

Recent developments of GPDs on the lattice

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	U	$H(x, \xi, t)$ $E(x, \xi, t)$ unpolarized		
	L		$\widetilde{H}(x, \xi, t)$ $\widetilde{E}(x, \xi, t)$ helicity	
	T			H_T, E_T $\widetilde{H}_T, \widetilde{E}_T$ transversity

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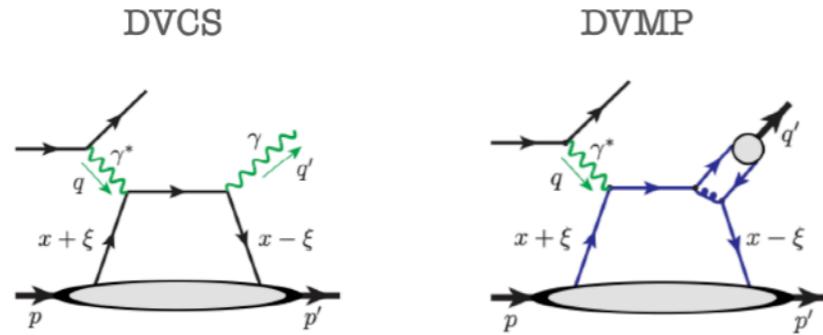
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\mathcal{O}	Nucleon	γ^j	$\gamma^j \gamma^5$	σ^{jk}
	U	G_1, G_2 G_3, G_4		
	L		$\widetilde{G}_1, \widetilde{G}_2$ $\widetilde{G}_3, \widetilde{G}_4$	
	T			$H'_2(x, \xi, t)$ $E'_2(x, \xi, t)$

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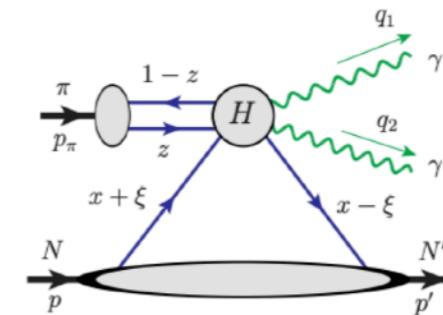
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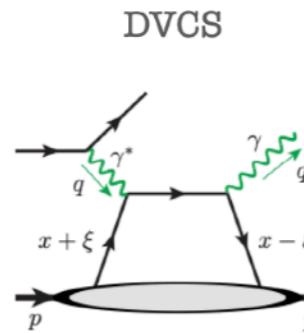
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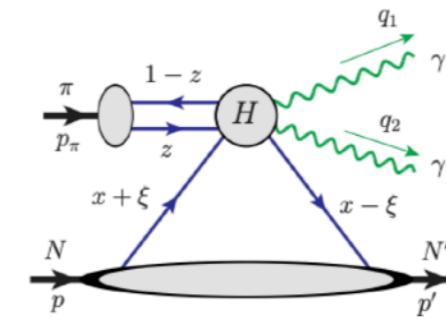
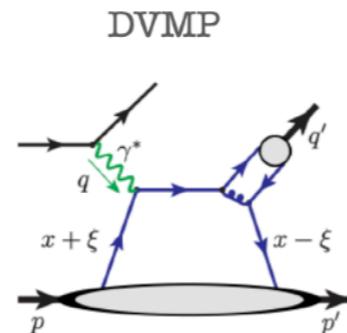
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- ★ Essential to complement the knowledge on GPD from lattice QCD
- ★ Lattice data may be incorporated in global analysis of experimental data and may influence parametrization of t and ξ dependence

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This talk

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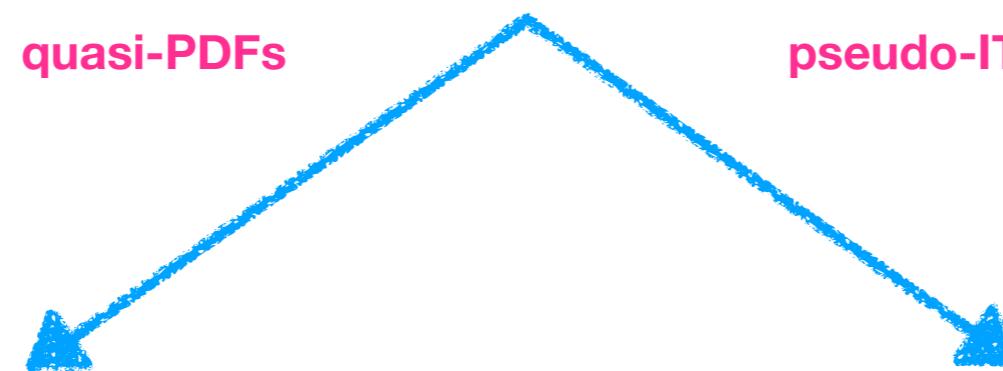
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A new approach to GPDs from lattice QCD (leading twist)

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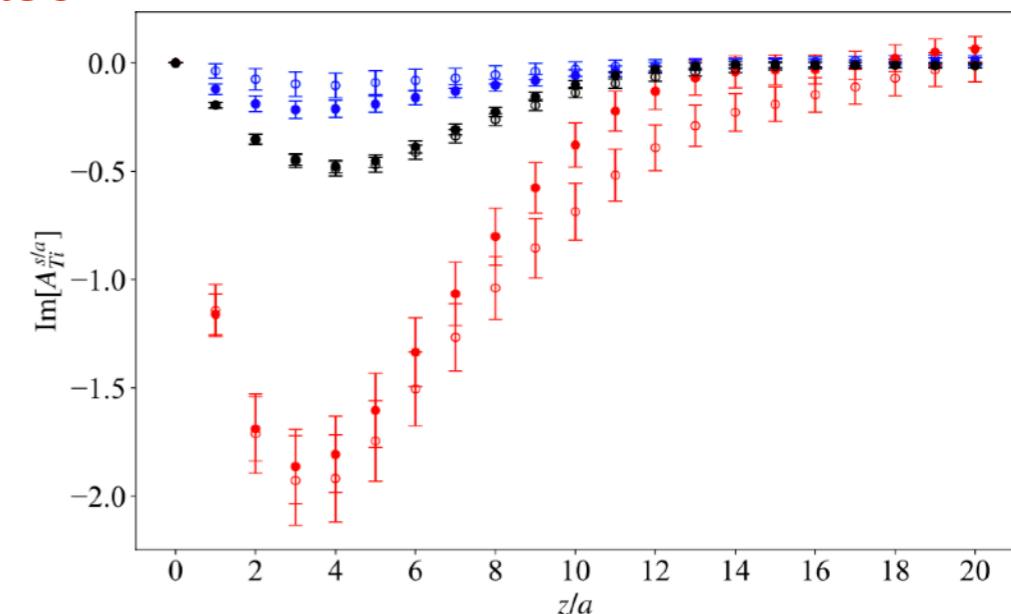
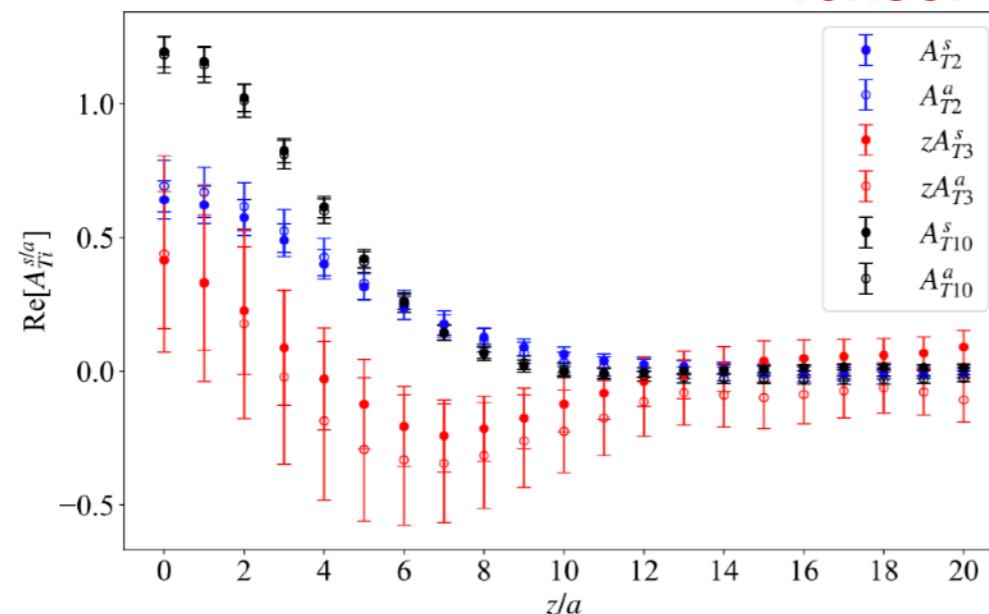
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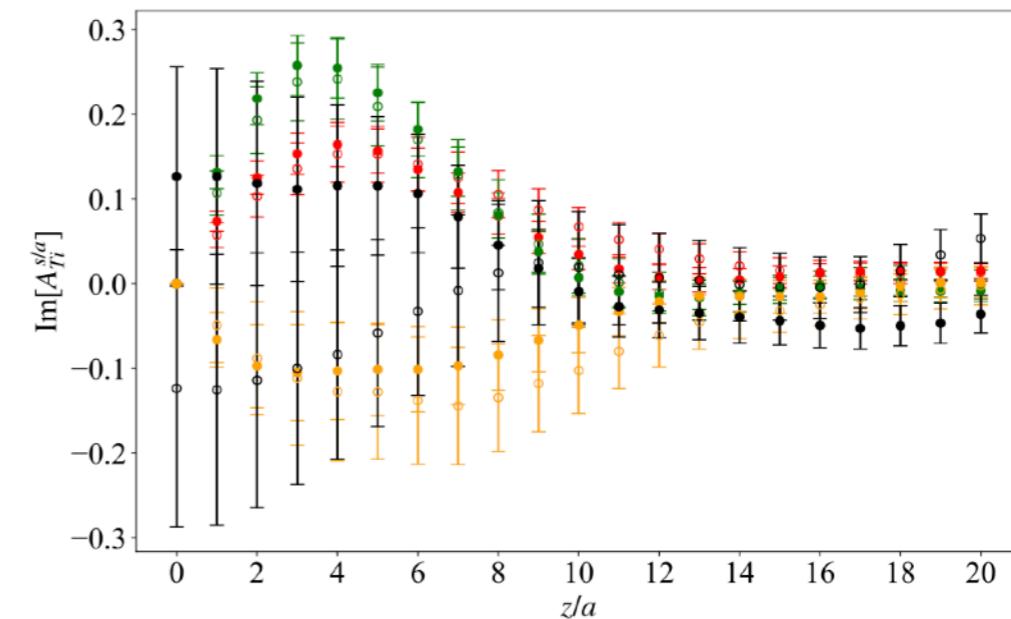
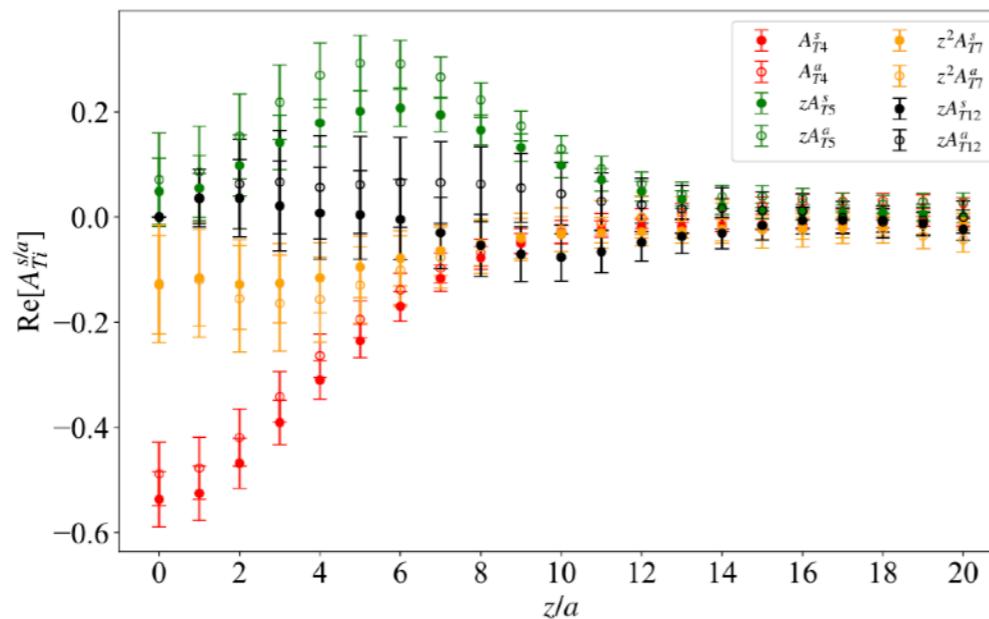
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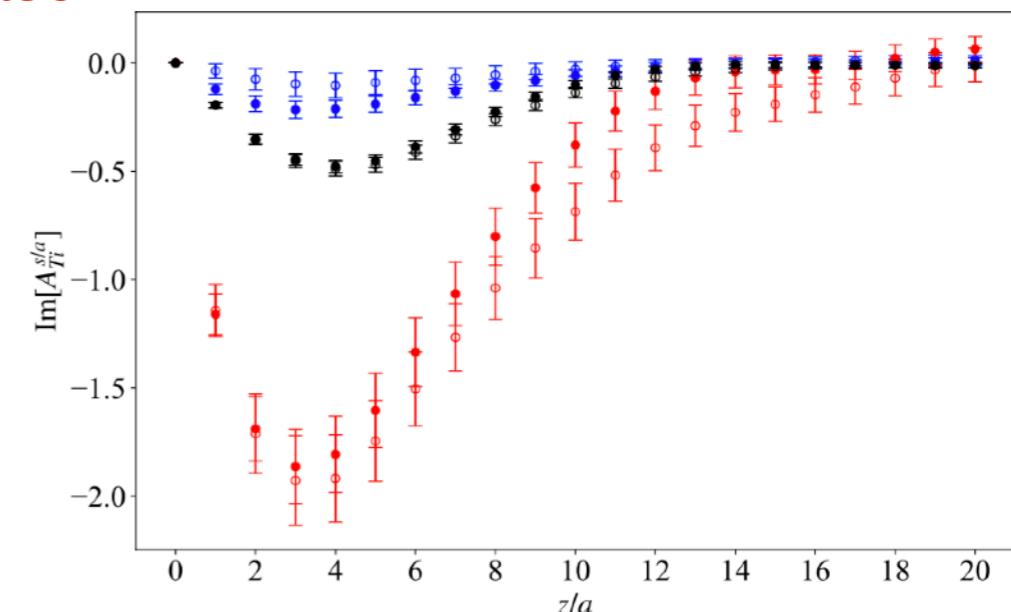
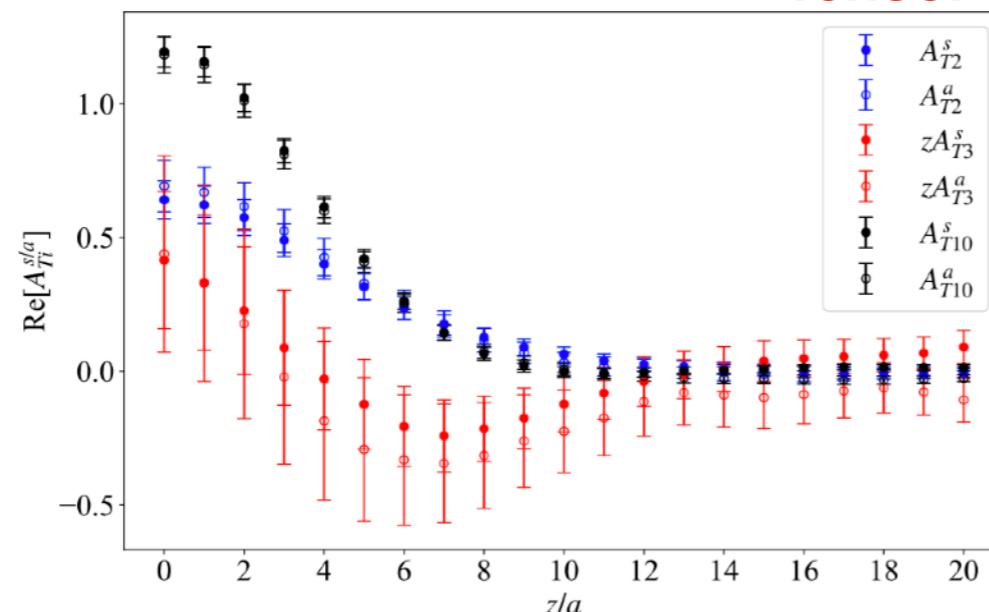
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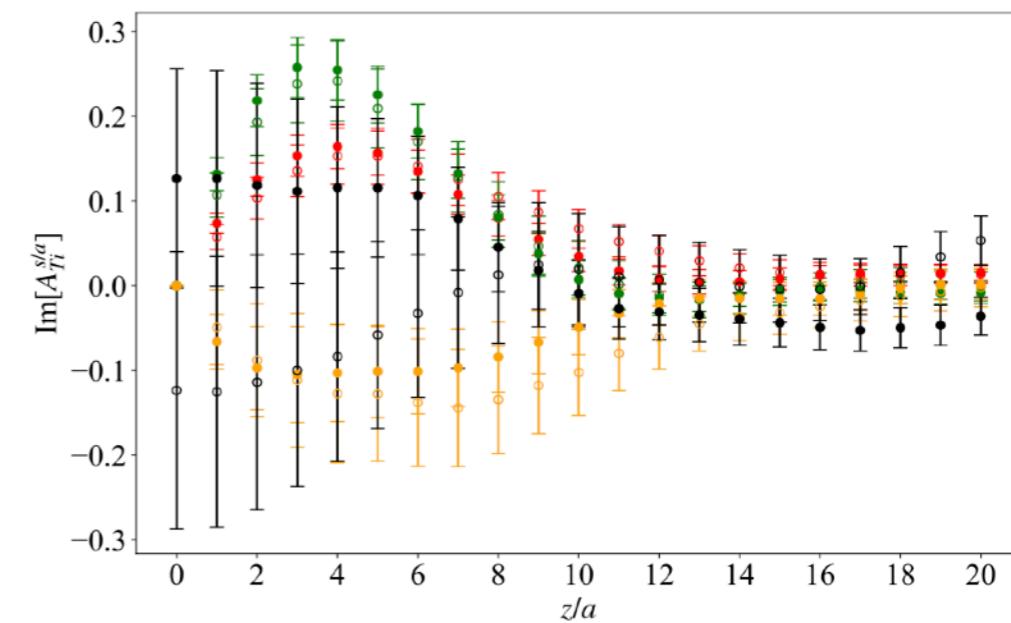
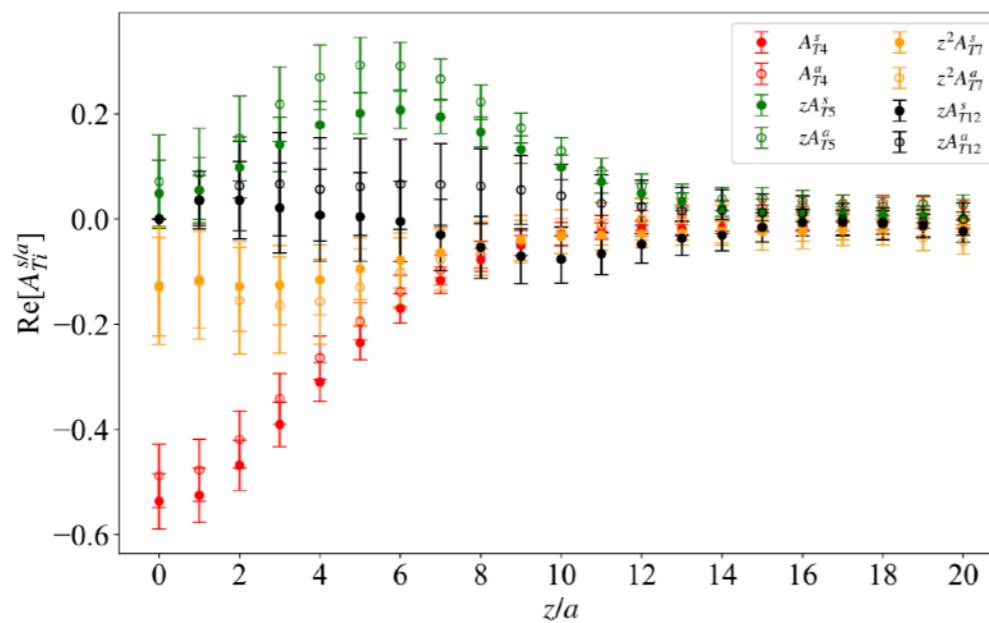
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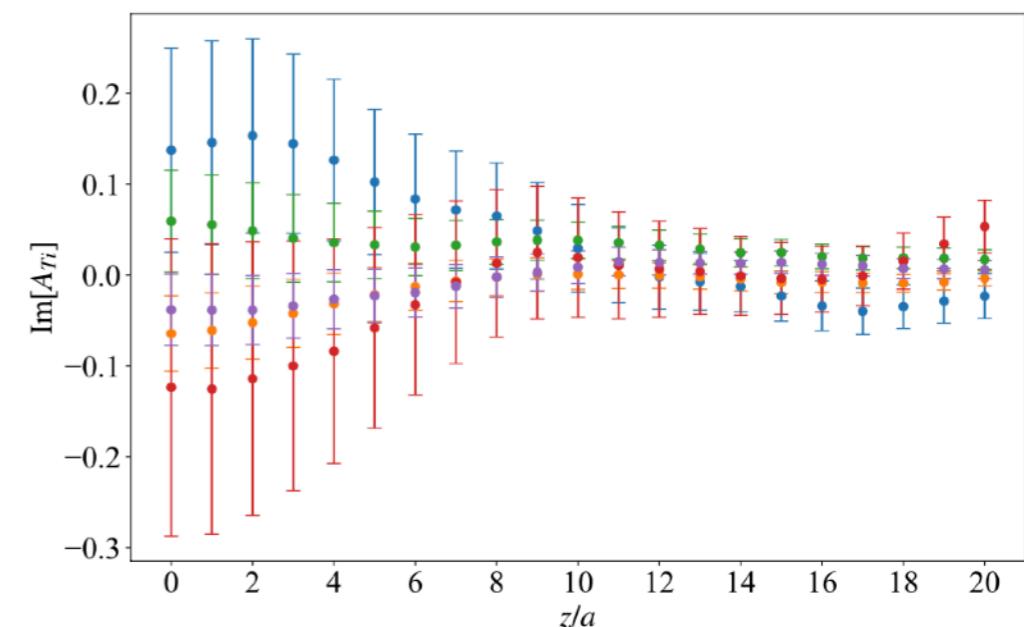
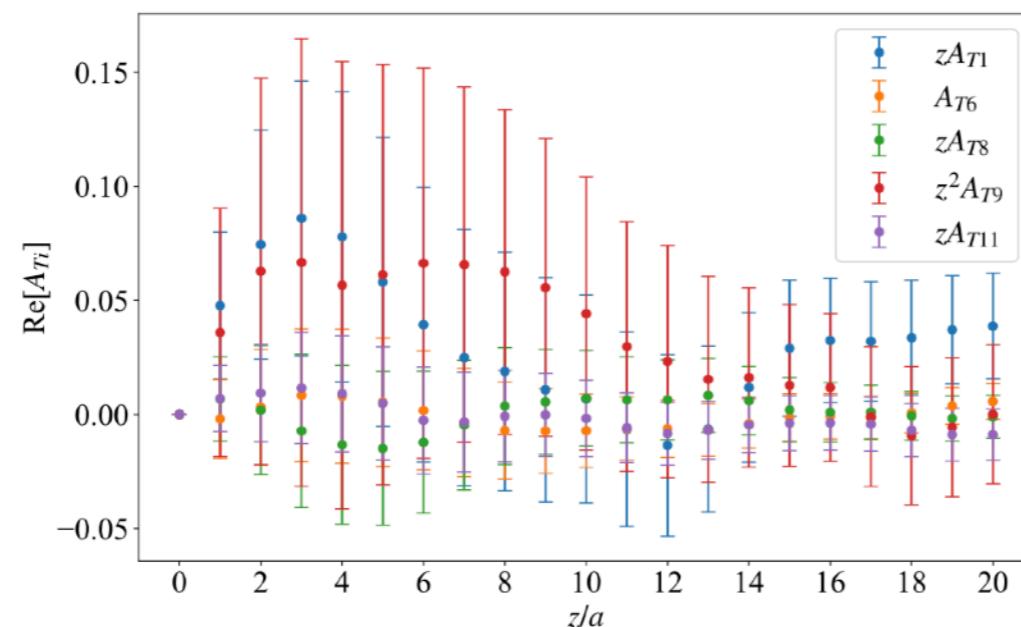
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Theoretically
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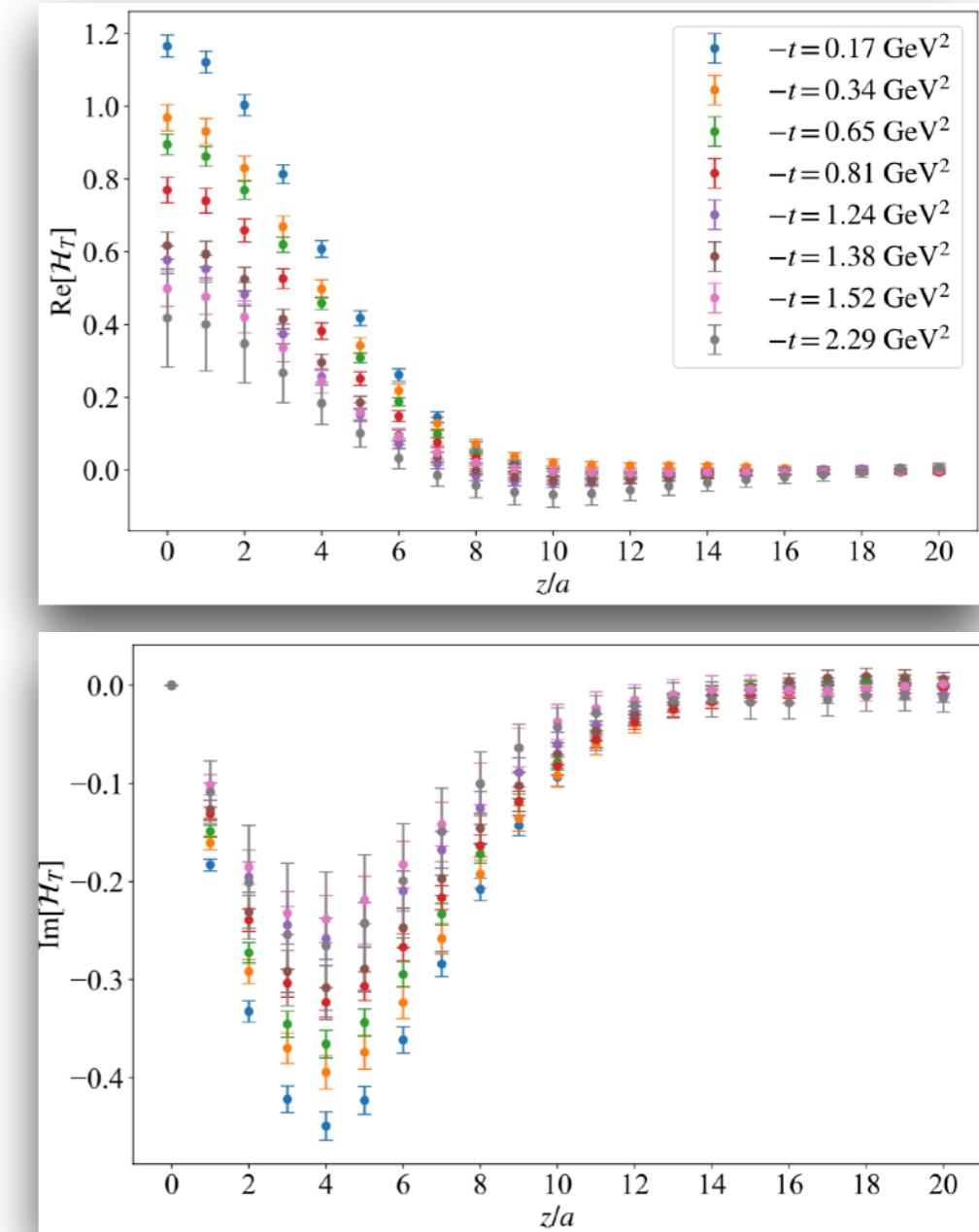
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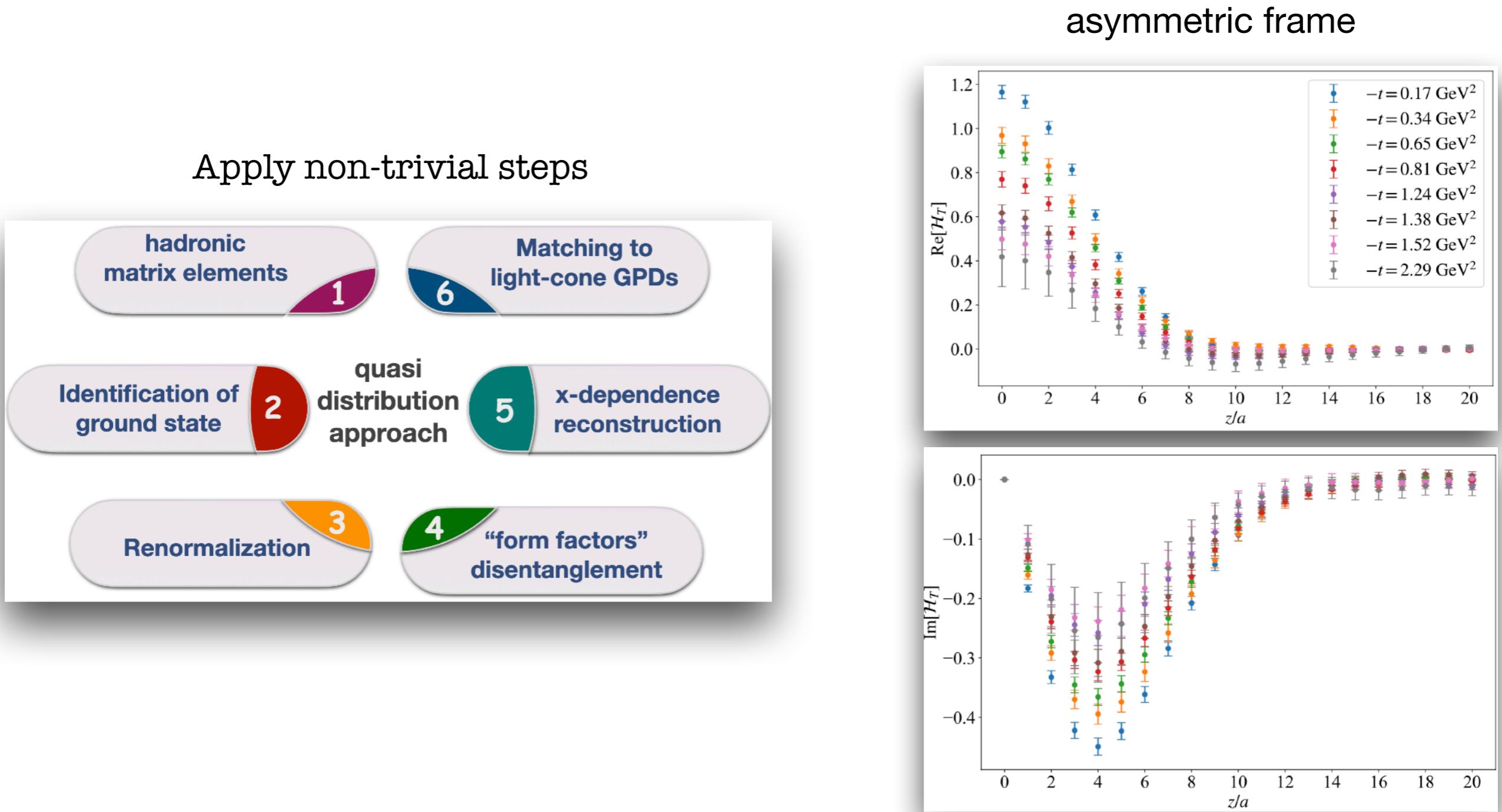
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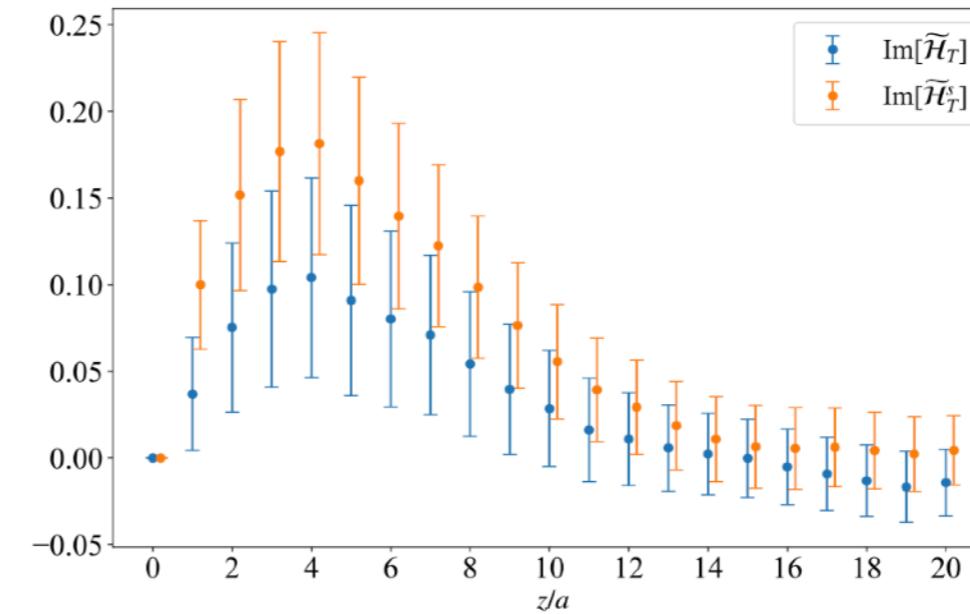
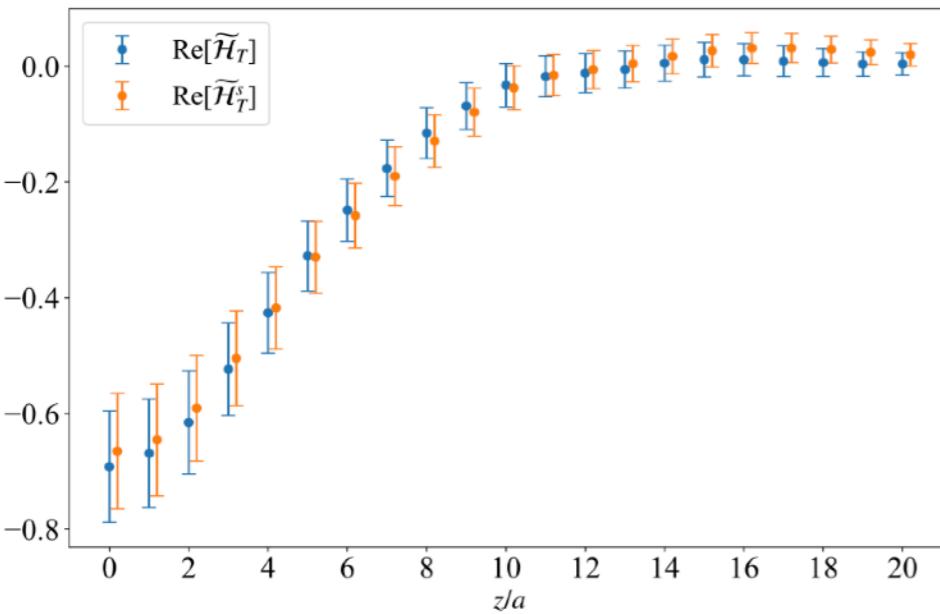
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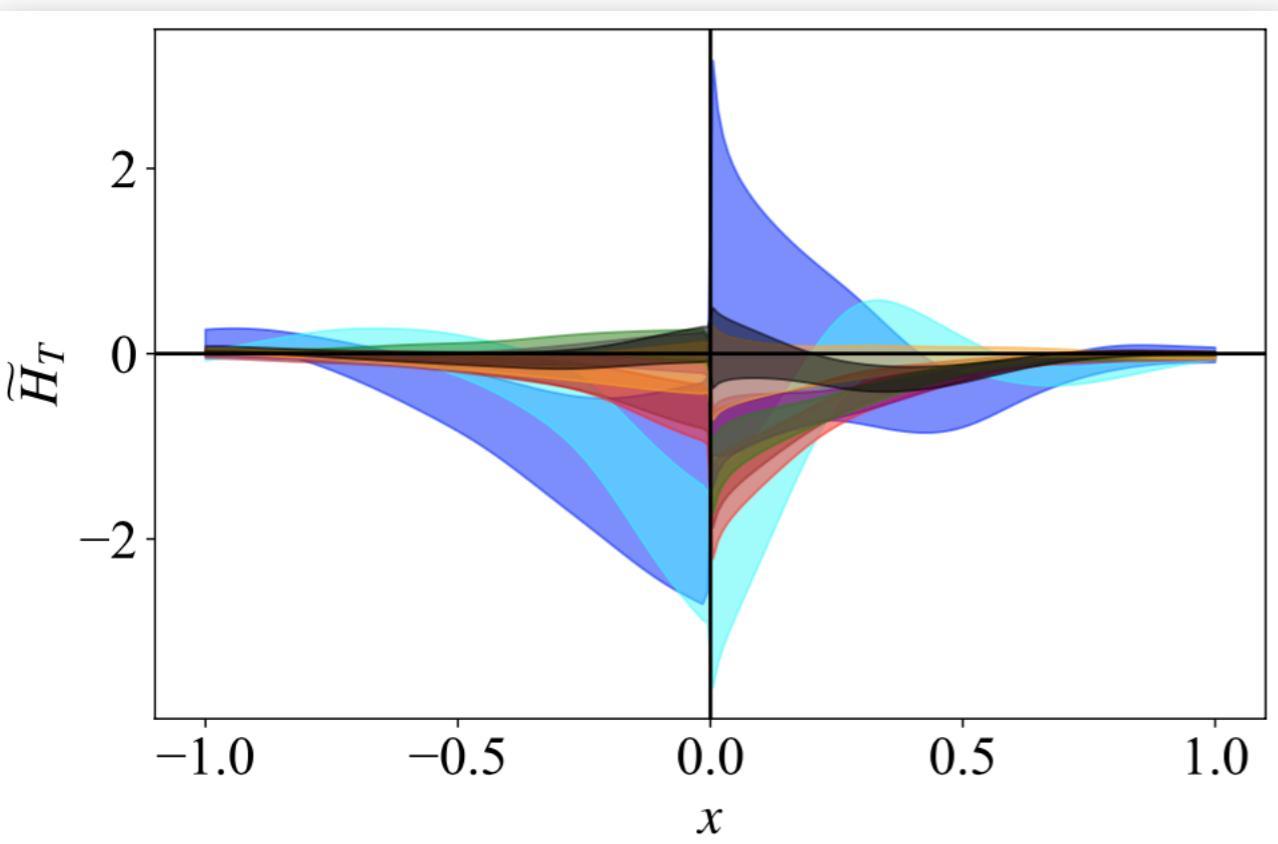
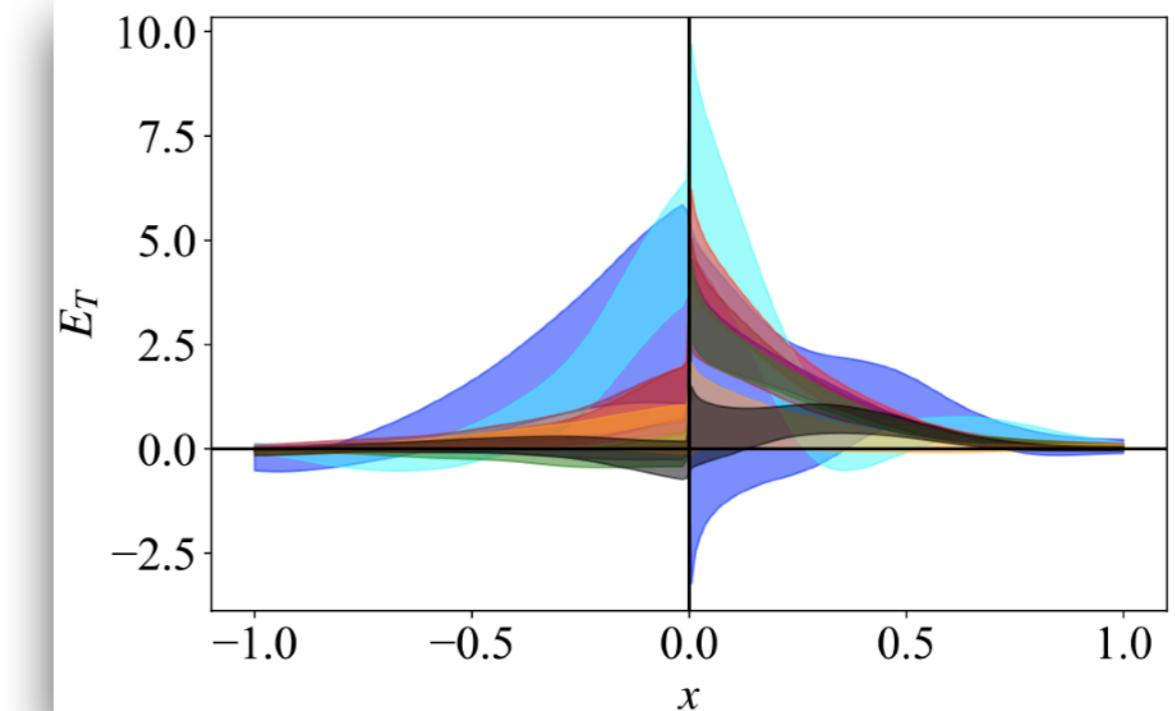
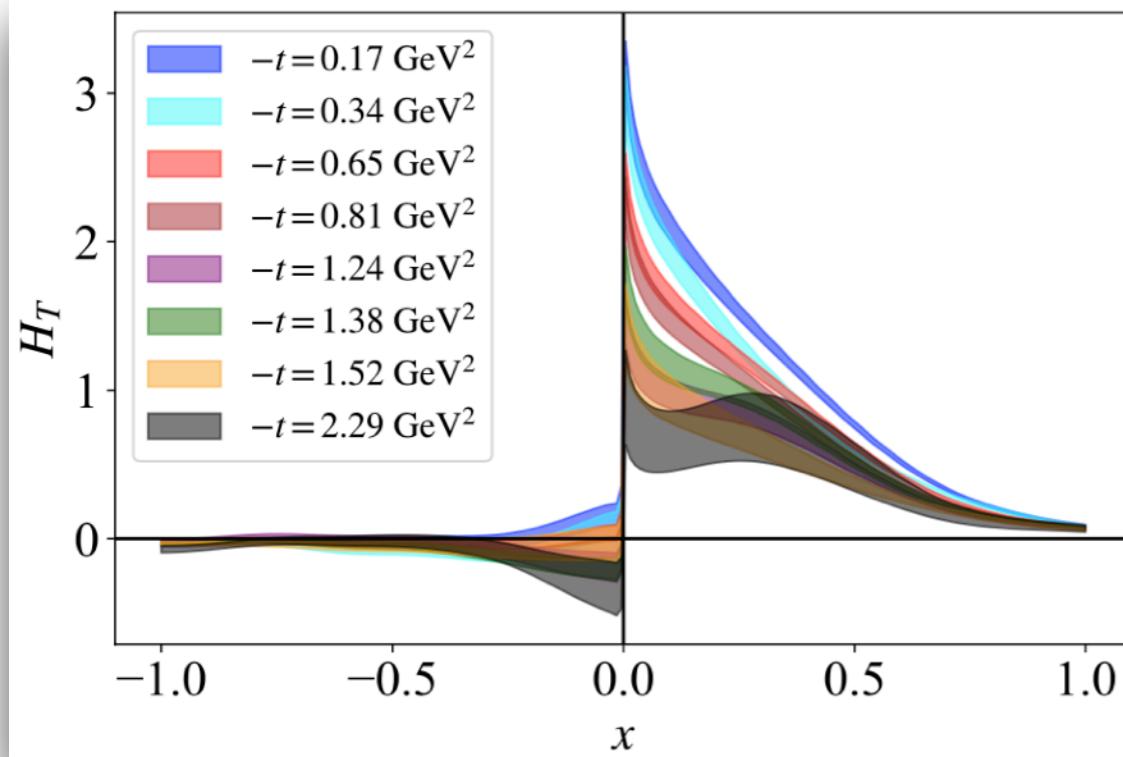
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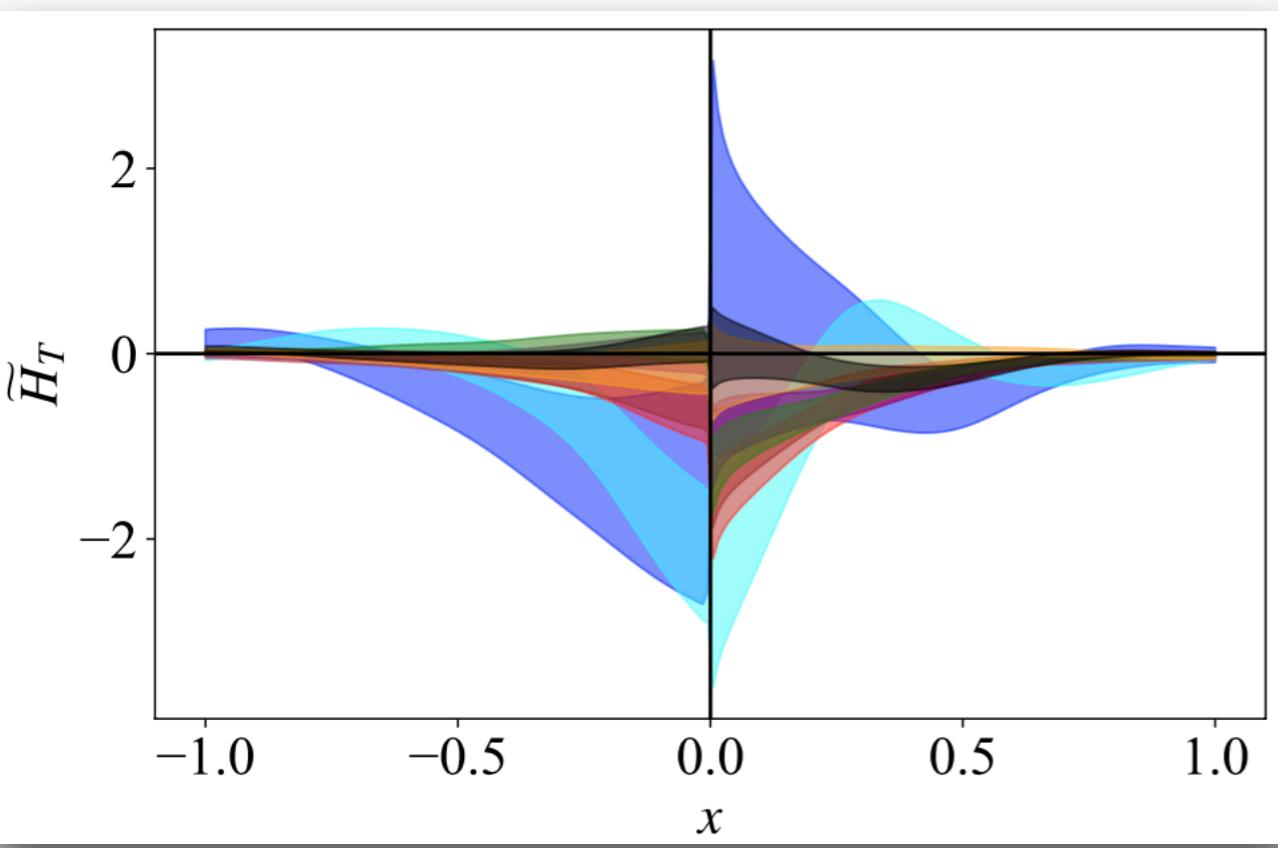
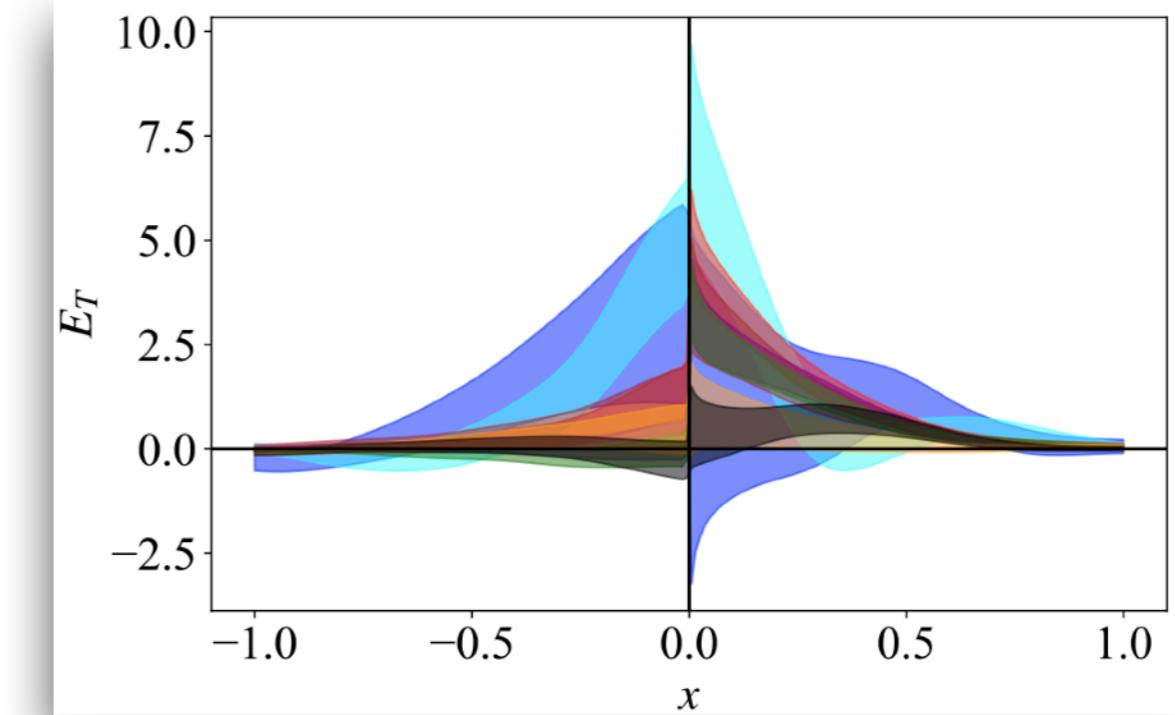
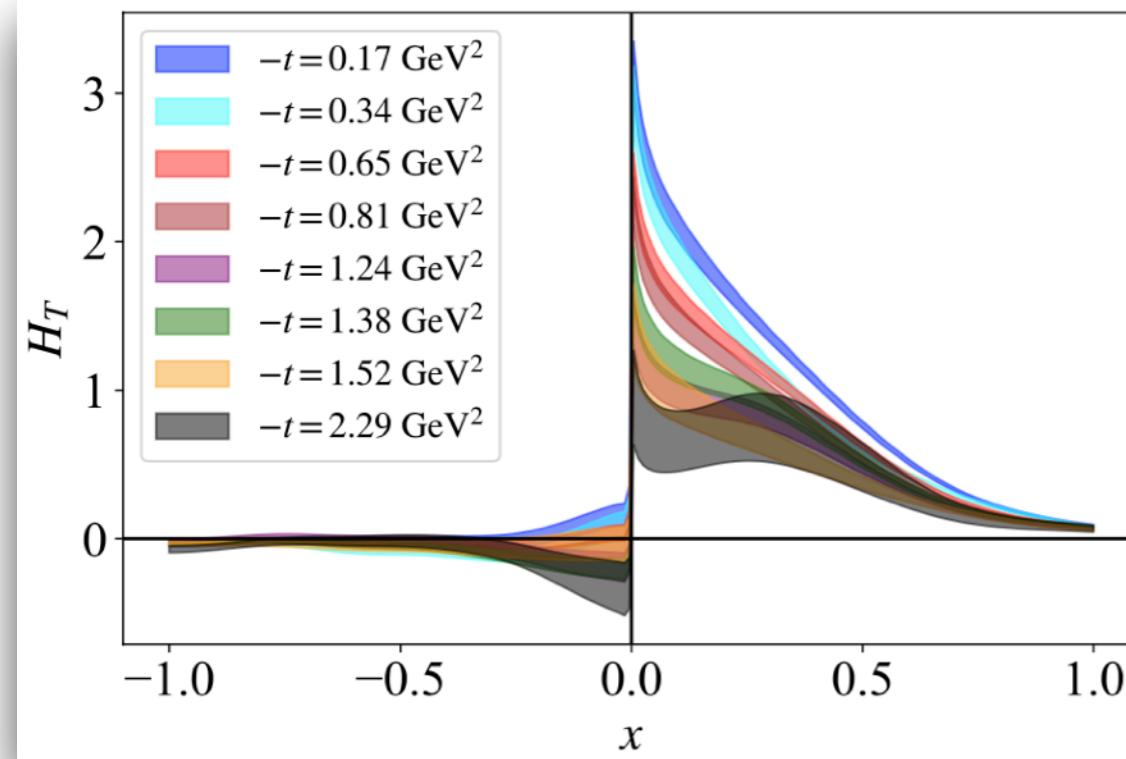
Representative example
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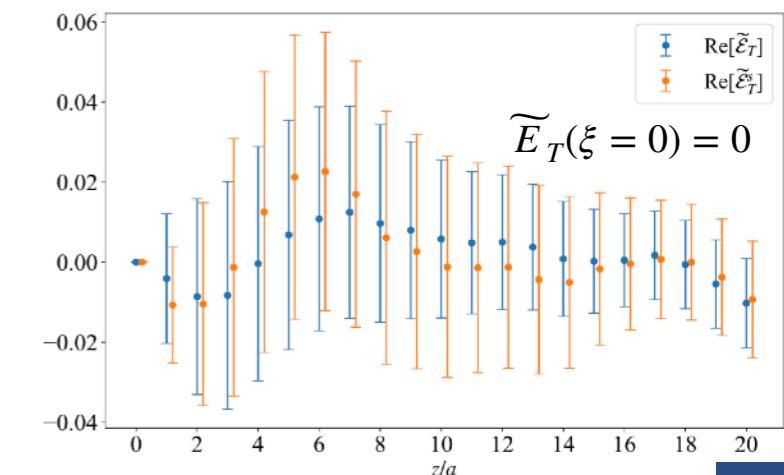


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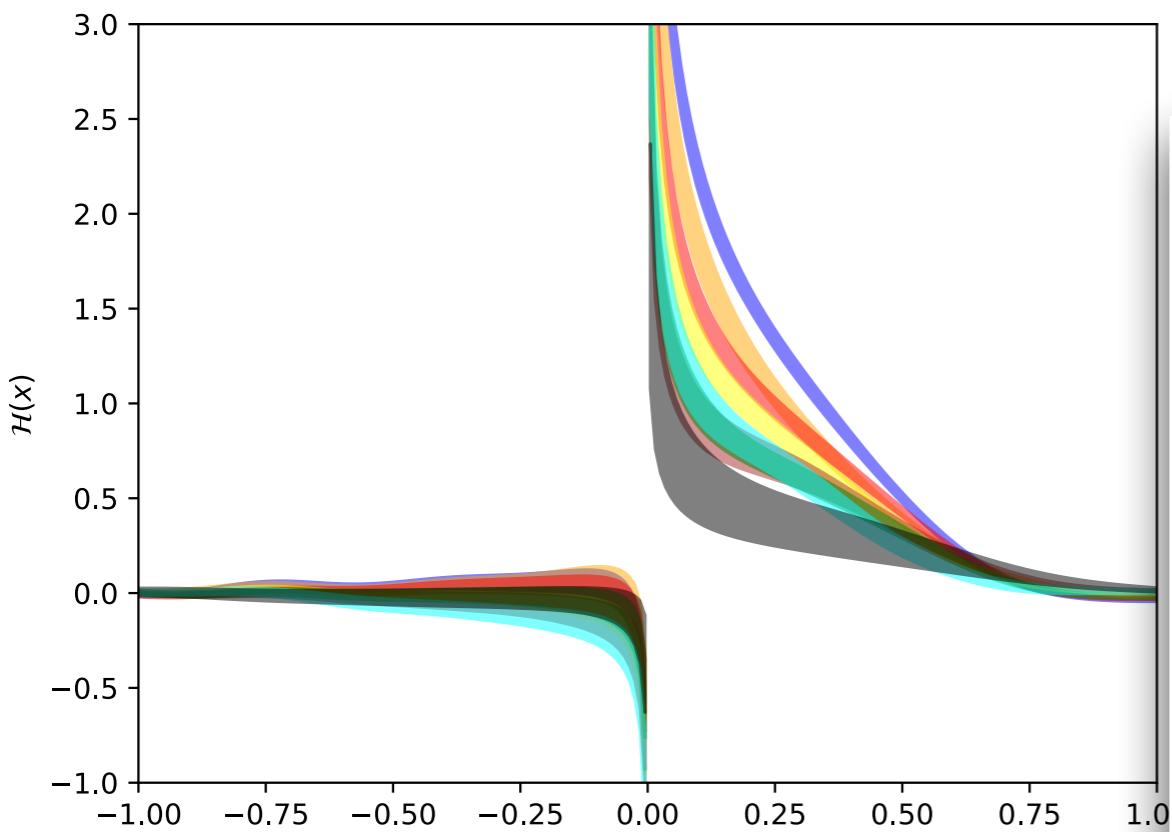
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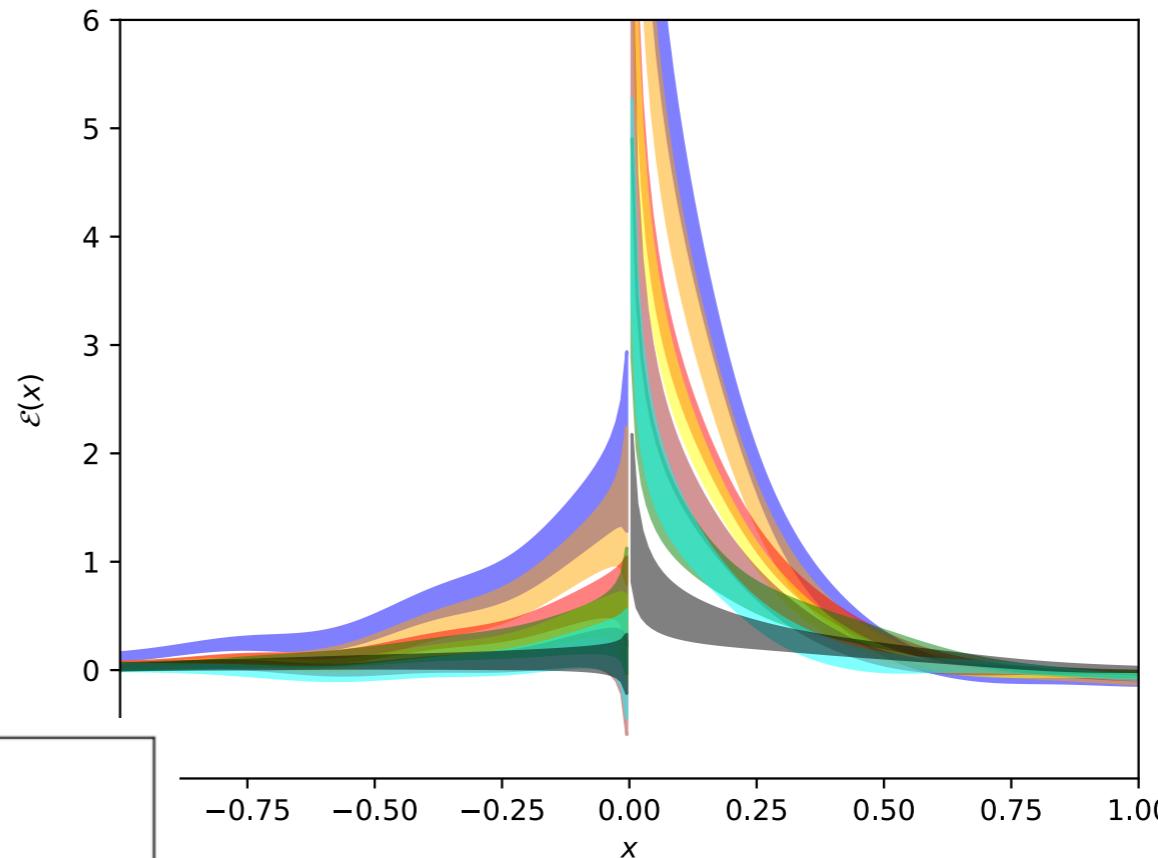


Reminder: Unpolarized & Helicity GPDs

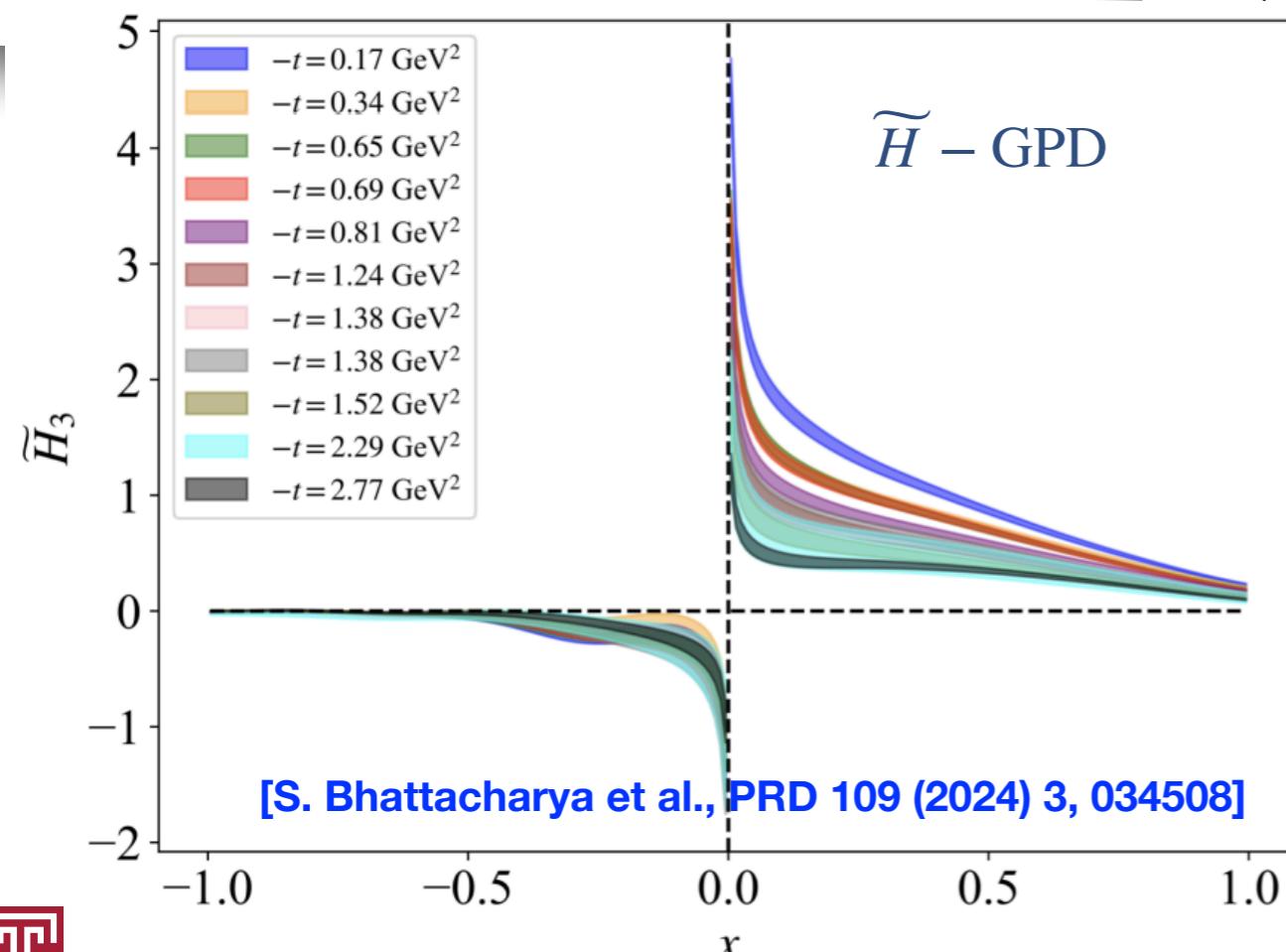


H – GPD

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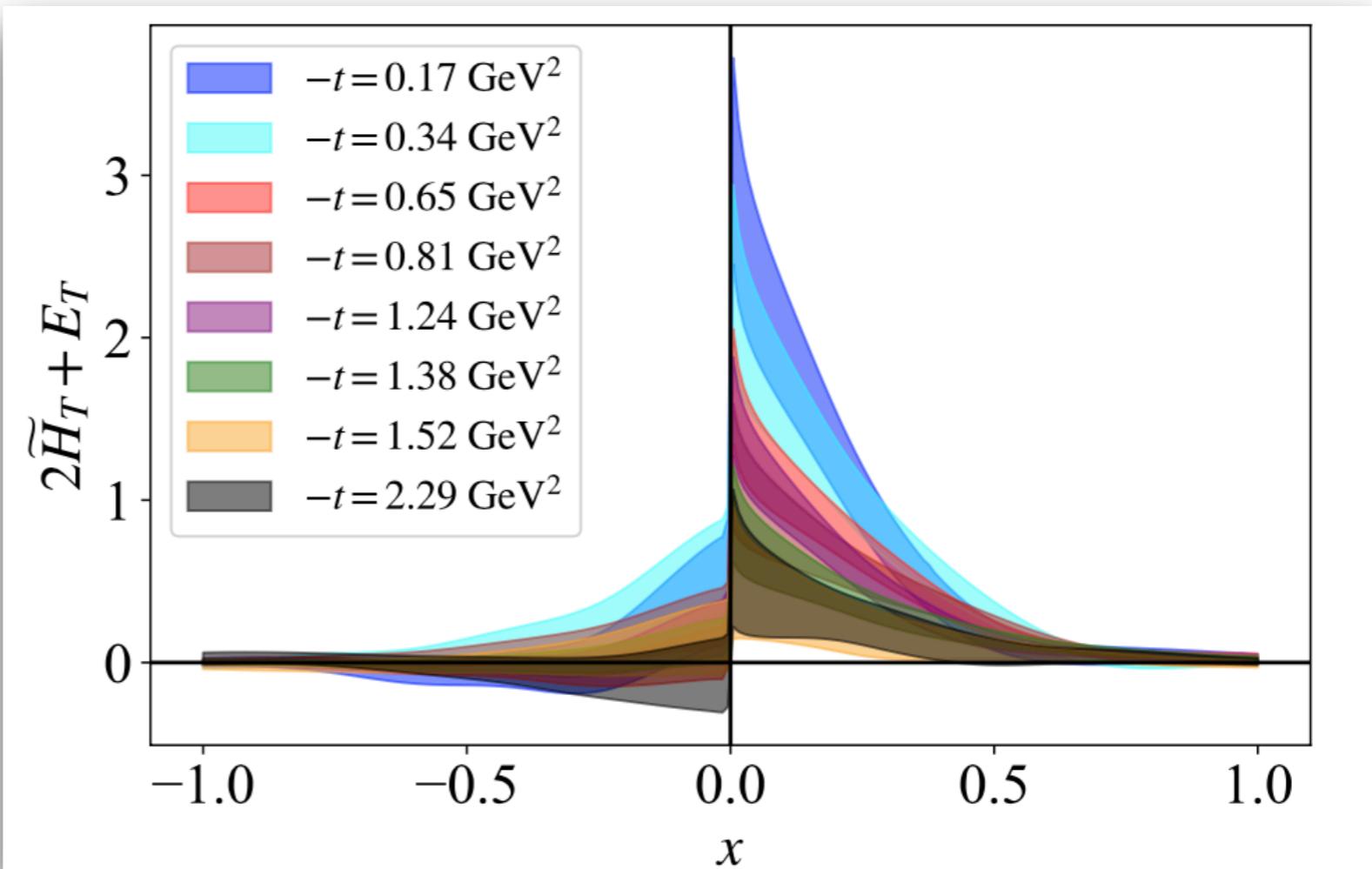
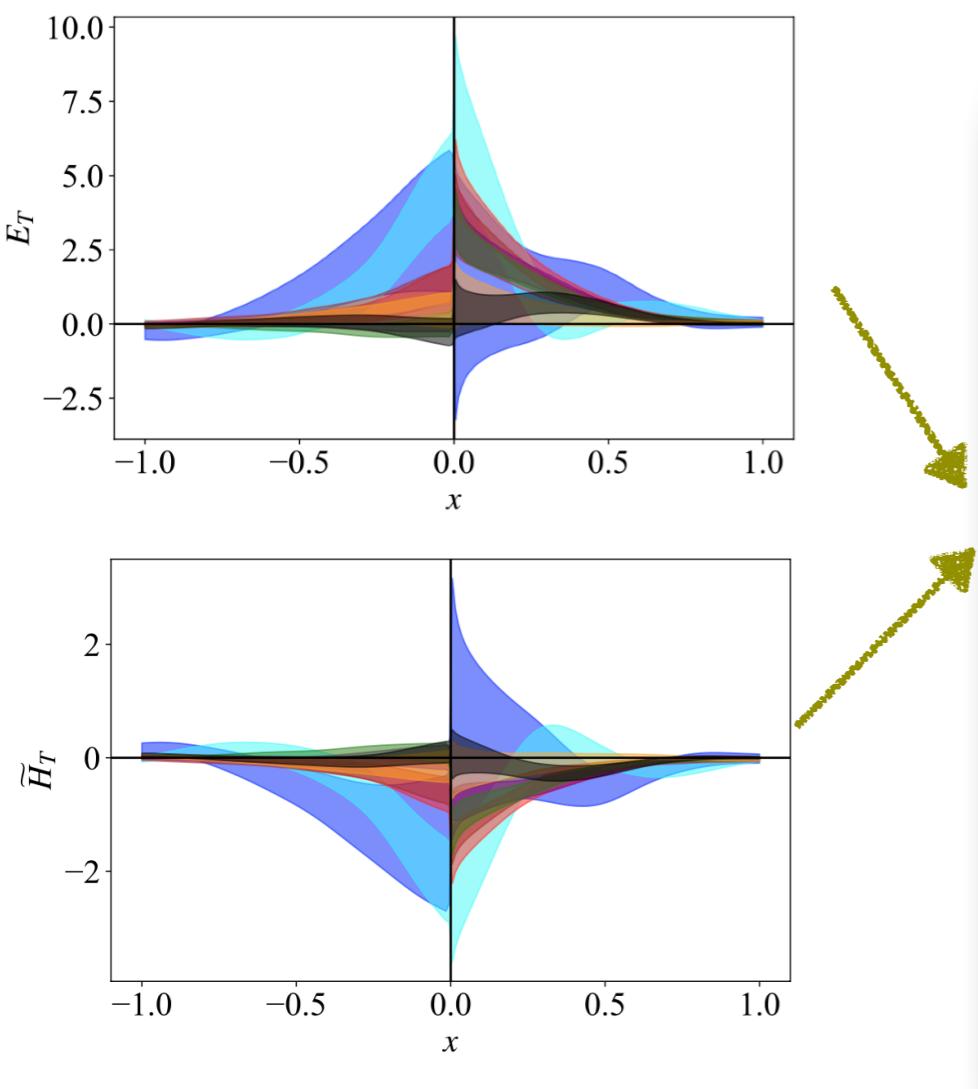
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 \widetilde{H}_T : connection with quadrupole deformation
 of distribution of \perp pol. quarks in \perp pol. proton

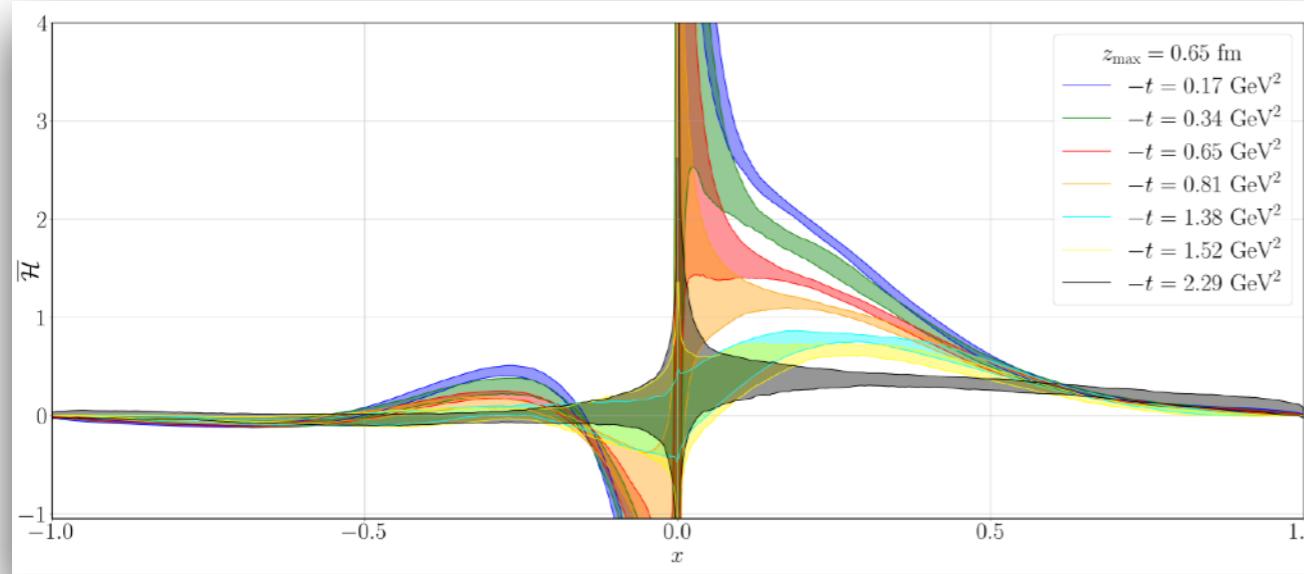


- ★ $E_T + 2\widetilde{H}_T$ related to transverse spin structure of the proton [M. Burkardt, PRD 72, 094020, 2005]
- ★ Impact parameter space: describes the deformation in the distribution of transversely polarized quarks within an unpolarized proton.
- ★ $k_T = \int dx (E_T(x,0,0) + 2\widetilde{H}_T(x,0,0))$: size of dipole moment given by distribution
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From Raw Data to Rich Insights

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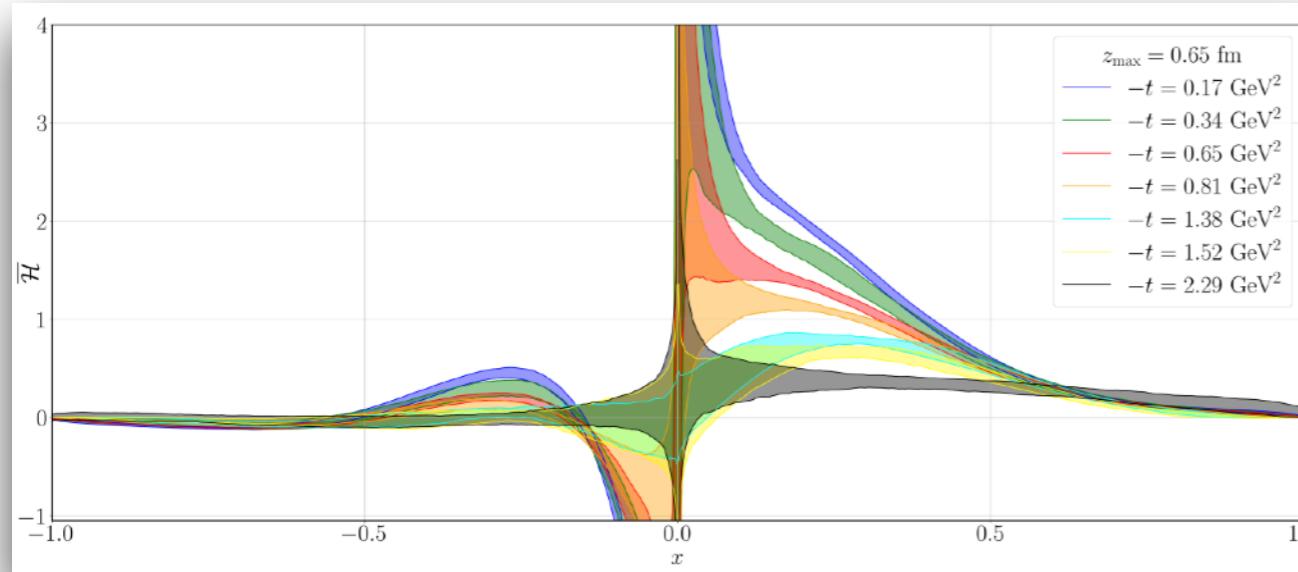
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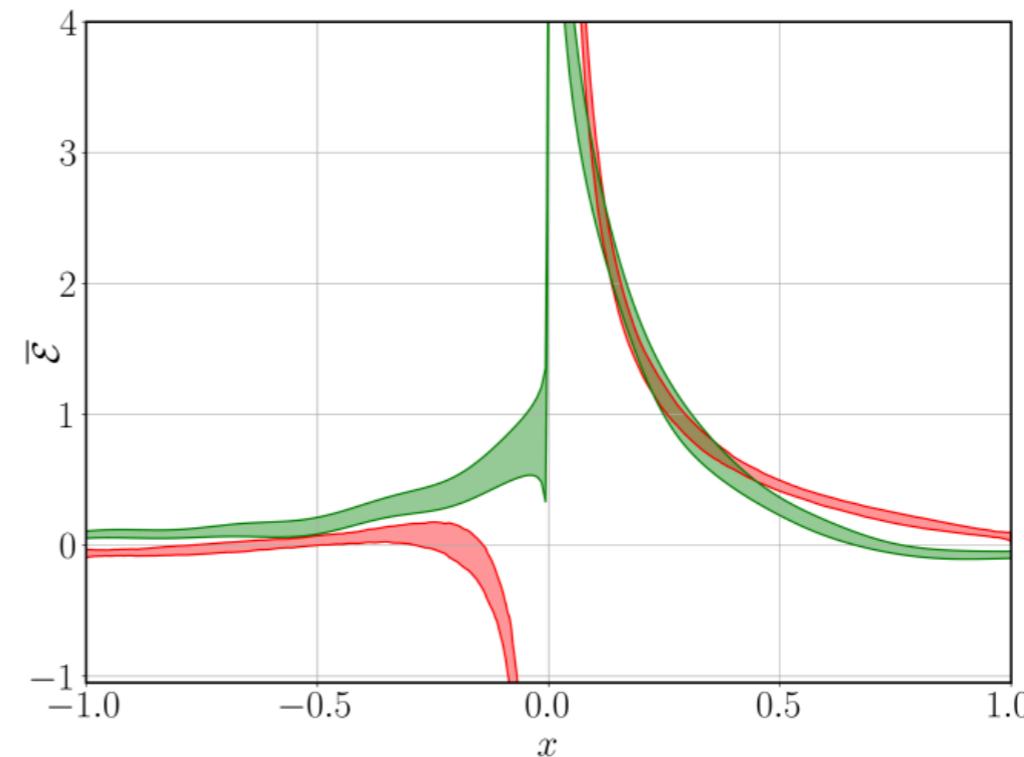
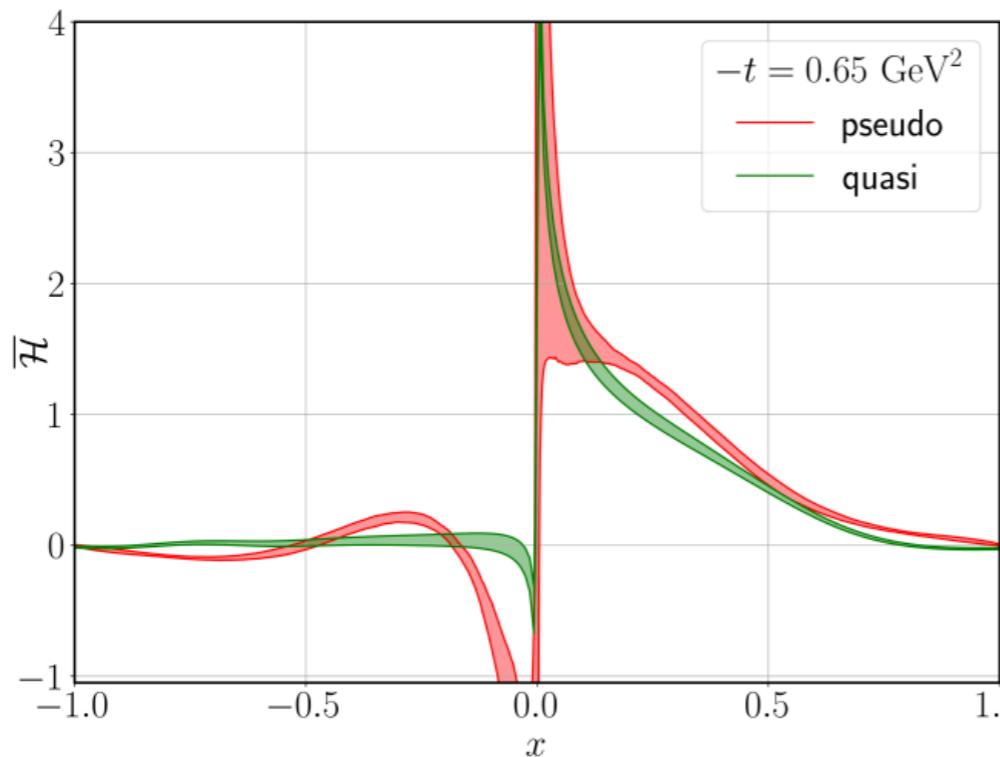
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Mellin moments

See, X. Gao's talk in 2023 Workshop

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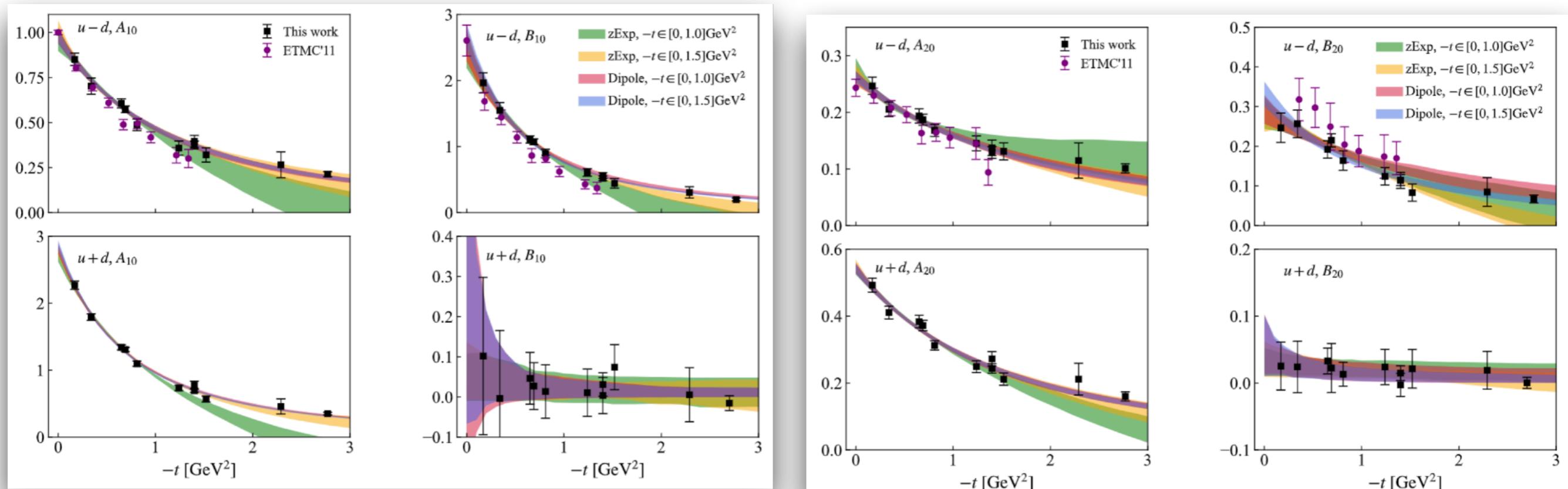
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★ Wilson coefficients known to NLO (or NNLO)

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[C. Alexandrou et al., PRD 104 (2021) 5, 054503]

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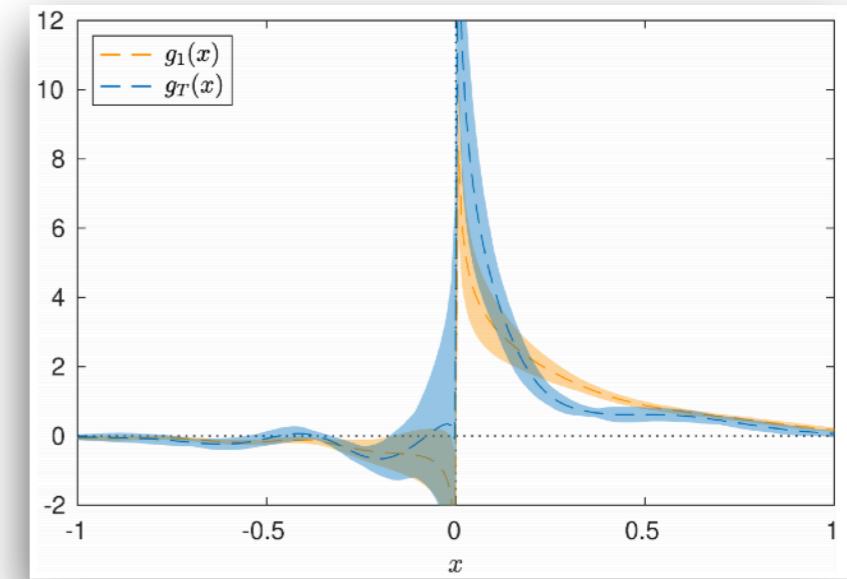
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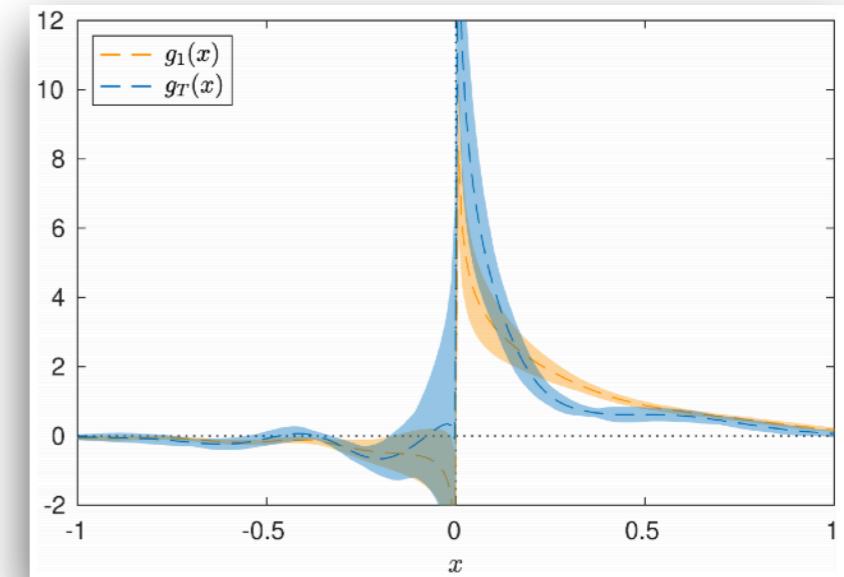
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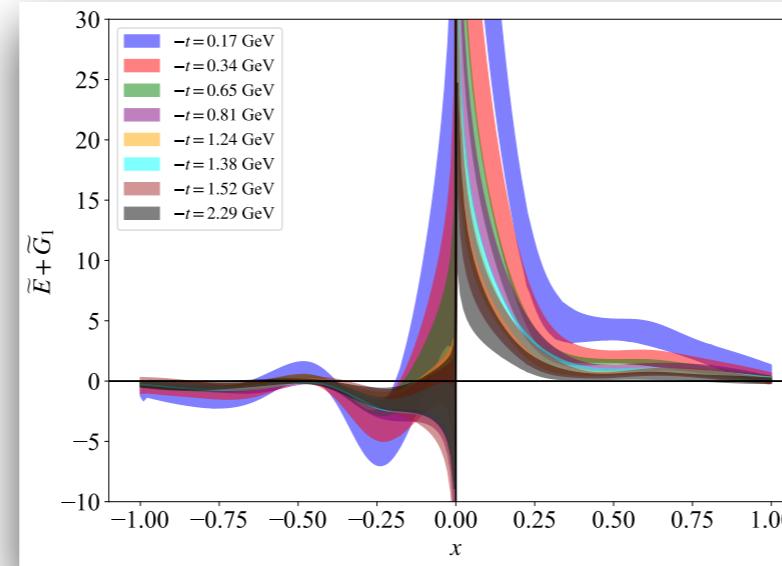
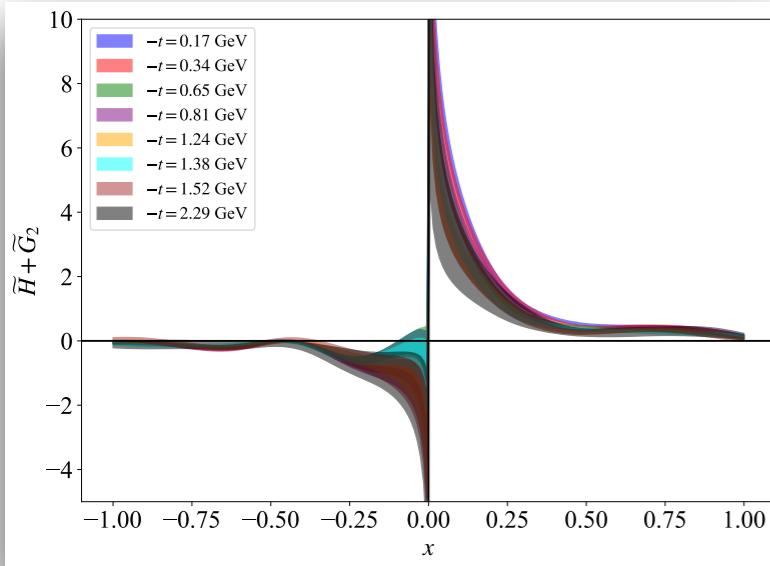
- ★ Mixing with q-g-q correlators; matching:
 - [V. Braun et al., JHEP 05 (2021) 086; JHEP 10 (2021) 087]

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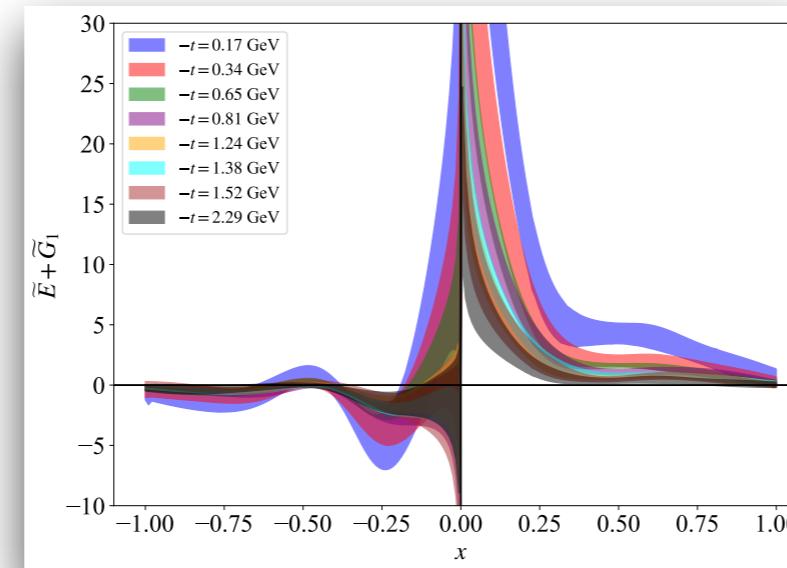
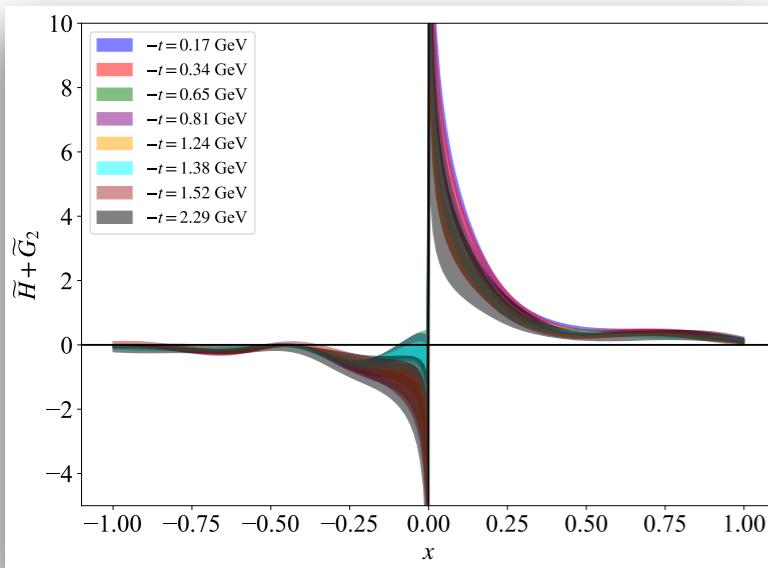
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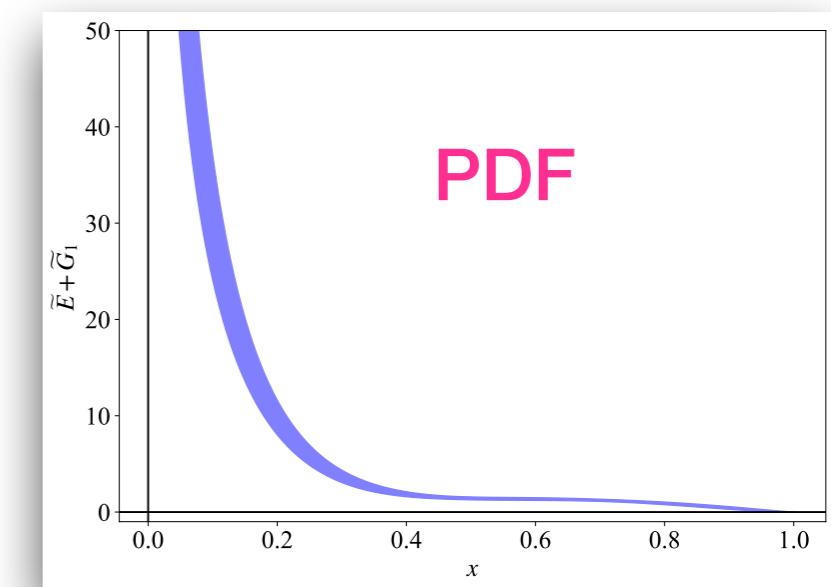


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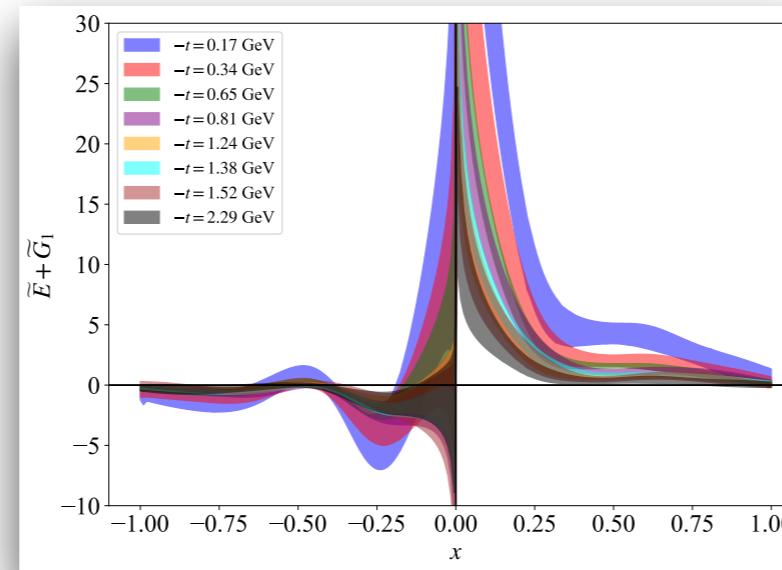
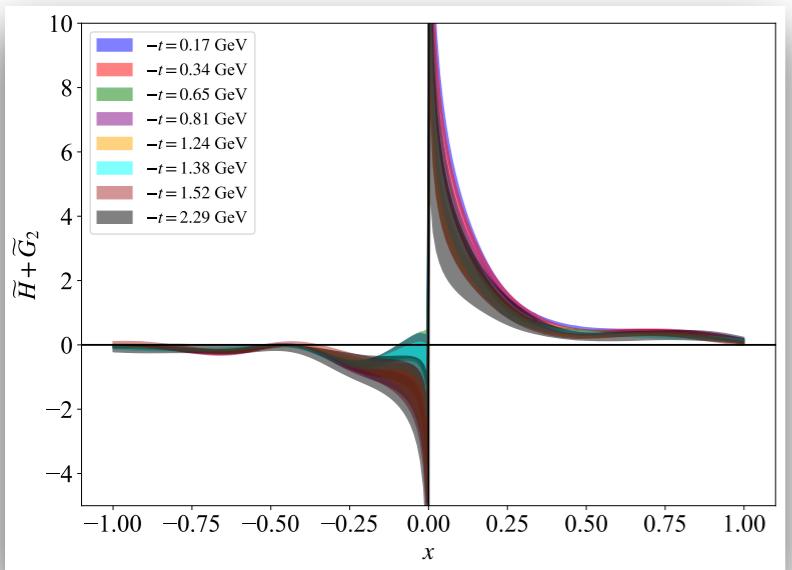
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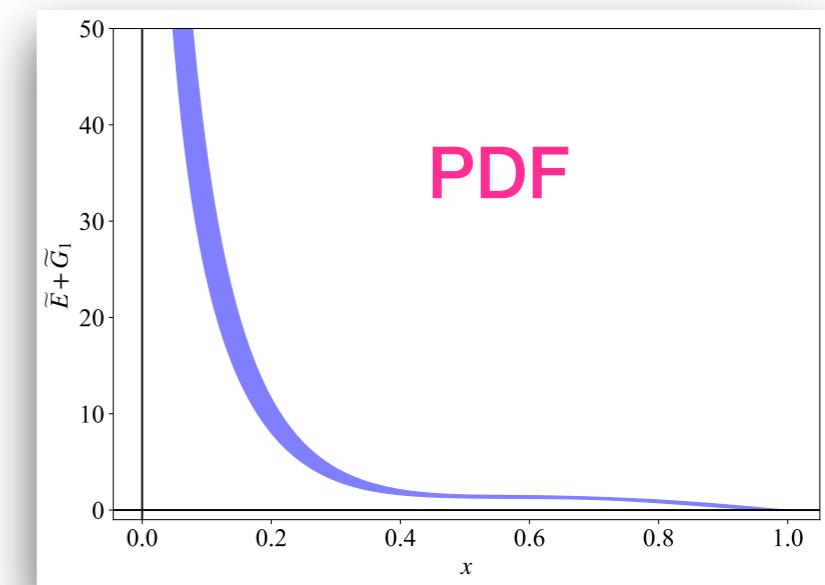
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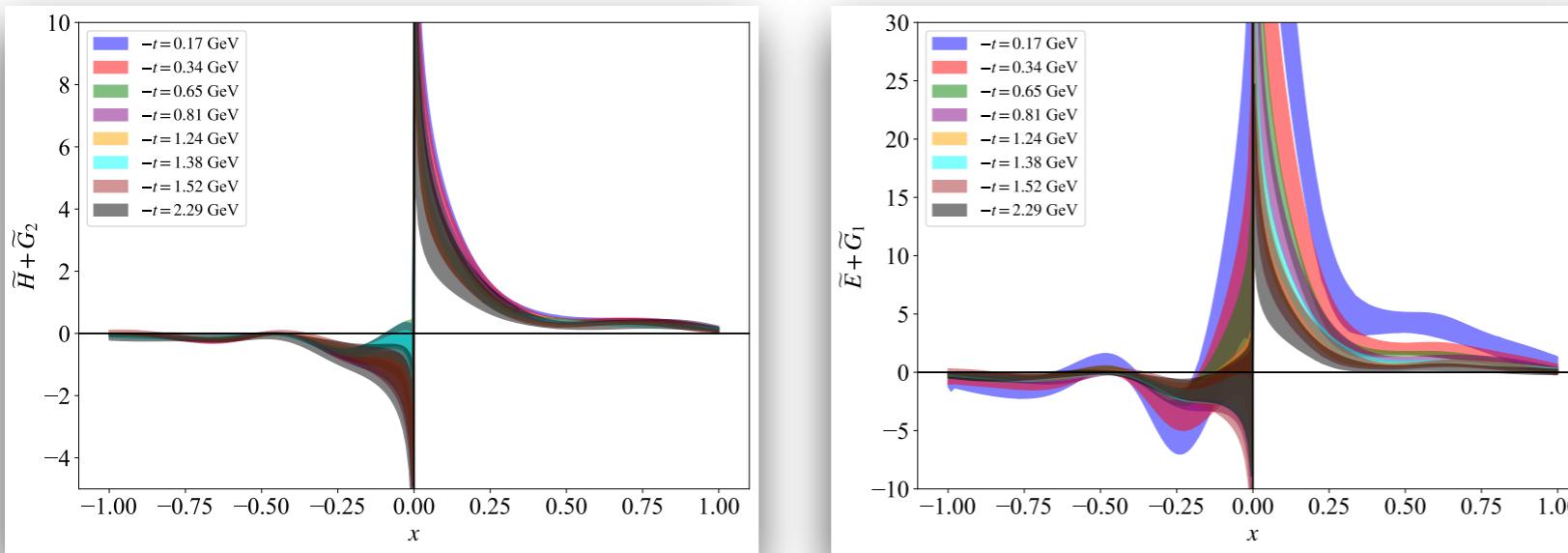
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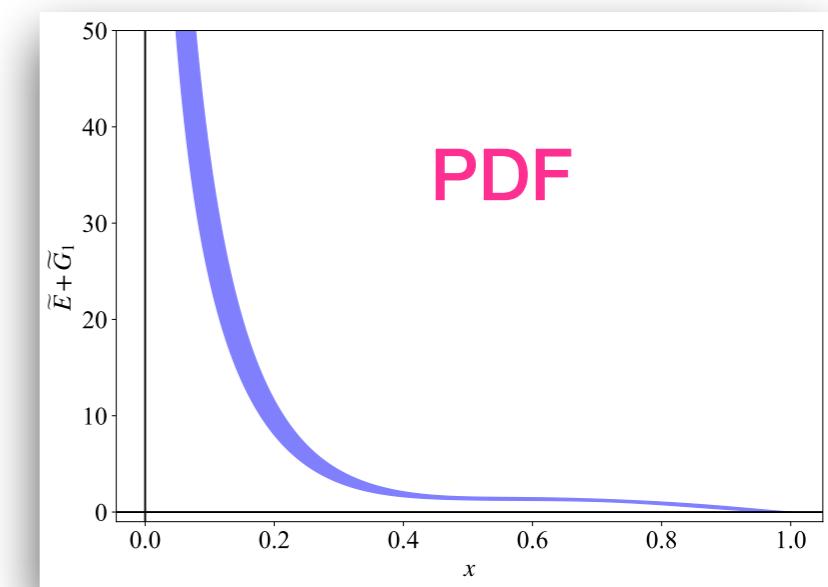
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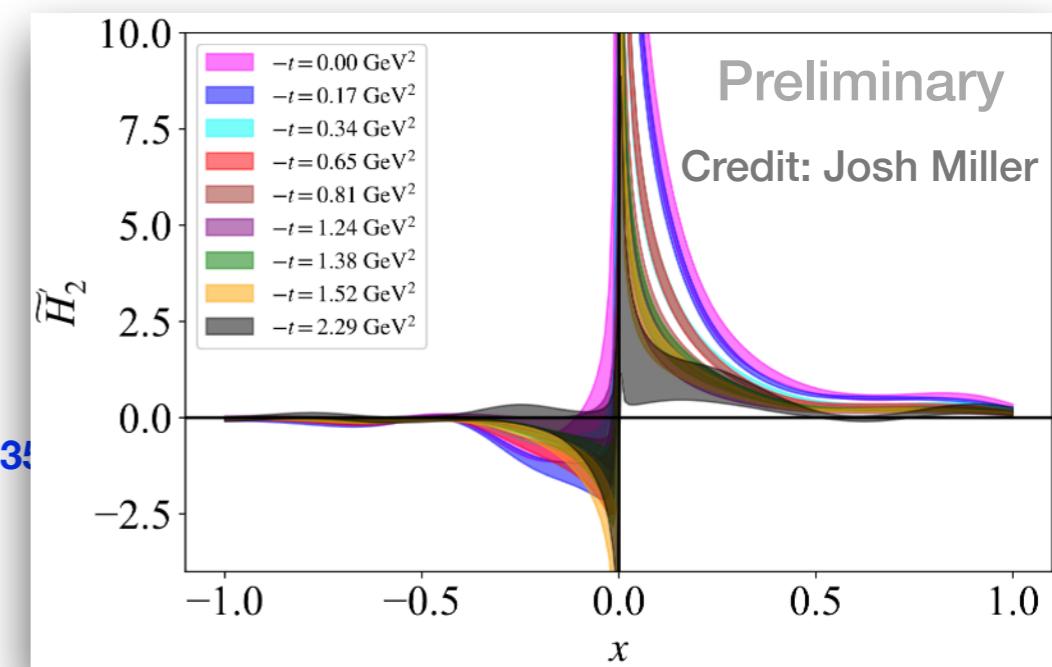
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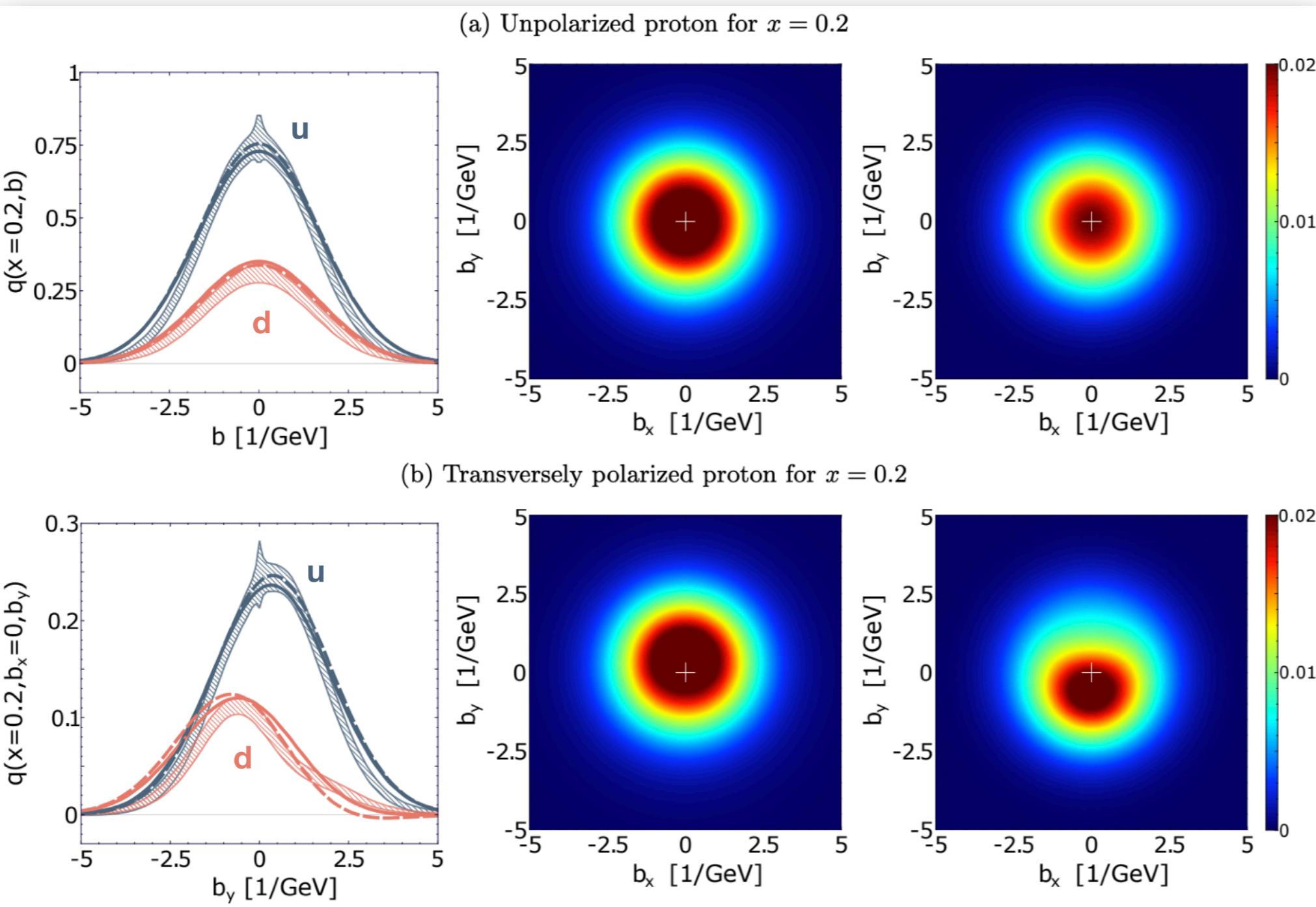


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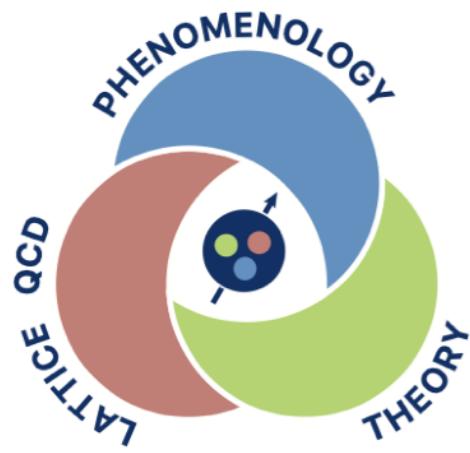


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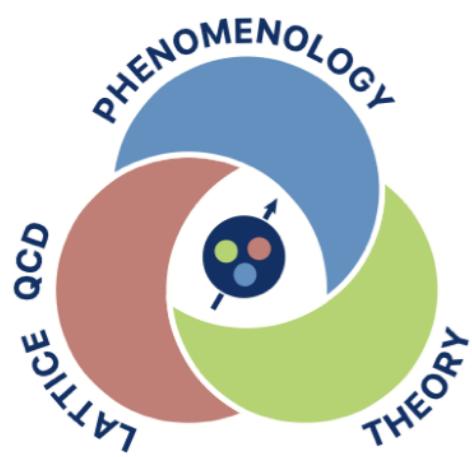
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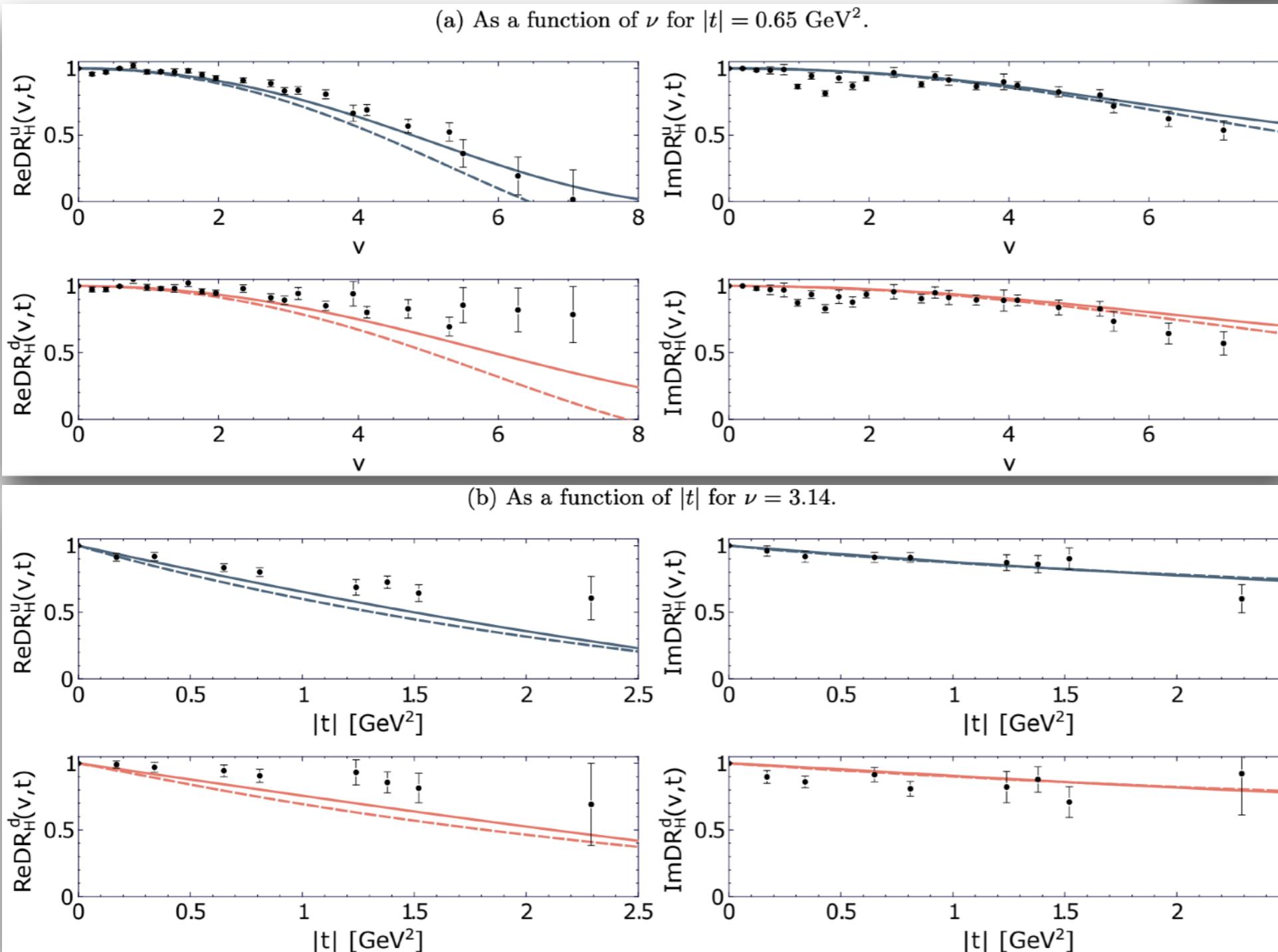
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