

# Recent developments for proton GPDs from lattice QCD

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		Twist-2 ( $f_i^{(0)}$ )		
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## C. Synergy with phenomenology

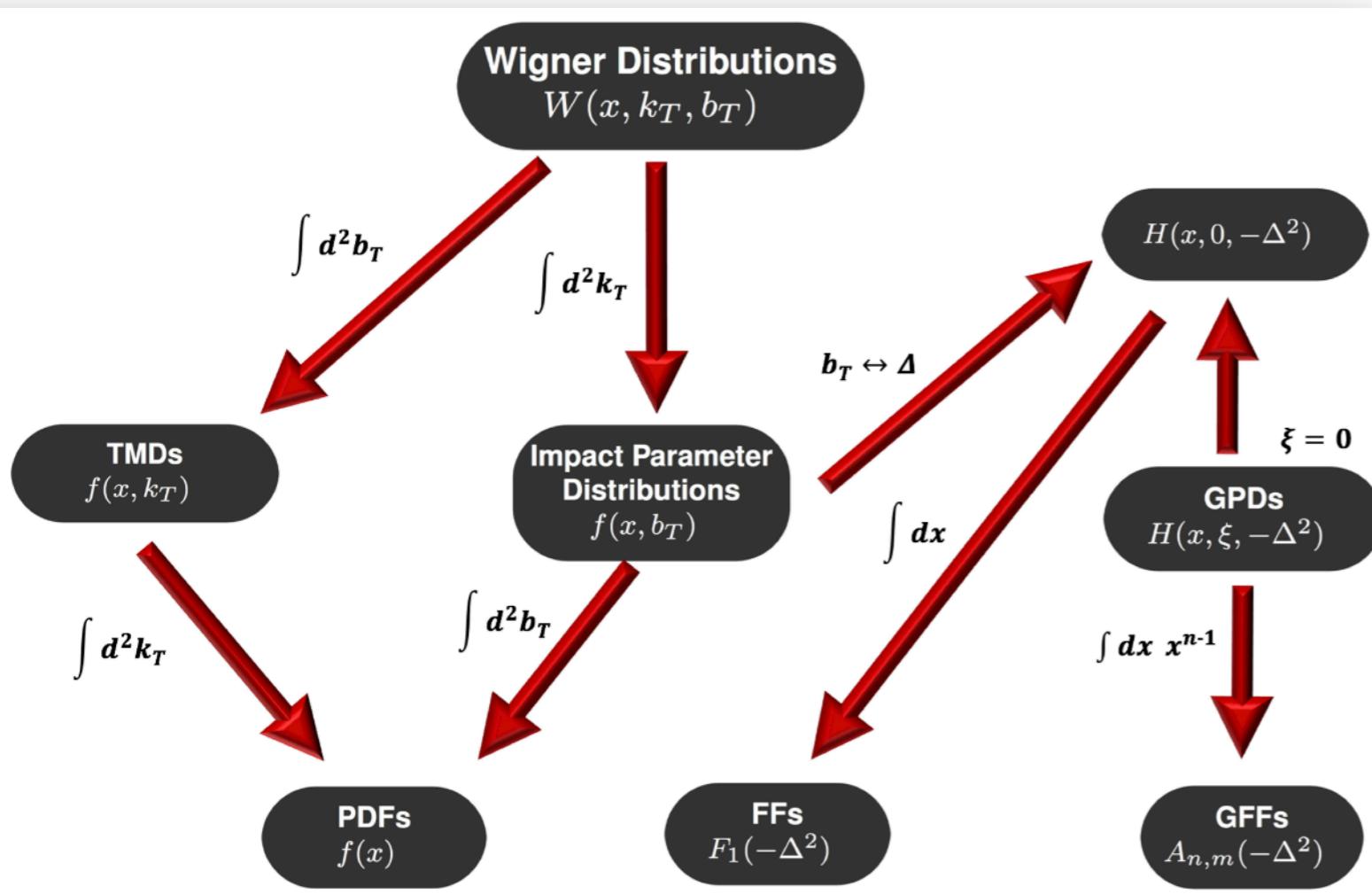
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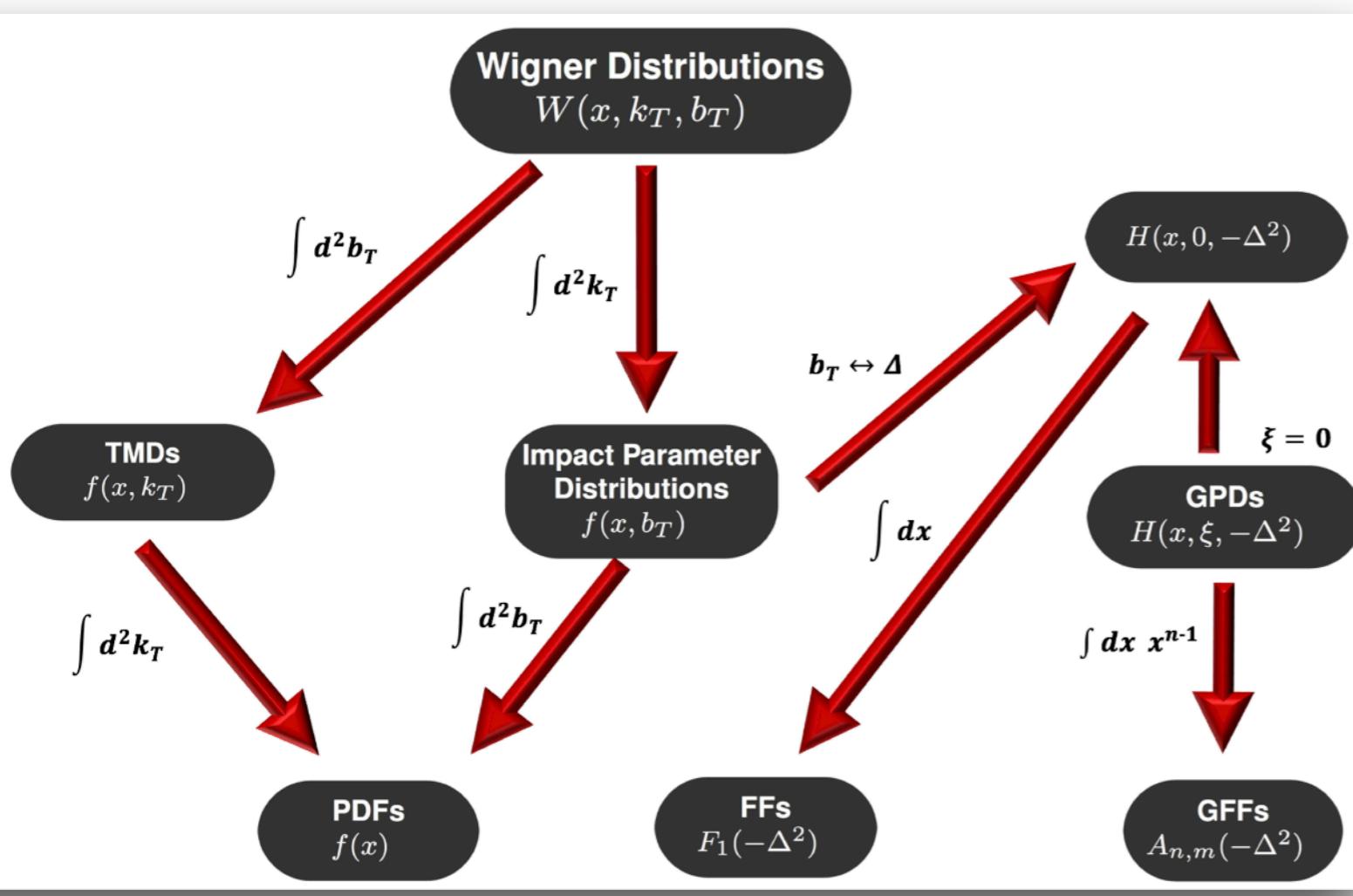


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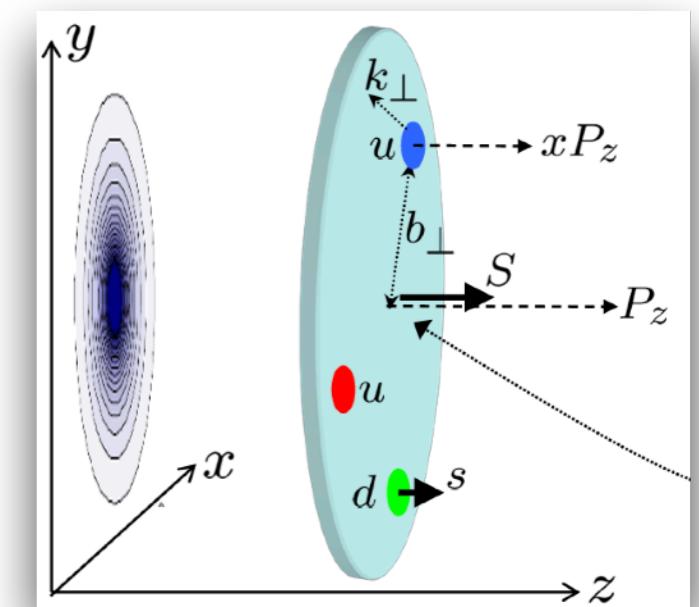
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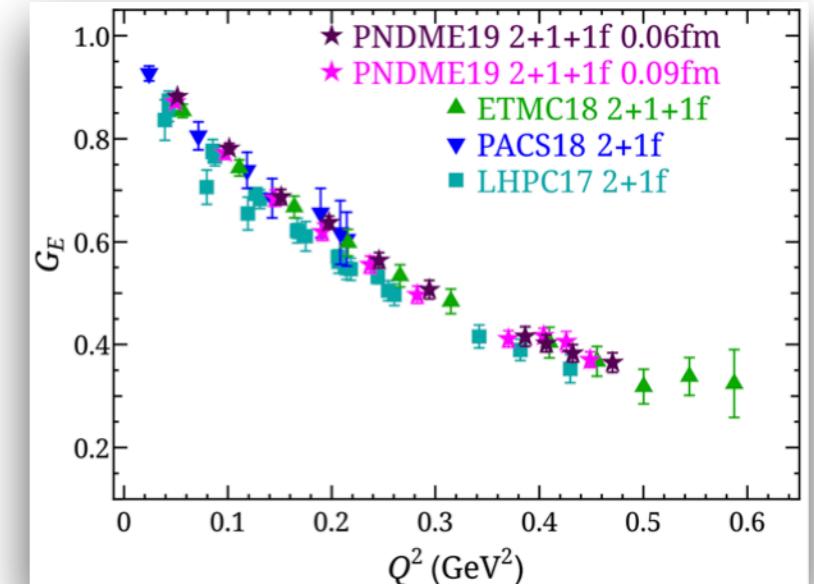
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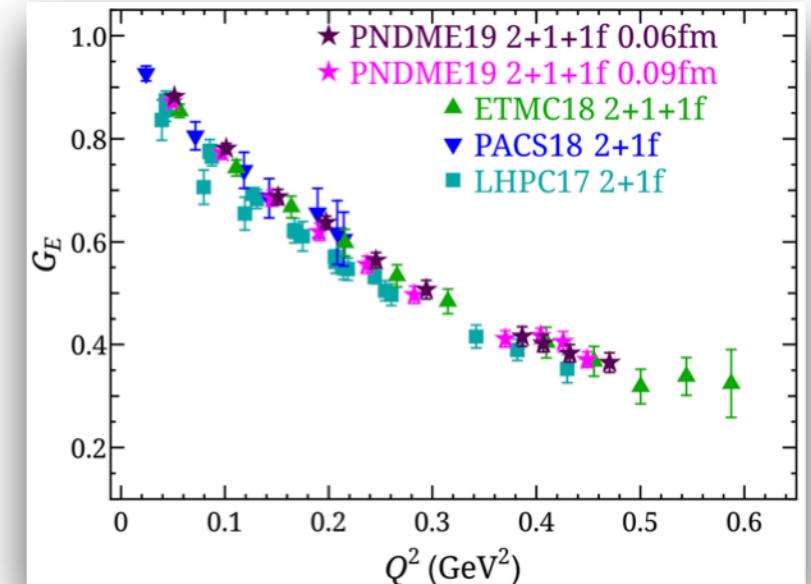
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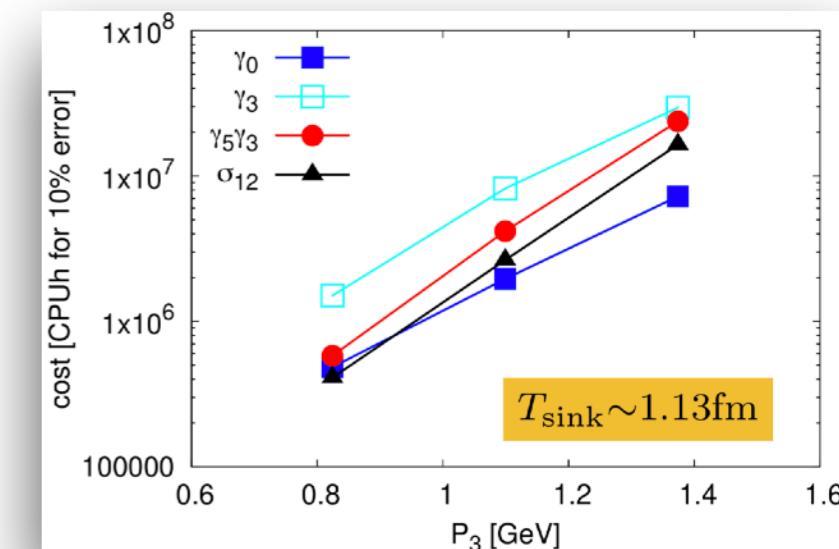
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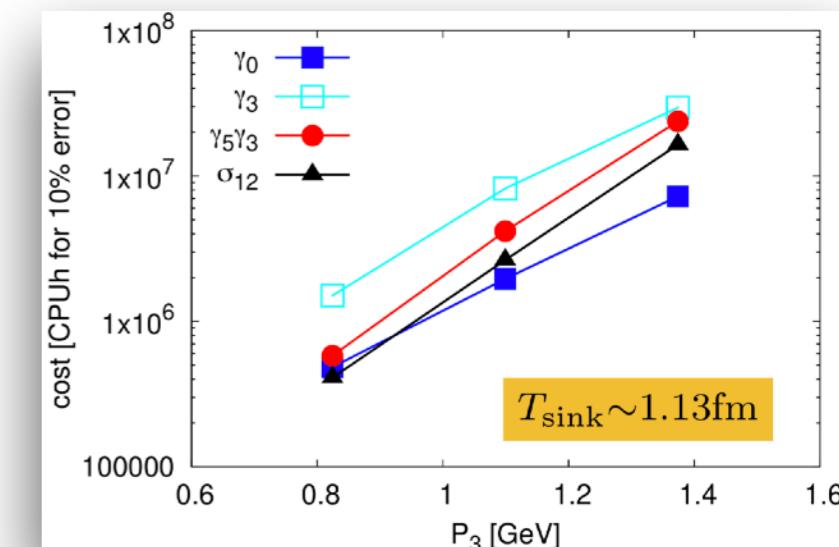
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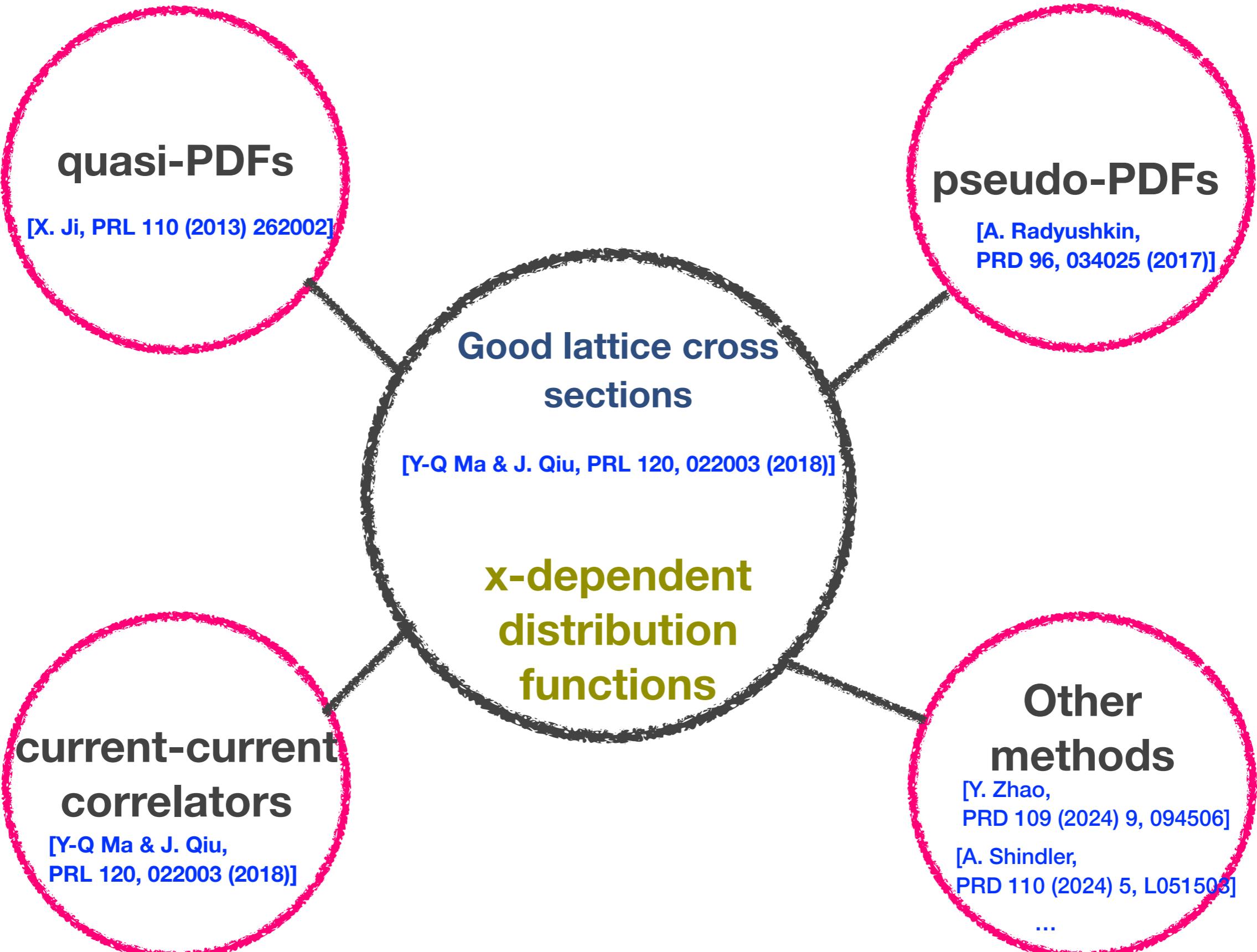
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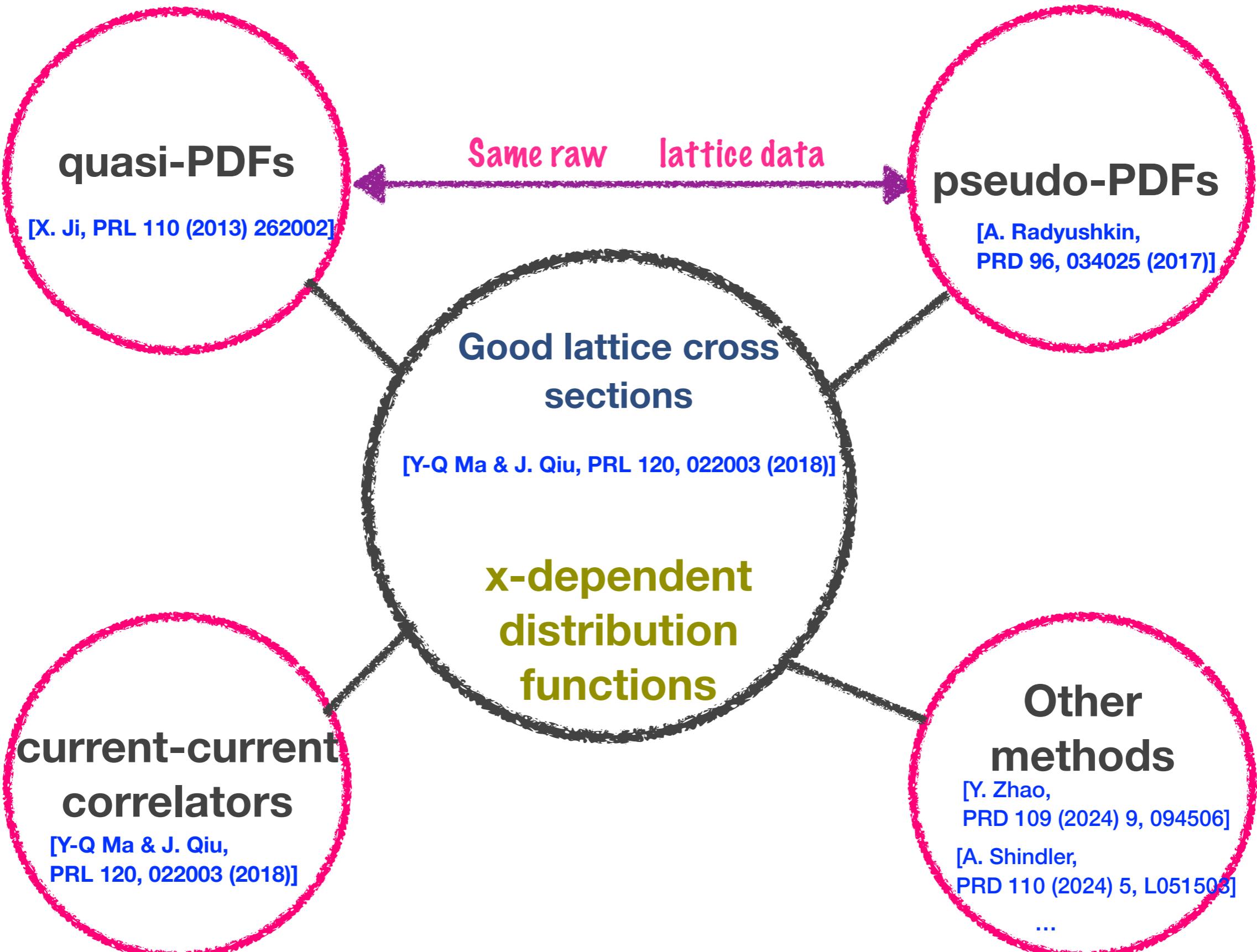
## ★ Reviews of methods and applications

- ***A guide to light-cone PDFs from Lattice QCD: an overview of approaches, techniques and results***  
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- ***Large Momentum Effective Theory***  
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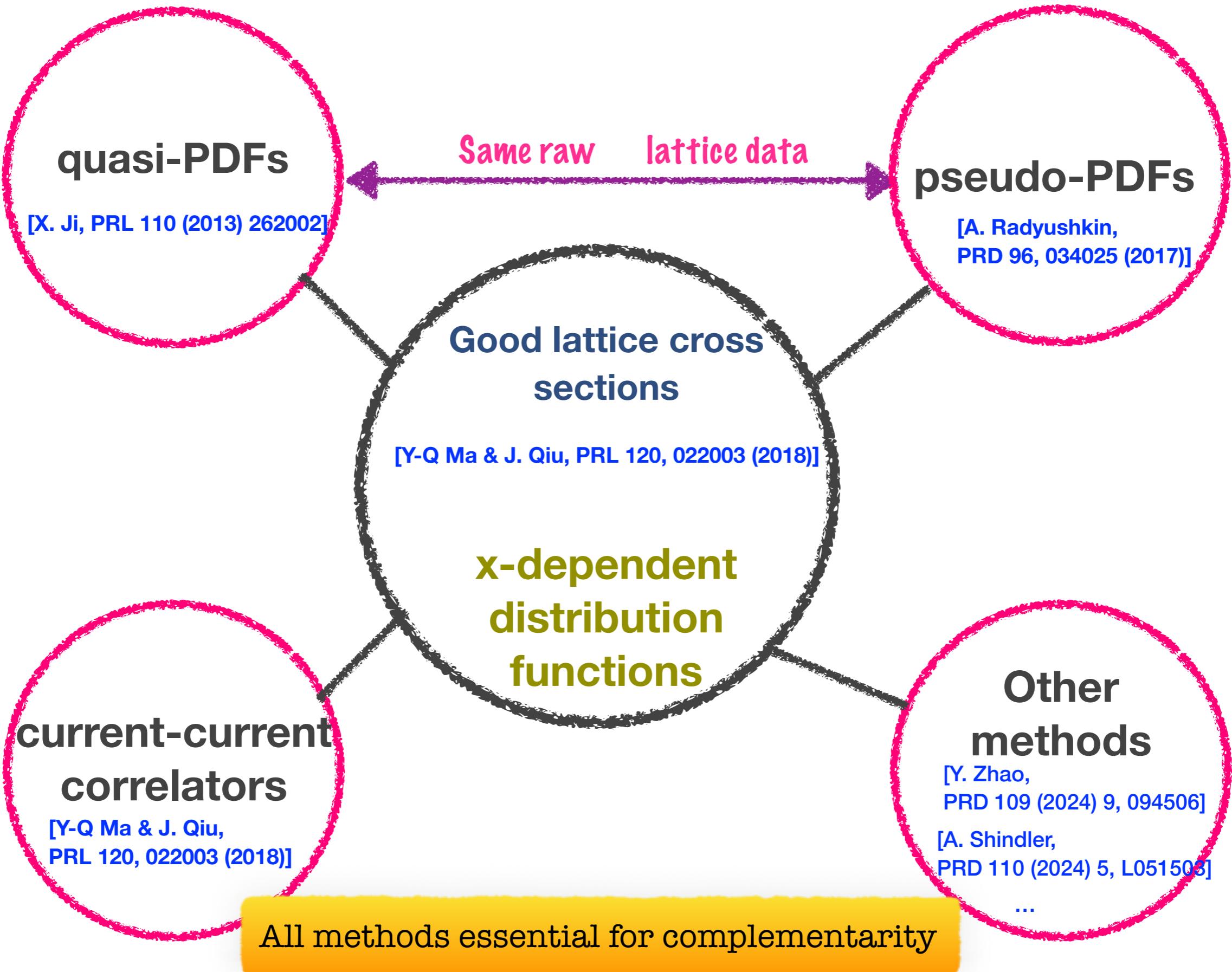
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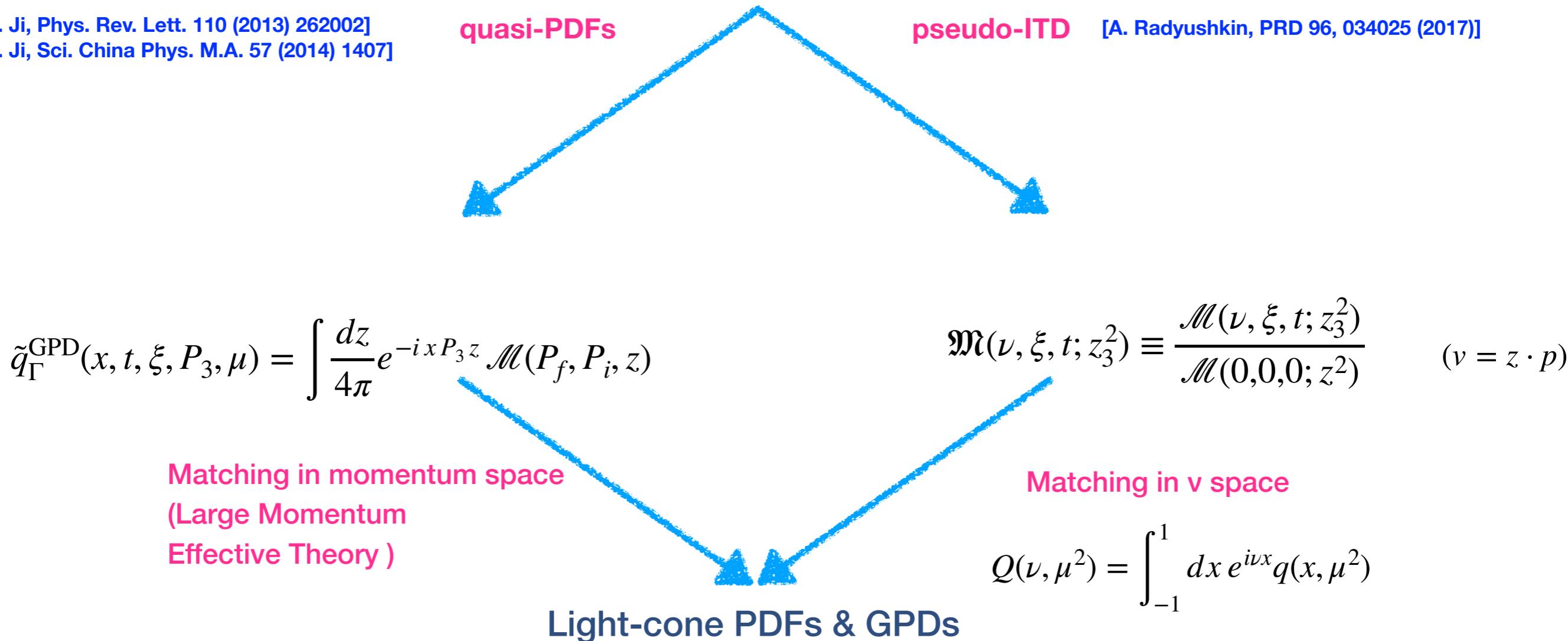
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## quasi-PDFs

## pseudo-ITD

[A. Radyushkin, PRD 96, 034025 (2017)]

# Matching resembles factorization:

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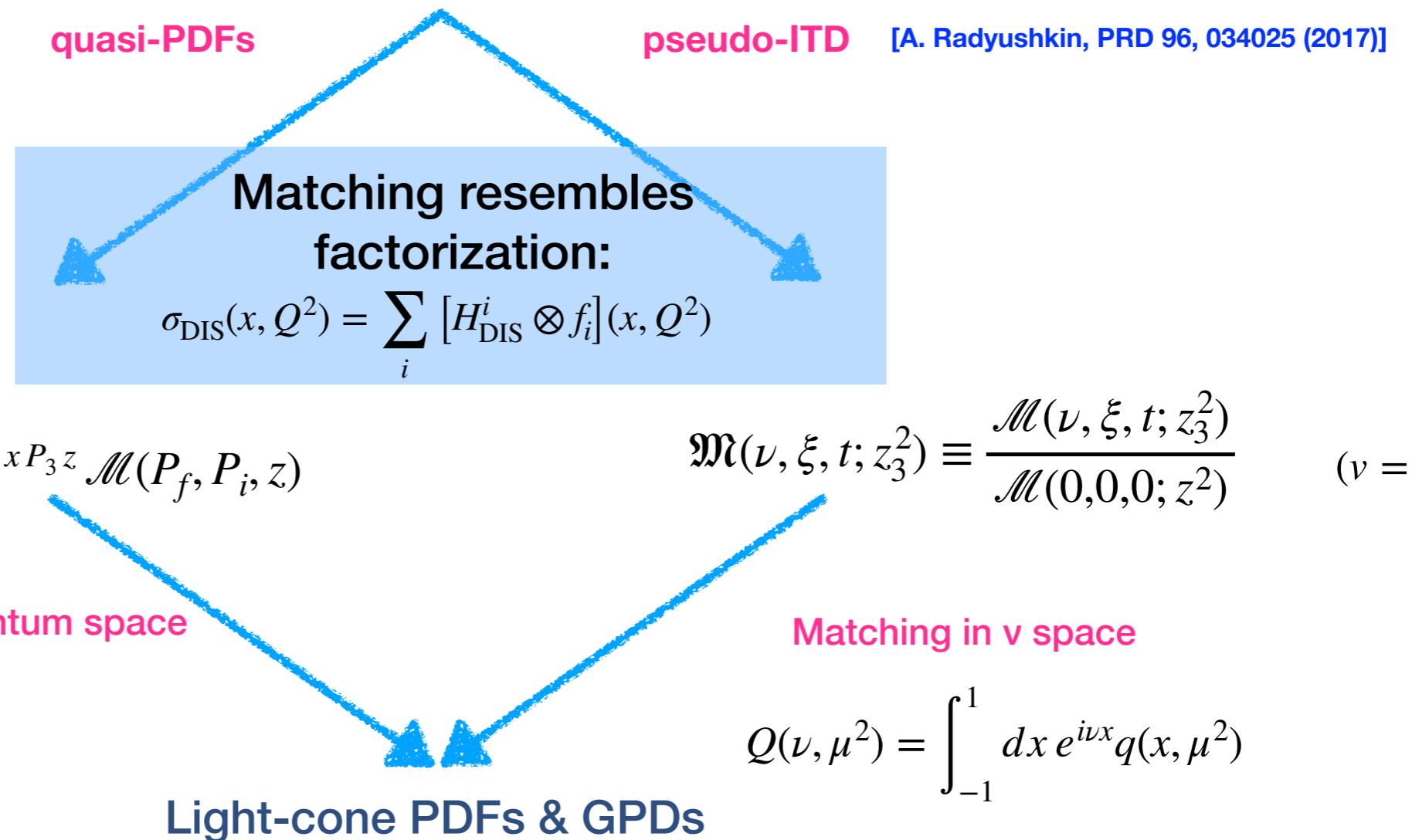
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$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= P_f - P_i \\ t &= \Delta^2 = -Q^2 \\ \xi &= Q_3/(2P_3)\end{aligned}$$

Calculation very taxing!  
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- nucleon momentum boost ( $P_3$ ) } PDFs, GPDs  
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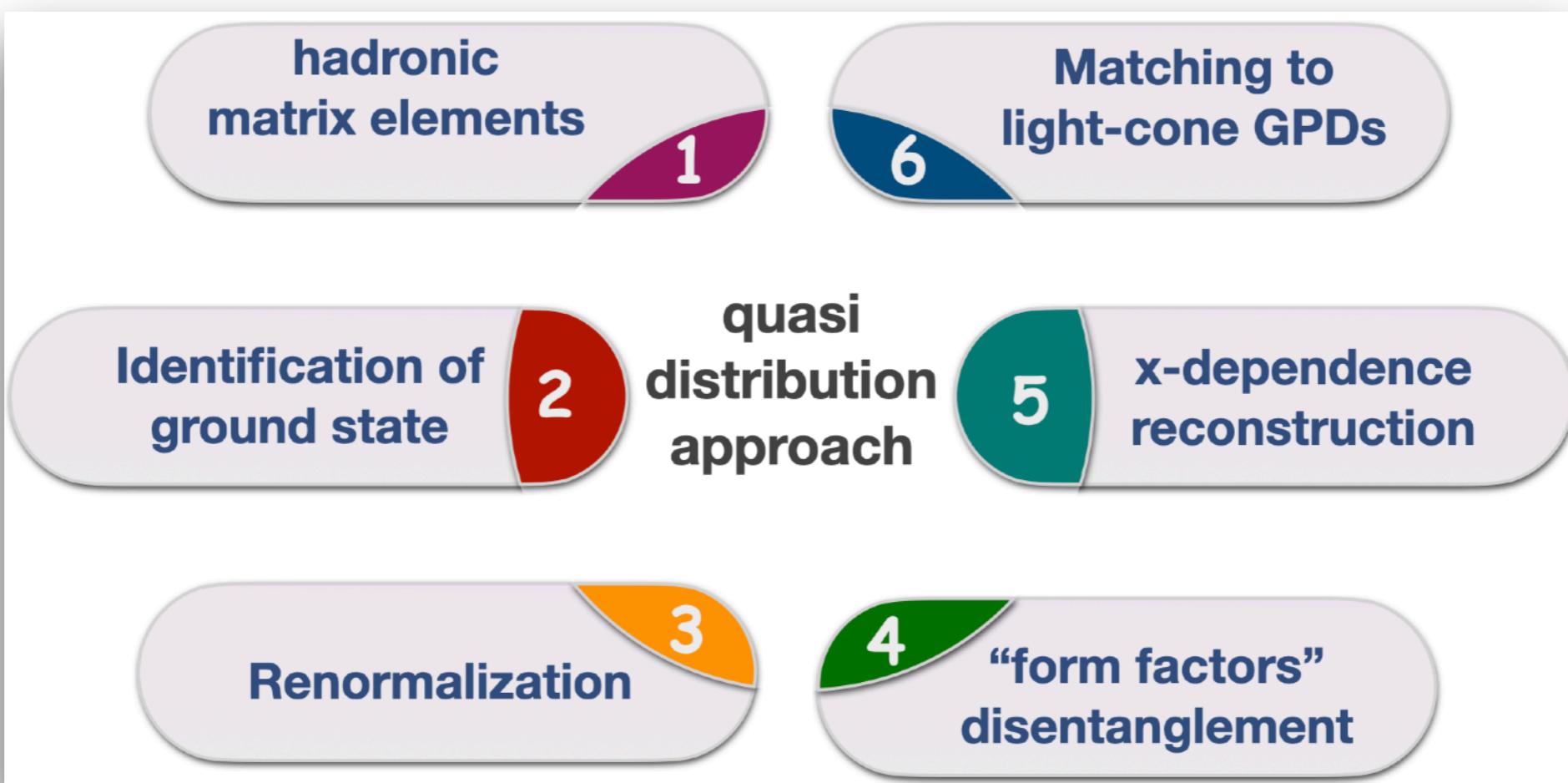
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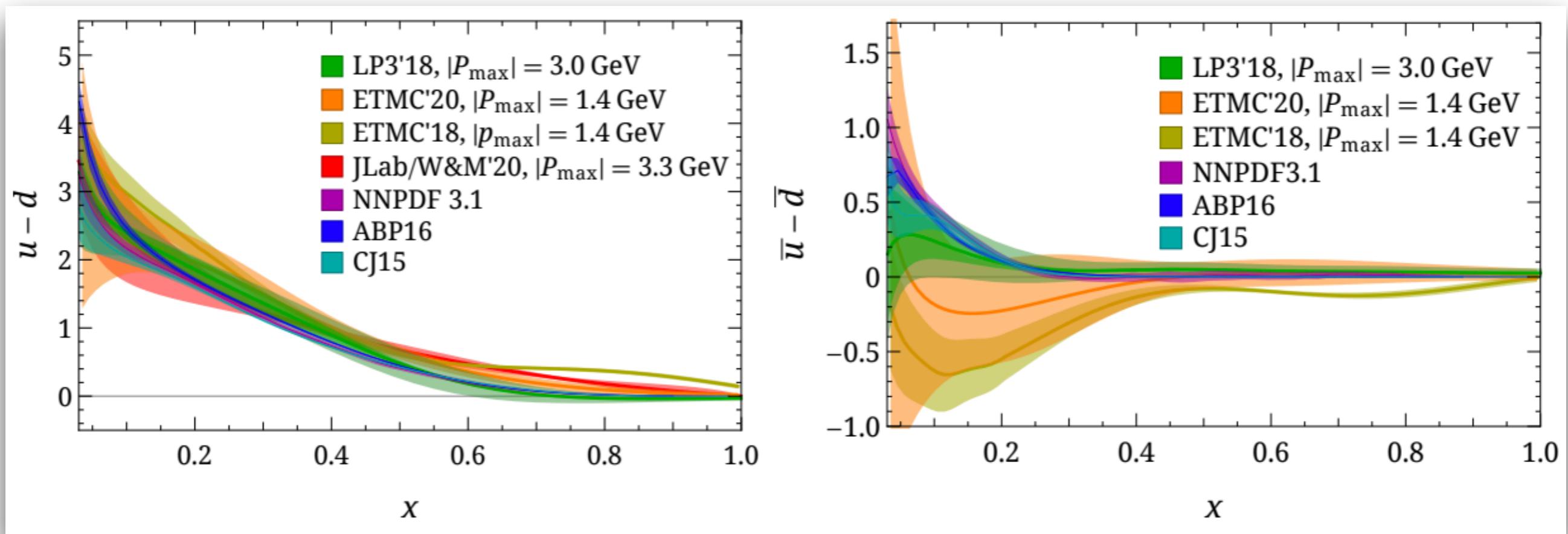
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A number of non-trivial steps



# Lattice Calculations of GPDs

# Collection of results for unpolarized PDF



[M. Constantinou et al. (2020 PDFLattice Report), Prog.Part.Nucl.Phys. 121 (2021) 103908]

- ★ Several improvements:
  - More calculations at physical quark masses
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# Definition of GPDs on Euclidean lattice

## ★ Parametrization of matrix elements in Lorentz invariant amplitudes

### Vector

[S. Bhattacharya et al., PRD 106 (2022) 11, 114512]

$$F_{\lambda,\lambda'}^\mu = \bar{u}(p', \lambda') \left[ \frac{P^\mu}{M} A_1 + z^\mu M A_2 + \frac{\Delta^\mu}{M} A_3 + i\sigma^{\mu z} M A_4 + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\Delta}}{M} A_5 + \frac{P^\mu i\sigma^{z\Delta}}{M} A_6 + \frac{z^\mu i\sigma^{z\Delta}}{M} A_7 + \frac{\Delta^\mu i\sigma^{z\Delta}}{M} A_8 \right] u(p, \lambda)$$

### Axial

[S. Bhattacharya et al., PRD 109 (2024) 3, 034508 ]

$$\tilde{F}^\mu = \bar{u}(p_f, \lambda') \left[ \frac{i\epsilon^{\mu P z \Delta}}{m} \tilde{A}_1 + \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \tilde{A}_2 + \gamma_5 \left( \frac{P^\mu}{m} \tilde{A}_3 + mz^\mu \tilde{A}_4 + \frac{\Delta^\mu}{m} \tilde{A}_5 \right) + m \not{\epsilon} \gamma_5 \left( \frac{P^\mu}{m} \tilde{A}_6 + mz^\mu \tilde{A}_7 + \frac{\Delta^\mu}{m} \tilde{A}_8 \right) \right] u(p_i, \lambda)$$

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- Applicable to any kinematic frame and have definite symmetries
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*Light-cone GPDs using lattice correlators in non-symmetric frames*

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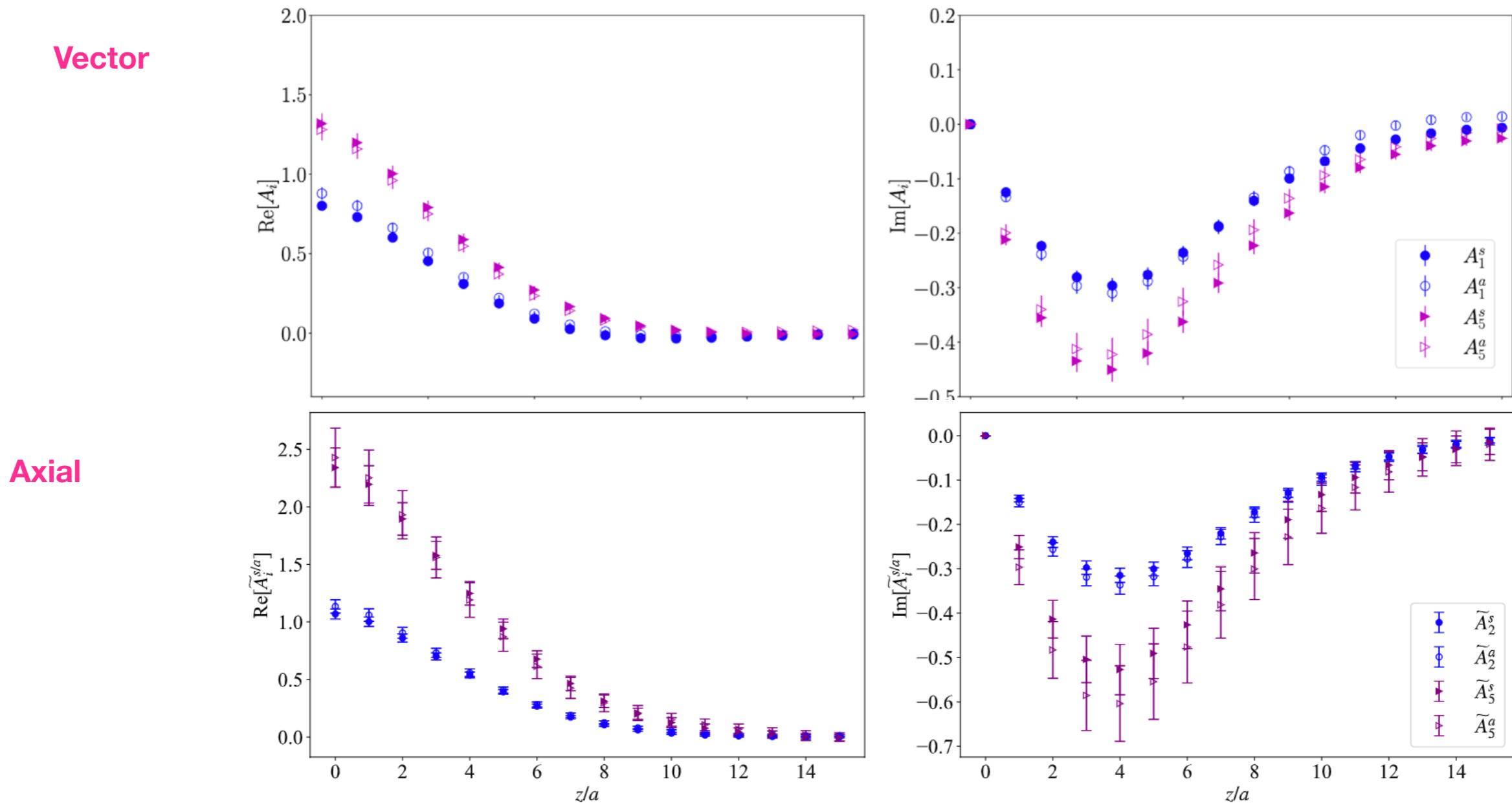
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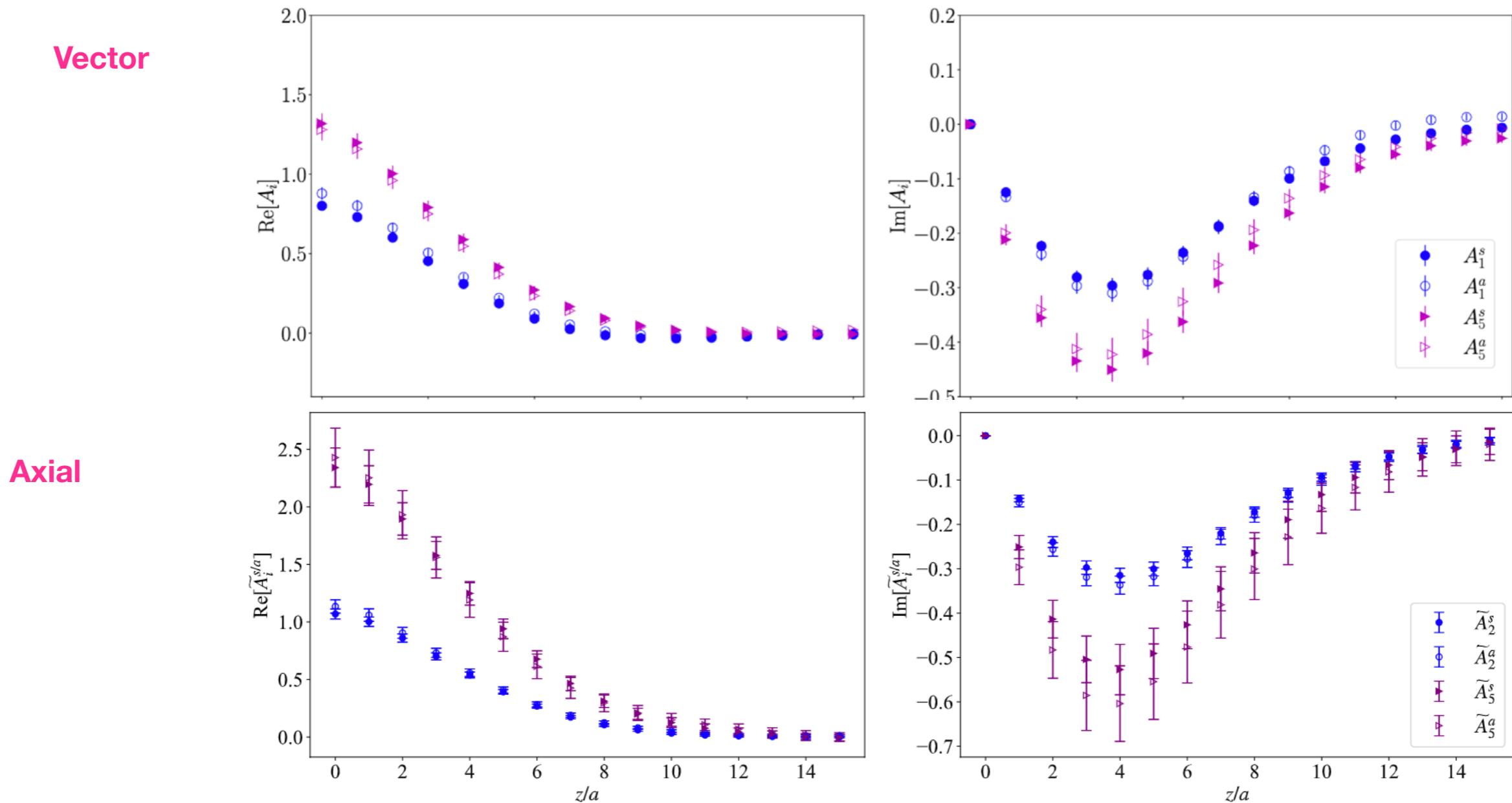
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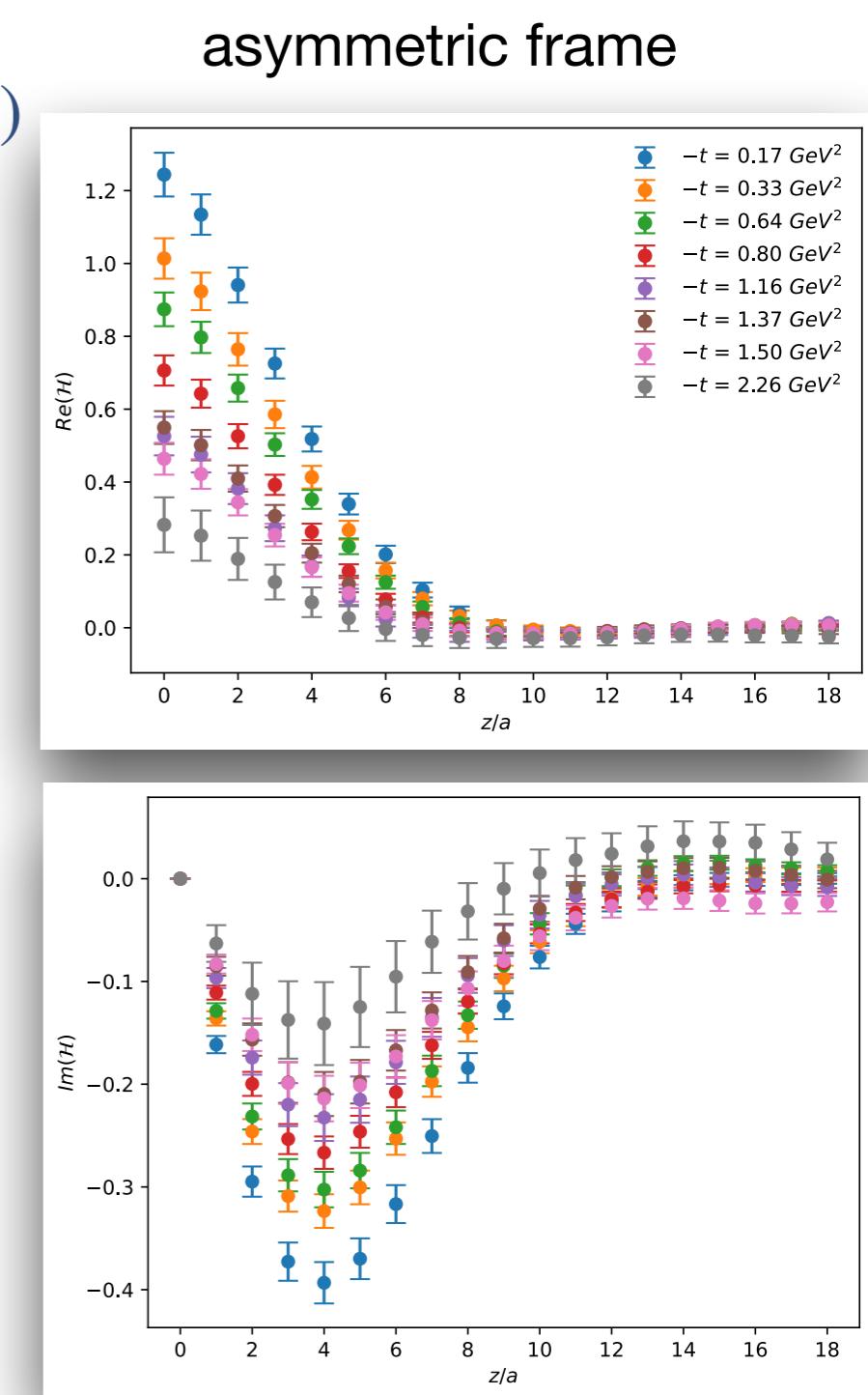
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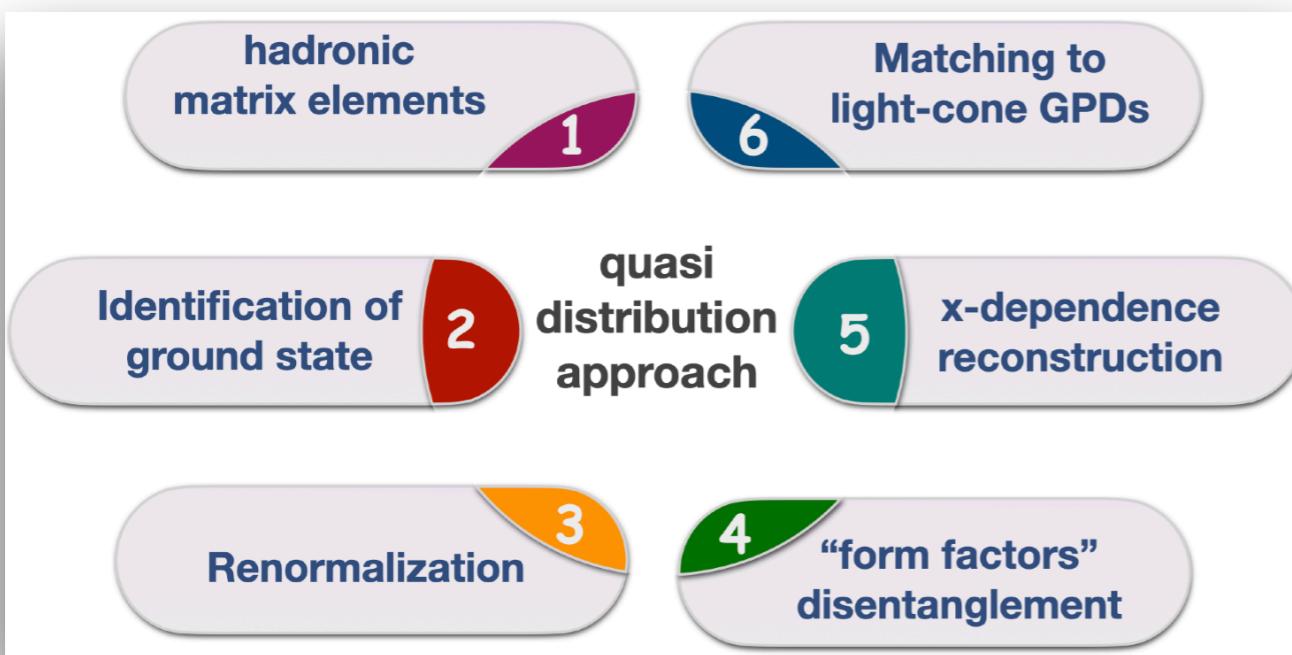


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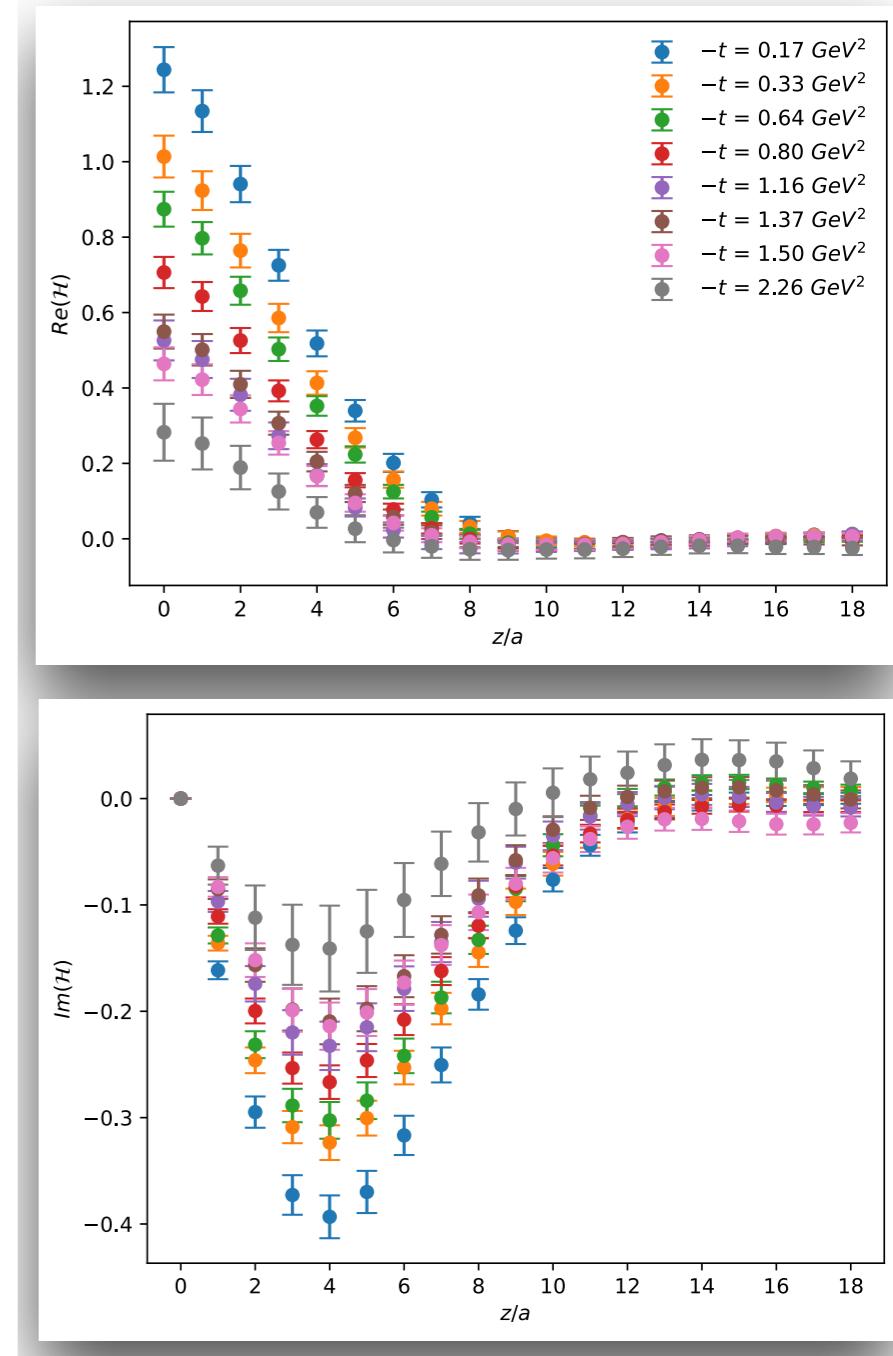
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Apply non-trivial steps



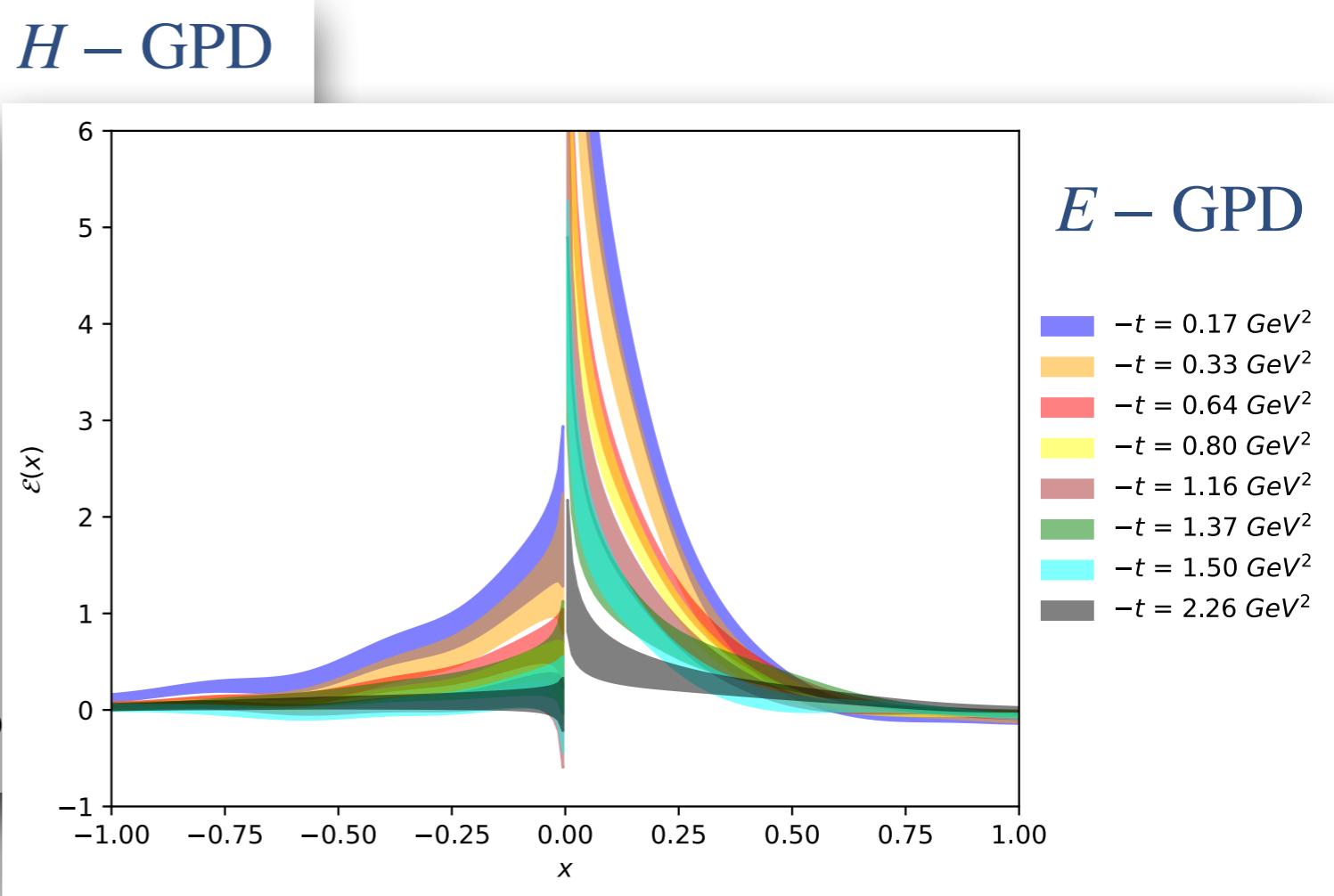
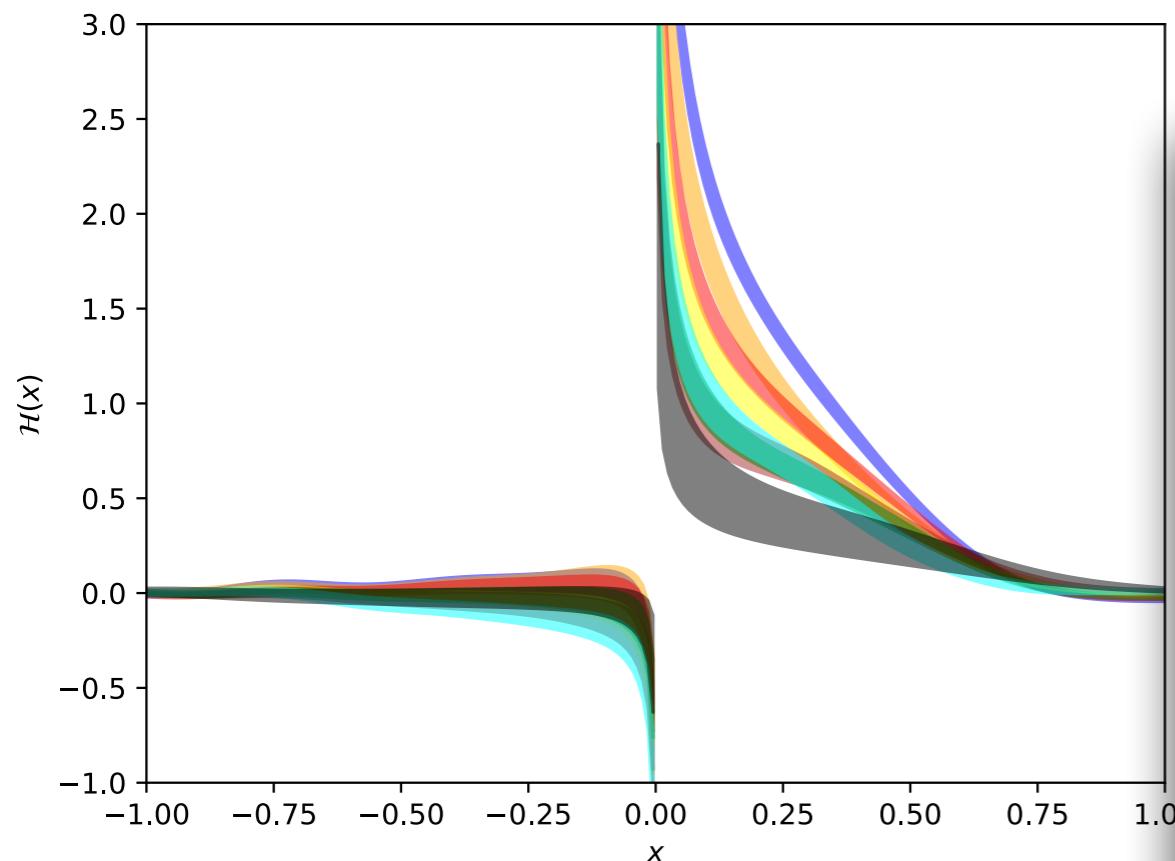
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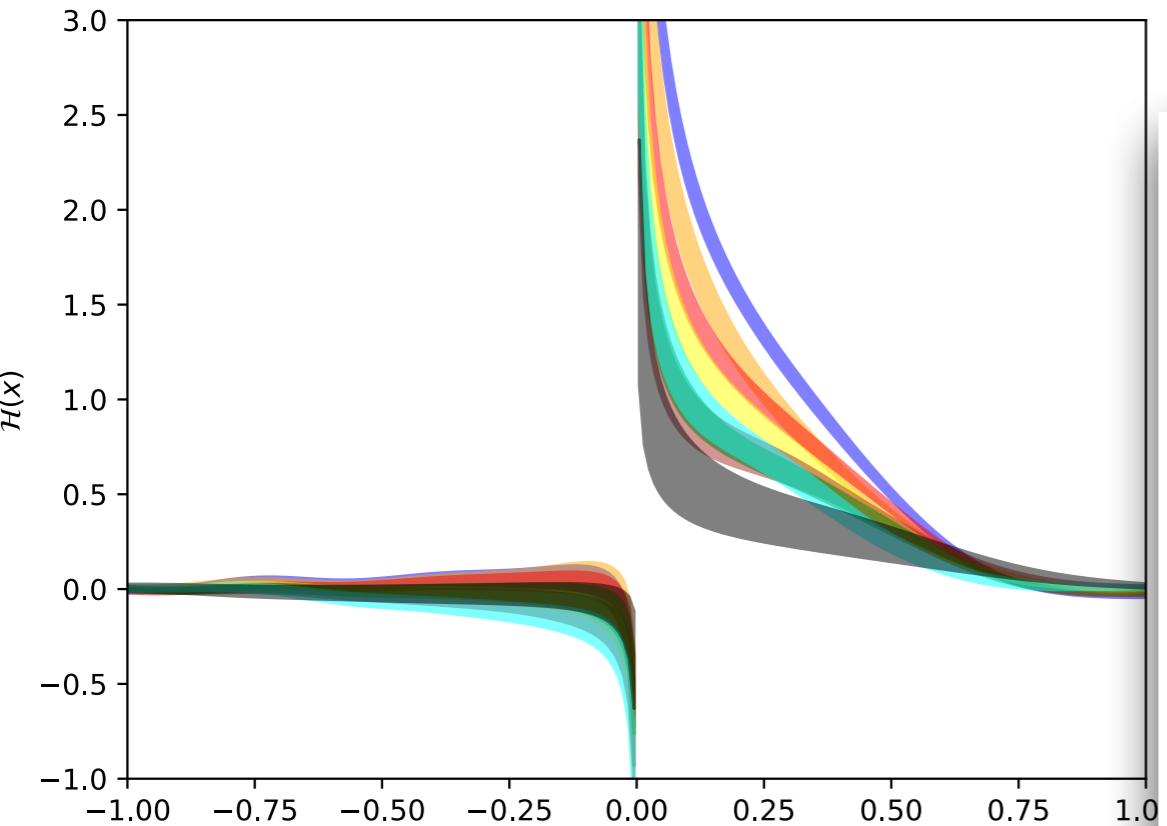
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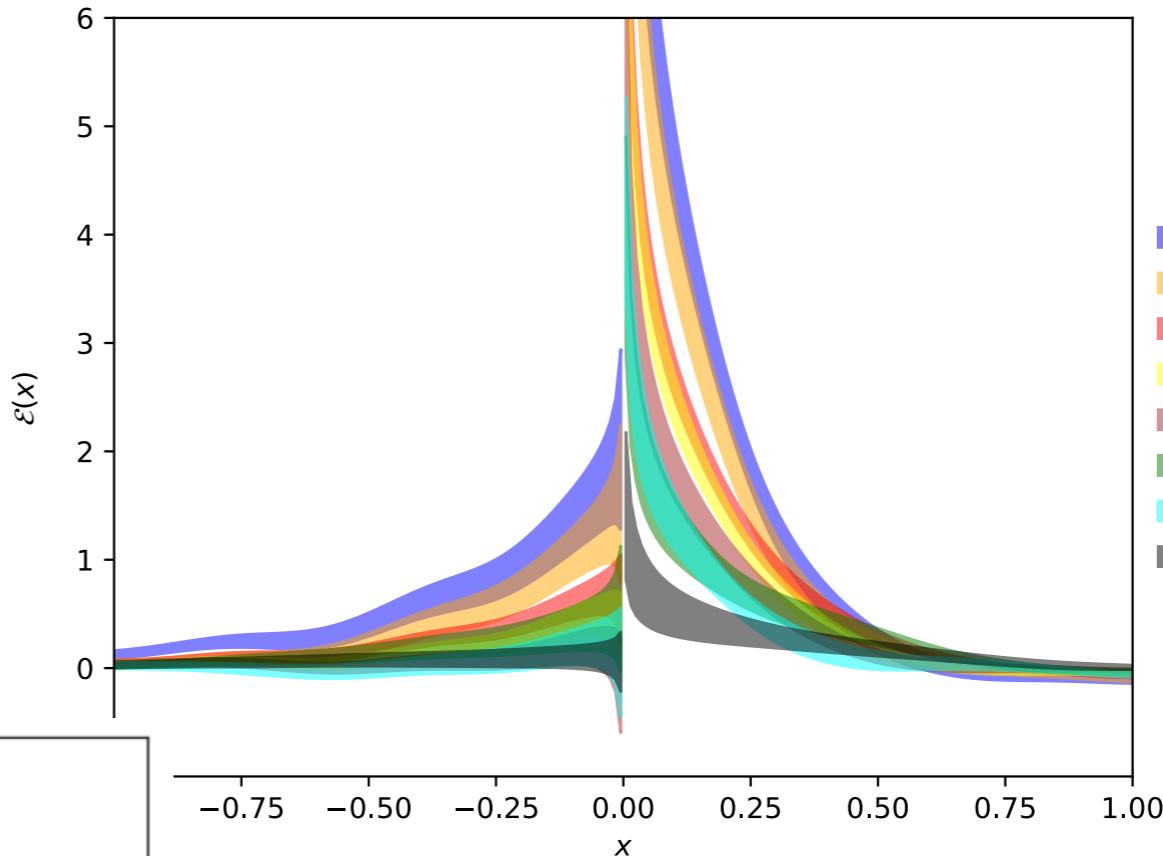
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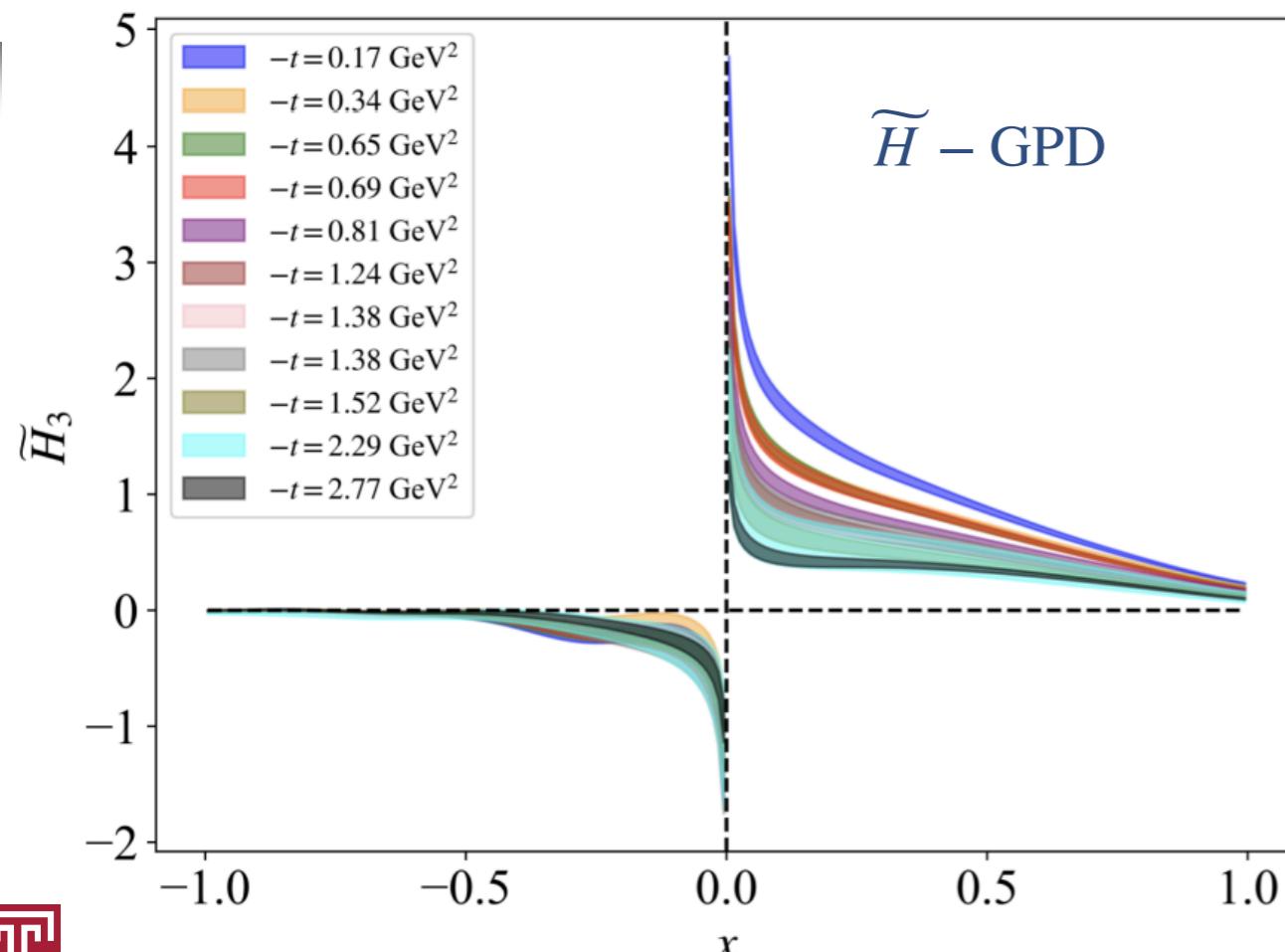
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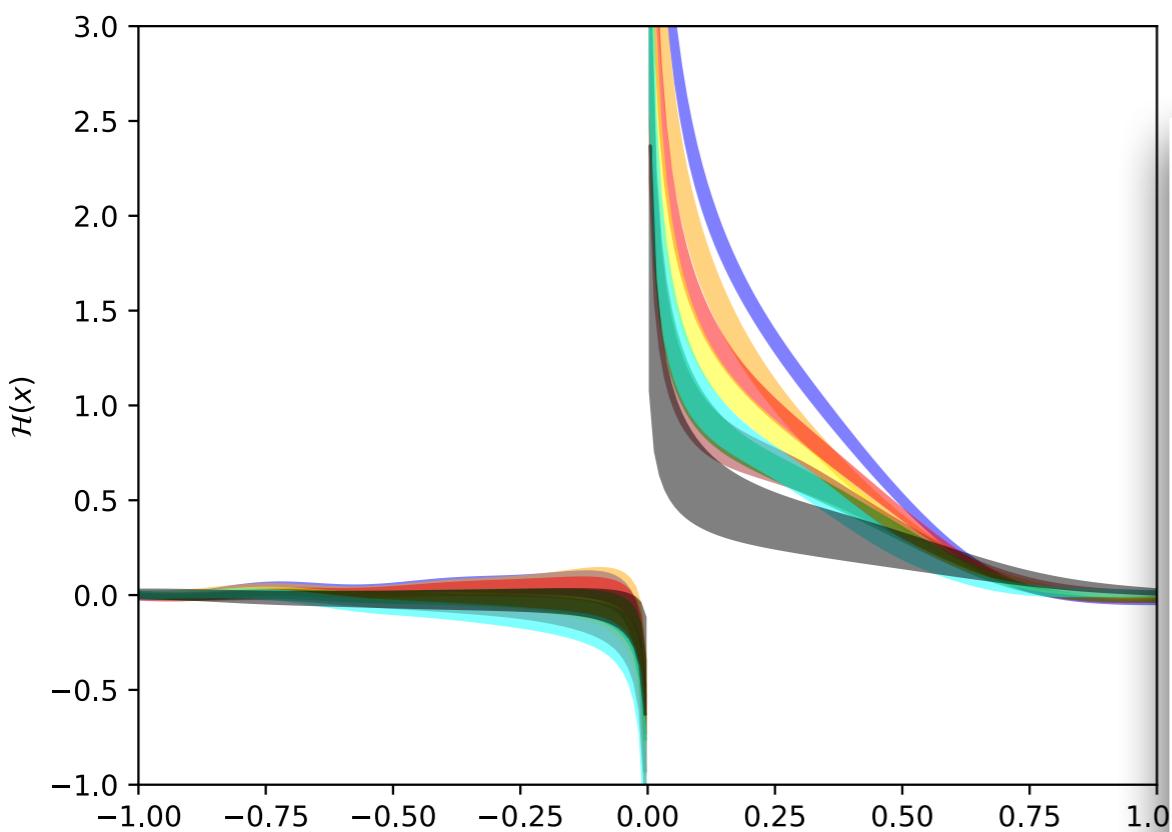


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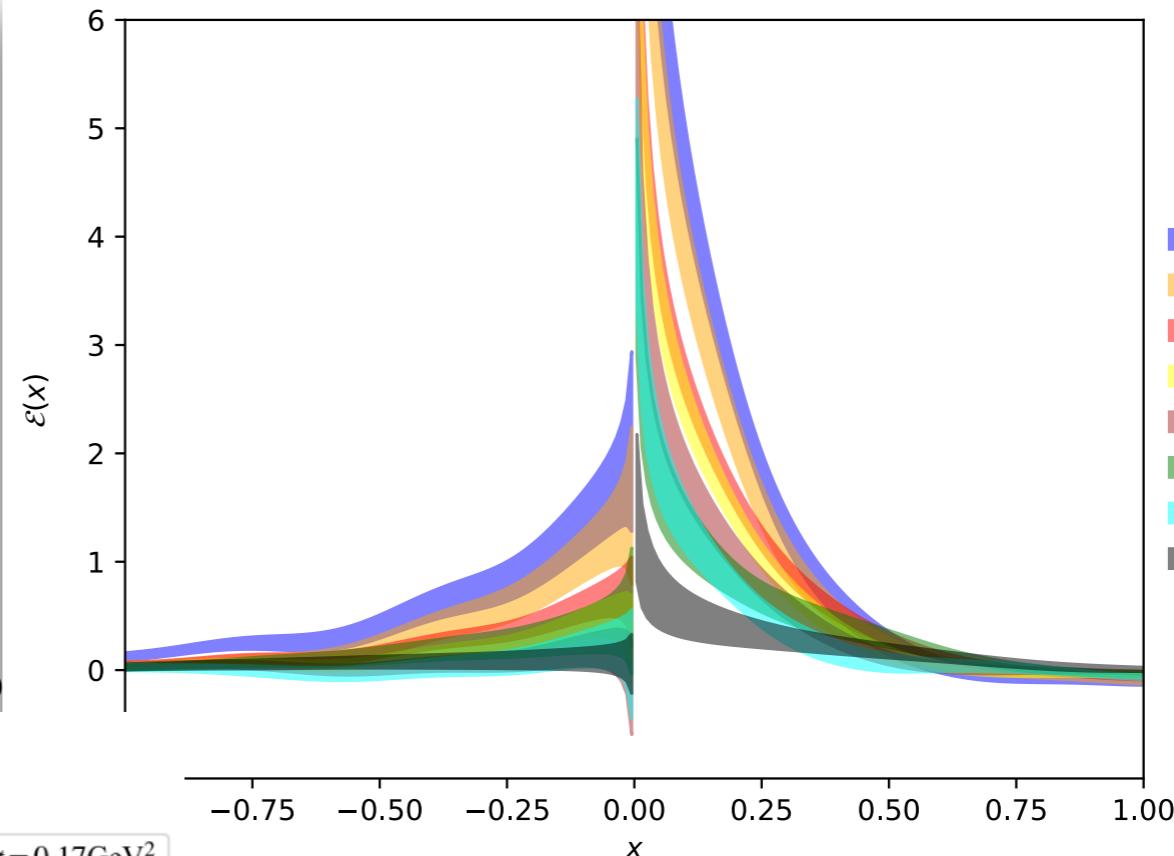


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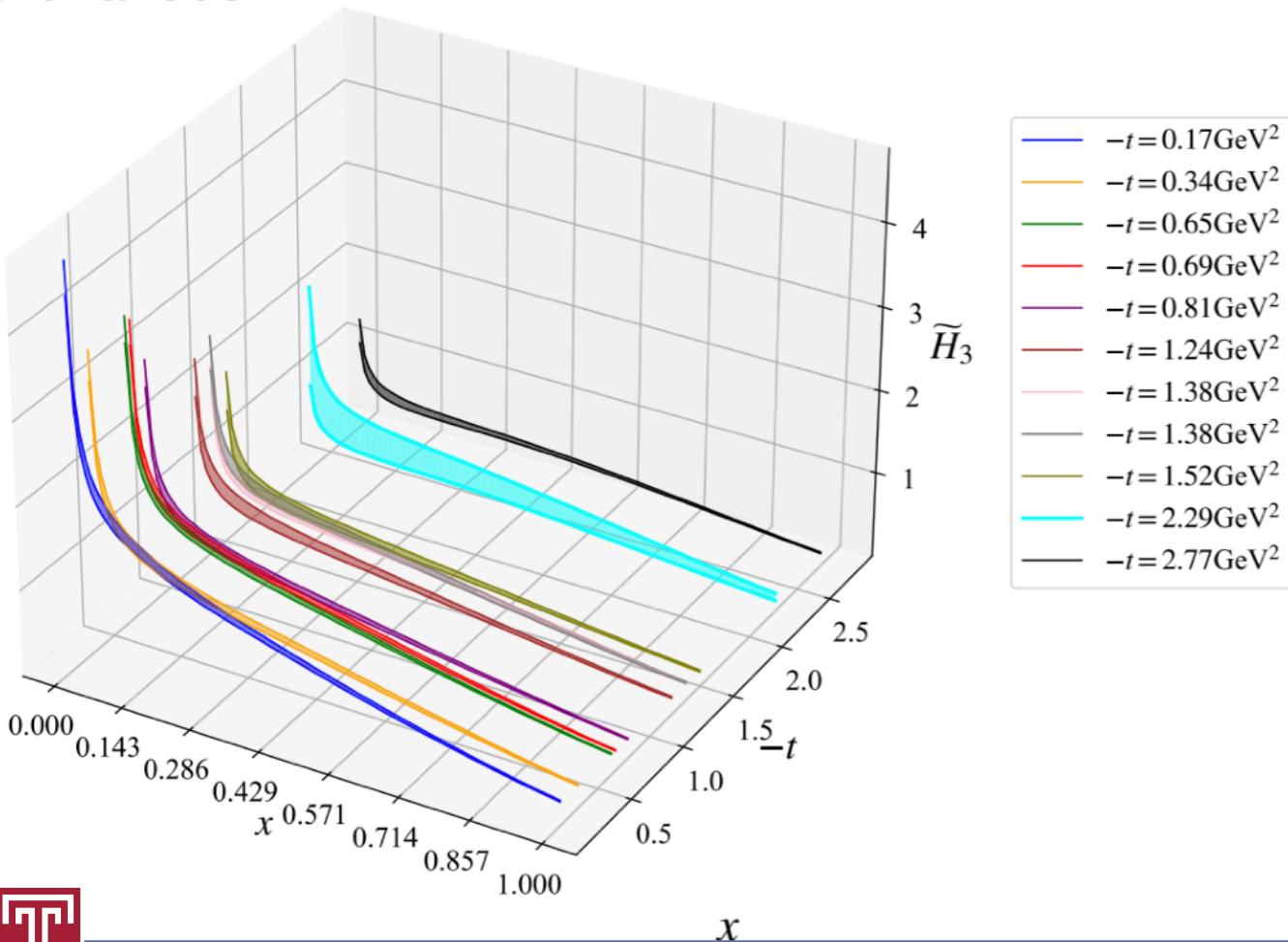


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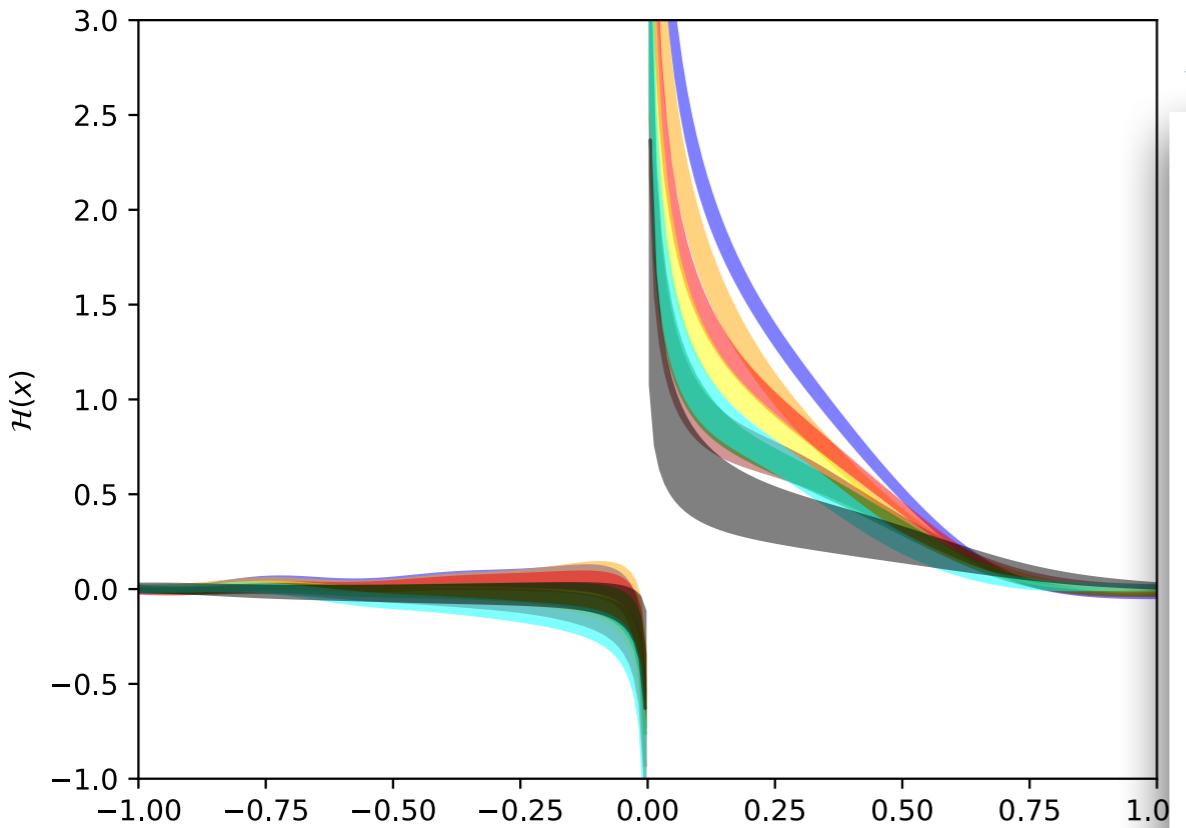
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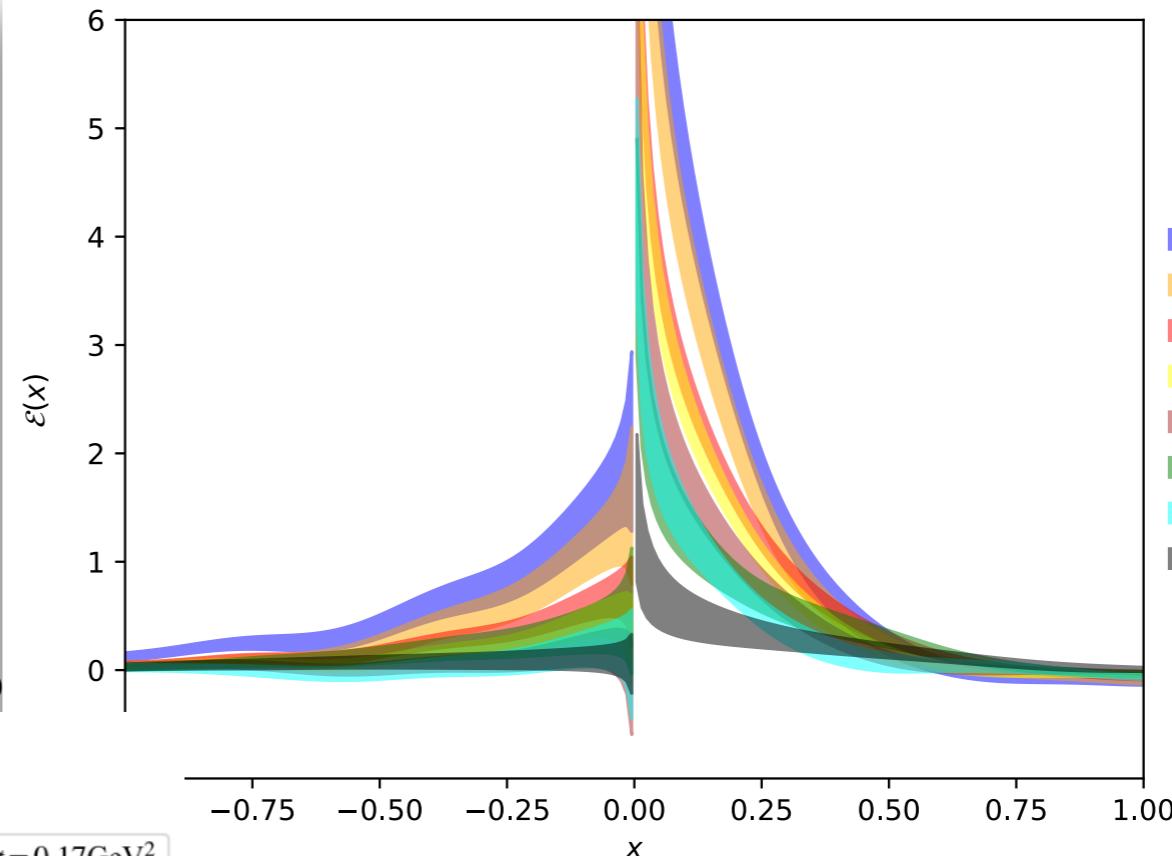


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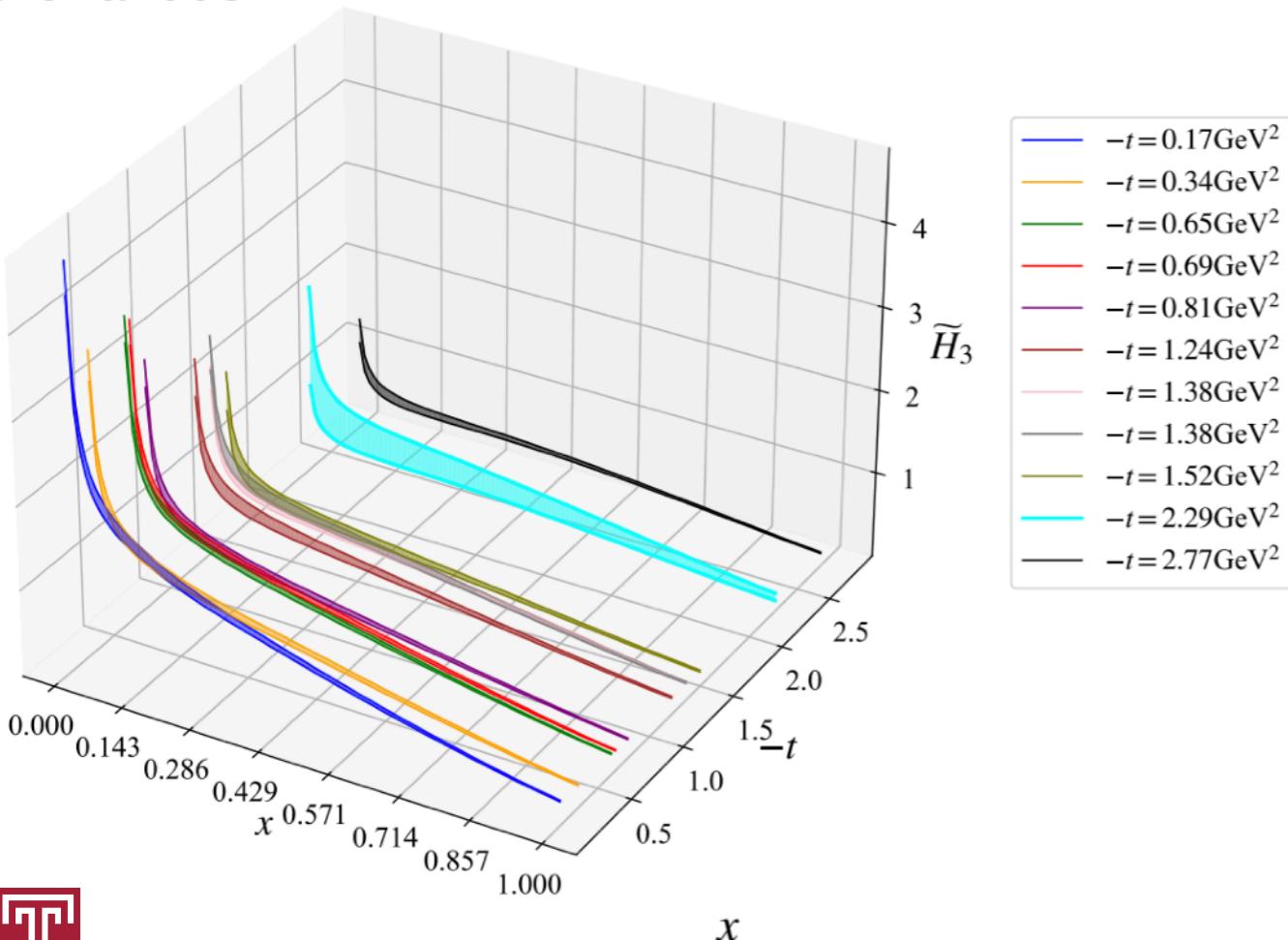


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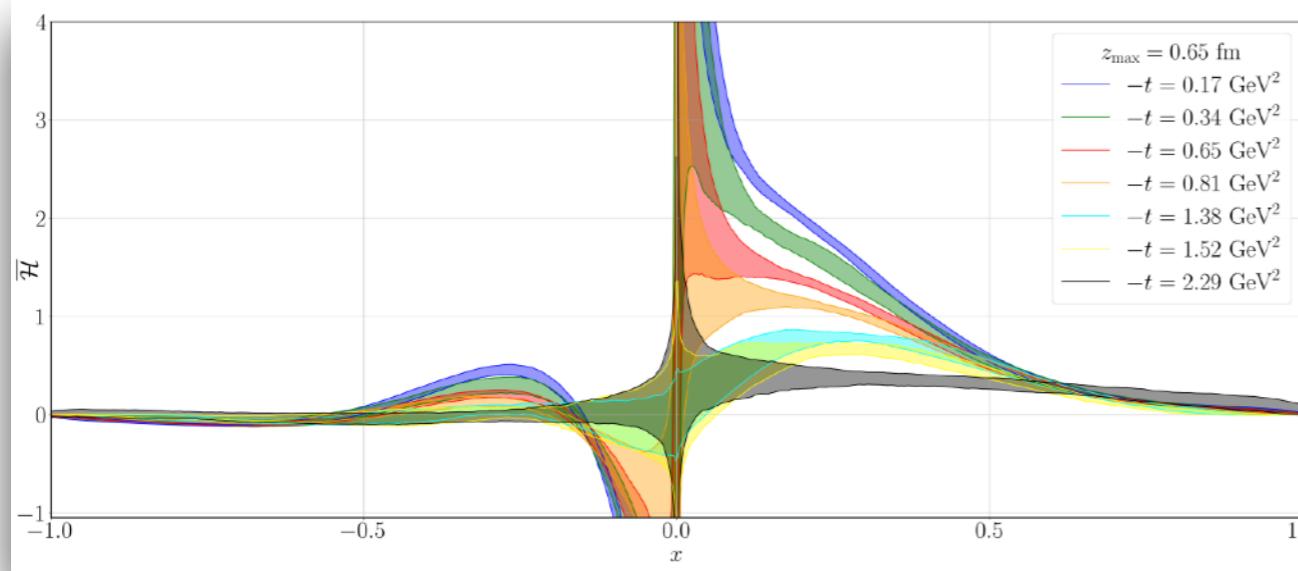
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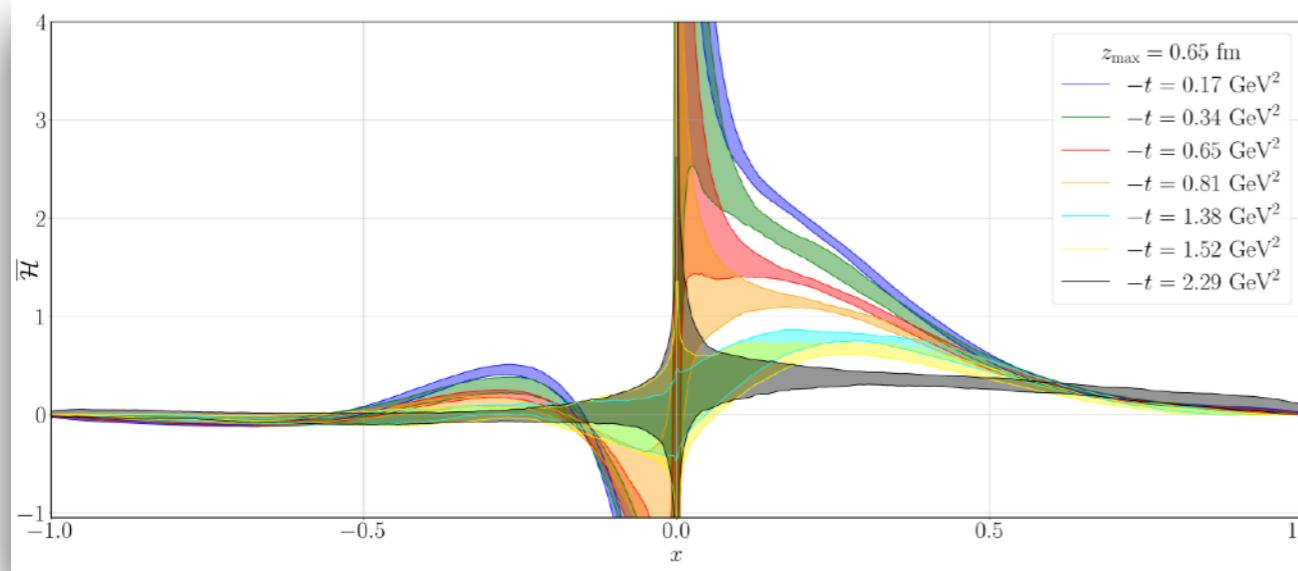


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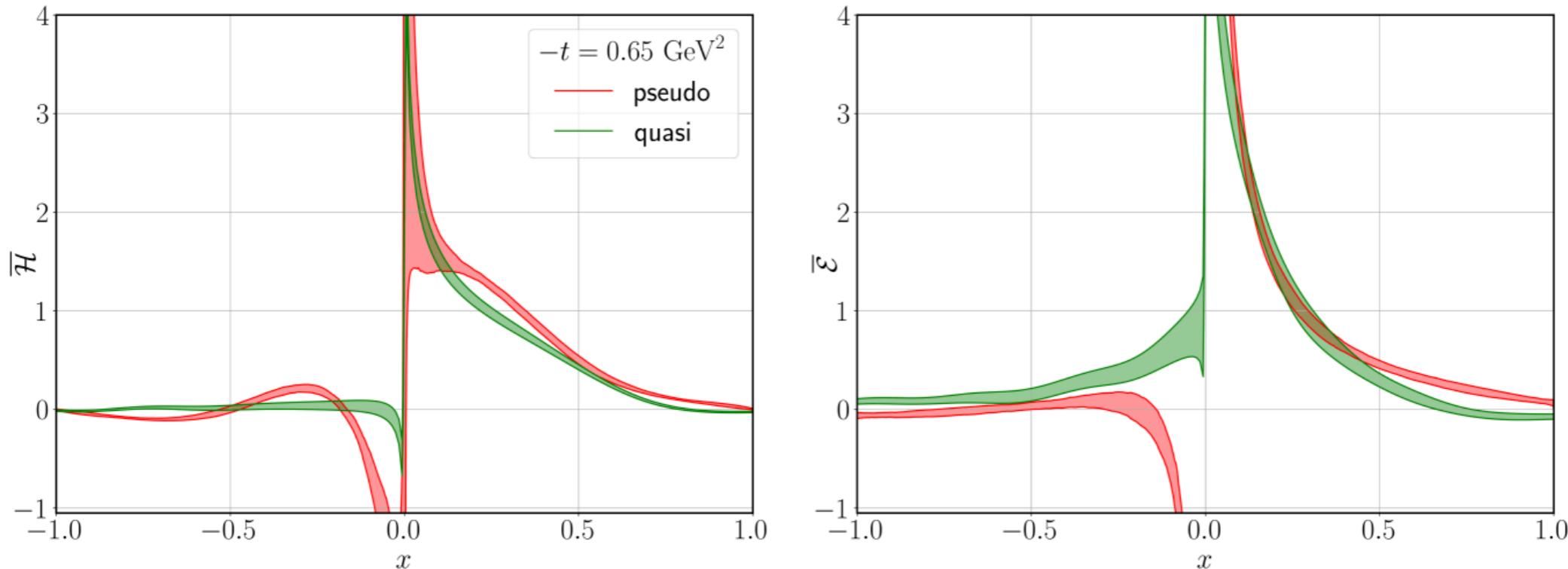
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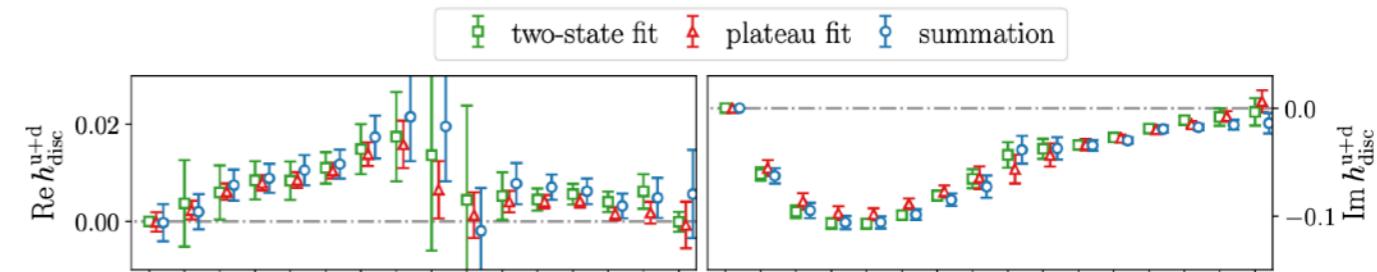
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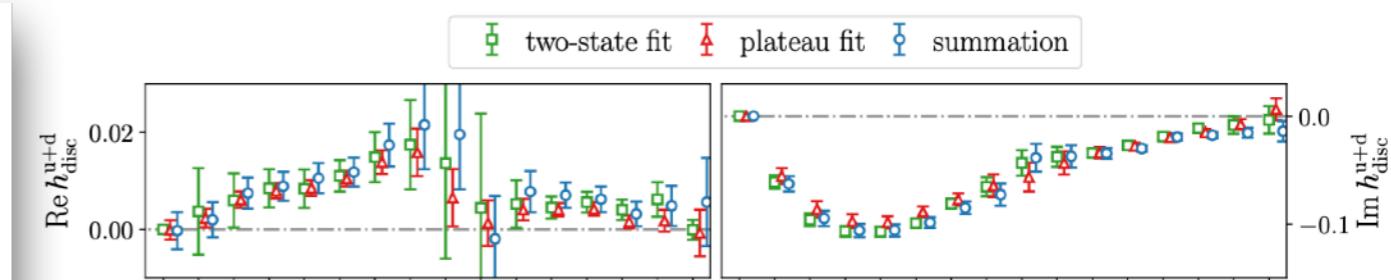
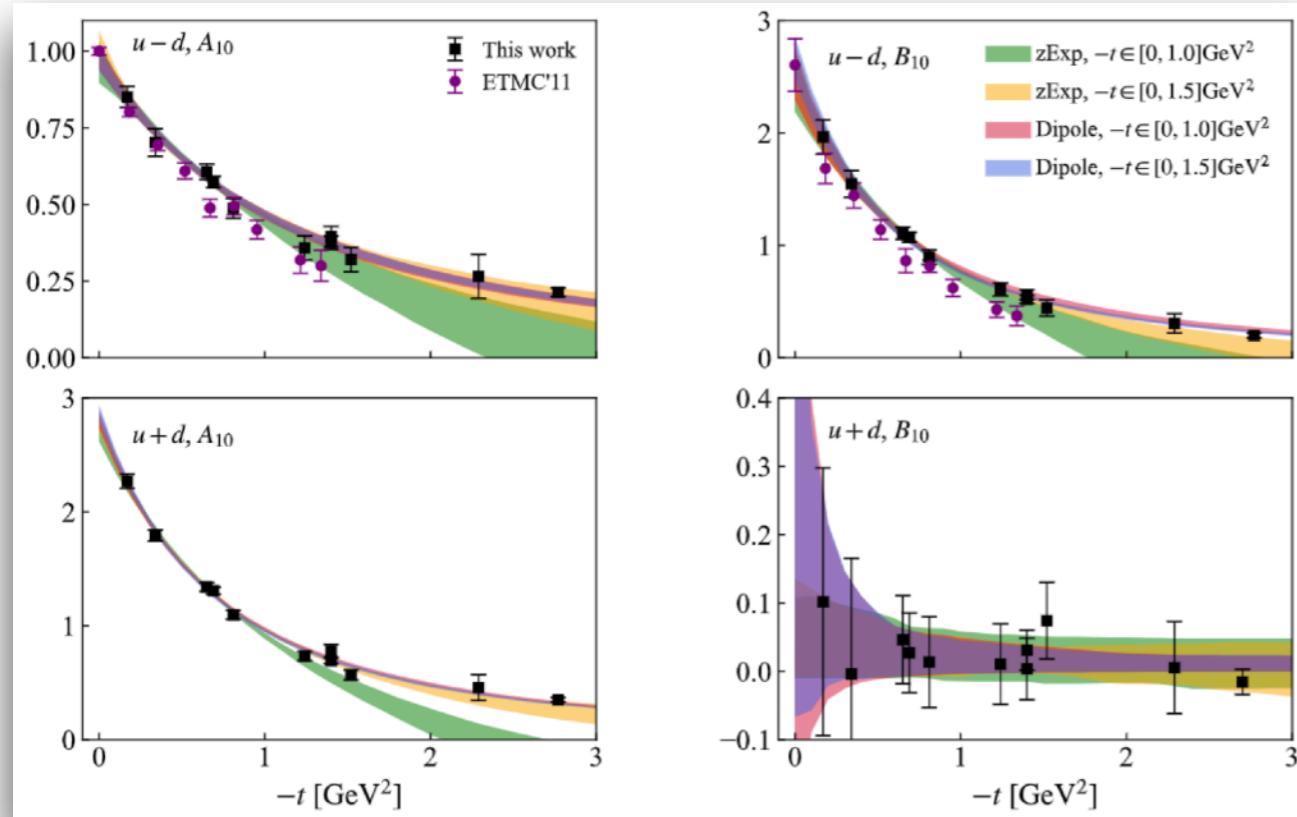
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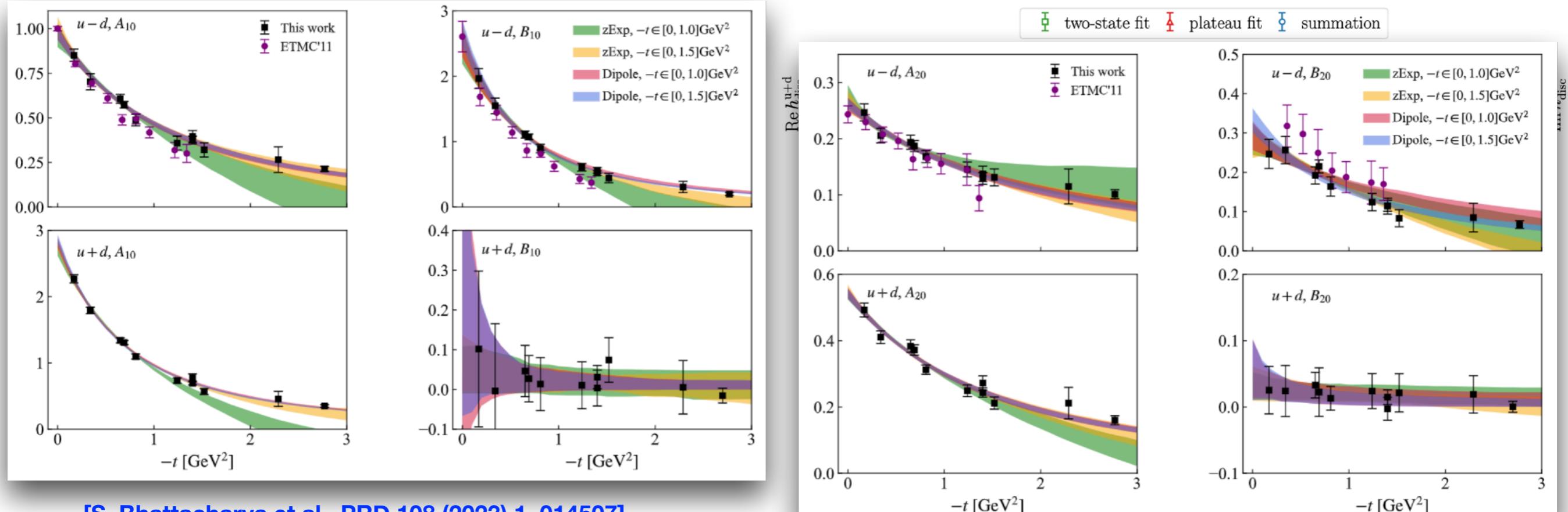
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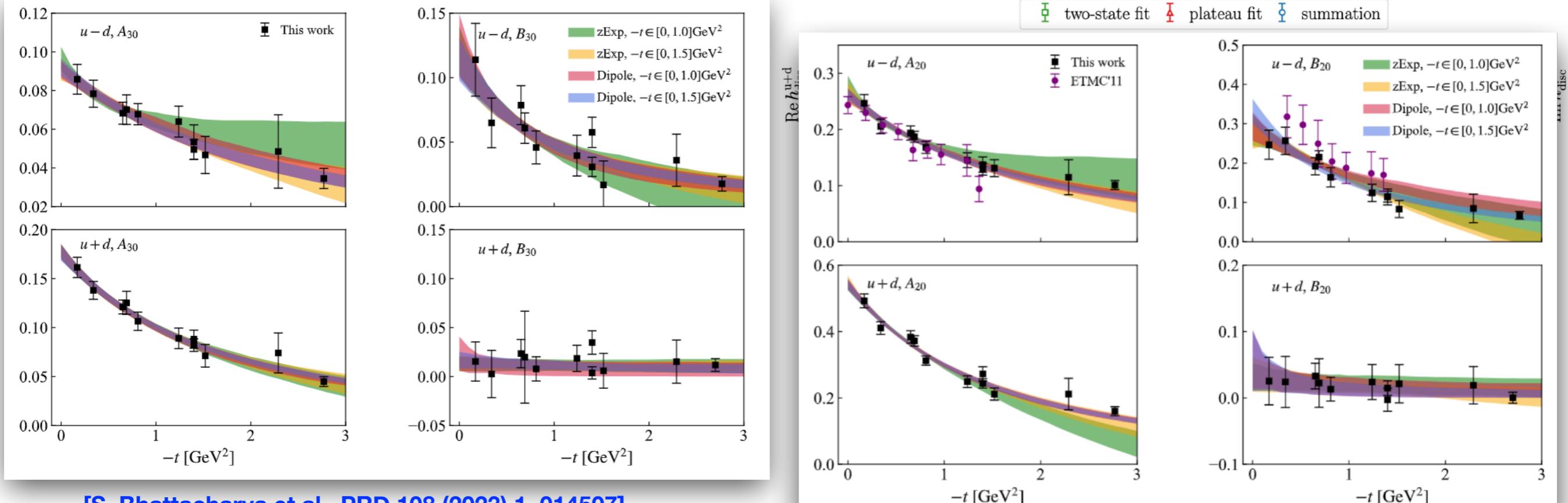
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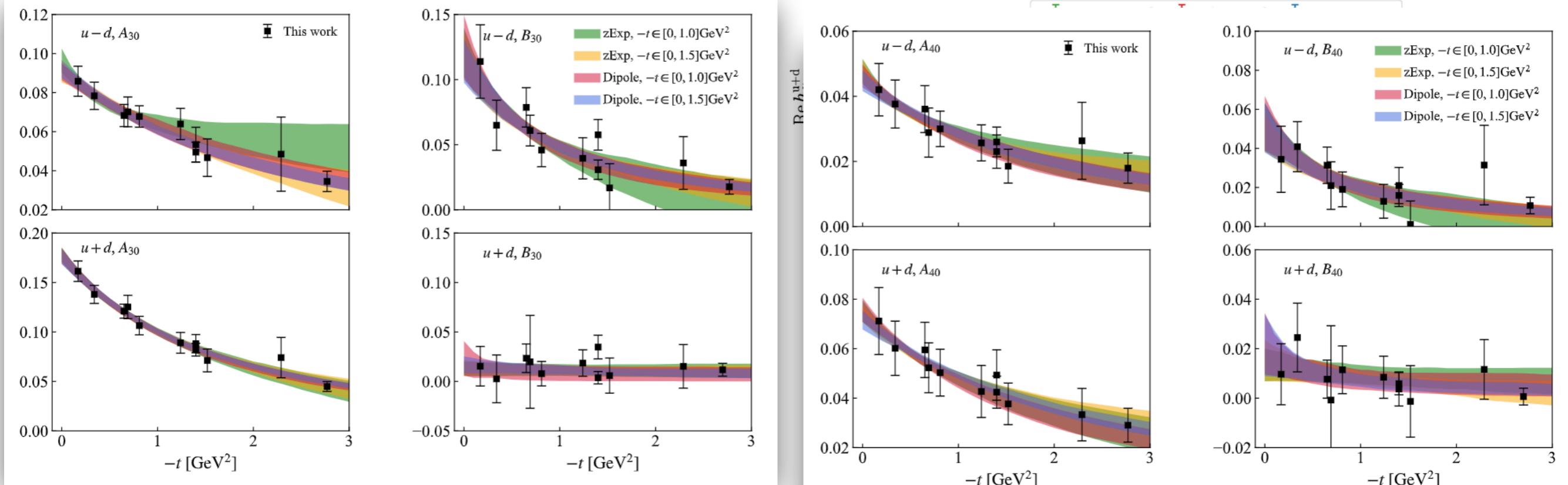
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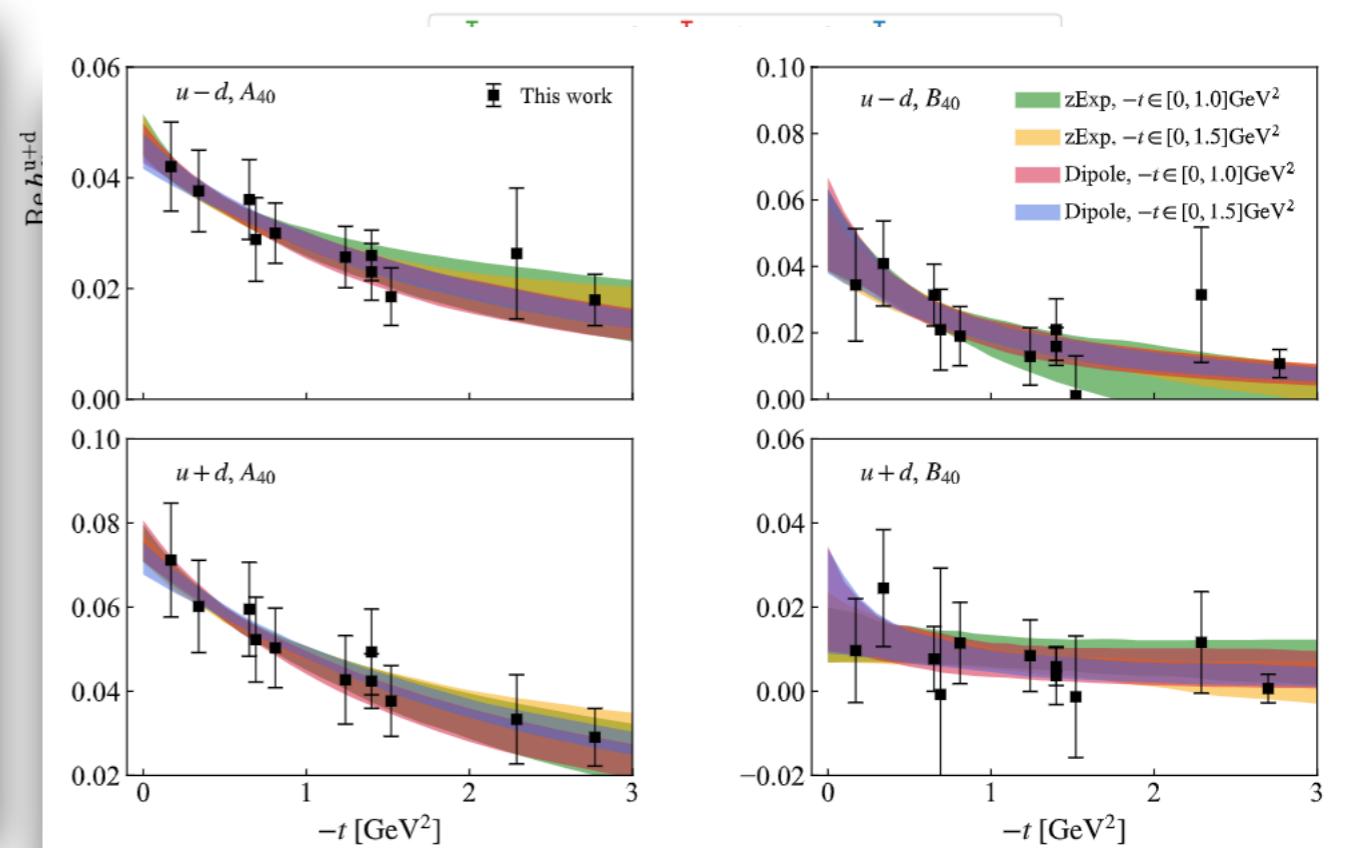
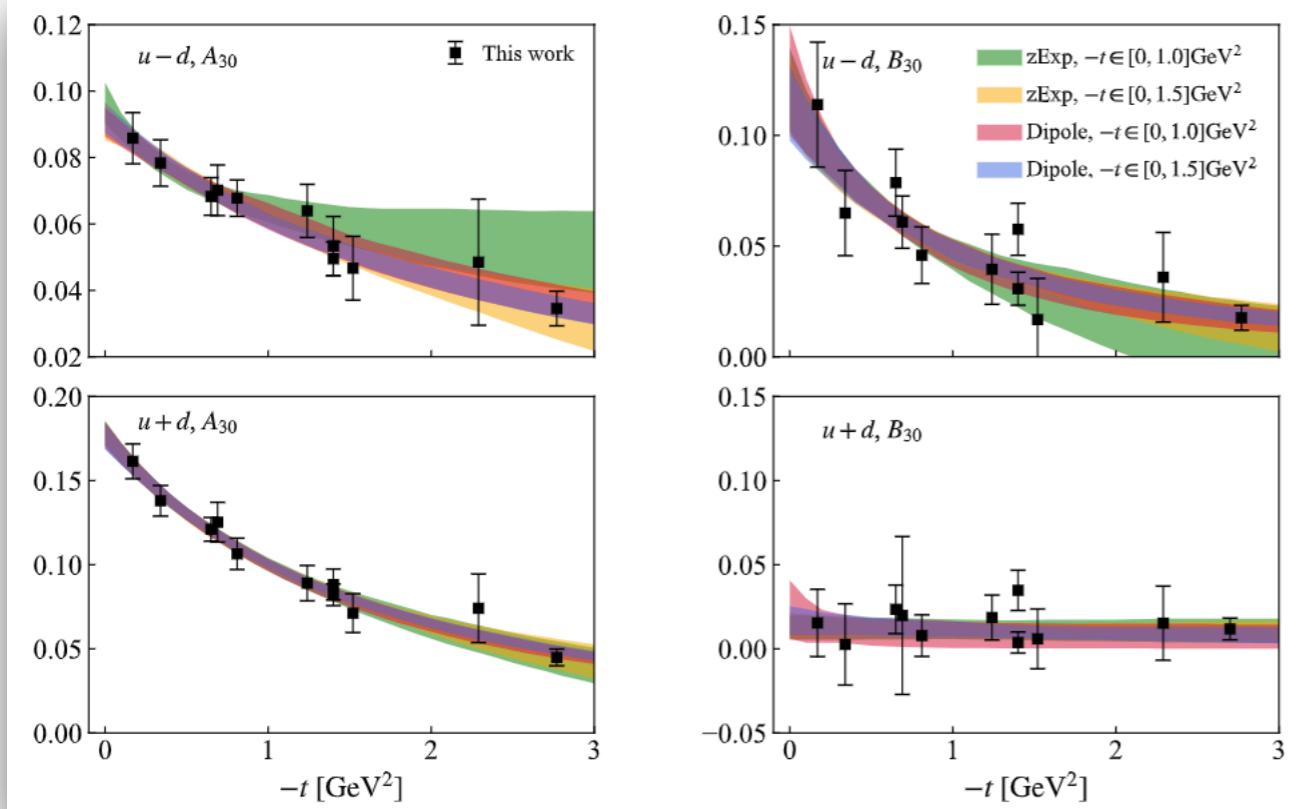
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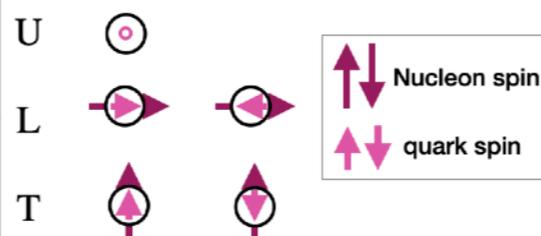
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# Twist-classification of PDFs, GPDs, TMDs

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<b>L</b>			$\widetilde{H}(x, \xi, t)$ $\widetilde{E}(x, \xi, t)$ helicity	
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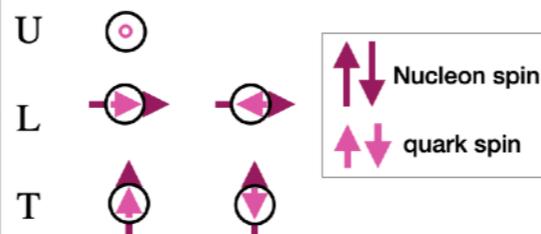
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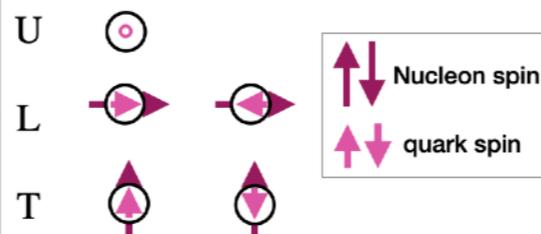
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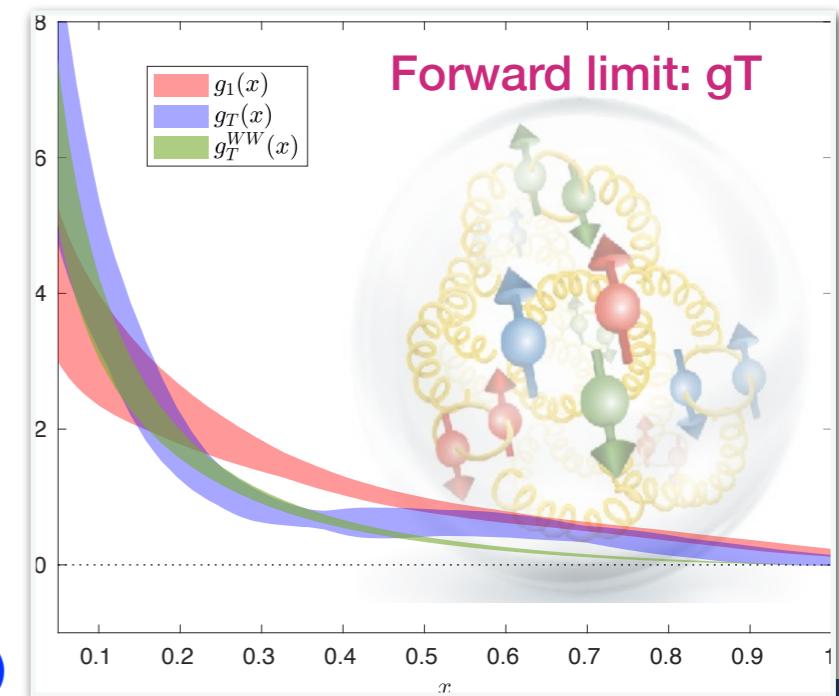
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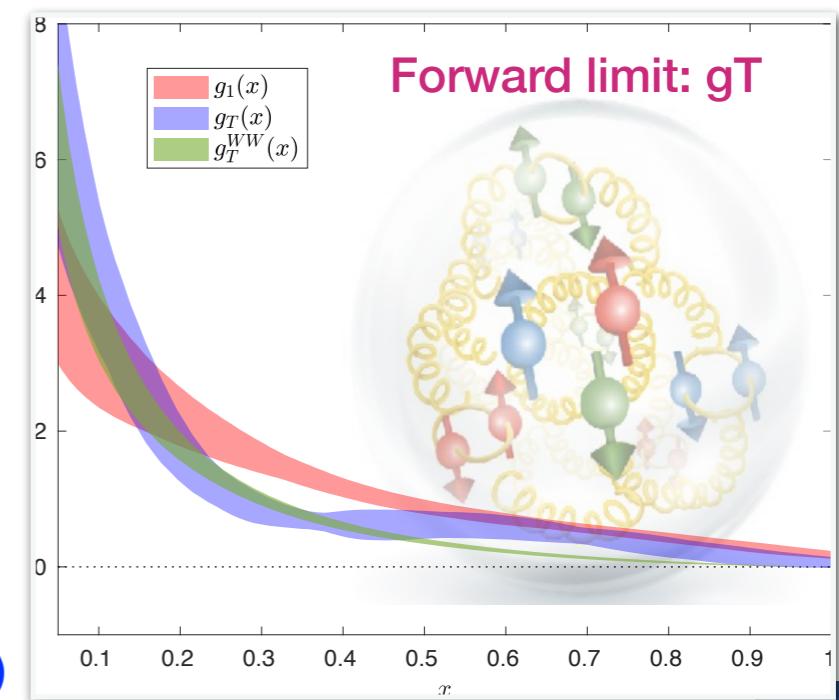
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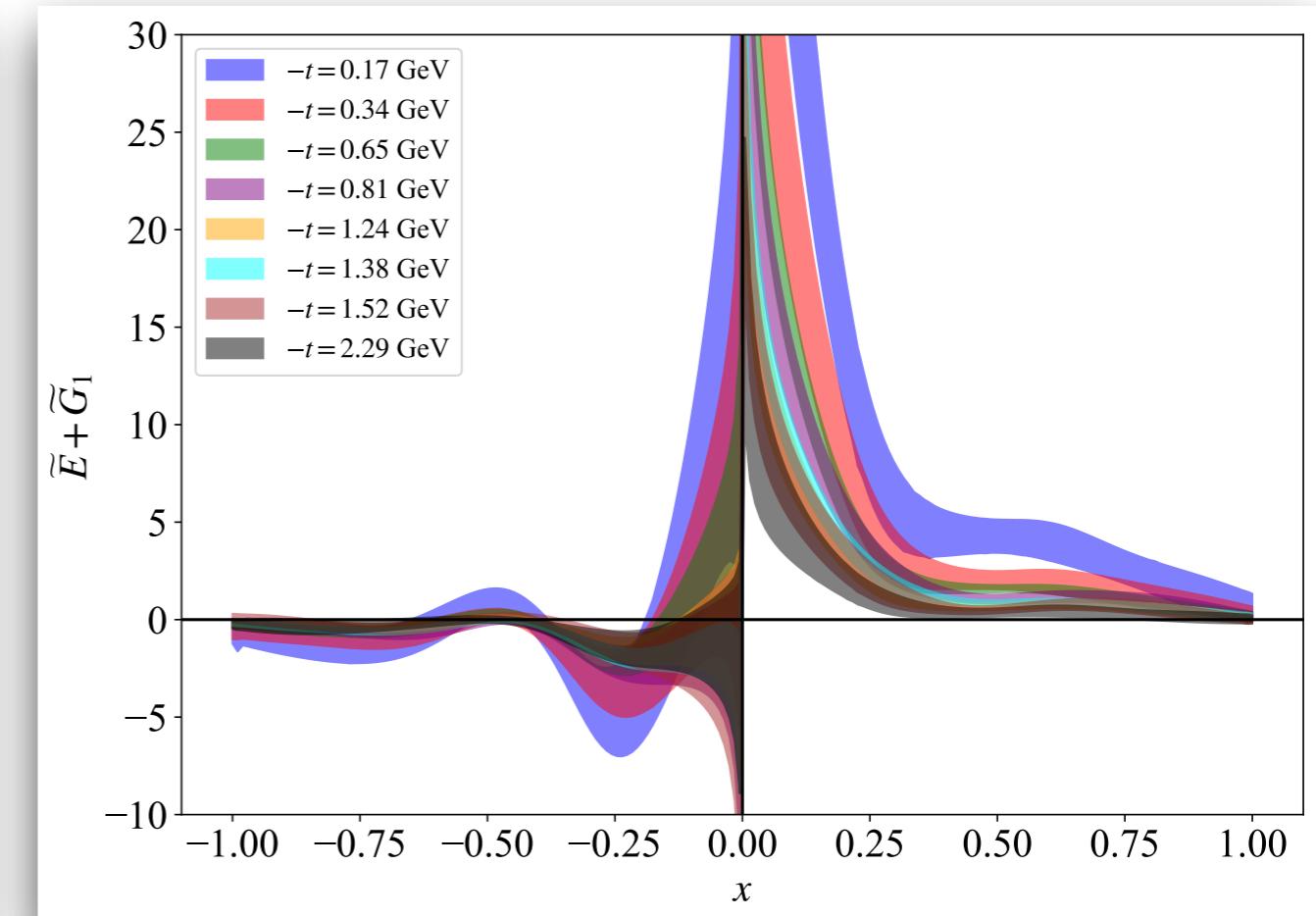
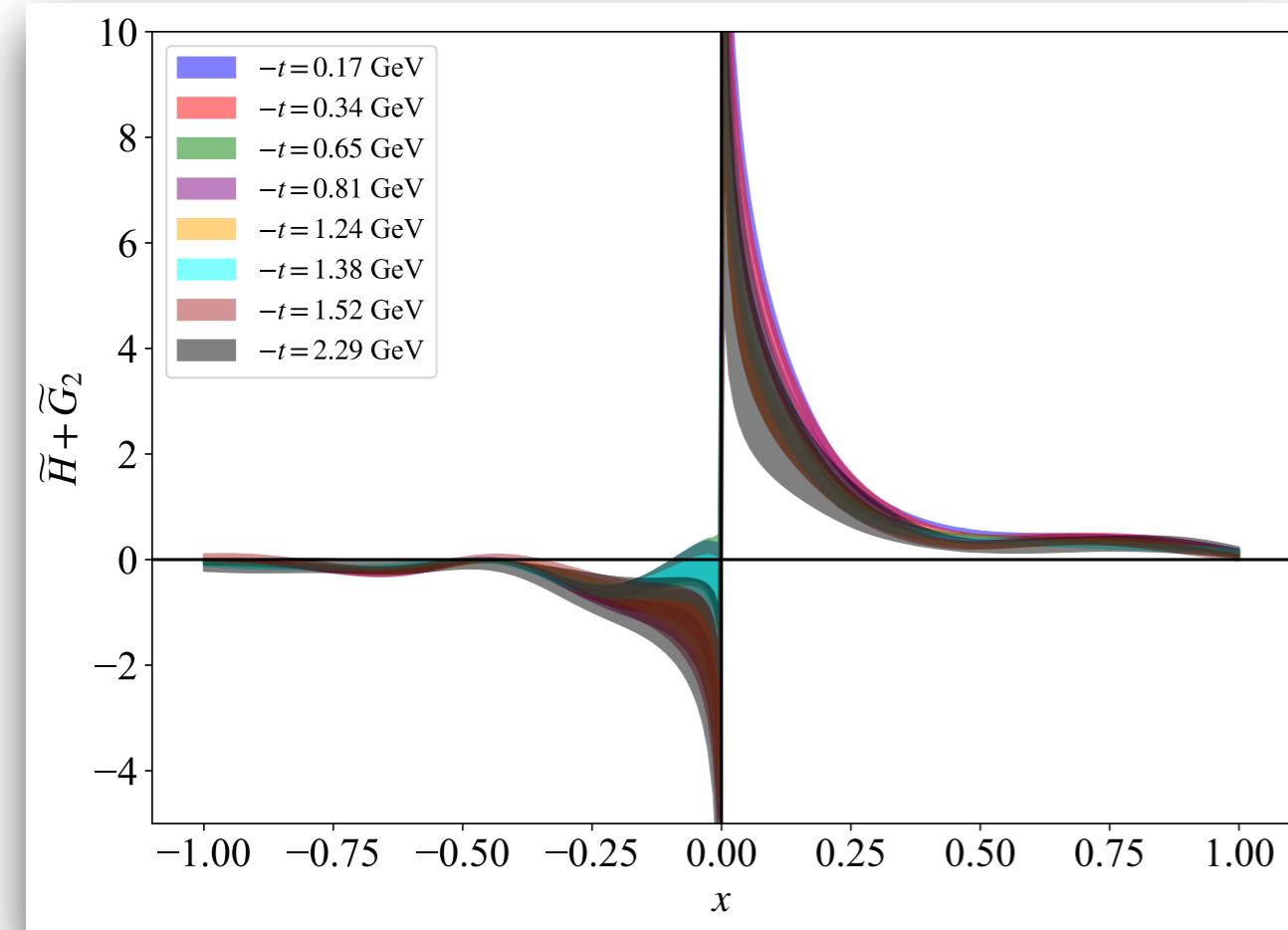
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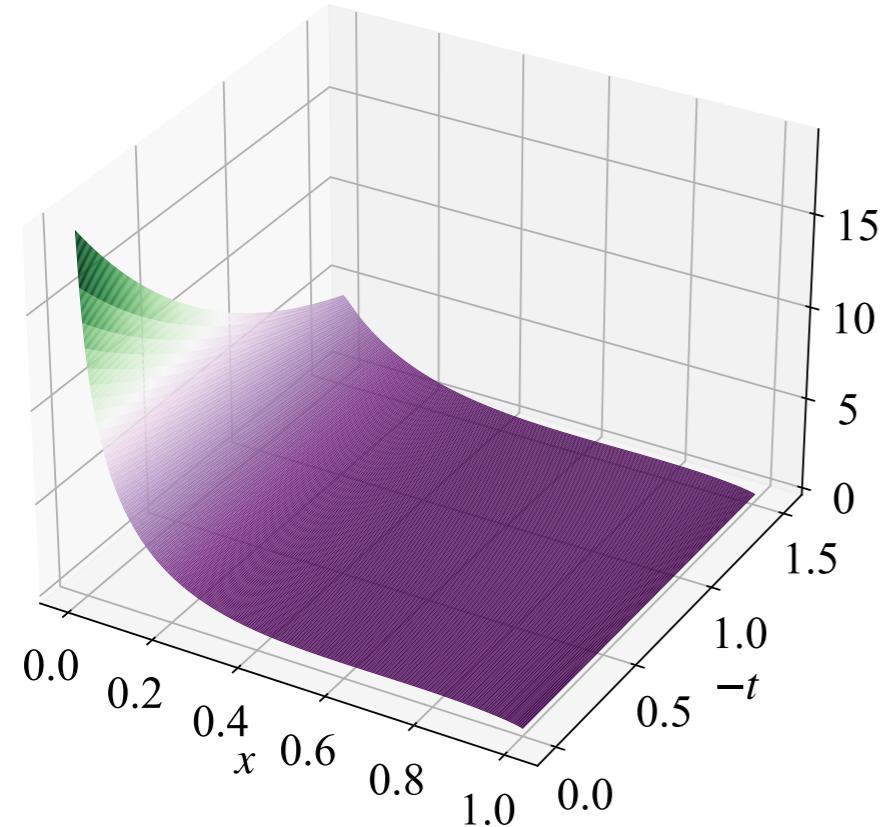
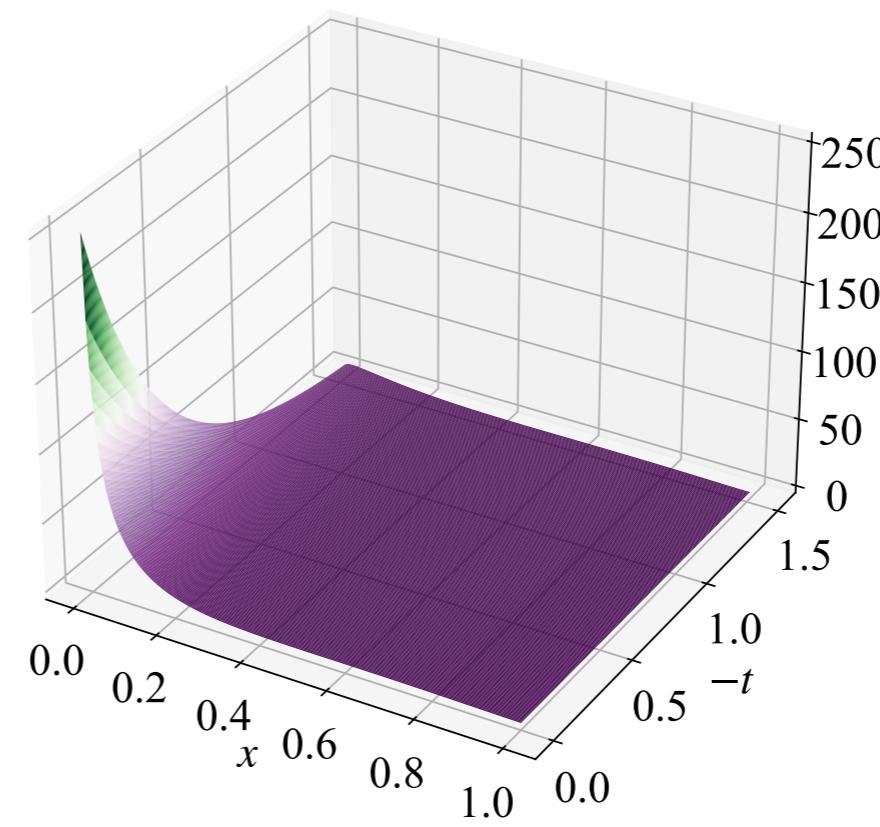
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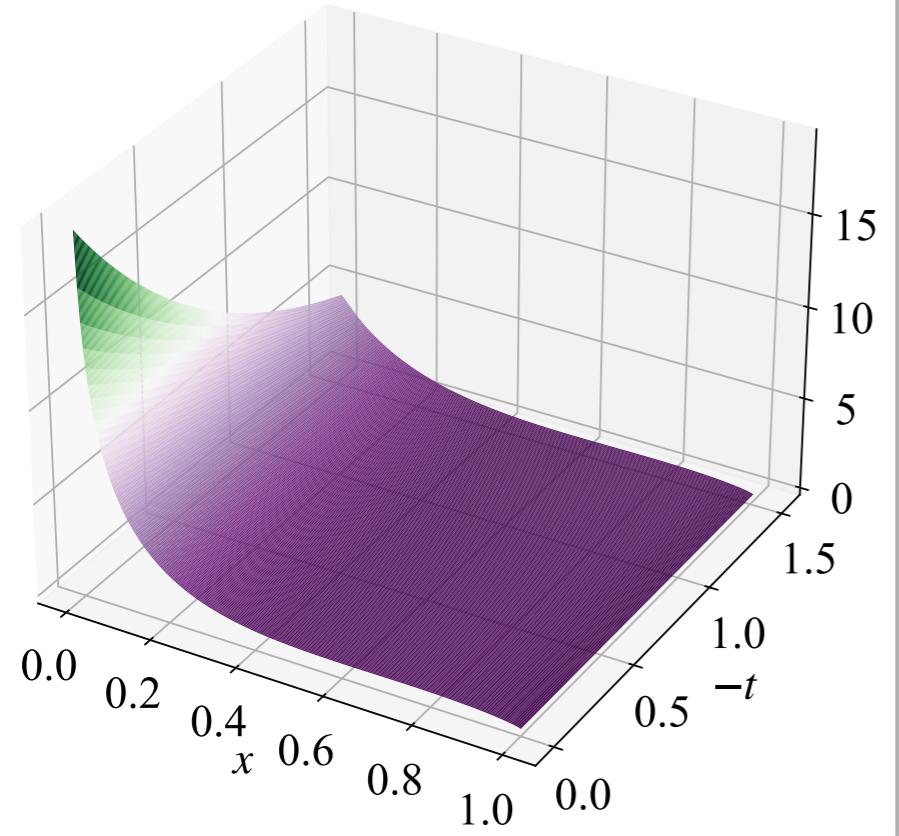
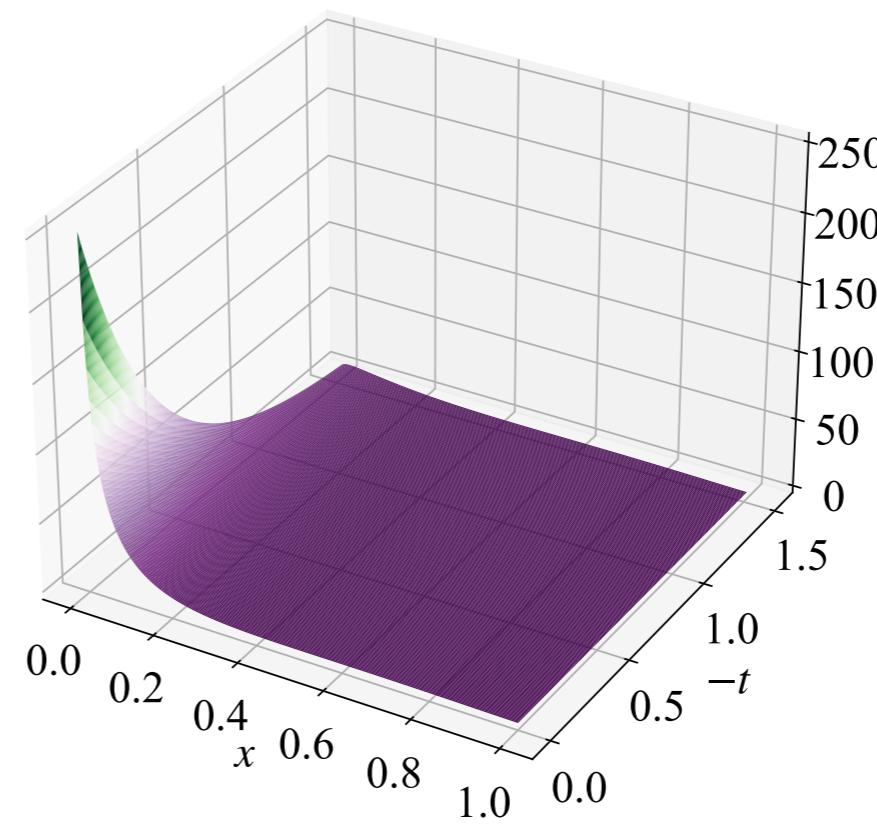
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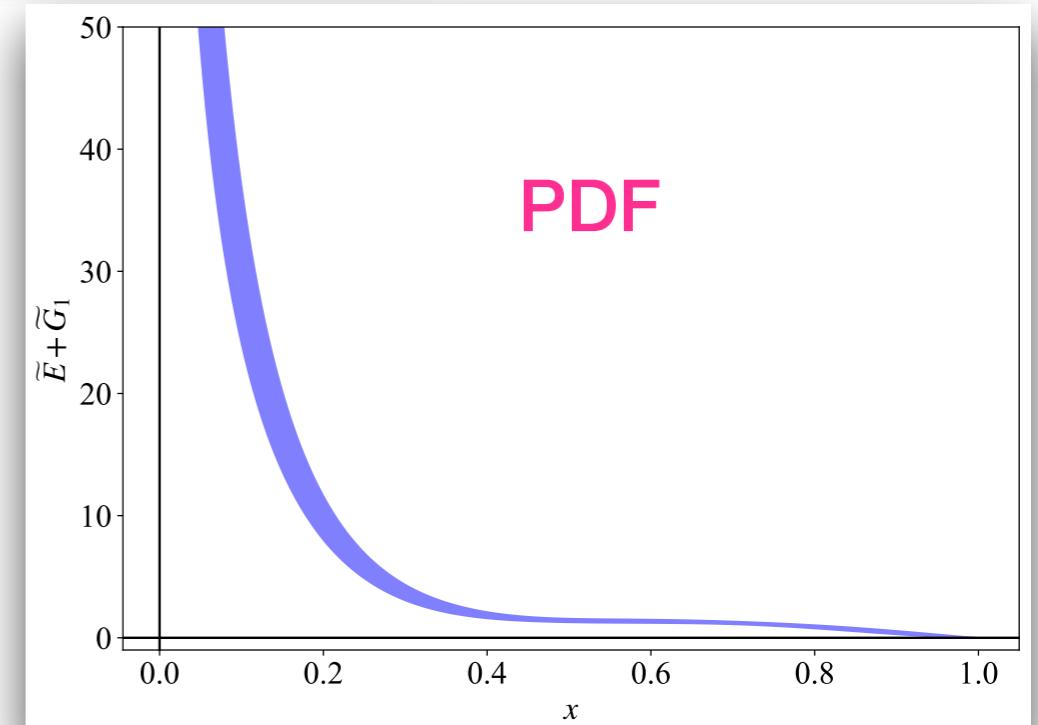
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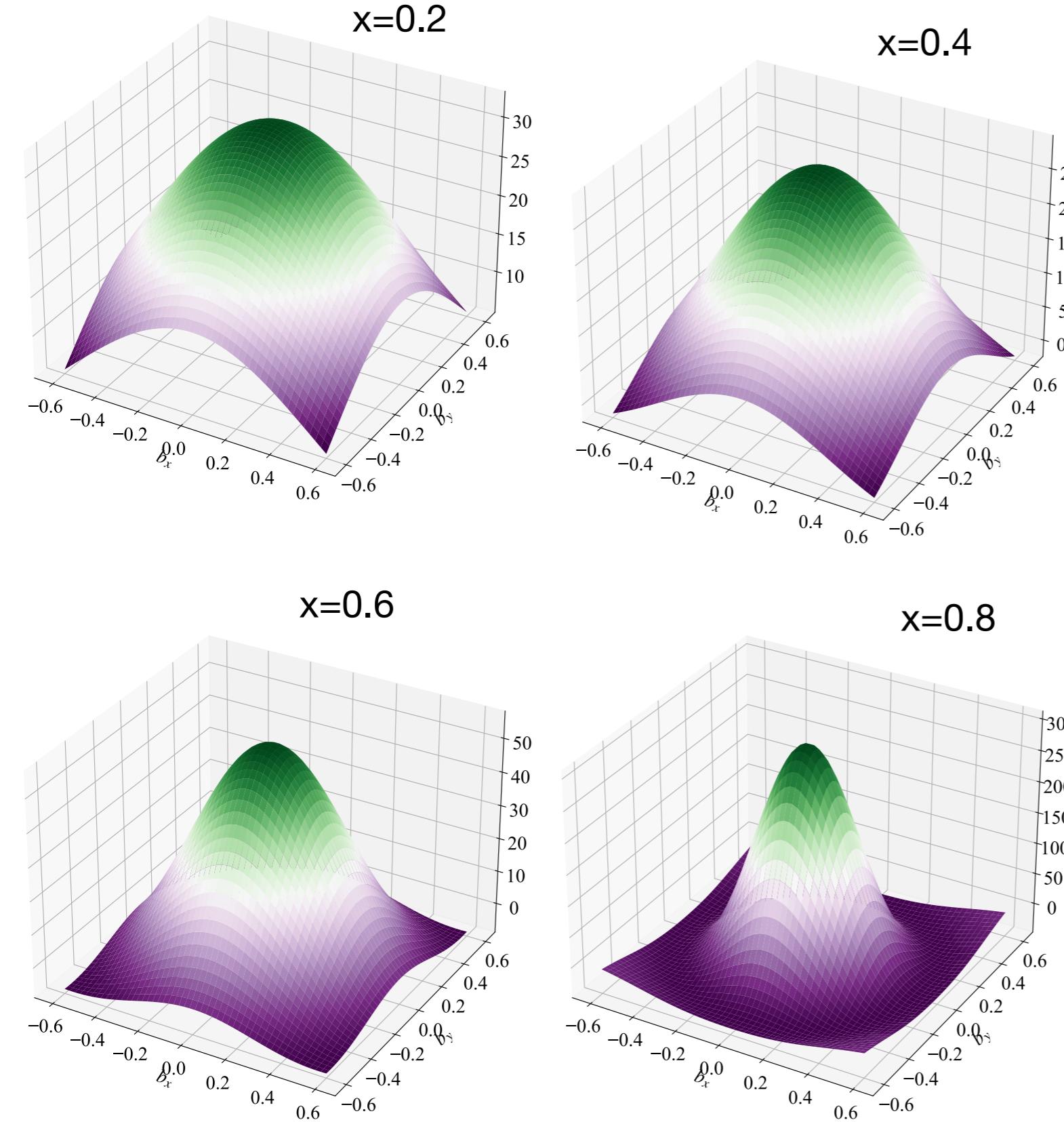
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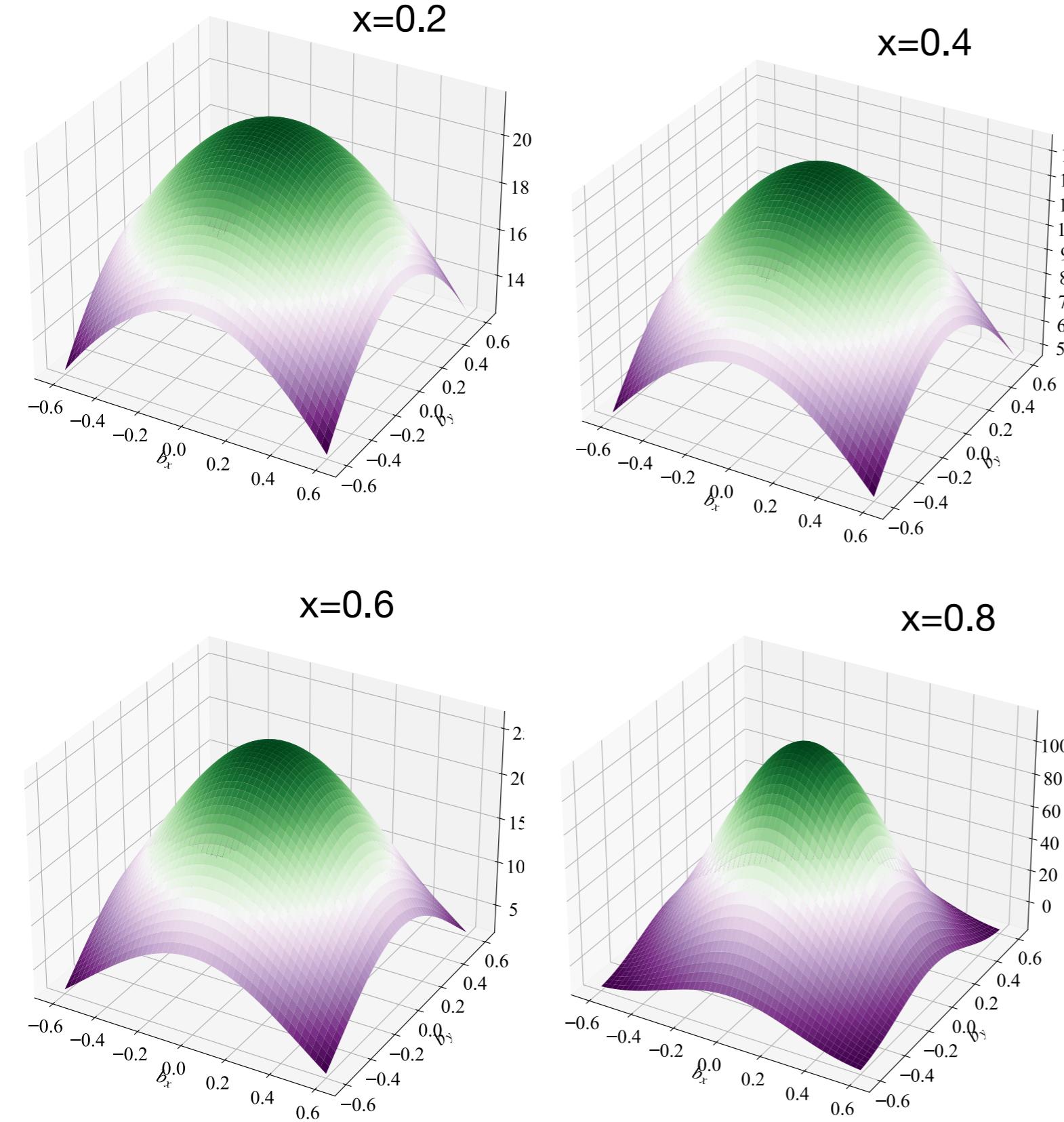
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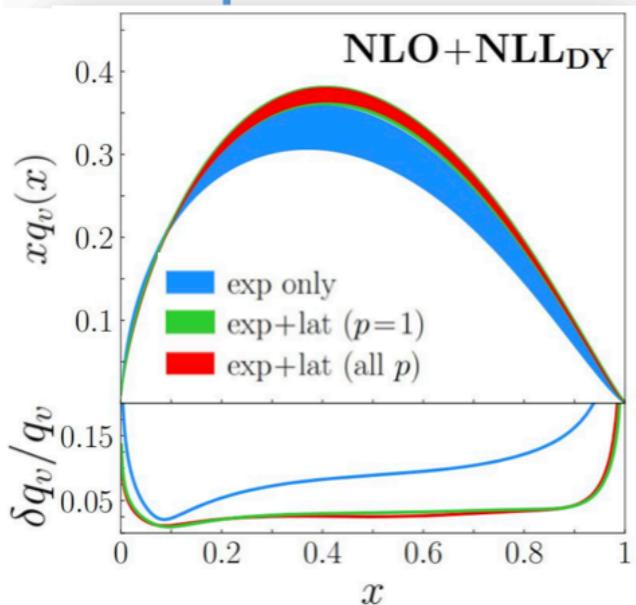
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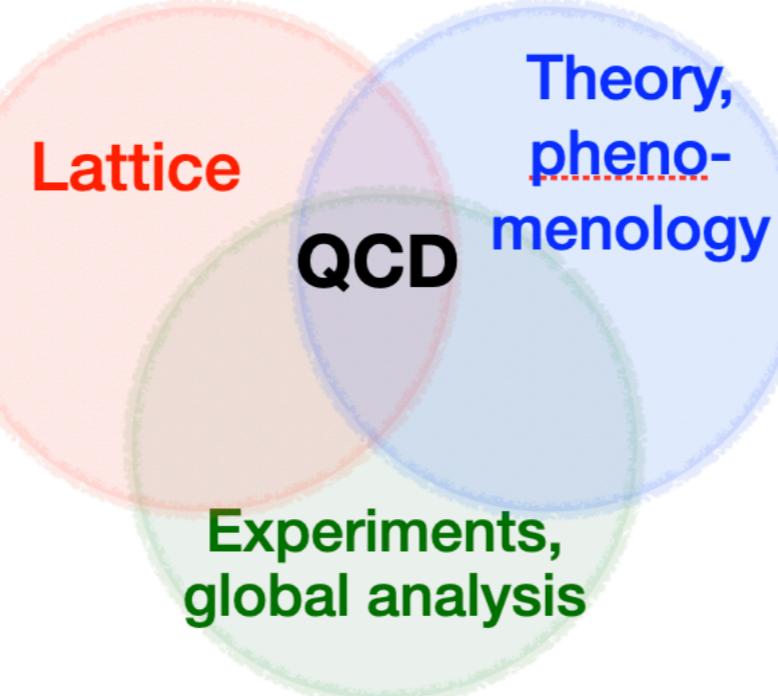
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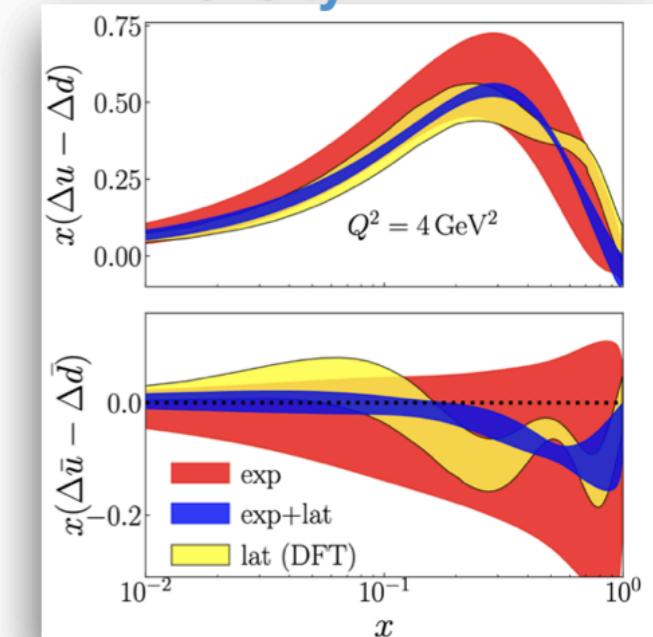
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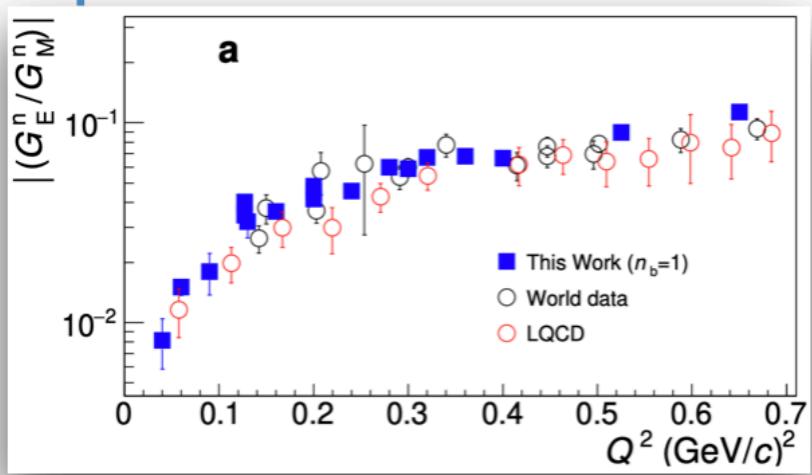


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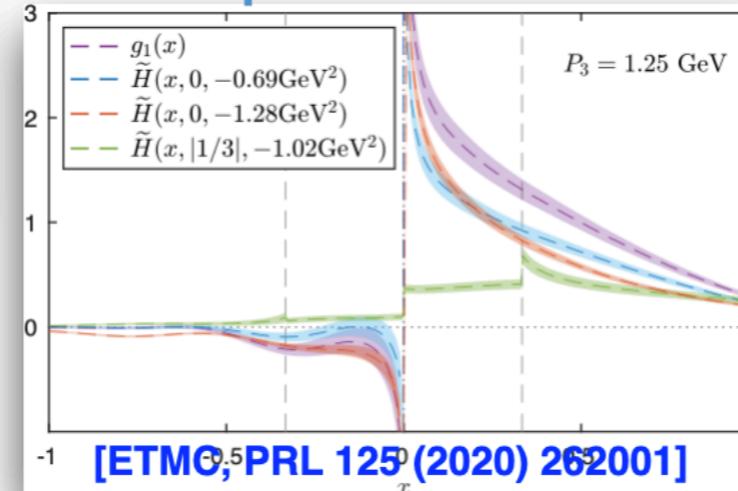
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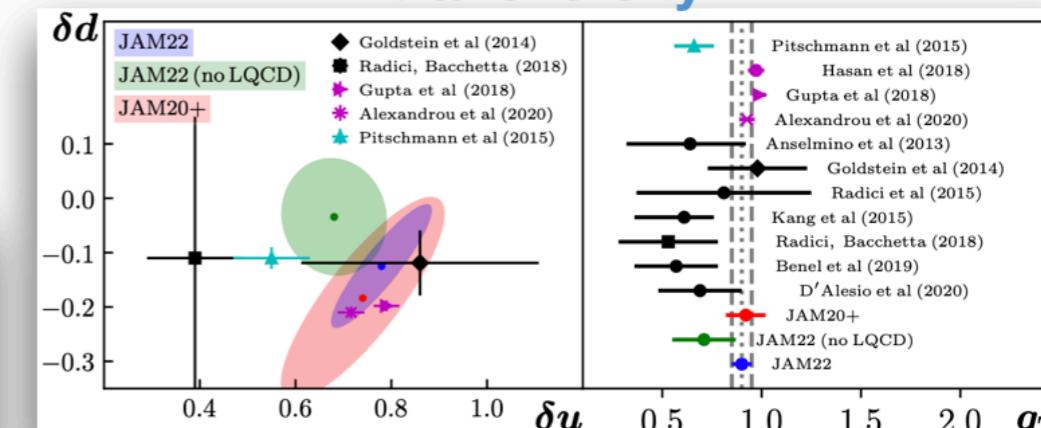


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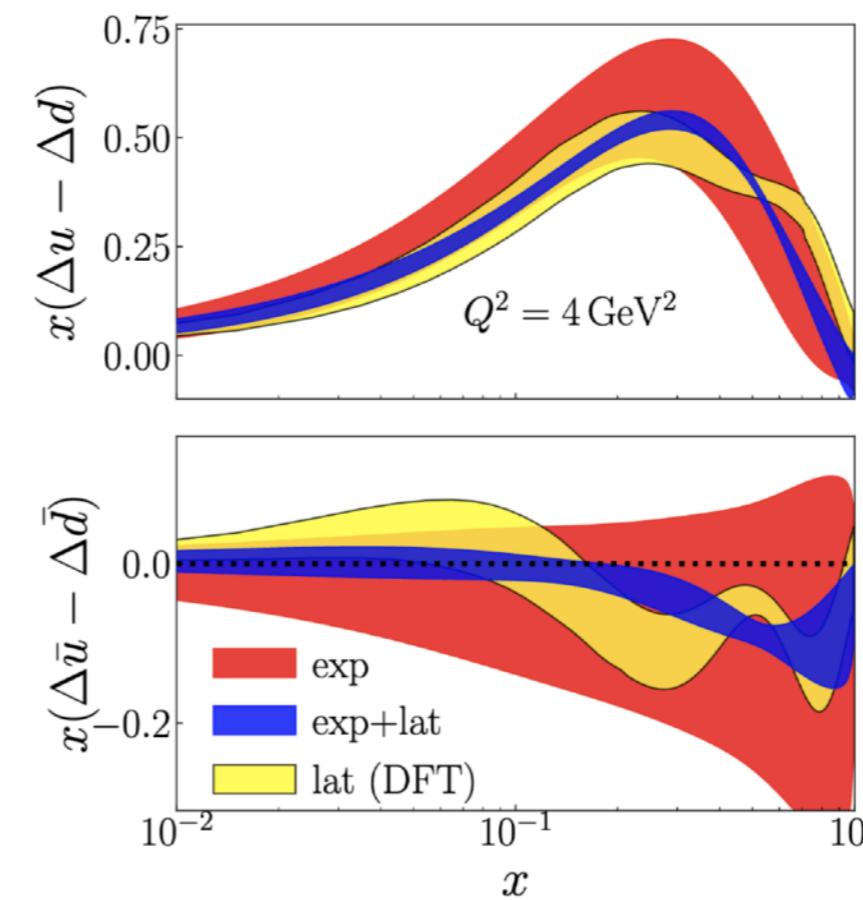
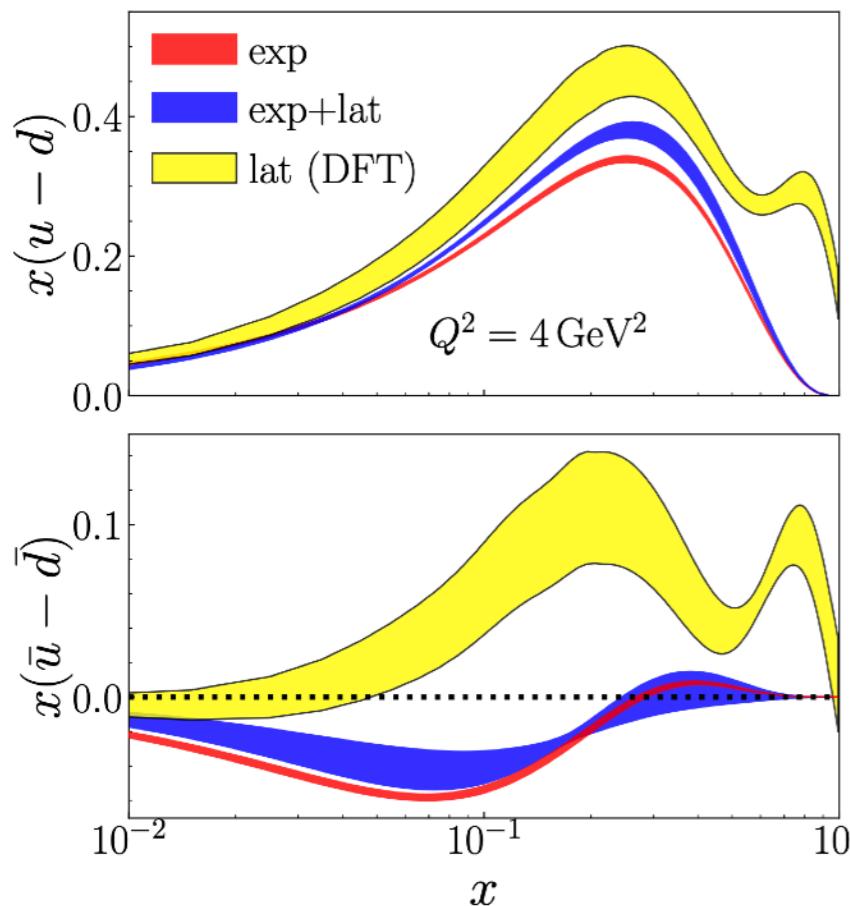
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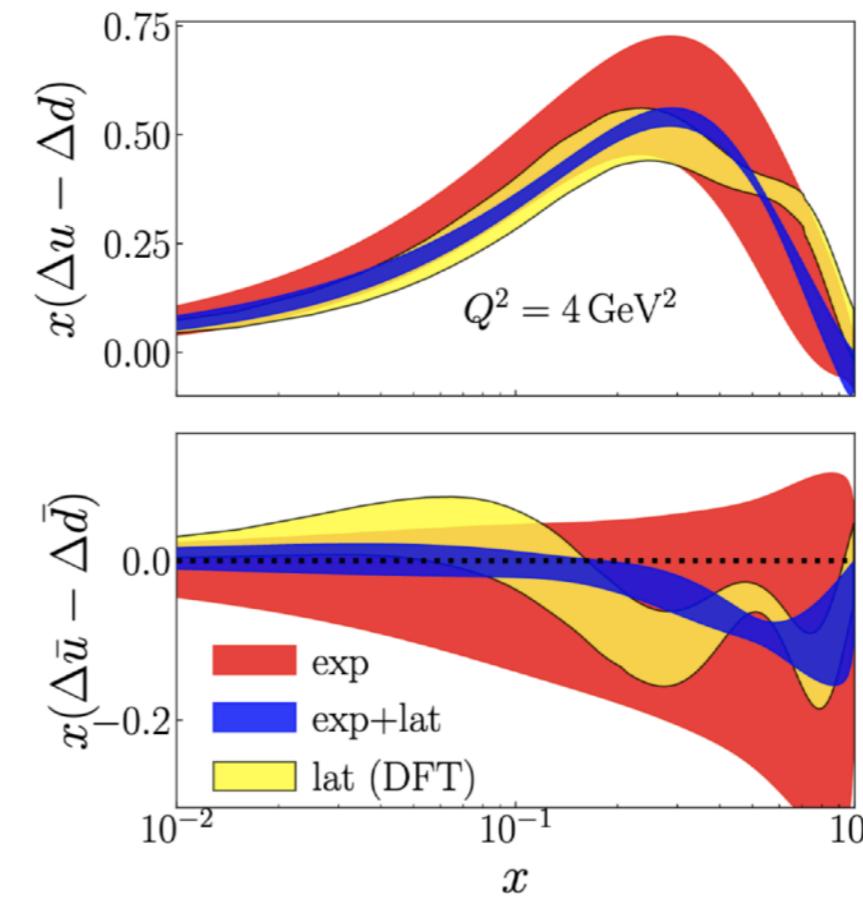
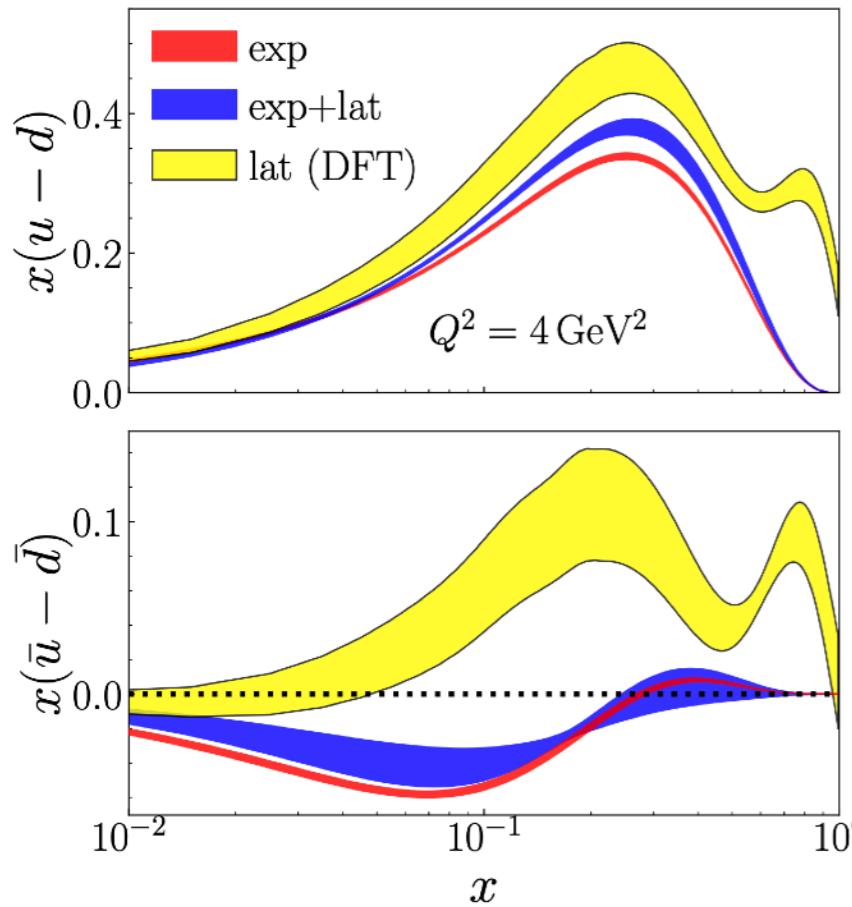
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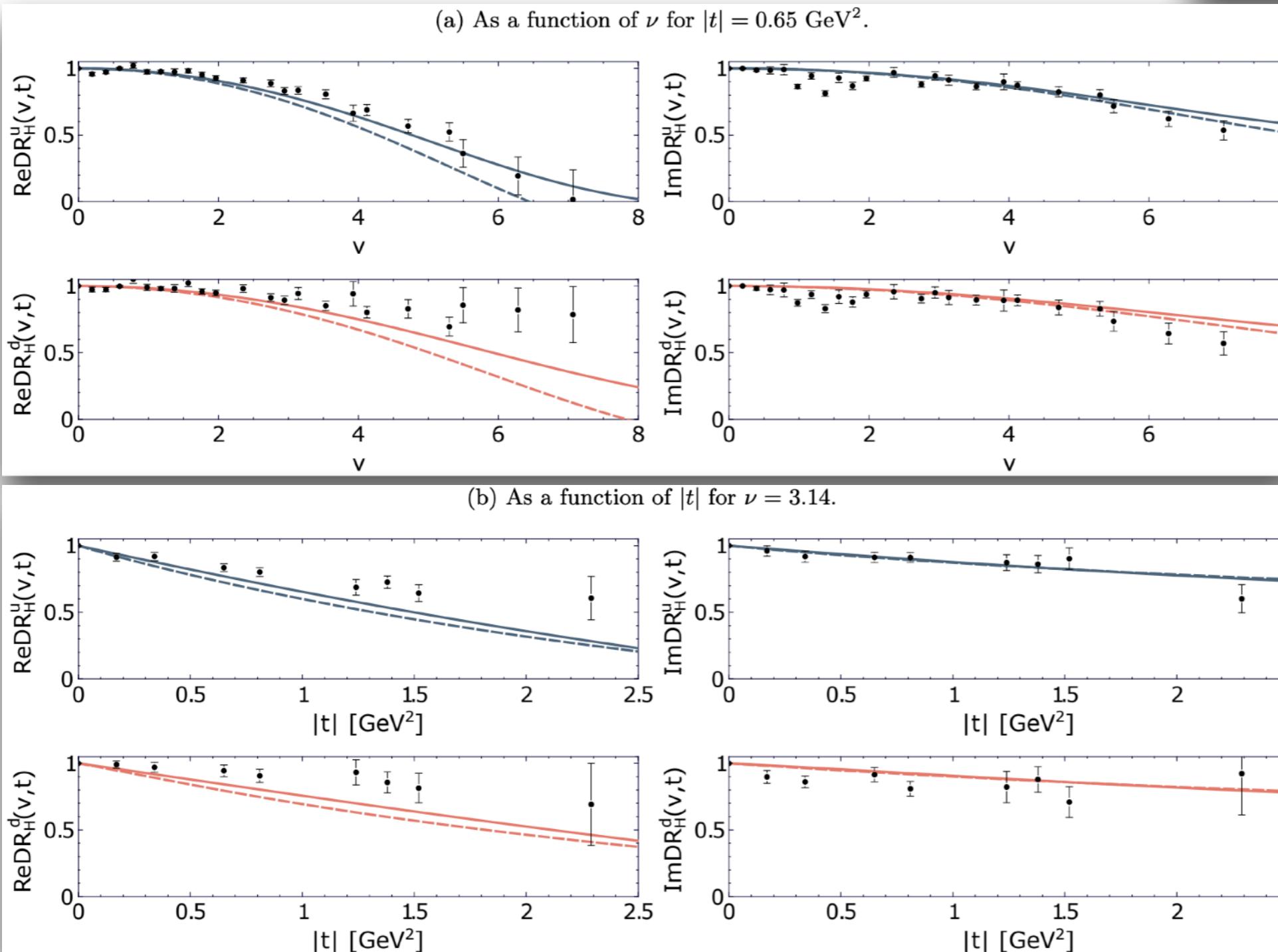
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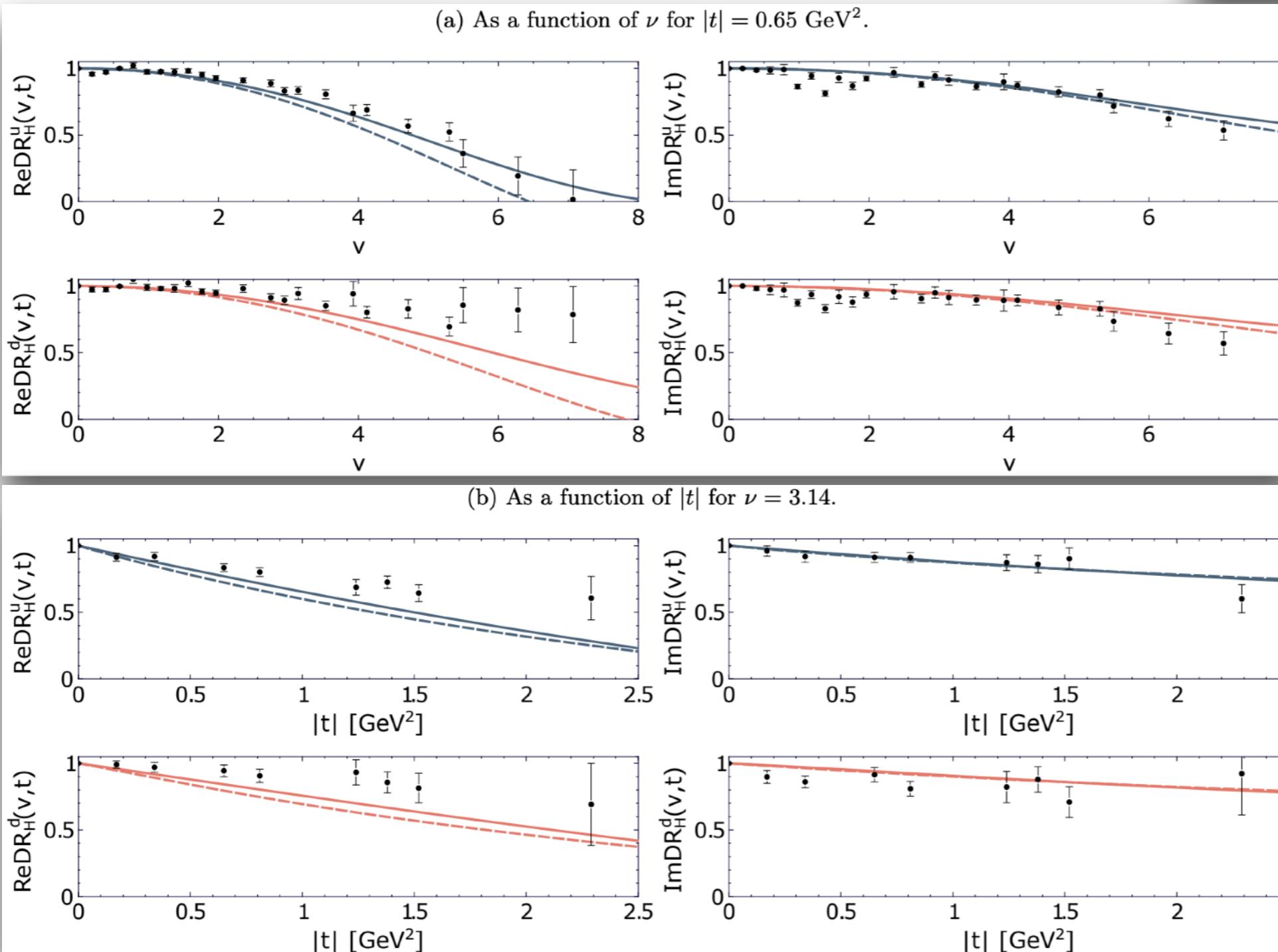
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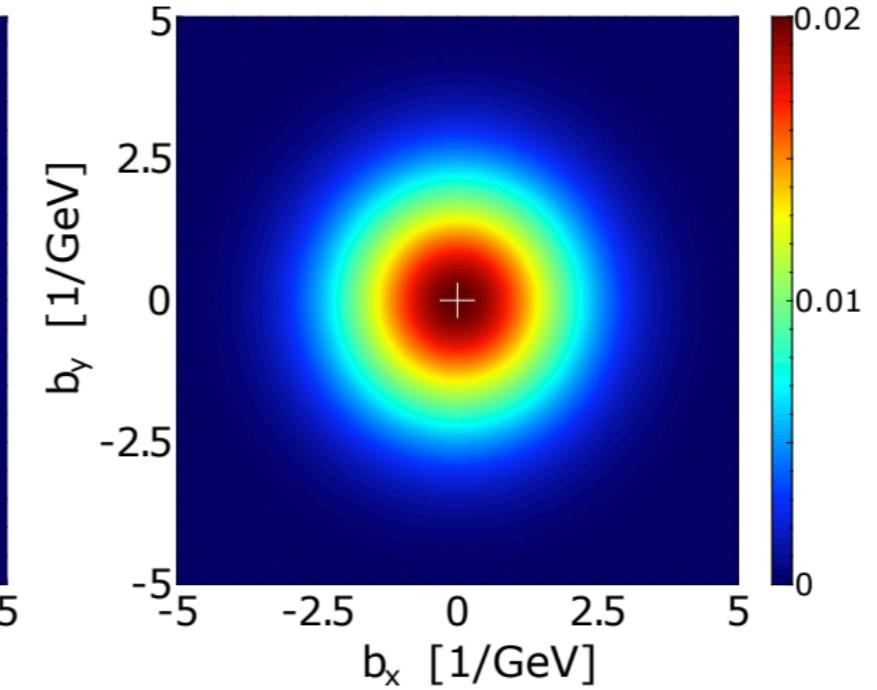
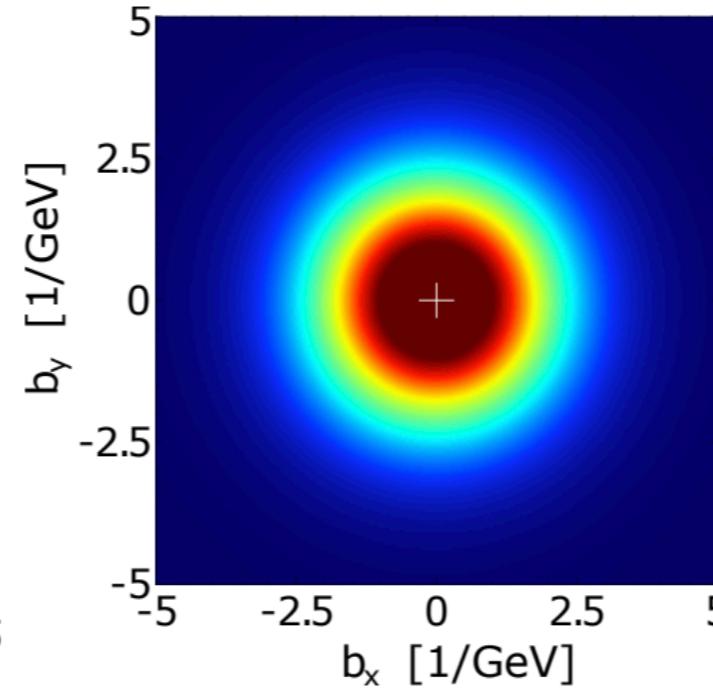
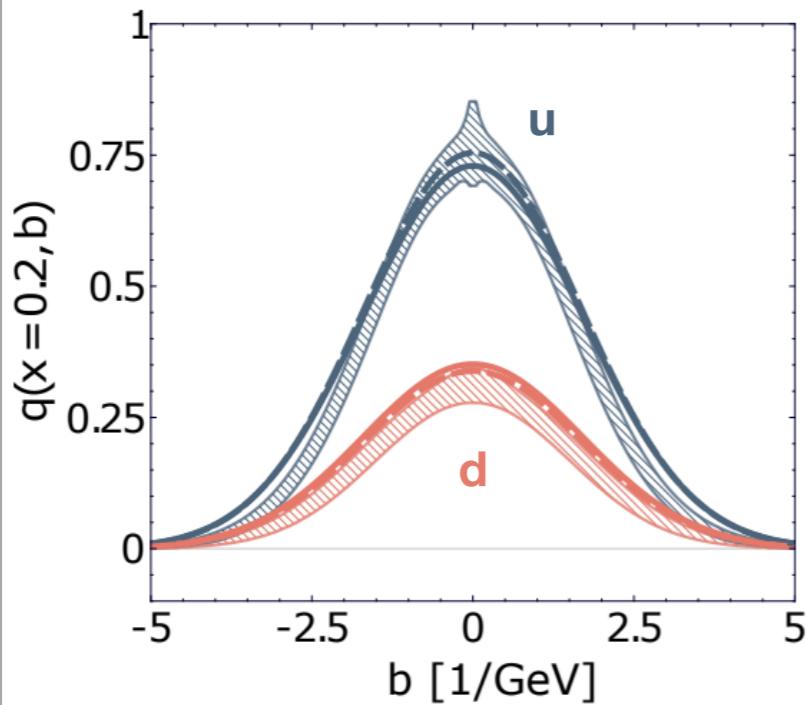
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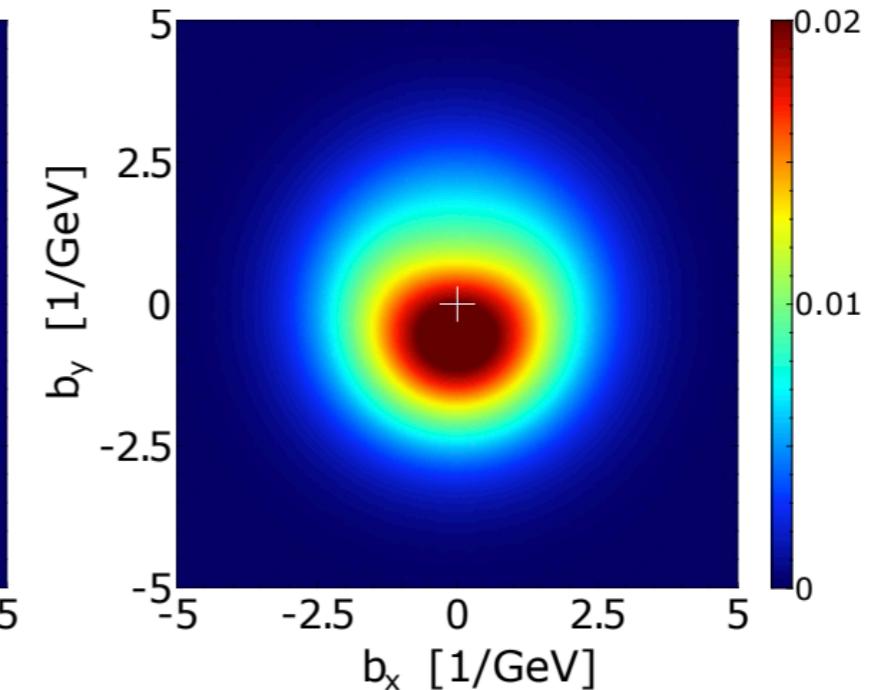
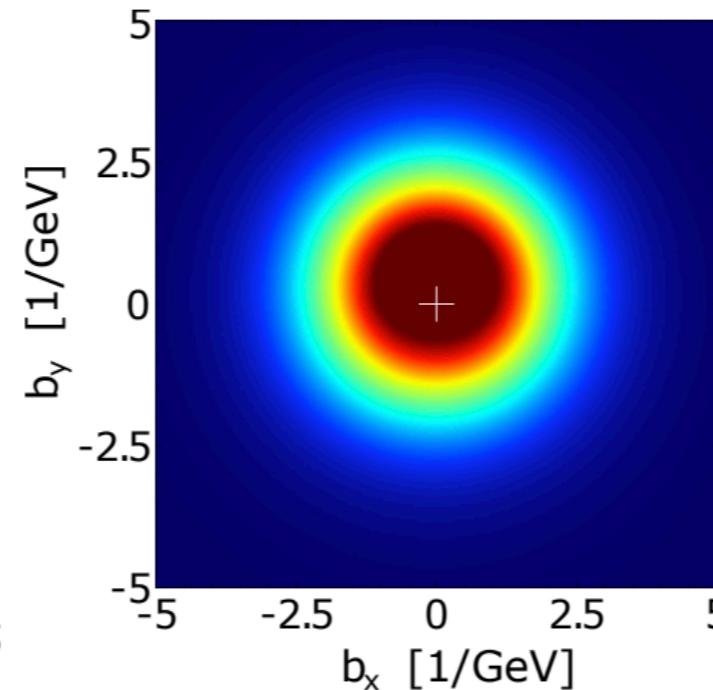
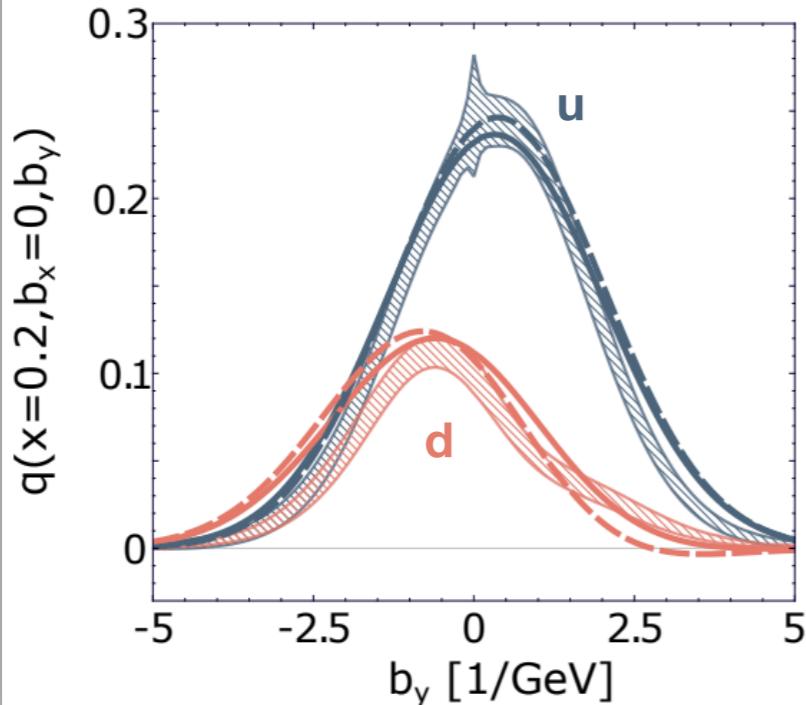
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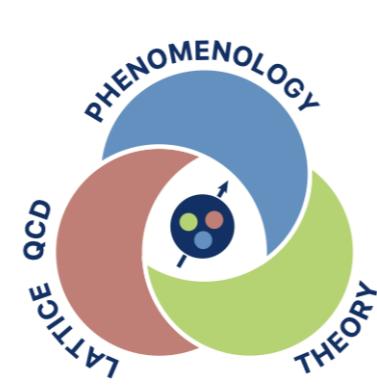
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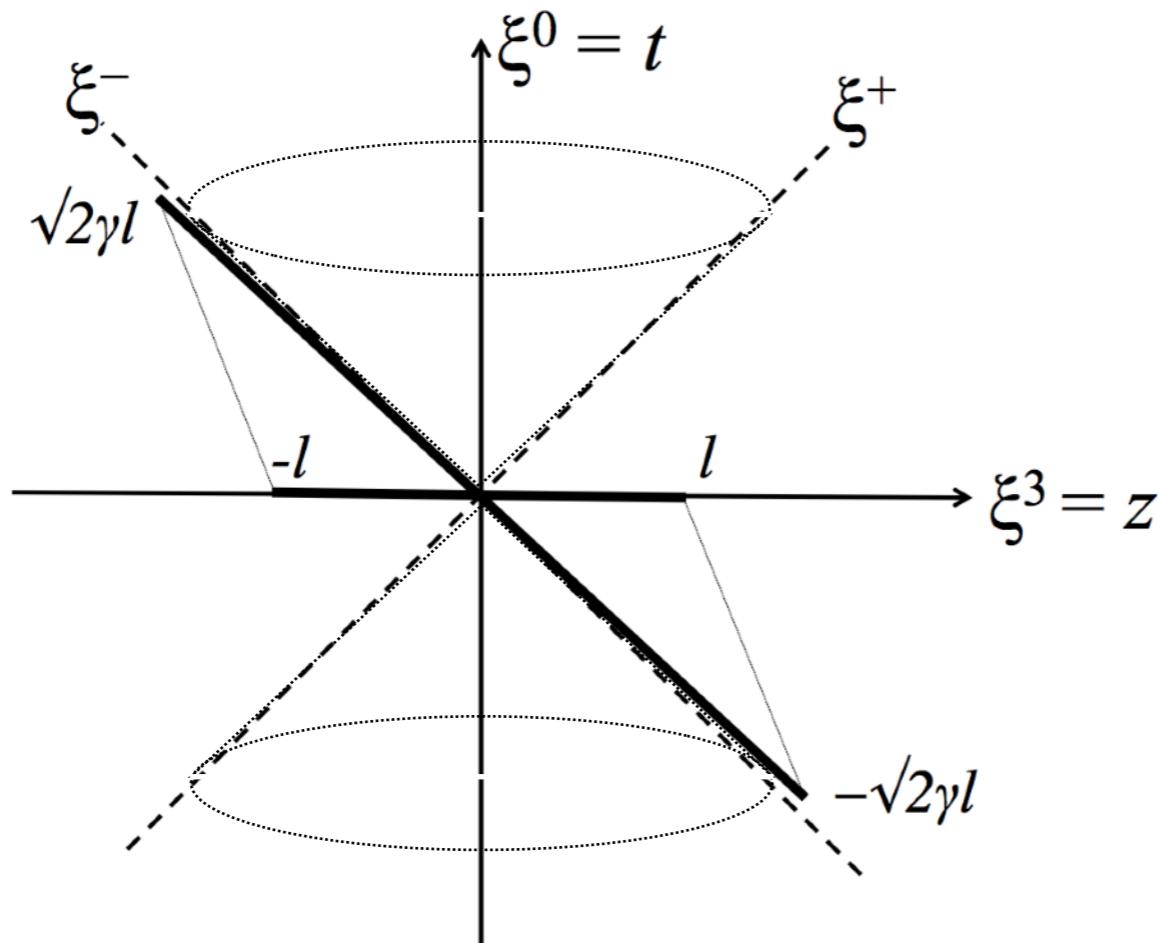
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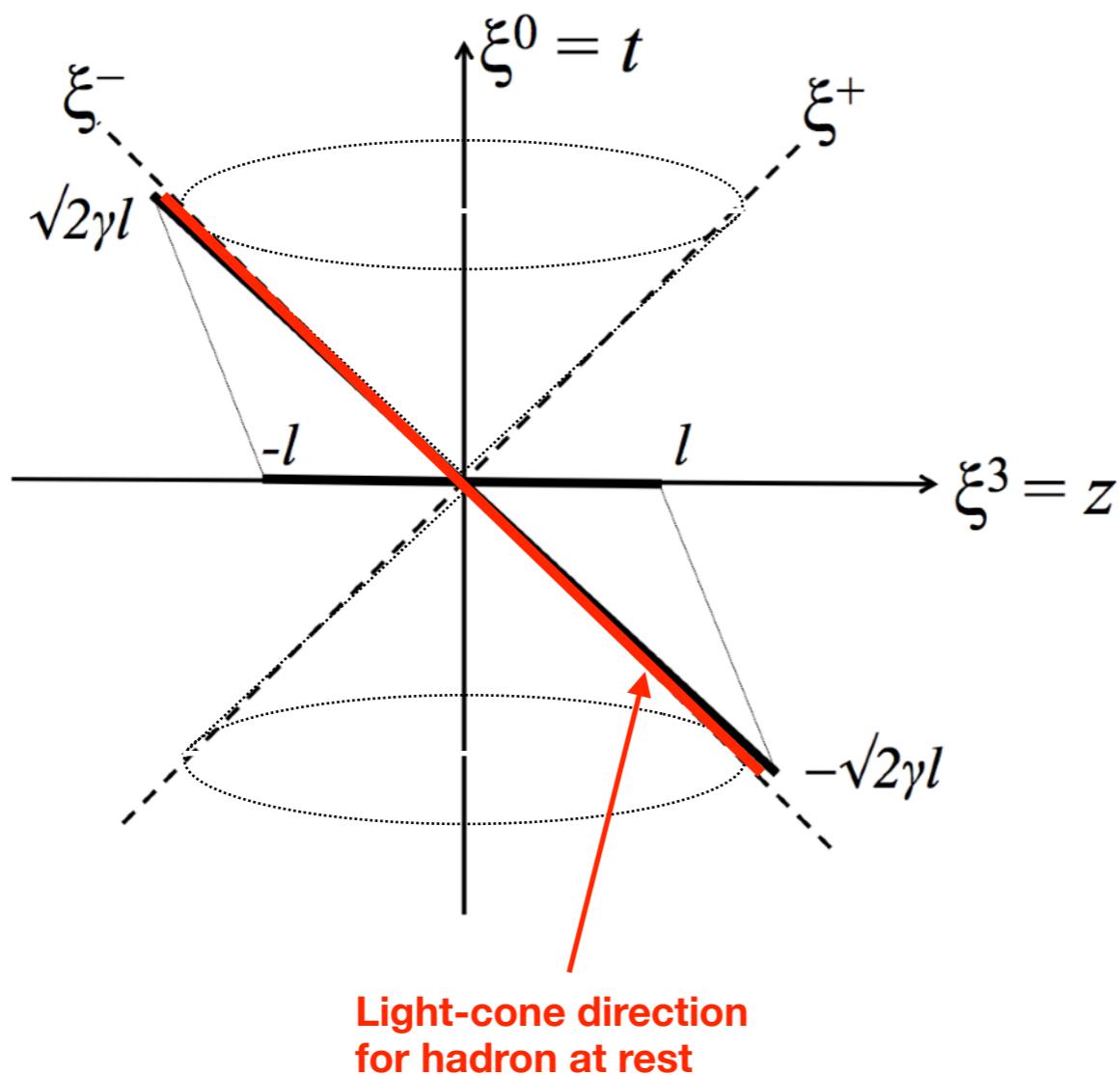
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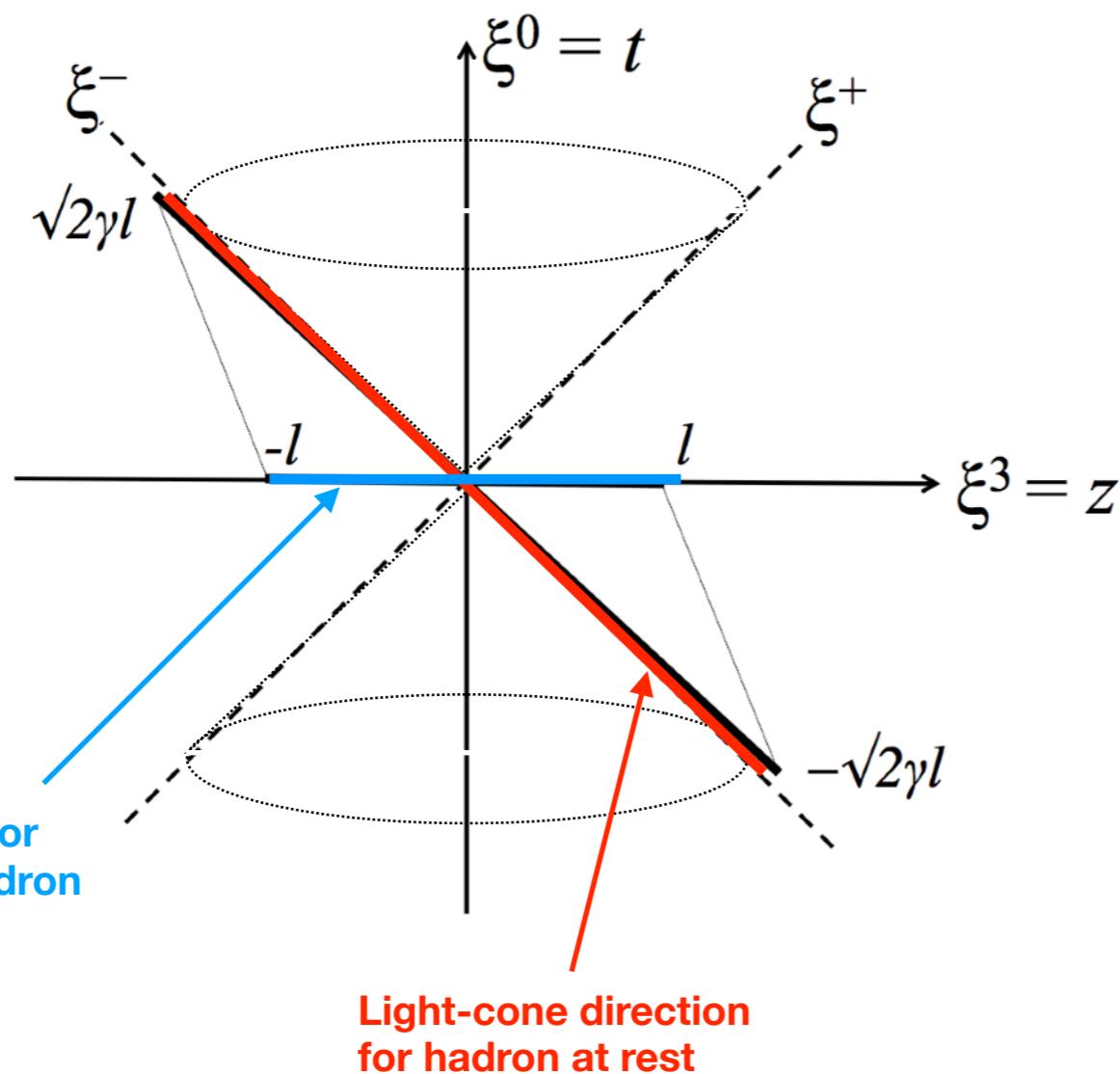
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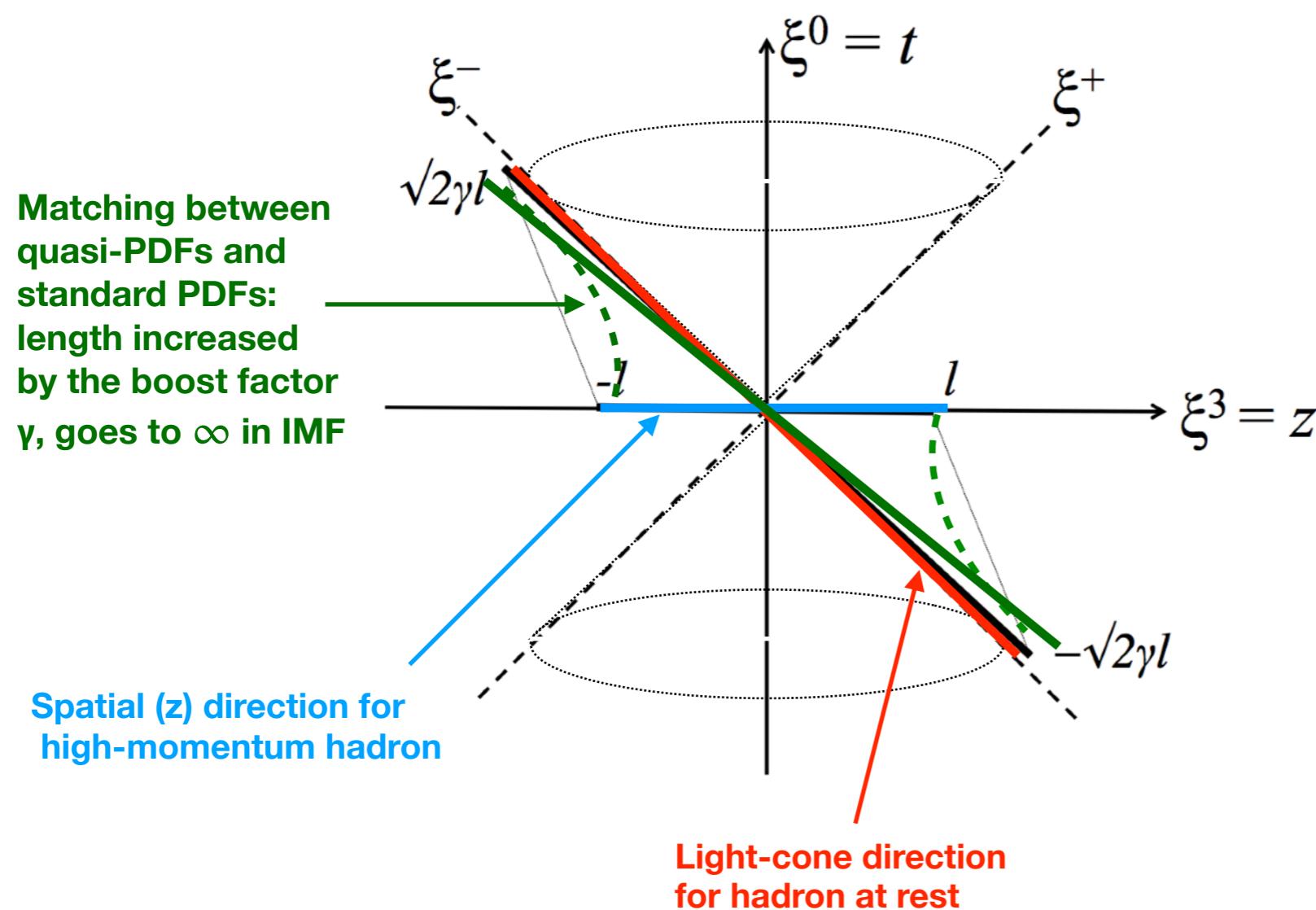
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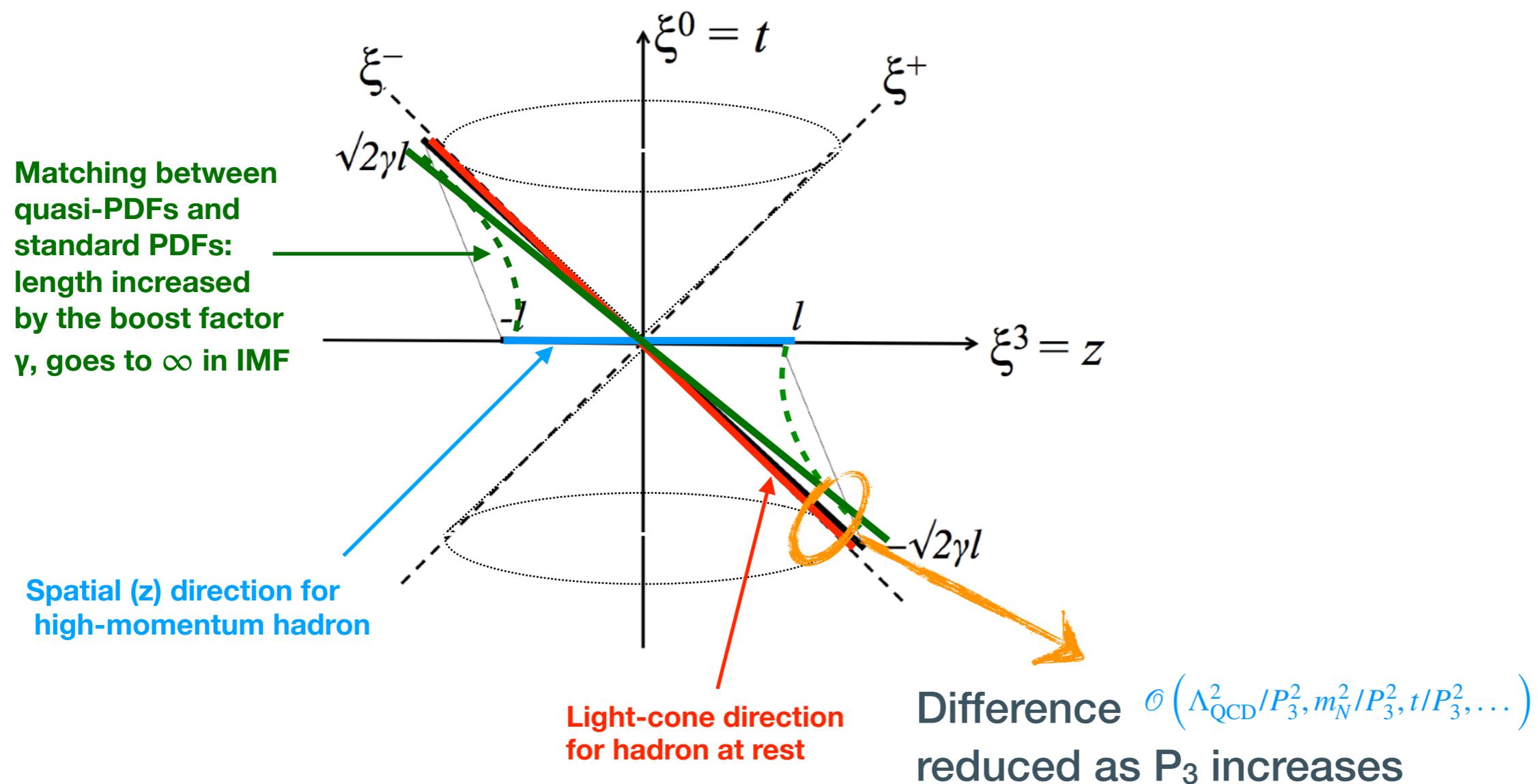
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