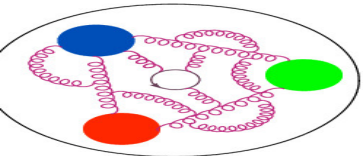


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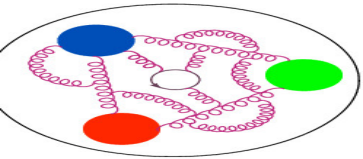


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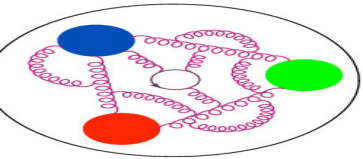
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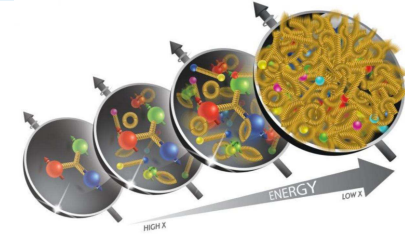


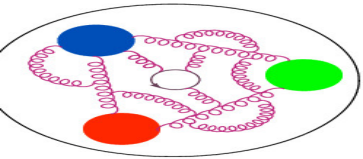
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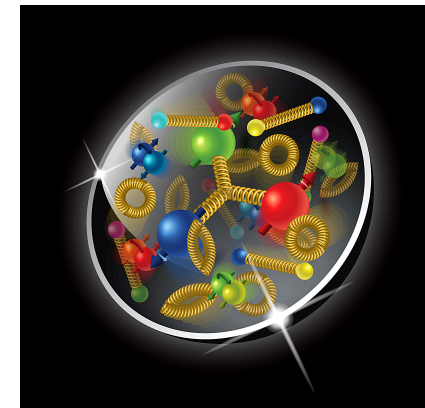
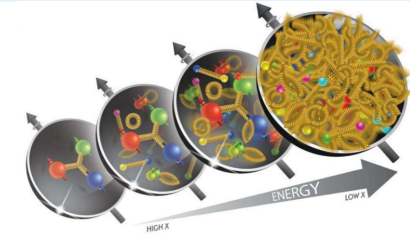


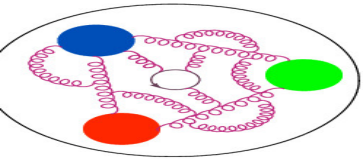


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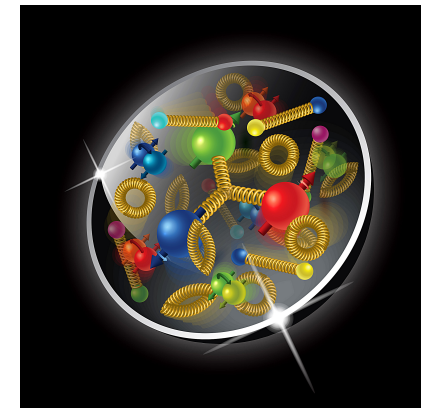
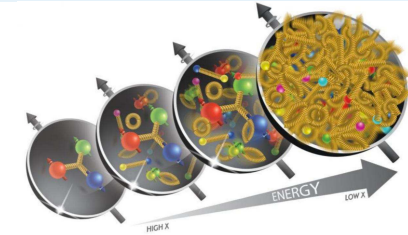


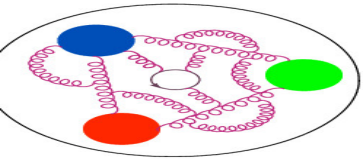
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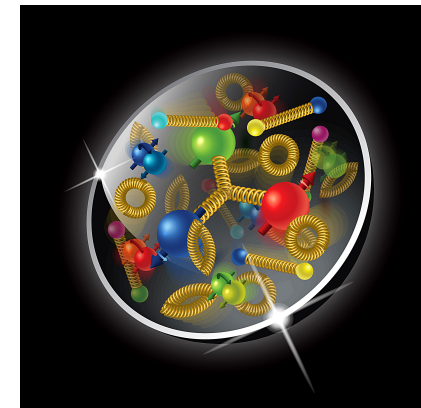
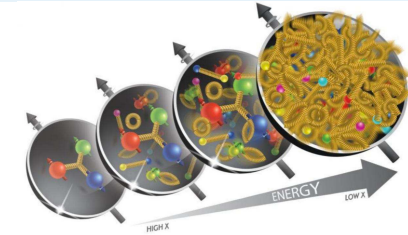
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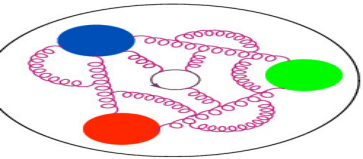
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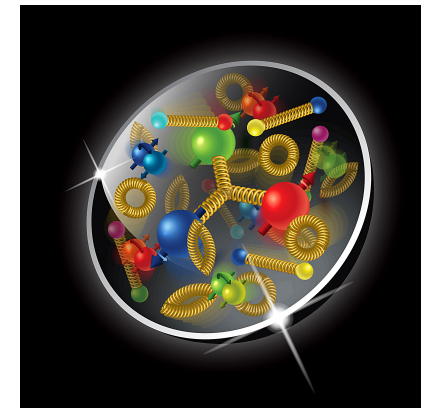
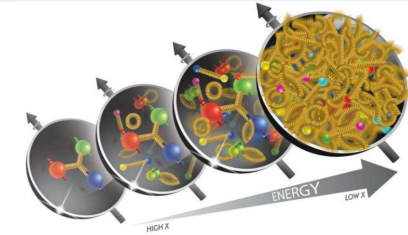
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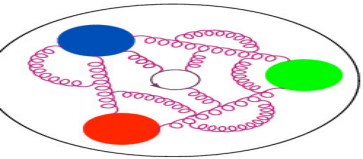
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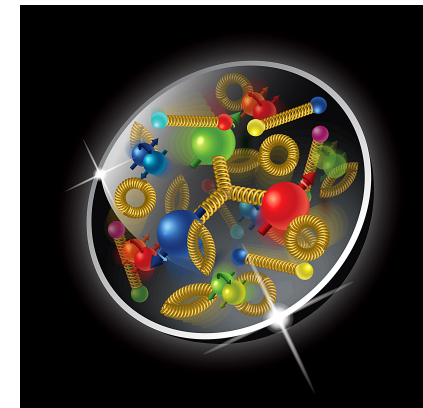
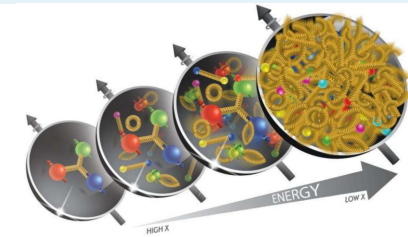
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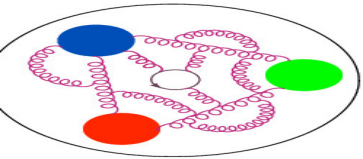
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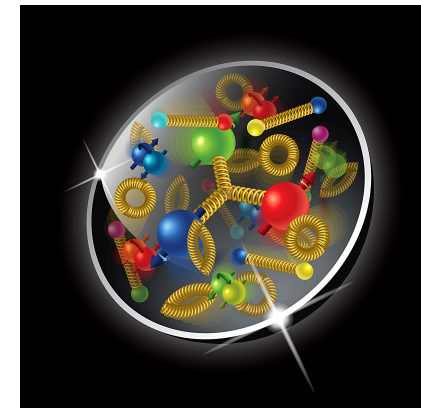
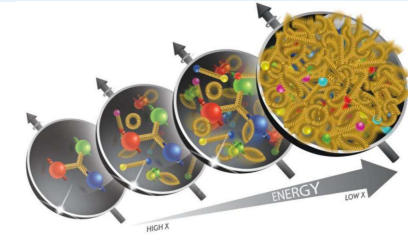


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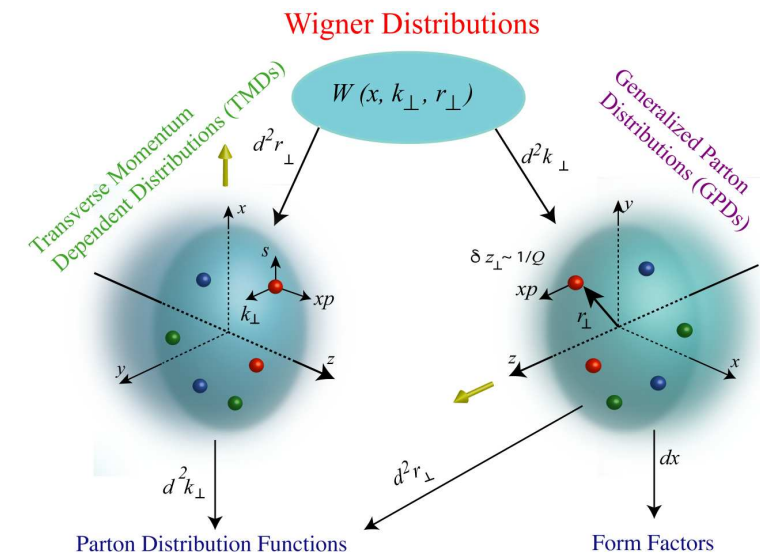
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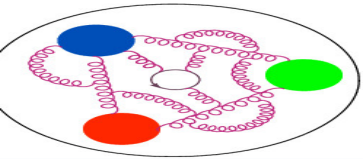
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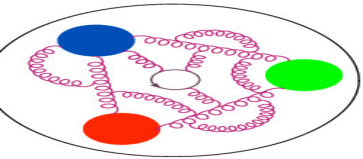
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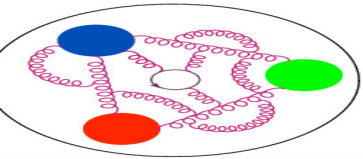
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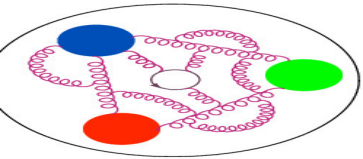
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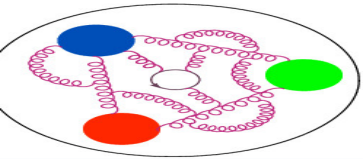
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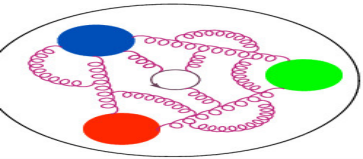
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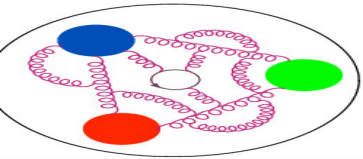
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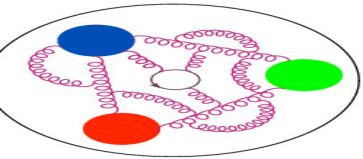
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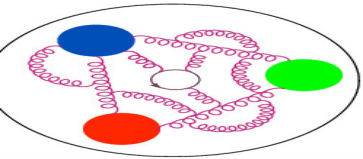
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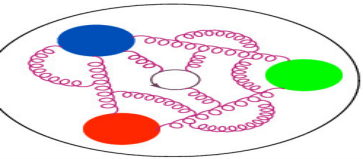
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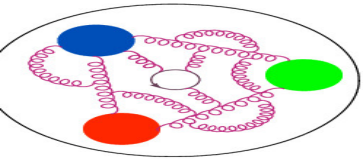
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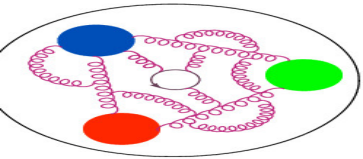
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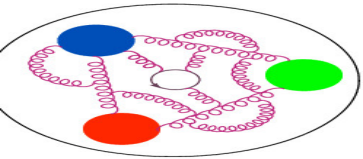




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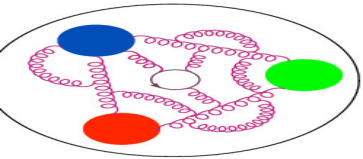
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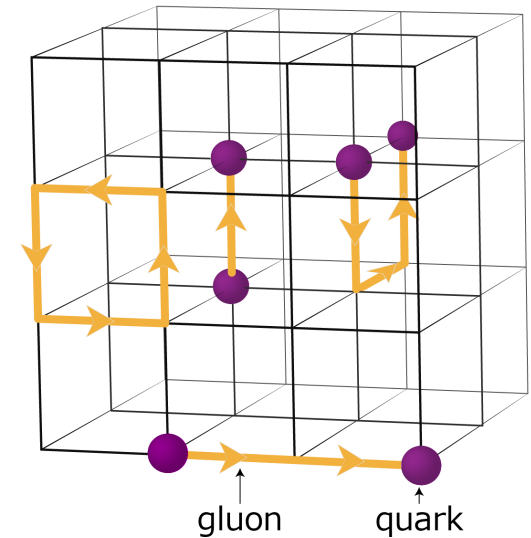
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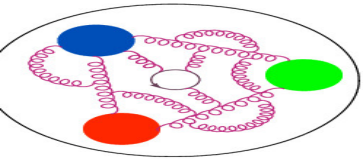


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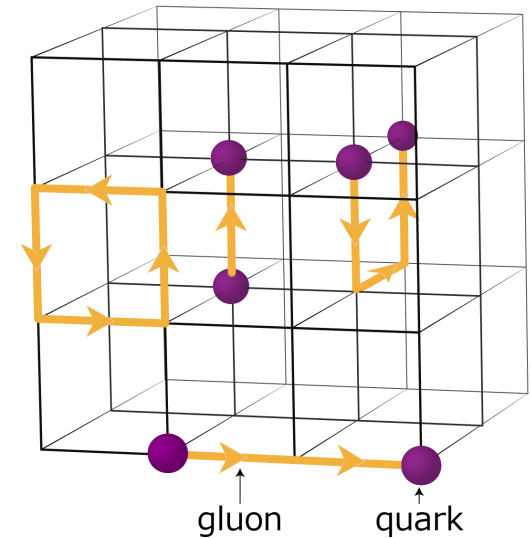
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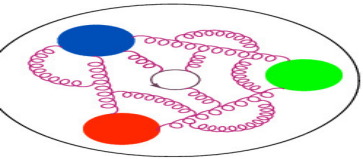




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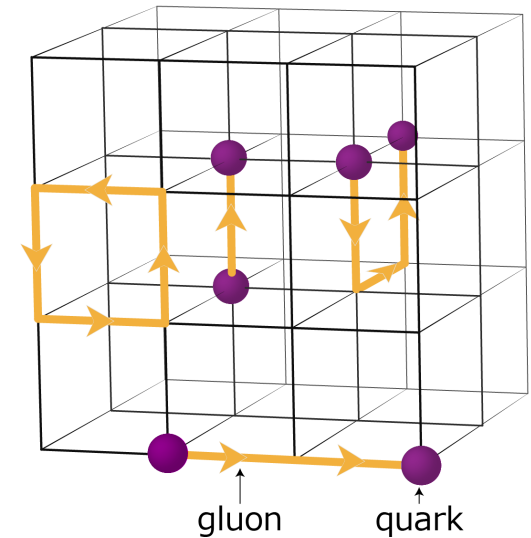
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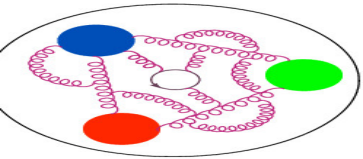




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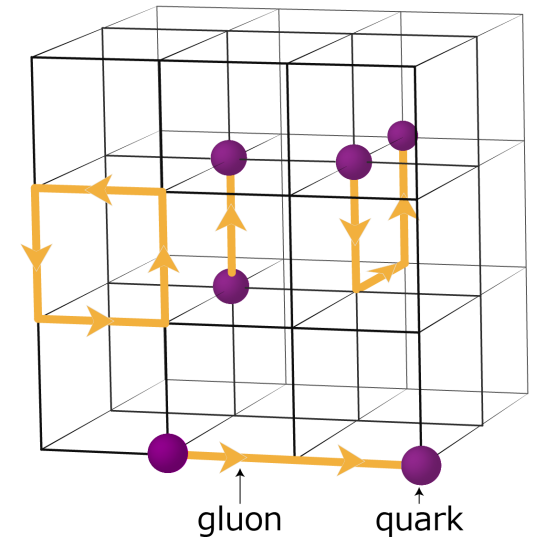


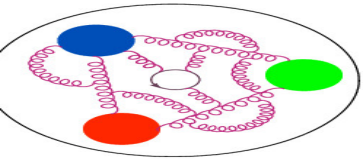


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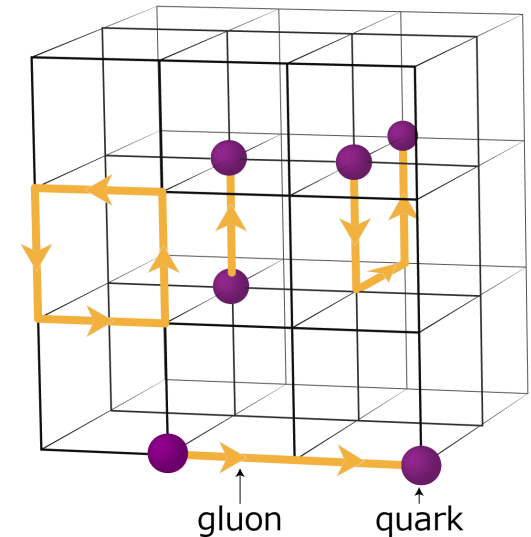
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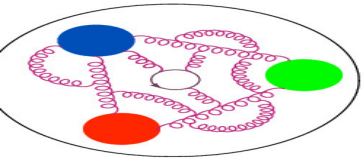




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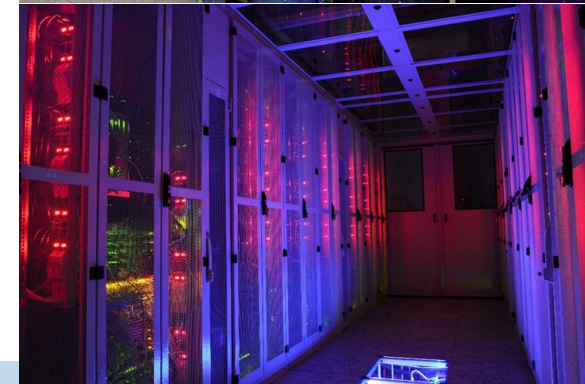
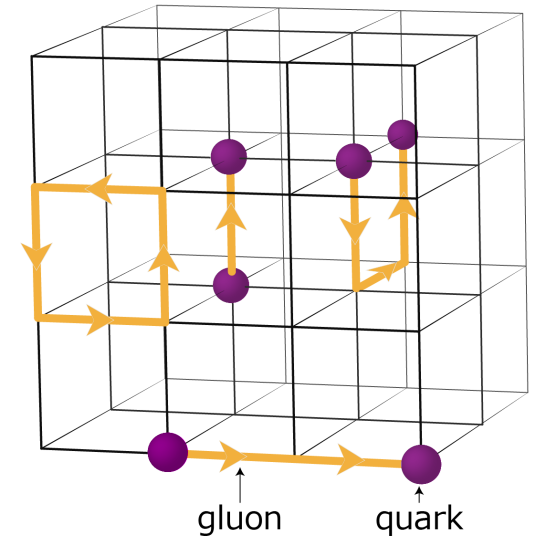


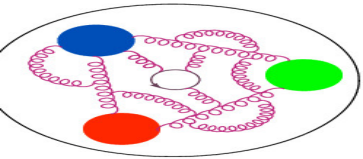


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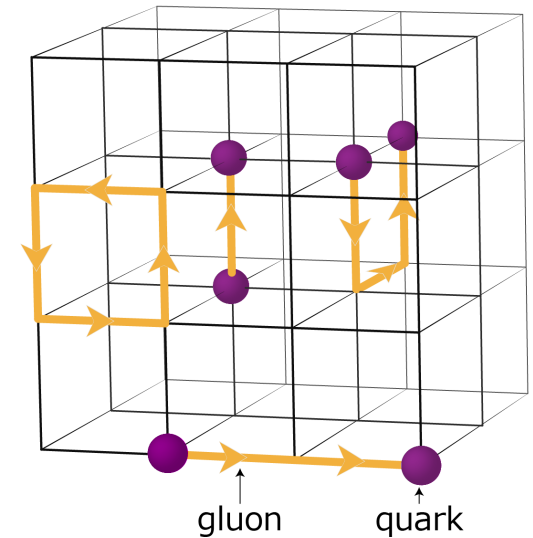


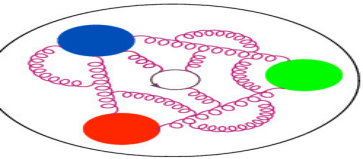


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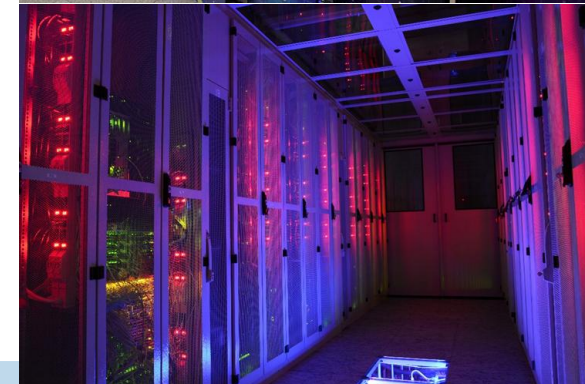
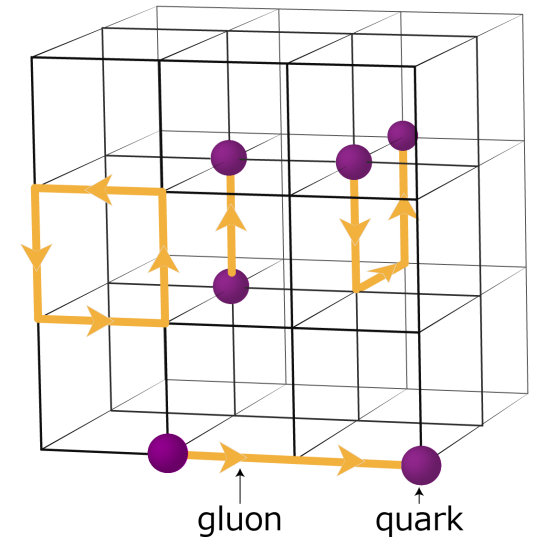


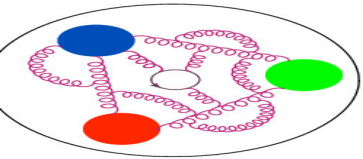


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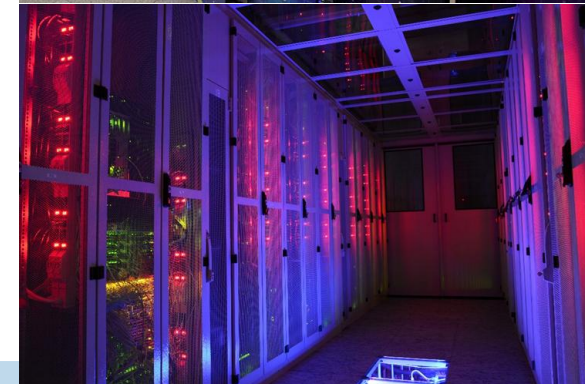
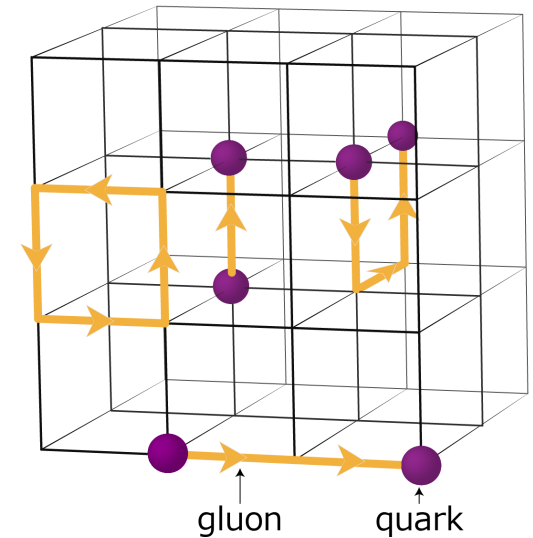


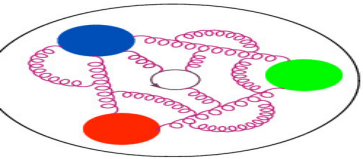


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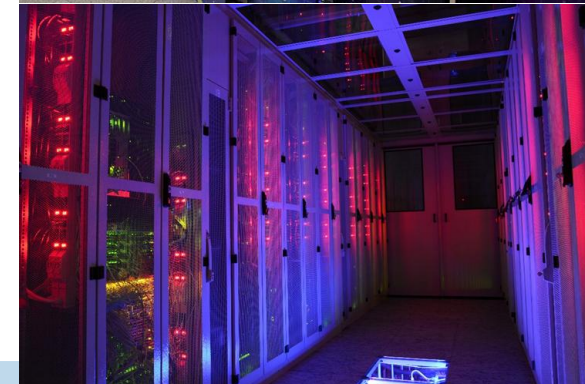
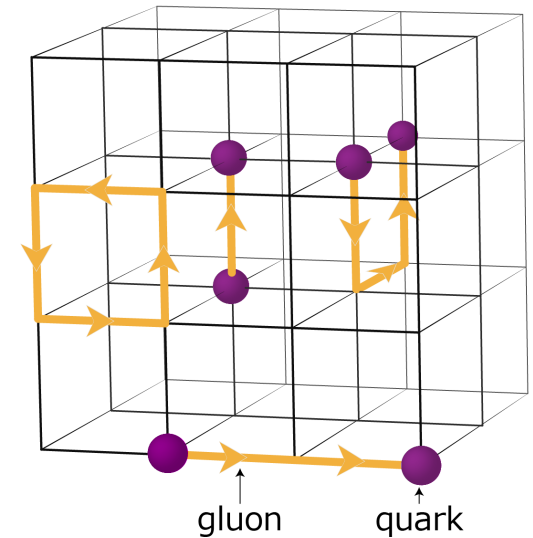


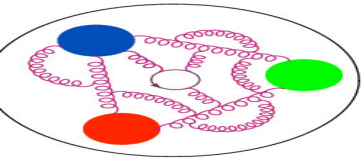


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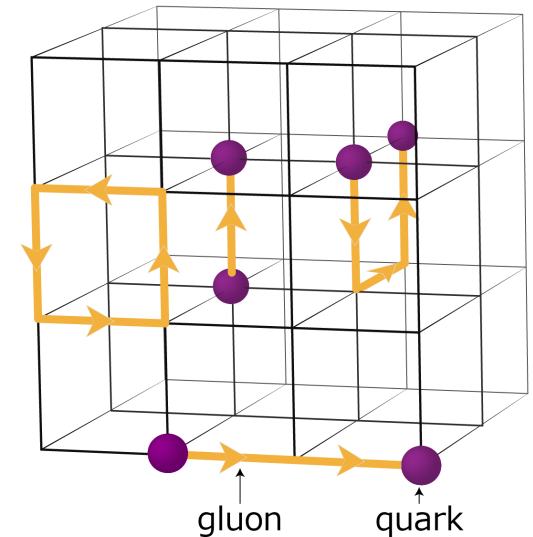


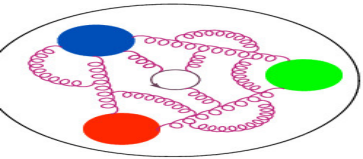


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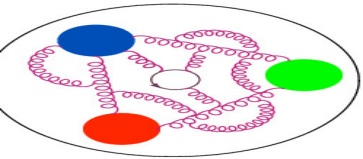
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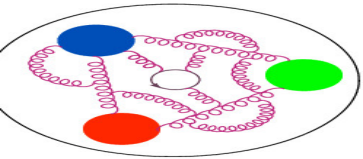
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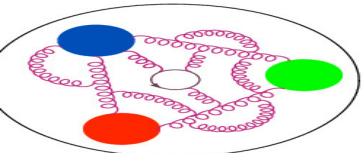
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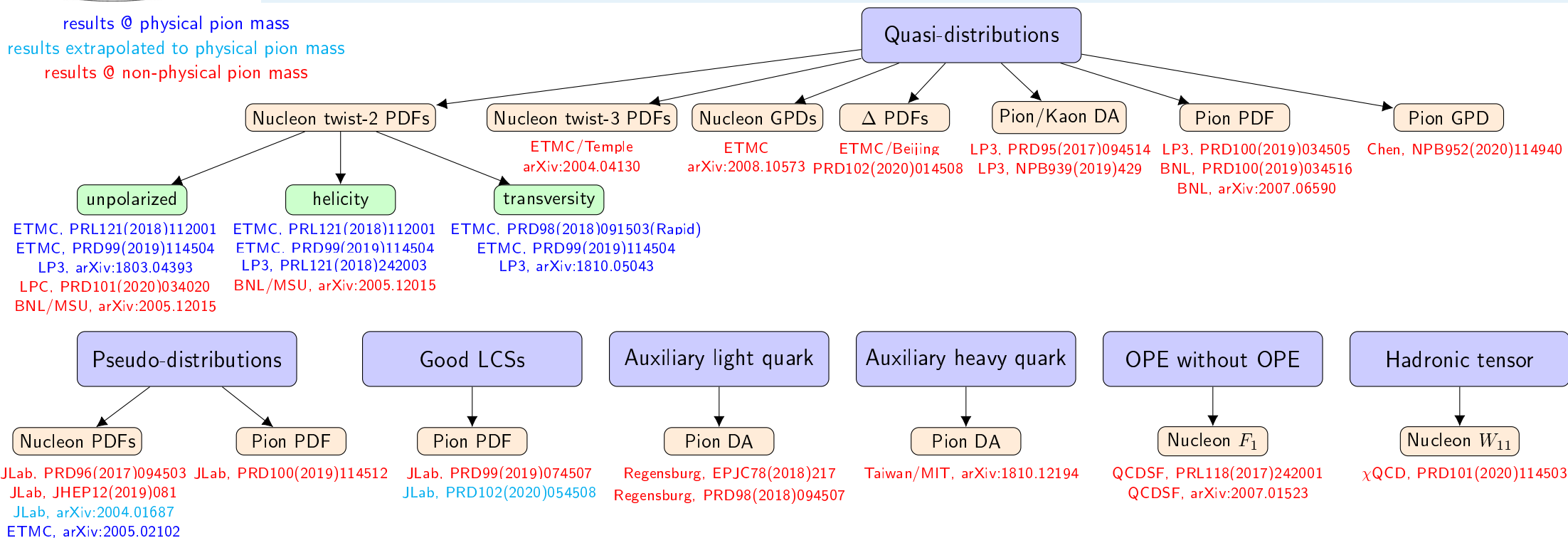
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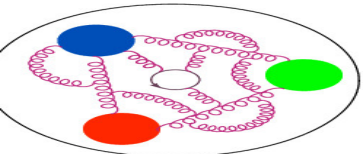


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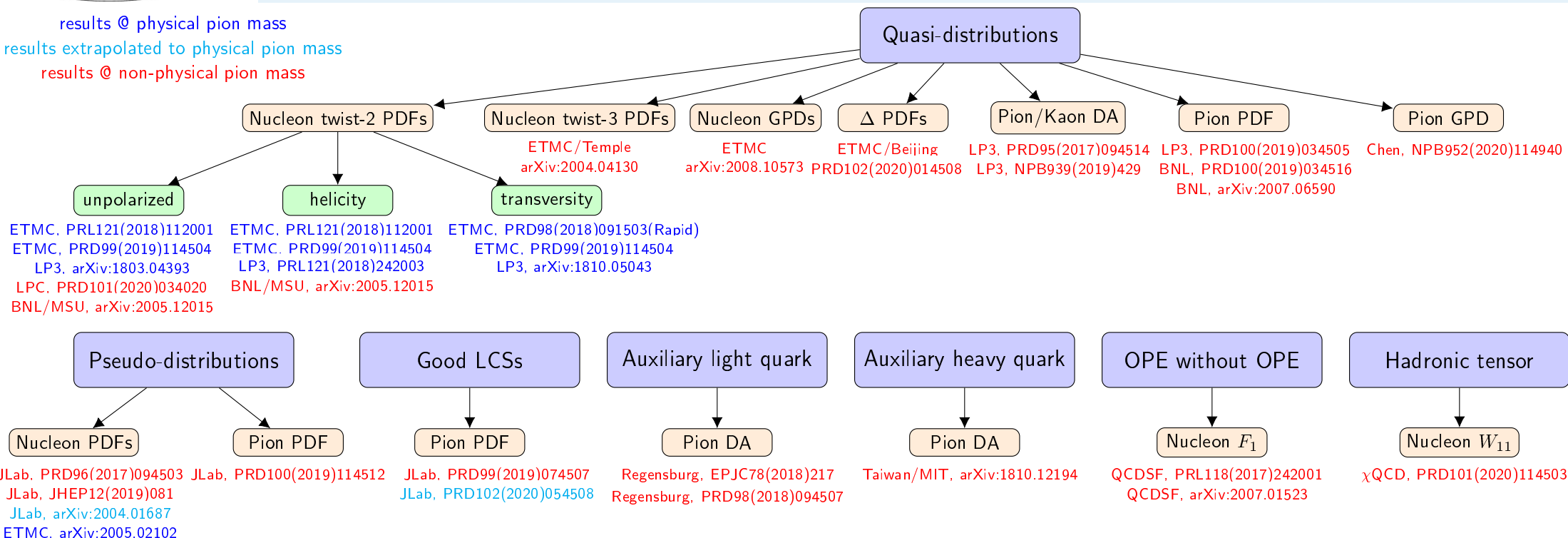


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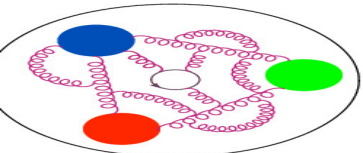
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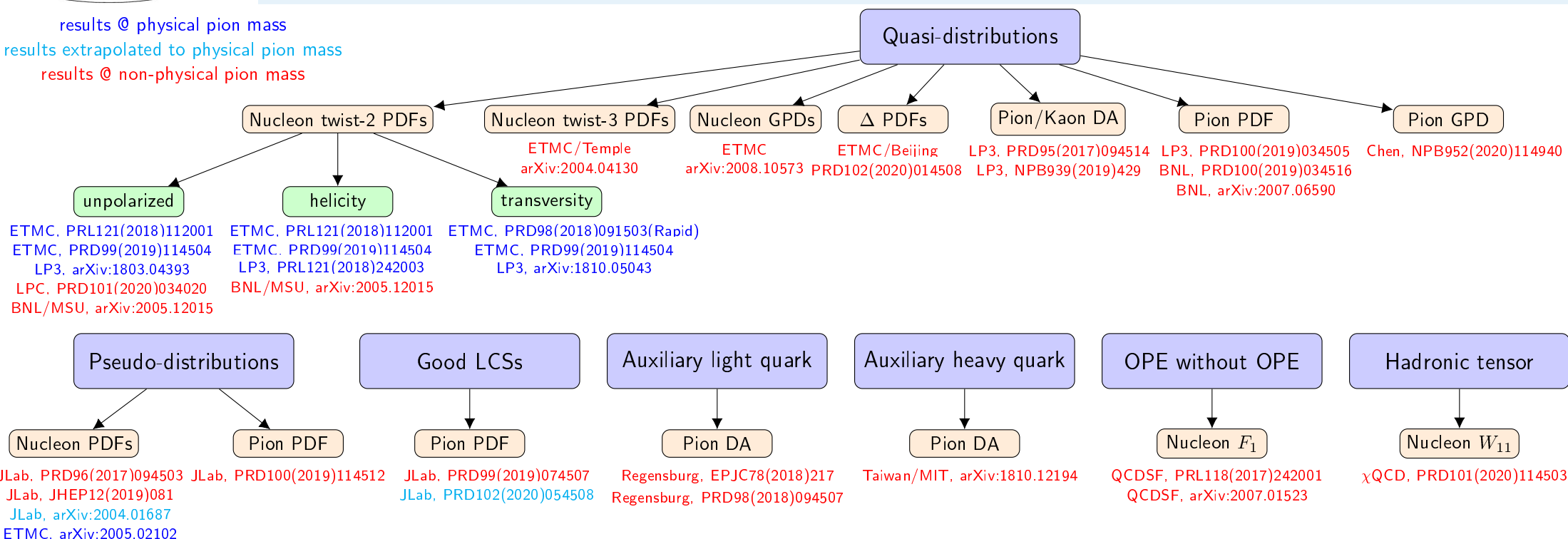


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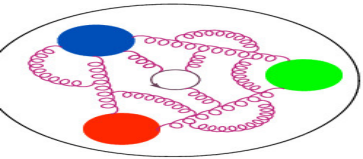
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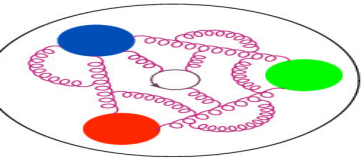


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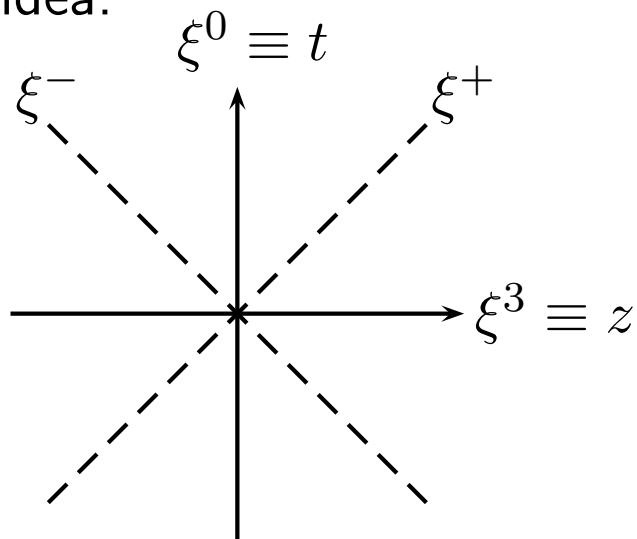
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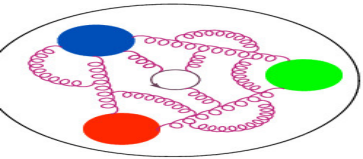


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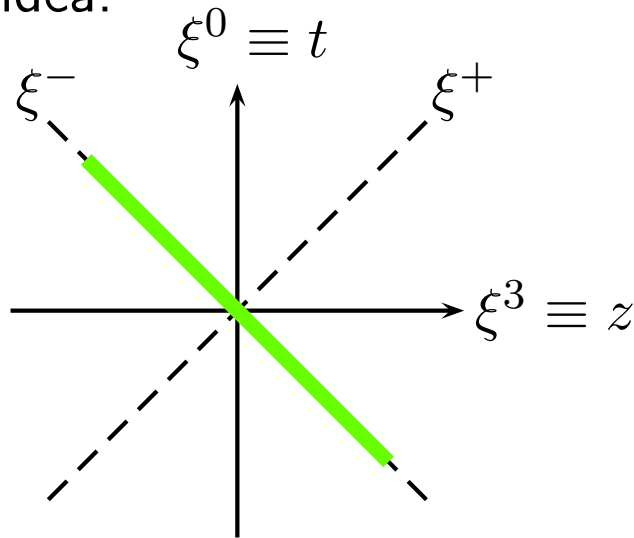
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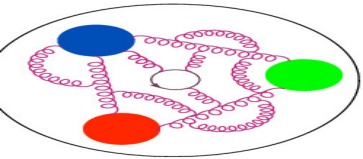
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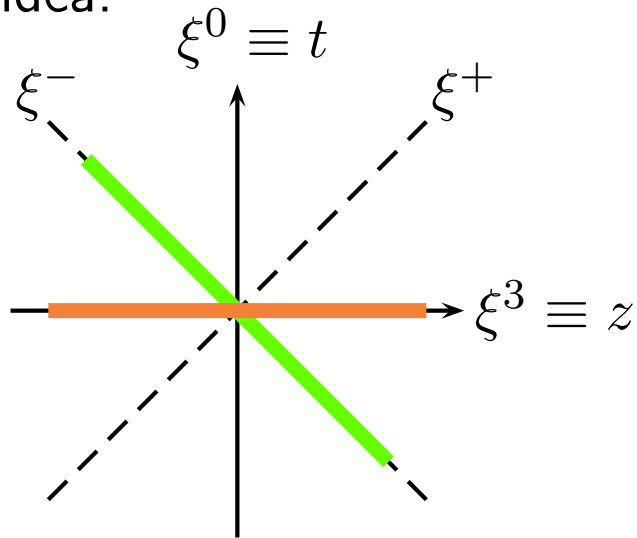
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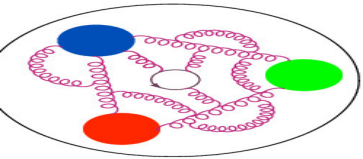
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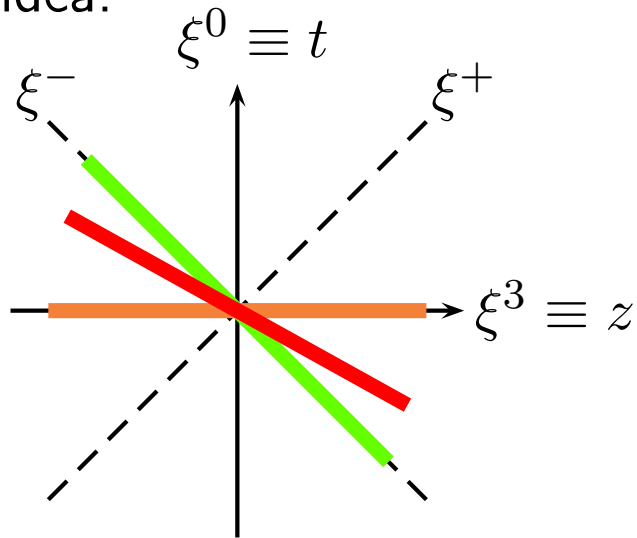
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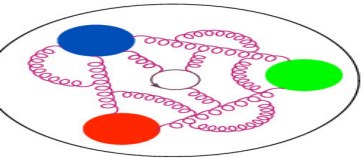
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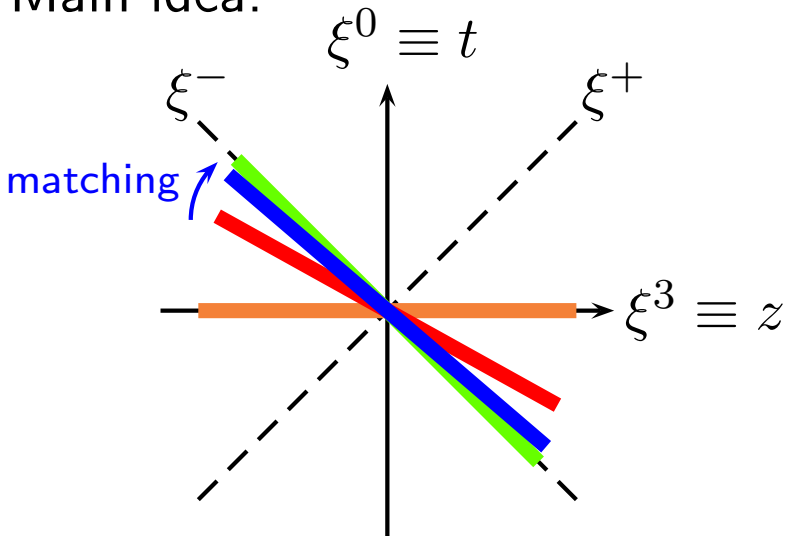
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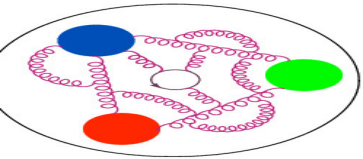
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Matching (Large Momentum Effective Theory (LaMET))

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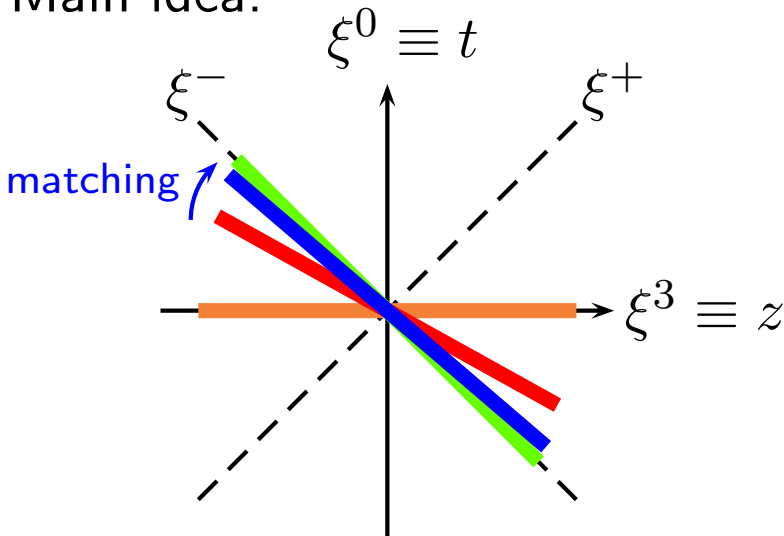
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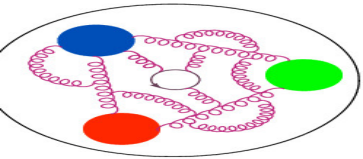
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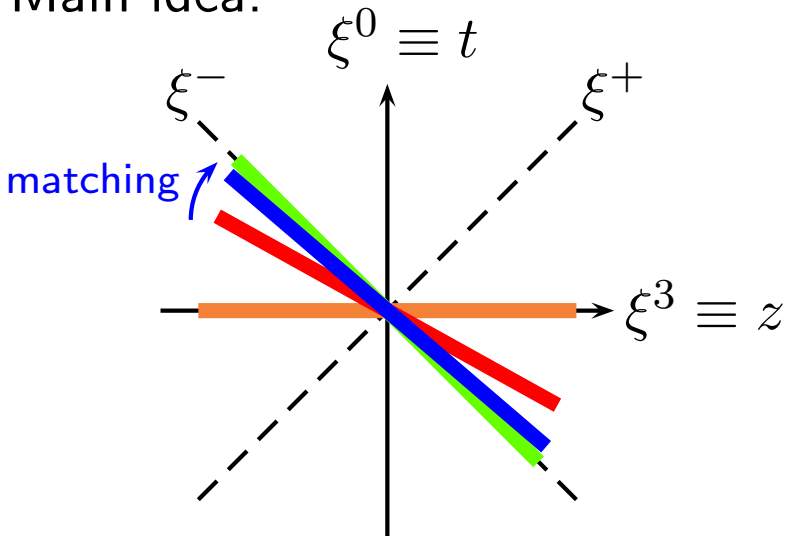
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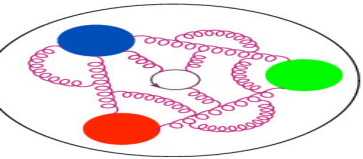
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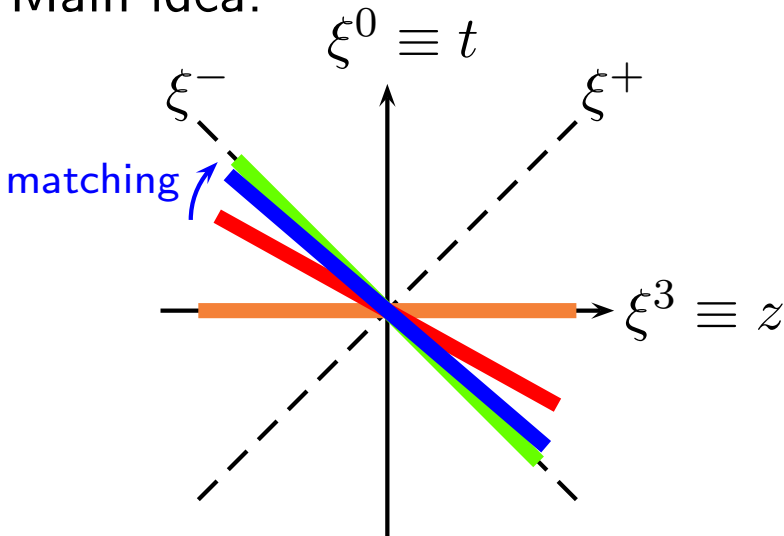


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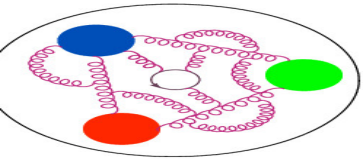
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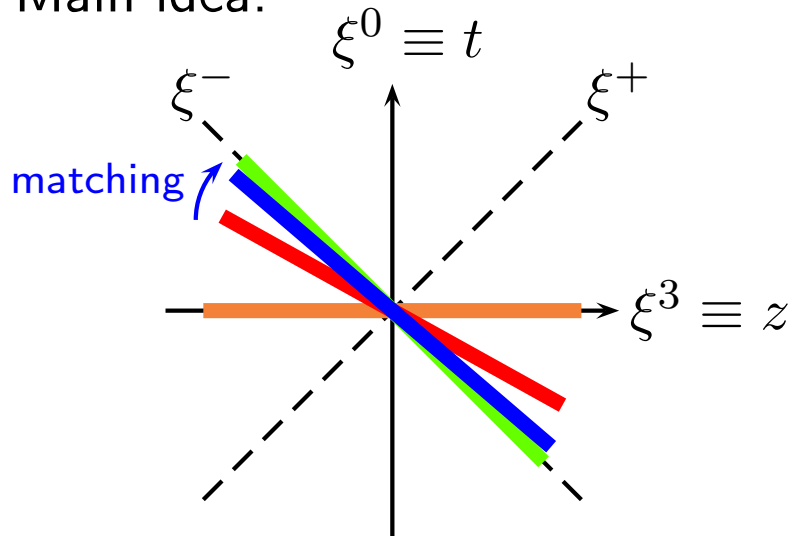
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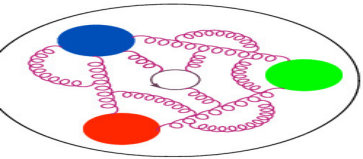
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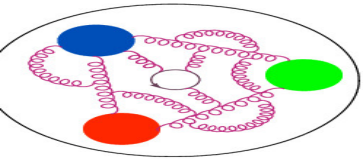


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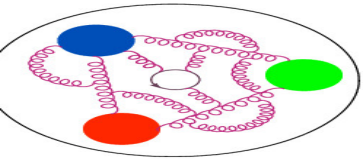
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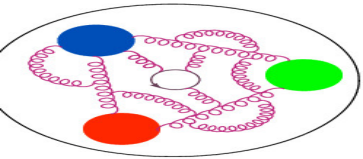
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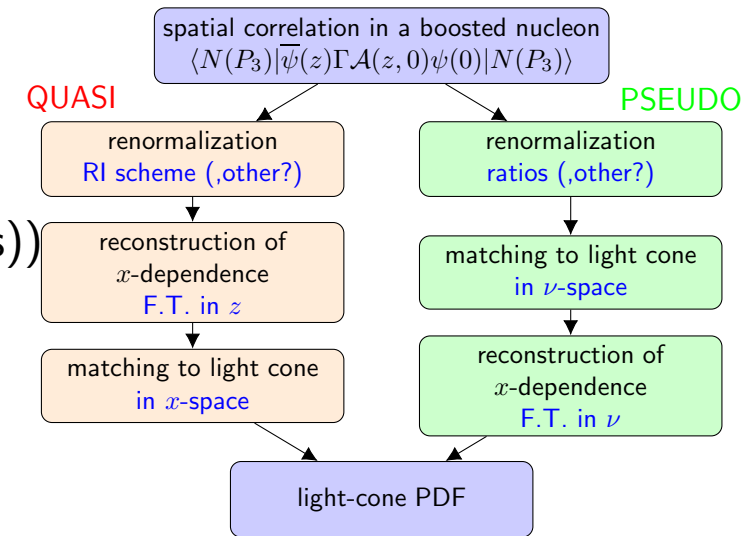
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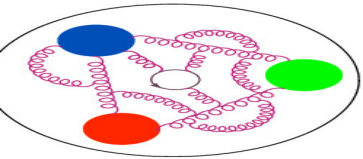
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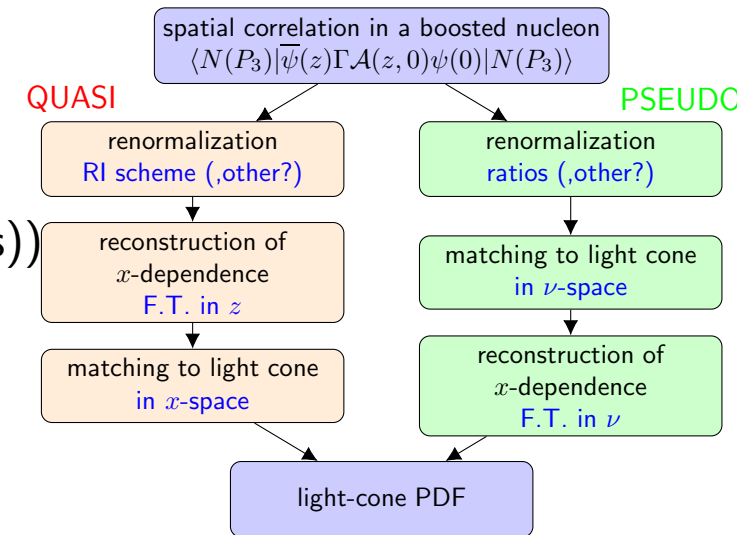
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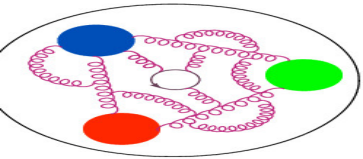
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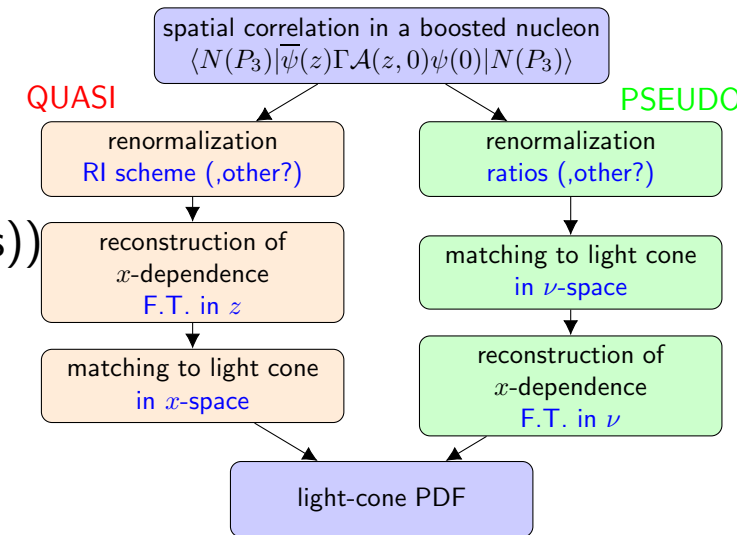
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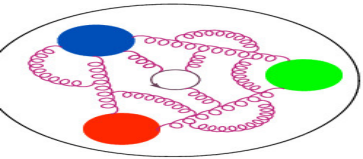
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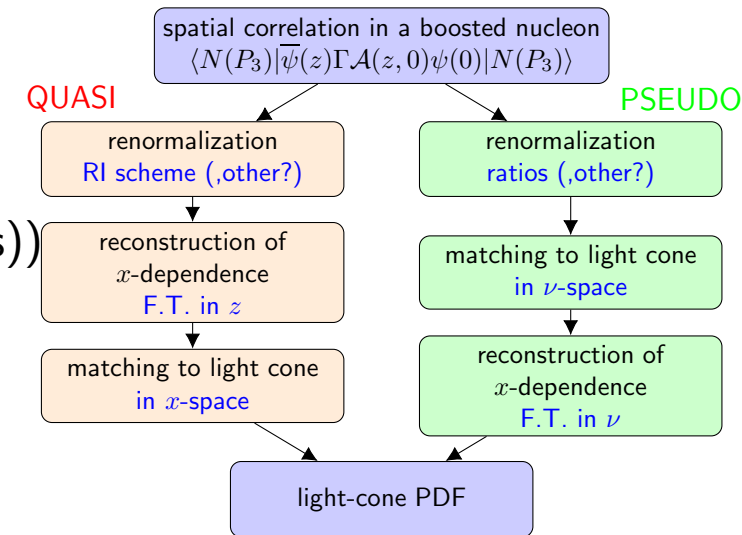
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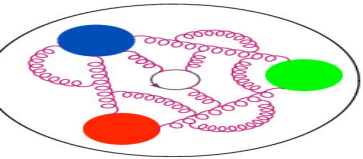
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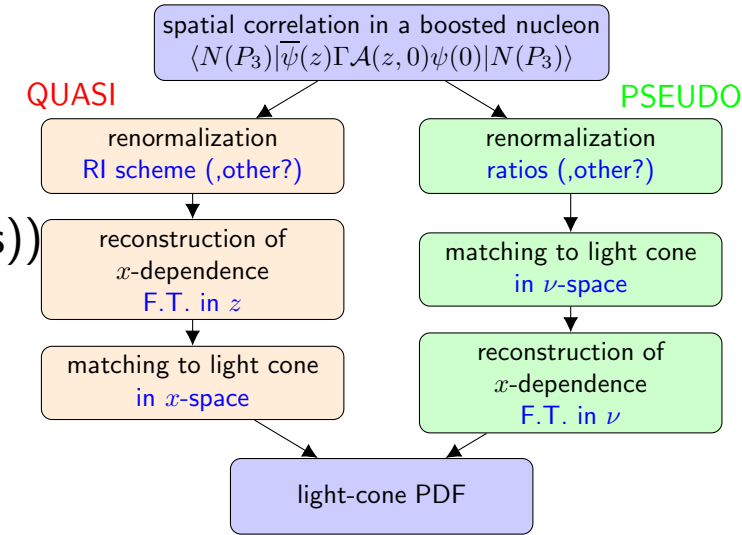
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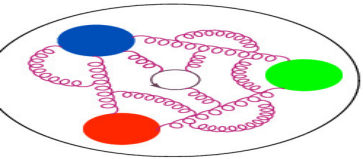
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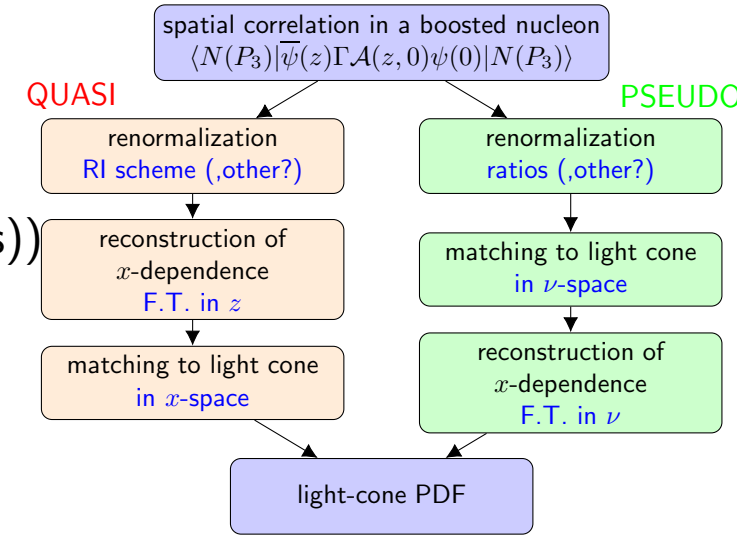
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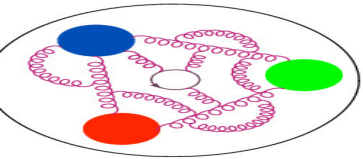
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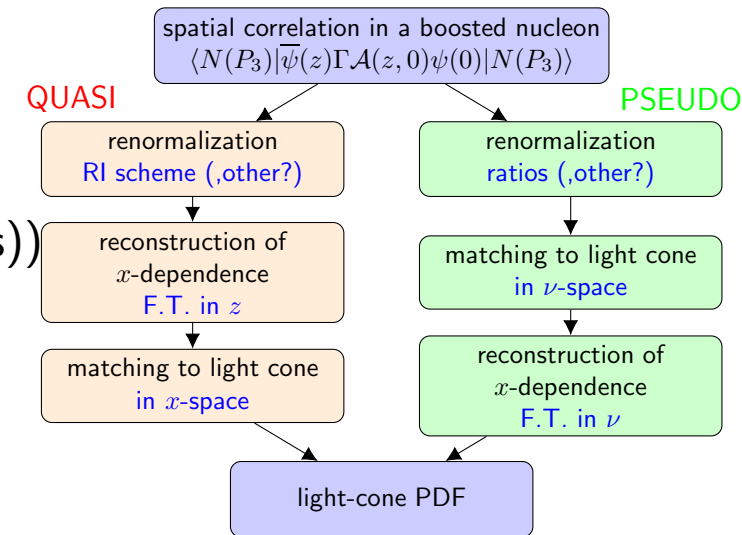
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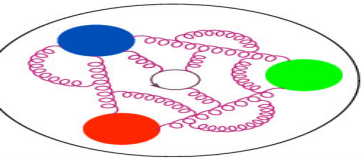
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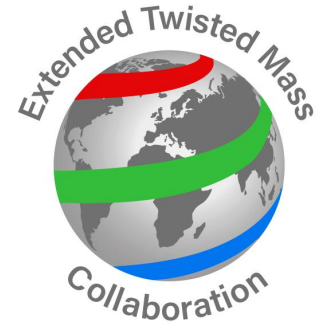
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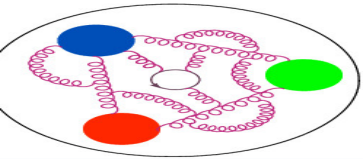
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$48^3 \times 96$	$a\mu = 0.0009$	$m_N = 0.932(4) \text{ GeV}$
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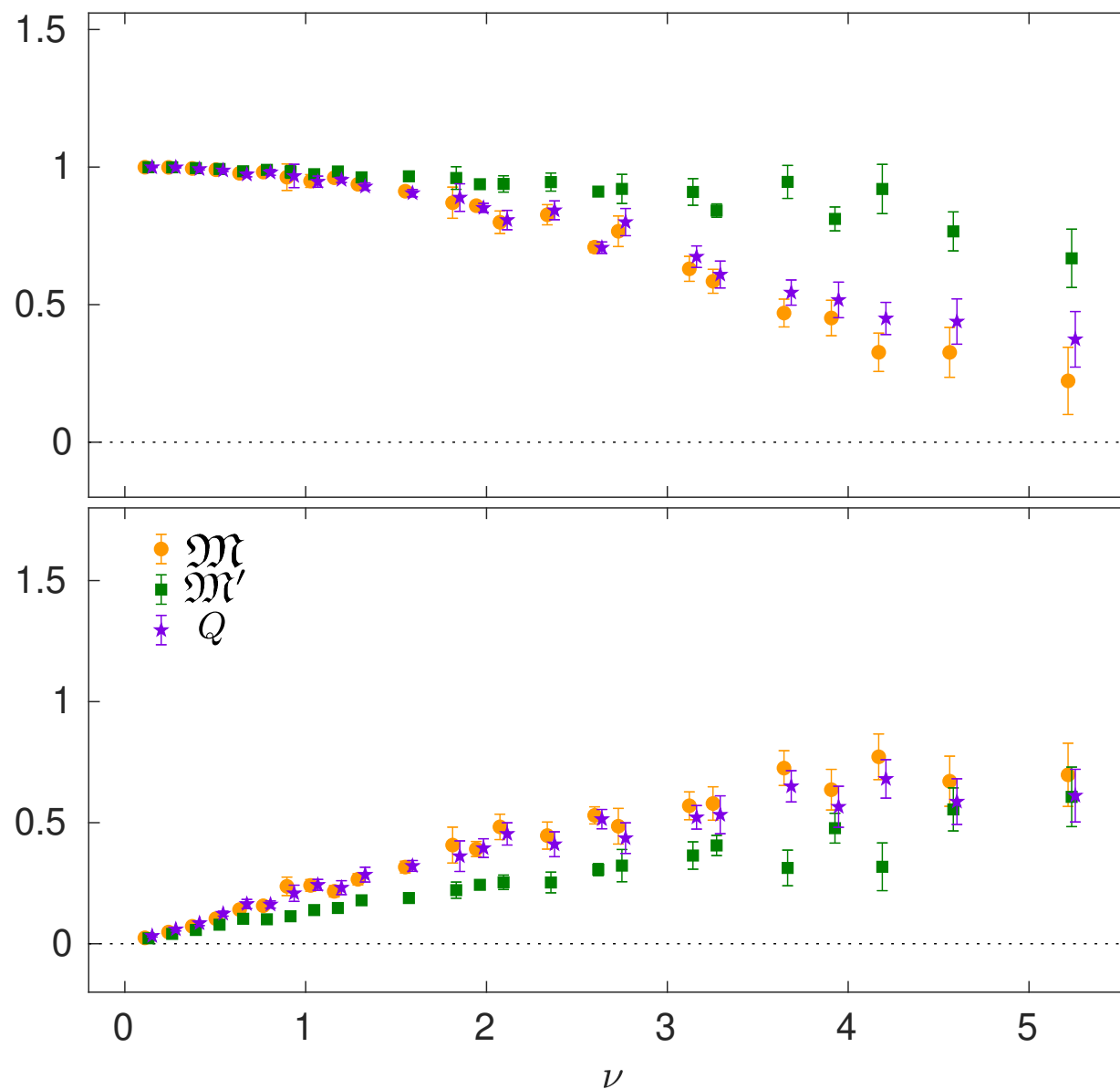
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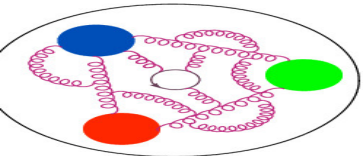
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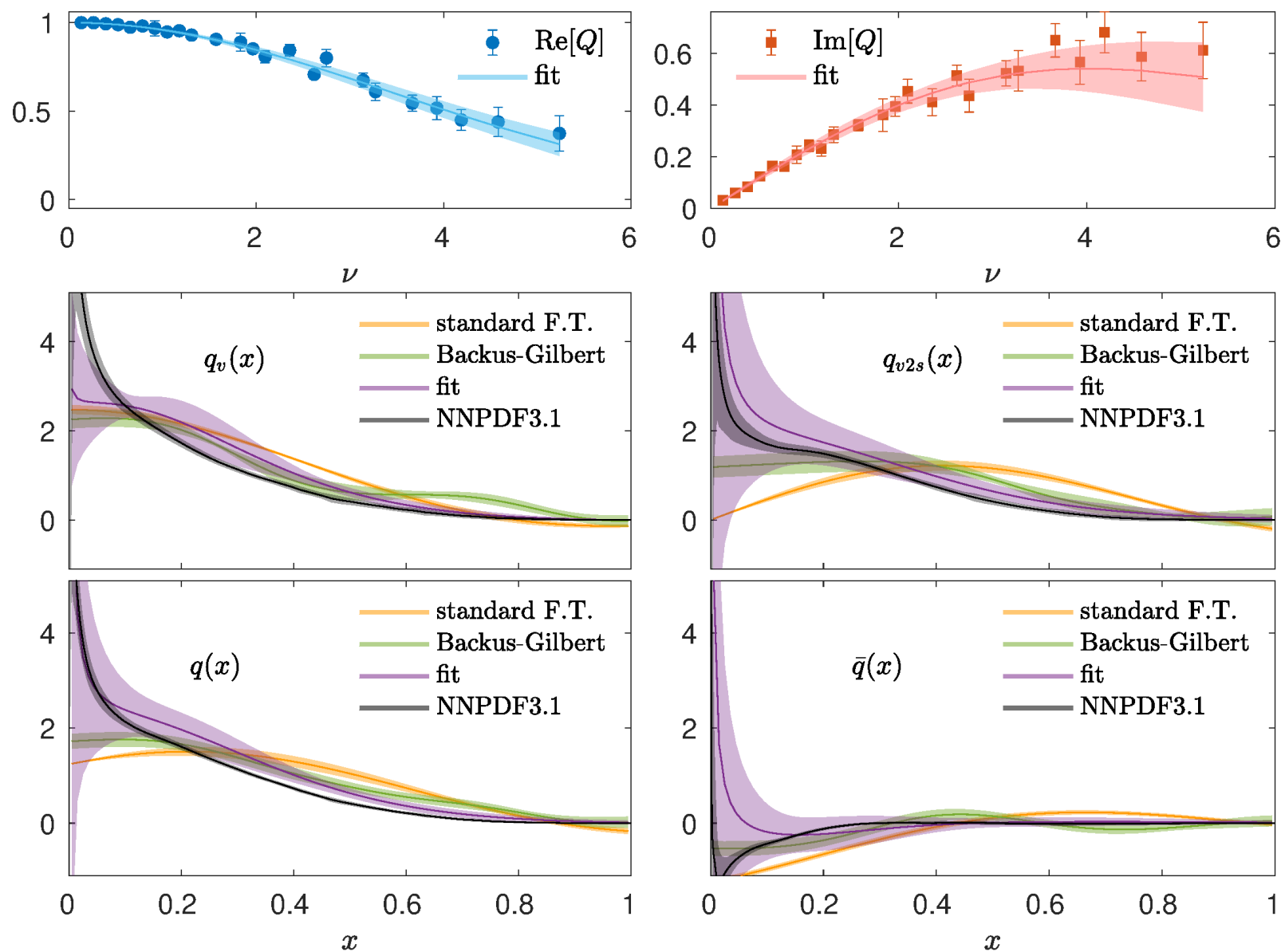
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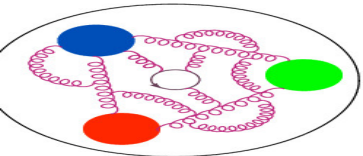
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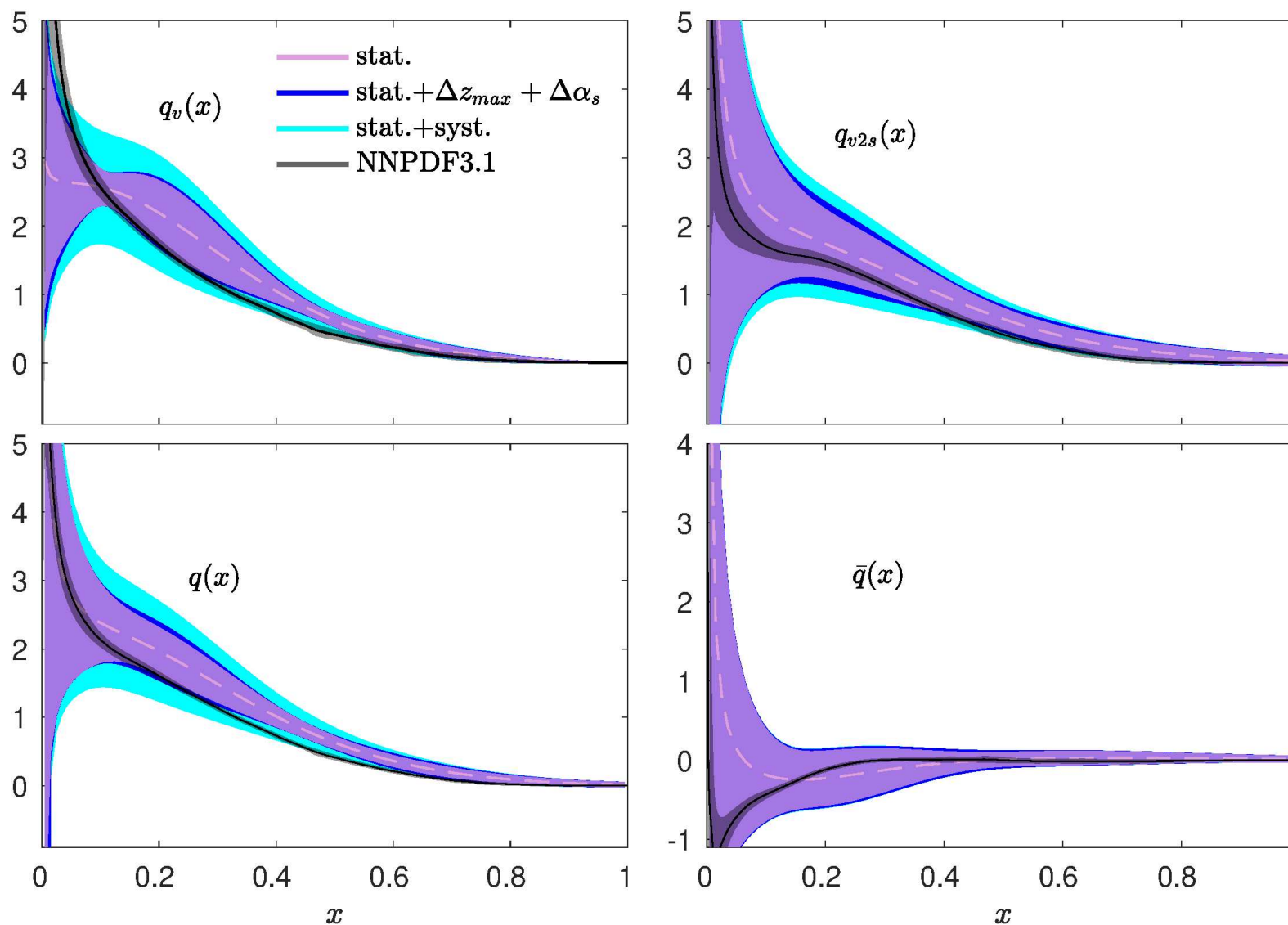
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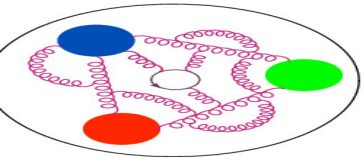
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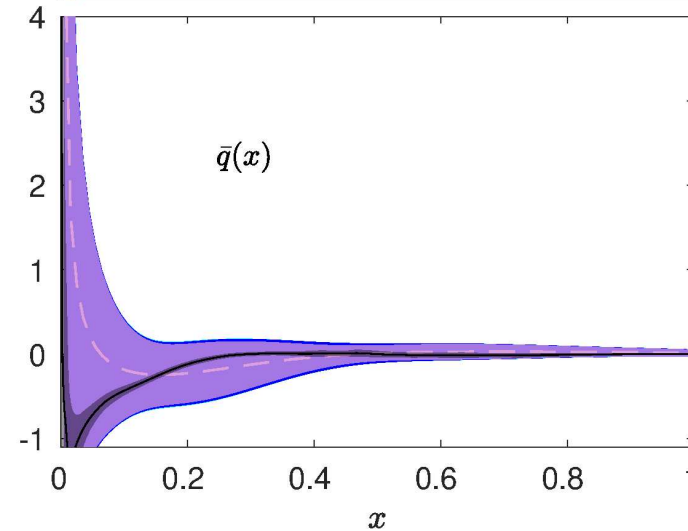
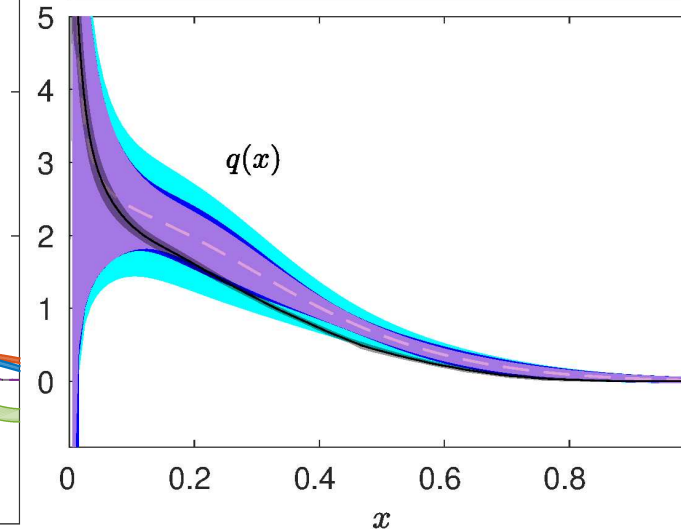
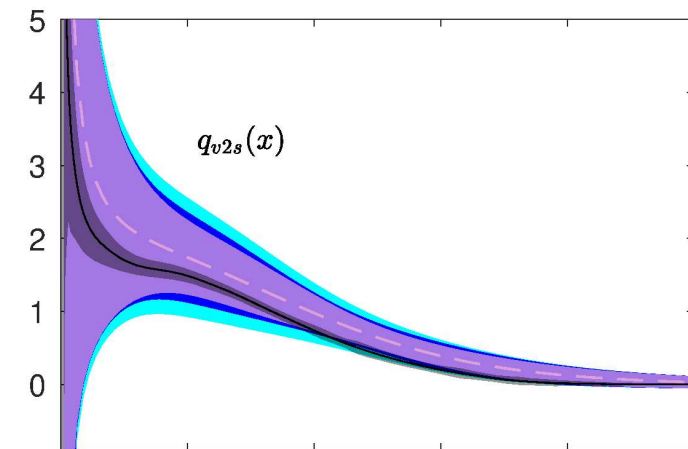
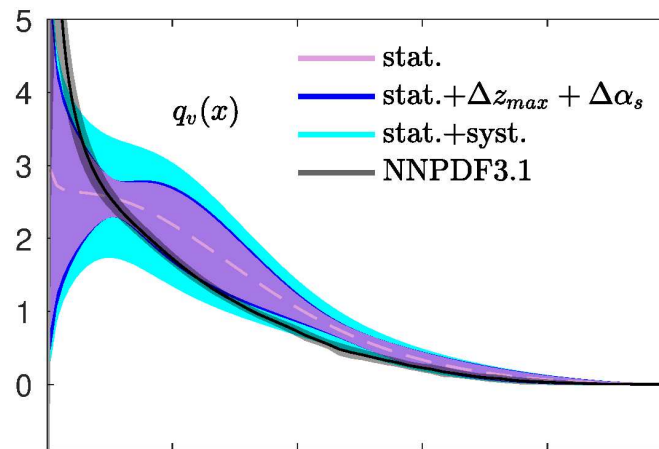
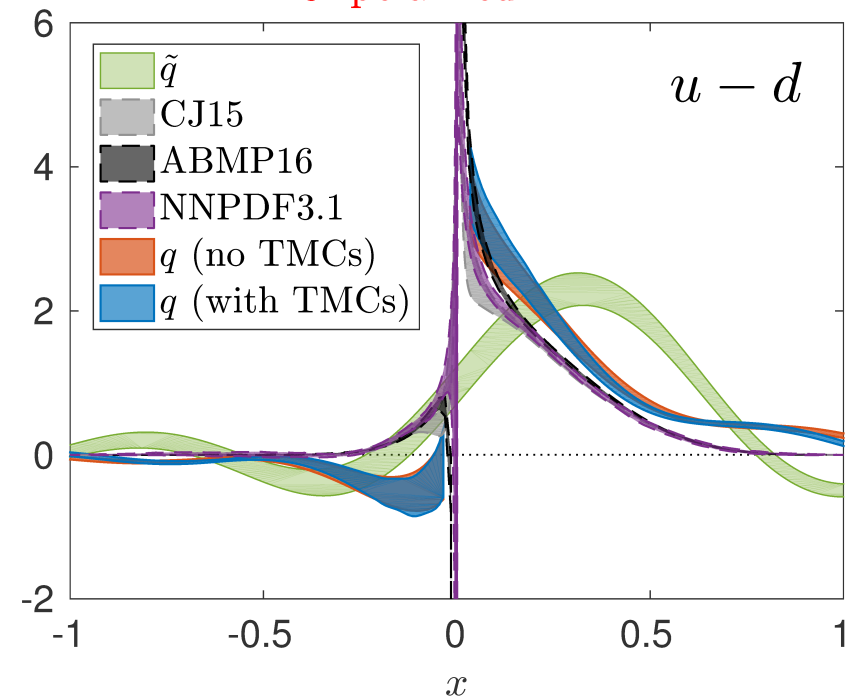




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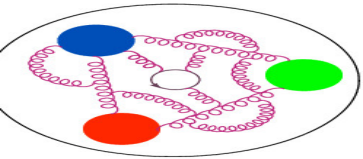


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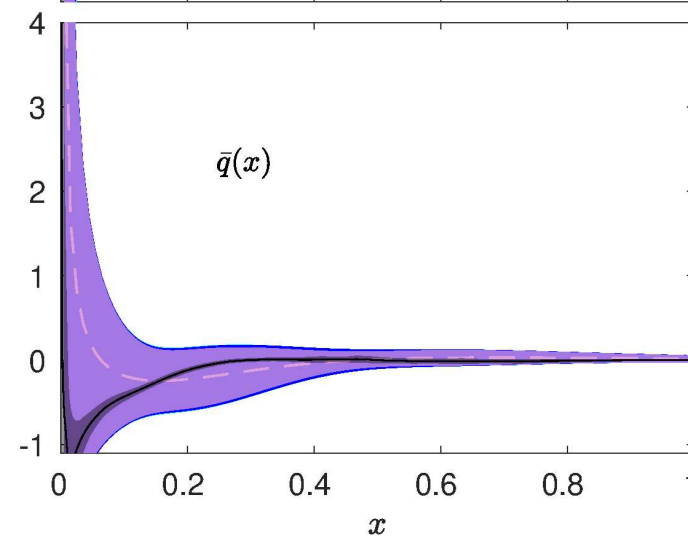
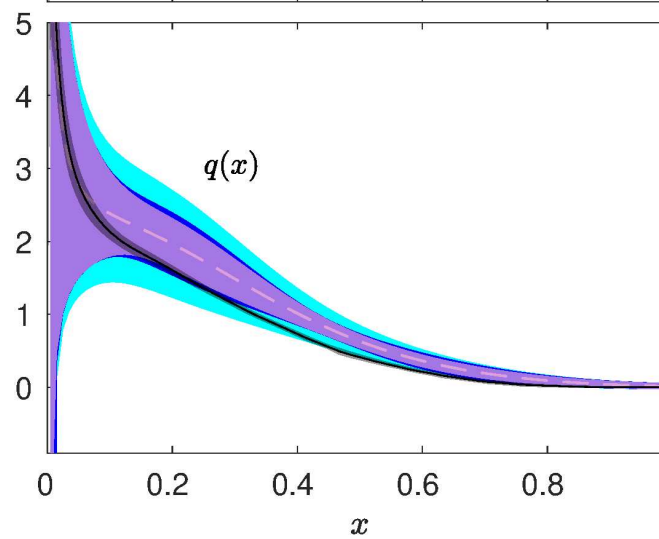
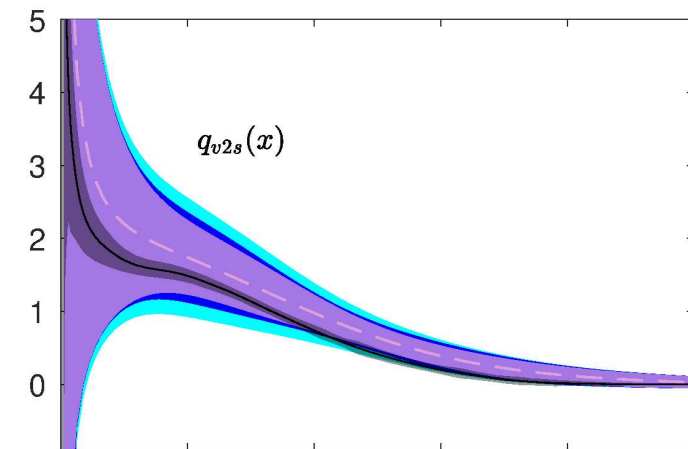
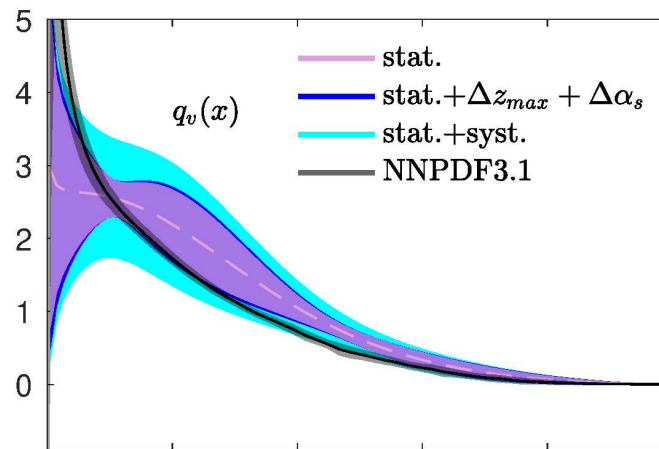
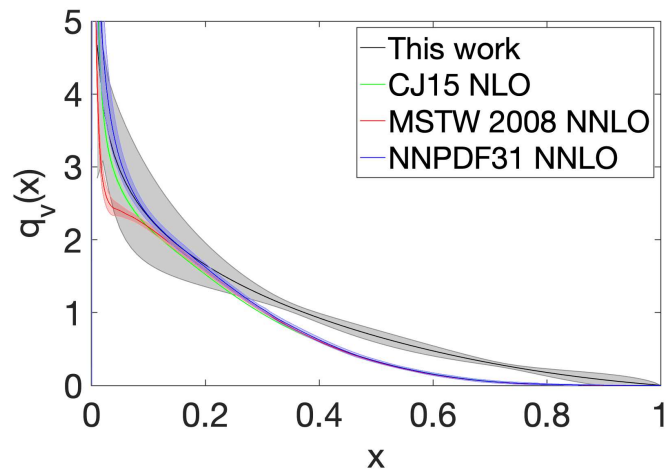


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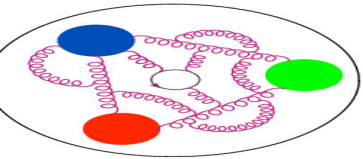


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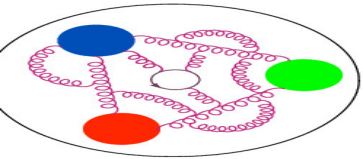
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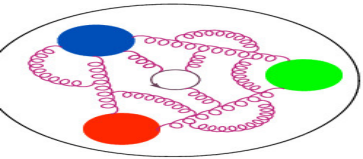


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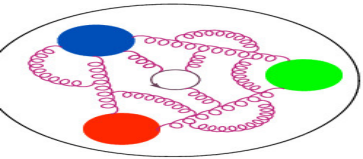
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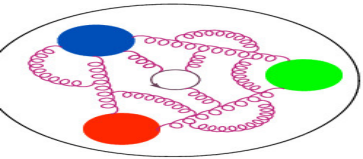


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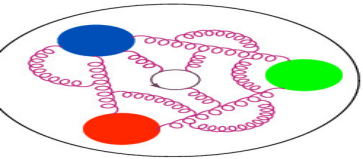
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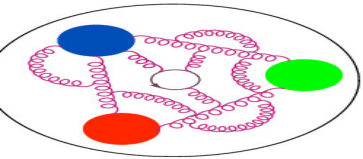
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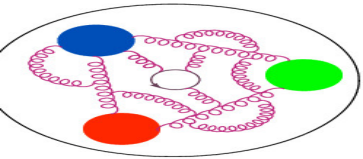
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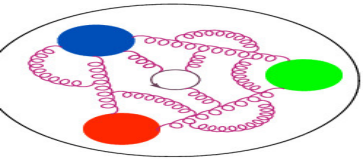
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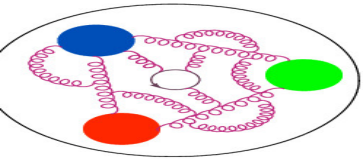
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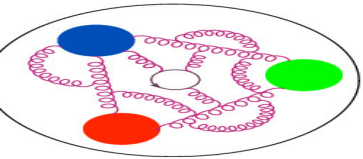
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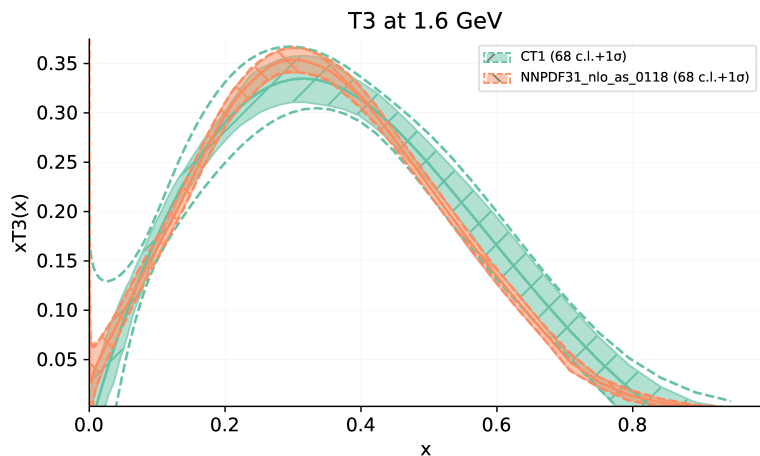
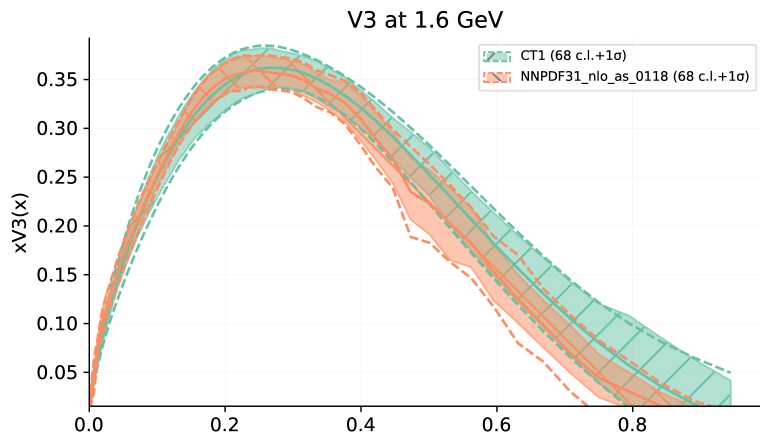


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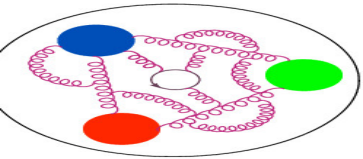


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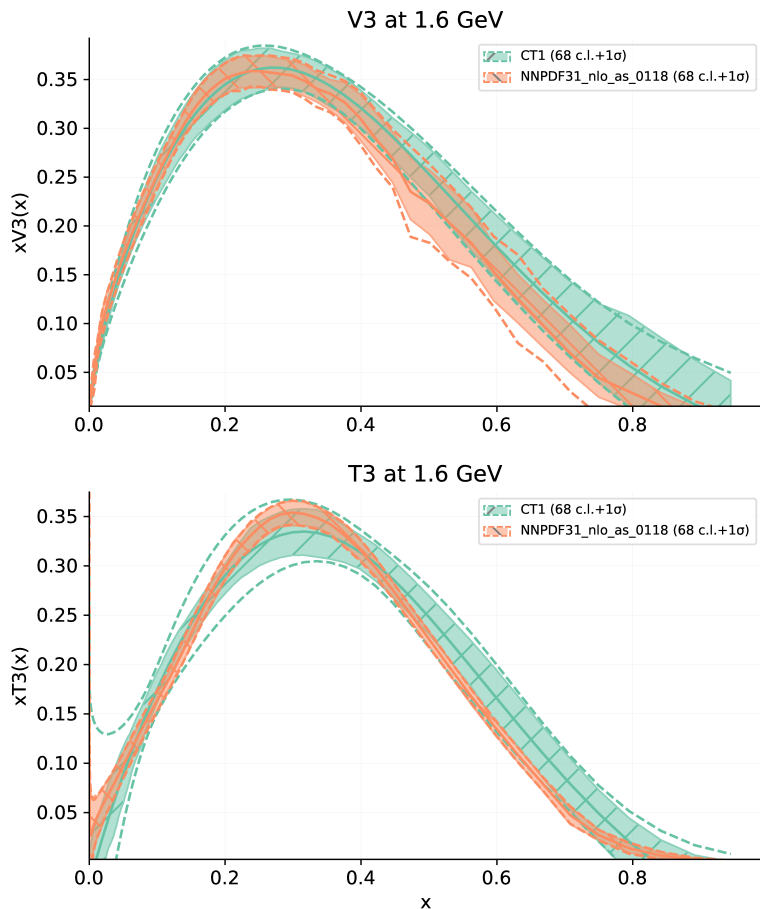
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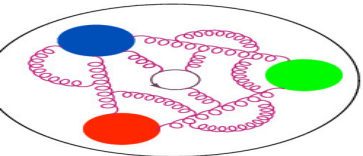
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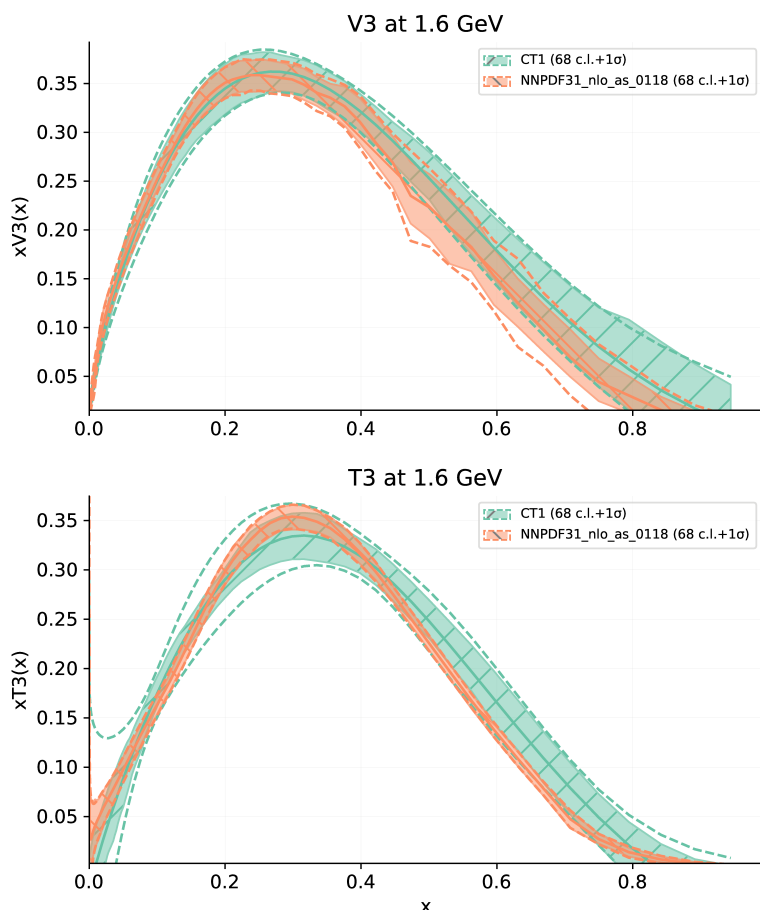
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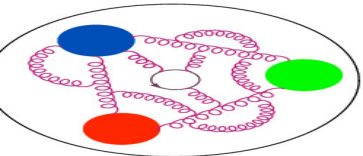
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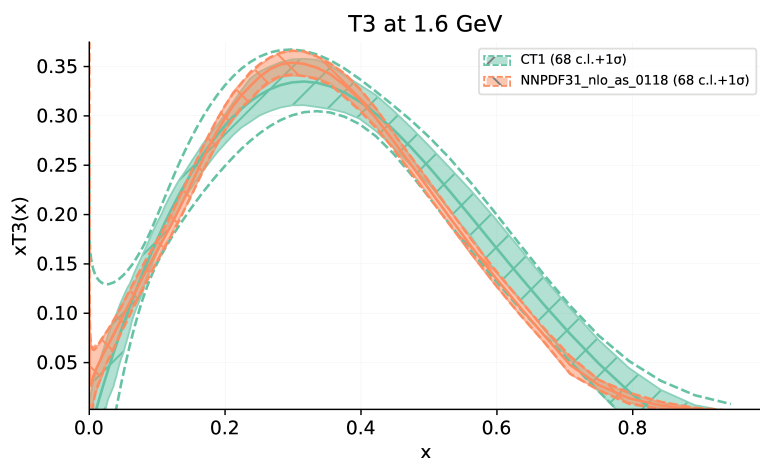
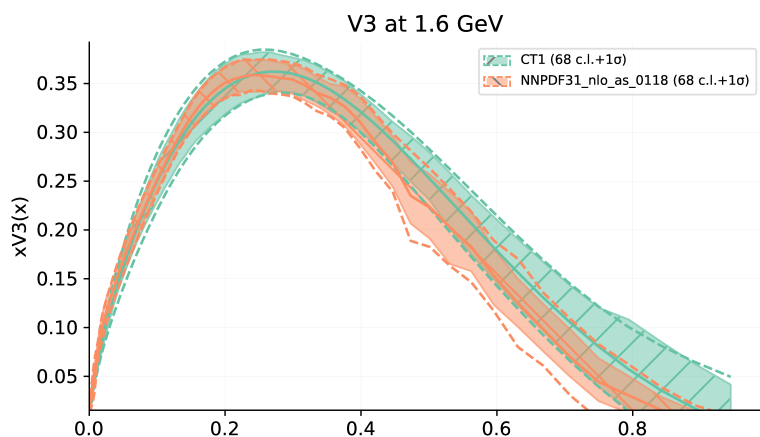
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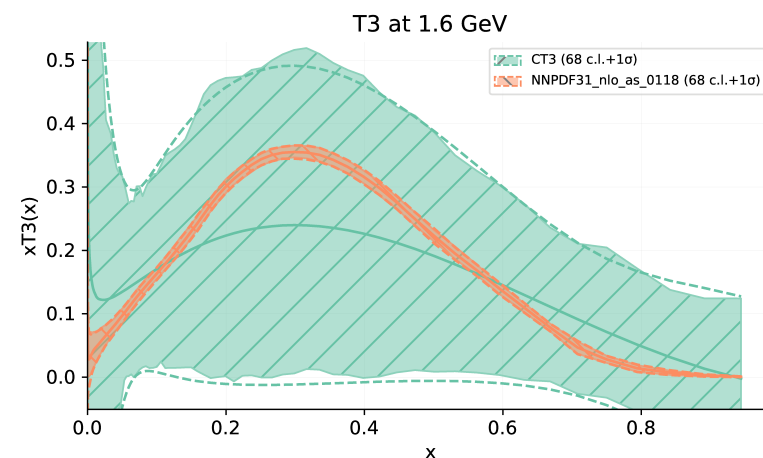
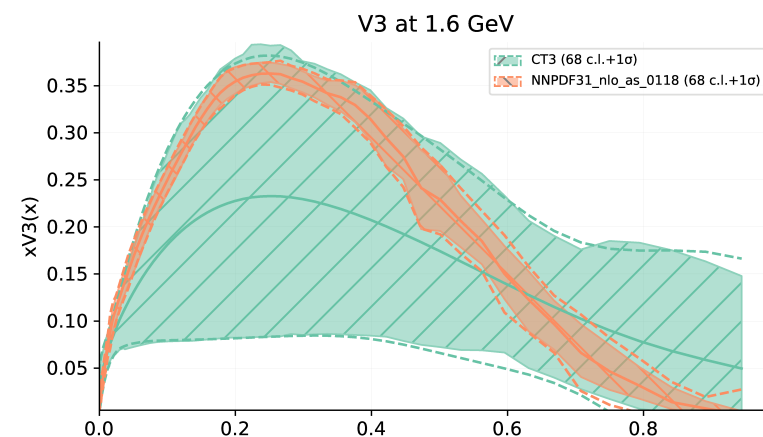
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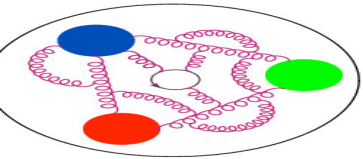
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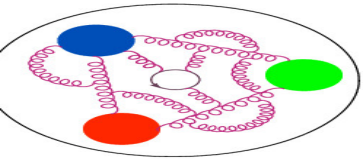
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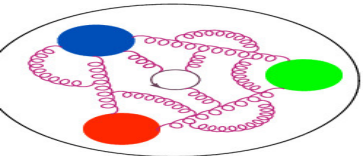
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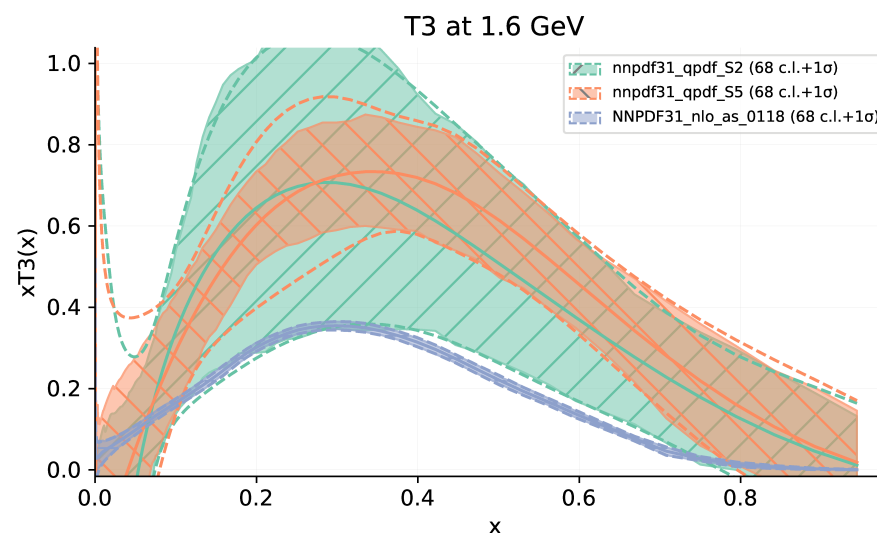
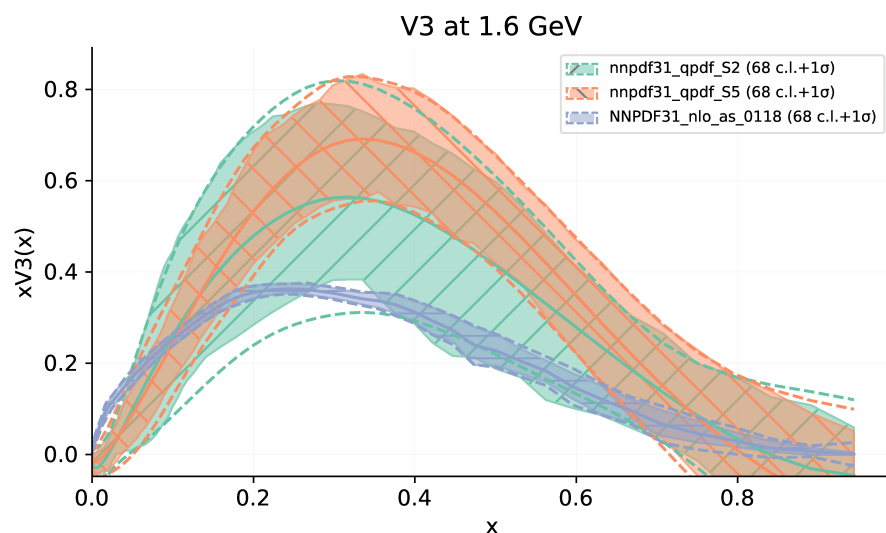
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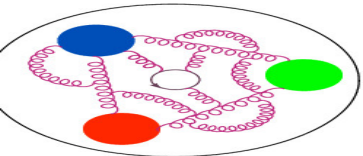
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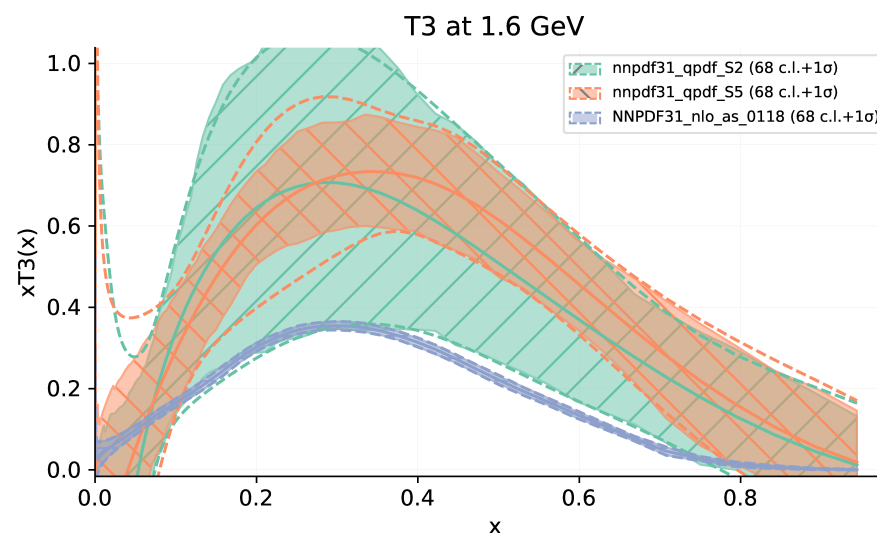
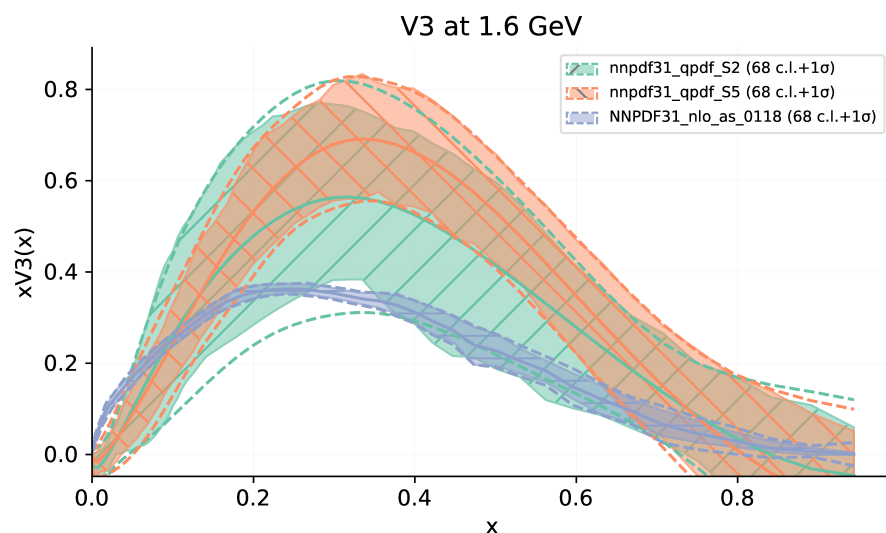
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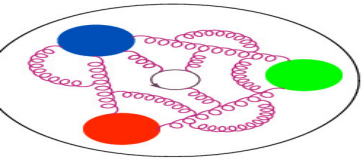
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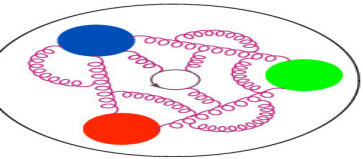
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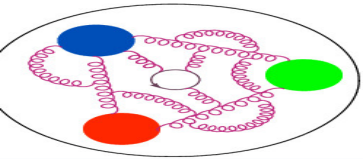
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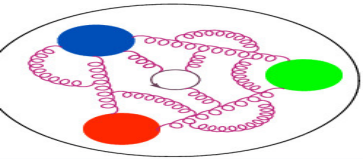
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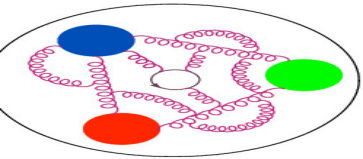
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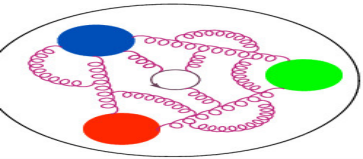
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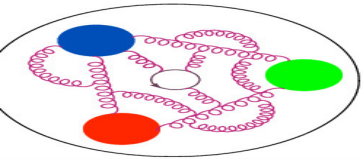
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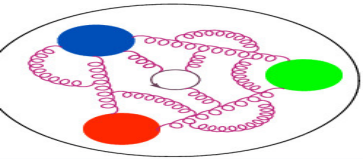
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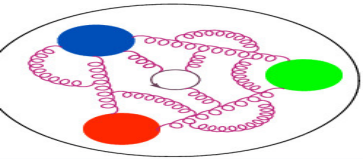
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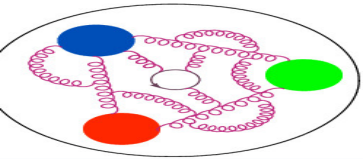
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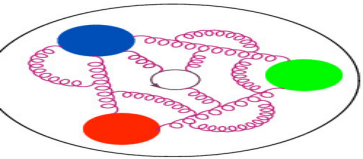
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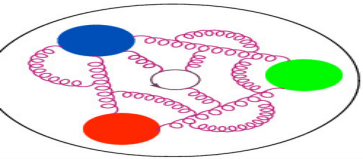
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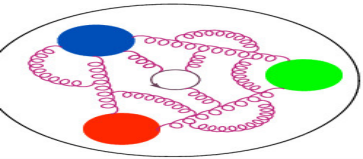
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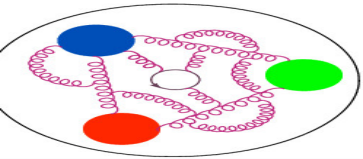
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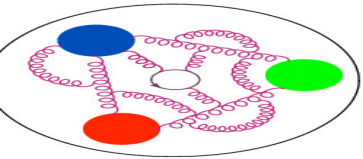
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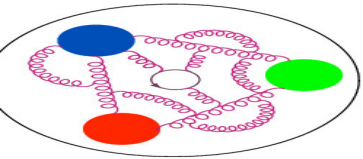
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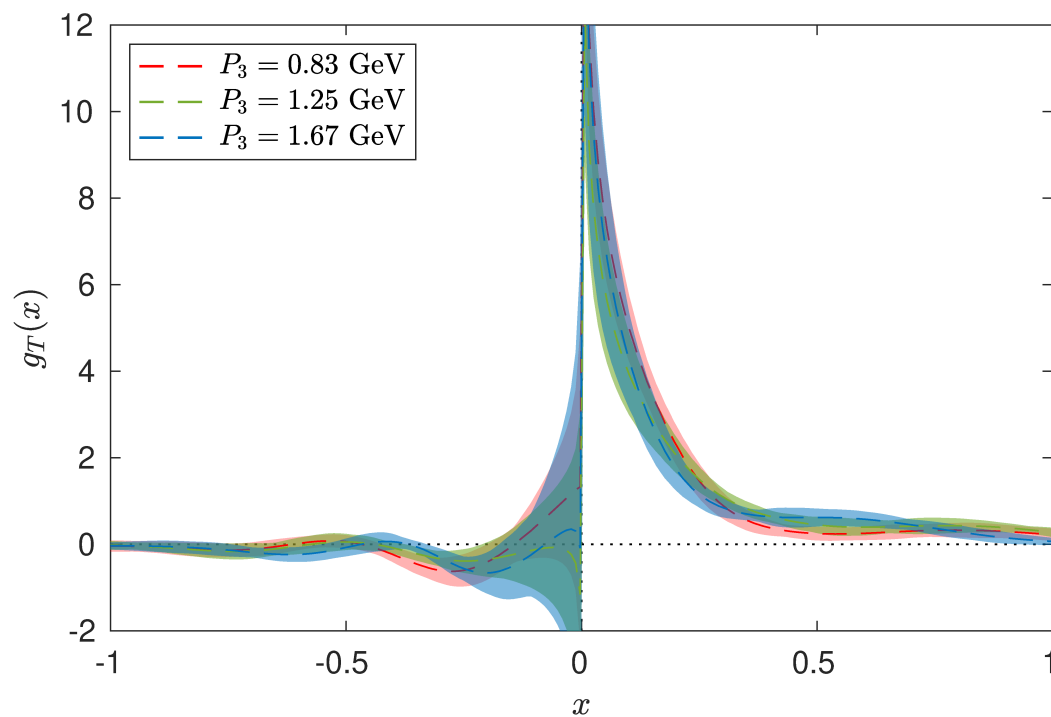


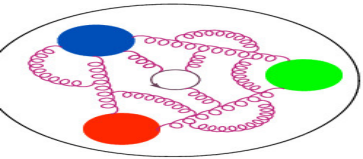


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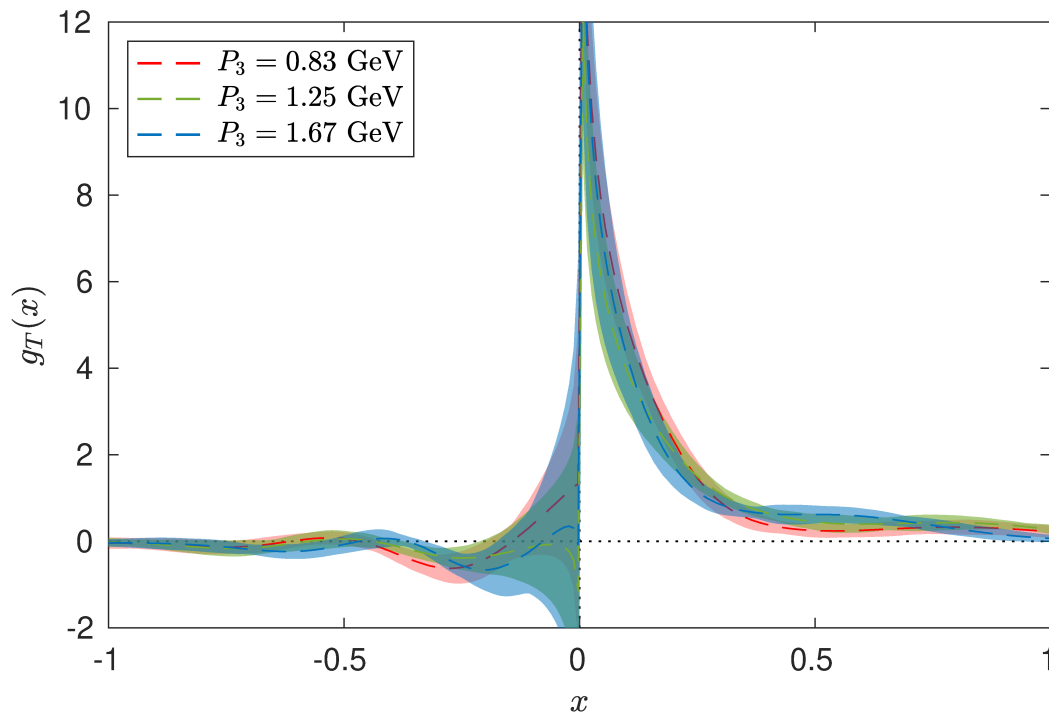




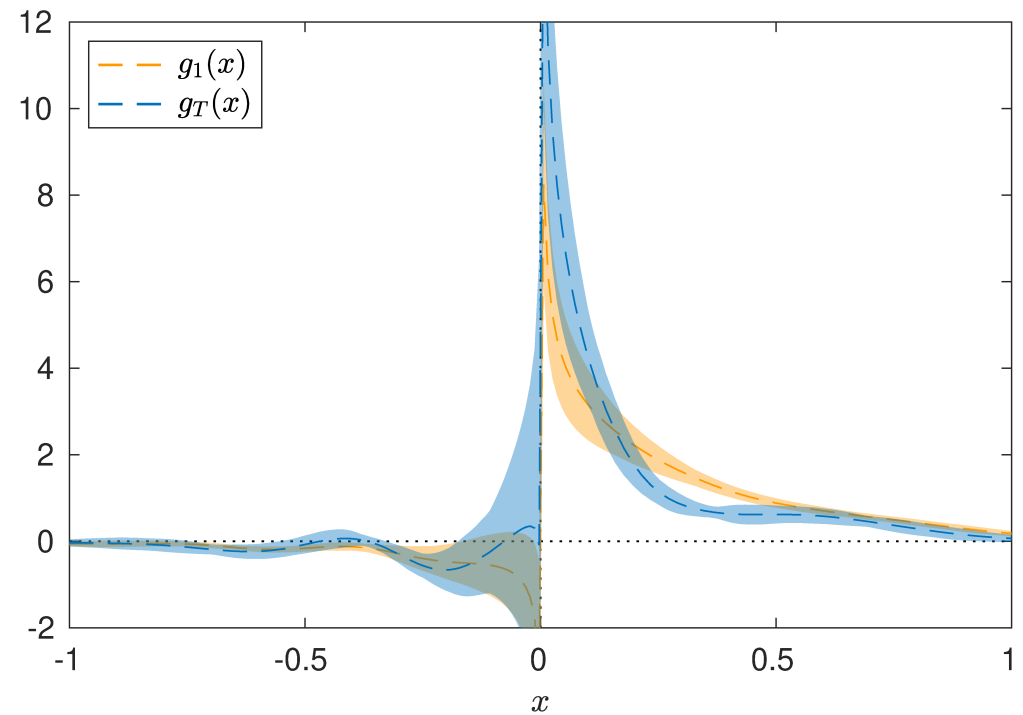
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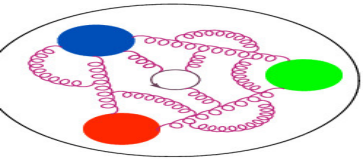


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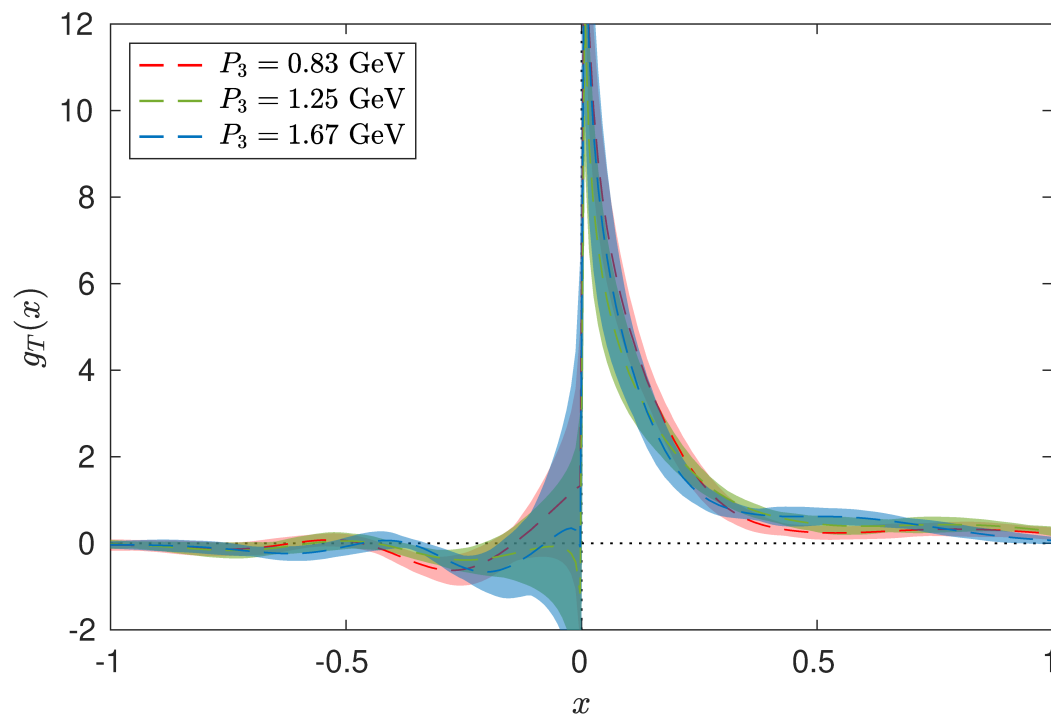




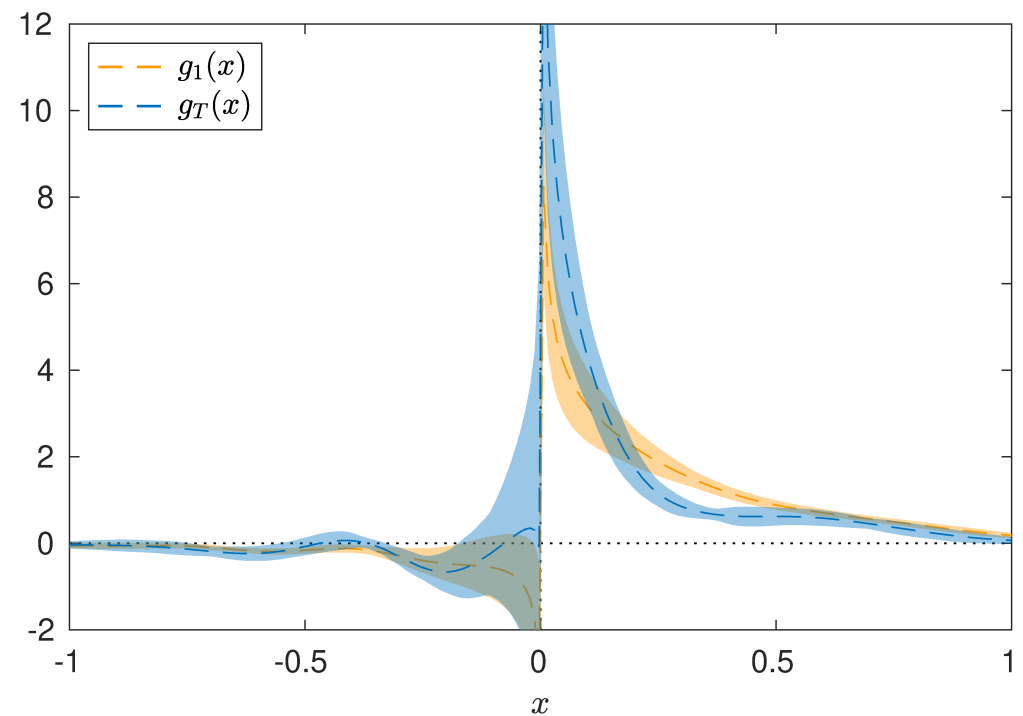
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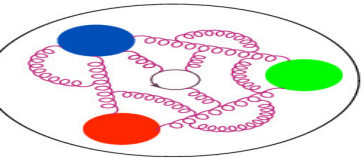


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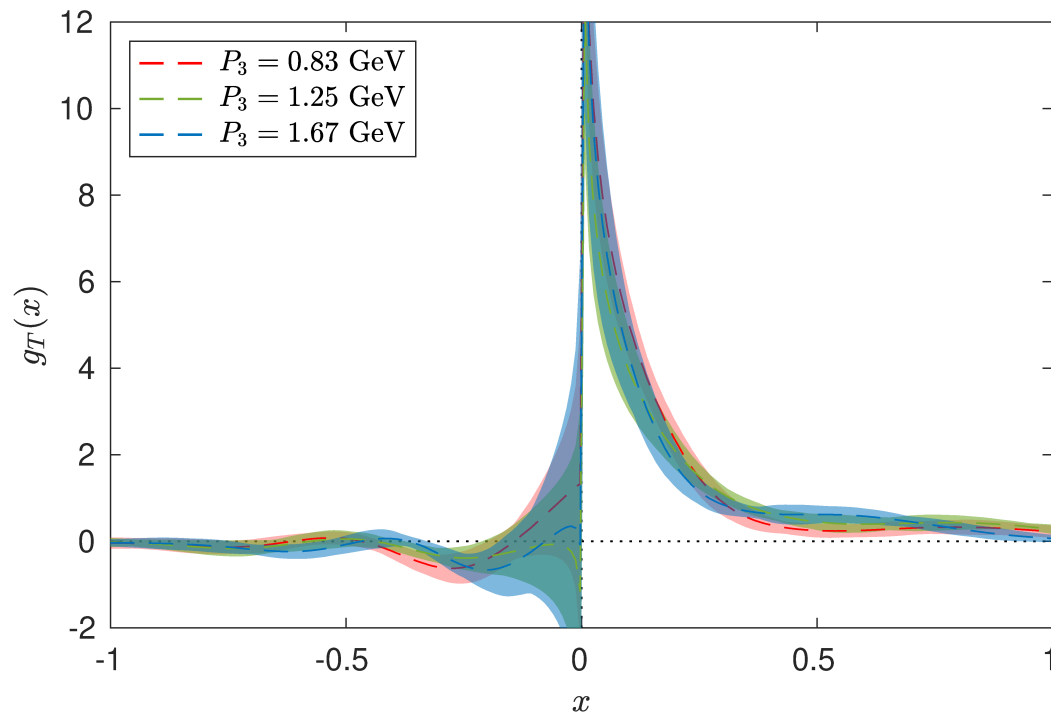
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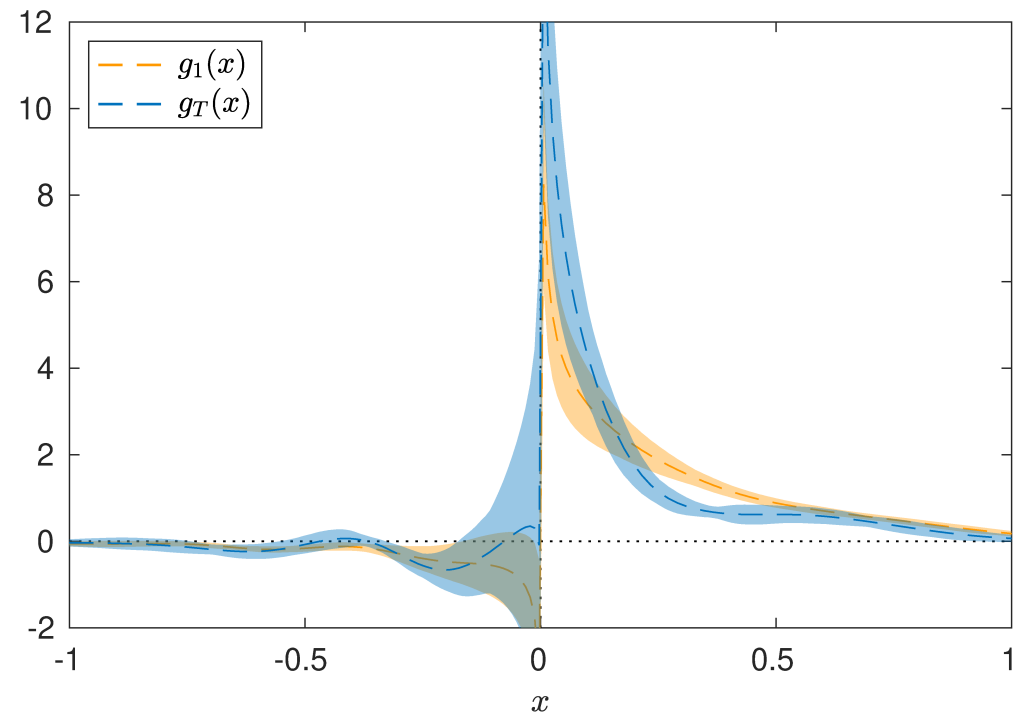
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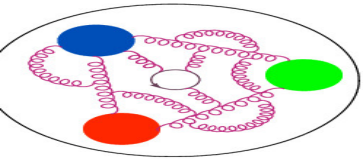


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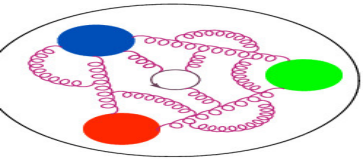


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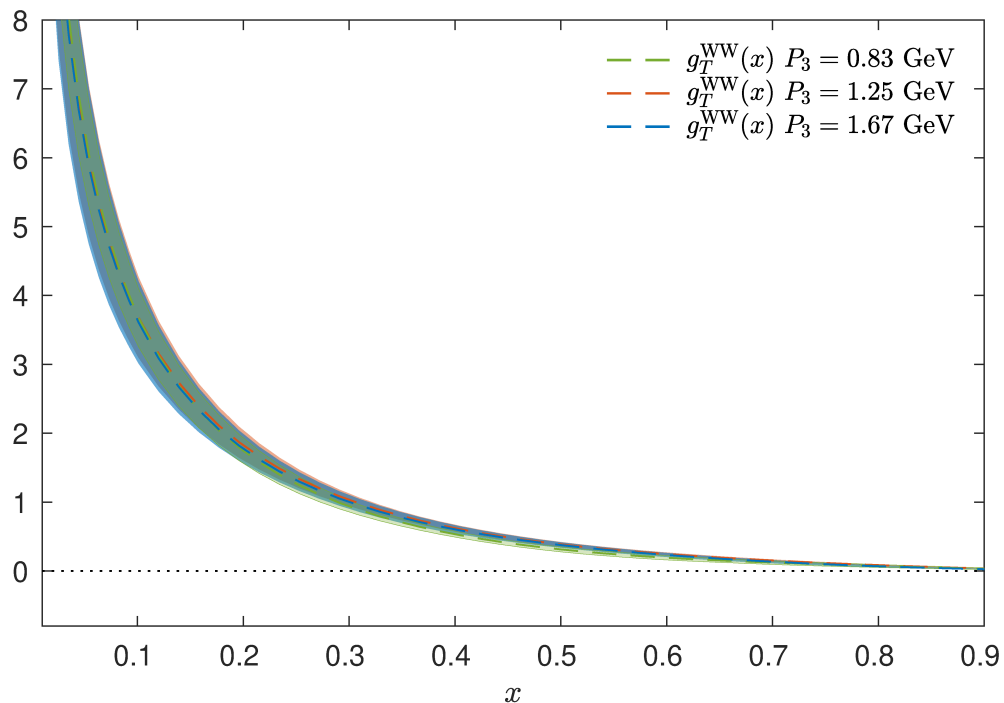


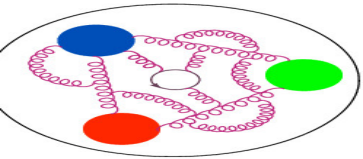
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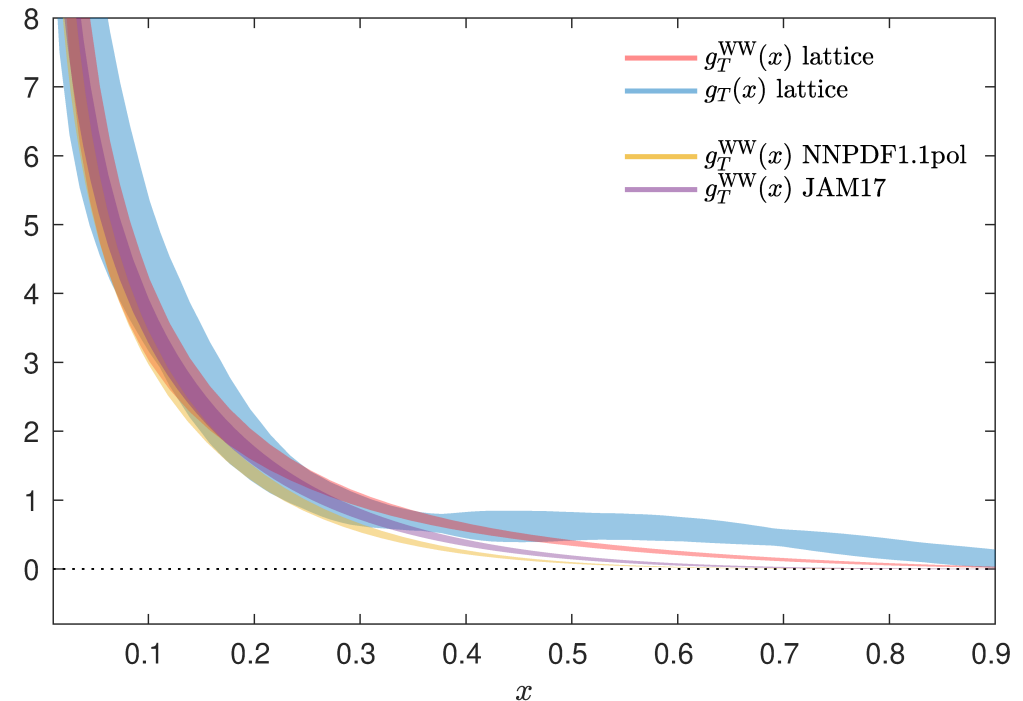
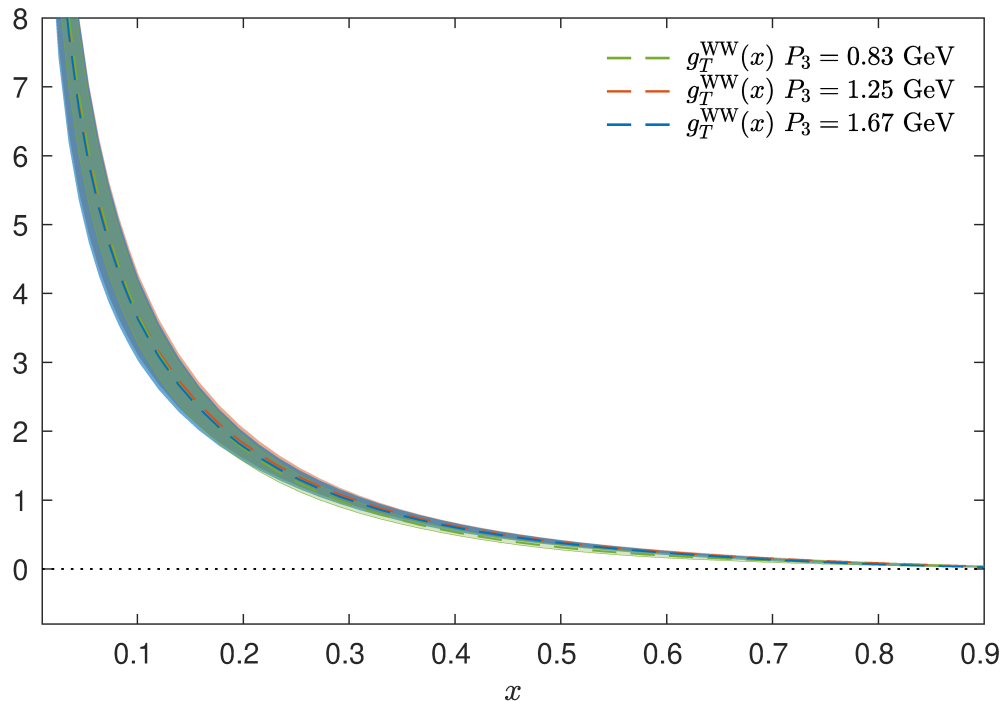


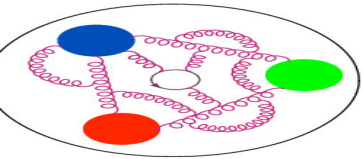
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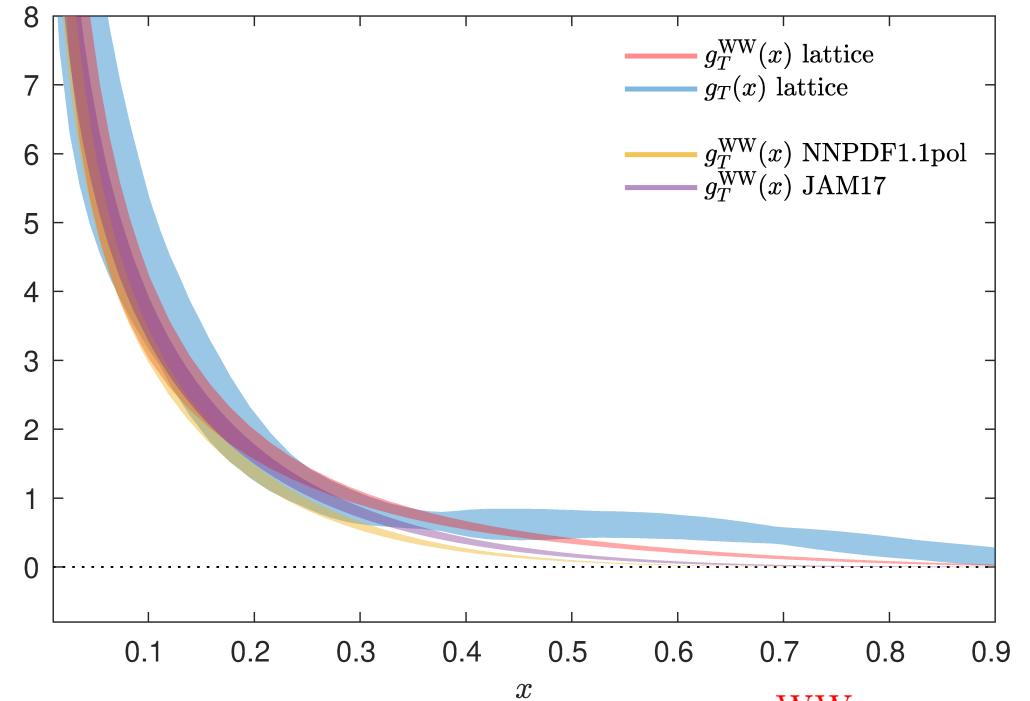
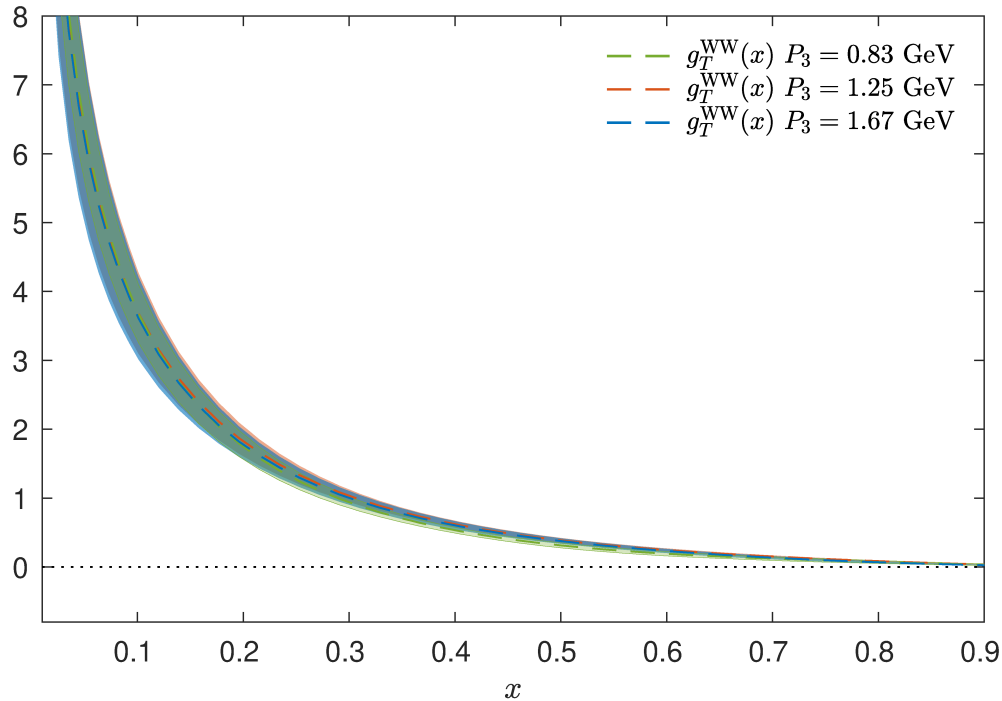




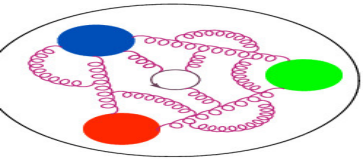
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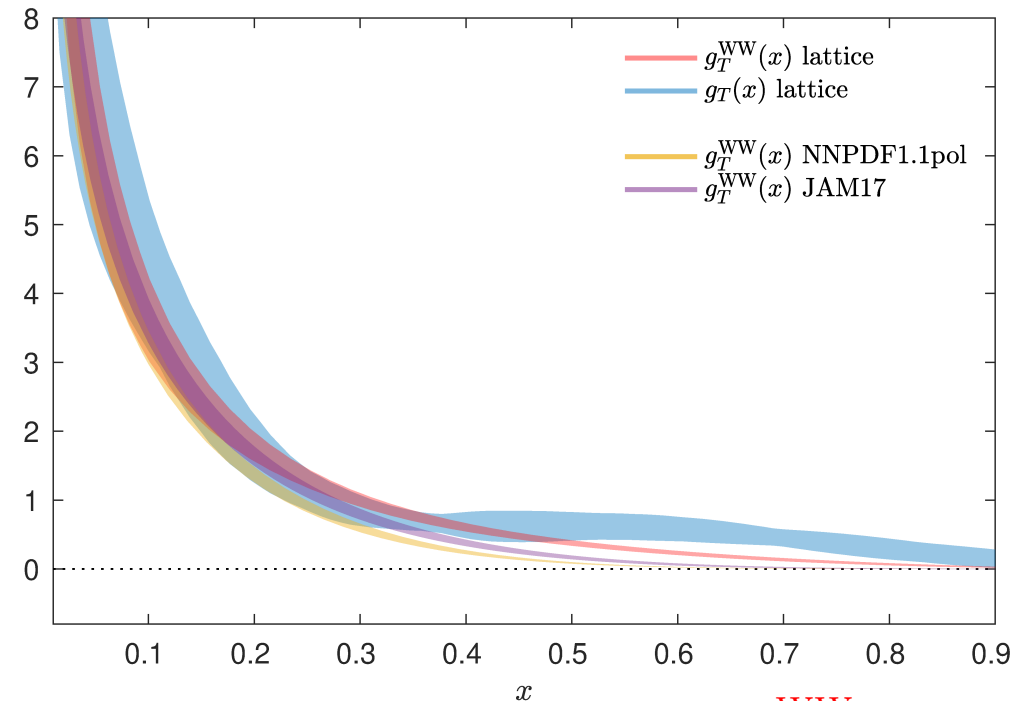
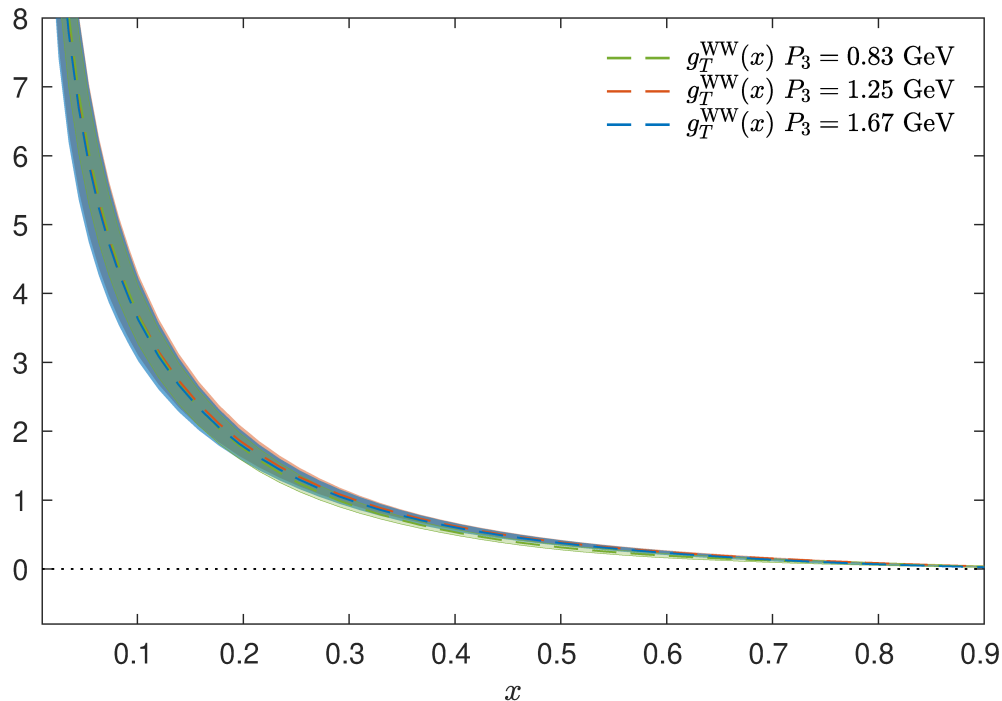
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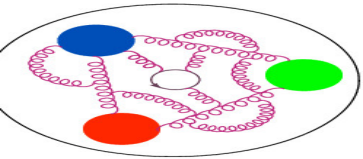
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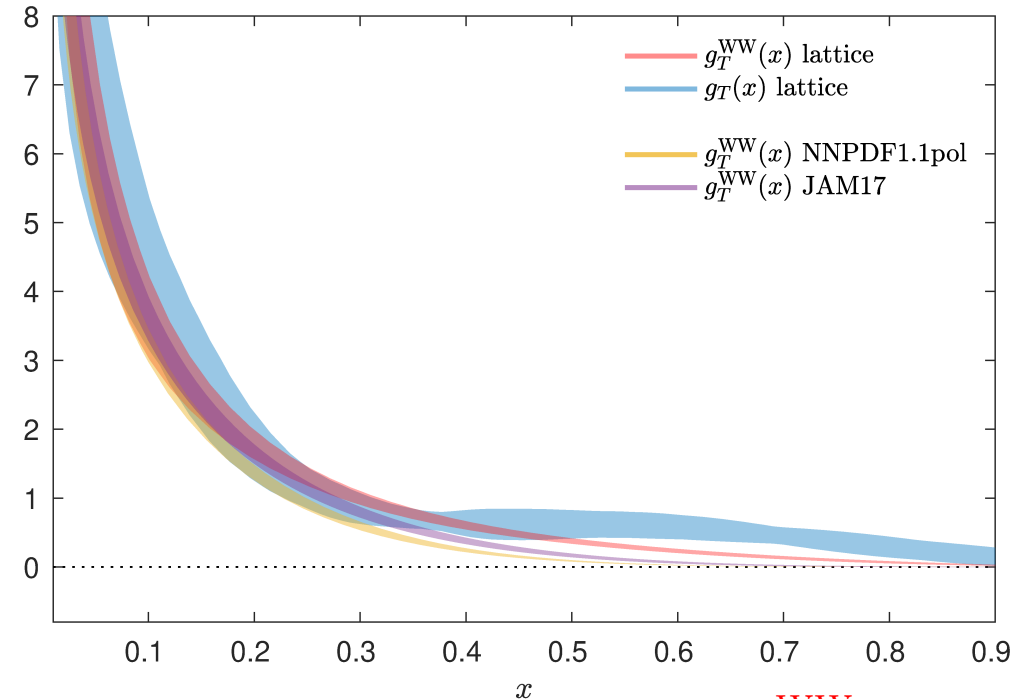
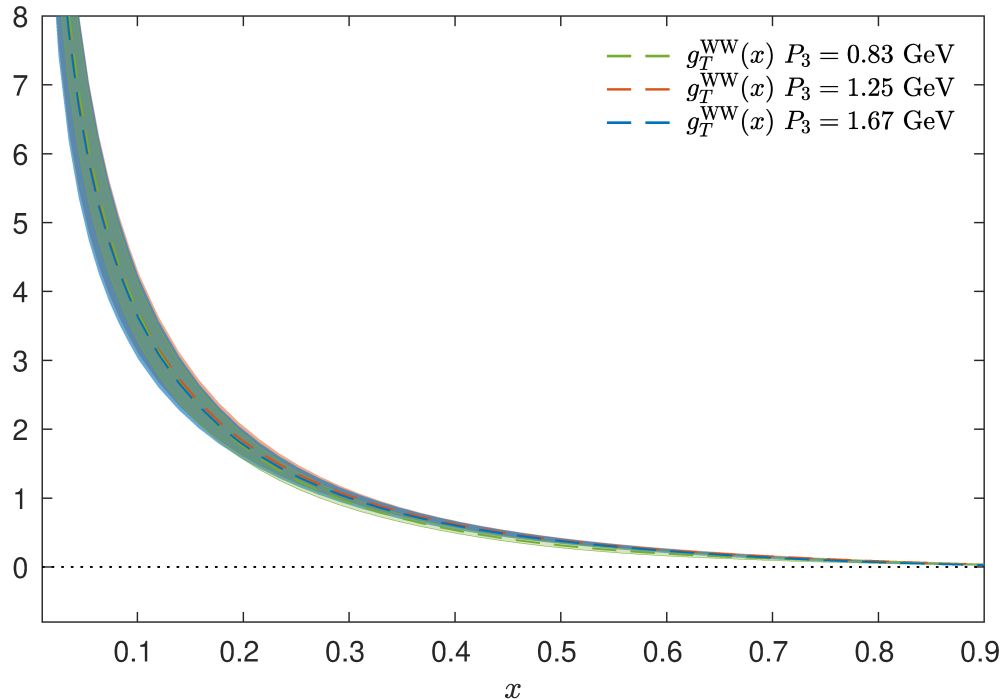


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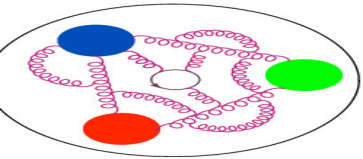


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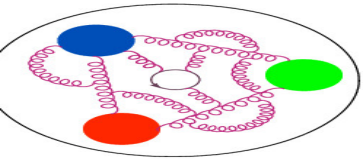
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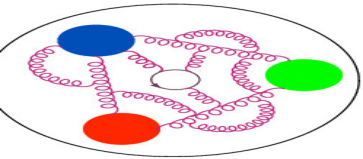
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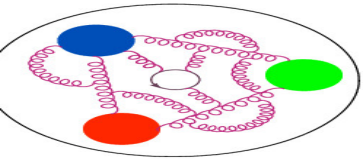
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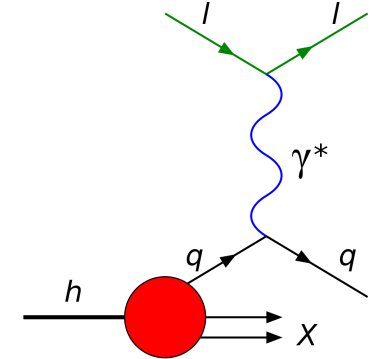
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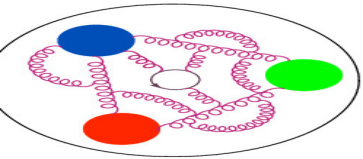
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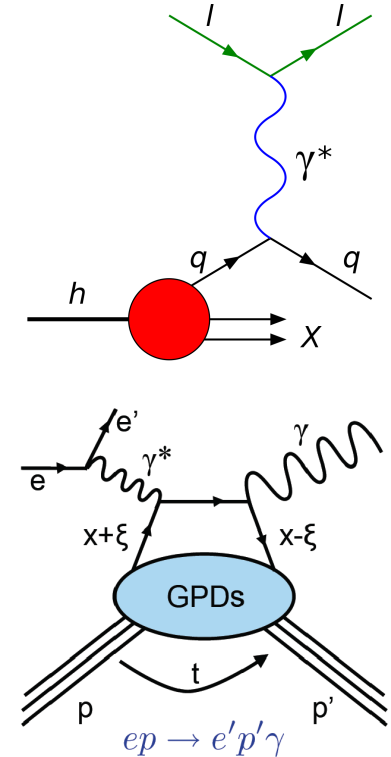
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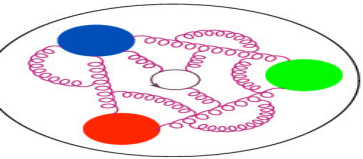
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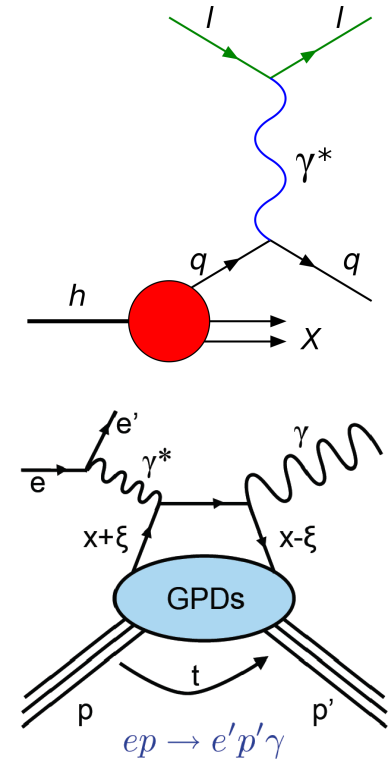
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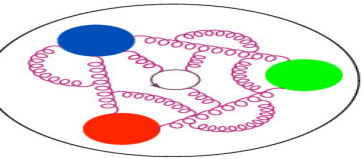
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Quasi-GPDs: similar procedure to quasi-PDFs

Important new aspect: 2 or 4 GPDs need to be disentangled, e.g. H and E :

$$\mathcal{M}(z, t, \xi; \mu_R; \Gamma, \bar{\Gamma}) = \mathcal{K}_H(\Gamma, \bar{\Gamma}) H(z, t, \xi; \mu_R) + \mathcal{K}_E(\Gamma, \bar{\Gamma}) E(z, t, \xi; \mu_R).$$



Bare matrix elements

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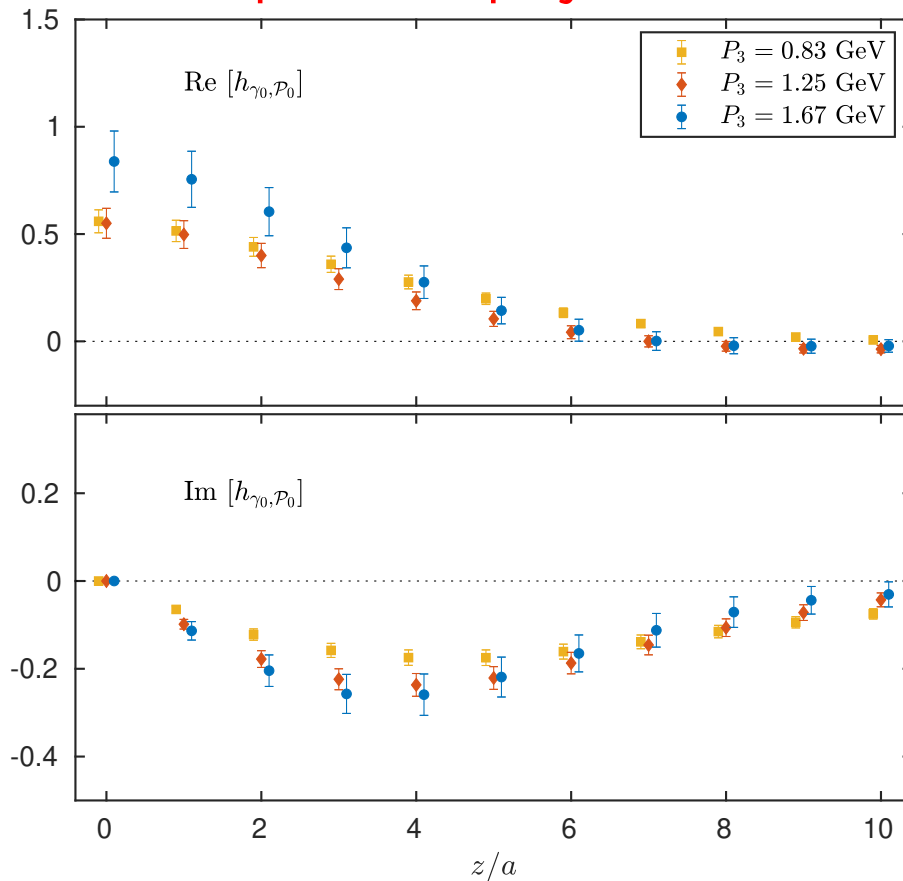


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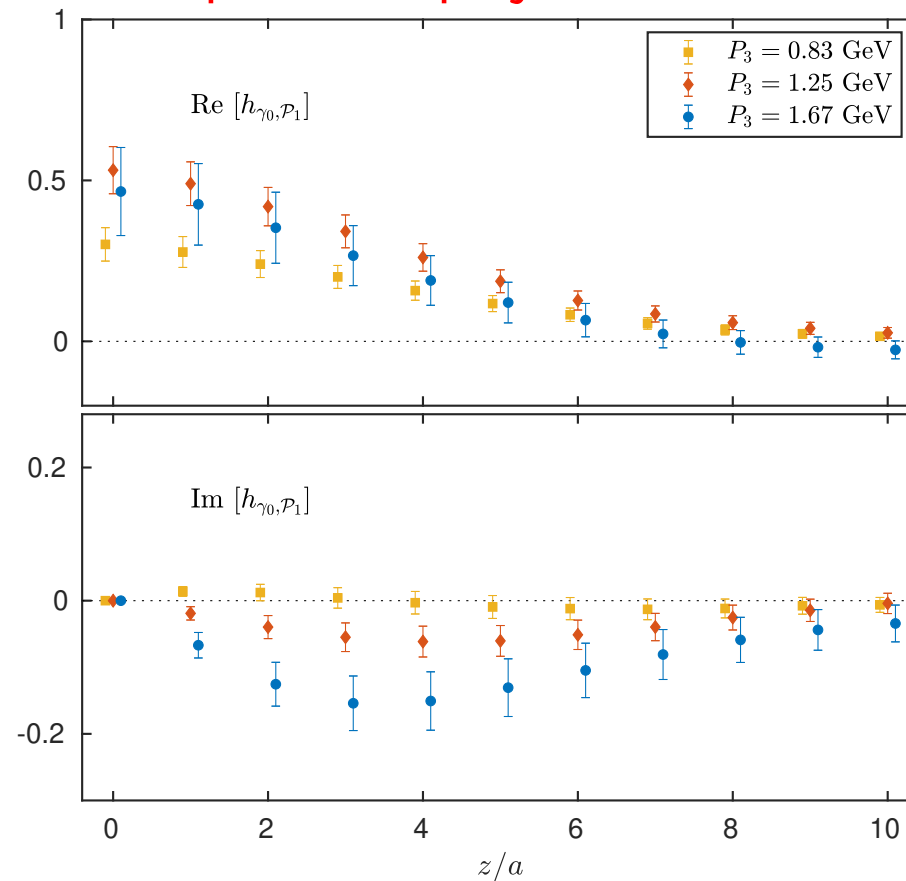
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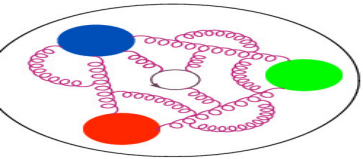
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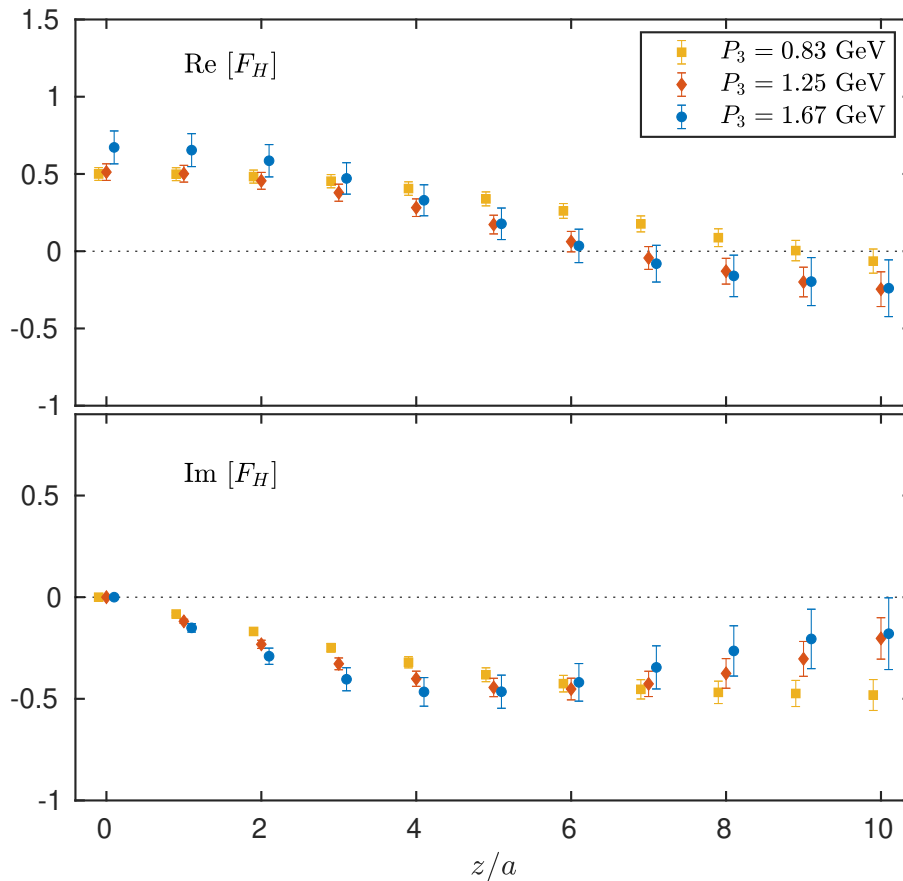


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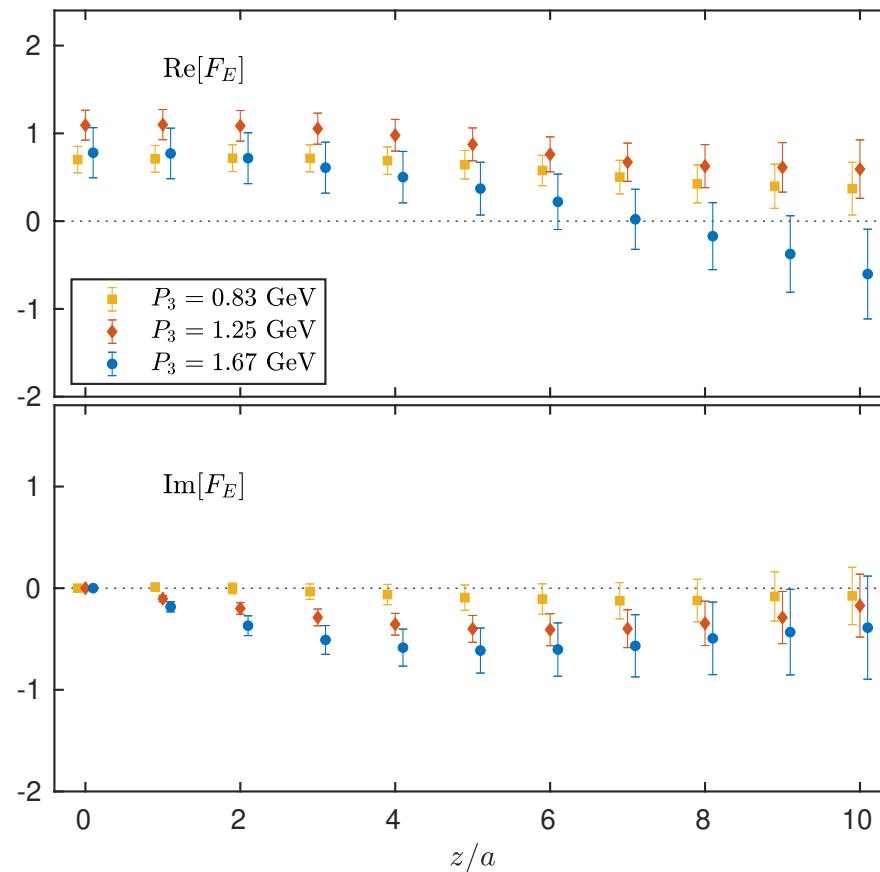
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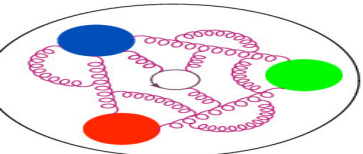
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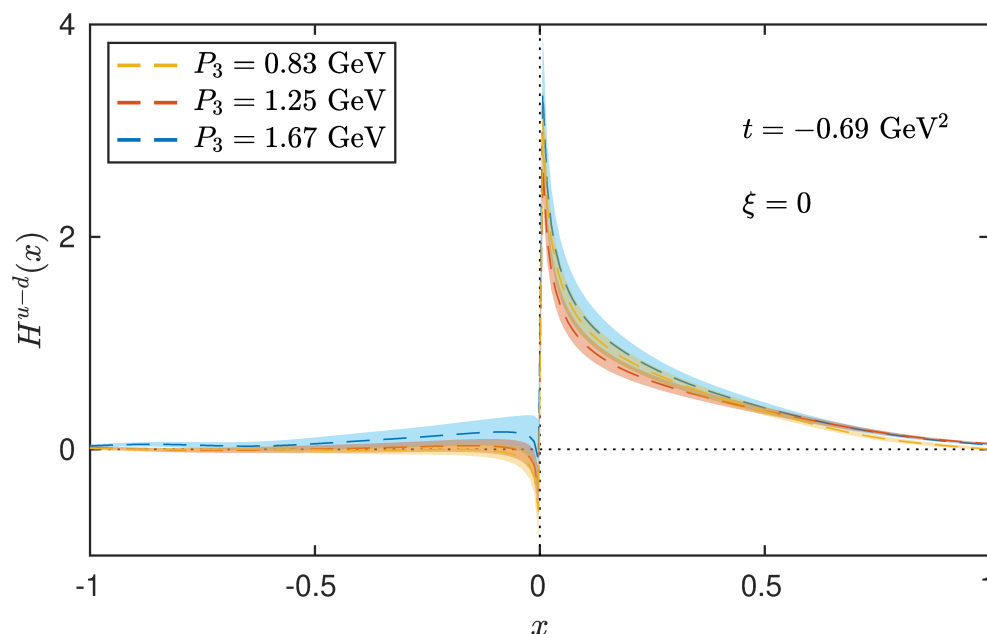


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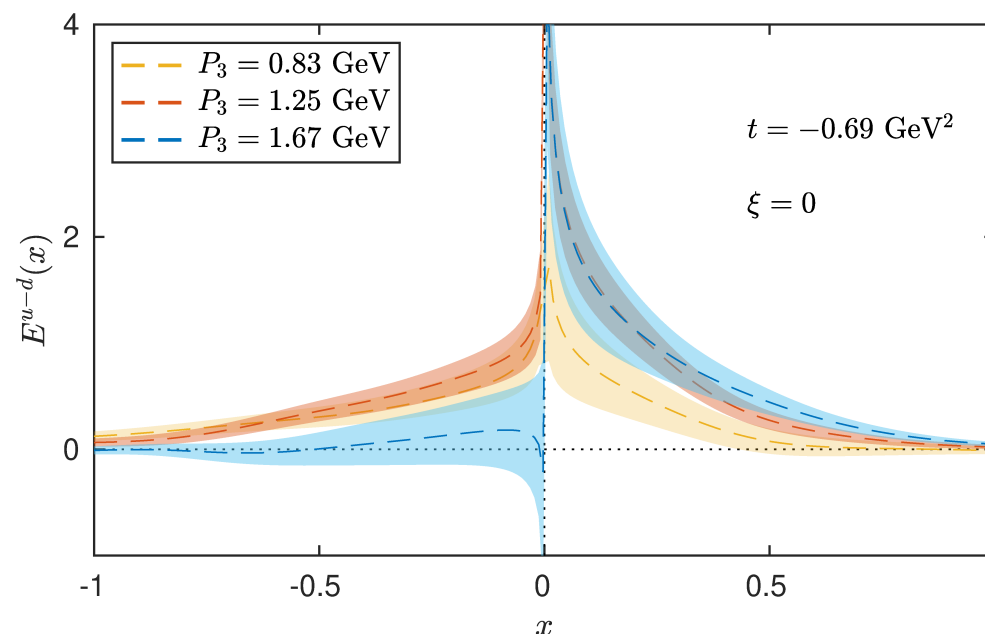
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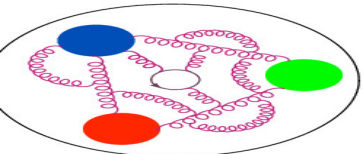
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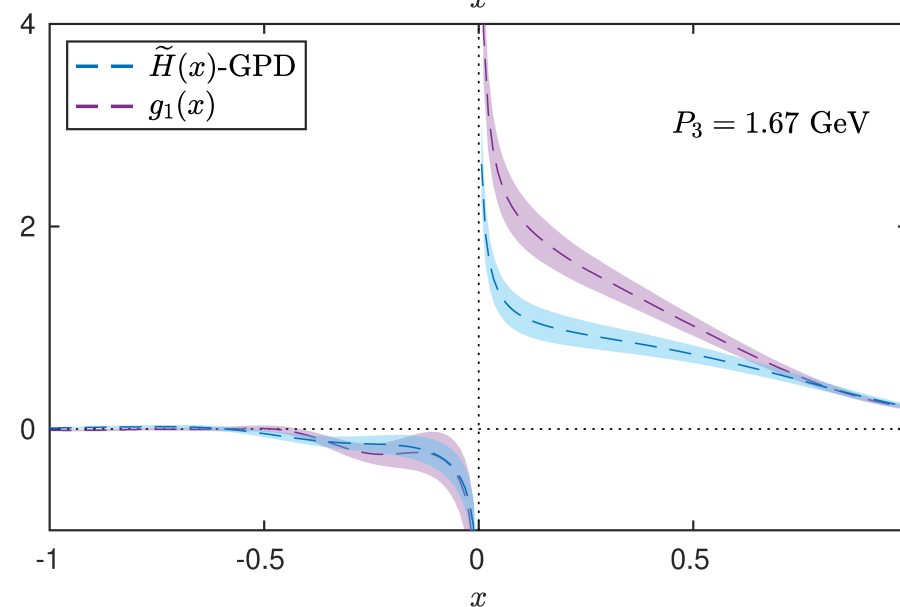
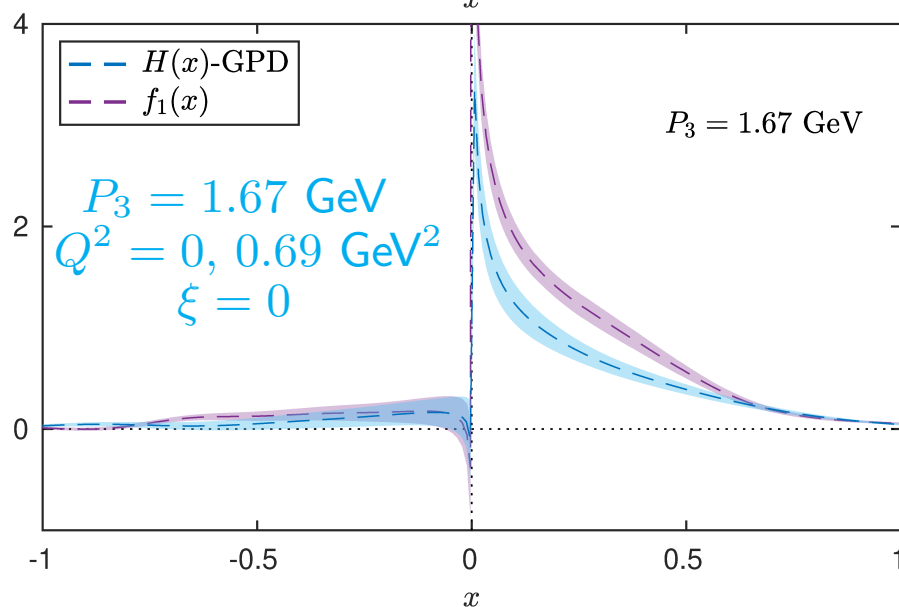
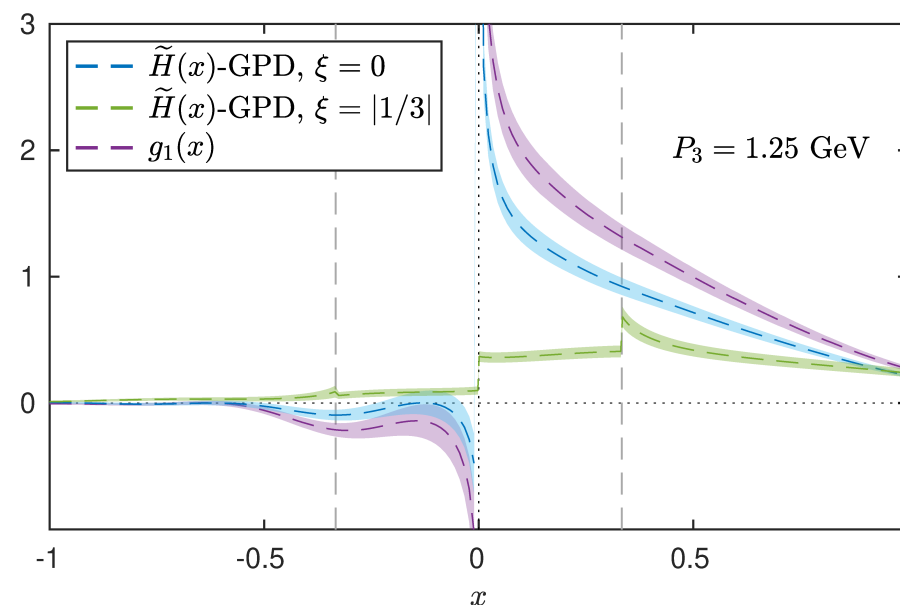
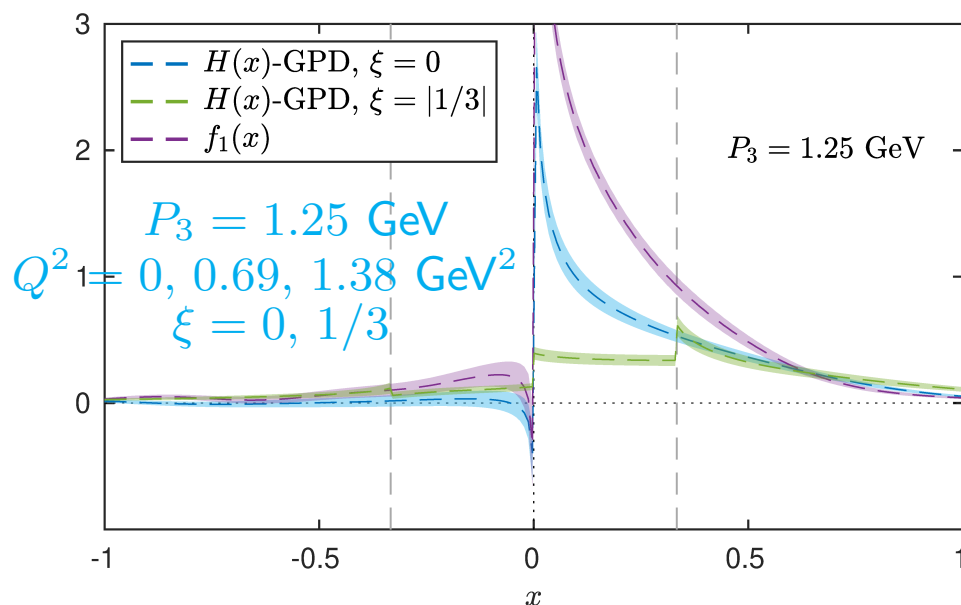


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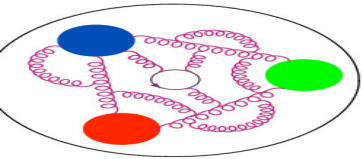


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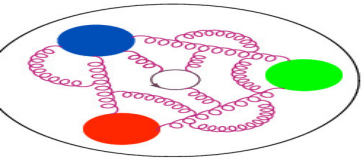
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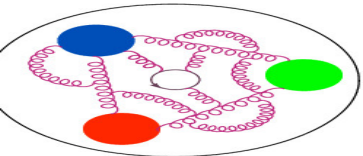
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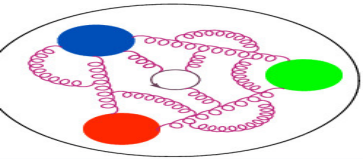
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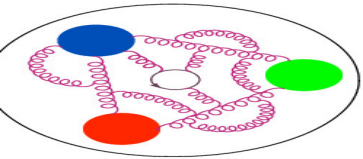
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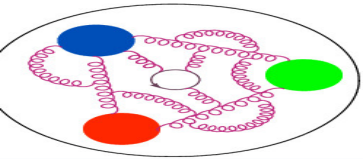
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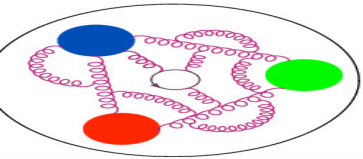
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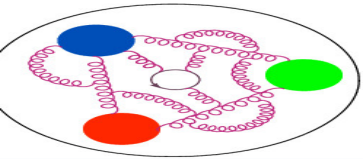
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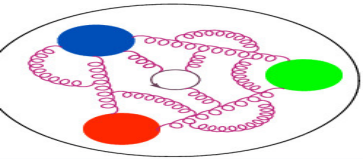
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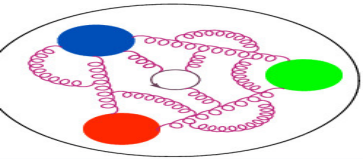
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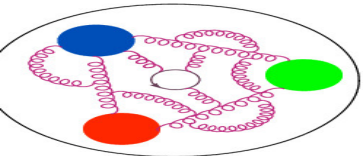
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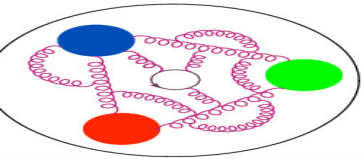
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The matrix element $\langle N(P_3) | \bar{\psi}(z) \gamma_0 \mathcal{A}(z, 0) \psi(0) | N(P_3) \rangle$ exhibits two kinds of divergences:

- standard logarithmic divergence,
- power divergence related to the Wilson line.

Shown to be multiplicatively renormalizable to all orders in PT

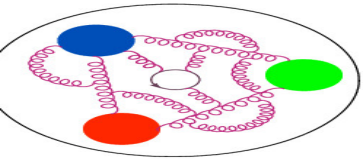
T. Ishikawa et al., PRD96(2017)094019, X. Ji et al., PRL120(2017)112001

Both divergences can be canceled by forming a double ratio with **zero-momentum** and **local** ($z = 0$) matrix elements:
(also removes part of HTE (generically $\mathcal{O}(z^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)$))

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \frac{\mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2) / \mathcal{M}(\nu, 0)}{\mathcal{M}(0, z^2) / \mathcal{M}(0, 0)}.$$

$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2)$ – “reduced” matrix elements (or pseudo-ITDs).

The double ratio defines a renormalization scheme with renormalization scale proportional to $1/z$.



Matching to light-cone ITDs



The reduced matrix elements, $\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2)$, defined at different scales $1/z$, need to be:

- evolved to a common scale,
- scheme-converted to the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme $\longrightarrow Q(\nu, \mu^2)$.

The full 1-loop matching equation: [A. Radyushkin, PLB781\(2018\)433, PRD98\(2018\)014019;](#)

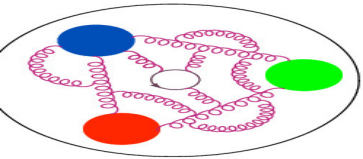
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with:

$$B(u) = \left[\frac{1+u^2}{1-u} \right]_+, \quad L(u) = \left[4 \frac{\ln(1-u)}{1-u} - 2(1-u) \right]_+,$$

$$\int_0^1 [f(u)]_+ Q(u\nu) = \int_0^1 f(u) (Q(u\nu) - Q(\nu)).$$



Matching to light-cone ITDs



We invert the matching equation and look separately into the effect of evolution and scheme conversion:

- evolution:

$$\mathfrak{M}'(\nu, z^2, \mu^2) = \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) - \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \int_0^1 du \ln \left(z^2 \mu^2 \frac{e^{2\gamma_E+1}}{4} \right) B(u) \mathfrak{M}(u\nu, z^2),$$

The evolved ITD $\mathfrak{M}'$ has 3 arguments:

the Ioffe time ν , the common scale μ , the initial scale z .

In principle, values should be independent of the initial scale $\rightarrow$ test this.

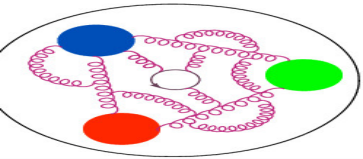
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$$Q(\nu, z^2, \mu^2) = \mathfrak{M}'(\nu, z^2, \mu^2) - \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{2\pi} \int_0^1 du L(u) \mathfrak{M}(u\nu, z^2).$$

Again 3 arguments and test of independence on the initial scale.

For the reconstruction of the final PDF

$\rightarrow$ average the matched ITDs $Q(\nu, z^2, \mu^2)$ for cases where a given Ioffe time is achieved by different combinations of (P_3, z) , denote such average by $Q(\nu, \mu^2)$.



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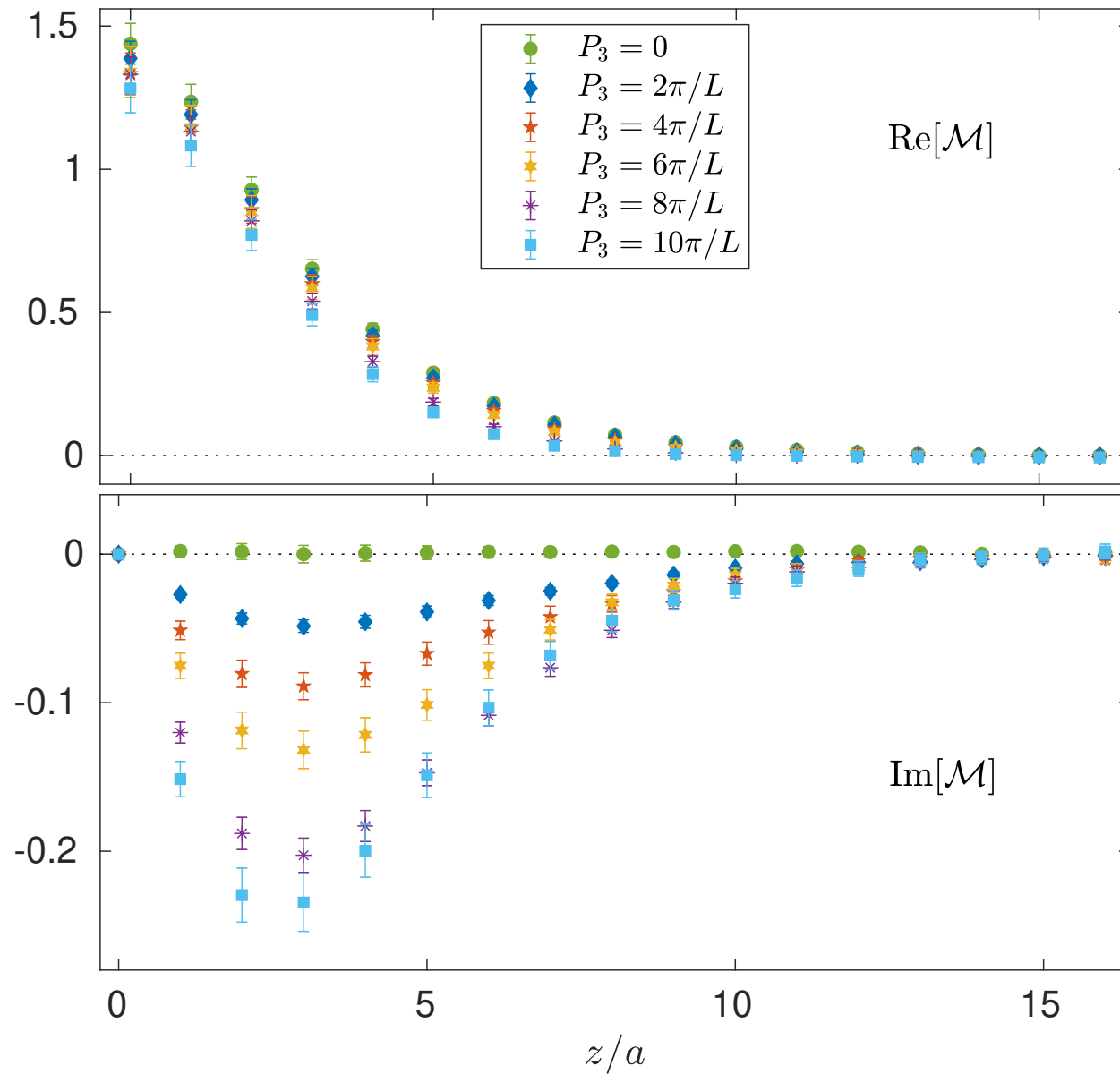
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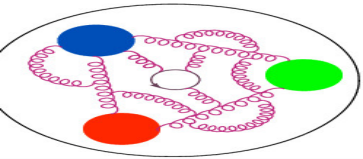
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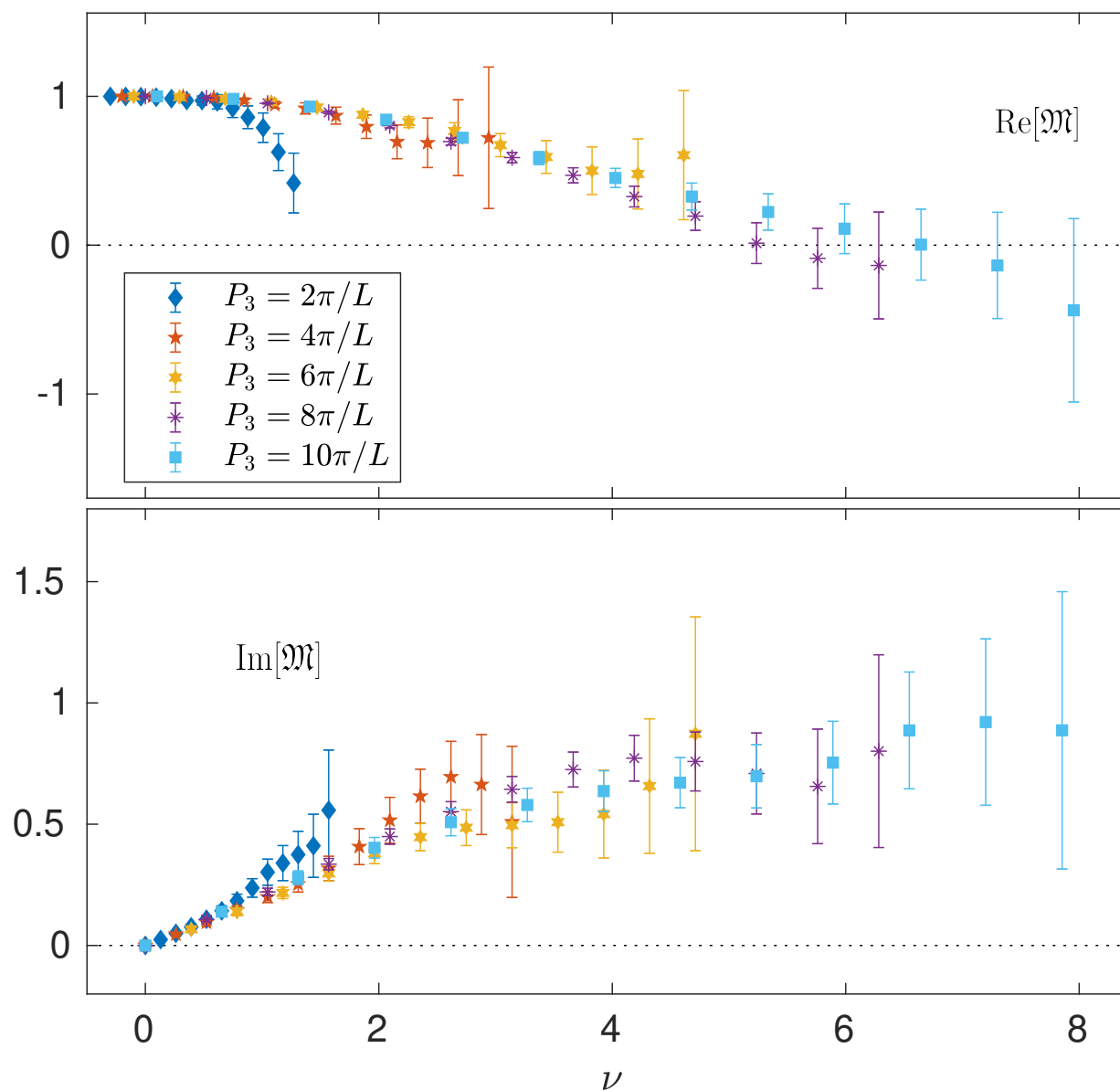
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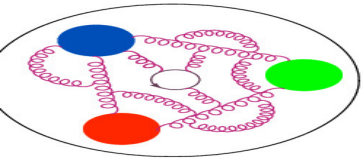
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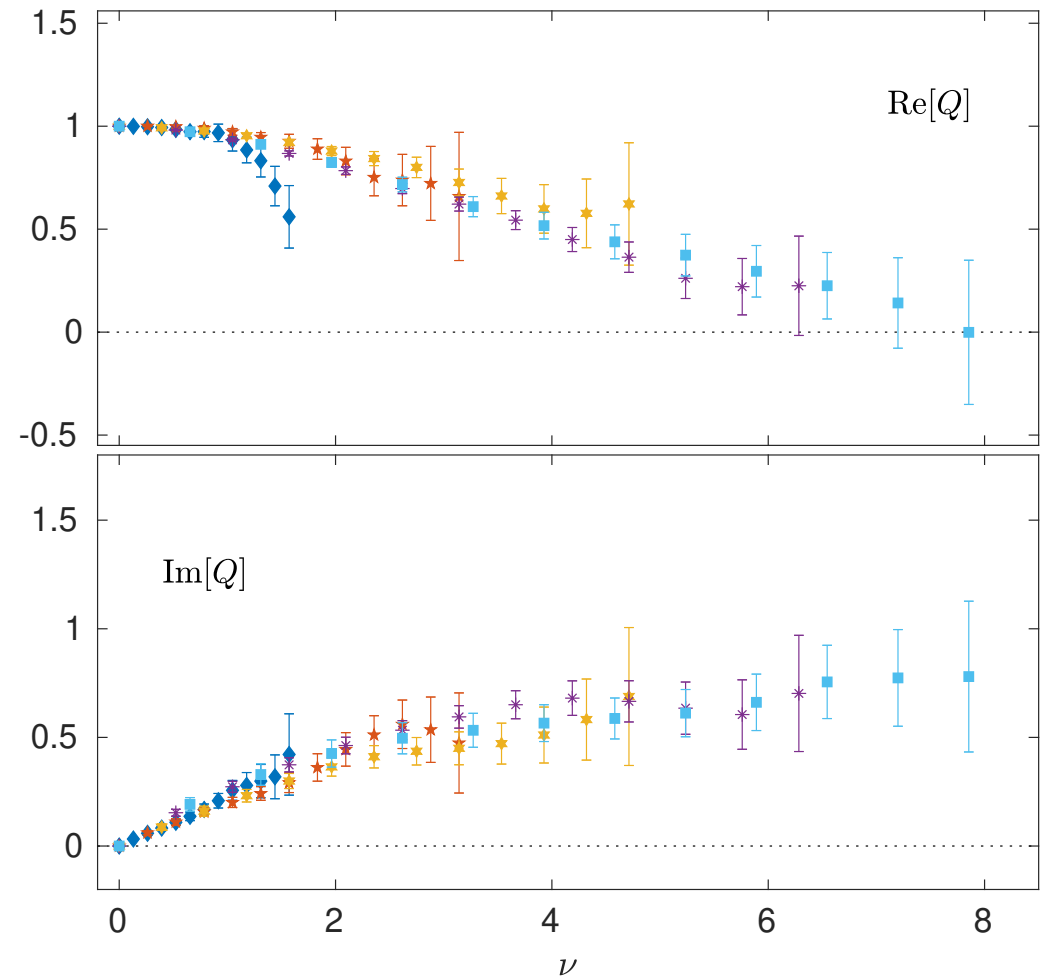
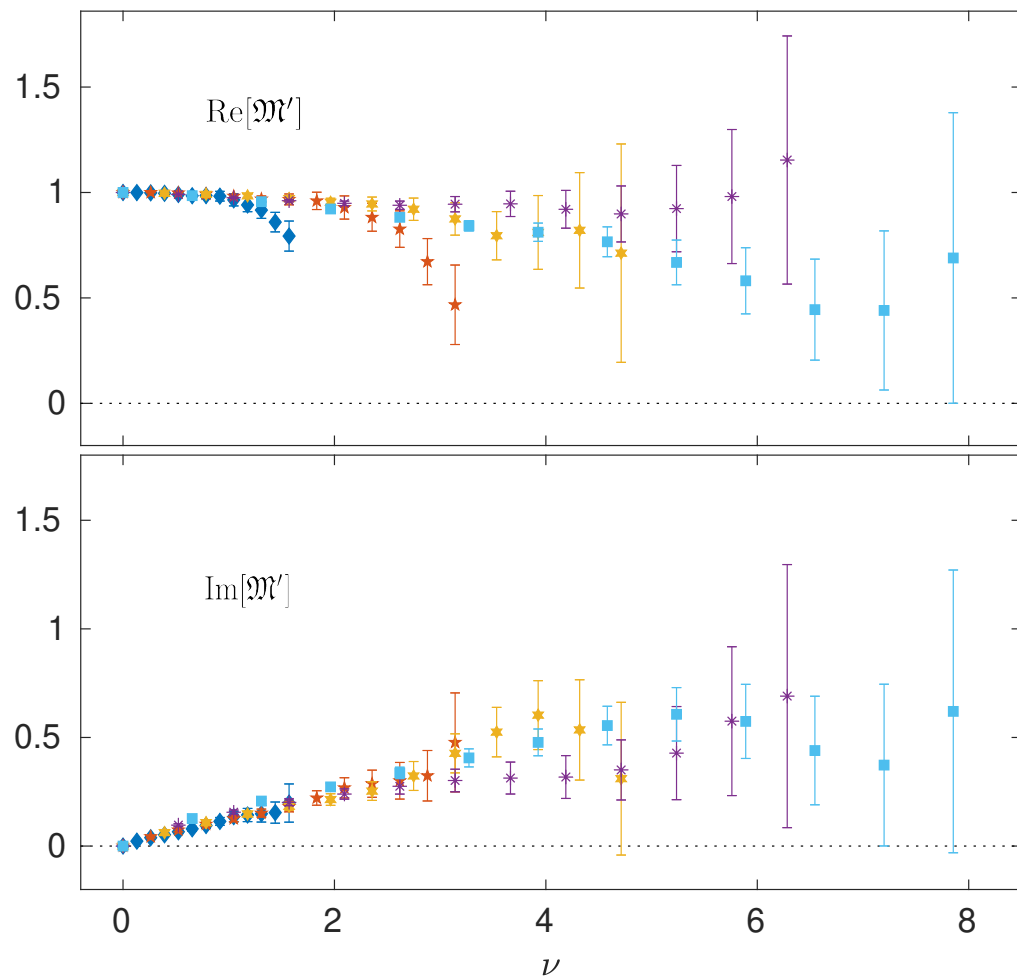
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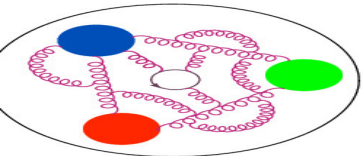
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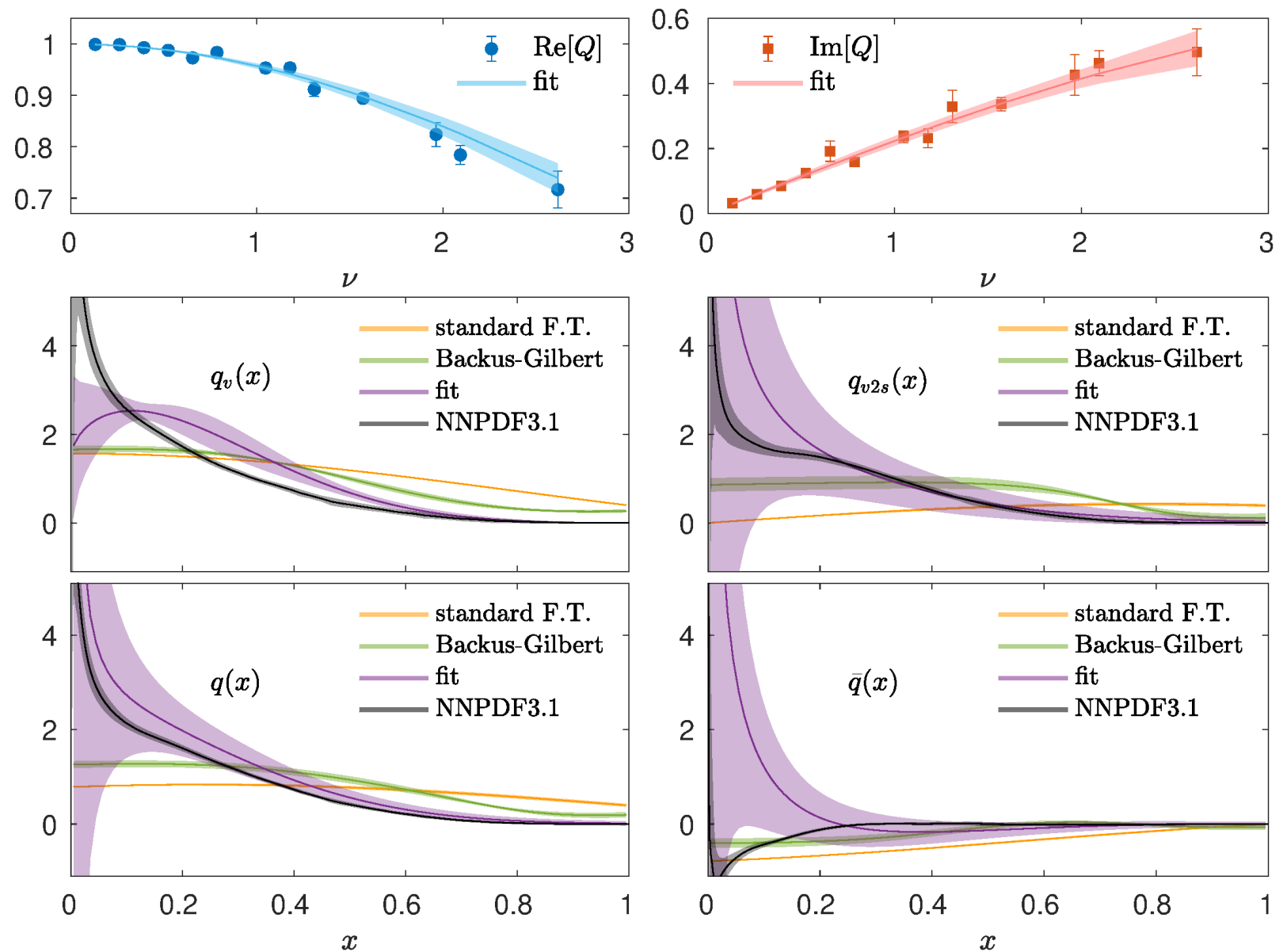
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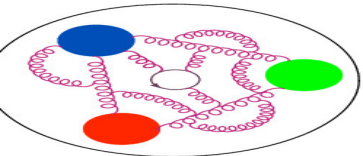
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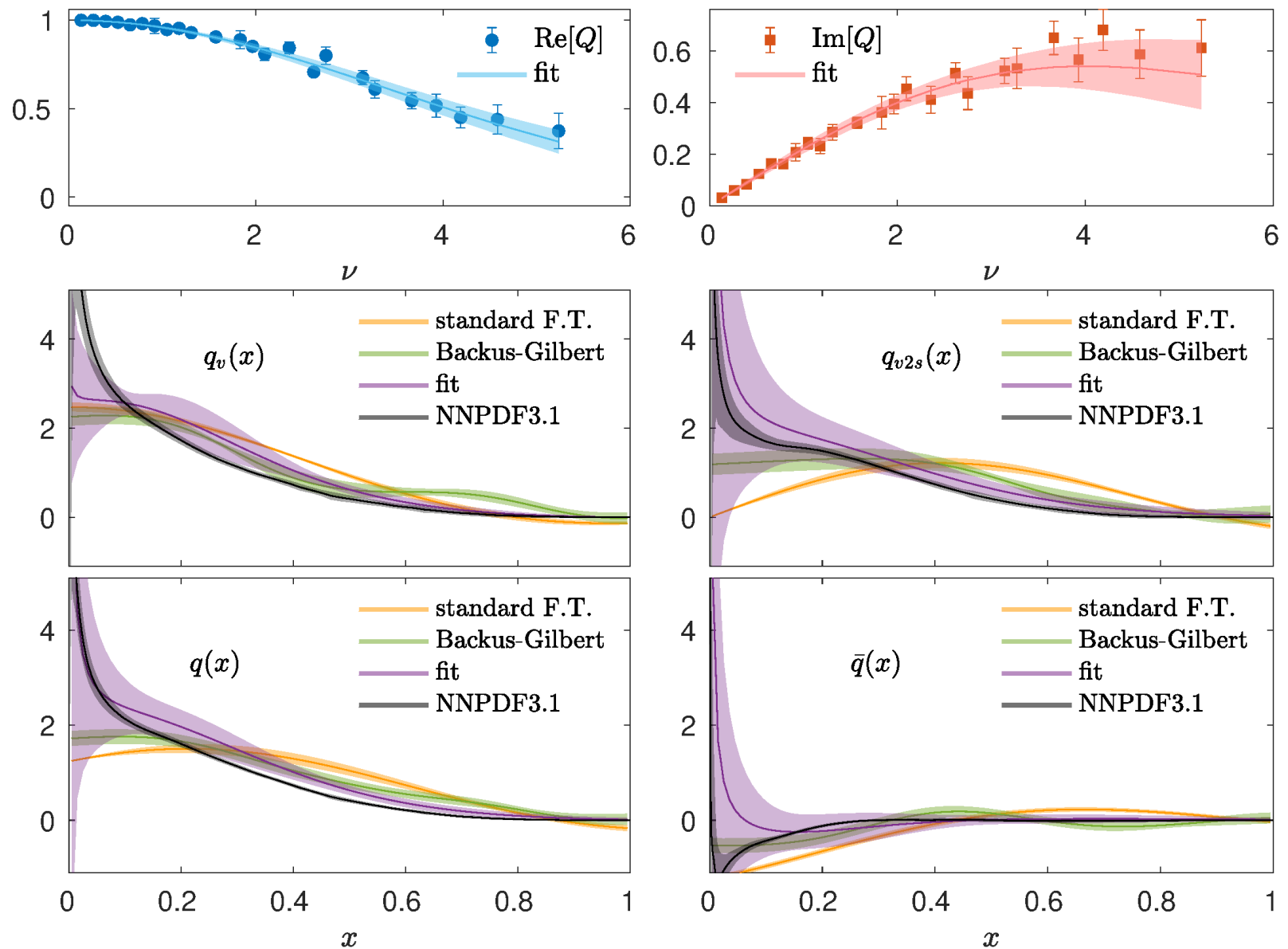
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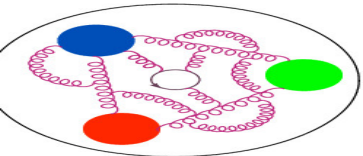
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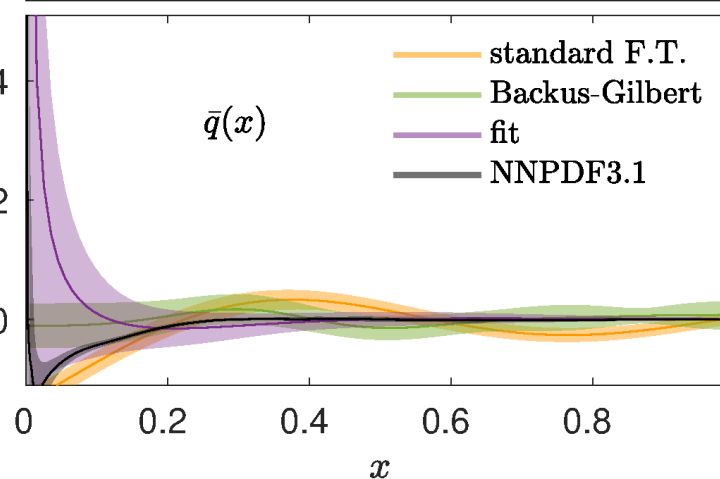
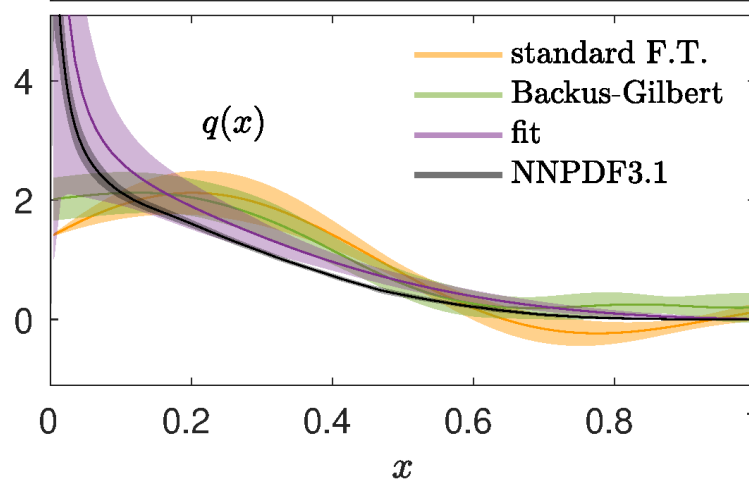
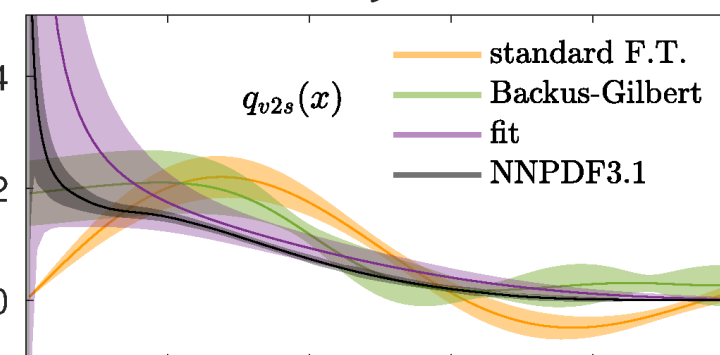
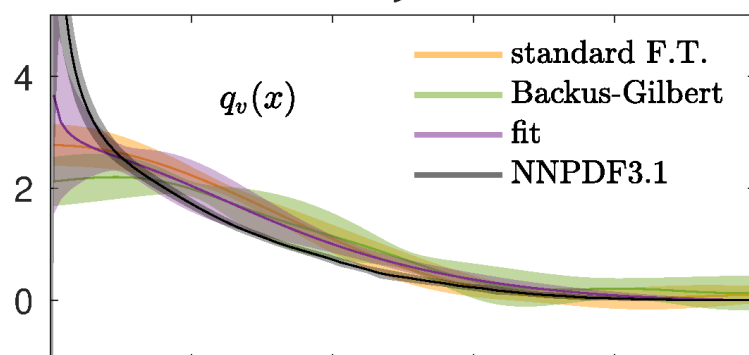
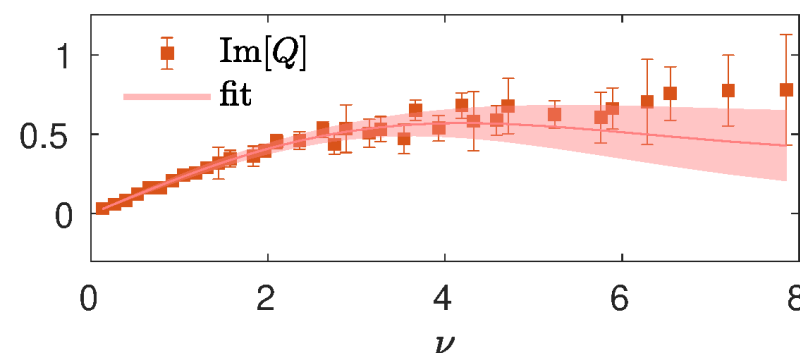
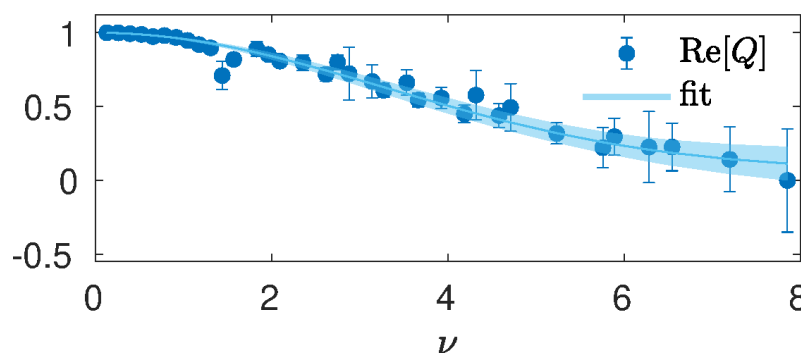
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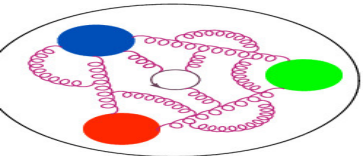
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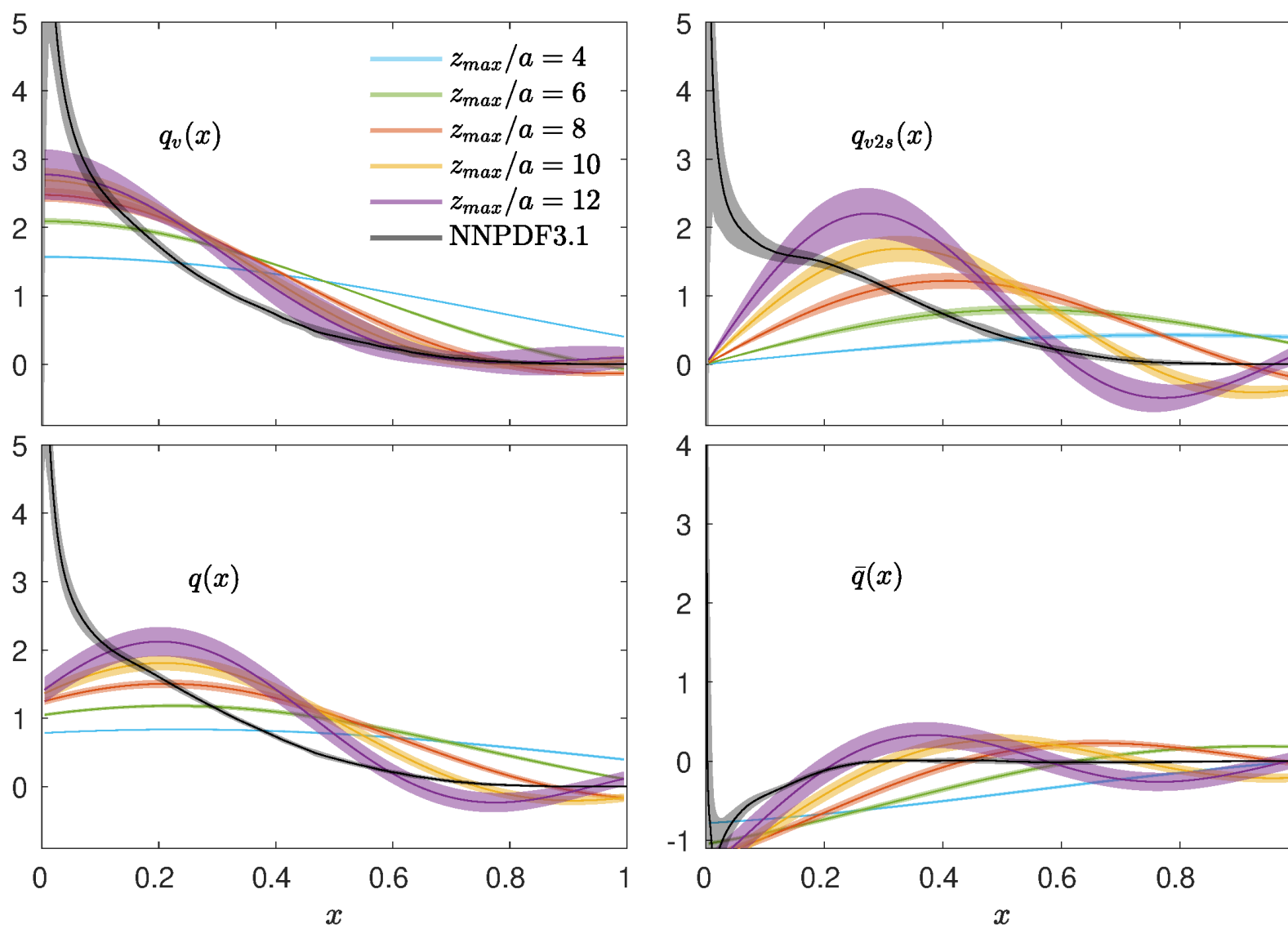
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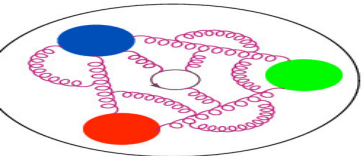
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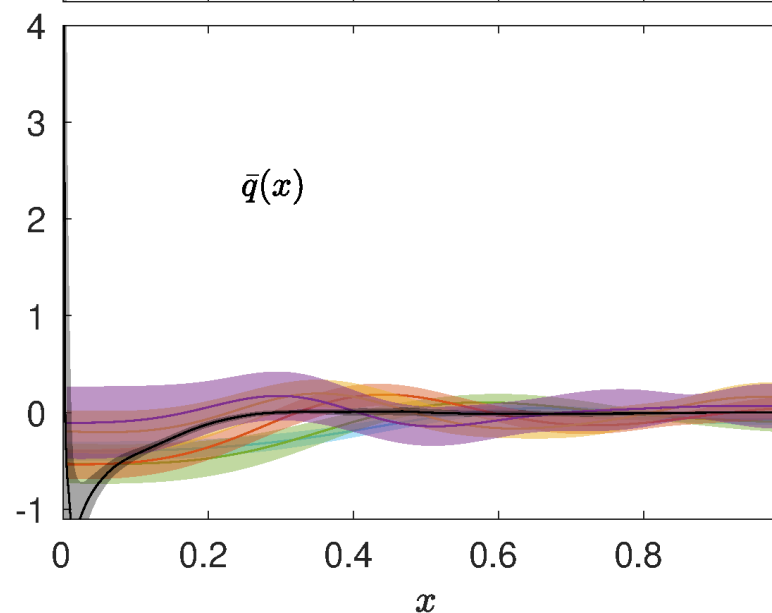
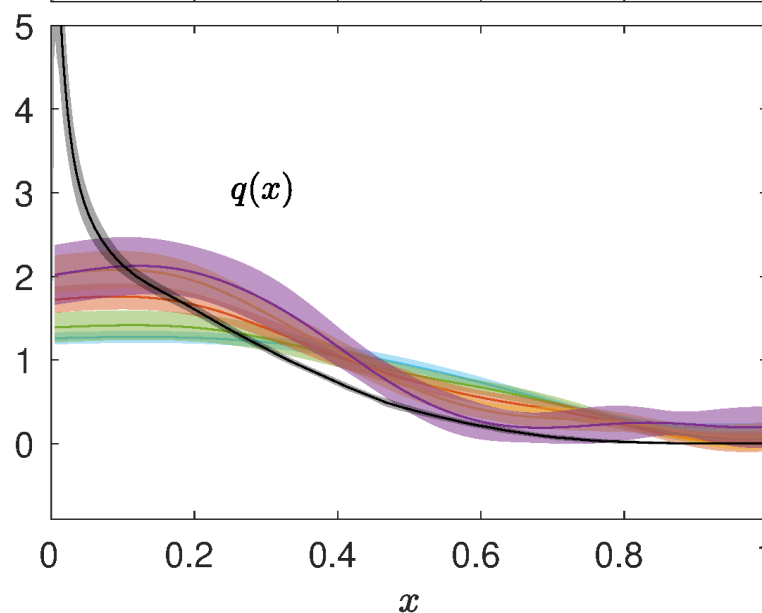
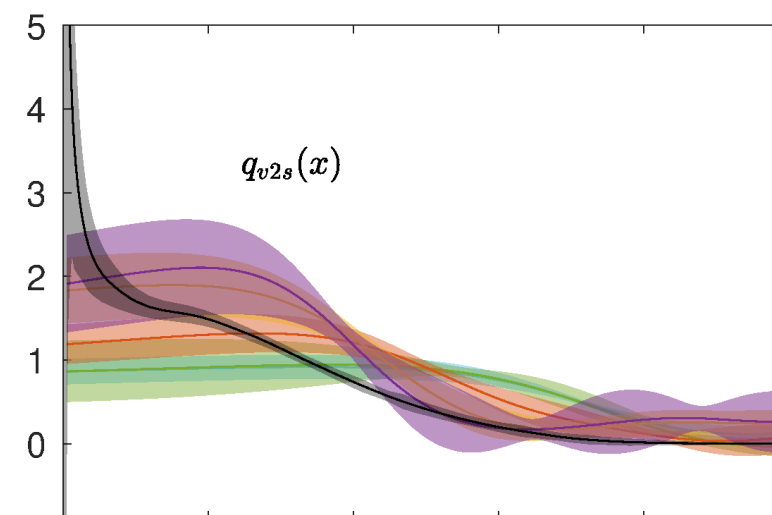
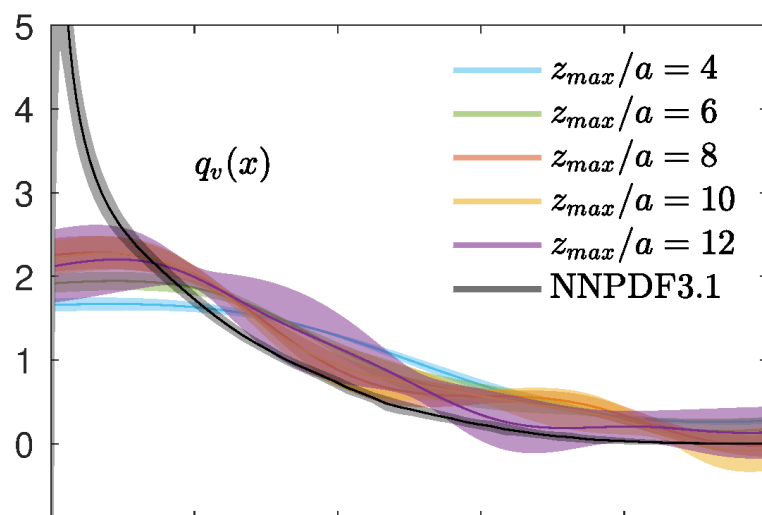
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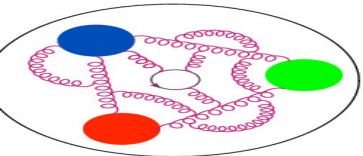
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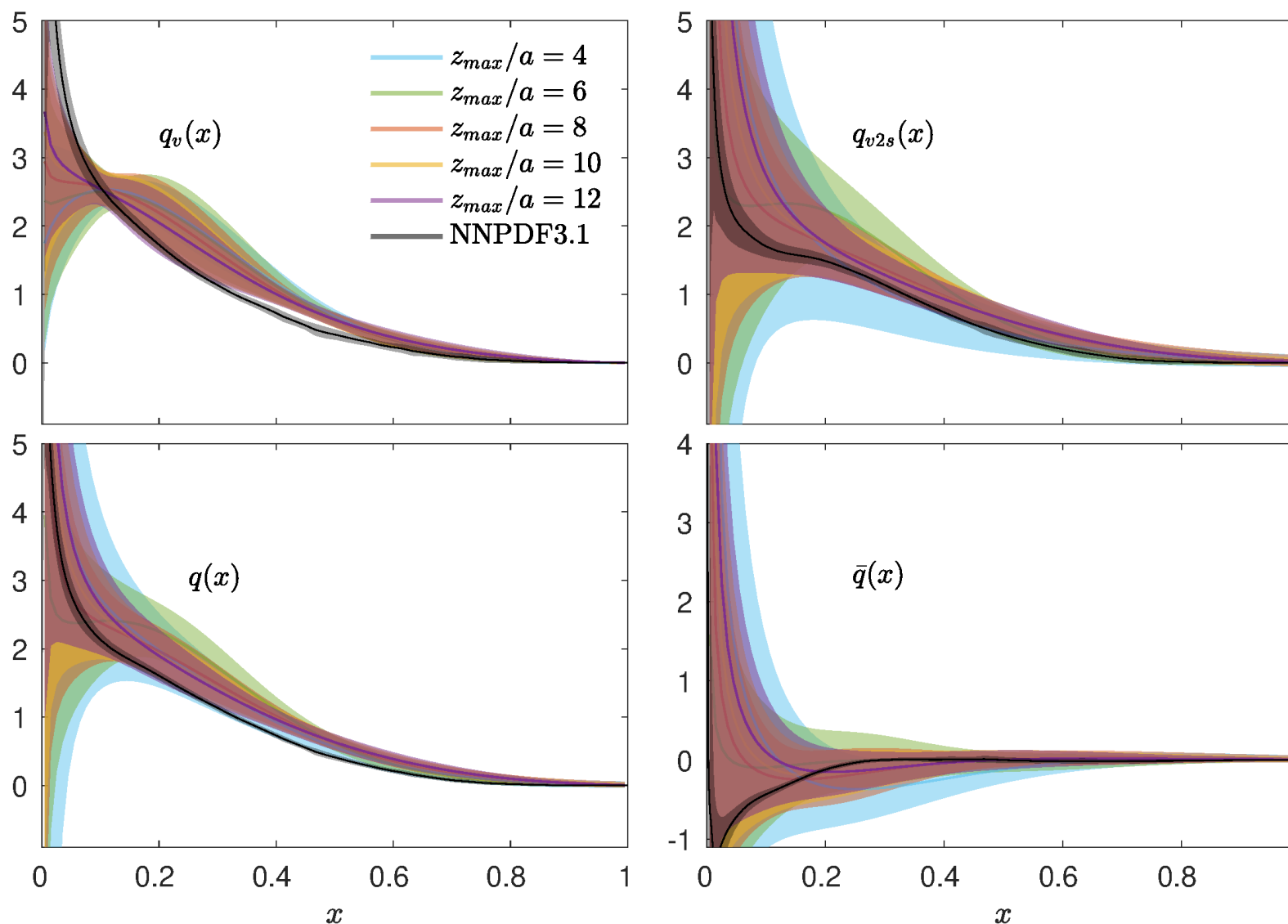
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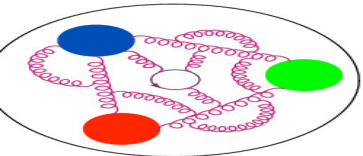
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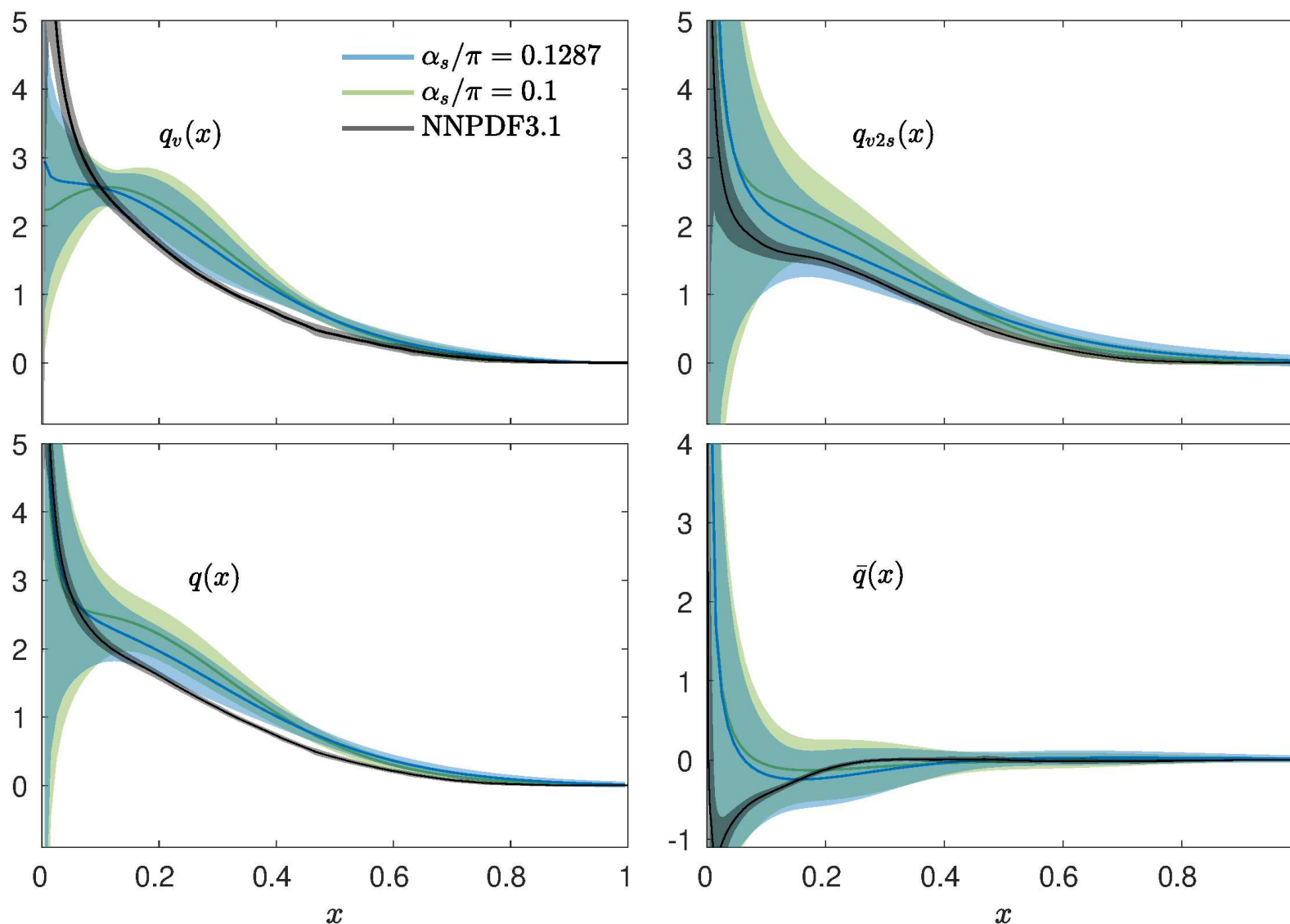
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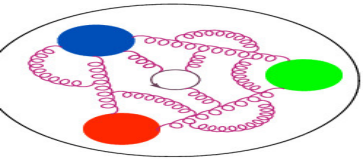
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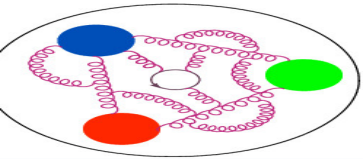


Quantified systematics:

- $z_{\max}$: $\Delta z_{\max}(x) = \frac{|q_{z_{\max}/a=12}(x) - q_{z_{\max}/a=4}(x)|}{2}$,
- α_s : $\Delta \alpha_s(x) = |q_{\alpha_s/\pi=0.129}(x) - q_{\alpha_s/\pi=0.1}(x)|$.

Estimated systematics:

- **Discretization effects:** assume 20%
indirect support: no violation of continuum dispersion relation, $E^2 = P_3^2 + m_N^2$,
computations of moments of unpolarized PDFs by different groups: deviations of $\mathcal{O}(5 - 15\%)$
from continuum at similar lattice spacings.
- **FVE:** assume 5%
indirect support: $\exp(-m_\pi L) \approx 0.05$ for our setup,
enhanced FVE? R. Briceño et al., Phys. Rev. D 98 (2018) 014511
toy scalar model, relevant parameter for FVE: $m_N(L - z) \rightarrow$ tiny,
worst case: relevant parameter for FVE in QCD: $m_\pi(L - z) \rightarrow$ still rather small for small z/a ,
also indirectly no indication for such effects in Z -factors for quasi-PDFs.
- **Excited states:** assume 10%
evidence: ETMC, Phys. Rev. D 99 (2019) 114504 – suppressed below stat. precision
- **Matching (truncation effects and HTE):** assume 20%
indirect support: little dependence on α_s and on $z_{\max}$
needed: 2-loop matching, explicit computation of HTE?



Quasi-PDFs procedure

The procedure to obtain light-cone PDFs from the lattice computation can be summarized as follows:

1. Compute bare matrix elements: $\langle N | \bar{\psi}(z) \Gamma \mathcal{A}(z, 0) \psi(0) | N \rangle$.
2. Compute renormalization functions in an intermediate lattice scheme (here: RI'-MOM): $Z^{\text{RI}'}(z, \mu)$.
3. Perturbatively convert the renormalization functions to the scheme needed for matching (here $\overline{\text{MS}}$) and evolve to a reference scale: $Z^{\text{RI}'}(z, \mu) \rightarrow Z^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(z, \bar{\mu})$.
4. Apply the renormalization functions to the bare matrix elements, obtaining renormalized matrix elements in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme.
5. Calculate the Fourier transform, obtaining quasi-PDFs:

$$\tilde{q}^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(x, \bar{\mu}, P_3) = \int \frac{dz}{4\pi} e^{ixP_3 z} \langle N | \bar{\psi}(z) \Gamma \mathcal{A}(z, 0) \psi(0) | N \rangle^{\overline{\text{MS}}}.$$
6. Relate $\overline{\text{MS}}$ quasi-PDFs to $\overline{\text{MS}}$ light-cone PDFs via a matching procedure: $\tilde{q}^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(x, \bar{\mu}, P_3) \rightarrow q^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(x, \bar{\mu})$.
7. Apply nucleon mass corr. to eliminate residual m_N^2/P_3^2 effects.

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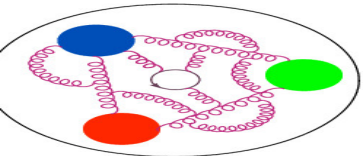
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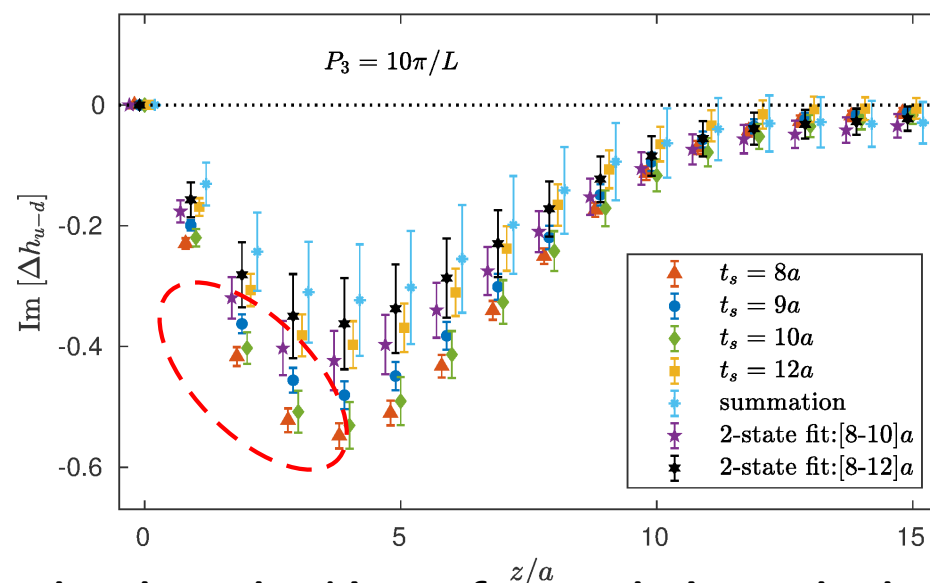
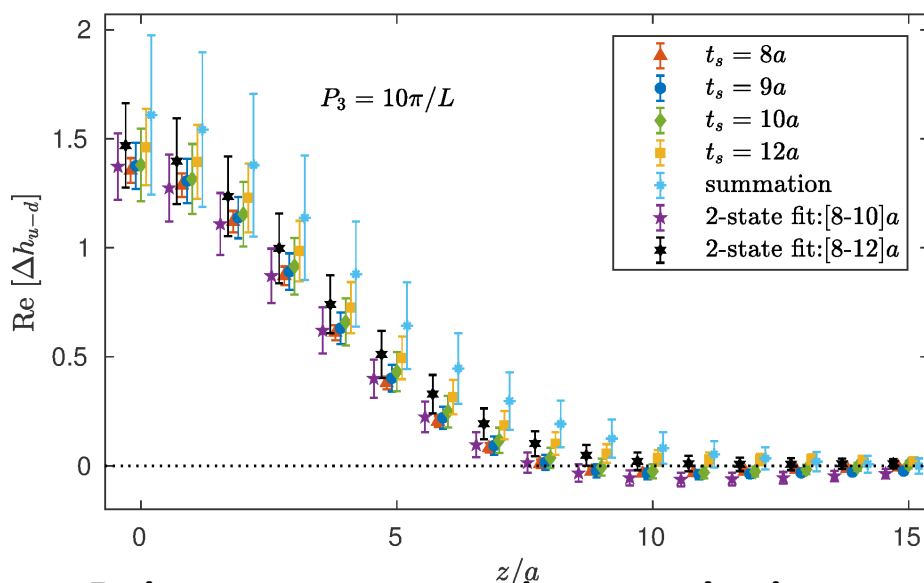


Choice of nucleon momentum

What momentum should be used to obtain reliable light-cone PDFs?

The answer is seemingly simple – large momentum, but:

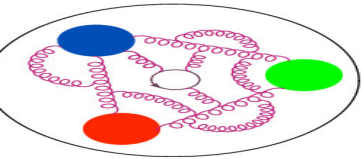
- we have finite lattice spacing $\rightarrow$ UV cut-off of ≈ 2 GeV.
- large momentum means it is very difficult to isolate the ground state $\rightarrow$ excessive excited states contamination $\rightarrow$ one needs to go to large enough source-sink separation $t_s \Rightarrow$ **COSTLY!**



- **Robust statements about excited states only when checking a few analysis methods.**
here: 2-state fit with $t_s/a = 8, 9, 10, 12$ shows full consistency with the 1-state fit at $t_s = 12a$.

Our largest momentum: ≈ 1.4 GeV

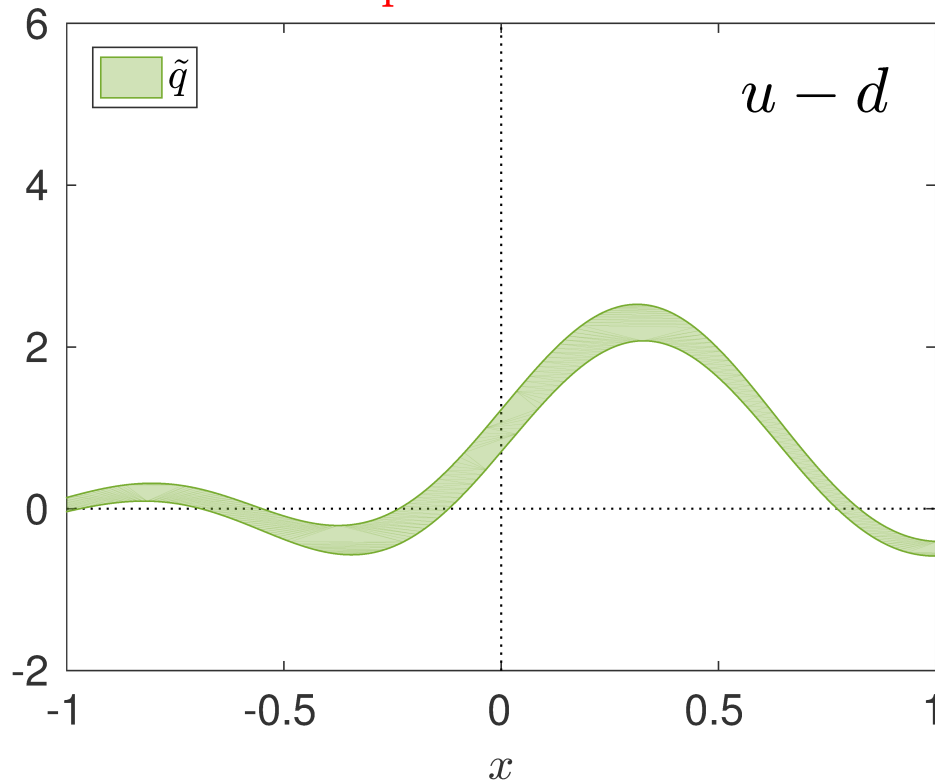
- safely below UV cut-off,
- excited states contamination shown to be smaller than statistical errors.



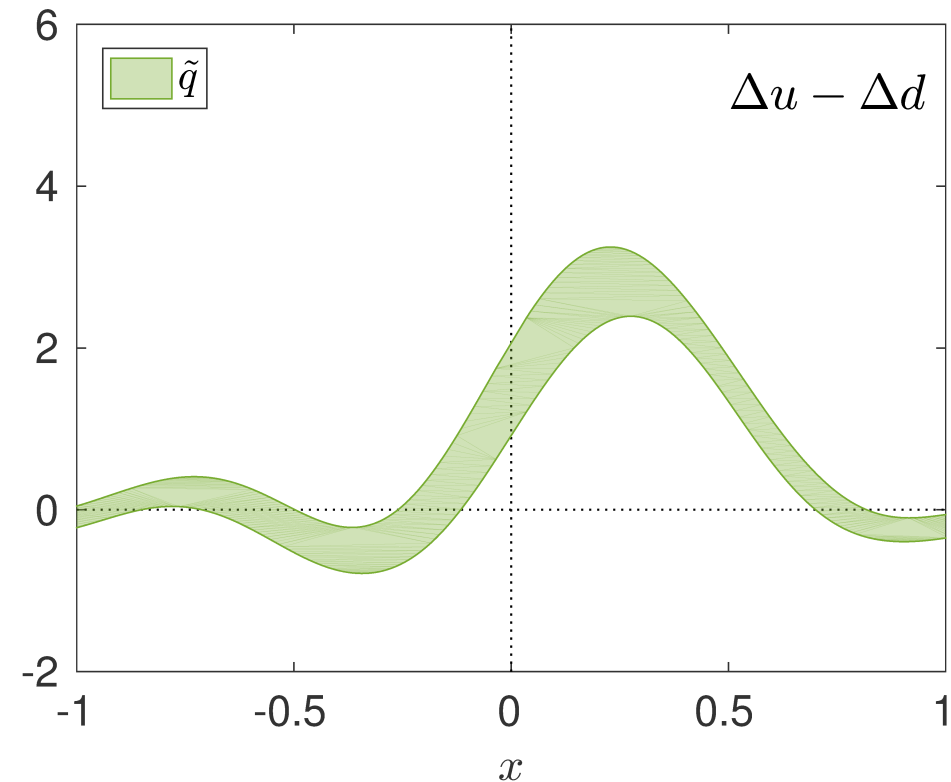
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Nucleon momentum $\frac{10\pi}{48}$, $Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$

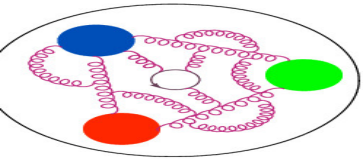
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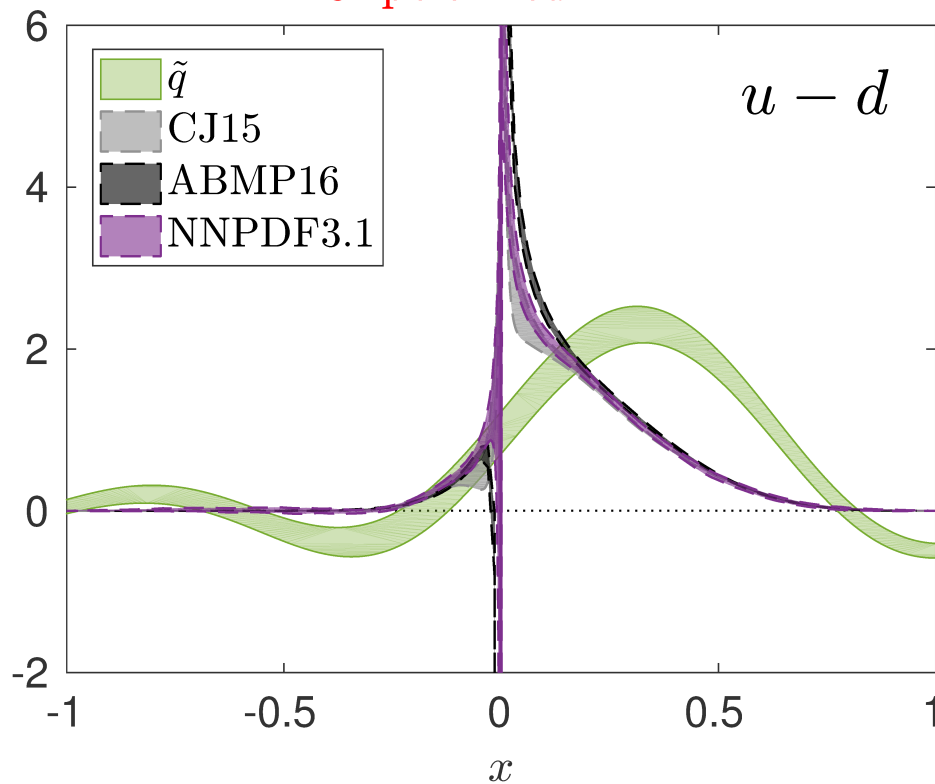


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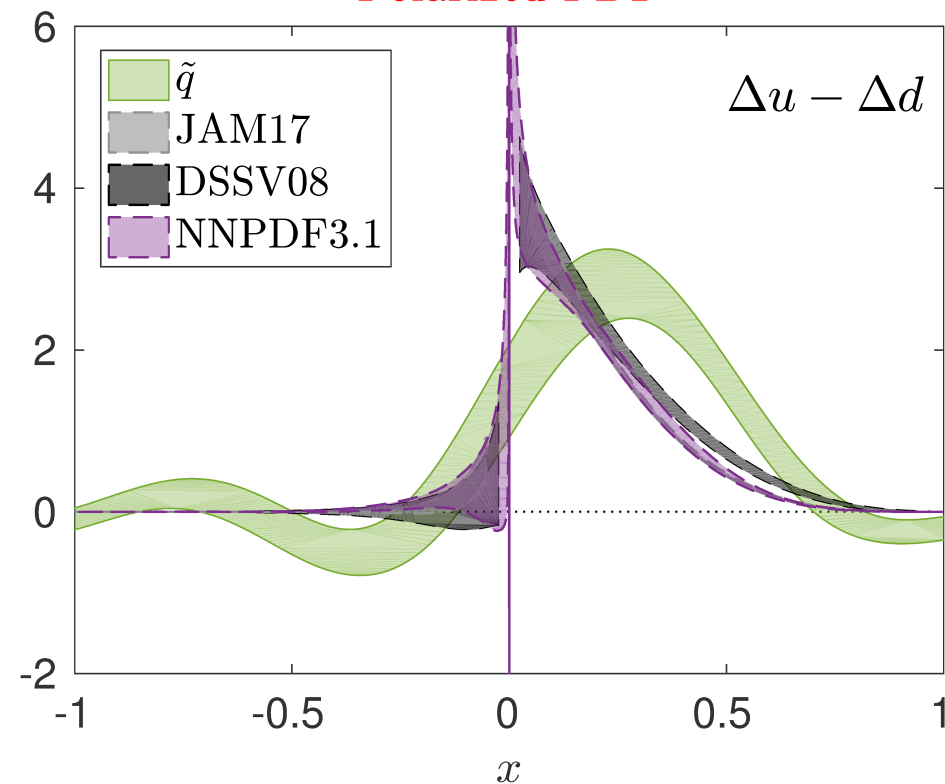


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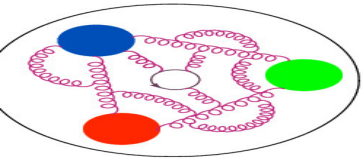
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Matching to light-front PDFs

The matching formula can be expressed as:

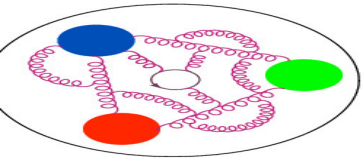
$$q(x, \mu) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\xi}{|\xi|} C \left(\xi, \frac{\mu}{xP_3} \right) \tilde{q} \left(\frac{x}{\xi}, \mu, P_3 \right)$$

C – matching kernel $\overline{\text{MMS}} \rightarrow \overline{\text{MS}}$: [C. Alexandrou et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 121 (2018) 112001]

$$C \left(\xi, \frac{\xi\mu}{xP_3} \right) = \delta(1 - \xi) + \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \begin{cases} \left[\frac{1 + \xi^2}{1 - \xi} \ln \frac{\xi}{\xi - 1} + 1 + \frac{3}{2\xi} \right]_+ & \xi > 1, \\ \left[\frac{1 + \xi^2}{1 - \xi} \ln \frac{x^2 P_3^2}{\xi^2 \mu^2} (4\xi(1 - \xi)) - \frac{\xi(1 + \xi)}{1 - \xi} + 2\iota(1 - \xi) \right]_+ & 0 < \xi < 1, \\ \left[-\frac{1 + \xi^2}{1 - \xi} \ln \frac{\xi}{\xi - 1} - 1 + \frac{3}{2(1 - \xi)} \right]_+ & \xi < 0, \end{cases}$$

$\iota=0$ for γ_0 and $\iota=1$ for $\gamma_3/\gamma_5\gamma_3$.

- Additional subtractions with respect to $\overline{\text{MS}}$ – made outside the physical region of the unintegrated vertex corrections.
- Thus, needs modified renormalization scheme for input quasi-PDF $\rightarrow \overline{\text{MMS}}$ scheme.
- In this procedure, vector current is **conserved**.

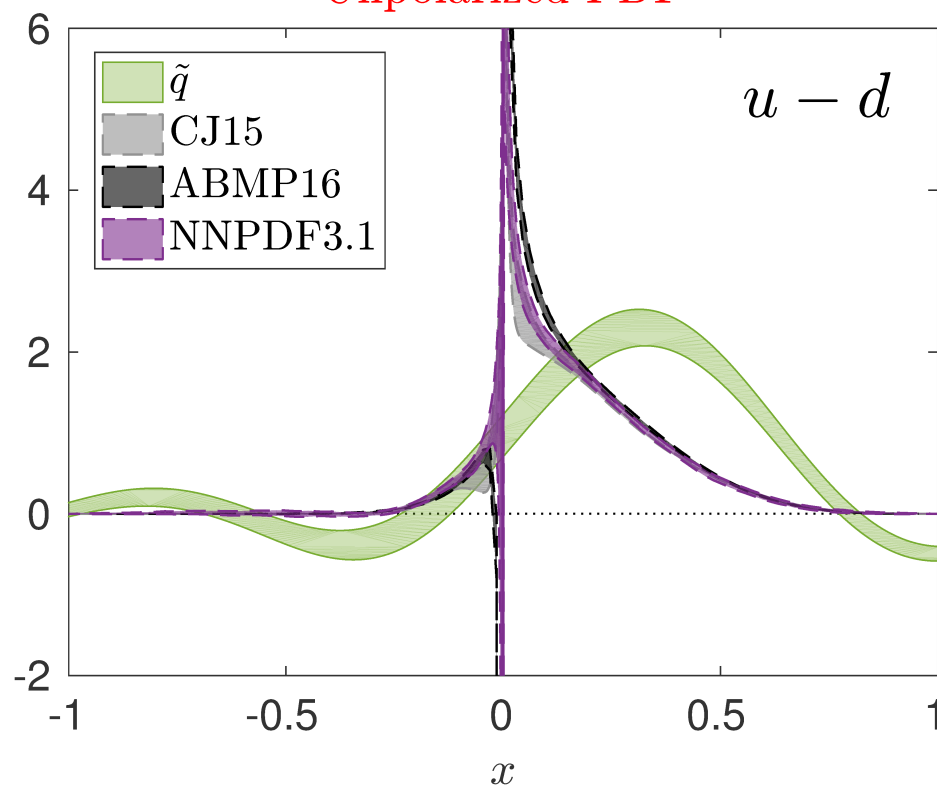


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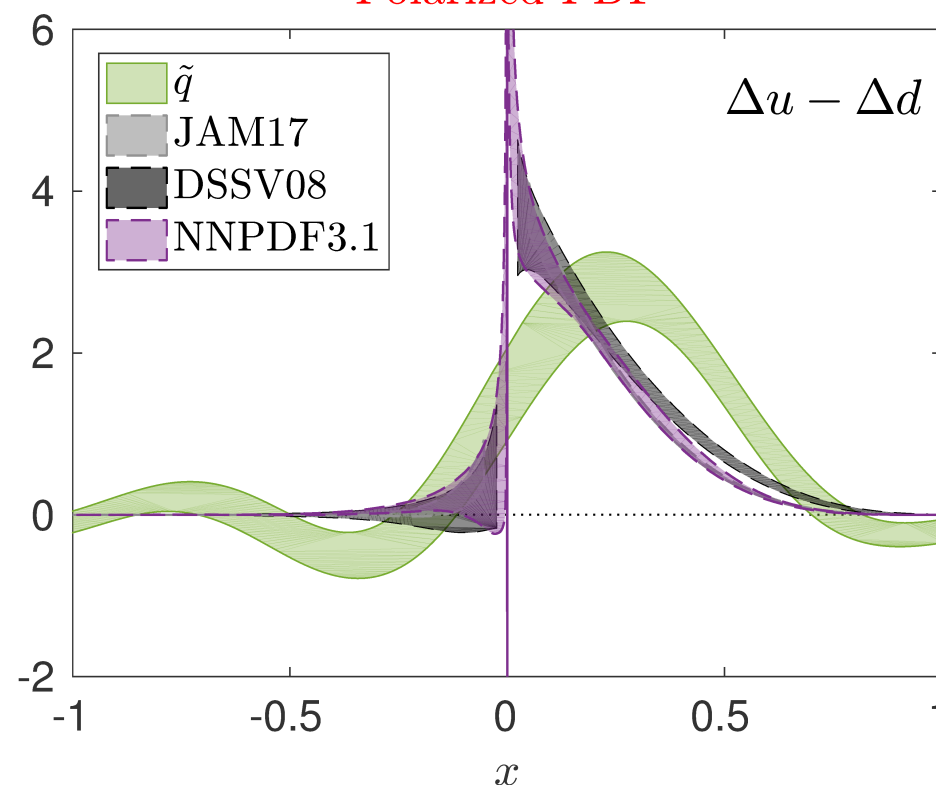


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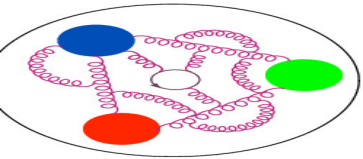
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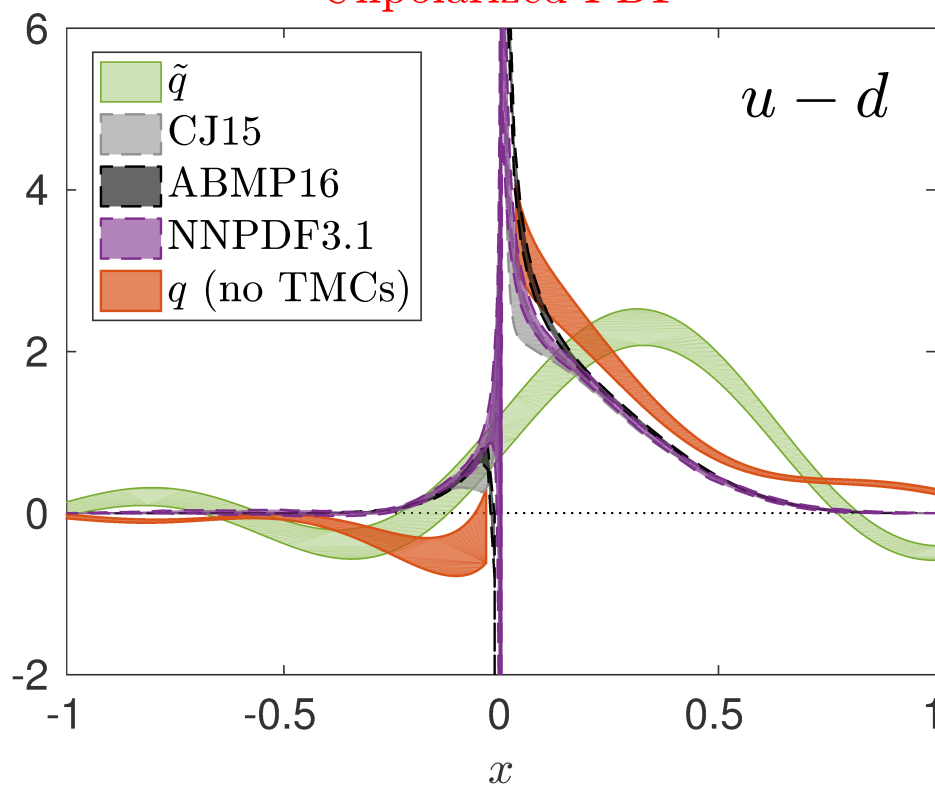


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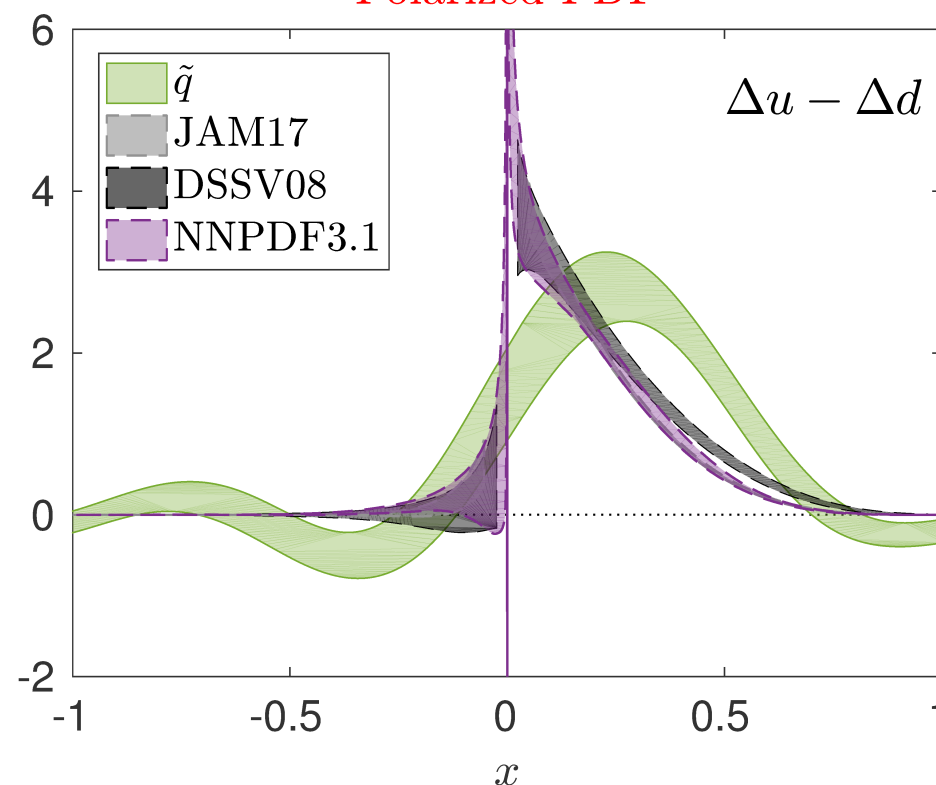


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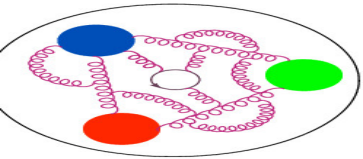
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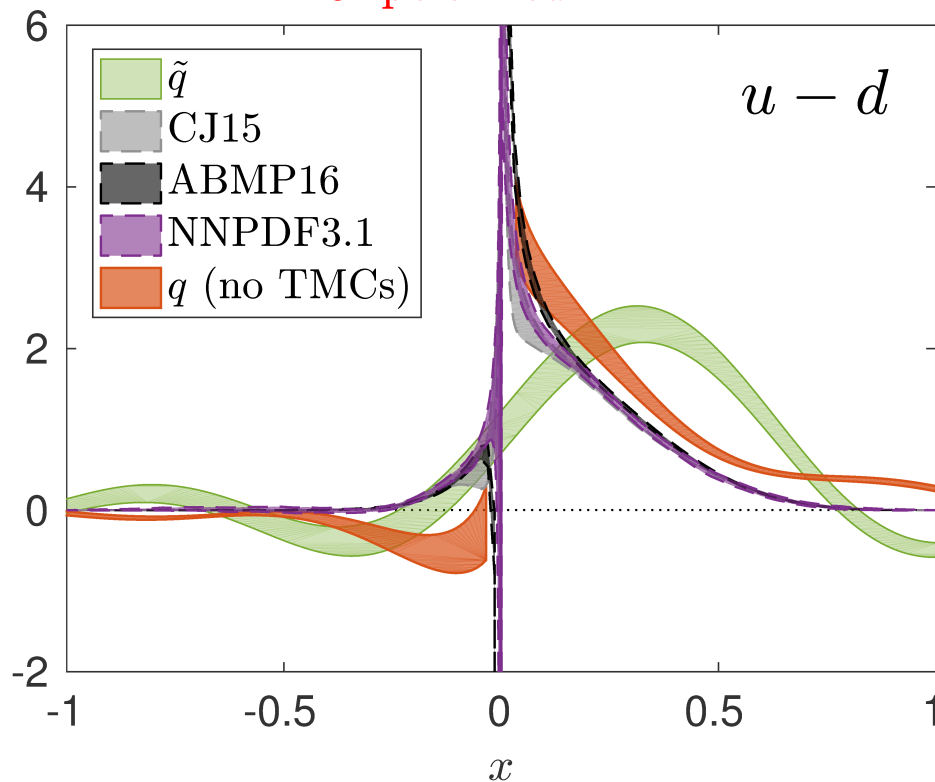
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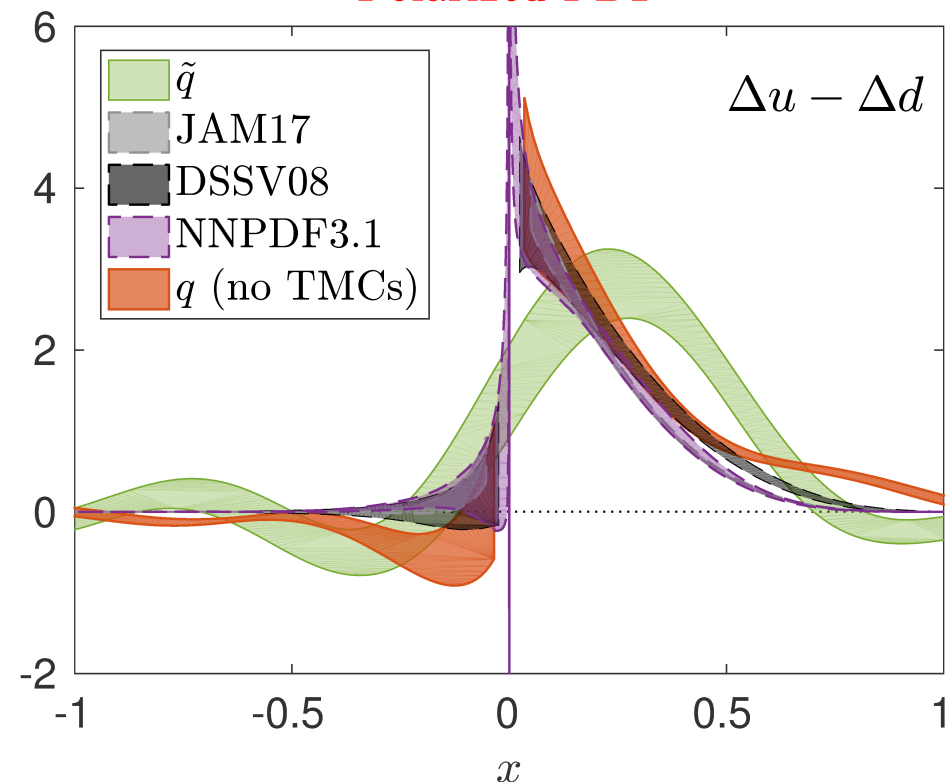
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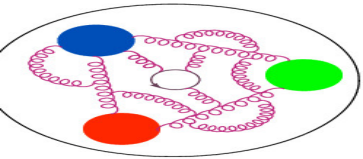
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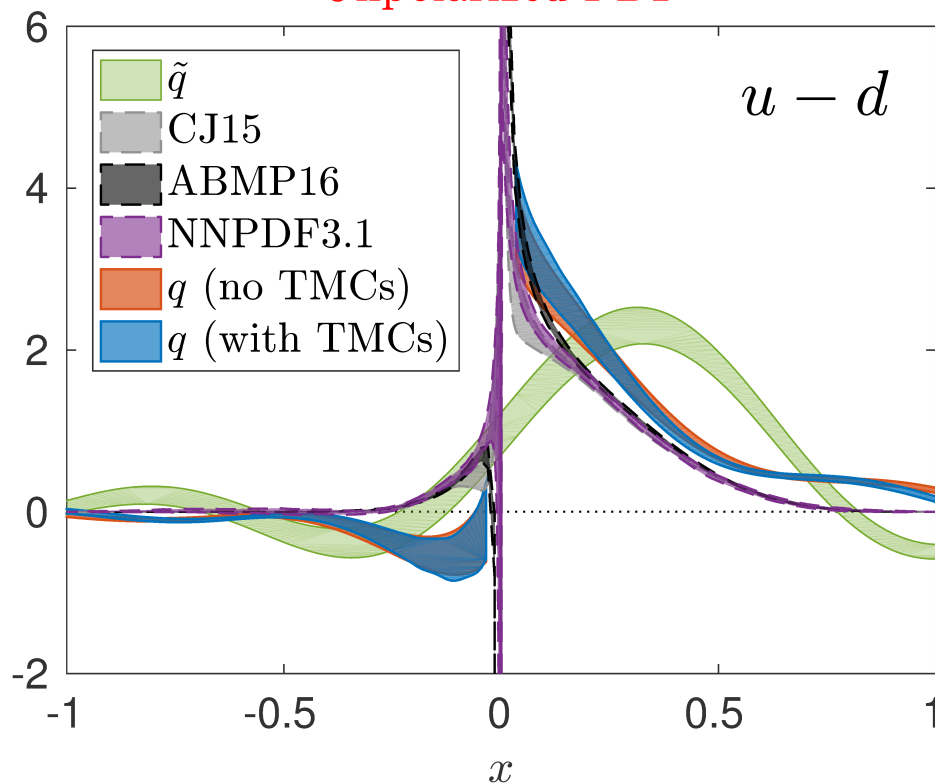


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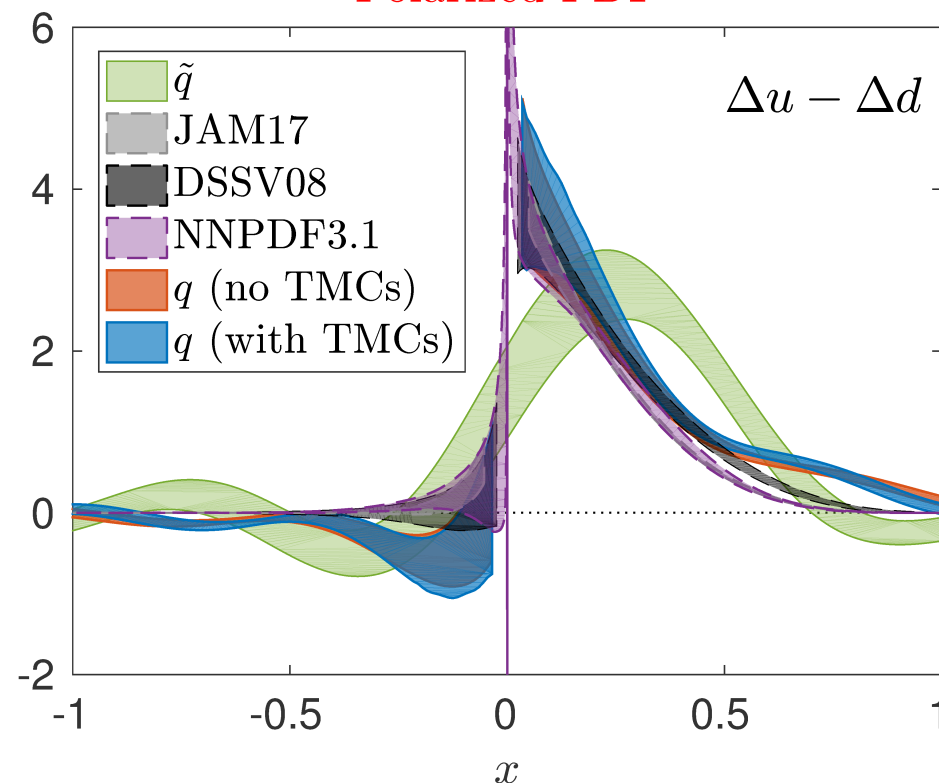


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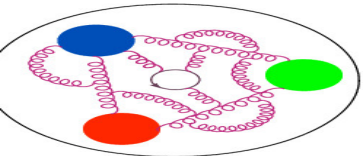
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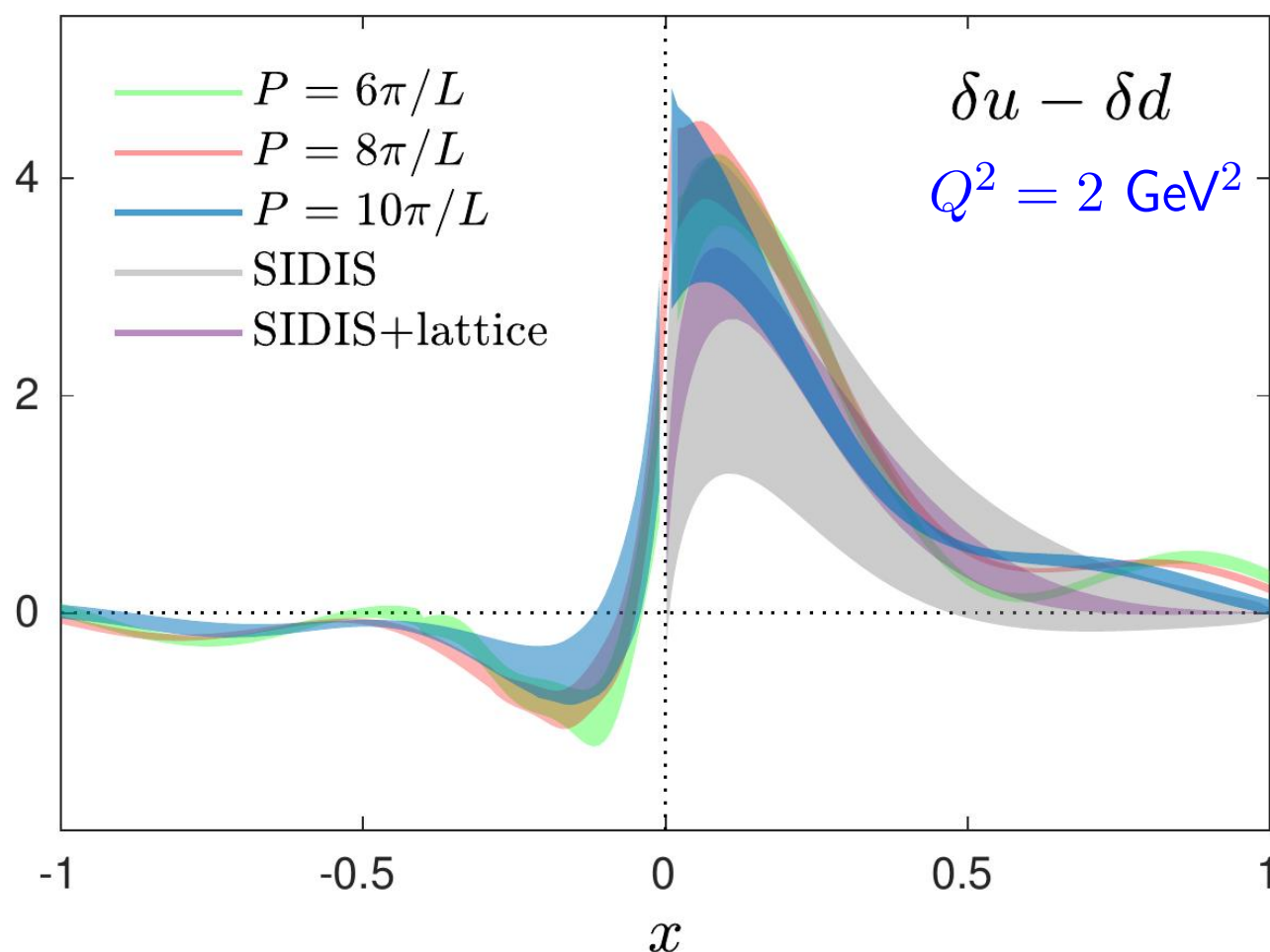
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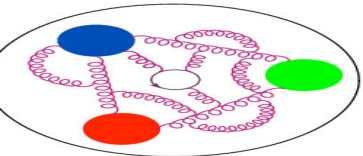
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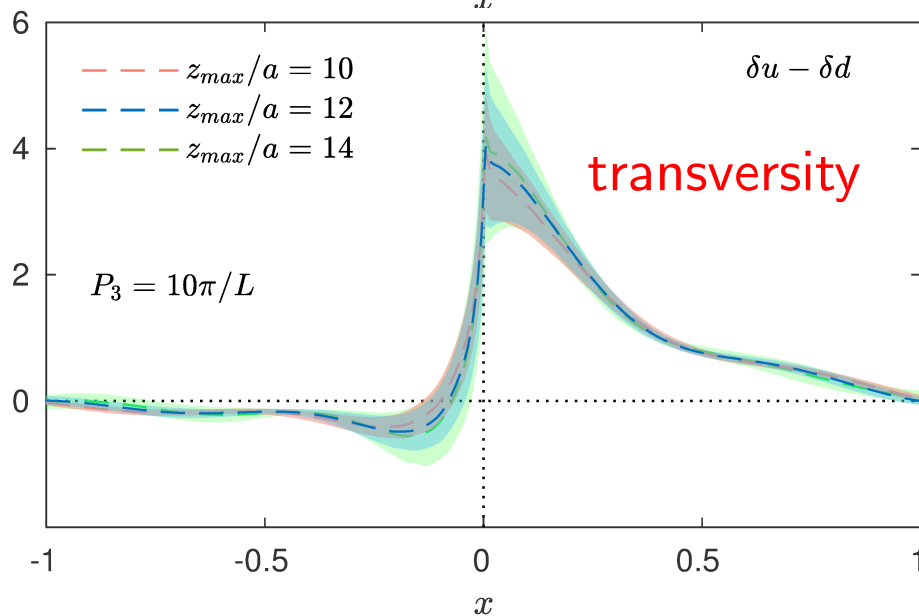
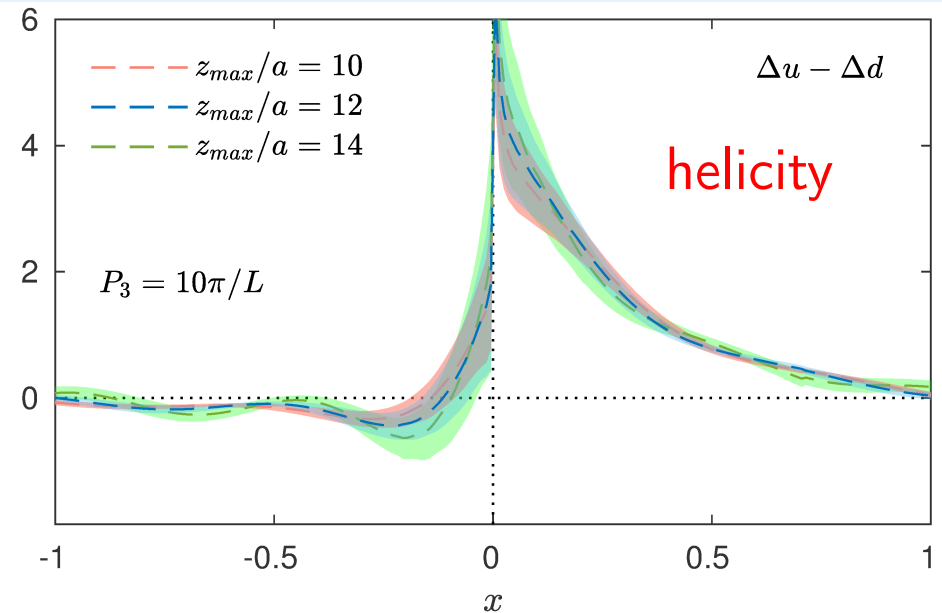
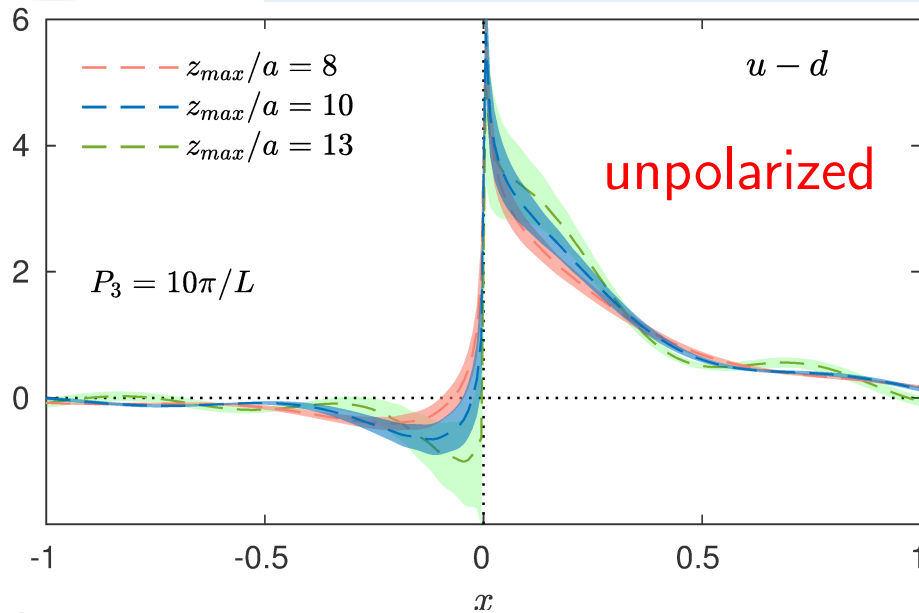
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Statistical precision already much better than the precision of phenomenological fits from SIDIS: JAM Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120 (2018) 152502



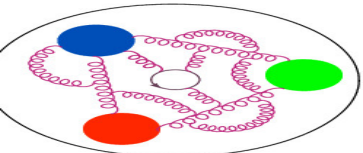
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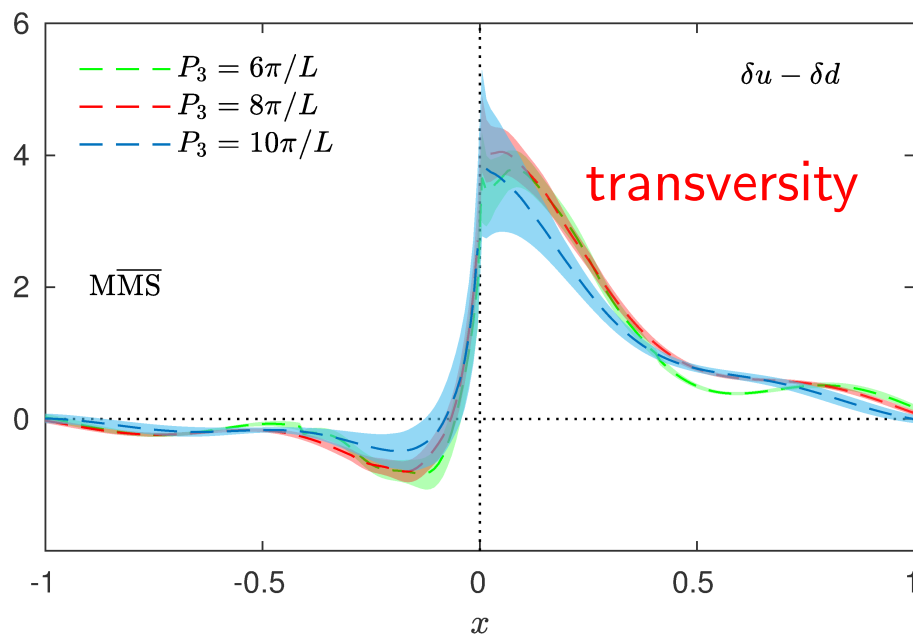
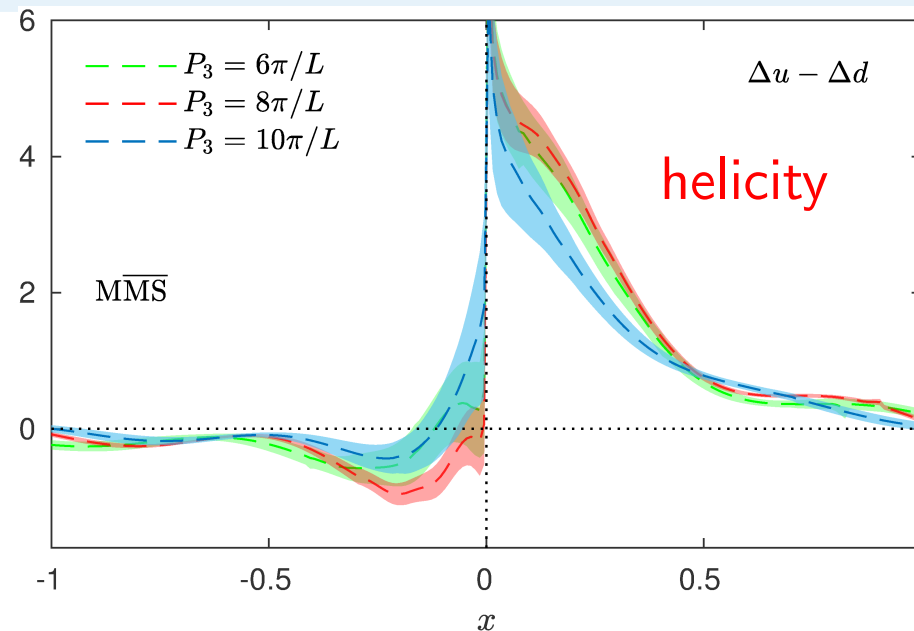
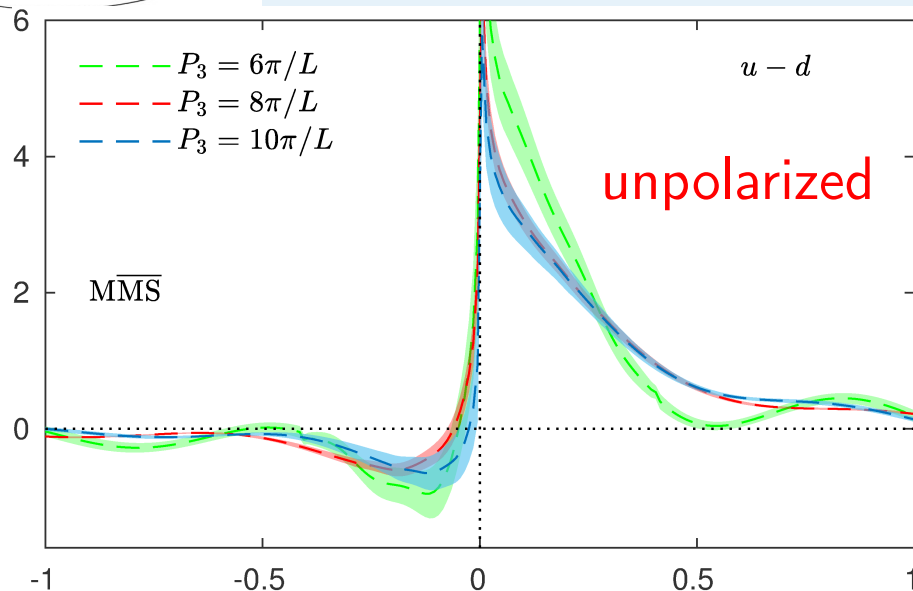
Nucleon momentum $\frac{10\pi}{48}$

Needs the use of advanced
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J. Karpie et al., JHEP 1904 (2019) 057

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Momentum dependence of final PDFs



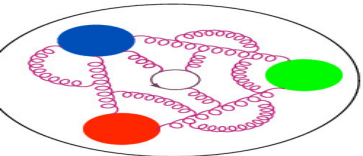
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Results seem to indicate convergence
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Expected HTE:

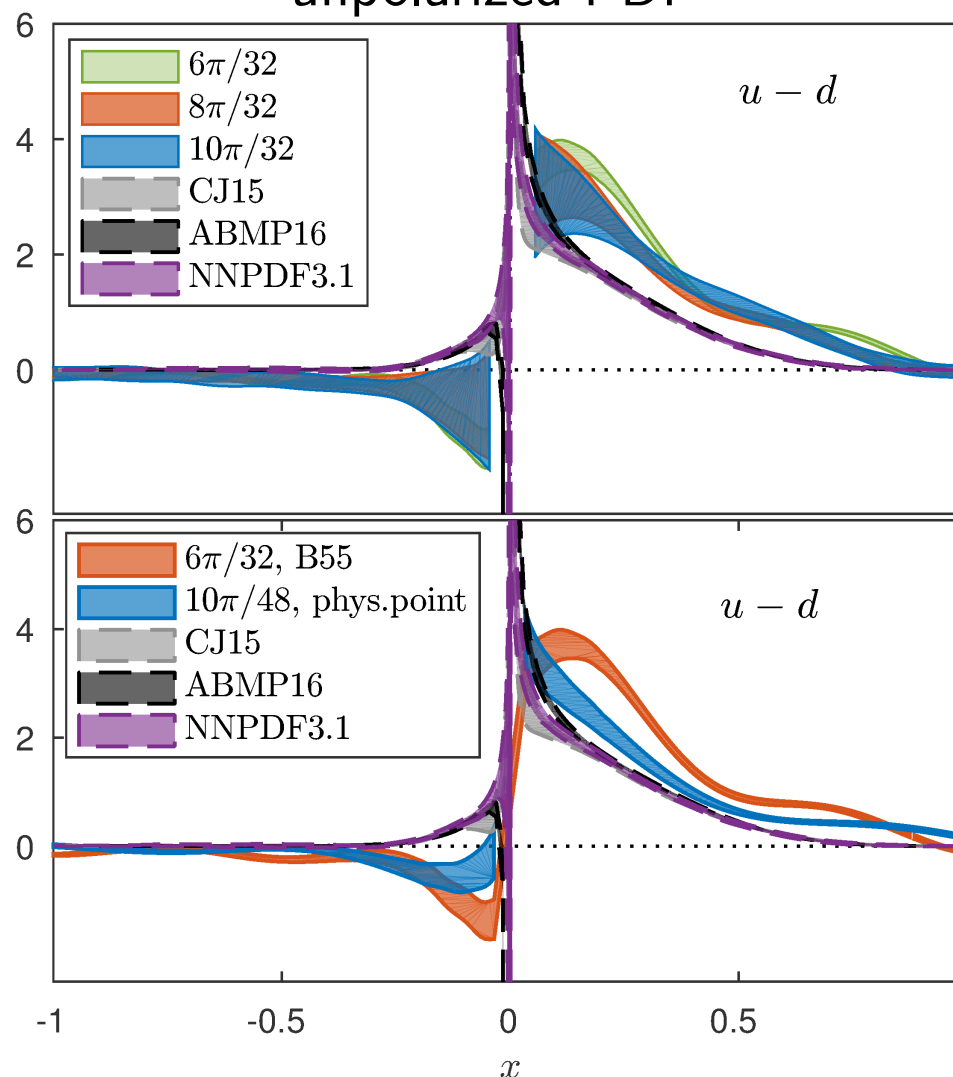
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Comparison with non-physical pion mass

Physical vs. non-physical pion mass – 135 vs. 375 MeV
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