

# Composite Massless Vector Bosons And other surprises in GUTs

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  - One breaks at  $10^{15}$  GeV
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  - Requires at least one more Higgs
    - Other particle content scenario-dependent

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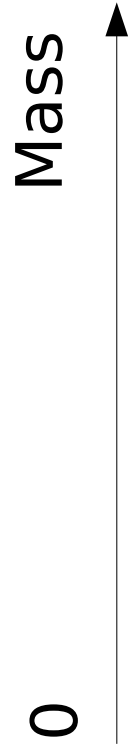
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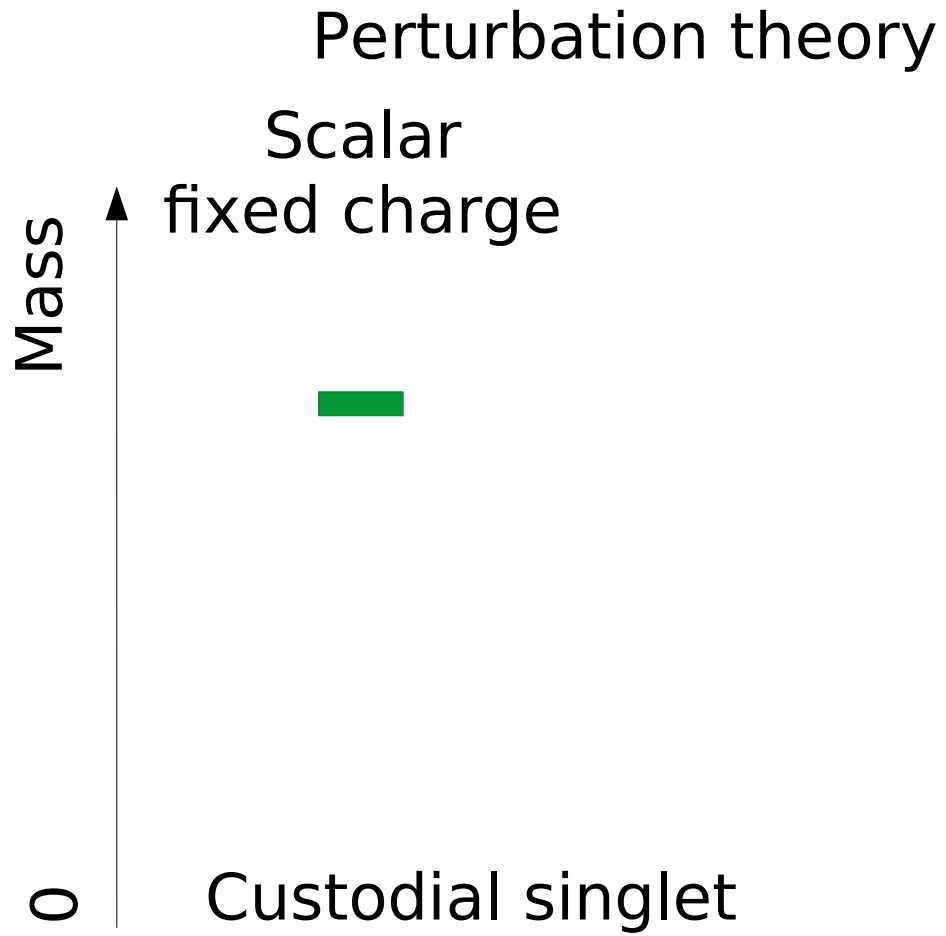


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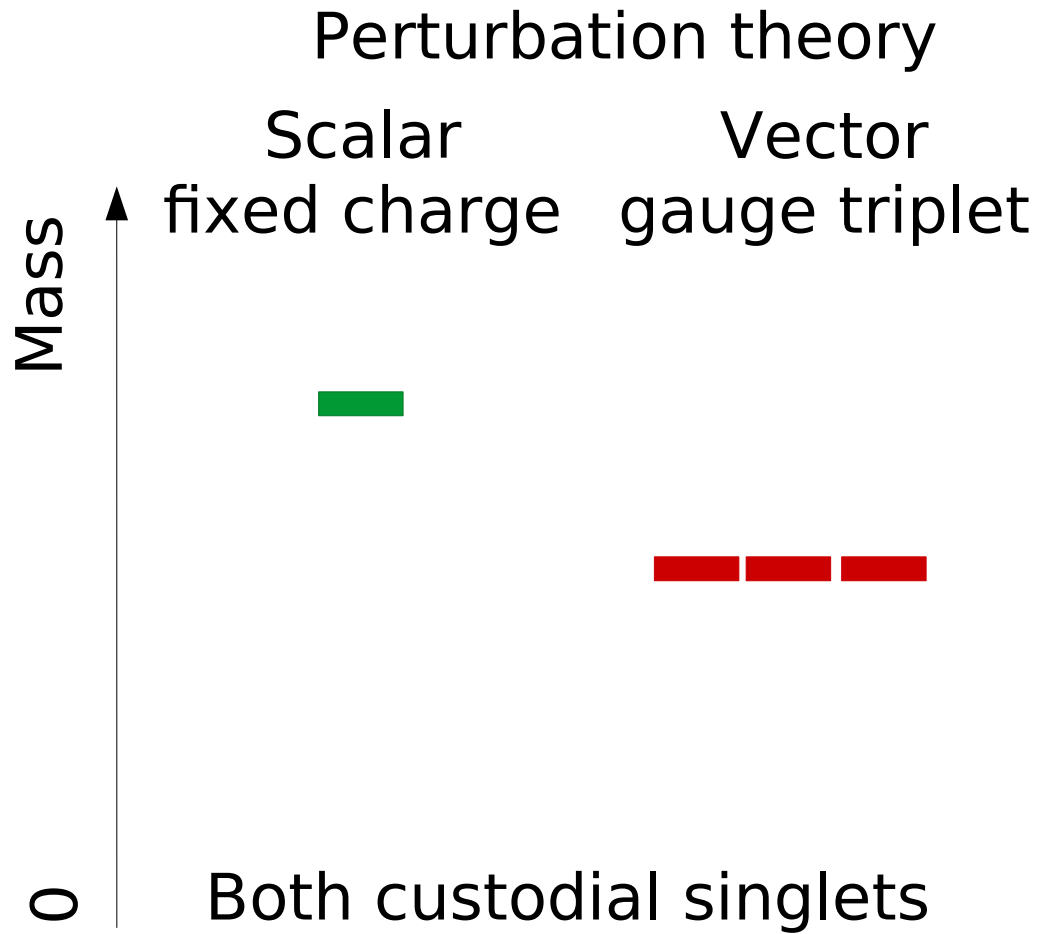
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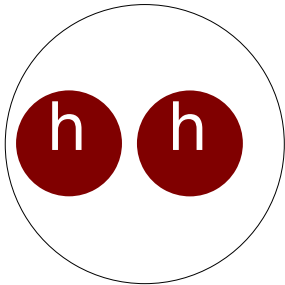
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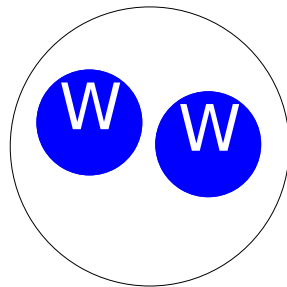
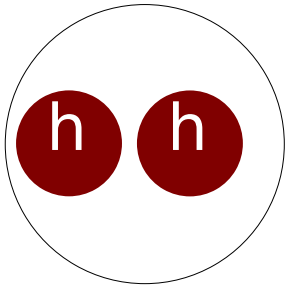
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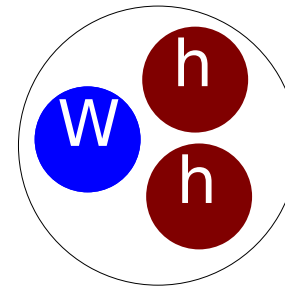
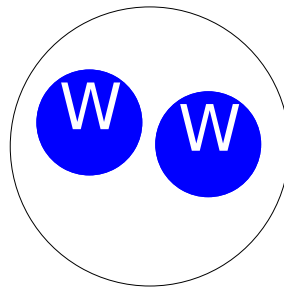
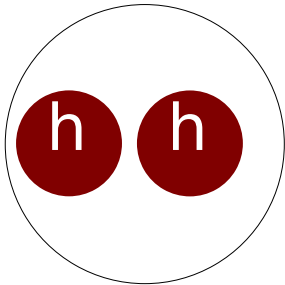




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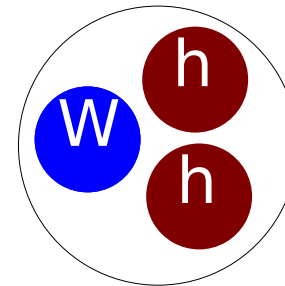
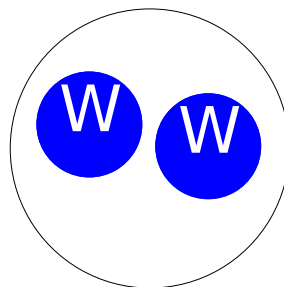
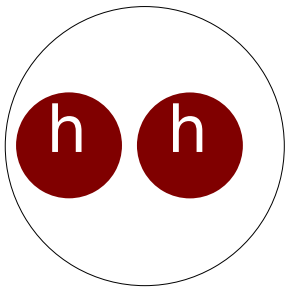
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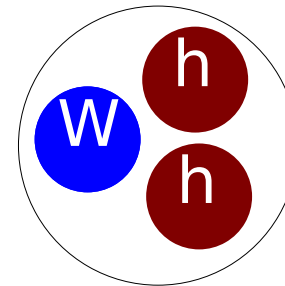
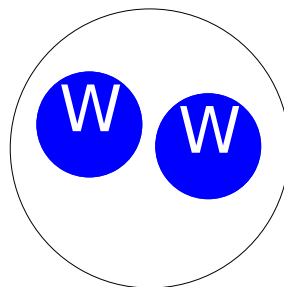
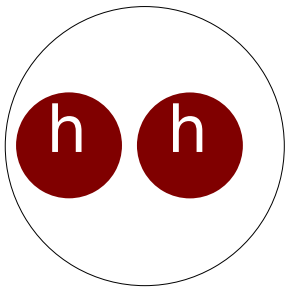


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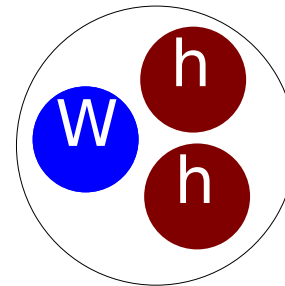
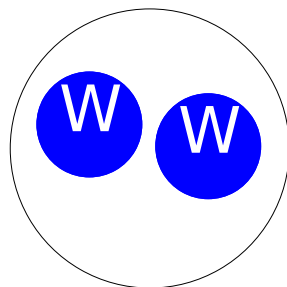
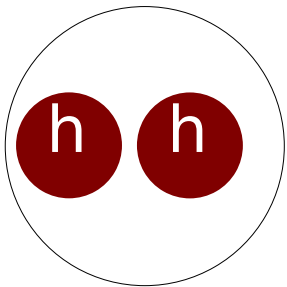


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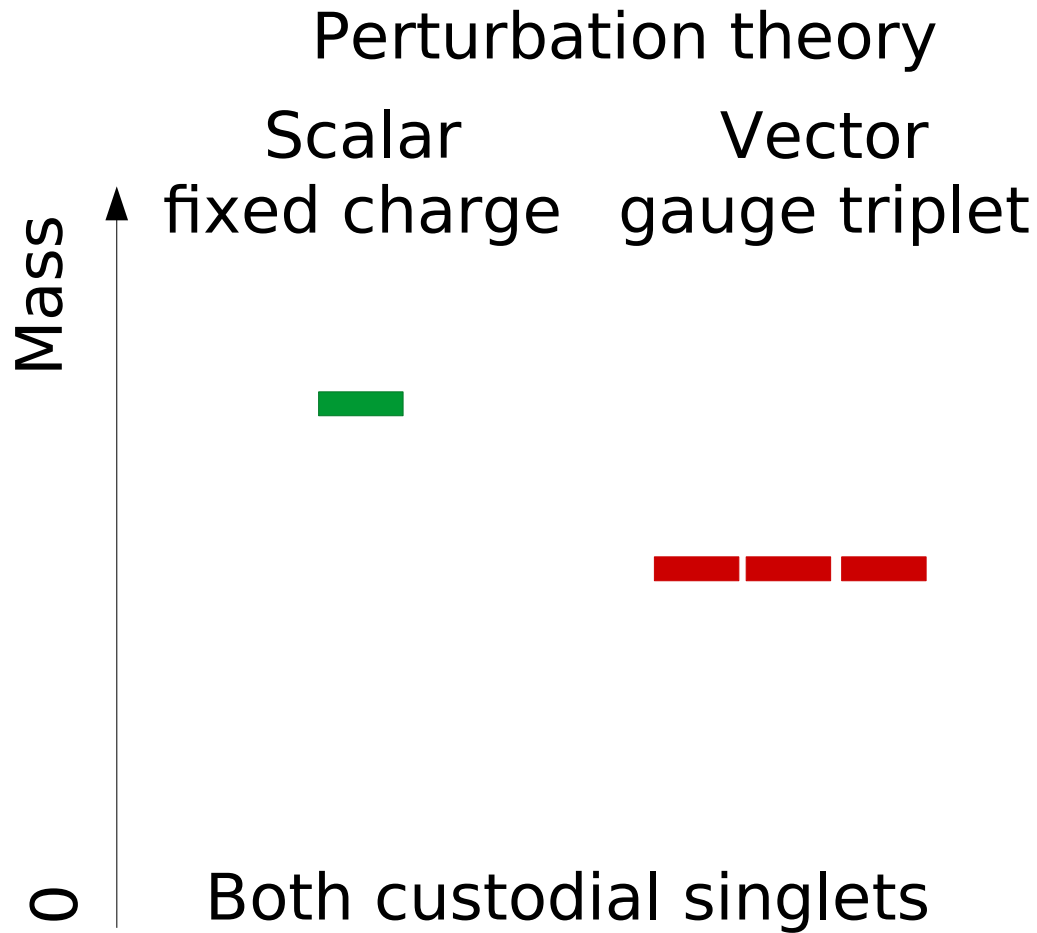
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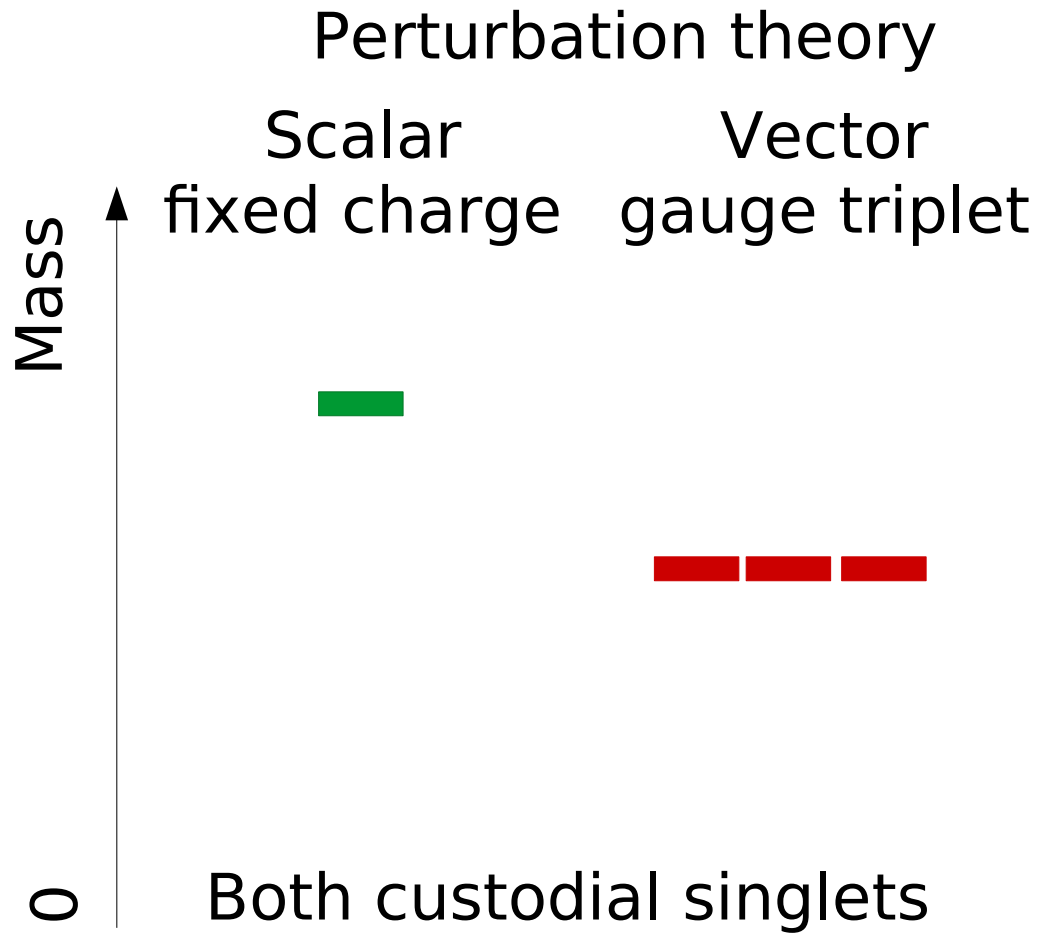
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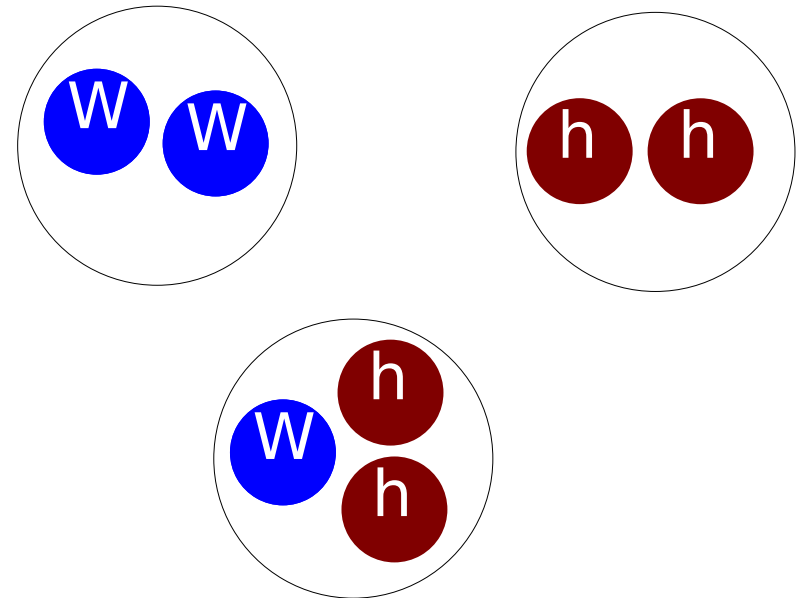


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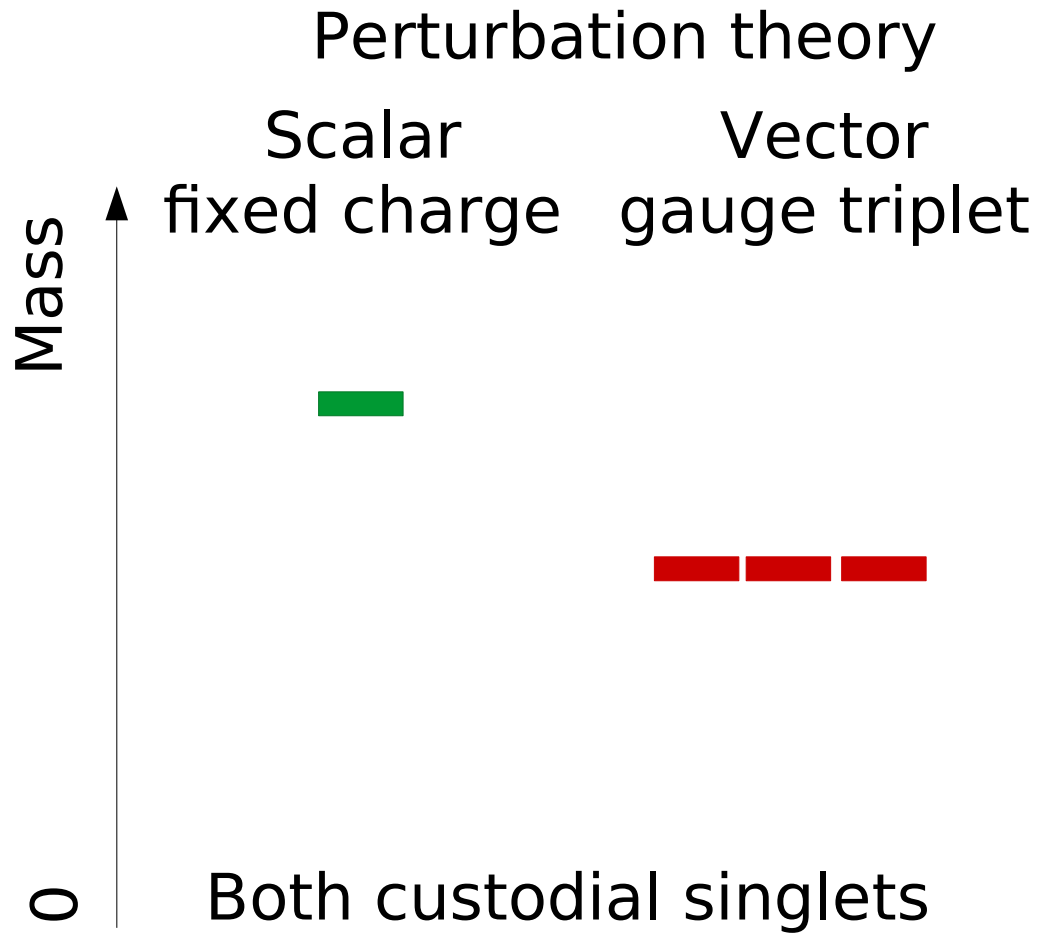


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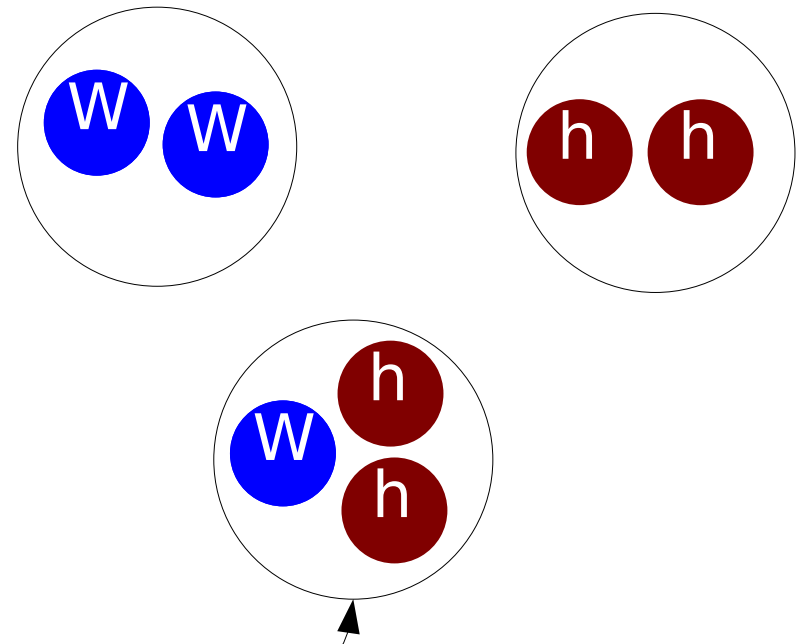


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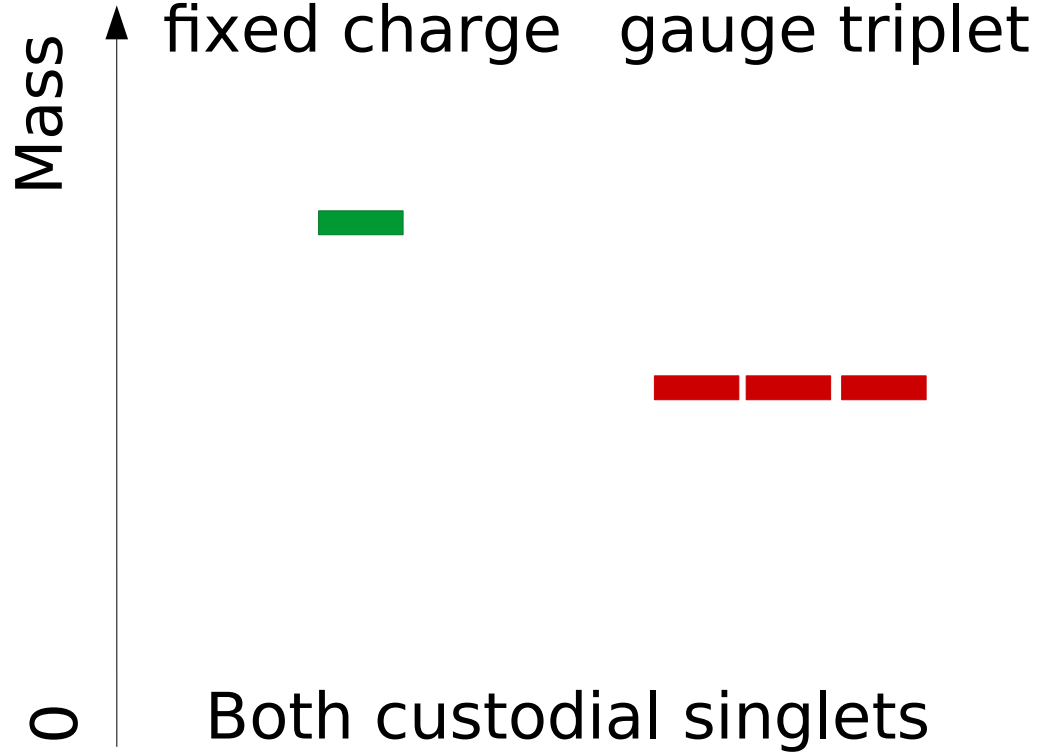
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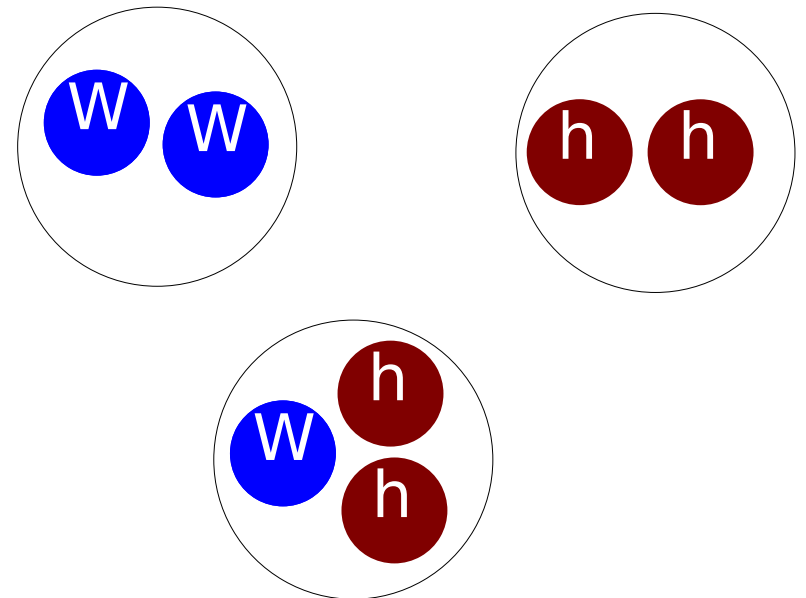
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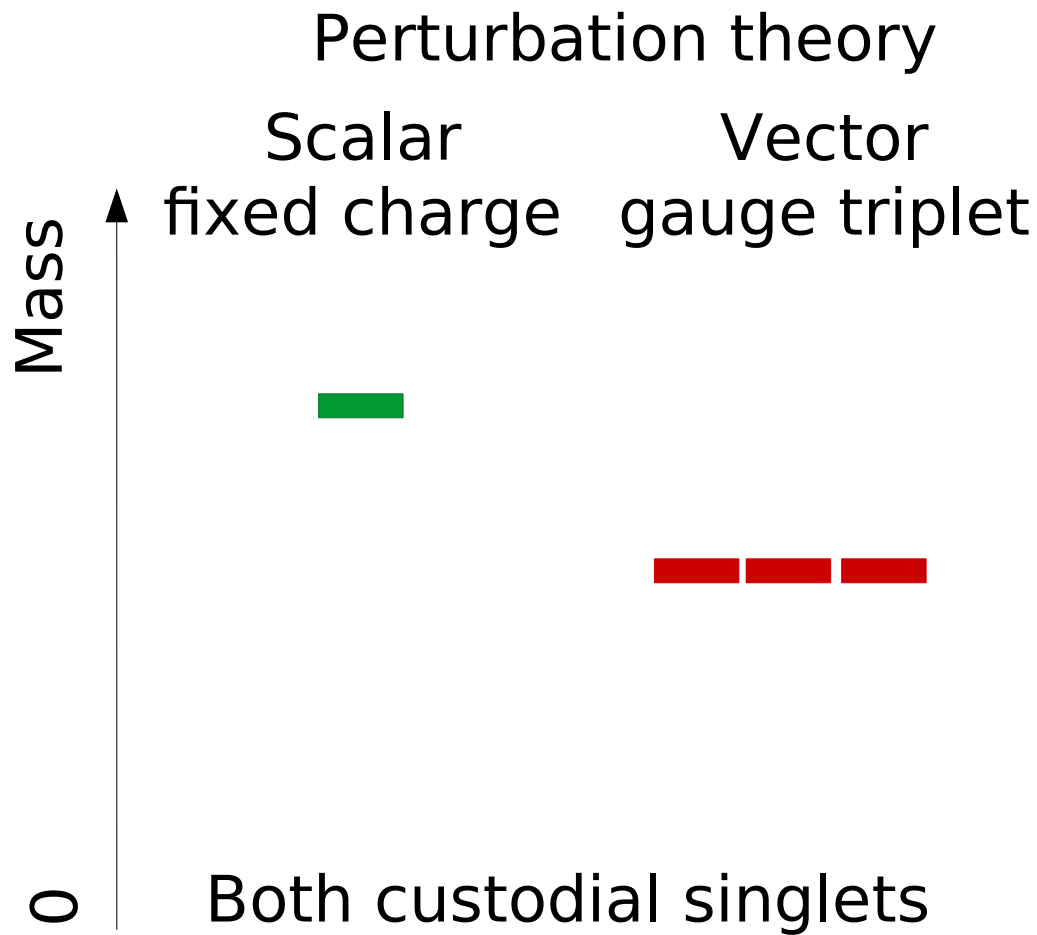
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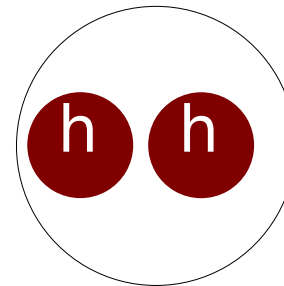
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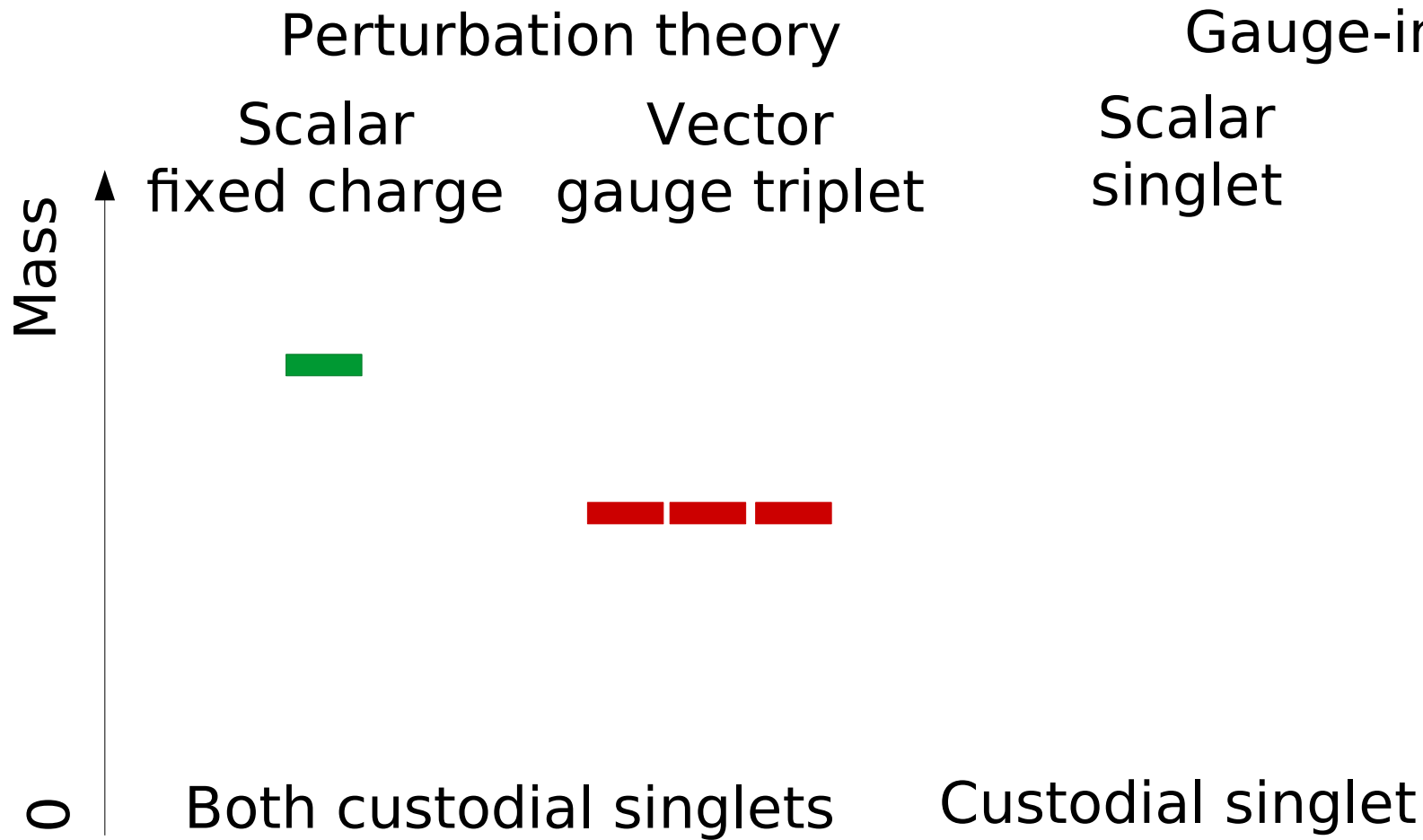
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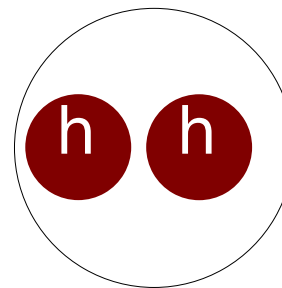


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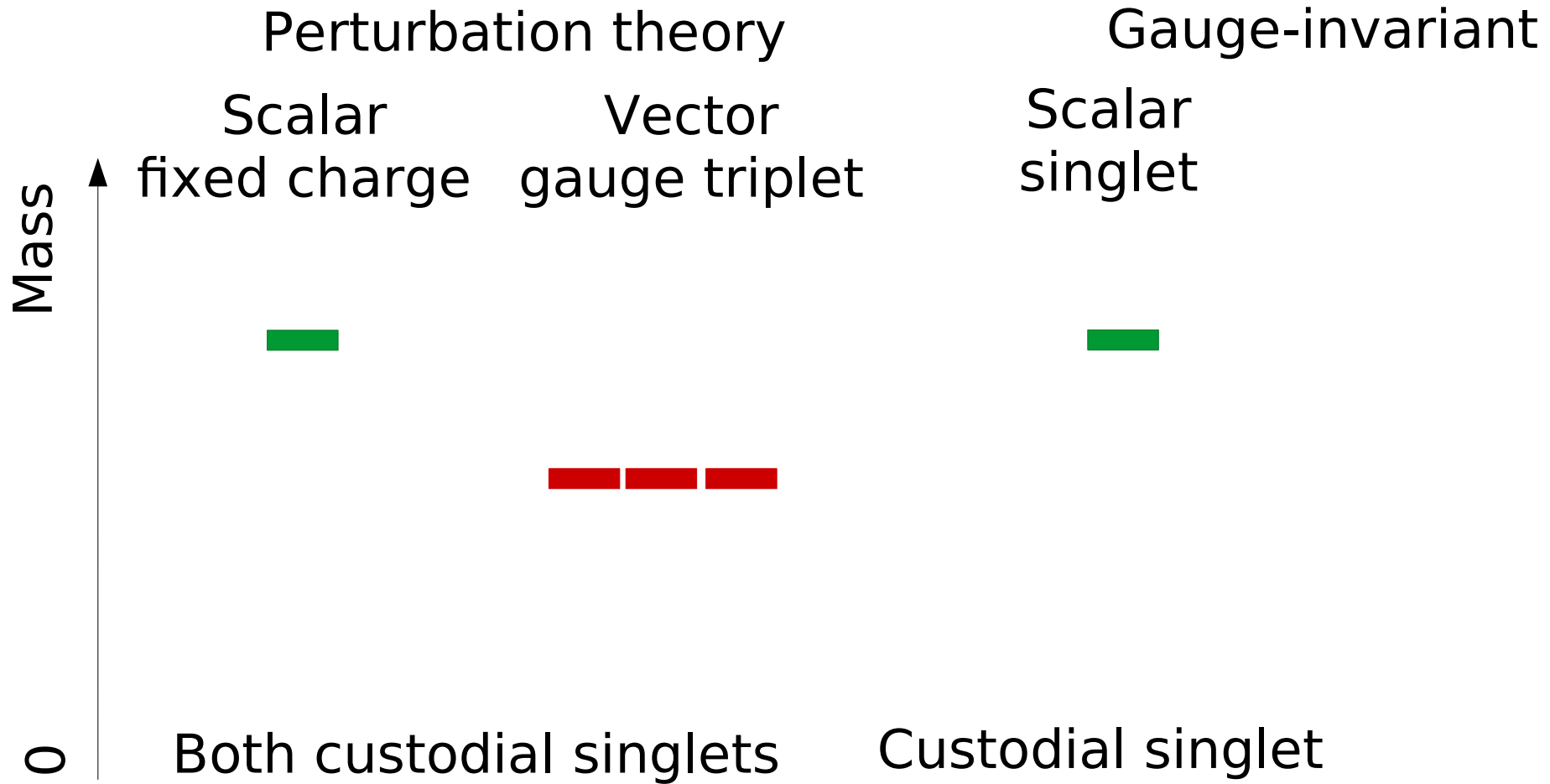
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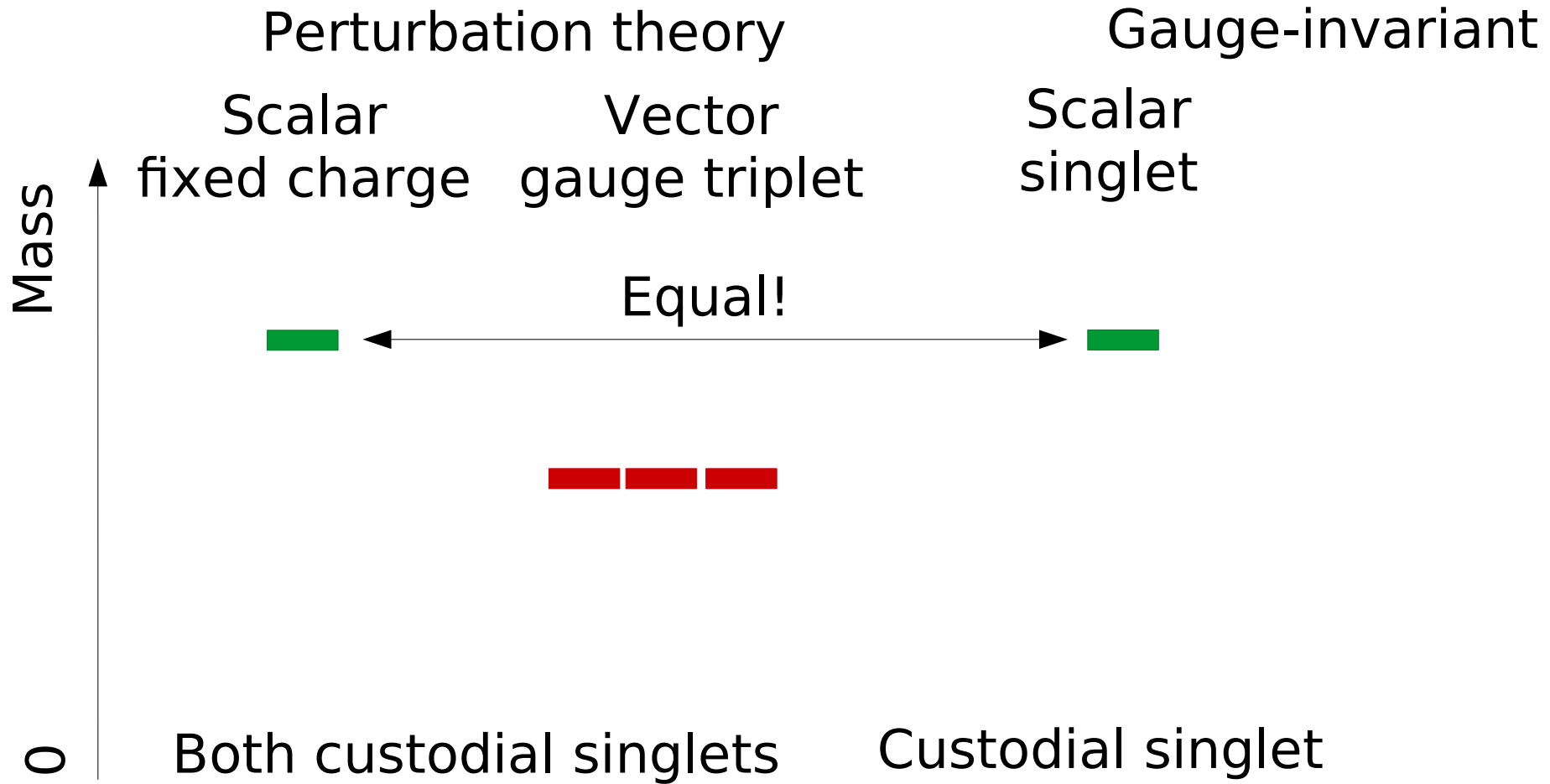
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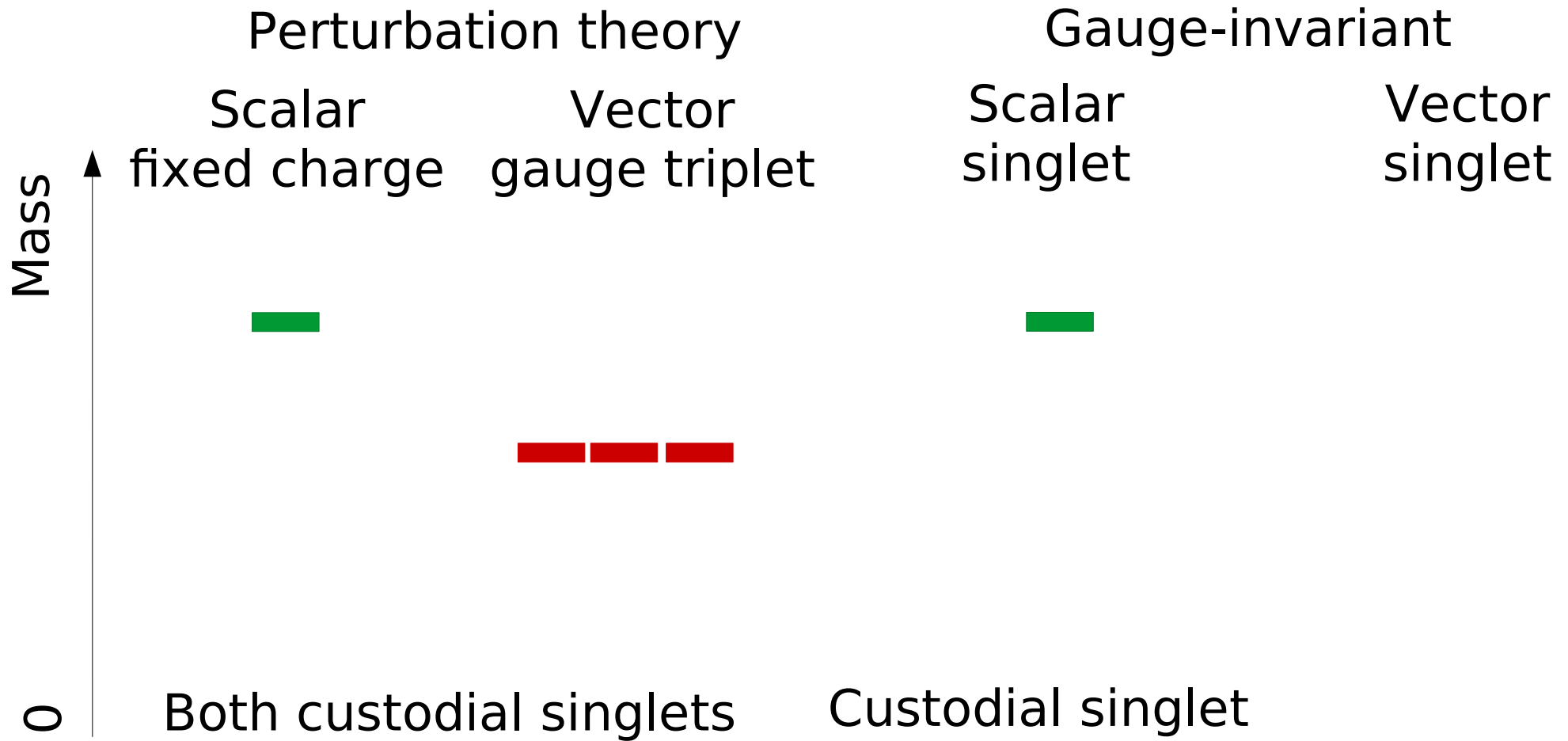
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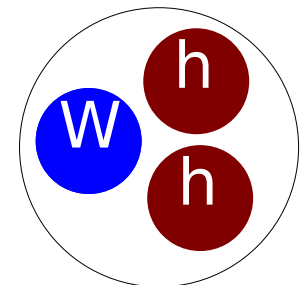


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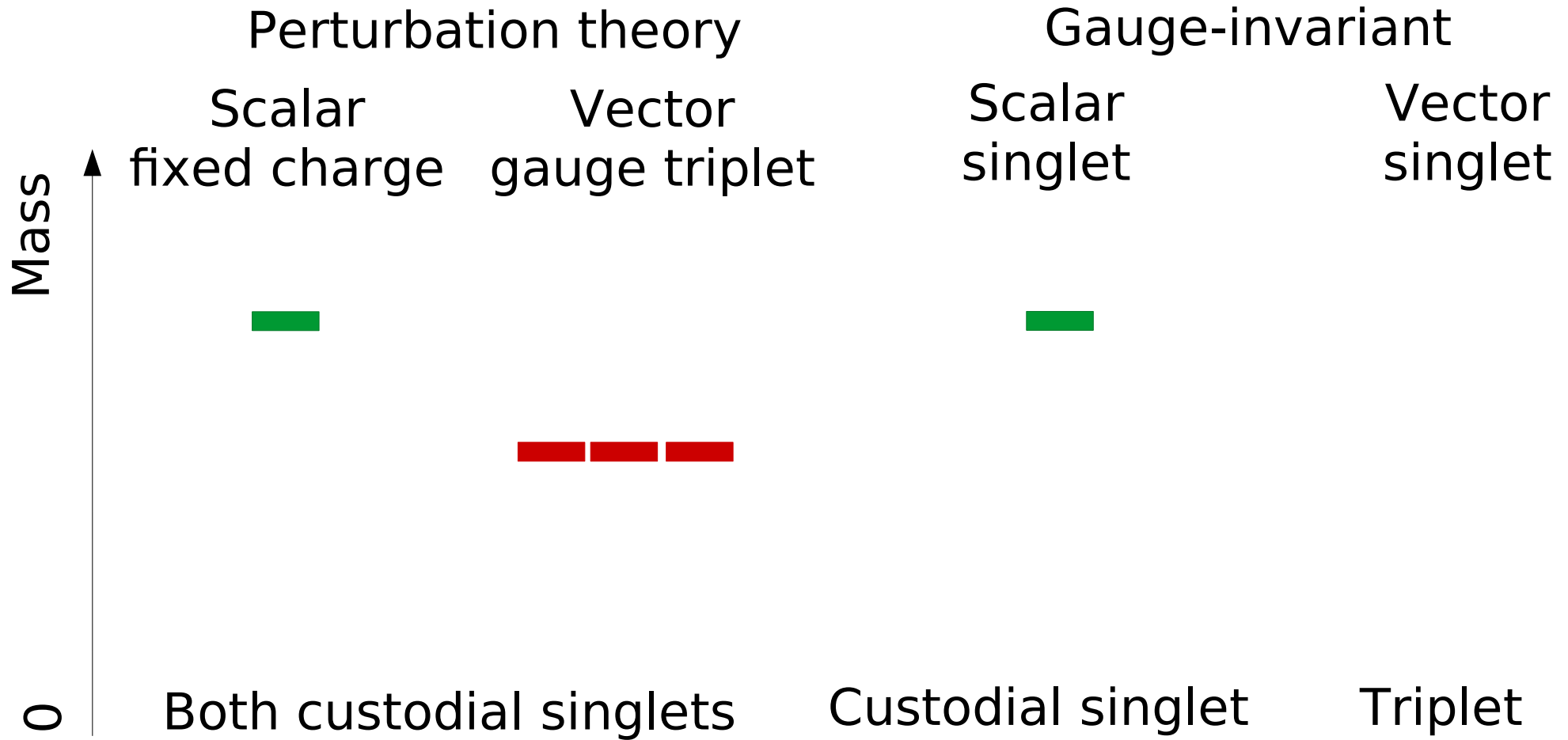


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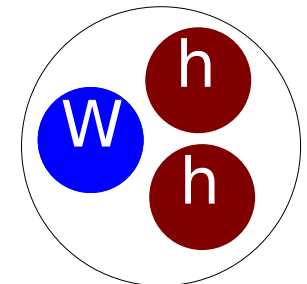


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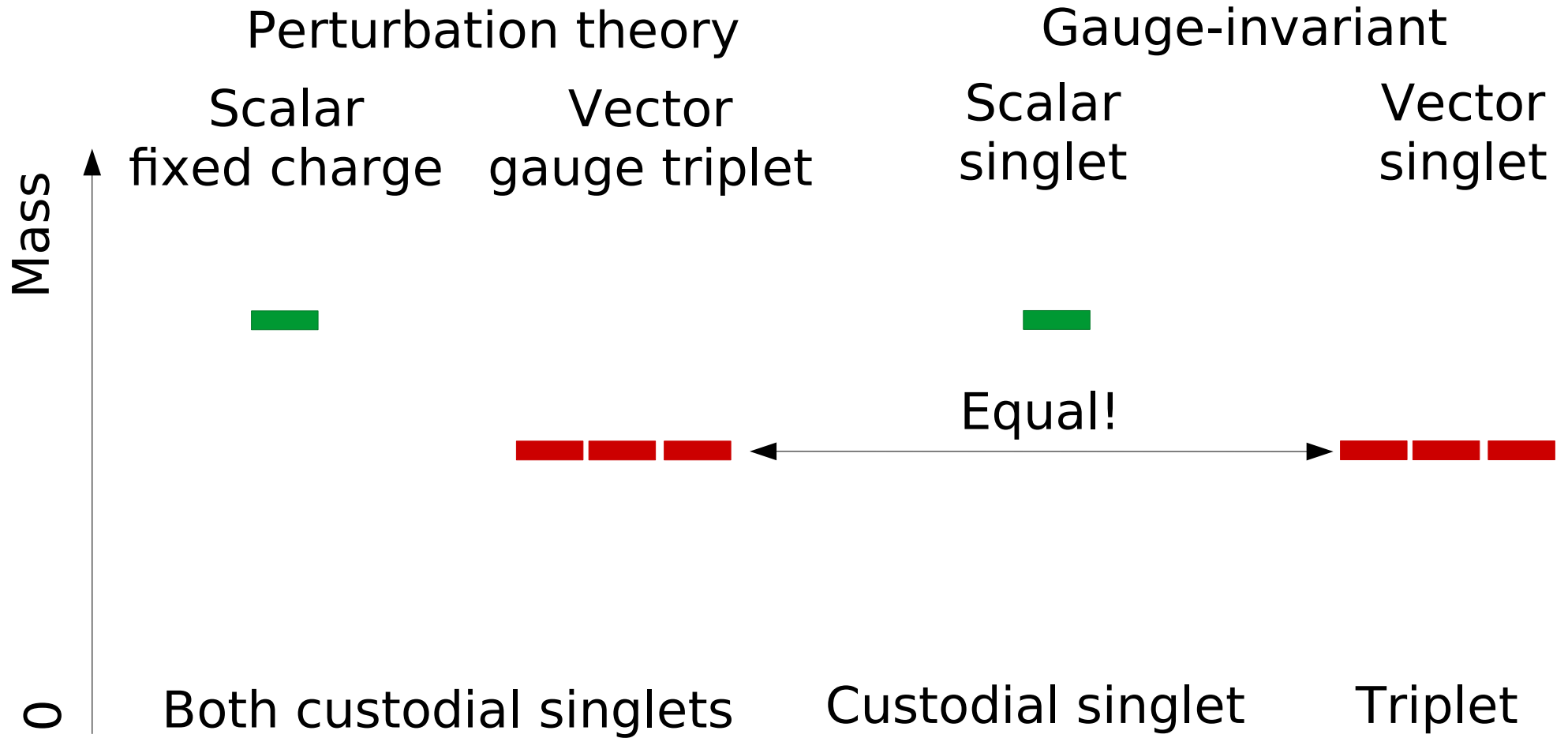


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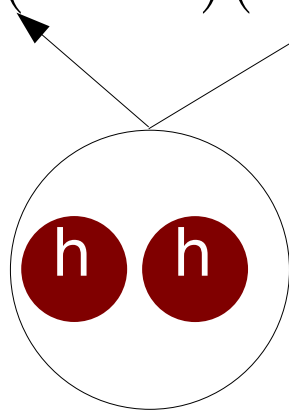


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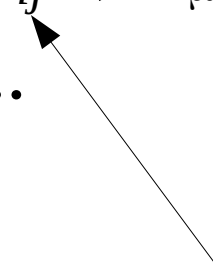
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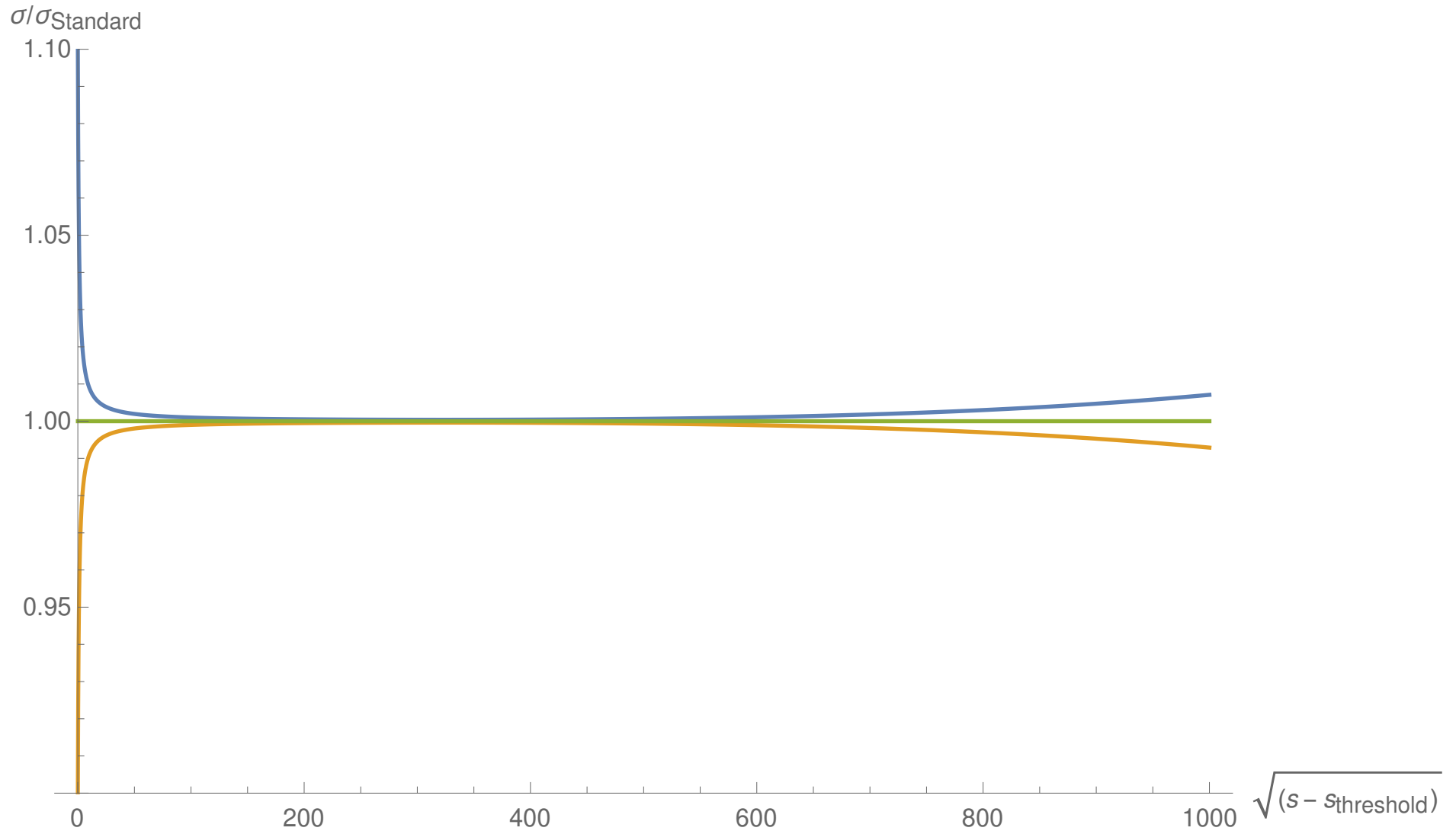
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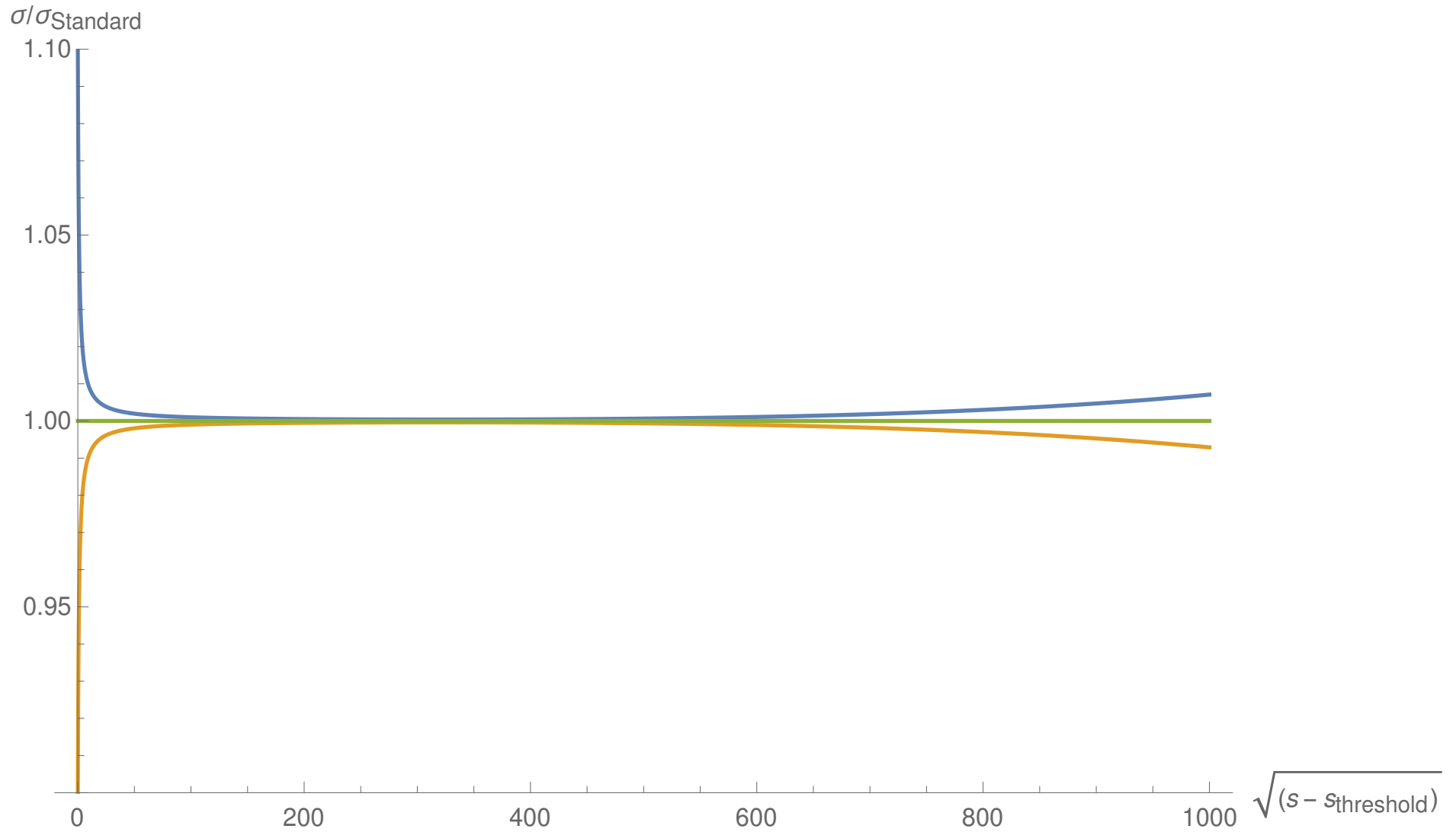
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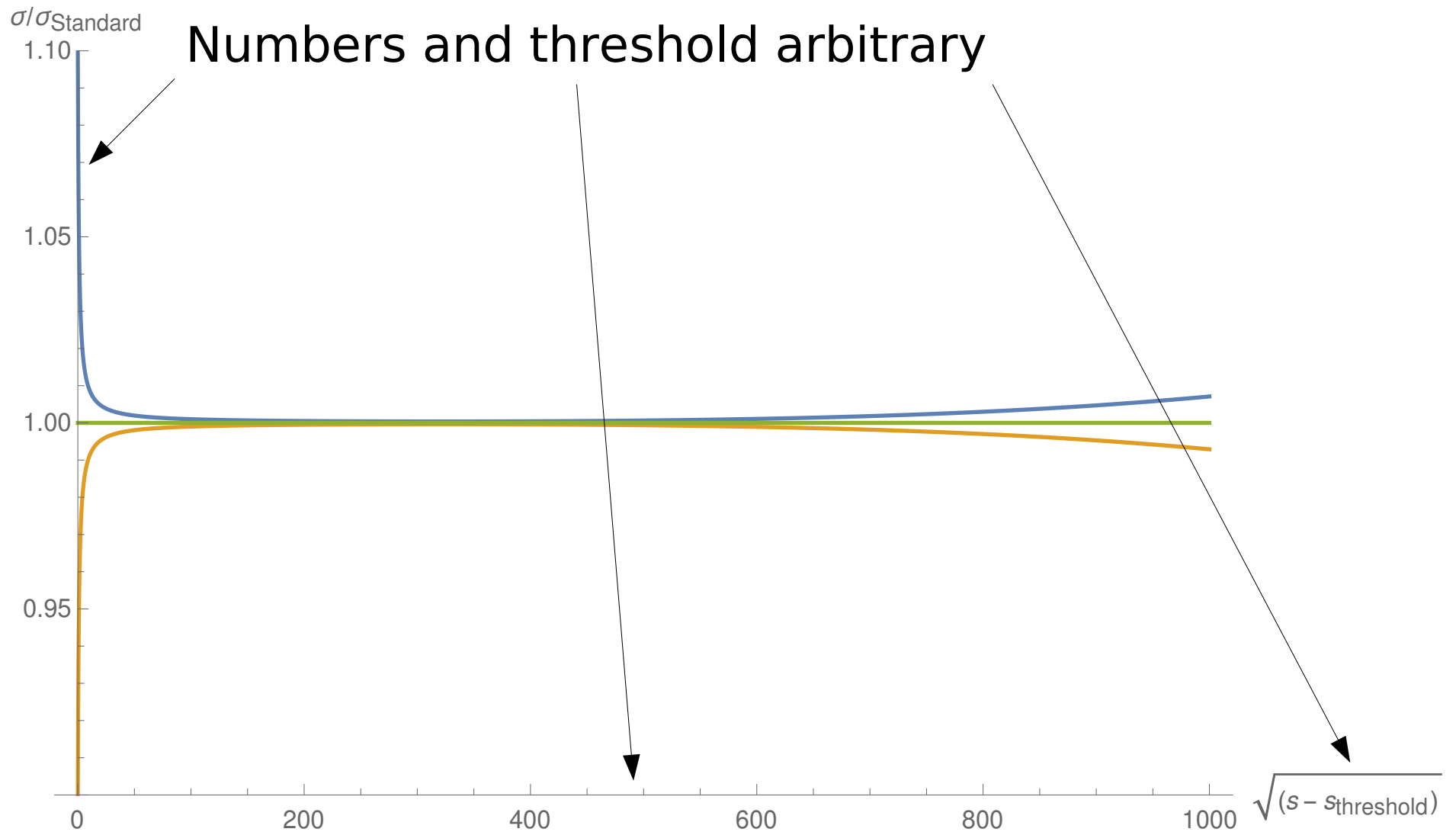


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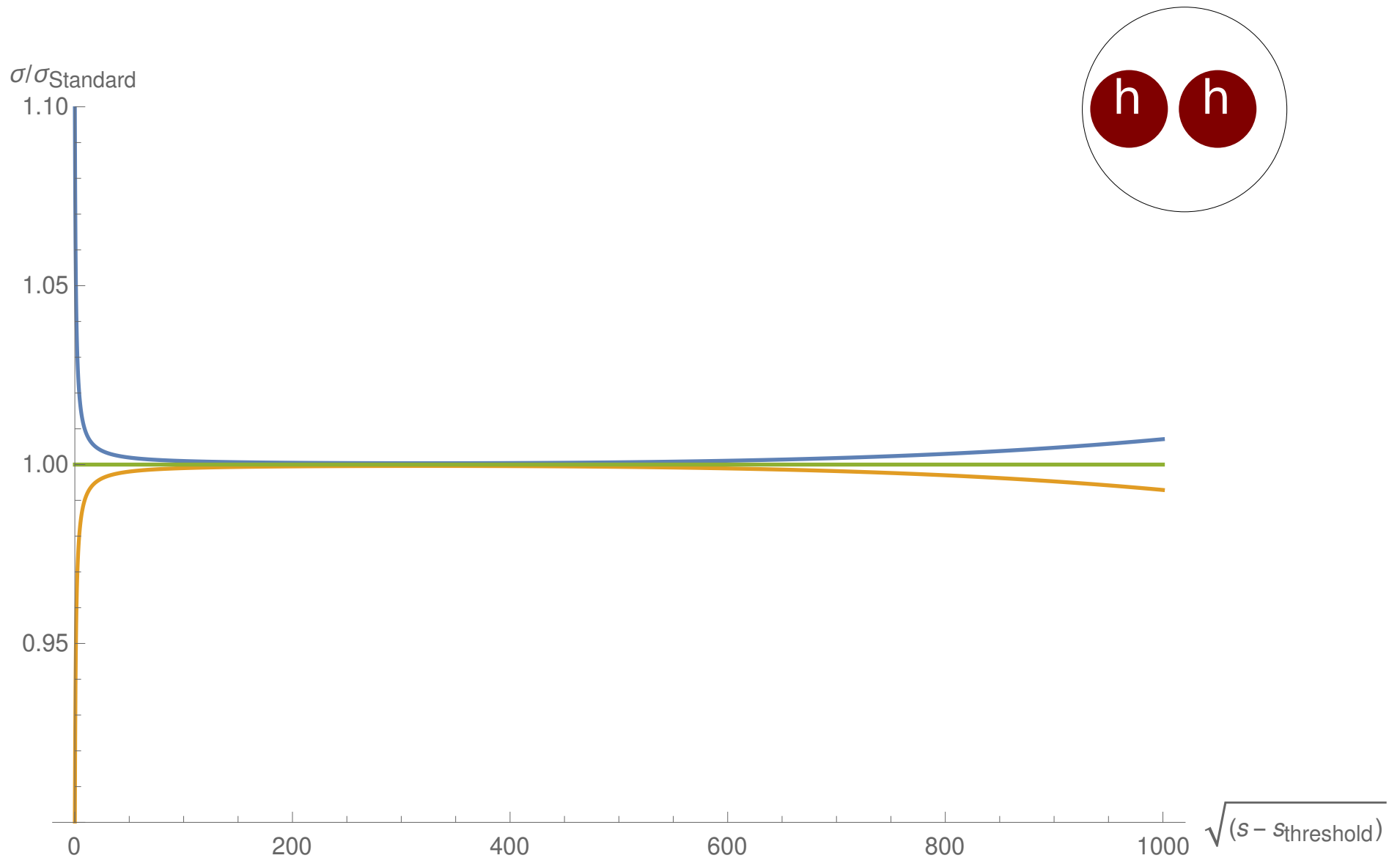
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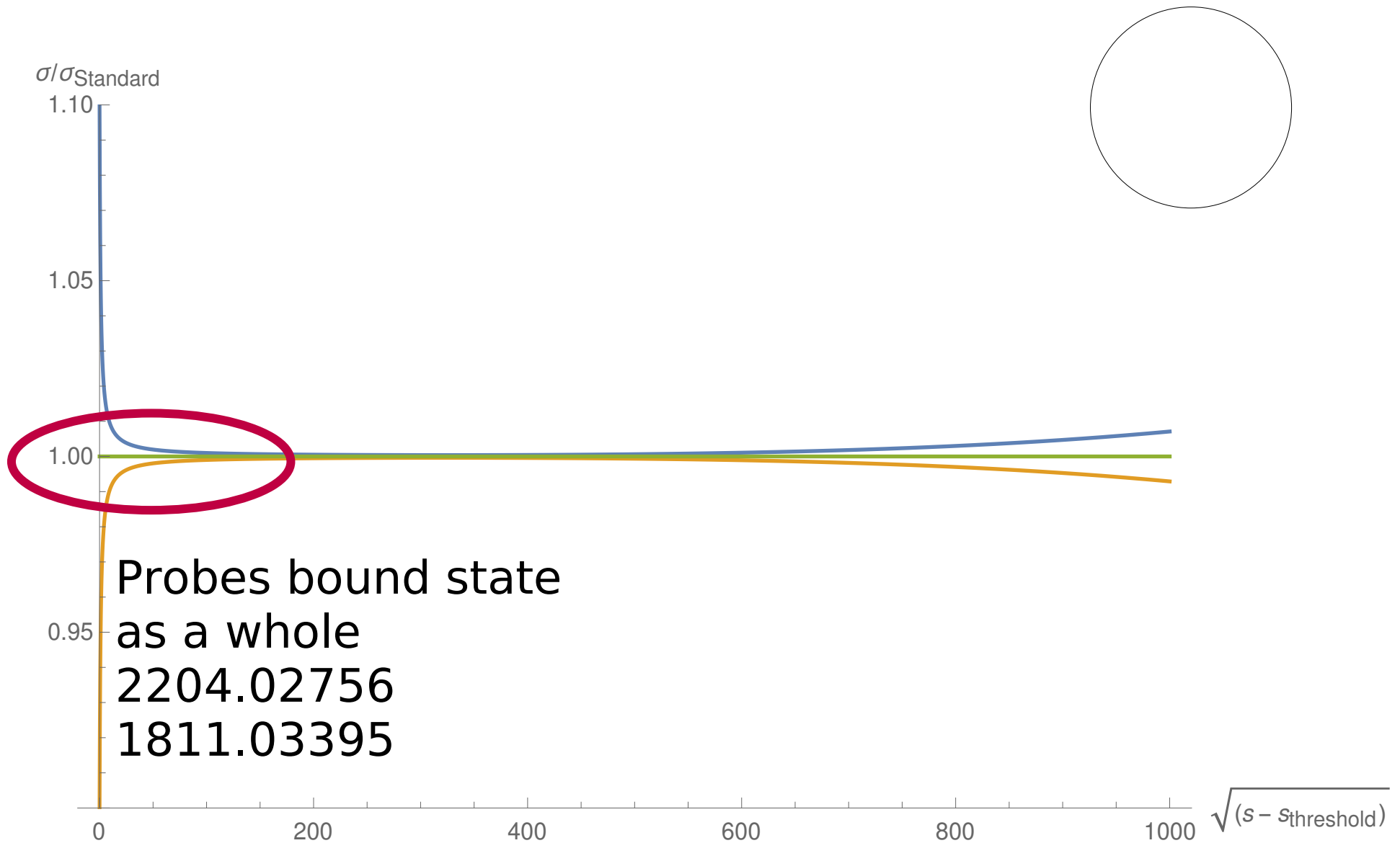


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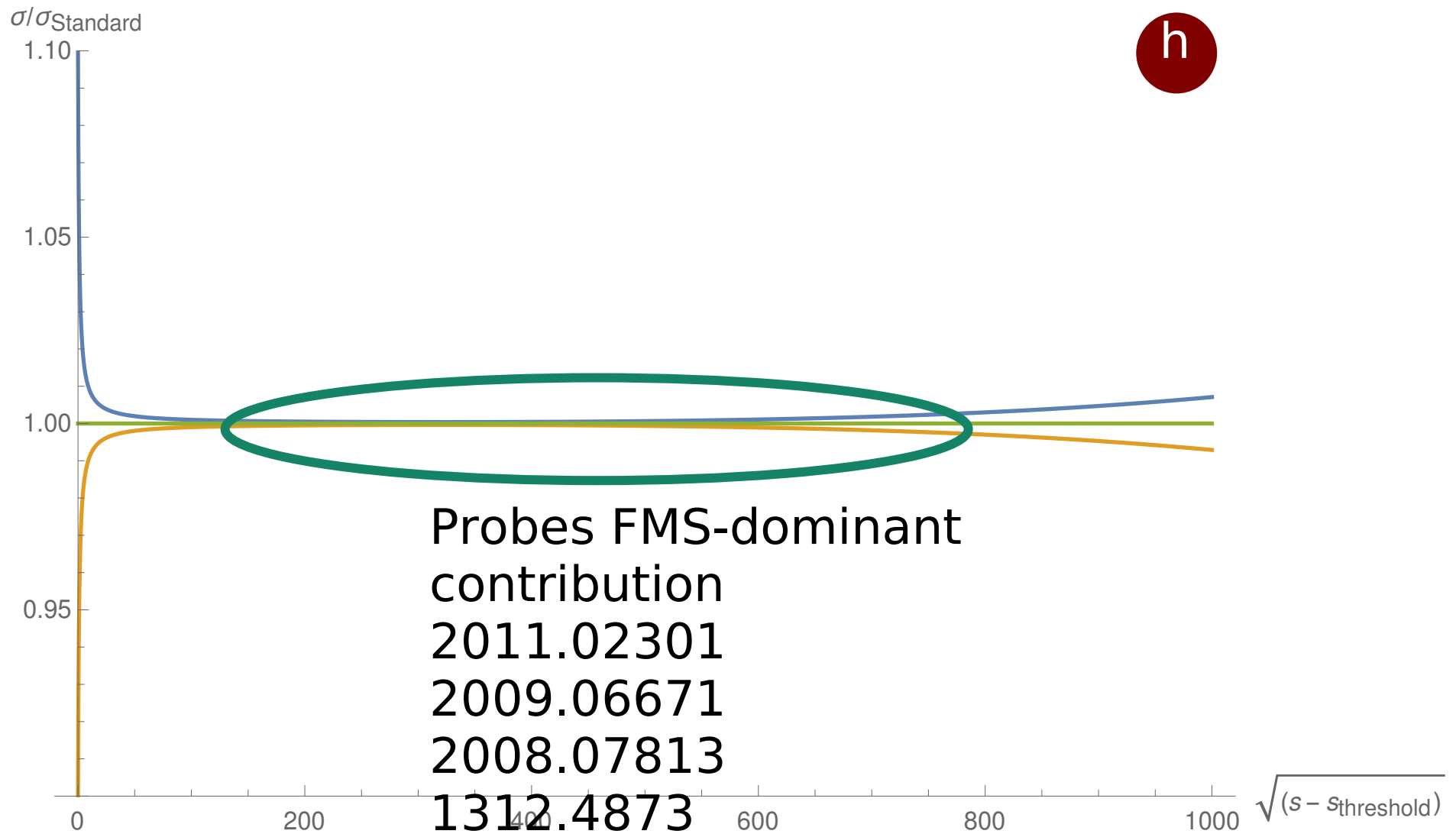
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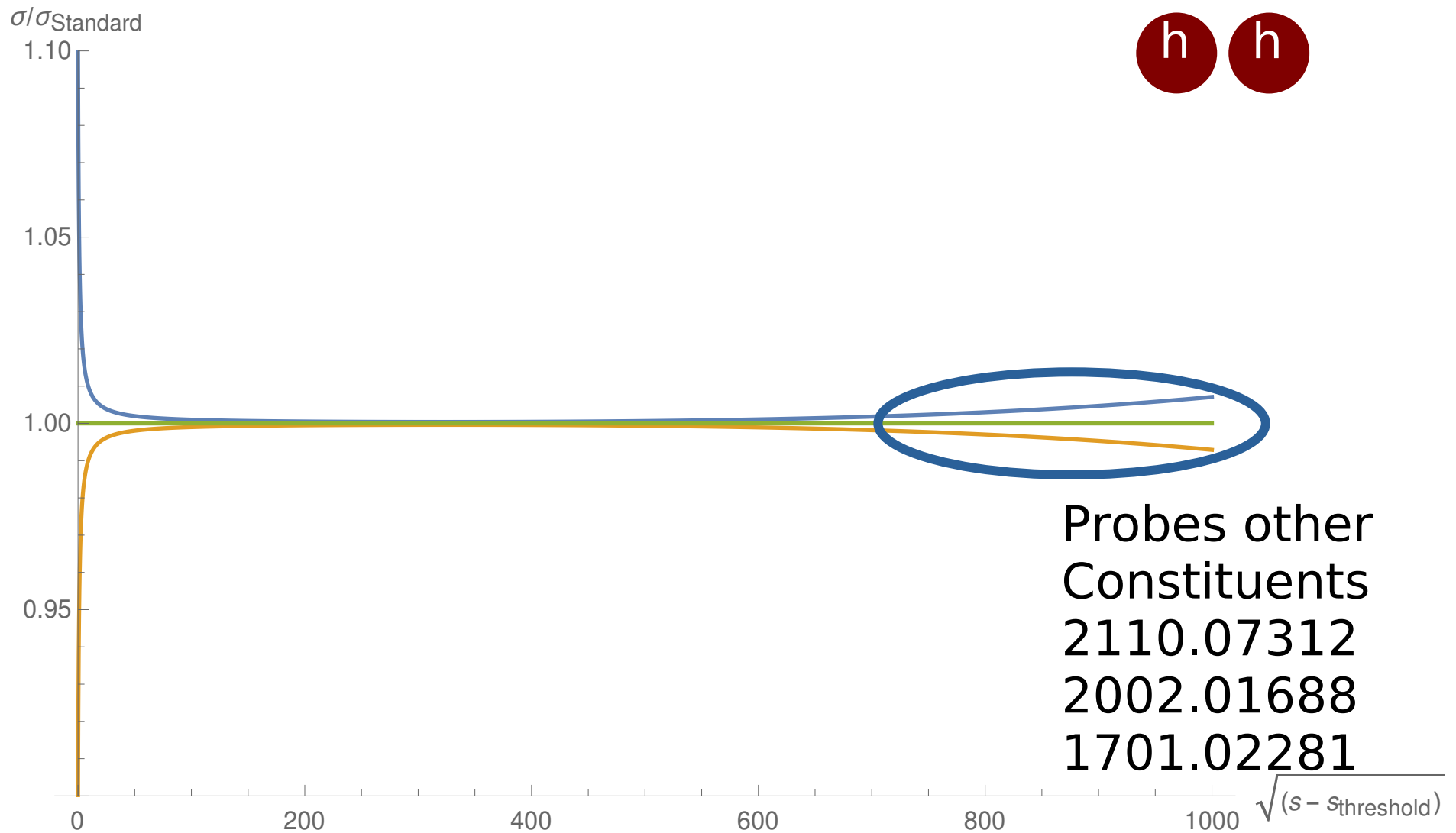
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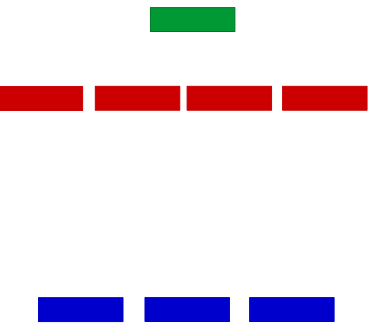
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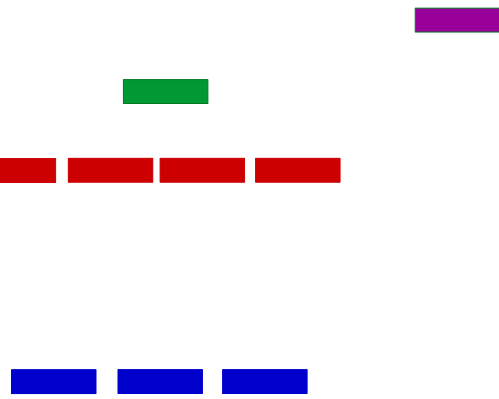
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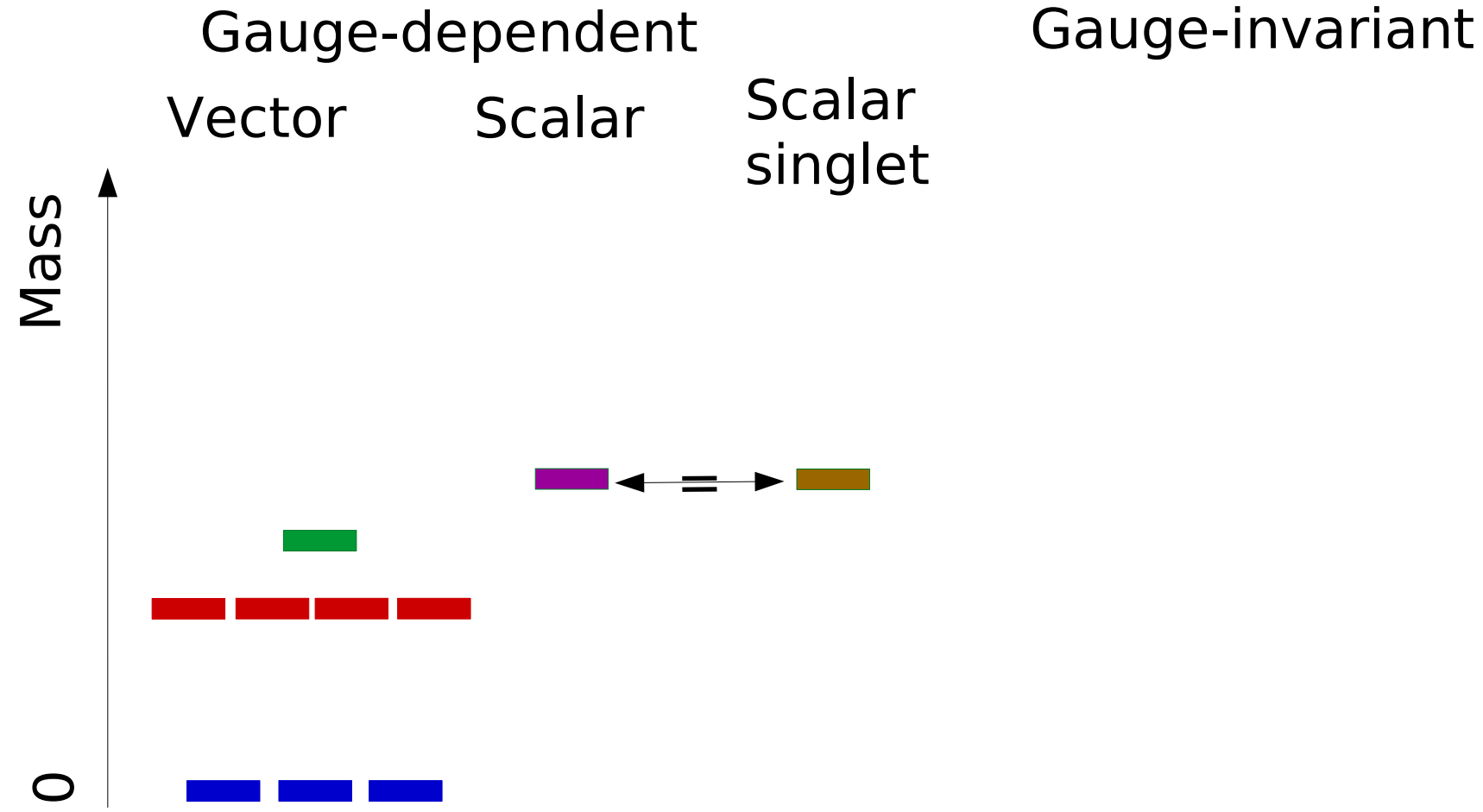
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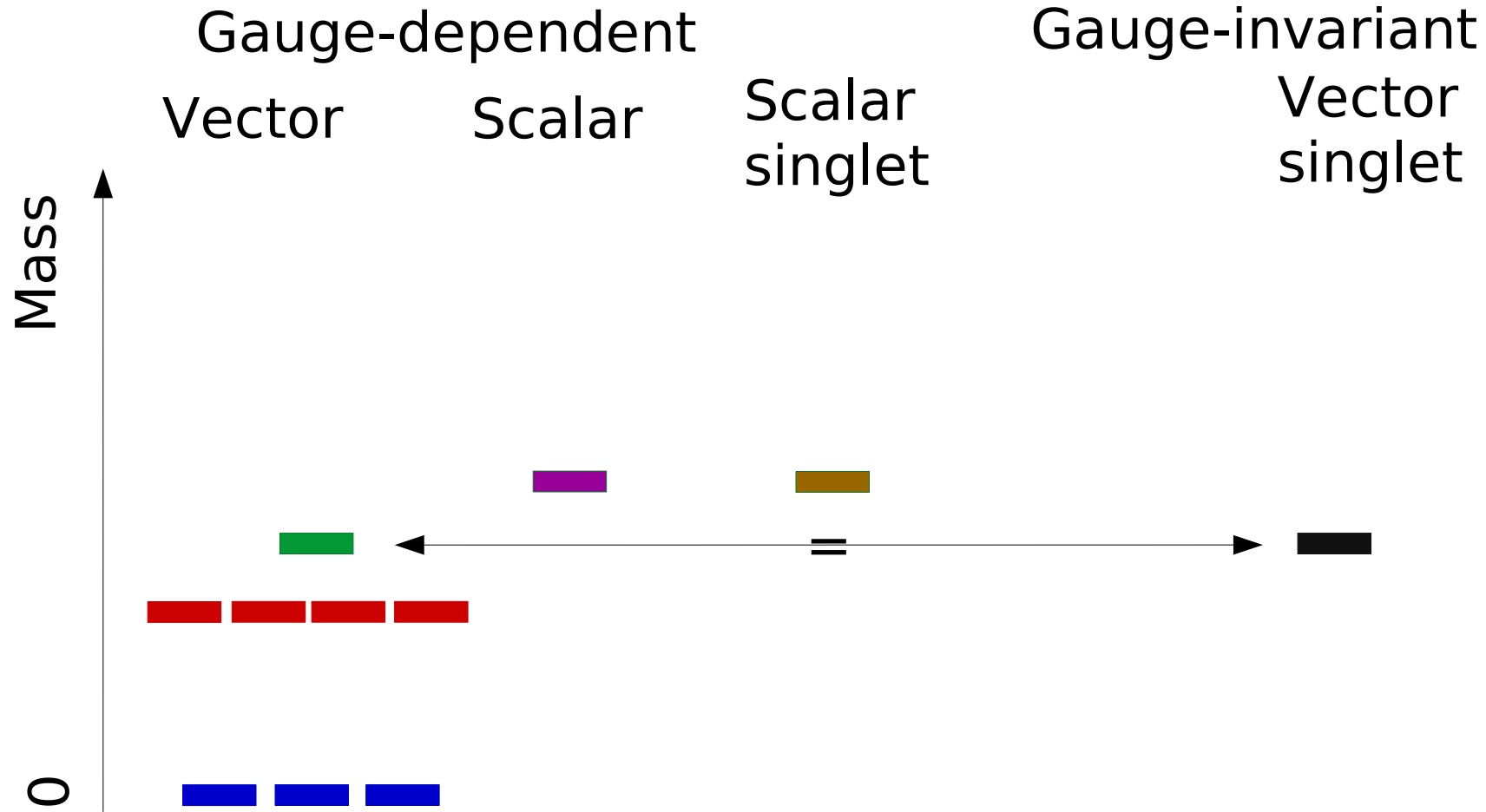
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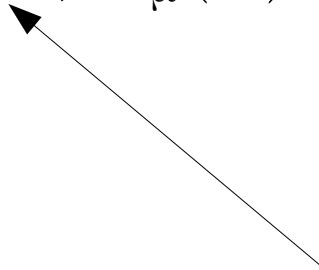
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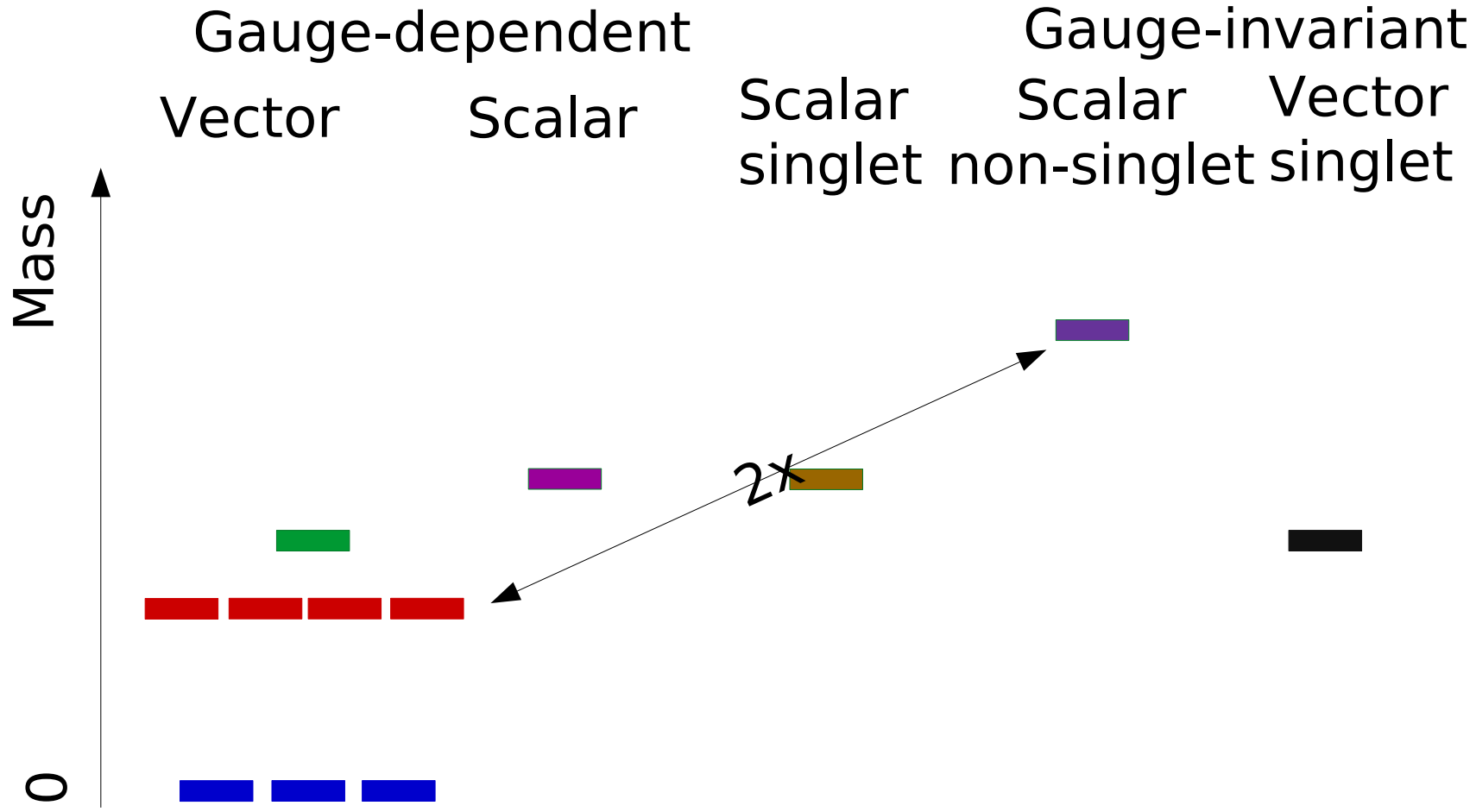
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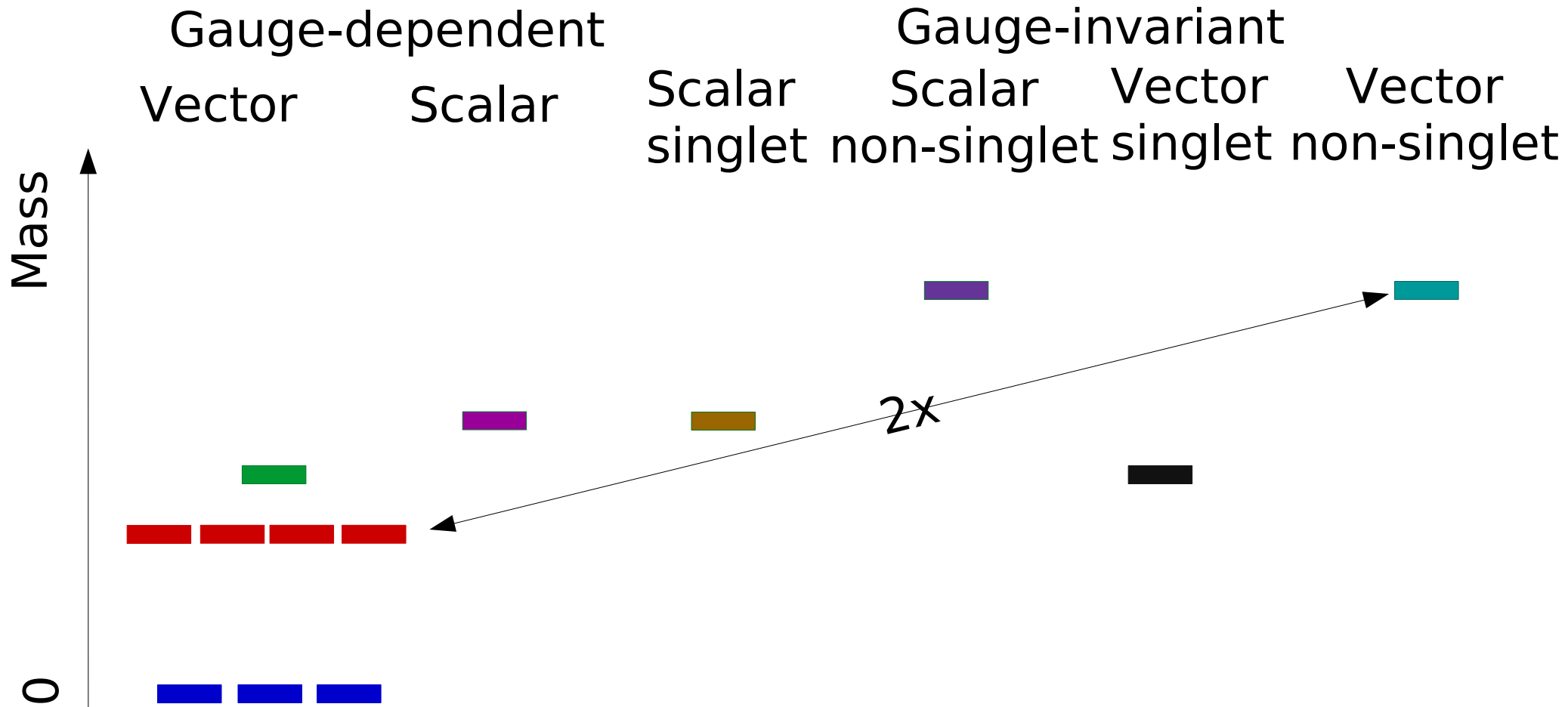
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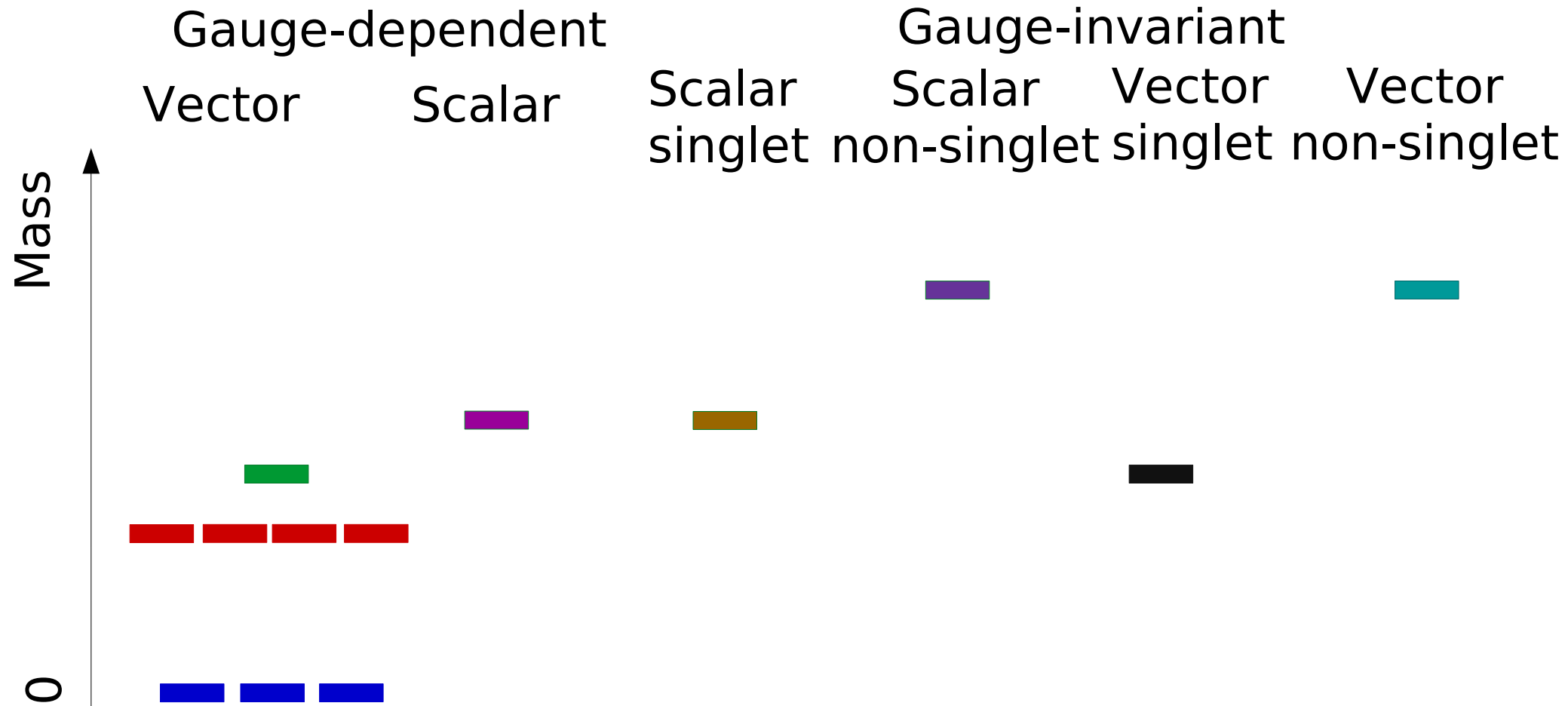
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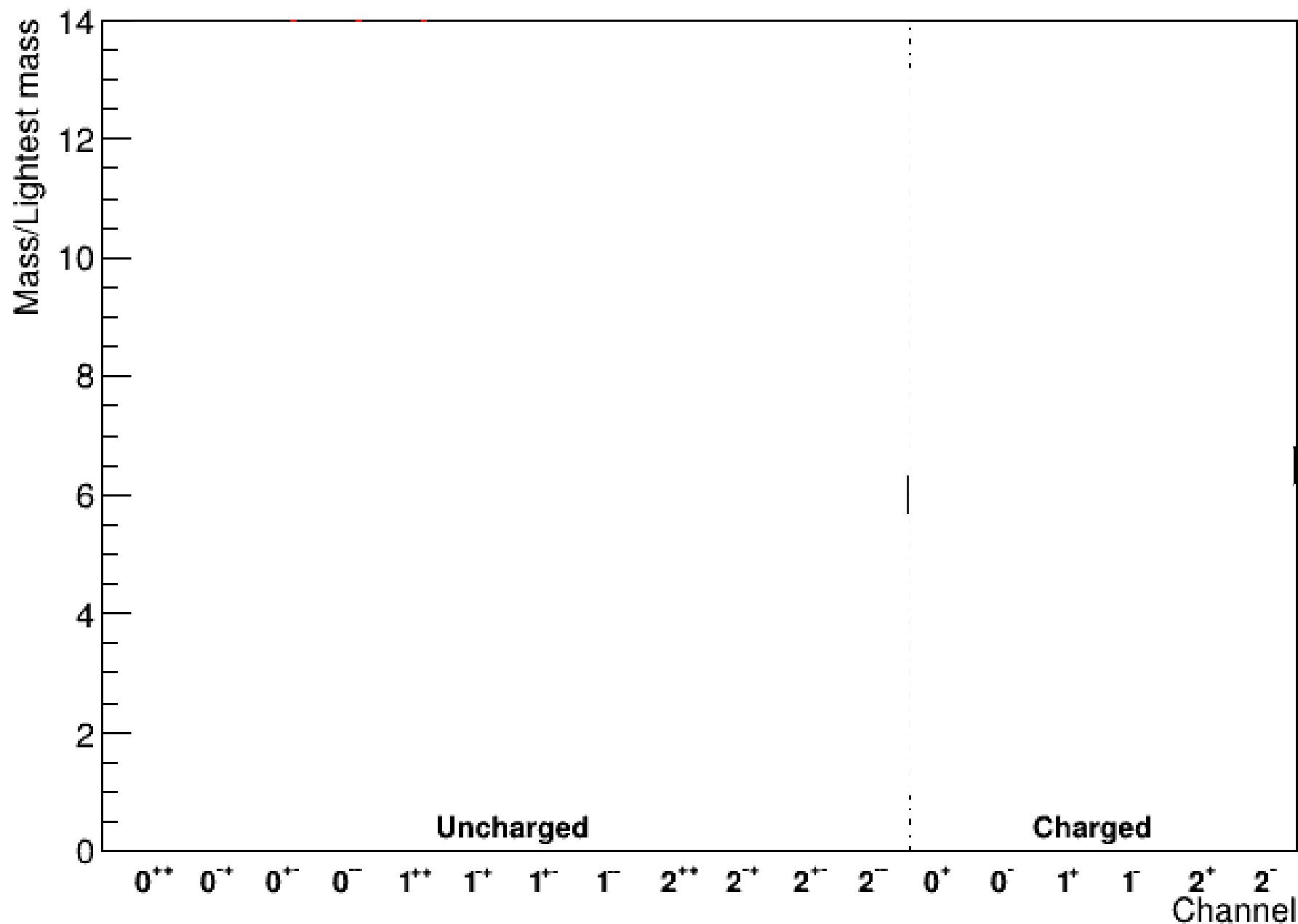
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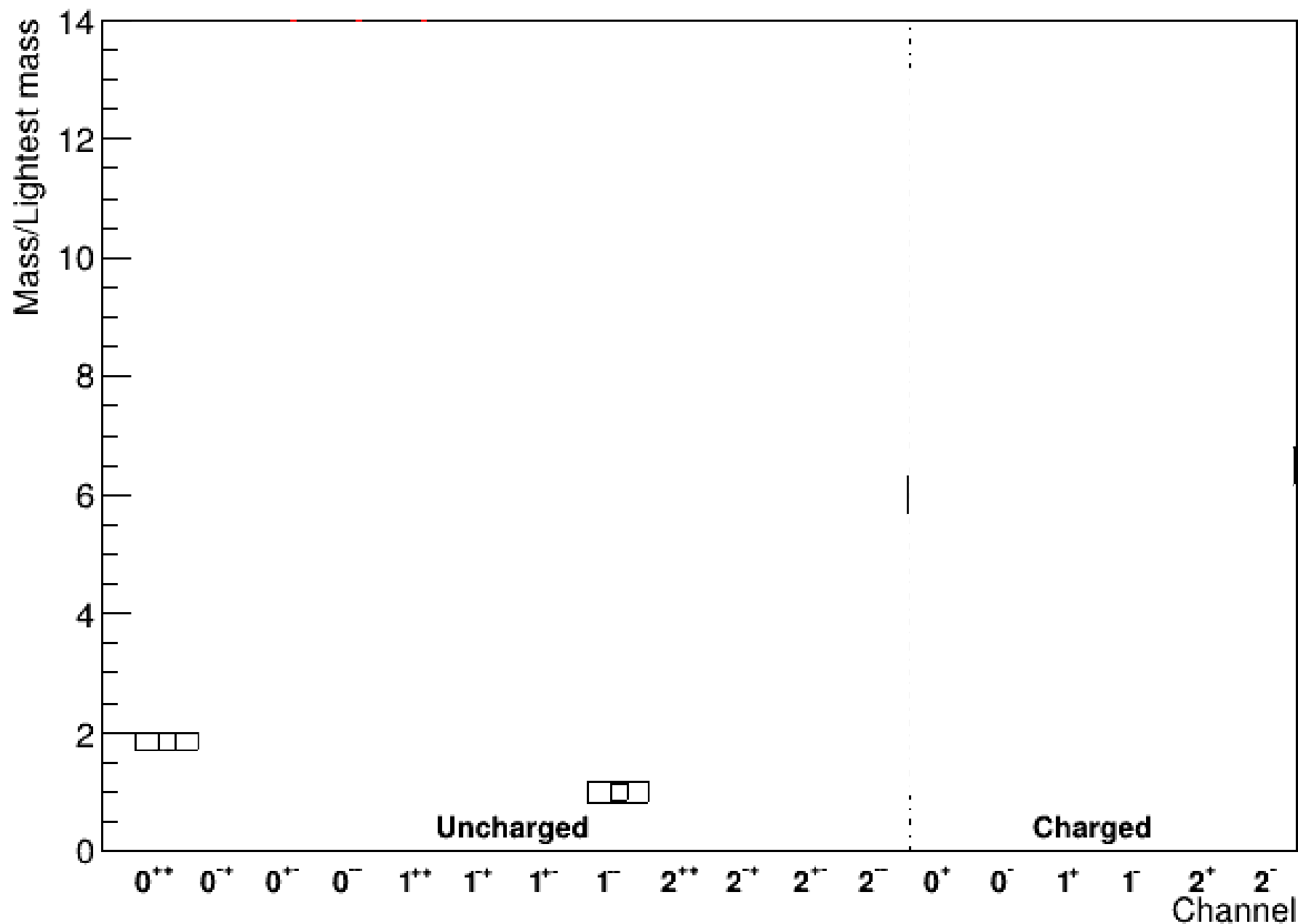


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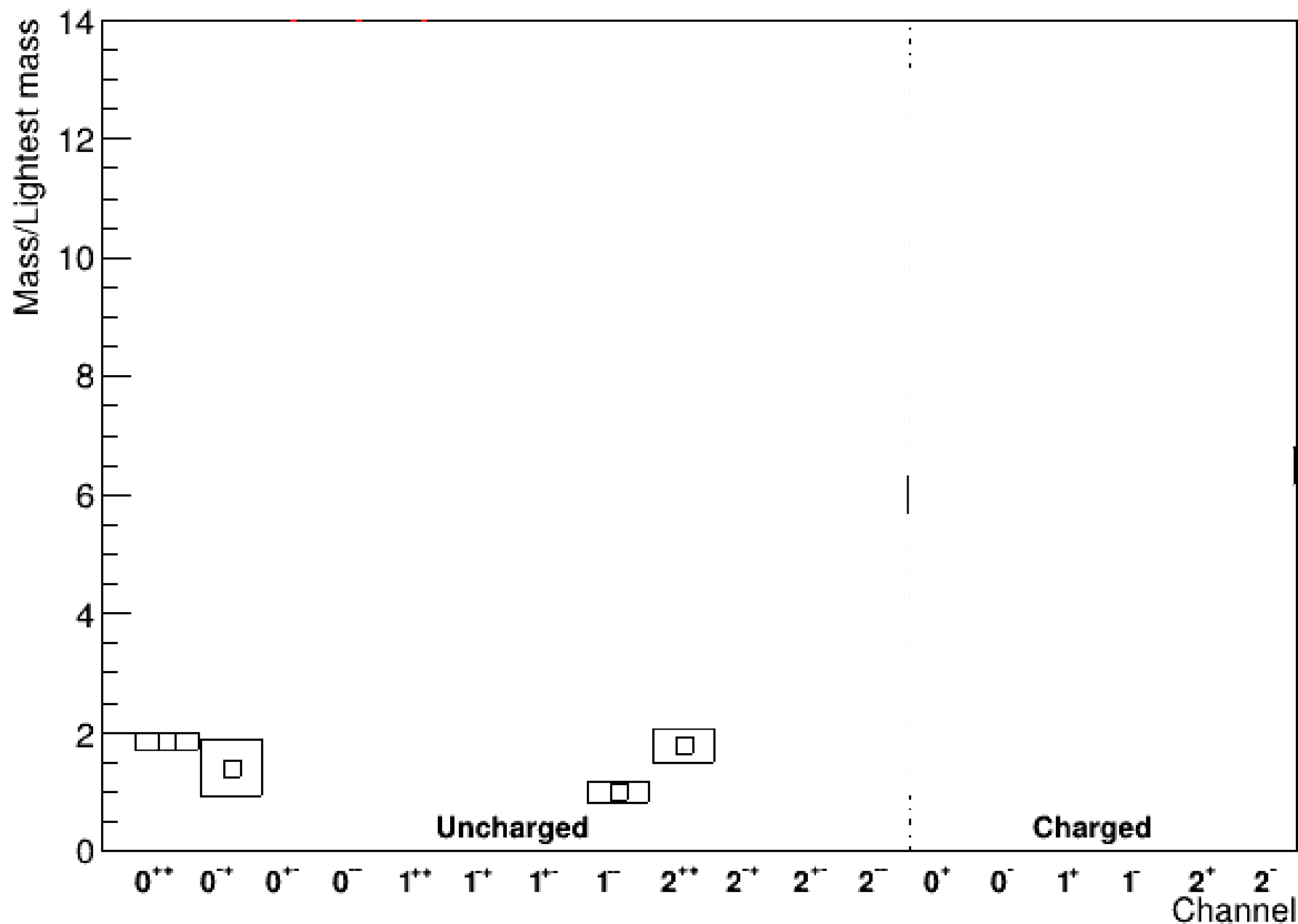


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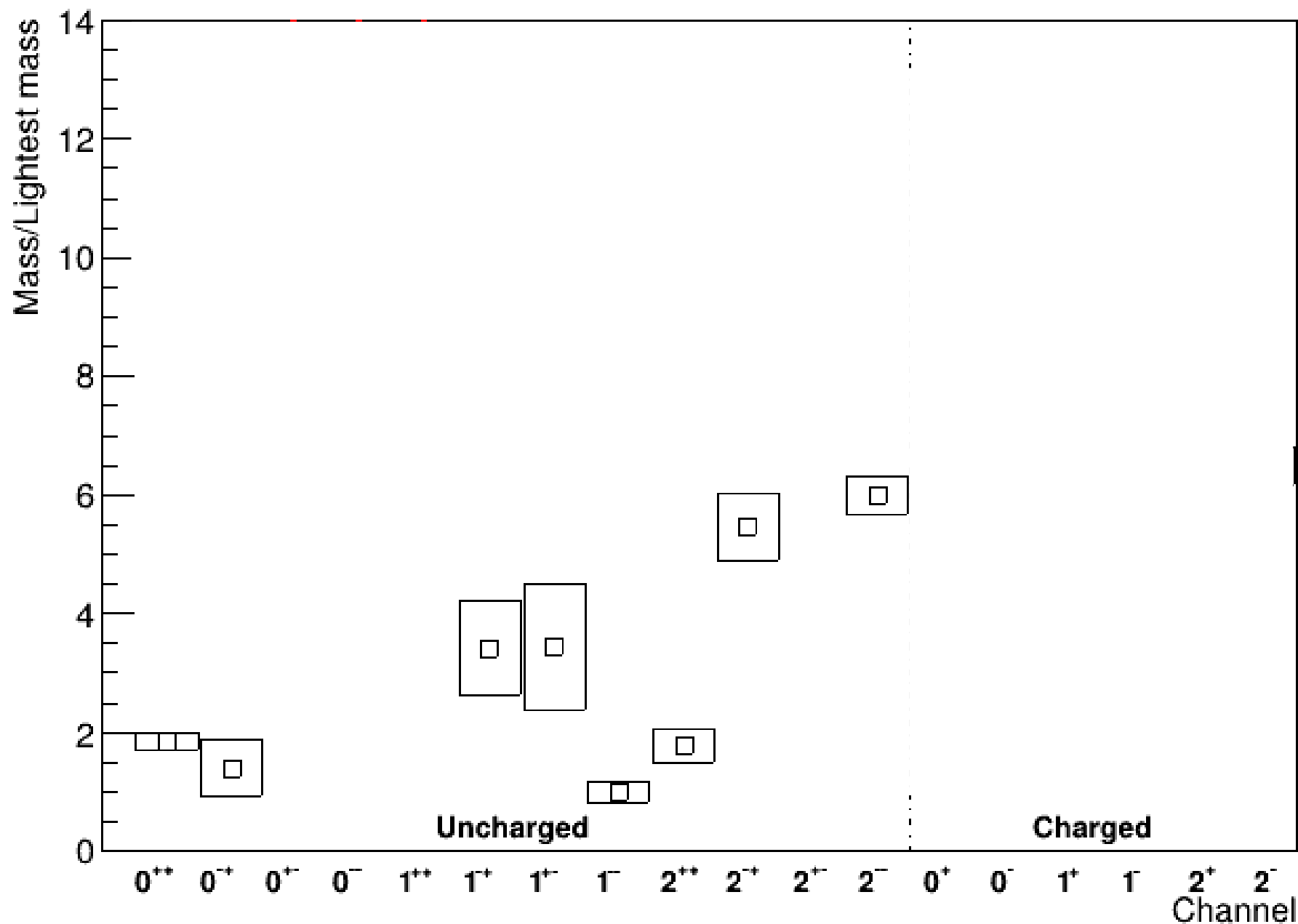


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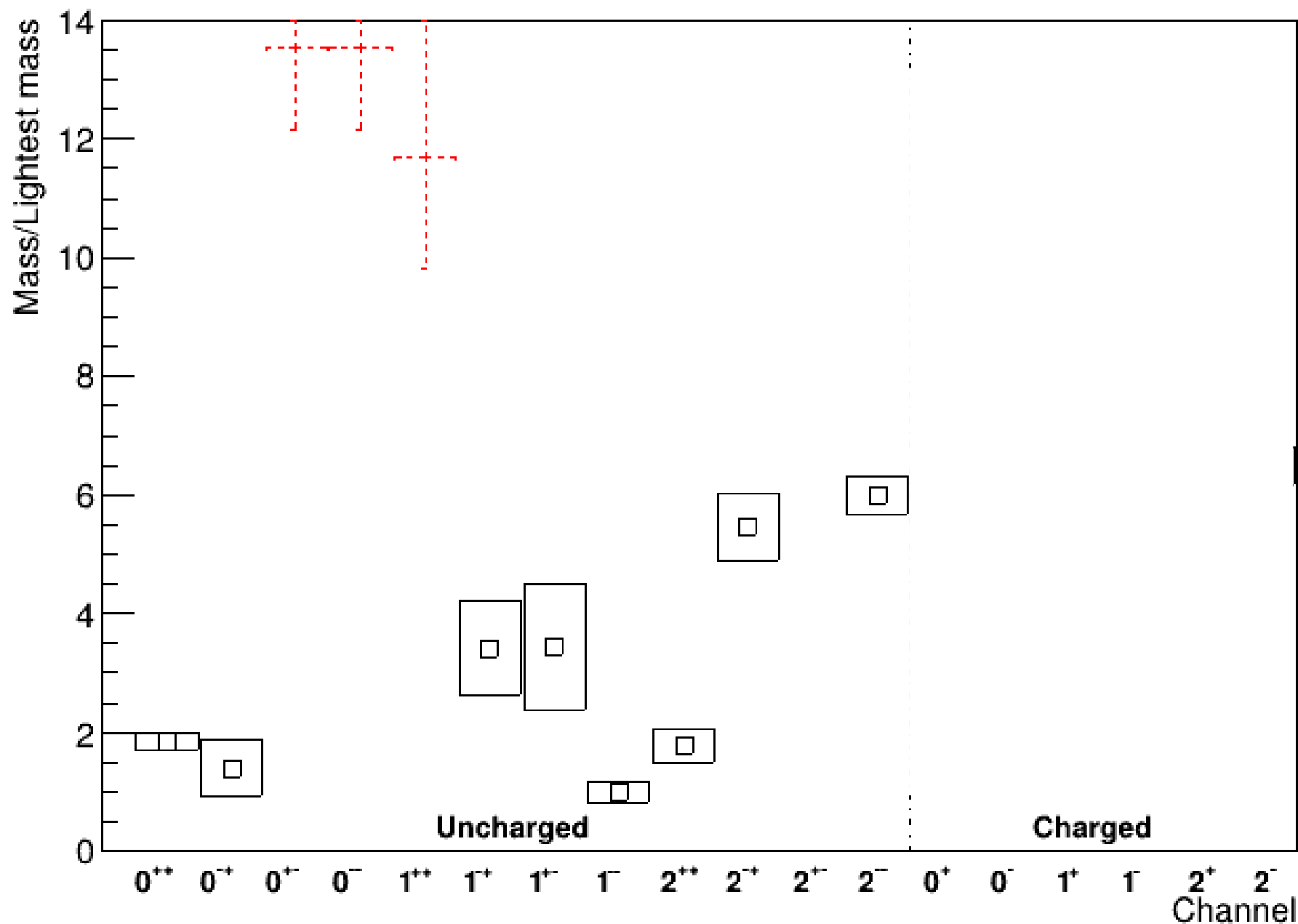


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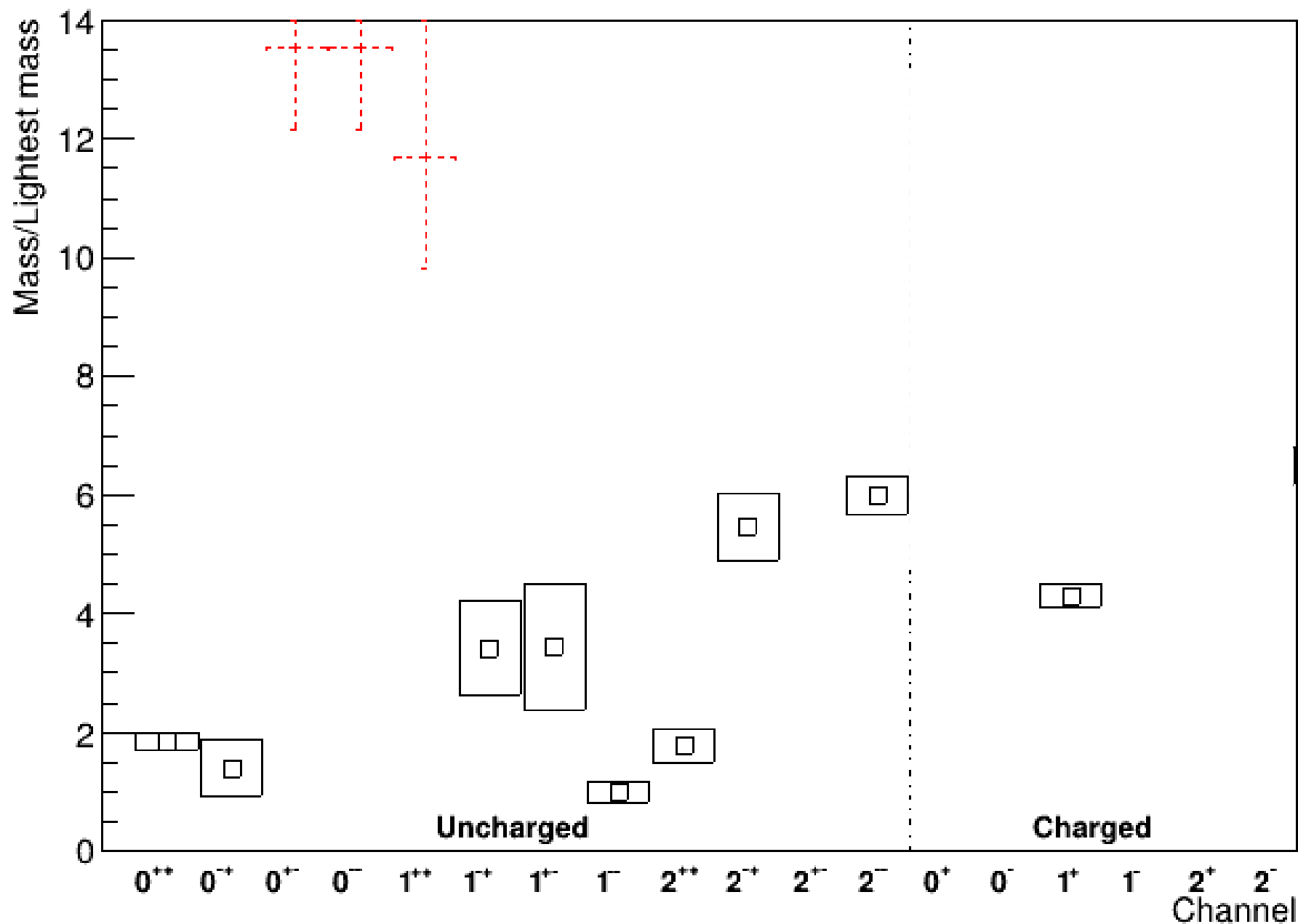


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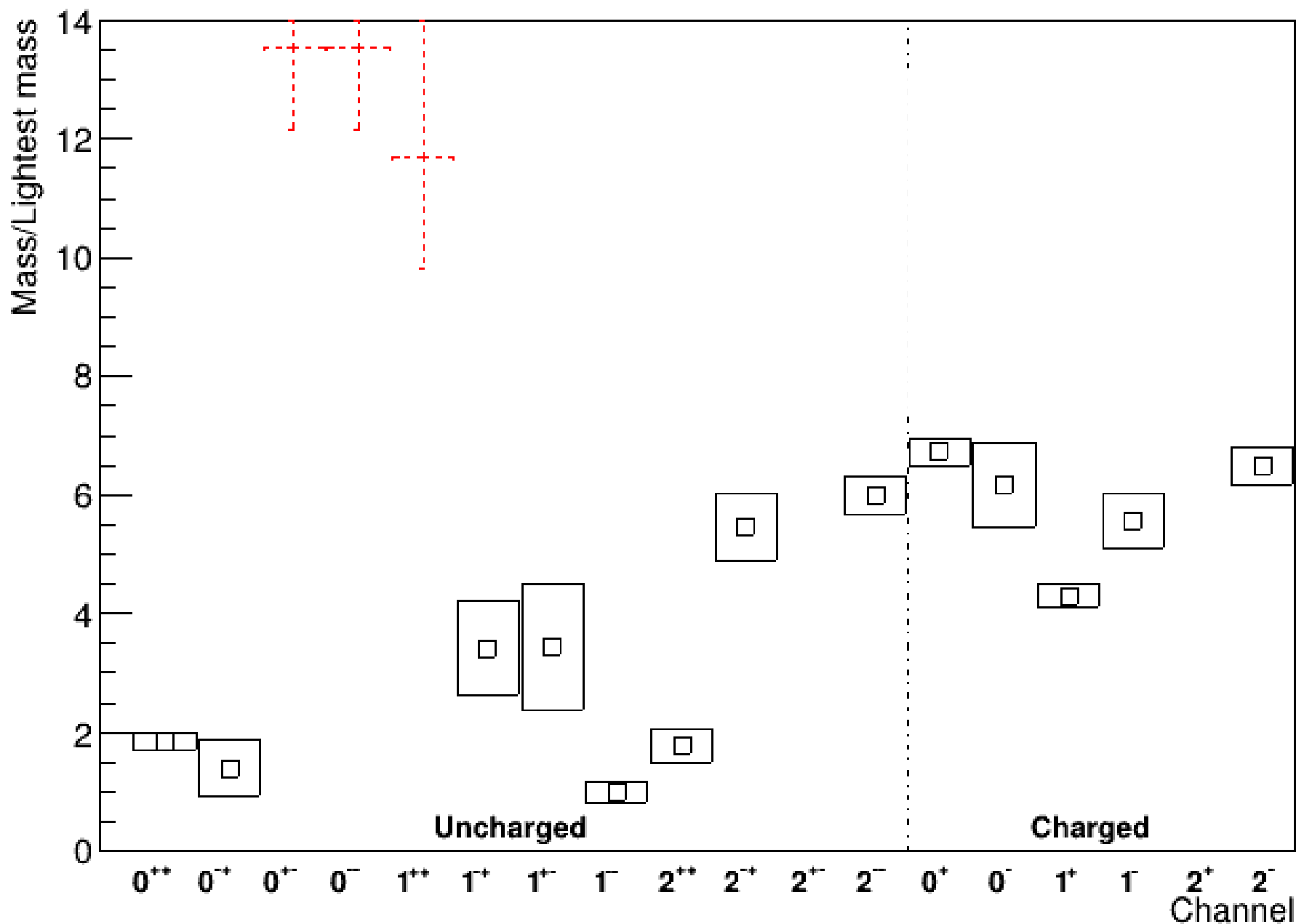


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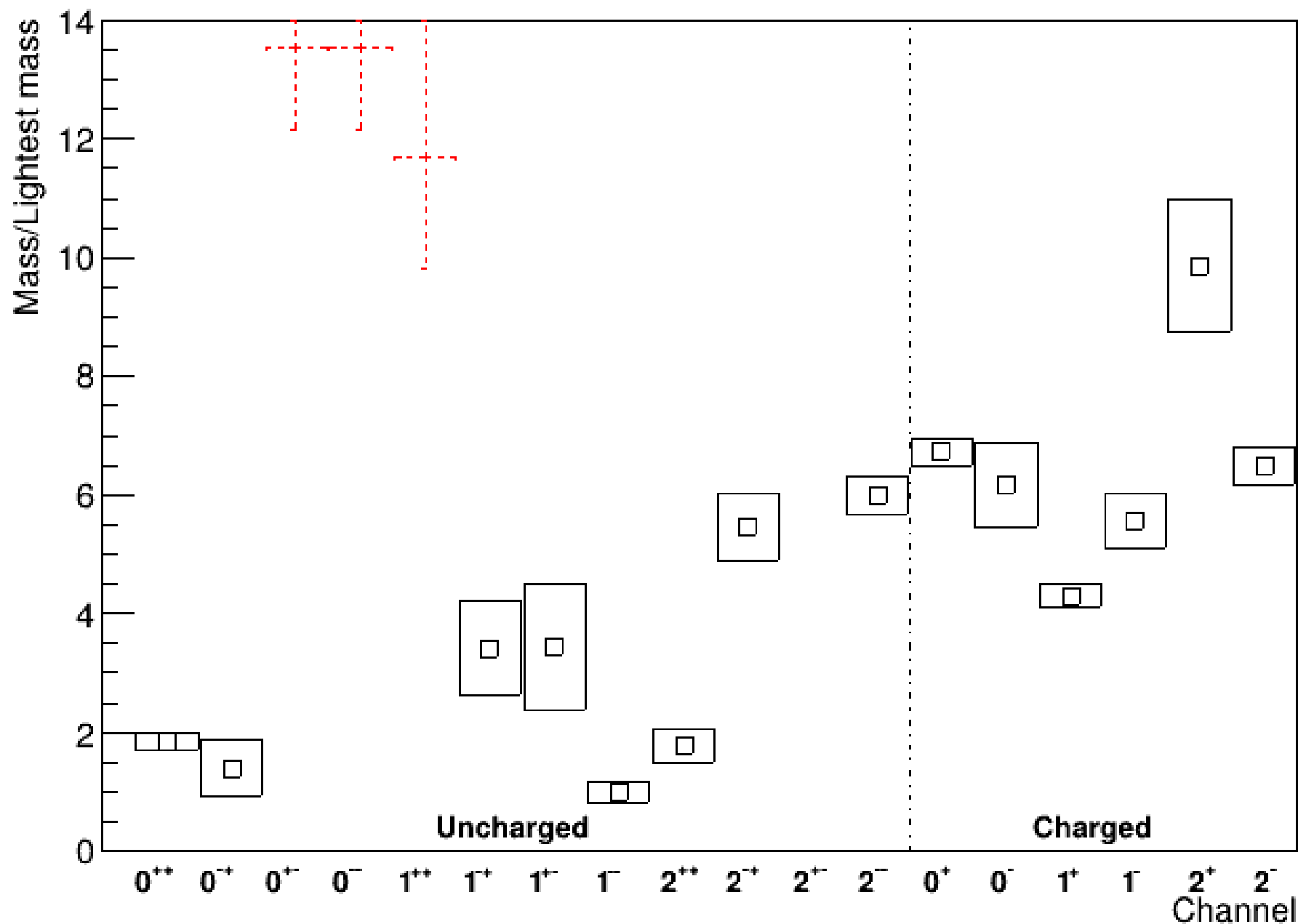


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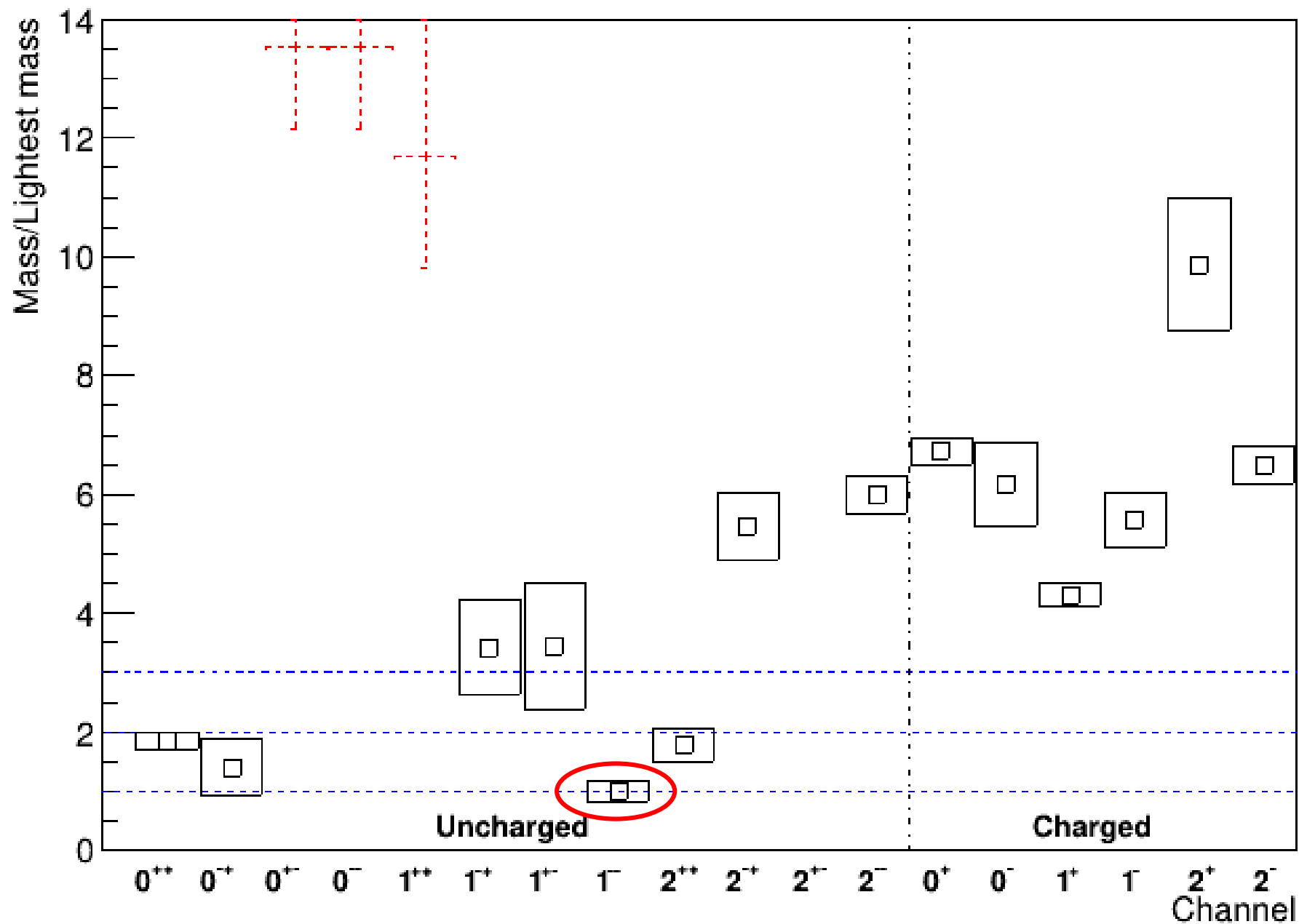


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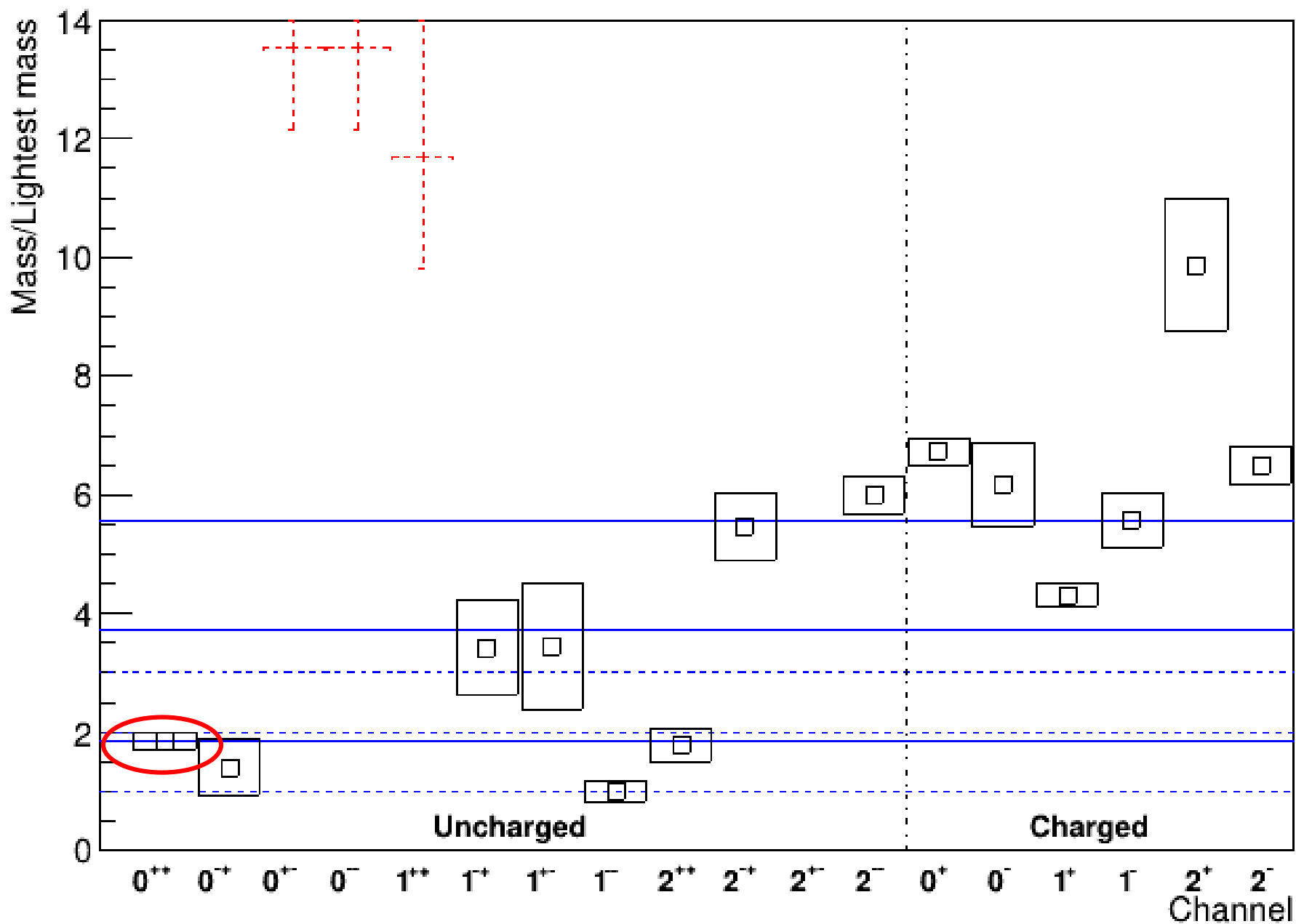


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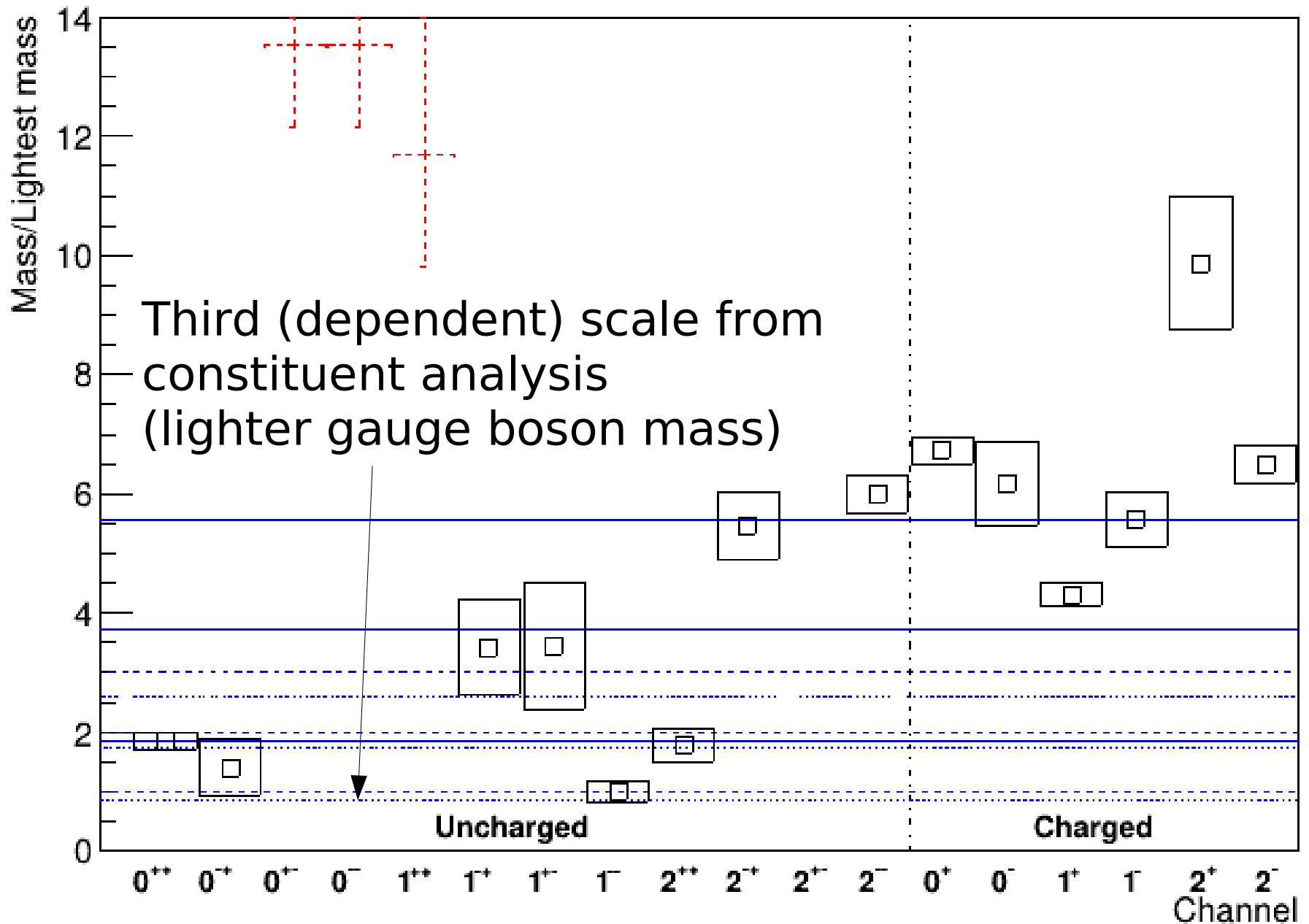


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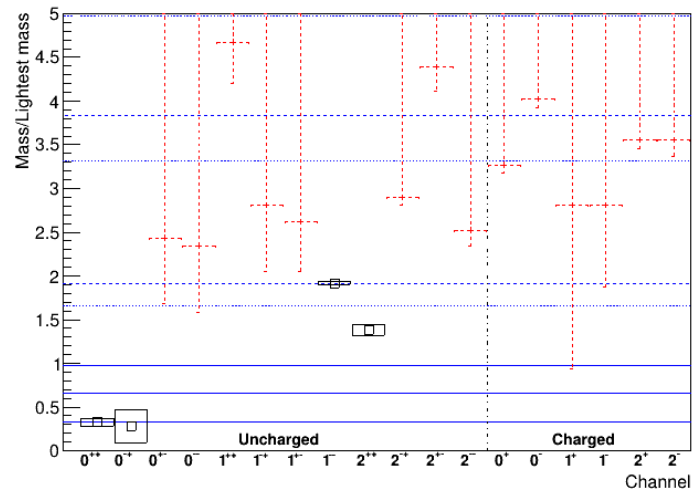


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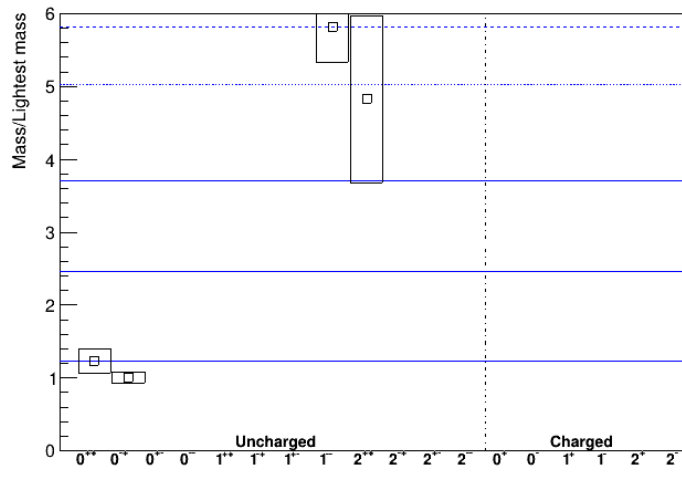
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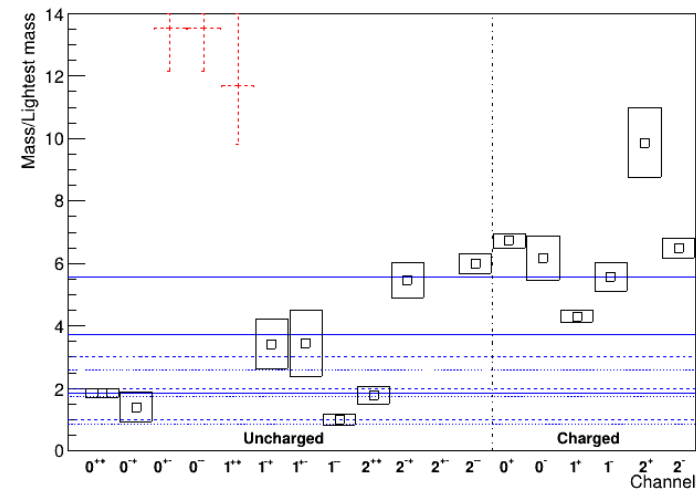
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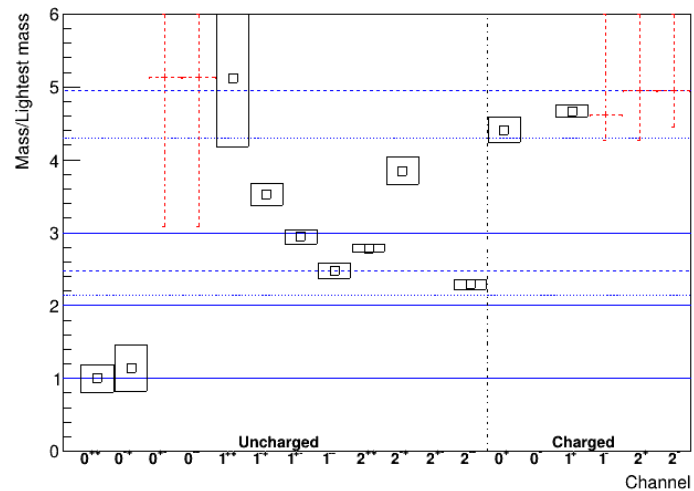
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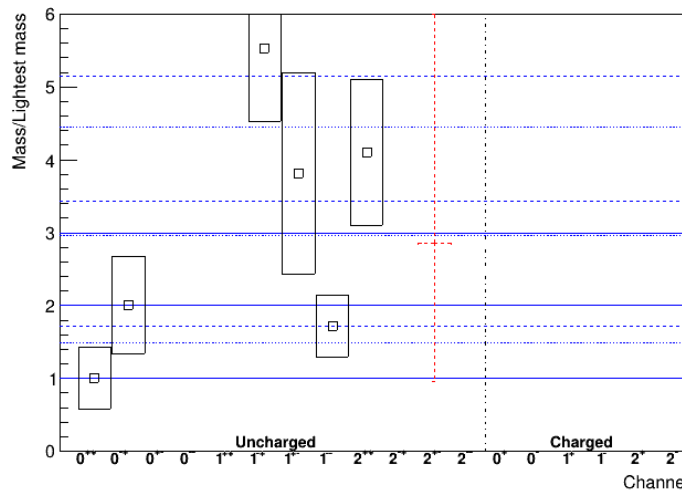
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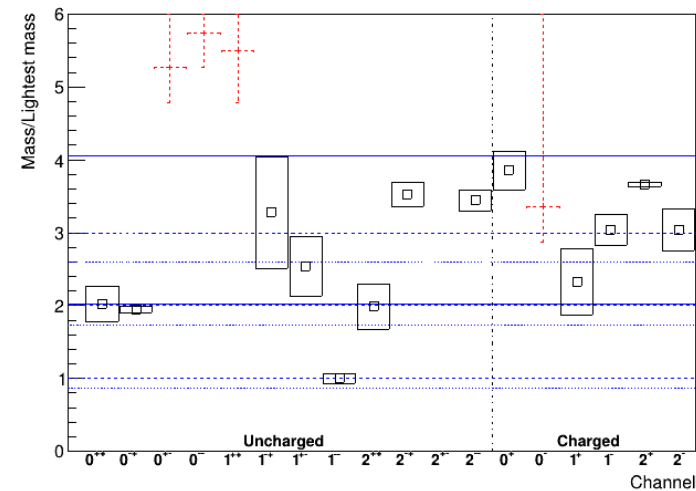
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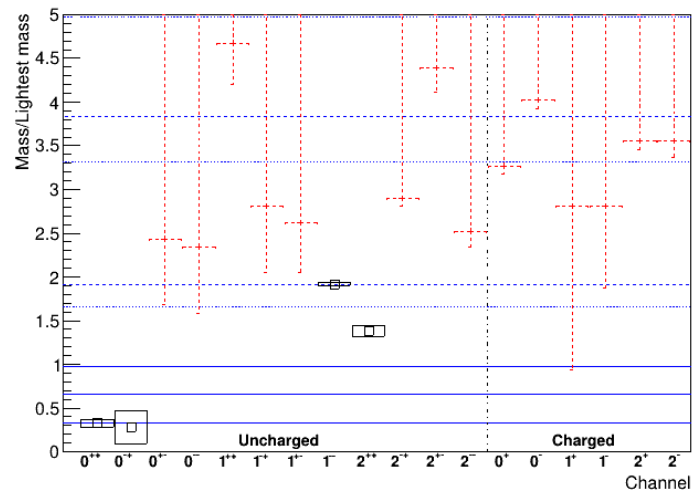
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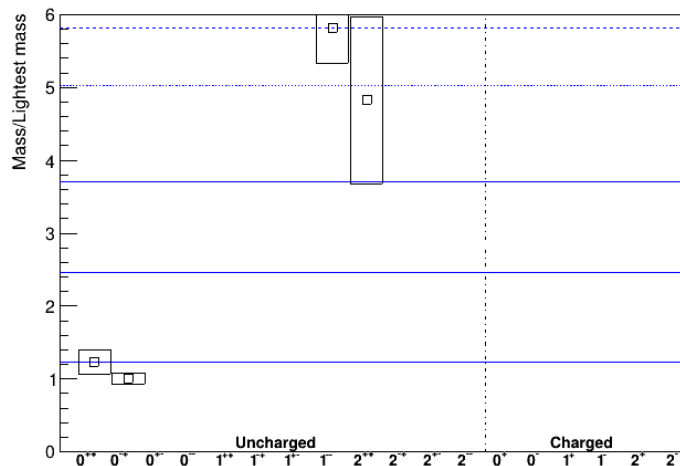
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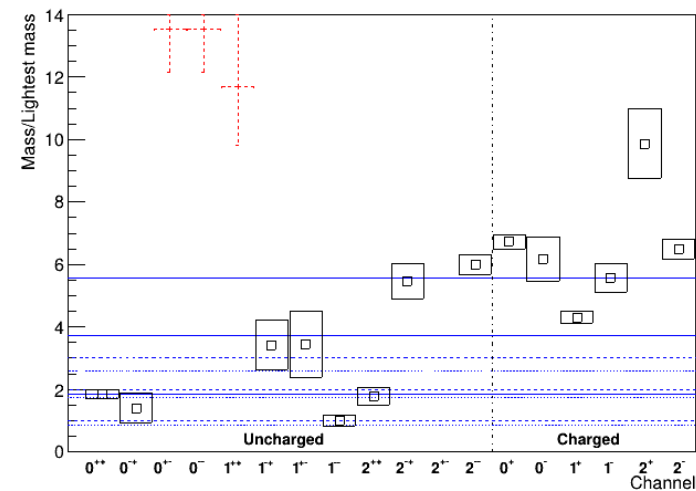
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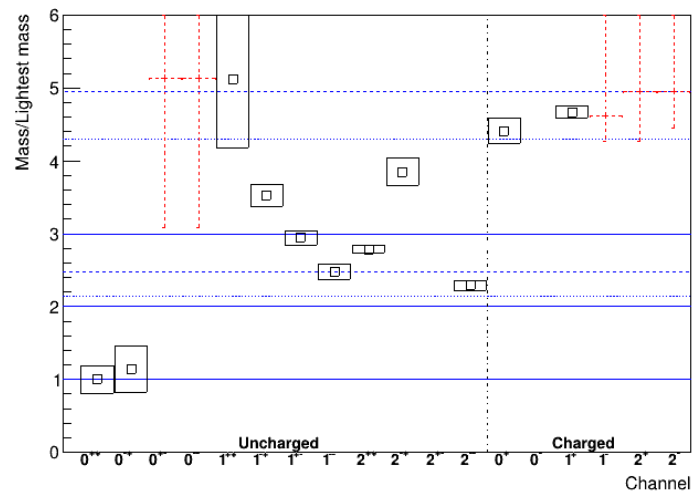
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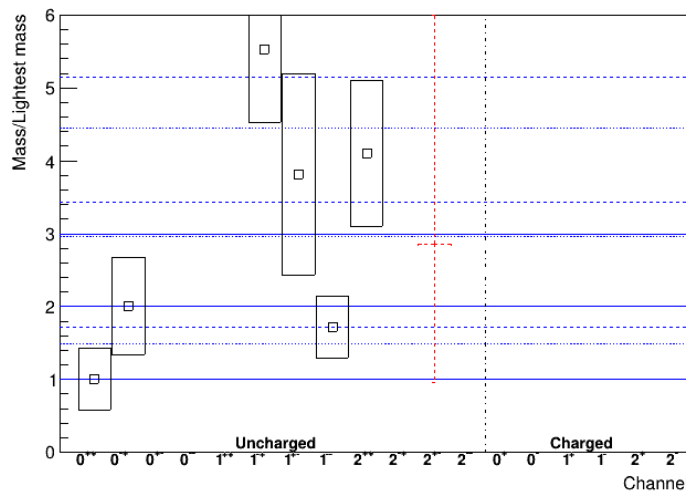
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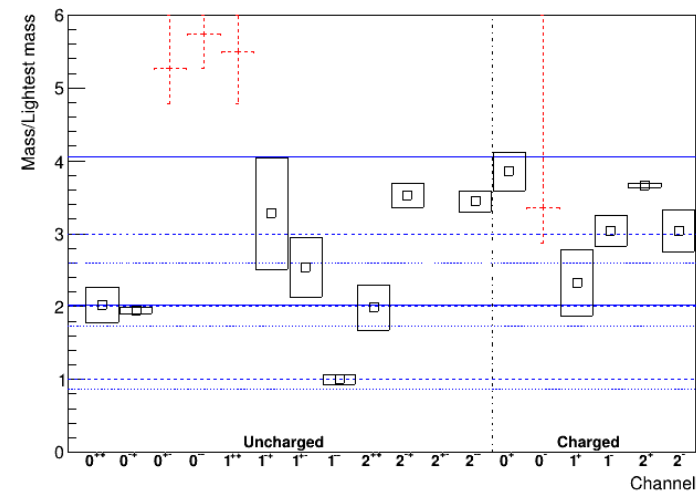
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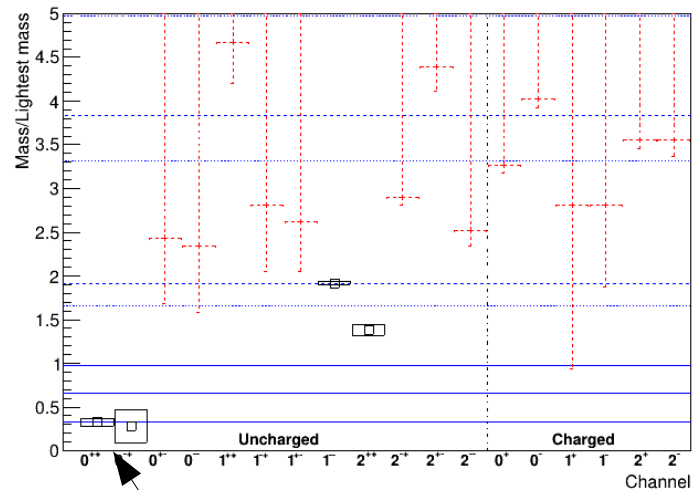
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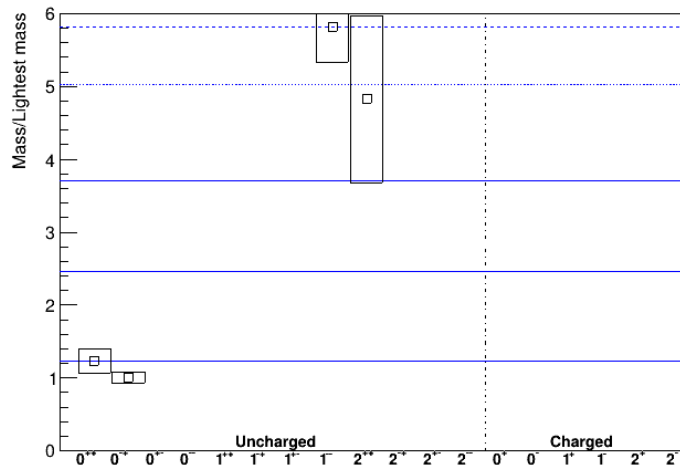
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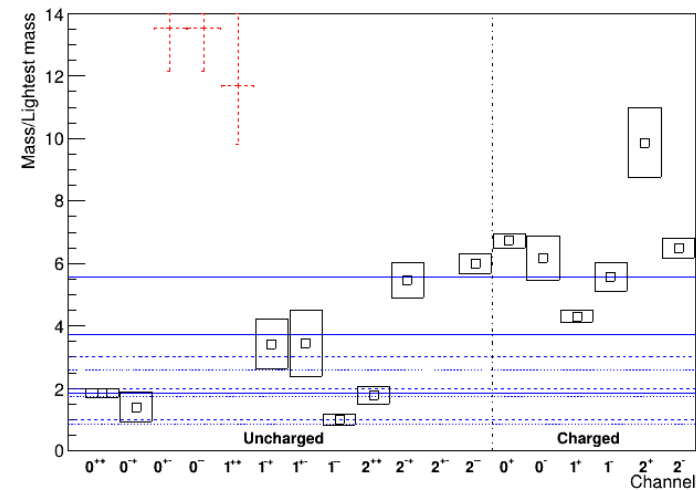
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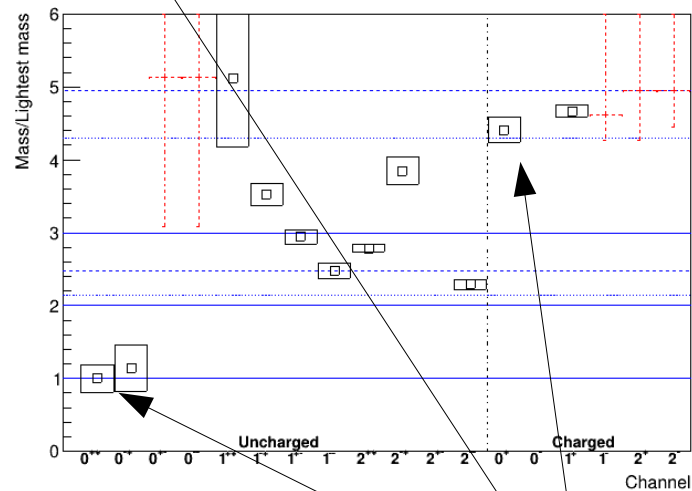
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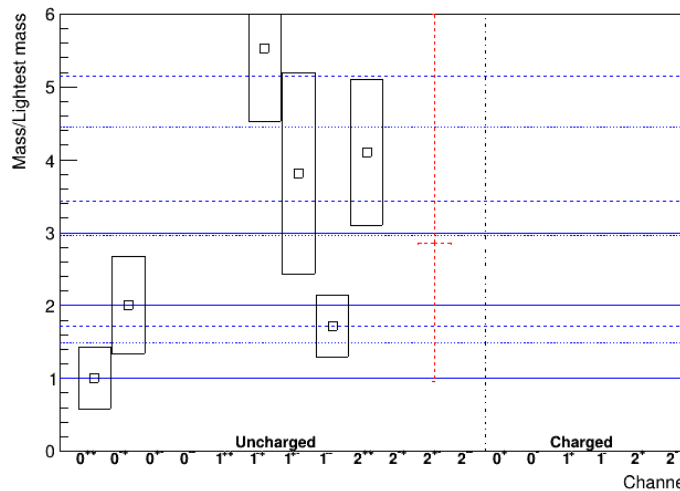
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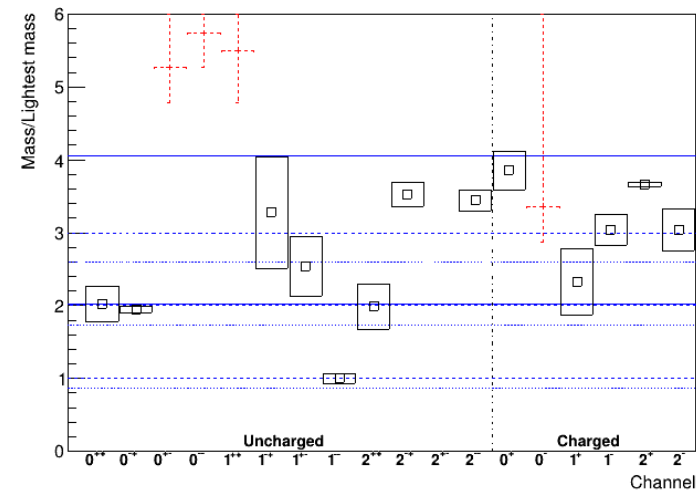
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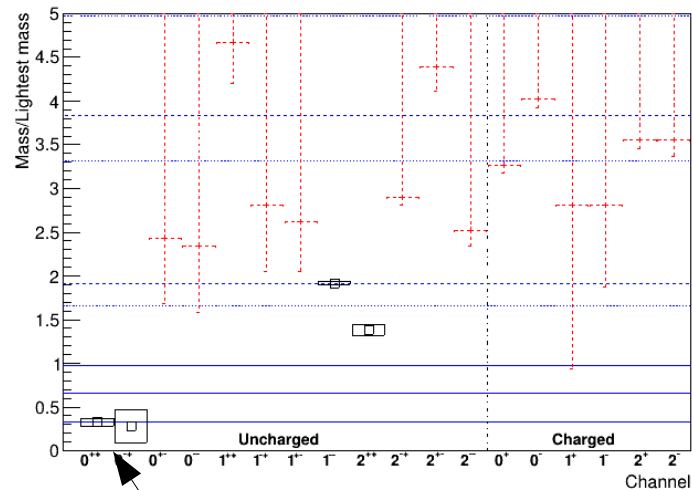
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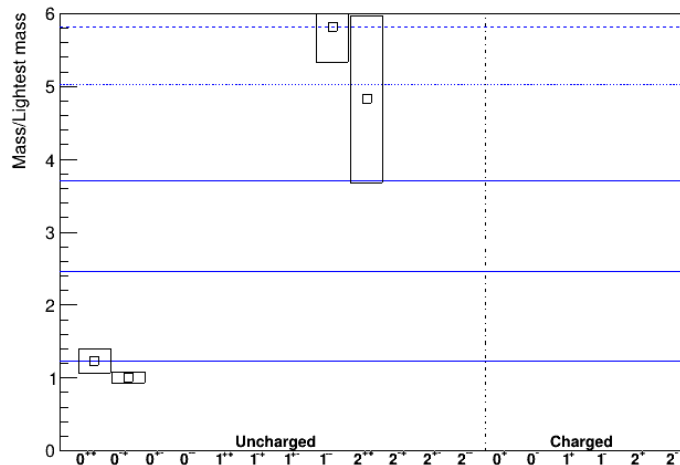
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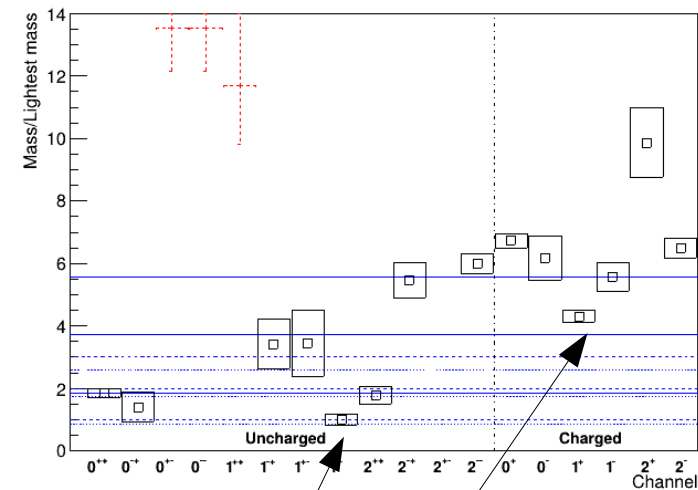
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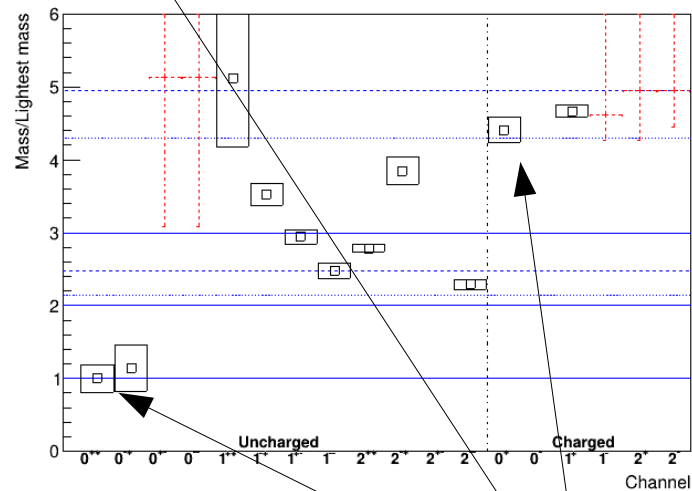
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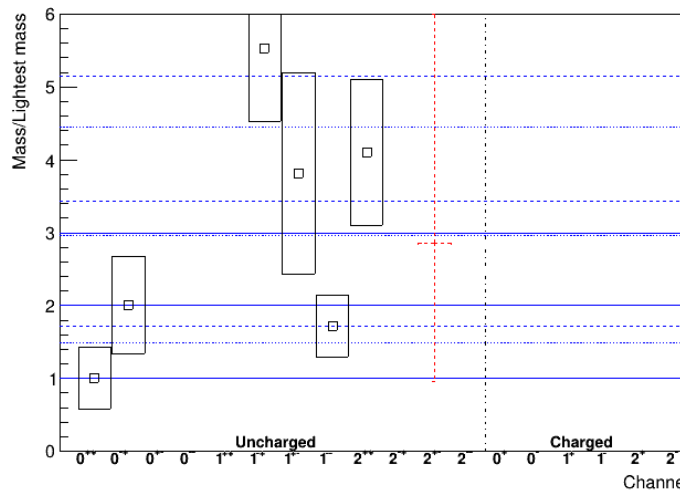
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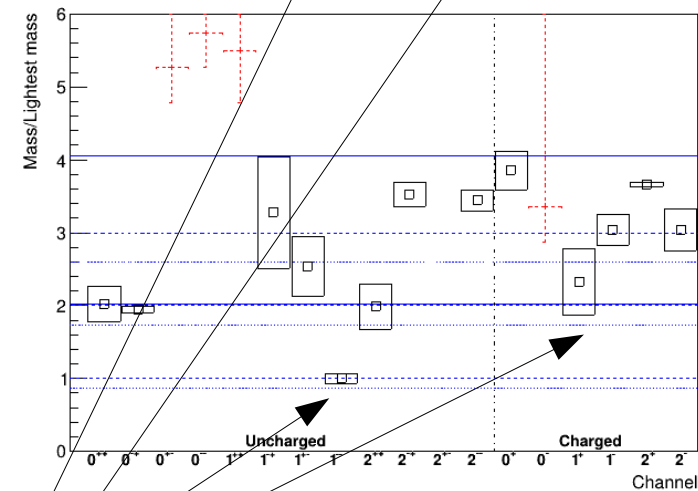
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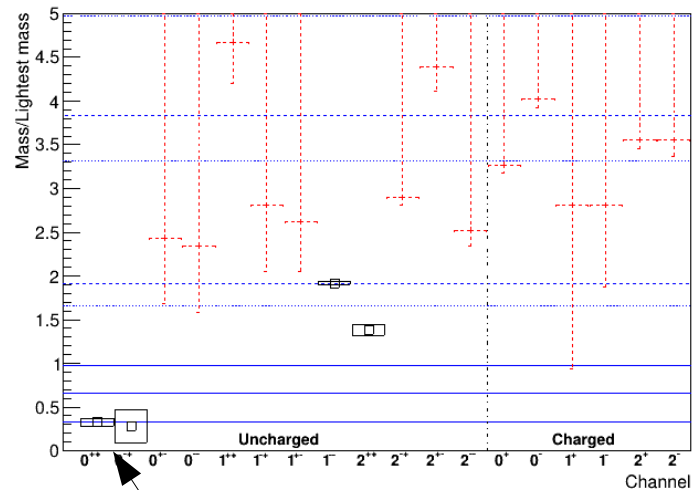
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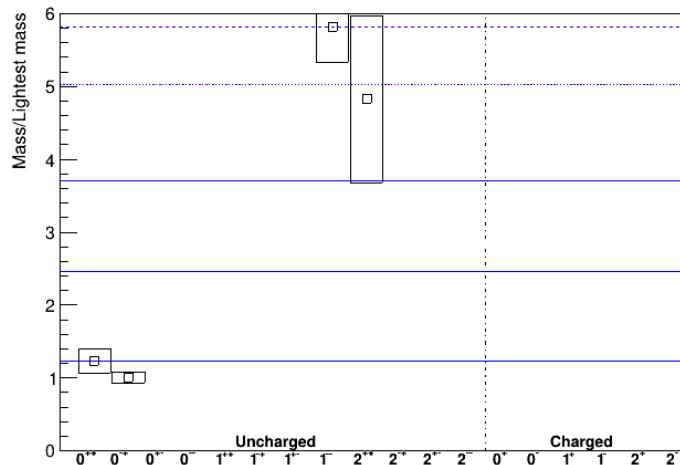
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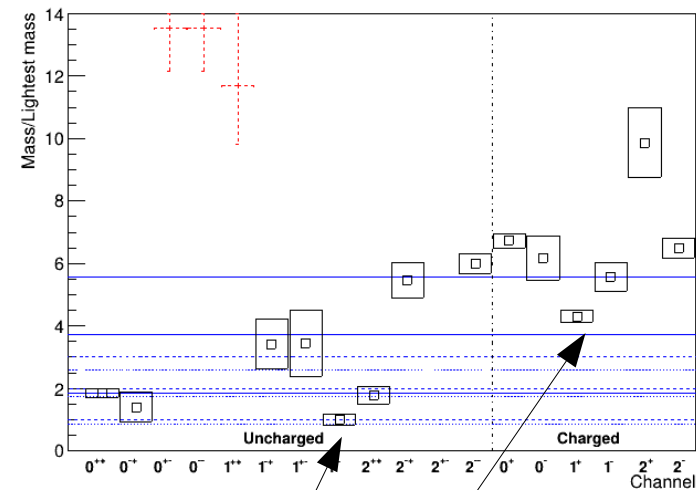
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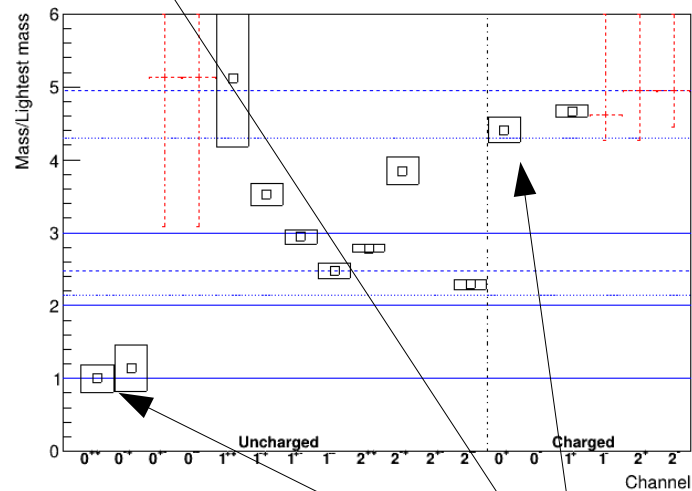
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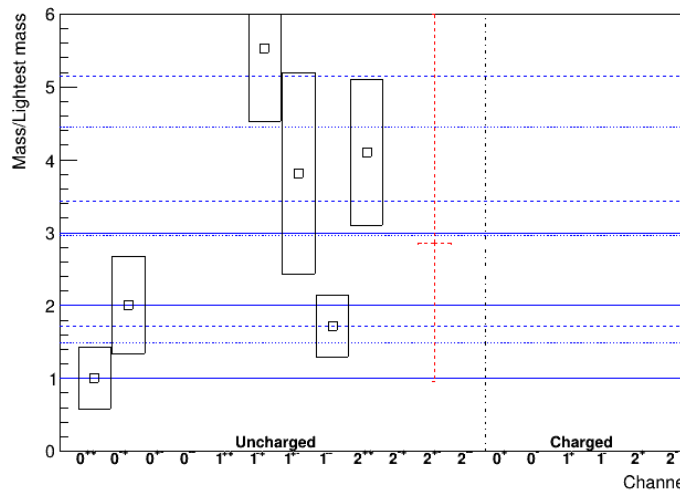
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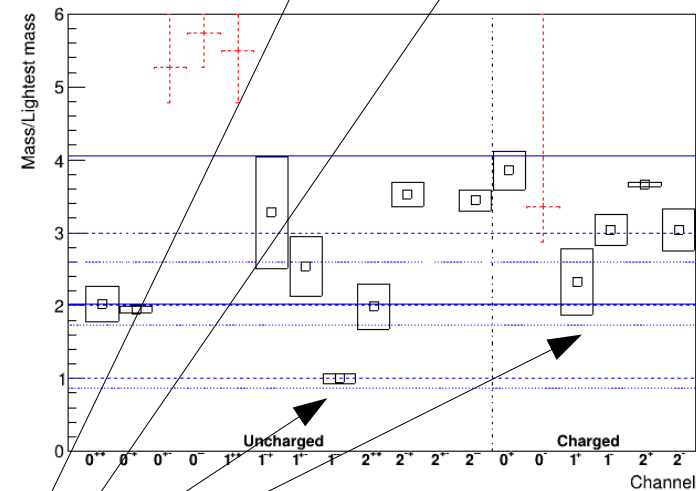
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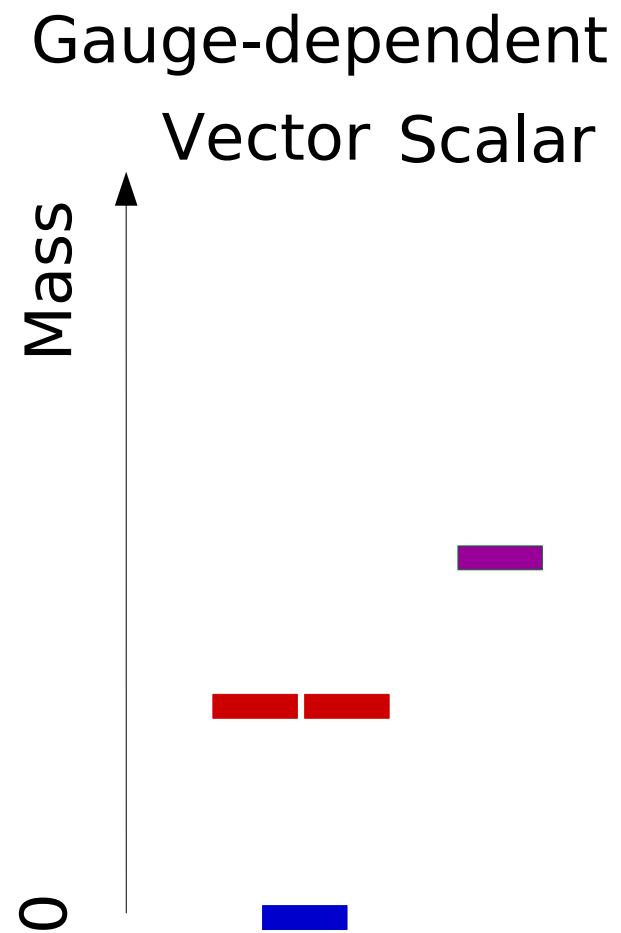
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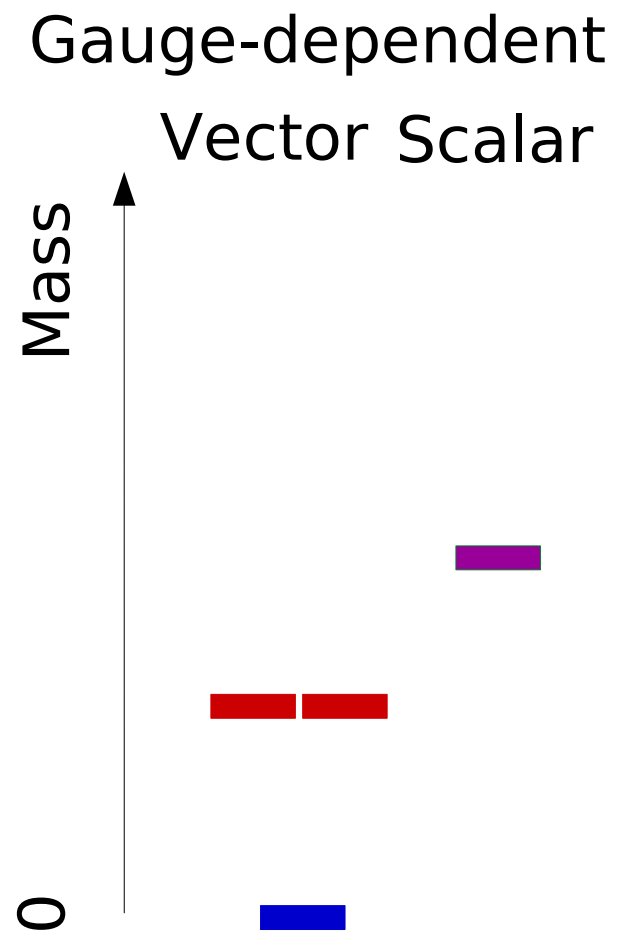
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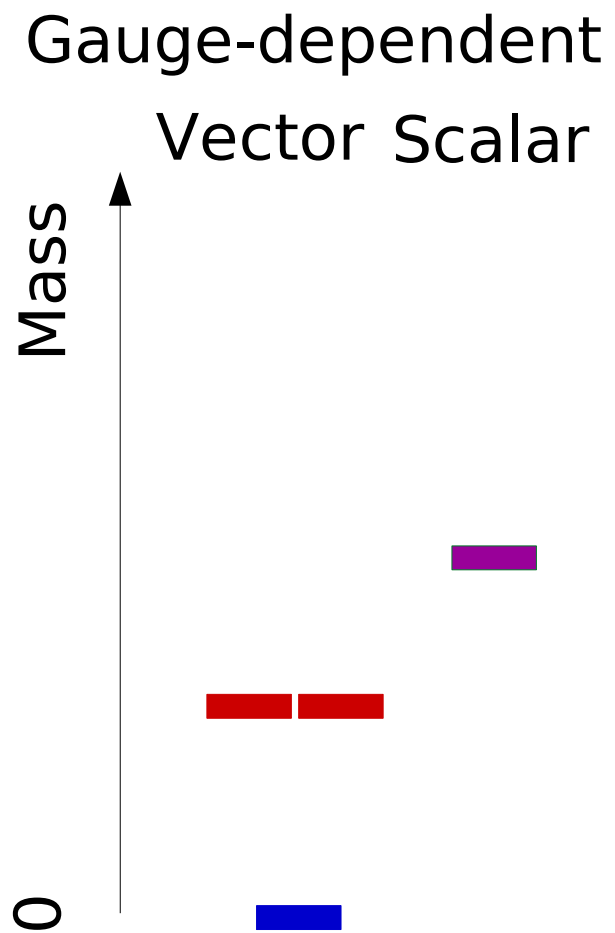
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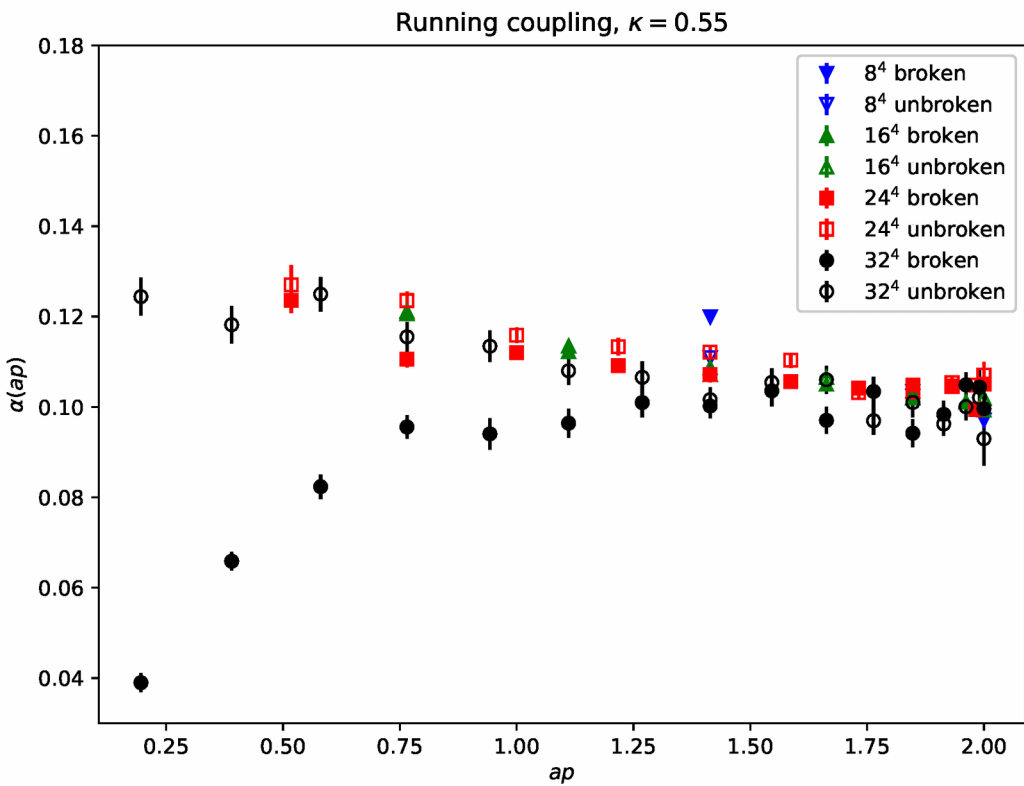
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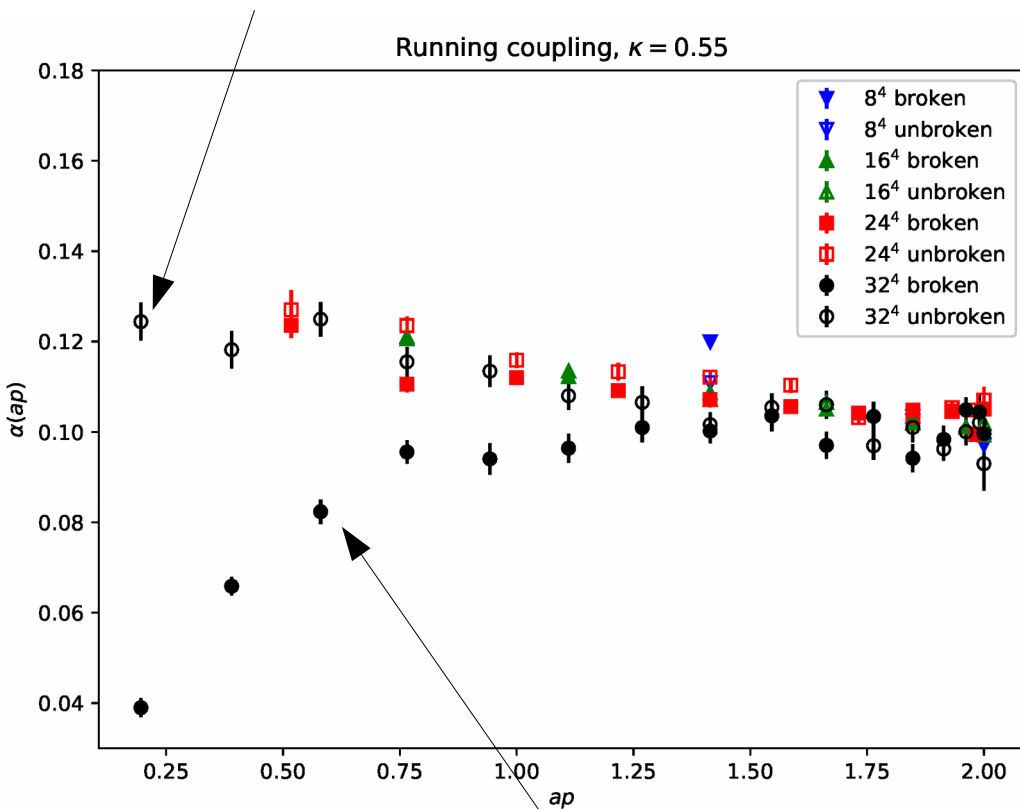
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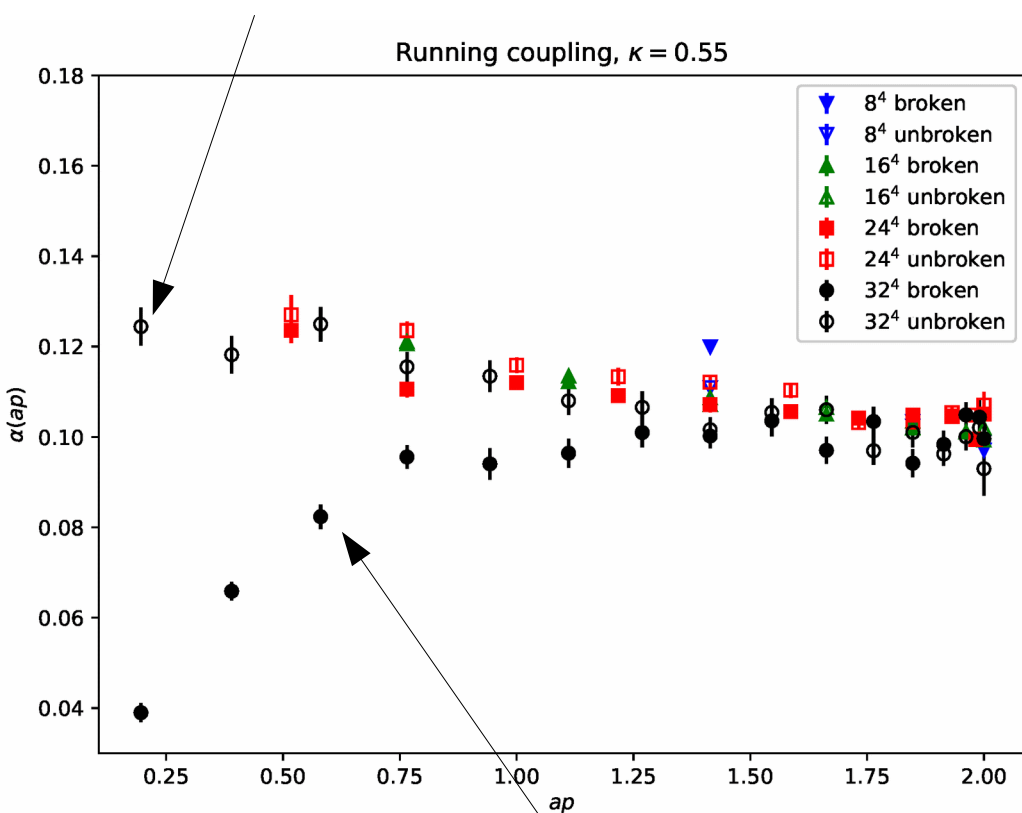


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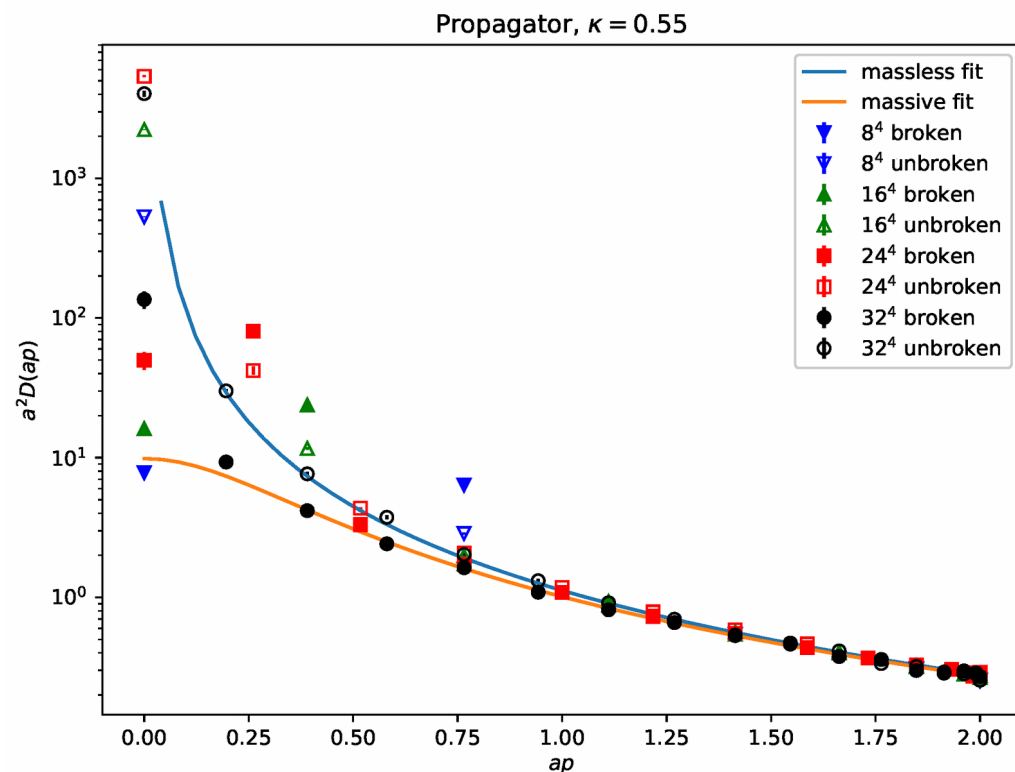


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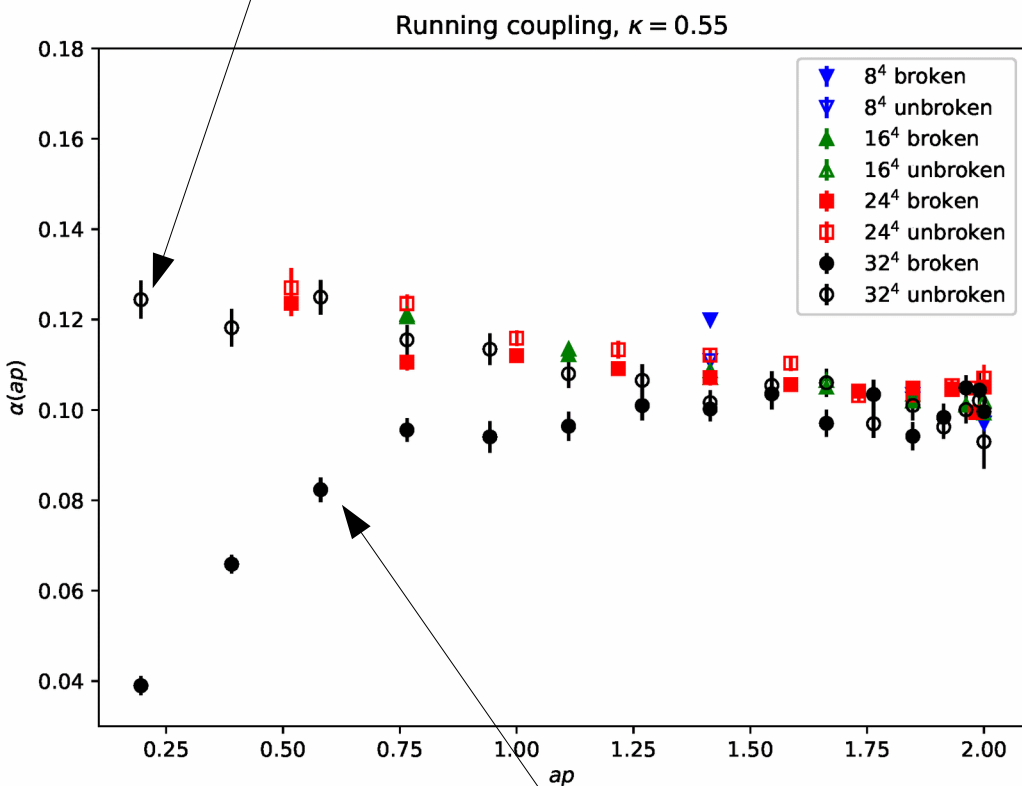


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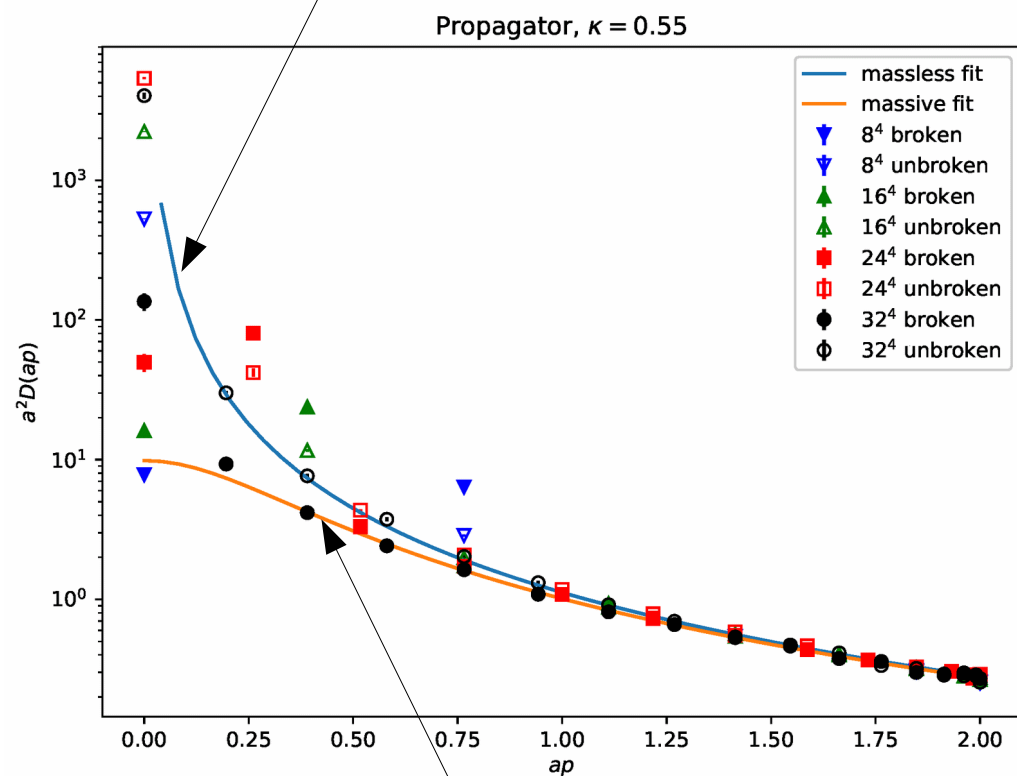
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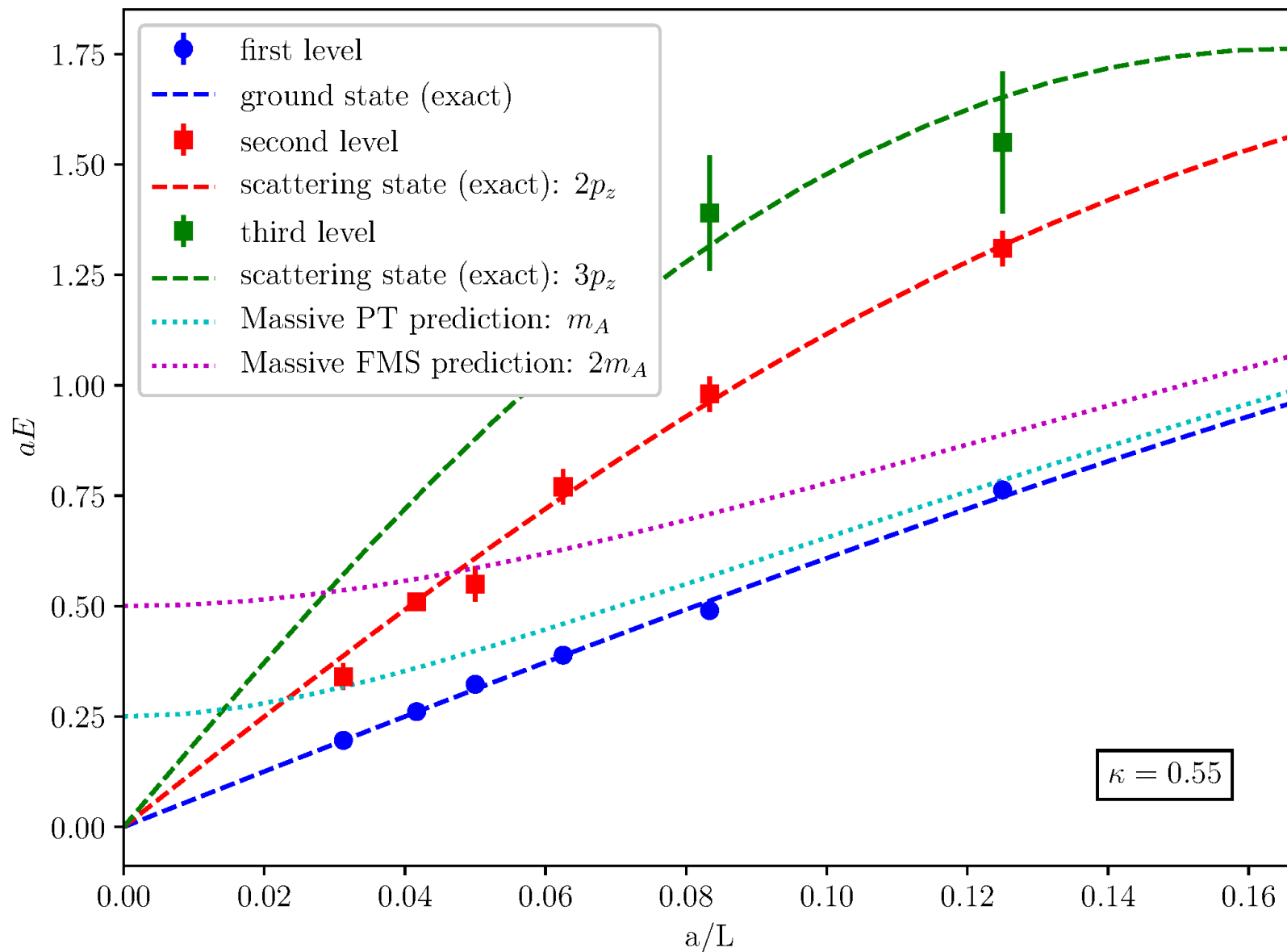
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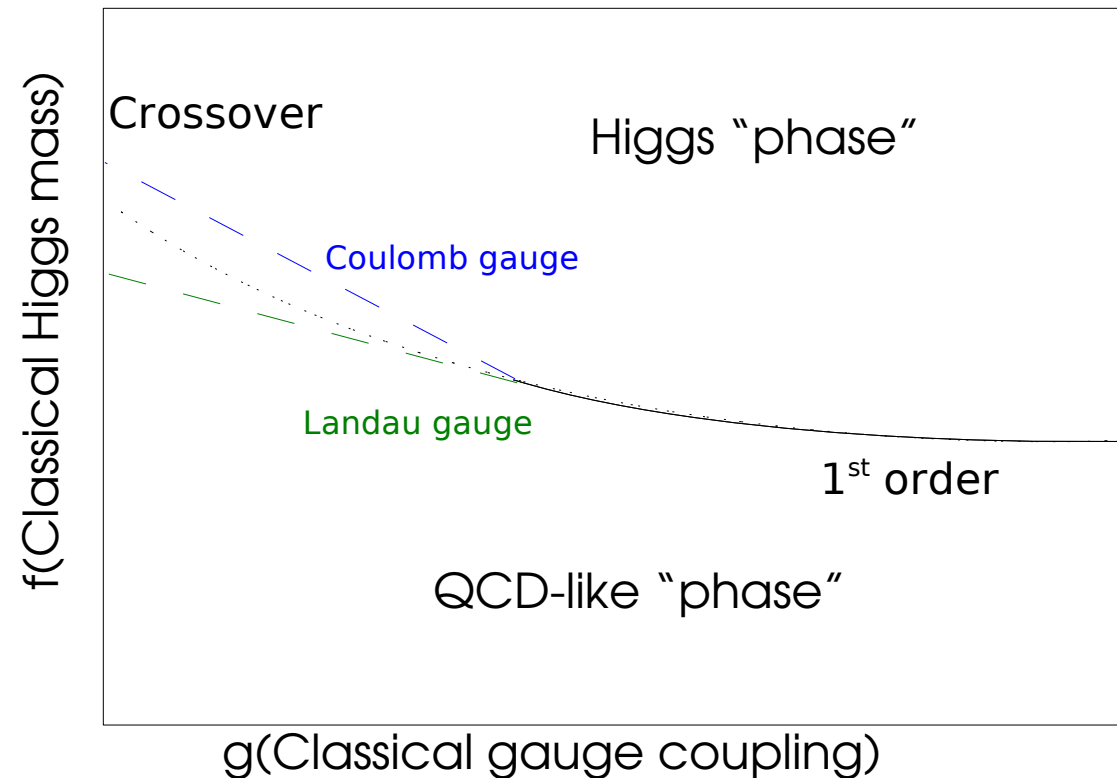
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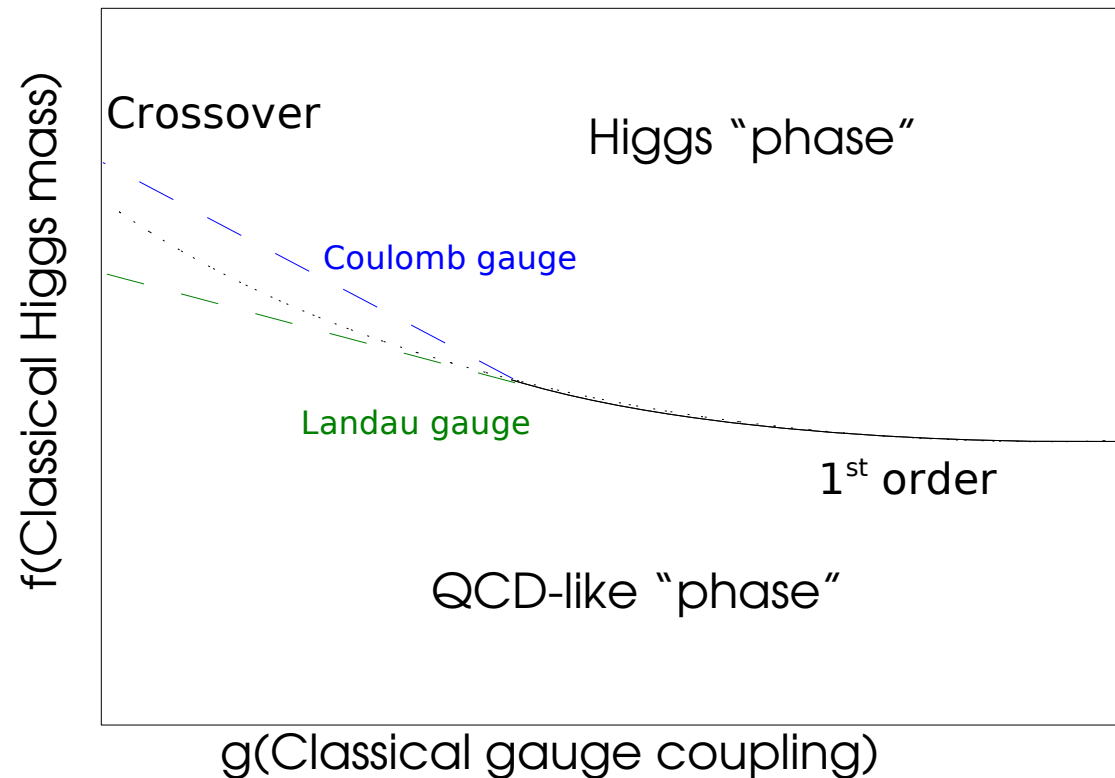
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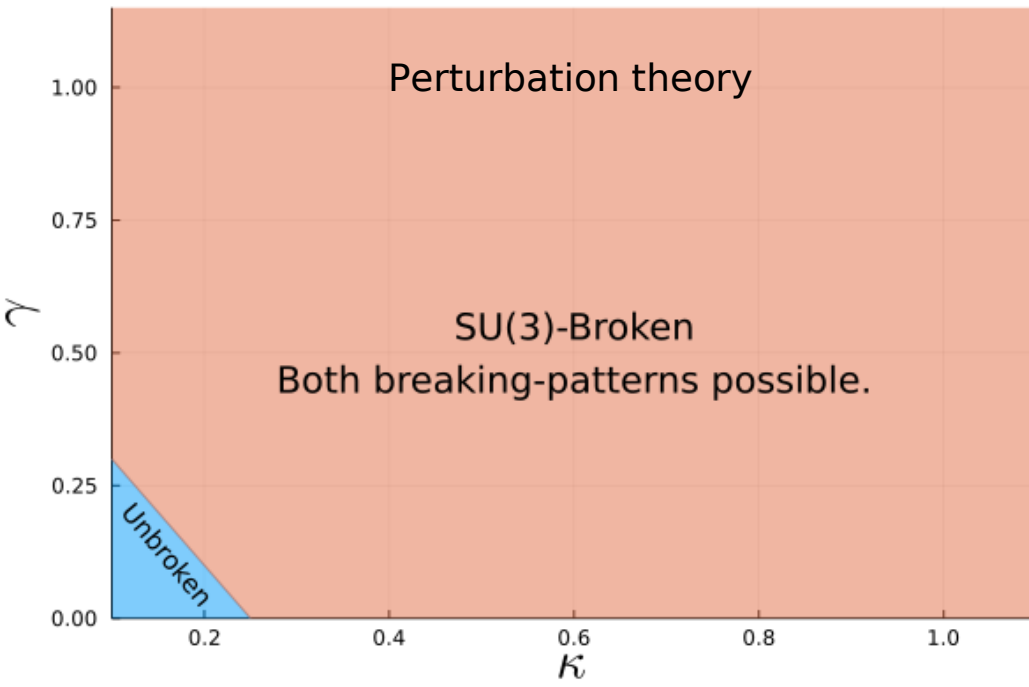
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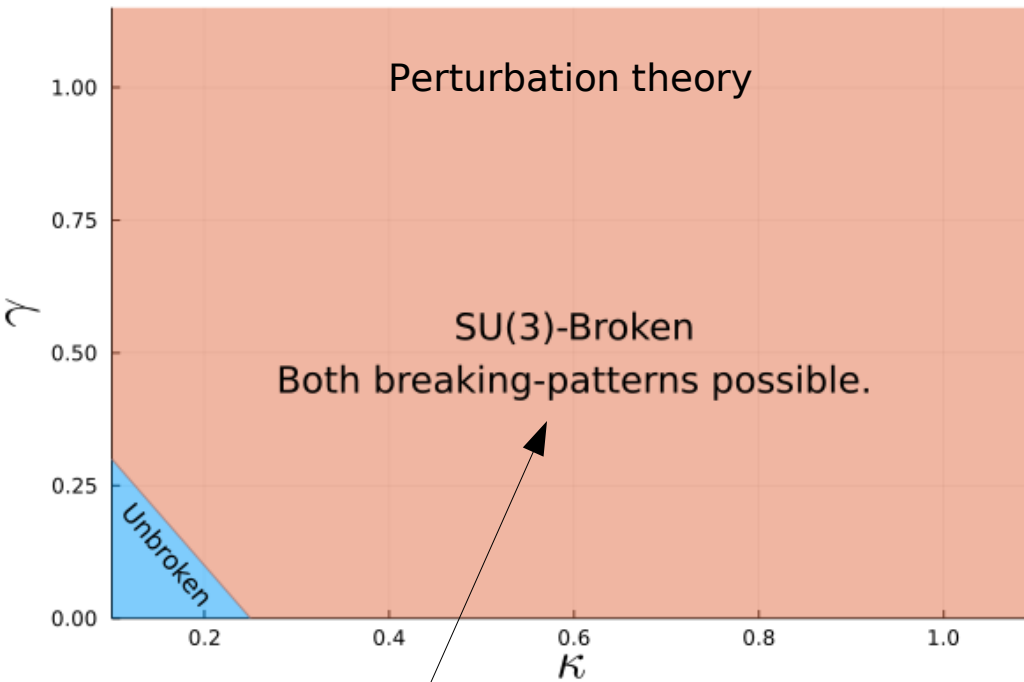
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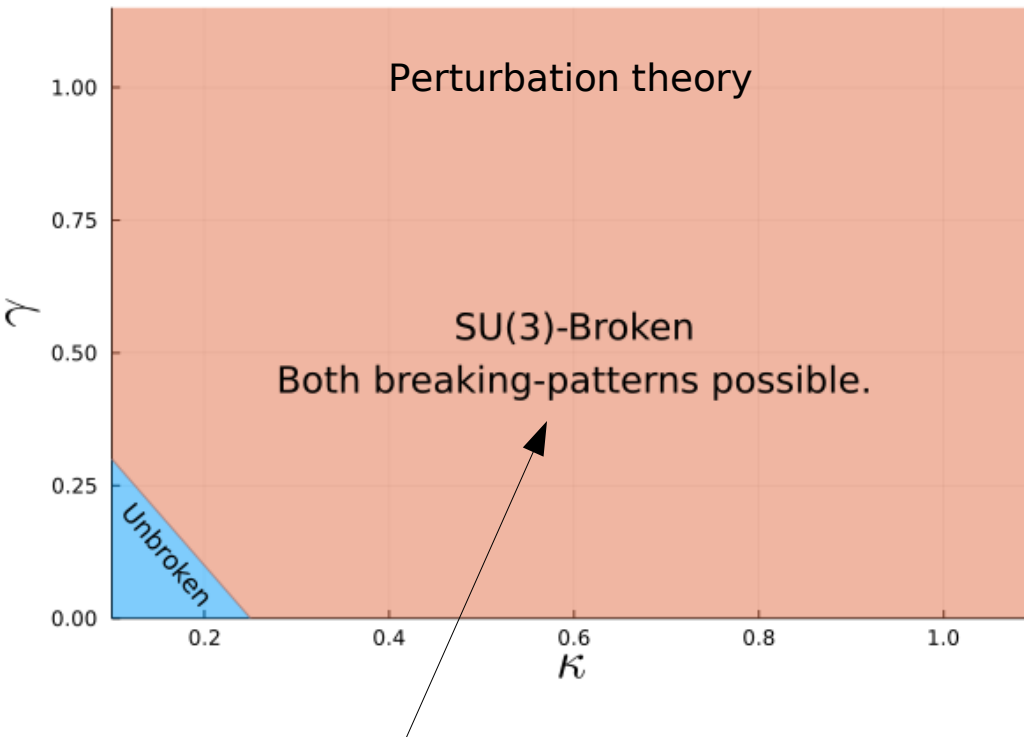


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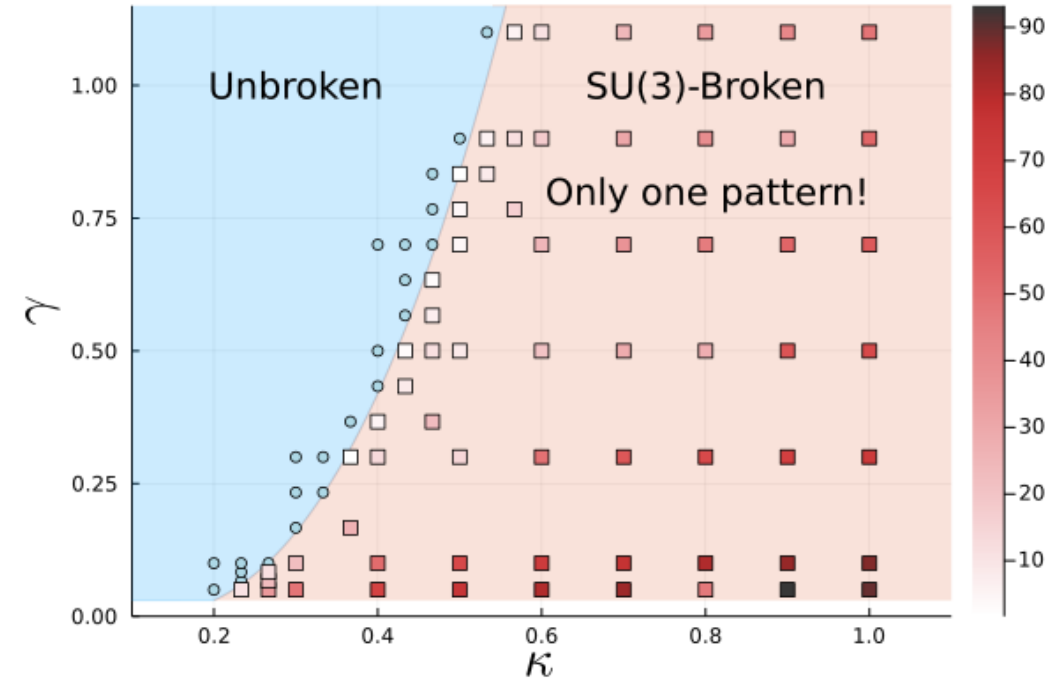
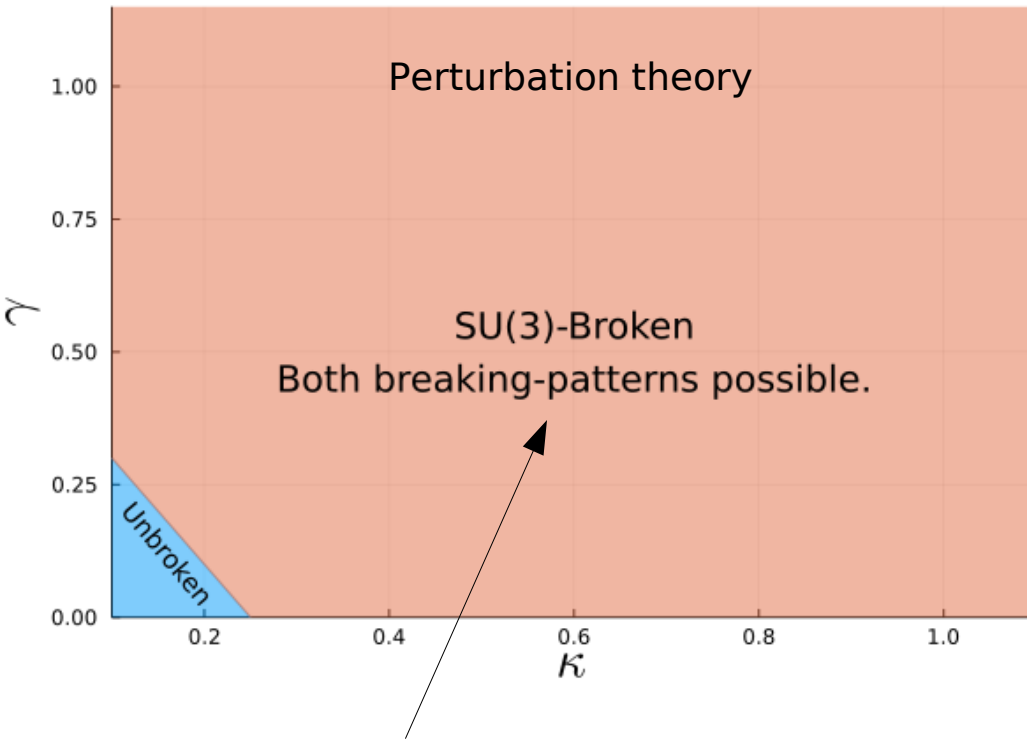


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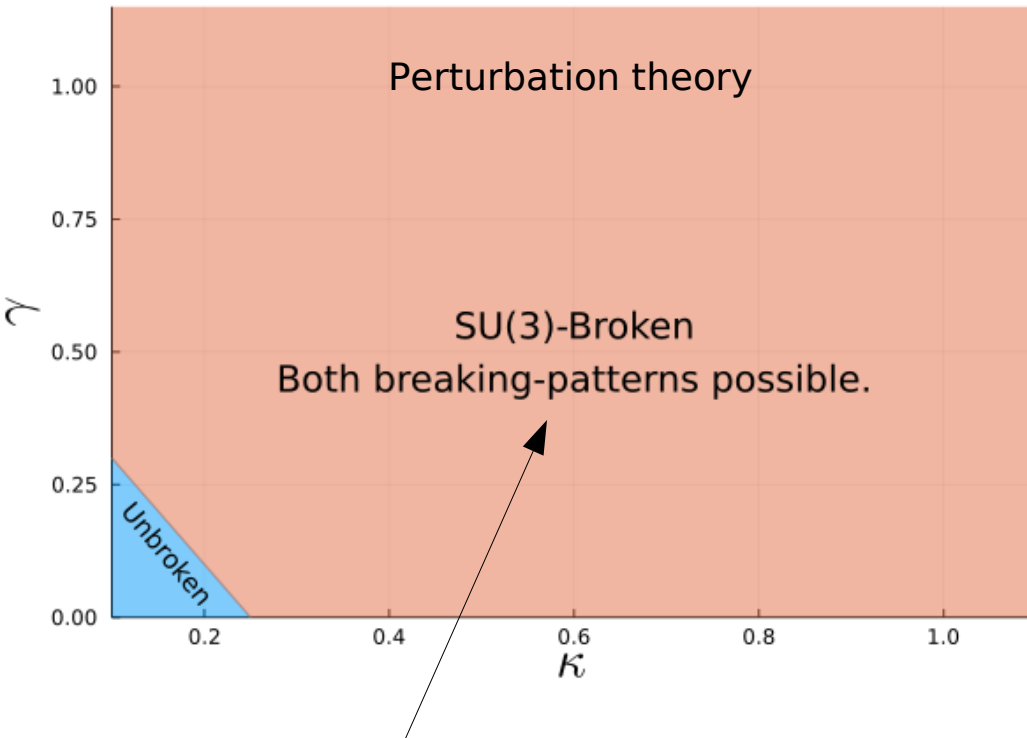


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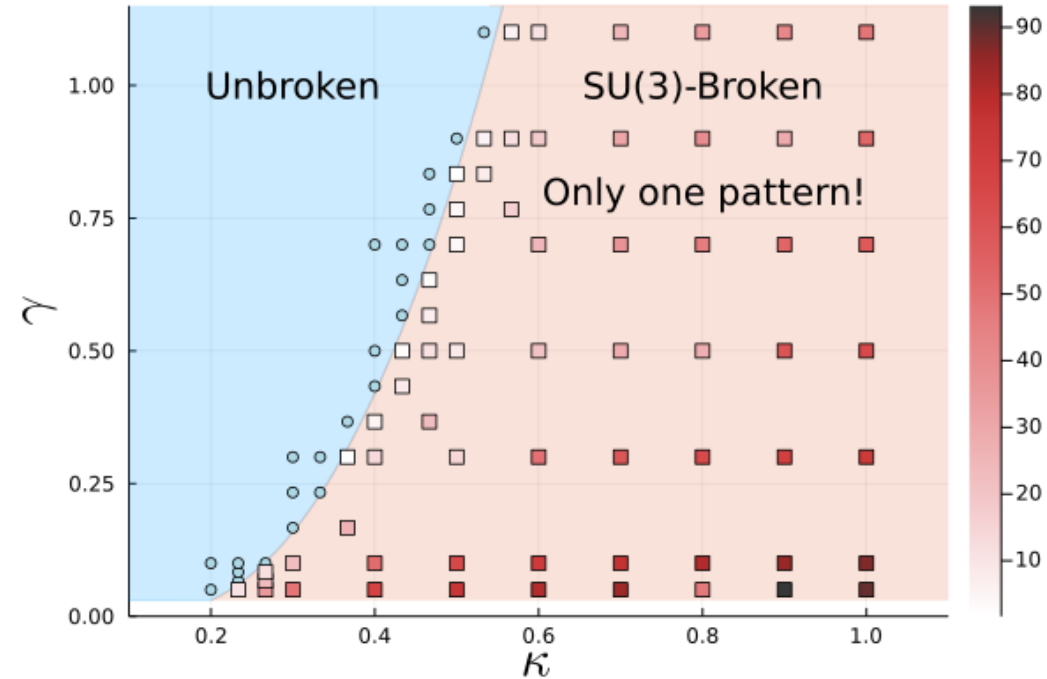
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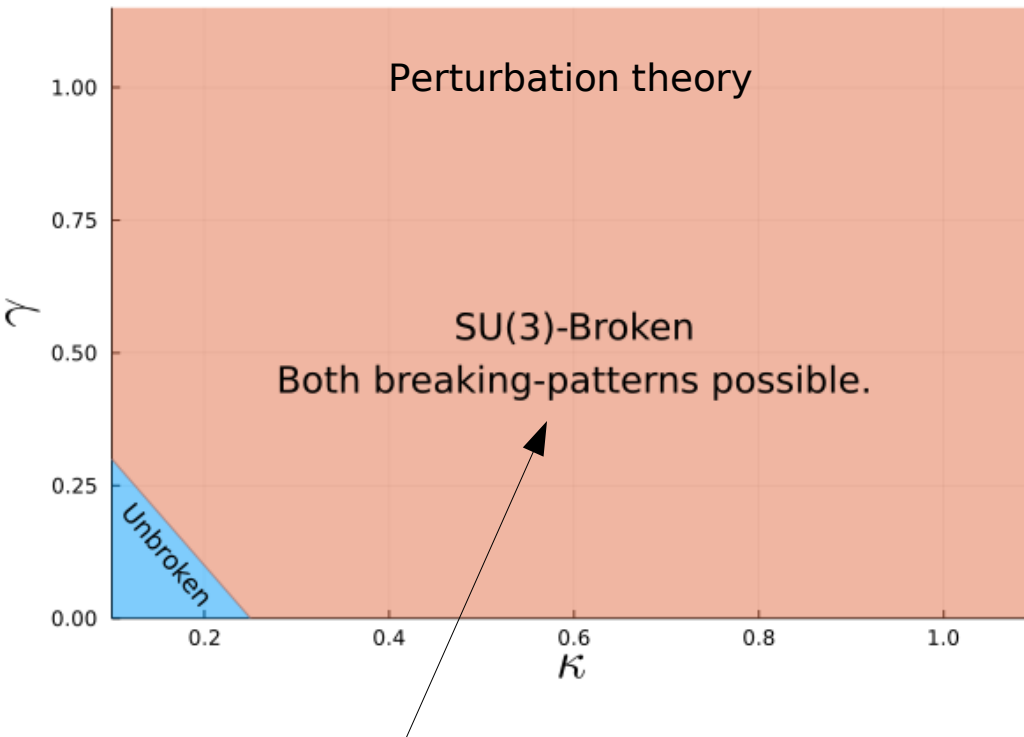
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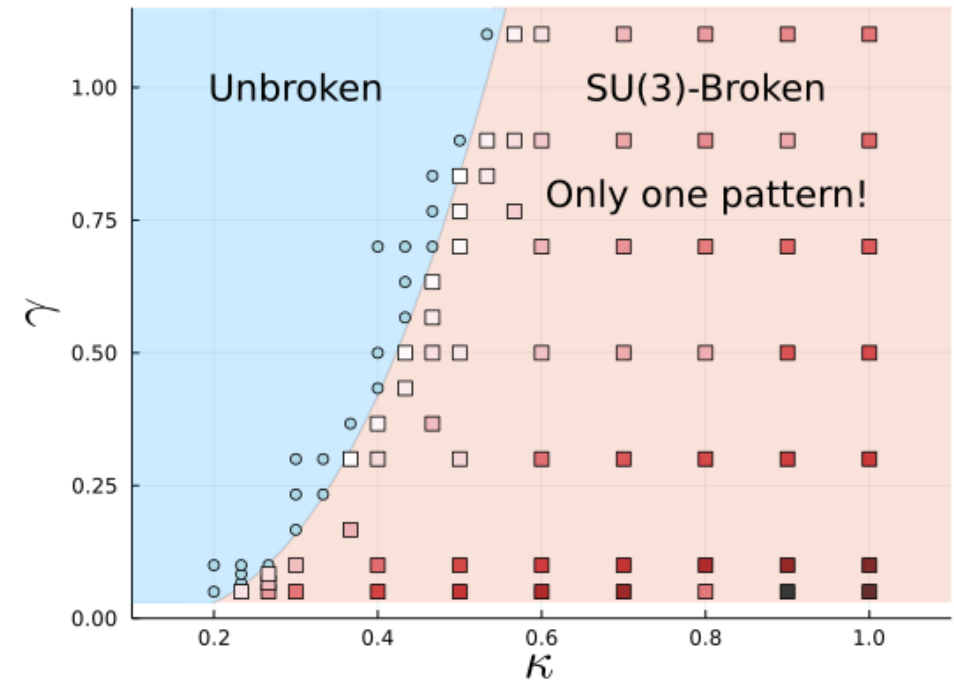
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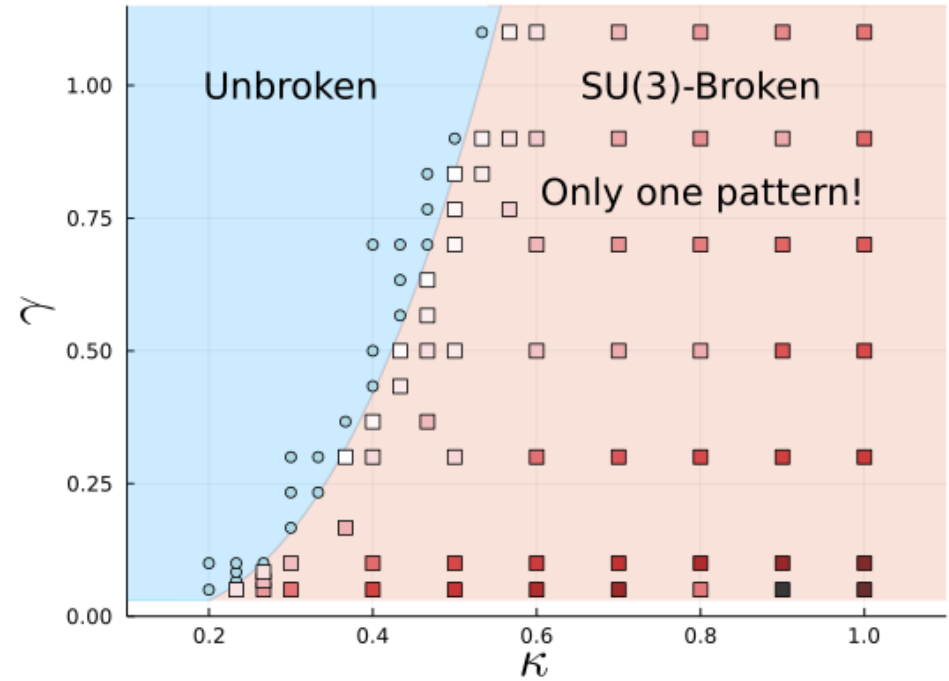
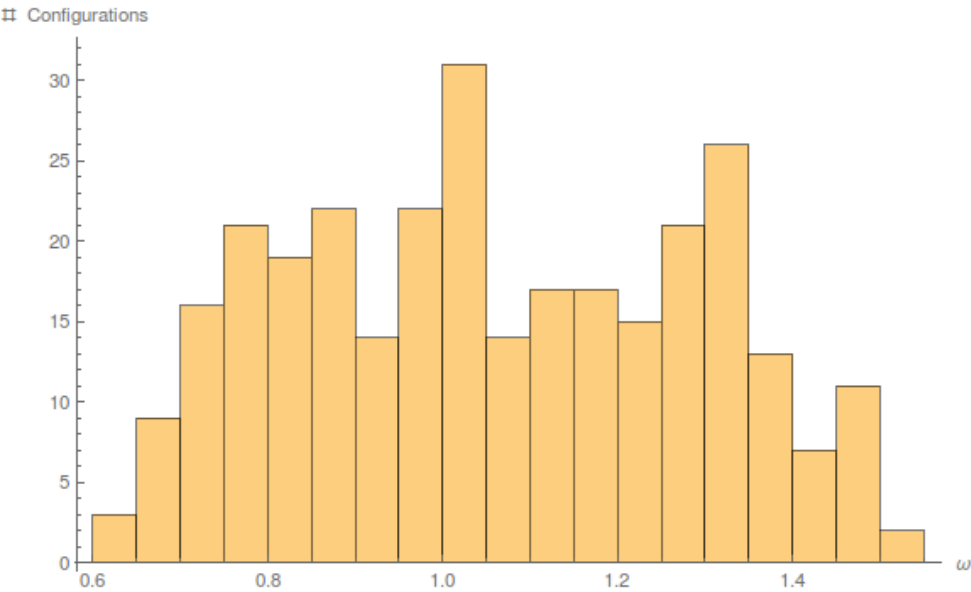


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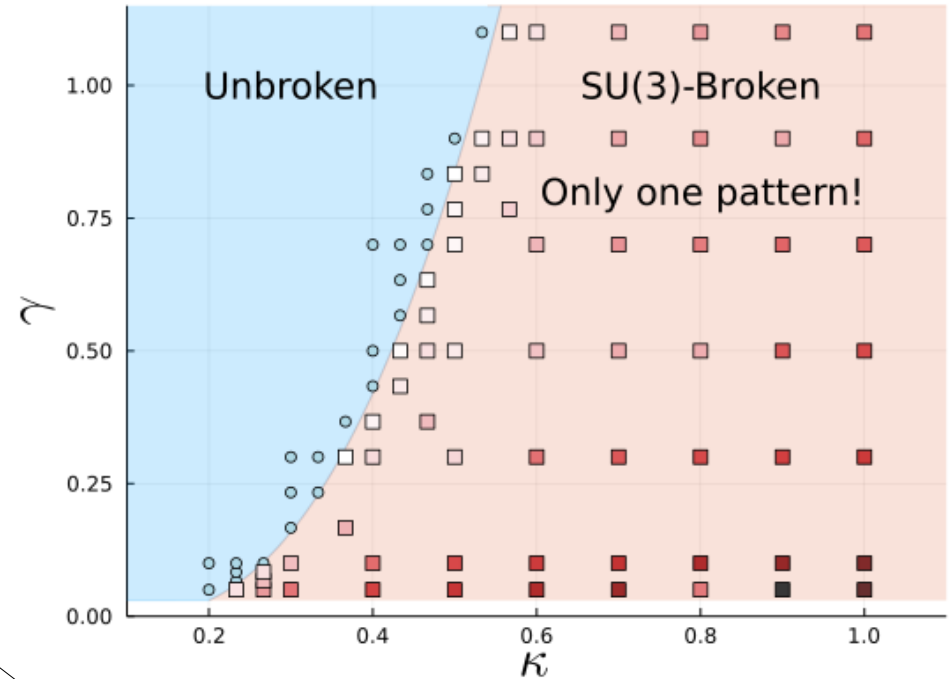
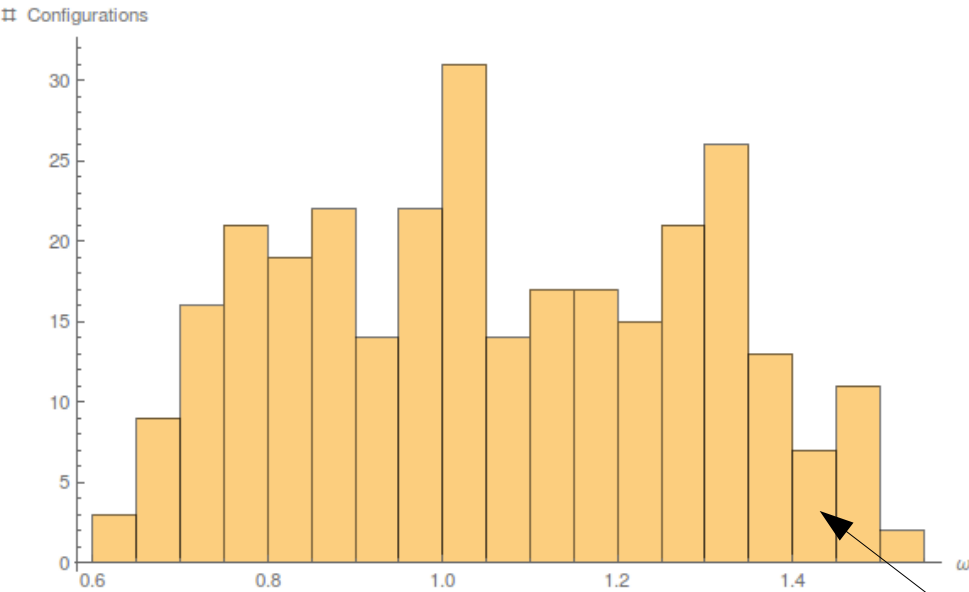
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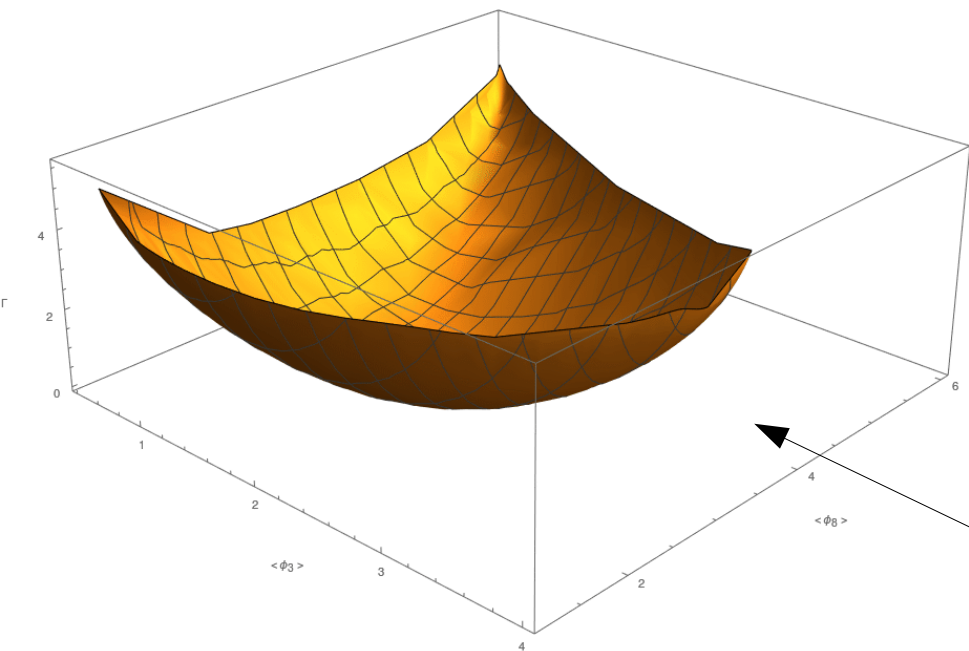
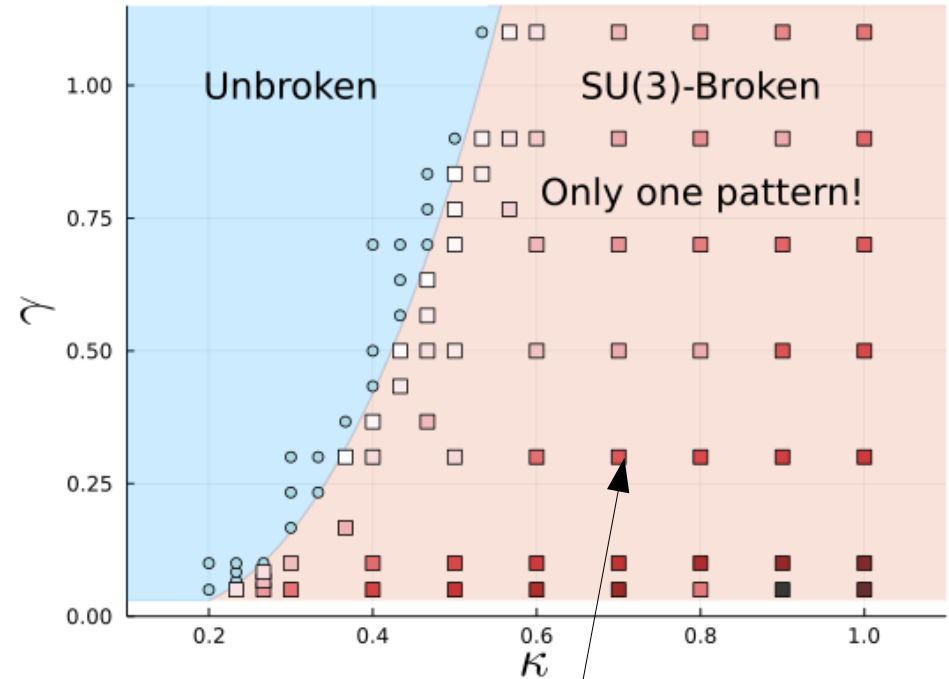
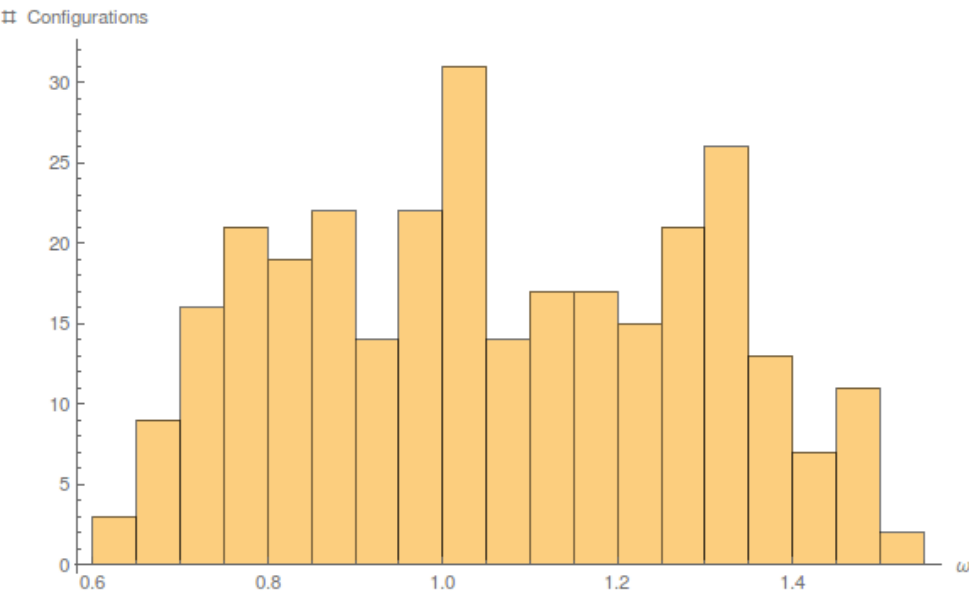
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