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Testing Bell Inequalities and entanglement with di- boson final states

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 - ▶ Experimentalists: a precise measurement of W and Z polarizations
 - ▶ Theoreticians: pen(s), paper(s) and patience

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- Once f_a , g_a , and h_{ab} are inferred from data:

$$\rho(\lambda_1, \lambda'_1, \lambda_2, \lambda'_2) = \left(\frac{1}{9} [\mathbb{1} \otimes \mathbb{1}] + \sum_a f_a [\mathbb{1} \otimes T^a] + \sum_a g_a [T^a \otimes \mathbb{1}] + \sum_{ab} h_{ab} [T^a \otimes T^b] \right)_{\lambda_1 \lambda'_1, \lambda_2 \lambda'_2}$$

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- As for entanglement: what is entanglement?

Entanglement is a property of *entangled states: states that are NOT separable*. For instance, bipartite qubit states:

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- To cut it short:
 - ▶ If $\mathcal{E} > 0$ or $\mathcal{C}_2 > 0$ the two subsystems (i.e. bosons) are entangled
 - ▶ If $\mathcal{I}_3 > 2$ we disprove local deterministic models

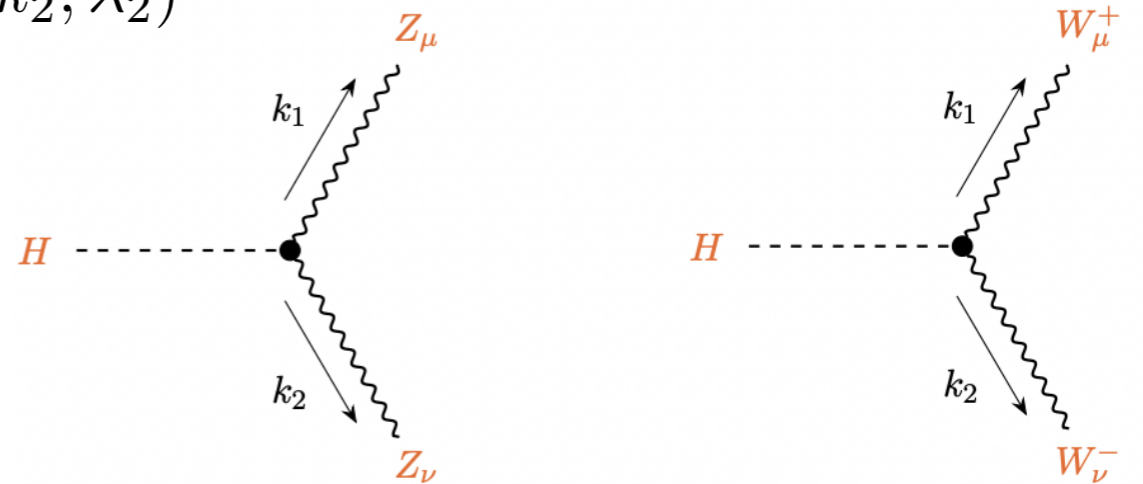
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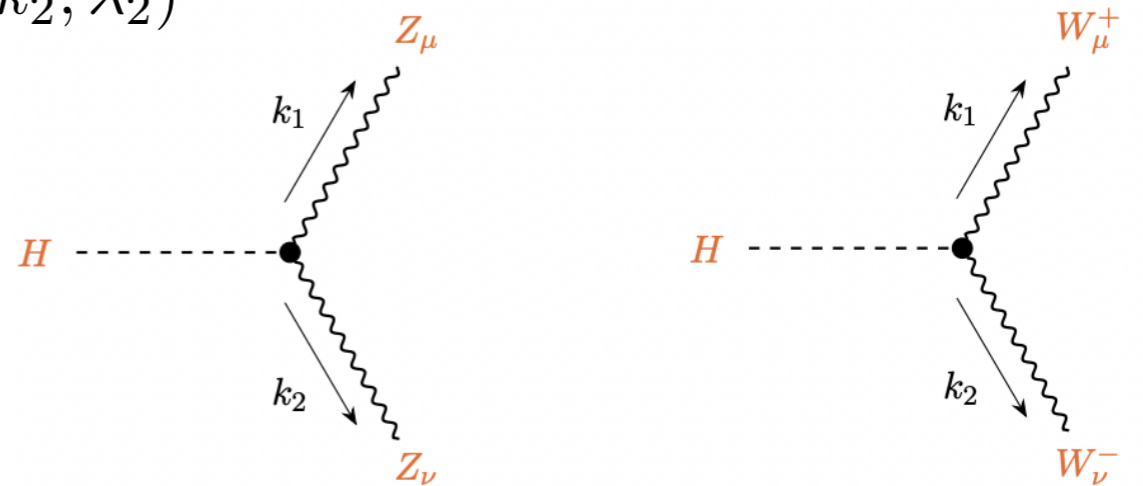
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- We grind through the computations and obtain in both the cases something like:

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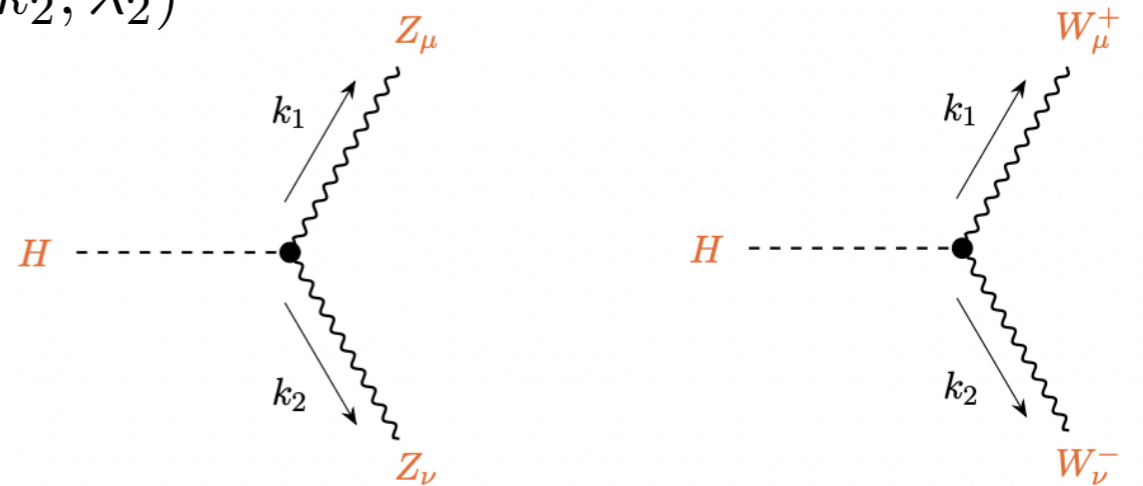
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$$M_V^* = f M_V$$

where $0 < f < 1$ and M_V is the on-shell mass



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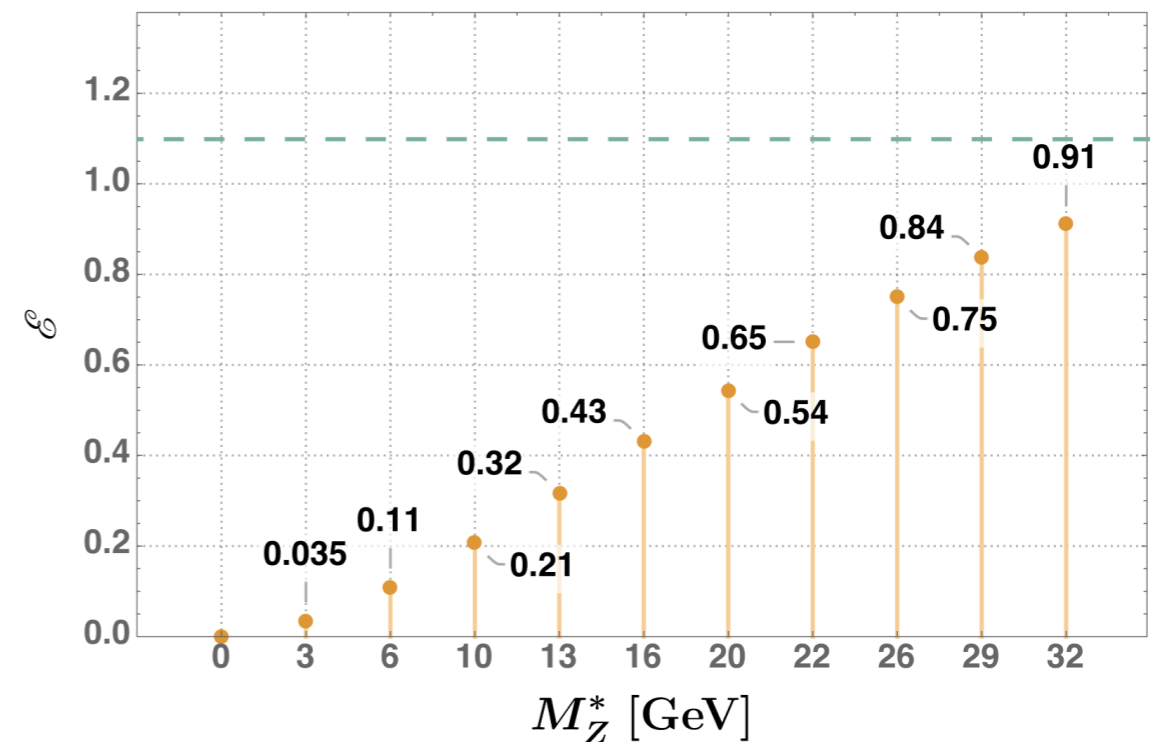
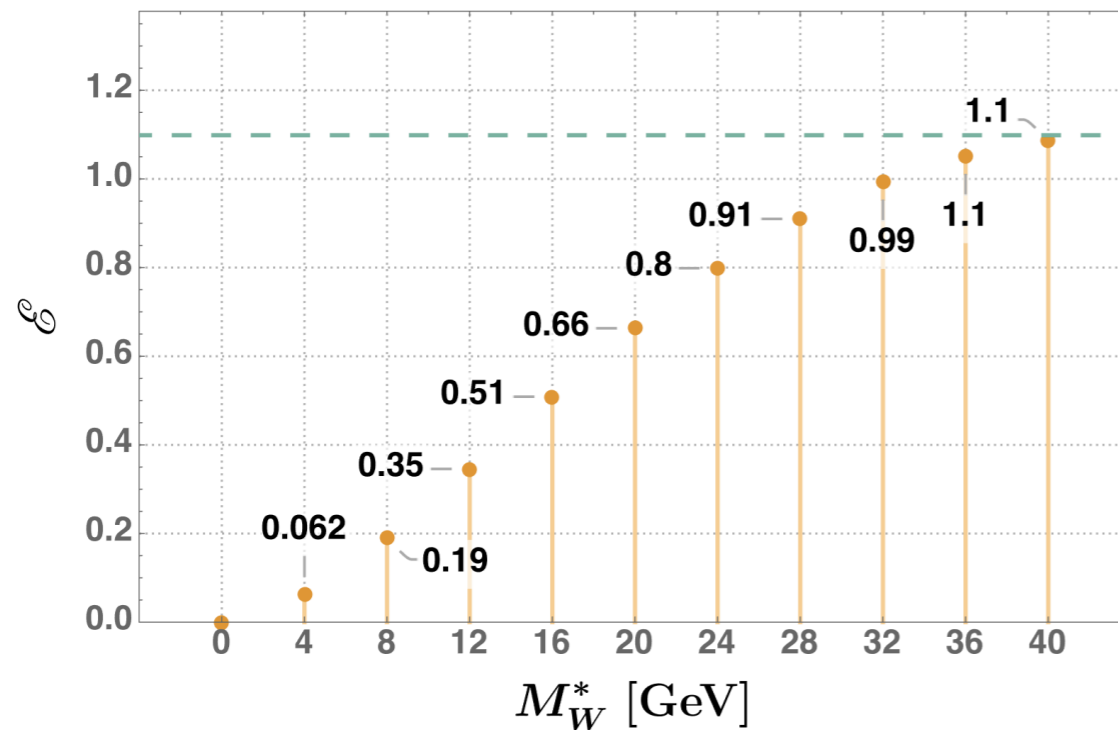
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- For pure states we can use *entropy* to quantify entanglement



We can see that *the polarizations of the two gauge bosons are entangled* barring for the case where the off-shell boson is effectively massless. The entanglement reaches the *maximally allowed value ($\ln 3$) for gauge bosons produced at rest.*

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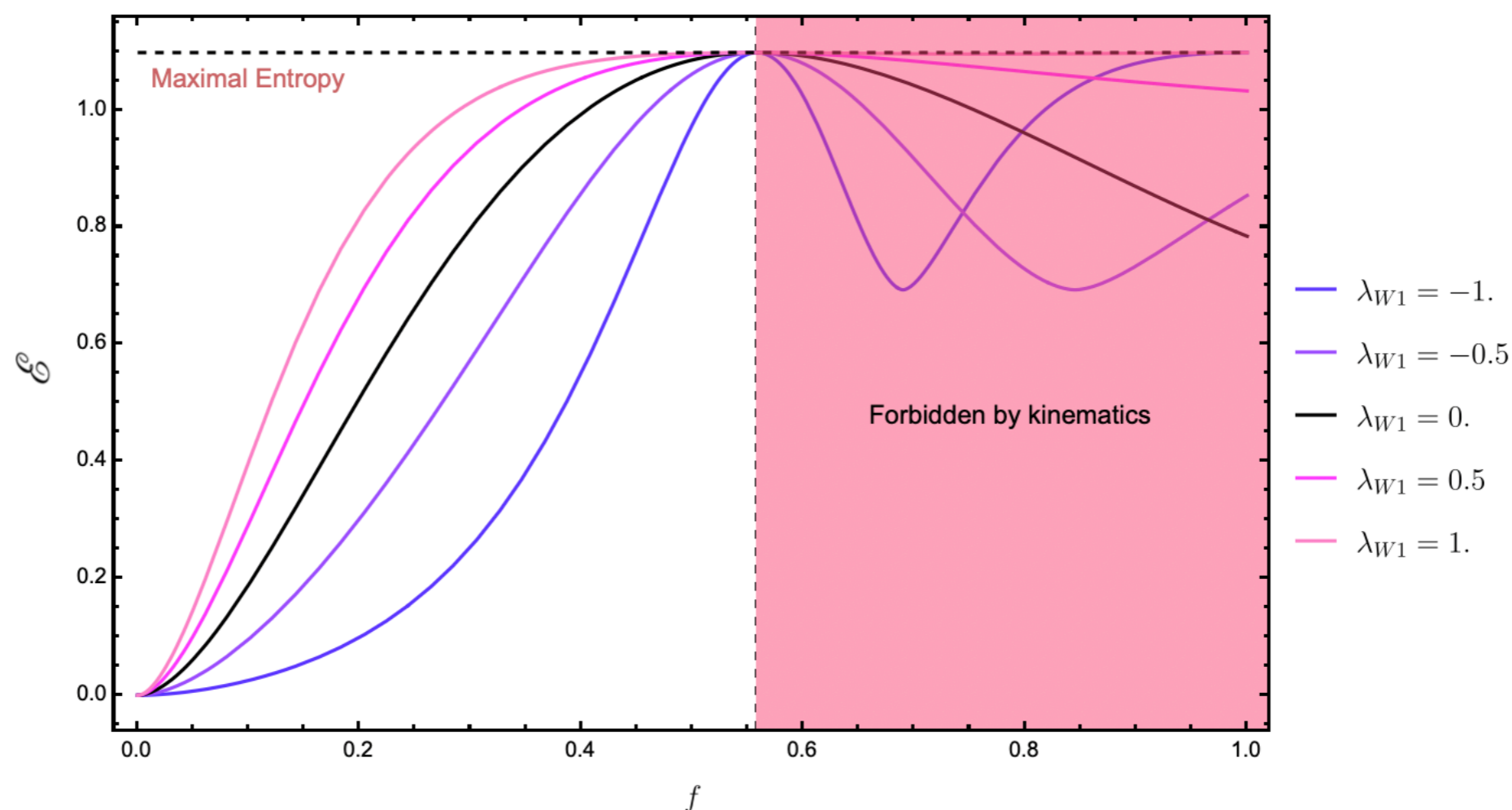
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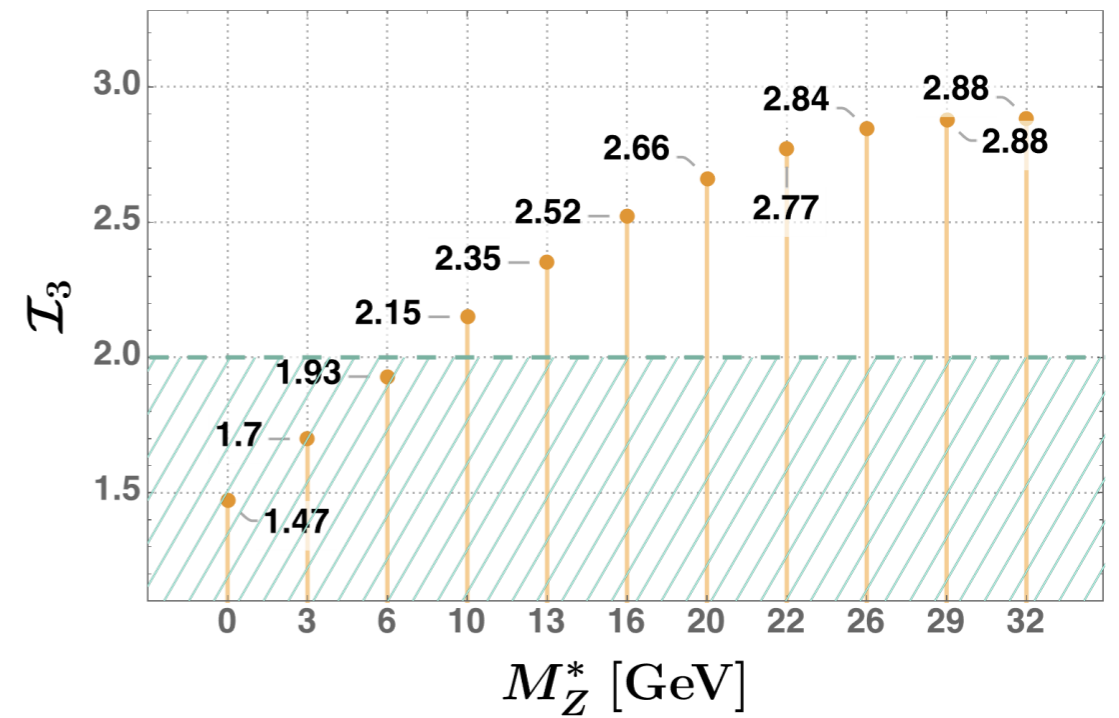
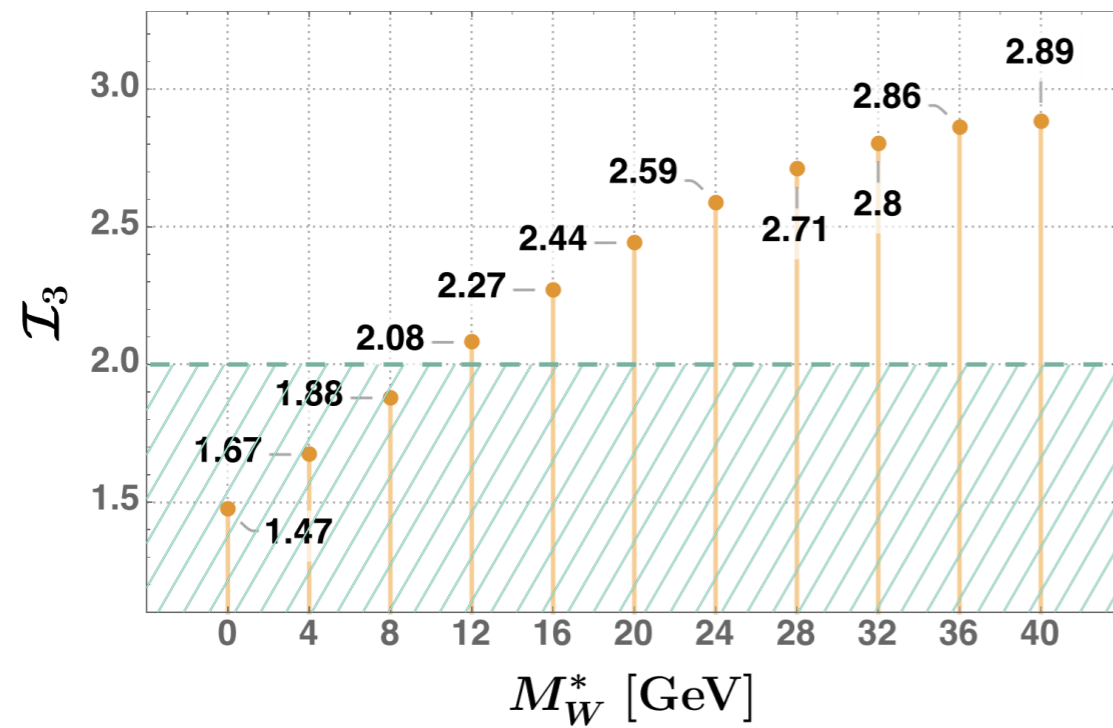
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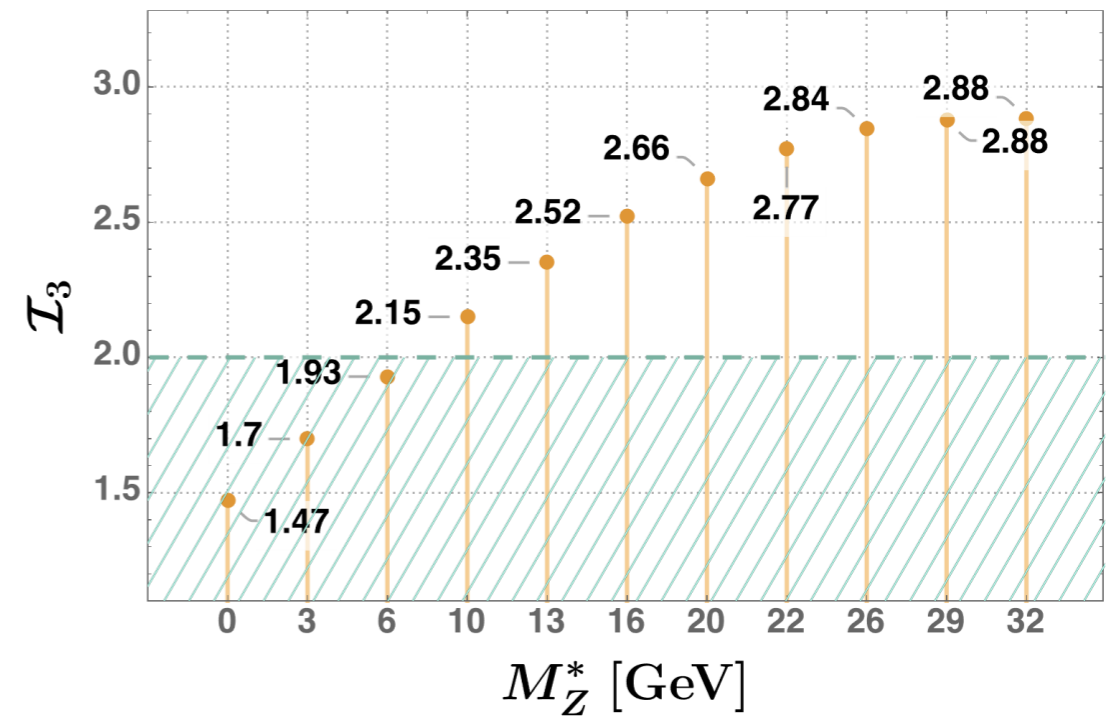
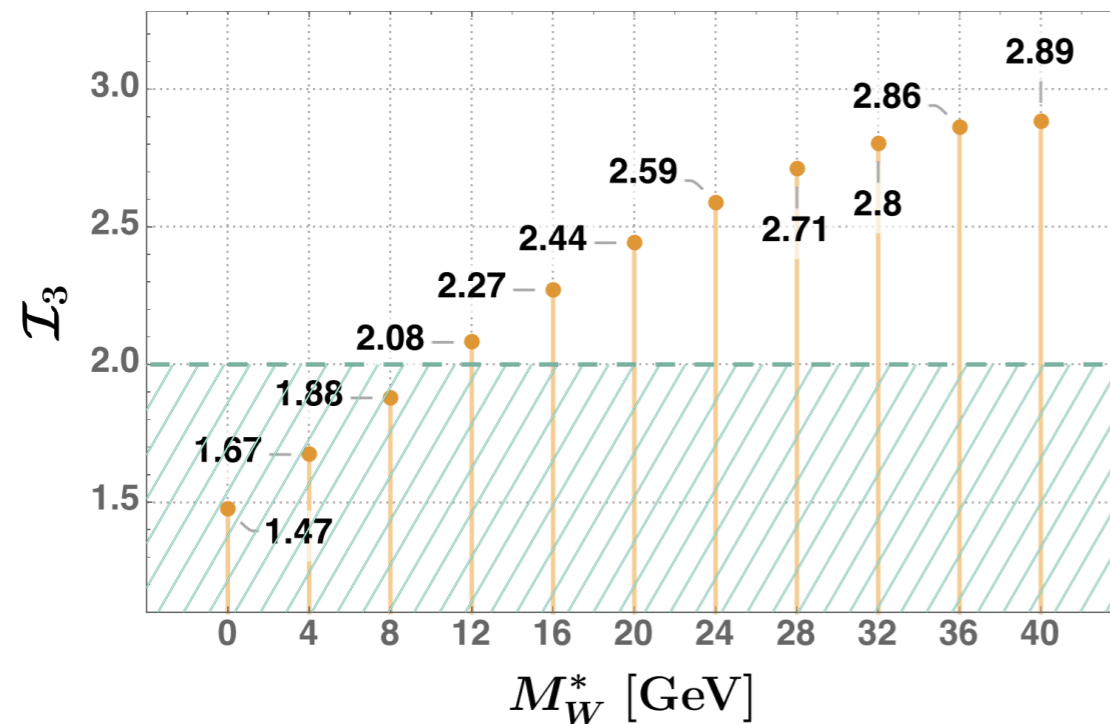
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and with a *70% efficiency for the identification of each charged lepton* we have:

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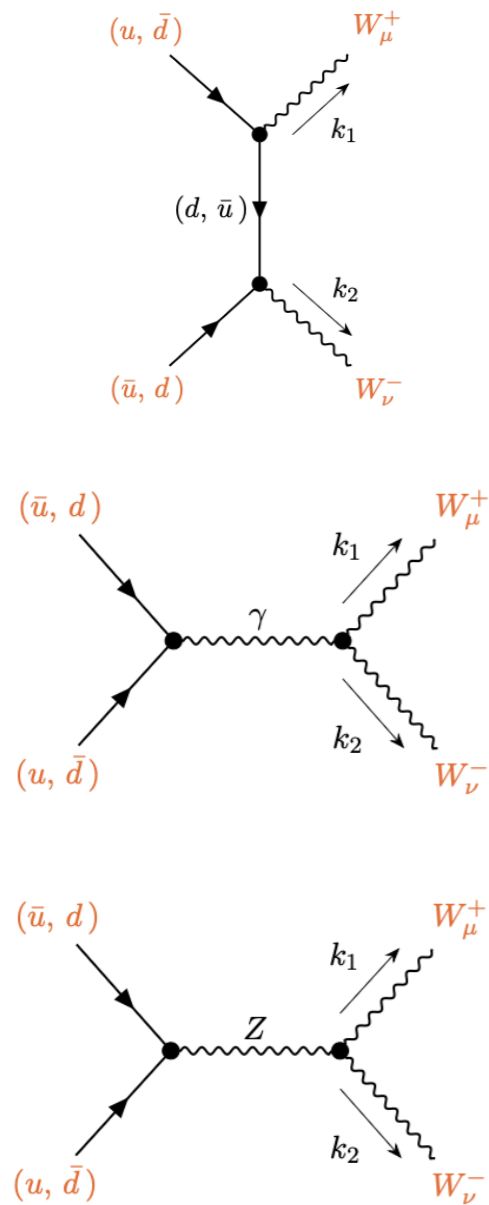
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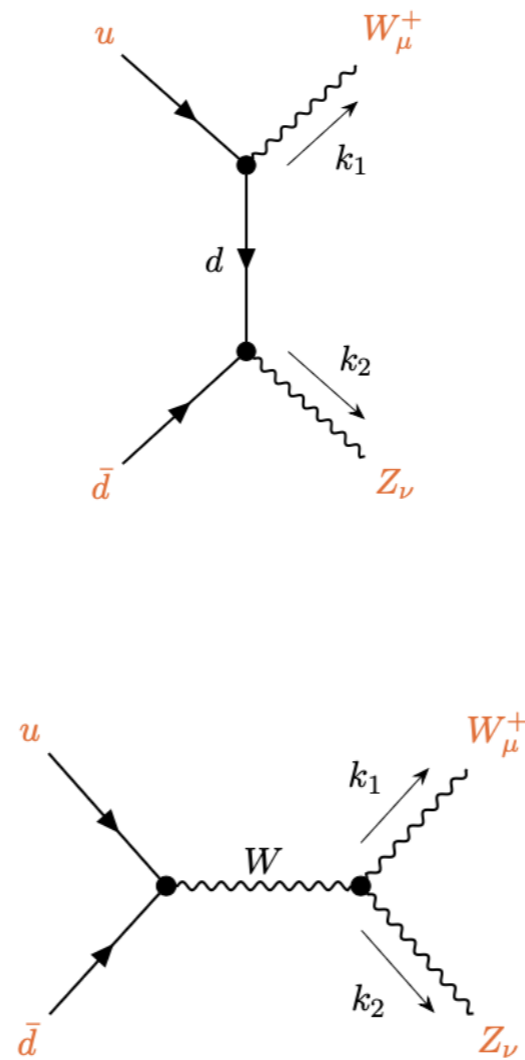
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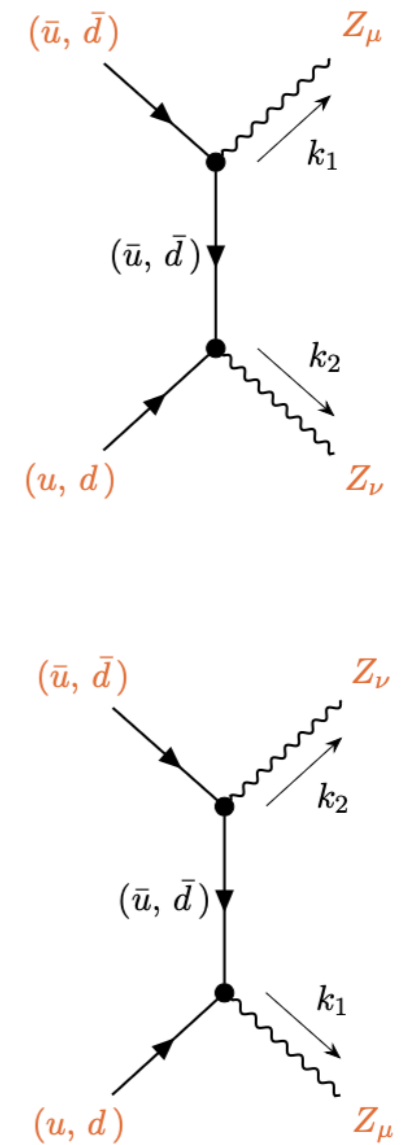
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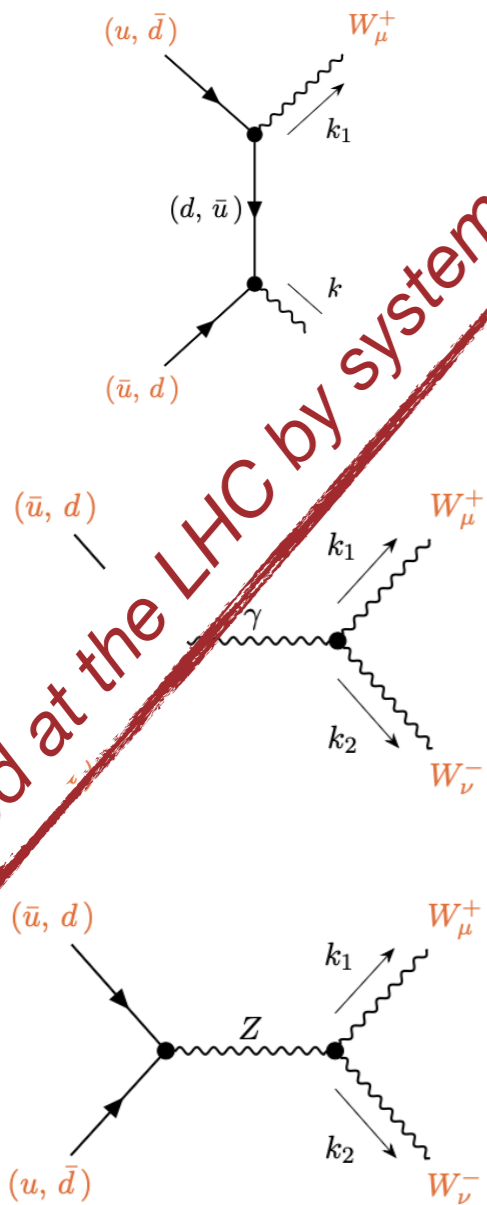
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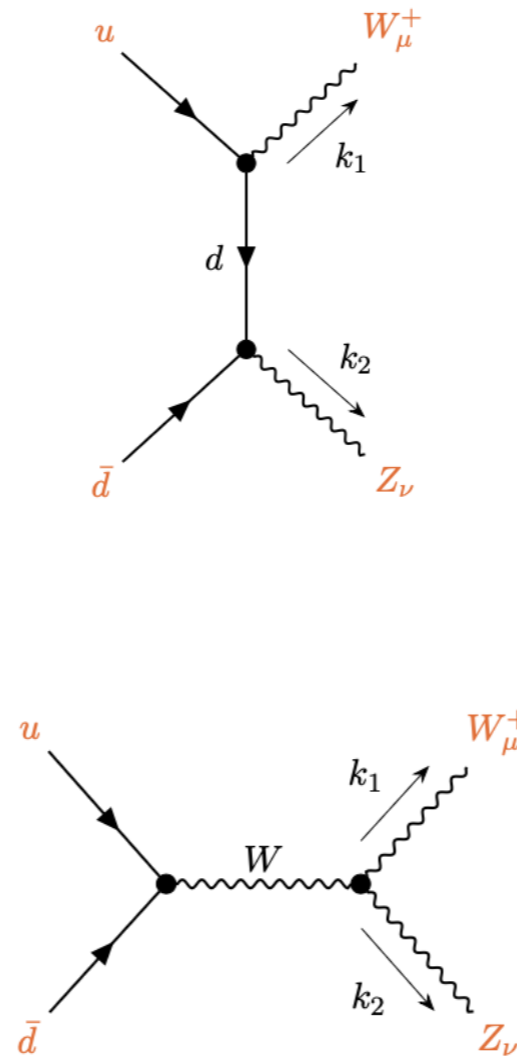
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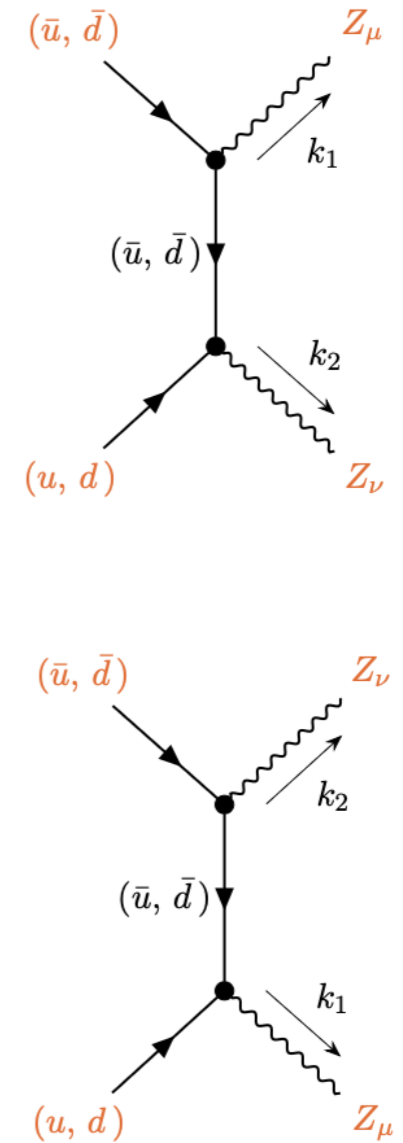
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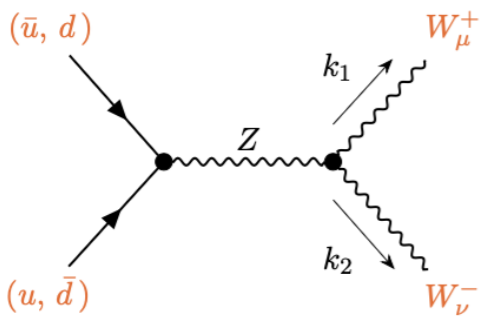
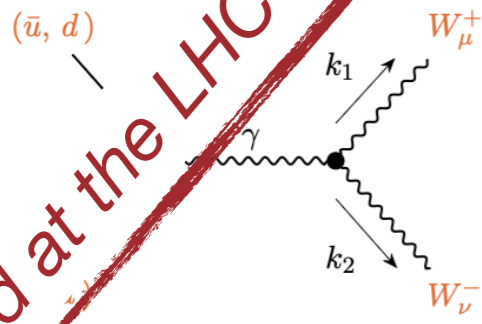
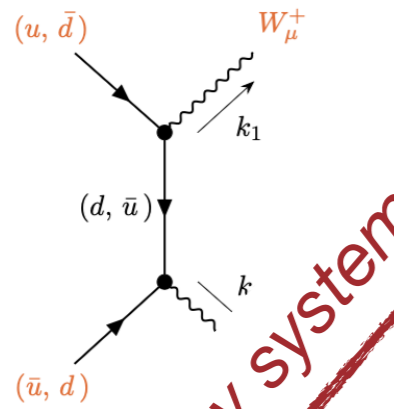


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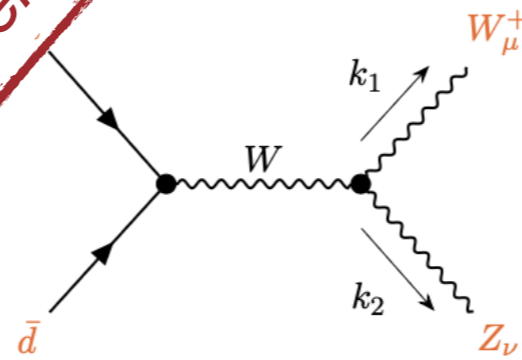
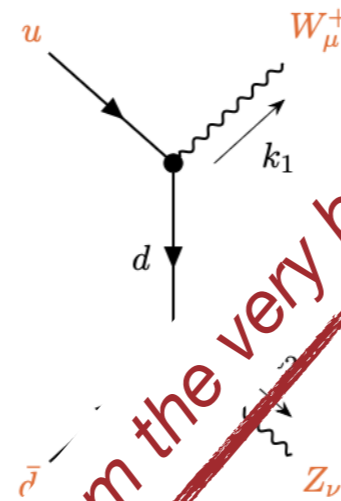
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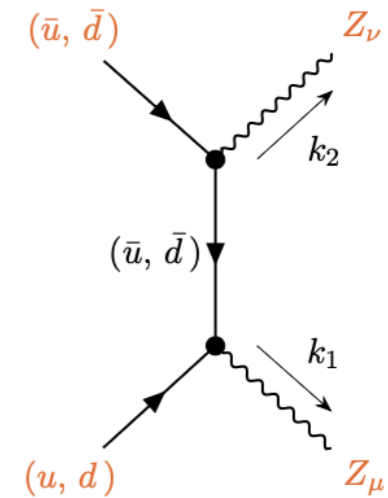
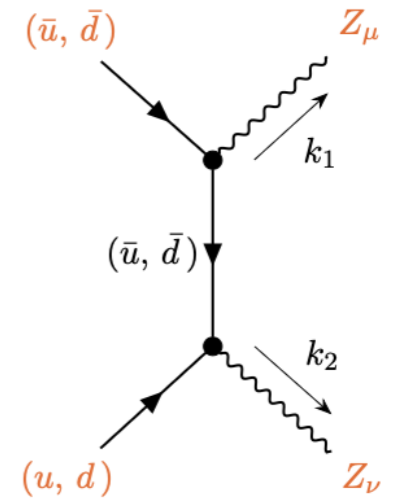
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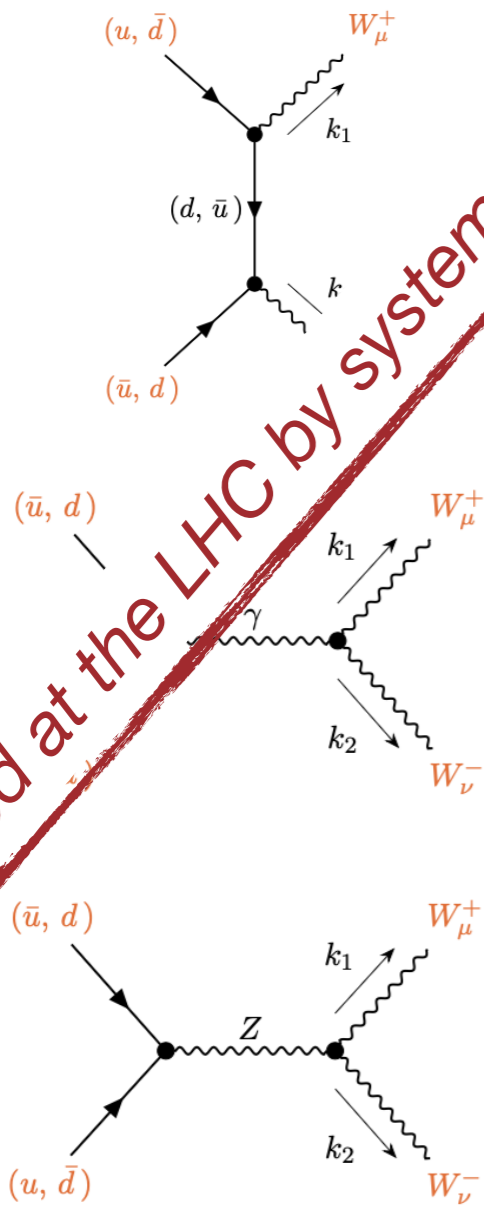
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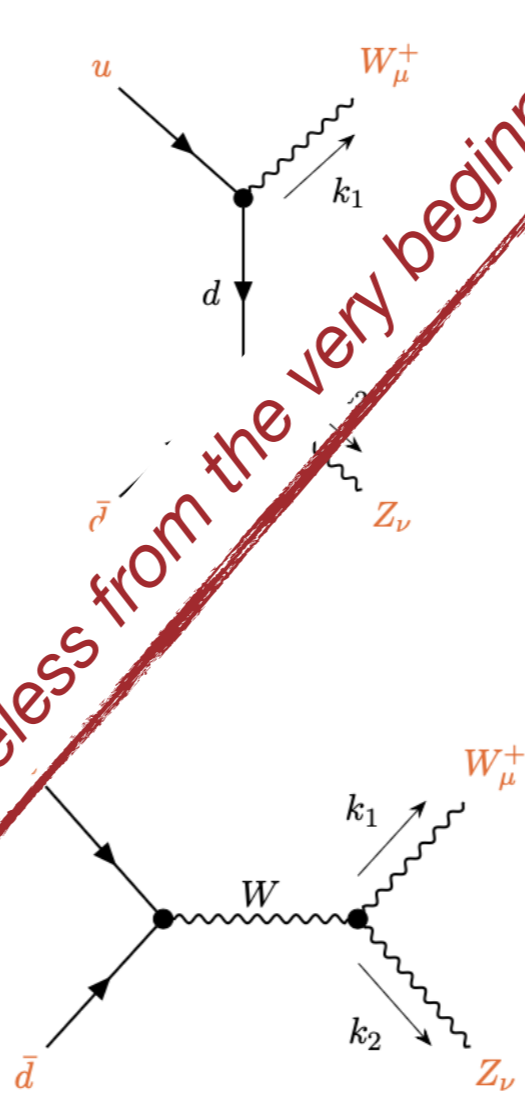
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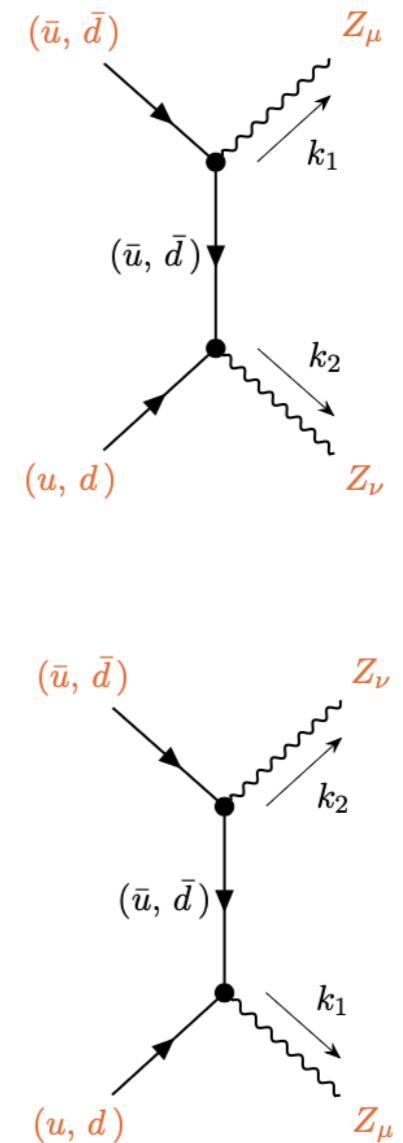
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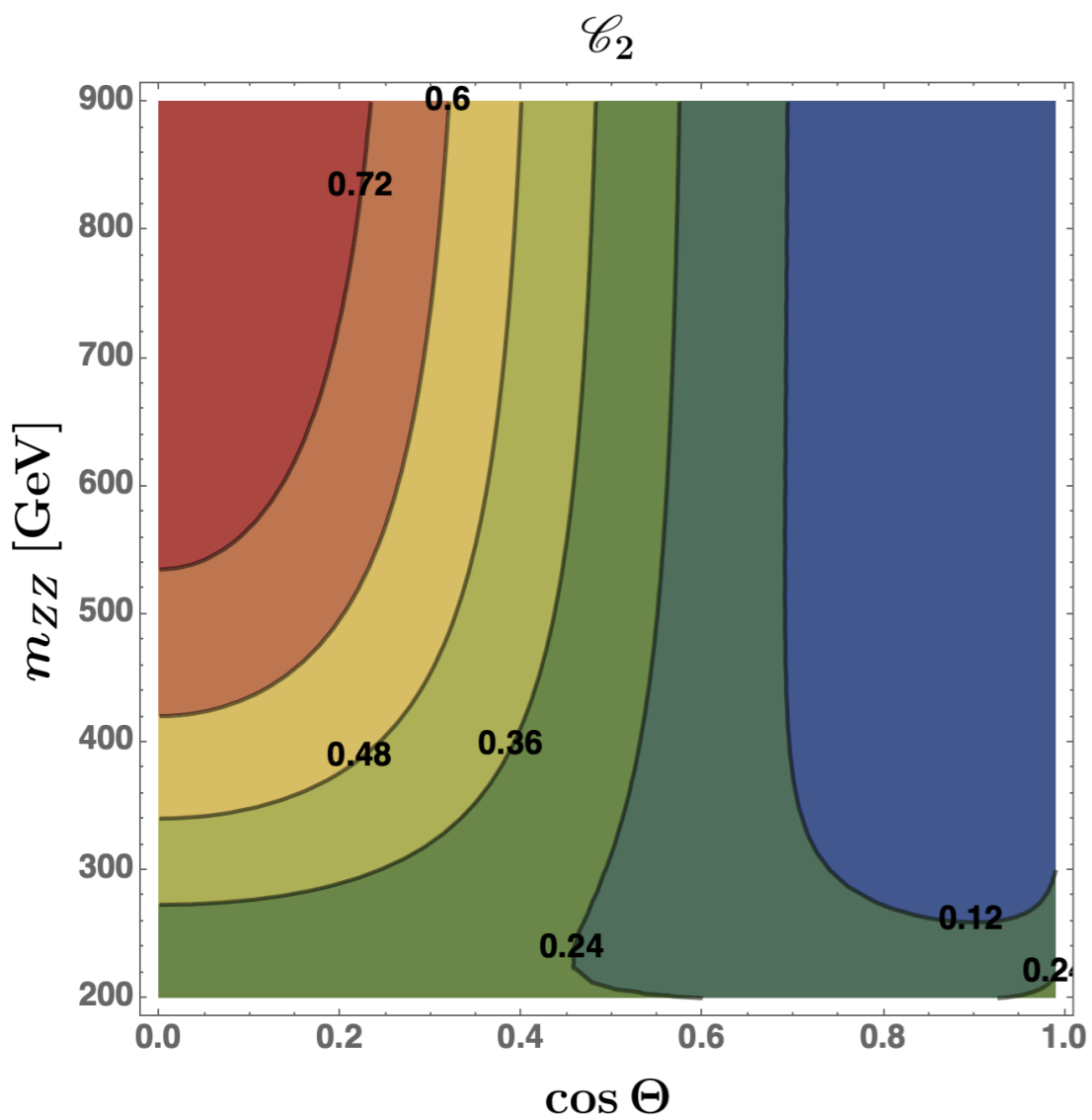


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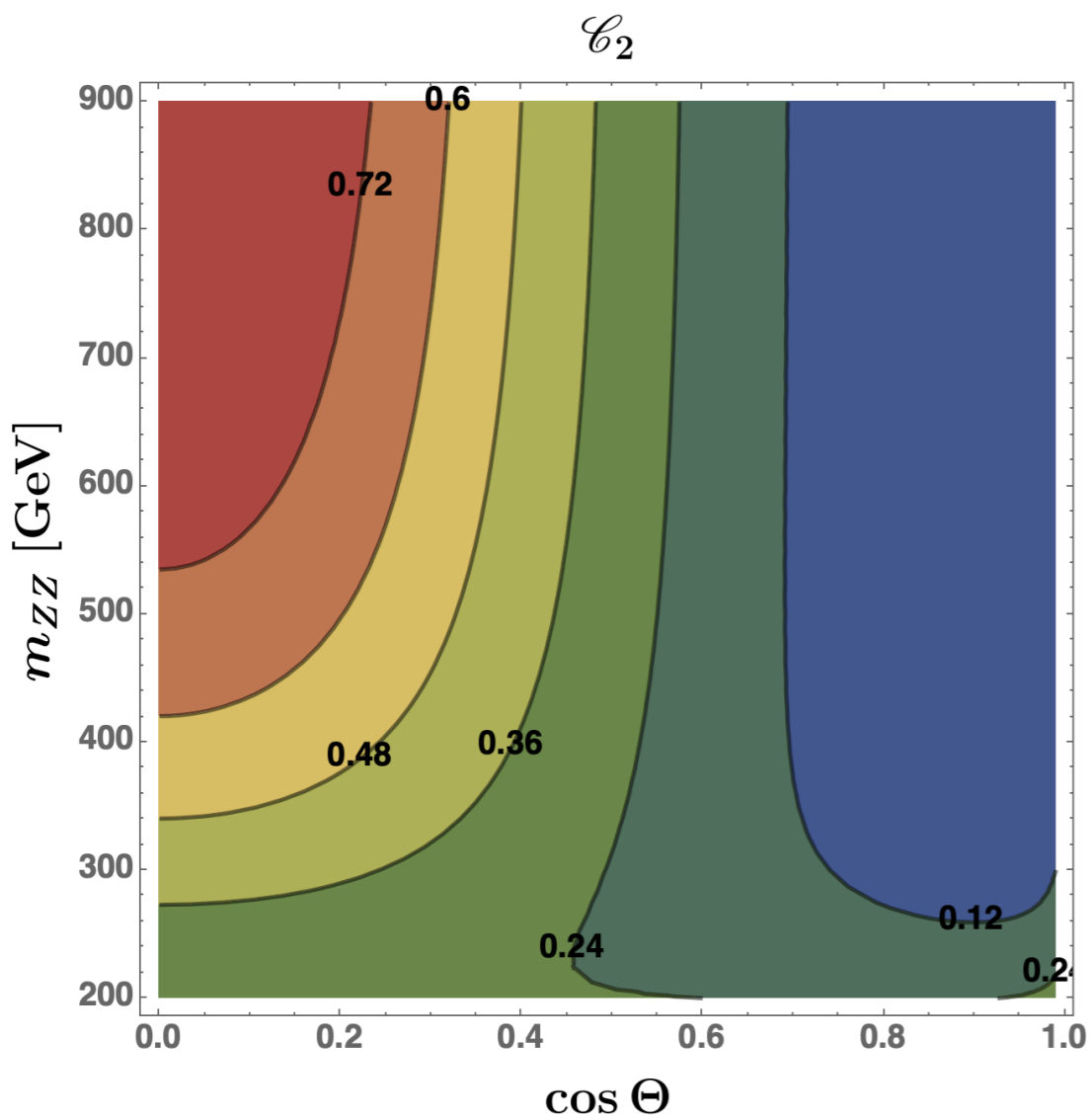
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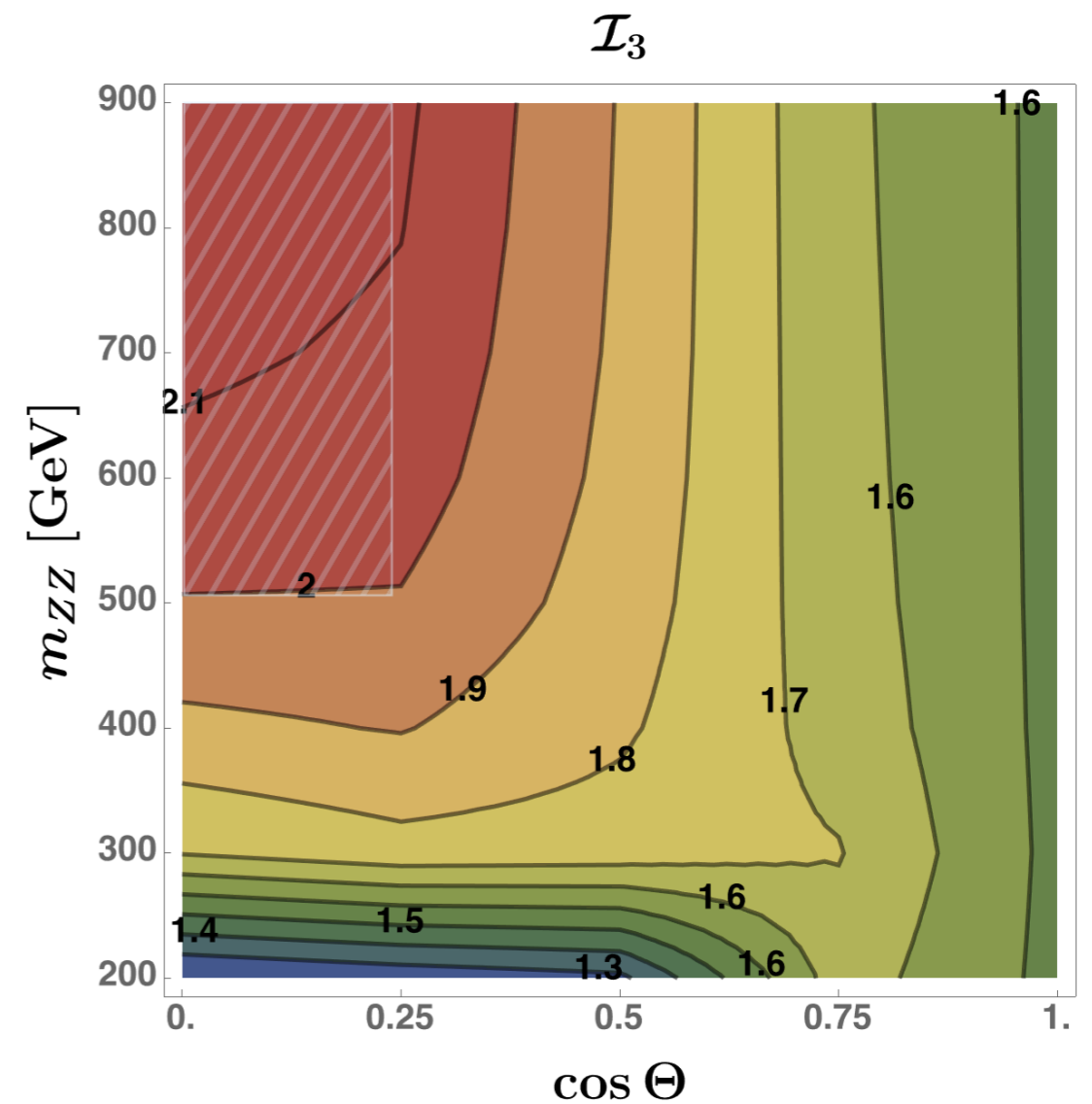
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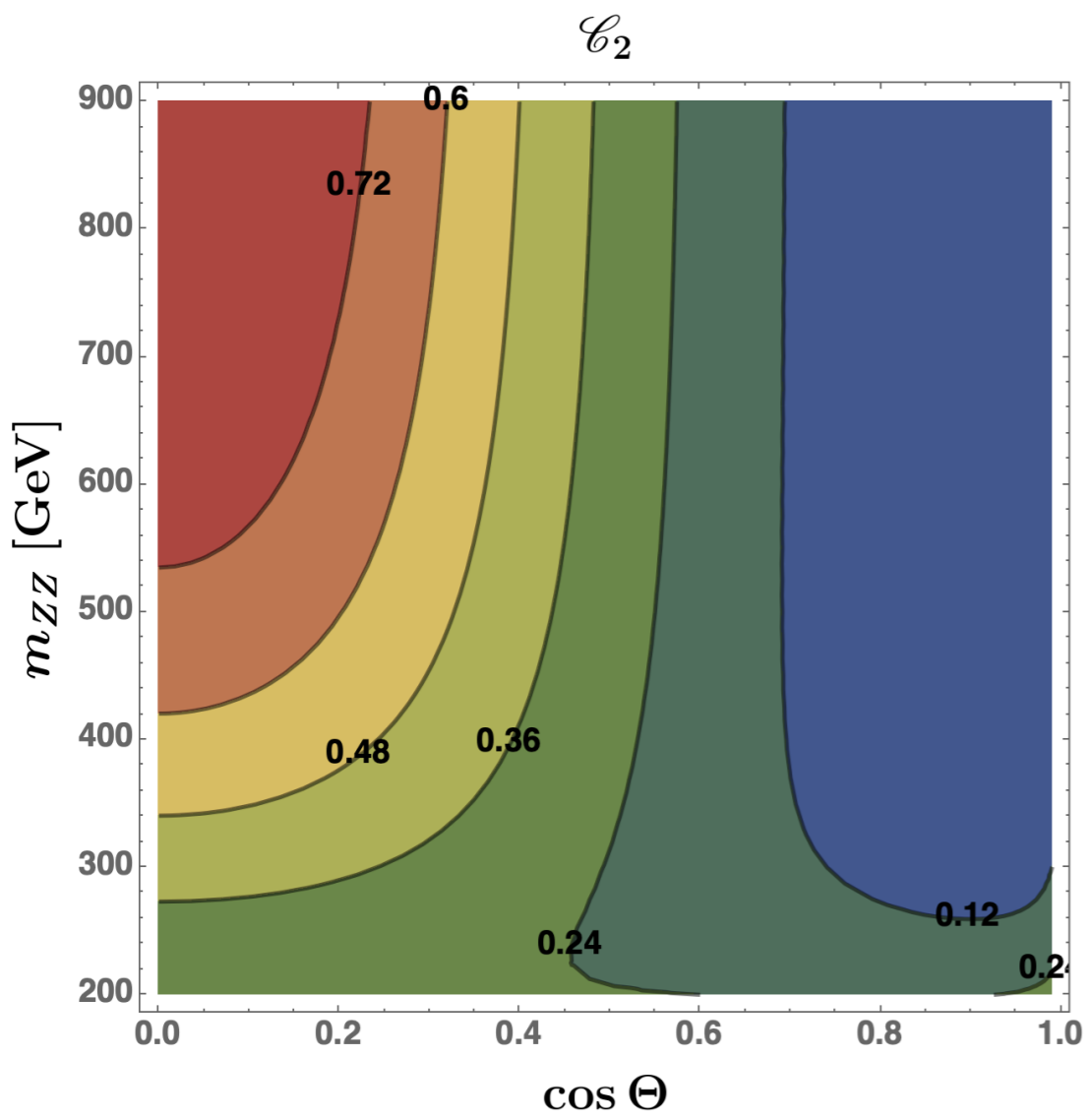
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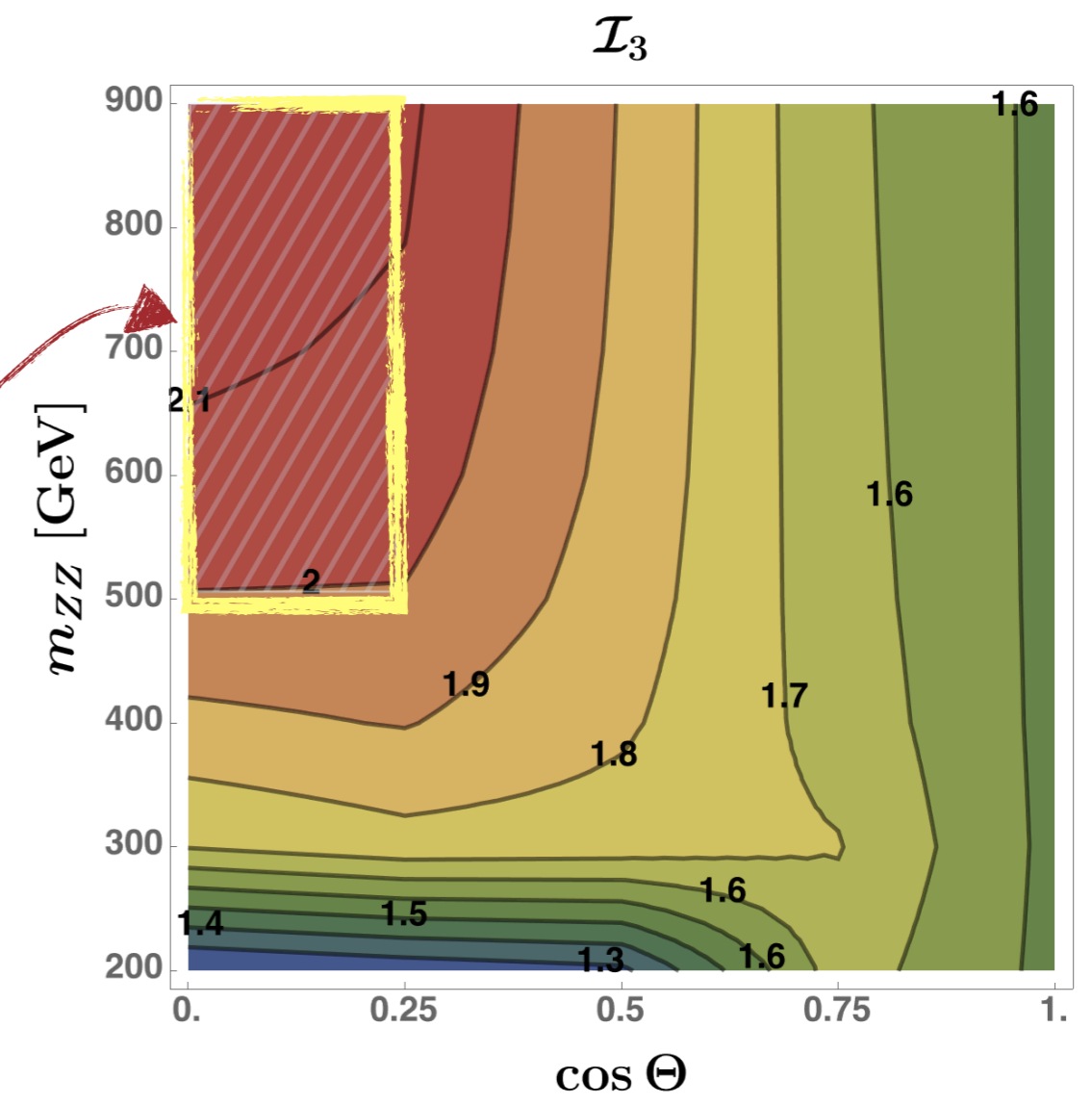
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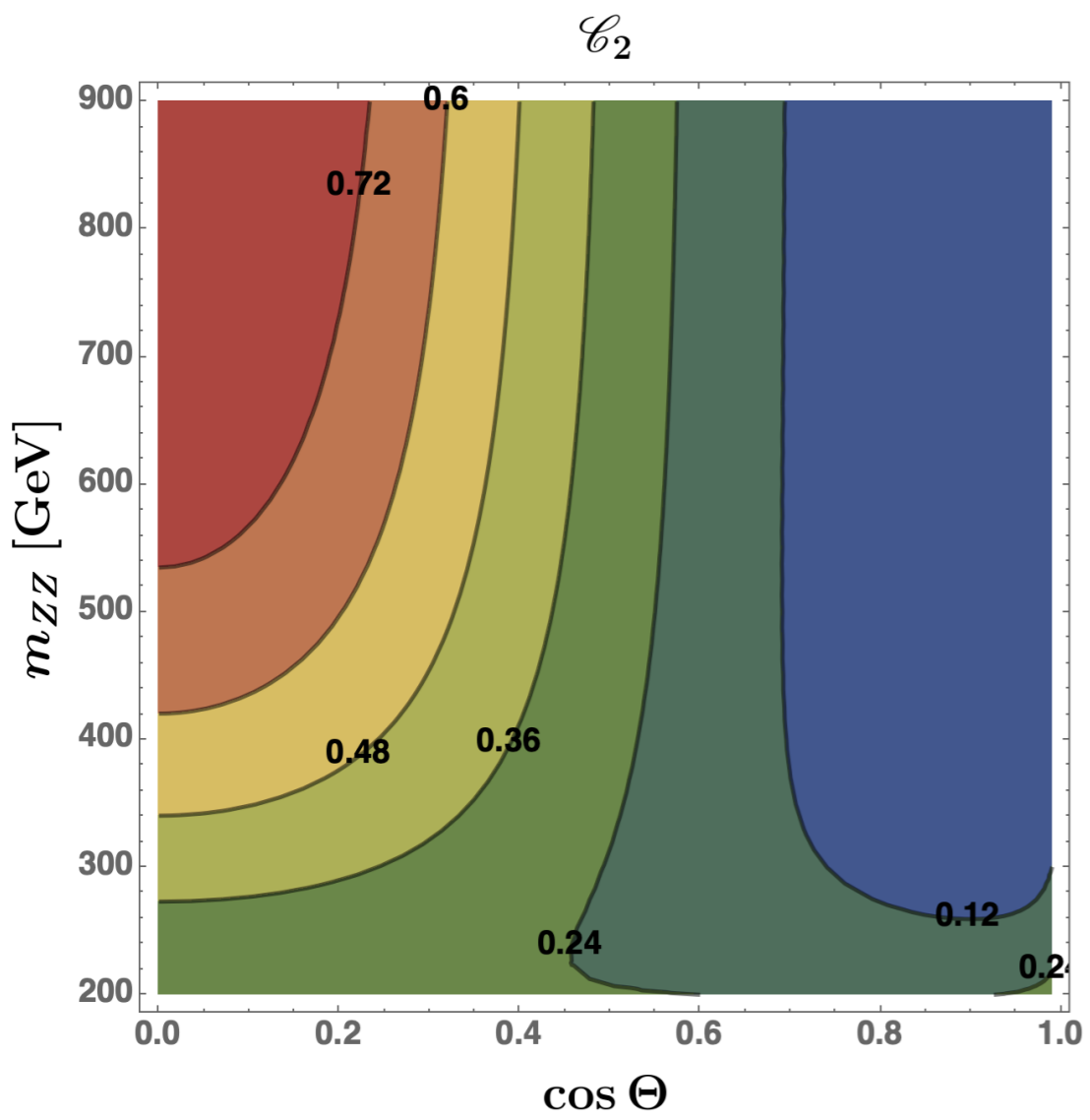
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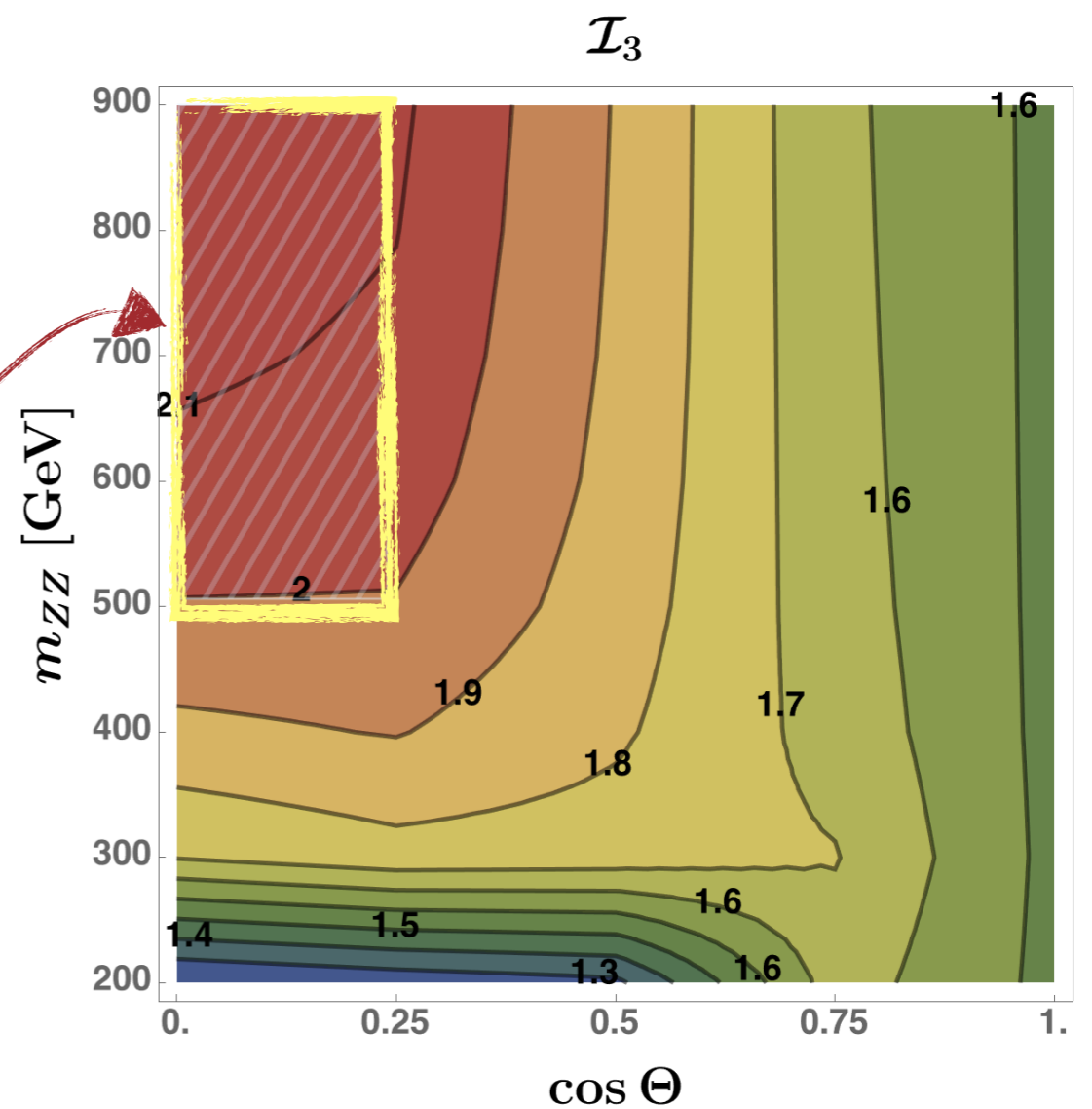
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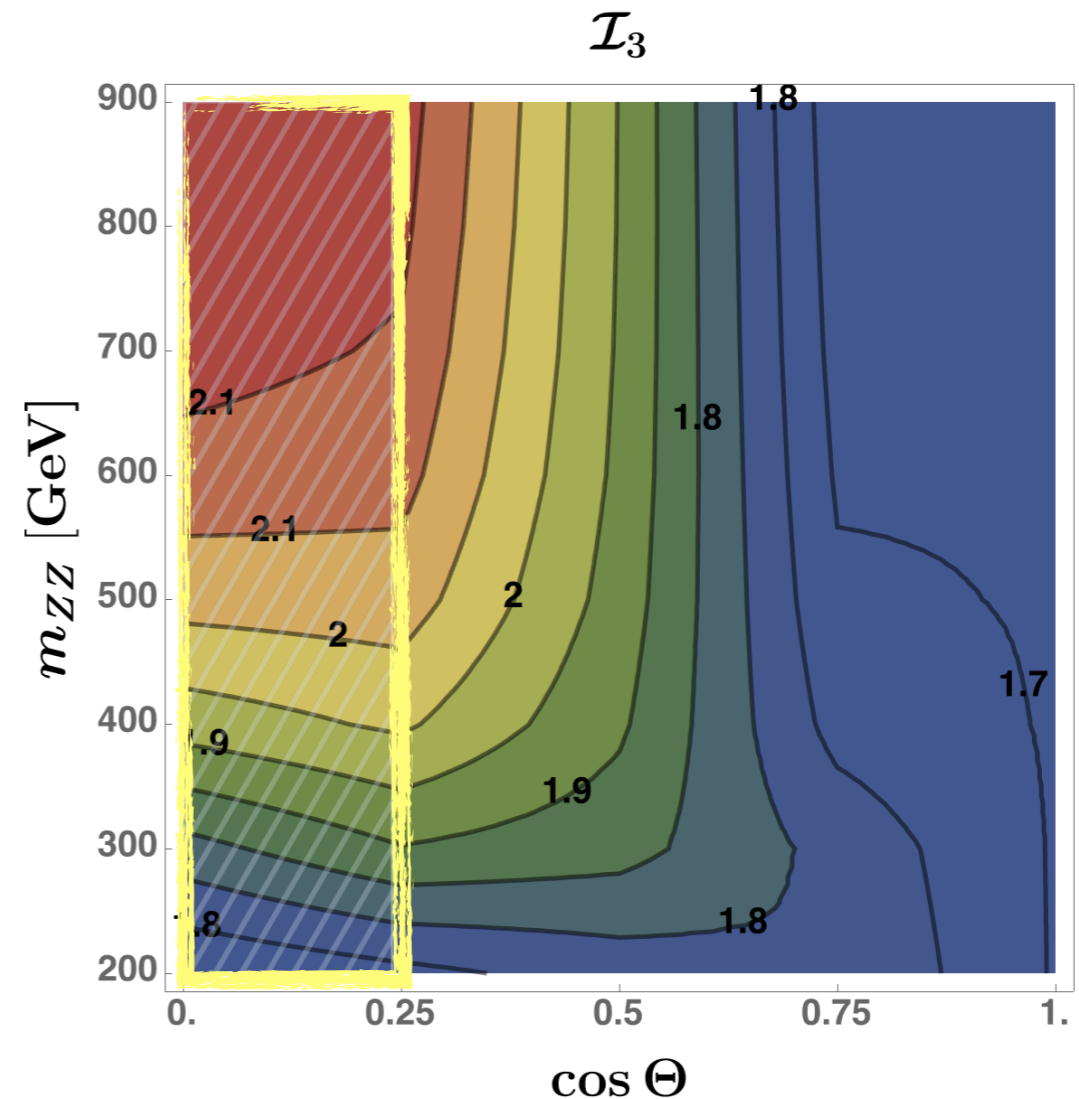
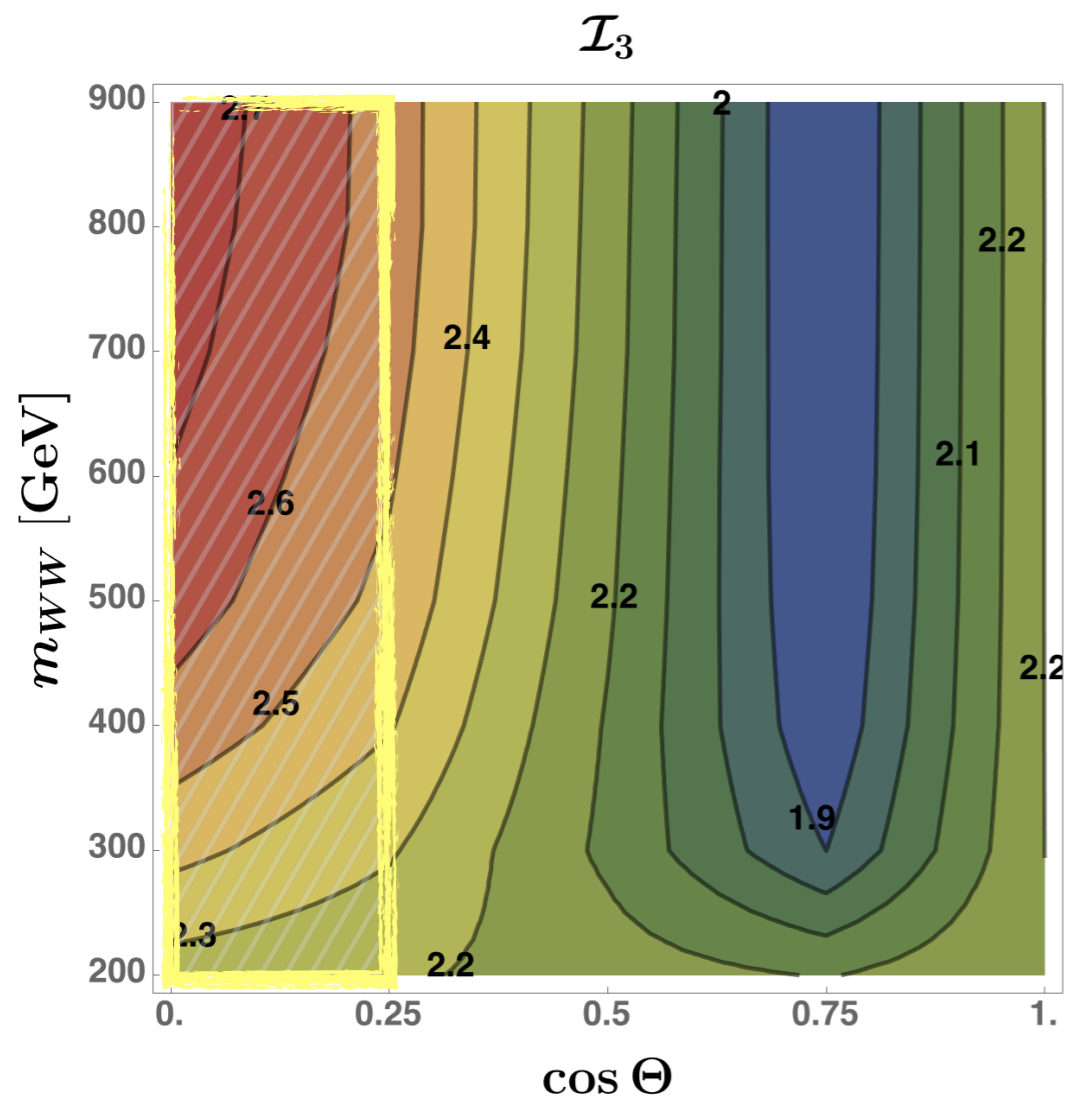
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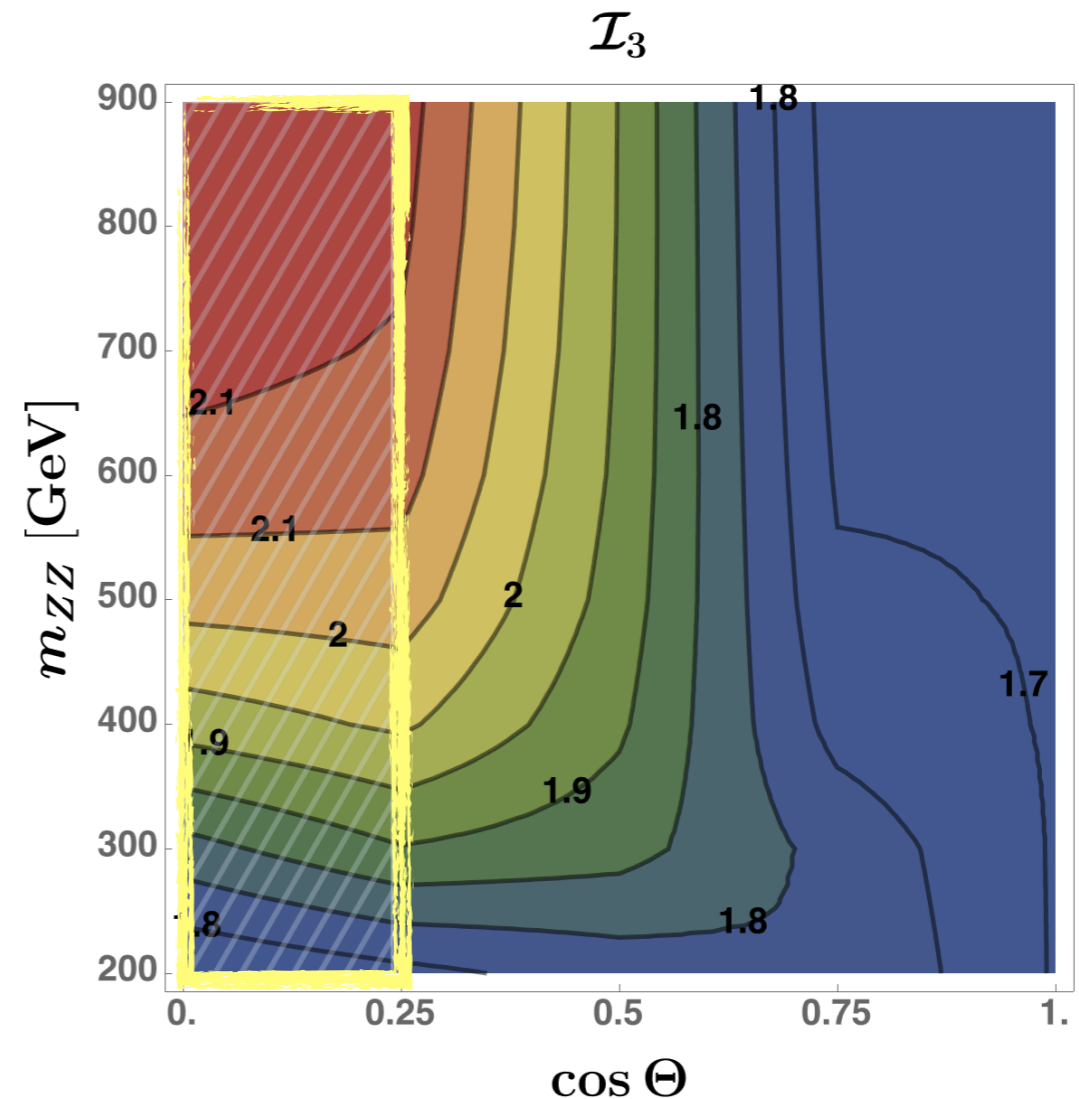
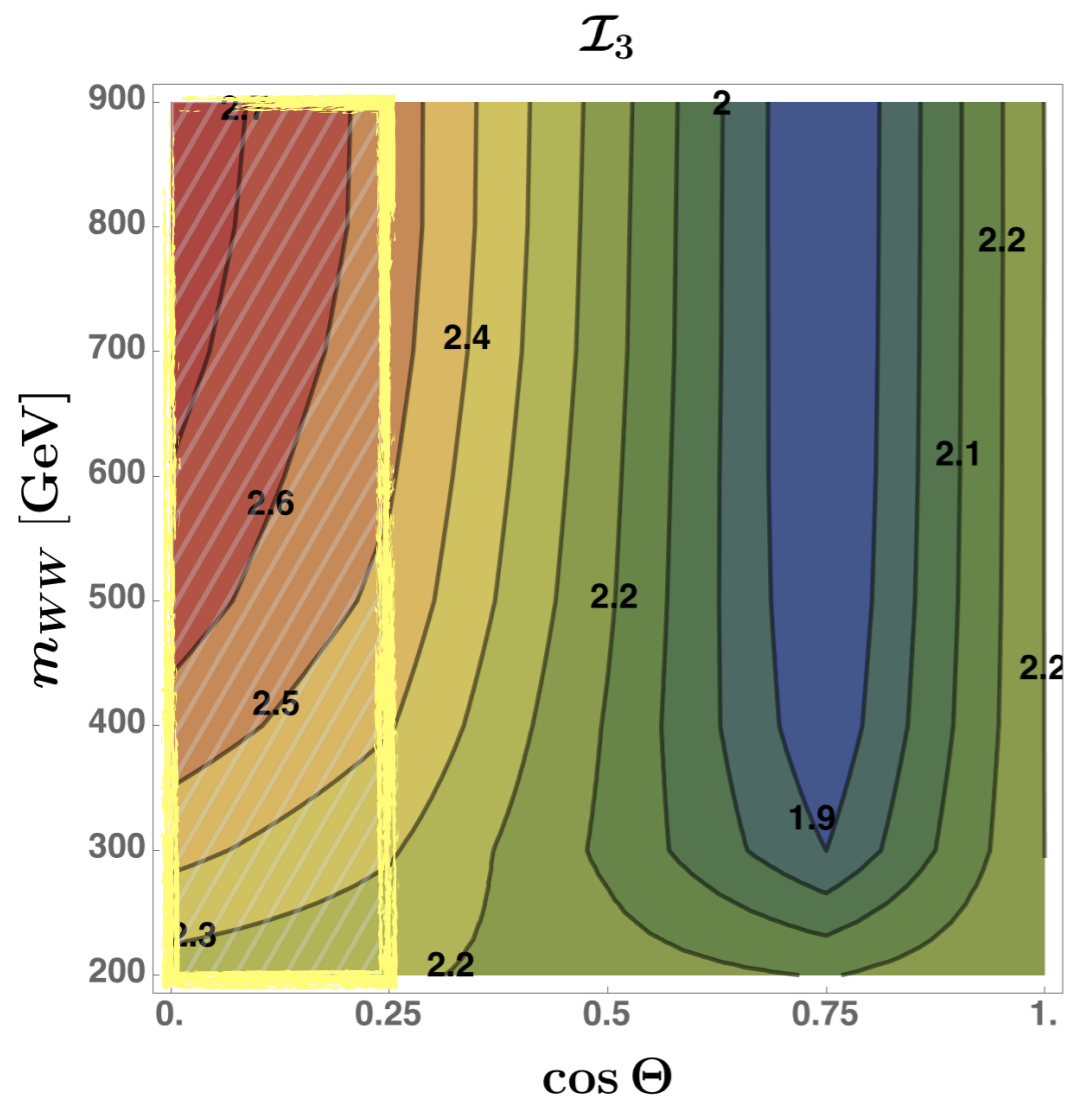
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Cheers!