

# **Probing Standard-Model Higgs Substructures using Tops and Weak Gauge Bosons**

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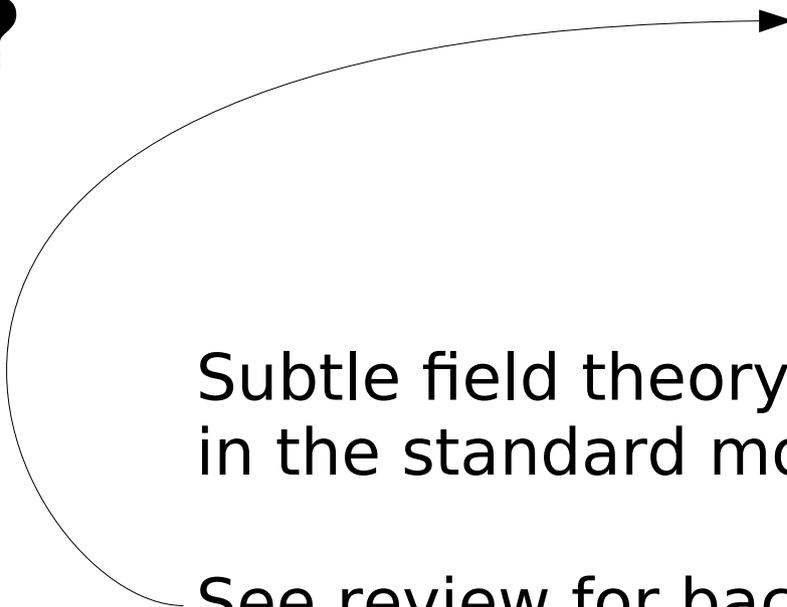
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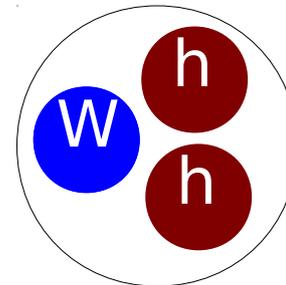
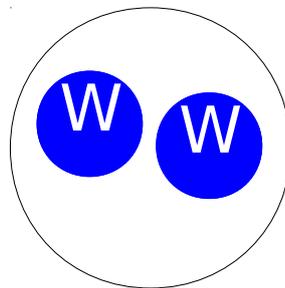
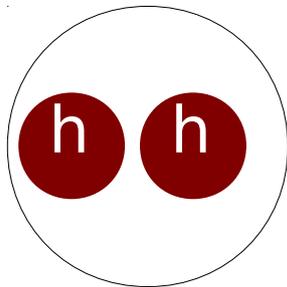
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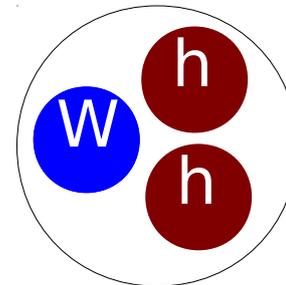
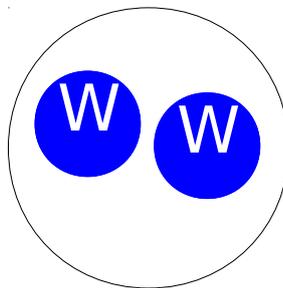
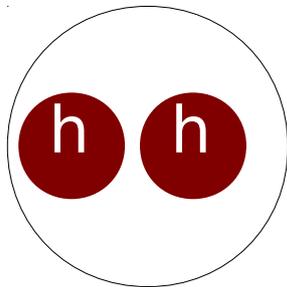
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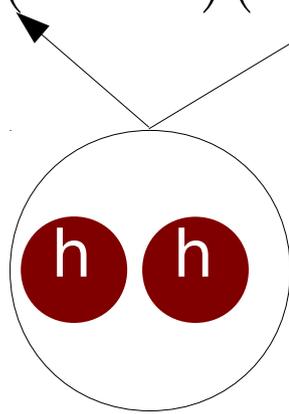


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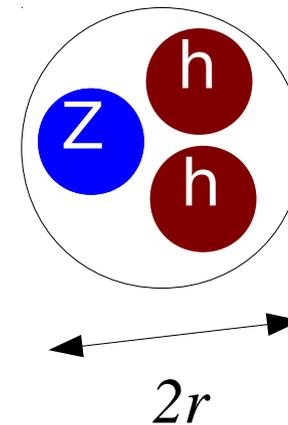
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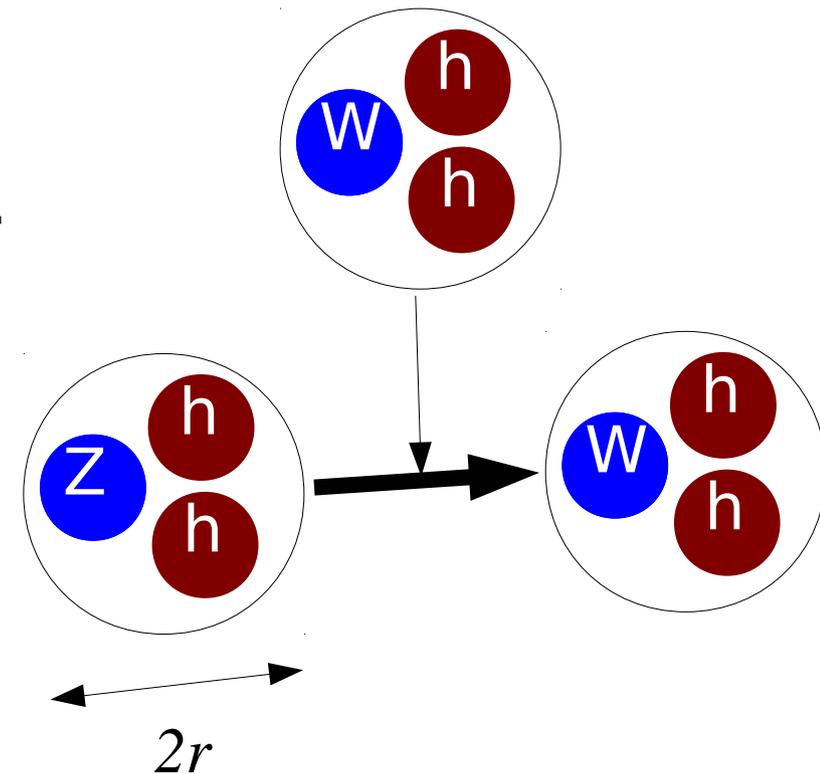
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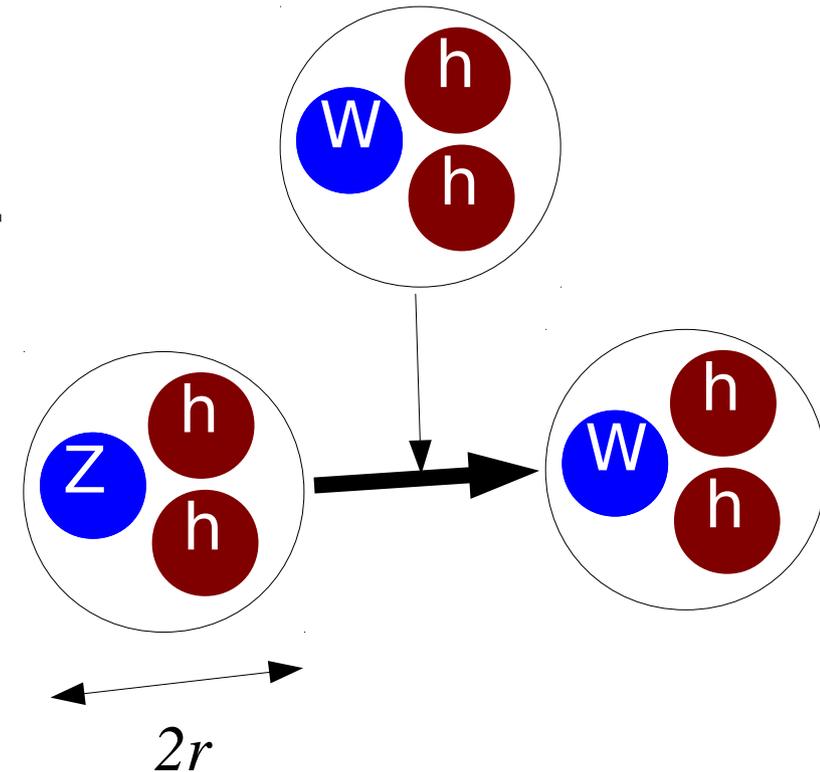


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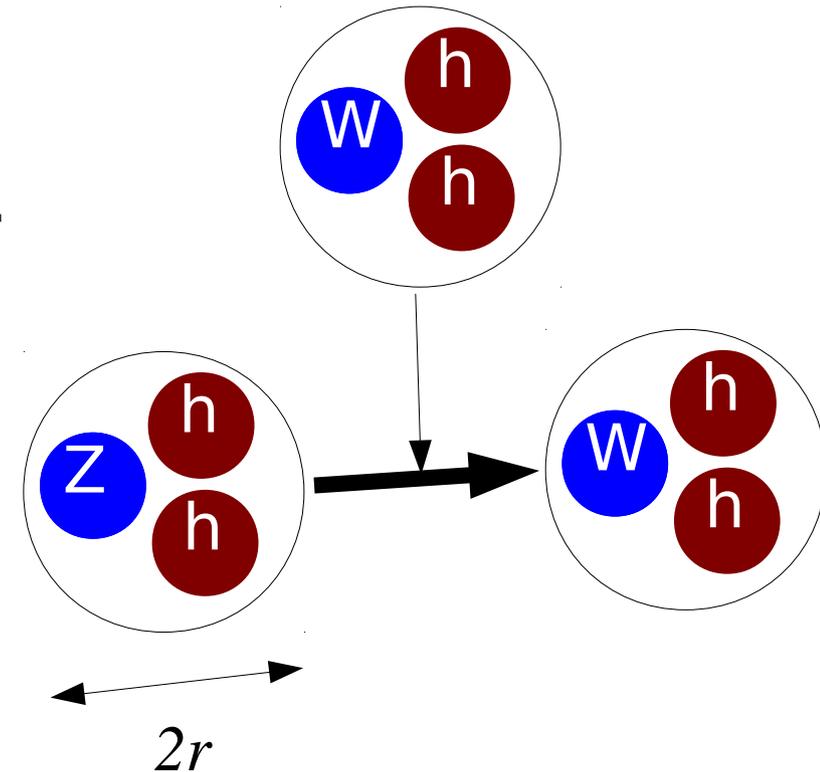
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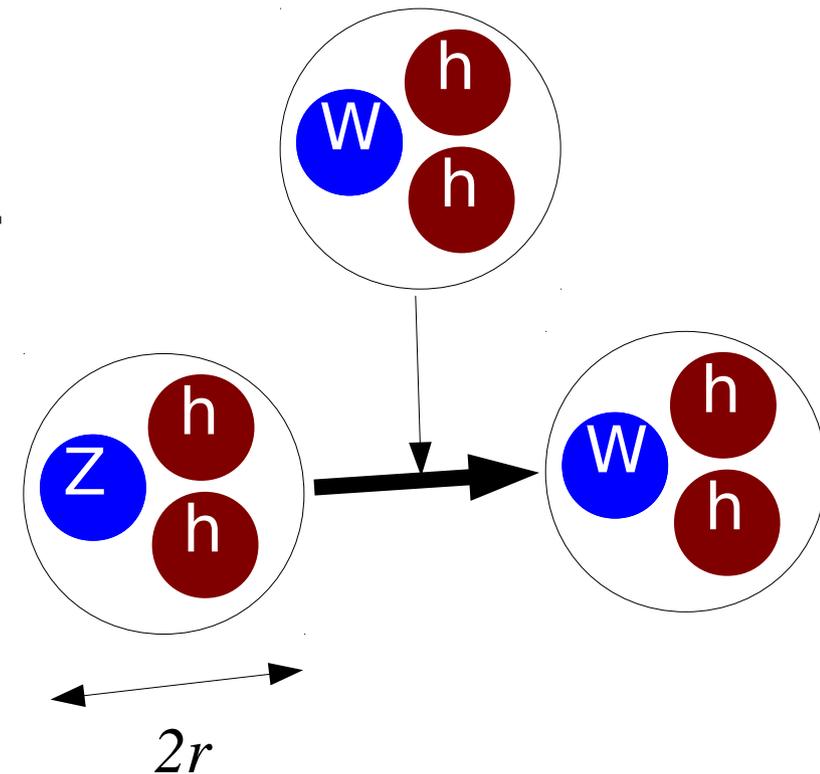
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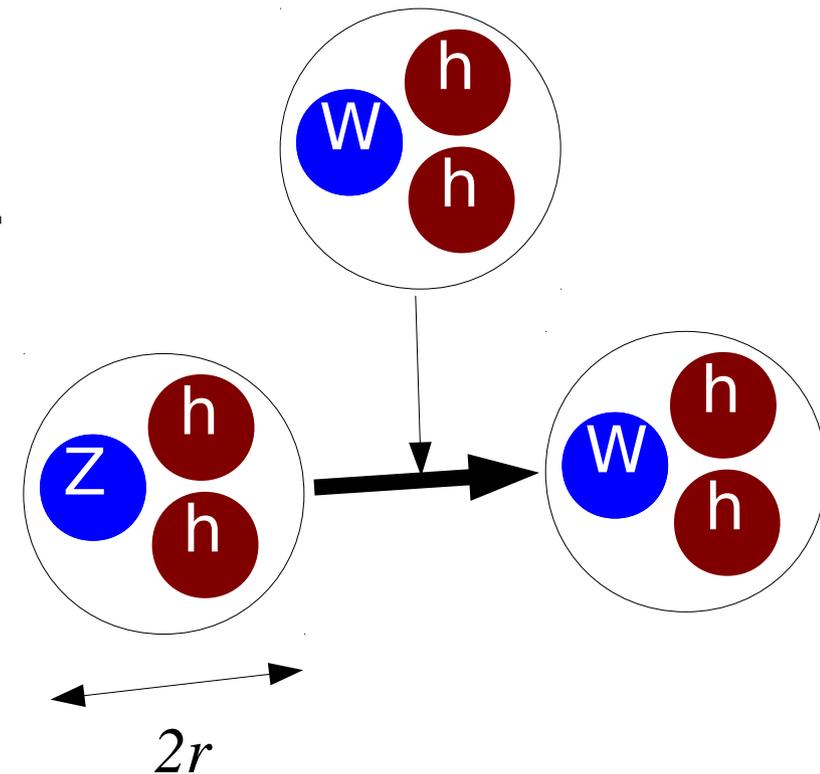
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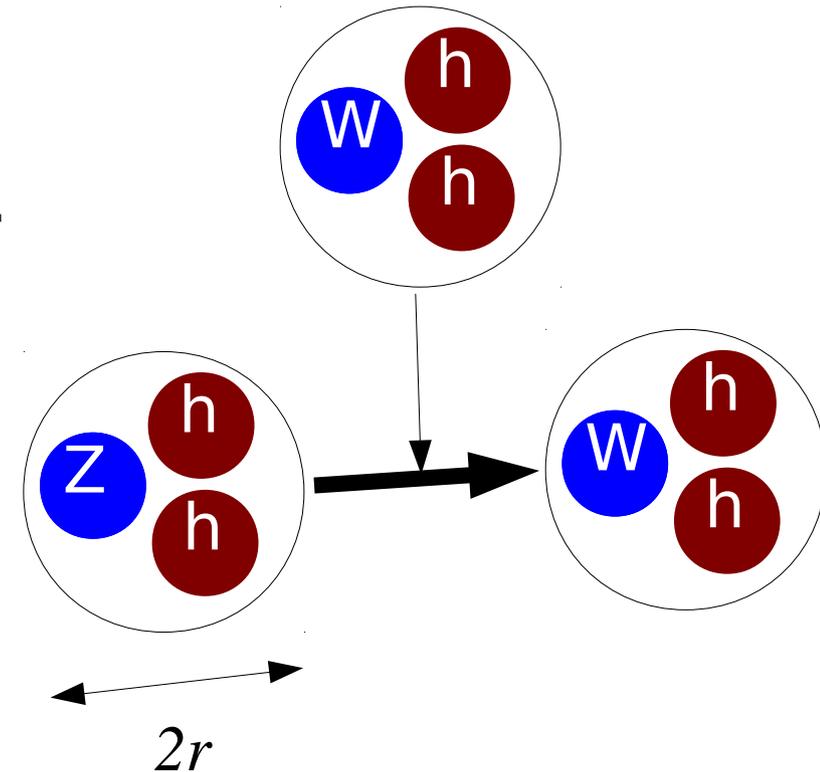
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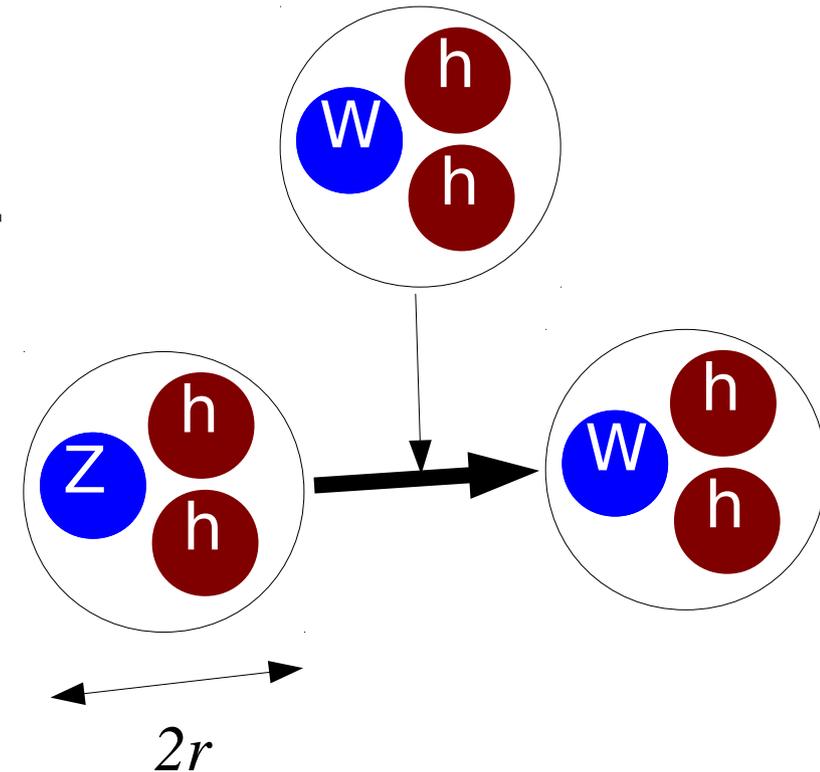
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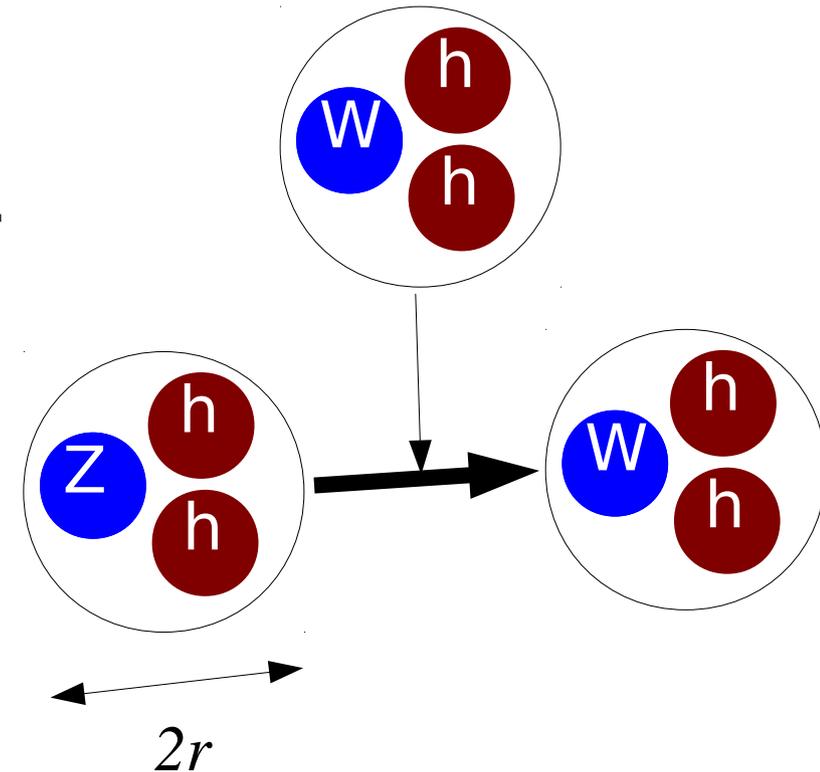
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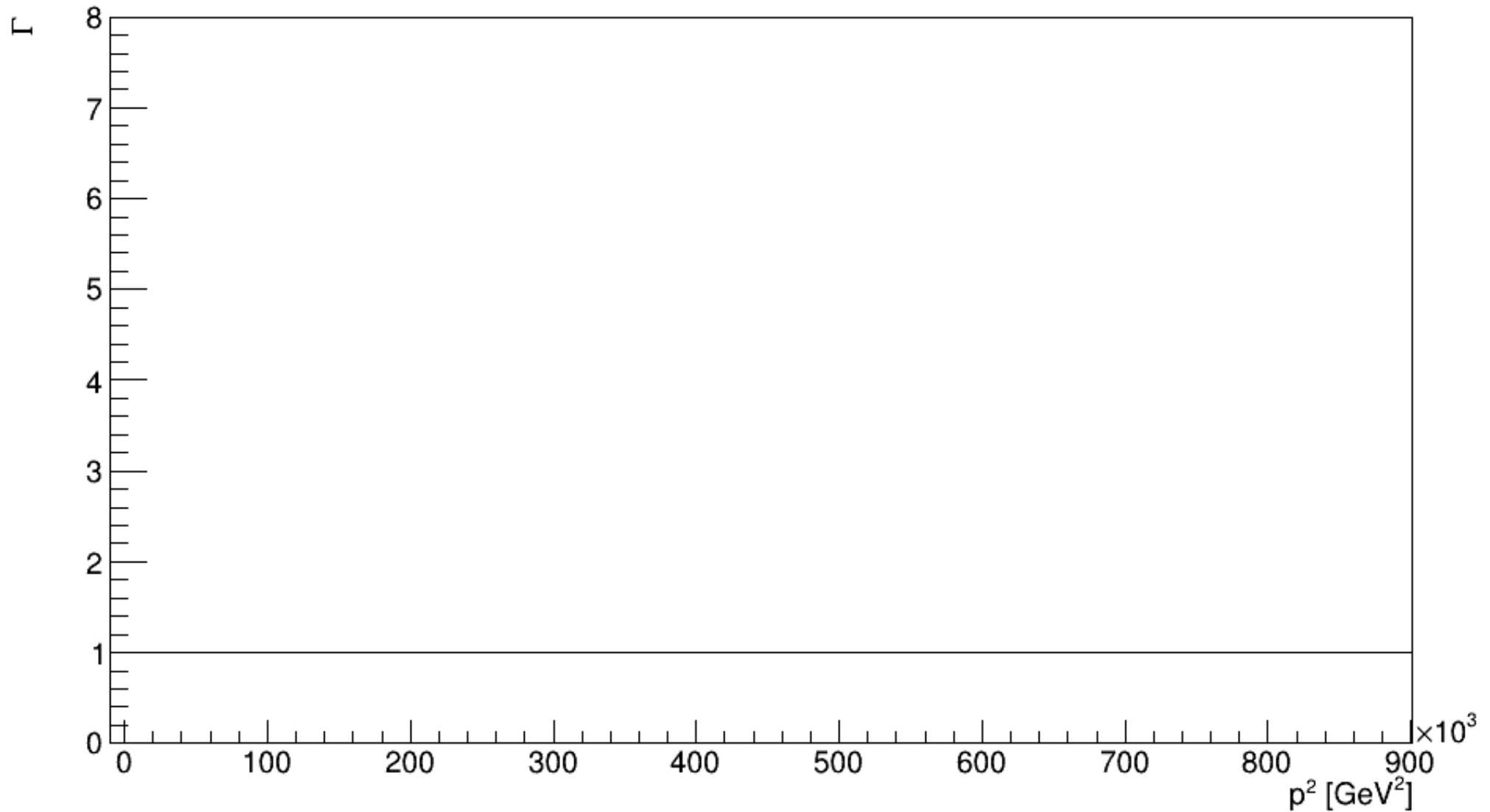
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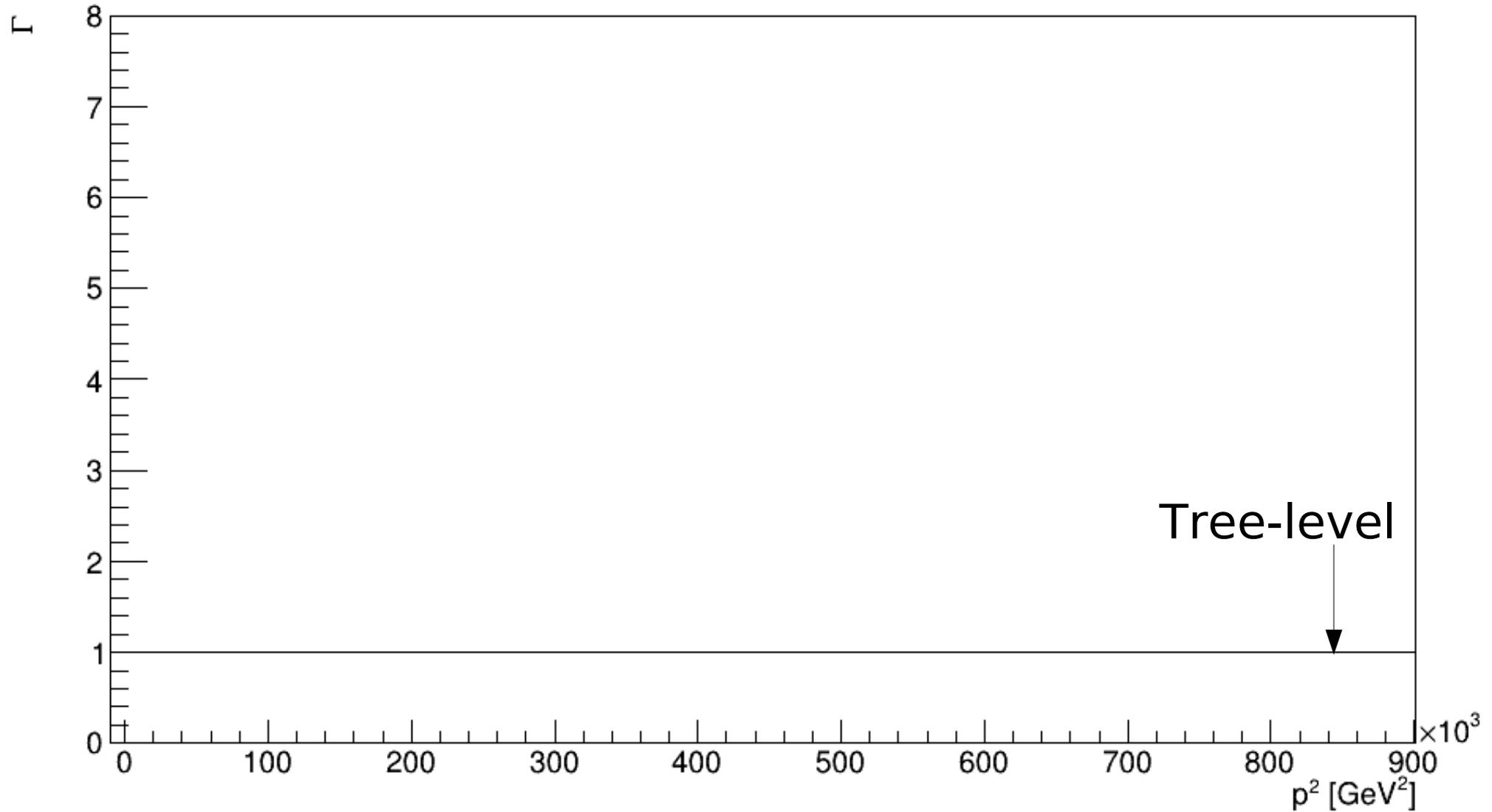
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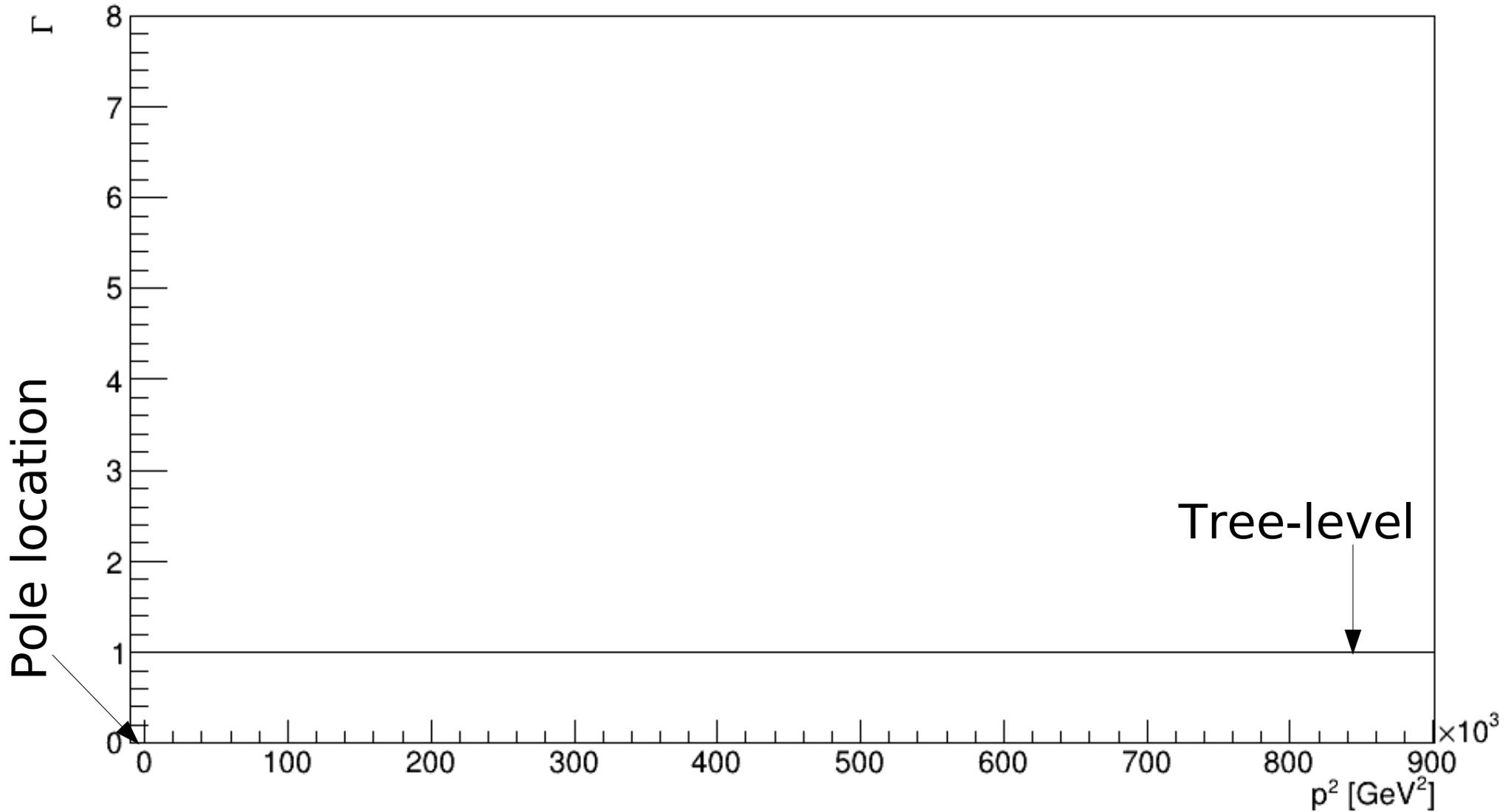
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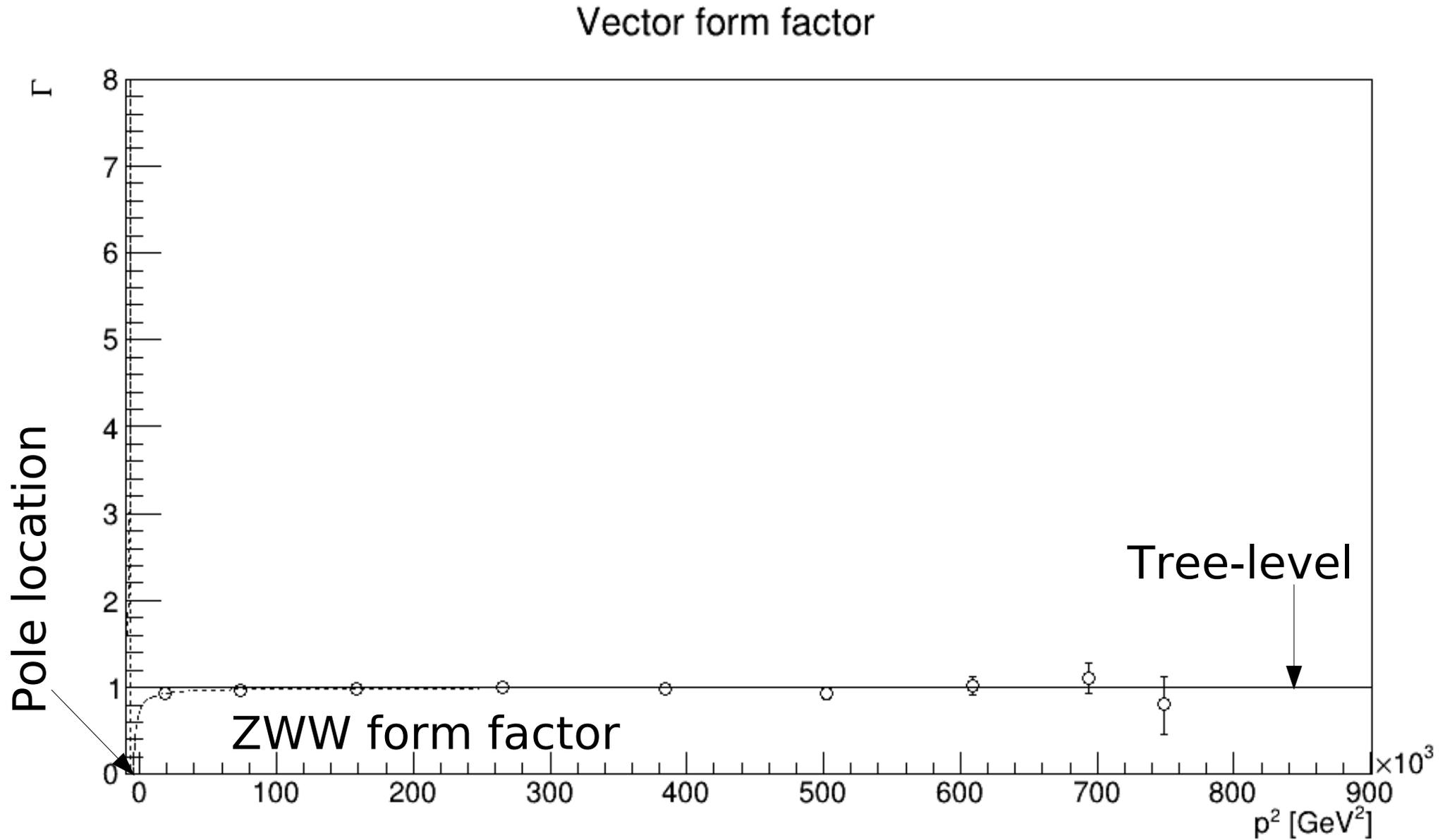
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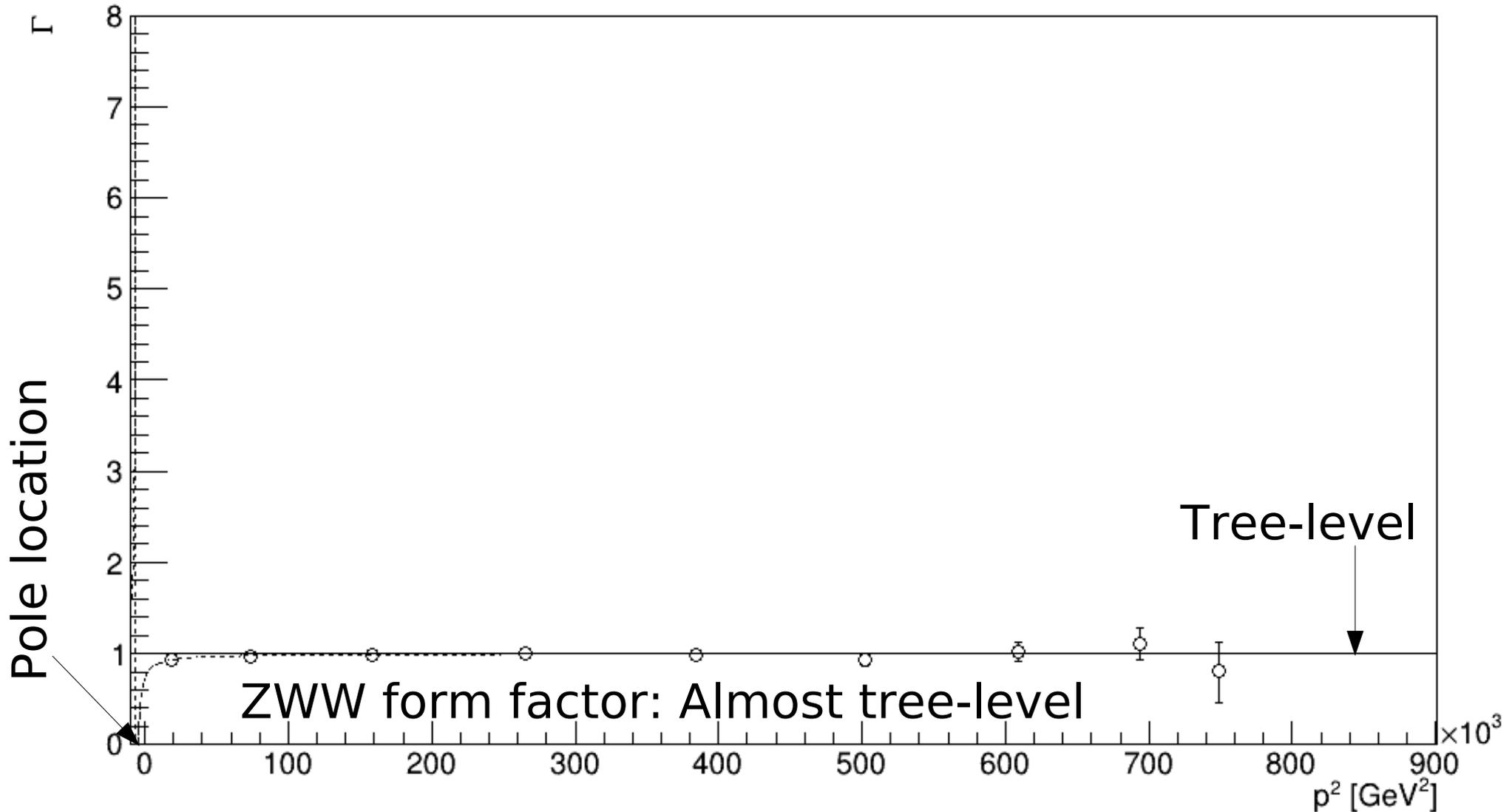
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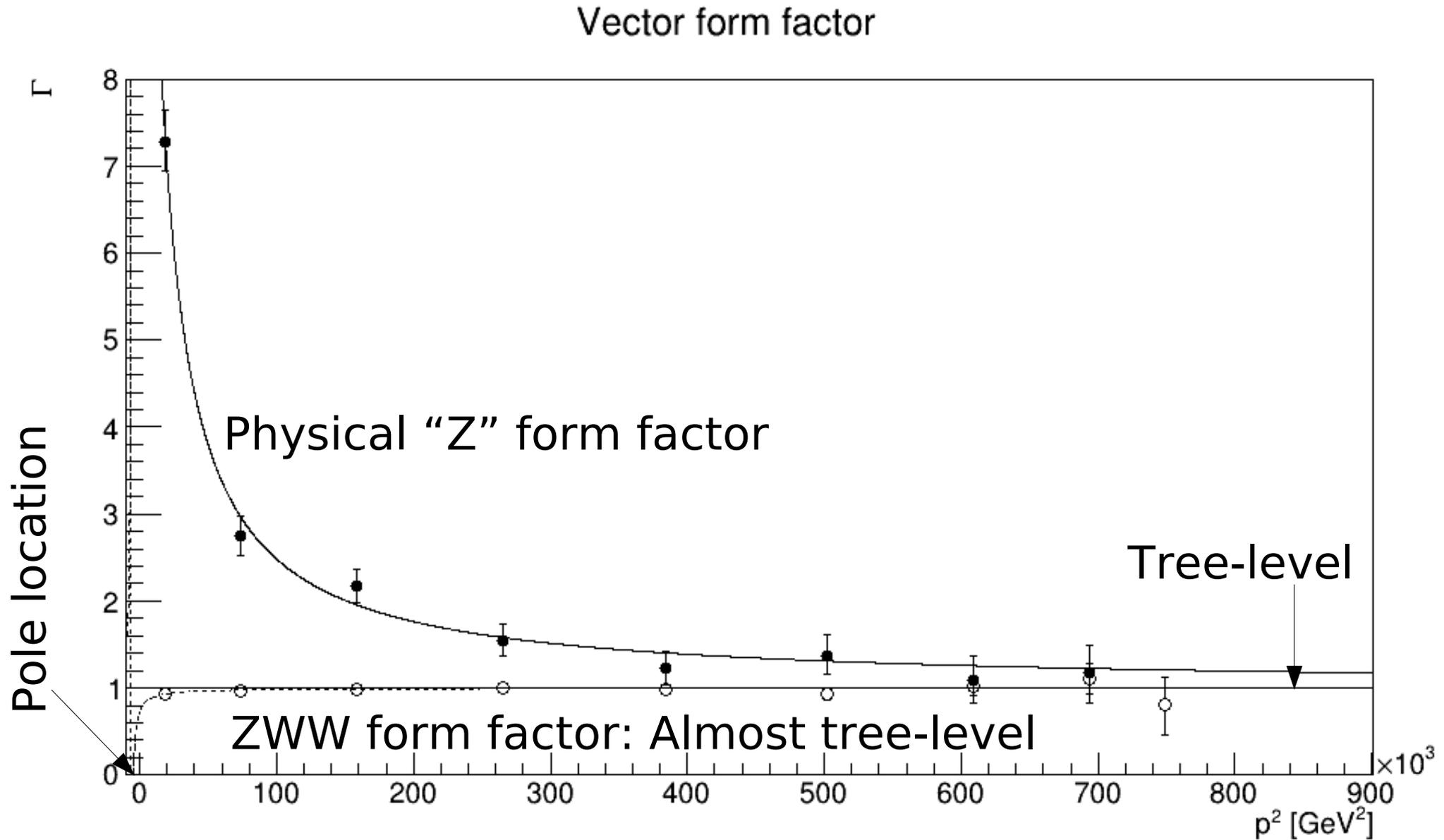
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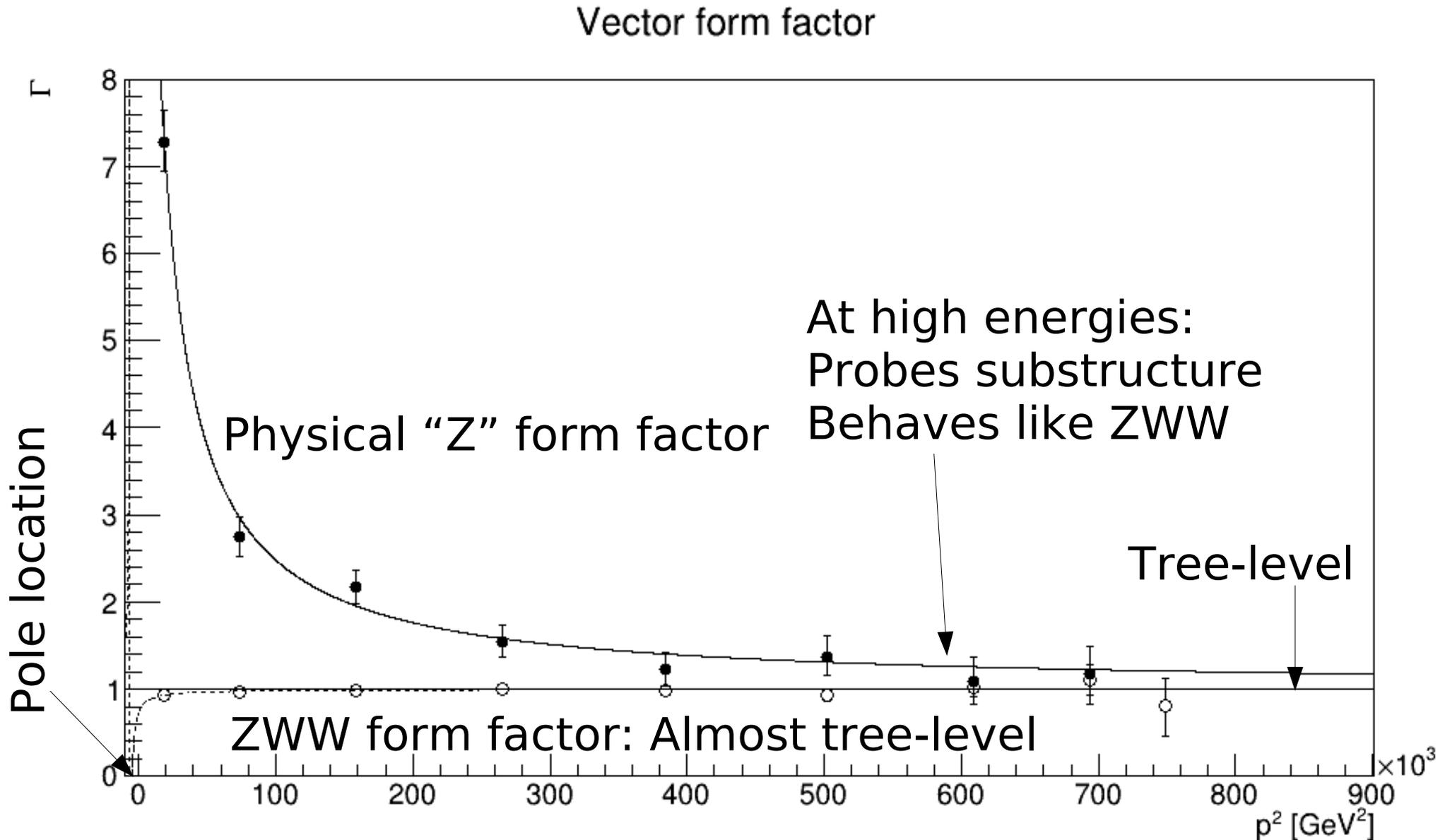
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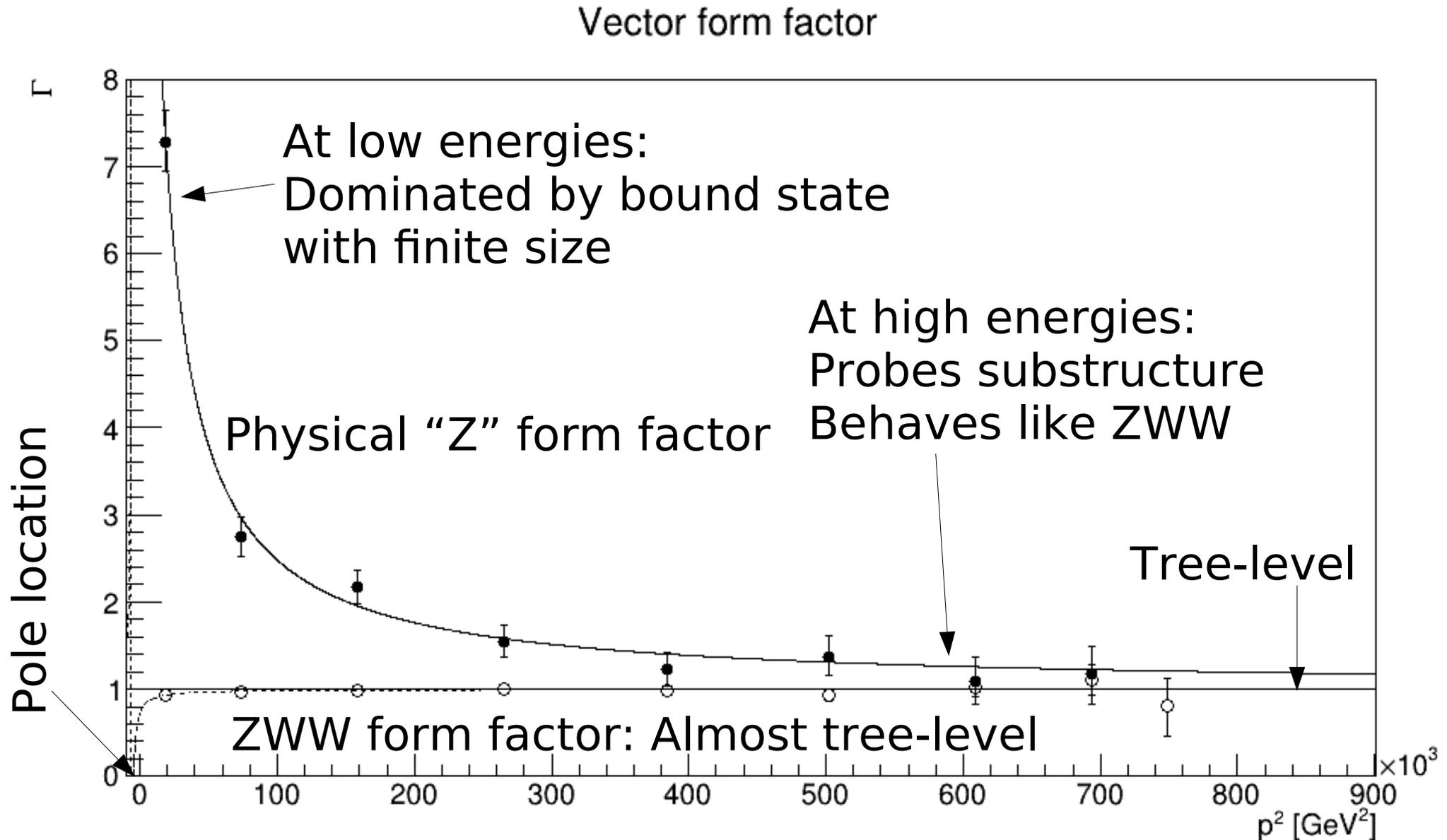
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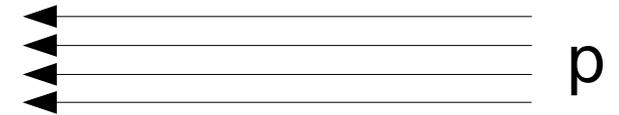
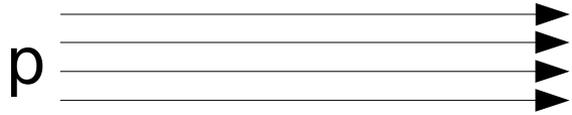
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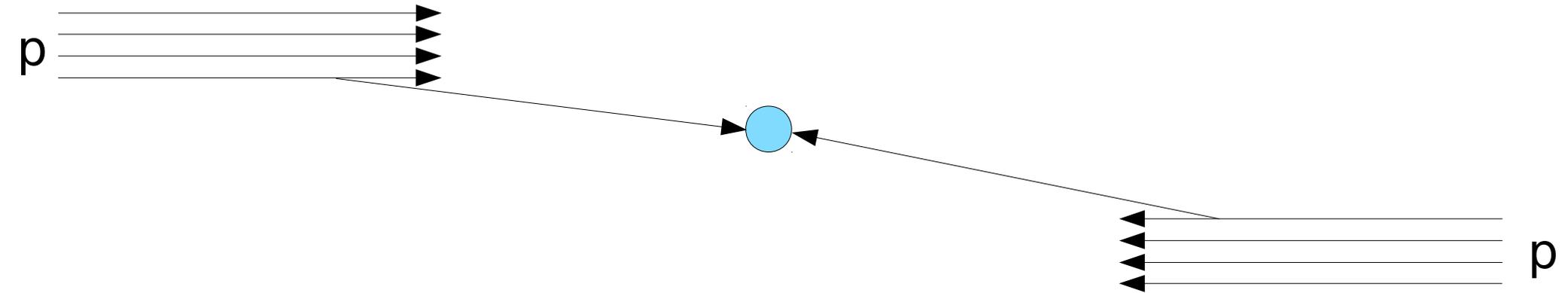
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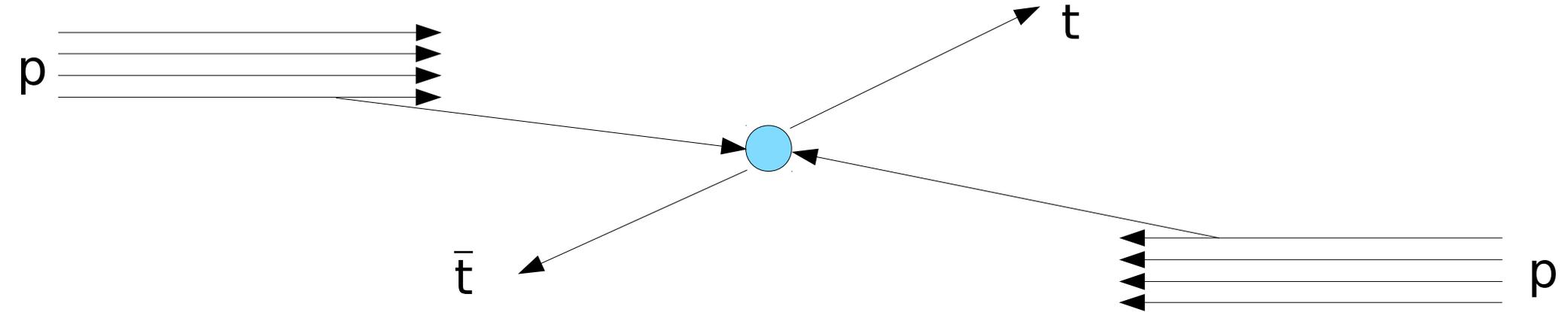
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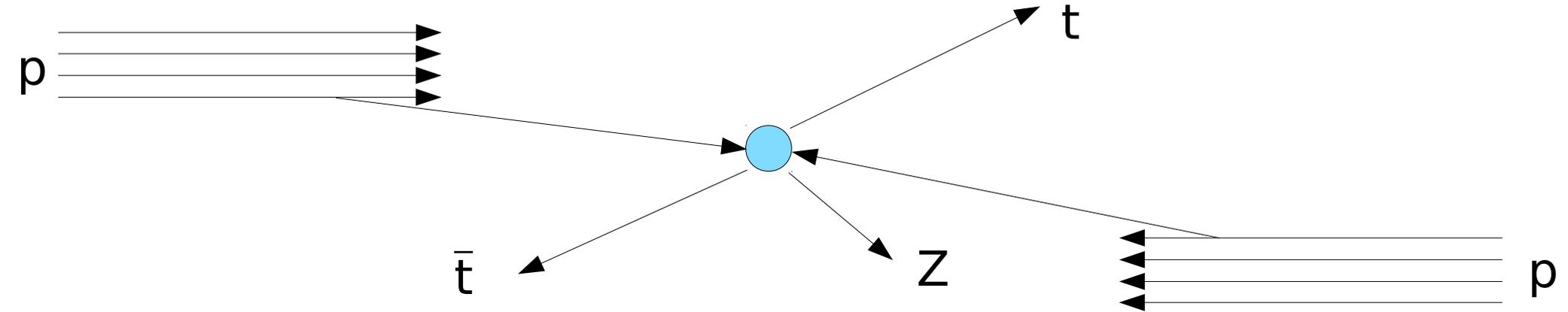
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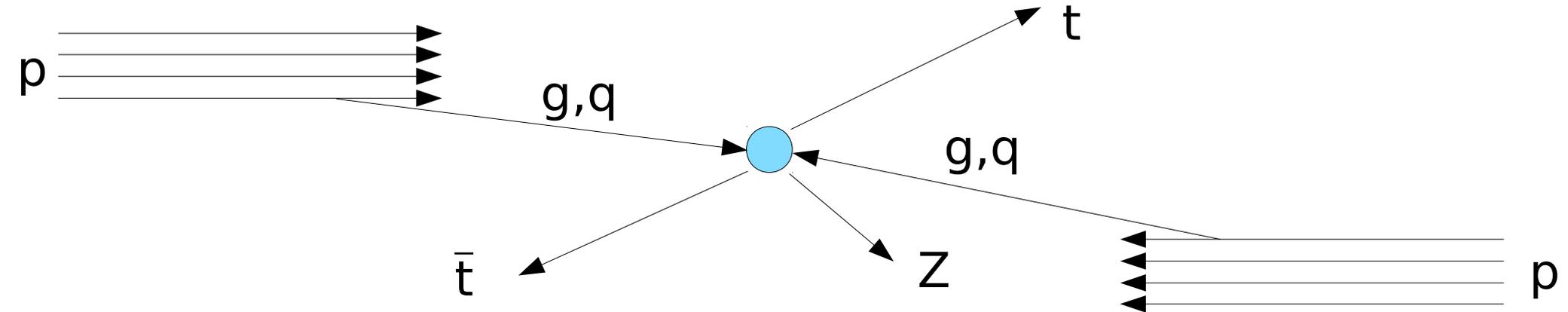
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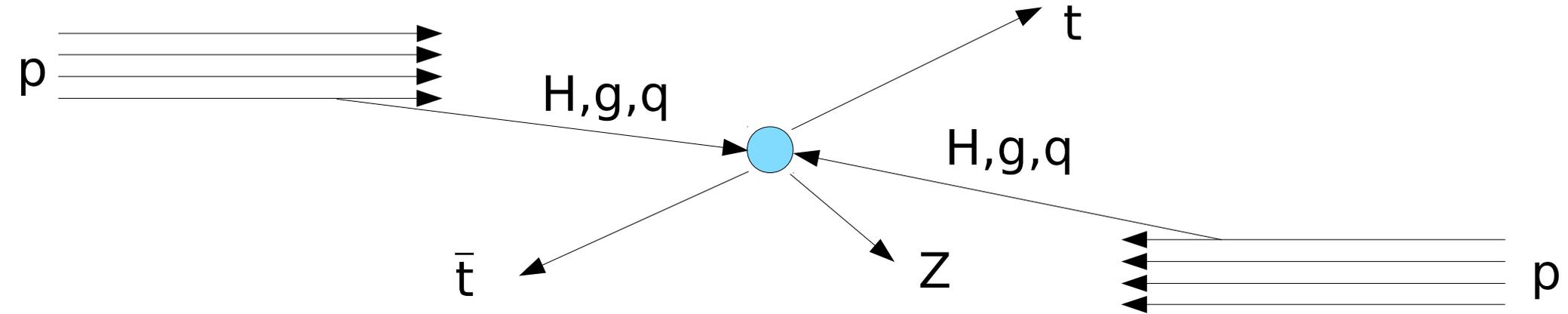
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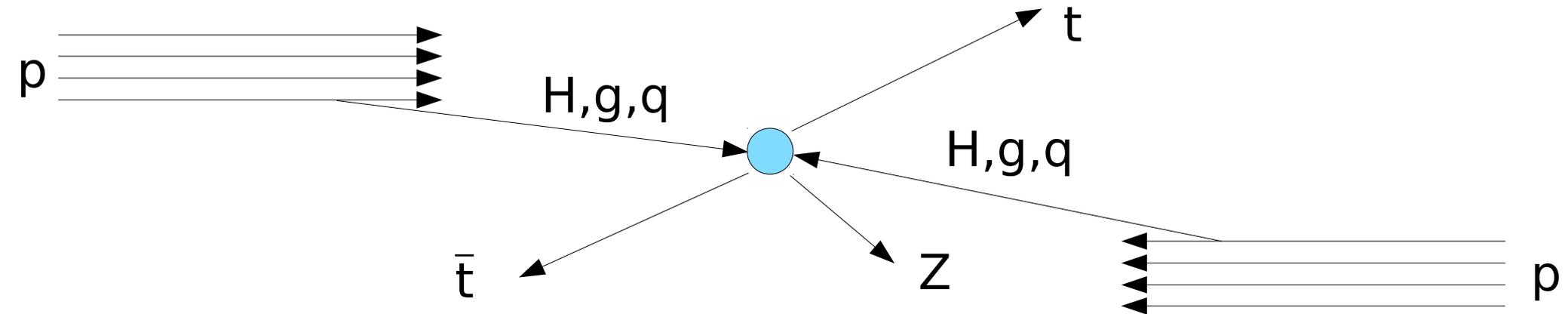
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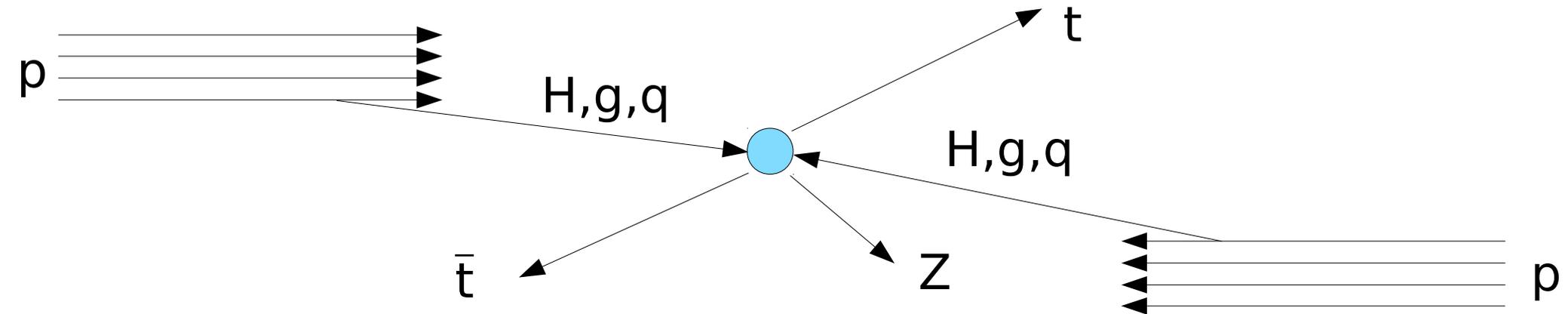
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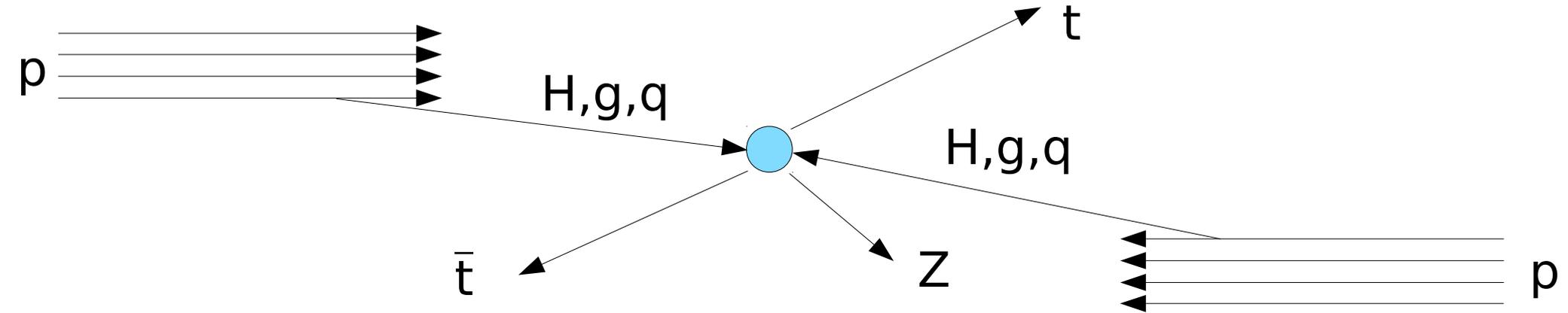
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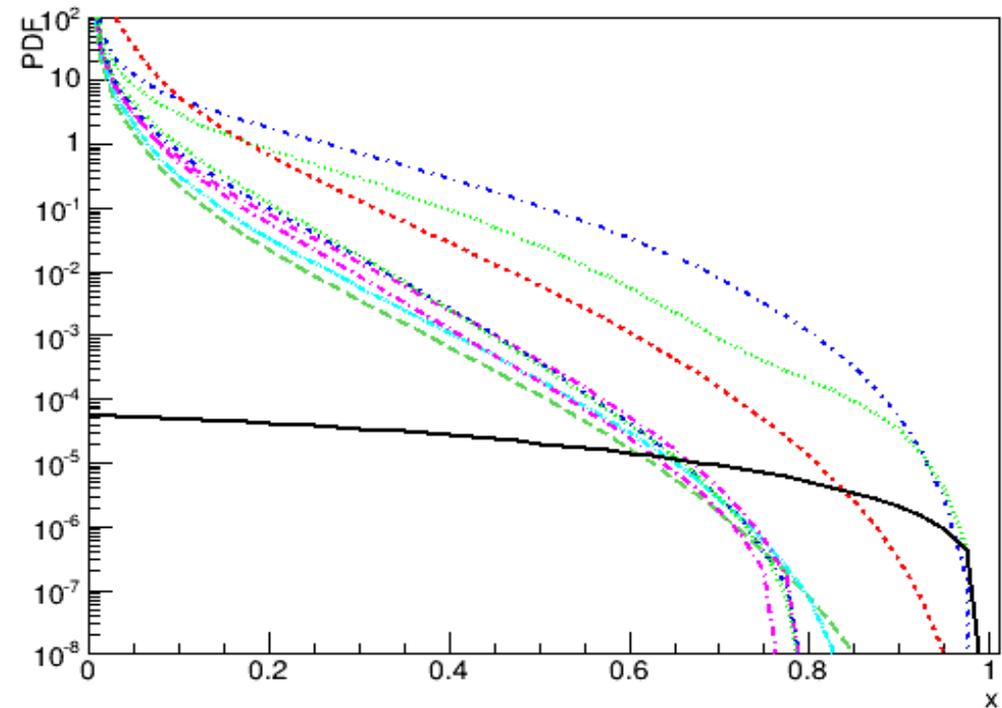
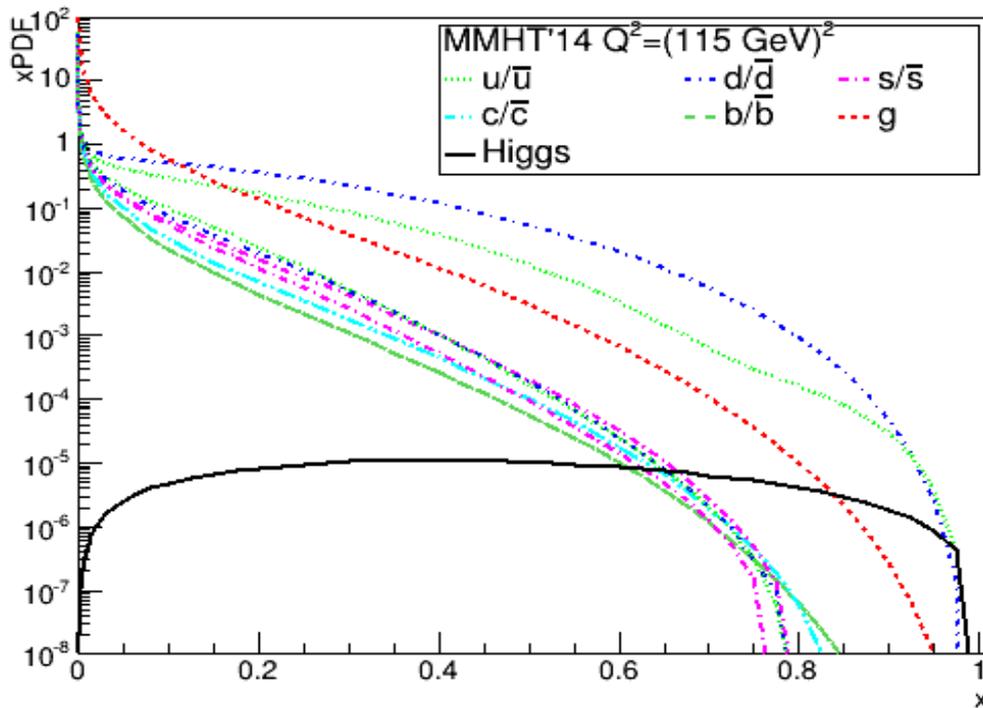


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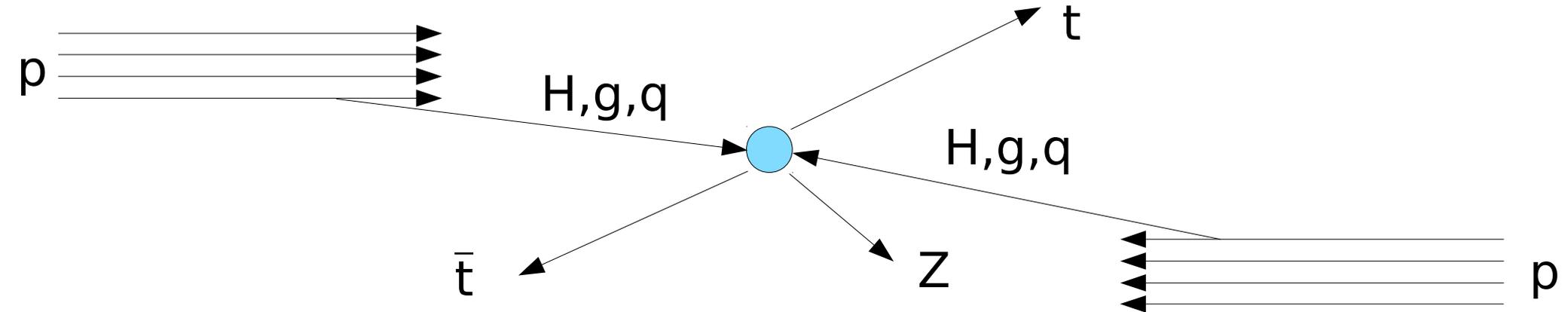
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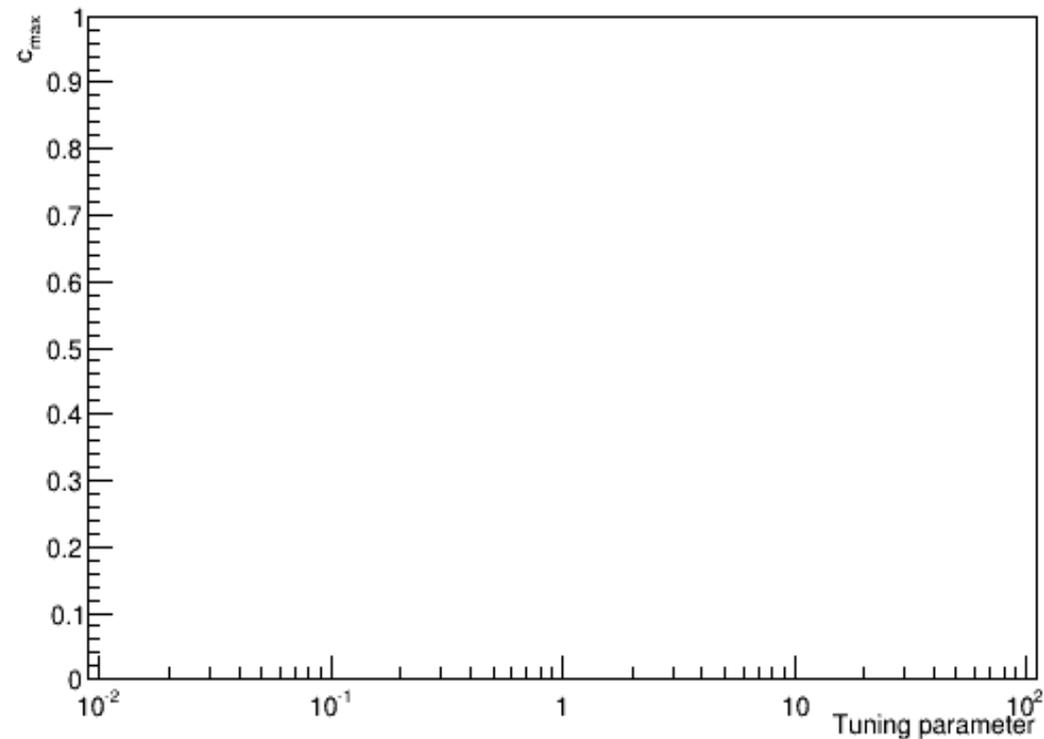
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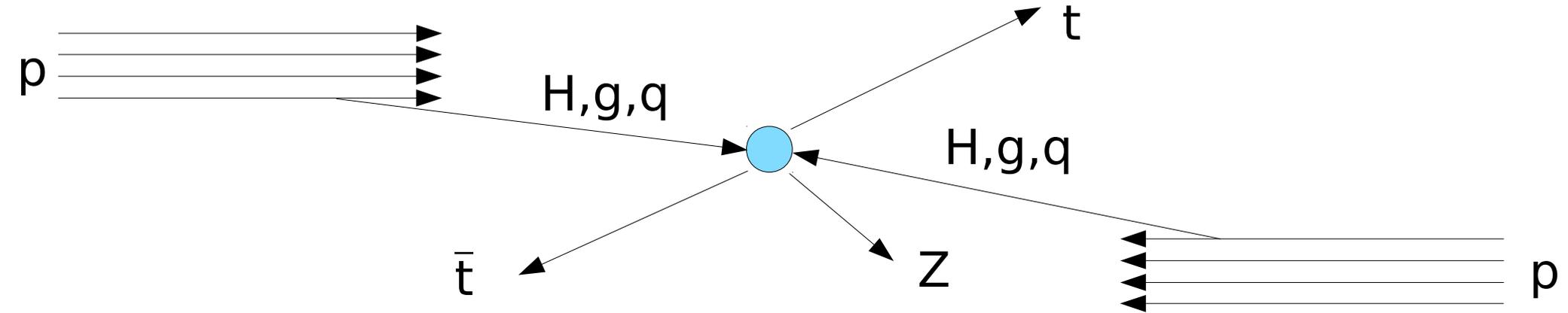
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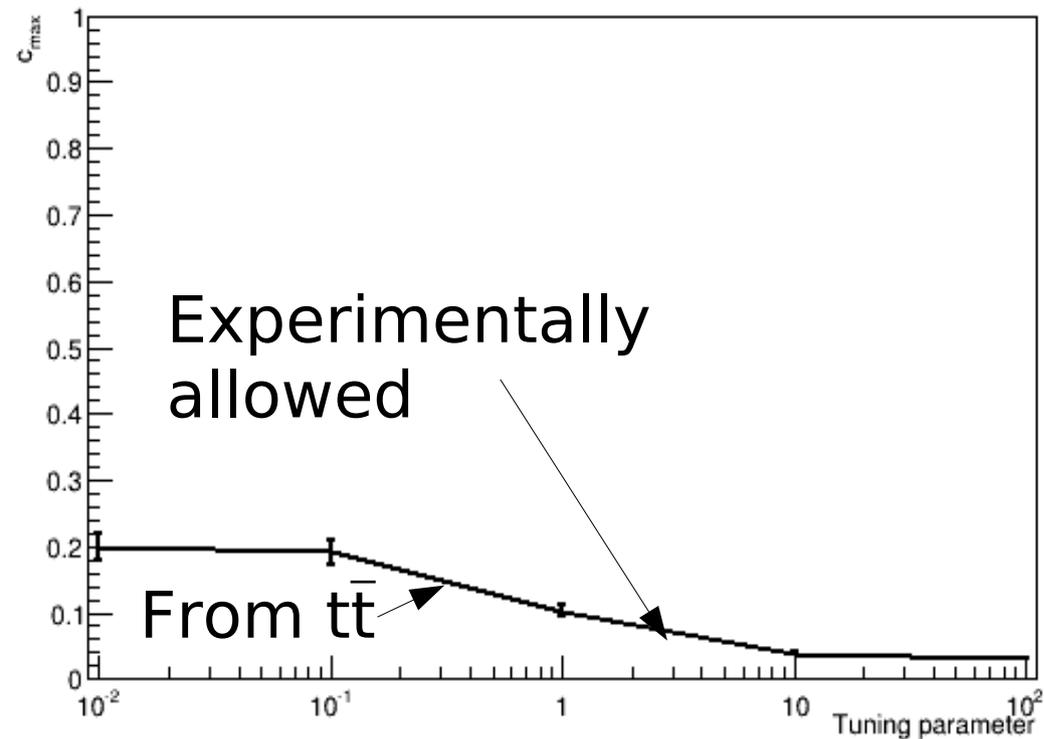
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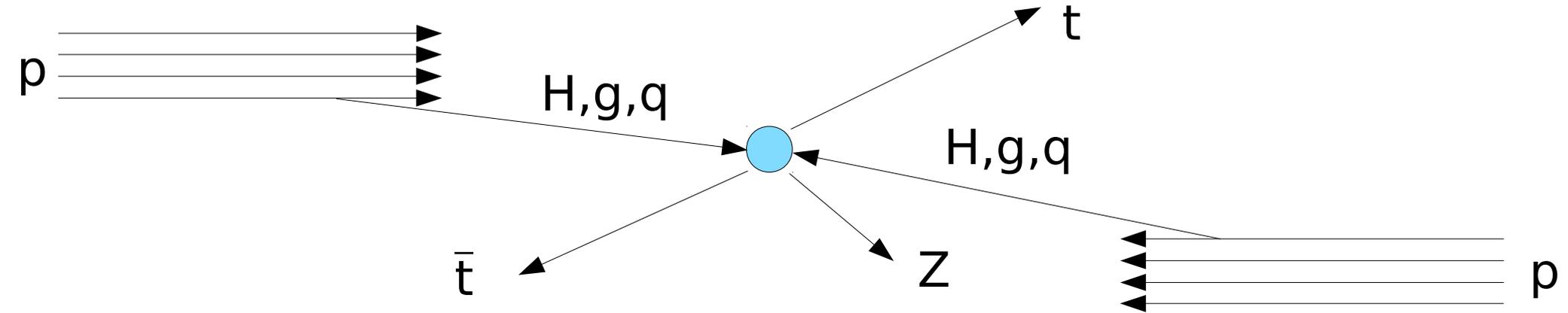
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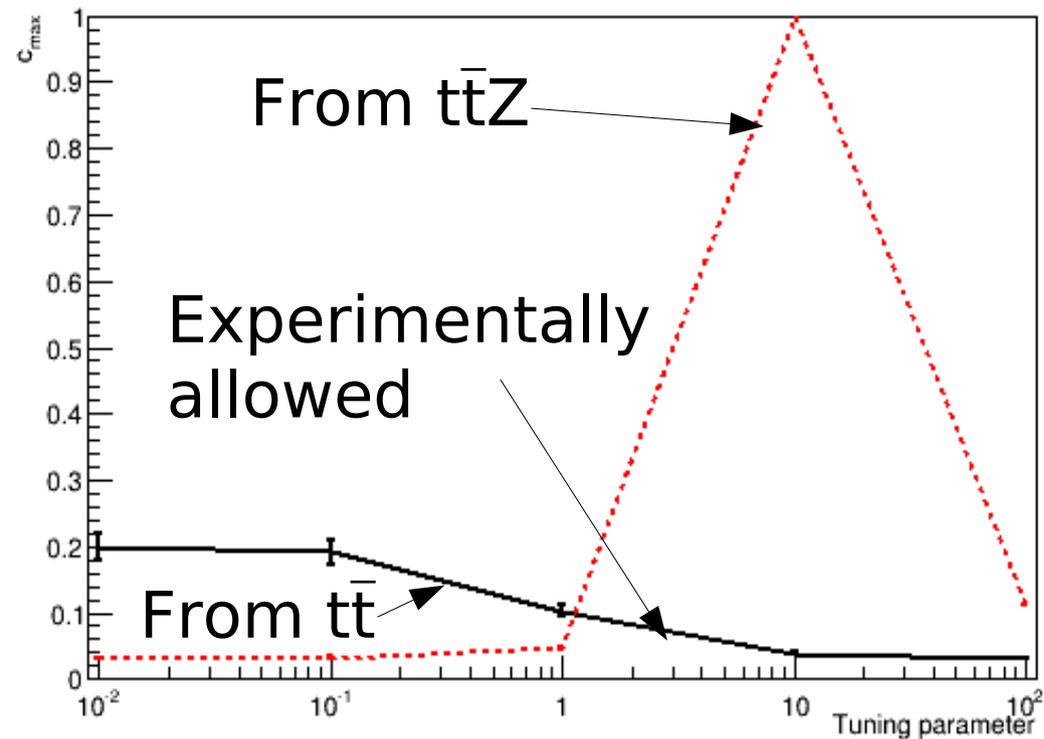
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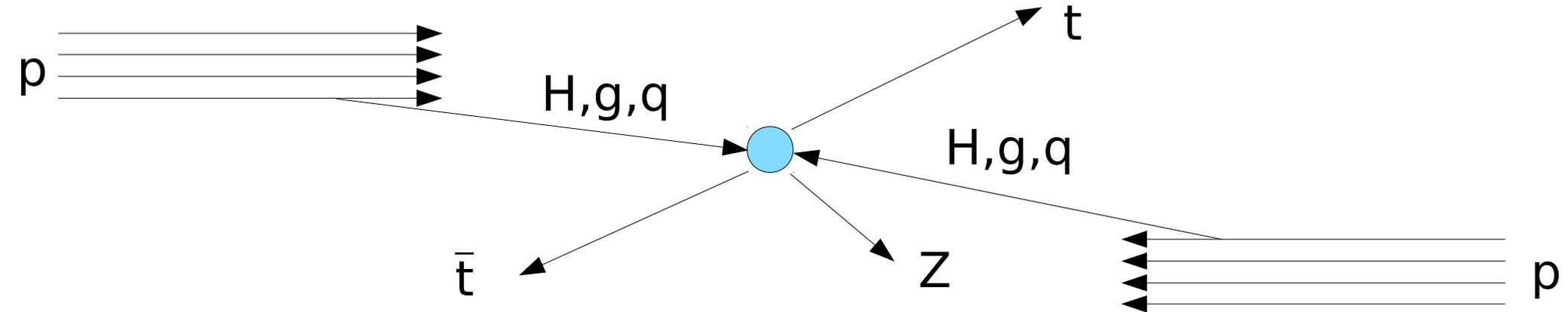
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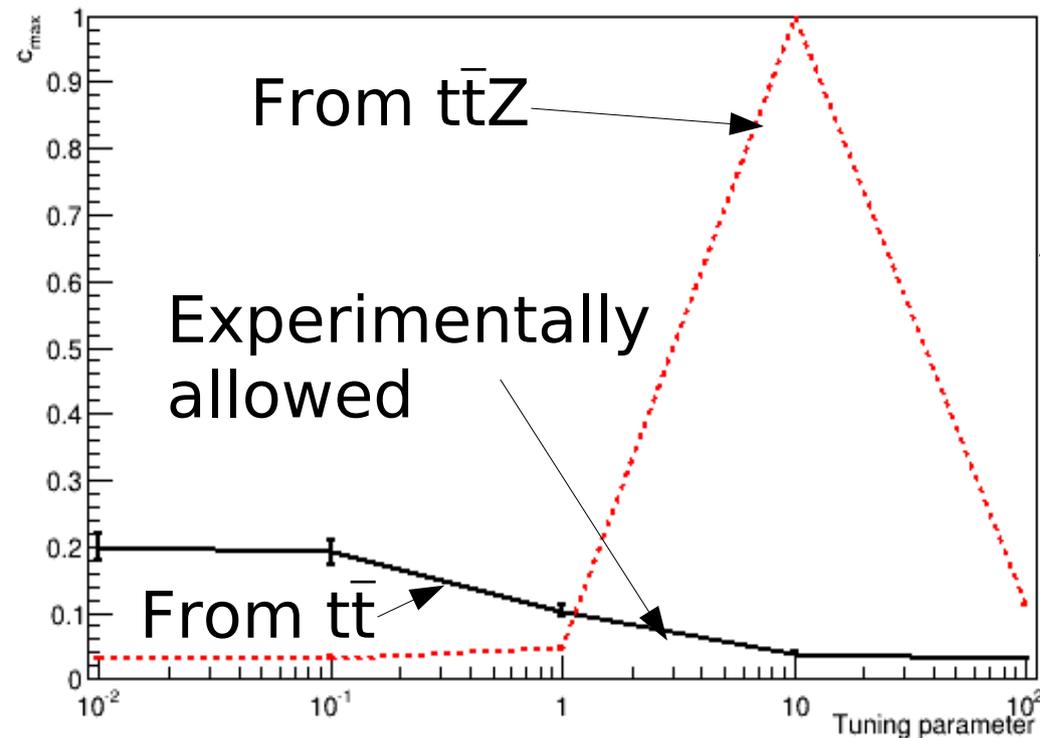
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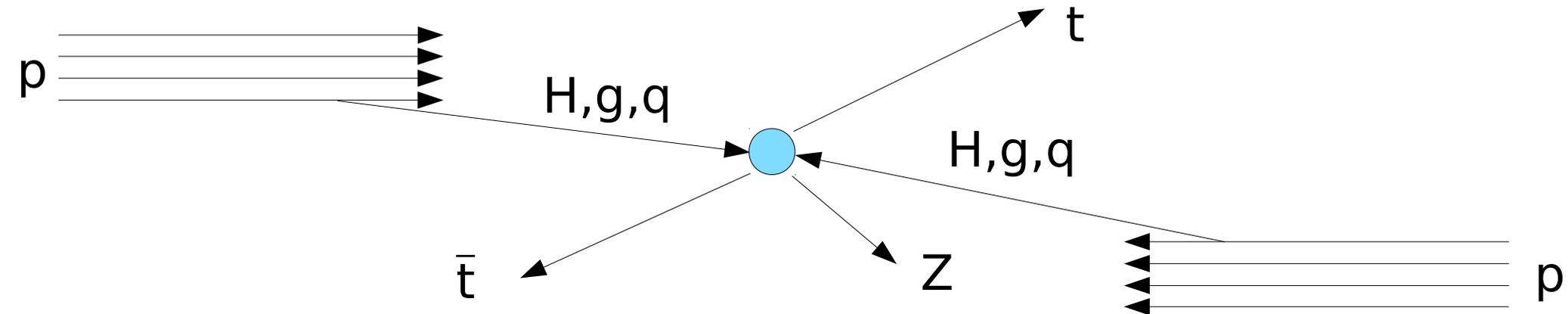
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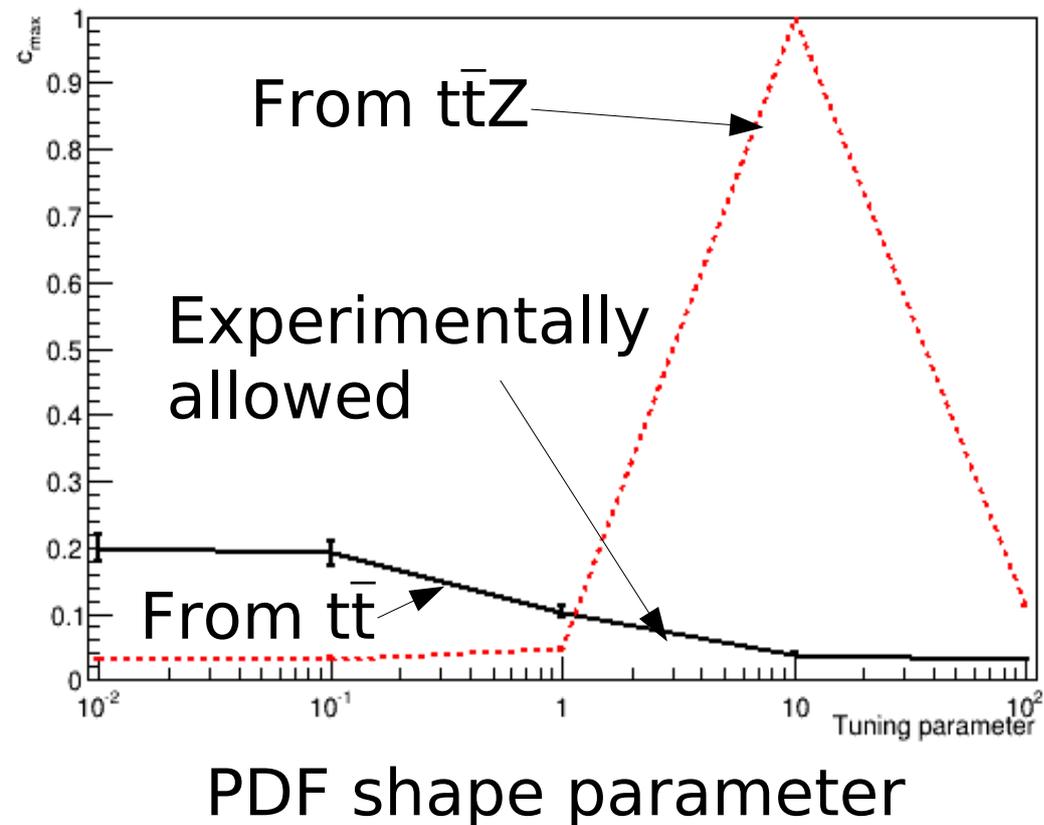
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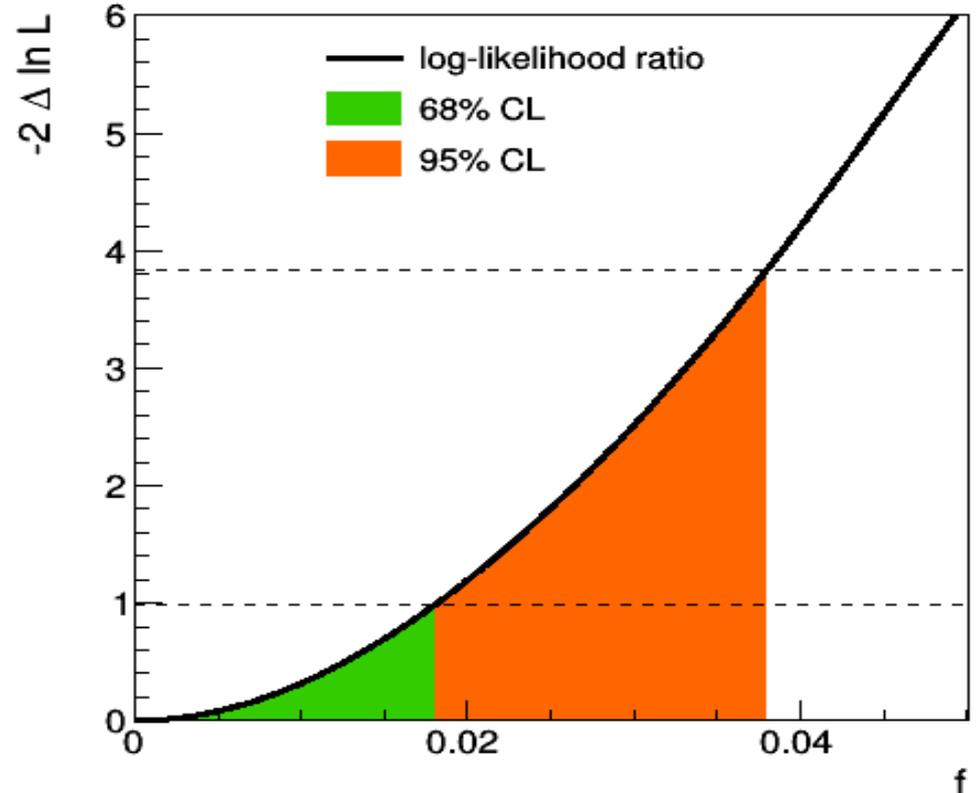
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Higgs-PDF Sim. ( $t\bar{t}Z$ )

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