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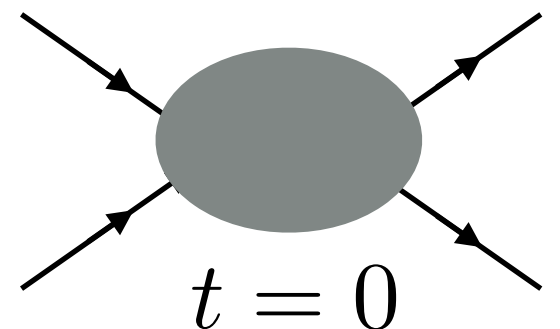
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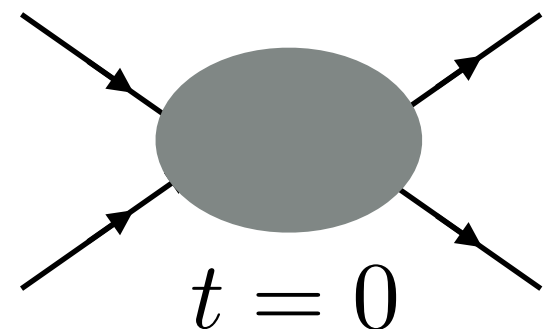
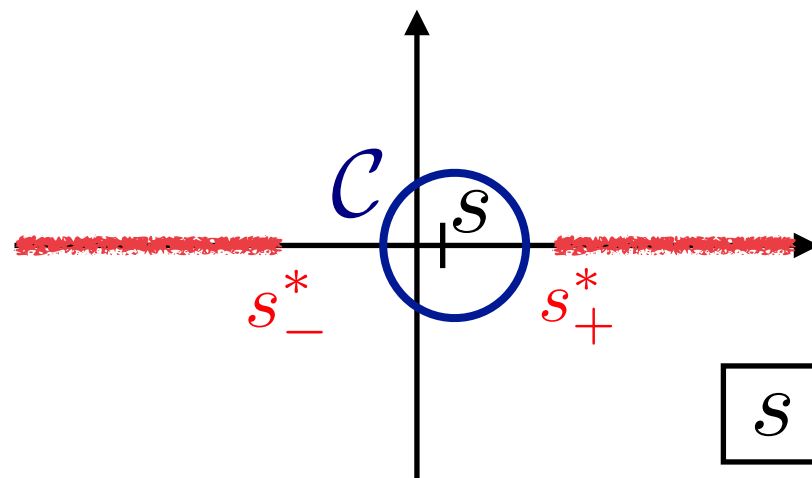
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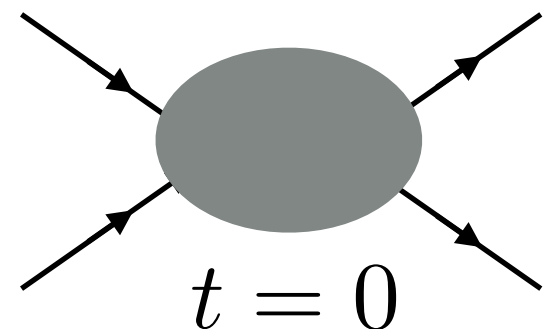
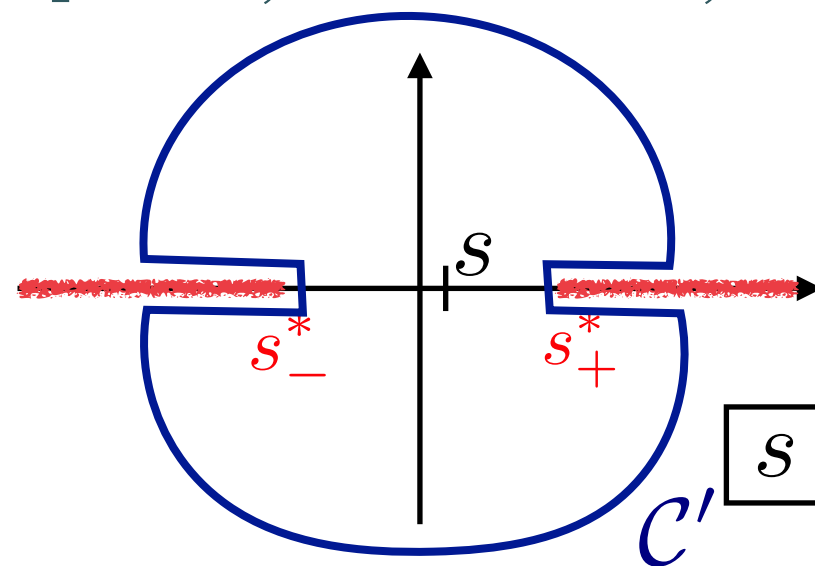
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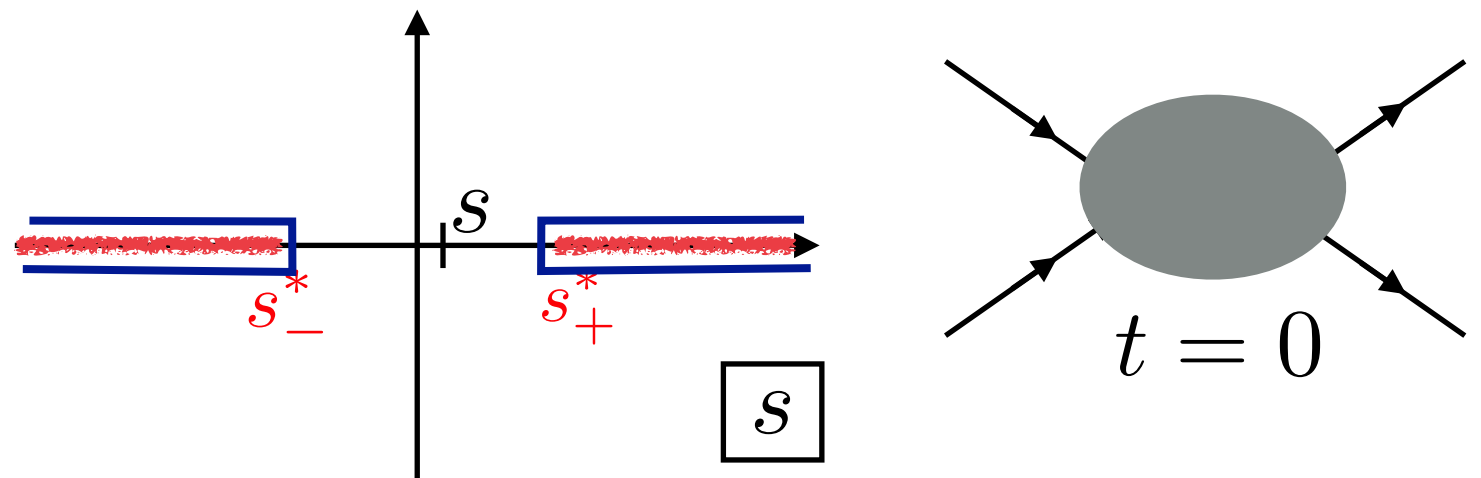
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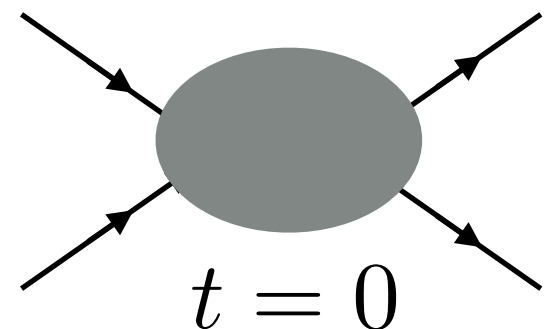
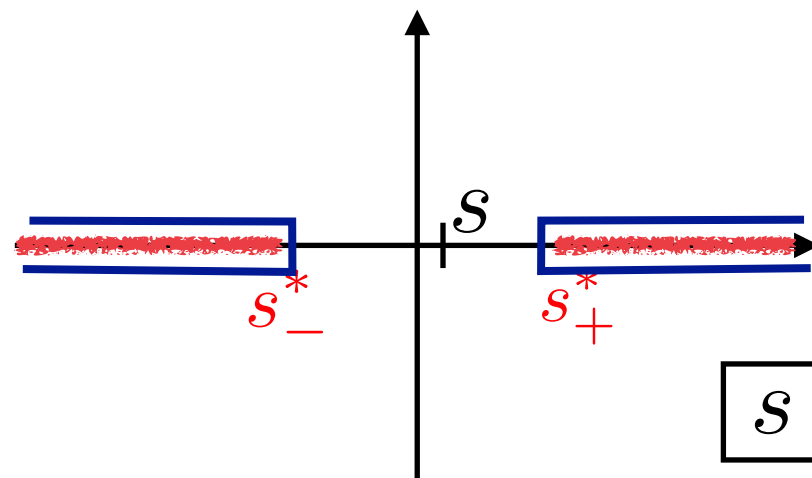
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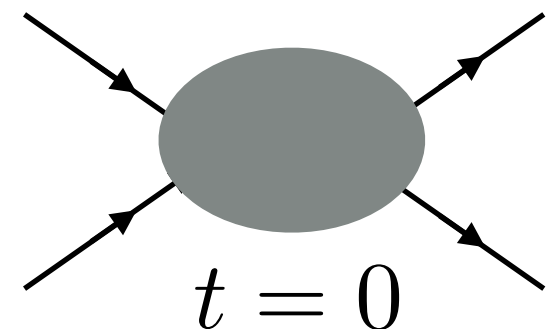
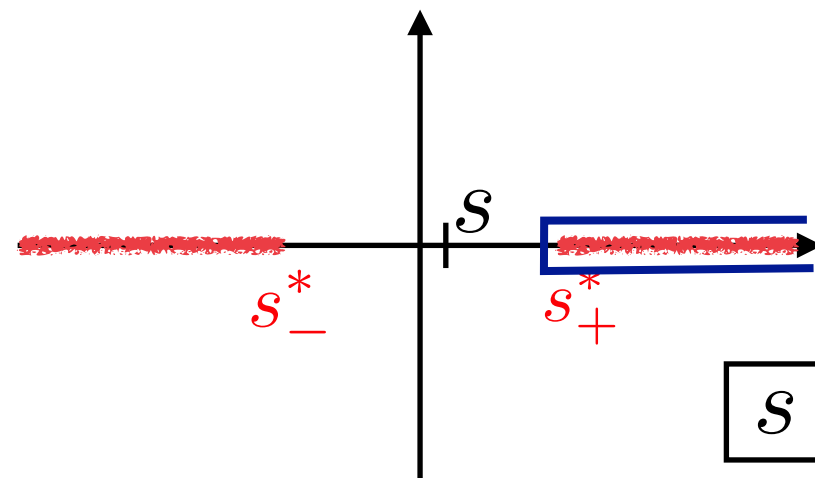
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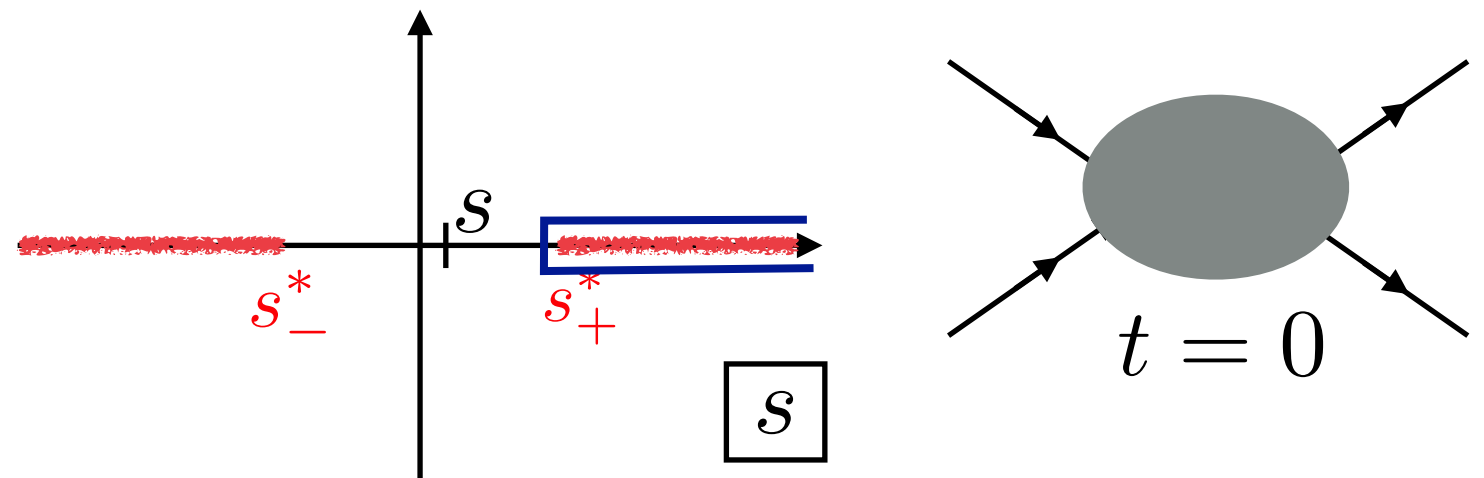
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Two green arrows point from the integrands to the inequality sign > 0 . The first arrow points from the first integrand to the > 0 sign, and the second arrow points from the second integrand to the > 0 sign.

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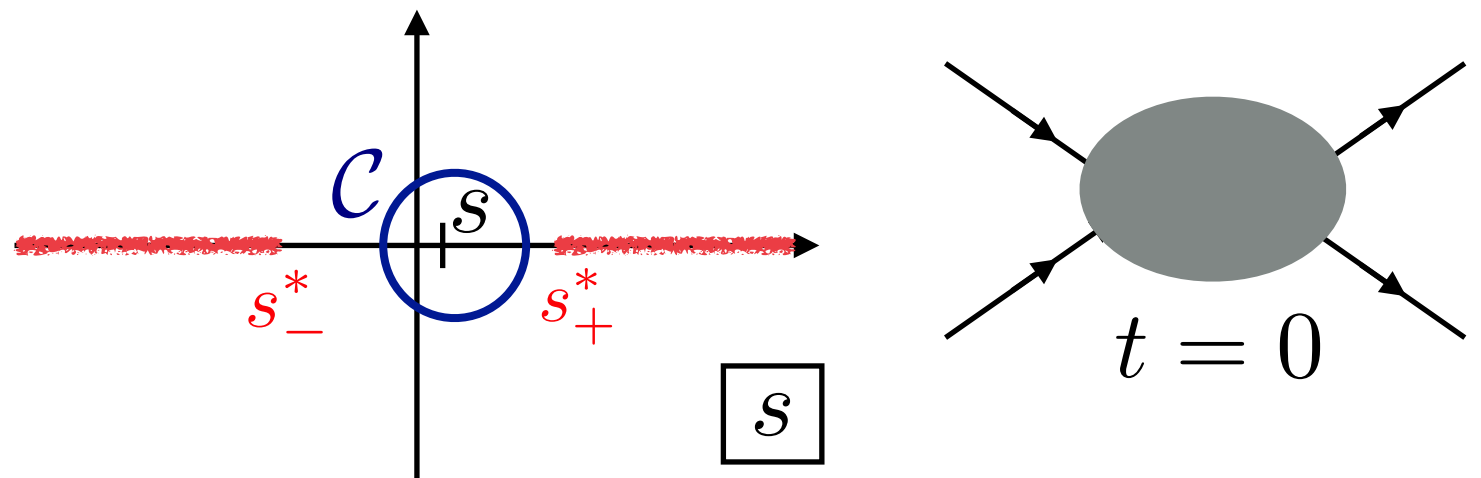
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At small s : computed in the EFT,
bound on EFT coefficients

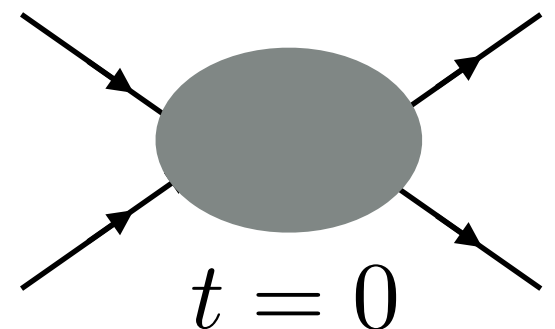


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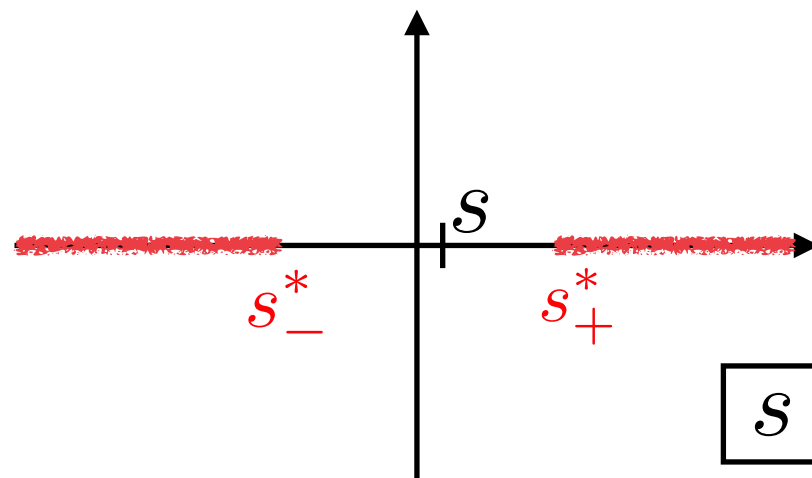


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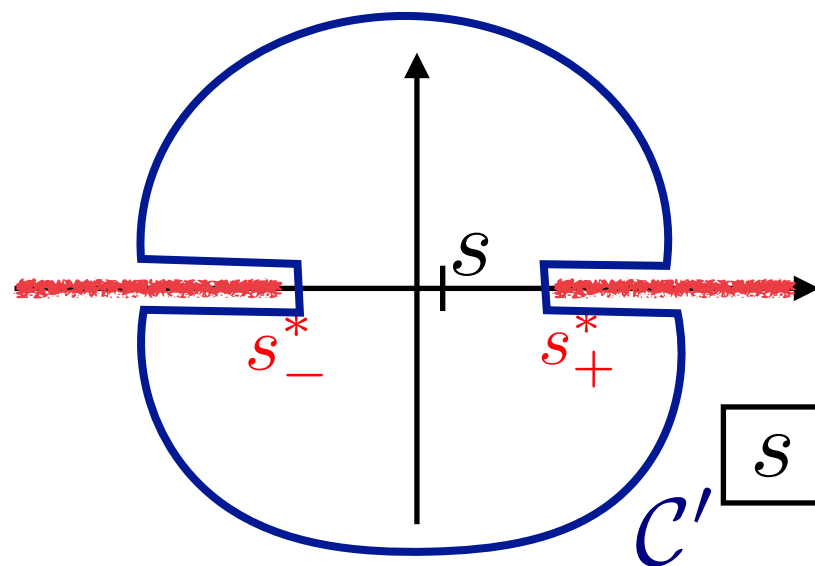


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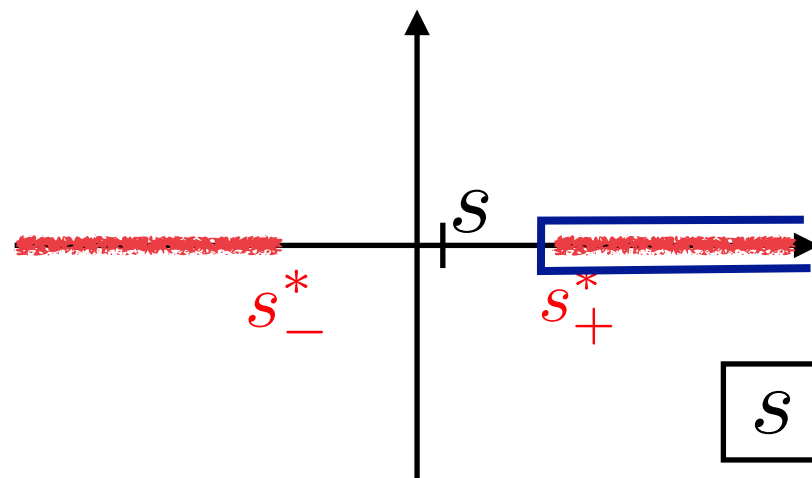
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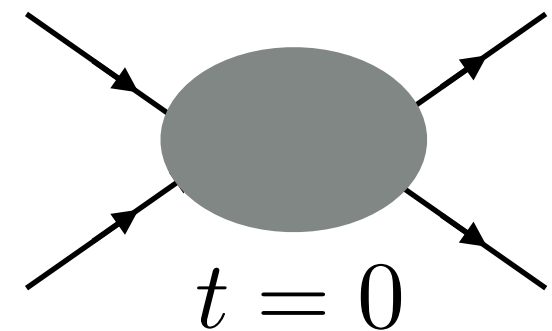
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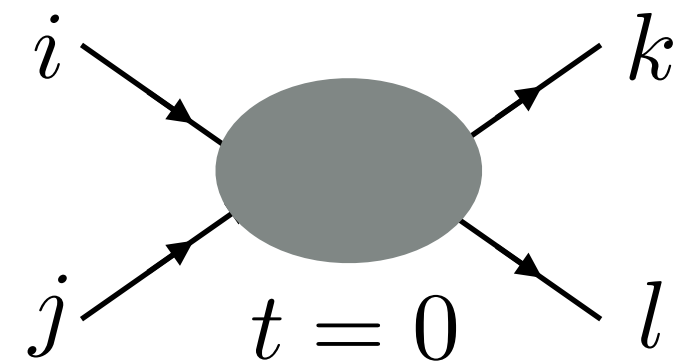
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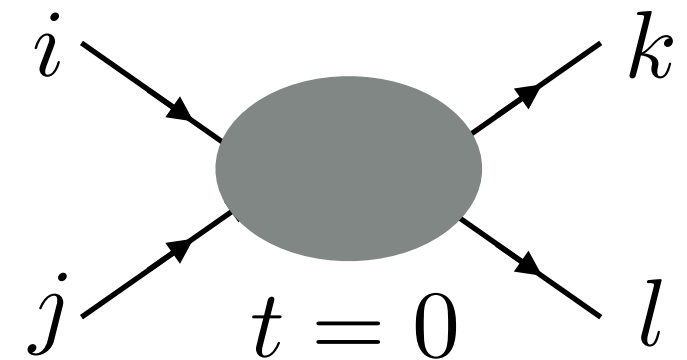
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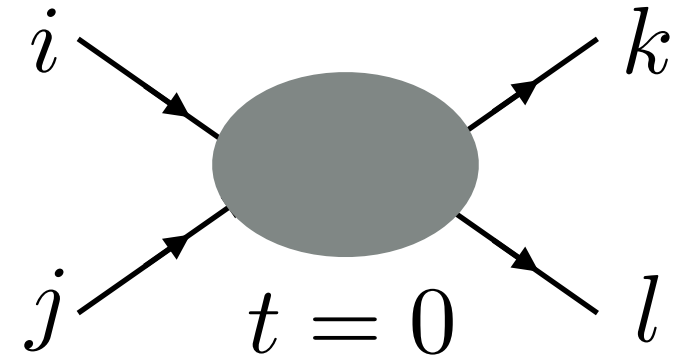
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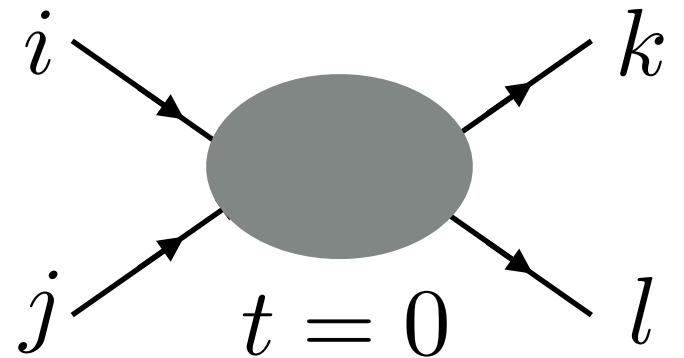
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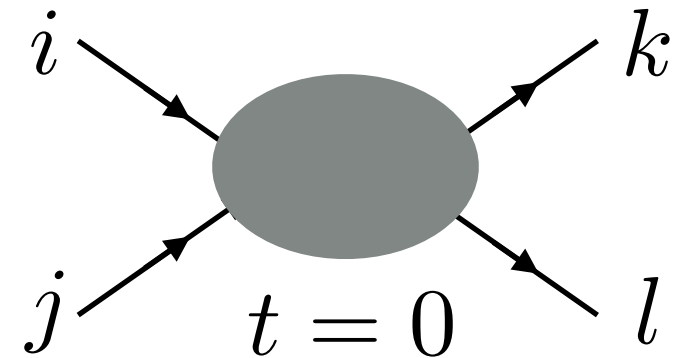
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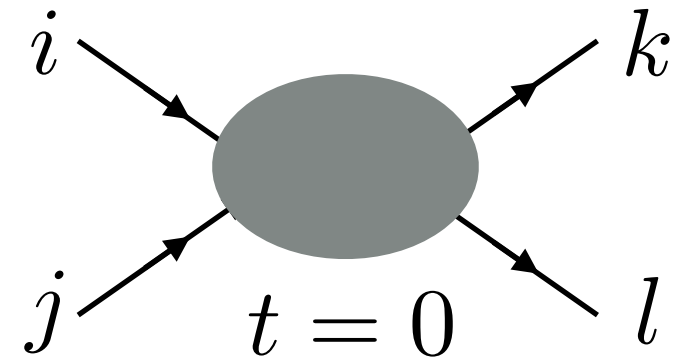


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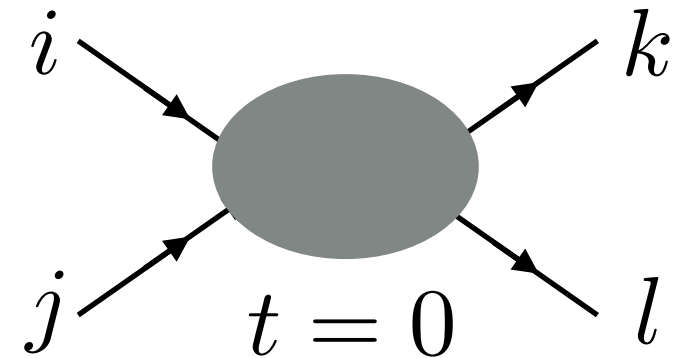


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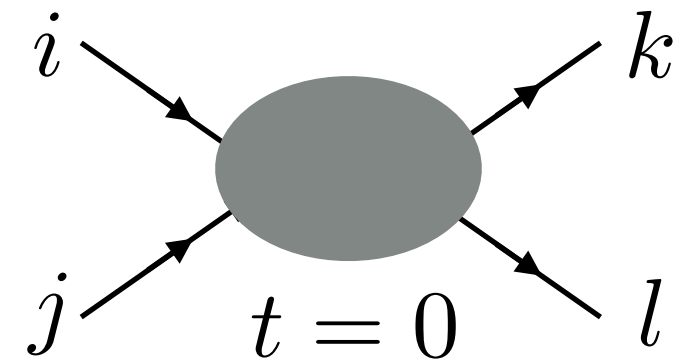
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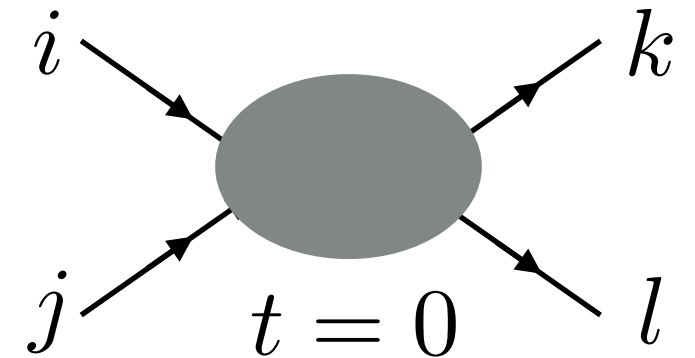
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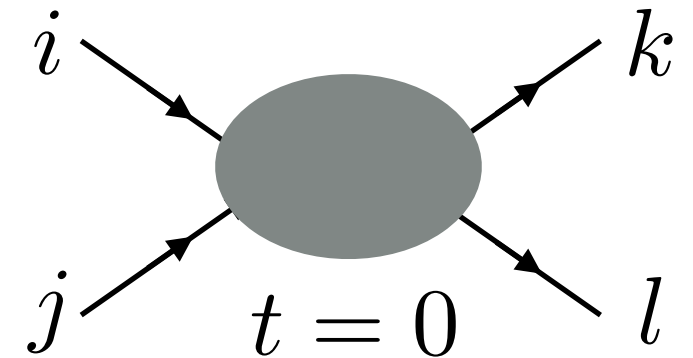
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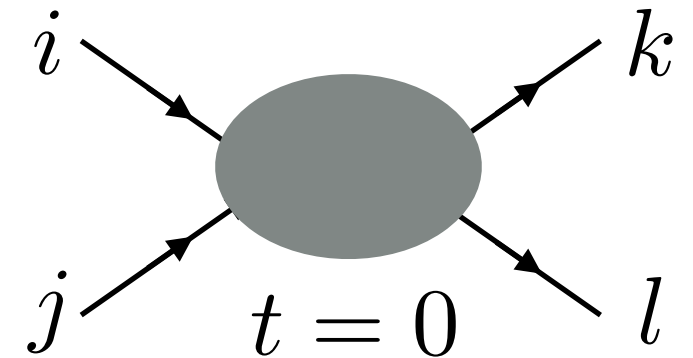
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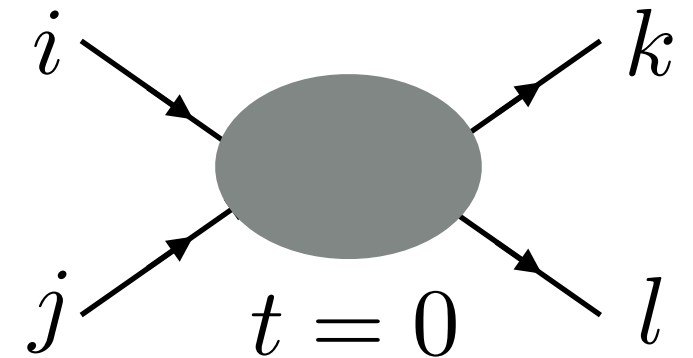
A lesson learnt : **bounds on inelastic transitions**

$$|\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{ijkl}| + |\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{ilkj}| \leq \sqrt{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{ijij} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{klkl}} + \sqrt{\tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{ilil} \tilde{\mathcal{A}}_{kj kj}}$$

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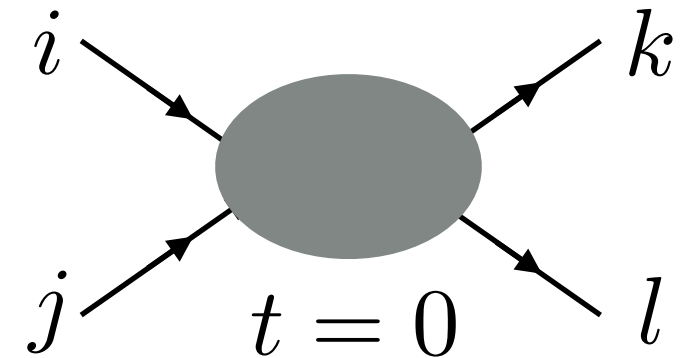
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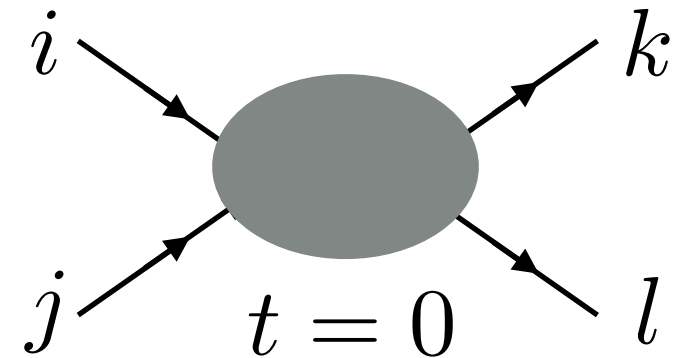
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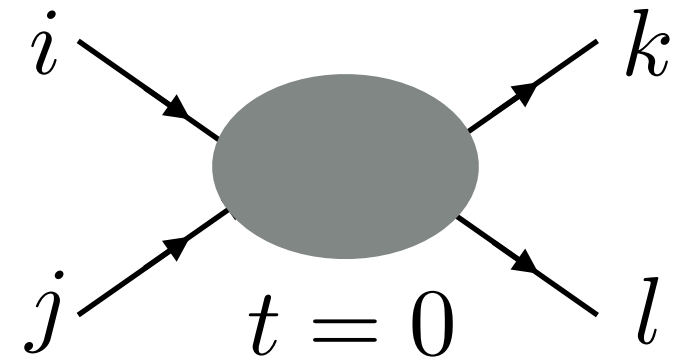
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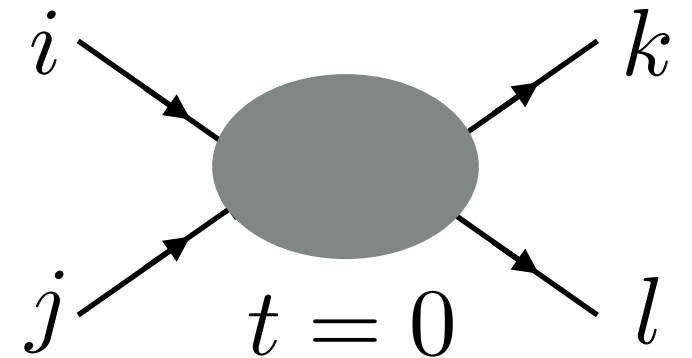
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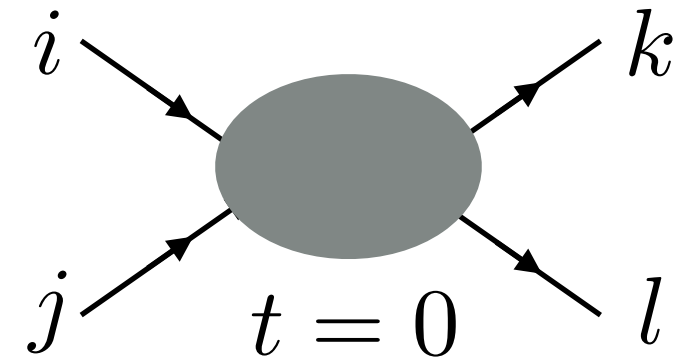
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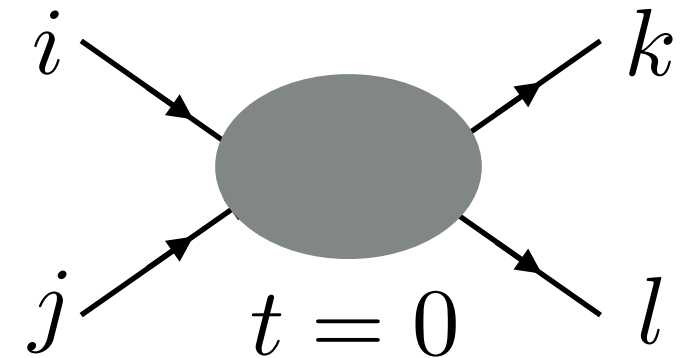
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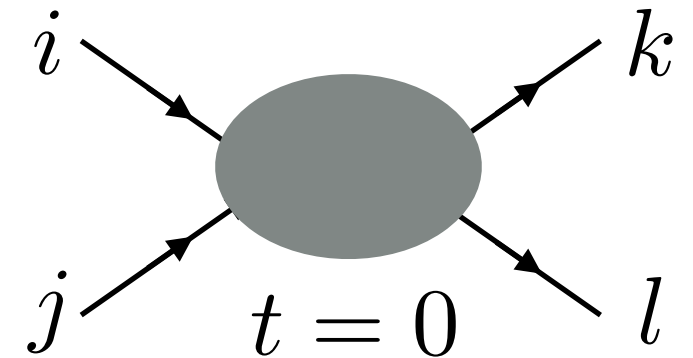
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$$E_{1S}^{ijkl} = \mathbf{1}_{4 \times 4}^{i(j} \mathbf{1}_{4 \times 4}^{k|l)}, \quad E_{1A} = \gamma_4^{i(j} \gamma_4^{k|l)},$$

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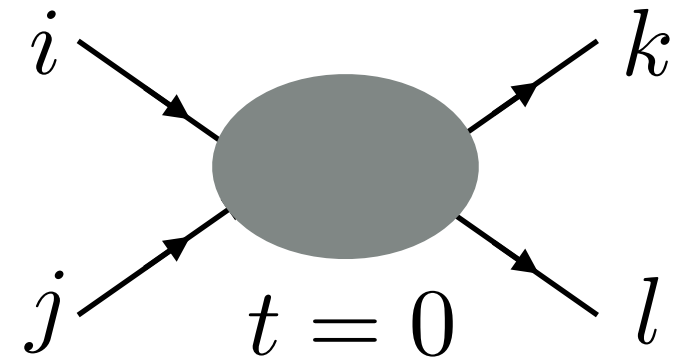
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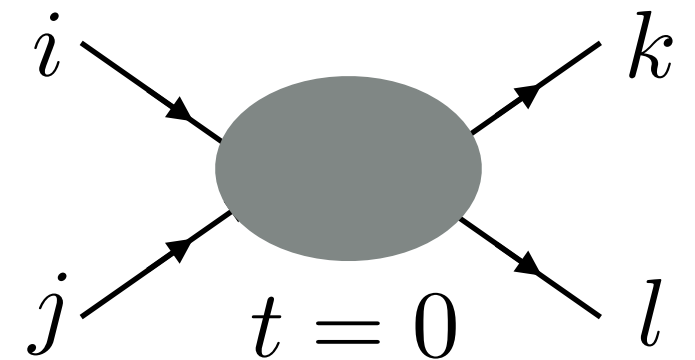
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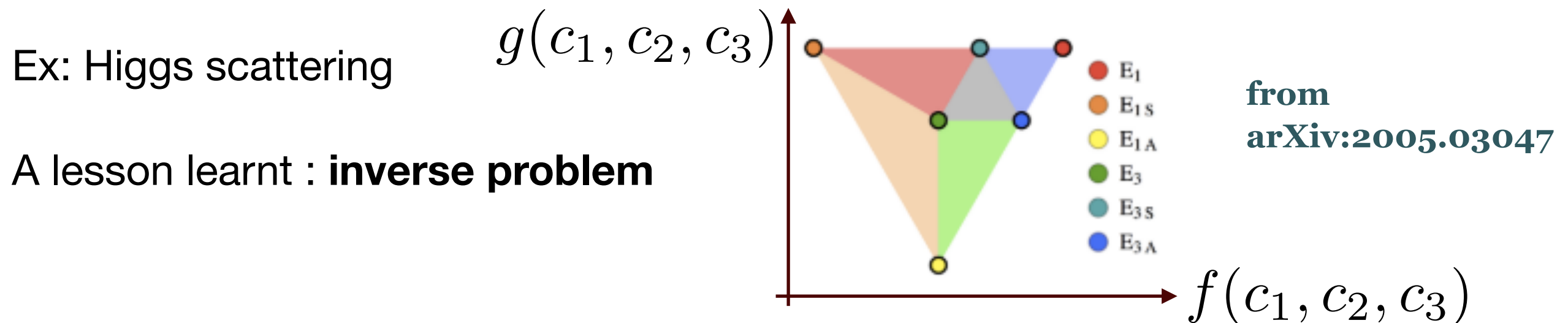


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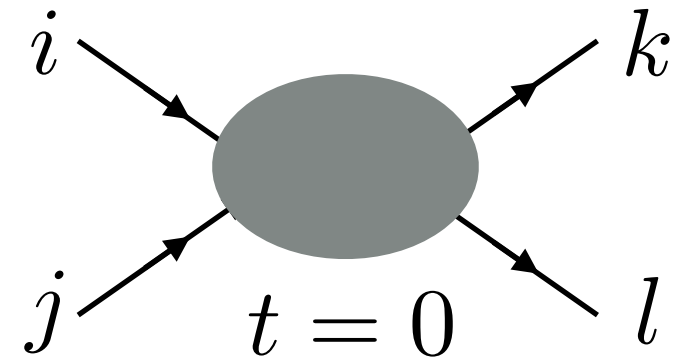
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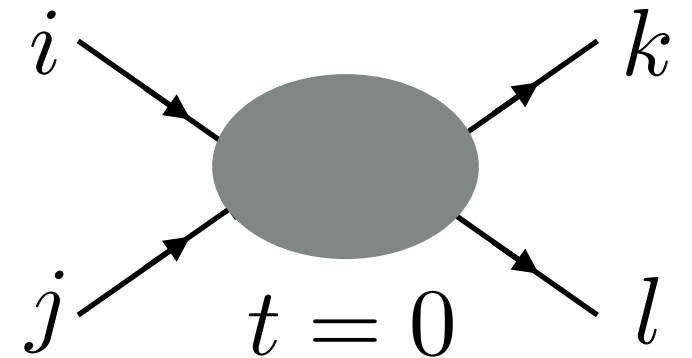
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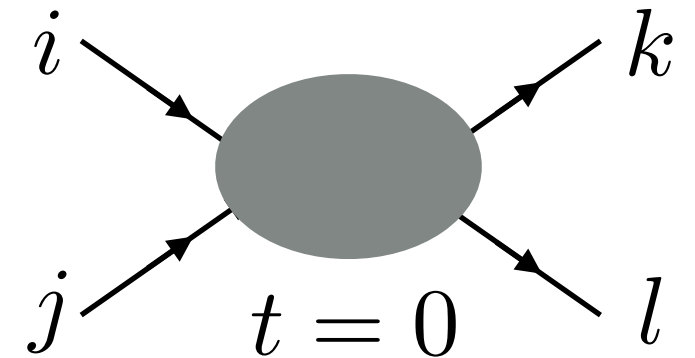
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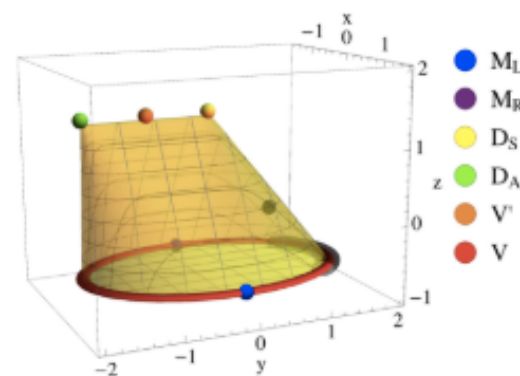
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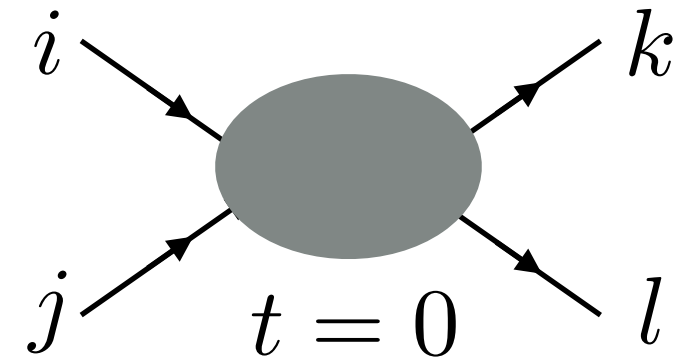
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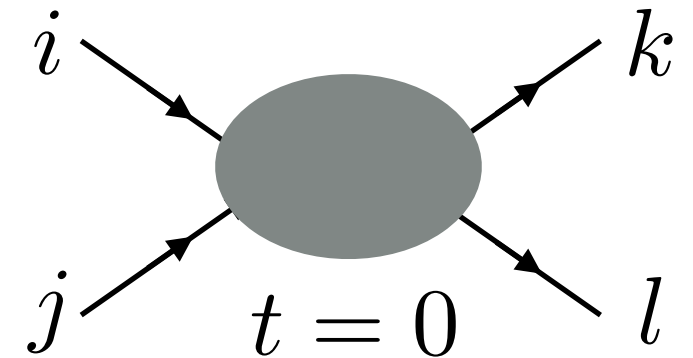
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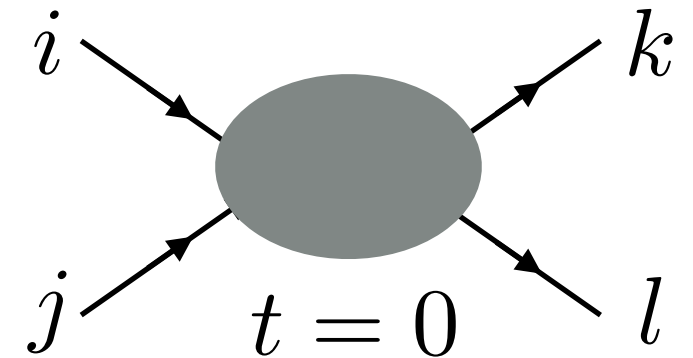


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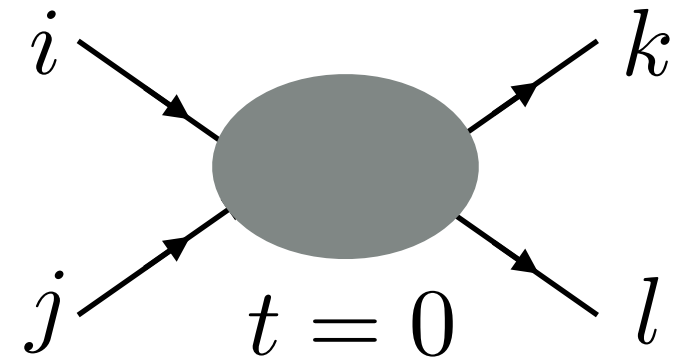
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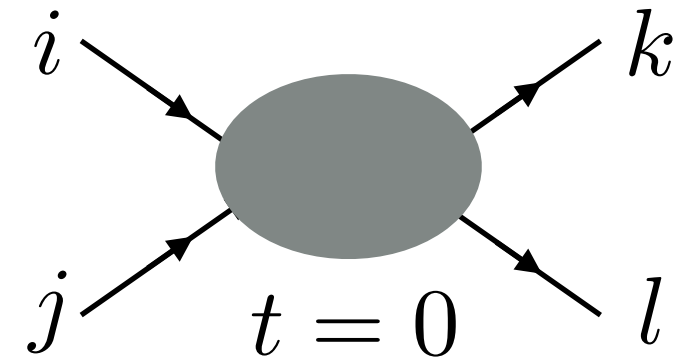
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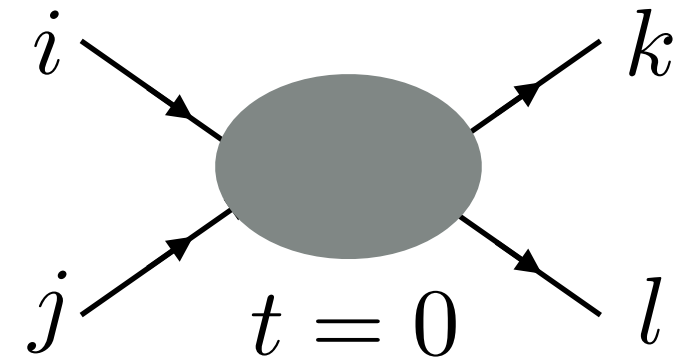
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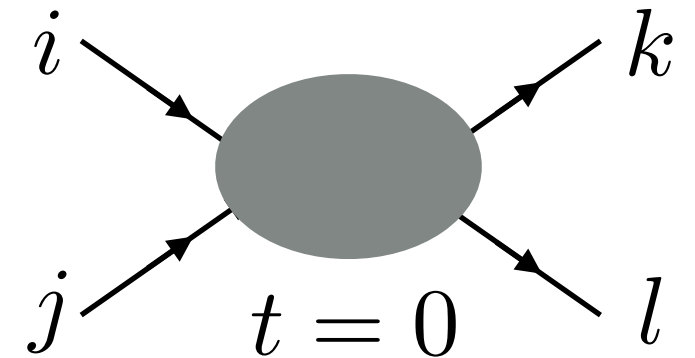
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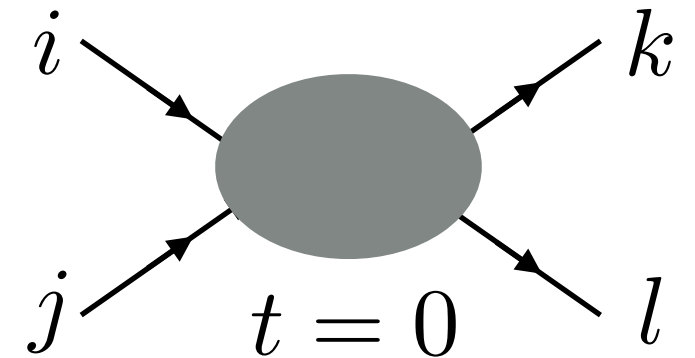
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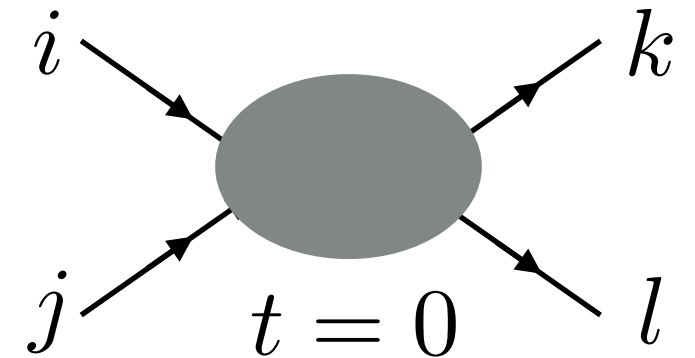
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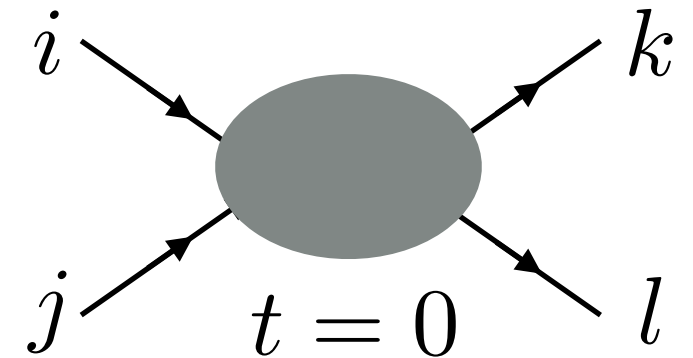
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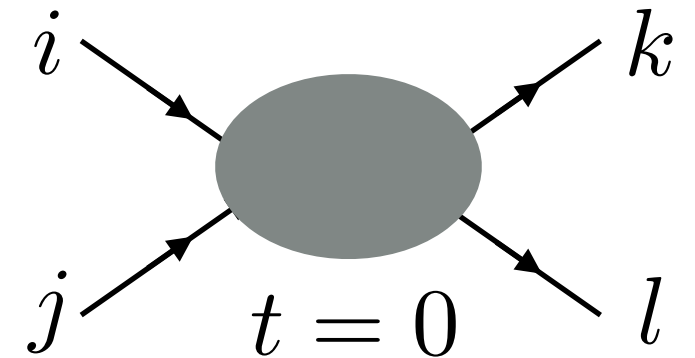
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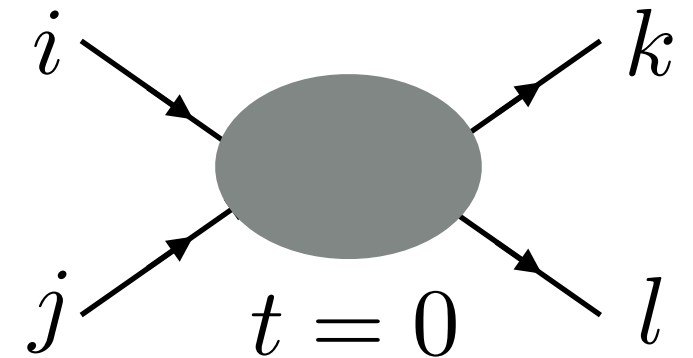
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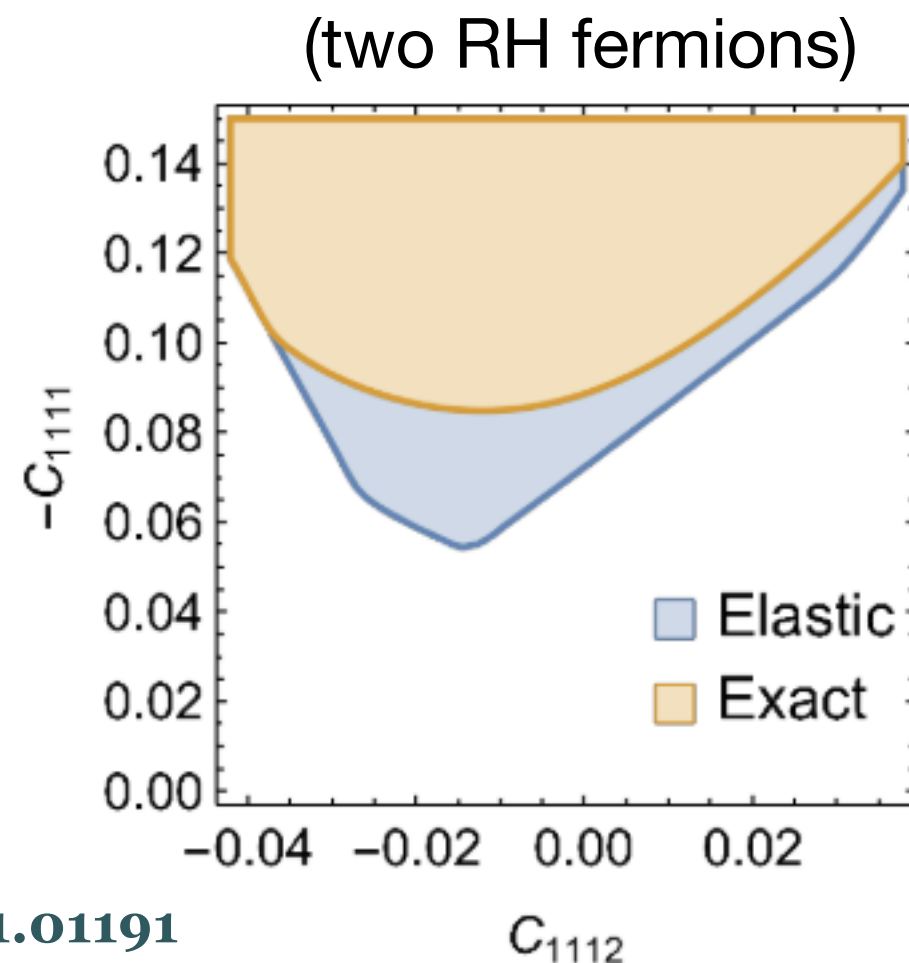
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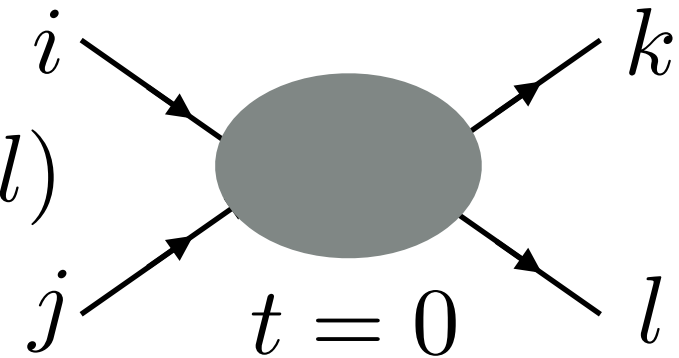
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