

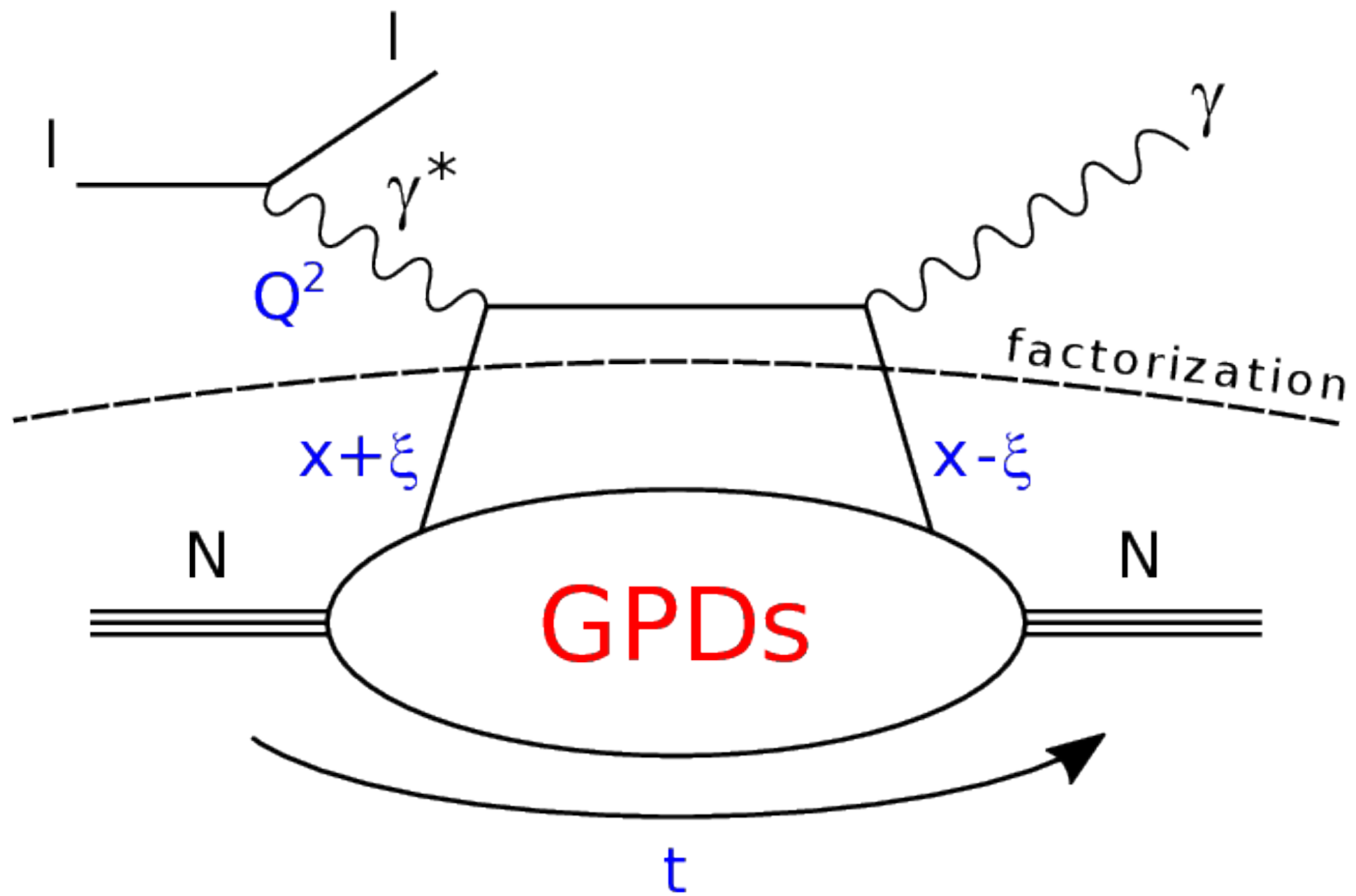
Phenomenology of GPDs and synergy with lattice QCD

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Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering (DVCS)



factorisation for $|t|/Q^2 \ll 1$

Chiral-even GPDs:
(helicity of parton conserved)

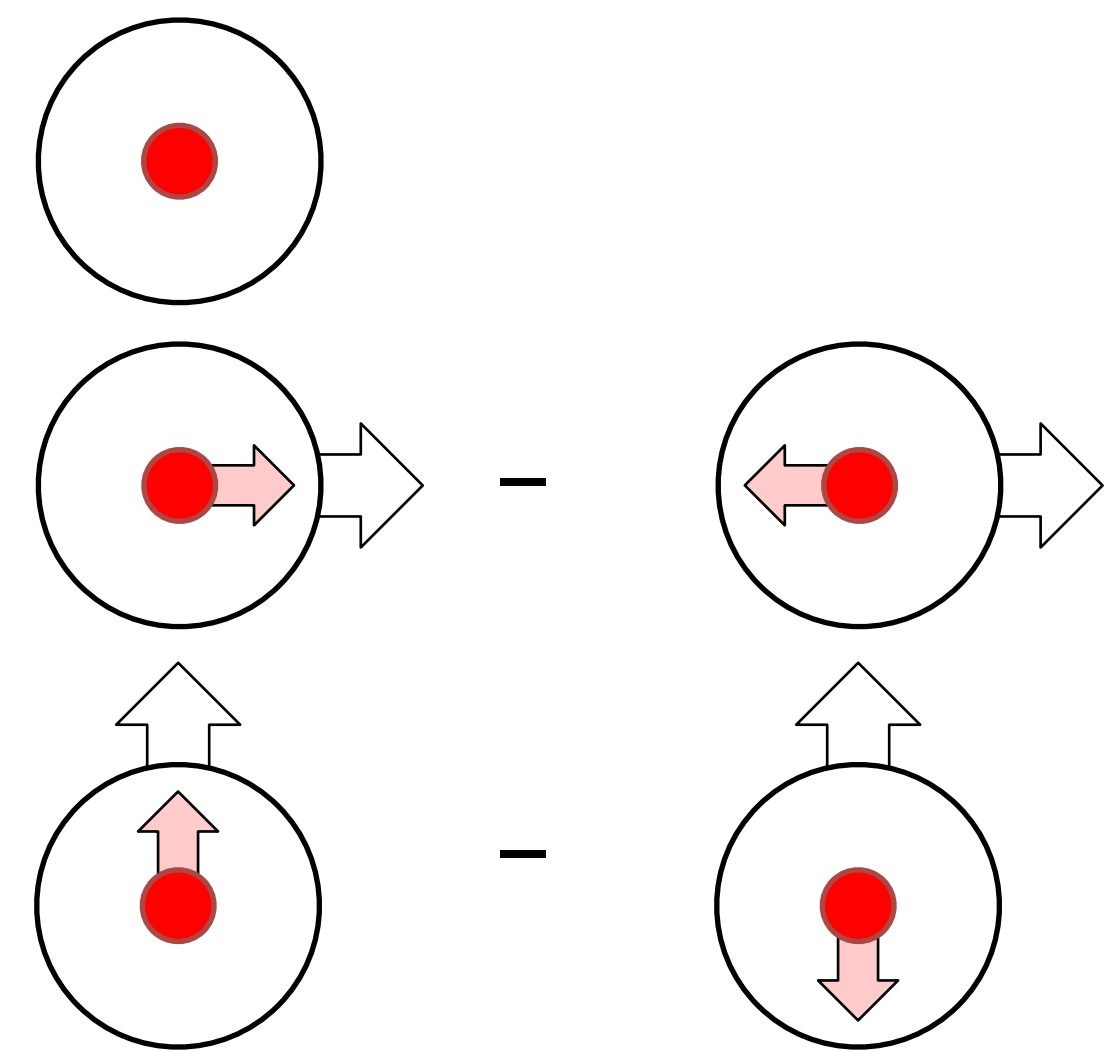
$H^{q,g}(x,\xi,t)$	$E^{q,g}(x,\xi,t)$	<i>for sum over parton helicities</i>
$\tilde{H}^{q,g}(x,\xi,t)$	$\tilde{E}^{q,g}(x,\xi,t)$	<i>for difference over parton helicities</i>
<i>nucleon helicity conserved</i>	<i>nucleon helicity changed</i>	

Reduction to PDFs:

$$H^q(x, 0, 0) \equiv q(x)$$

$$\tilde{H}^q(x, 0, 0) \equiv \Delta q(x)$$

$$H_T^q(x, 0, 0) \equiv h_1(x)$$



no corresponding relations exist for other GPDs

Reduction to Elastic Form Factors (EFFs):

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx H^q(x, \xi, t) \equiv F_1^q(t)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx E^q(x, \xi, t) \equiv F_2^q(t)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx \tilde{H}^q(x, \xi, t) \equiv g_A^q(t)$$

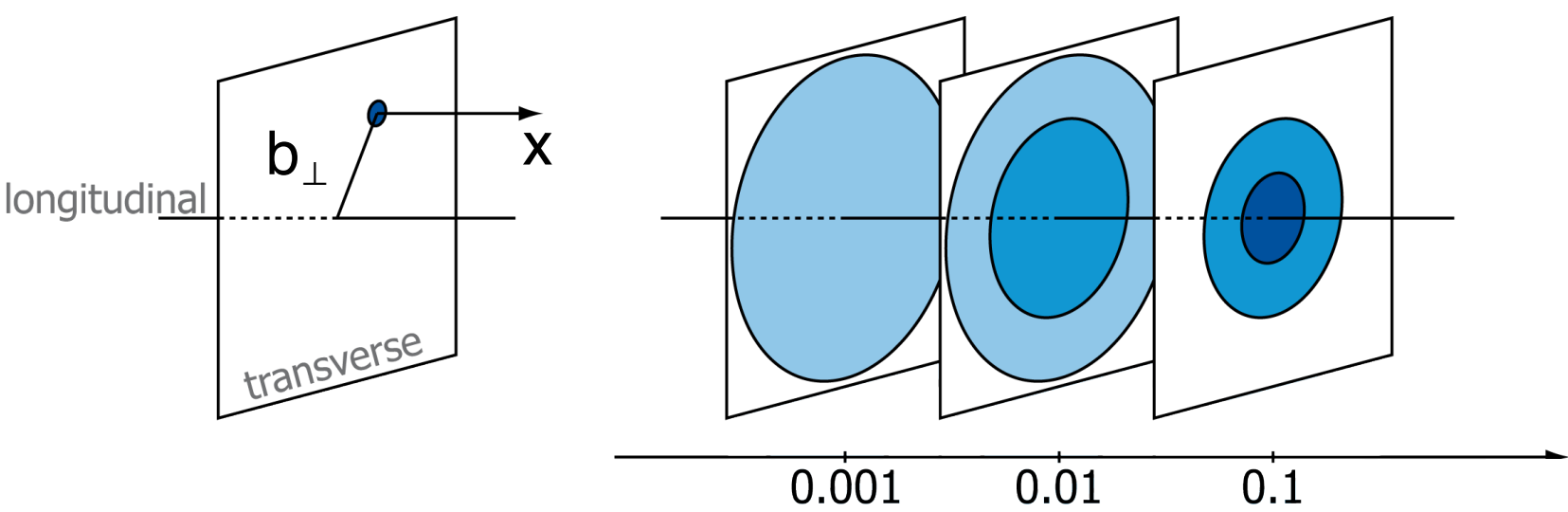
$$\int_{-1}^1 dx \tilde{E}^q(x, \xi, t) \equiv g_P^q(t)$$

Polynomiality - non-trivial consequence of Lorentz invariance:

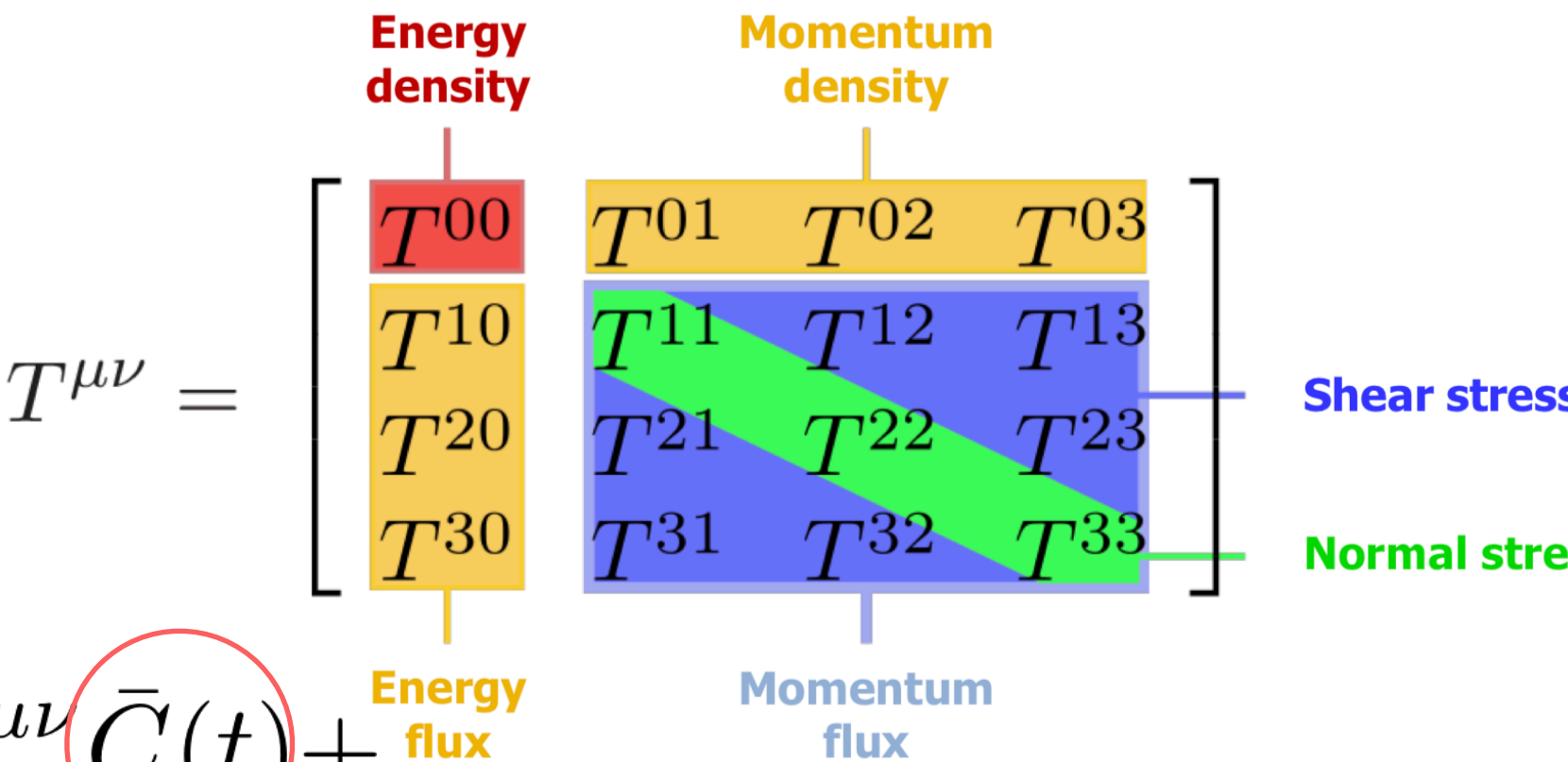
$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-1}^1 dx \, x^n H^q(x, \xi, t) &= \sum_{\substack{i=0 \\ \text{even}}}^n (2\xi)^i A_{n+1,i}^q(t) + \text{mod}(n, 2) (2\xi)^{n+1} C_{n+1}^q(t) \\ \int_{-1}^1 dx \, x^n E^q(x, \xi, t) &= \sum_{\substack{i=0 \\ \text{even}}}^n (2\xi)^i B_{n+1,i}^q(t) - \text{mod}(n, 2) (2\xi)^{n+1} C_{n+1}^q(t) \end{aligned}$$

Nucleon tomography:

$$q(x, \mathbf{b}_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i \mathbf{b}_\perp \cdot \Delta_\perp} H_q(x, 0, -\Delta_\perp^2)$$



Energy momentum tensor in terms of form factors (OAM and “mechanical” properties):



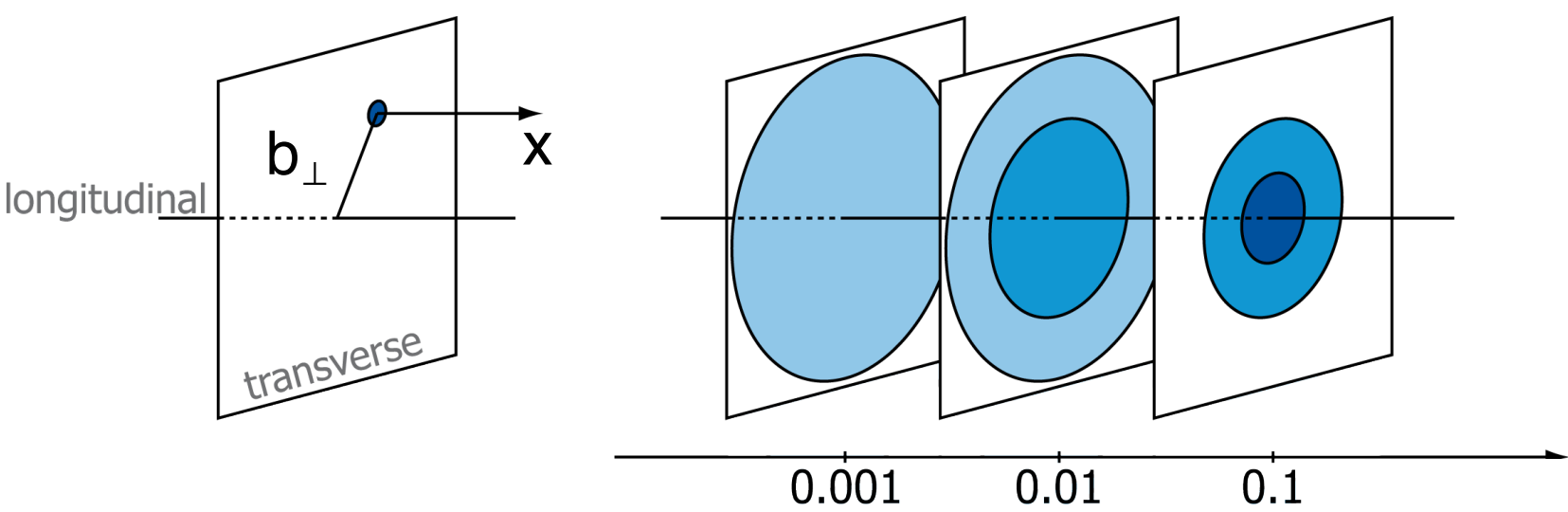
$$\langle p', s' | \hat{T}^{\mu\nu} | p, s \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left[\frac{P^\mu P^\nu}{M} A(t) + \frac{\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - \eta^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{M} C(t) + M \eta^{\mu\nu} \bar{C}(t) + \frac{P^\mu i \sigma^{\nu\lambda} \Delta_\lambda}{4M} [A(t) + B(t) + D(t)] + \frac{P^\nu i \sigma^{\mu\lambda} \Delta_\lambda}{4M} [A(t) + B(t) - D(t)] \right] u(p, s)$$

$$A^q(0) + B^q(0) = \int_{-1}^1 x [H^q(x, \xi, 0) + E^q(x, \xi, 0)] = 2J^q$$

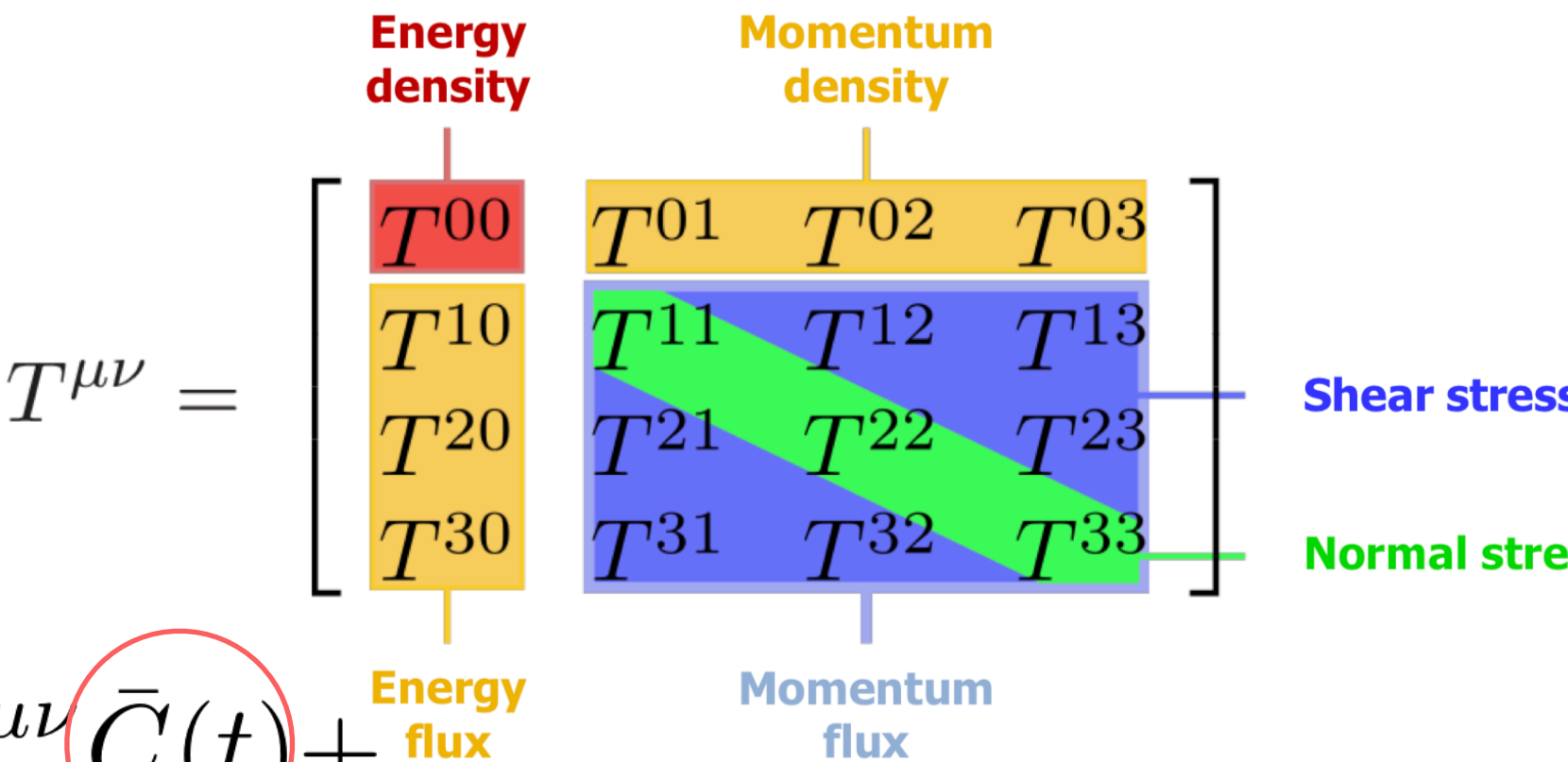
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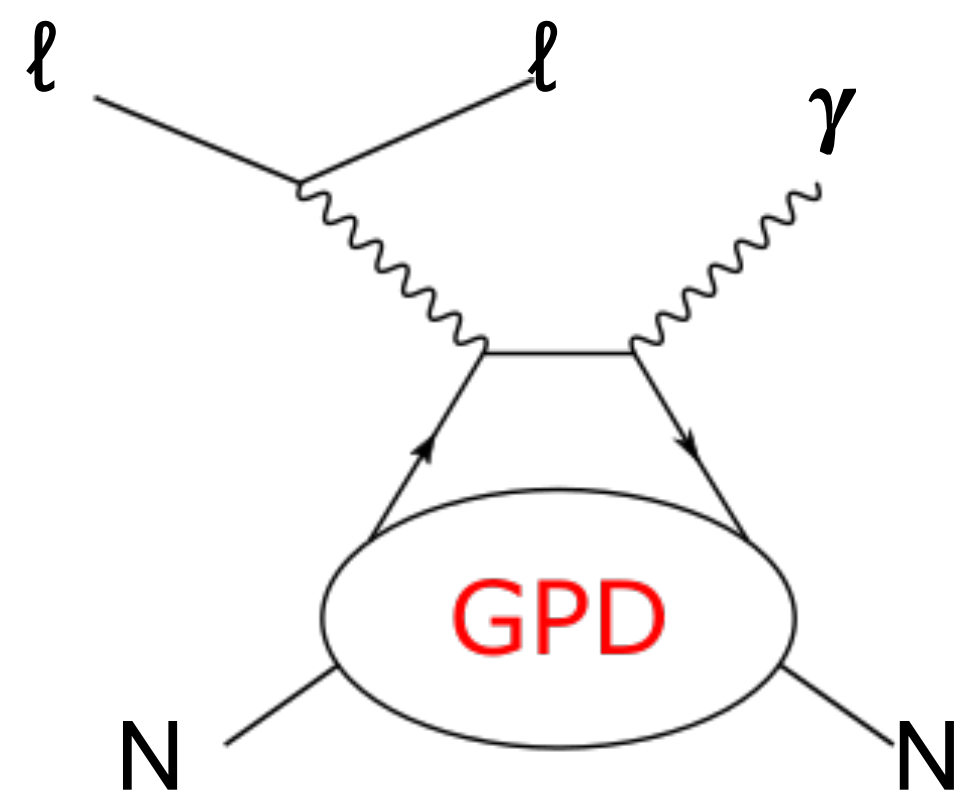
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See X. Ji, C. Yang
arXiv: hep-ph/2508.16727 for a recent
discussion of “mechanical” properties

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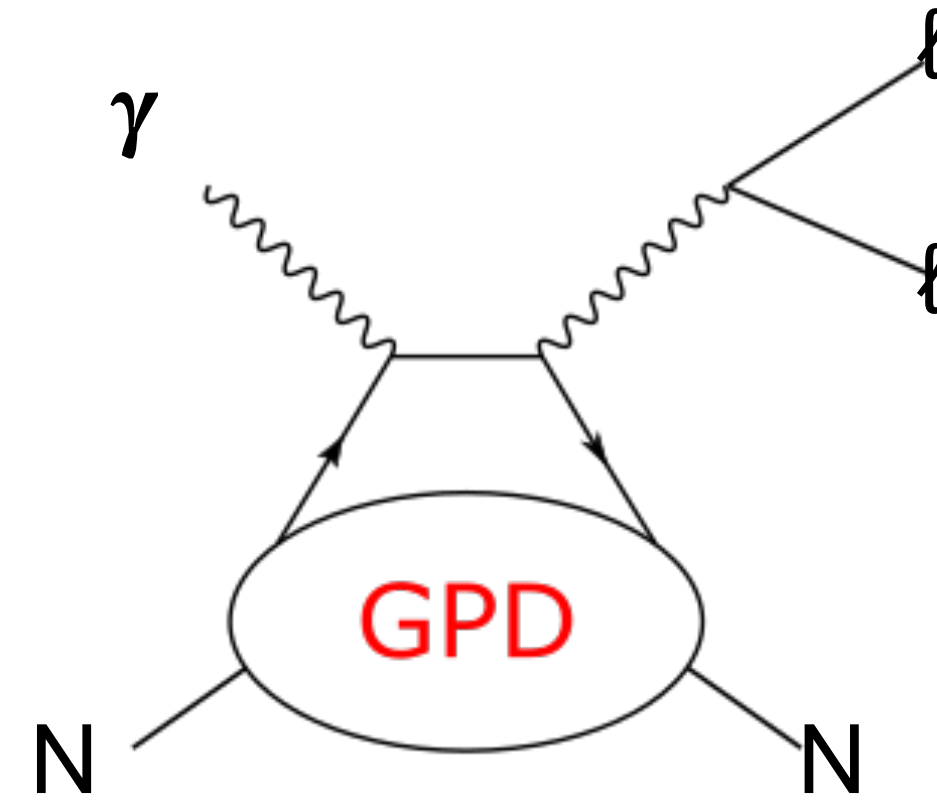
VCS processes provide the most straightforward way to access GPDs
(at least from theory side...)



DVCS

Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering

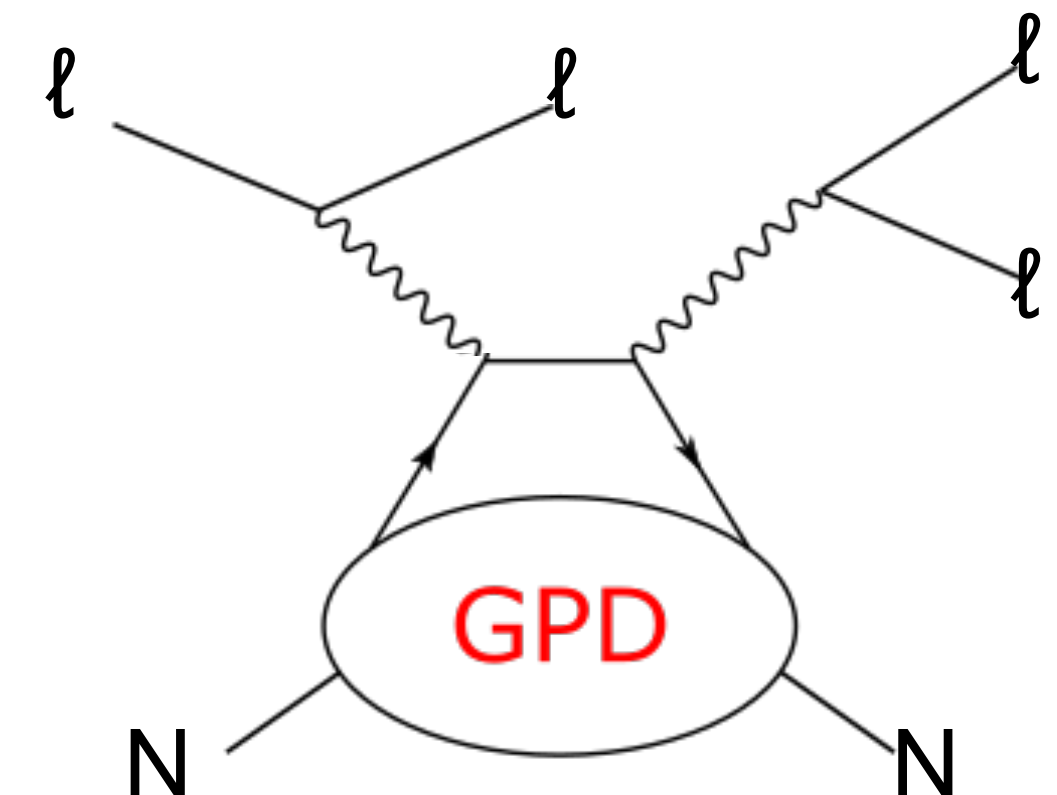
- many measurements, see e.g.:
[EPJA 52 \(2016\) 6, 157](#)
- description up to NNLO and twist-4 available
[PRL 129 \(2022\) 17, 172001](#)
[JHEP 01 \(2023\) 078](#)



TCS

Timelike Compton Scattering

- first measurement by CLAS
[PRL 127 \(2021\) 26, 262501](#)
- description up to NLO and twist-4 available
[PRD 111 \(2025\) 7, 074034 \(NEW\)](#)



DDVCS

Double Deeply Virtual Compton Scattering

- never measured
- description up to NLO and twist-4 available
[PRD 111 \(2025\) 7, 074034 \(NEW\)](#)

more production channels sensitive to GPDs exist!

V. Martínez-Fernández, et al.
PRD 111 (2025) 7, 074034

Legend:

	twist-2	twist-4
DVCS		
TCS		

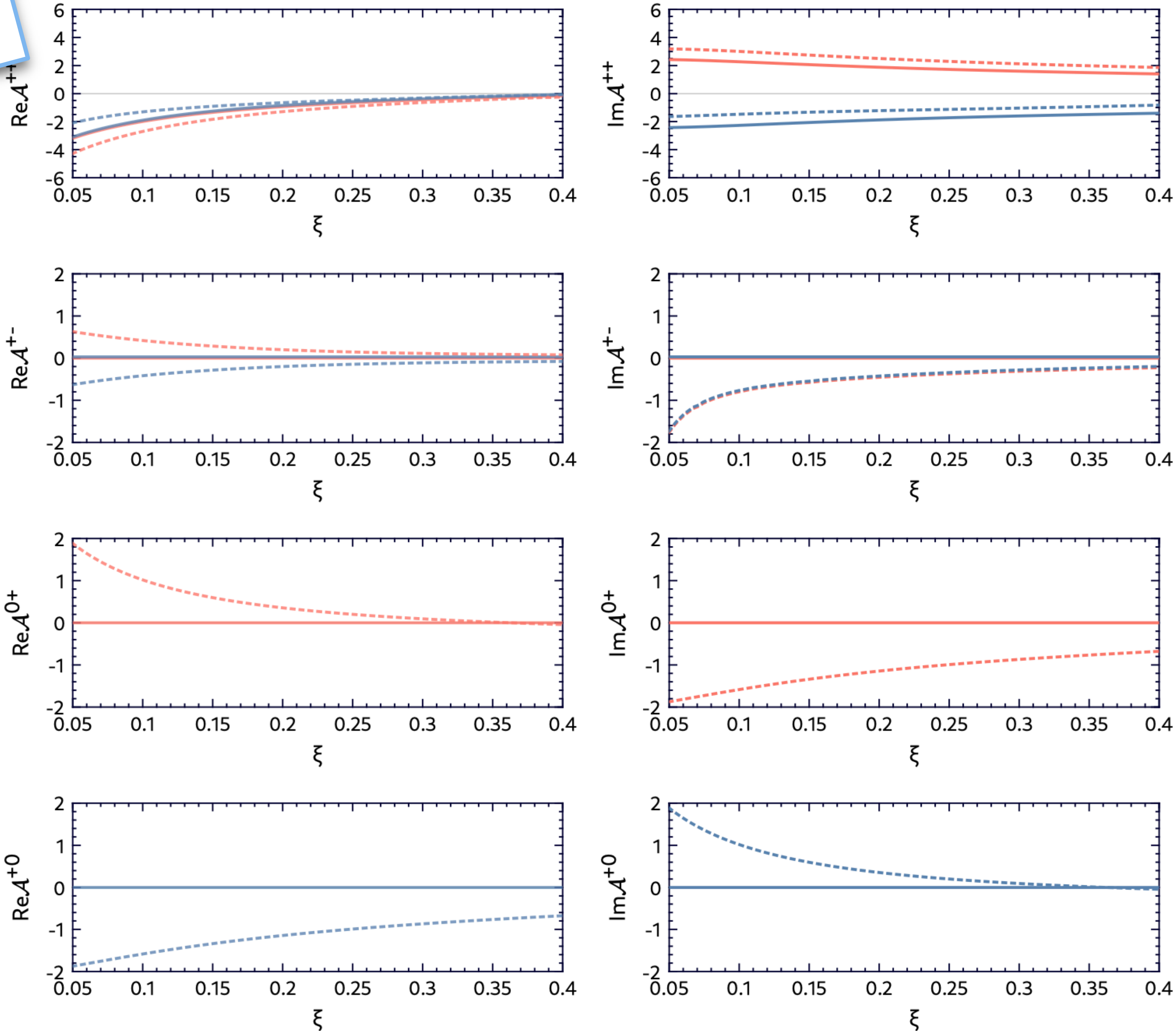
Kinematics:

$-t = 0.6 \text{ GeV}^2, Q^2 = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$

GPD model for pion from:

PRD 105, 094012 (2022)

*formulae for A^{00} (only relevant for DDVCS)
available too*

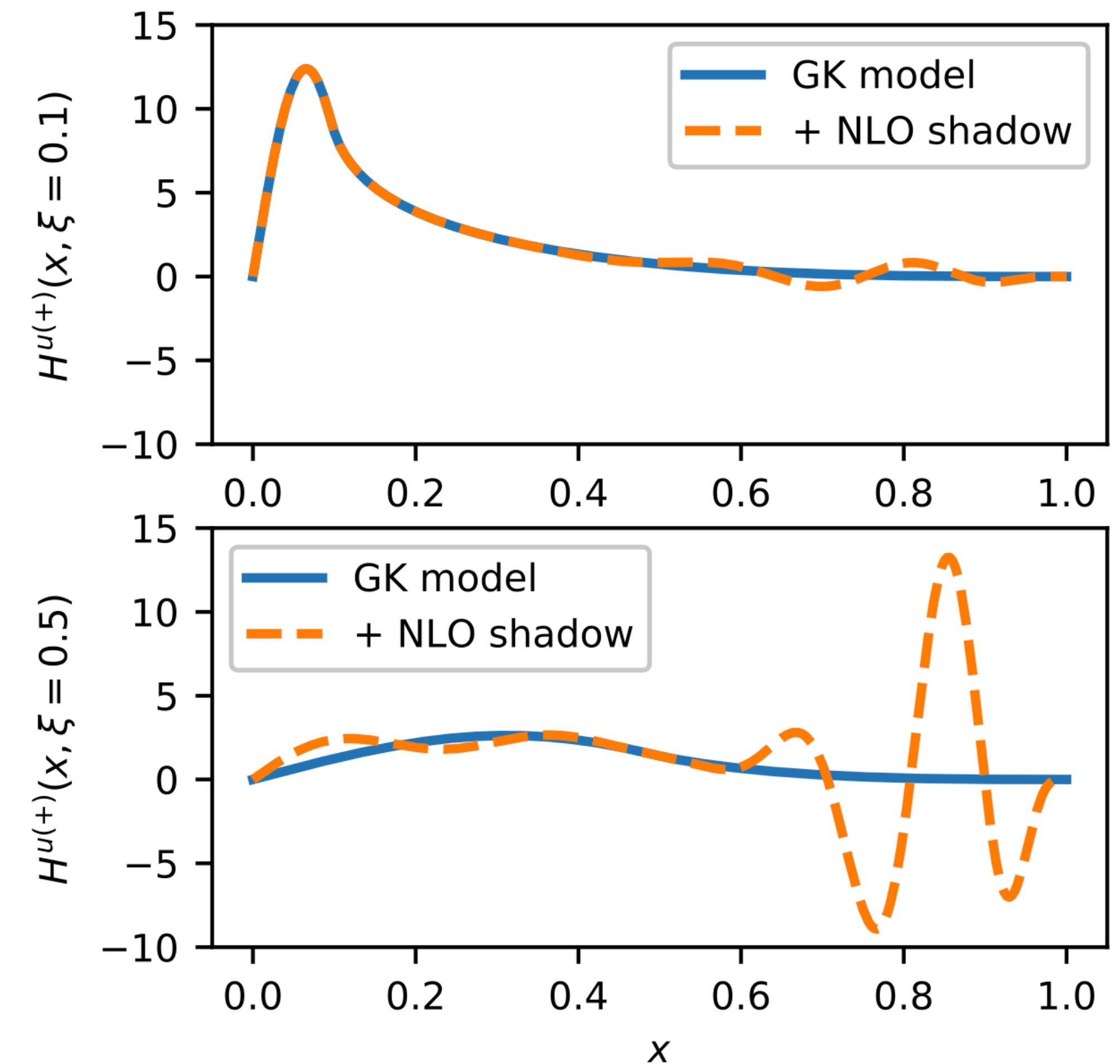


Shadow GPDs have considerable size, but:

- at arbitrary initial scale do not contribute to PDFs and CFFs
- at other scales contribute negligibly

making the deconvolution of CFFs ill-posed problem

Such GPDs were found for DVCS and both LO and NLO
(for discussion see also PRD 108 (2023) 3, 036027)

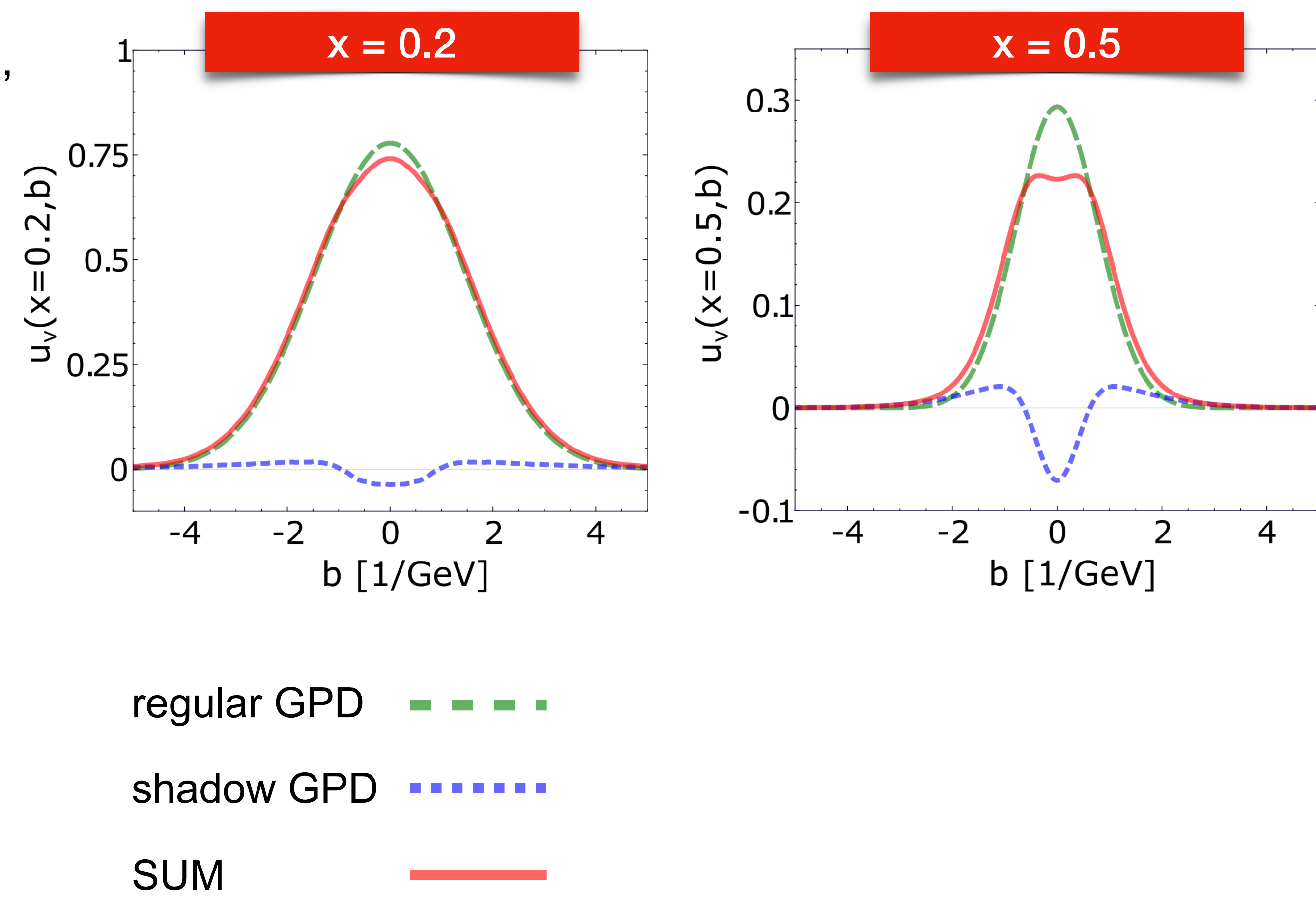


Previously, shadow GPDs were considered in (x, ξ) space, but they can also be defined in (x, t) space.

In such a case, shadow GPDs:

- at an arbitrary initial scale, do not contribute to PDFs and EFFs
- at other scales, contribute negligibly

This type of shadow GPDs can be used to study local deformations of parton densities.



If deconvolution of GPDs from processes like DVCS is ill-defined, what can we do?

1. Measure, e.g., DDVCS, which probes GPDs in unexplored kinematic regions
2. We can still learn a lot from processes like DVCS alone
3. Employ lattice QCD

- The process allows to directly probe GPDs outside $x = \xi$ line, but is much more challenging experimentally

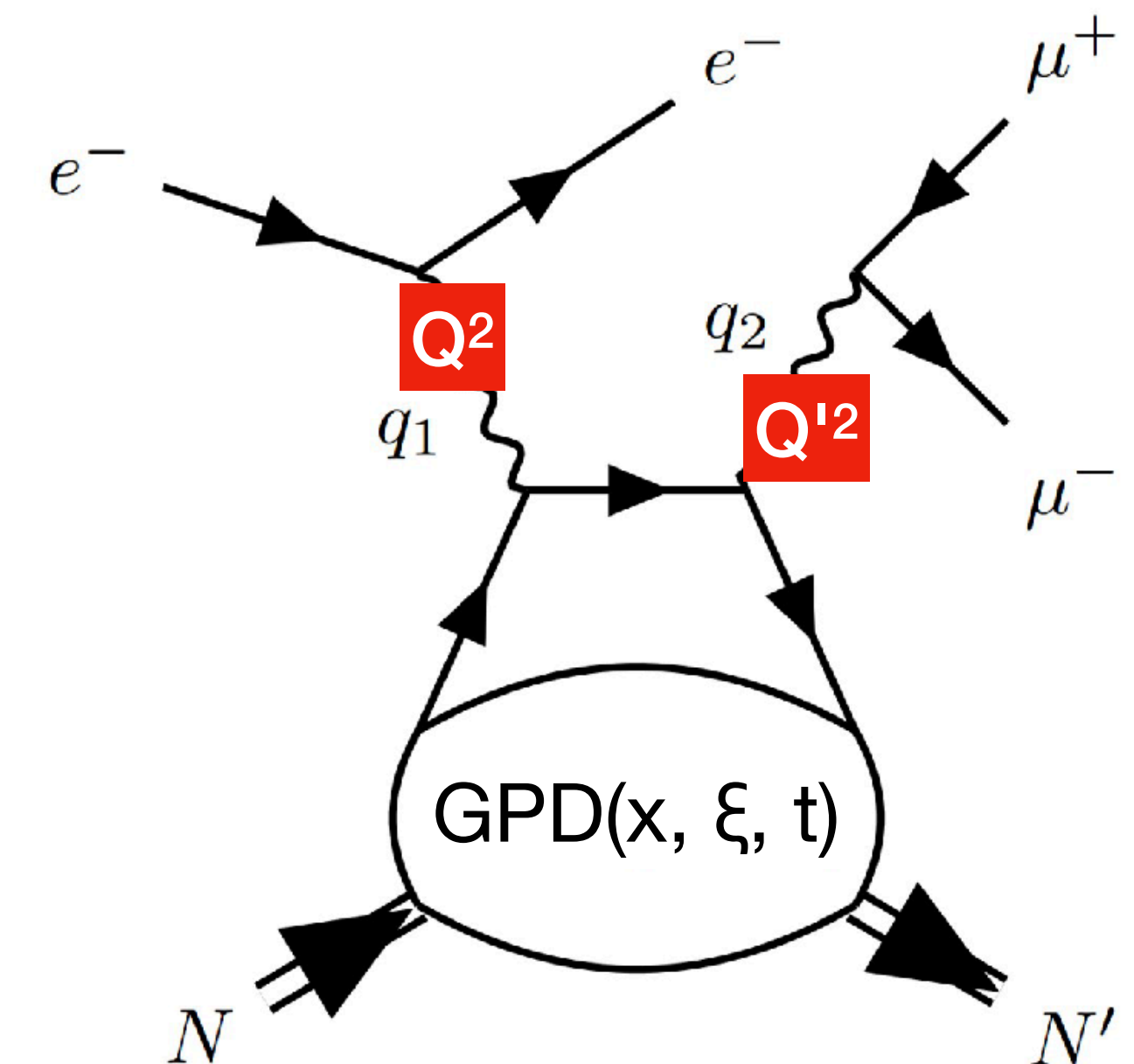
$$(\mathcal{H}, \mathcal{E})(\rho, \xi, t) = \sum_{f=\{u,d,s\}} \int_{-1}^1 dx C_f^{(-)}(x, \rho)(H_f, E_f)(x, \xi, t)$$

$$C_f^{(\pm)}(x, \rho) \stackrel{LO}{=} \left(\frac{e_f}{e}\right)^2 \left(\frac{1}{\rho - x - i0} \pm \frac{1}{\rho + x - i0} \right)$$

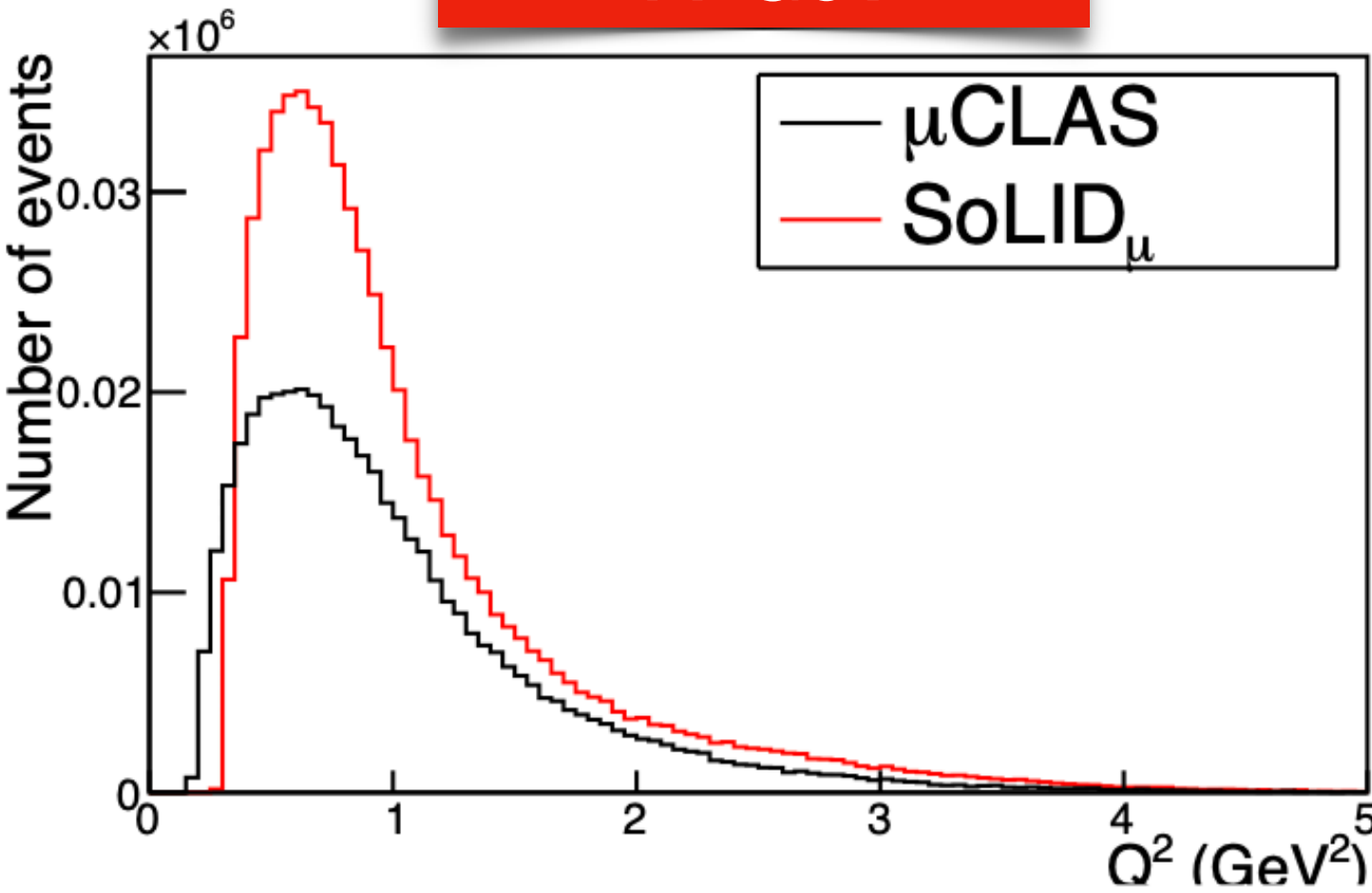
- DDVCS description revisited in view of new experiments, including reevaluation of DDVCS and BH cross-sections with Kleiss-Stirling spinor techniques
- Obtained results are available in PARTONS and EpIC MC generator

$$\xi = \frac{Q^2 + Q'^2}{2Q^2/x_B - Q^2 - Q'^2}$$

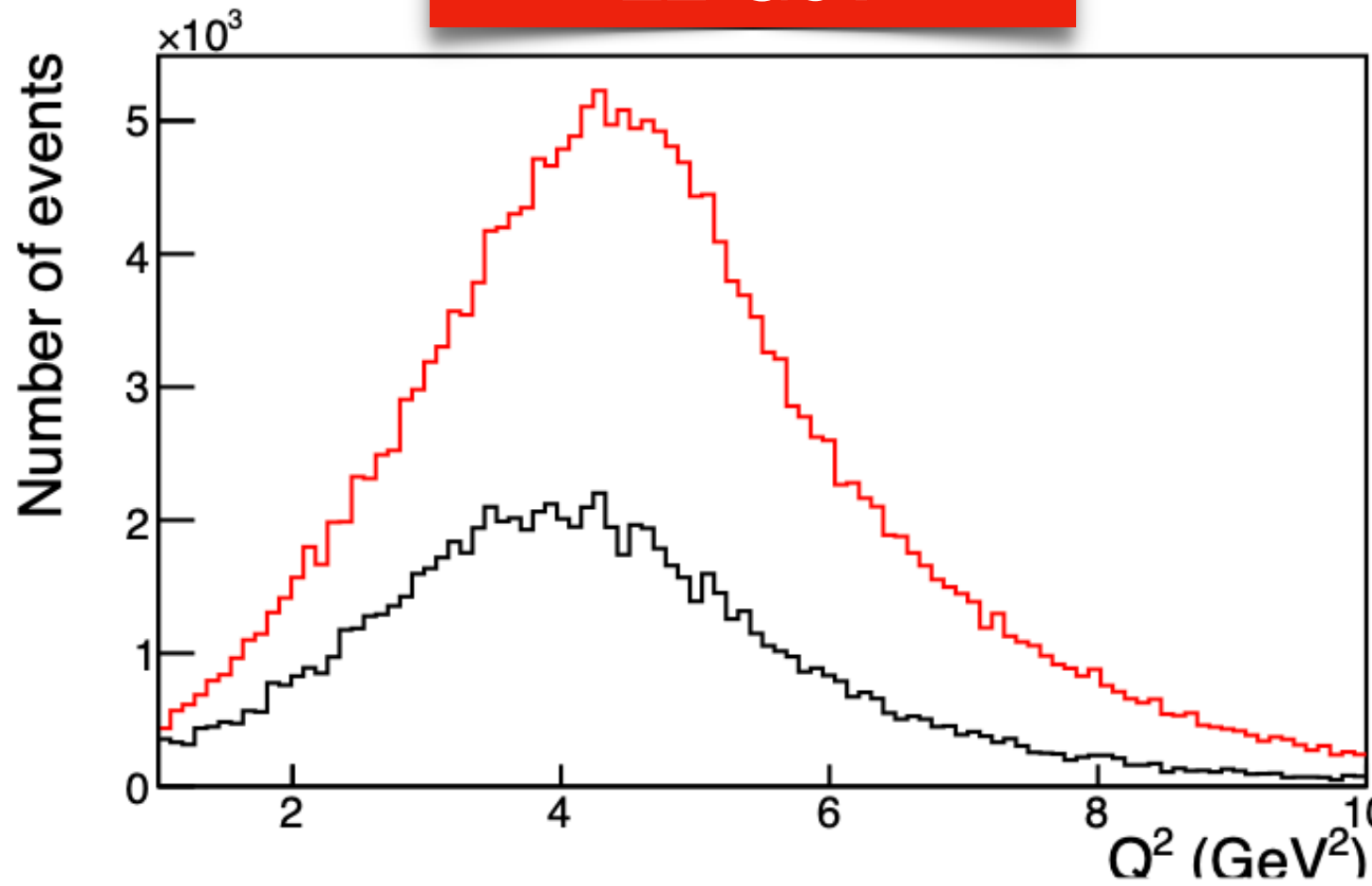
$$\rho = \xi \frac{Q^2 - Q'^2}{Q^2 + Q'^2}$$



11 GeV

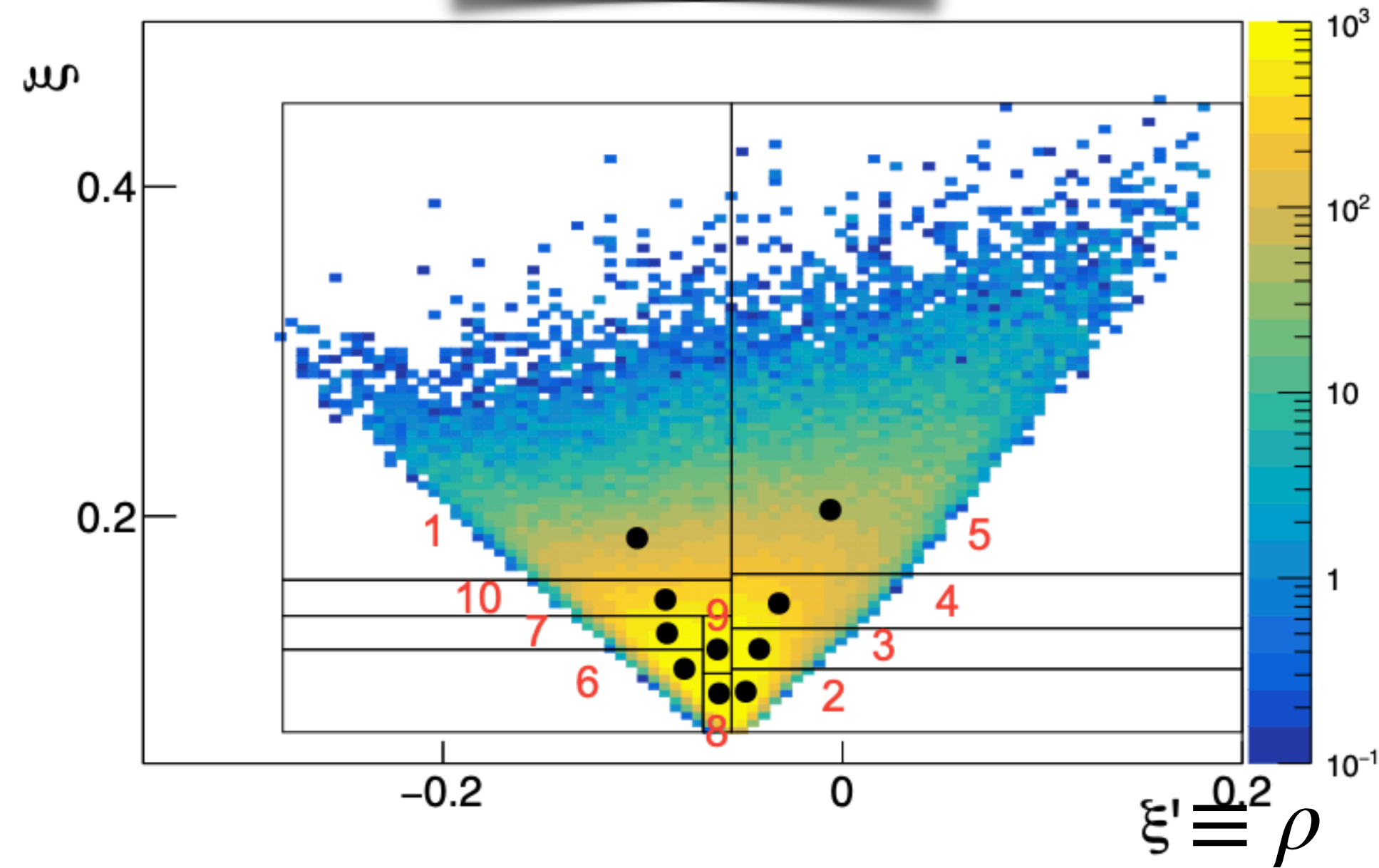


22 GeV

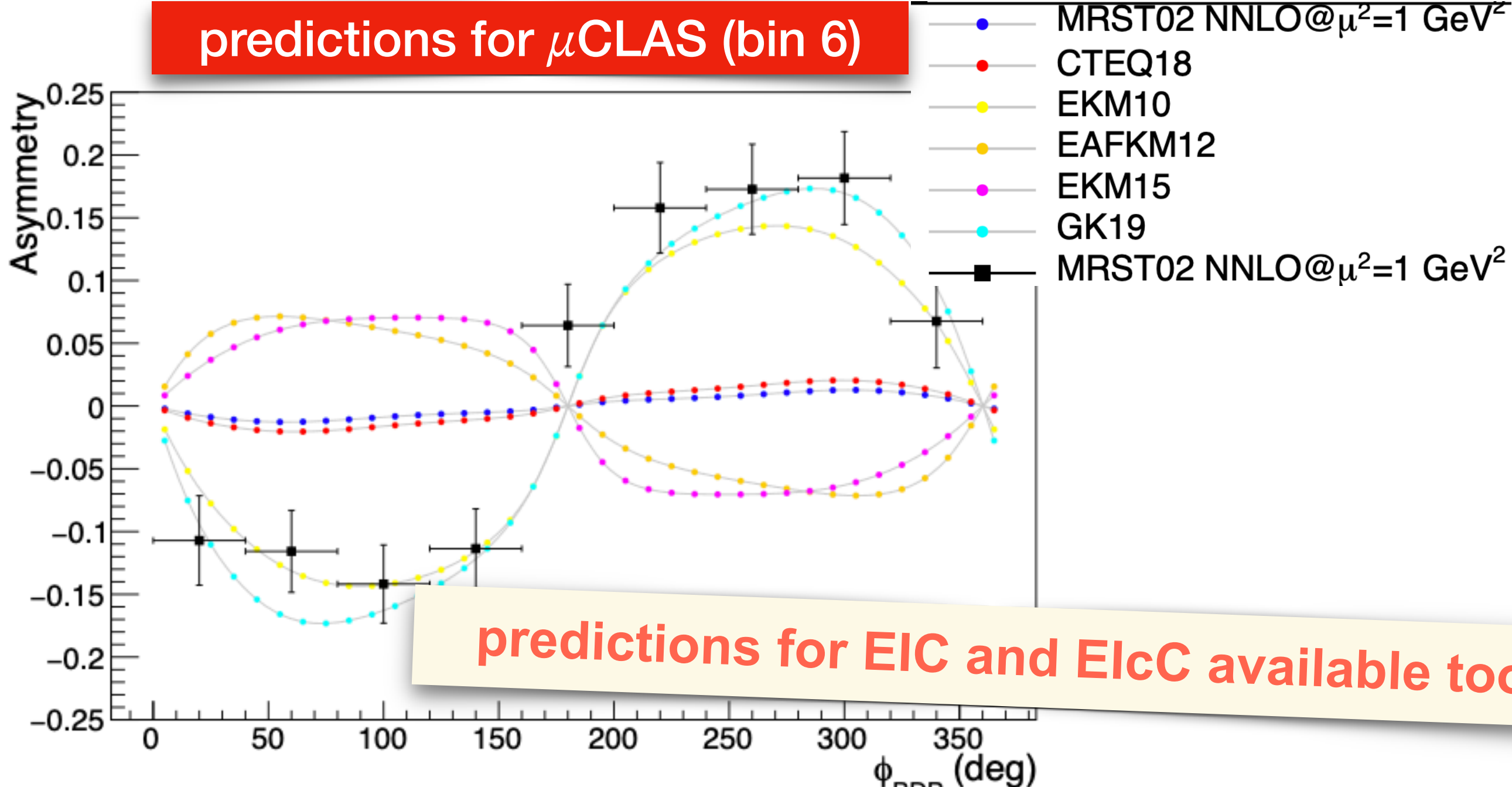


- 11 GeV at JLab
100 days and $\mathcal{L} = 10^{37} \text{ cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$
- 22 GeV at JLab
200 days and $\mathcal{L} = 10^{37} \text{ cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

11 GeV



predictions for μCLAS (bin 6)

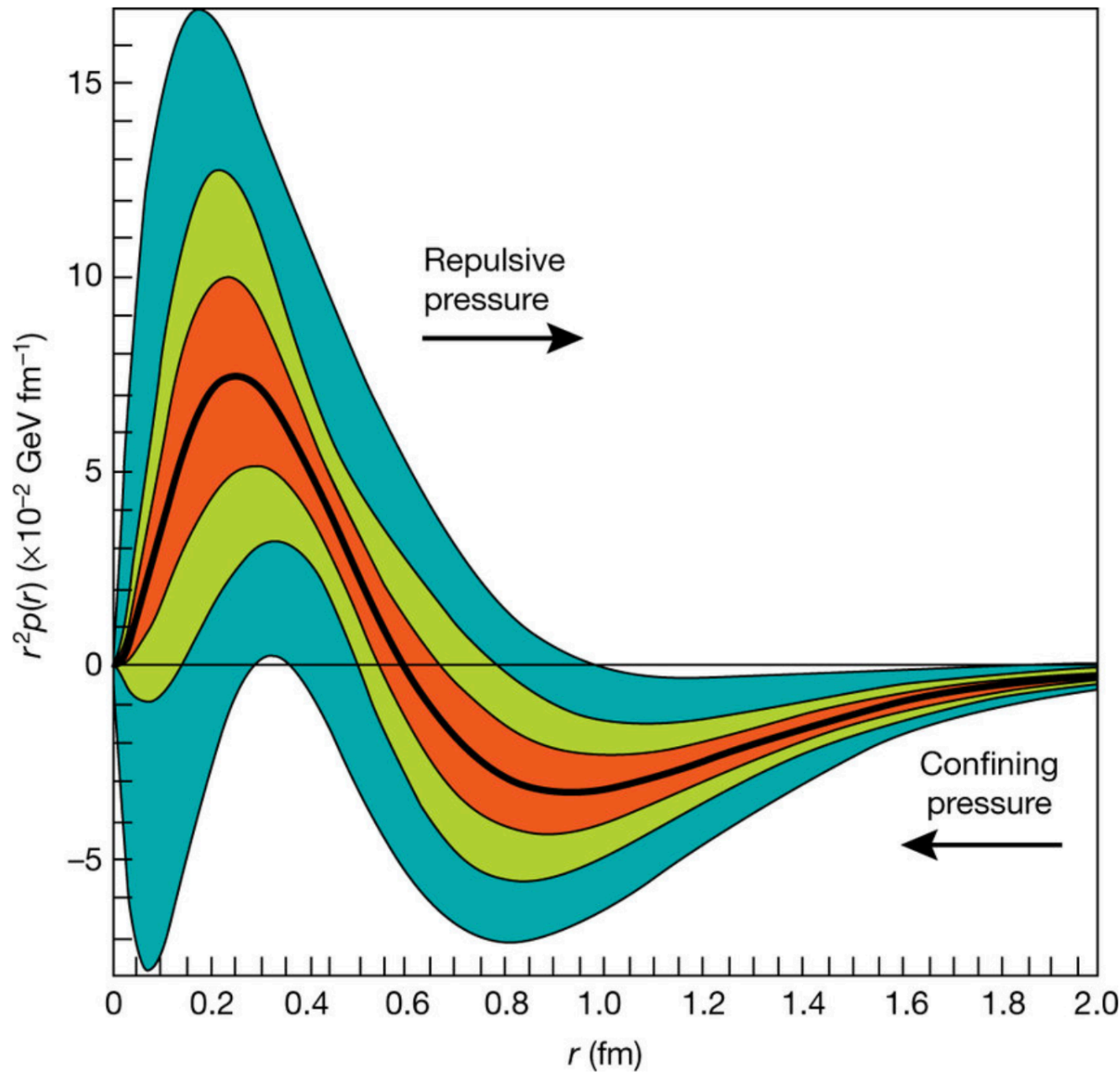


Analyses not requiring de-convolution

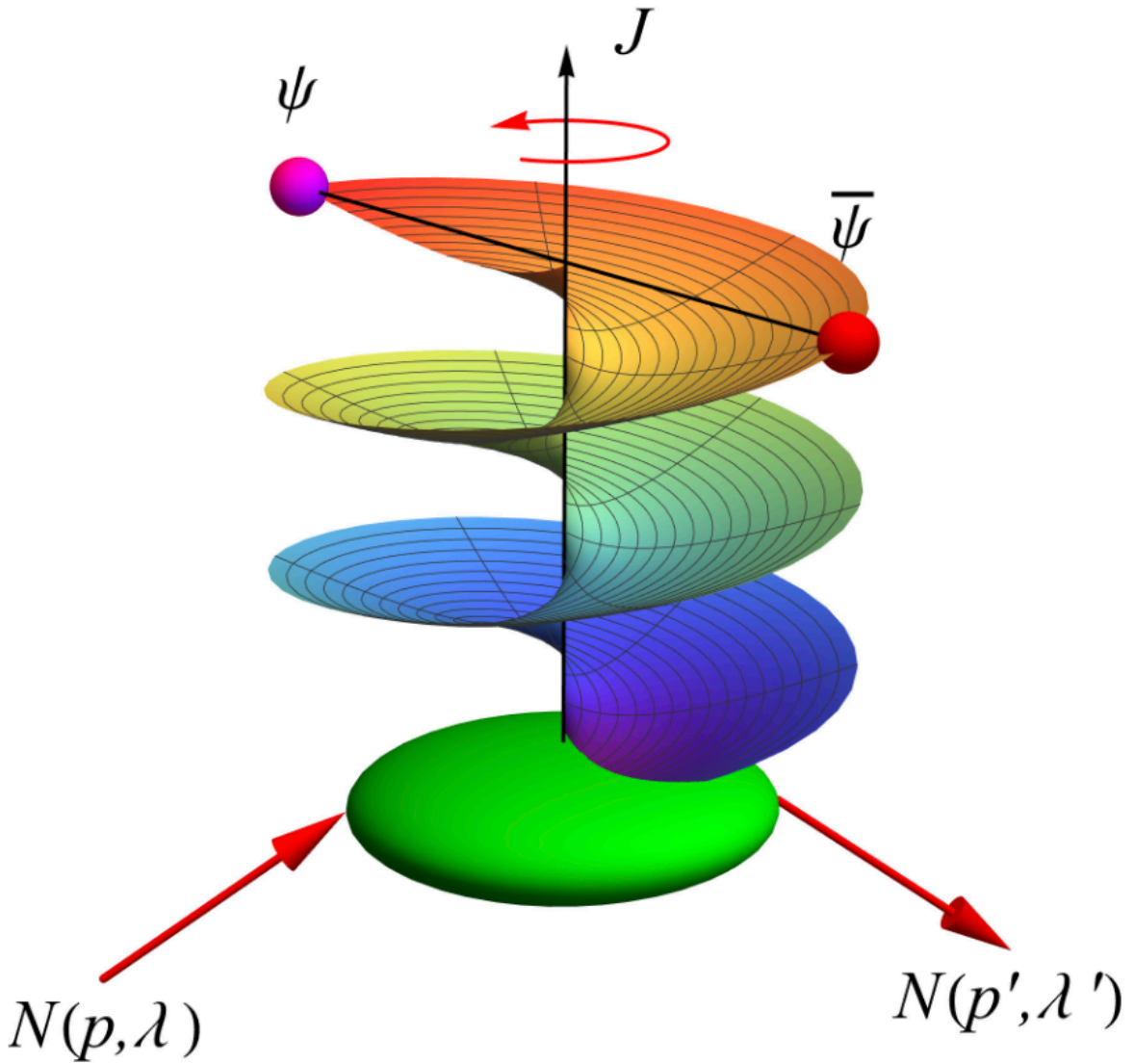
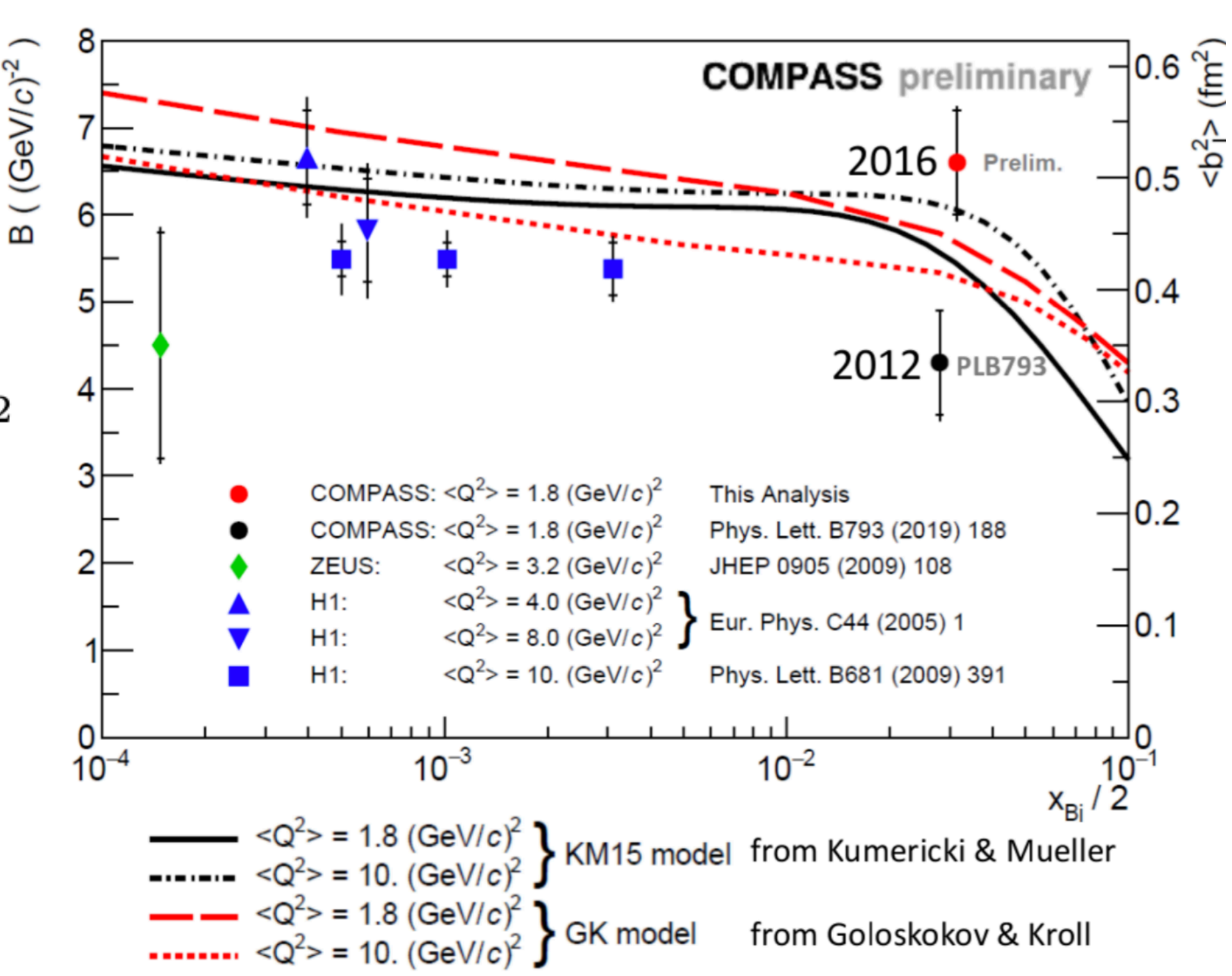
- Probing nucleon tomography at low- x_B (see: [JHEP 09 \(2013\) 093](#))

$$d^3\sigma/(dx_{Bj} dQ^2 dt) \propto (\text{Im}\mathcal{H}(\xi, t))^2 \propto \left(\sum_q e_q^2 H^{q(+)}(\xi, \xi, t)\right)^2 \propto \left(\sum_q e_q^2 H^{q(+)}(\xi, 0, t)\right)^2$$

- Extraction of D-term
(see: [Nature 570 \(2019\) 7759, E1](#), [EPJC 81 \(2021\) 4, 300](#))



- Froissart-Gribov projections (see: [PRD 109 \(2024\) 5, 054010](#))



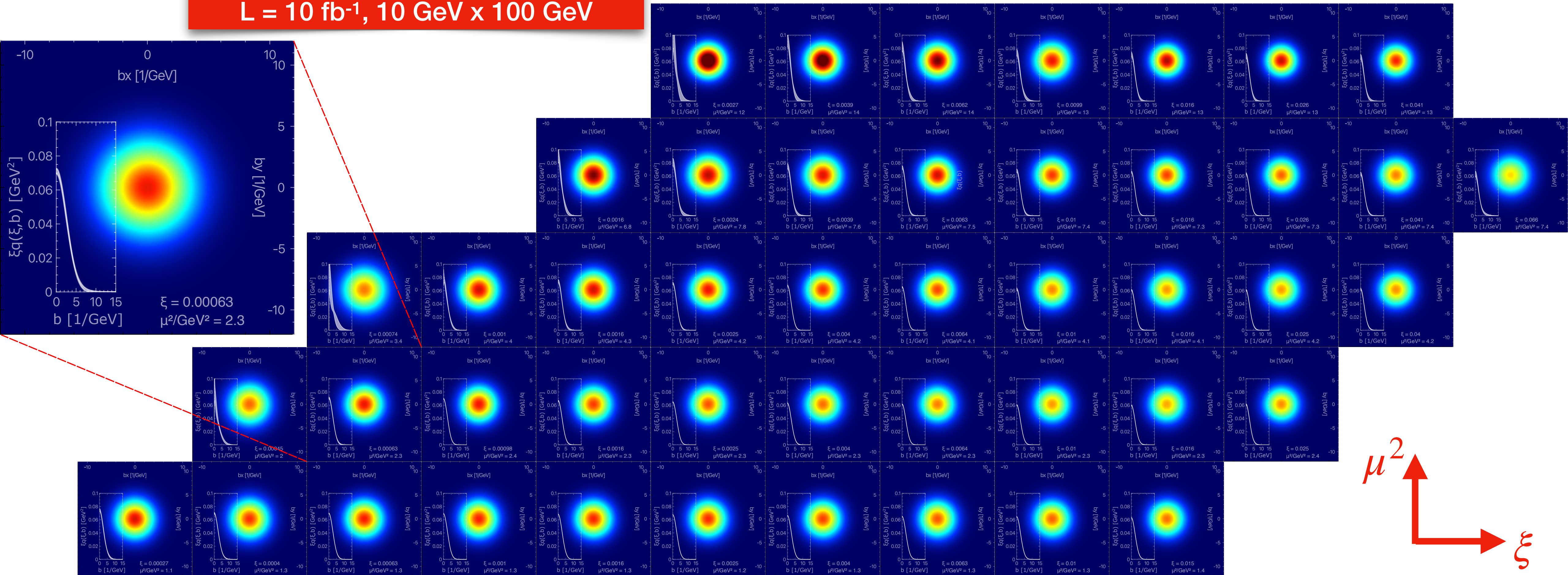
Recent impact study for EIC

- New projections for EIC
- Based on state-of-the-art detector simulation and Monte Carlo generator

Projections for nucleon tomography:
 $L = 10 \text{ fb}^{-1}, 10 \text{ GeV} \times 100 \text{ GeV}$

- Include estimation of π^0 background and radiative corrections
- Extraction of CFFs and tomography information inspired by machine learning techniques

E. C. Aschenauer, et al.
PRD 112 (2025) 3, 036010



Dispersion relation for DVCS revisited

- N-times subtracted dispersion relation (holds at any order of perturbation theory)

$$\sum_{j \text{ even}}^n h_j \xi^{-j} = \Re \mathcal{H}(\xi) - \frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^1 \left(\frac{x}{\xi}\right)^n \frac{x \Im \mathcal{H}(x)}{(\xi - x)(\xi + x)} dx$$

H. Dutrieux, et al.
EPJC 85 (2025) 1, 105

h_0 proportional to convolution of D-term with the hard scattering kernel

$h_{j>0}$ proportional to β -moments of the Double Distribution convoluted with derivatives of the hard scattering kernel

- Analysis of subtraction constant with NLO coefficient functions

$$h_0(t) \equiv S(t) = \sum_q e_q^2 S^q(t) + S^g(t) \quad S(t) \stackrel{\text{LO}}{=} 4 \sum_q e_q^2 (d_1^q(t) + d_3^q(t) + \dots)$$
$$S^q(t) \stackrel{\text{NLO}}{=} d_1^q(t) \left(4 - \frac{4}{9} \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{4\pi} \right) + d_3^q(t) \left(4 + \frac{14759}{450} \frac{\alpha_s C_F}{4\pi} \right) + \dots$$
$$S^g(t) \stackrel{\text{NLO}}{=} - \frac{\sum_q e_q^2 \alpha_s T_F}{4\pi} \left(\frac{172}{9} d_1^g(t) + \frac{3317}{150} d_3^g(t) \right) + \dots$$

- Higher twist corrections to subtraction constant

$$S(t) \stackrel{\text{LO}}{=} 4 \sum_q e_q^2 \sum_{\text{odd } n} d_n(t) \left(1 - \frac{t}{2Q^2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(2n+3)(n+1)} \right) \right)$$

V. Martínez-Fernández, et al.
arXiv: hep-ph/2509.06669

FG projections are obtained by reconstructing cross-channel partial wave expansion amplitudes from the dispersive representation of the amplitude in the direct channel.

In cross-channel: $\gamma^*(q) + \gamma(-q') \rightarrow h(p') + \bar{h}(-p)$

Expansion in the cross channel SO(3) partial waves:
$$\mathcal{H}_+(\cos \theta_t, t) = \sum_{\substack{J=0 \\ \text{even}}}^{\infty} F_J(t) P_J(\cos \theta_t)$$

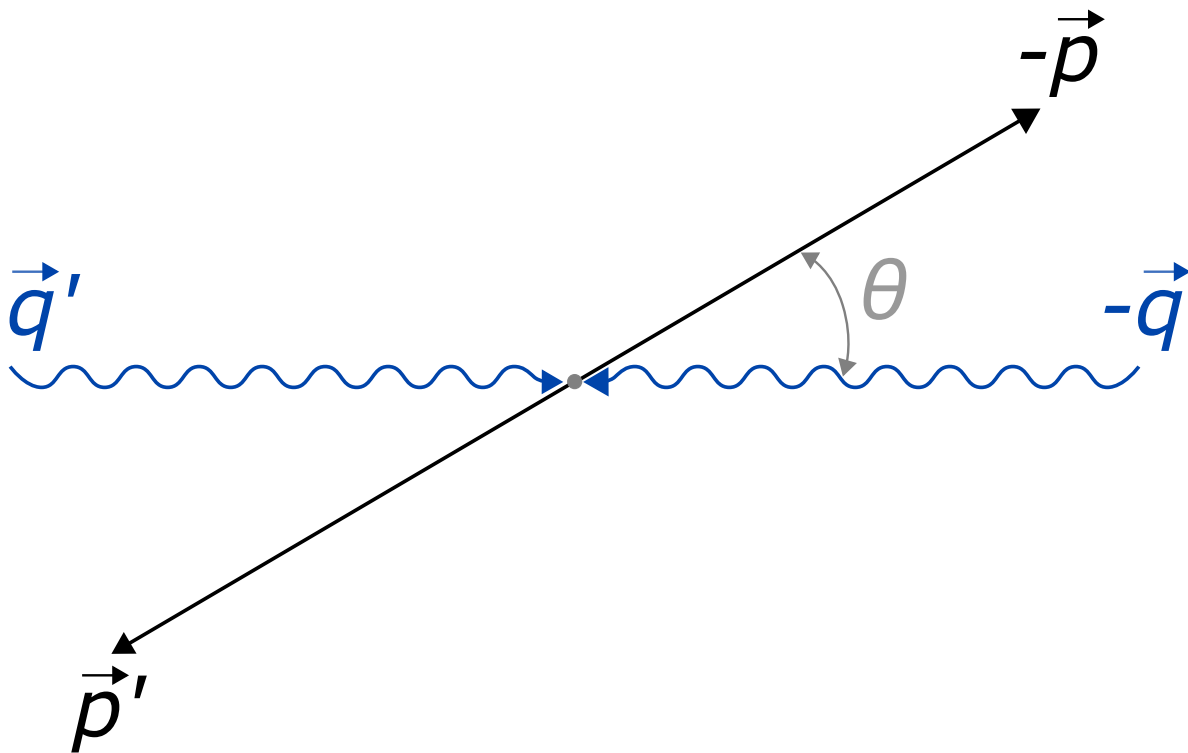
which gives:
$$F_J(t) = \frac{2J+1}{2} \int_{-1}^1 d(\cos \theta_t) P_J(\cos \theta_t) \mathcal{H}_+(\cos \theta_t, t)$$

In direct-channel: $\gamma^*(q) + h(p) \rightarrow \gamma(q') + h(p')$

Dispersion relation:
$$\text{Re } \mathcal{H}_+(\xi, t) = \mathcal{P} \int_0^1 dx \frac{2x H_+(x, x, t)}{\xi^2 - x^2} + 4D(t)$$

where:
$$\cos \theta_t \rightarrow -\frac{1}{\xi \beta} + \mathcal{O}(1/Q^2) \qquad \beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m^2}{t}}$$

$\beta = 1$ in the current analysis
(see the publication for
discussion of consequences)

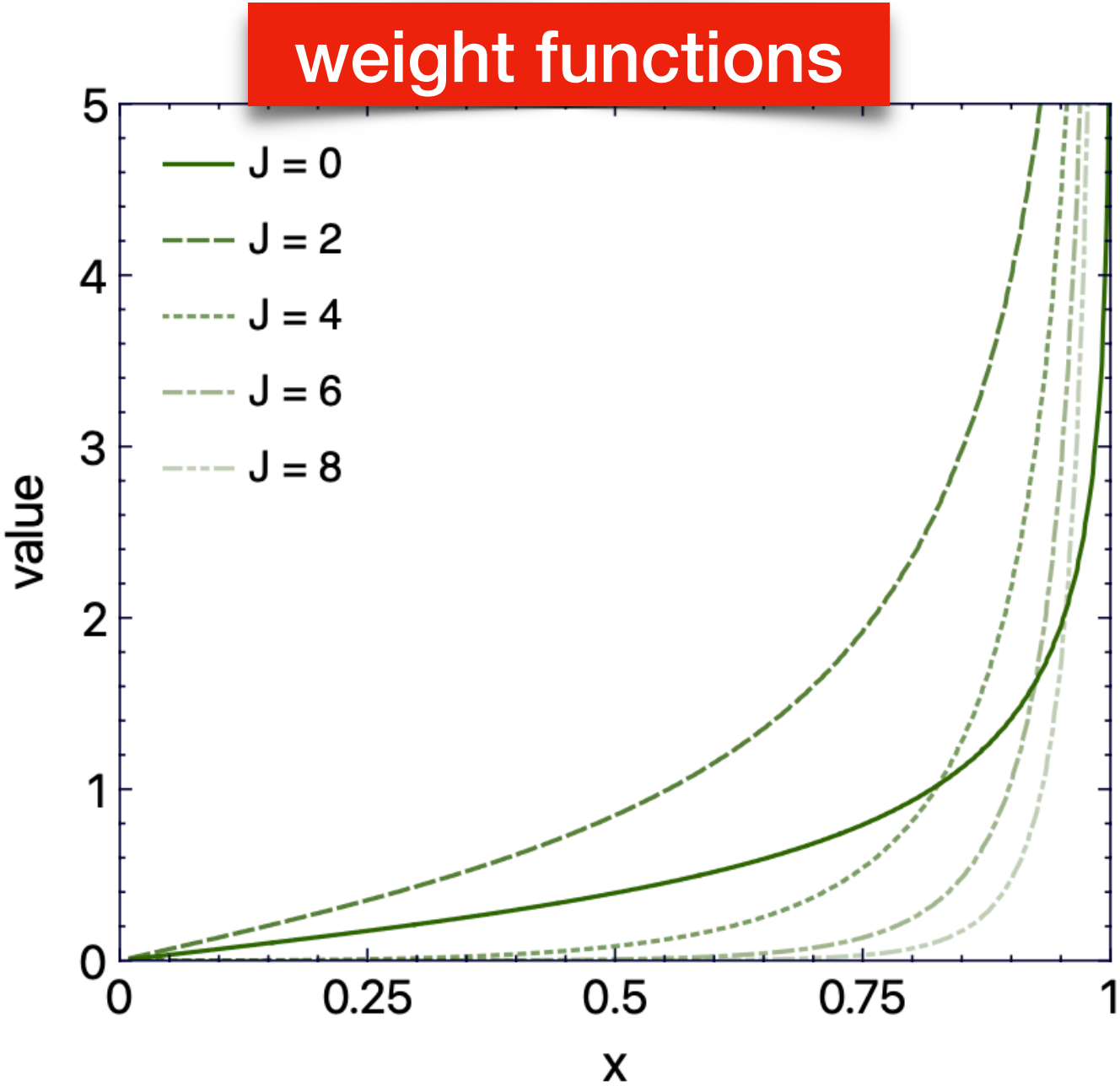
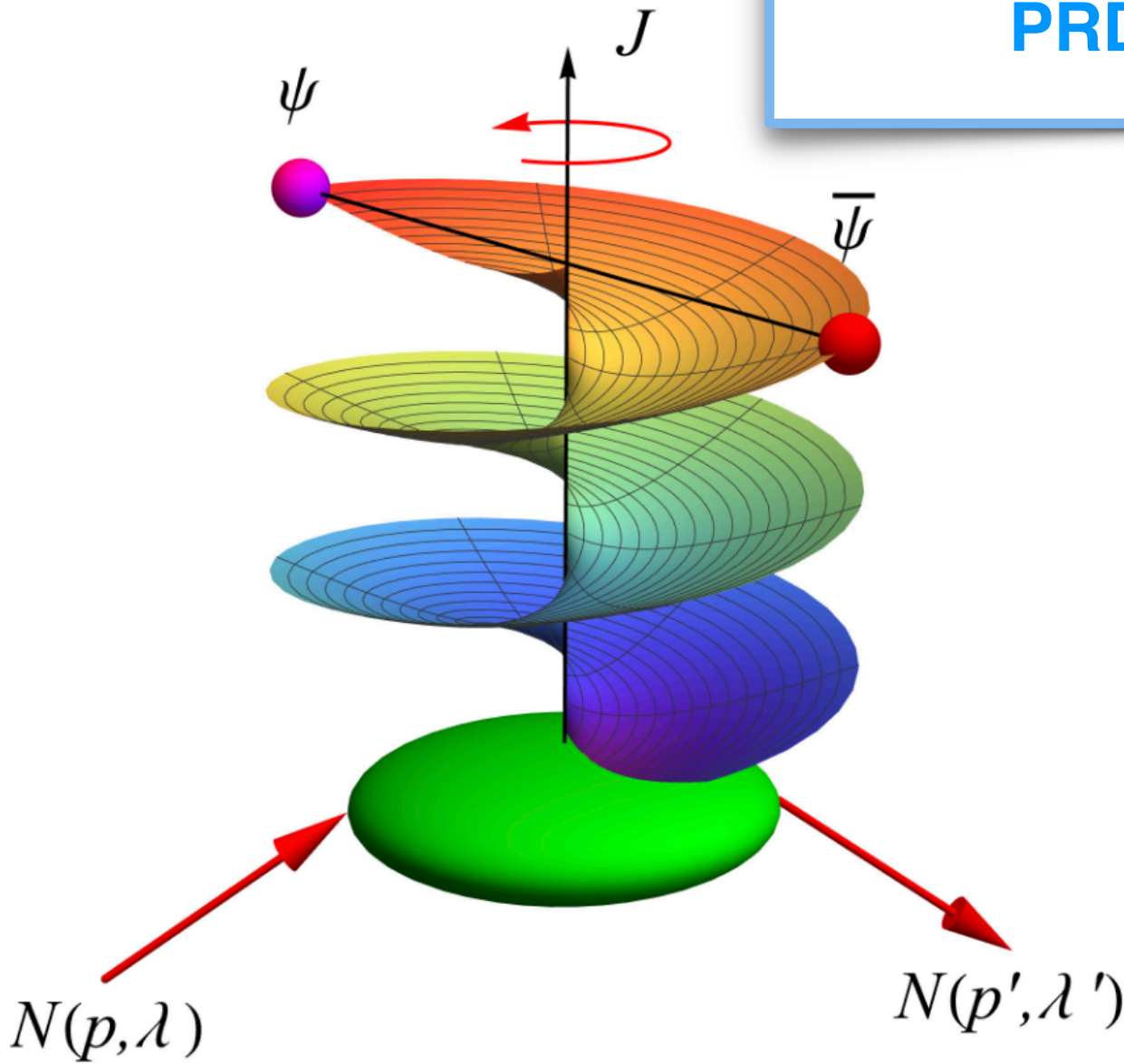


Final result:

$$F_{J=0}(t) = 2 \int_0^1 dx \left(\frac{Q_0(1/x)}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x} \right) H_+(x, x, t) + 4D(t)$$

$$F_{J>0}(t) = 2(2J + 1) \int_0^1 dx \frac{Q_J(1/x)}{x^2} H_+(x, x, t)$$

Results for spin-0 target already obtained in
K. Kumericki, D. Mueller, K. Passek-Kumericki, EPJC 58, 193 (2008)



Electric combination:

$$H_{\pm}^{(E)}(x, \cos \theta_t, t) = H_{\pm}(x, \cos \theta_t, t) + \tau E_{\pm}(x, \cos \theta_t, t)$$

helicities of $p\bar{p}$ couple to $|\lambda-\lambda'| = 0$ $\tau \equiv t/(4m^2)$

has to be expanded in $P_J(\cos \theta_t)$ rotation function

$$F_{J=0}^{(E)}(t) = 2 \int_0^1 dx \left[\frac{Q_0(1/x)}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x} \right] H_+^{(E)}(x, x, t) + 4(1 - \tau)D(t)$$
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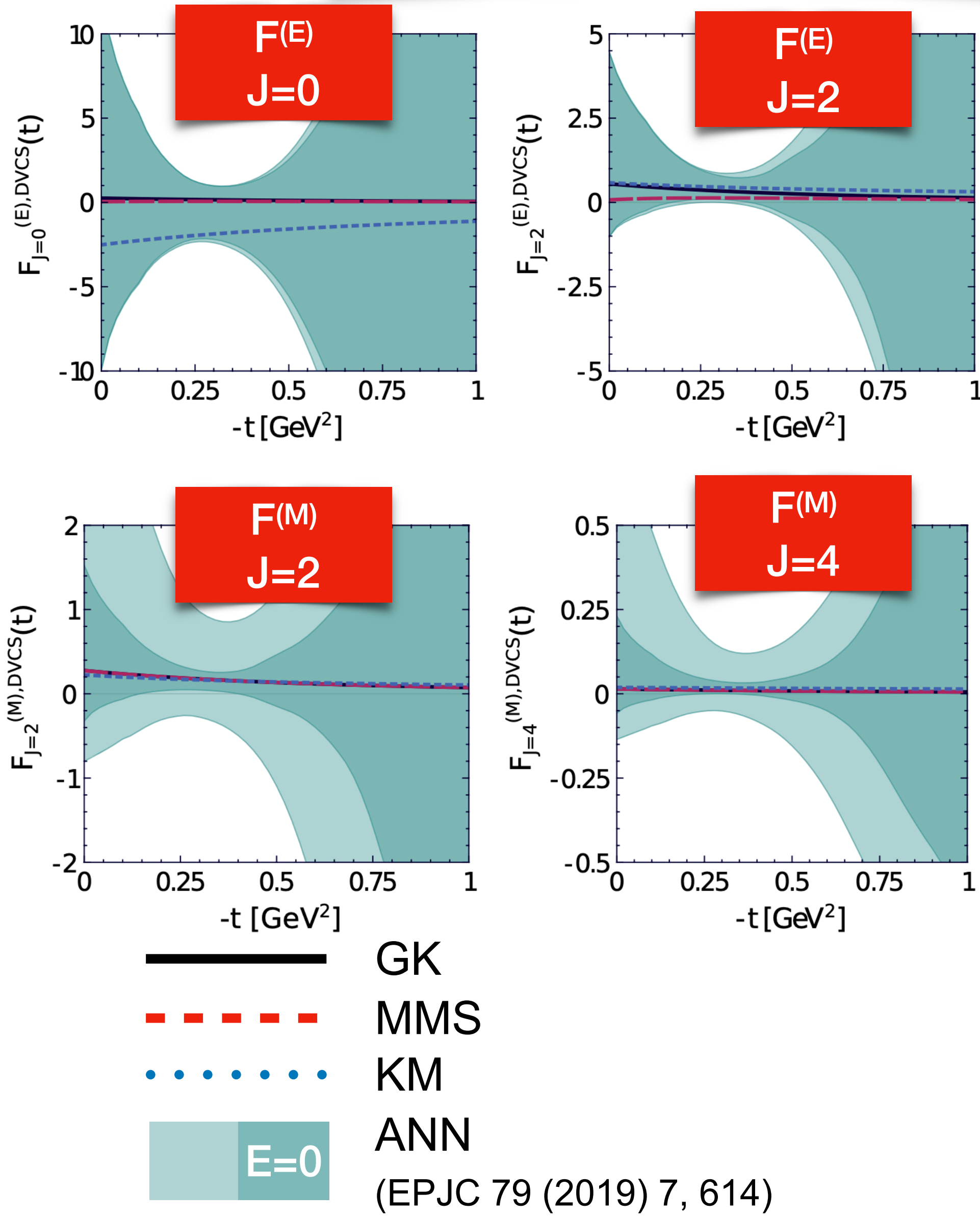
Magnetic combination:

$$H_{\pm}^{(M)}(x, \cos \theta_t, t) = H_{\pm}(x, \cos \theta_t, t) + E_{\pm}(x, \cos \theta_t, t)$$

helicities of $p\bar{p}$ couple to $|\lambda-\lambda'| = 1$

has to be expanded in $\sin \theta_t P'_J(\cos \theta_t)/\sqrt{J(J+1)}$ rotation function

$$F_J^{(M)}(t) = 2 \int_0^1 dx H_+^{(M)}(x, x, t) \frac{2J + 1}{J(J + 1)} \frac{(-1)}{x} \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2} - 1} Q_J^1(1/x)$$



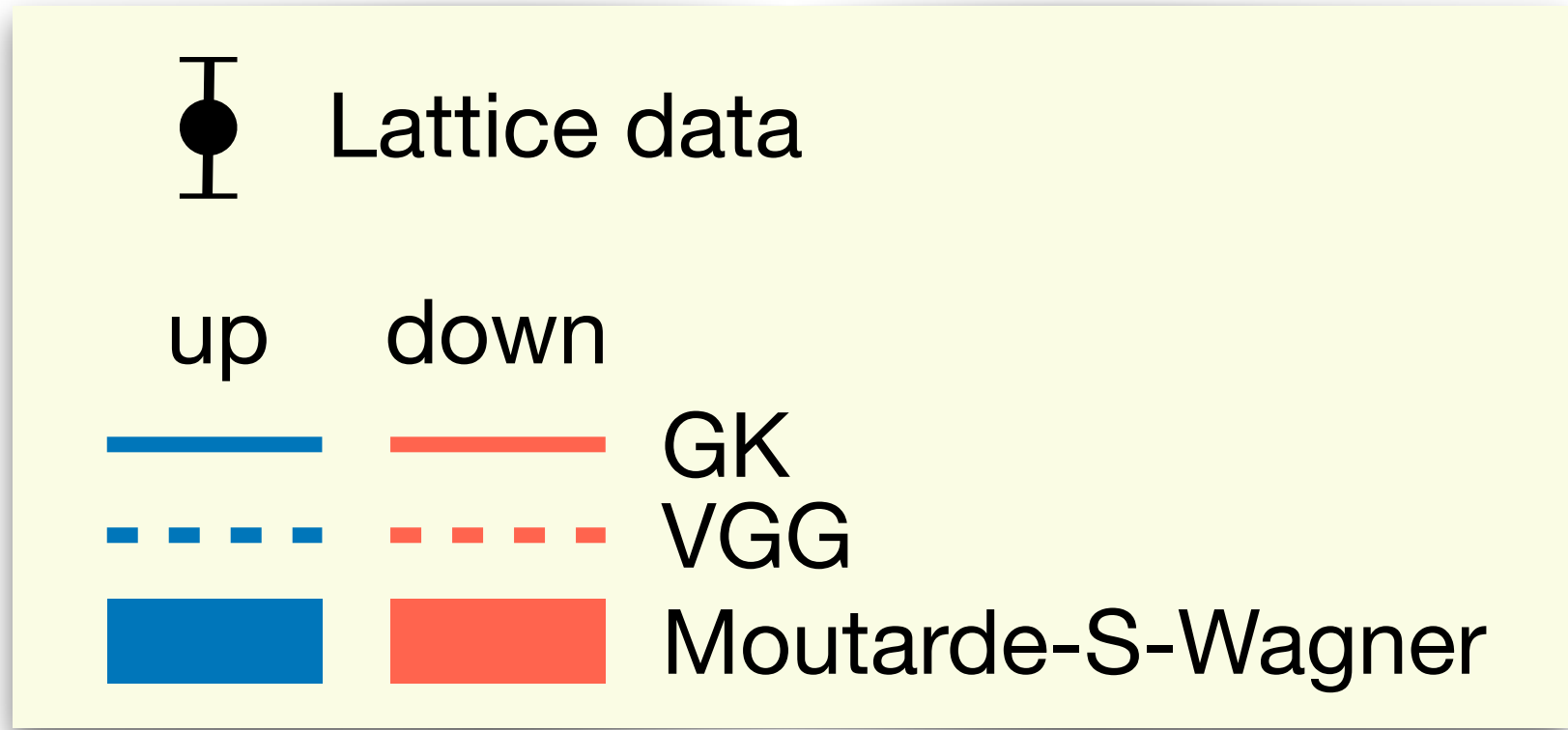
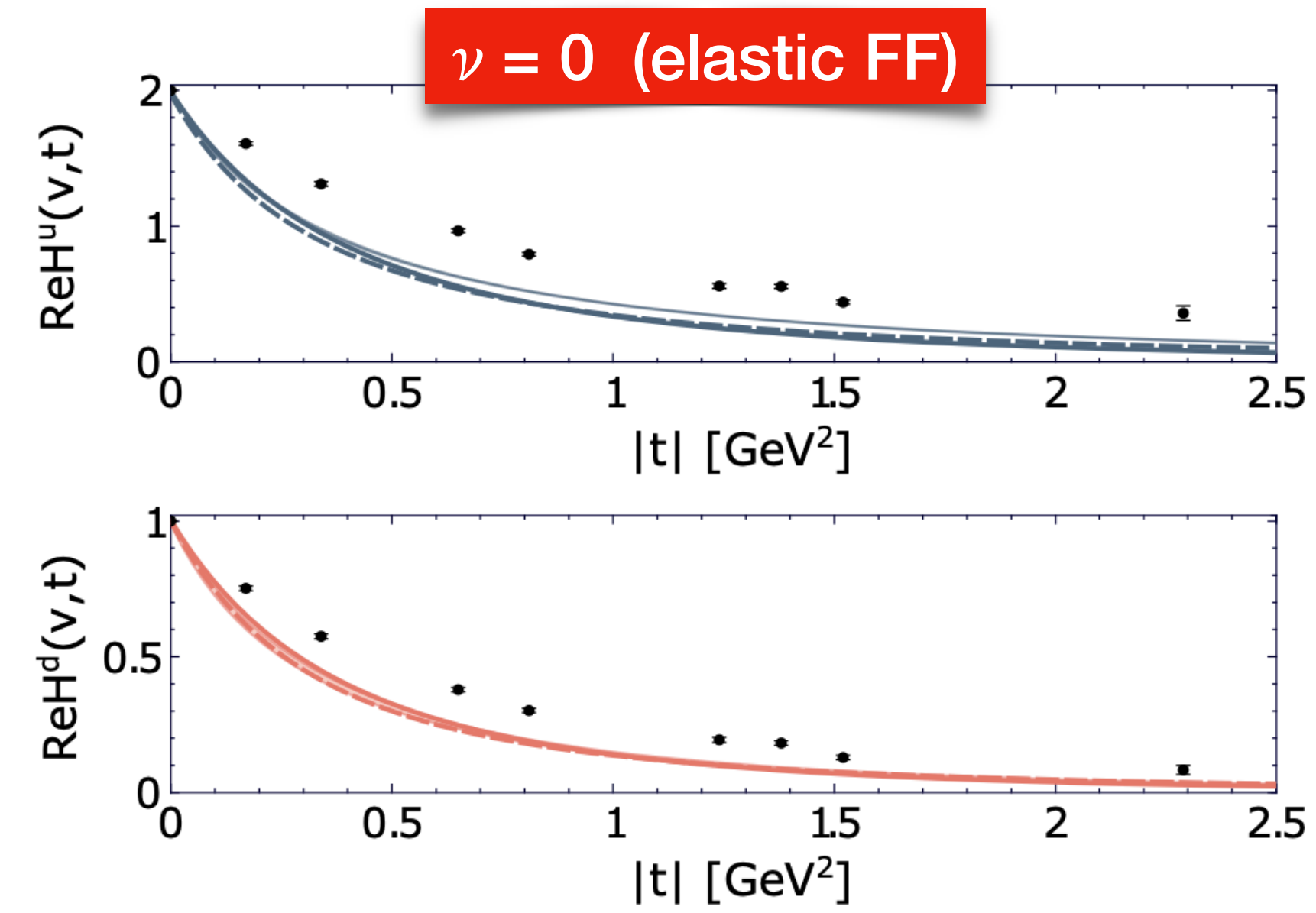
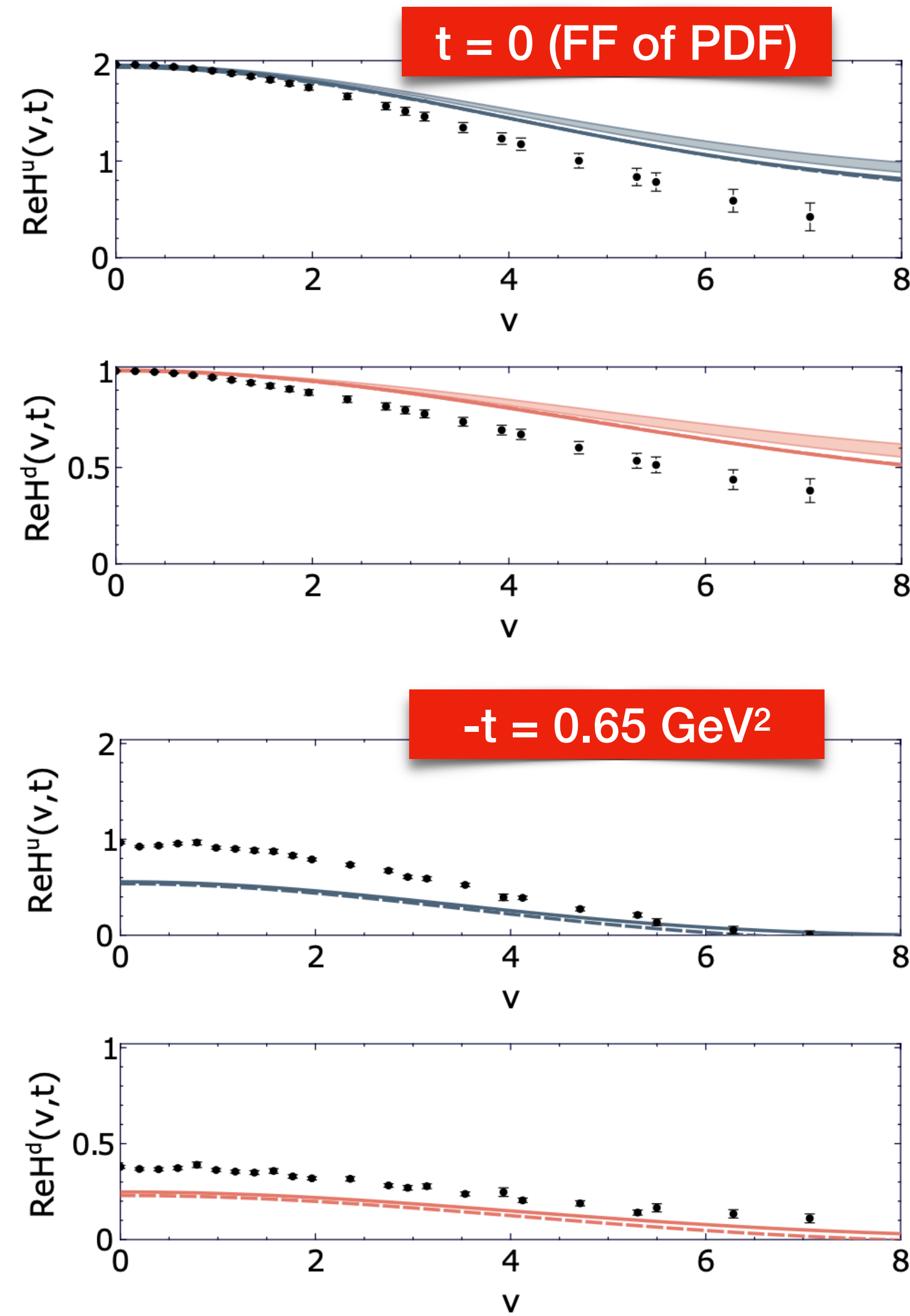
Lattice data for $H(\nu, \xi = 0, t)$
($a \approx 0.093$ fm, $m_\pi = 260$ MeV,
SDE approach)

$$H^q(\nu, \xi, t) = \int_{-1}^1 dx e^{ix\nu} H^q(x, \xi, t)$$

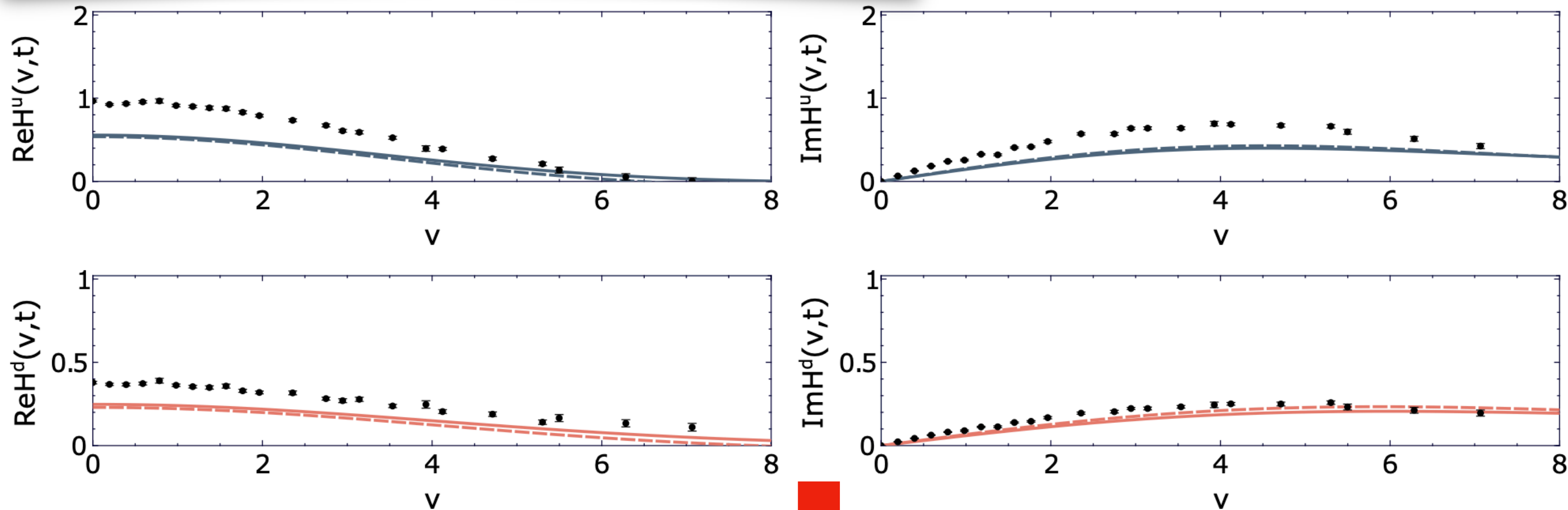
Poor agreement between lattice data
and phono. parameterizations of
PDFs and elastic FFs
→ will be improved over time

Can lattice data be meaningfully
incorporated in global analyses
of GPDs?

K. Cichy et al.,
PRD 110 (2024) 11, 114025



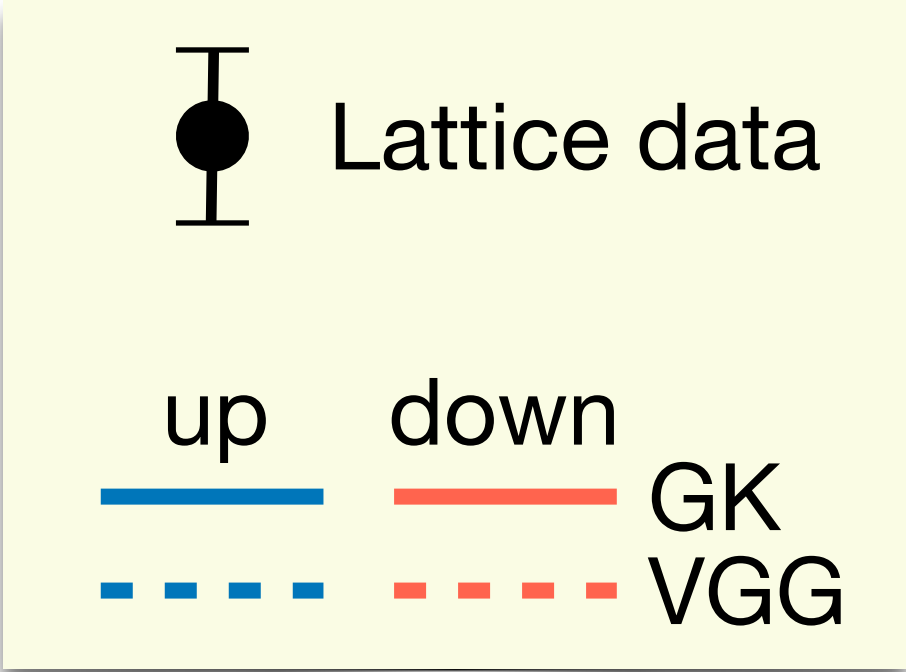
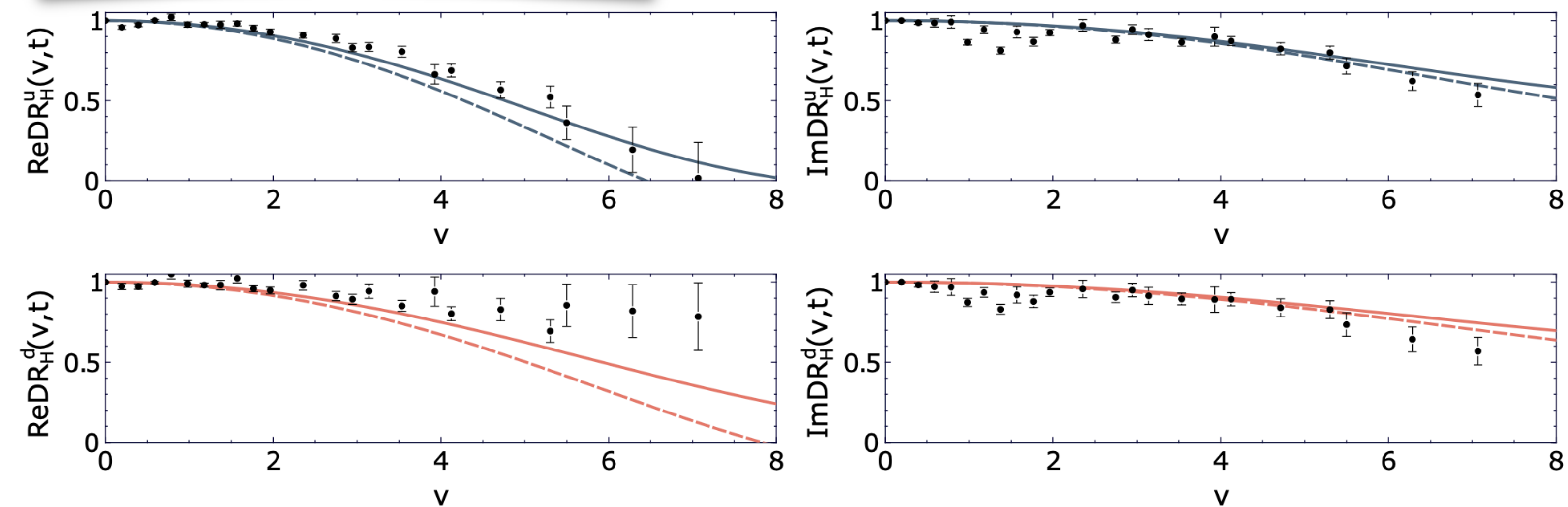
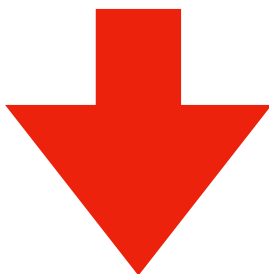
-t = 0.65 GeV² ("original" lattice-QCD results)



$$\text{DR}_{\text{Re}}(\nu, t) = \frac{\text{Re}H(\nu, t)}{\text{Re}H(\nu, 0)} \frac{\text{Re}H(0, 0)}{\text{Re}H(0, t)}$$

$$\text{DR}_{\text{Im}}(\nu, t) = \lim_{\nu' \rightarrow 0} \frac{\text{Im}H(\nu, t)}{\text{Im}H(\nu, 0)} \frac{\text{Im}H(\nu', 0)}{\text{Im}H(\nu', t)}$$

-t = 0.65 GeV² (double ratios)



Fit to elastic and lattice data

K. Cichy et al.,
PRD 110 (2024) 11, 114025

- Simultaneous fit to lattice data (double ratios) and elastic FF data
→ **only valance quarks!**

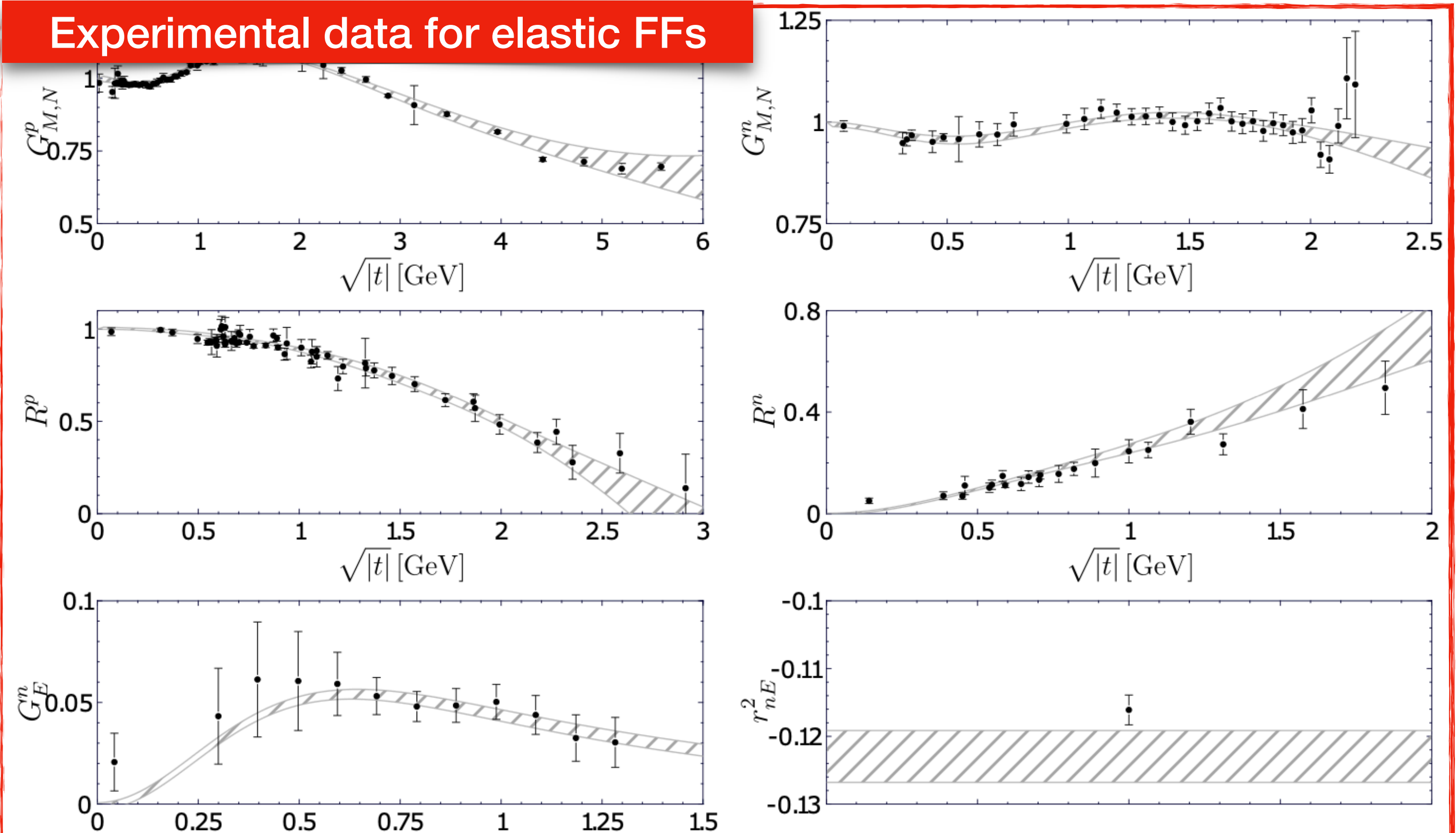
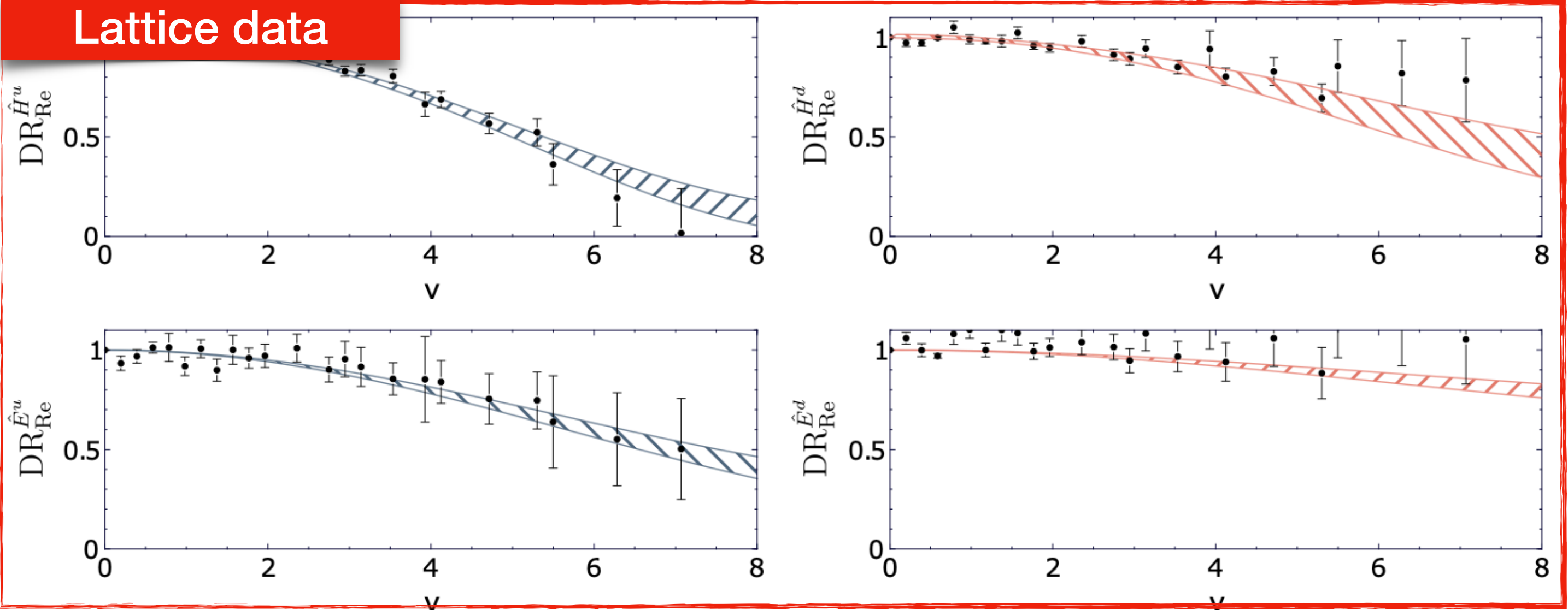
- General Ansatz

$$H^q(x,0,t) = q(x) \times f_H^q(x,t)$$

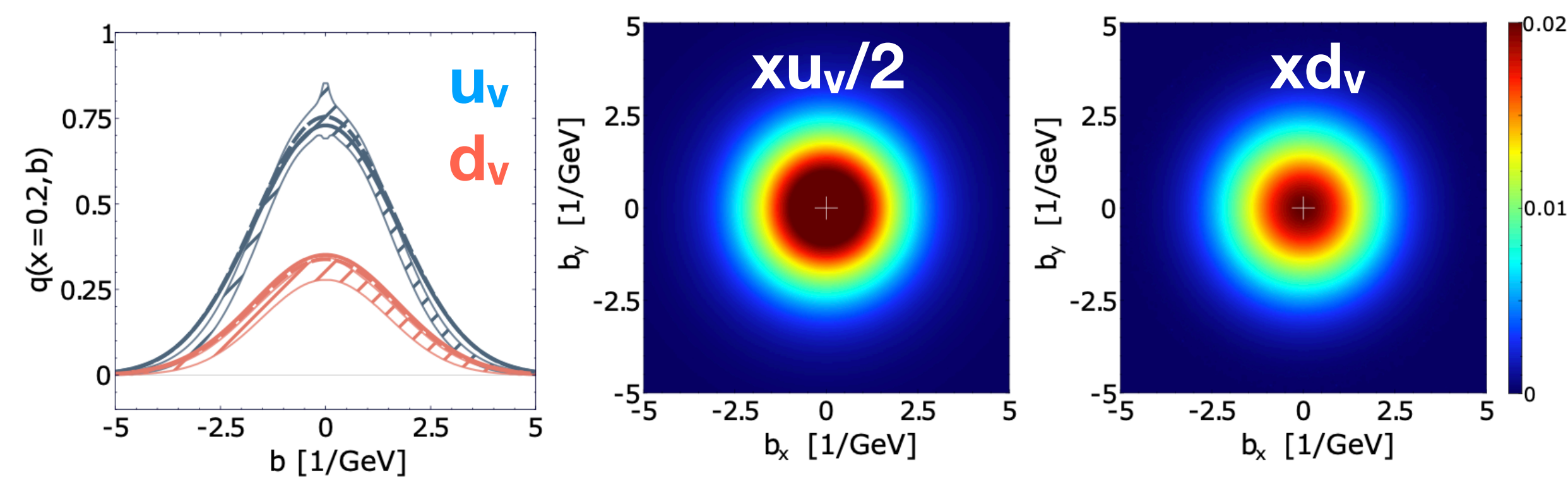
$$E^q(x,0,t) = e_q(x) \times f_E^q(x,t)$$

where q(x) taken from NNPDF set

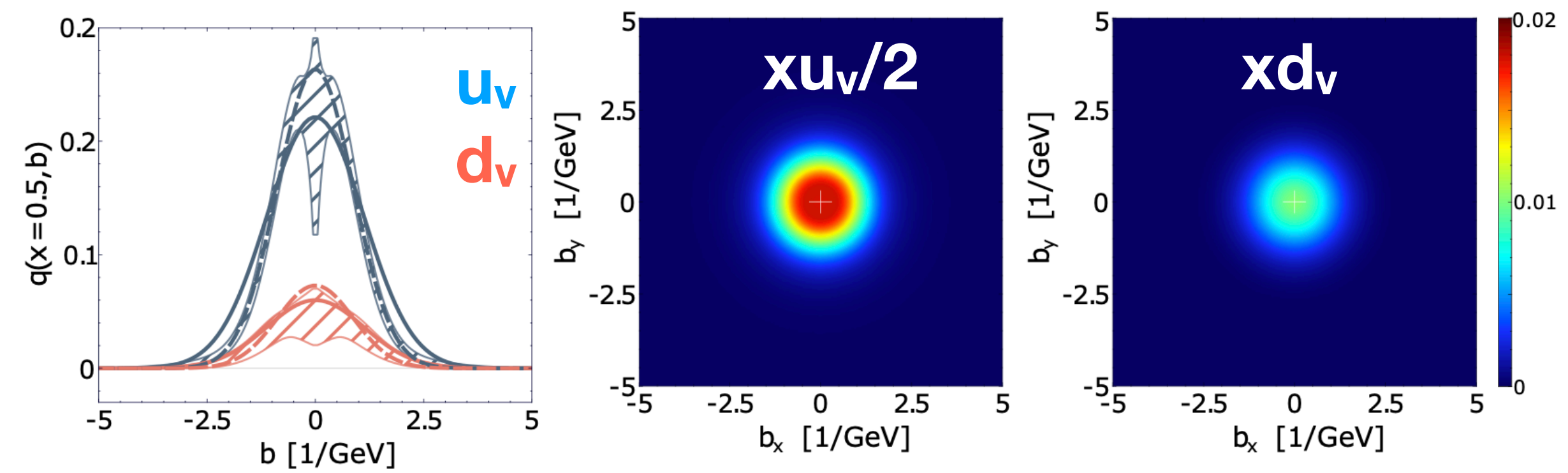
- In the case of GPD H we also attempt to constrain shadow GPDs
- Quality of fit: $\chi^2/\text{nPoints} \approx 1.34$



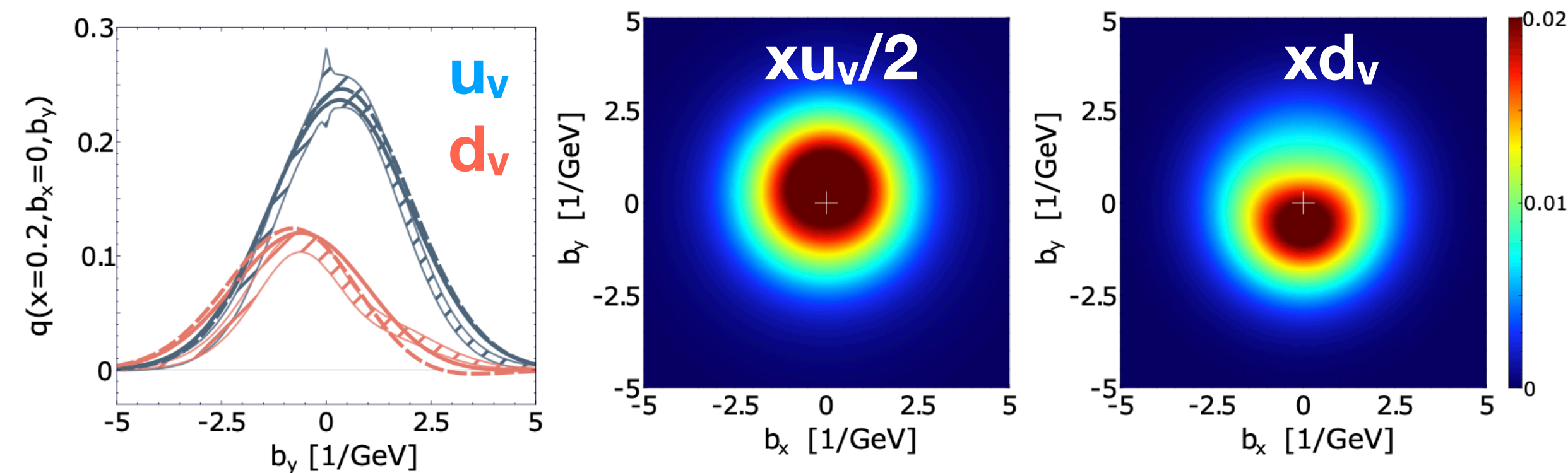
$x = 0.2$ (unpolarised proton)



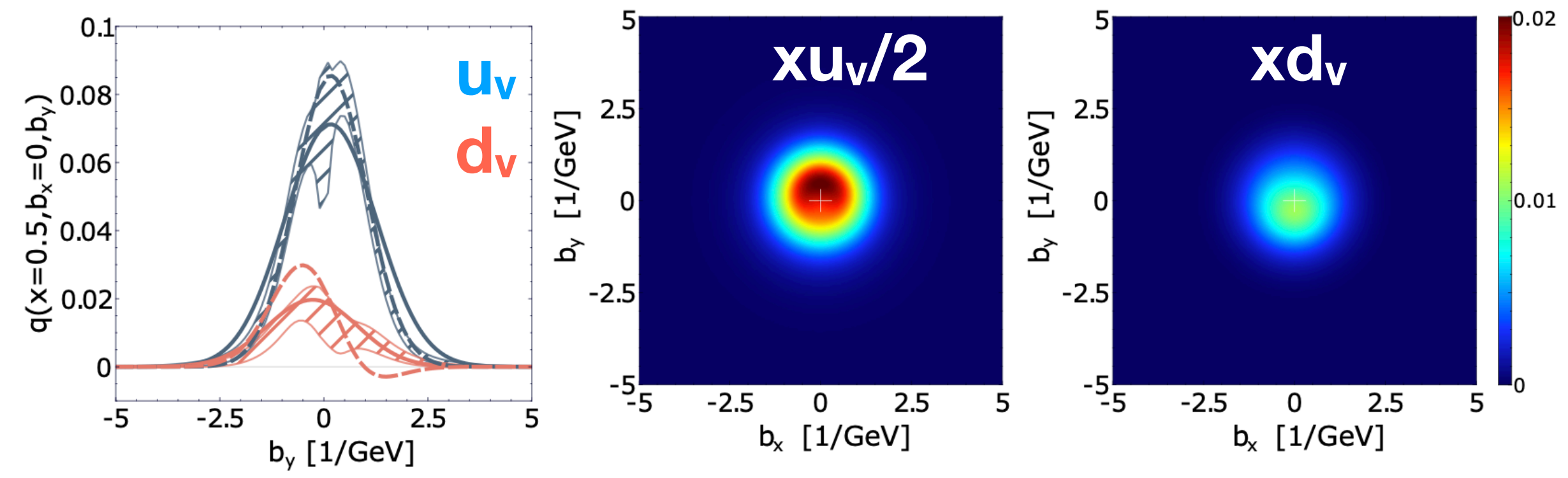
$x = 0.5$ (unpolarised proton)

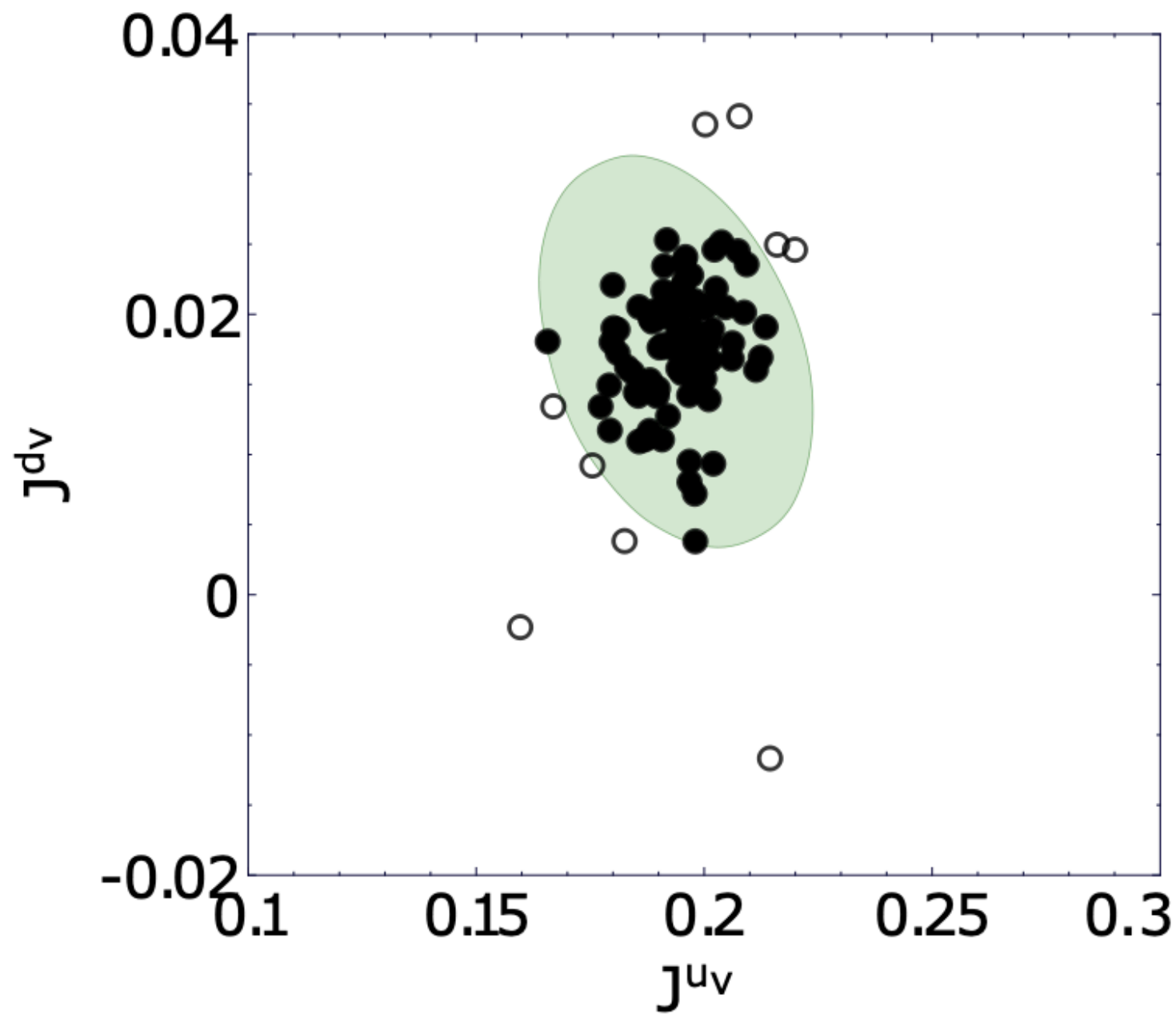


$x = 0.2$ (transversely polarised proton)



$x = 0.5$ (transversely polarised proton)





3σ ellipse

●

replicas giving values inside ellipse

○

replicas giving values outside ellipse

This result
(elastic and lattice-QCD data):

$$J^{u_v} = 0.195 \pm 0.010$$
$$J^{d_v} = 0.0173 \pm 0.0046$$

Diehl-Kroll / EPJC 73, 2397 (2013)
(elastic data):

$$J^{u_v} = 0.230^{+0.009}_{-0.024}$$
$$J^{d_v} = -0.004^{+0.010}_{-0.016}$$

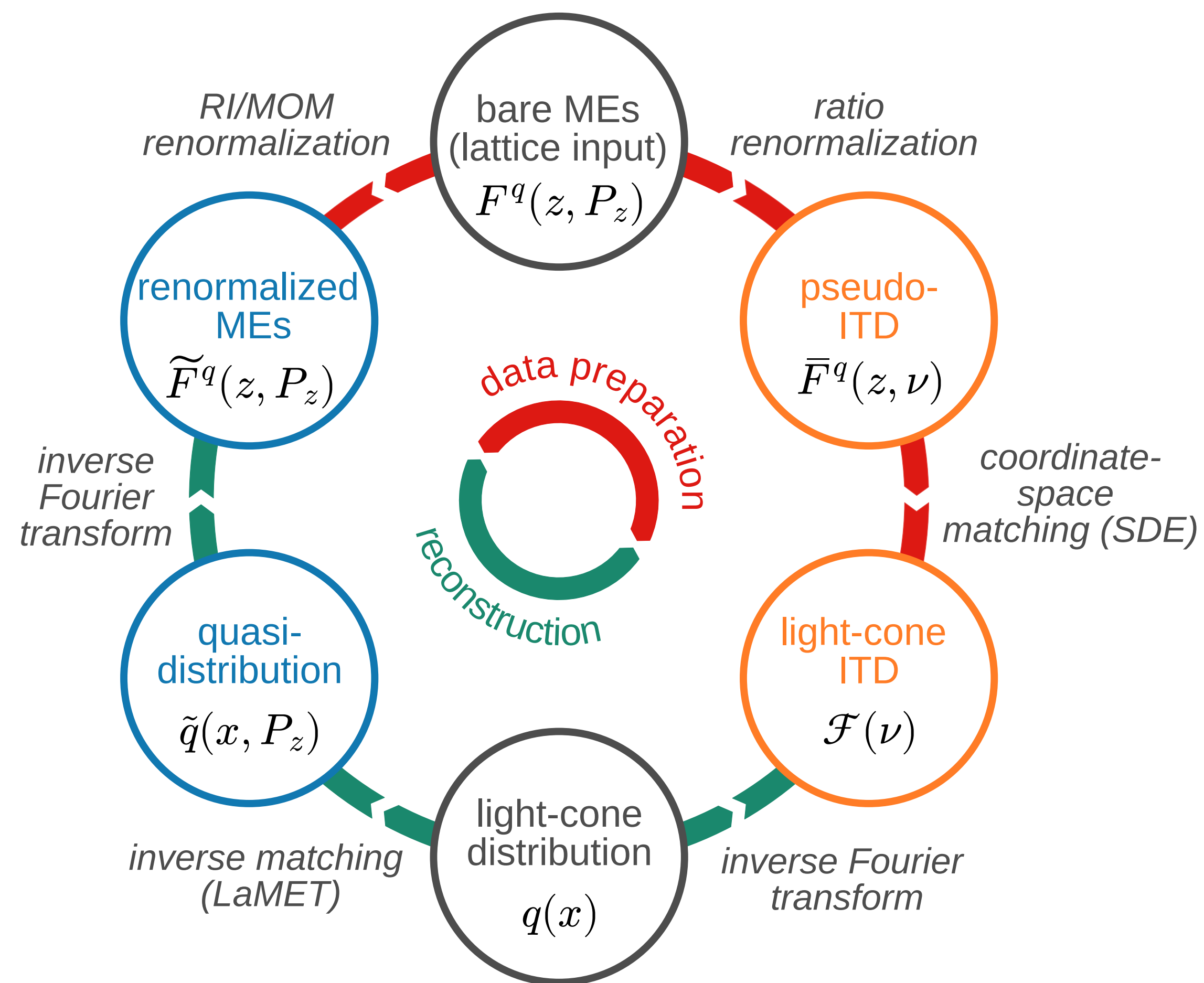
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(SIDIS data, Sivers function related to GPD E via
Burkardt's "lensing function")

$$J^u = 0.229 \pm 0.002^{+0.008}_{-0.012}, J^{\bar{u}} = 0.015 \pm 0.003^{+0.001}_{-0.000}$$
$$J^d = -0.007 \pm 0.003^{+0.020}_{-0.005}, J^{\bar{d}} = 0.022 \pm 0.005^{+0.001}_{-0.000}$$

(all estimates given at $\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}$)

See K. Cichy's talk
this afternoon

M.-H. Chu et al.,
arXiv: hep-lat/2509.15931



Crucial steps in both procedures:

LaMET (quasi-distributions)

$$\tilde{q}(x, P_z) = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{dy}{|y|} C\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) q(y) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{x^2 P_z^2}, \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2}{(1-x)^2 P_z^2}\right)$$

usable range: $x \in [x_{\text{min}} \sim \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{P_z}, x_{\text{max}} \sim 1 - x_{\text{min}}]$

SDE (pseudo-distributions)

$$\bar{F}^q(z, \nu) = \int_{-1}^1 dy C_\nu(y) \mathcal{F}^q(y\nu) + \mathcal{O}(z^2 \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2)$$

usable range: $[0, \nu_{\text{max}} \sim z_{\text{max}} P_z]$

- Substantial progress in:
 - description of exclusive processes
 - understanding fundamental problems, like deconvolution of CFFs and analysis methods
 - preparation of new measurements
 - incorporation of lattice QCD results

This progress is important for the precision era of GPD extraction allowed by the new generation of experiments