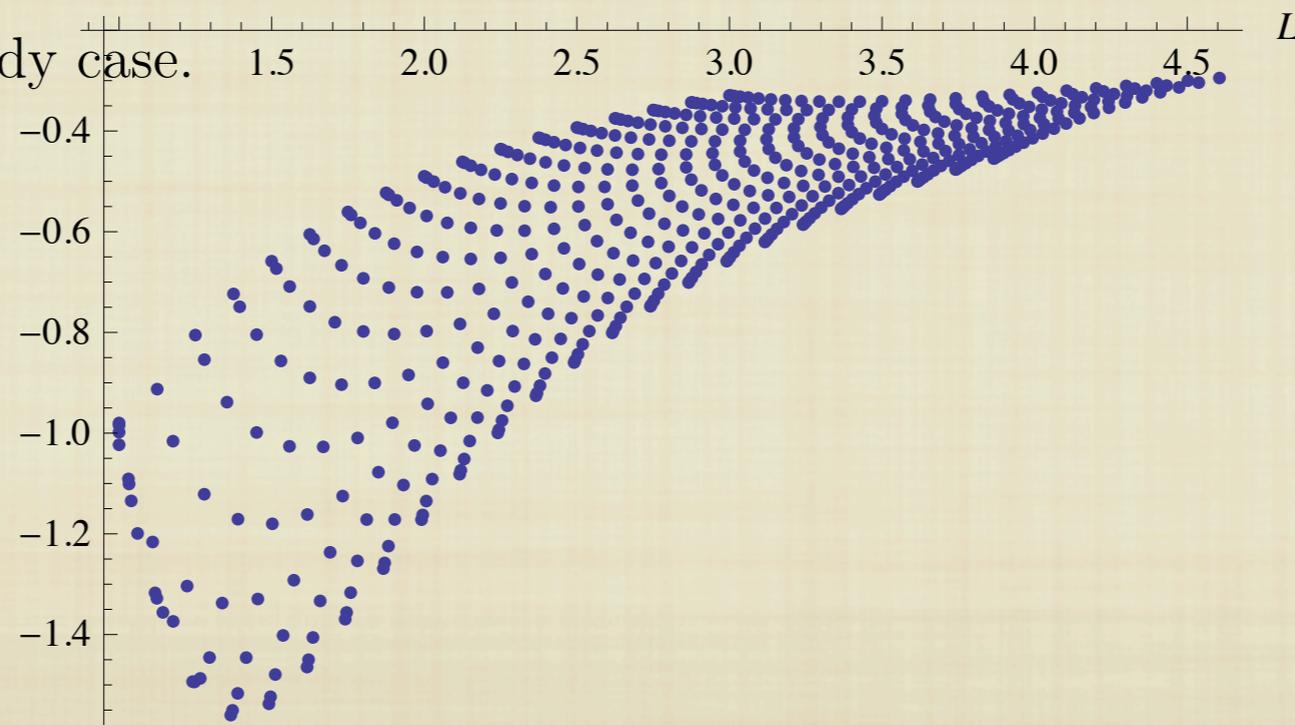


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[28] T. T. Takahashi and H. Suganuma, Phys. Rev. **D70**, 074506 (2004), hep-lat/0409105.

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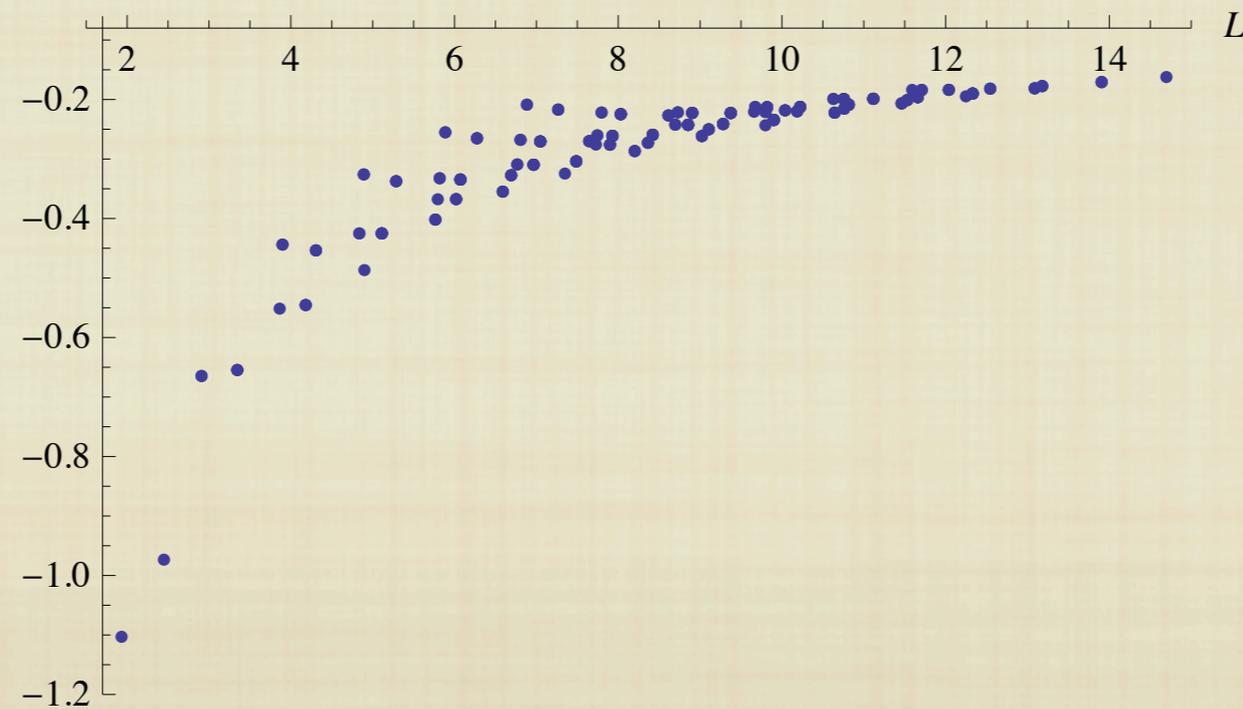


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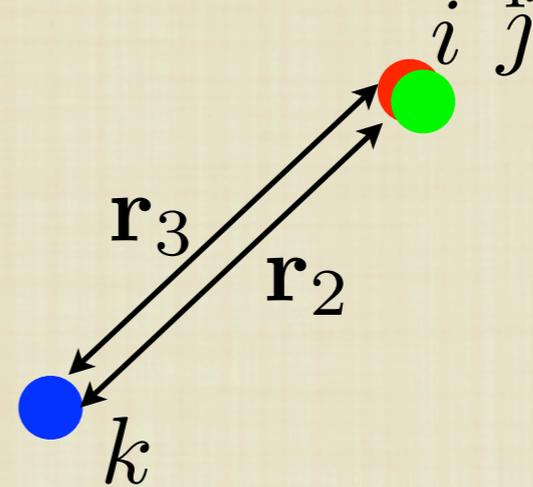
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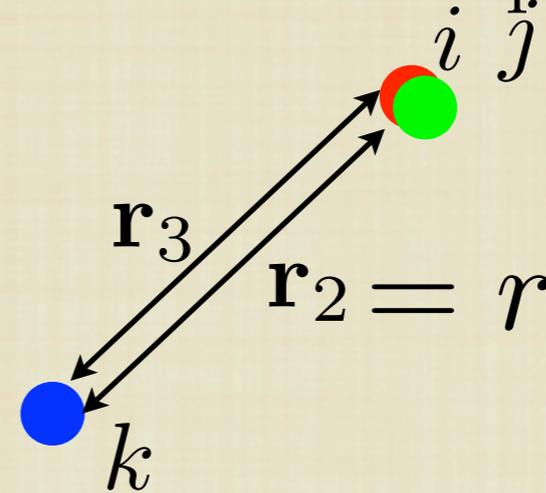
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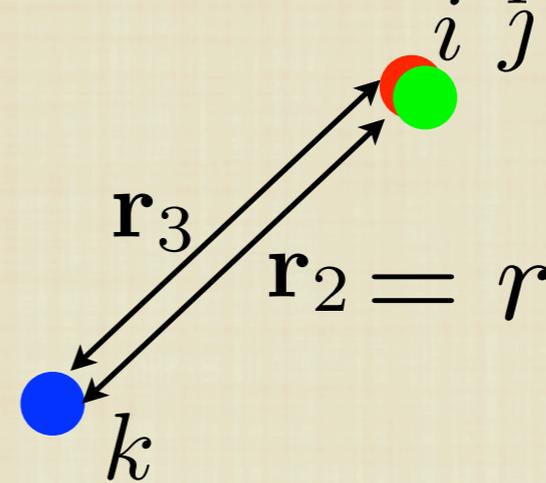
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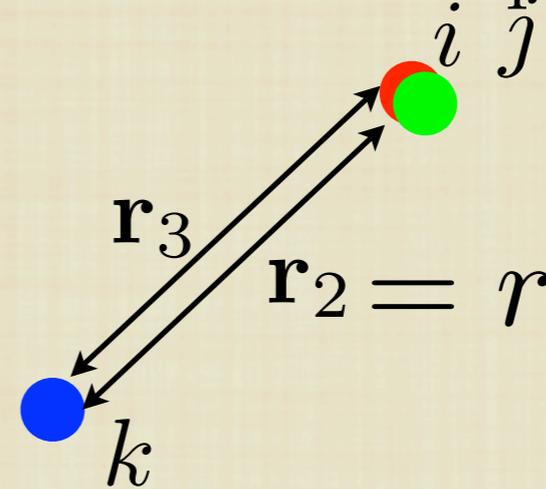
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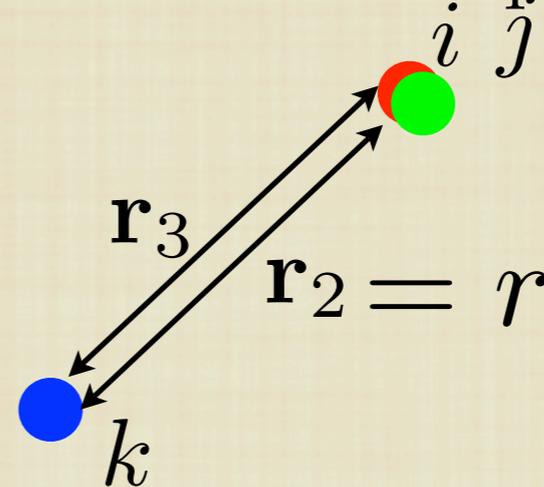
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