

PDFs and machine learning

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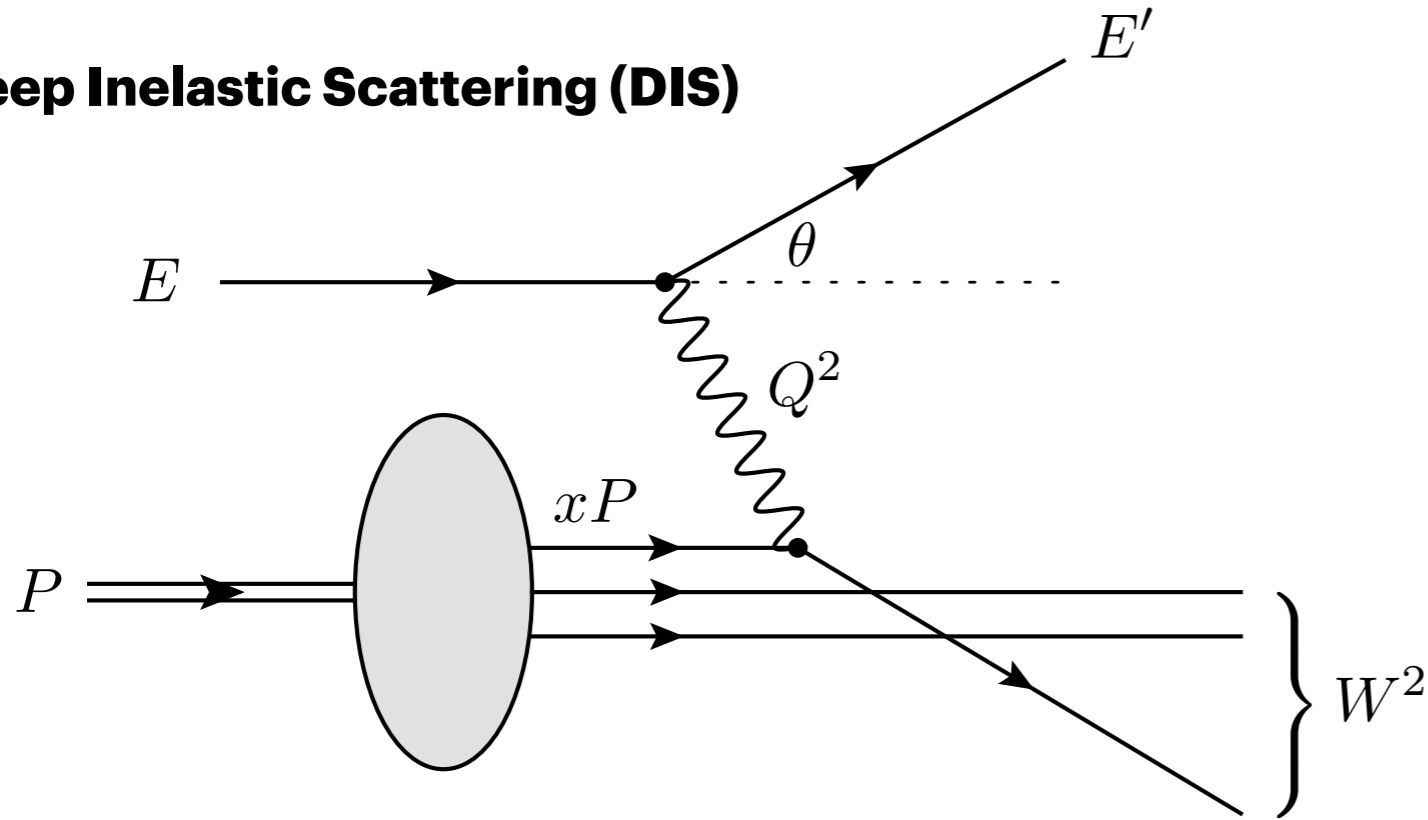


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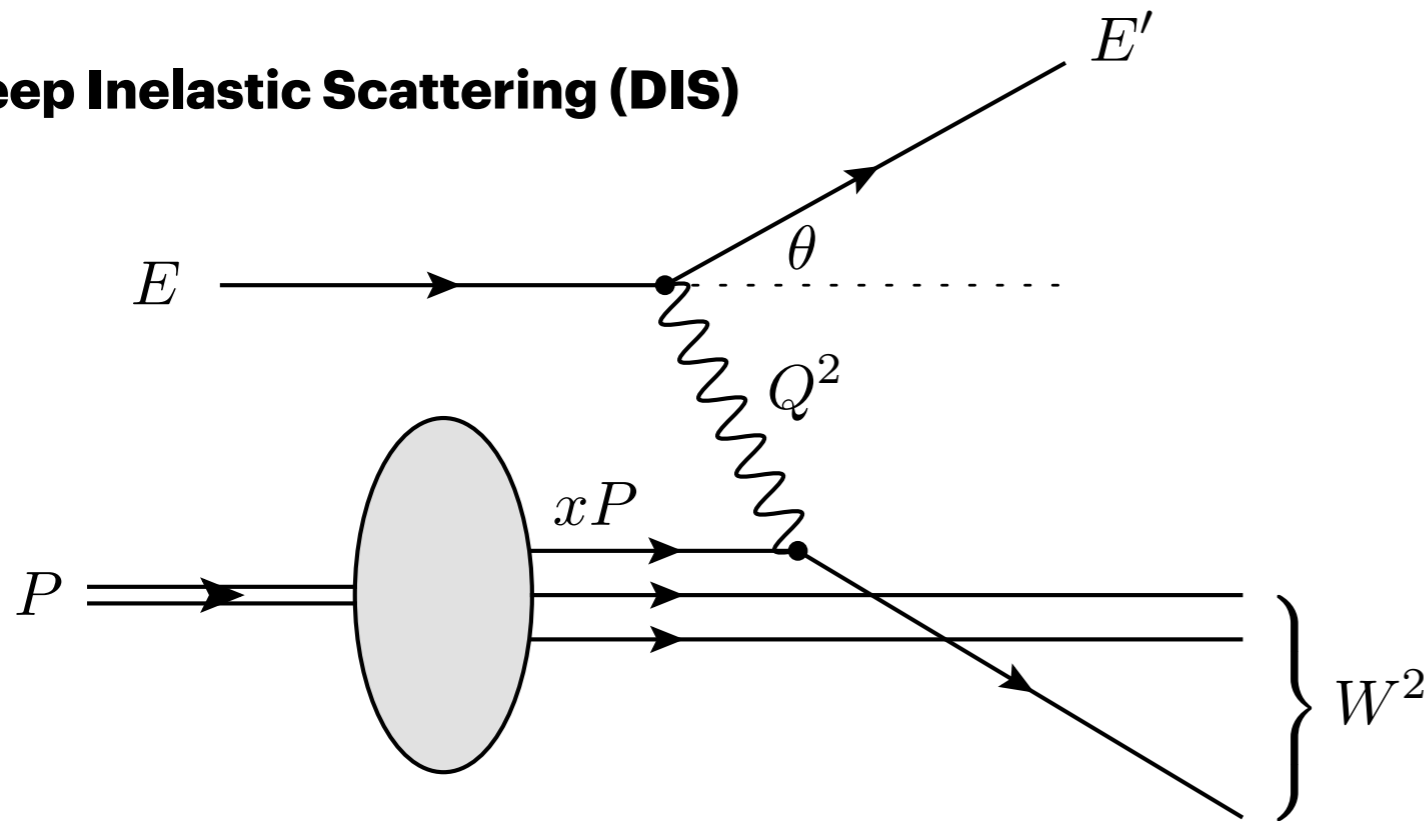
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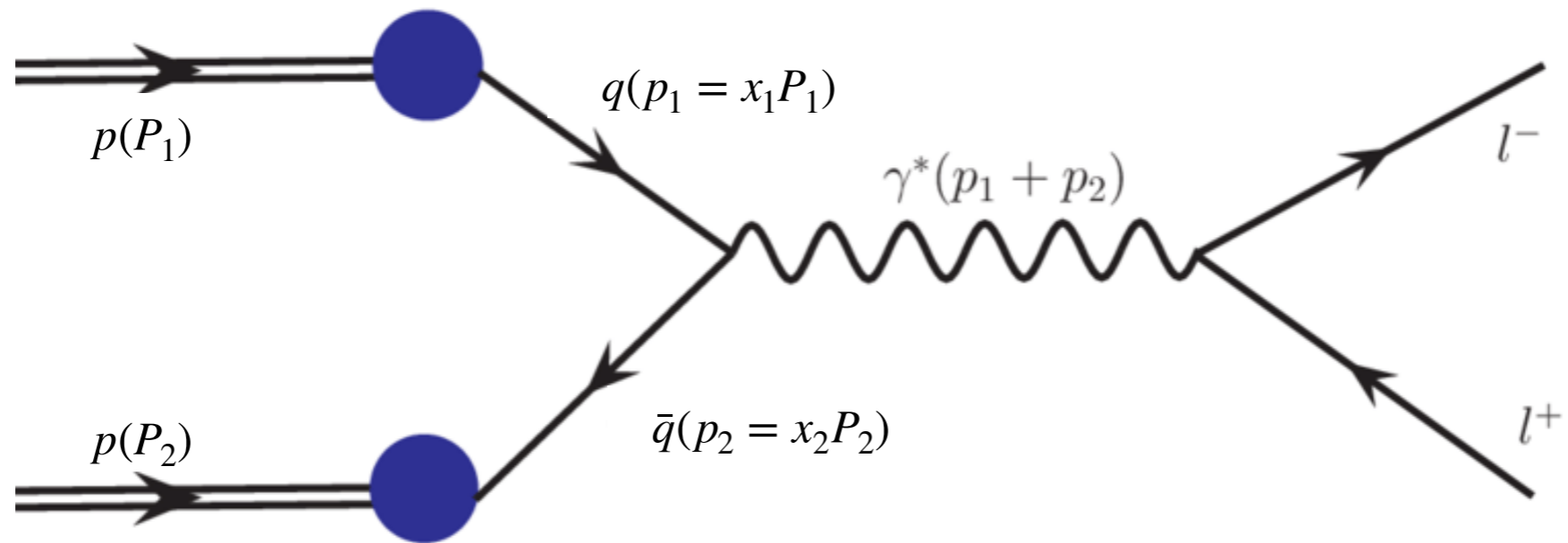
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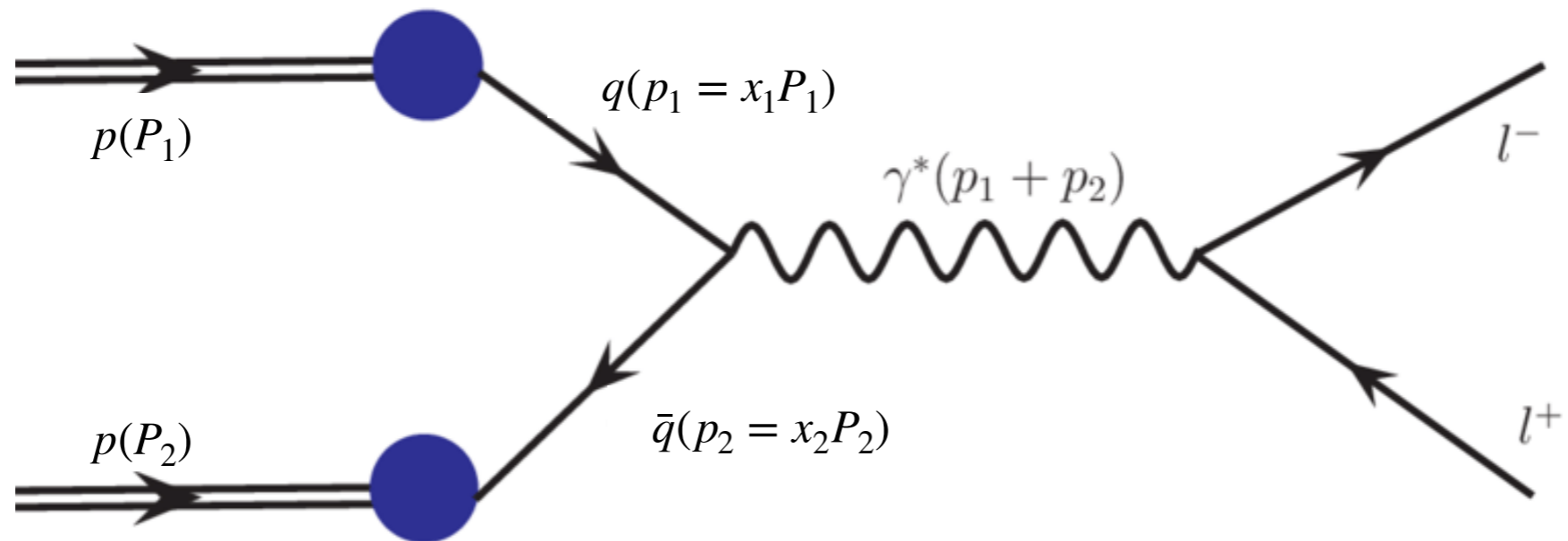
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- ▶ In DIS, by measuring the outgoing electron we know everything about the kinematics.
- ▶ But we need more observables.

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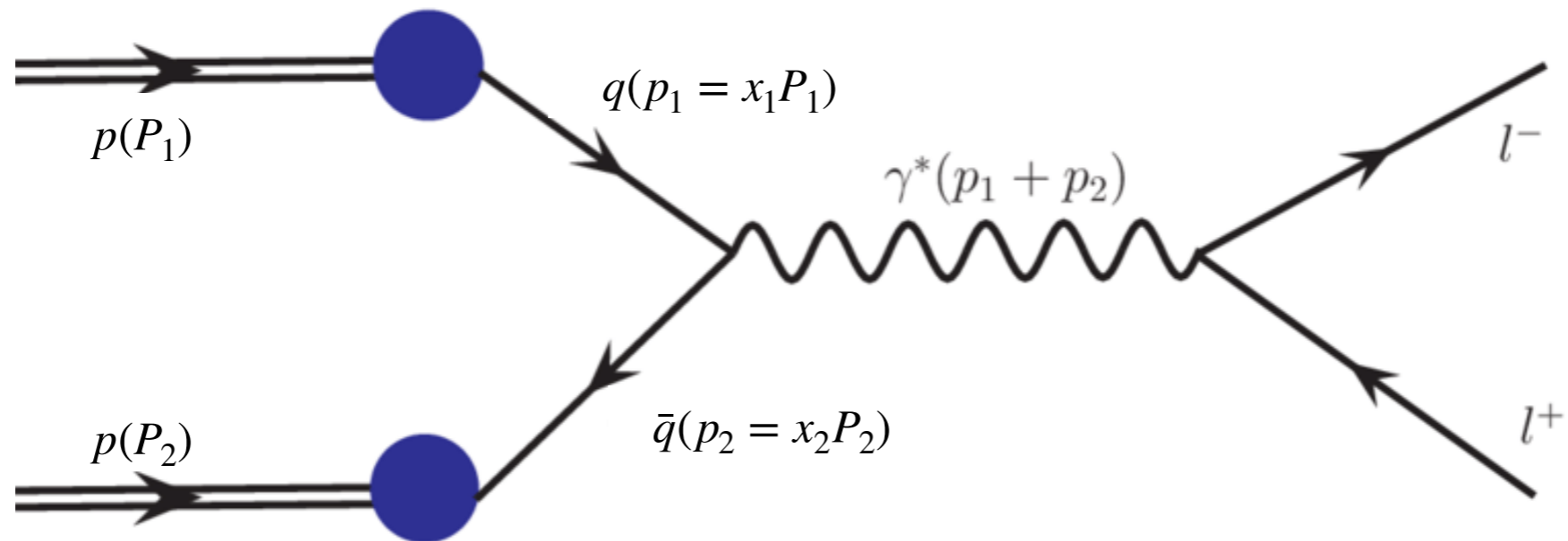


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▶ Possible impact in :

- ▶ p+A collisions (QGP benchmarking).
- ▶ polarised collisions (spin).
- ▶ BSM searches.

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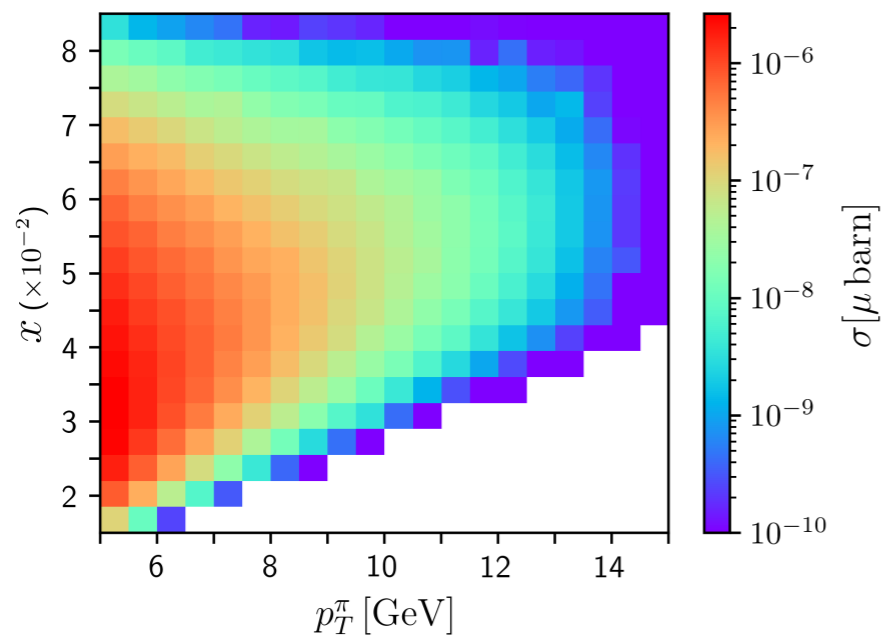
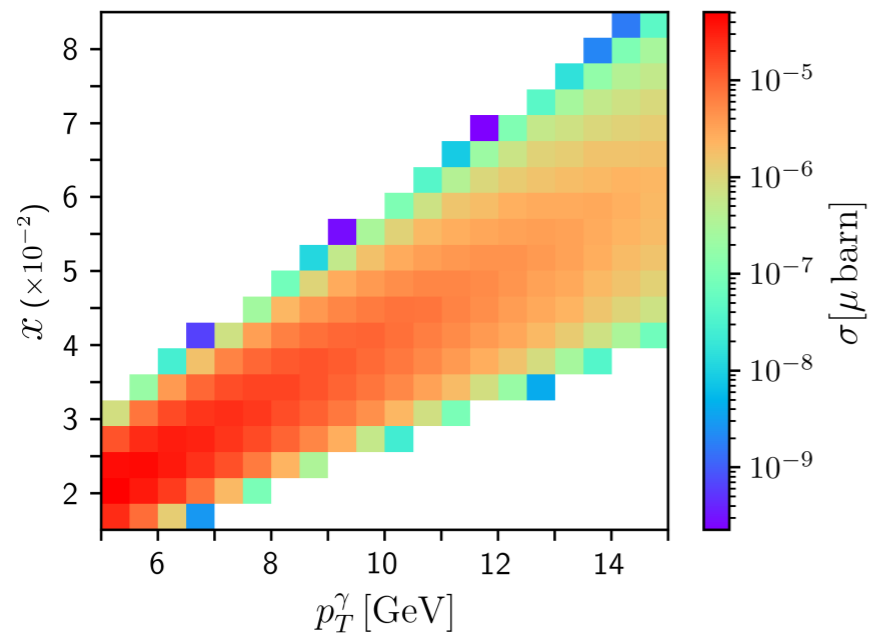
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- ▶ This type of calculation is done with Vegas.
- ▶ Full check of kinematic dependences.

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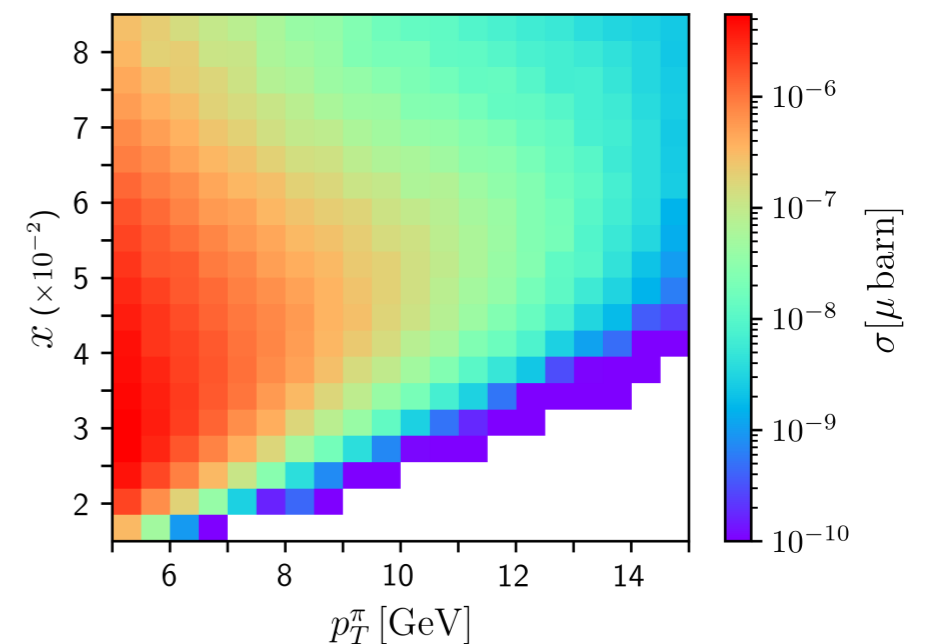
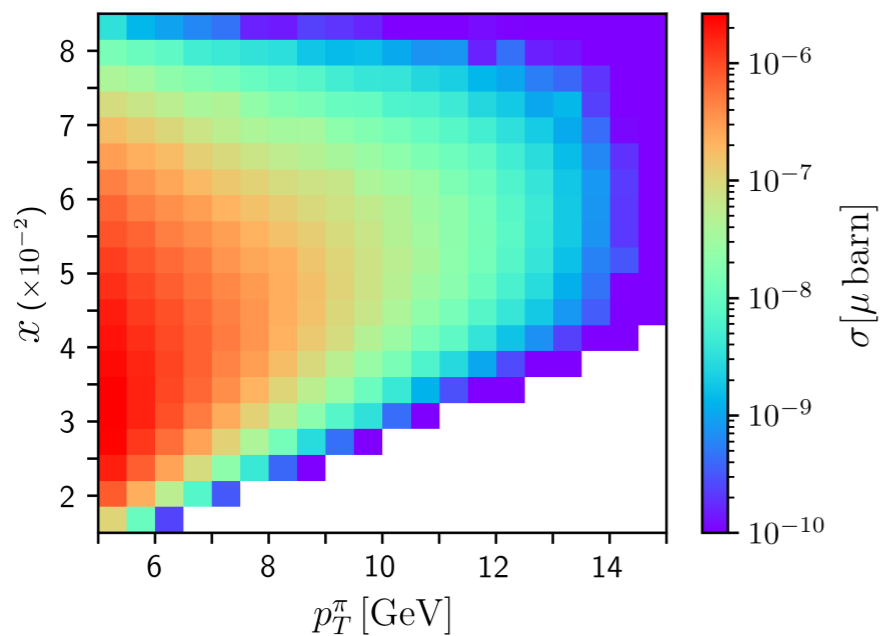
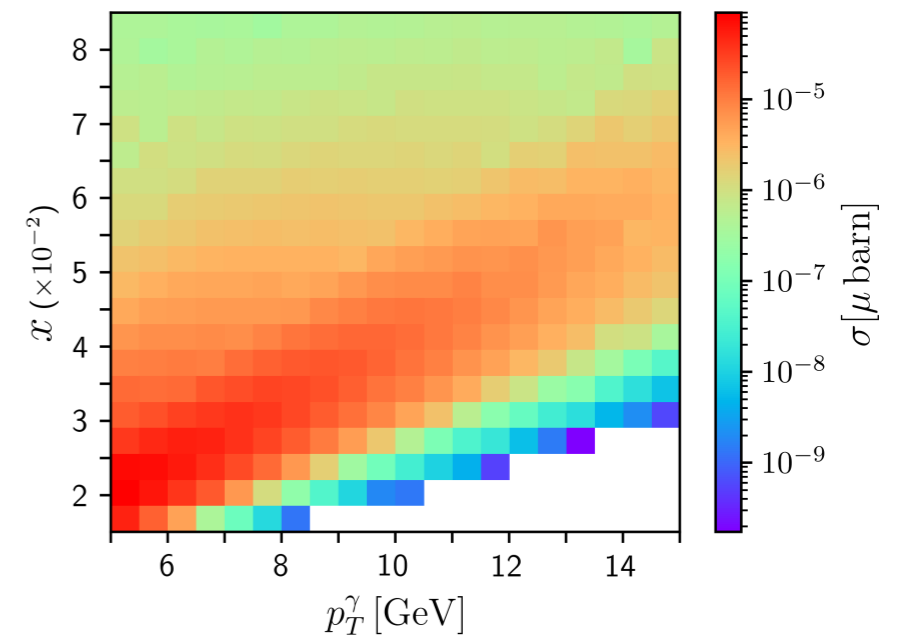
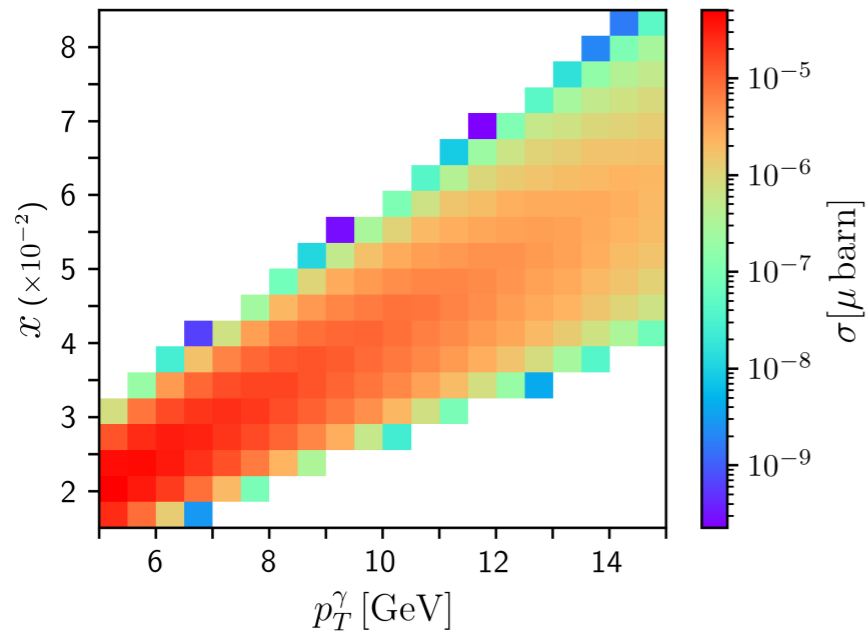


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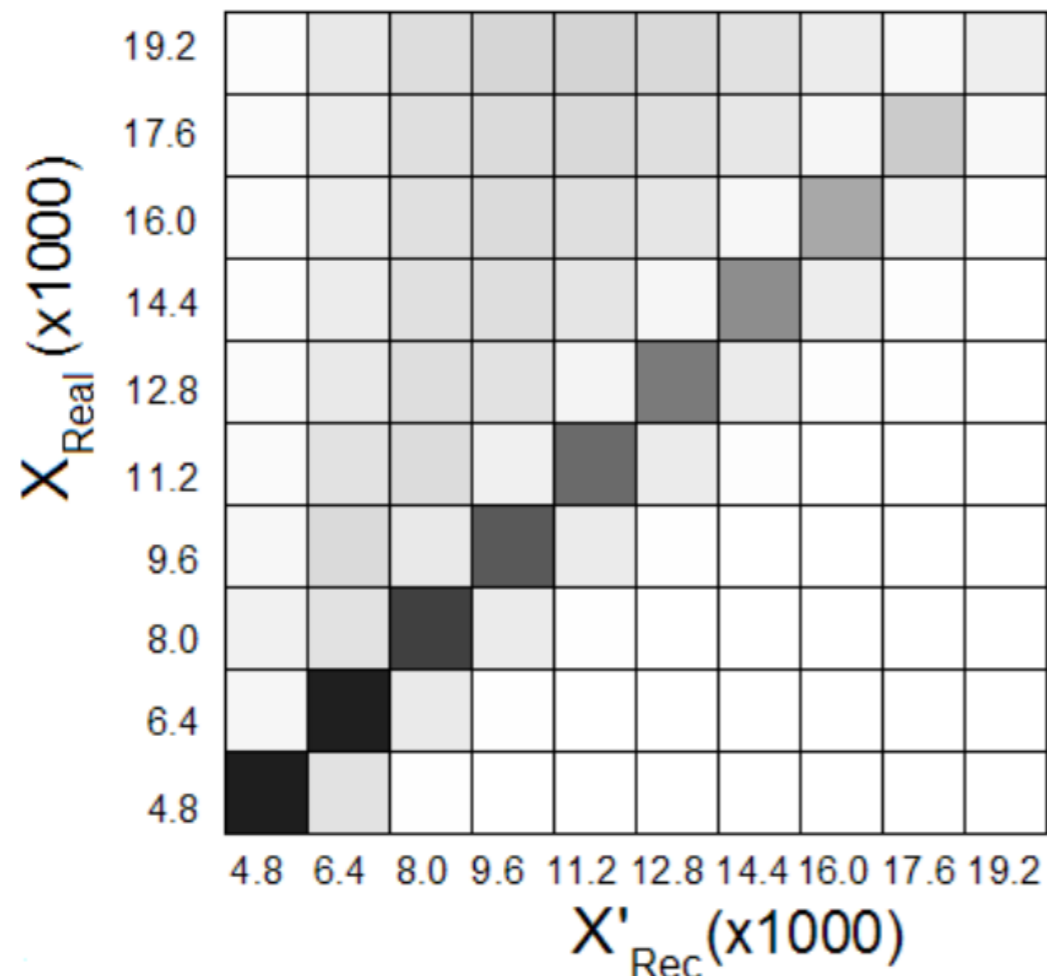
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- ▶ At NLO we have real ($2 \rightarrow 3$) and virtual ($2 \rightarrow 2$) contributions and counterterms ($2 \rightarrow 2$).
- ▶ Cancellations can only happen in the MC integration when histogramming.

$$\{\bar{p}_T^\gamma, \bar{p}_T^\pi, \bar{\eta}^\gamma, \bar{\eta}^\pi, \overline{\cos(\phi^\pi - \phi^\gamma)}\} \in \bar{\mathcal{V}}_{EXP}$$

$$\sigma_j(\bar{p}_T^\gamma, \bar{p}_T^\pi, \bar{\eta}^\gamma, \bar{\eta}^\pi, \overline{\cos(\phi^\pi - \phi^\gamma)}) = \int_{(p_T^\gamma)_{j,MIN}}^{(p_T^\gamma)_{j,MAX}} dp_T^\gamma \int_{(p_T^\pi)_{j,MIN}}^{(p_T^\pi)_{j,MAX}} dp_T^\pi \int dx_1 dx_2 dz d\bar{\sigma}$$

- ▶ We weight the momentum fractions from the MC with the per-bin cross-section

$$(x_1)_j = \sum_i (x_1)_i \frac{d\sigma_j}{dx_1}(p_j; (x_1)_i)$$

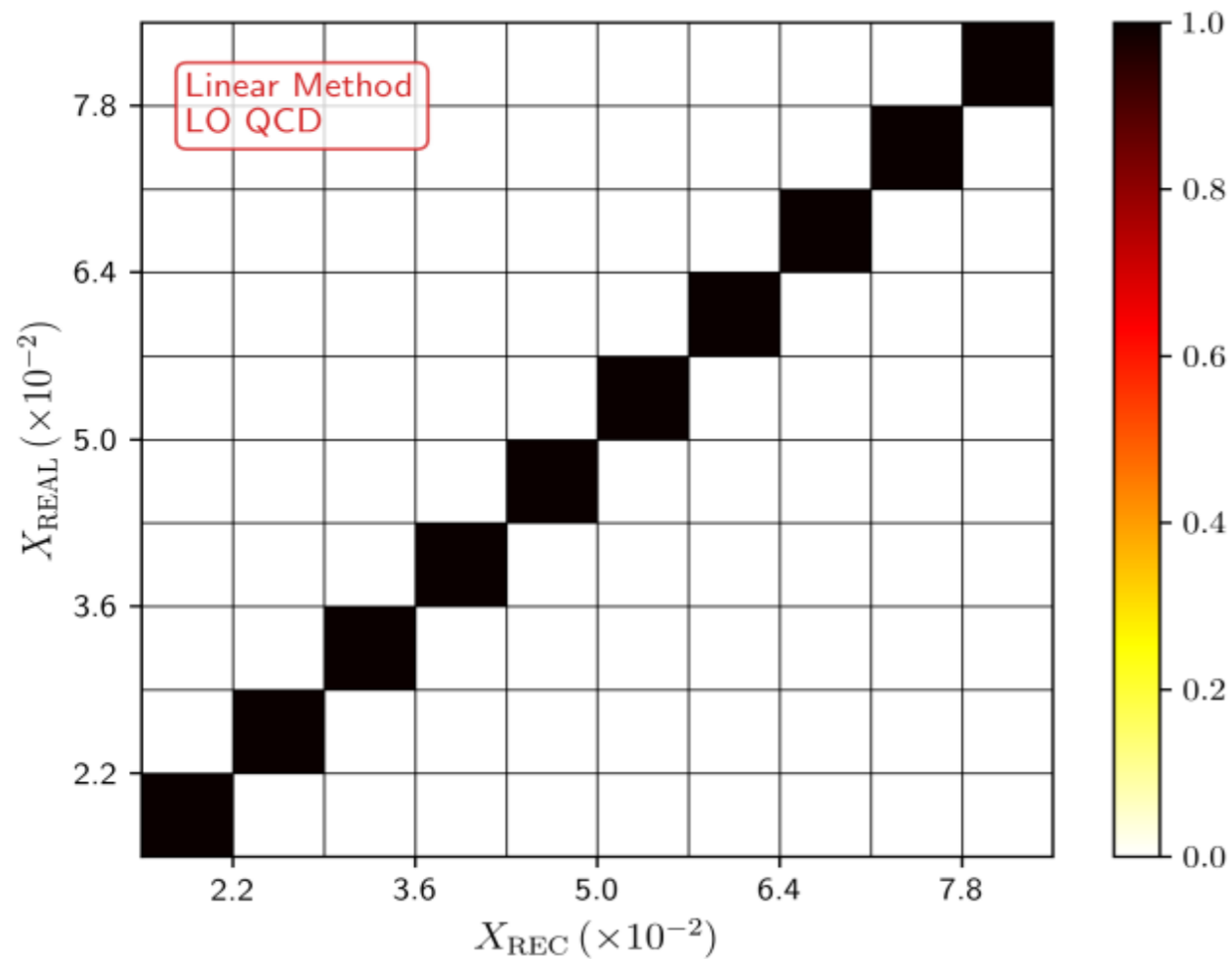
- ▶ With this we search for the mapping

$$X_{1,REC} : \bar{\mathcal{V}}_{EXP} \rightarrow \bar{X}_{1,REAL} = \{(x_1)_j\}$$

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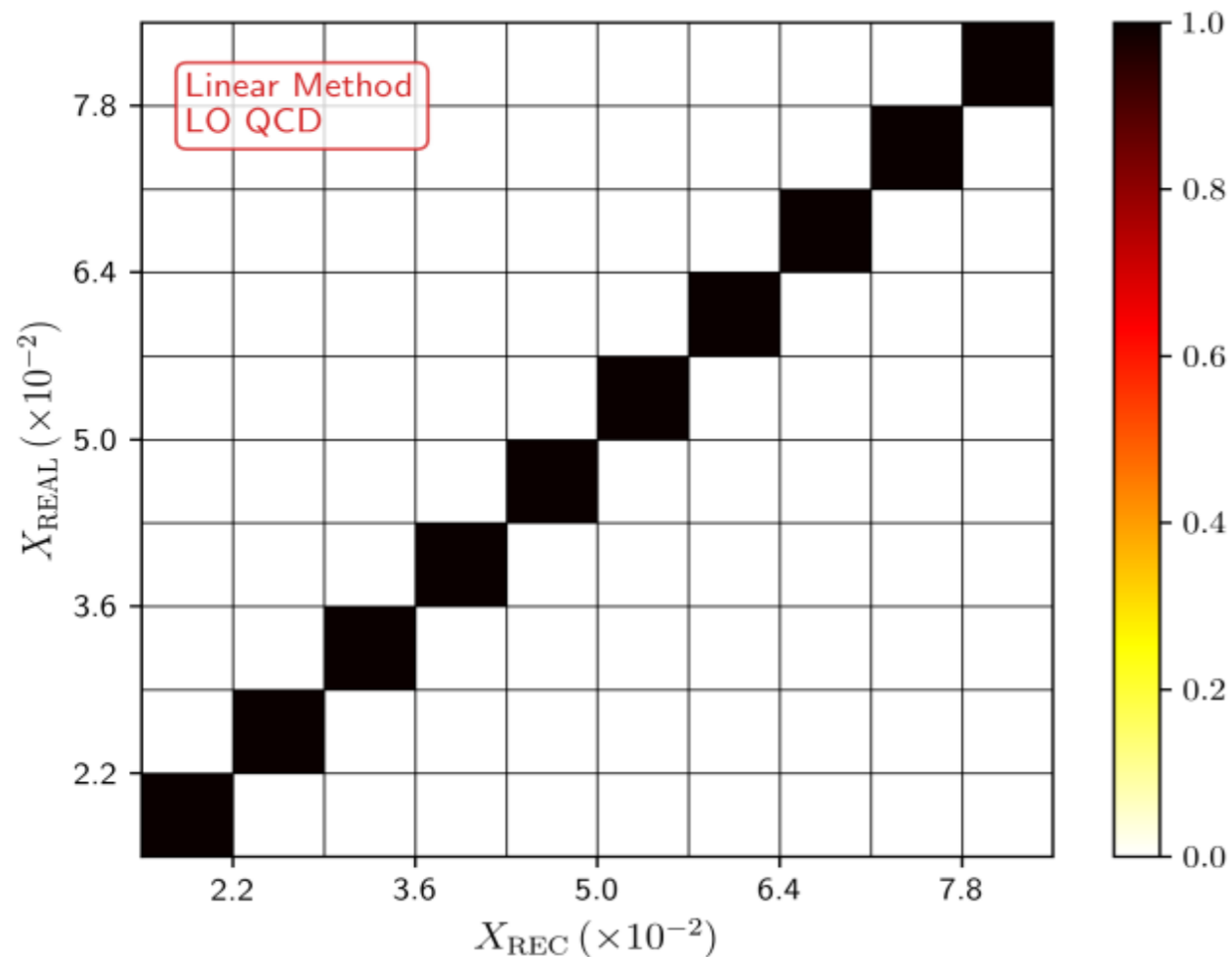
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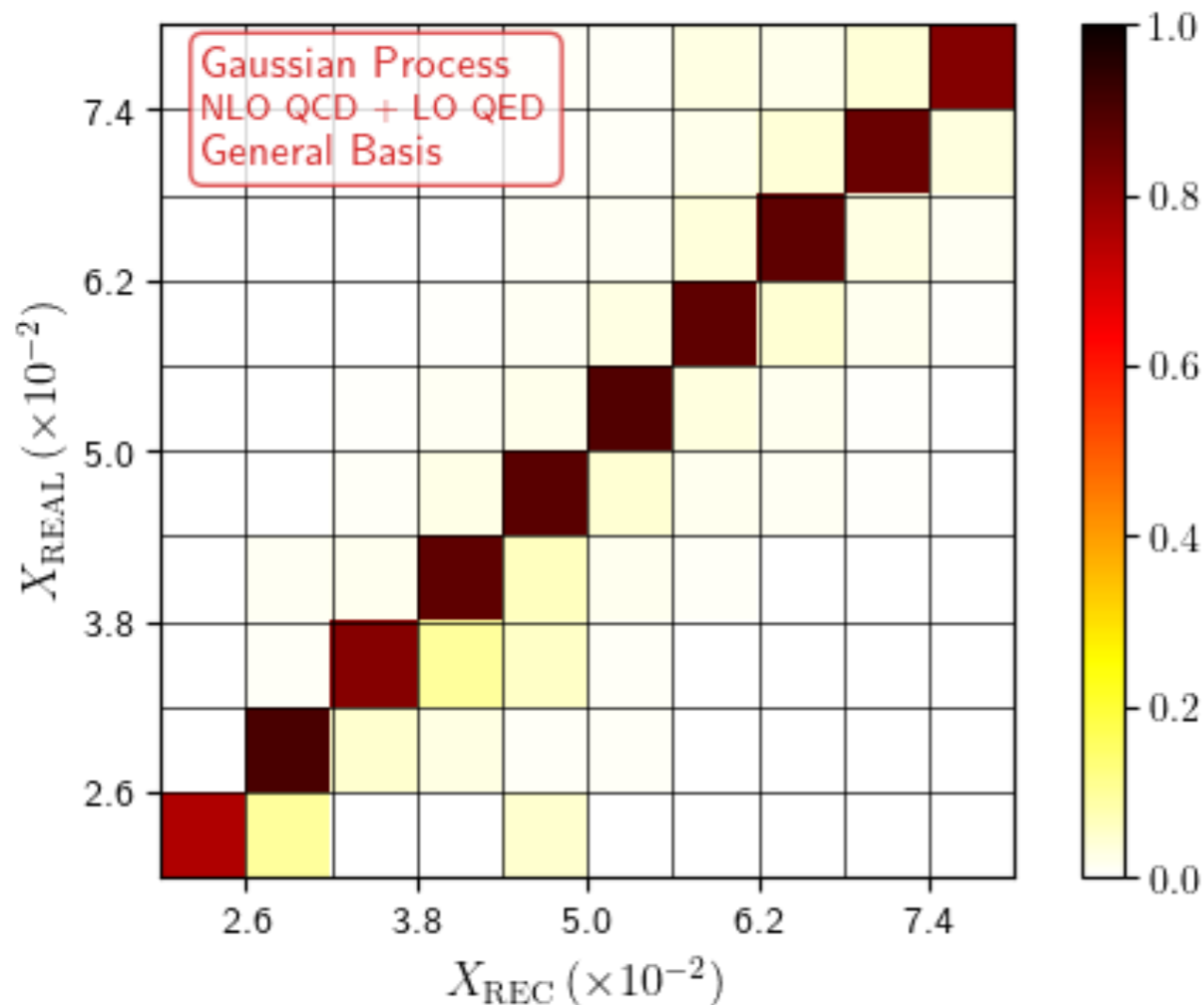


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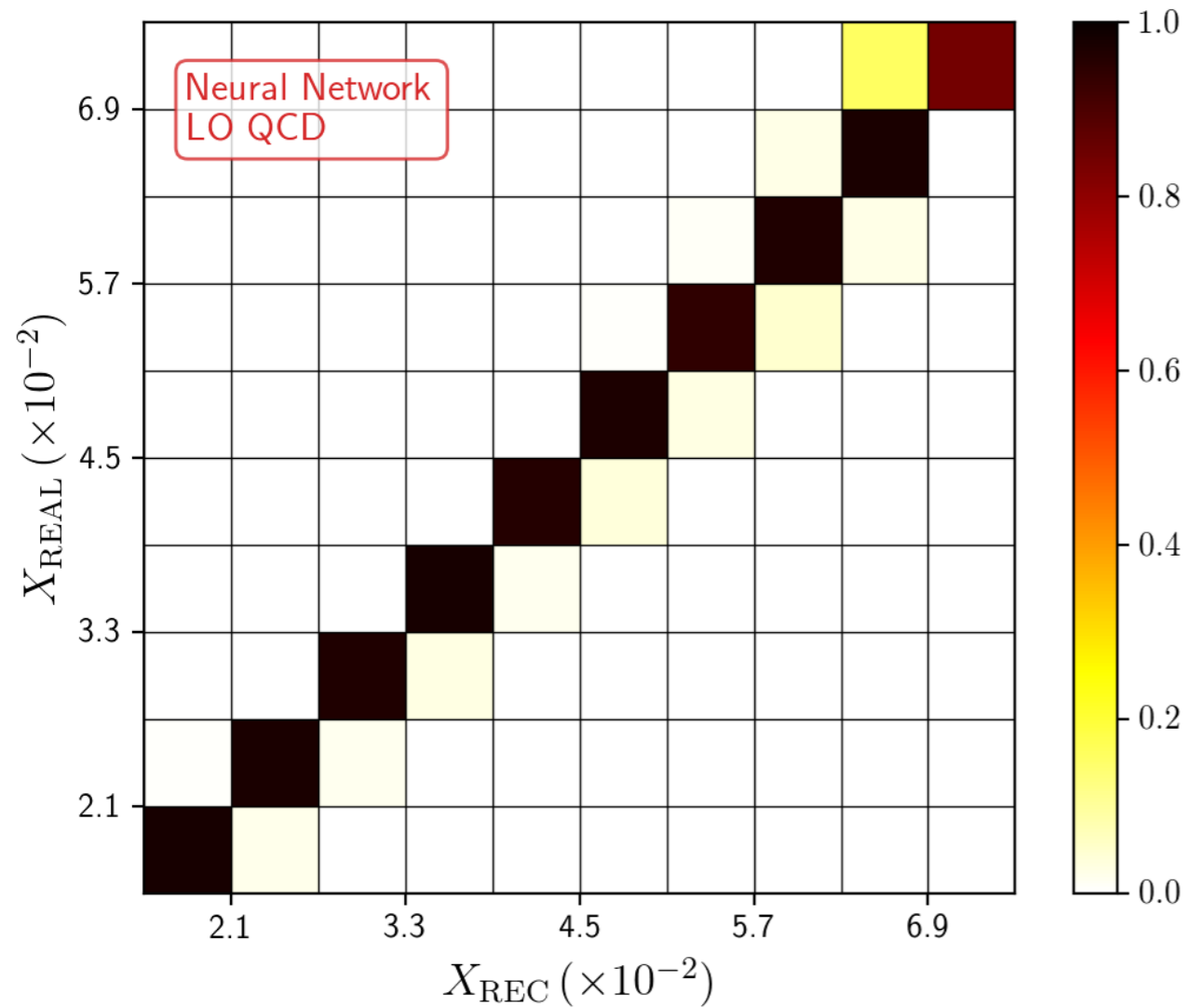
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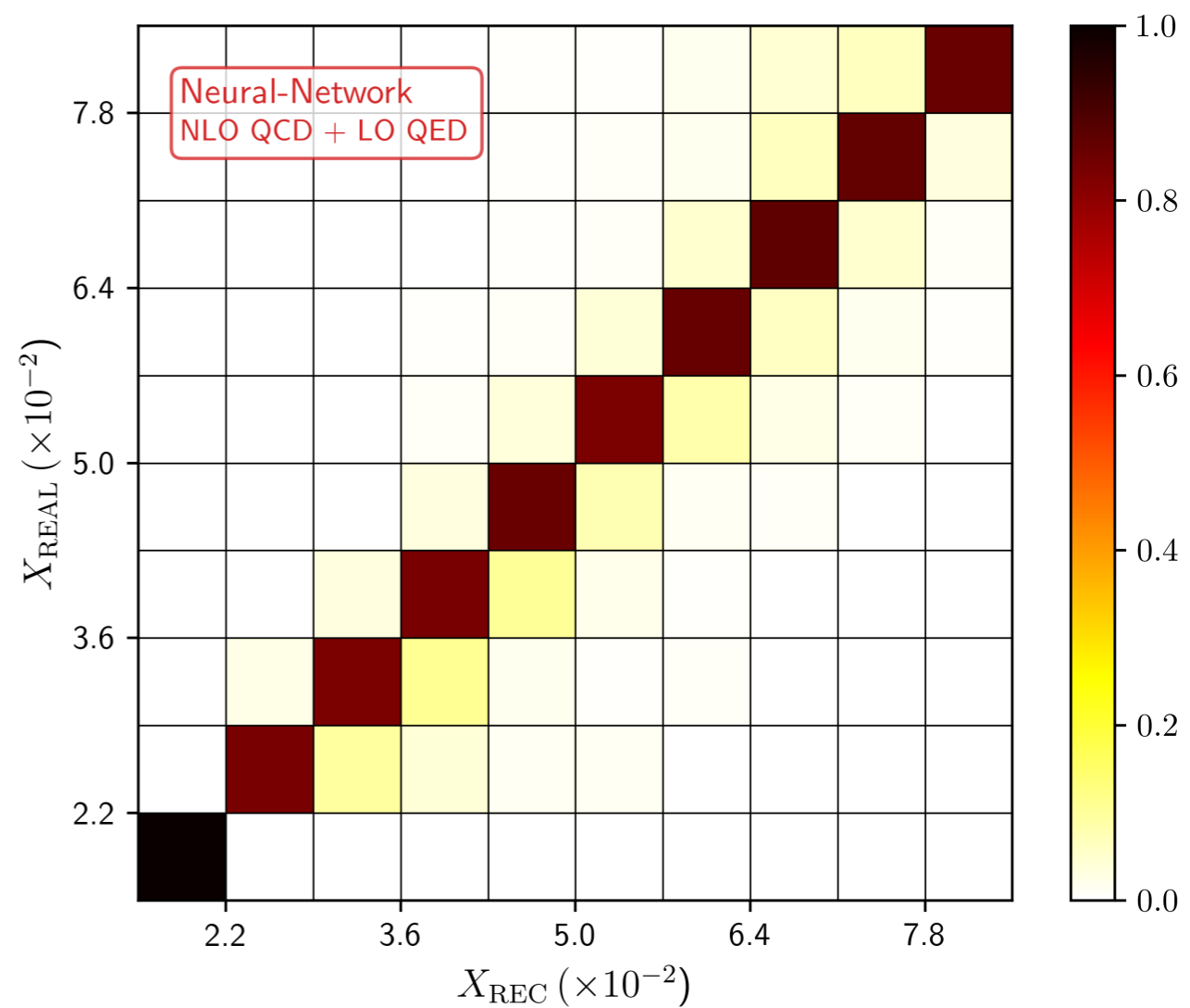
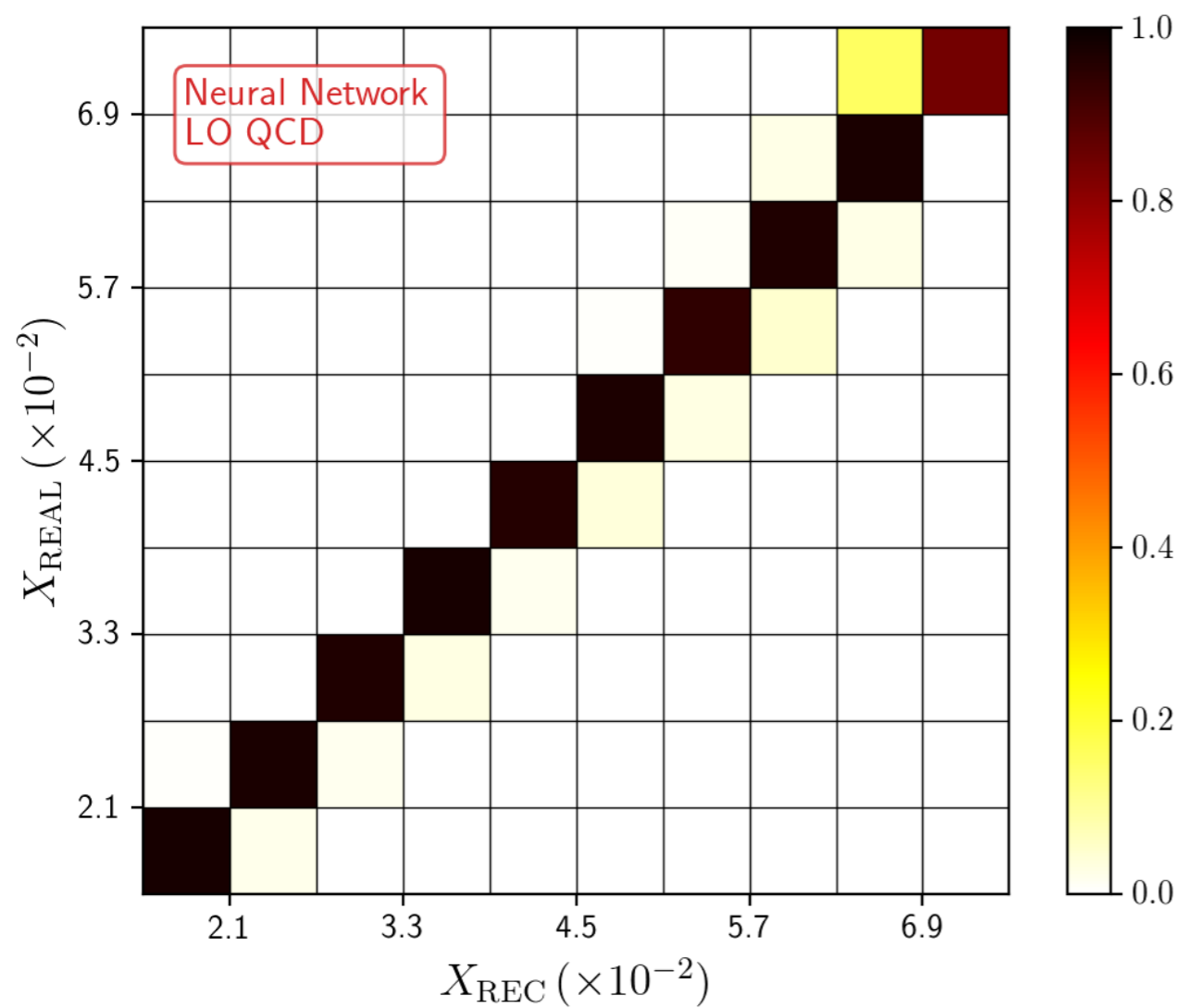
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- ▶ We also tried RBF with the elements of the bases.

Neural networks



- ▶ For LO the complexity of the NN greatly surpasses the complexity of the problem.

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- ▶ For NLO NN provide very good reconstruction.