

Proton and neutron electromagnetic form factors and radii from Lattice QCD

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Roadmap of Talk

- ★ Introduction & Motivation
- ★ Accessing information on hadron structure from Lattice QCD
- ★ Form factors from “traditional” methods:
local operators
- ★ Determination of radii from Lattice QCD
- ★ Other avenues to obtain form factors:
non-local operators
- ★ Synergistic Activities
- ★ Outlook

Introduction

- ★ Electromagnetic (EM) form factors provide the electric and magnetic distributions within the proton/neutron
- ★ Proton EM form factors known experimentally at high precision
- ★ Neutron EM form factors are lesser-known compared to proton: obtained indirectly through electron-deuteron or electron-helium scattering
- ★ Beyond the light-quark contributions the strange quark contributions can study the virtual particle dynamics in the non-perturbative regime

Why are nucleon EM FFs important for LQCD?

- ★ Benchmark observables for hadron structure:
 - Experimentally accessible and theoretically clean
- ★ Precision physics:
 - Proton charge radius under intense scrutiny for more than a decade;
 - Lattice QCD can provide an independent ab initio determination
- ★ A measure of the maturity of lattice hadron structure:
 - Beyond exploratory calculations (continuum-limit, physical-mass, accuracy, etc)

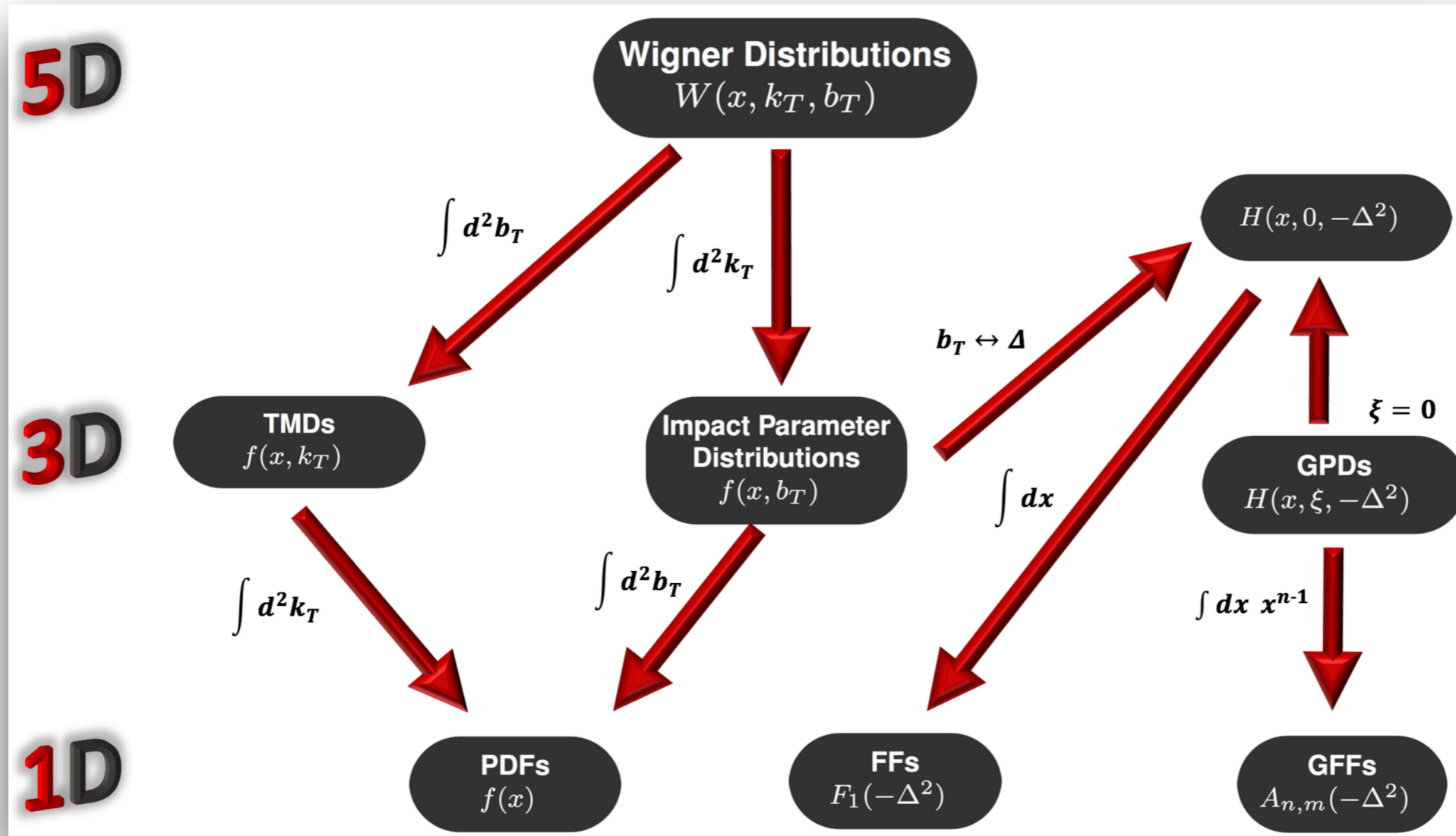


Significant efforts from lattice QCD and new developments

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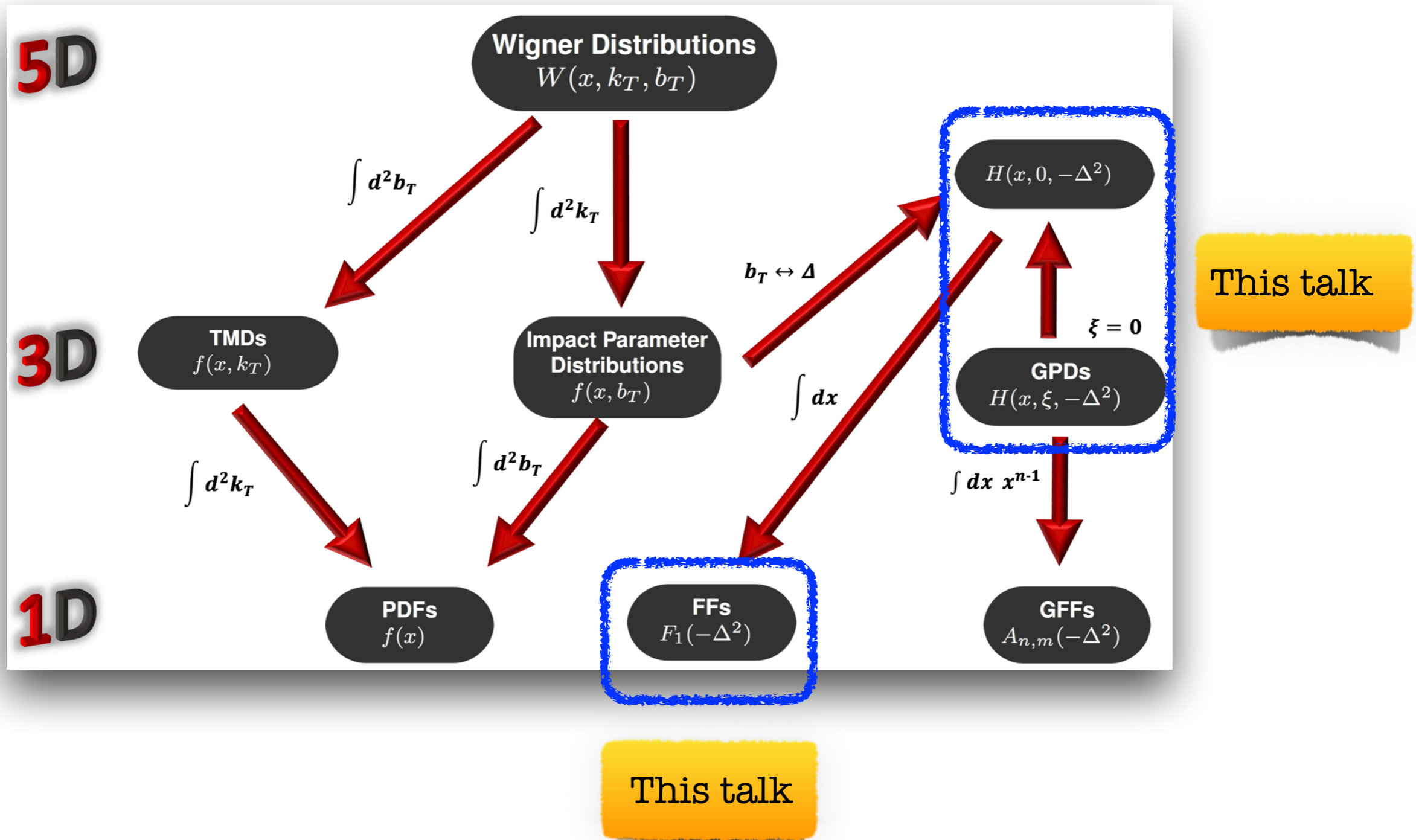
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Lattice formulation of QCD



First principle (ab initial) formulation



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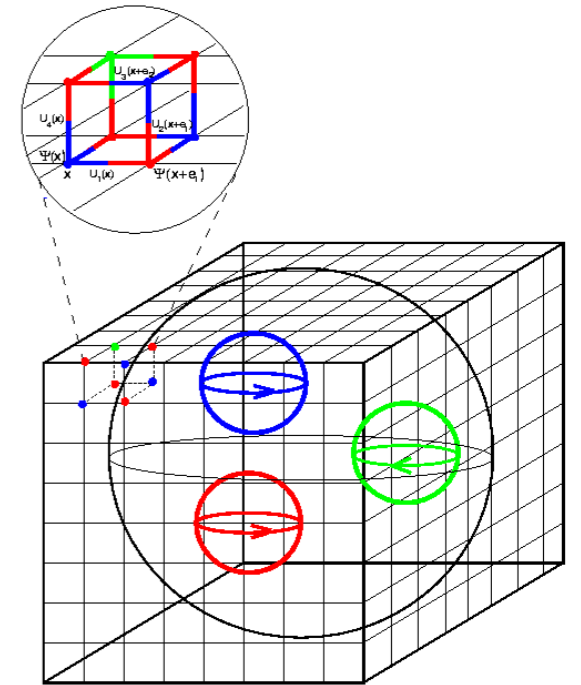
★ Space-time discretization on a finite-size 4-D grid

★ Serves as a regulator of theory:

– UV (hard momentum) cut-off (**finite integrals**):
inverse lattice spacing (a^{-1})

momentum and energy $< |\pi/a|$

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} dp \rightarrow \int_{-\pi/a}^{\pi/a} \frac{dp}{2\pi}$$



– IR cut-off (**finite number of d.o.f**): inverse lattice size ($V^{-1/4}$)

$$\int dp F(p) \rightarrow \sum_n^{N_{\max}} \frac{2\pi}{L} F\left(p_0 + \frac{2\pi n}{L}\right)$$

★ Removal of regulator

$$L \rightarrow \infty, \quad a \rightarrow 0$$

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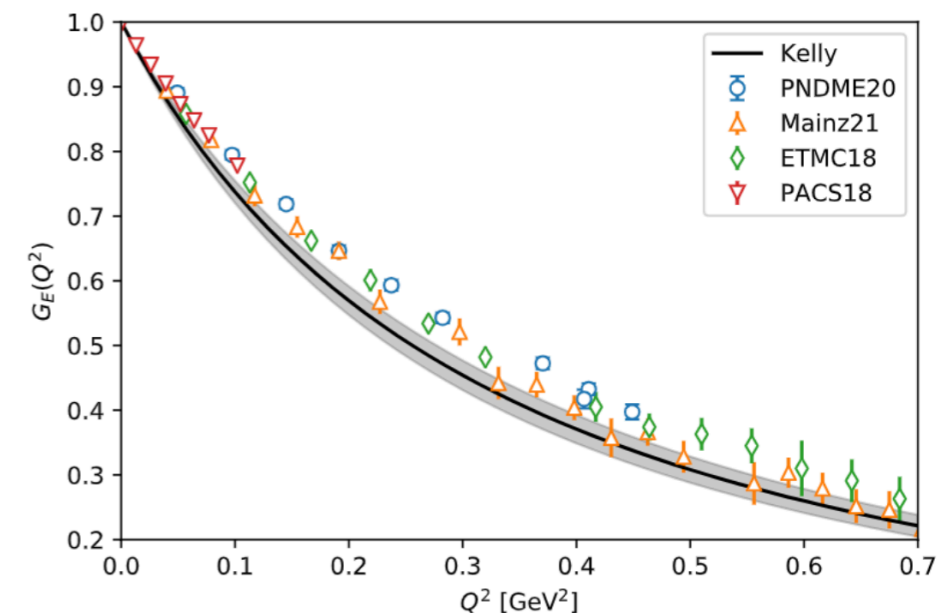
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Computationally efficient extraction of Q^2 dependence



“Traditional” calculations of Mellin moments of GPDs

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- Dipole fit

$$G(Q^2) = \frac{g}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M^2}\right)^2}$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = \frac{12}{M^2}$$

- z-expansion

$$G(Q^2) = \sum_{k=0}^{k_{\max}} c_k z^k(Q^2)$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = -\frac{3c_1}{2c_0 t_{\text{cut}}}$$

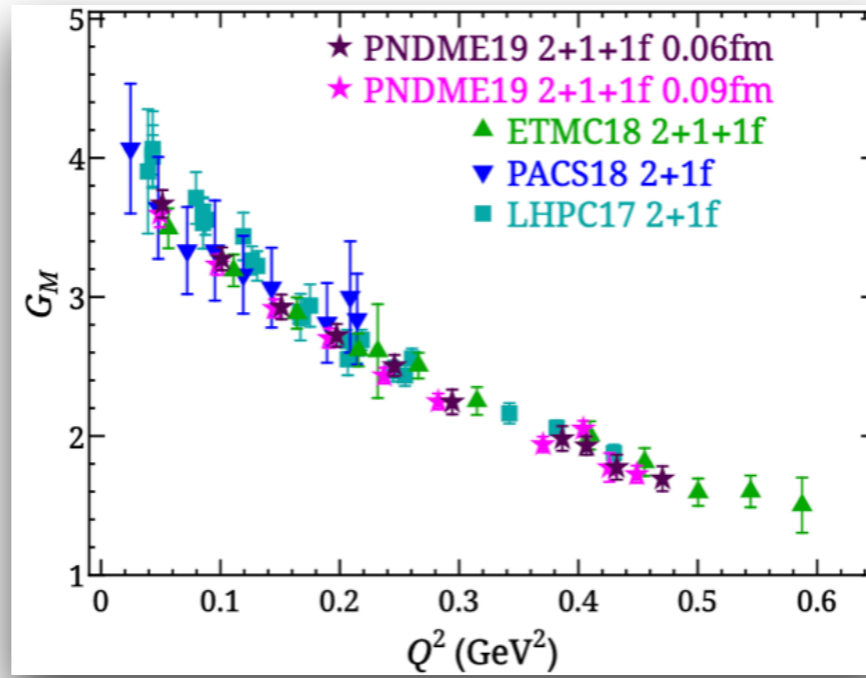
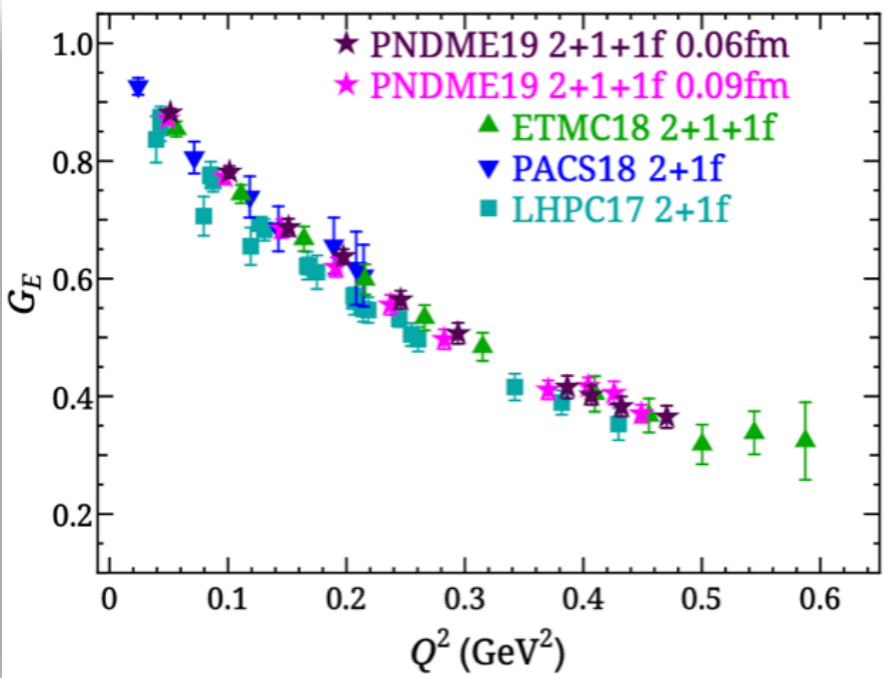
- Galster-like fit

$$G(Q^2) = \frac{Q^2 A}{4m_N^2 + Q^2 B} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{0.71 \text{GeV}^2}\right)^2}$$

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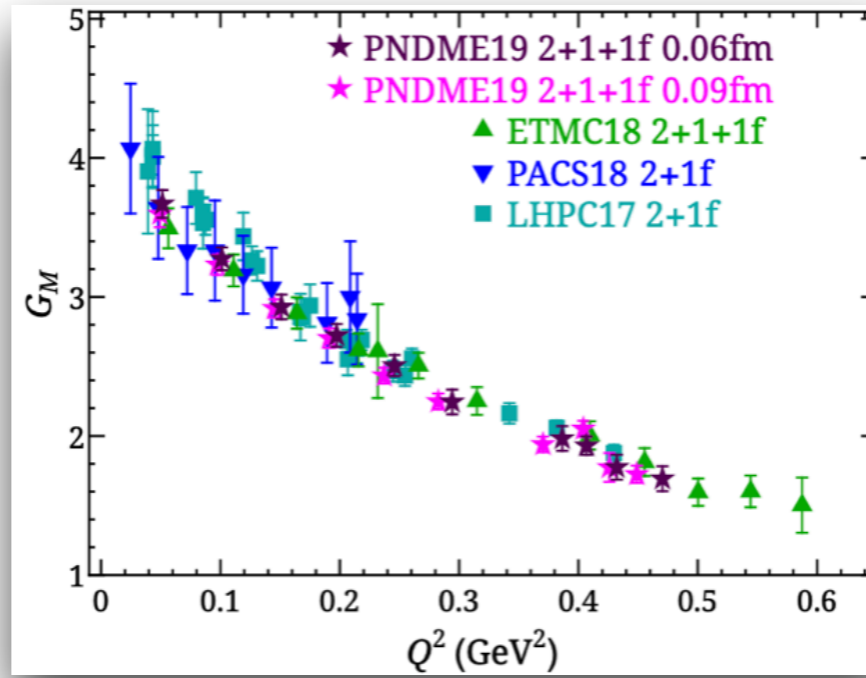
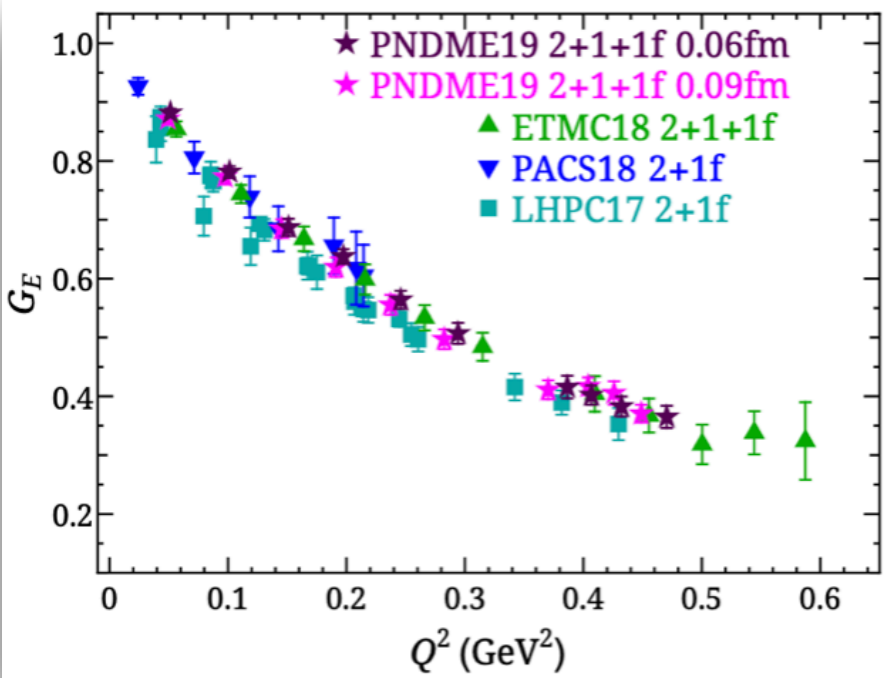


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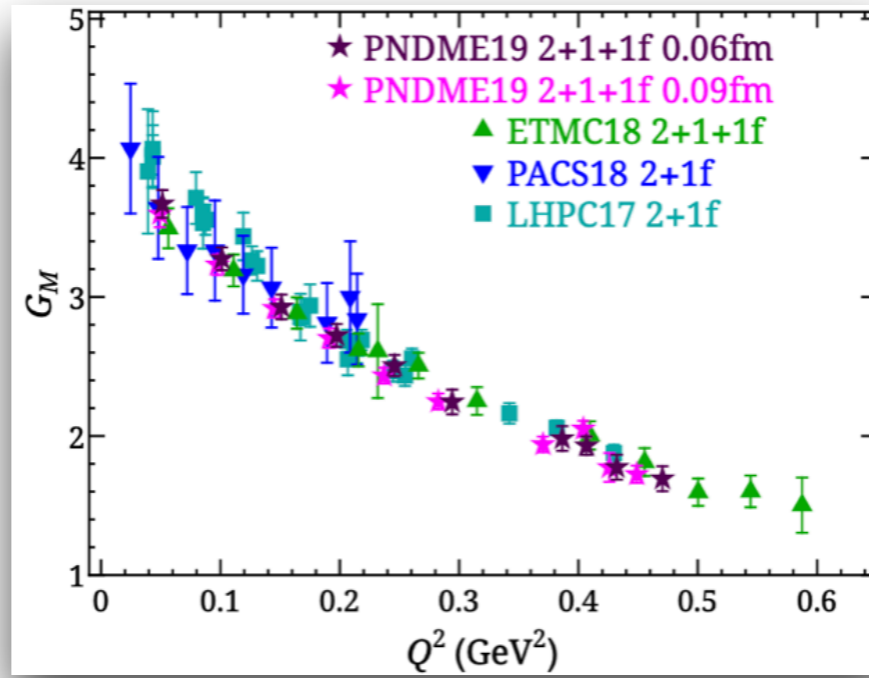
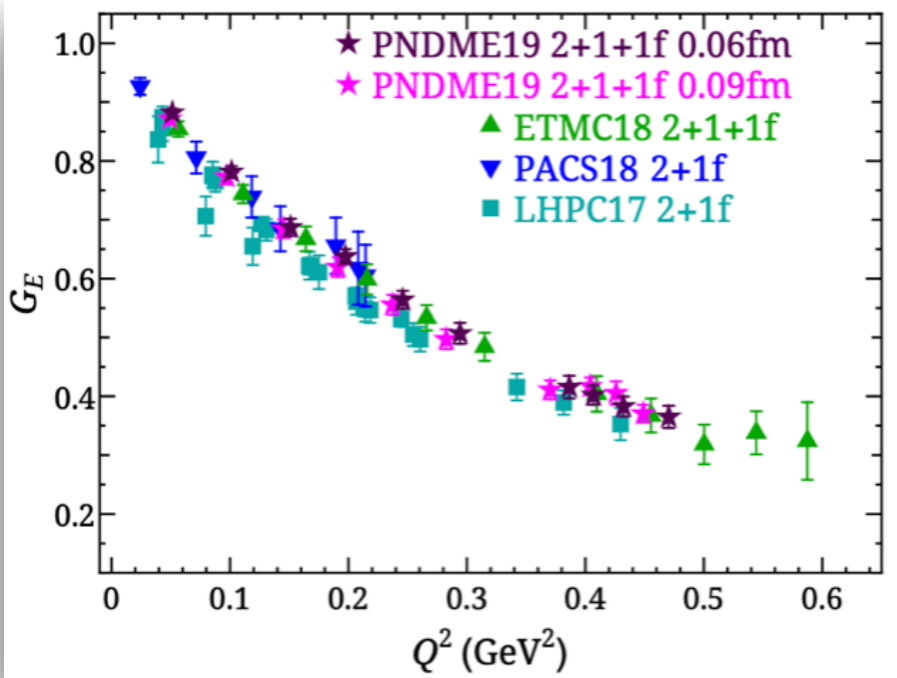
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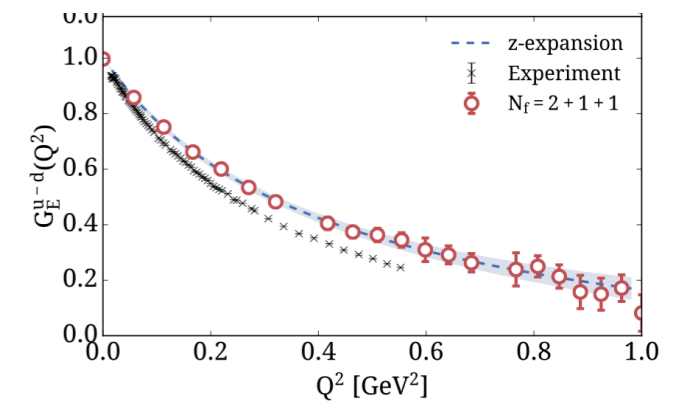
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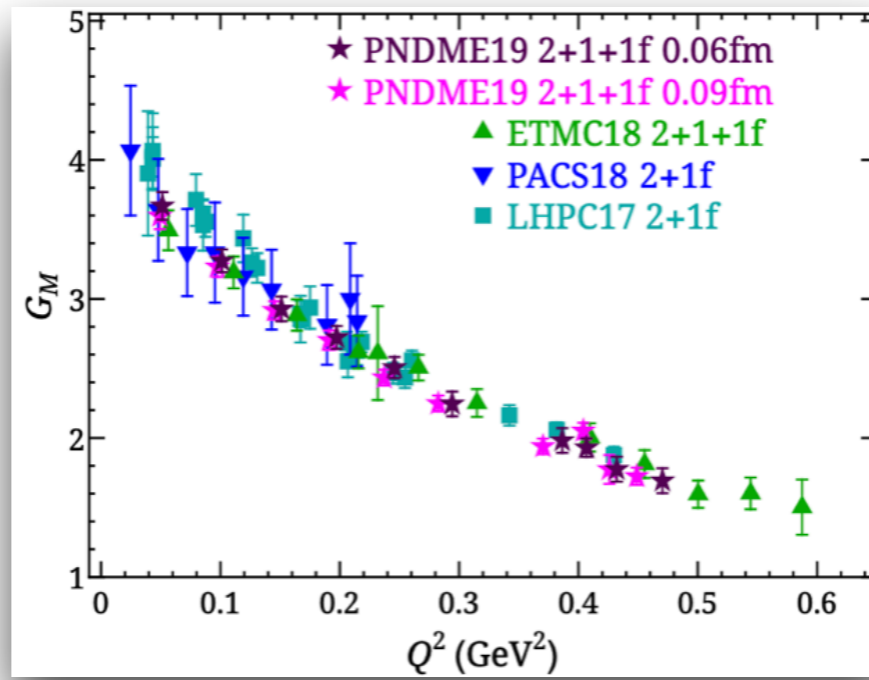
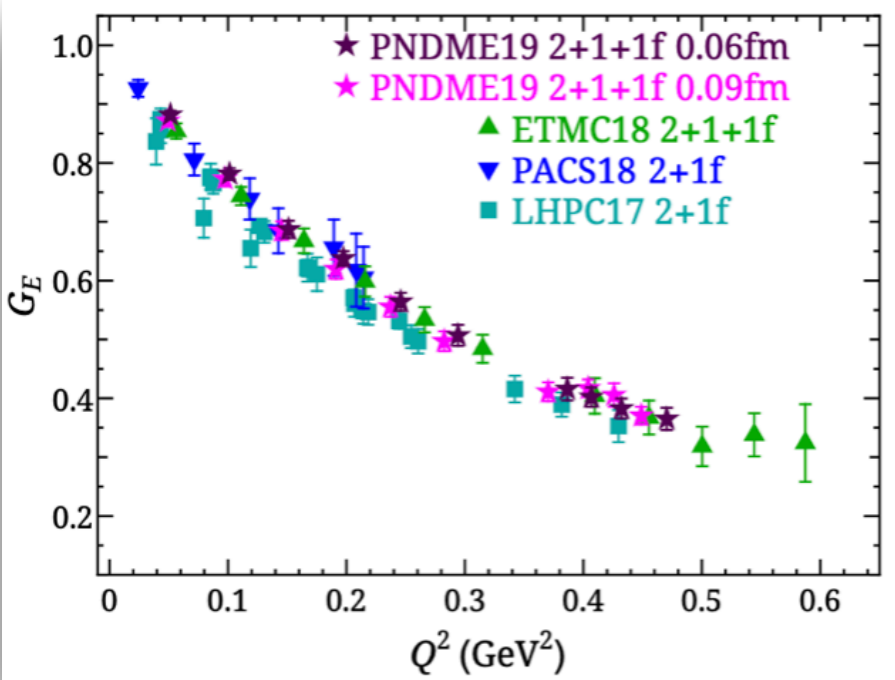


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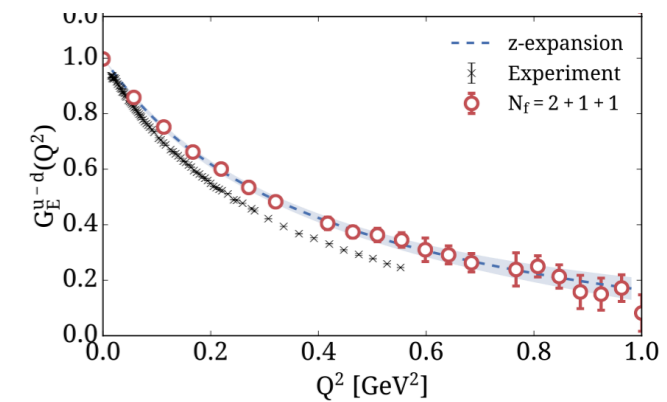
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More Recent Developments

- ★ Percent-level precision achieved
- ★ Inclusion of disconnected contributions
- ★ Addressing systematic uncertainties
- ★ Chiral and continuum extrapolations

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Results from the Mainz Group

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N200		128	48	281	4.39		1712
D200		128	64	203	4.22		2000
E250		192	96	129	4.04		400
S201		128	32	293	3.05		2093
N302	0.050	128	48	348	4.22	0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1., 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.39	2201
J303		192	64	260	4.19		1073
E300		192	64	174	4.21		570

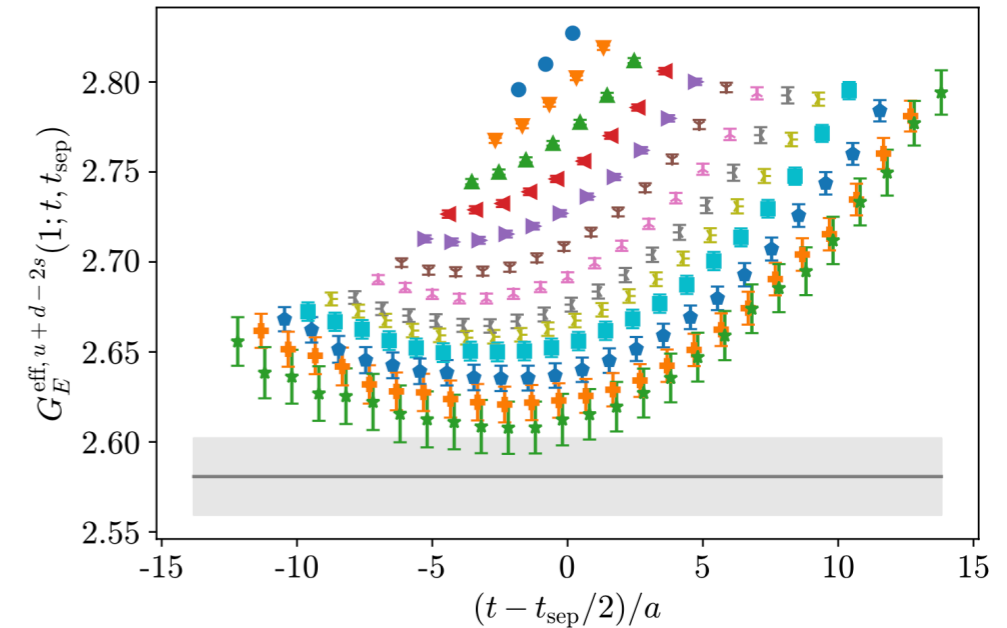
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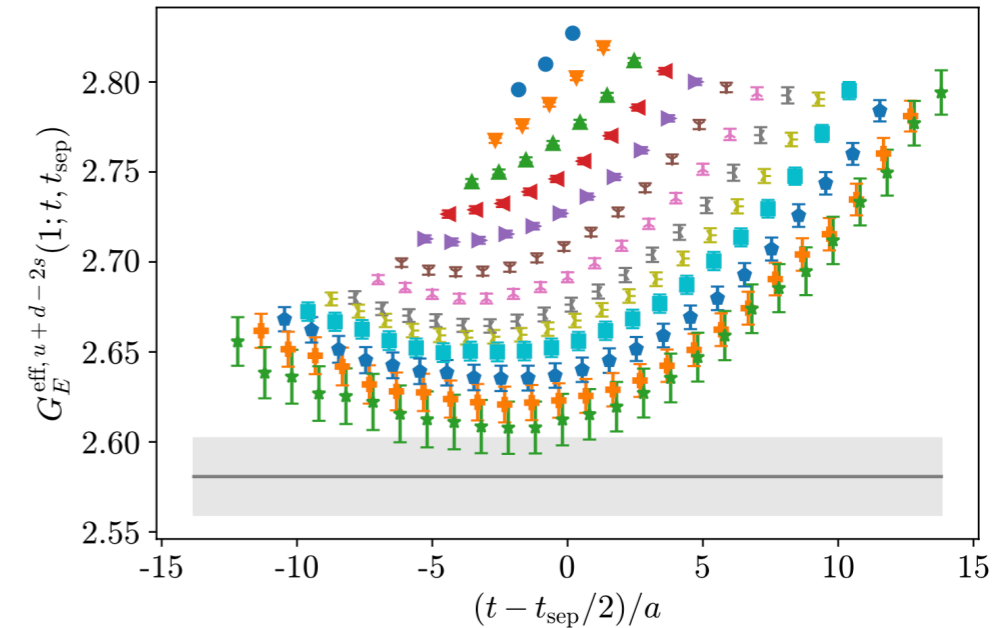
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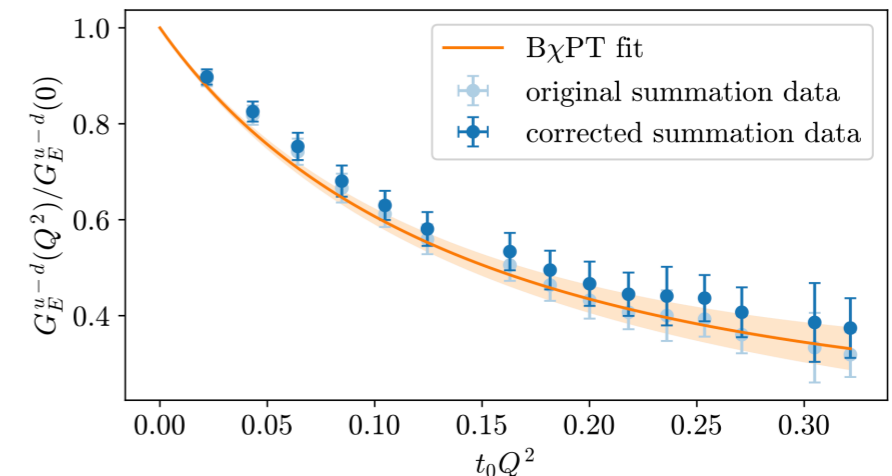
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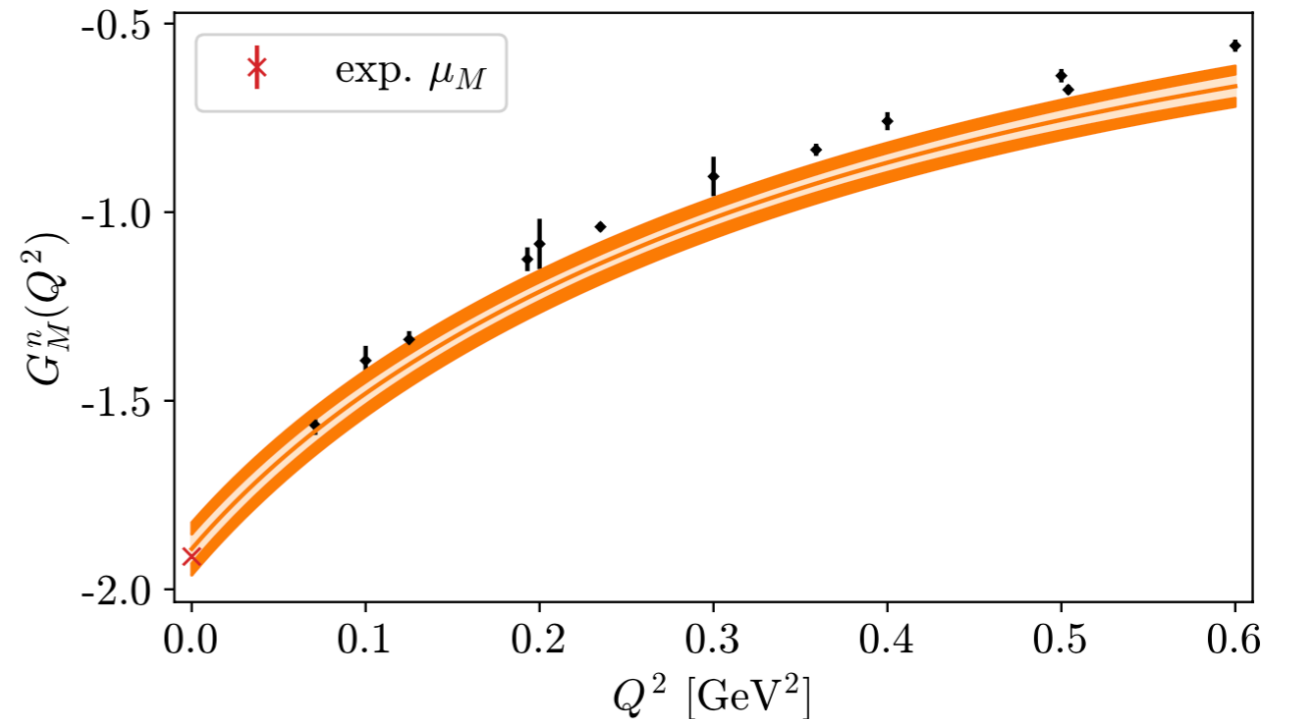
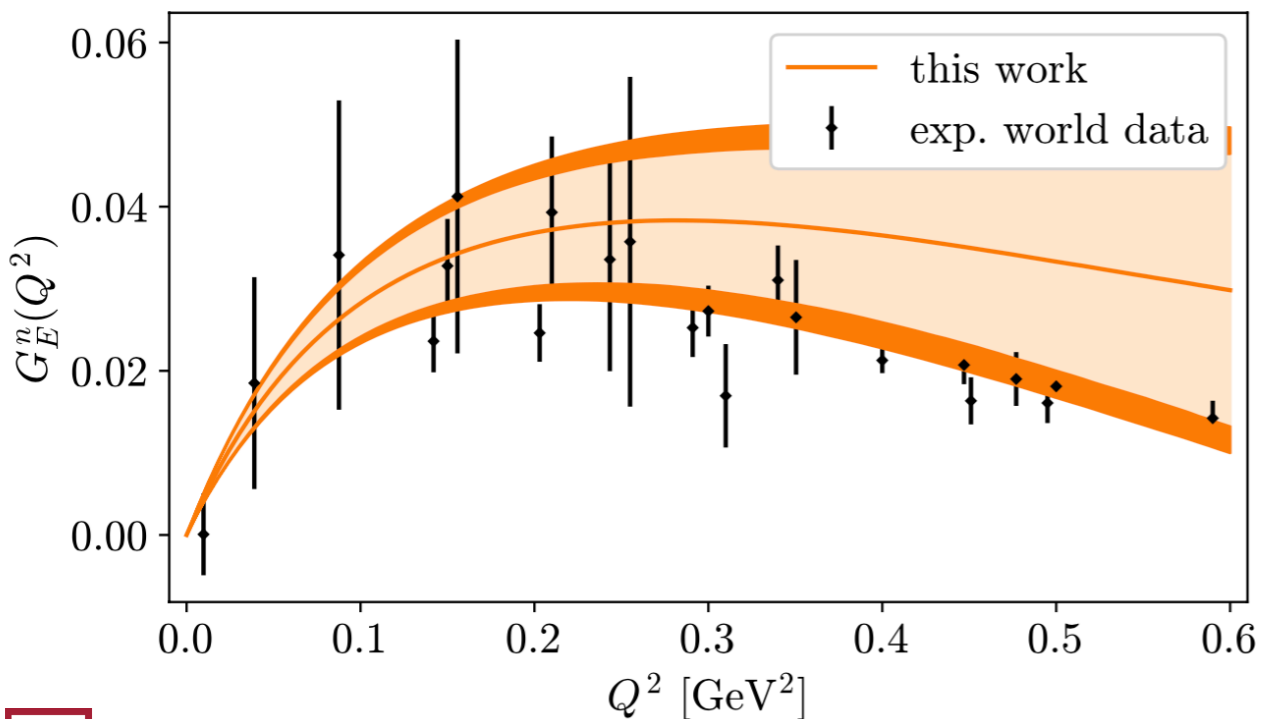
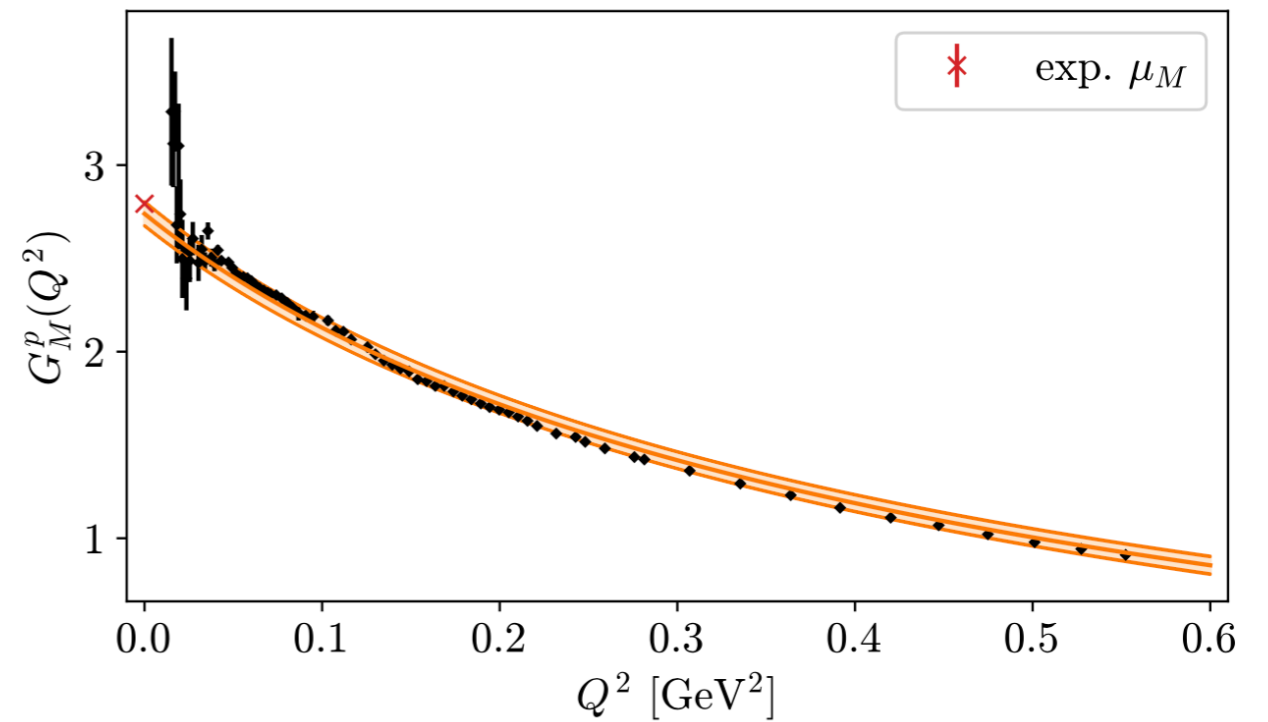
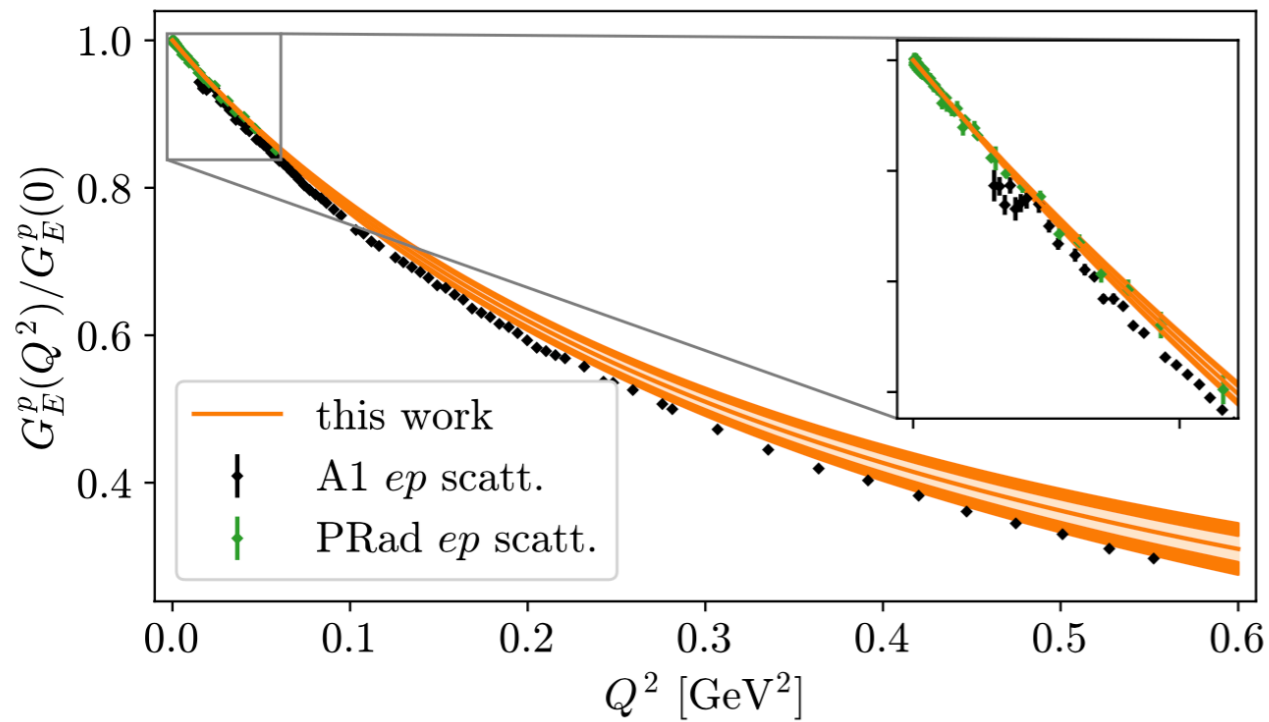
- Excited-state effects;
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$$G_E^{\text{add}}(Q^2) = G_E^{\chi}(Q^2) + G_E^a a^2 Q^2 + G_E^L t_0 Q^2 e^{-M_\pi L}$$

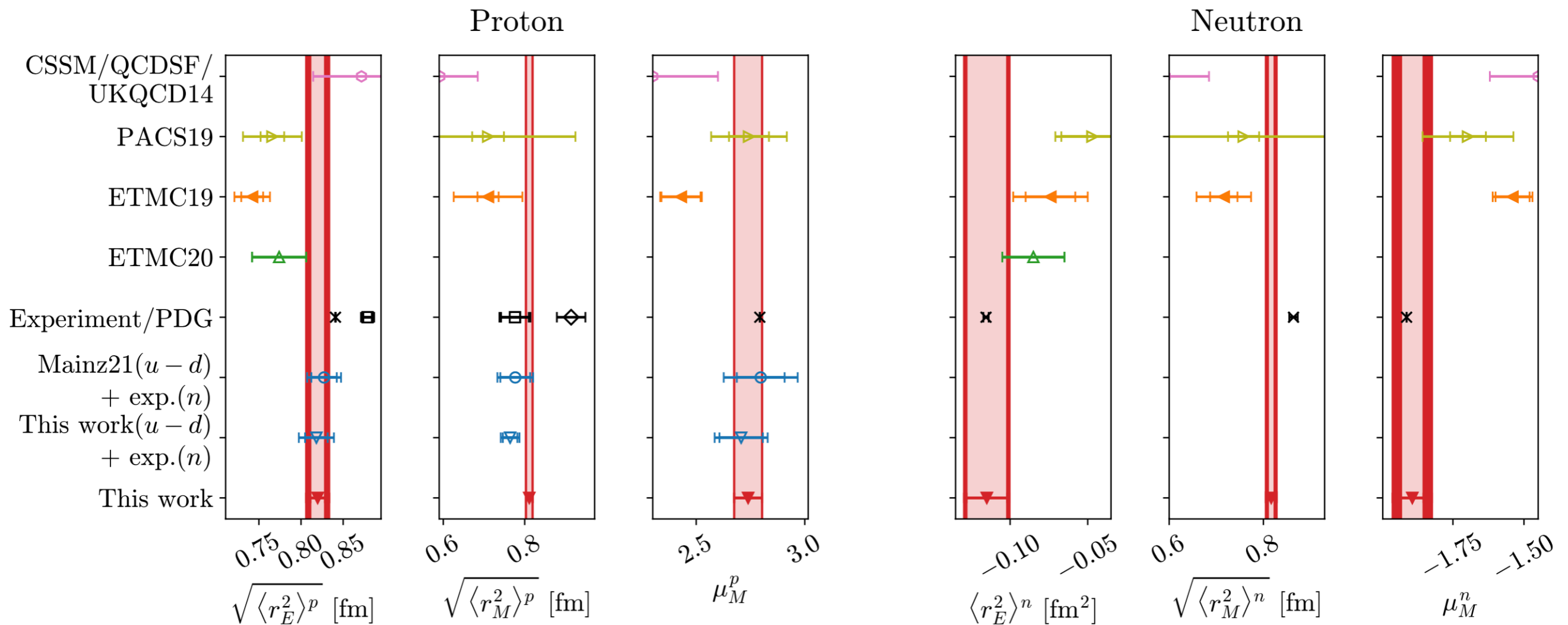


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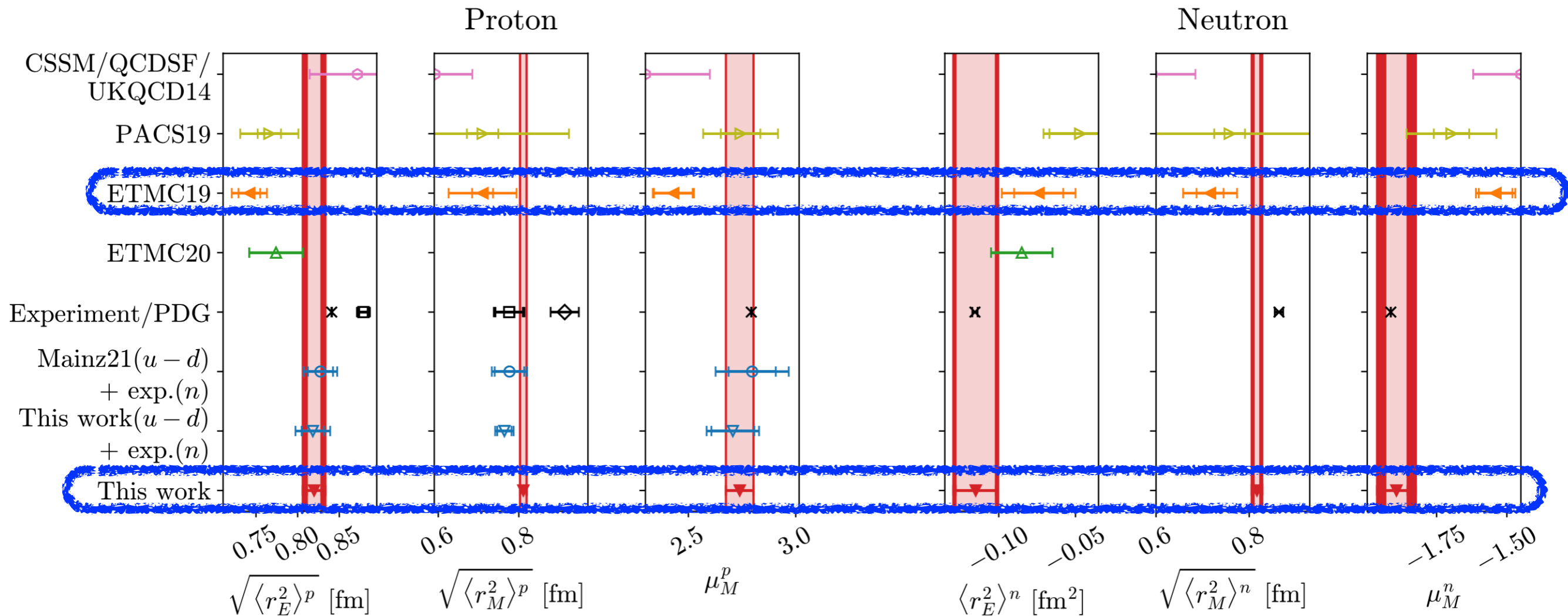
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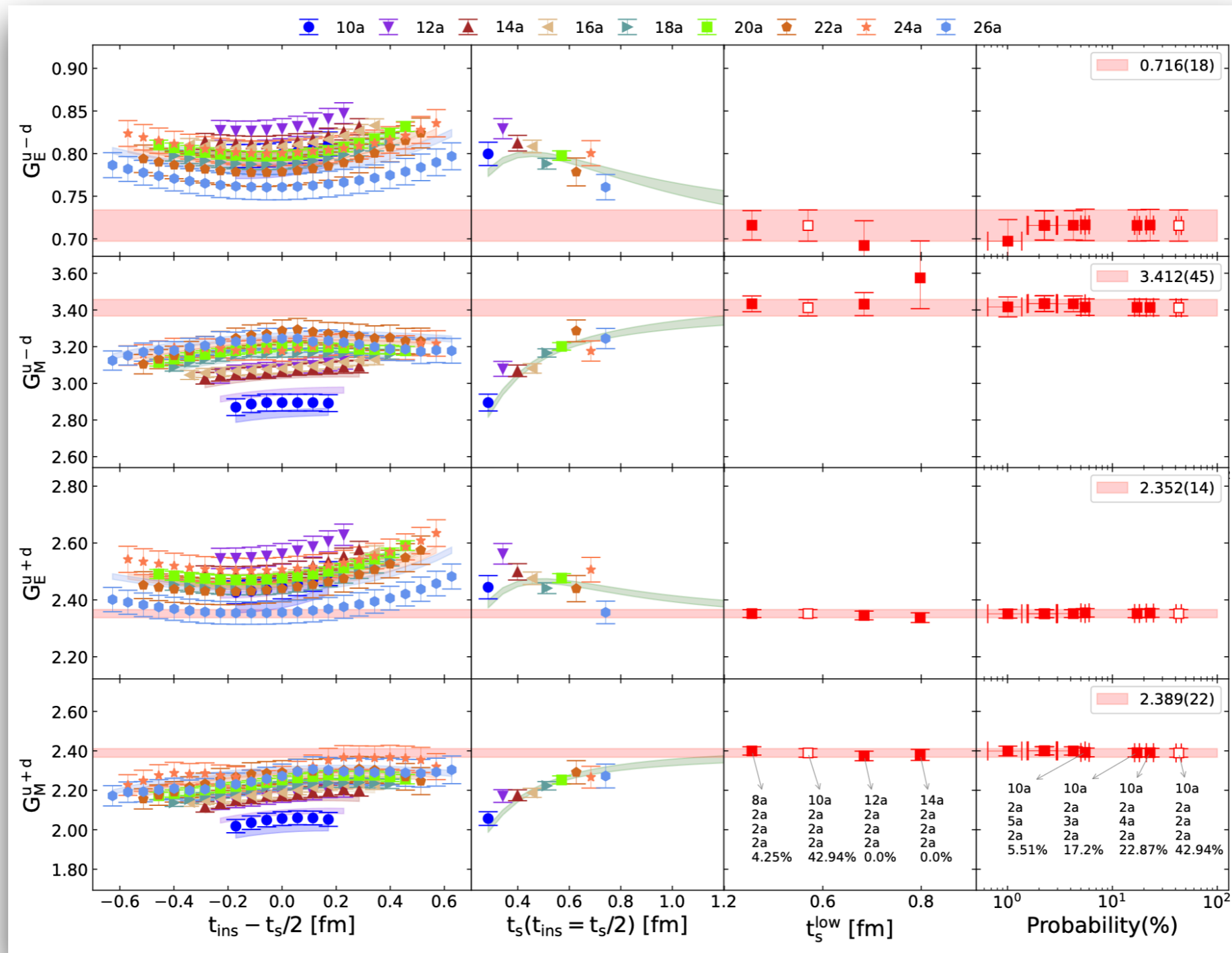
[Alexandrou et al., arXiv:2507.20910; Alexandrou et al., arXiv:2603.26591]

Ensemble	$(\frac{L}{a})^3 \times (\frac{T}{a})$	β	a [fm]	m_π [MeV]	$m_\pi L$
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cD211.054.96 (D)	$96^3 \times 192$	1.900	0.05692(12)	140.8(2)	3.90
cE211.044.112 (E)	$112^3 \times 224$	1.960	0.04892(11)	136.5(2)	3.79

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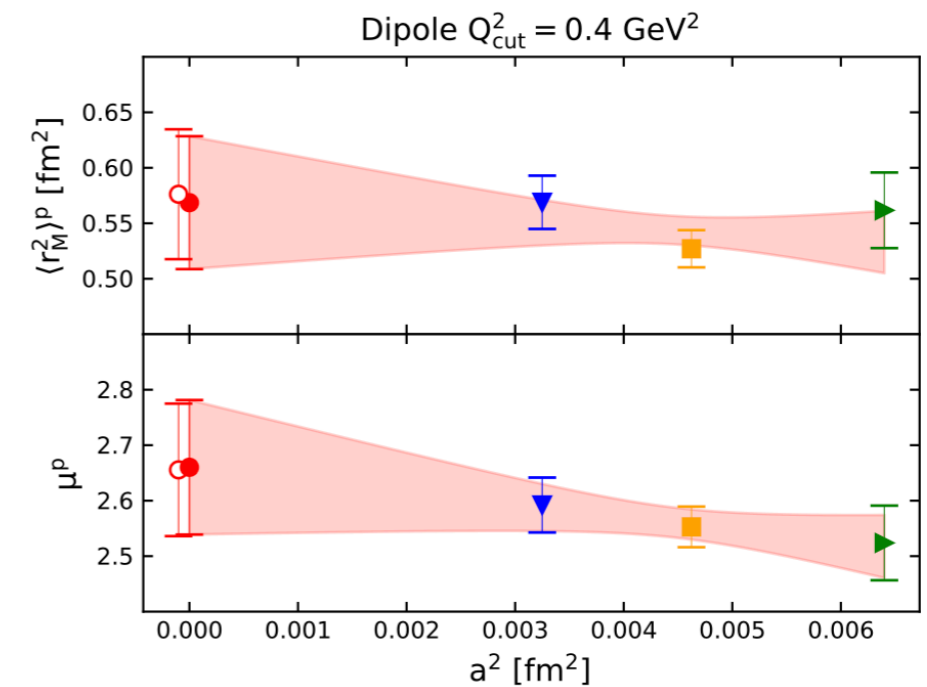
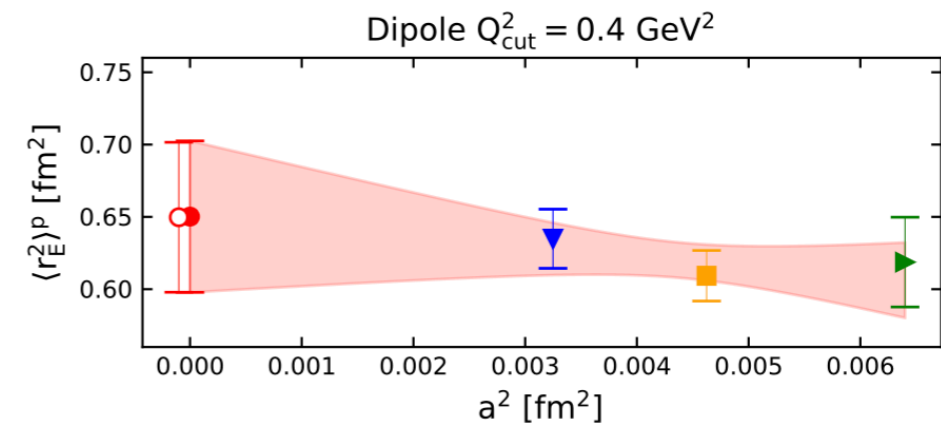
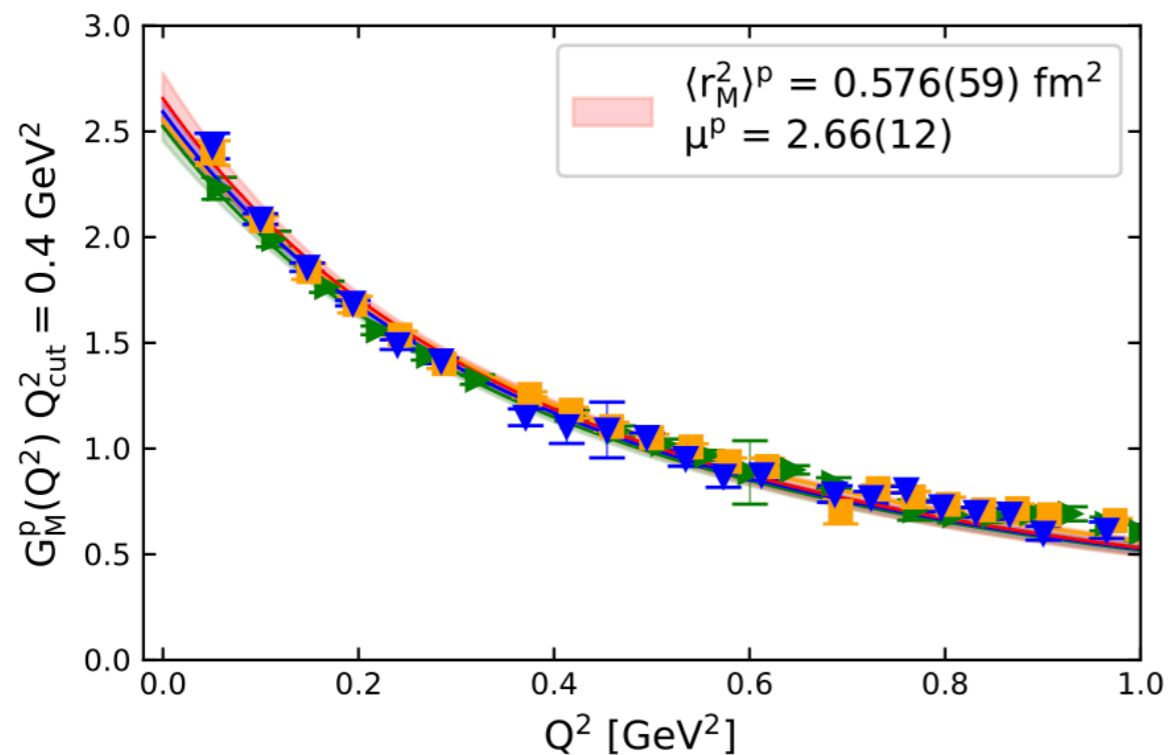
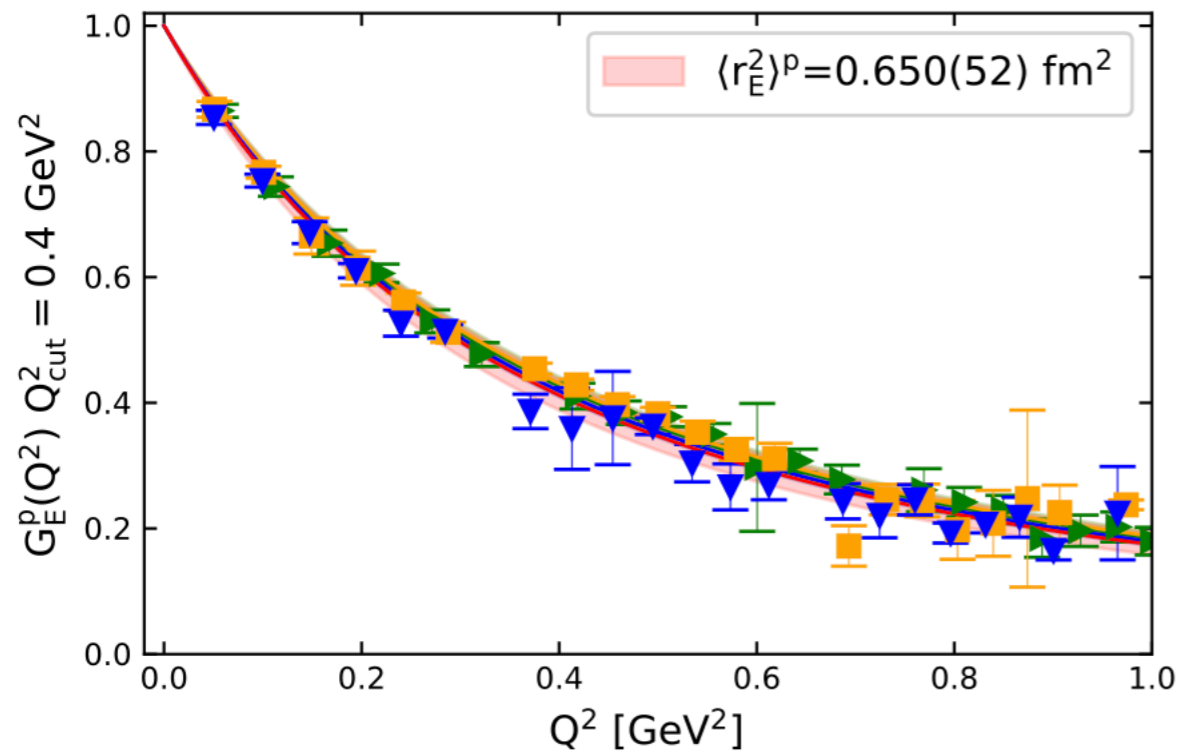
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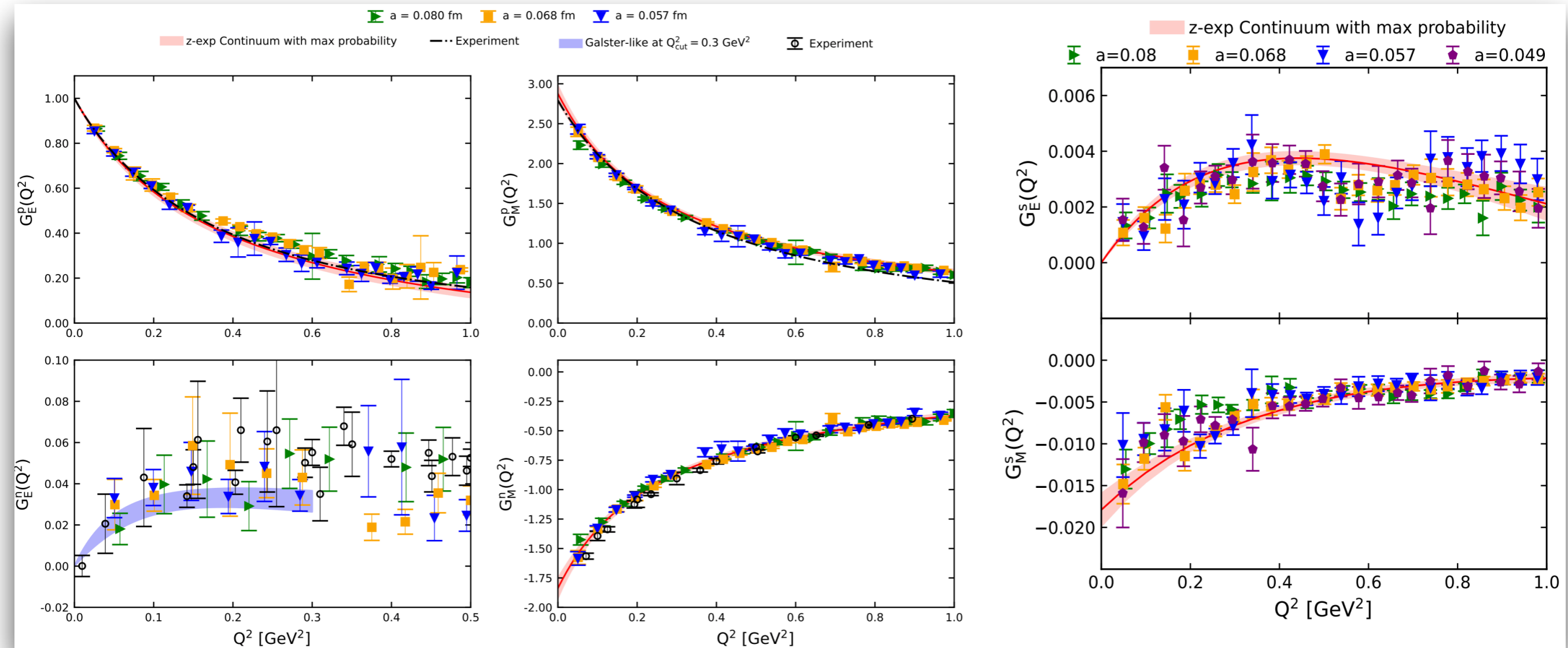
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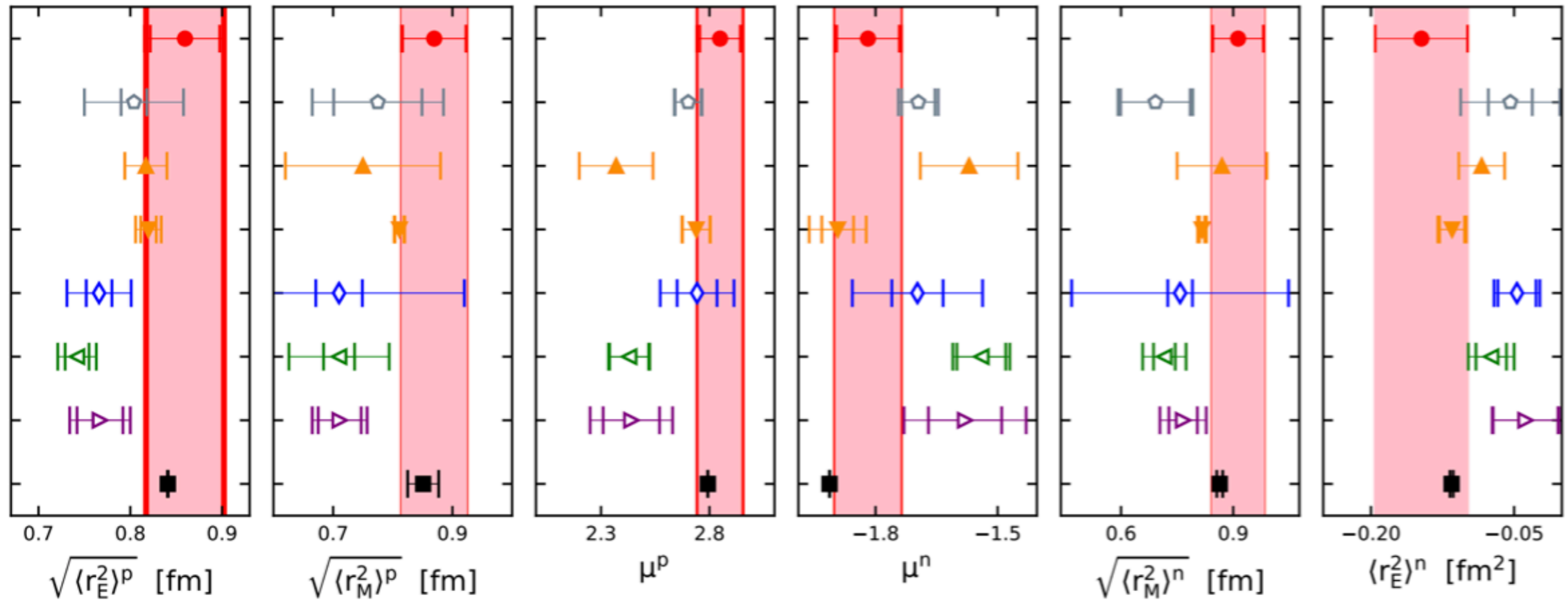
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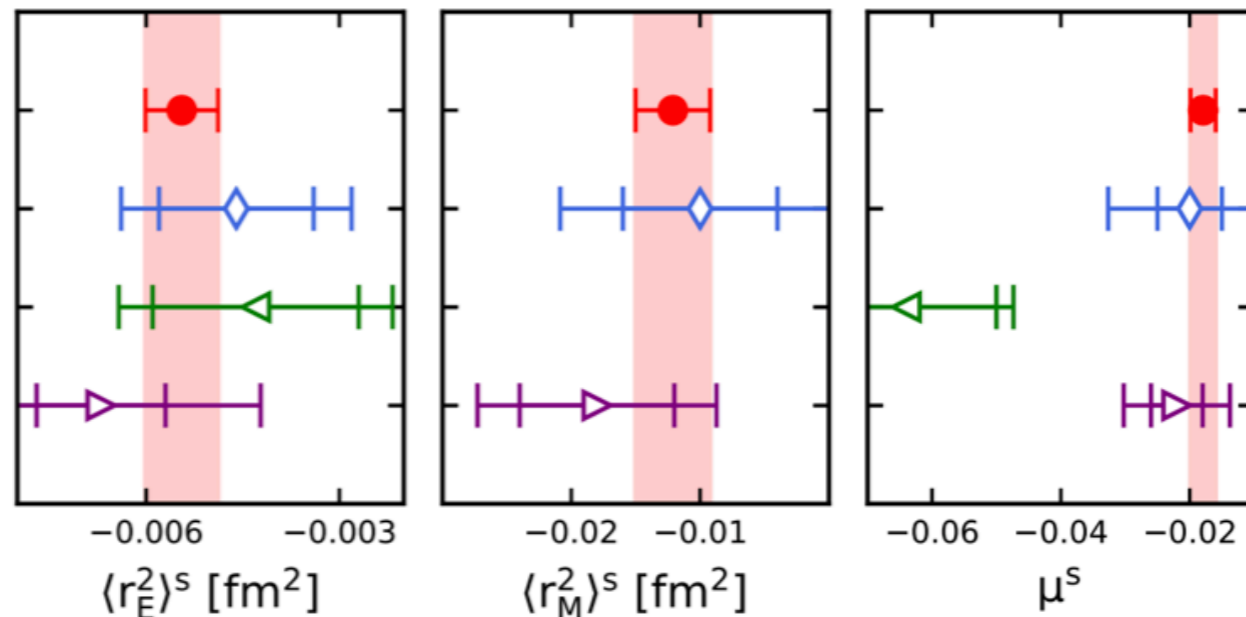
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Summary of radii and magnetic moment

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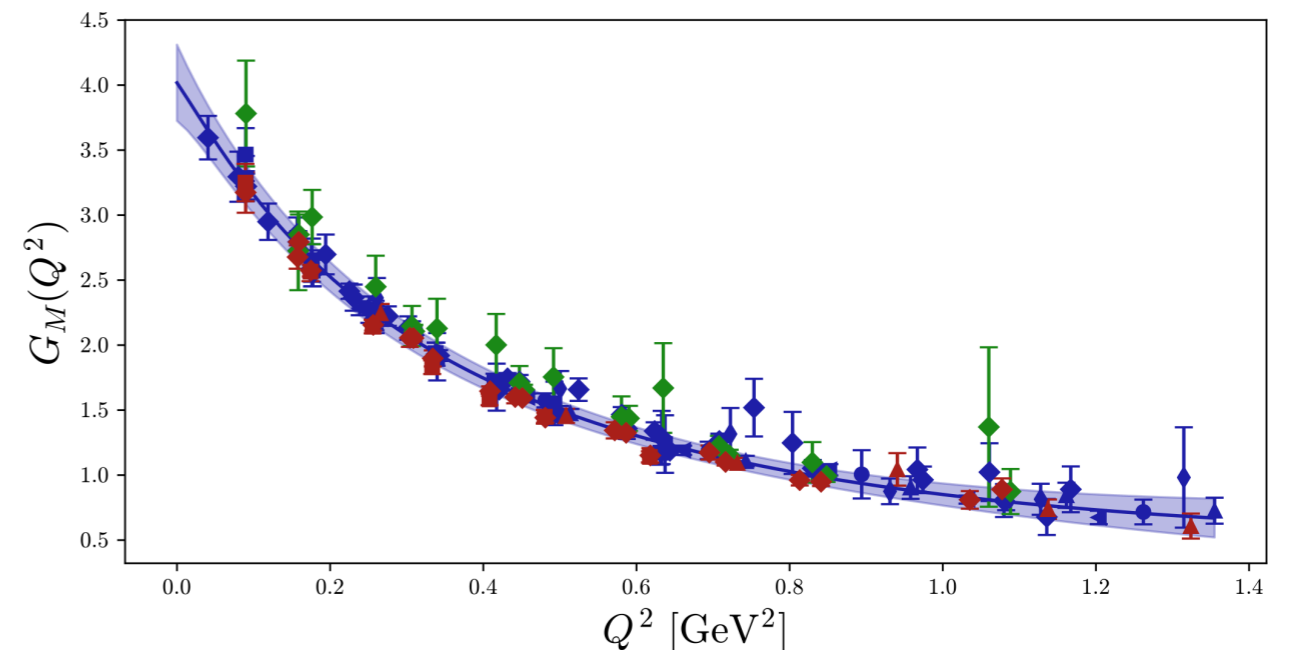
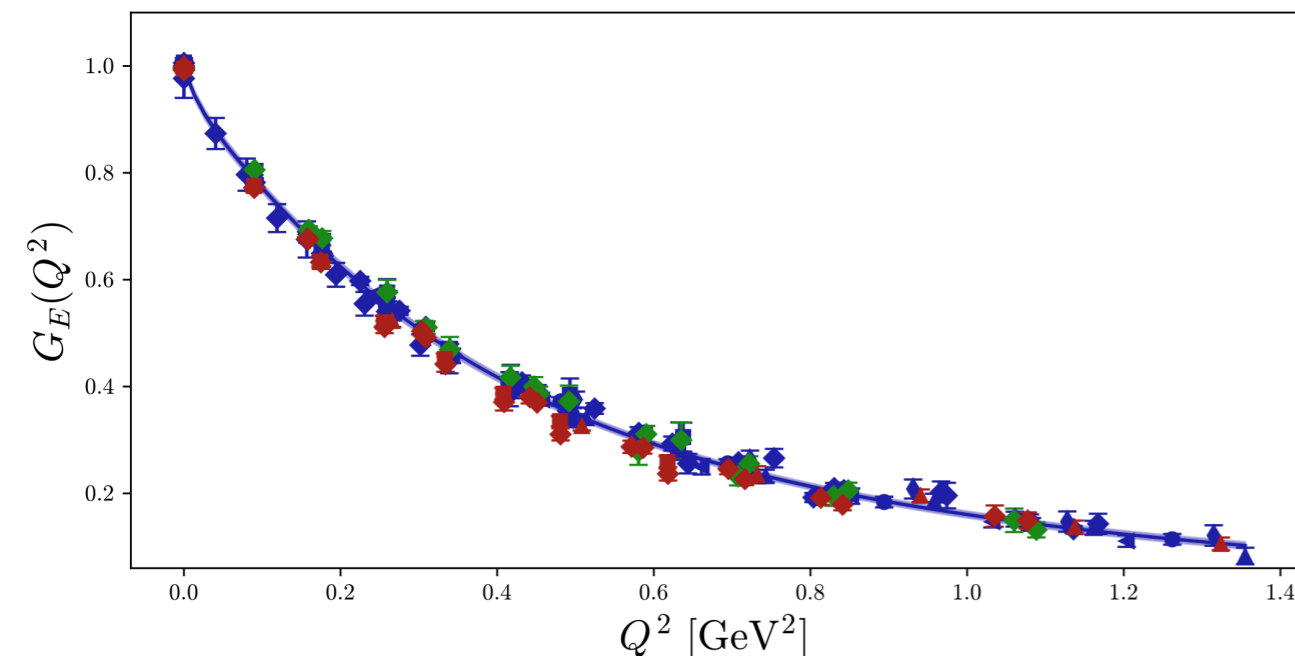
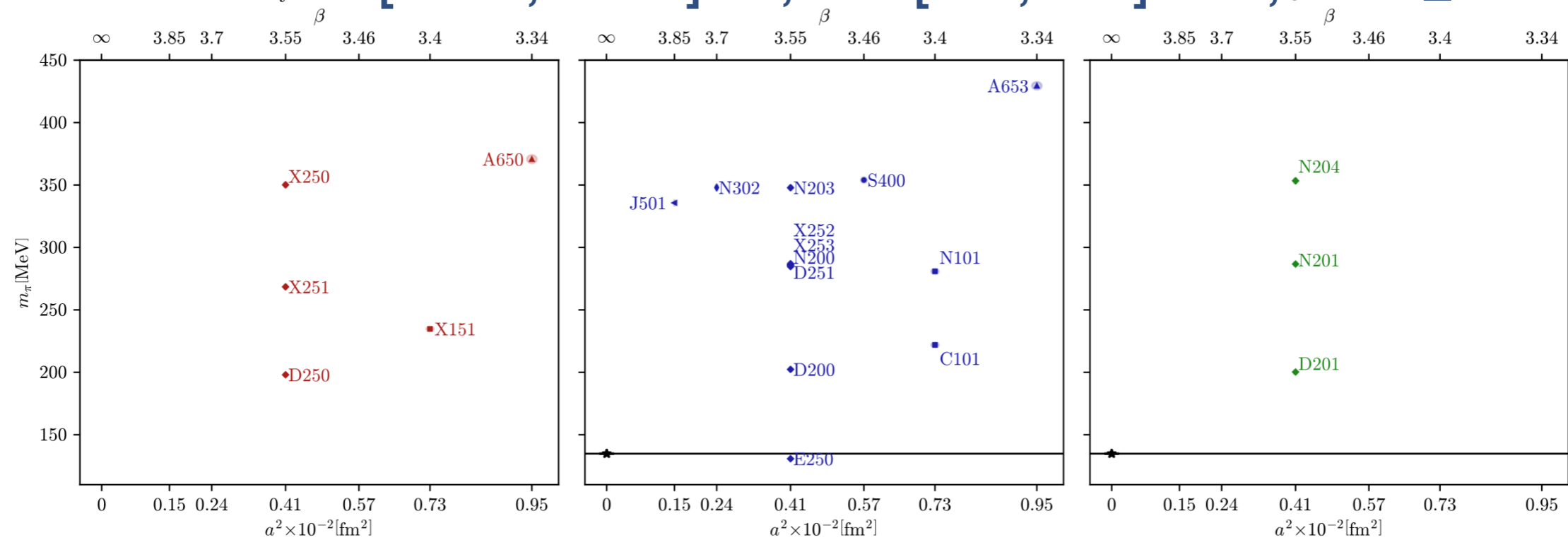


- Recent lattice results with controlled systematics are in agreement with the experimental values.
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(Preliminary) Results from RQCD

[Rodekamp et al, Lattice 2025]

21 ensembles: $a \in [0.098, 0.039]$ fm, $m_\pi \in [130, 430]$ MeV, $m_s = \text{const.}$, $m_\pi L \geq 4$



Further analysis needed to examine systematic effects and extract radii

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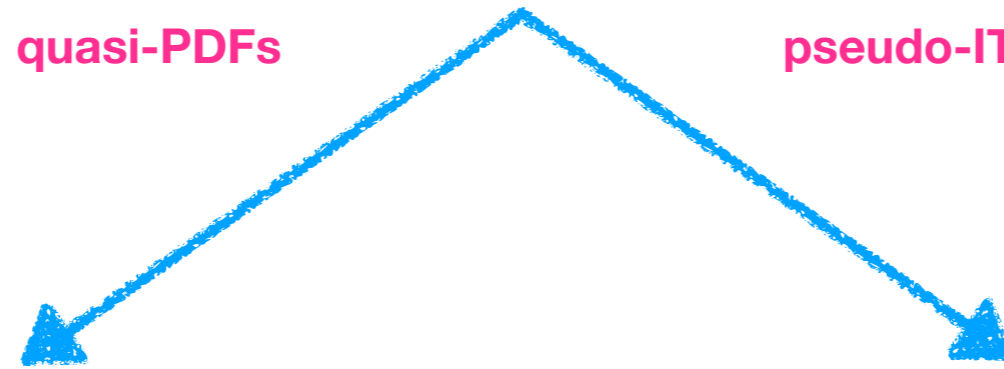
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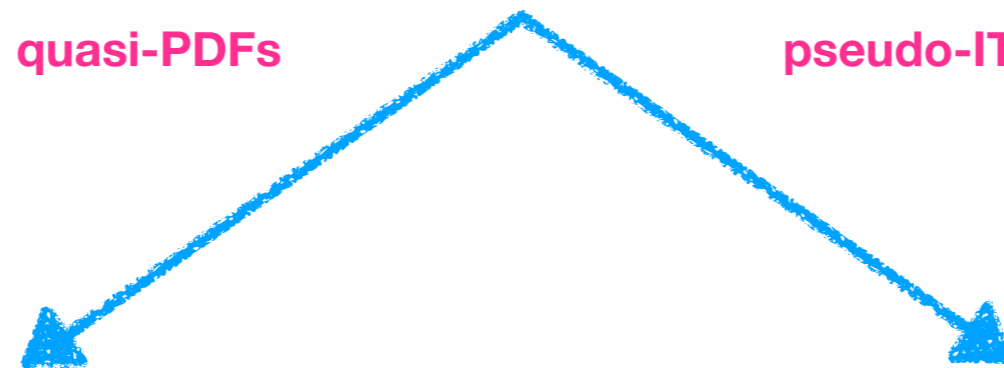
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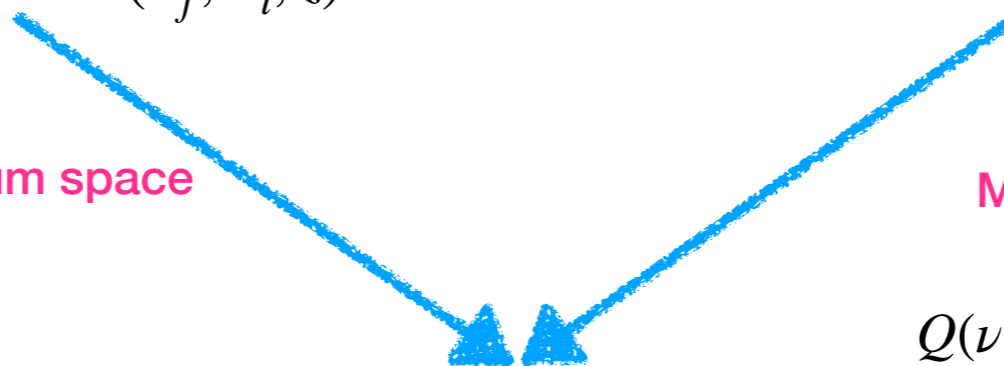
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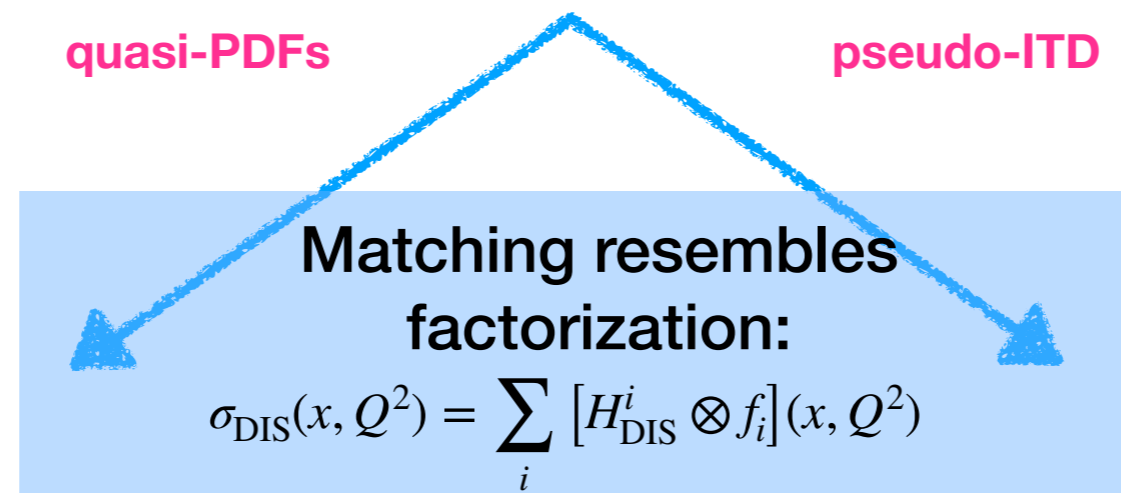
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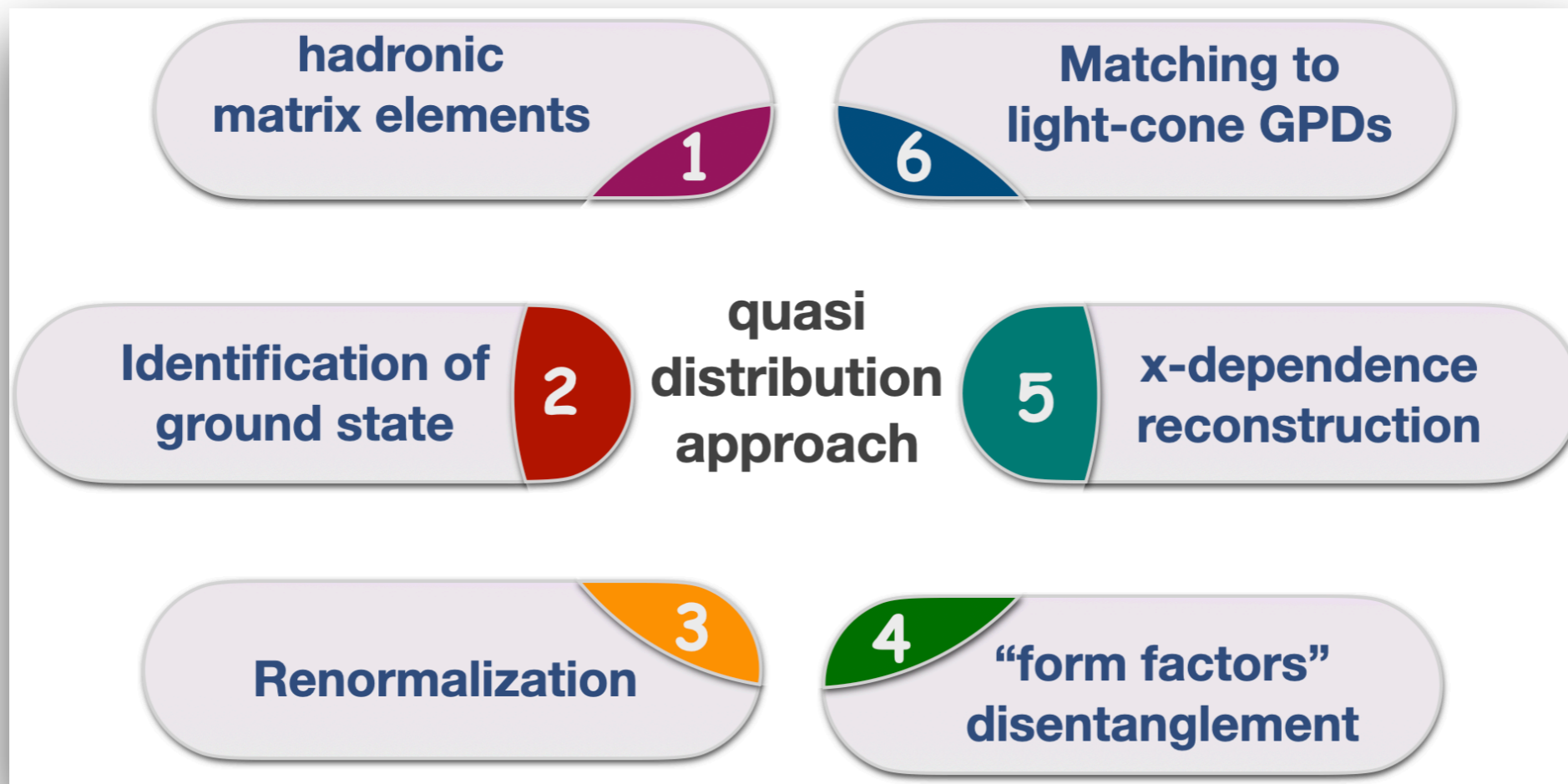
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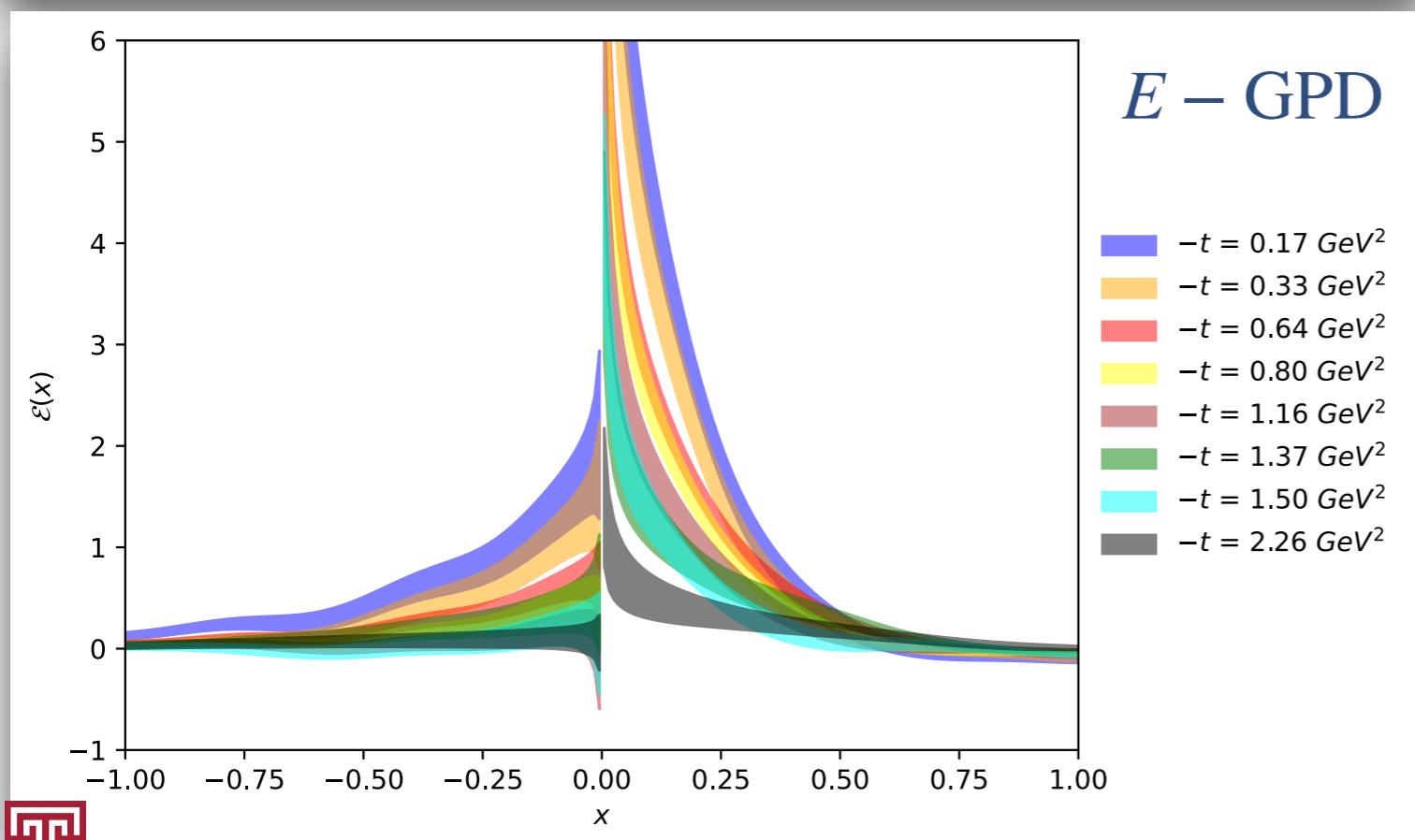
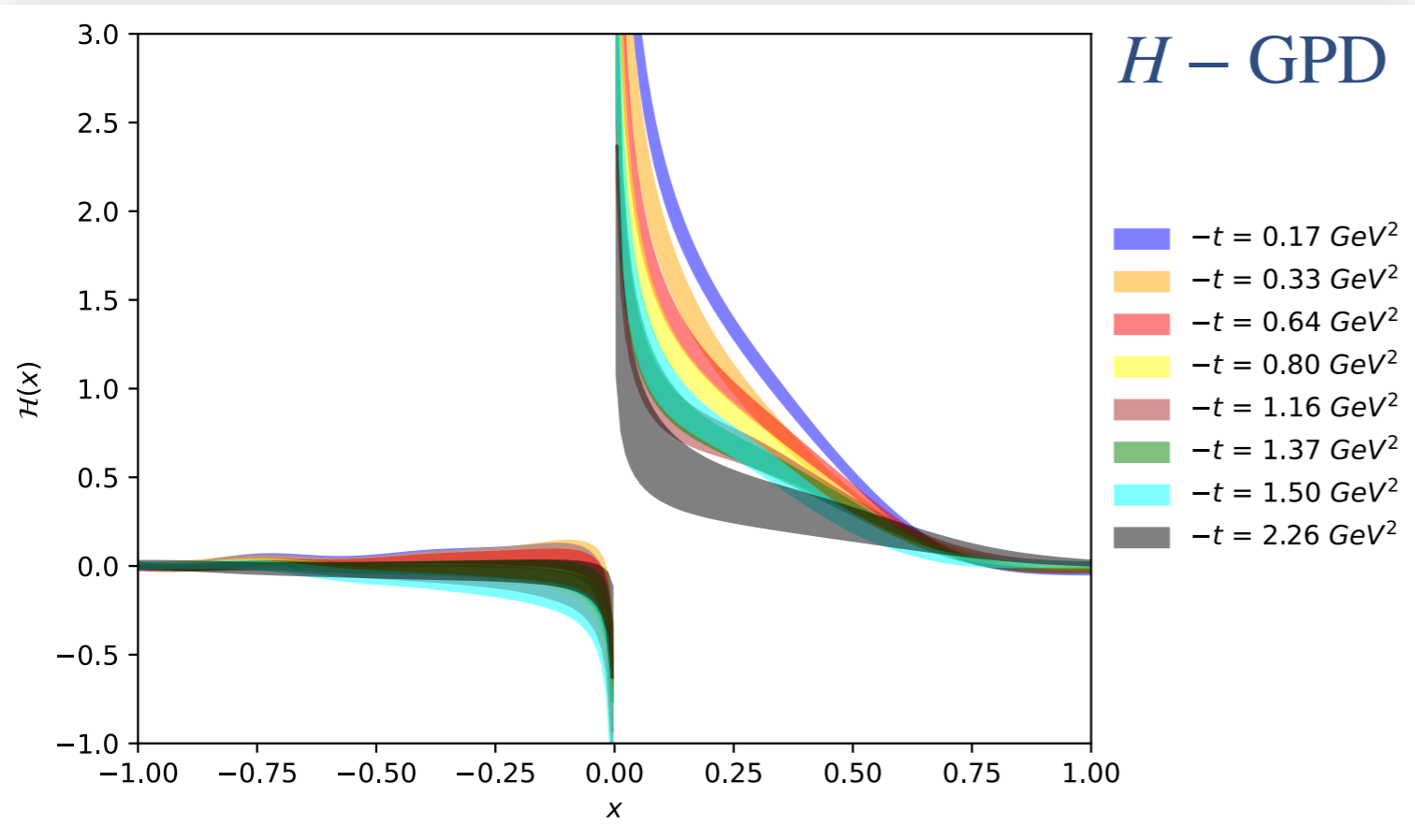
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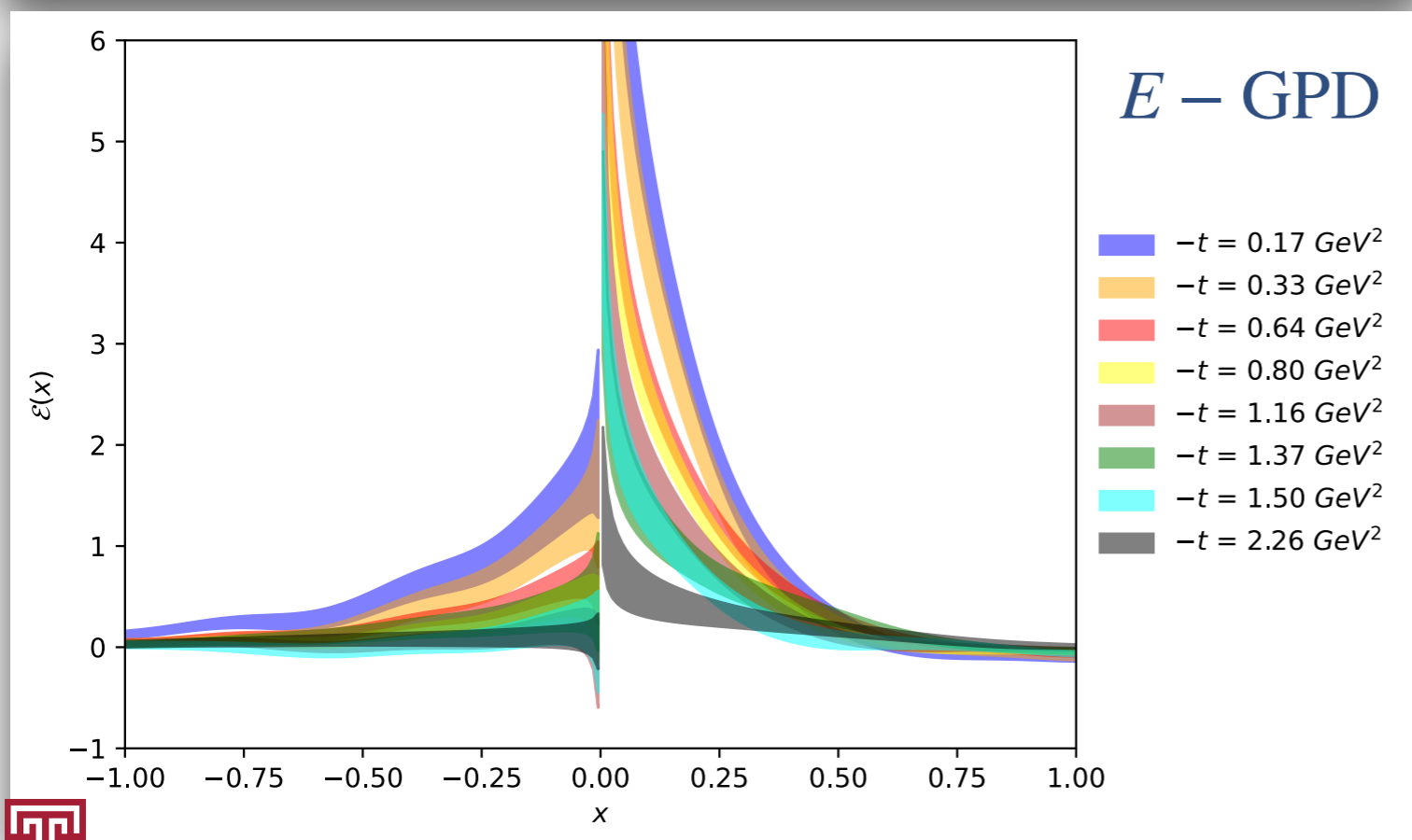
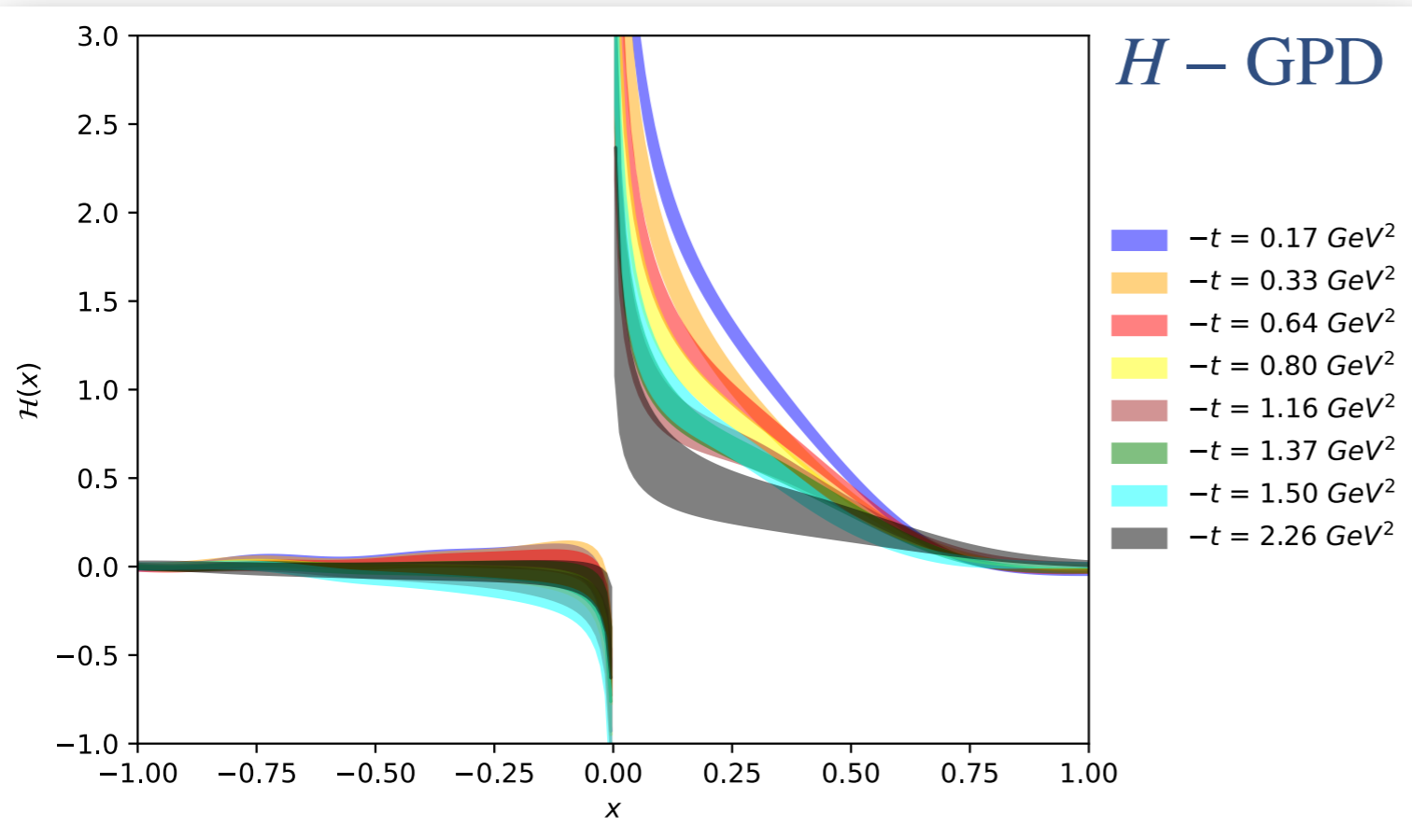
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Caution:

- ★ $+x$ region: quarks
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★ Avoid power-divergent mixing of multi-derivative operators

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★ Both isovector and isoscalar

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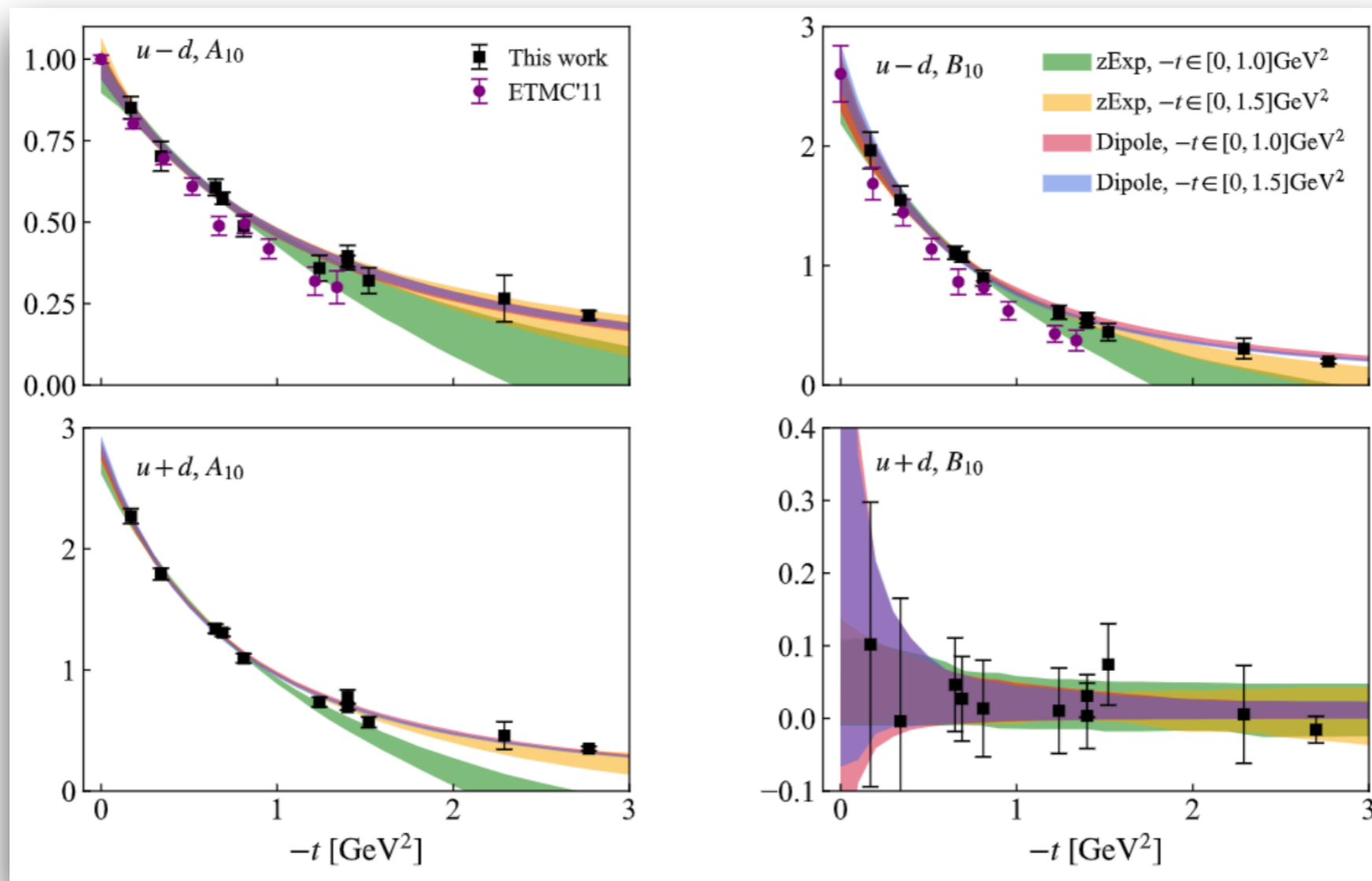
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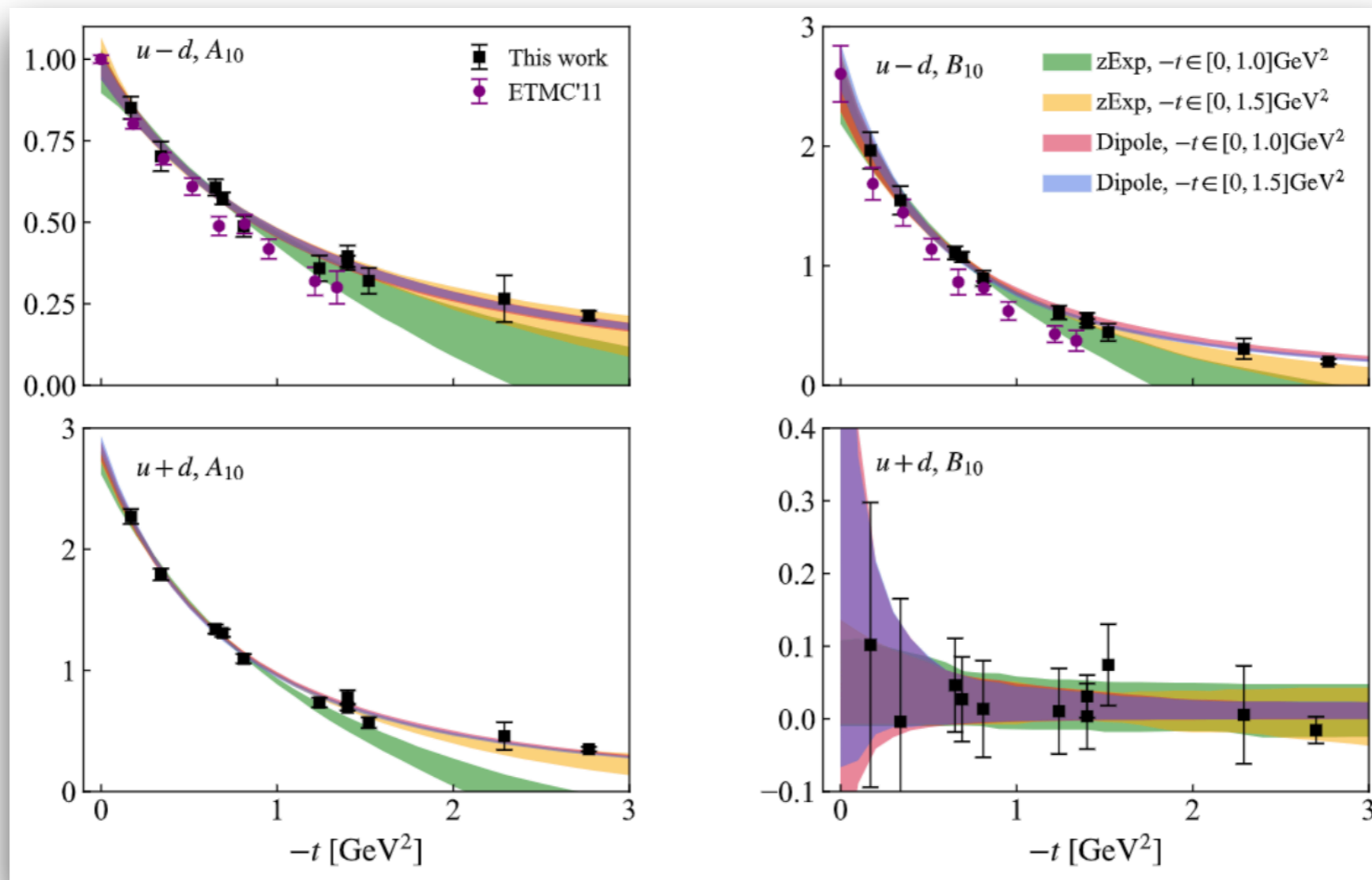
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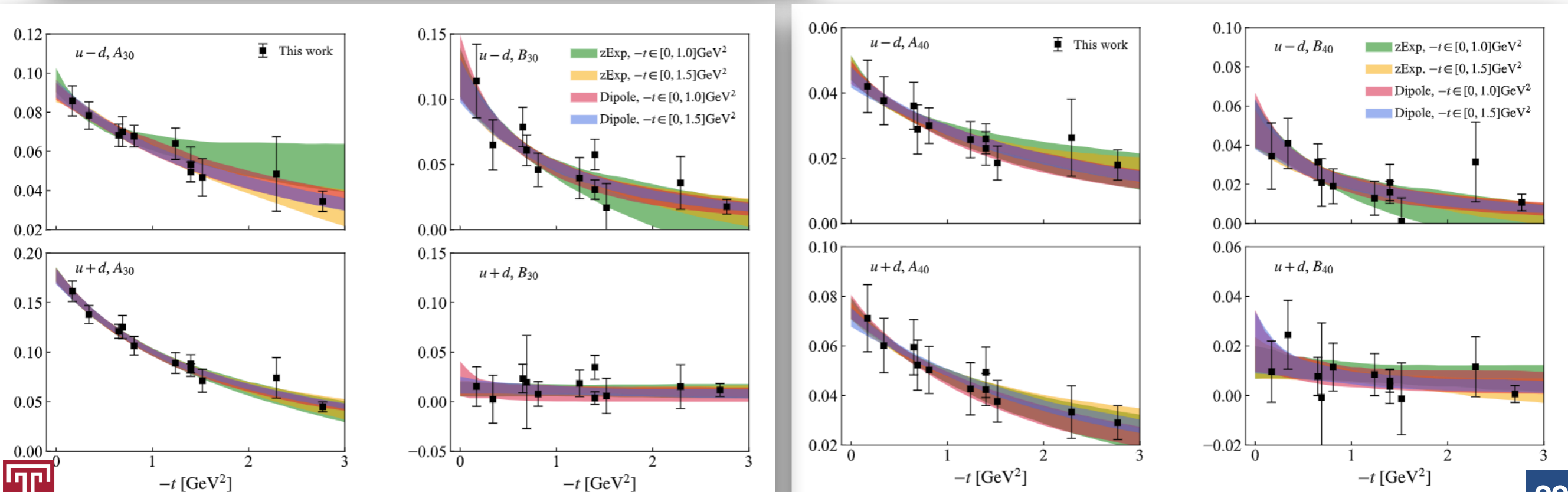
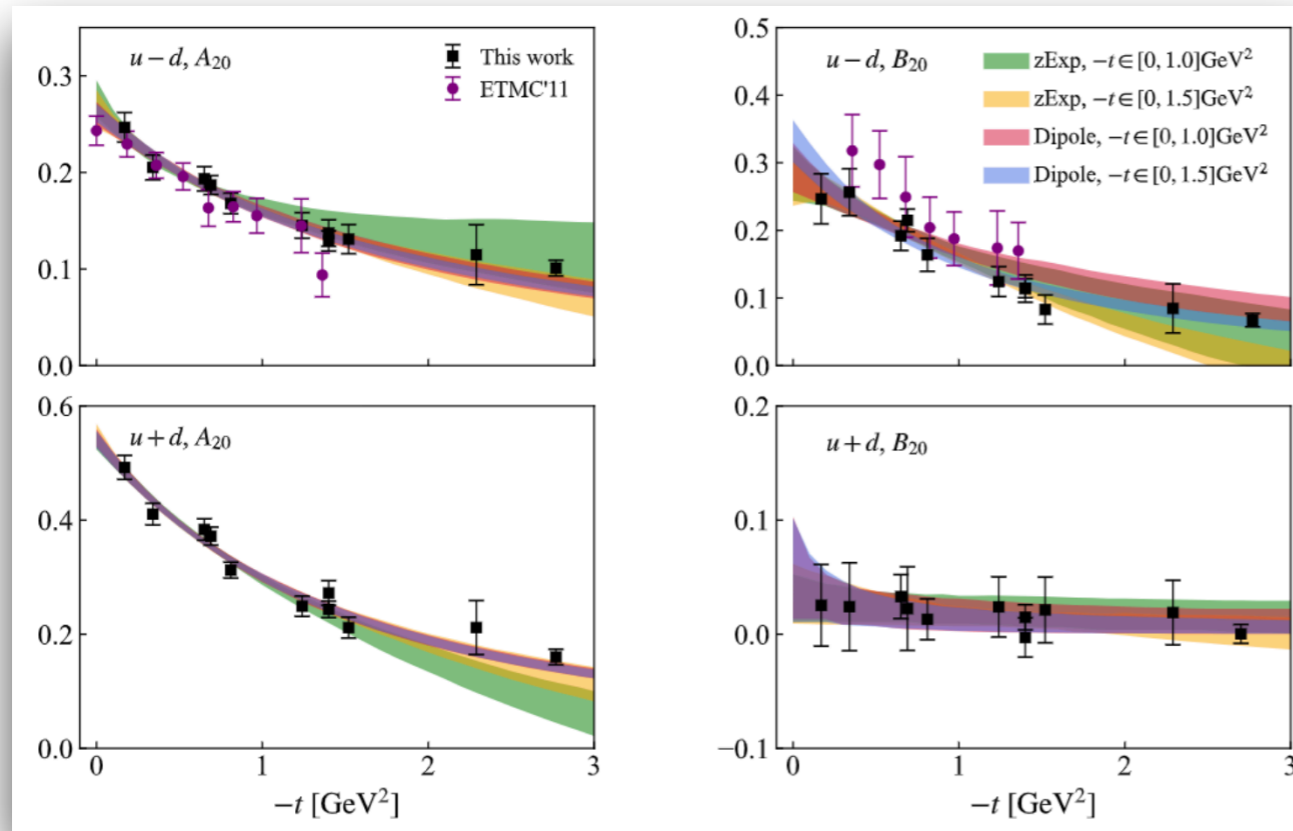
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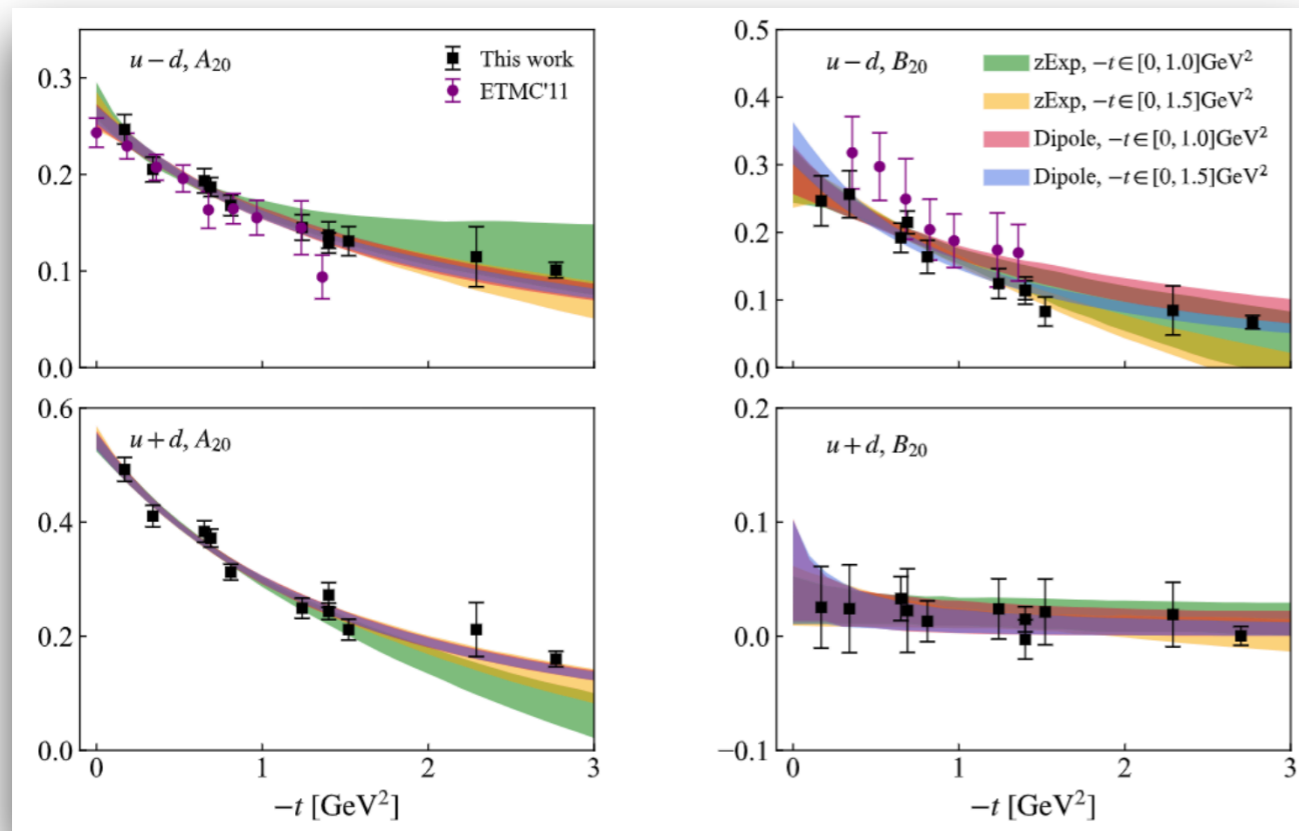
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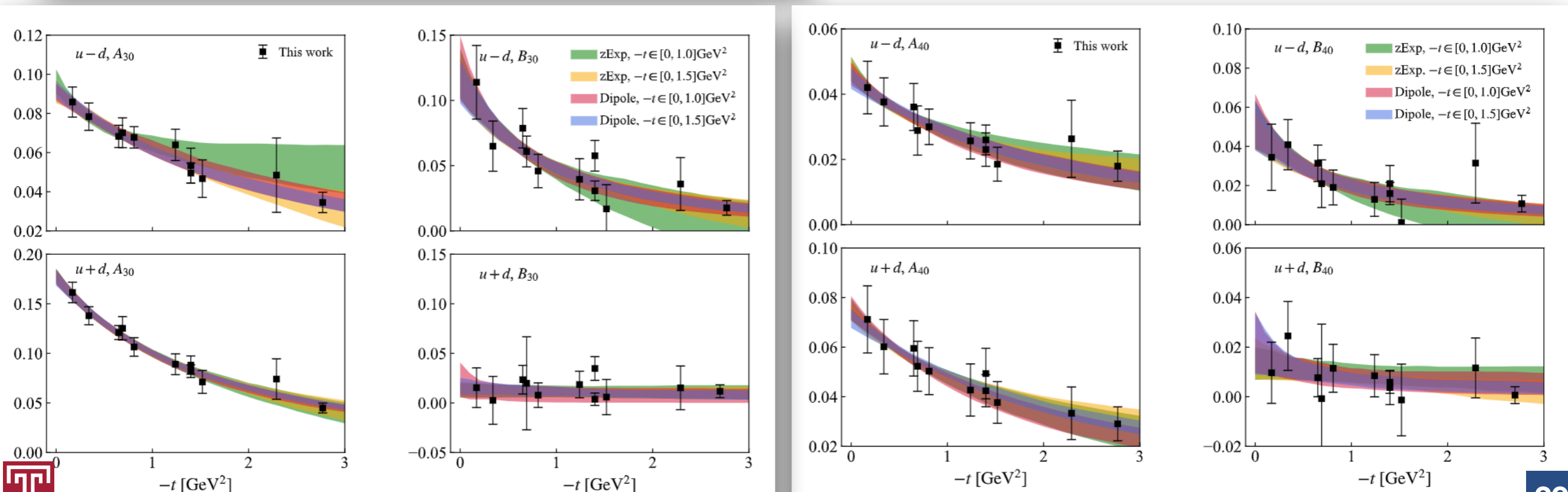


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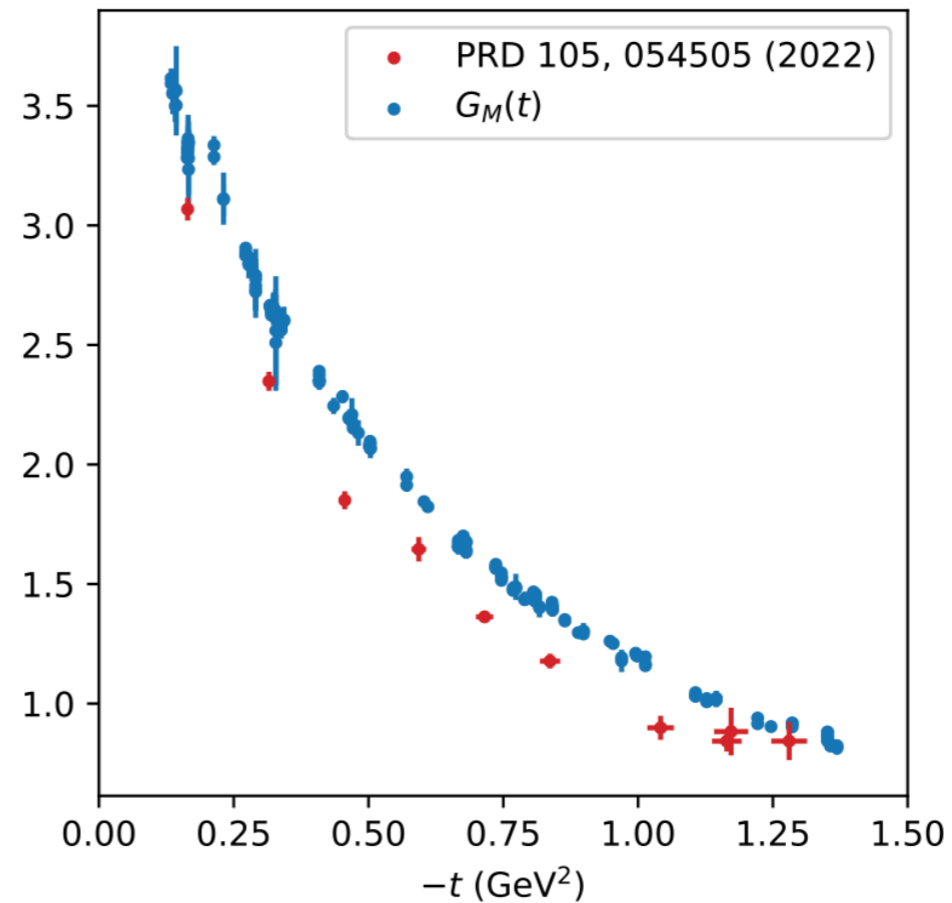
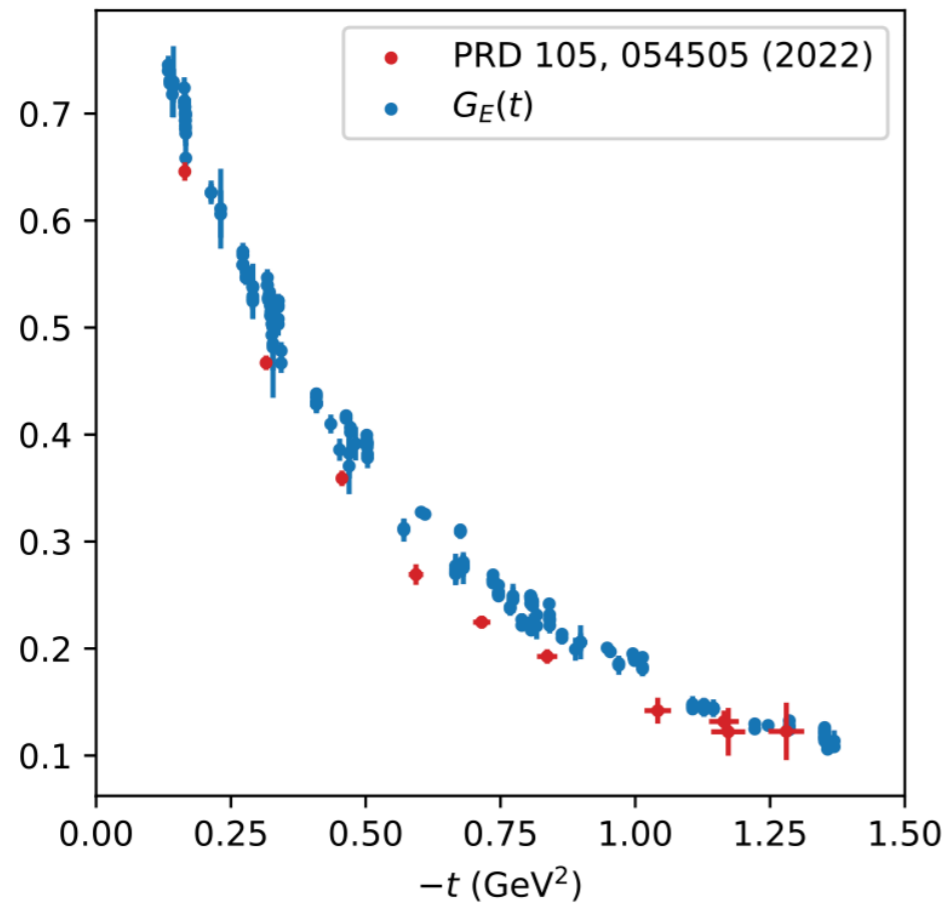
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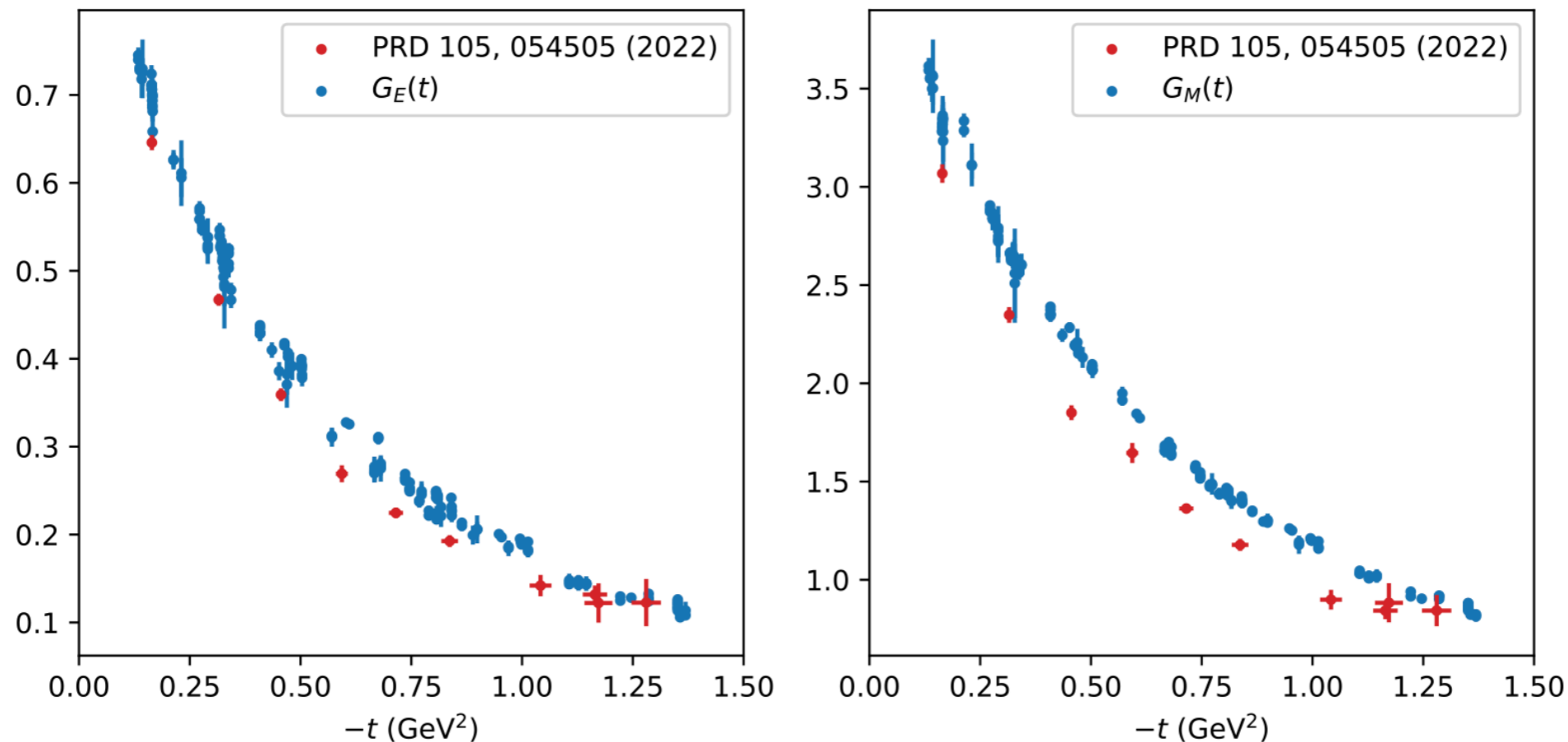
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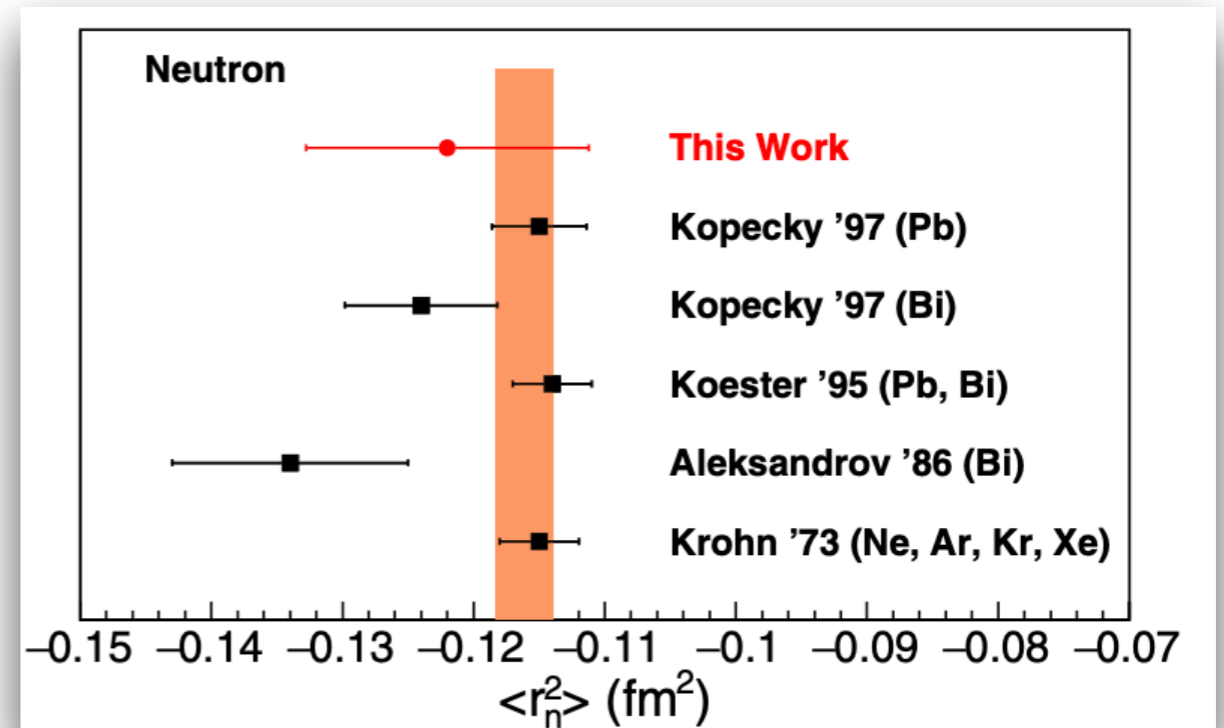
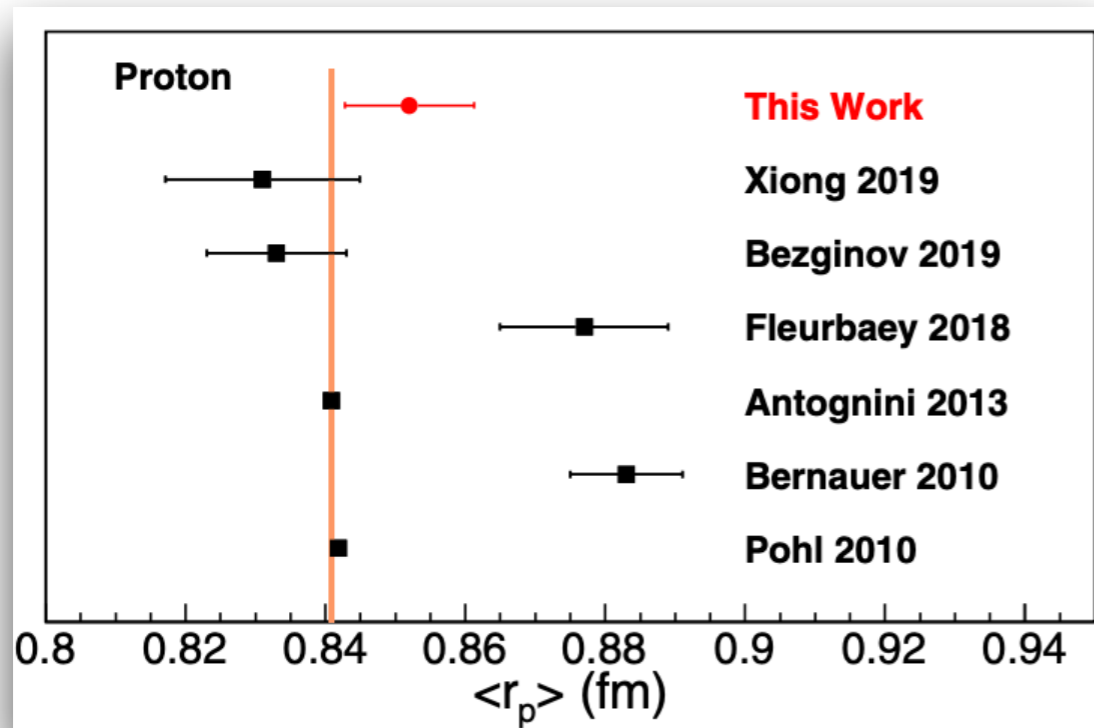
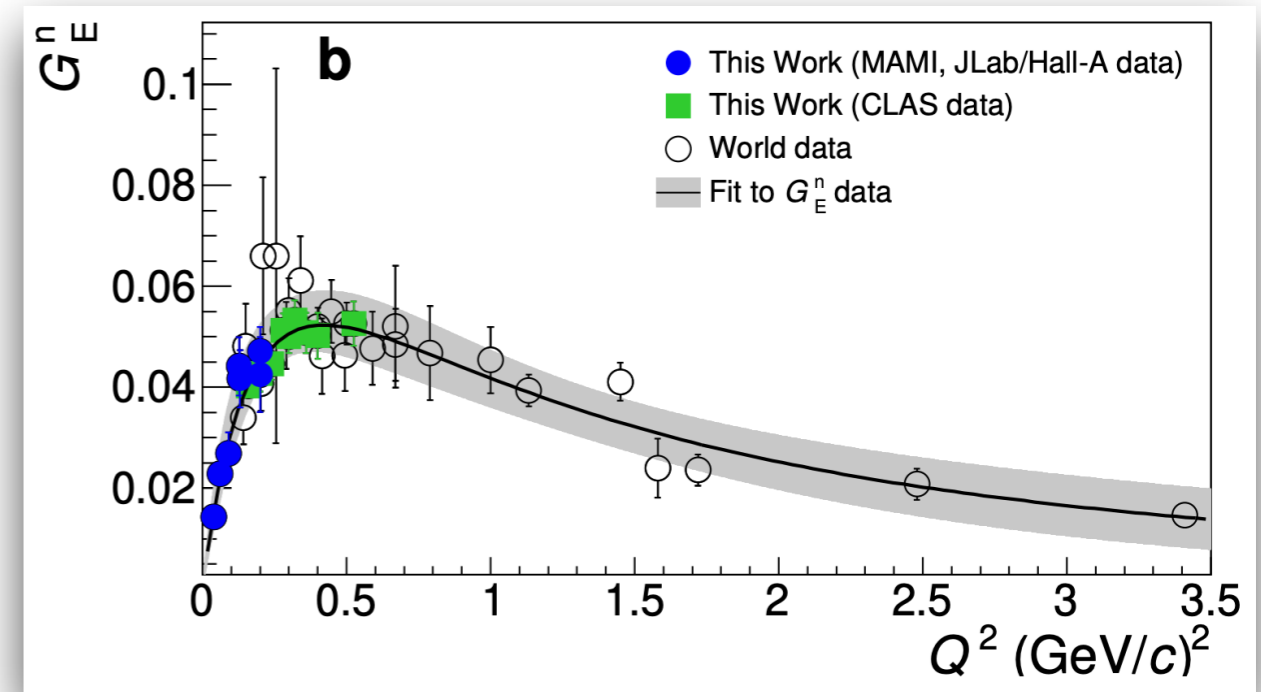
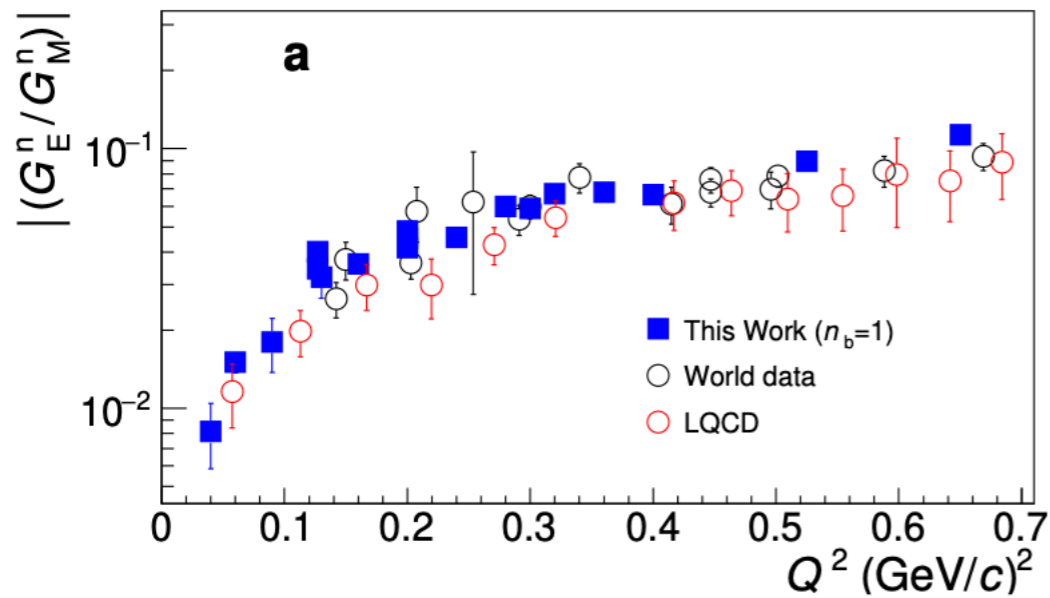
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Synergistic activities

LQCD results with experimental data

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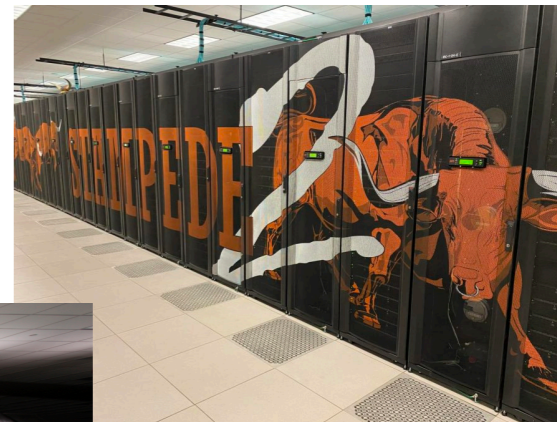
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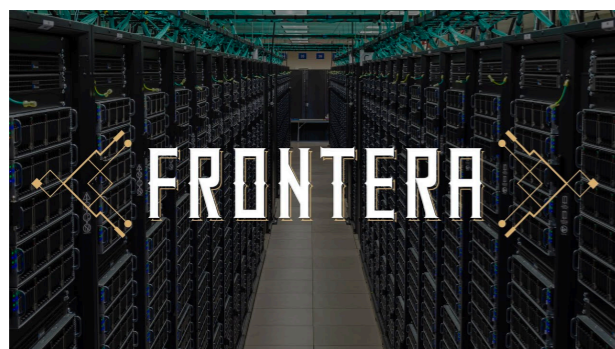
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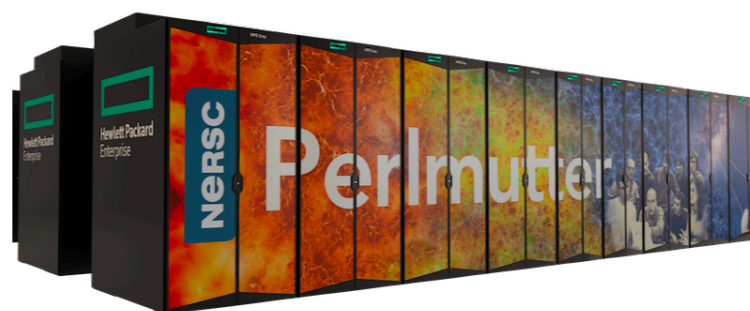
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