

Rethinking Brout-Englert-Higgs Physics

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 - Why the standard model is special
 - Why this can be a game changer beyond the standard model

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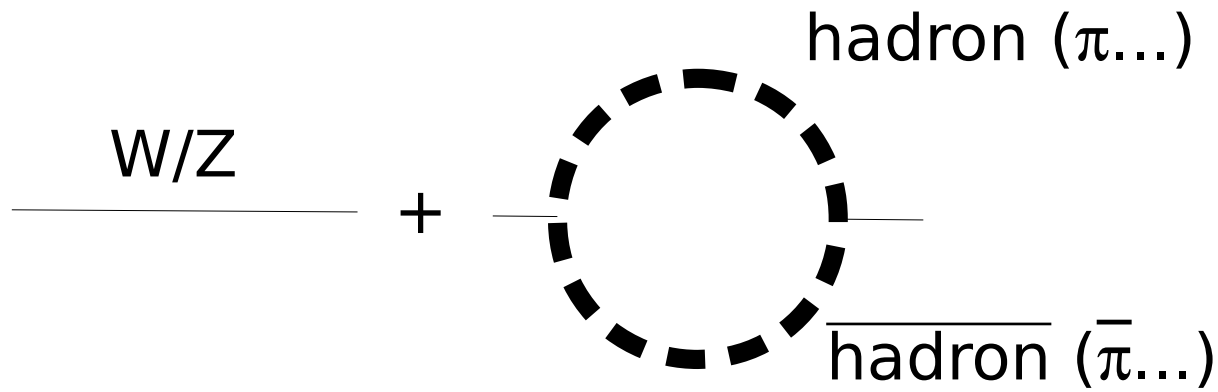
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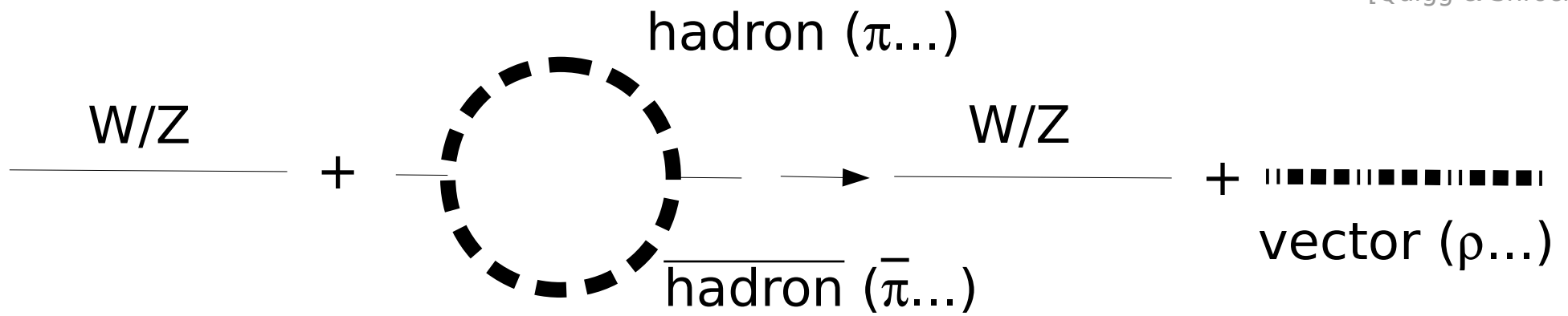
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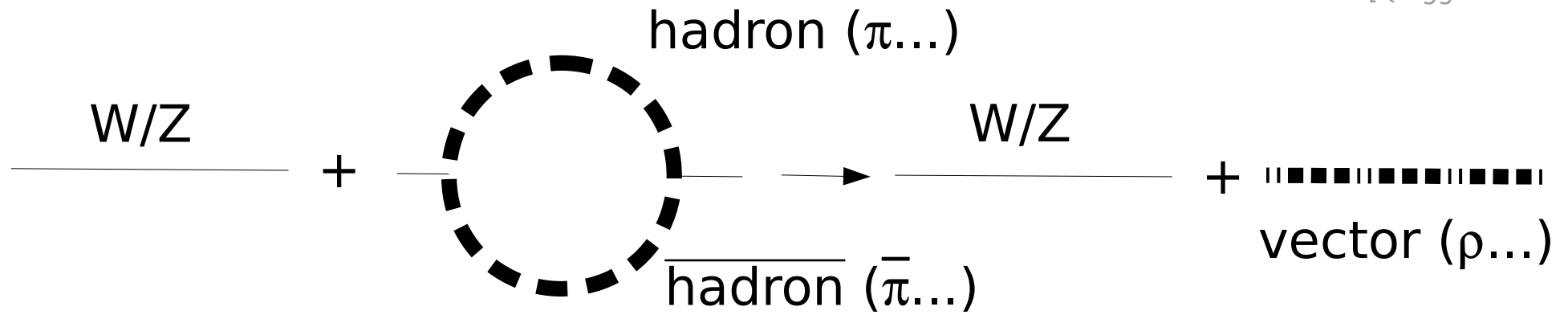
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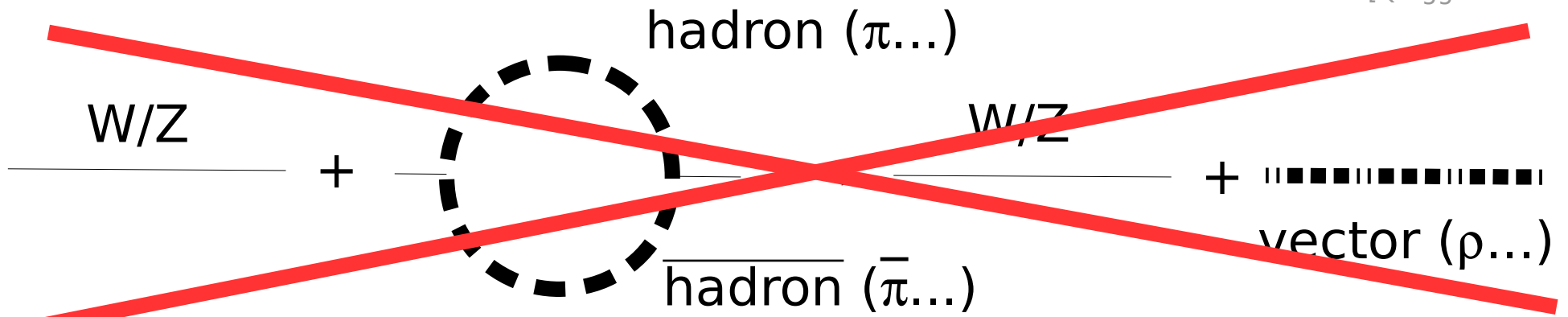
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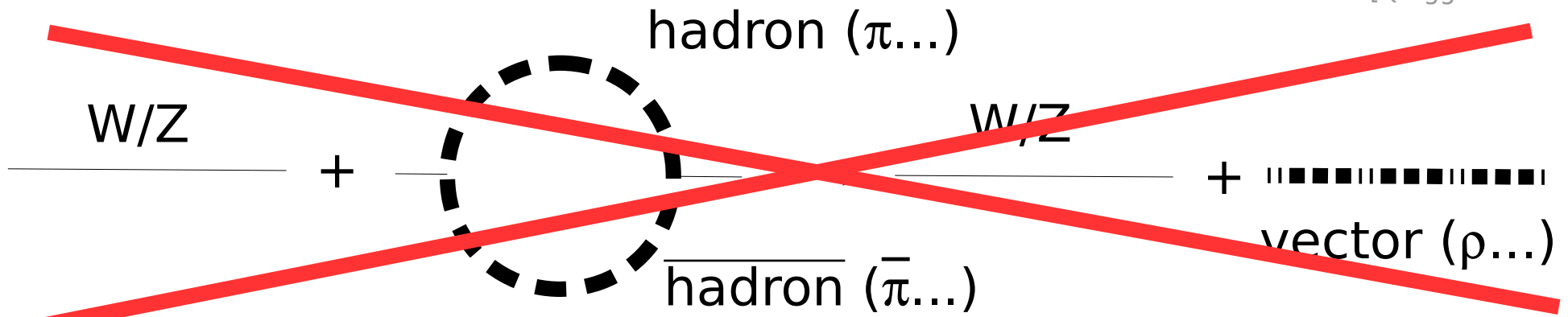
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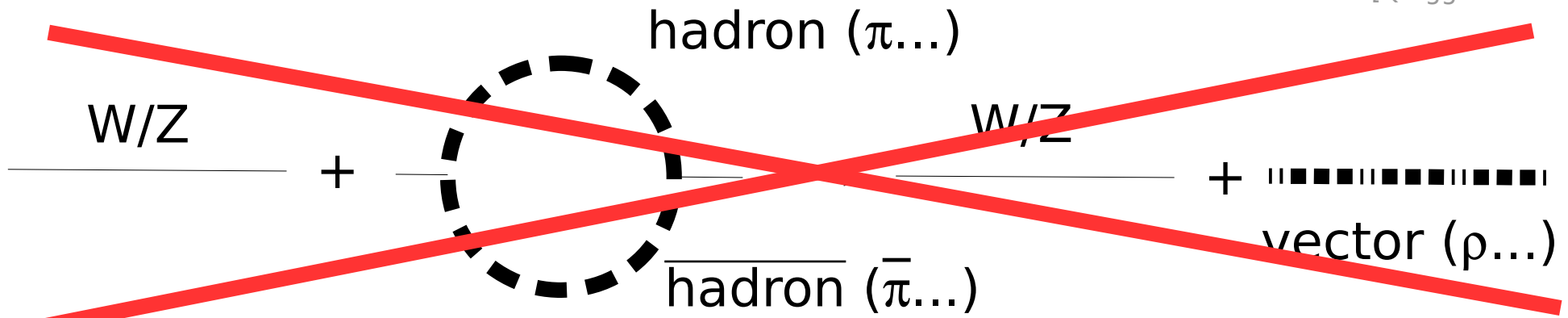
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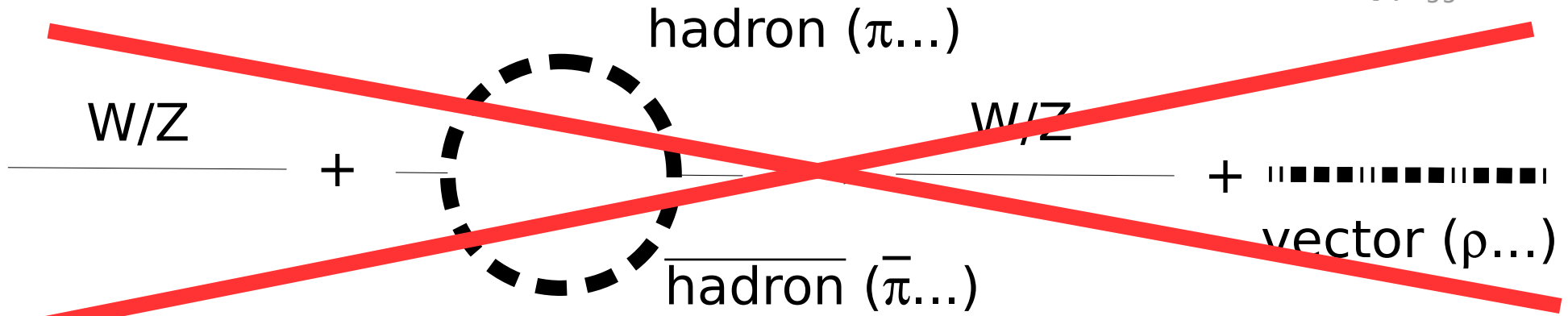
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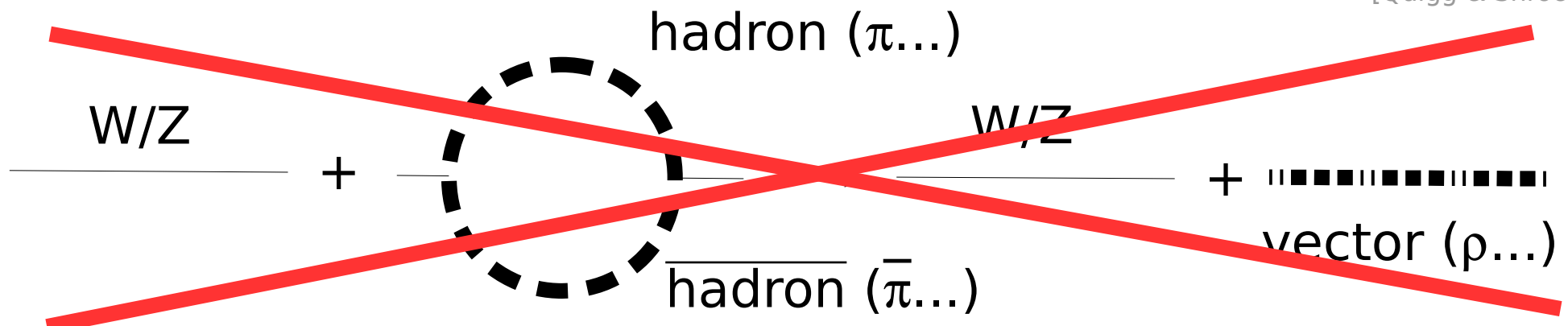
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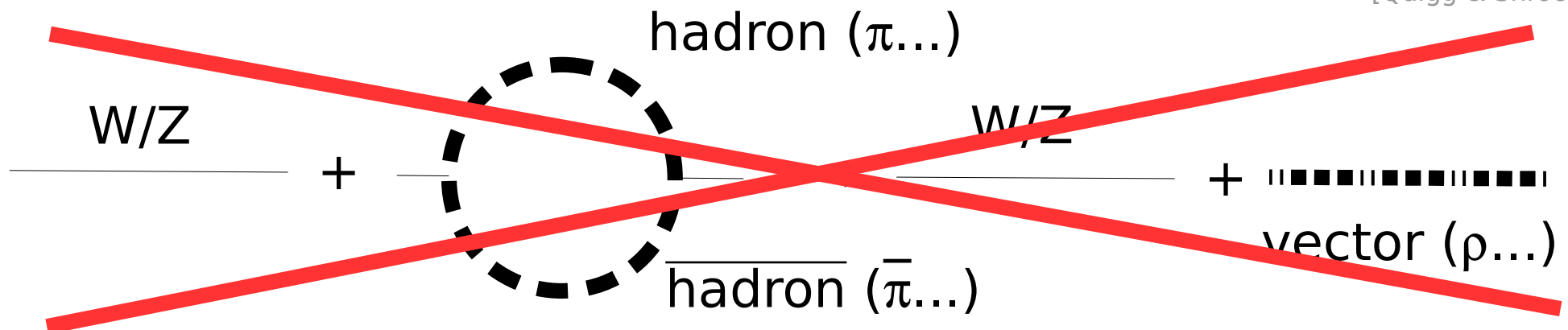
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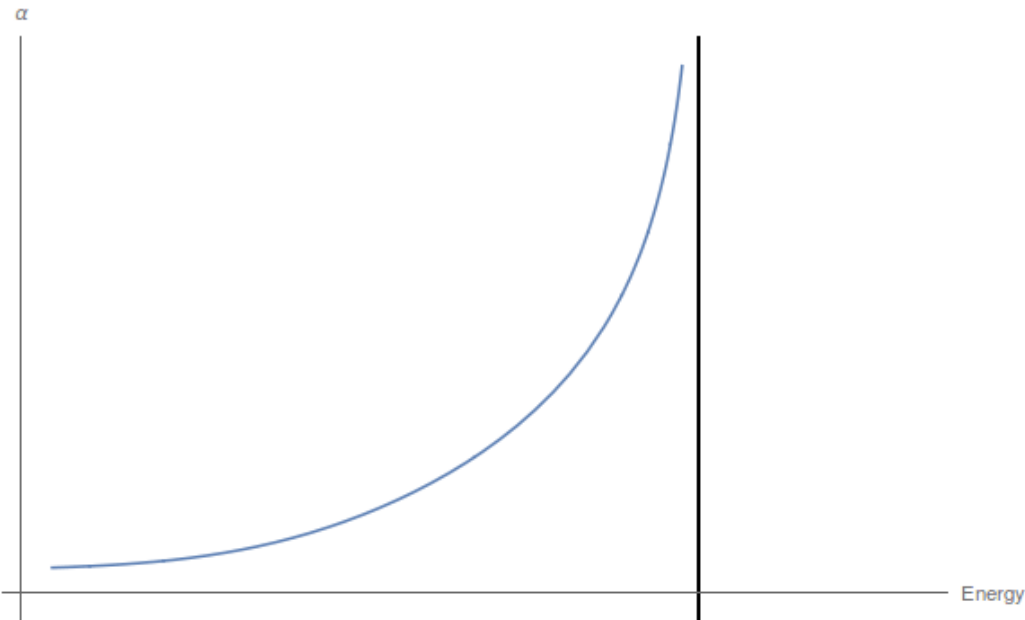
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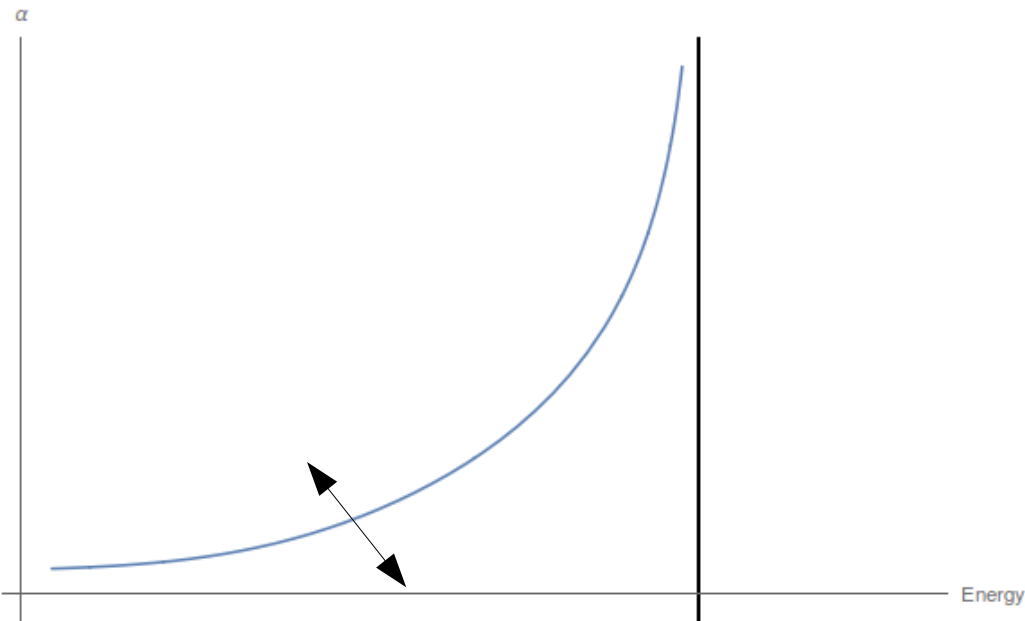
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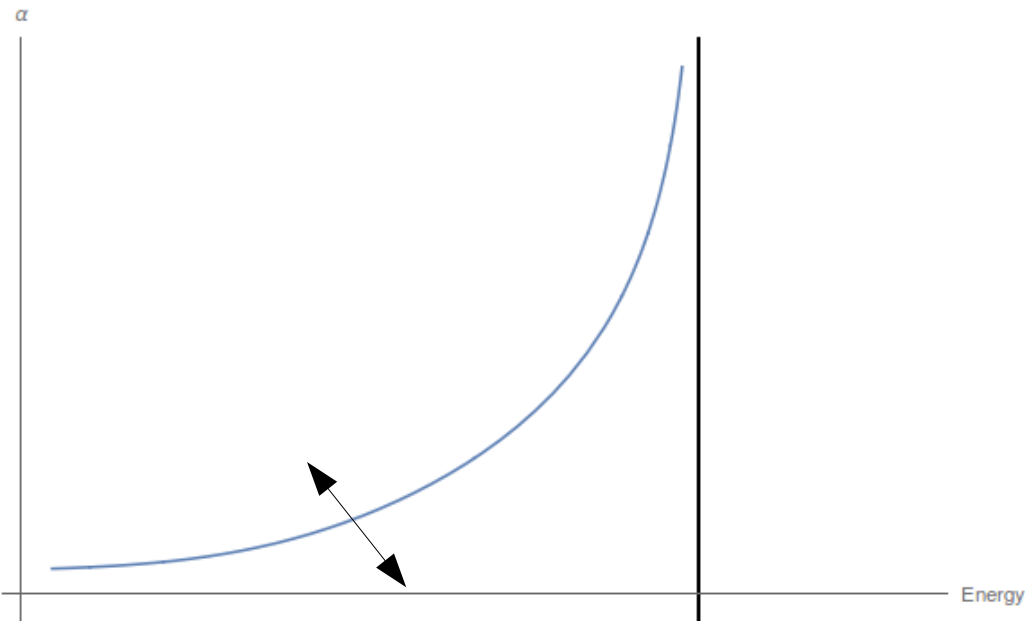
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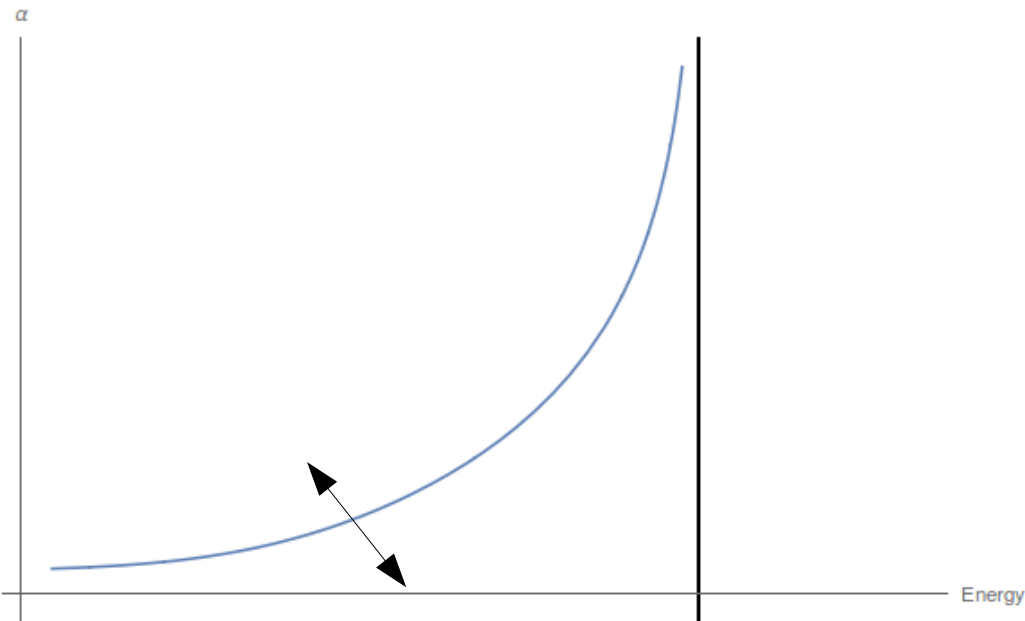
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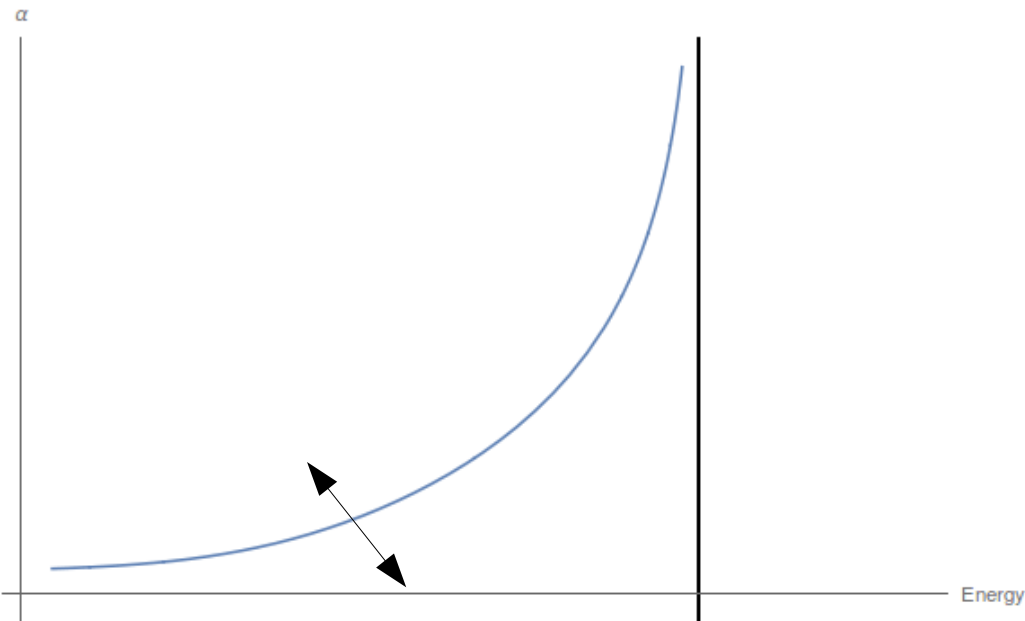
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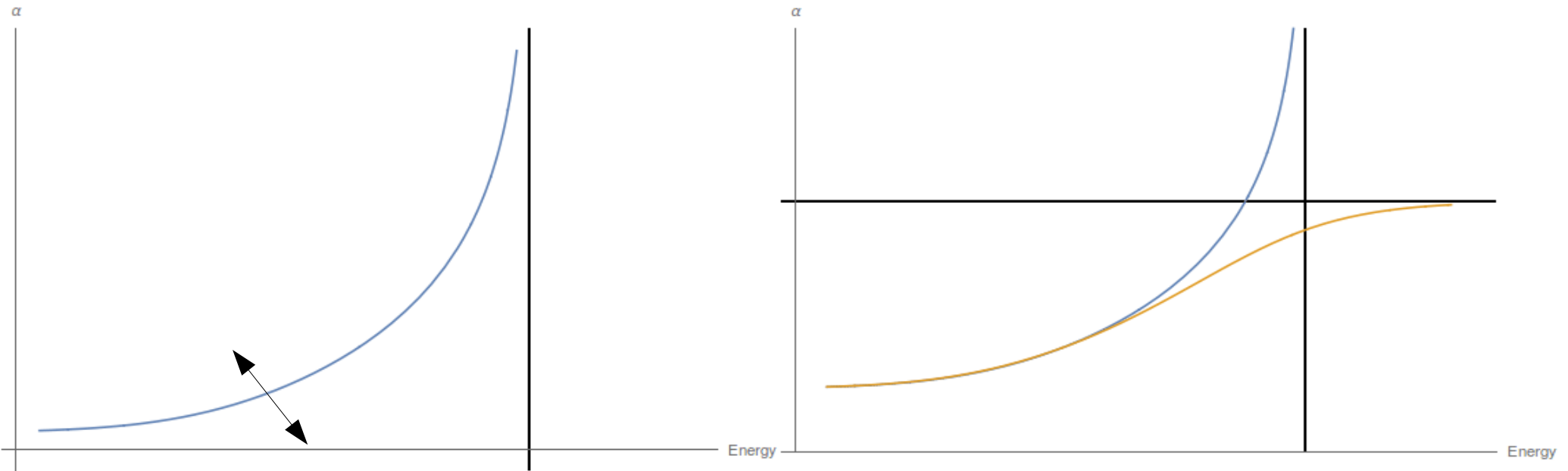
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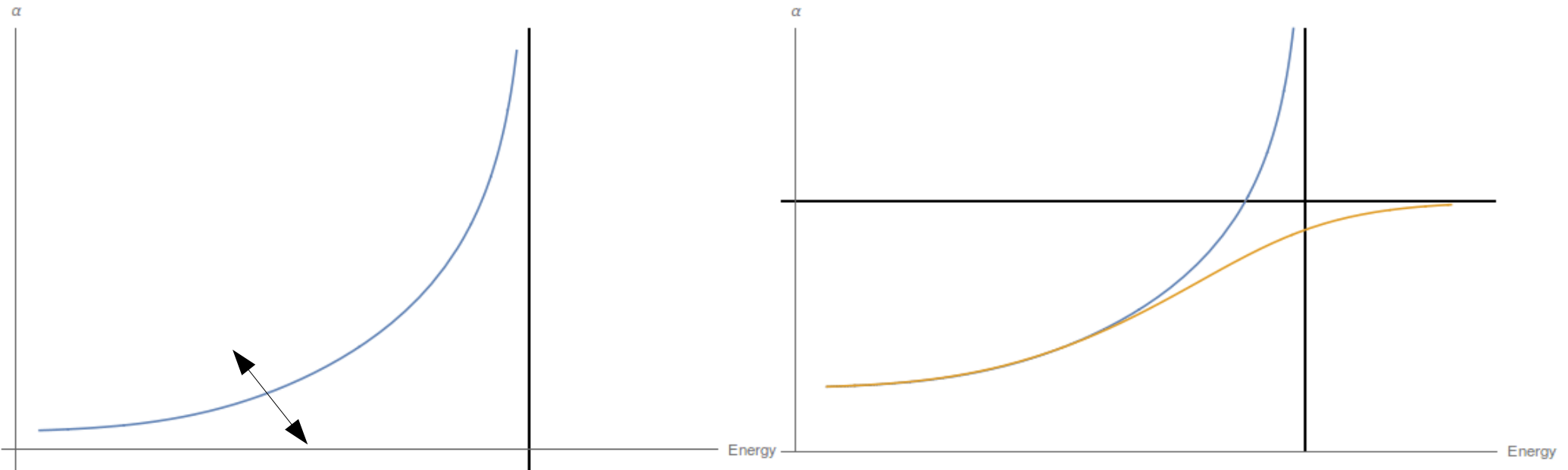
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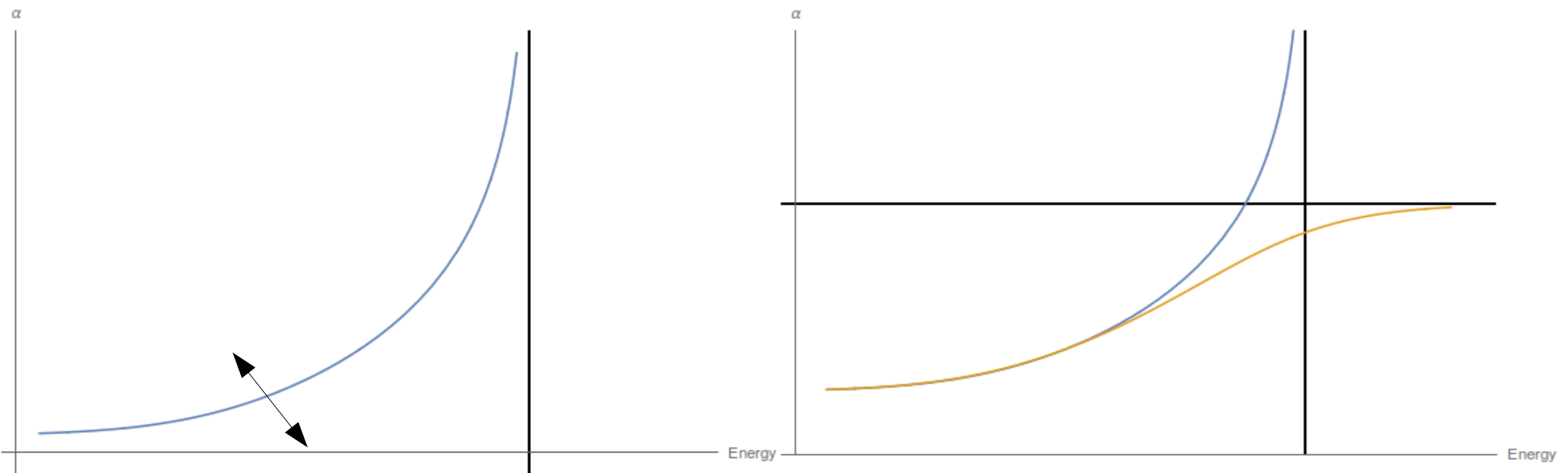
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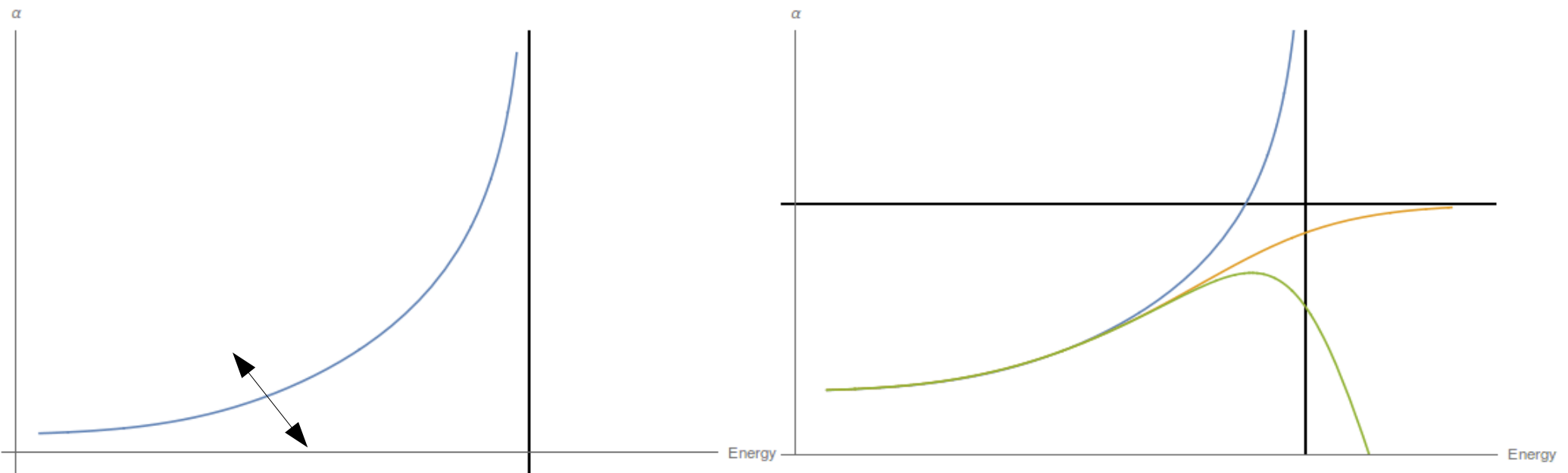
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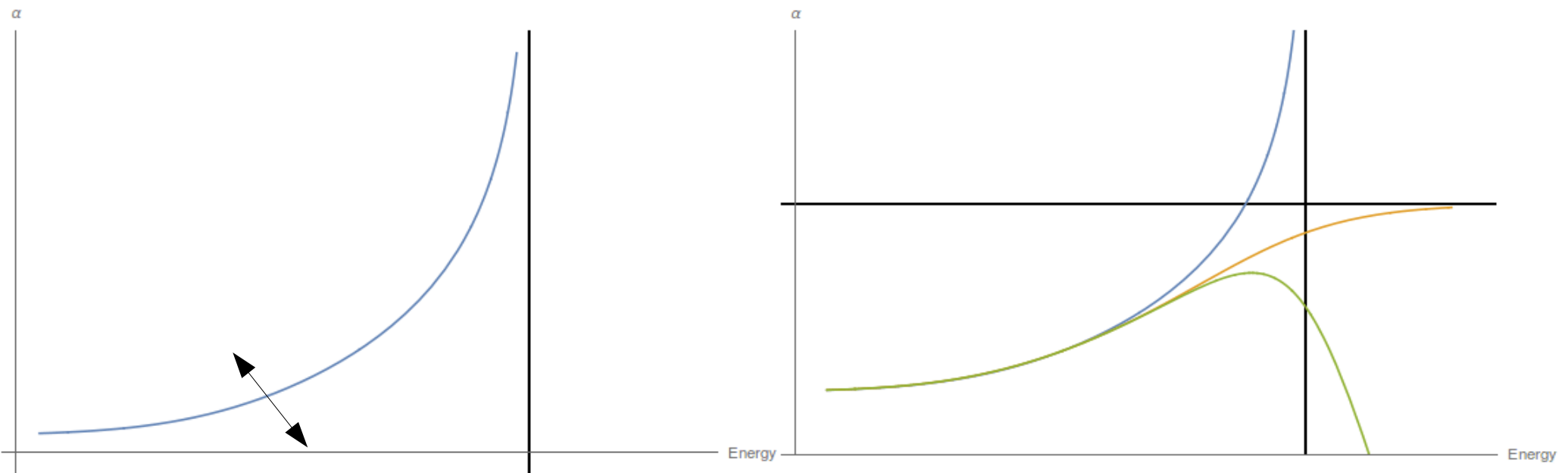
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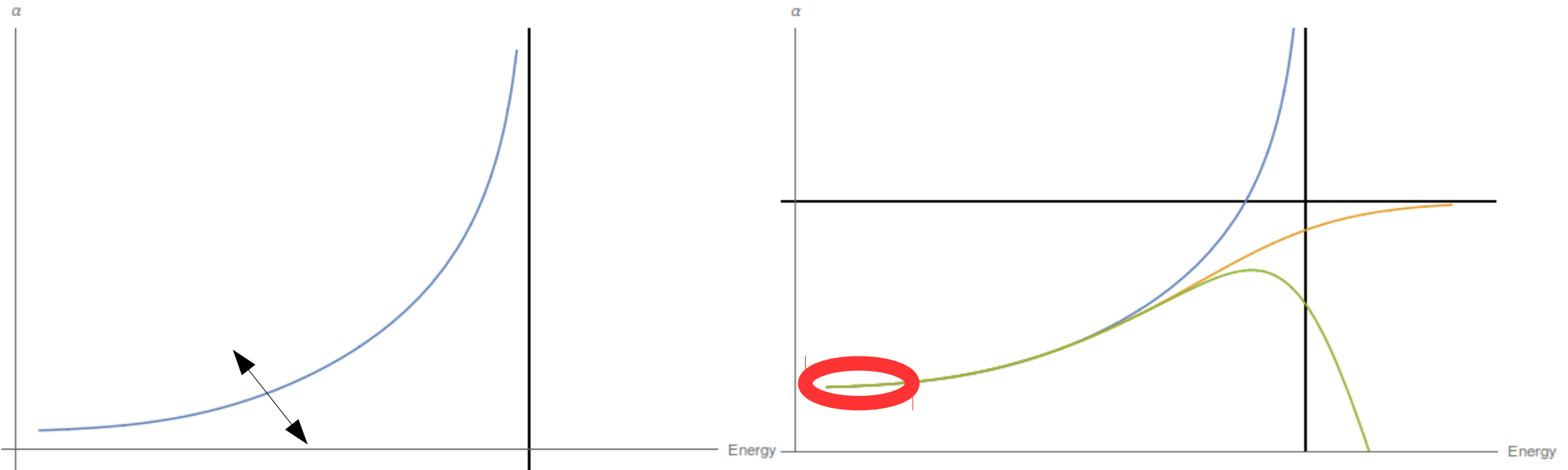
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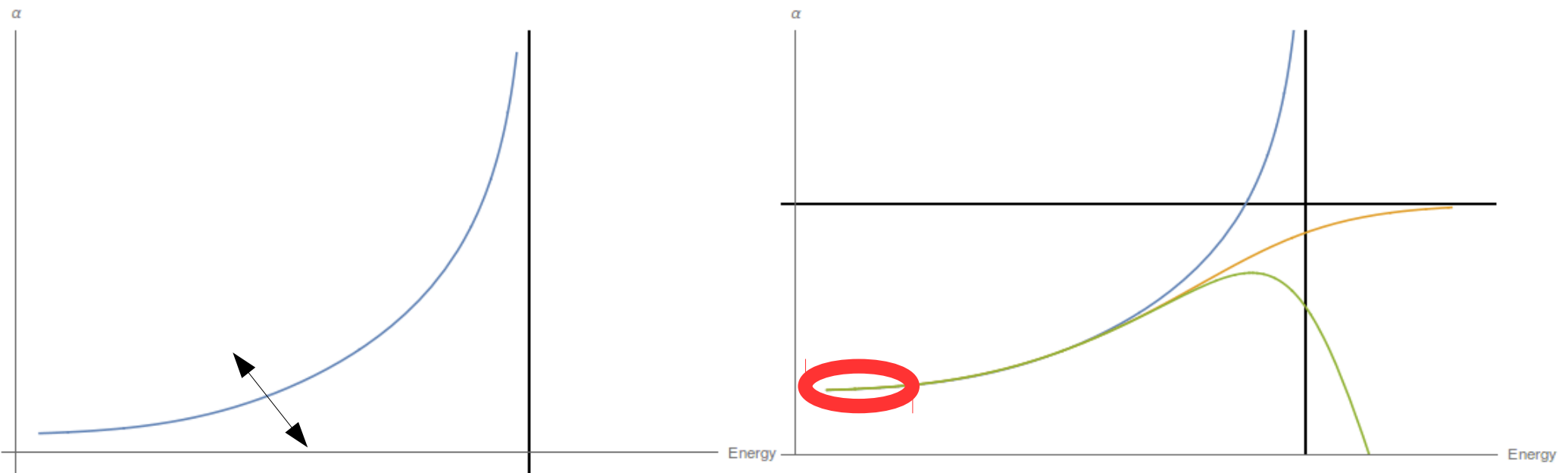
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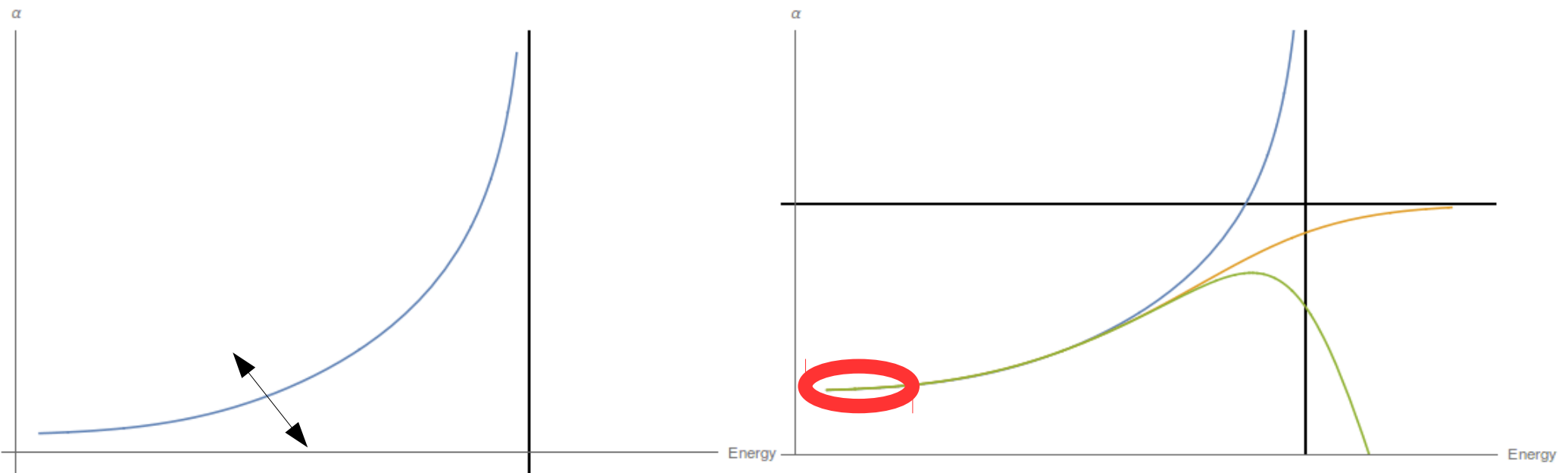
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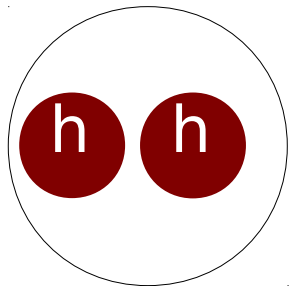
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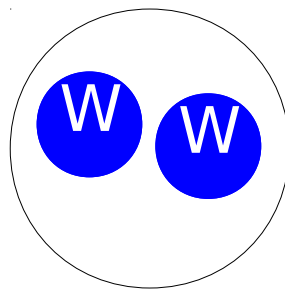
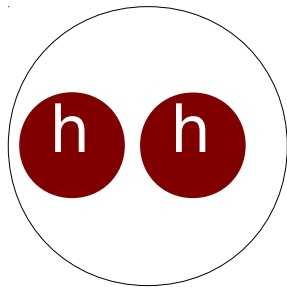
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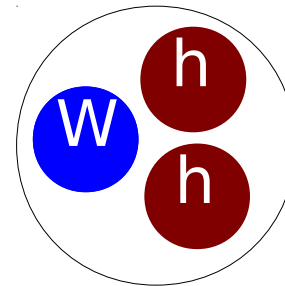
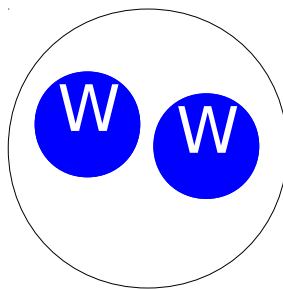
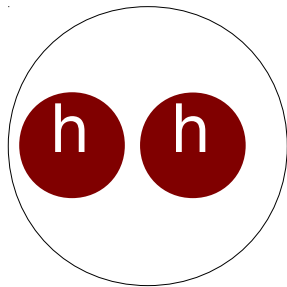
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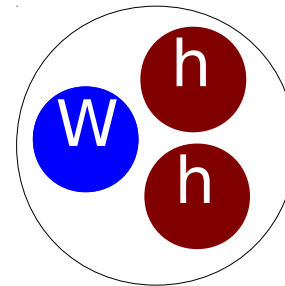
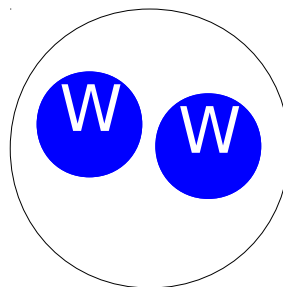
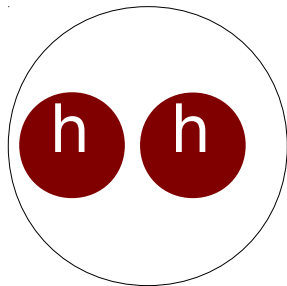
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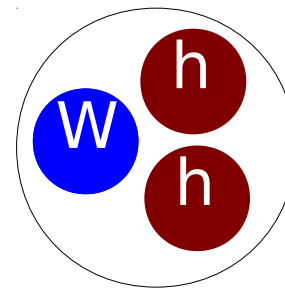
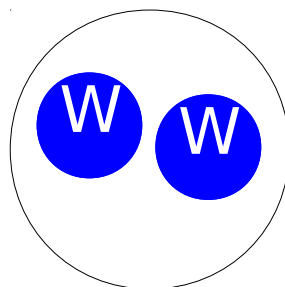
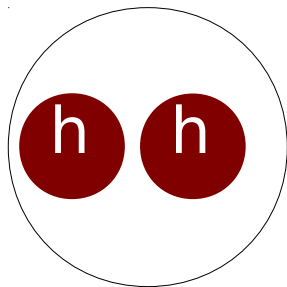


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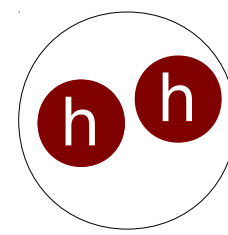
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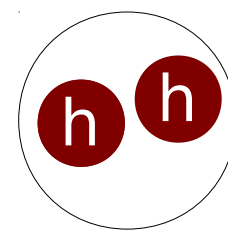


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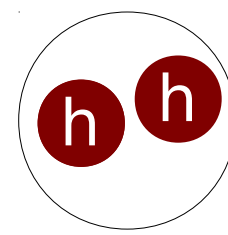


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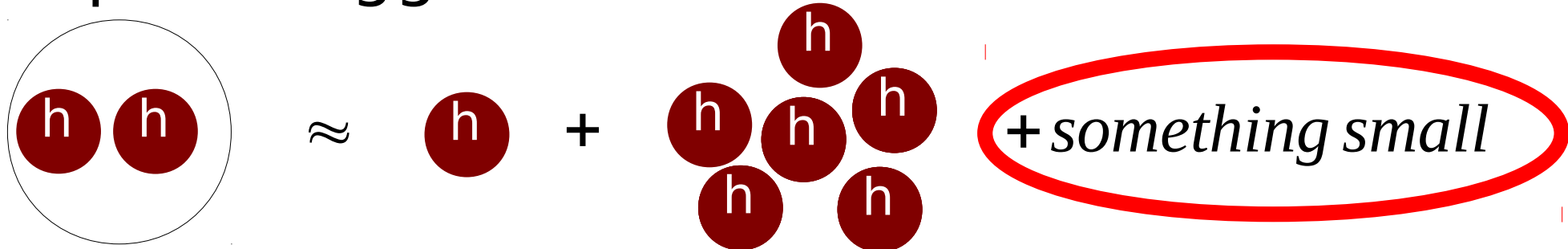
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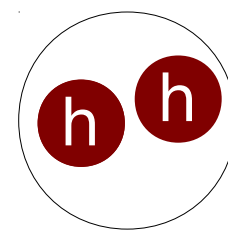
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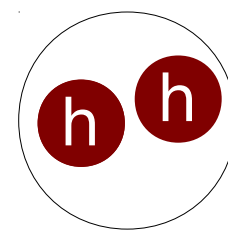
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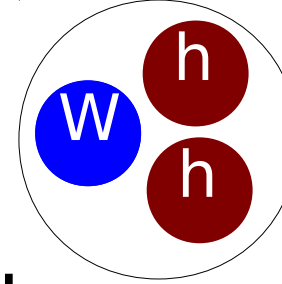
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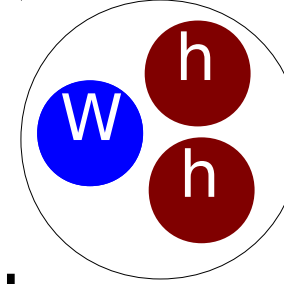
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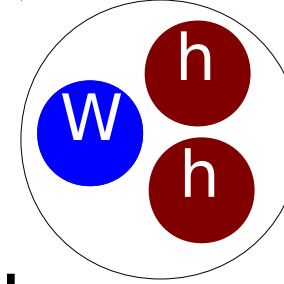


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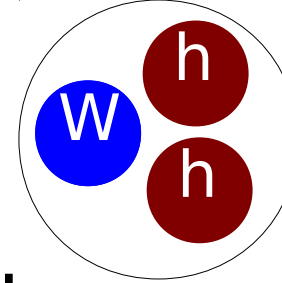
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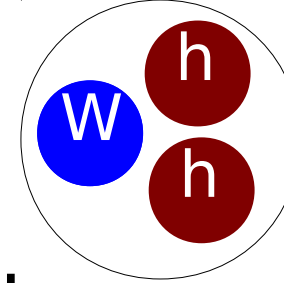
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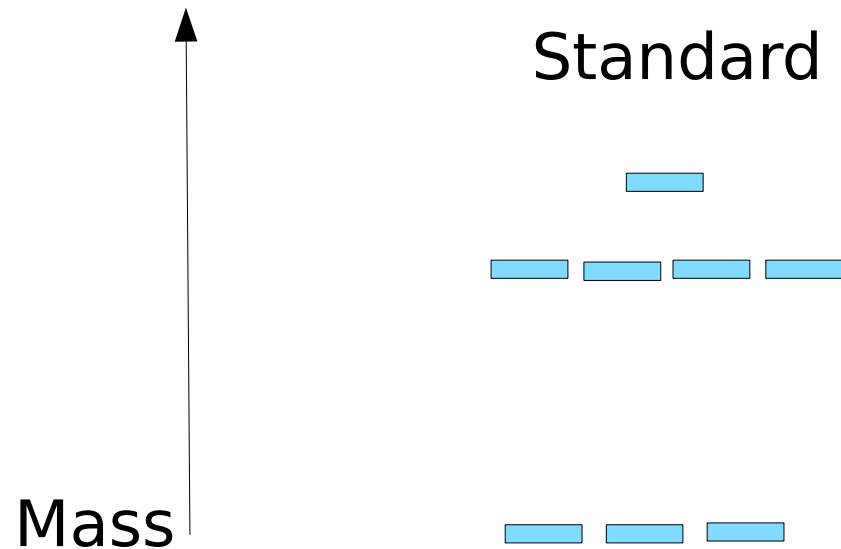
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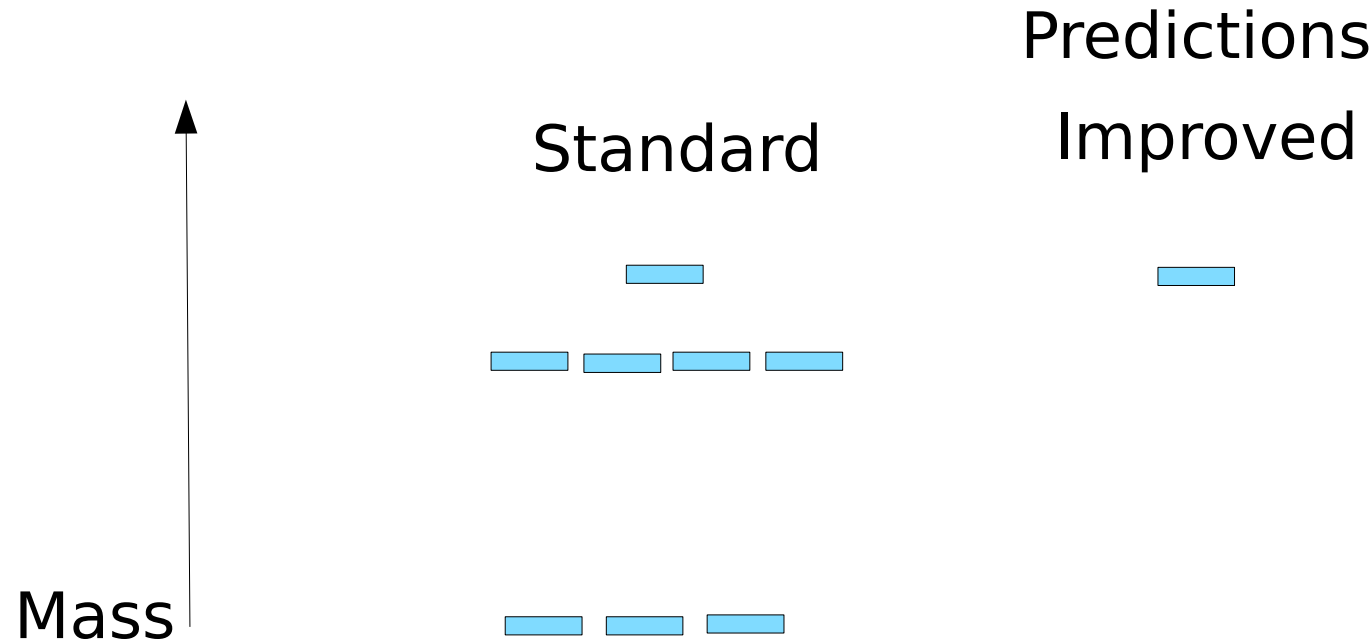
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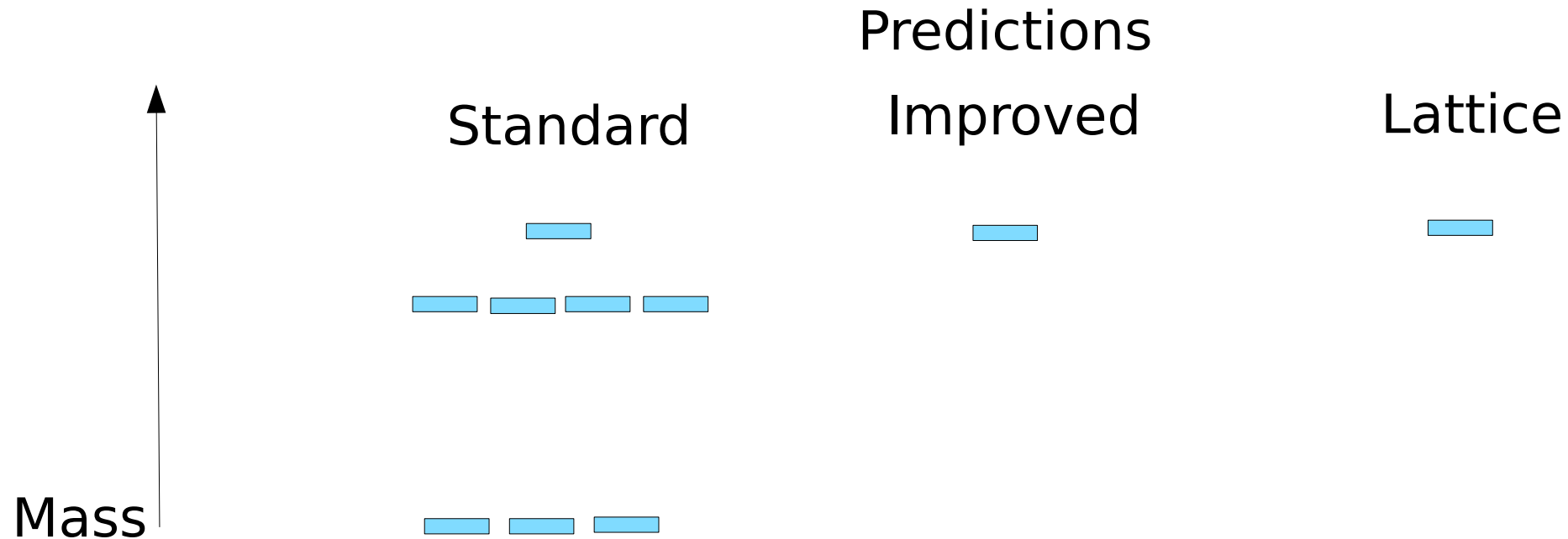
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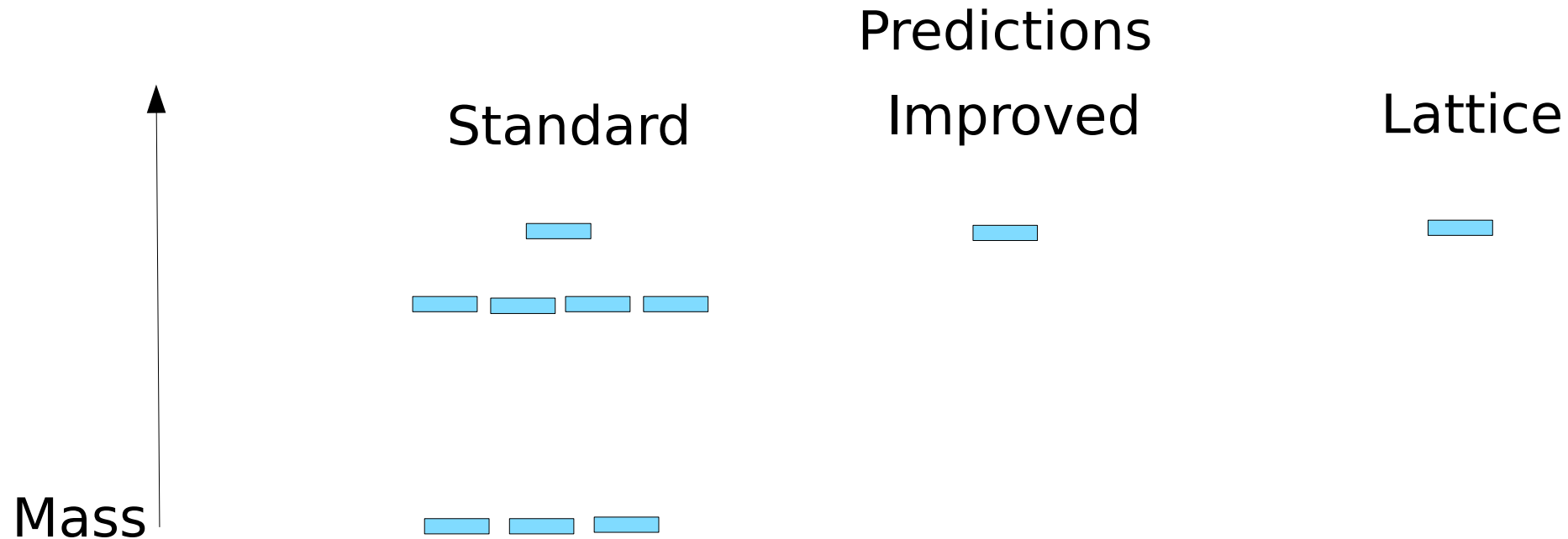
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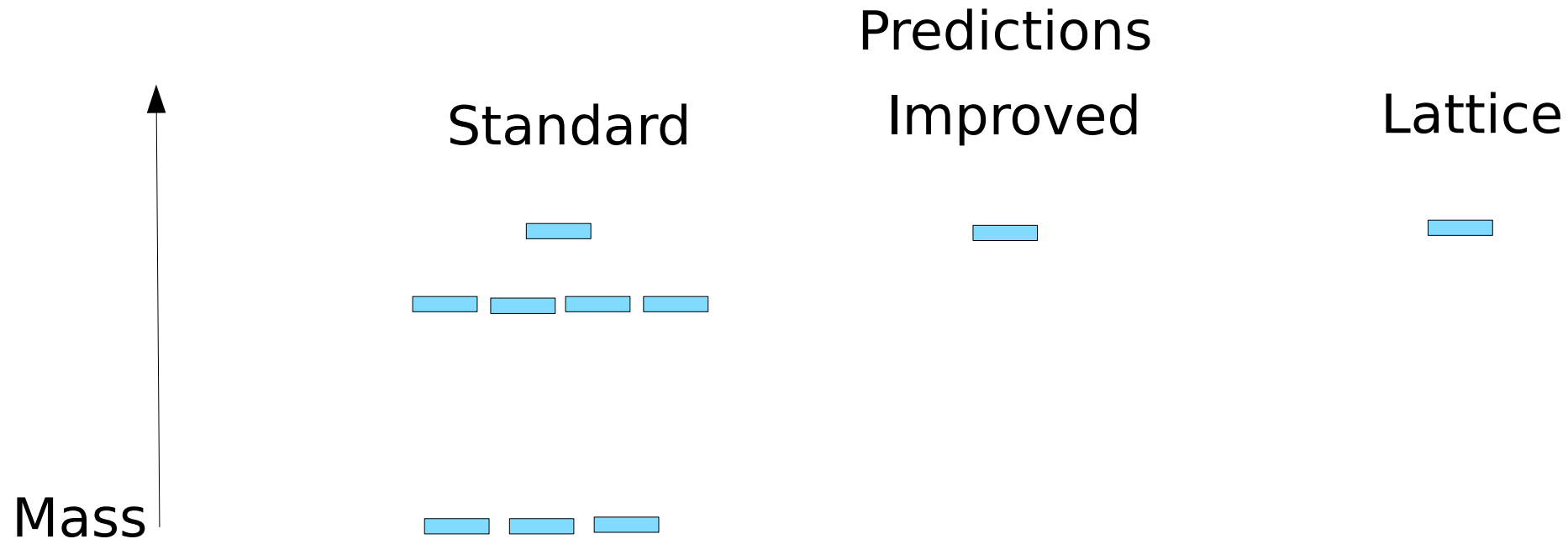
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