

Soft photon QED corrections to $B \rightarrow K\ell^+\ell^-$

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Leptonic part	Gauge invariant
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Total amplitude	Not gauge invariant

Objectives

- To fix the gauge invariance of matrix element.
- To get the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ QED correction for the decay width ($B \rightarrow K\ell^+\ell^-$) and $R_K^{\mu e}$.
- To discuss the collinear divergences and their cancellation.

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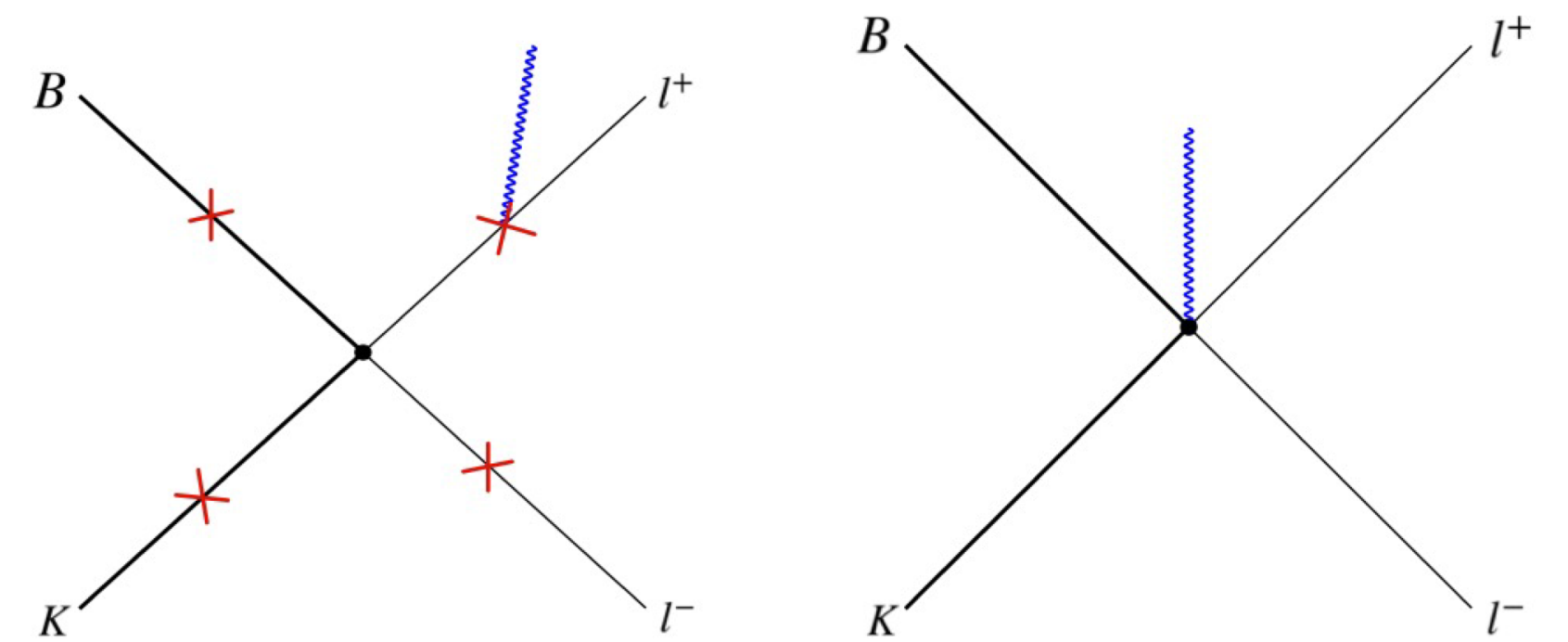
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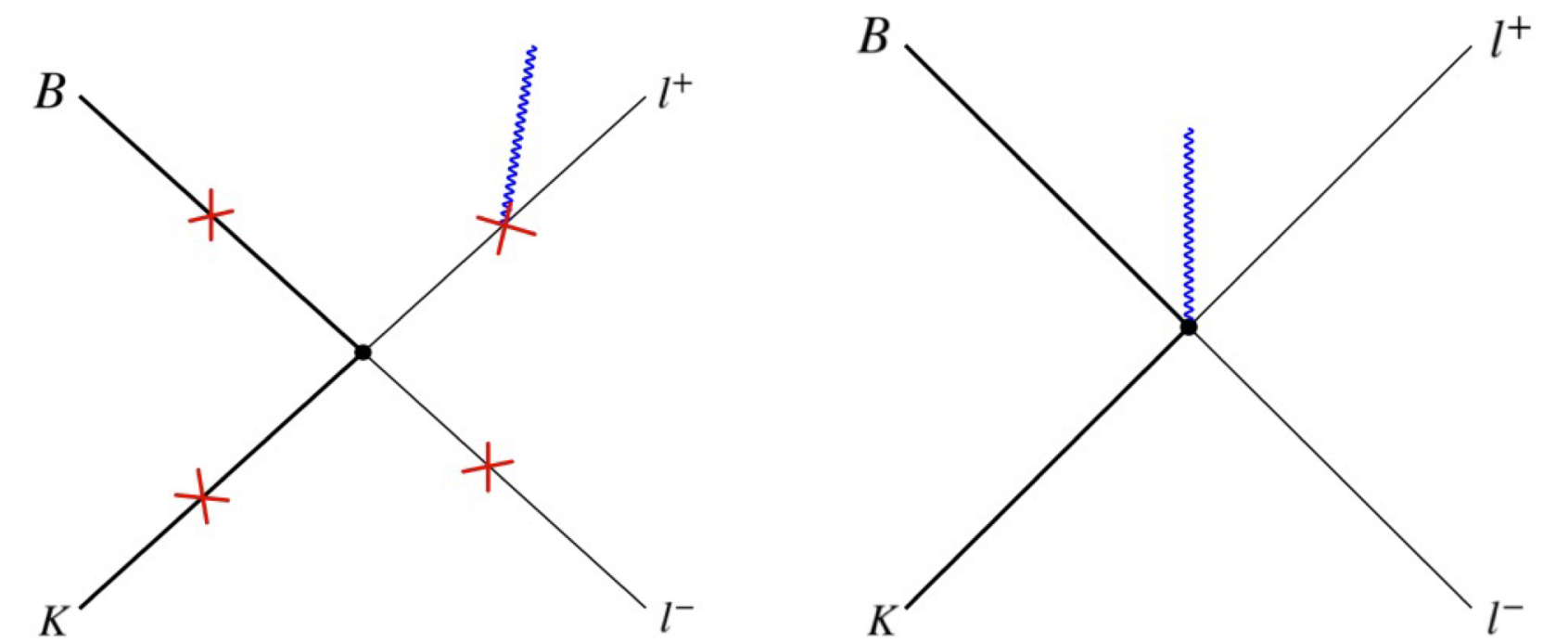
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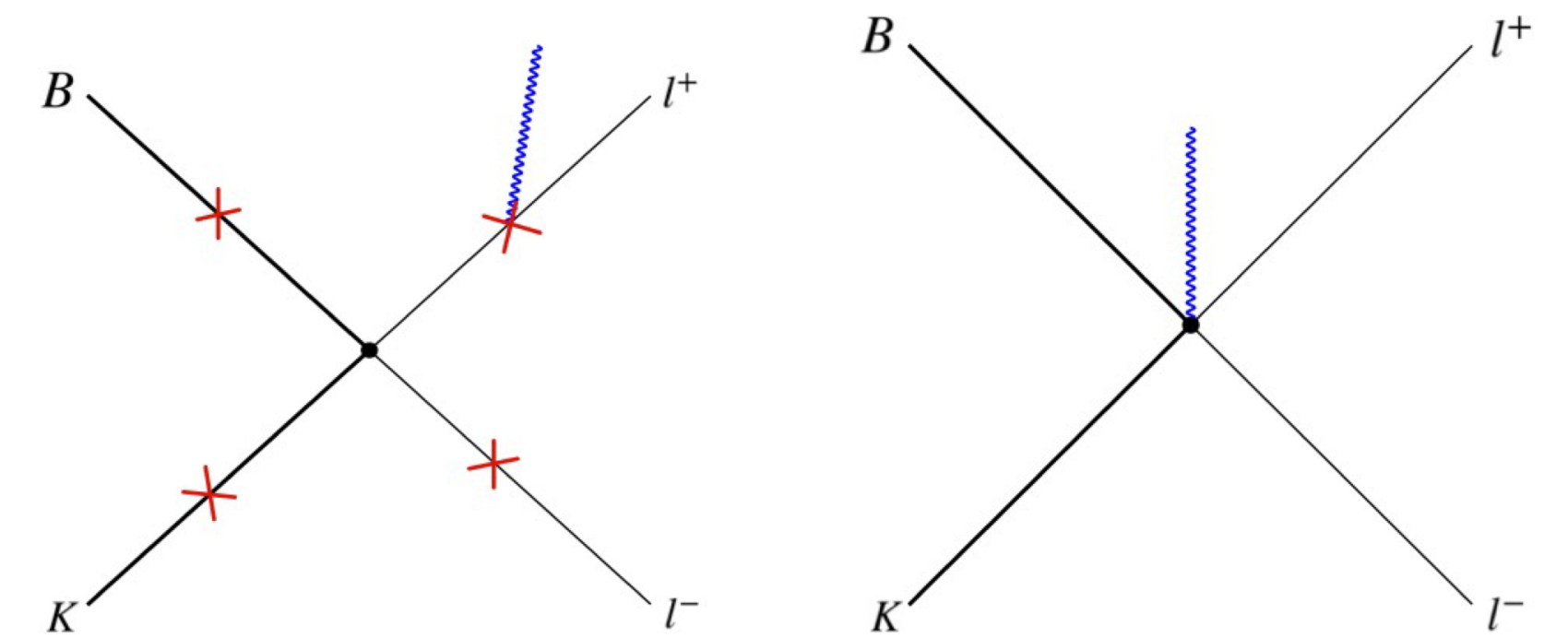
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Non-IR
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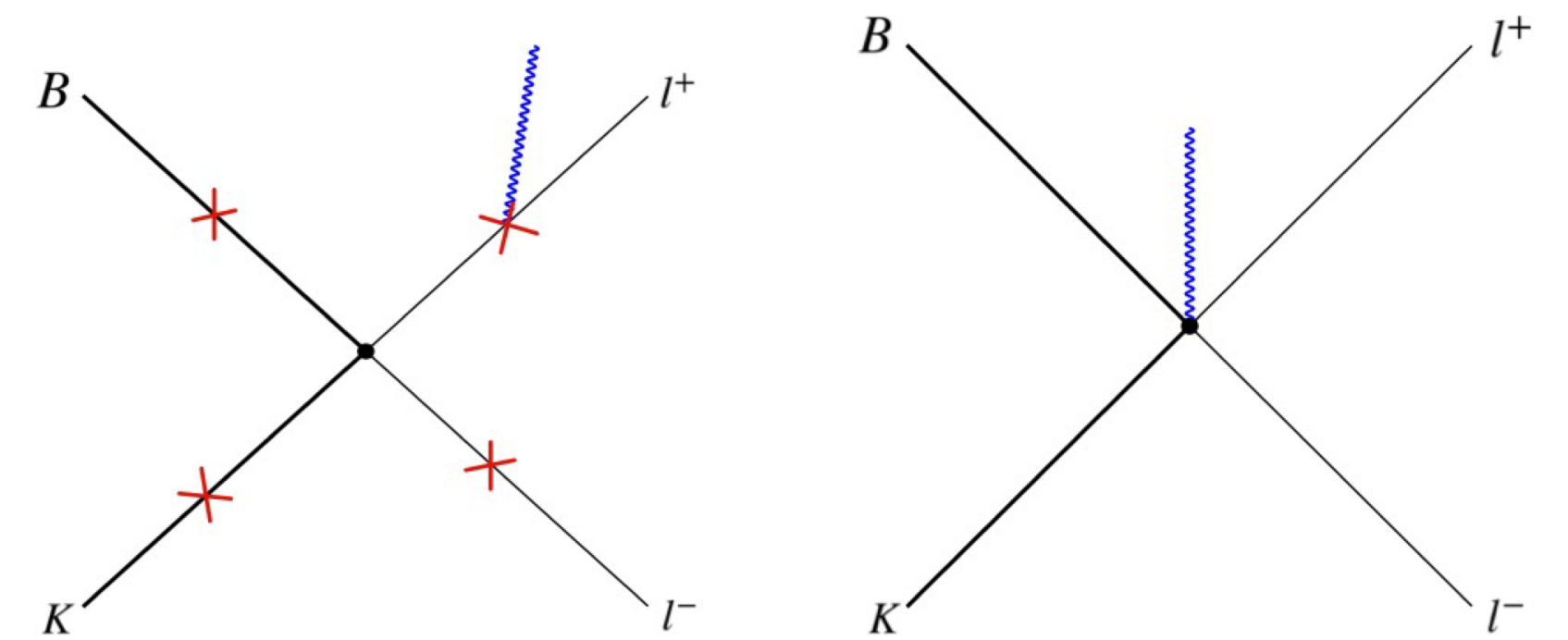
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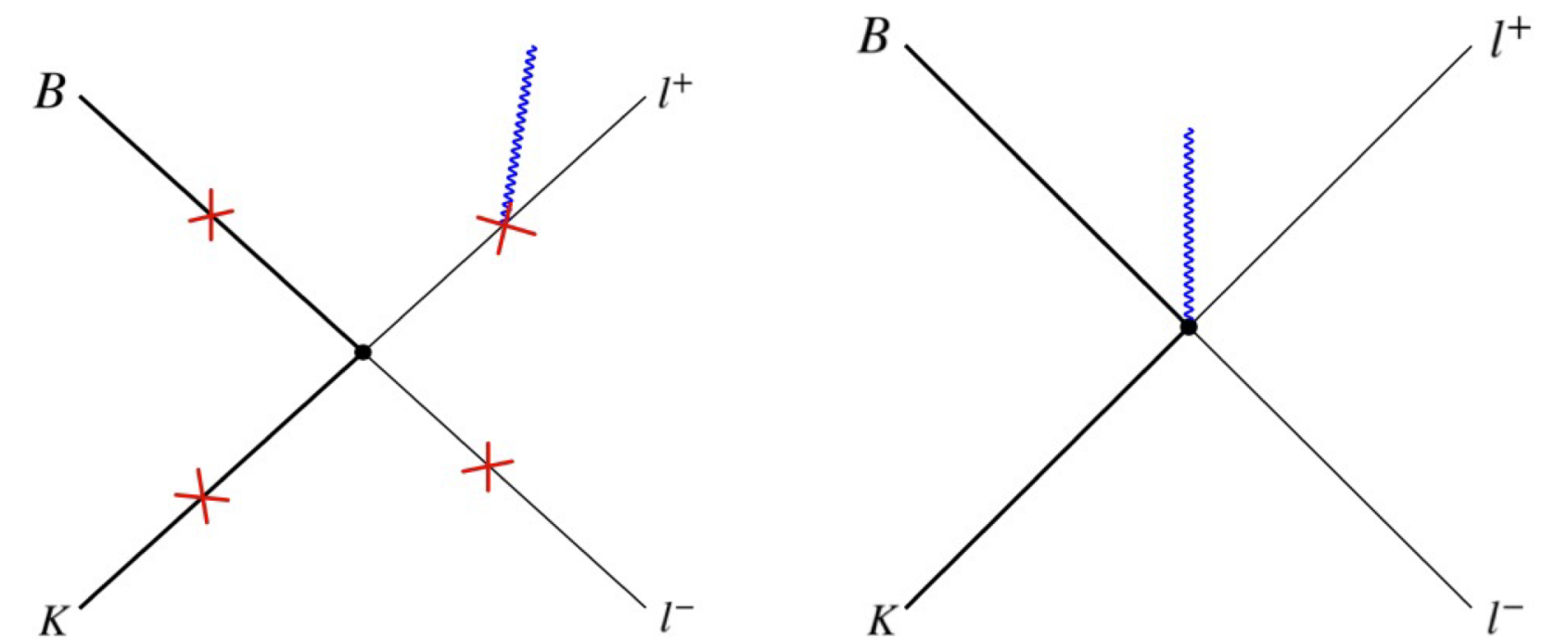
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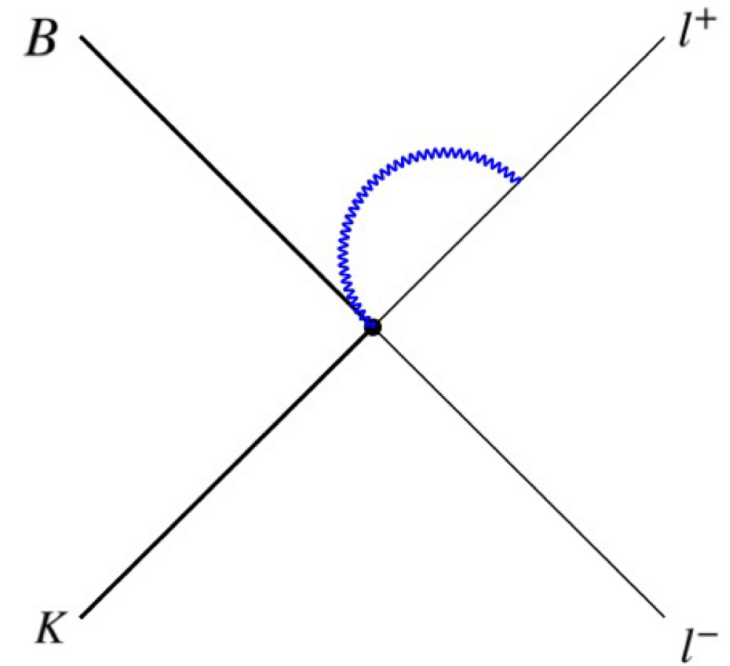
Where, $2p_x = (1+x)p_i + (1-x)p_j$ $2E_x = (1+x)E_i + (1-x)E_j$ $2p'_x = (1+x)p_i \eta_i - (1-x)p_j \eta_j$



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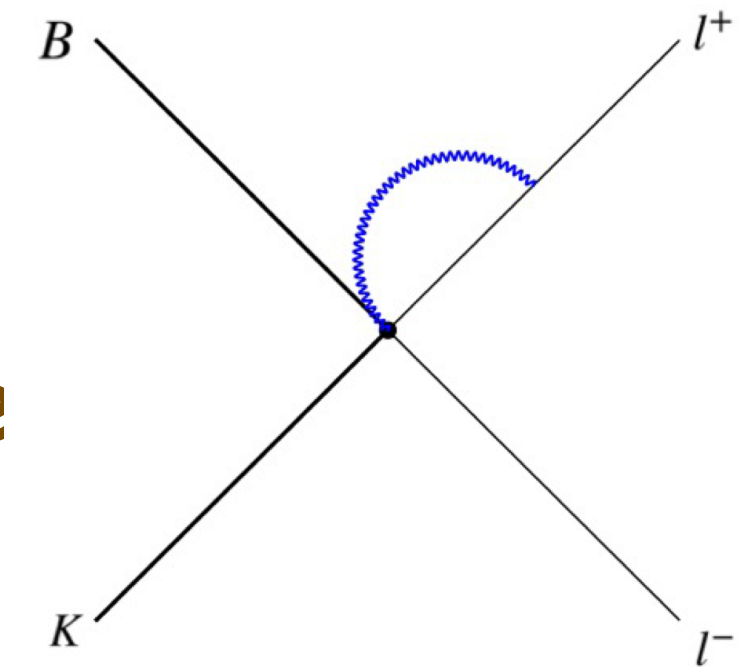


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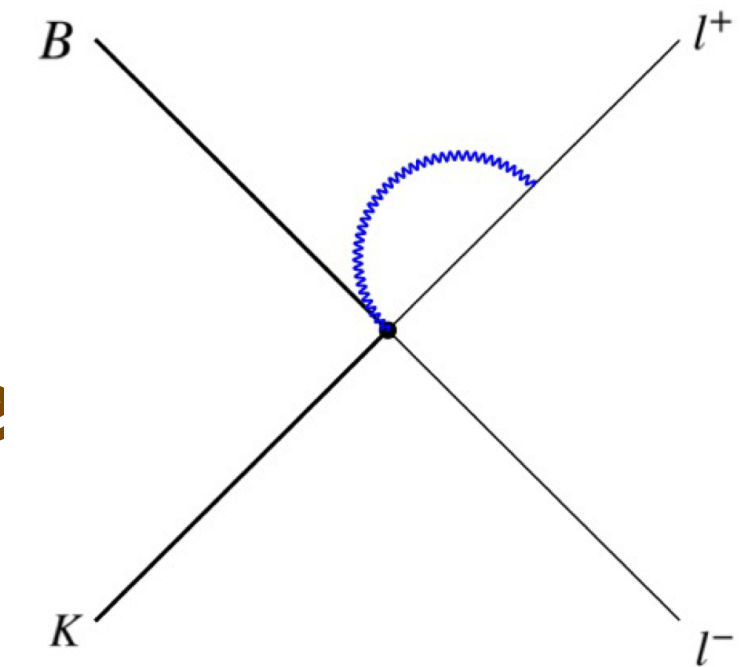
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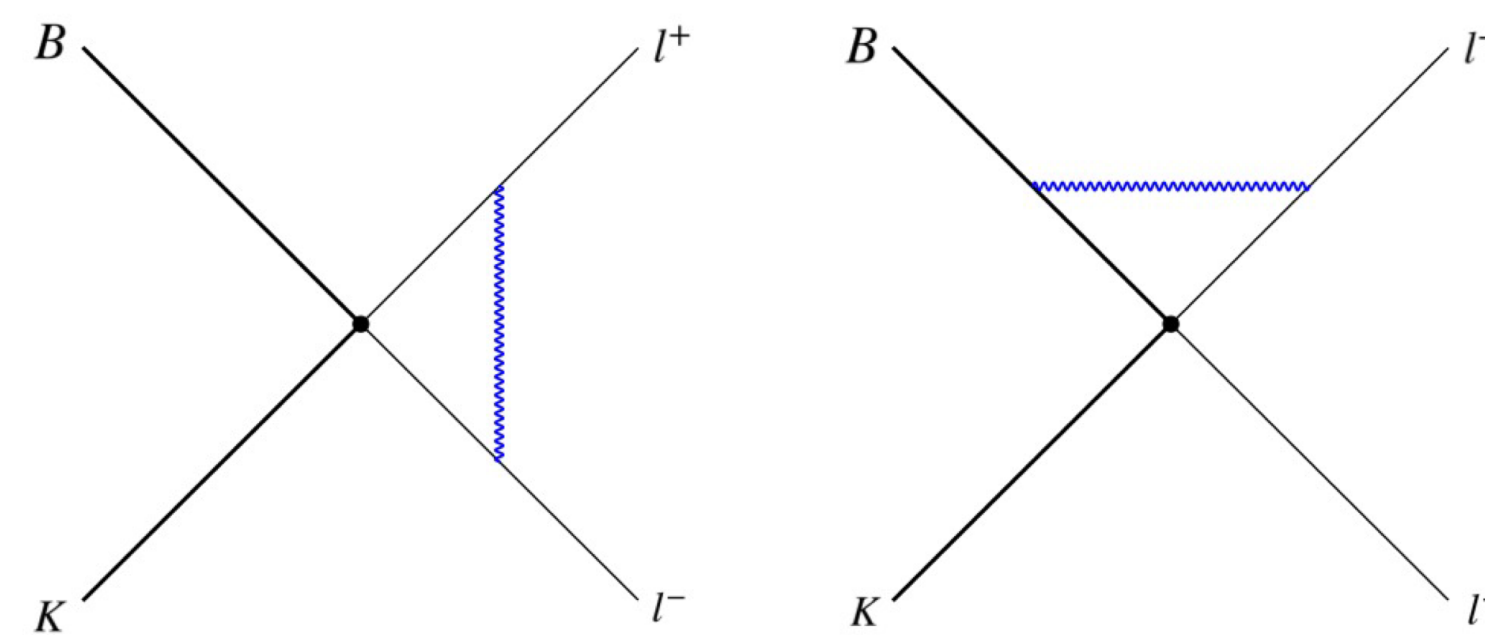
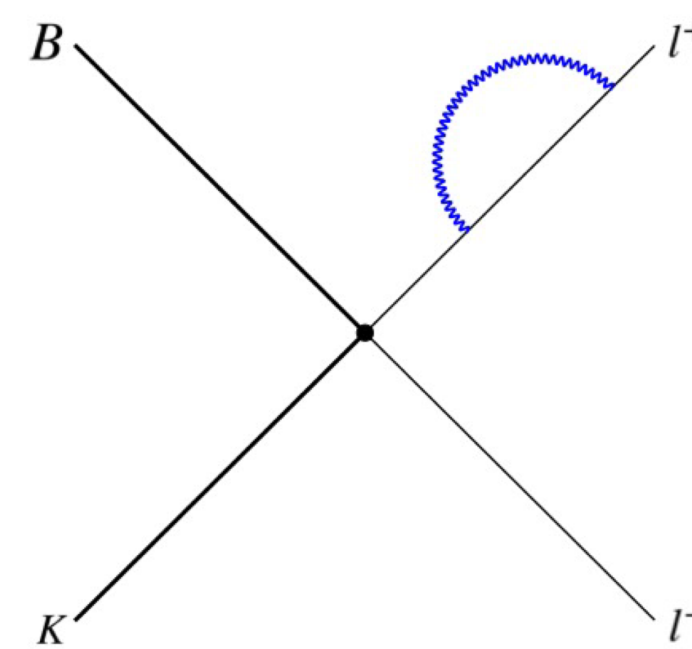
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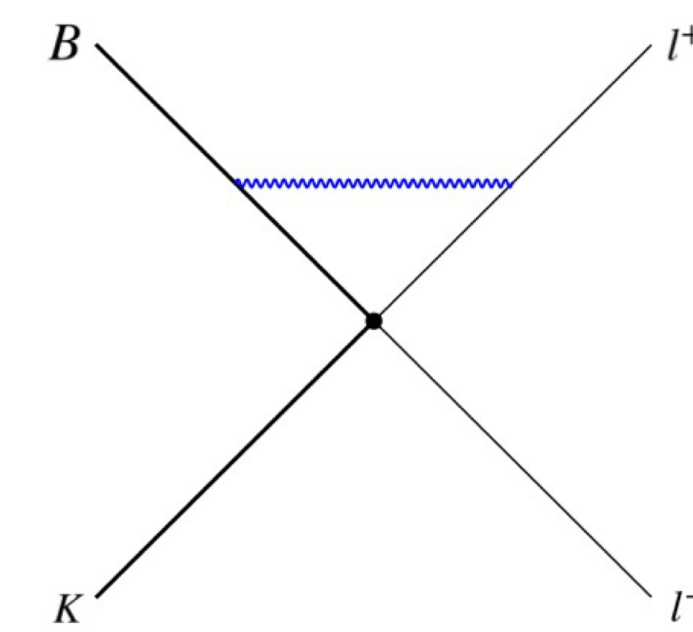
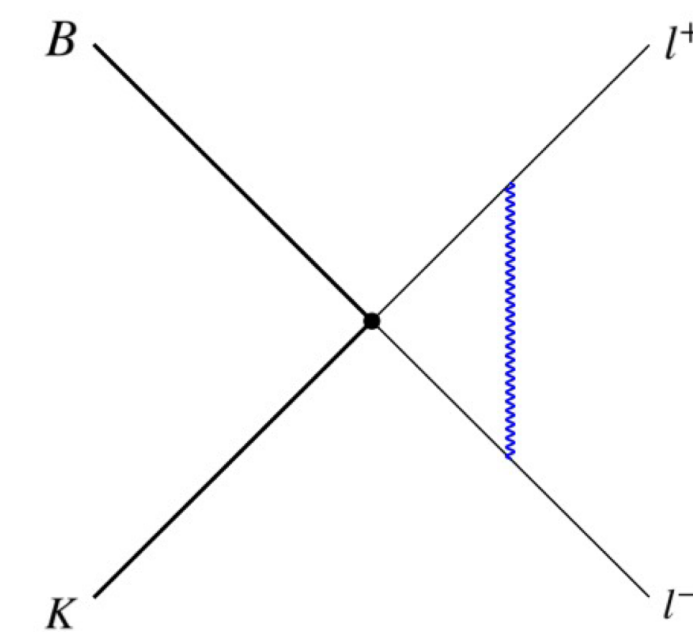
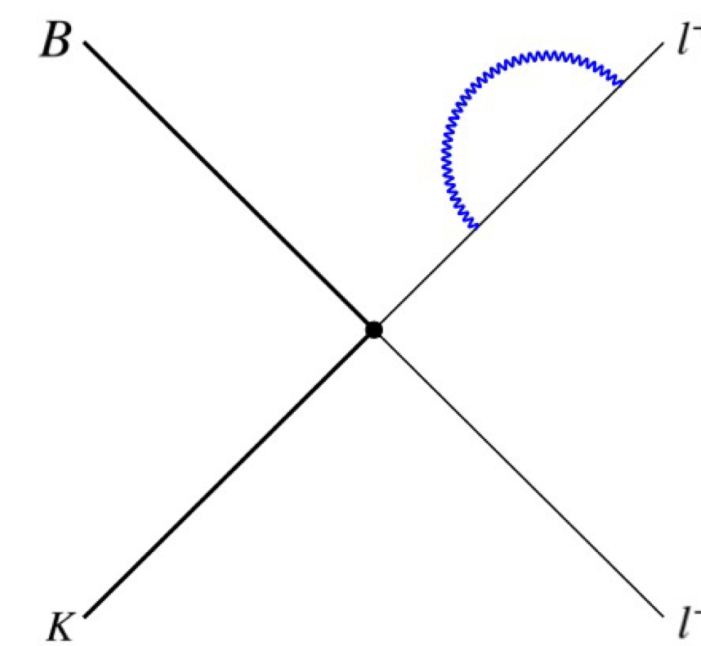
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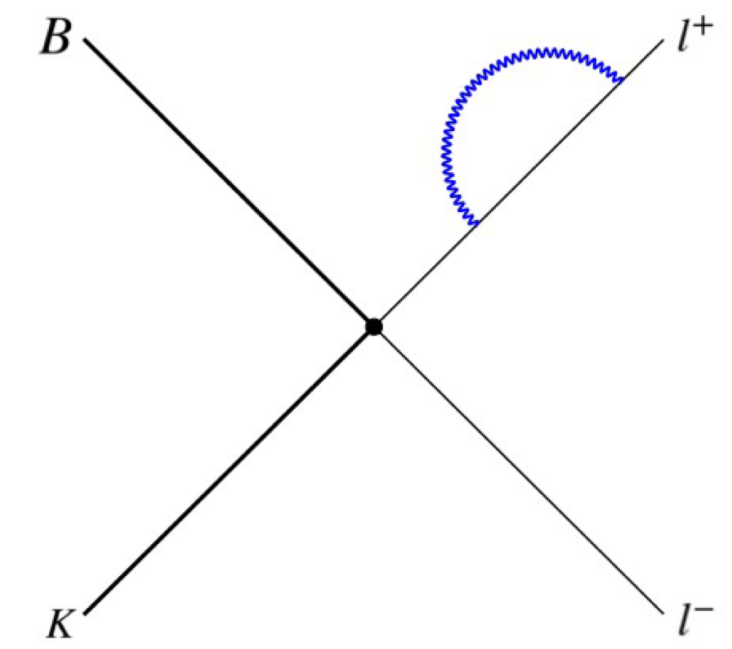
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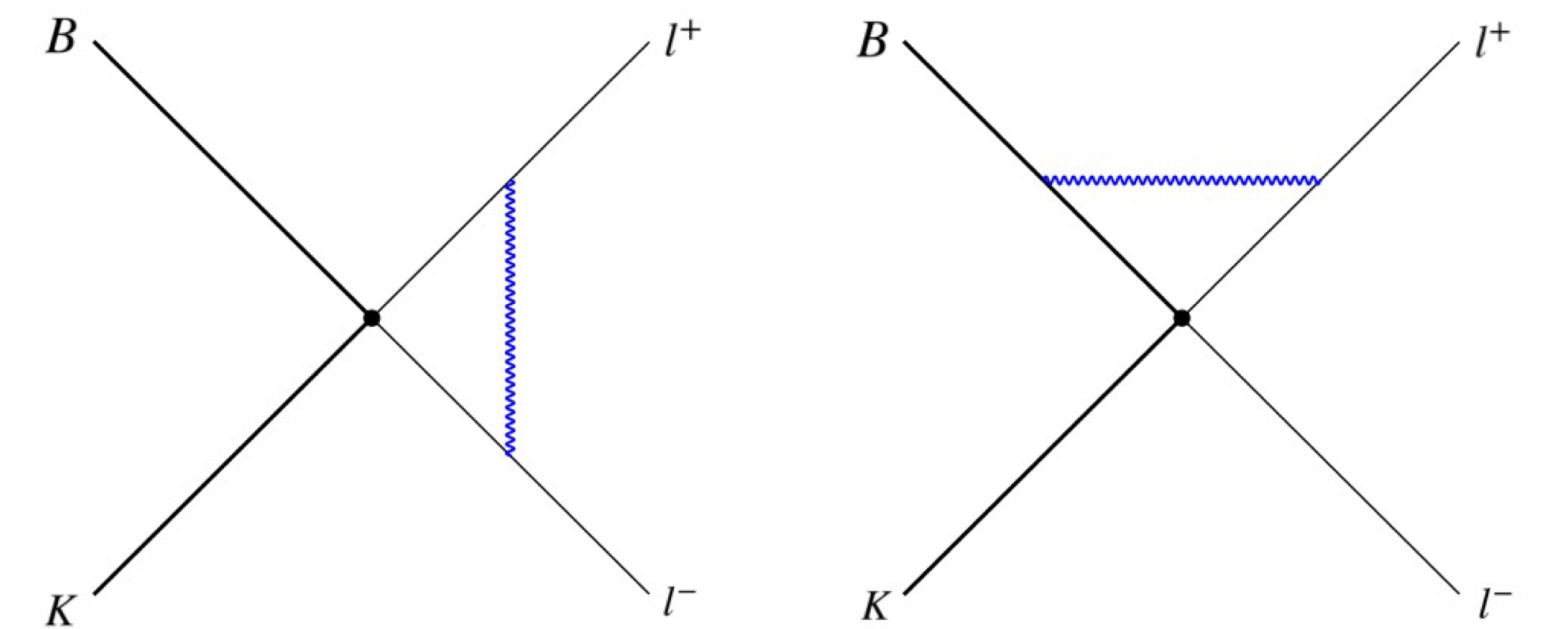
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- The Coulomb factor :

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$$\Delta_{R_K^{\mu e}}^i = R_K^{0\mu e} \left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma_{\mu}^i}{\Gamma_{\mu}^i} - \frac{\Delta\Gamma_e^i}{\Gamma_e^i} \right)$$

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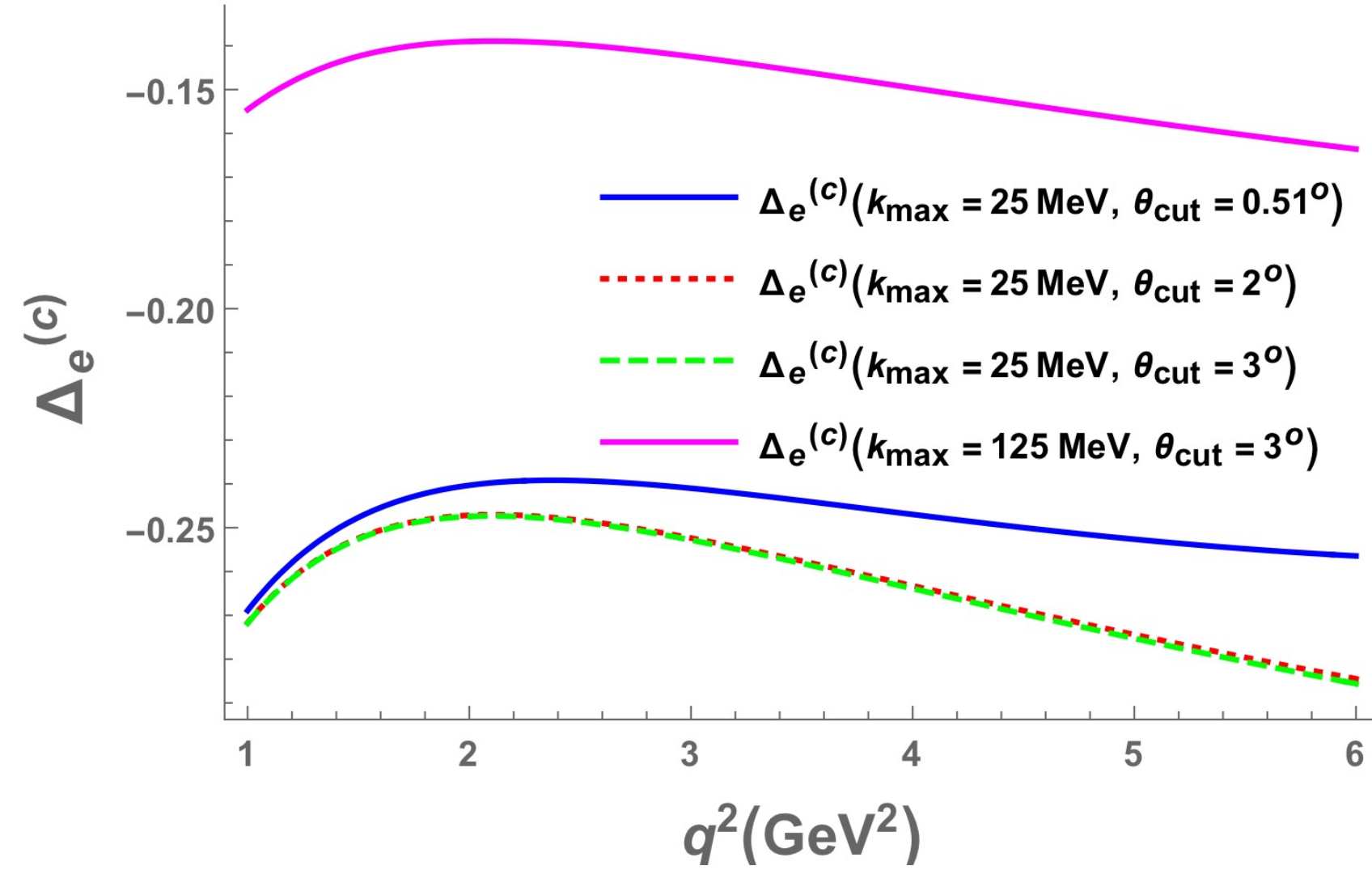


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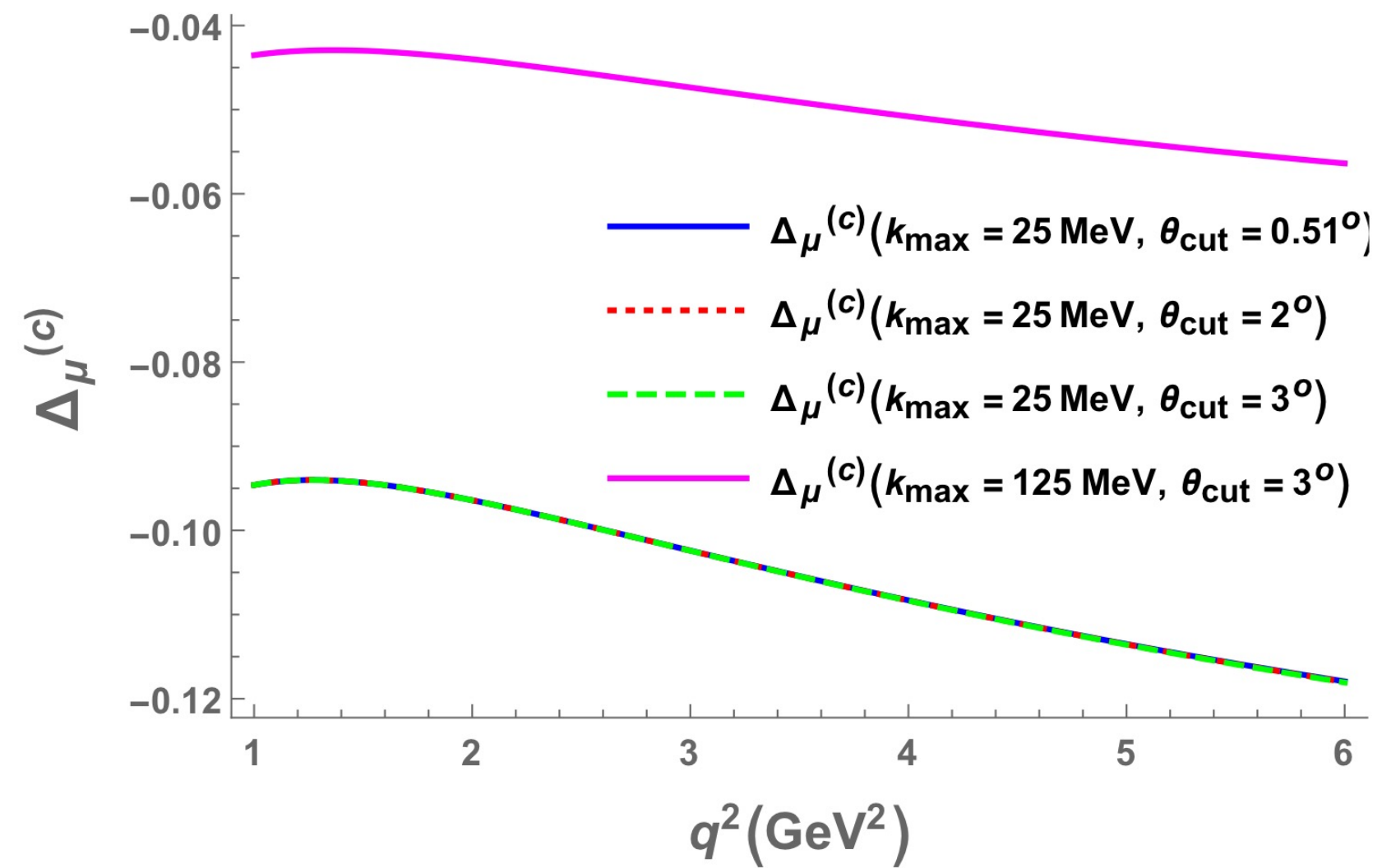


Figure 2: $\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$ corrections to charged $B \rightarrow K\mu^+\mu^-$.

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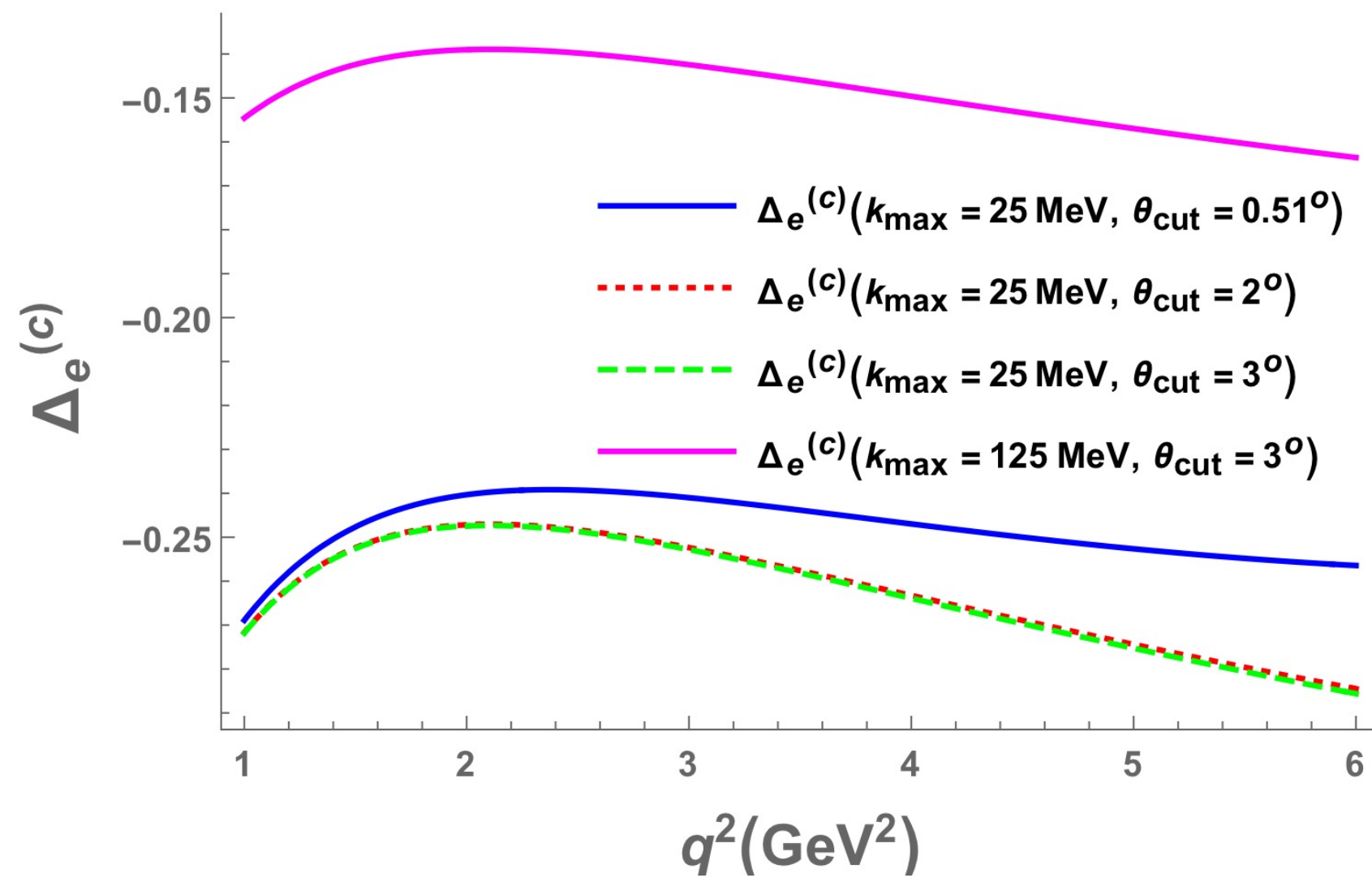


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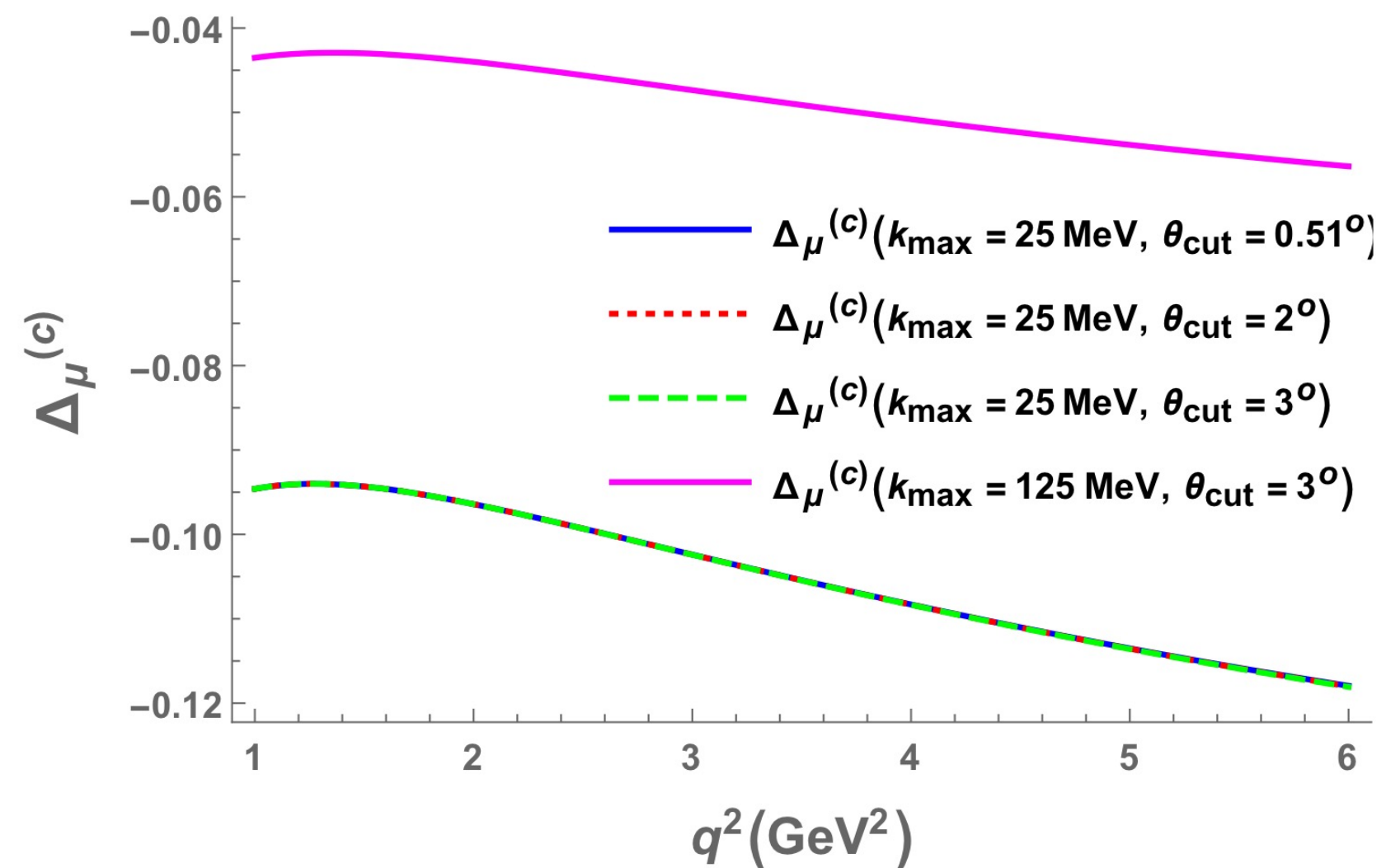


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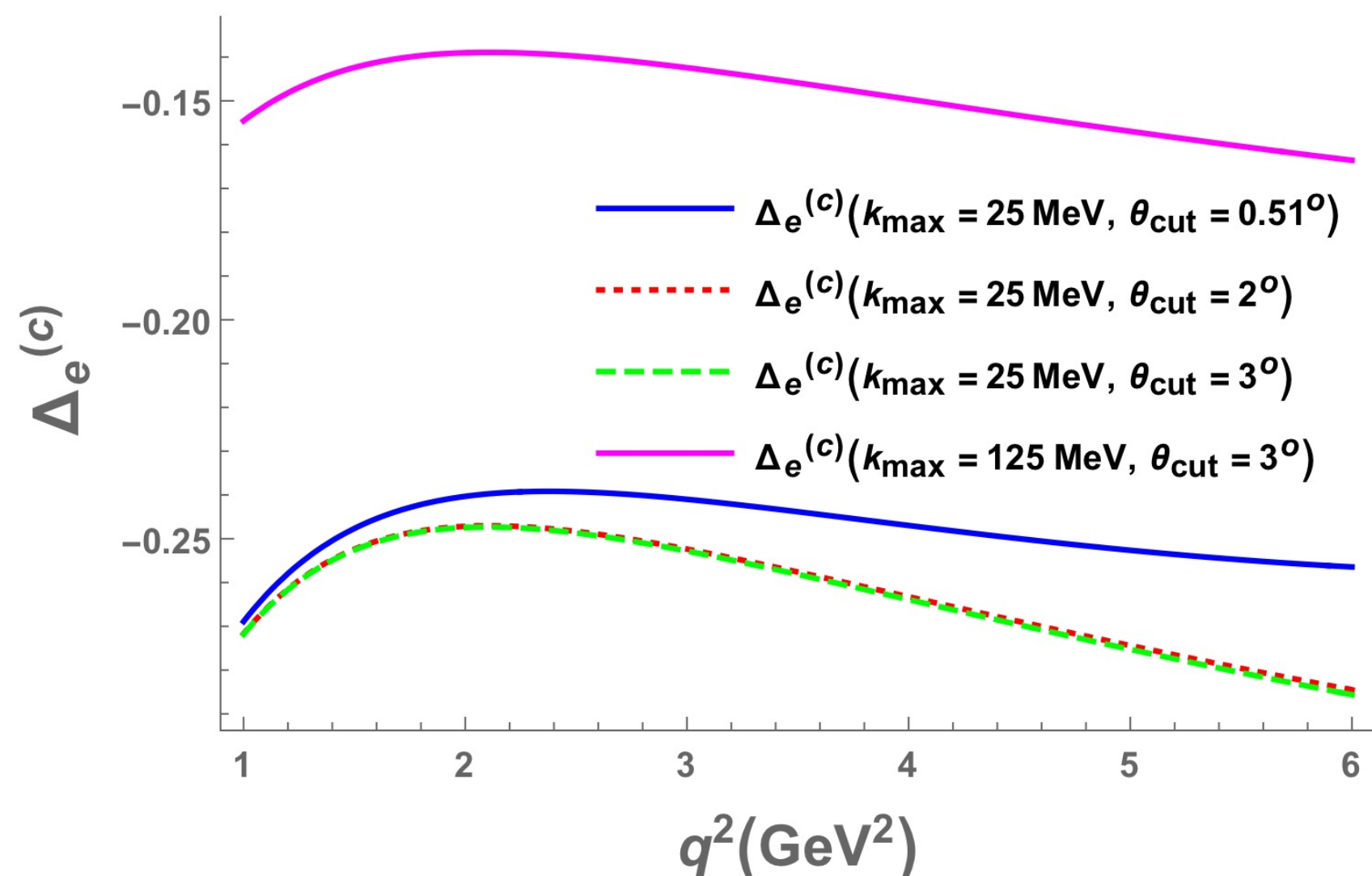


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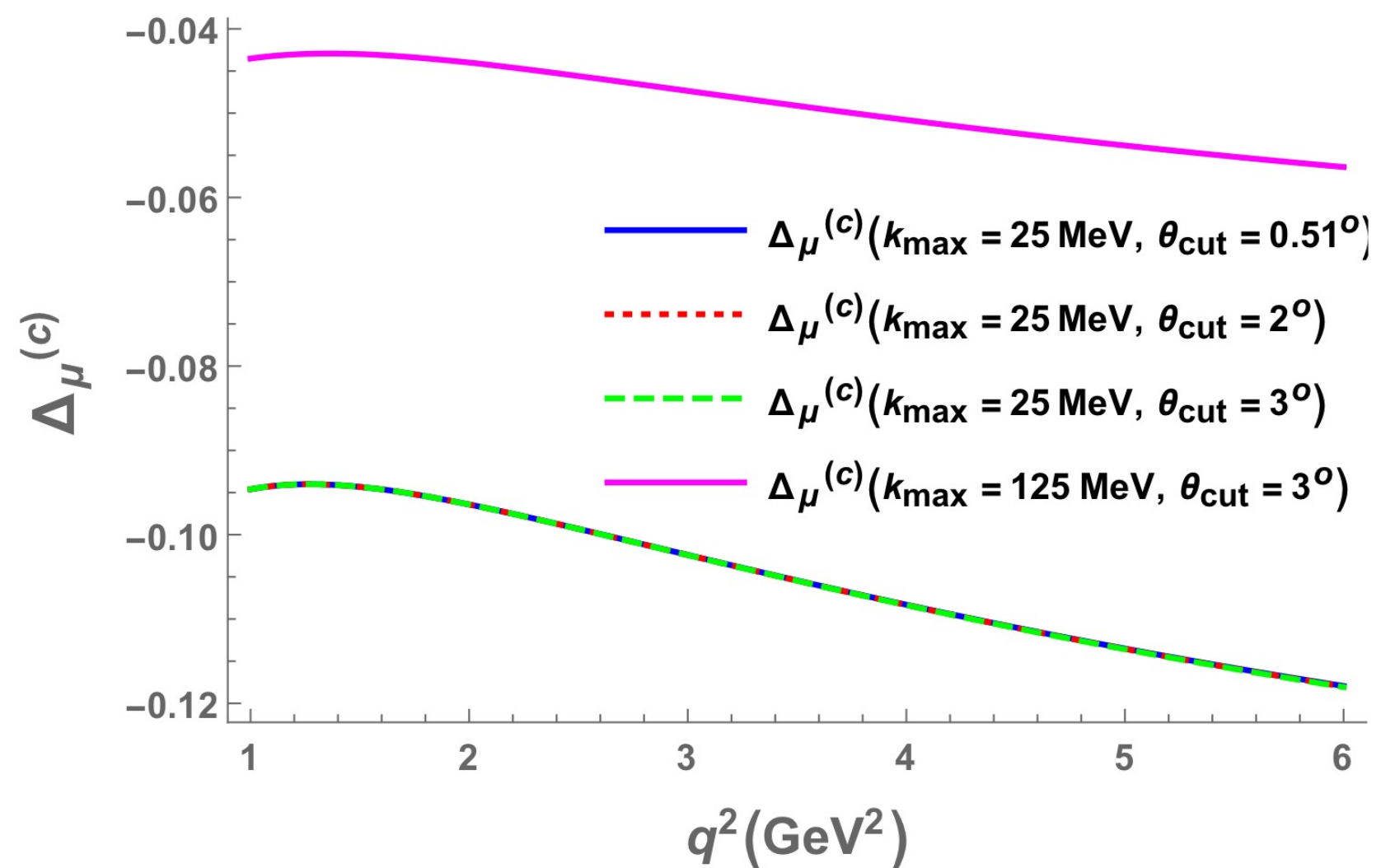


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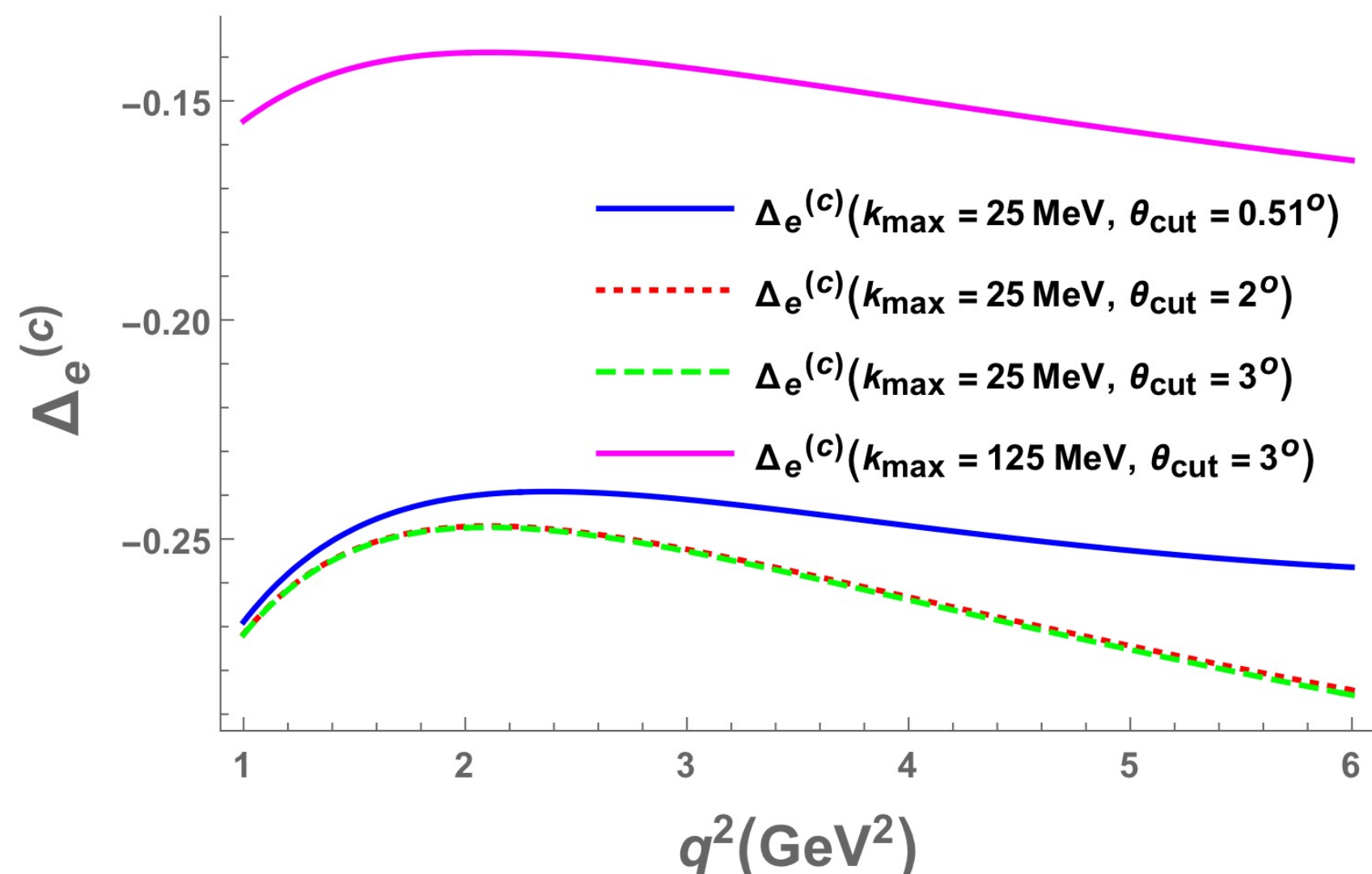


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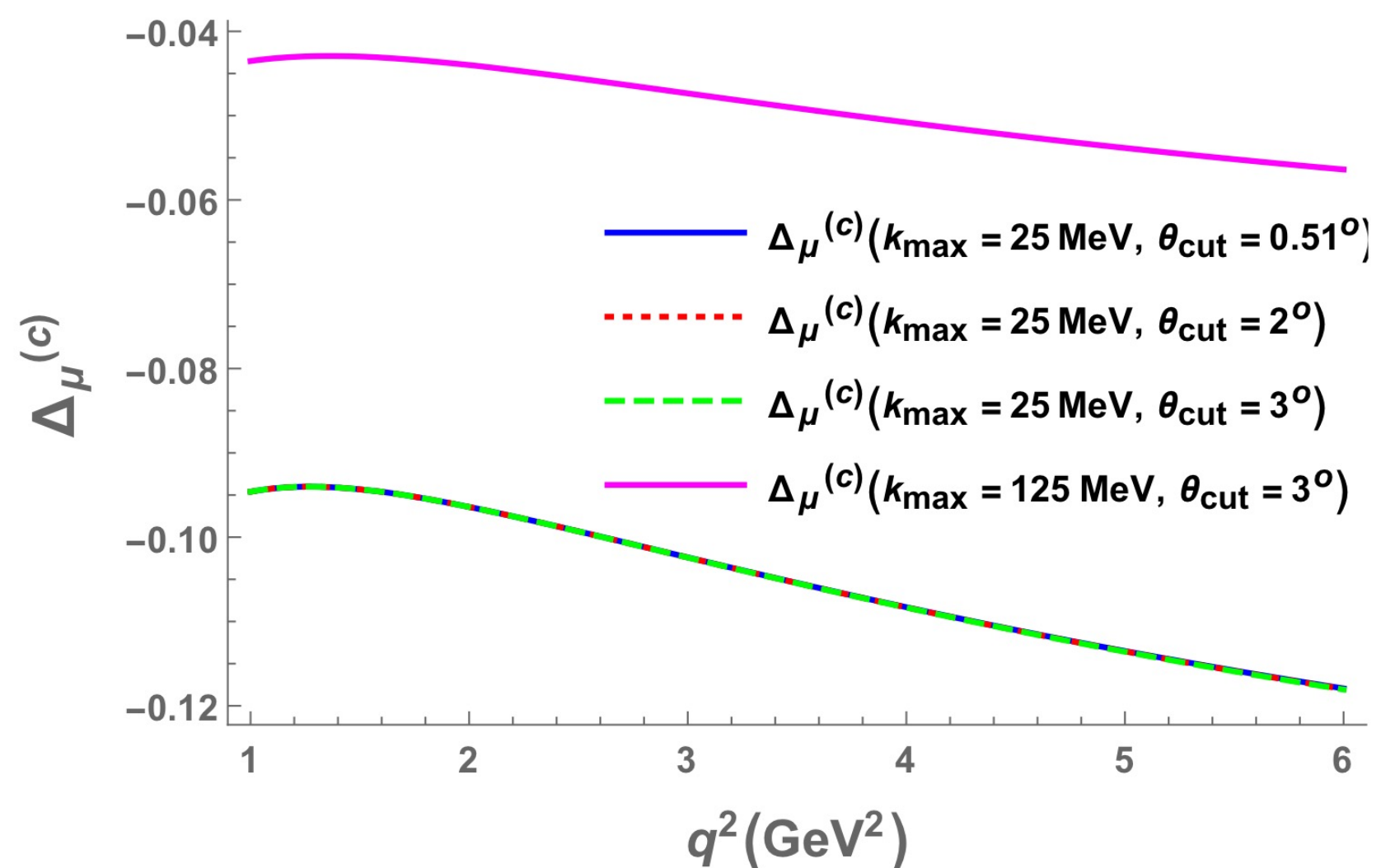


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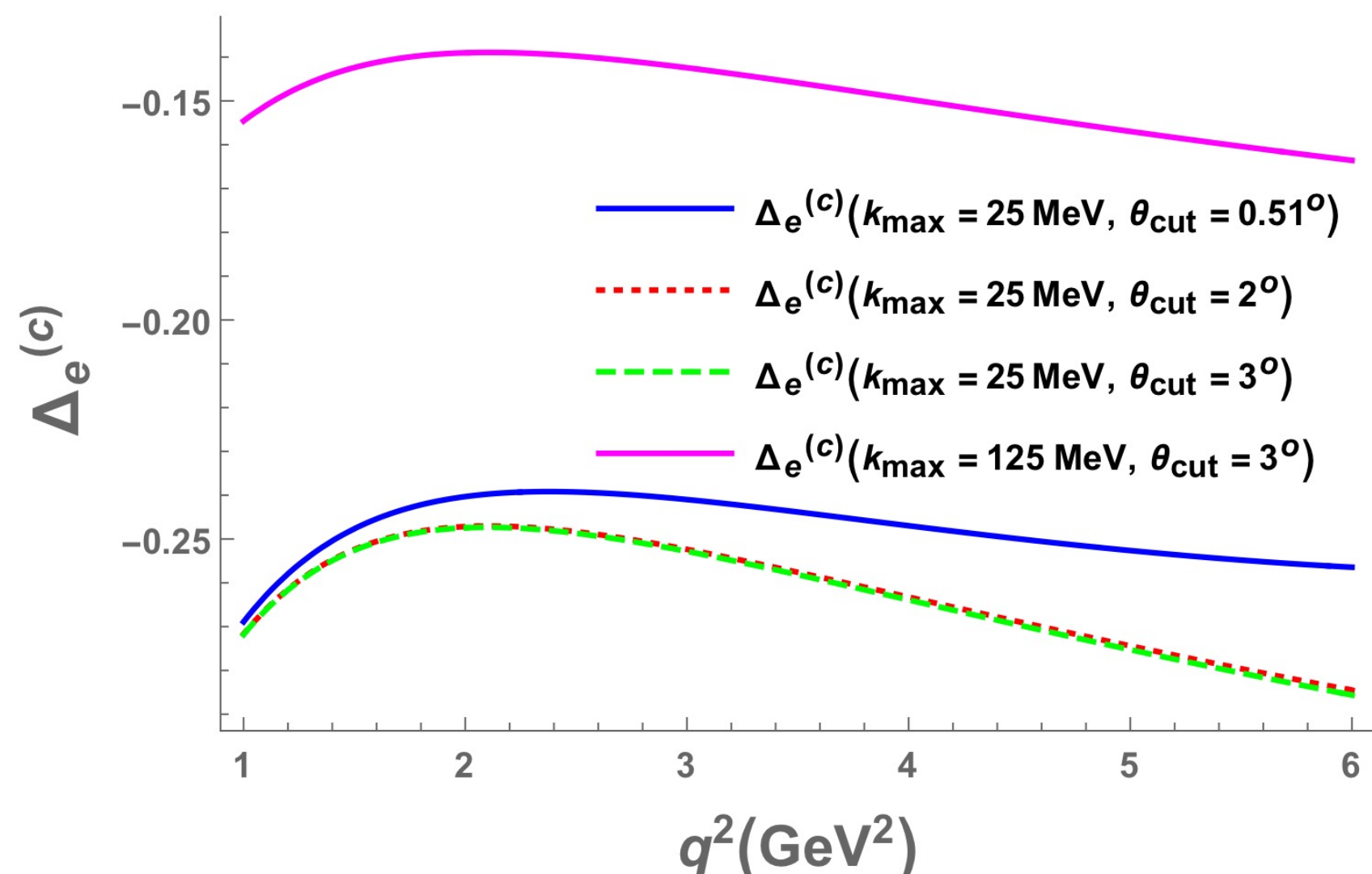


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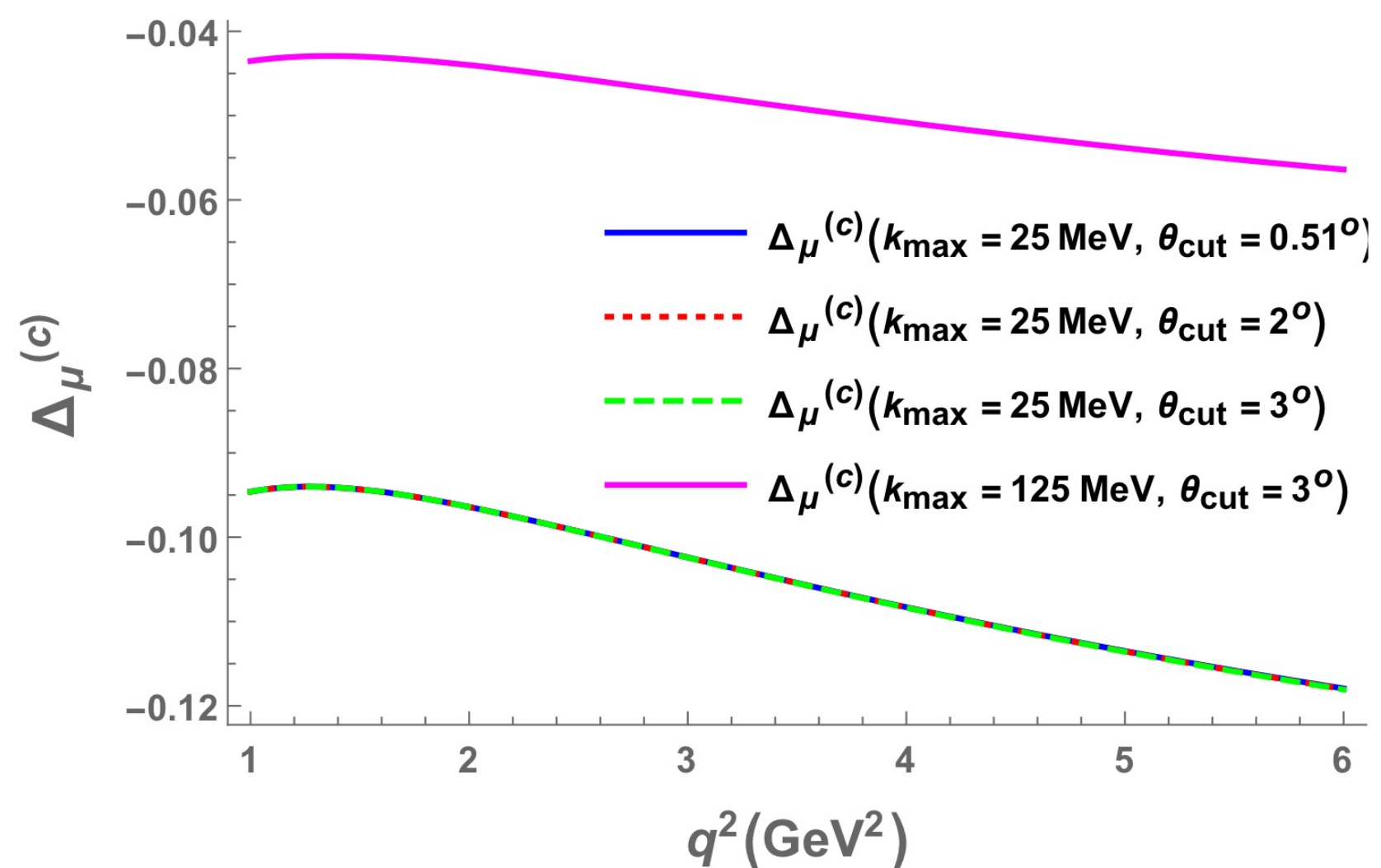


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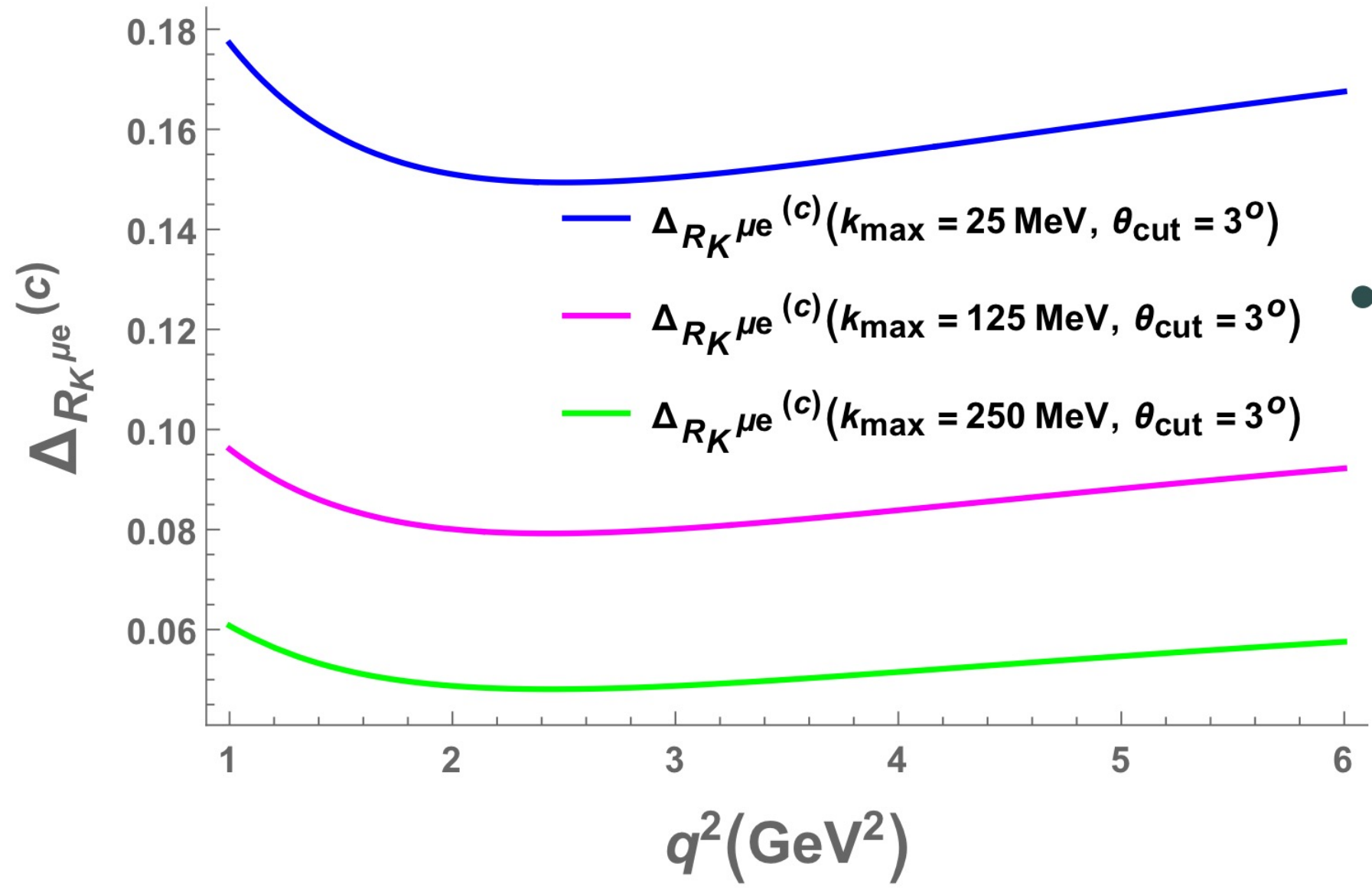


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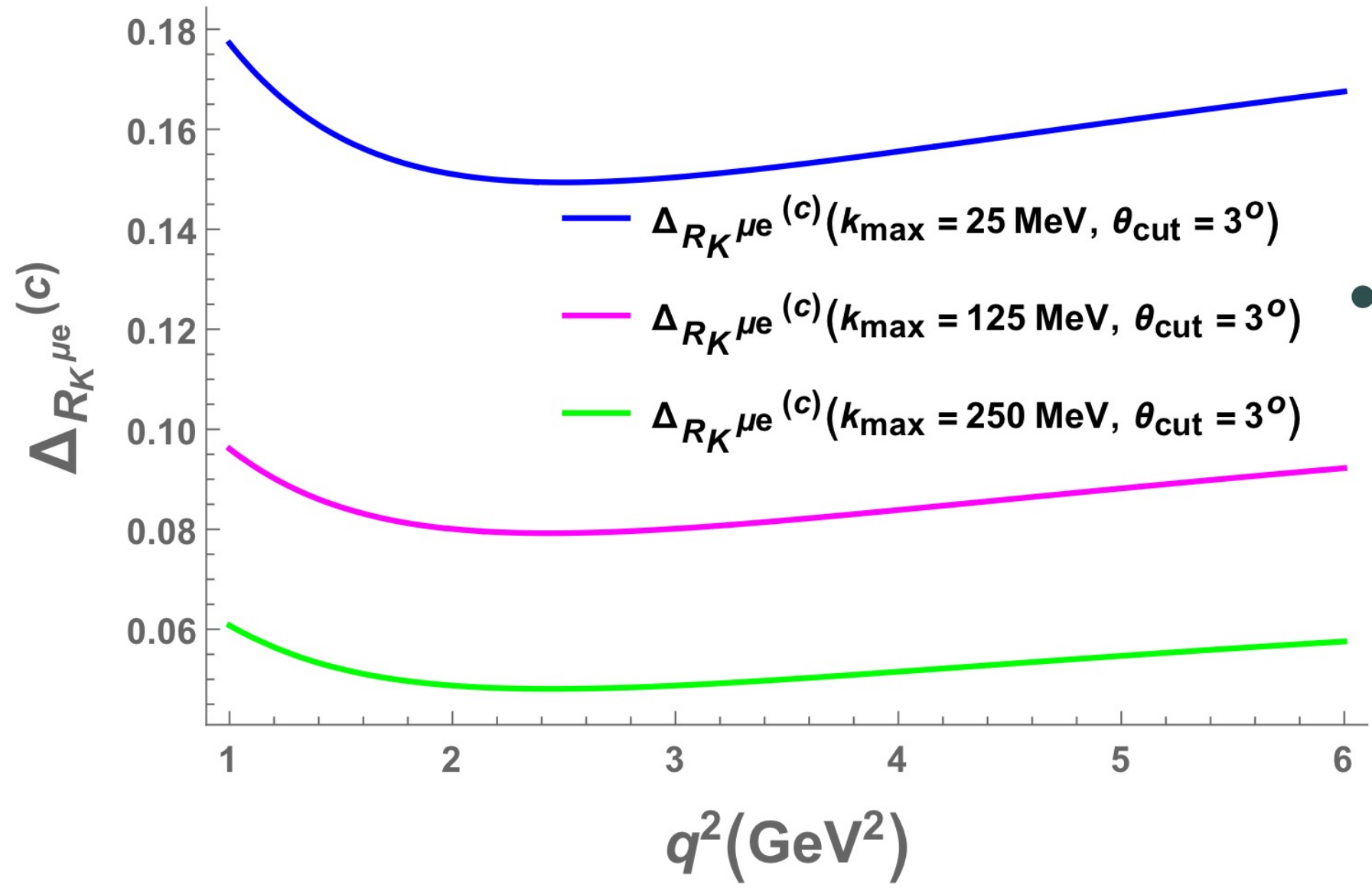


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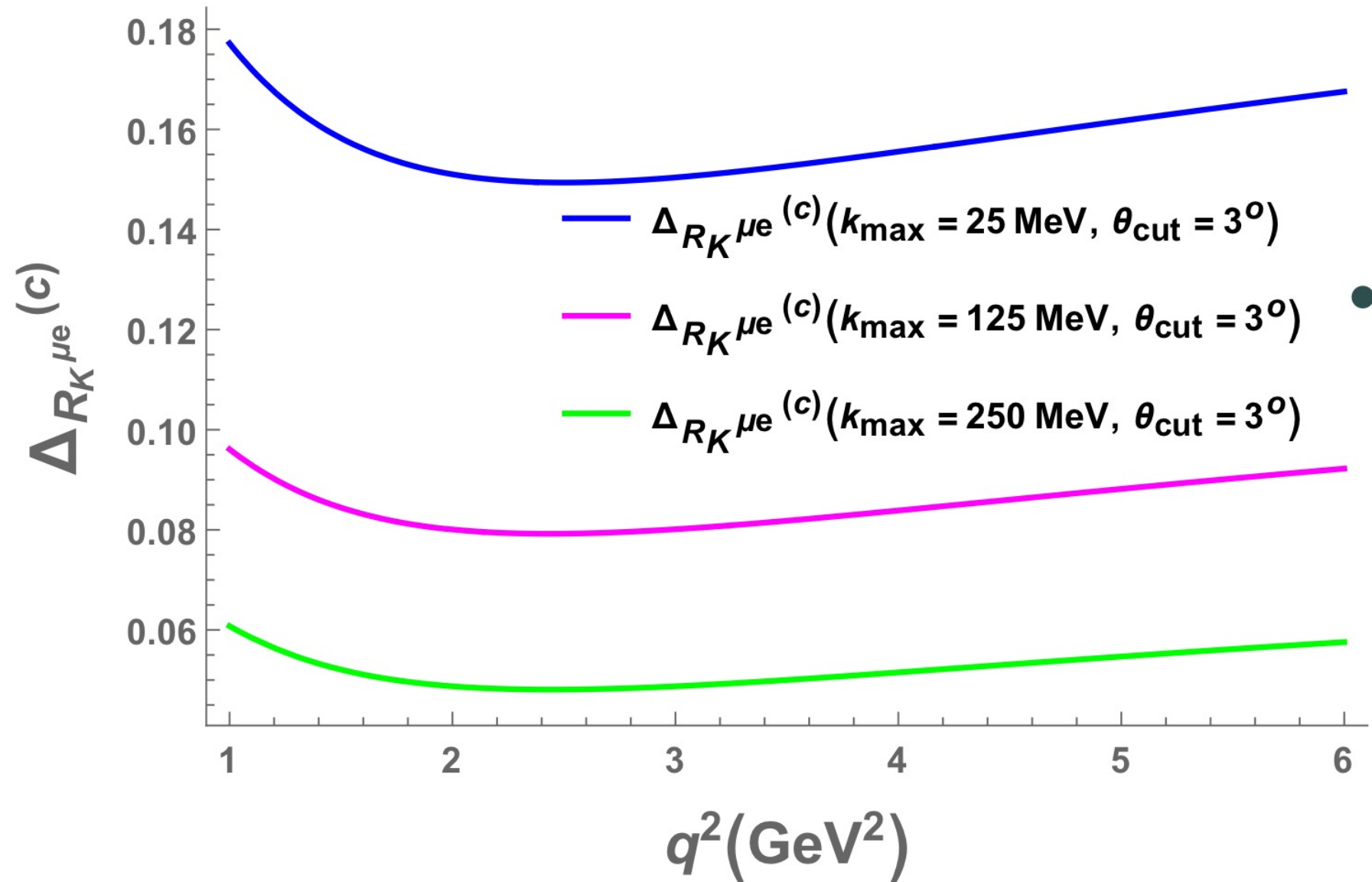


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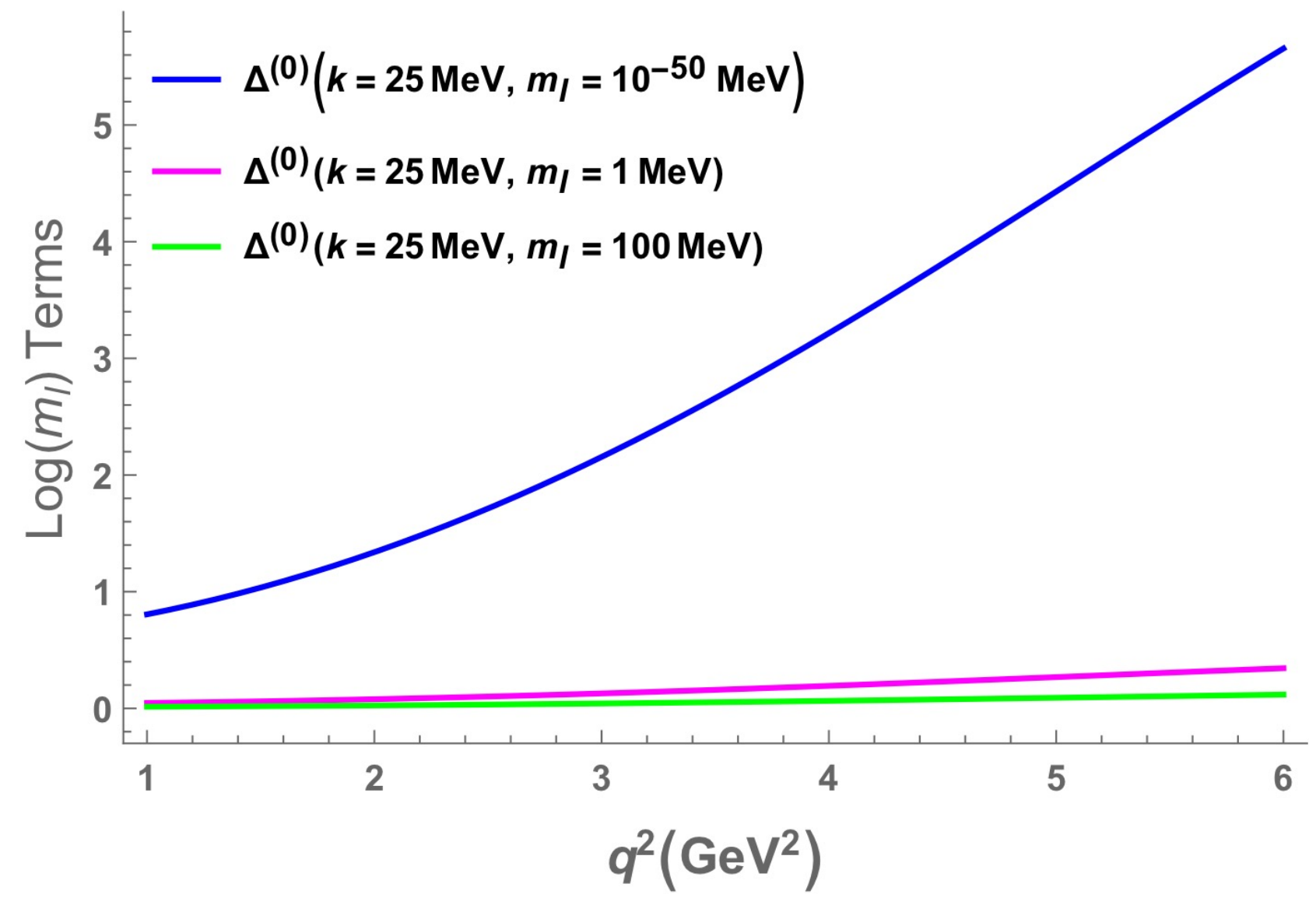


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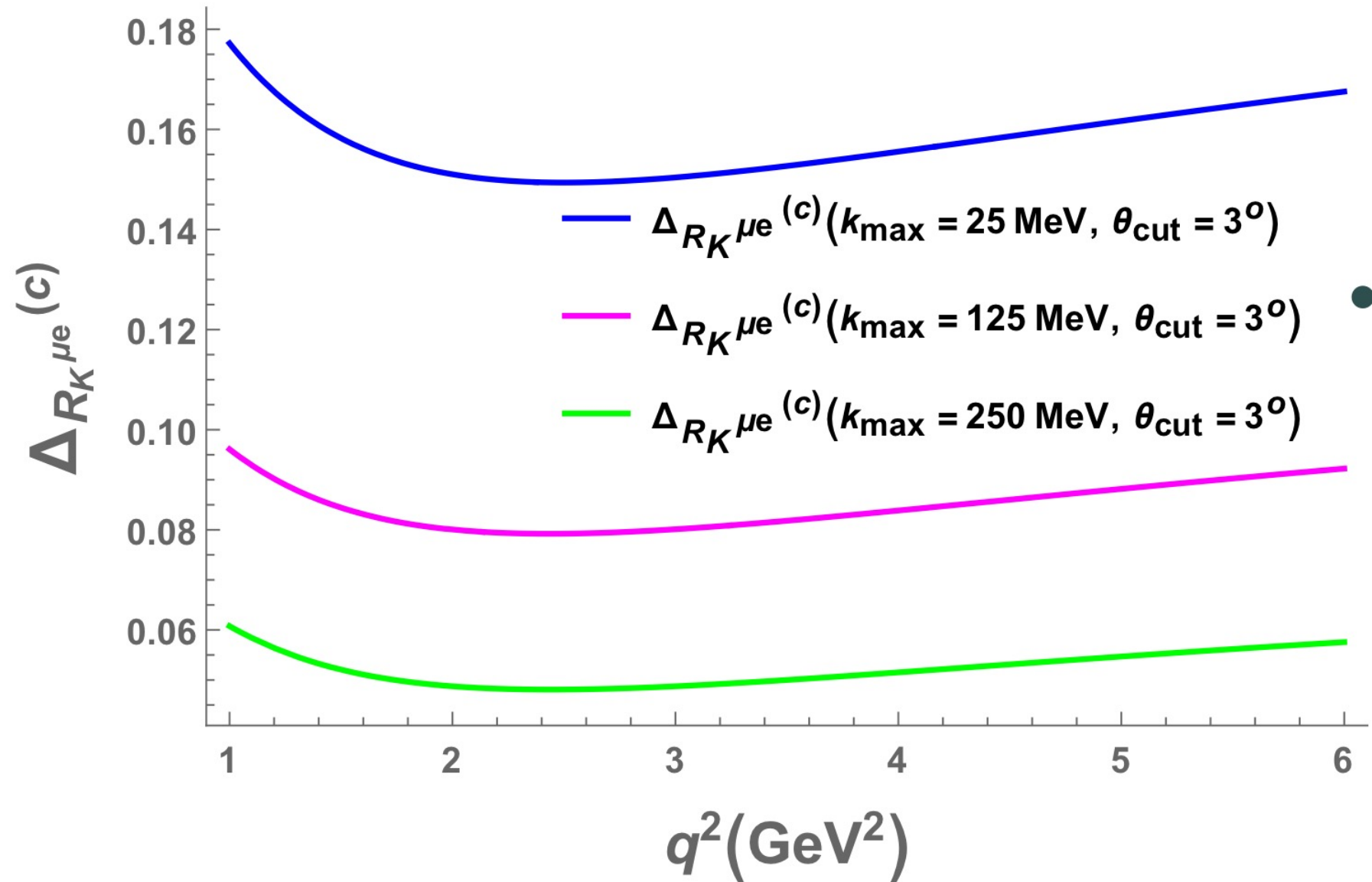


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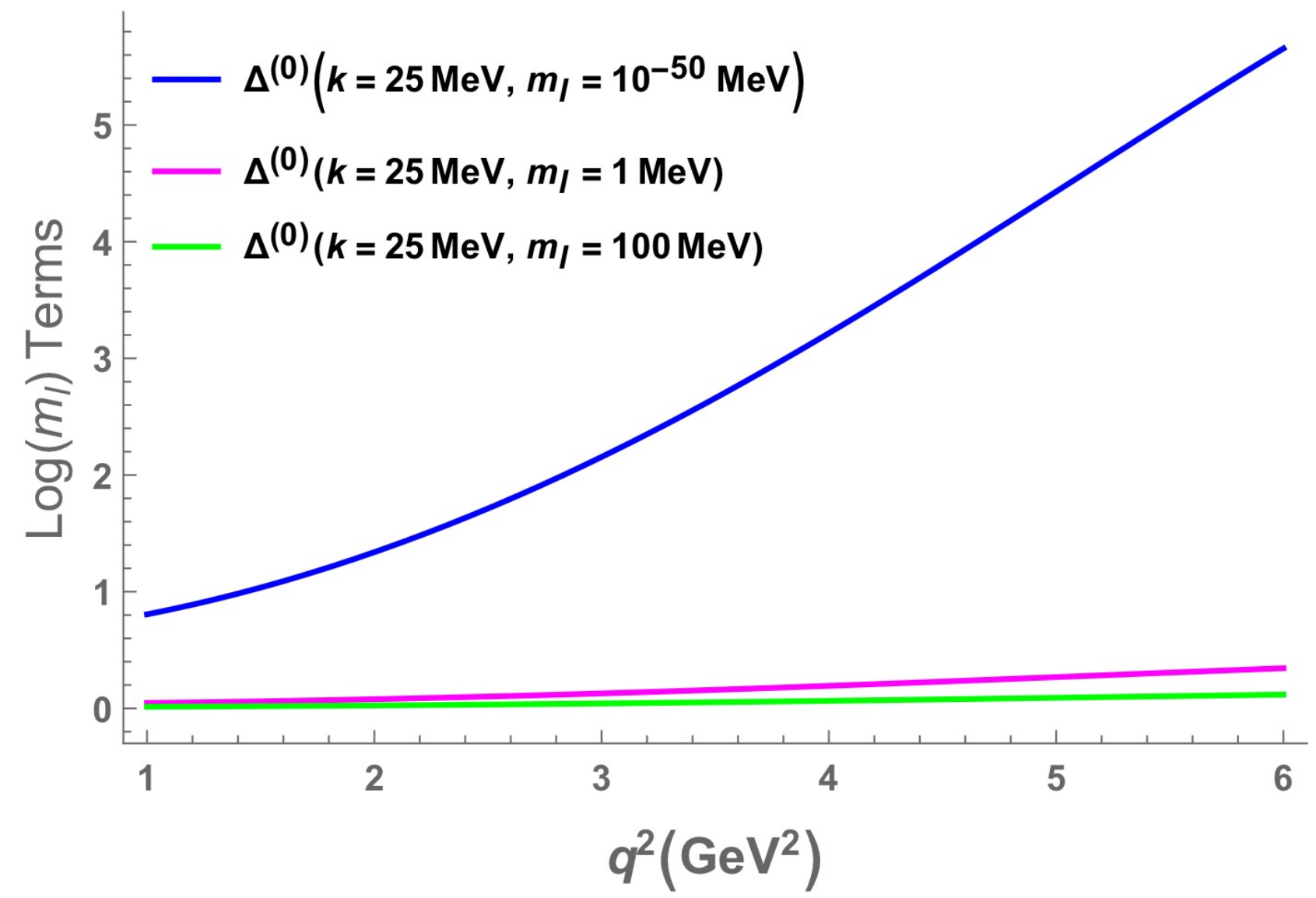


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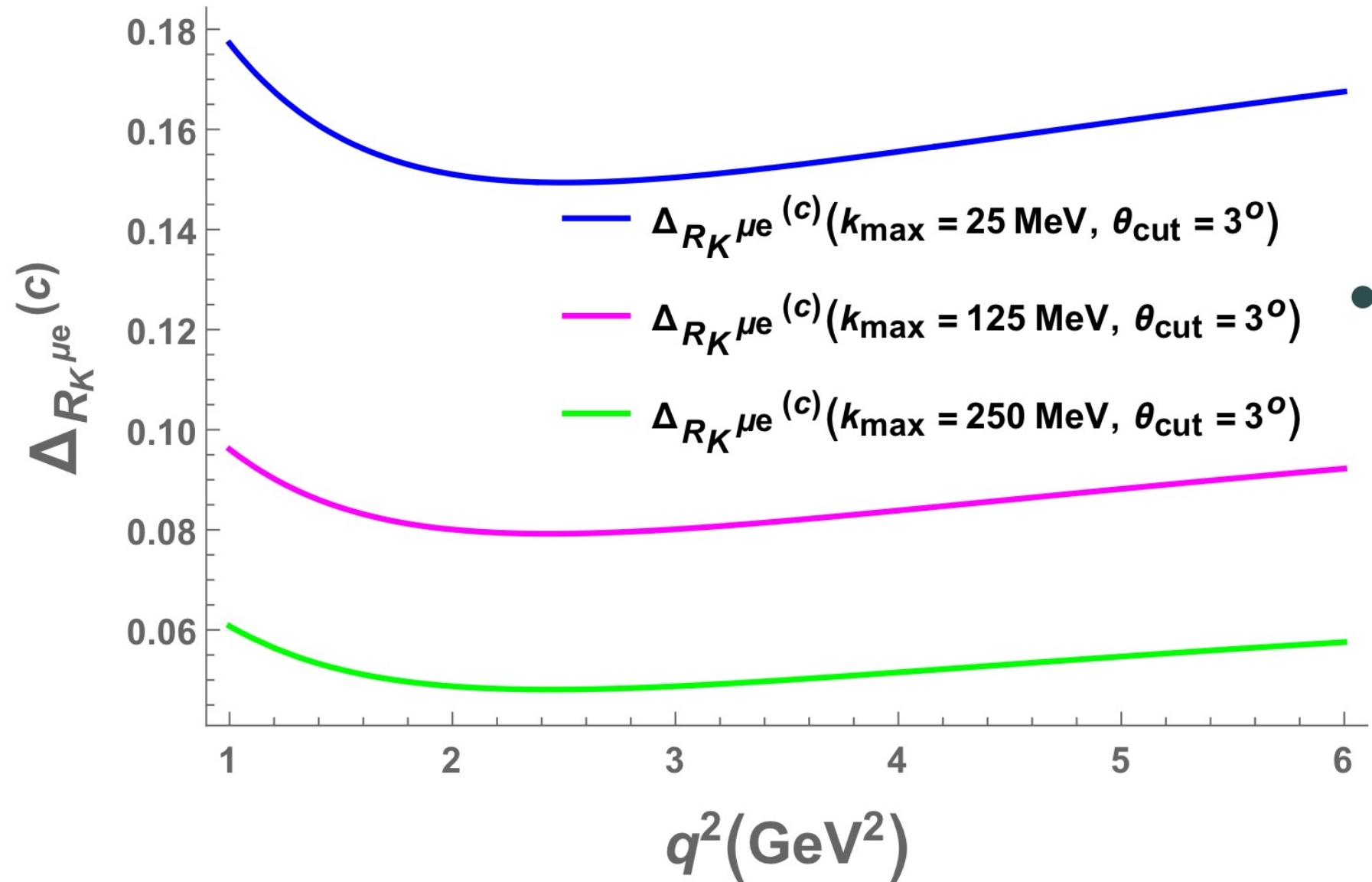


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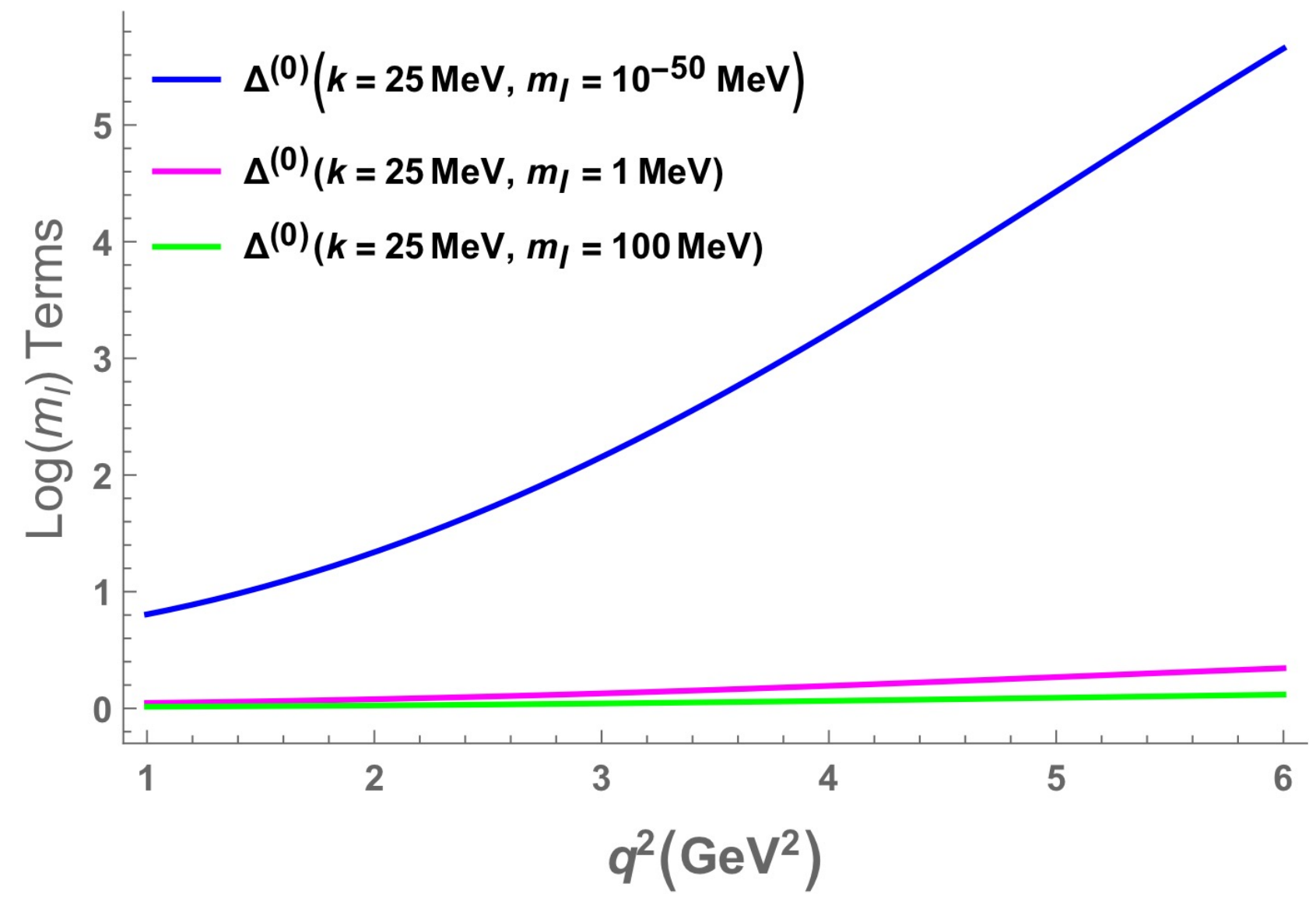


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