



Tackling The Real-Time Challenge In Strongly Correlated Systems: Spectral Properties From Euclidean Path Integrals  
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# Parton Distribution Functions

from Euclidean Correlation functions

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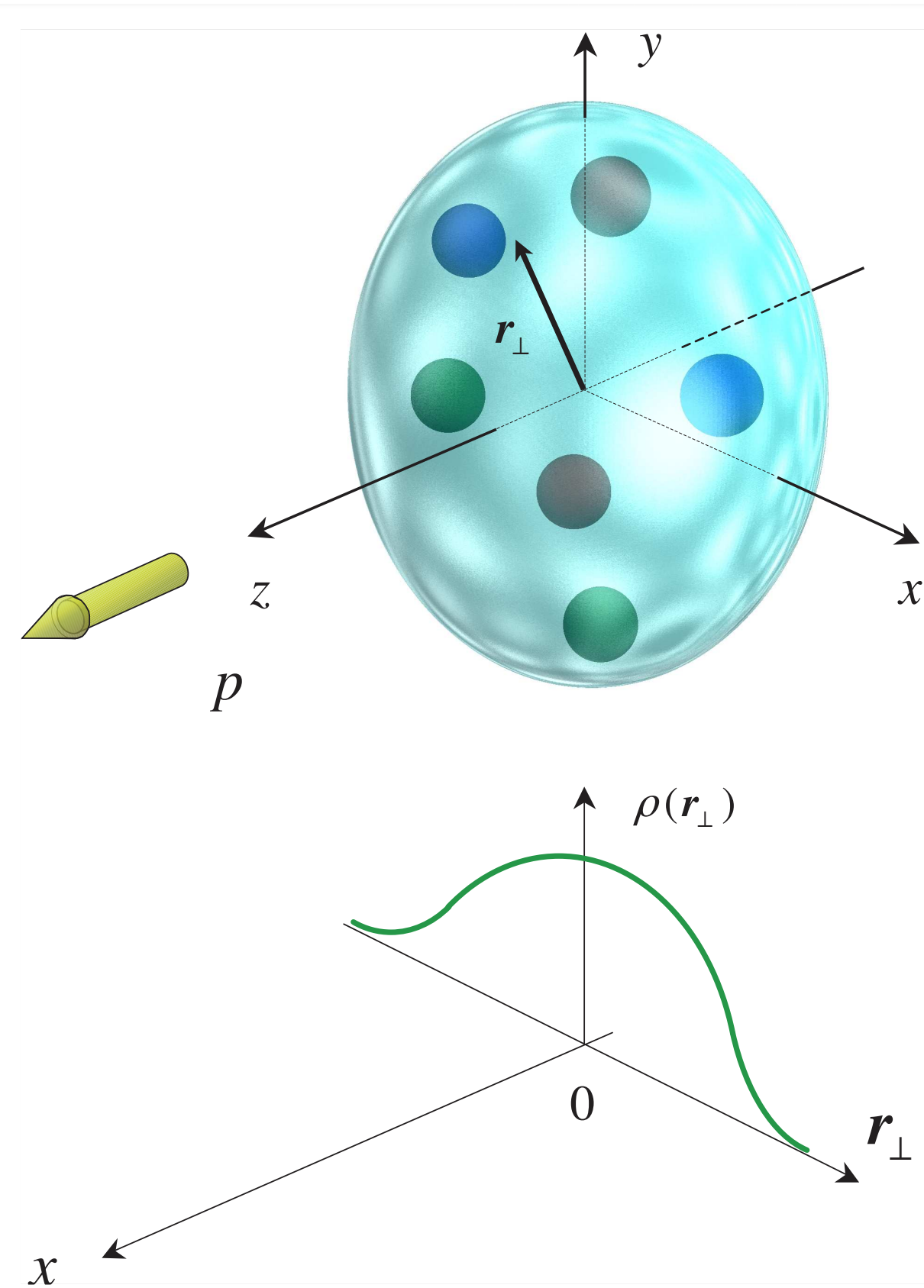
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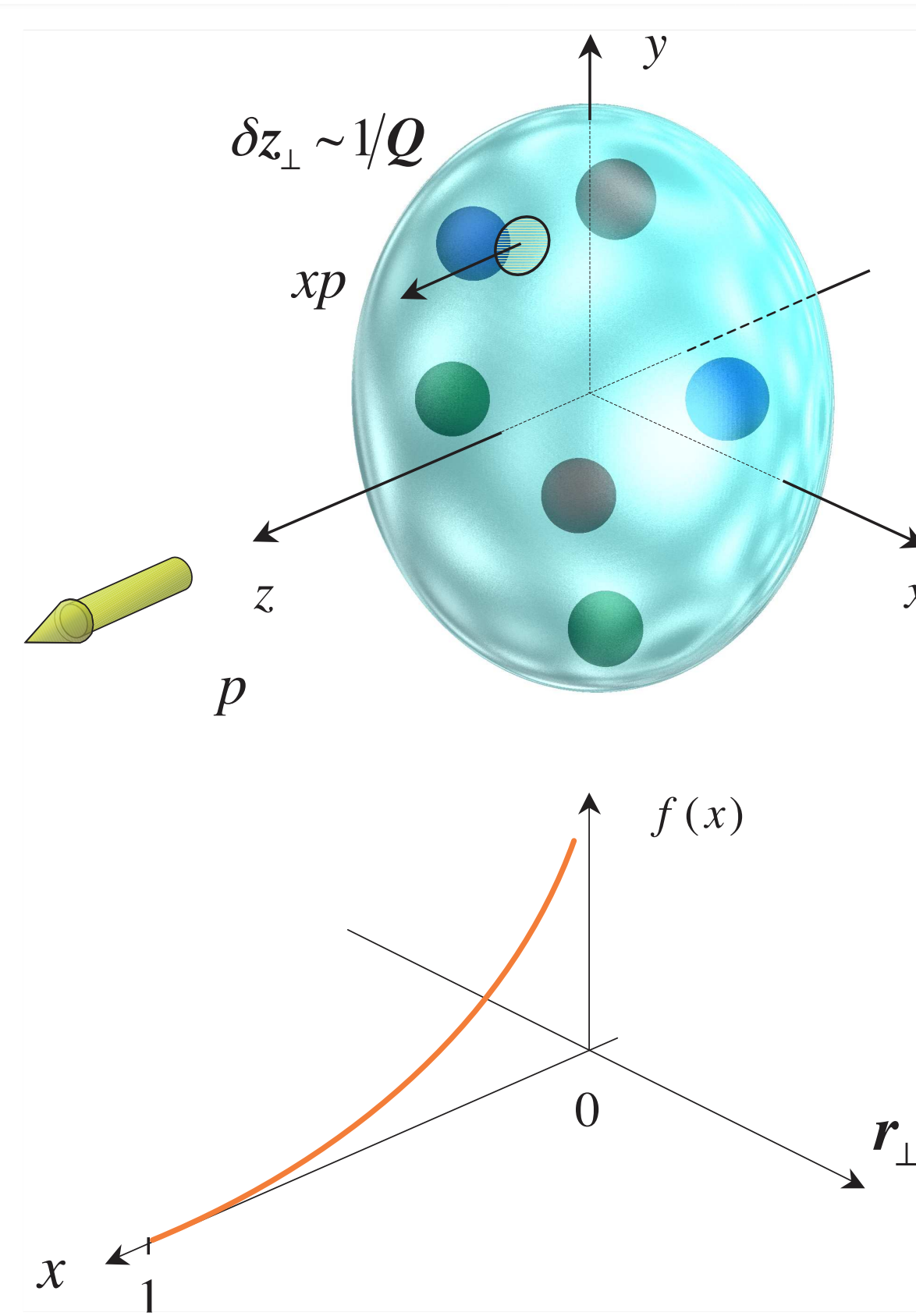




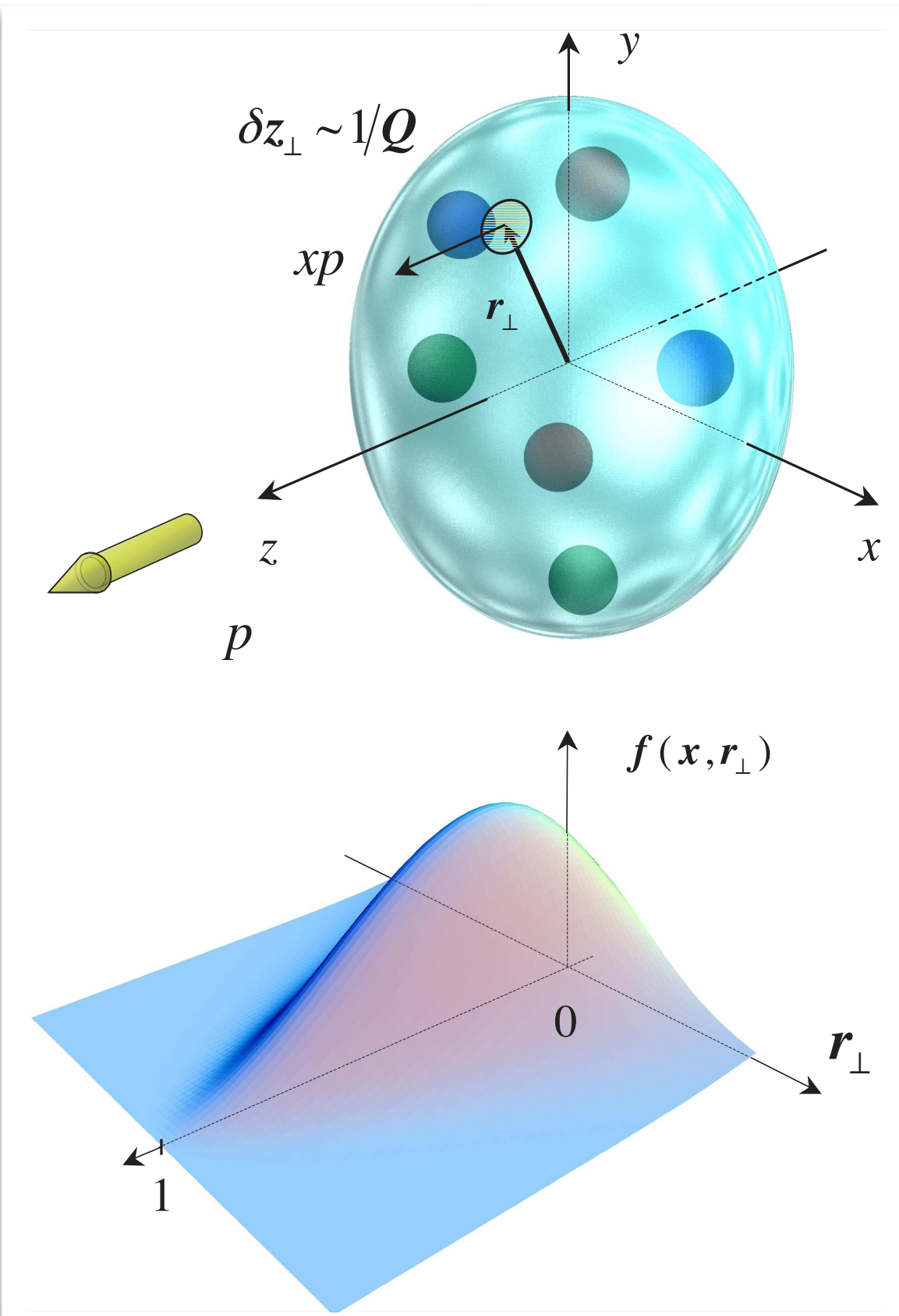
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Form Factors



Parton Distribution  
functions

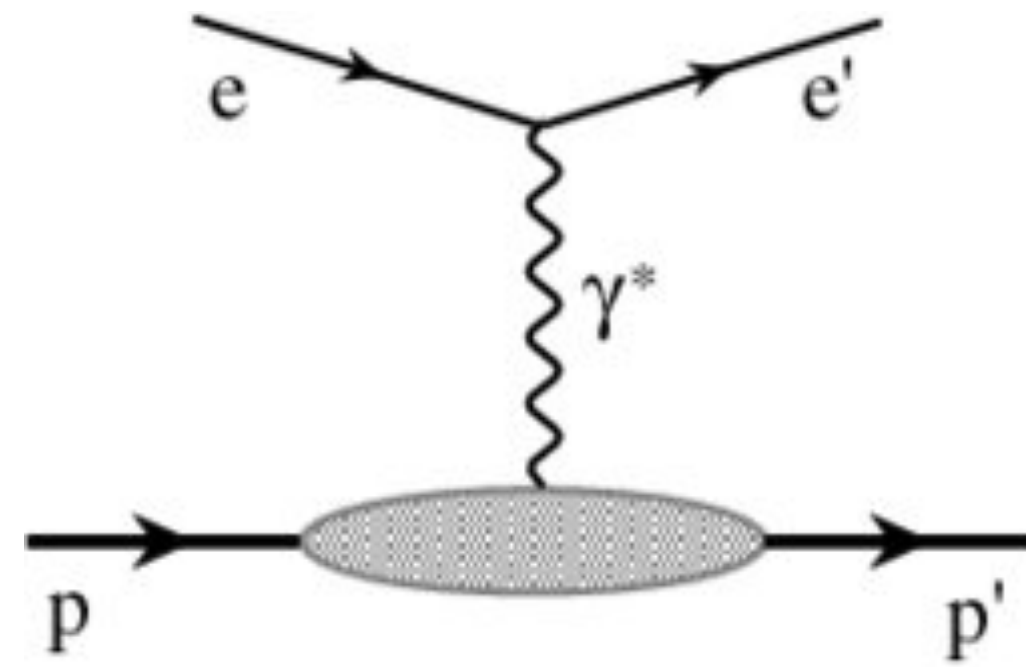


Generalized Parton  
Distribution functions

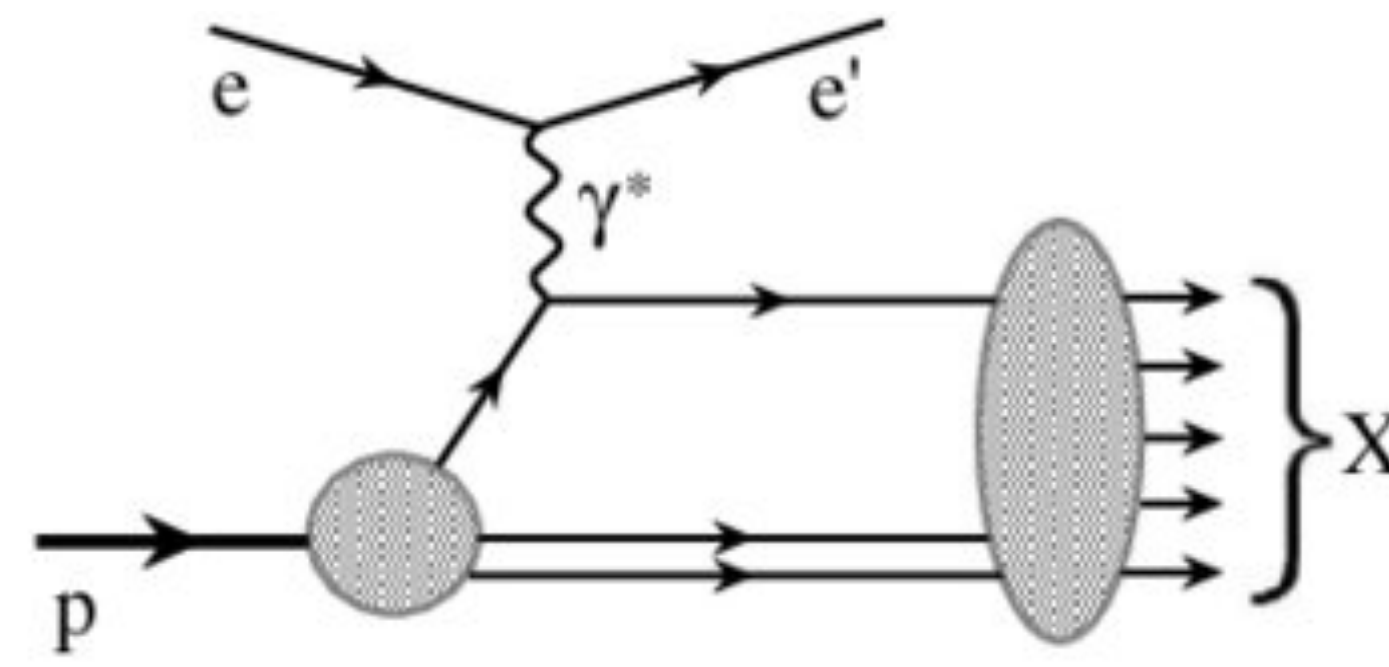
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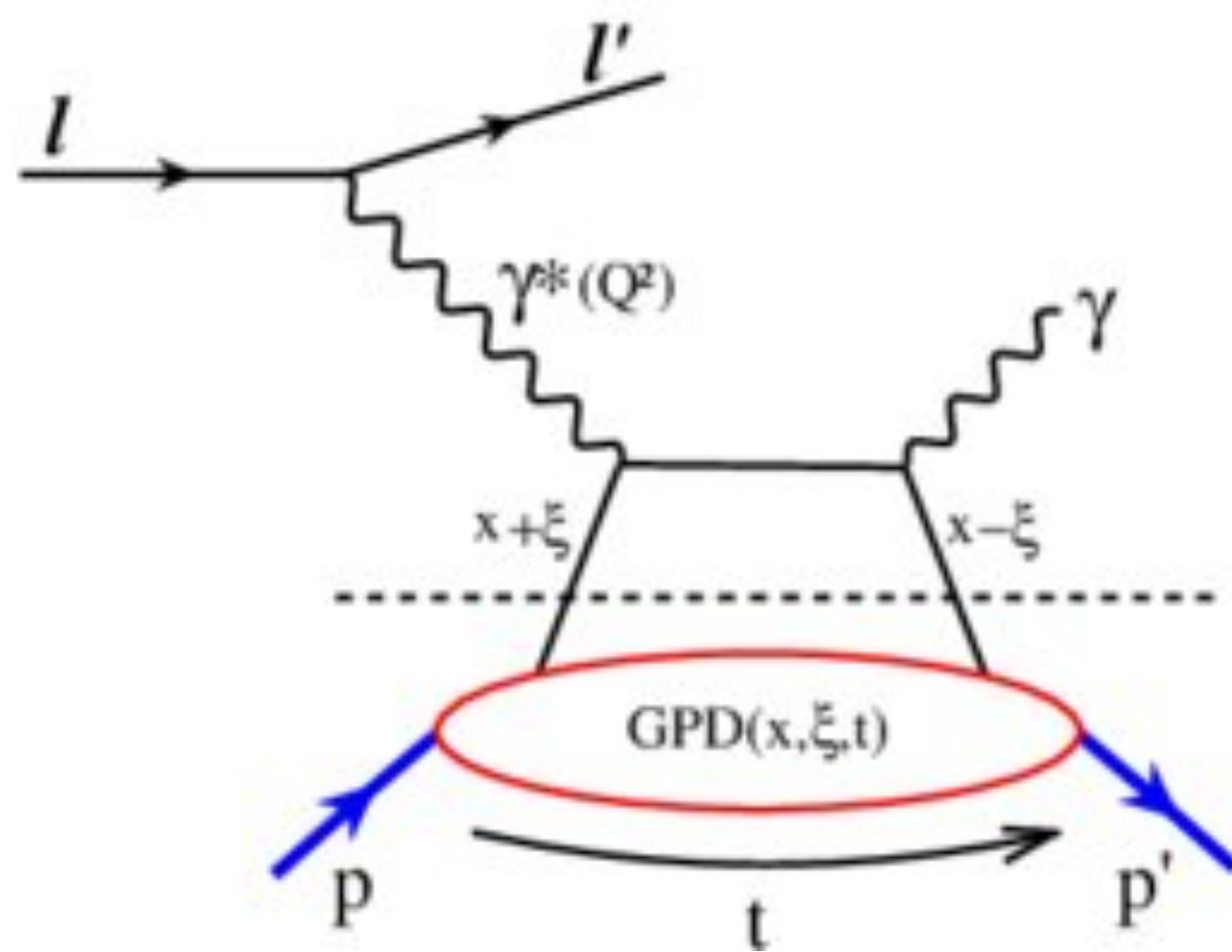
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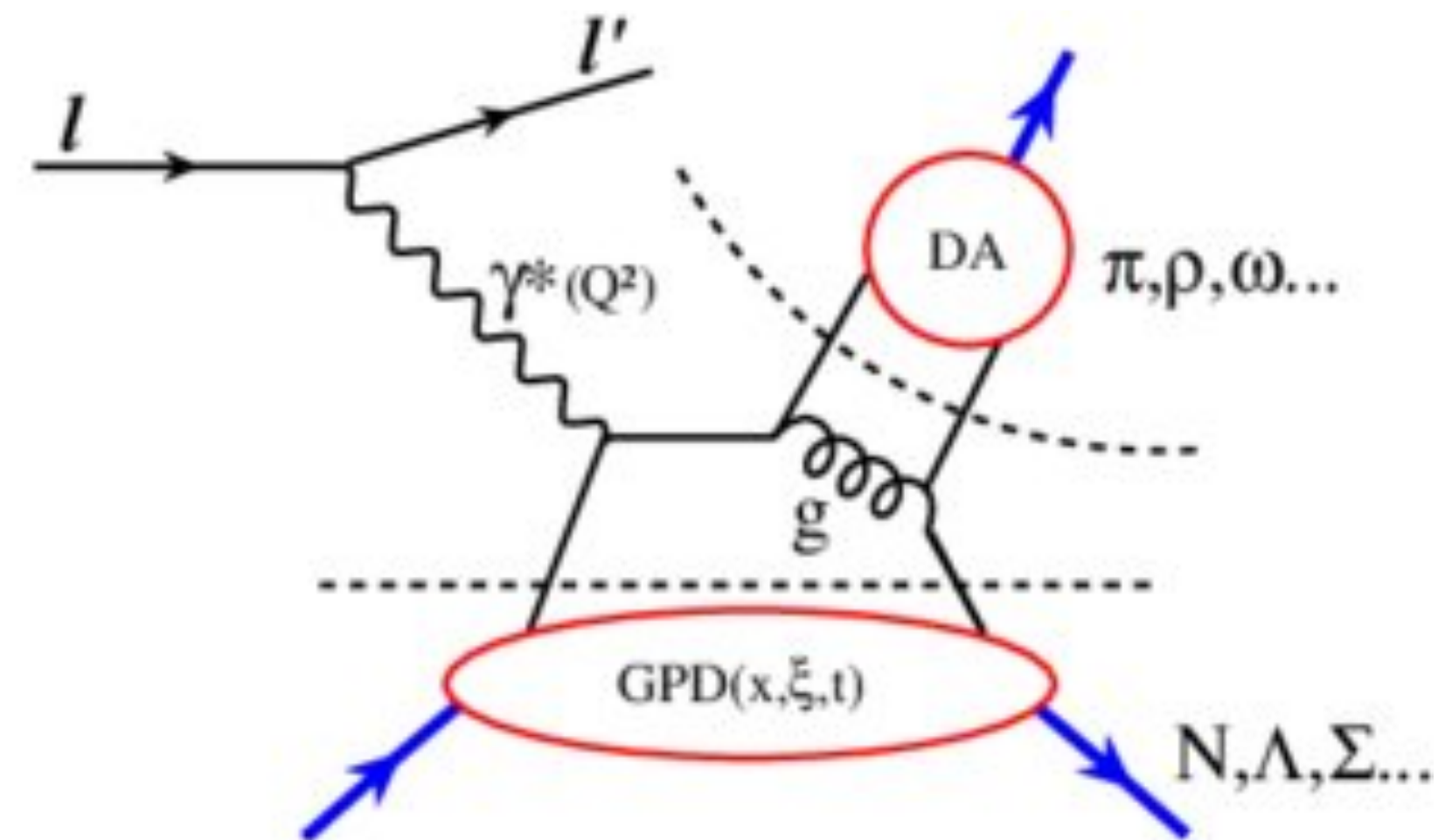
Elastic scattering: Form factor



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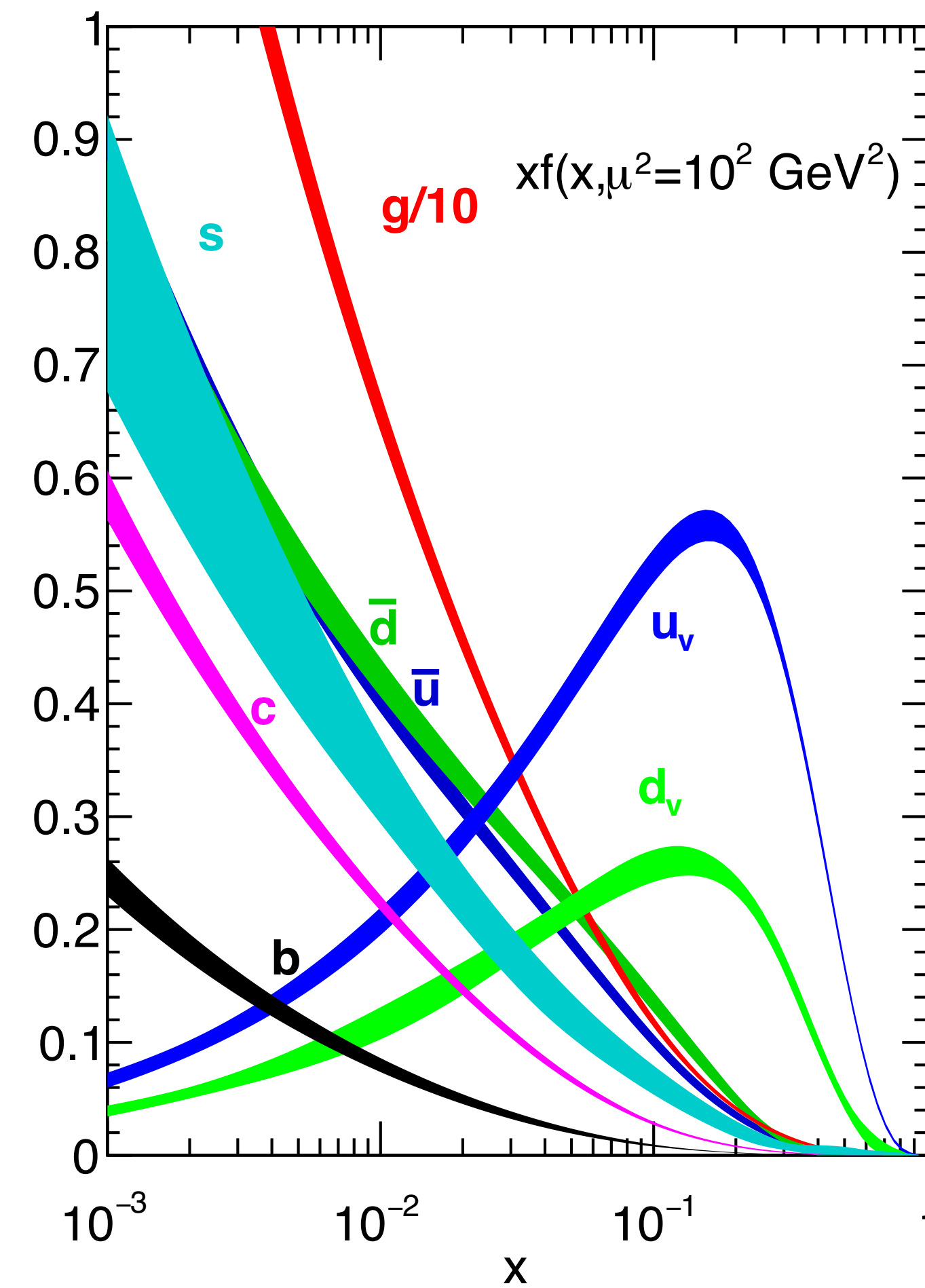
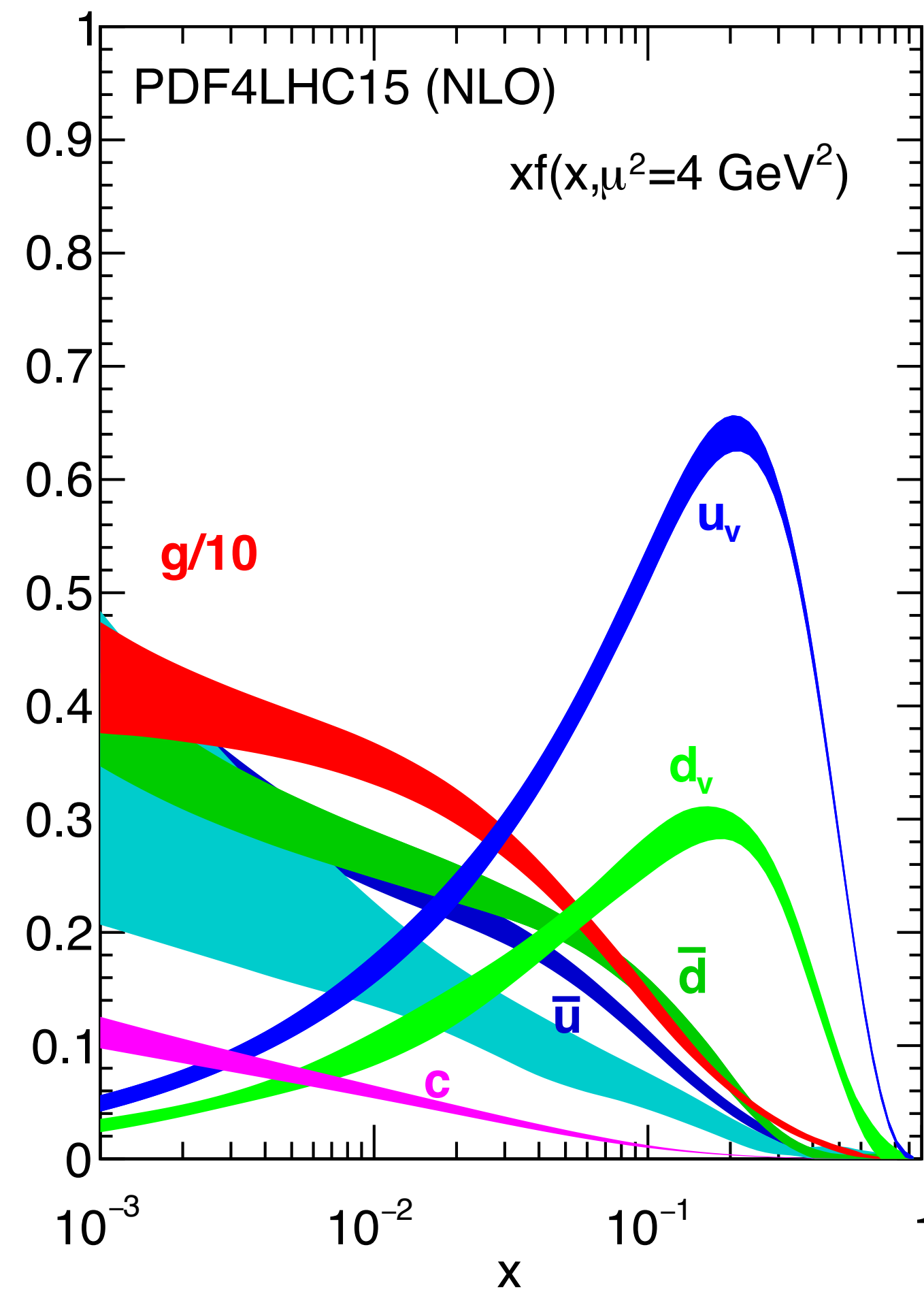


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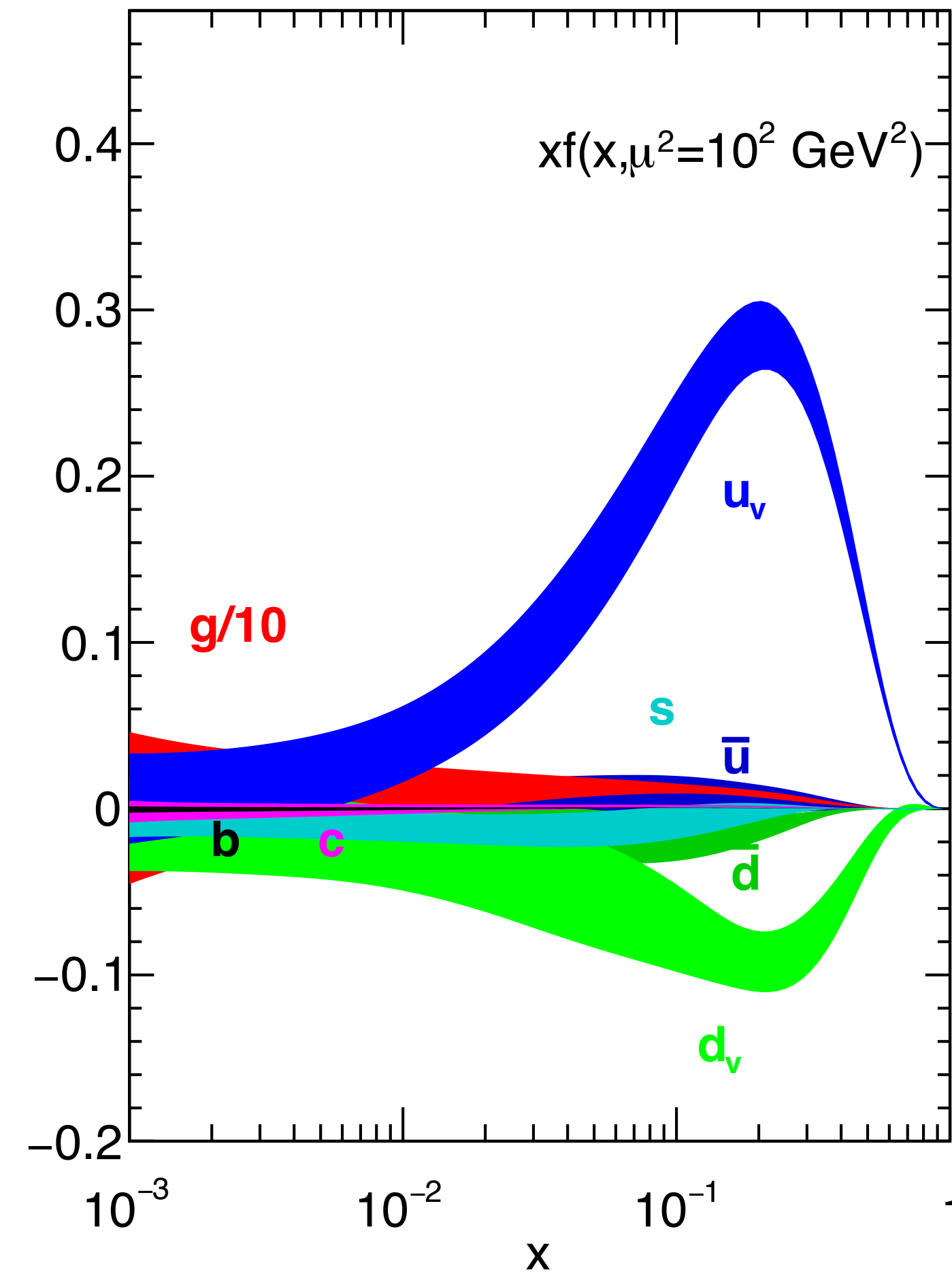
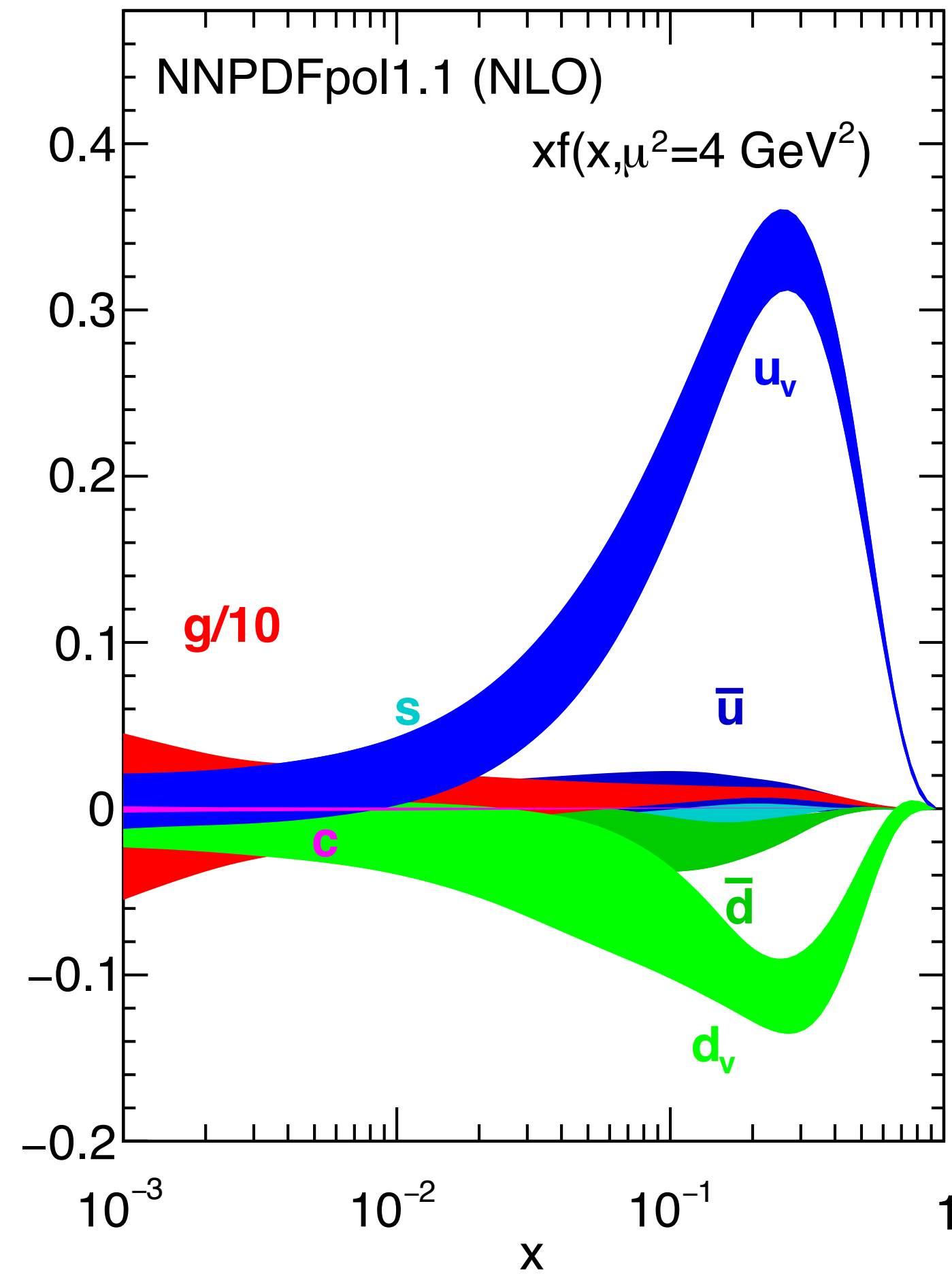


# Determination of Parton distribution functions from Experiment



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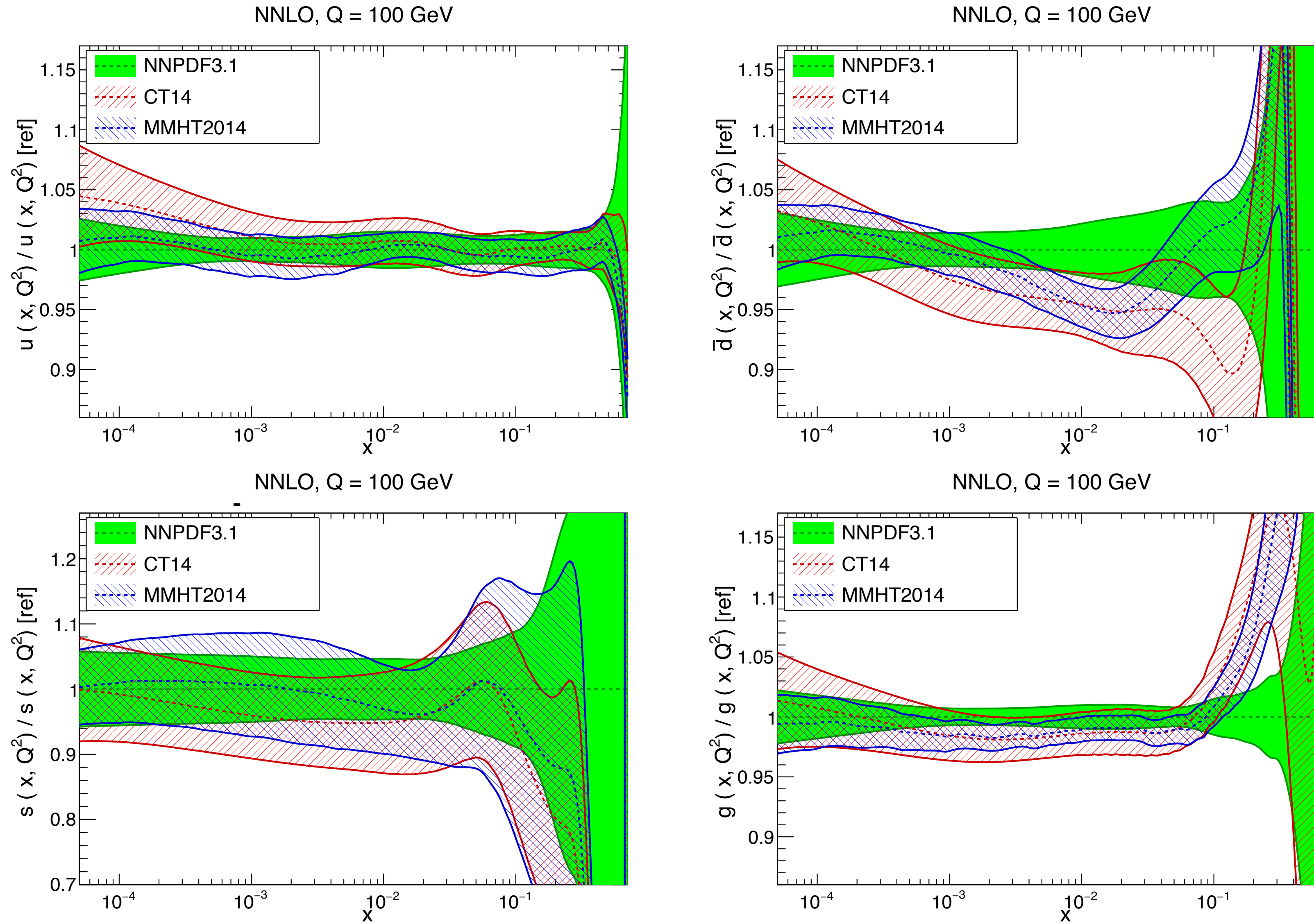
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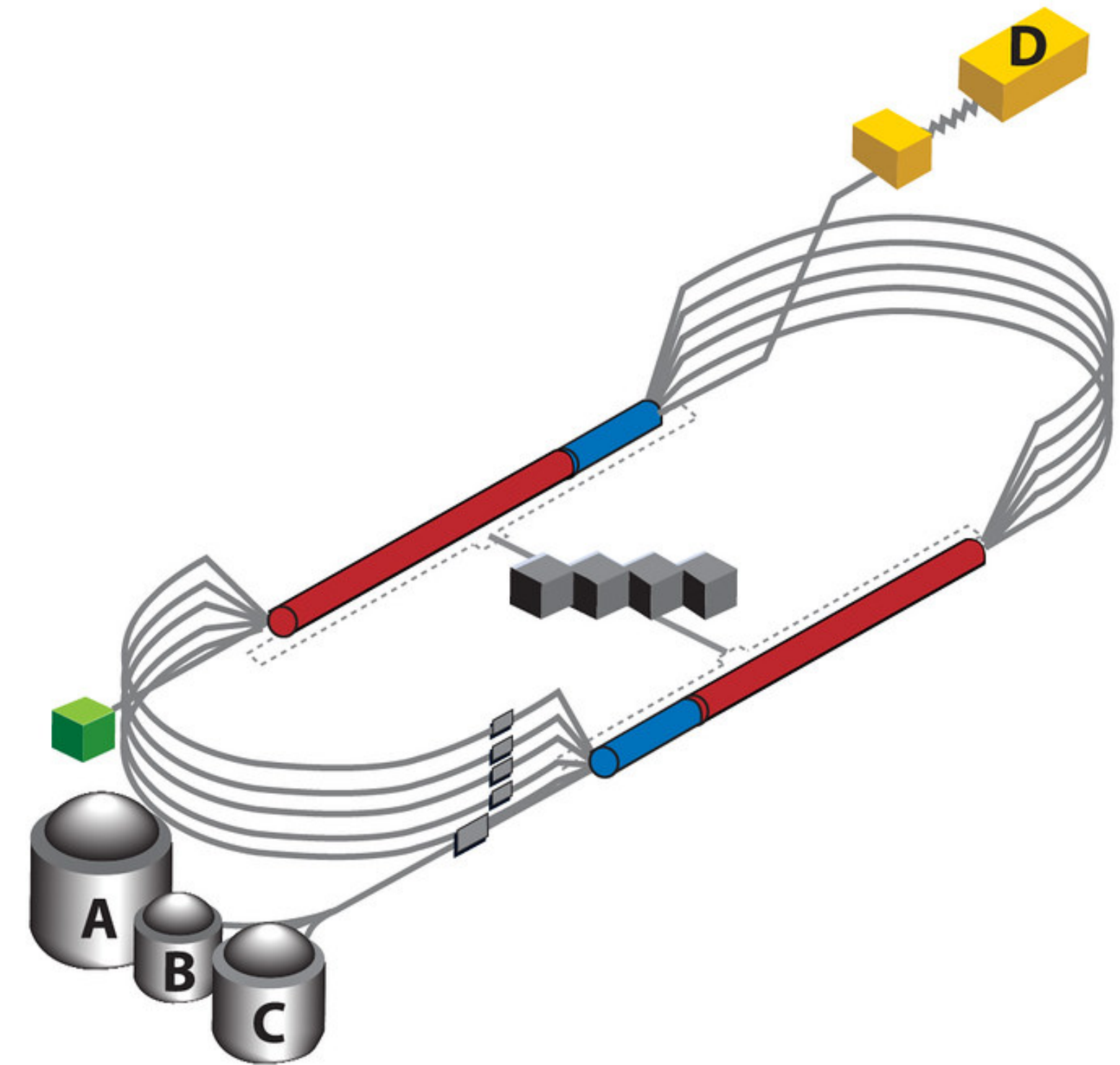
**Parton distributions and lattice QCD calculations: a community white paper**

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## Generalized Parton Distributions





# The Electron-Ion Collider

A machine that will unlock the secrets of the strongest force in Nature

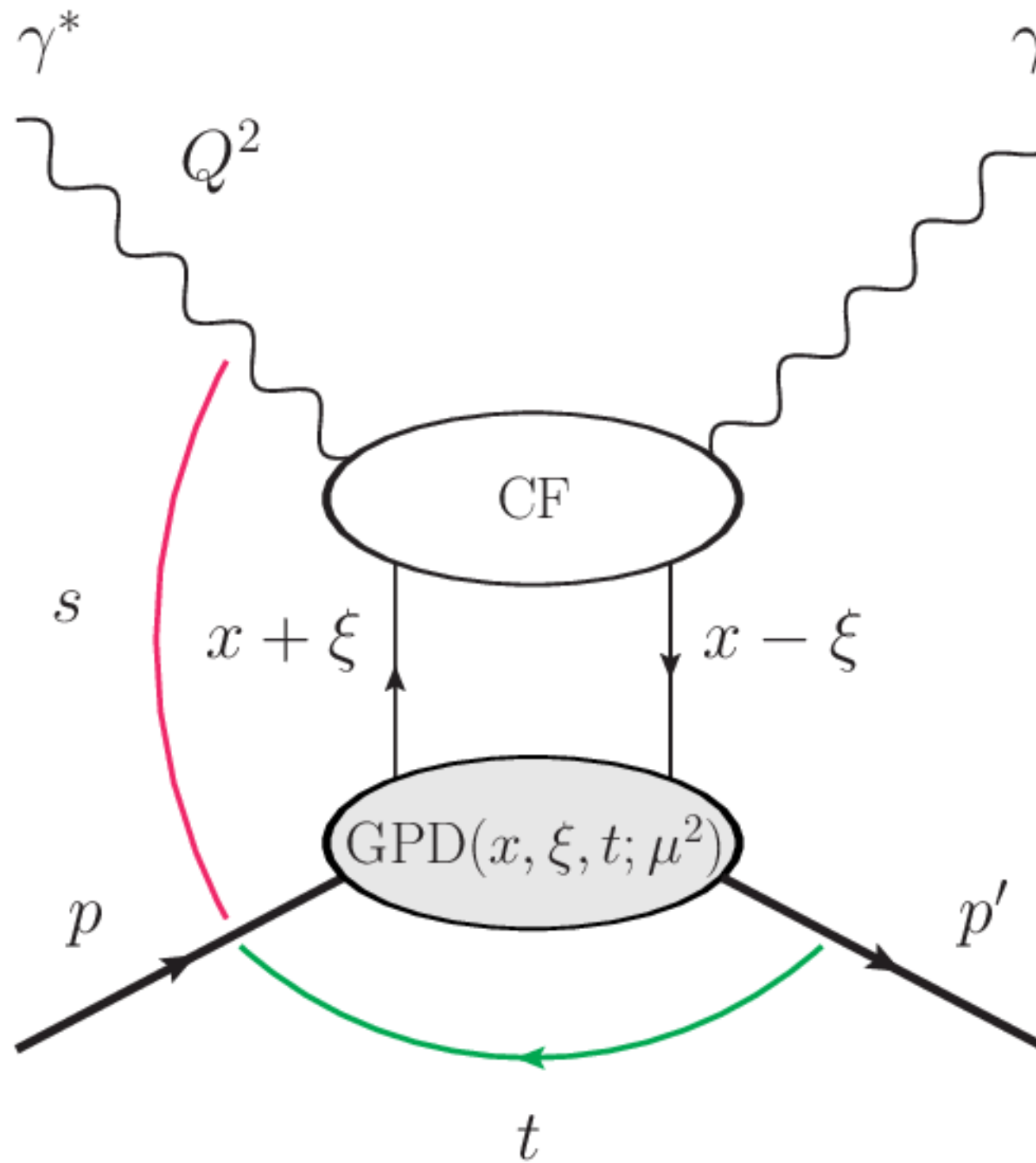


The computers and smartphones we use every day depend on what we learned about the atom in the last century. All information technology—and much of our economy today—relies on understanding the electromagnetic force between the atomic nucleus and the electrons that orbit it. The science of that force is well understood but we still know little about the microcosm within the protons and neutrons that make up the atomic nucleus. That's why Brookhaven Lab is building a new machine—an Electron-Ion Collider, or EIC—to look *inside* the nucleus and its protons and neutrons.

The EIC will be a particle accelerator that collides electrons with protons and nuclei to produce snapshots of those particles' internal structure—like a CT scanner for atoms. The electron beam will reveal the arrangement of the quarks and gluons that make up the protons and neutrons of nuclei. The force that holds quarks together, carried by the gluons, is the strongest force in Nature. The EIC will allow us to study this “strong nuclear force” and the role of gluons in the matter within and all around us. What we learn from the EIC could power the technologies of tomorrow.



# DVCS factorization



$$\mathcal{F}(\xi, t, Q^2) = \int_{-1}^1 dx C(x, \xi, a_s(\mu), Q/\mu) G(x, \xi, t, \mu)$$

Ill-defined inverse problem  $\rightarrow$  Lattice QCD computations are essential



# Summary

- Recent developments have made it possible for lattice QCD to compute the  $x$  dependence of PDFs, GPDs, and TMDs
- Nuclear Femtography
- Jlab 12GeV program : Next 10 years or so
- Computational challenge
- Data analysis challenge
- Solution of the inverse problem at hand
  - Lattice QCD computations are essential



X. Ji, Phys.Rev.Lett. 110, (2013)

Y.-Q. Ma J.-W. Qiu (2014) arXiv:1404.6860

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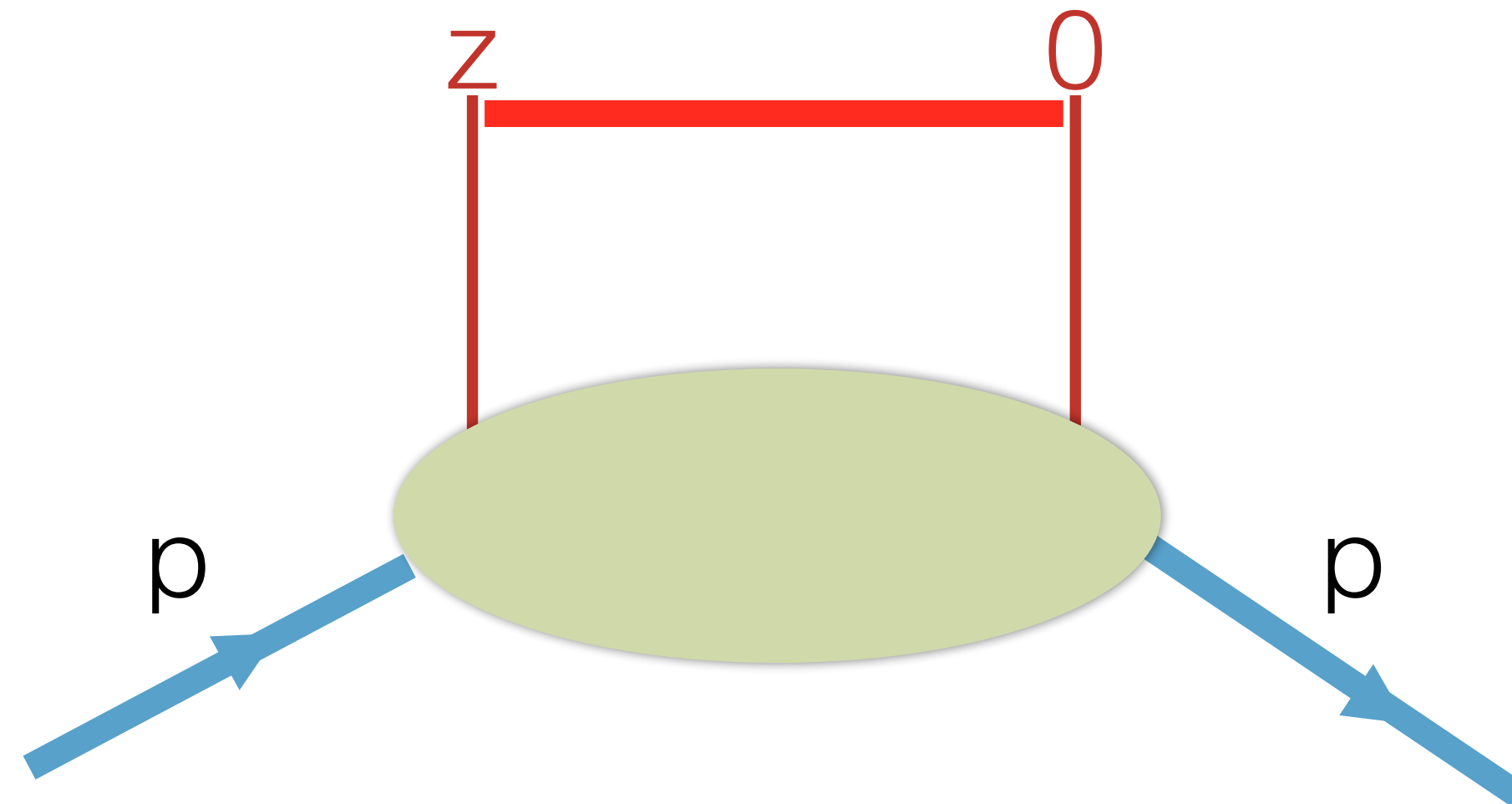
A. Radyushkin, Phys. Lett. B767 (2017)

# Matrix Element Formulation

Unpolarized PDFs proton:

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha(z, p) \equiv \langle p | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^\alpha \hat{E}(0, z; A) \psi(z) | p \rangle$$

$$\hat{E}(0, z; A) = \mathcal{P} \exp \left[ -ig \int_0^z dz'_\mu A^\mu_\alpha(z') T_\alpha \right]$$





Lorentz decomposition:

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha(z, p) \equiv \langle p | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^\alpha \hat{E}(0, z; A) \psi(z) | p \rangle$$

$$\mathcal{M}^\alpha(z, p) = 2p^\alpha \mathcal{M}_p(-(zp), -z^2) + z^\alpha \mathcal{M}_z(-(zp), -z^2)$$

$$z = (0, z_-, 0)$$

Collinear PDFs: Choose  $p = (p_+, 0, 0)$

$$\gamma^+$$

$$\mathcal{M}^+(z, p) = 2p^+ \mathcal{M}_p(-p_+ z_-, 0)$$

loffe time  $-z \cdot p = \nu$

Definition of PDF:

$$\mathcal{M}_p(-p_+ z_-, 0) = \int_{-1}^1 dx f(x) e^{-ixp_+ z_-}$$

$$\mathcal{M}_p(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 d\alpha \mathcal{C}(\alpha, z^2 \mu^2, \alpha_s(\mu)) \mathcal{Q}(\alpha\nu, \mu) + \mathcal{O}(z^2 \Lambda_{qcd}^2)$$

$\mathcal{Q}(\nu, \mu)$  is called the Ioffe time PDF

V. Braun, et. al Phys. Rev. D 51, 6036 (1995)

$$\mathcal{Q}(\nu, \mu) = \int_{-1}^1 dx e^{-ix\nu} f(x, \mu)$$

Matching to  $\overline{MS}$       Factorization of collinear divergence at  $-z^2 \rightarrow 0$

Radyushkin Phys.Rev. D98 (2018) no.1, 014019  
 Izubuchi et al. Phys.Rev. D98 (2018) no.5, 056004  
 Zhang et al. Phys.Rev. D97 (2018) no.7, 074508

Consider the ratio

$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z_3^2) \equiv \frac{\mathcal{M}_p(\nu, z_3^2)}{\mathcal{M}_p(0, z_3^2)}$$

UV divergences will cancel in this ratio resulting a renormalization group invariant (RGI) function

The collinear divergences at  $z_3^2=0$  limit only appear in the numerator

The lattice regulator can now be removed

$\mathfrak{M}^{cont}(\nu, z_3^2)$       Universal independent of the lattice

$\mathcal{M}_p(0, 0) = 1$       Isovector matrix element



Continuum limit matching to  $\overline{MS}$  computed at 1-loop

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$$\mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dx \, q_v(x, \mu) \mathcal{K}(x\nu, z^2\mu^2) + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mathcal{B}_k(\nu) (z^2)^k.$$

$$\mathcal{K}(x\nu, z^2\mu^2) = \cos(x\nu) - \frac{\alpha_s}{2\pi} C_F \left[ \ln(e^{2\gamma_E+1} z^2\mu^2/4) \tilde{B}(x\nu) + \tilde{D}(x\nu) \right].$$

$$\tilde{B}(x) = \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x^2} + 2 \sin(x) \frac{x \text{Si}(x) - 1}{x} + \frac{3 - 4\gamma_E}{2} \cos(x) + 2 \cos(x) [\text{Ci}(x) - \ln(x)]$$


$$\tilde{D}(x) = x \text{Im} [e^{ix} {}_3F_3(111; 222; -ix)] - \frac{2 - (2 + x^2) \cos(x)}{x^2}$$

Polynomial corrections to the Ioffe time PDF may be suppressed

B. U. Musch, *et al* Phys. Rev. D 83, 094507 (2011)  
M. Anselmino et al. 10.1007/JHEP04(2014)005  
A. Radyushkin Phys.Lett. B767 (2017)

However on the Lattice after expanding in lattice spacing we have

$$\mathfrak{M}(p, z, a) = \mathfrak{M}_{\text{cont}}(\nu, z^2) + \sum_{n=1} \left( \frac{a}{|z|} \right)^n P_n(\nu) + (a\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})^n R_n(\nu) .$$



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Ioffe time  $-z \cdot p = \nu$

- All coefficient functions respect continuum symmetries
- On dimensional ground  $a/z$  terms must exist
- Lattice spacing corrections to higher twist effects are ignored
- Additional  $O(a)$  effects (last term)

The inverse problem to solve: Obtain  $q(x, \mu)$  from the lattice matrix elements

see discussion in J. Karpie *et al JHEP* 04 (2019) 057

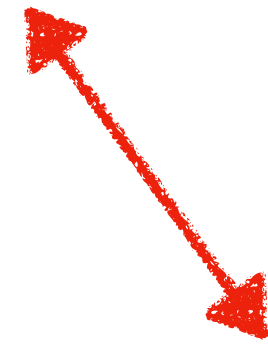
and L. DelDebio *et al JHEP* 02 (2021) 138

Exploration of various methods for LO matching

Exploration of the NNPDF approach applied to lattice data

# Our inverse problem

$$\mathfrak{M}(p, z, a) = \mathfrak{M}_{\text{cont}}(\nu, z^2) + \sum_{n=1} \left( \frac{a}{|z|} \right)^n P_n(\nu) + (a\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})^n R_n(\nu) .$$



$$\text{Re } \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dx \mathcal{K}_R(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) q_-(x, \mu^2) + \mathcal{O}(z^2)$$

$$\text{Im } \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dx \mathcal{K}_I(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) q_+(x, \mu^2) + \mathcal{O}(z^2) ,$$

- Obtain the PDF from a limited set of matrix elements obtained from lattice QCD
- $z^2$  is a physical length scale sampled on discrete values
- $z^2$  needs to be sufficiently small so that higher twist effects are under control
- $\nu$  is dimensionless also sampled in discrete values
- the range of  $\nu$  is dictated by the range of  $z$  and the range of momenta available and is typically limited
- Parametrization of unknown functions

# Sample data

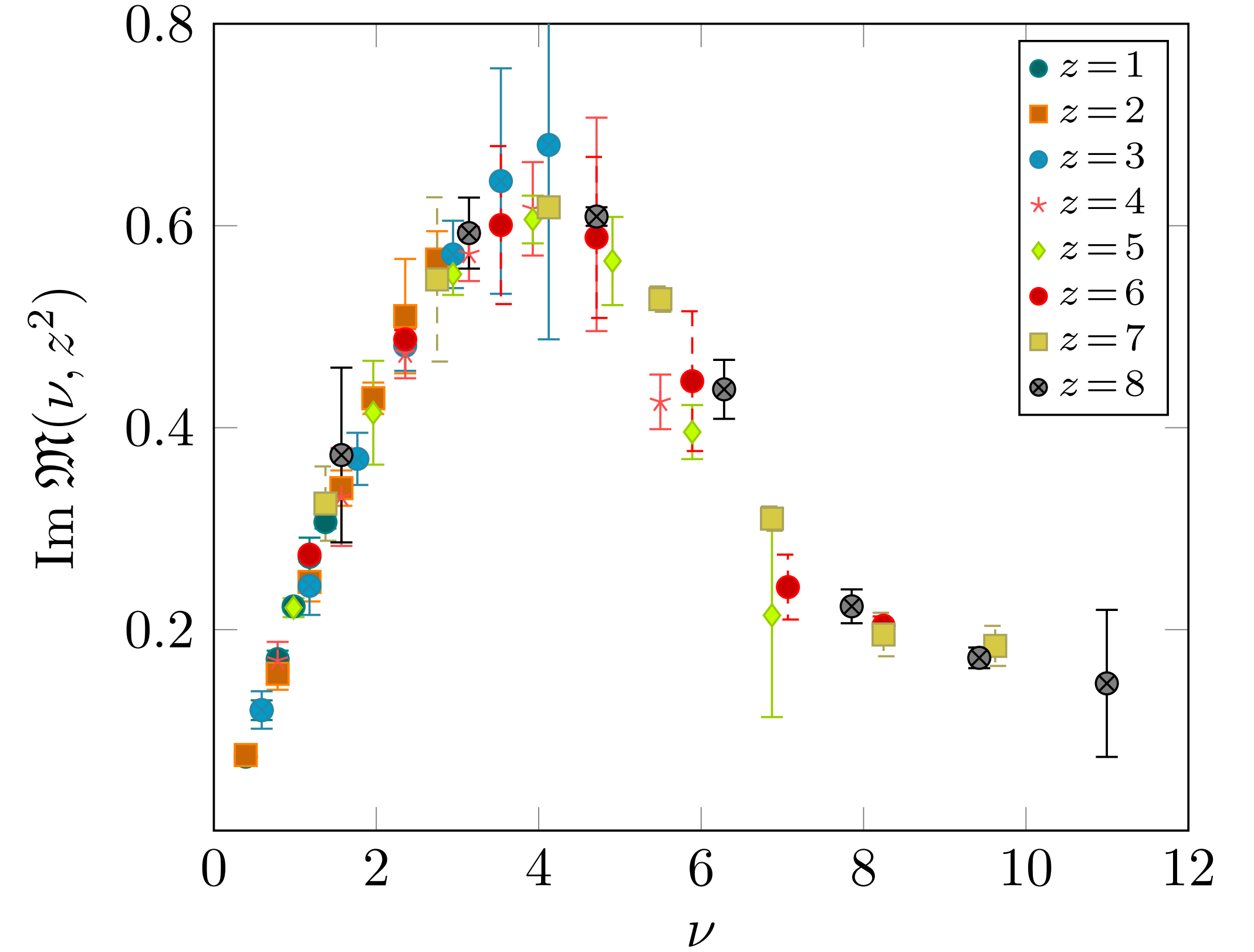
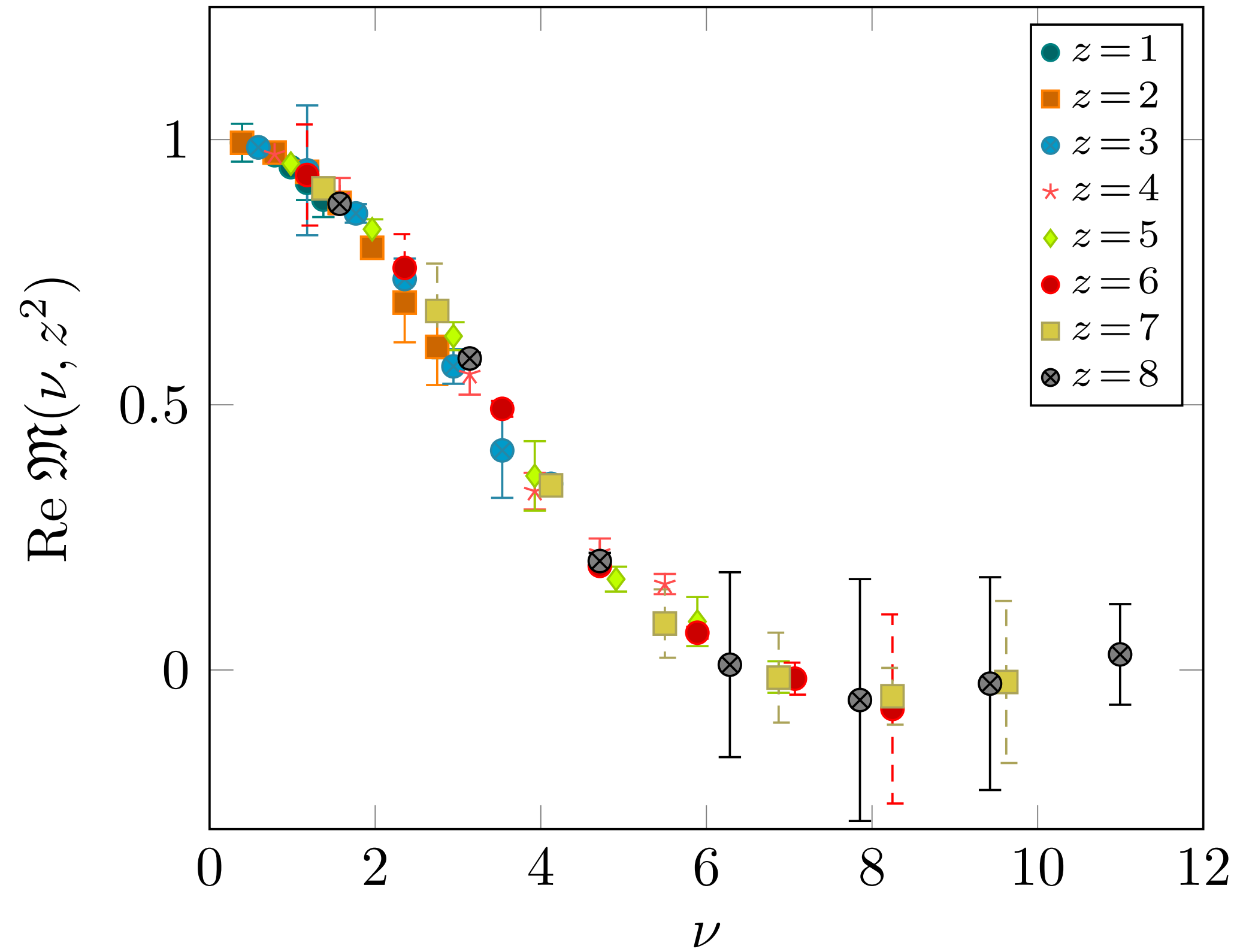
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ID	$a(\text{fm})$	$M_\pi(\text{MeV})$	$\beta$	$c_{\text{SW}}$	$\kappa$	$L^3 \times T$	$N_{\text{cfg}}$
$\tilde{A}5$	0.0749(8)	446(1)	5.2	2.01715	0.13585	$32^3 \times 64$	1904
E5	0.0652(6)	440(5)	5.3	1.90952	0.13625	$32^3 \times 64$	999
N5	0.0483(4)	443(4)	5.5	1.75150	0.13660	$48^3 \times 96$	477



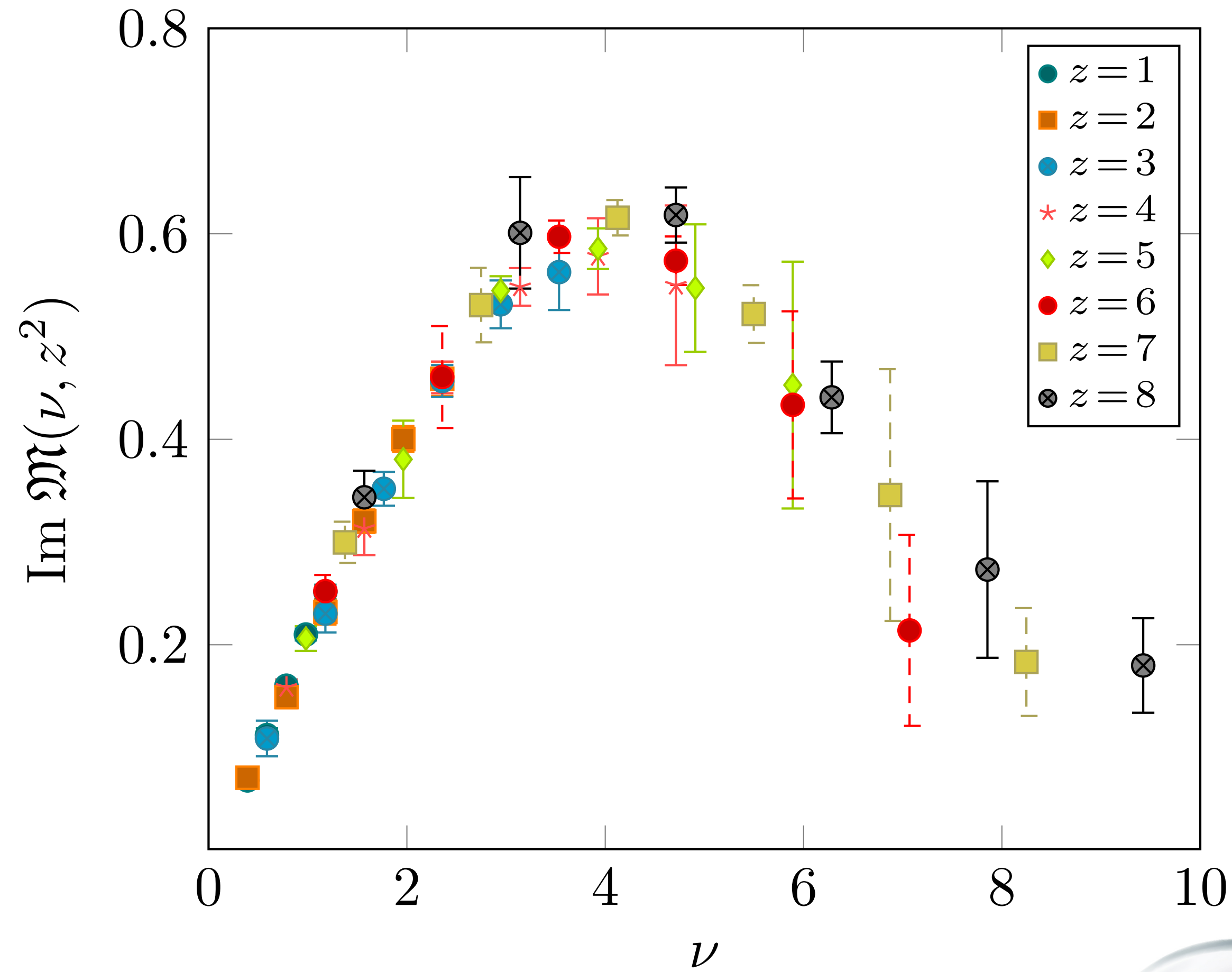
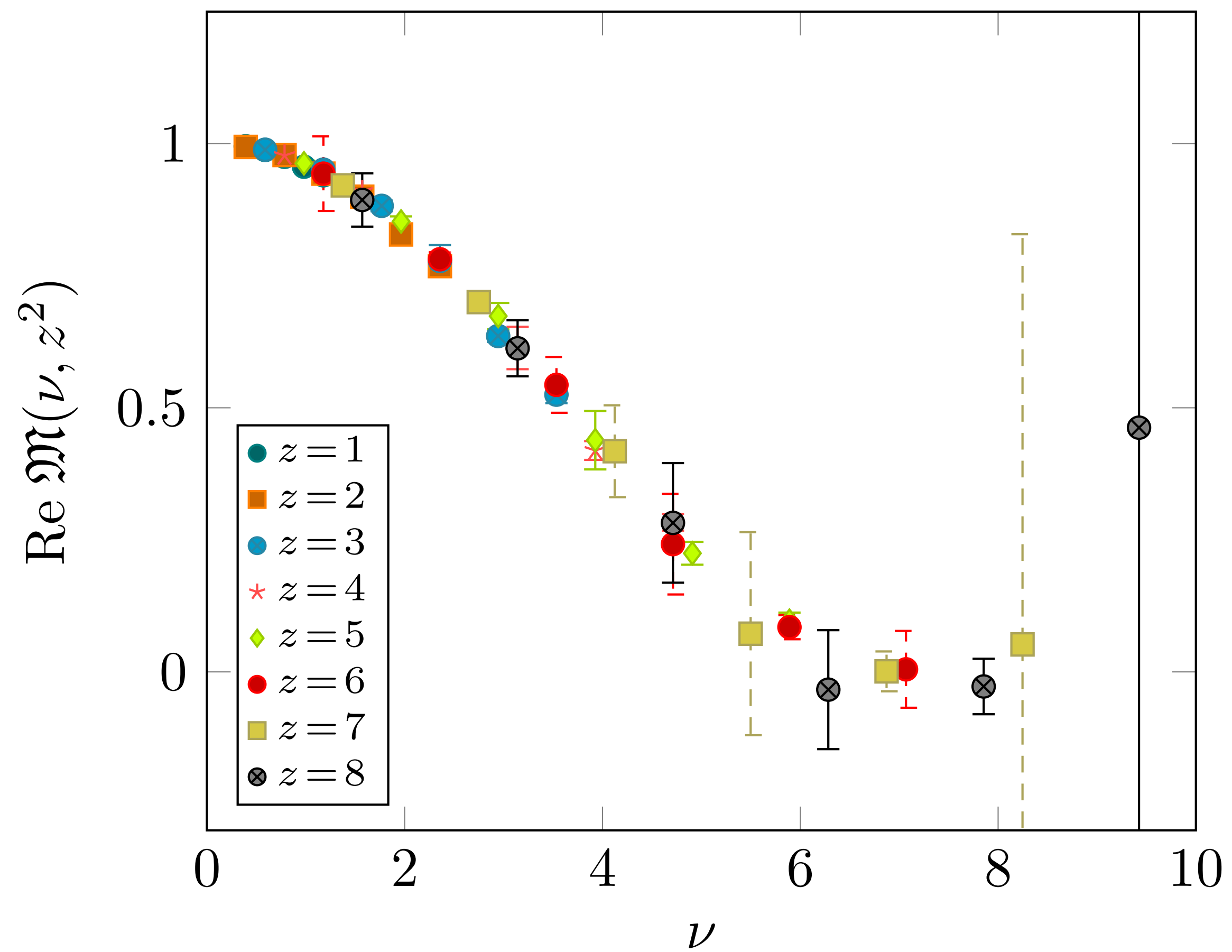
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$a = 0.075 \text{ fm}$



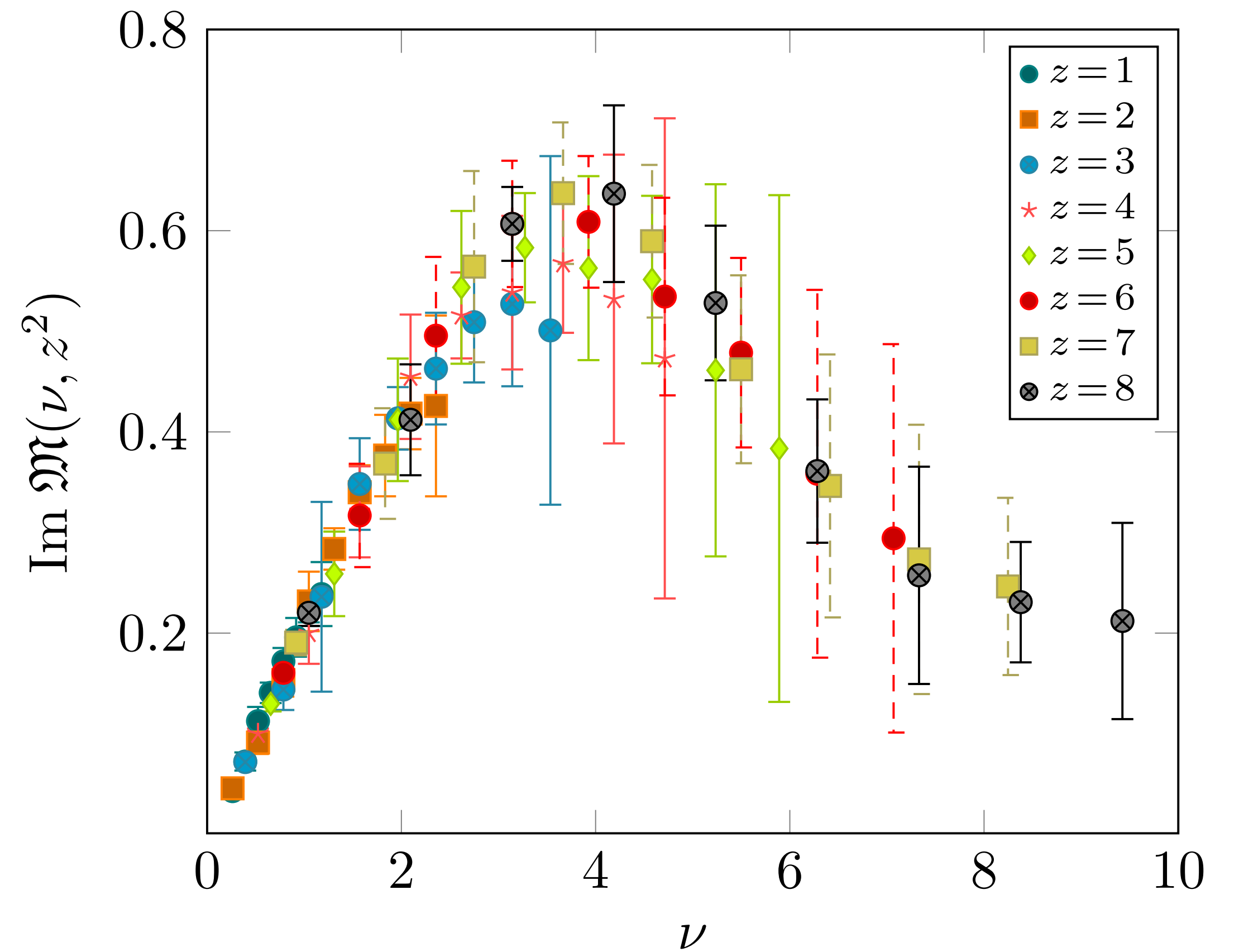
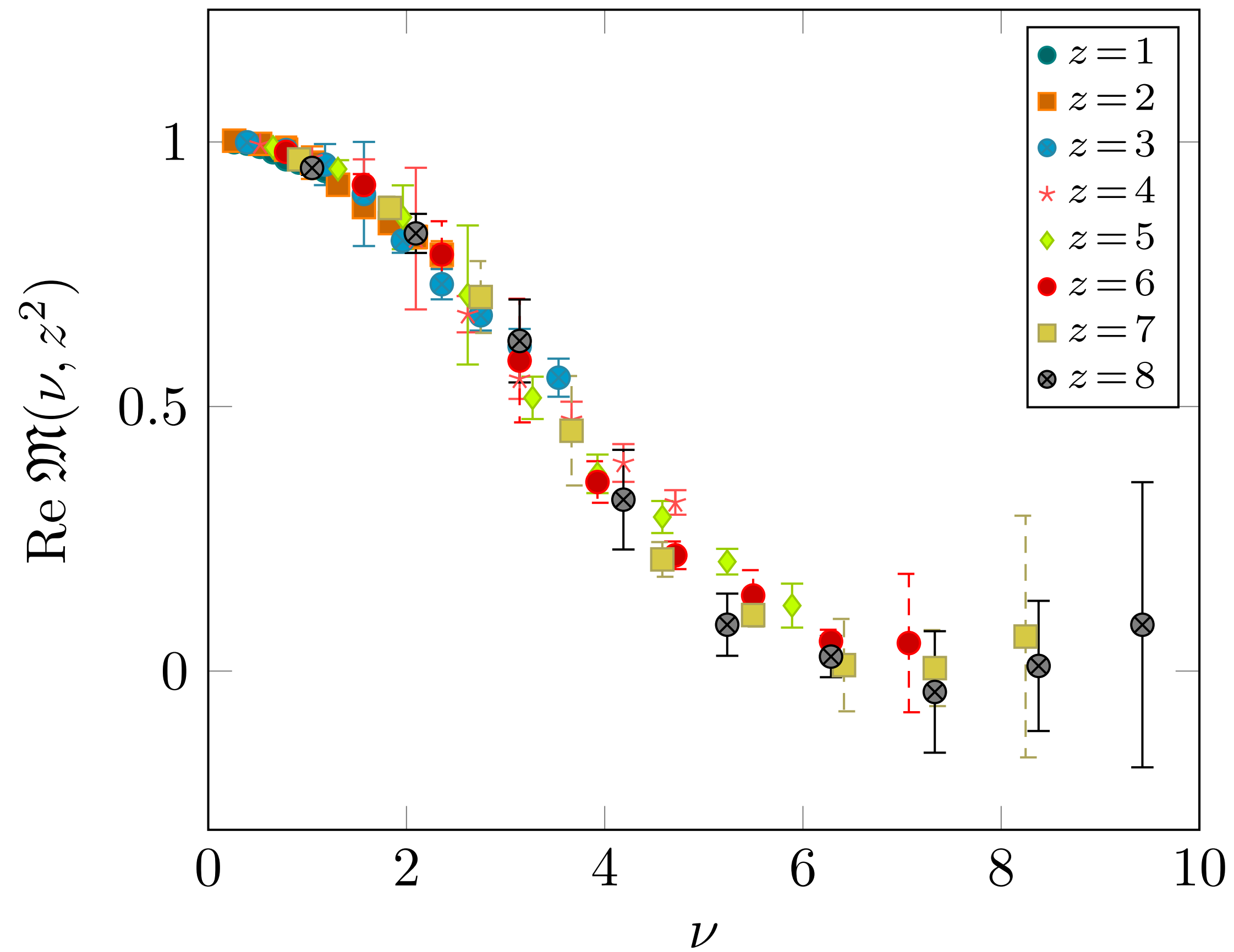


$a = 0.065 \text{ fm}$



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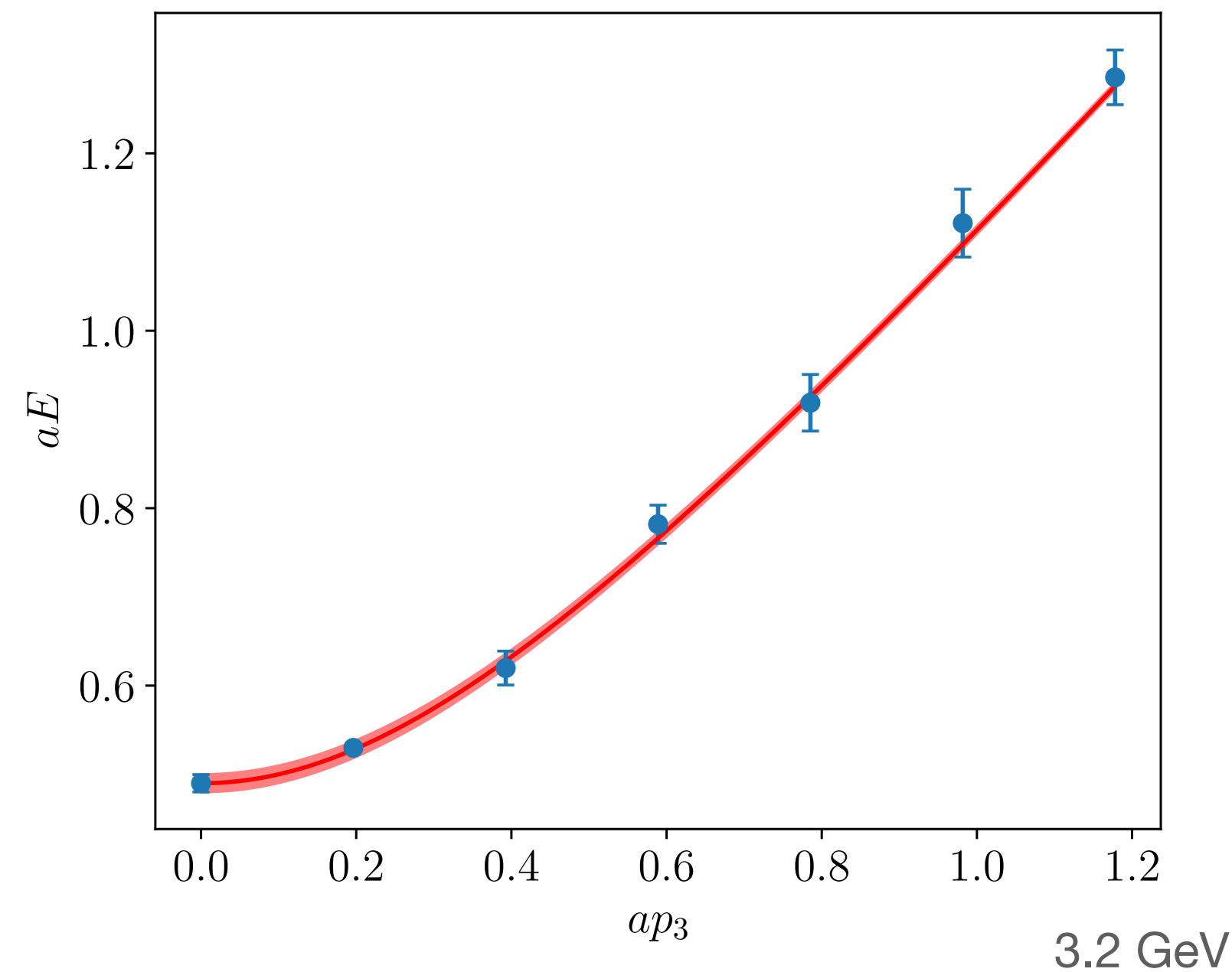


$a = 0.048 \text{ fm}$

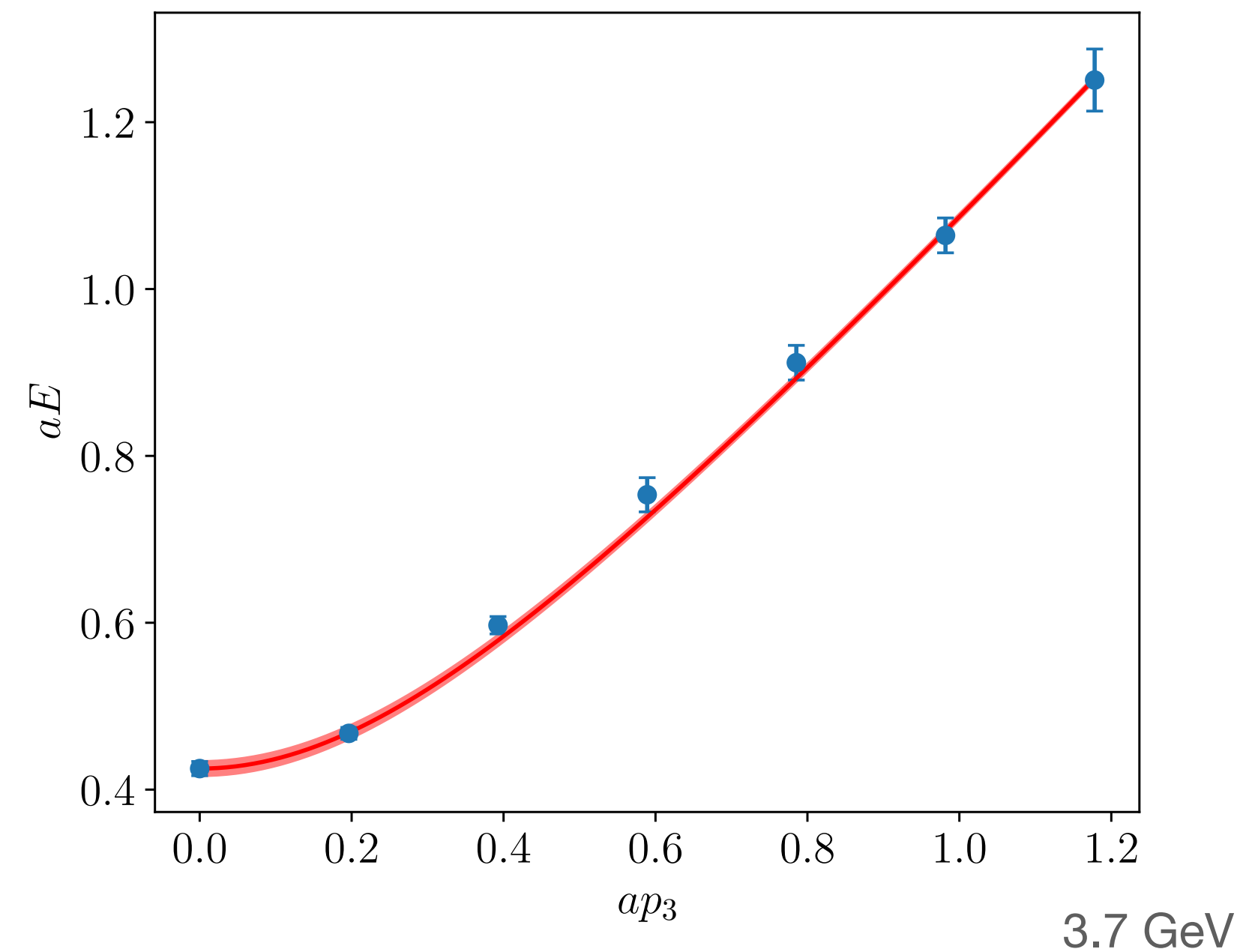


# Nucleon Momentum scan

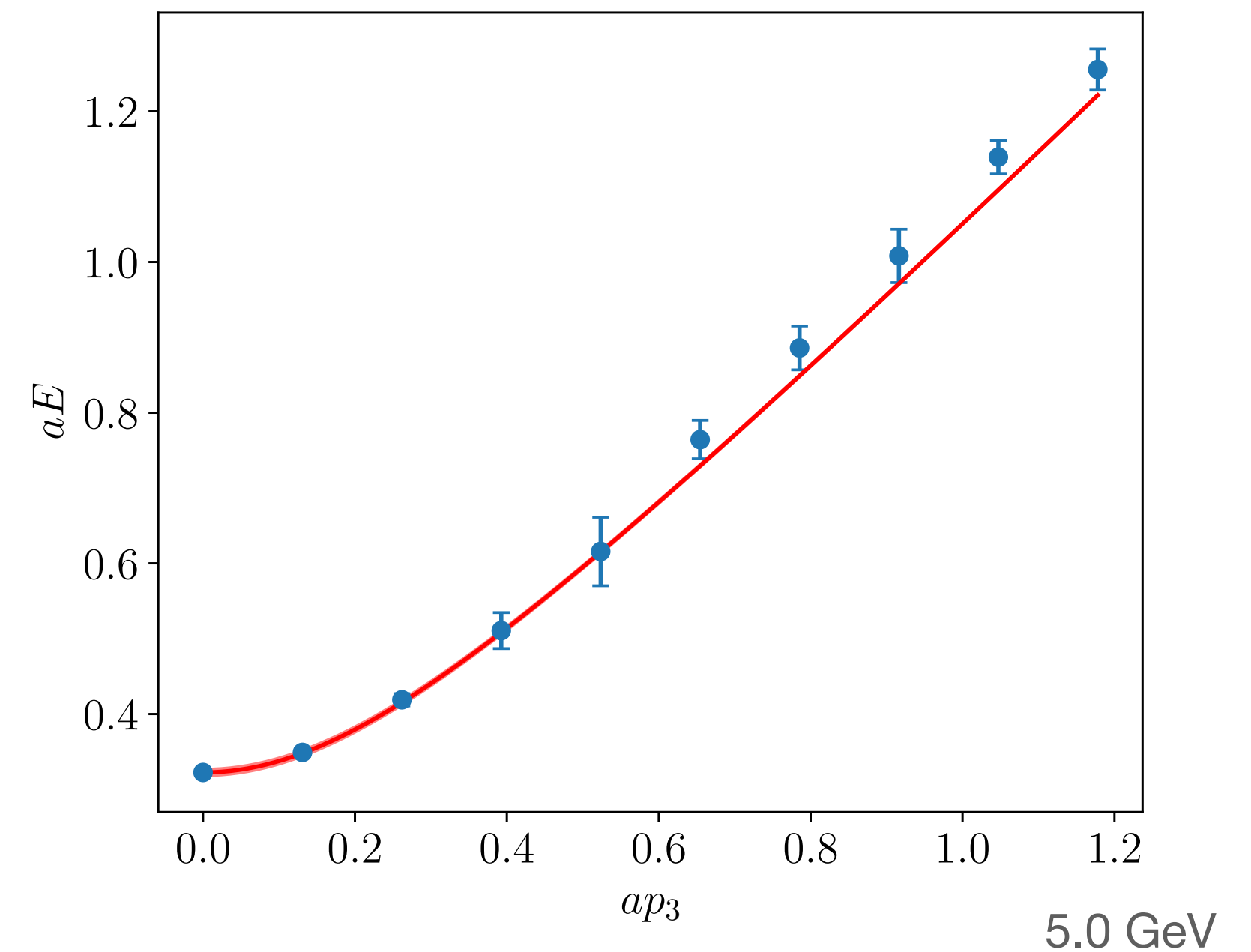
Energy vs momentum



$a=0.075$  fm



$a=0.065$  fm



$a=0.048$  fm

Maximum attainable momentum in lattice units can be up to  $\mathcal{O}(1)$

Smaller lattice spacing allows for physically larger momentum

[arXiv:2105.13313](https://arxiv.org/abs/2105.13313) [hep-lat] J. Karpie *et. al.*





# Jacobi Polynomials

## Inverse problem

PDF parametrization

$$q_+(x) = q(x) + \bar{q}(x)$$

$$q_-(x) = q(x) - \bar{q}(x)$$

$$q_{\pm}(x) = x^{\alpha}(1-x)^{\beta} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \pm d_n^{(\alpha,\beta)} J_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)$$

$J_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)$  Jacobi Polynomials: Orthogonal and complete in the interval  $[0,1]$

$$\int_0^1 dx x^{\alpha}(1-x)^{\beta} J_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) J_m^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) = N_n^{(\alpha,\beta)} \delta_{n,m}$$

Complete basis of functions in the interval  $[0,1]$  for any  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

$$J_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^n \omega_{n,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)} x^j ,$$

$$\omega_{n,j}^{(\alpha,\beta)} = \binom{n}{j} \frac{(-1)^j}{n!} \frac{\Gamma(\alpha + n + 1)\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + n + j + 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha + \beta + n + 1)\Gamma(\alpha + j + 1)} .$$



$$\operatorname{Re} \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dx \, \mathcal{K}_R(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) q_-(x, \mu^2) \qquad \operatorname{Im} \mathfrak{M}(\nu, z^2) = \int_0^1 dx \, \mathcal{K}_I(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) q_+(x, \mu^2)$$

$$\mathcal{K}_R(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\sigma_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(\nu, \mu^2 z^2)}{N_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}} J_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x)$$

$$\mathcal{K}_I(x\nu, \mu^2 z^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{\eta_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(\nu, \mu^2 z^2)}{N_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}} J_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(x) \, ,$$

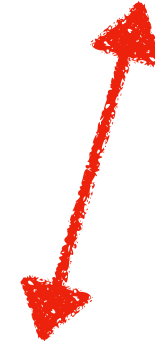
$$\sigma_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(\nu, z^2 \mu^2) = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k)!} c_{2k}(z^2 \mu^2) \omega_{n,j}^{(\alpha, \beta)} B(\alpha + 2k + j + 1, \beta + 1) \nu^{2k}$$

$$\eta_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(\nu, z^2 \mu^2) = \sum_{j=0}^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^k}{(2k+1)!} c_{2k+1}(z^2 \mu^2) \omega_{n,j}^{(\alpha, \beta)} B(\alpha + 2k + j + 2, \beta + 1) \nu^{2k+1} ($$

$$\operatorname{Re} \mathfrak{M}_{\text{lt}}(\nu, z^2) = 1 + \sum_{n=1}^{N_-} \sigma_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(\nu, z^2 \mu^2)_{-} d_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} \mathfrak{M}_{\text{lt}}(\nu, z^2) = \sum_{n=0}^{N_+-1} \eta_n^{(\alpha, \beta)}(\nu, z^2 \mu^2)_{+} d_n^{(\alpha, \beta)} \, .$$

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Parametrization of correction terms - Only use one of each kind

Higher Twist

$$\text{Re } B_1(\nu) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{R,b}} \sigma_{0,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\nu) b_{R,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \quad , \quad \text{Im } B_1(\nu) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{I,b}} \eta_{0,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\nu) b_{I,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$$

z-dependent lattice spacing

$$\text{Re } P_1(\nu) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{R,p}} \sigma_{0,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\nu) p_{R,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \quad , \quad \text{Im } P_1(\nu) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{I,p}} \eta_{0,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\nu) p_{I,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}$$

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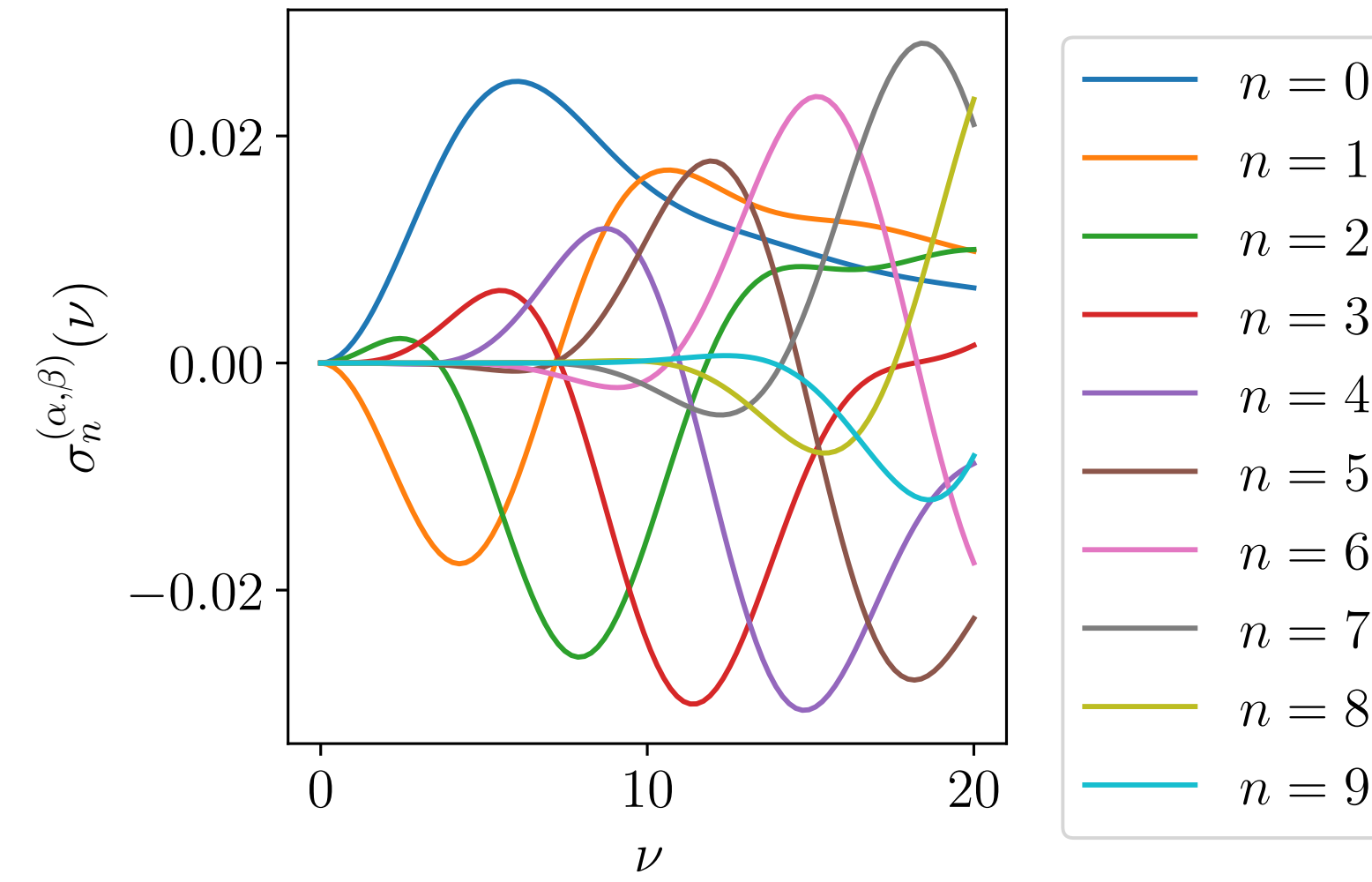
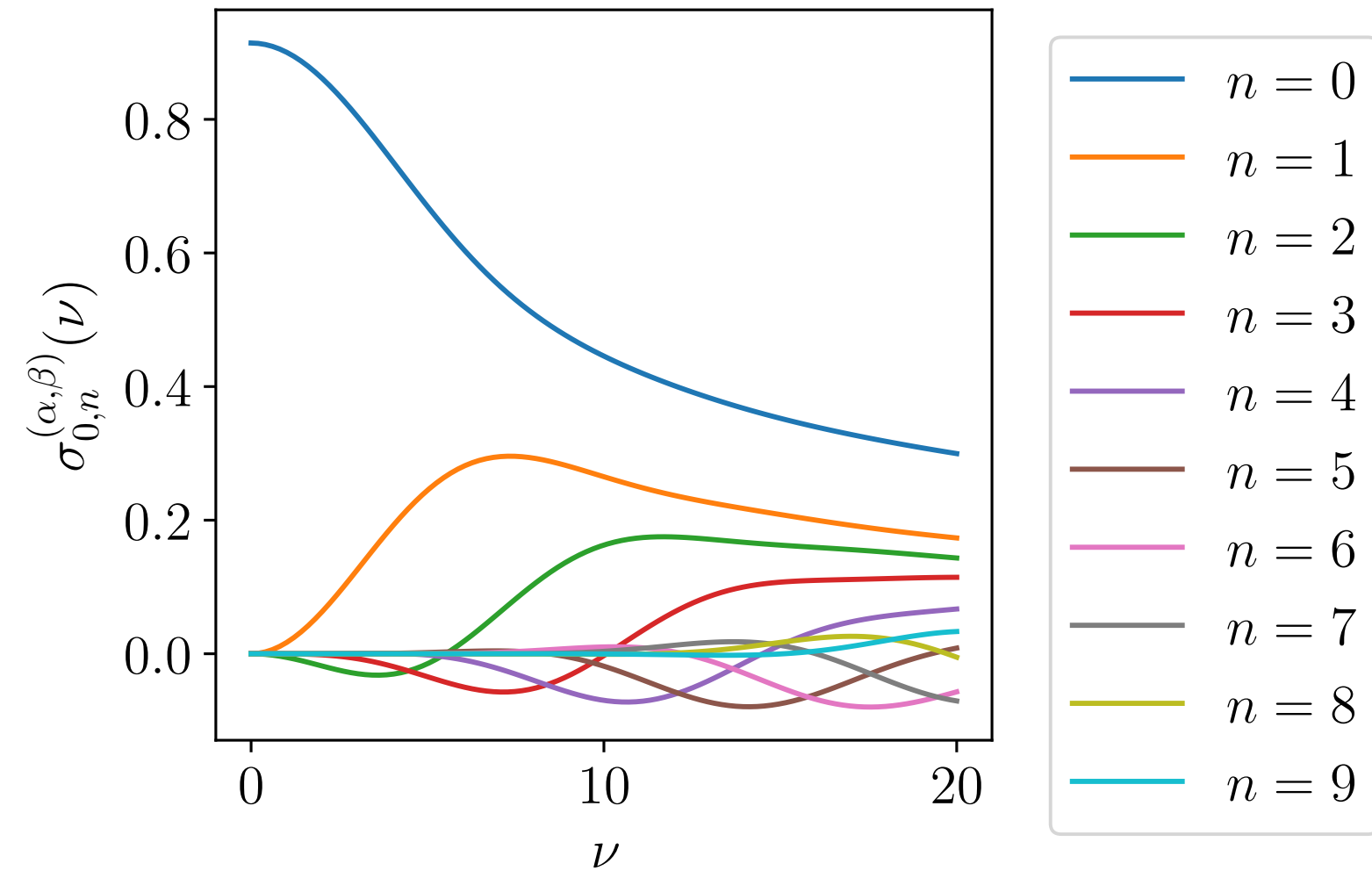
$$\text{Re } R_1(\nu) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{R,r}} \sigma_{0,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\nu) r_{R,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)} \quad , \quad \text{Im } R_1(\nu) = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{I,r}} \eta_{0,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\nu) r_{I,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)} ,$$

$$\sigma_{0,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\nu) = \int_0^1 dx \, \cos(\nu x) x^\alpha (1-x)^\beta J_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x)$$

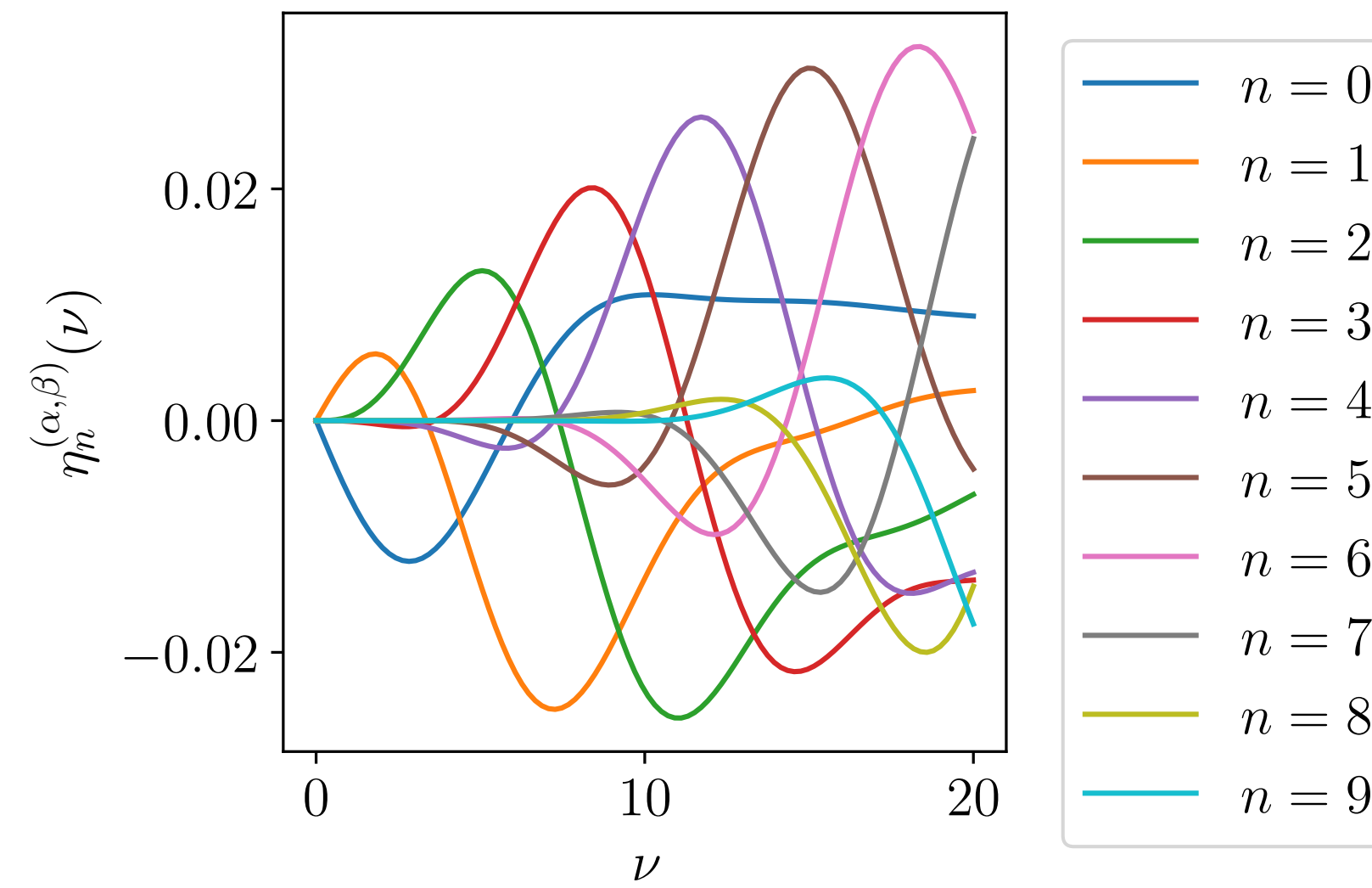
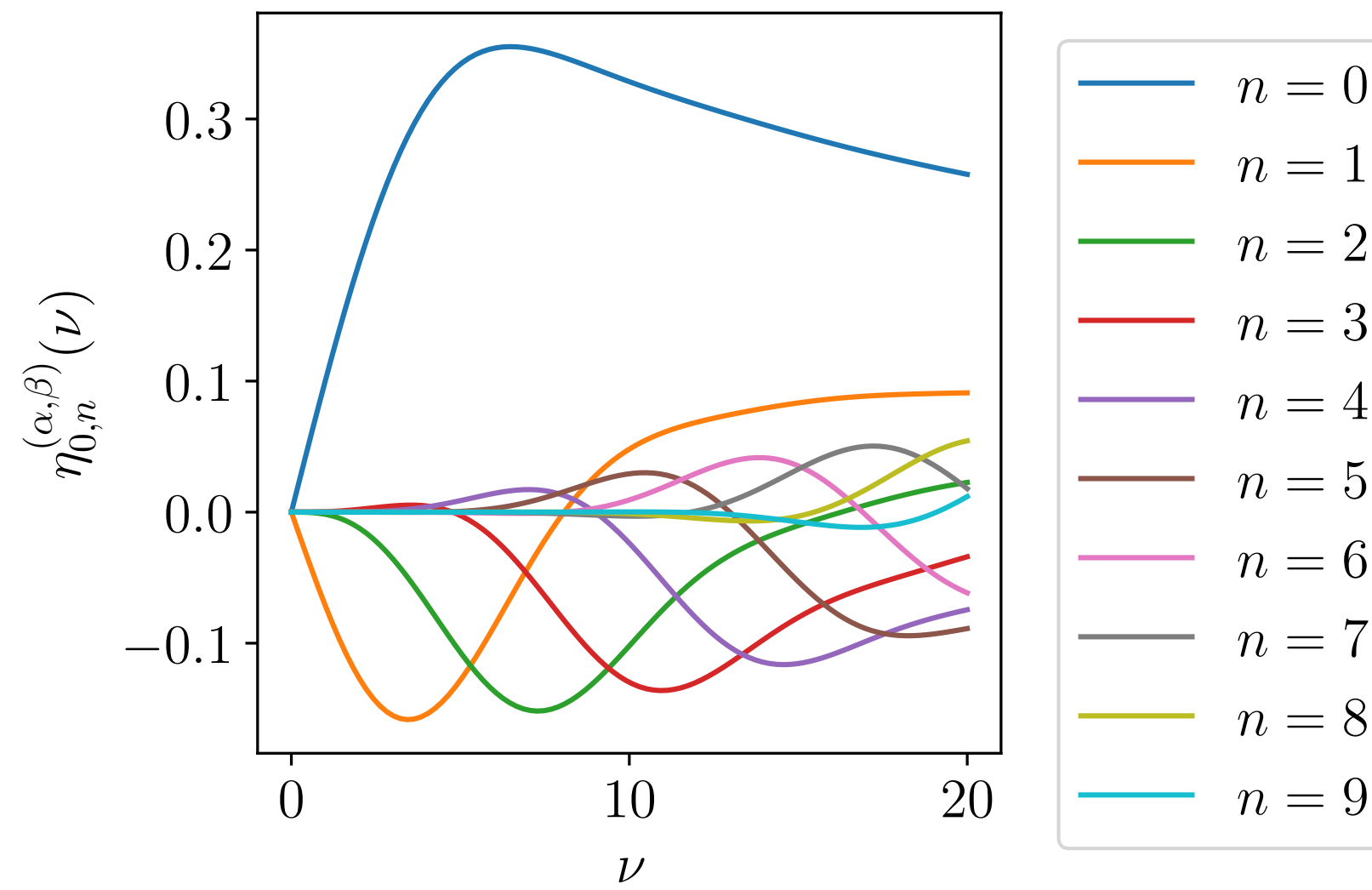
$$\eta_{0,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\nu) = \int_0^1 dx \, \sin(\nu x) x^\alpha (1-x)^\beta J_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(x) ,$$



$$\sigma_n^{(\text{NLO})}(\nu, z^2\mu^2) = \sigma_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\nu, z^2\mu^2) - \sigma_{0,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\nu)$$



$$\eta_n^{(\text{NLO})}(\nu, z^2\mu^2) = \eta_n^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\nu, z^2\mu^2) - \eta_{0,n}^{(\alpha,\beta)}(\nu)$$



# Bayesian Inference

## Optimize model parameters

- Fix the expansion order in the Jacobi polynomial expansion
- Optimize  $\alpha, \beta$  and the expansion of coefficients by maximizing the posterior probability
- Average over models using AICc
- Note that one could fix  $\alpha, \beta$  at a reasonable value and then vary the order of truncation in the Jacobi polynomial expansion

$$P[\theta | \mathfrak{M}^L, I] = \frac{P[\mathfrak{M}^L | \theta] P[\theta | I]}{P[\mathfrak{M}^L | I]} .$$

$$P [\theta|\mathfrak{M}^L, I] = \frac{P [\mathfrak{M}^L|\theta] P [\theta|I]}{P [\mathfrak{M}^L|I]} .$$

Probability distribution of the data given the parameters

$$P[\mathfrak{M}^L|\theta] \propto \exp\left[-\frac{\chi^2}{2}\right] \quad \chi^2 = \sum_{k,l} (\mathfrak{M}_k^L - \mathfrak{M}_k) C_{kl}^{-1} (\mathfrak{M}_l^L - \mathfrak{M}_l),$$

Prior distributions

Shifted lognormal for  $\alpha, \beta$  so that  $\alpha > -1$  and  $\beta > -1$

Normal distribution for all linear parameters (expansion coefficients)

Optimize parameters using non-linear optimizer for  $\alpha, \beta$  only

VarPro (Variable projection method) allows for exact optimization of all expansion coefficients given  $\alpha, \beta$



model	Real $L^2/\text{d.o.f.}$	Real $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$	Imag $L^2/\text{d.o.f.}$	Imag $\chi^2/\text{d.o.f.}$
$Q$ only	3.173	3.094	3.146	3.095
$Q$ and $B_1$	2.721	2.479	3.054	2.969
$Q$ and $R_1$	3.028	2.748	3.068	2.871
$Q$ and $P_1$	0.876	0.809	1.186	1.088
$Q$ , $B_1$ , and $R_1$	2.610	2.057	2.917	2.619
$Q$ , $B_1$ , and $P_1$	0.852	0.723	1.020	0.888
$Q$ , $R_1$ , and $P_1$	0.881	0.763	1.289	1.063
All terms	0.857	0.727	1.026	0.893

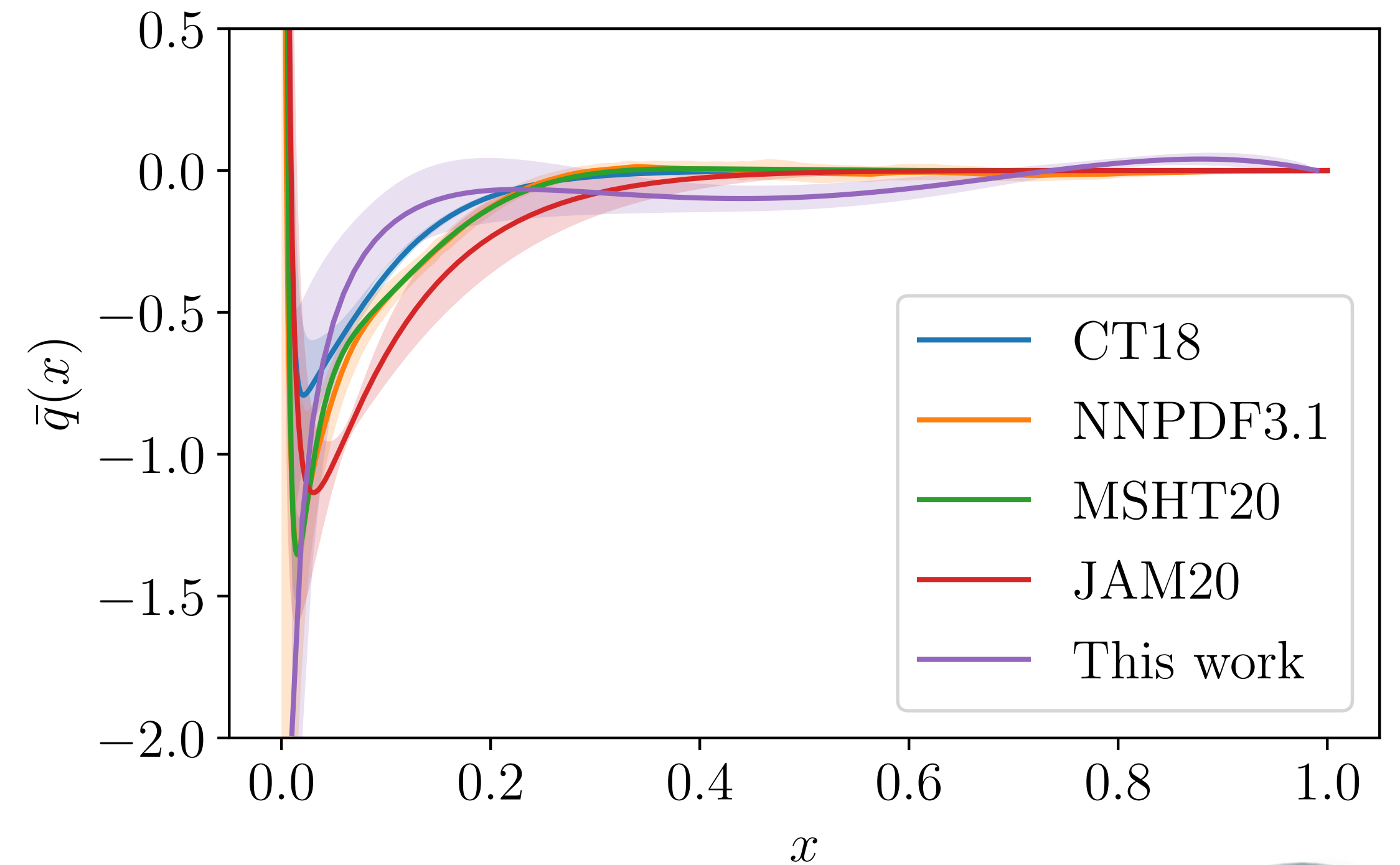
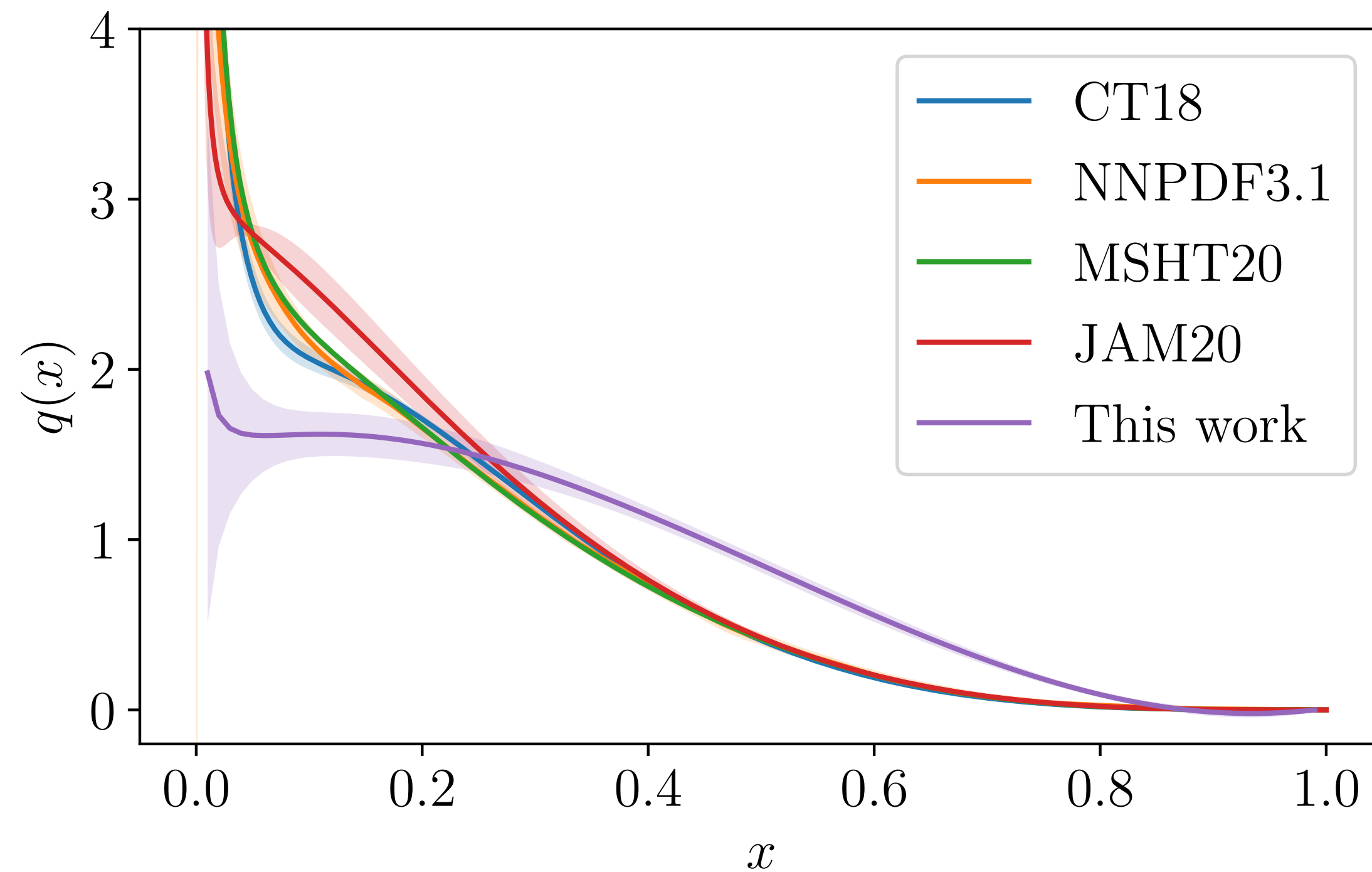
the z-dependent lattice spacing effect seems the most important systematic error

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# Isvector quark and anti-quark distributions

## Comparison with phenomenology

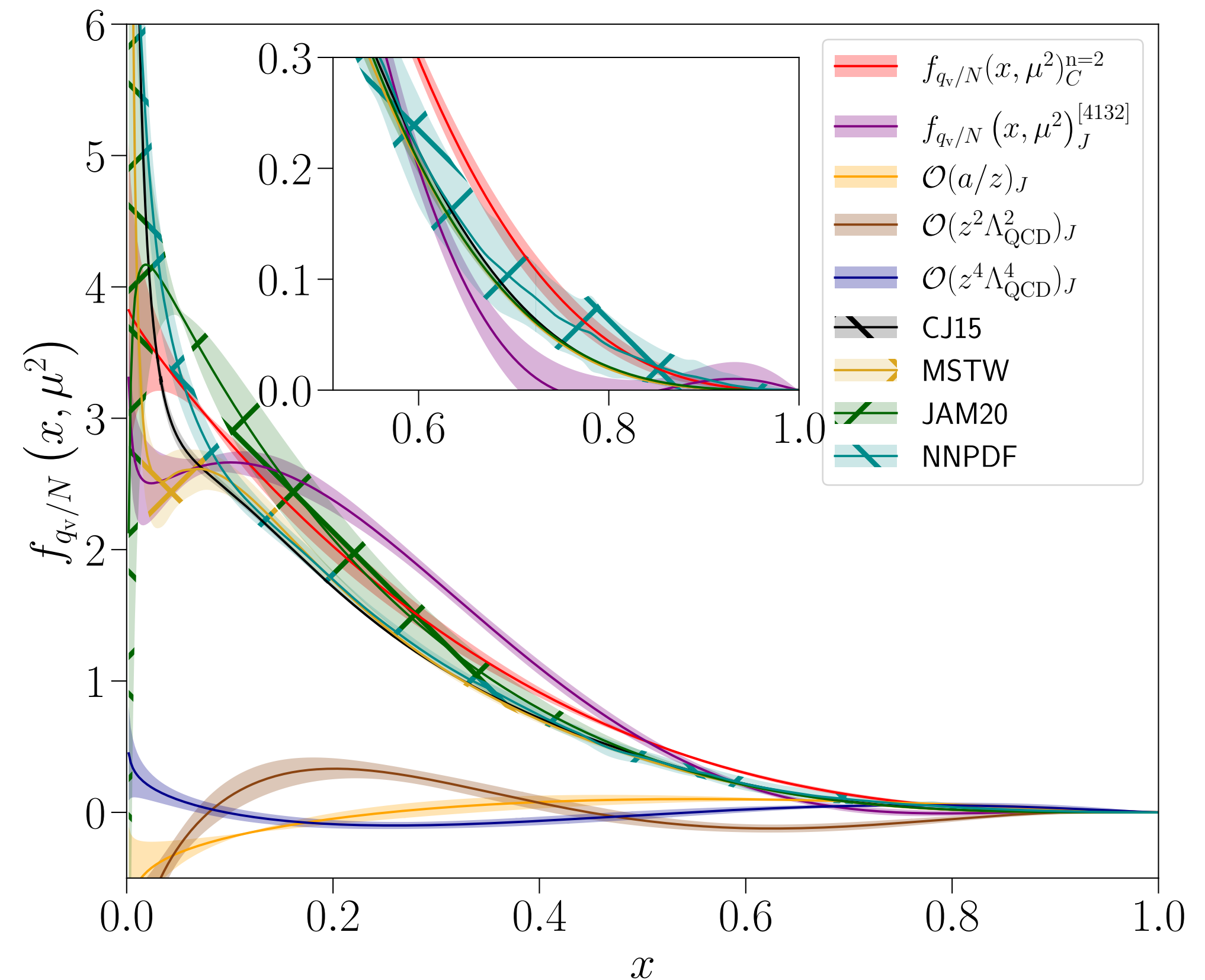
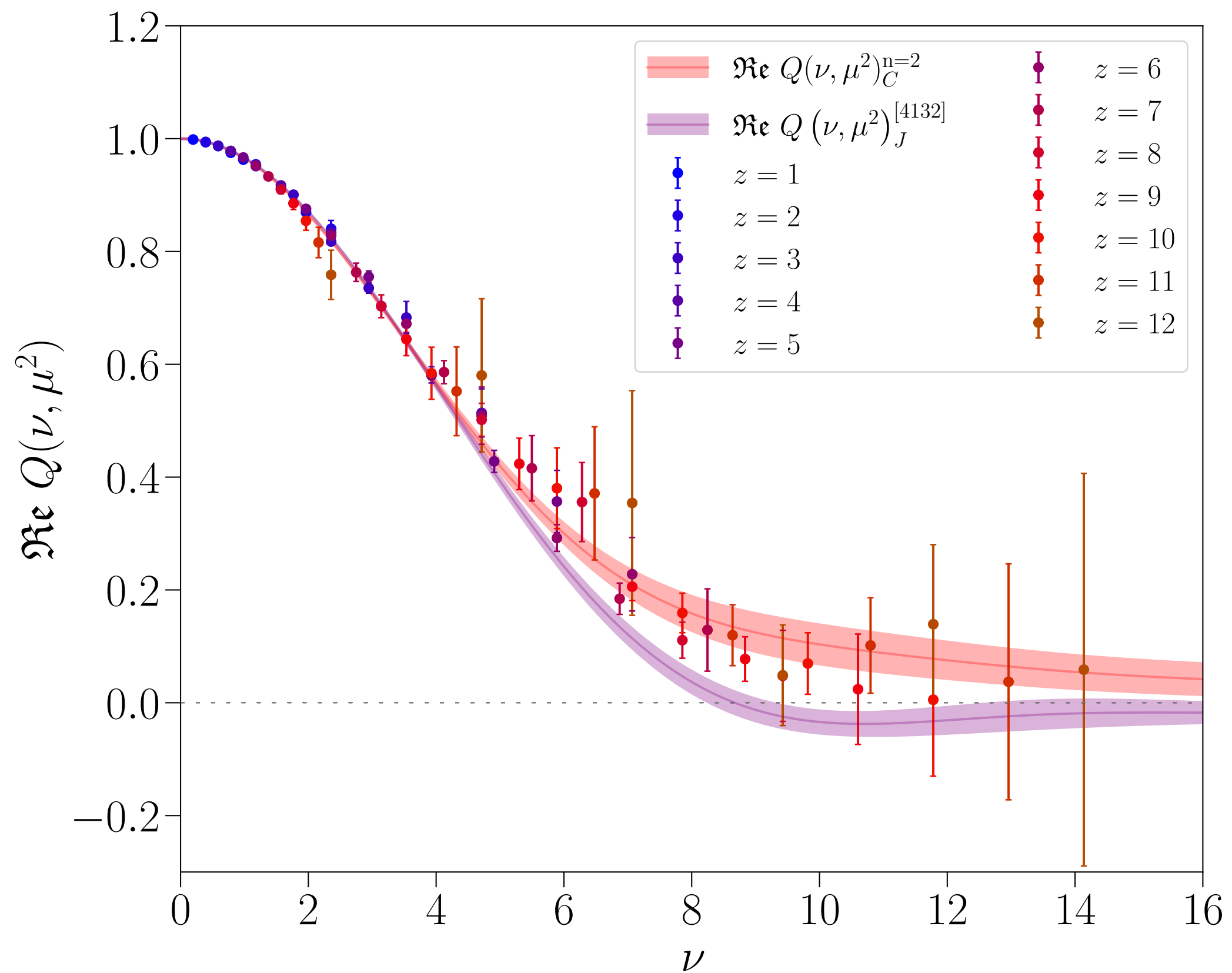


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# First distillation results

## 2+1 flavors single lattice spacing



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# Conclusions

## Outlook

- Understanding hadronic structure is a major goal in nuclear physics
  - Large experimental effort: JLab 12 GeV and future EIC
- Lattice QCD calculations can in principle compute (Generalized) parton distribution functions from first principles
- Controlling all systematics of the calculation is important and that complicates the solution of the inverse problem at hand
- A particular approach that relies on Jacobi polynomial parametrization of unknown functions was presented
  - Both lattice spacing and higher twist effects need to be controlled
- Synergy between lattice and experiment may be proven essential in providing precision estimates of (Generalized) parton distribution functions

END

# Global Lattice QCD effort

## ETMC

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Isovector parton distribution functions of the proton on a superfine lattice Z. Fan, arXiv:2005.12015

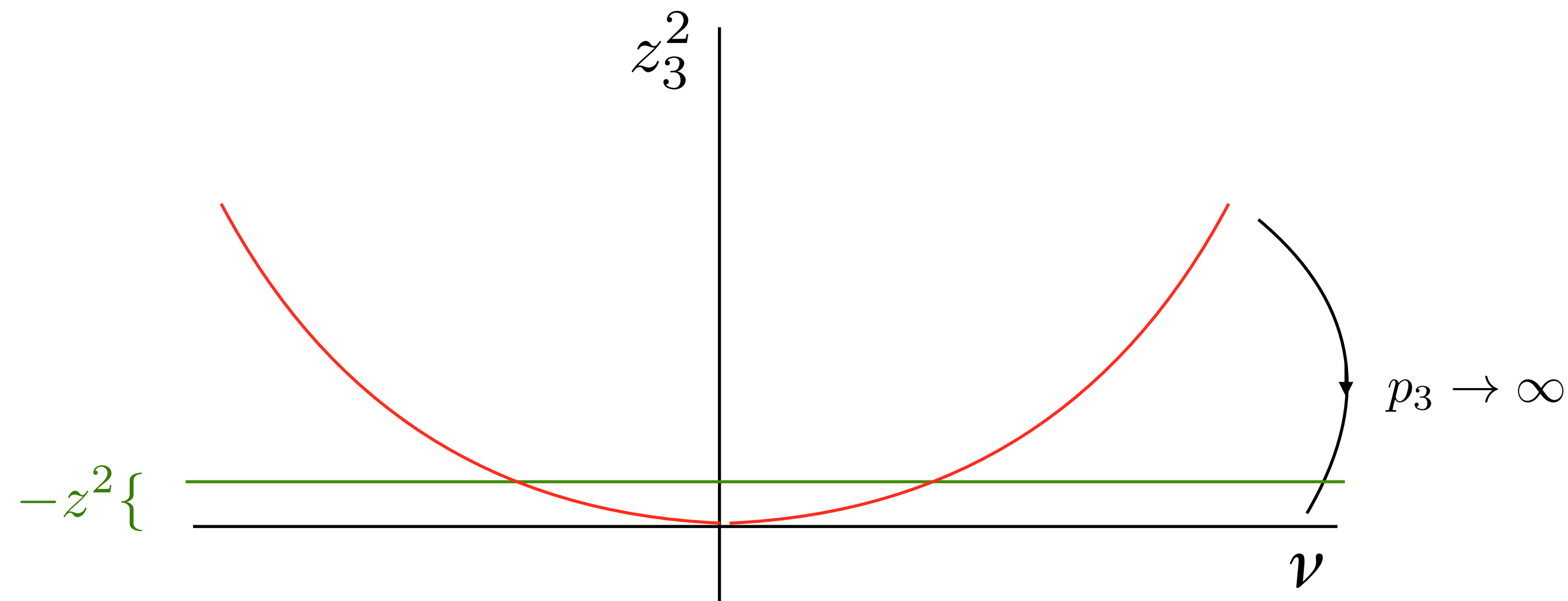
Pion valence quark PDF from lattice QCD, C. Shugert et al, arXiv:2001.11650



$$Q(y, p_3) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \mathcal{M}_p(\nu, \nu^2/p_3^2) e^{-iy\nu} \quad \text{Ji's quasi-PDF}$$

Large values of  $z_3 = \nu/p_3$  are problematic

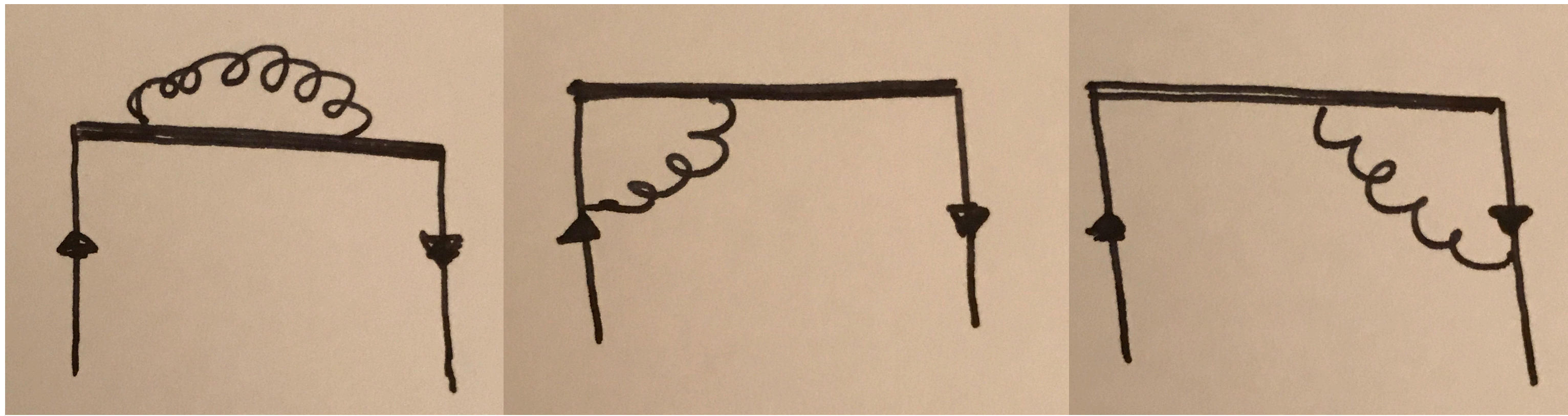
Alternative approach to the light-cone:



$$\mathcal{P}(x, -z^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\nu \mathcal{M}_p(\nu, -z^2) e^{-ix\nu}$$

PDFs can be recovered  $-z^2 \rightarrow 0$

Note that  $x \in [-1, 1]$



One loop calculation of the UV divergences results in

$$\mathcal{M}^0(z, P, a) \sim e^{-m|z|/a} \left( \frac{a^2}{z^2} \right)^{2\gamma_{end}}$$

after re-summation of one loop result resulting exponentiation

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