

Pion Distribution Amplitude from Pseudo-Distributions

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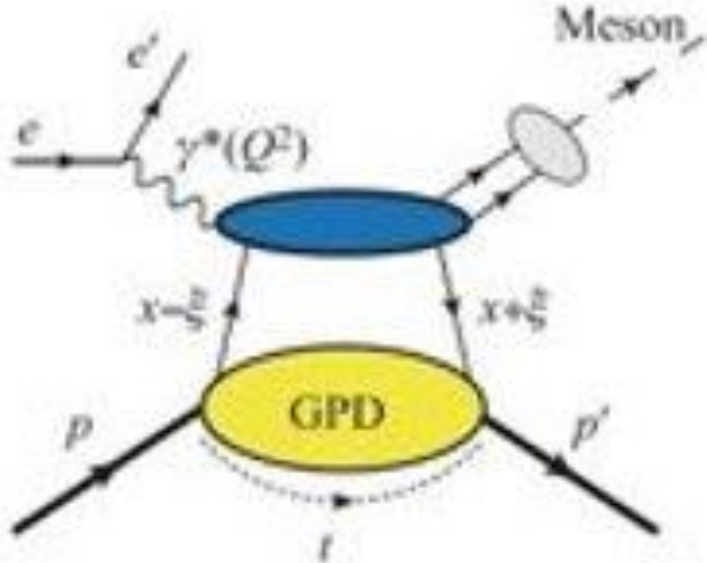
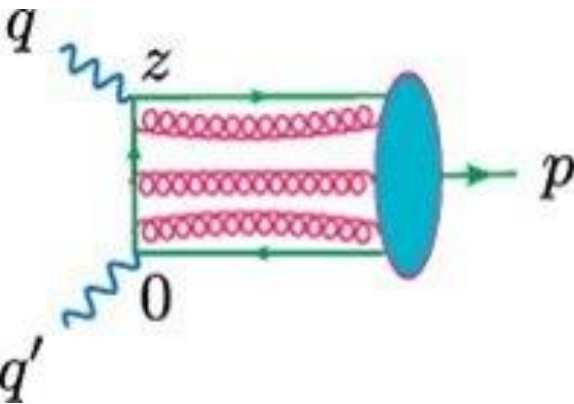
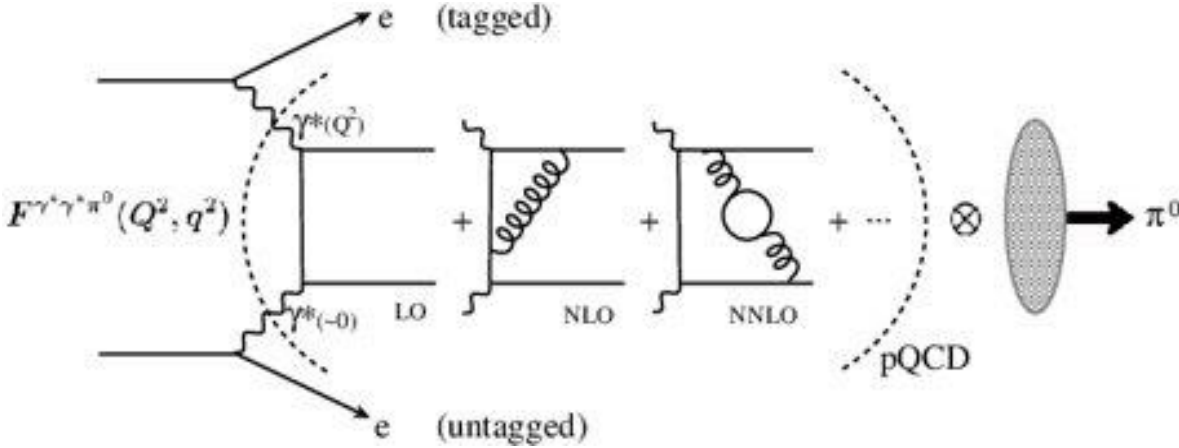
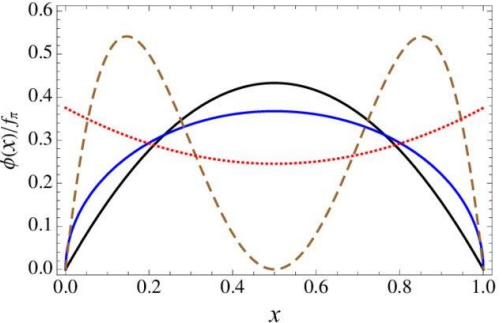
Exclusive QCD

- Distribution Amplitude (DA): momentum distribution of parton inside *intact* hadron

$$\langle \Omega | \bar{d}(z_-/2) \gamma^5 \gamma^+ W_+ \left[-\frac{z_-}{2}, \frac{z_-}{2} \right] u(z_-/2) | \pi^+(p) \rangle$$

$$= i f_\pi p_+ \int_0^1 dx \exp \left[i \left(x - \frac{1}{2} \right) p_+ z_- \right] \phi(x, \mu^2)$$

- pQCD:
 - What is high scale?



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"Ioffe Time"

[Radyushkin, Phys. Rev. D
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- Typically avoided by taking $\alpha=z$ [\[X. Gao, et al, 2022\]](#) and forming.

$$\overline{\mathcal{M}}(\nu, z^2) = \frac{M^z(p, z)}{M^z(p', z)} = \frac{\mathcal{M}(\nu, z^2) + \frac{z^2}{\nu} \mathcal{N}(\nu, z^2)}{\mathcal{M}(\nu', z^2) + \frac{z^2}{\nu'} \mathcal{N}(\nu', z^2)}$$

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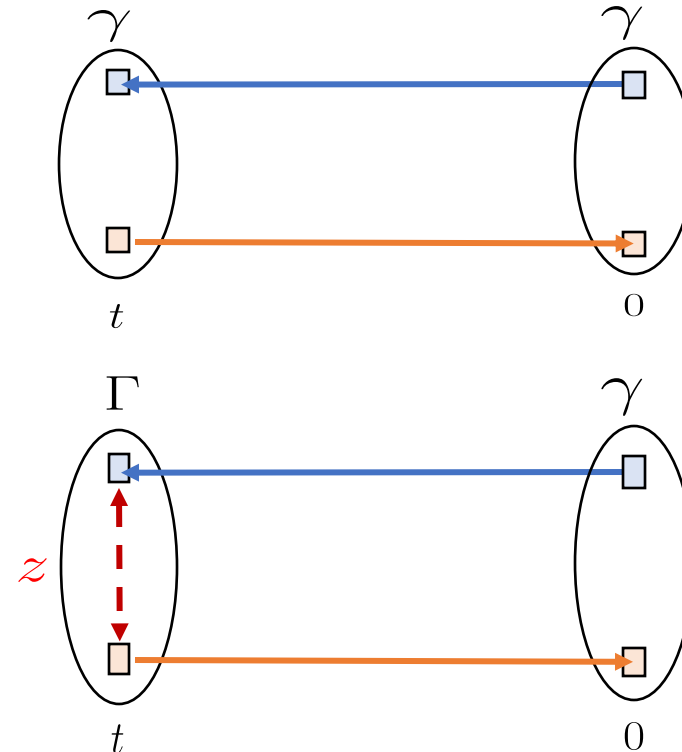
$$\begin{aligned} M_{mix}^\alpha(p, z) &= z_\beta \langle \Omega | \bar{q}(-z/2) \gamma^5 \sigma^{\alpha\beta} W q(z/2) | p \rangle \\ &= z_\beta [(p^\alpha z^\beta - z^\alpha p^\beta) \mathcal{M}_{mix}(\nu, z^2)] \\ &= p^\alpha (z^2 \mathcal{M}_{mix}(\nu, z^2)) + z^\alpha (\nu \mathcal{M}_{mix}(\nu, z^2)) \end{aligned}$$

Matrix Element Extraction

Built from [\[G. Engel, et. al, 2014\]](#)

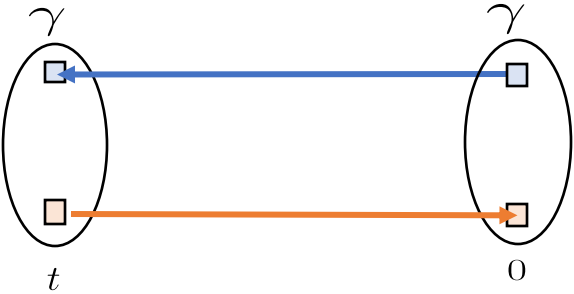
- CLS NF2 Clover-improved Wilson fermions.
- Gaussian smearing (spatial + momentum)
- Interpolators: $\gamma \in \{\gamma^5 \gamma^t, \gamma^5\}$
- DA-ops: $\Gamma \in \{\gamma^5 \gamma^t, * \sigma^{xy}\}$
 - Center gauge link at $z/2$ at the sink (more stats)

	$N_s^3 \times N_t$	a (fm)	m_π MeV	N_{cfg}	N_{src}	ζ
E5	$32^3 \times 64$	0.0652(6)	440(5)	999	128	(0,3,4,5,6)
$\tilde{A}5$	$32^3 \times 64$	0.0749(8)	441(4)	1906	8*	(0,2,4)*
N5	$48^3 \times 96$	0.0483(4)	443(4)	477	8*	(0,2,4)*
F7	$48^3 \times 96$	0.0652(6)	268(3)	1202	32	(0,3,4,5,6)
G8	$64^3 \times 128$	0.0652(6)	193(2)	410	OTW	OTW



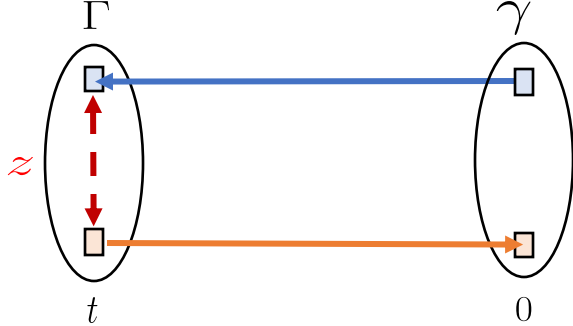
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$$C_p^{\gamma\gamma}(t) = \sum_n |Z_n|^2 [e^{-E_n(p)t} + e^{-E_n(p)(T-t)}]$$

- DA ops: $\Gamma \in \{\gamma^5 \gamma^t, \sigma^{xy}\}$



$$R_{p,z}^{\Gamma,\gamma}(t) = \frac{C_{p,z}^{\Gamma,\gamma}(t)}{C_{p,0}^{\Gamma,\gamma}(t)}$$

$$\sim \frac{M^\alpha(p, z)}{f_\pi p^\alpha} + A_{p,z} \frac{f(E_1(p), t, T)}{f(E_0(p), t, T)}$$

$$\frac{f(E_1(p), t, T)}{f(E_0(p), t, T)} \xrightarrow{T \rightarrow \infty} e^{-\Delta E(p)t}$$

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- Fit with care:
 - Excited-state contamination at early times.
 - Noise for moderate-to-late times.
- Treatment of fit-range systematics:
 - Removed data points are now parameters!
 - Marginalizing out these parameters results in weighted averages over models.

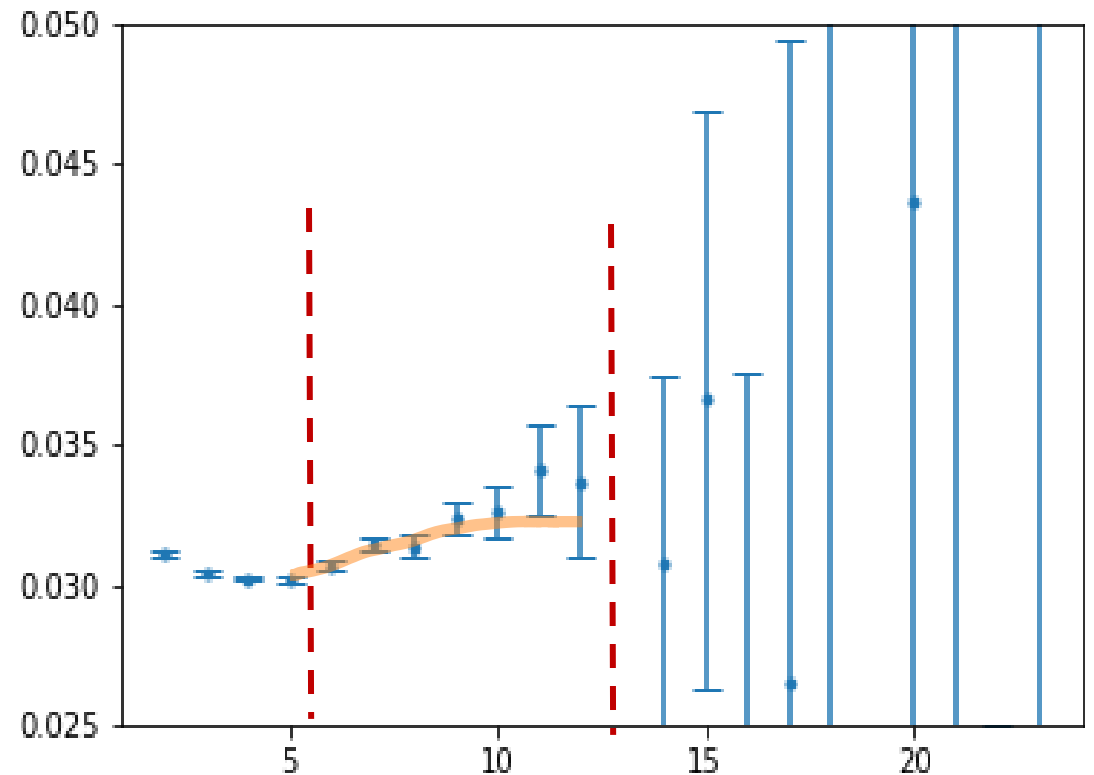
[W. Jay, E. Neil, Phys. Rev. D 103, 114502 (2021)]

$$\langle f(\theta) \rangle = \sum_i f(\theta_i^*) \text{pr}(M_i | y)$$

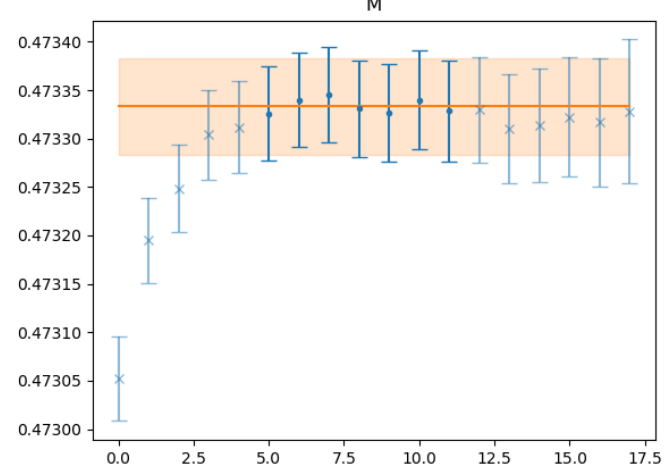
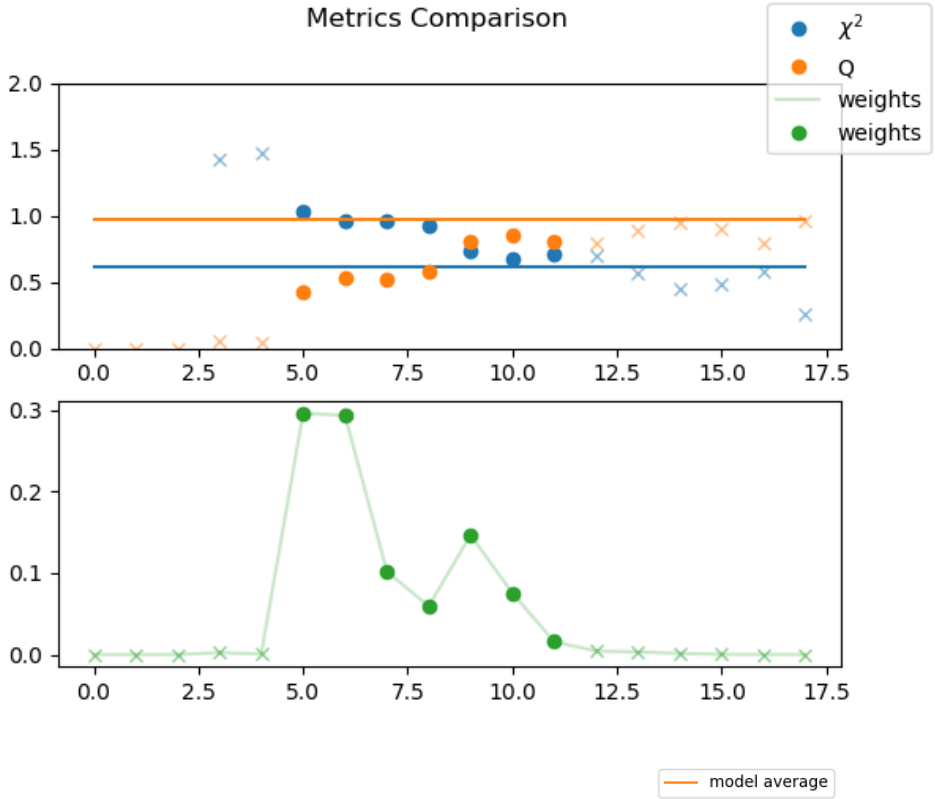
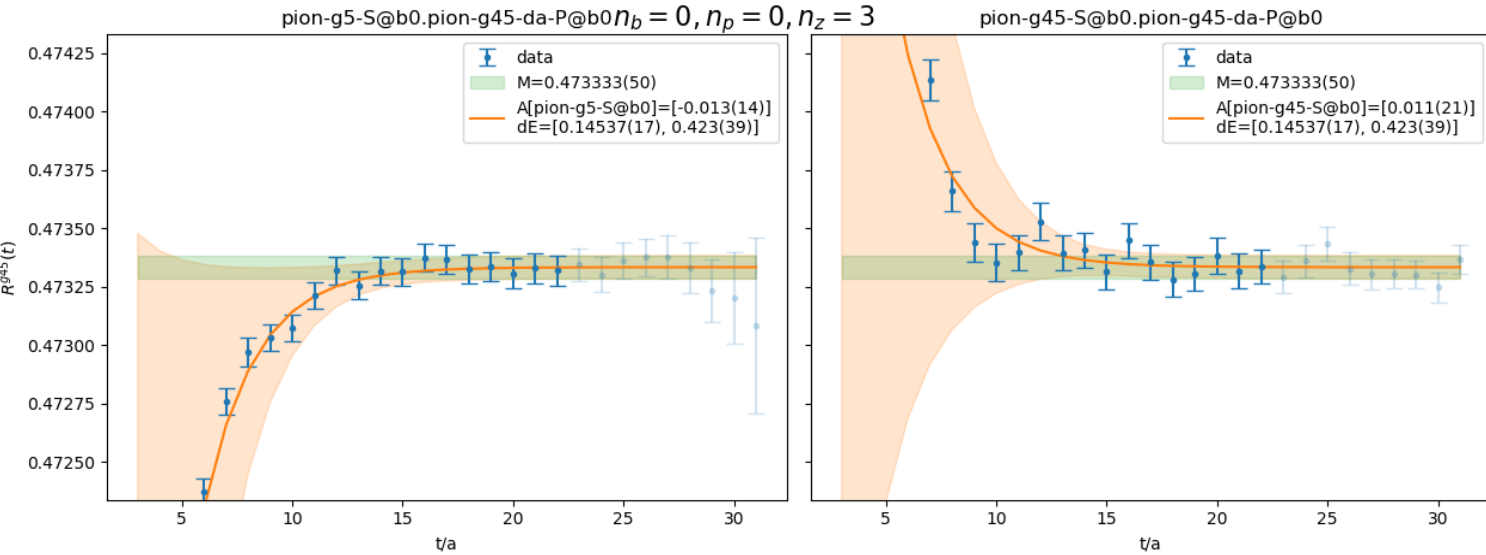
$$\mathbf{C}_{\theta\phi} = \langle \theta\phi \rangle - \langle \theta \rangle \langle \phi \rangle$$

$$-2 \ln \text{pr}(M_i | y) = \chi_{aug}^2(y_{keep}) + 2(k + N_{cut})$$

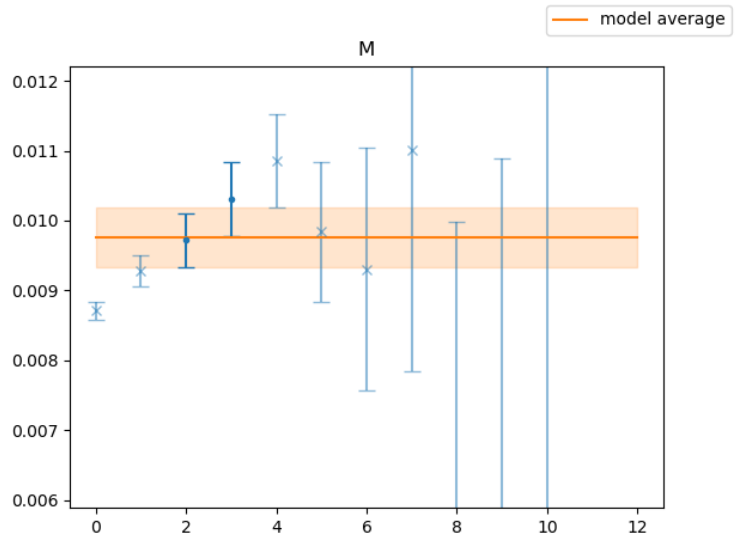
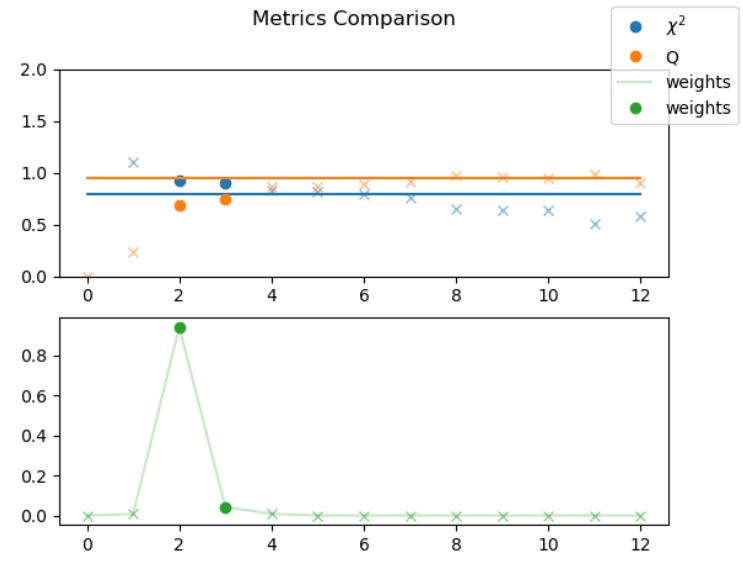
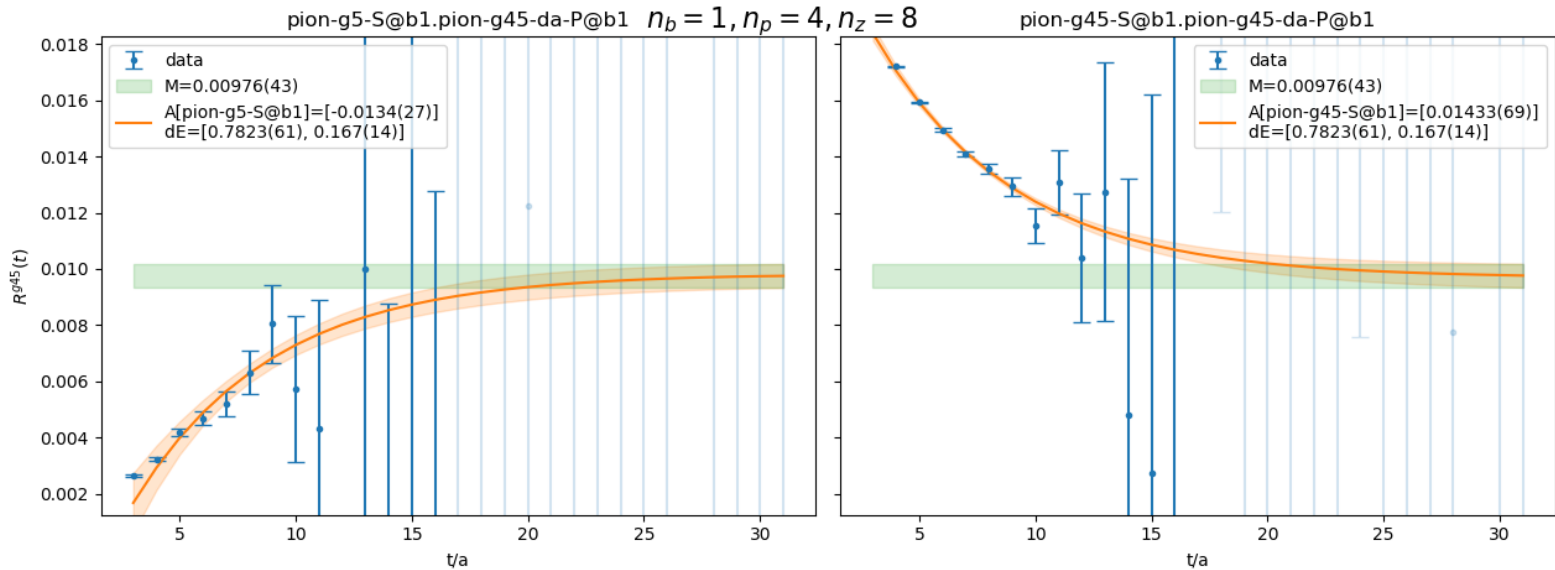
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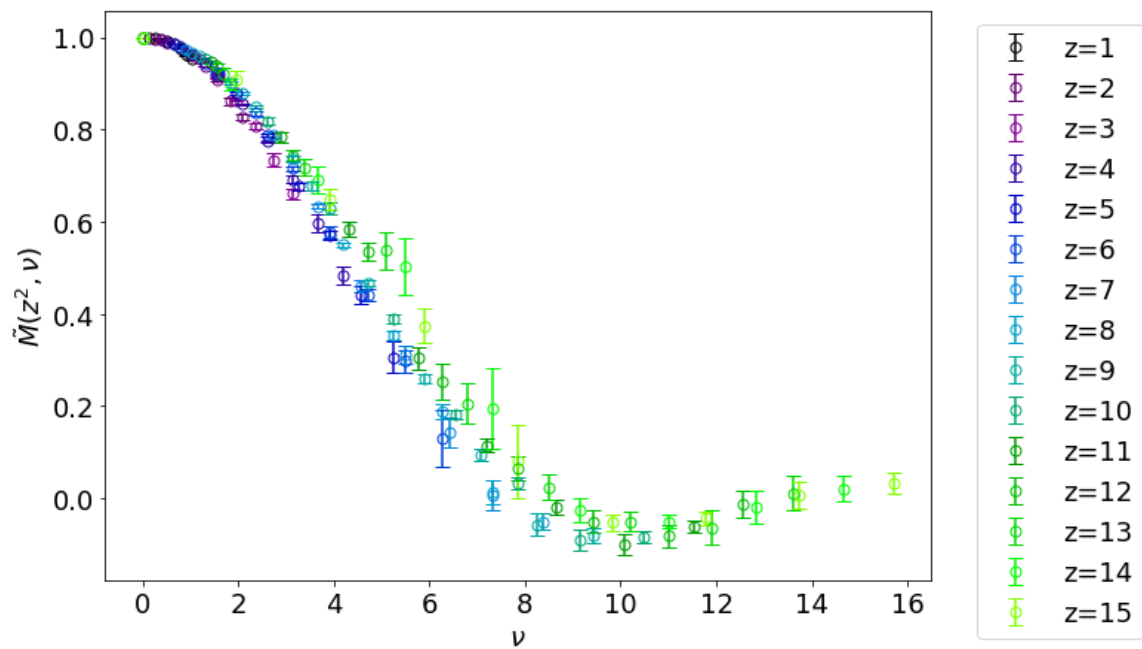
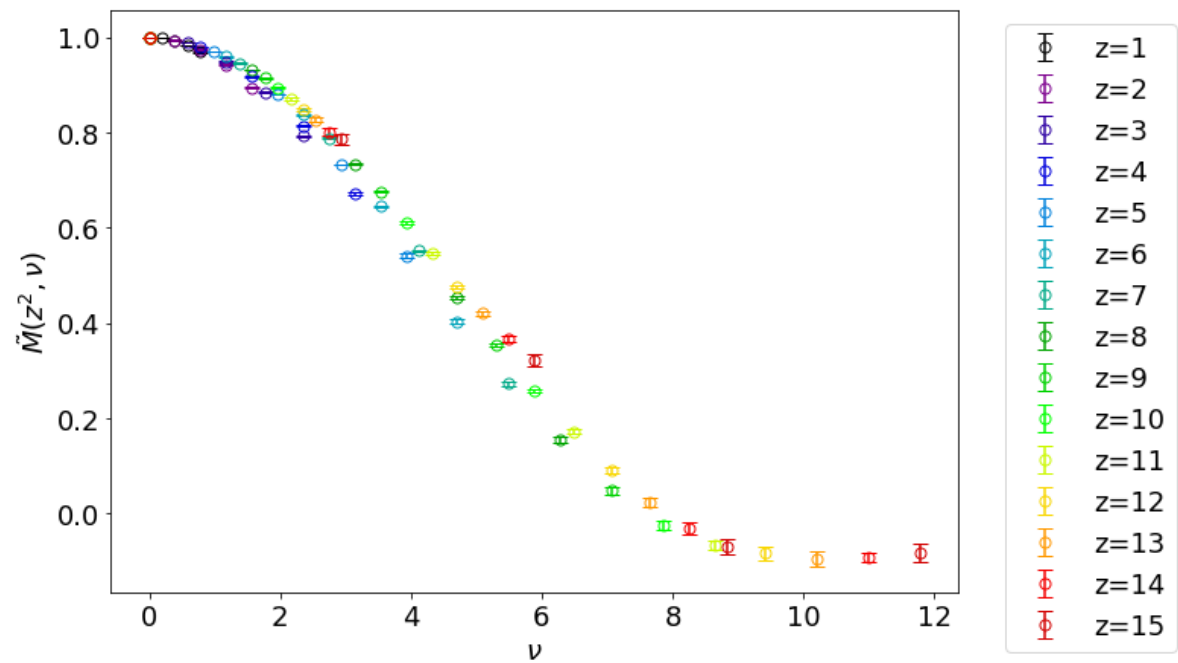
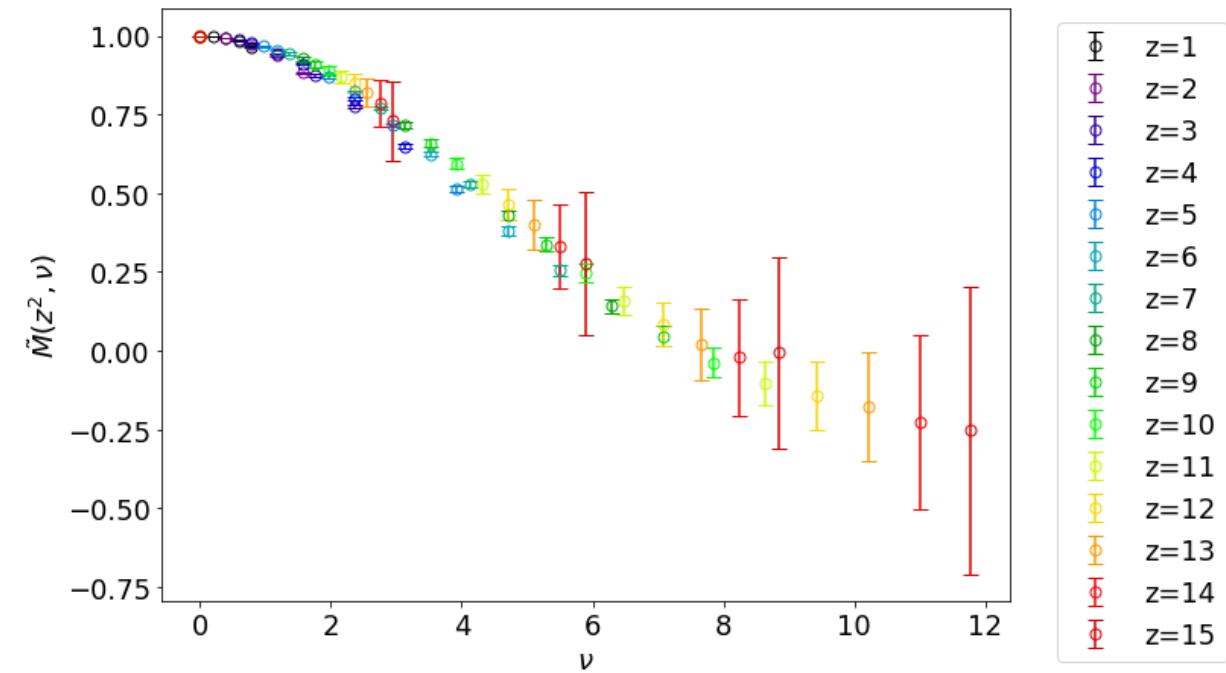


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[\[Radyushkin, 2019\]](#)

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- Use physically well motivated parameterizations to deal with inverse problem.

- Simplest class of models: $\phi_{[a]}(x) = N_a(x\bar{x})^a$

- Lattice Spacing errors: accumulate in $+ \mathcal{O}\left(\left(\frac{a}{z}\right)^n\right) C_{disc}(\nu)$

[\[J. Karpie et al, 2021\]](#)

[\[C. Egerer, et al, 2021\]](#)

Conclusions/Future Prospects

- Estimating systematic uncertainties is important: BMA provides a rigorous, quantitative way of doing this.
- Improvements:
 - Excited State Contamination: Distillation & Variational Method to control higher-momentum results.
 - Include physical pion mass ensemble to quantitatively study pion mass effects and higher twist effects in tandem.
 - Model Dependence: BMA on several model DA's + choice of z-cut.

Cheers!