

Tensor SIDIS workshop: short theory kickoff

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Beware that there are different conventions for the tensor

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