

# Proton GPDs from Lattice QCD

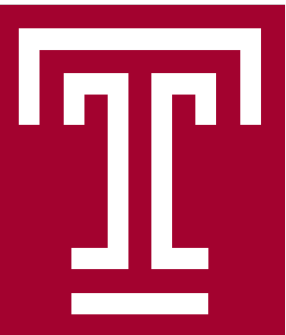
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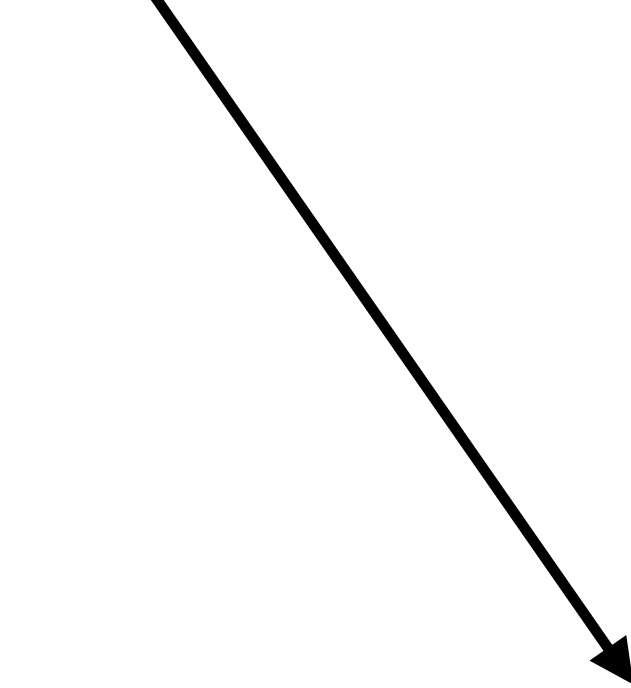
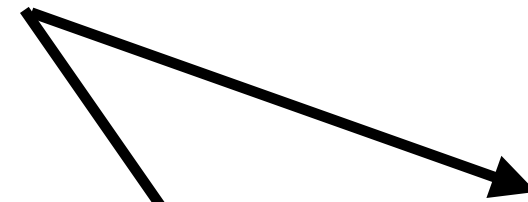
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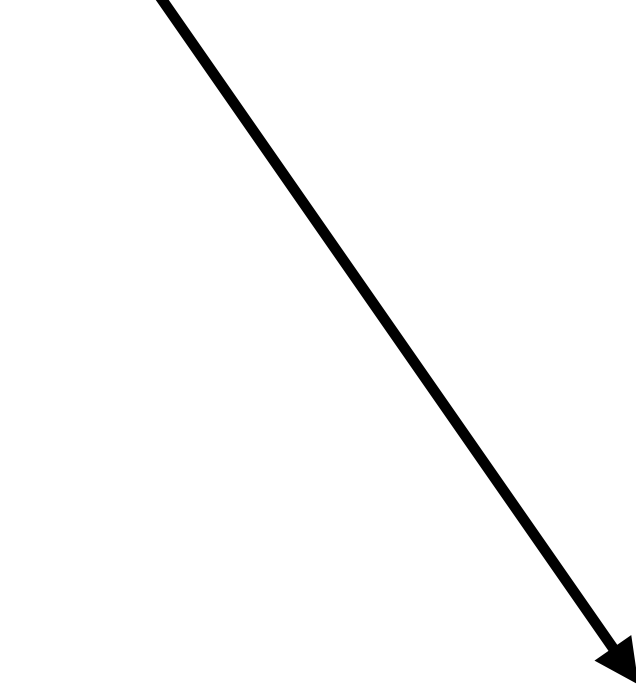
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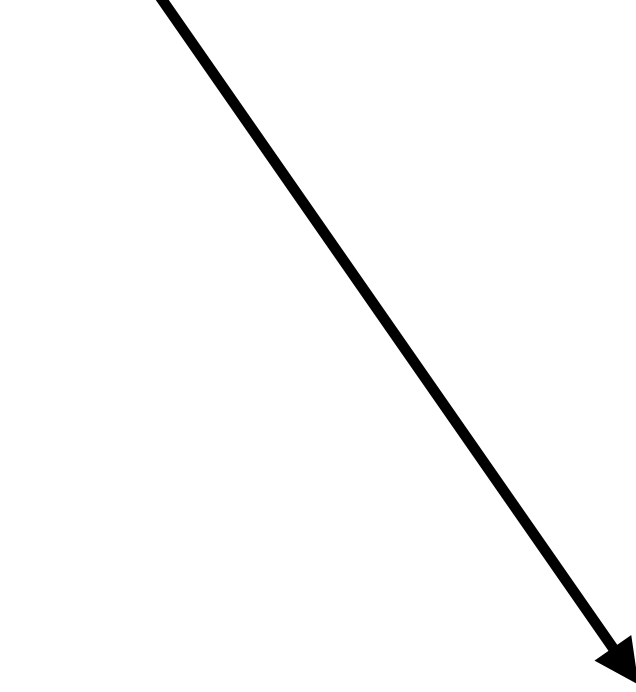
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❖ Background

❖ Lattice Methodology

❖ Results

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- Lorentz invariant amplitudes
- Quasi-GPDs
- Light-Cone GPDs



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# Generalized Parton Distributions

## ❖ GPDs are rich in information:

- Reflect spatial distribution of partons in transverse plane
- Hadron mechanical properties are stored in GPDs
- Information on spin

## ❖ ... but not well studied:

- extracted from off-forward kinematic (unlike PDFs)
- Multi-variable quantities; dependence upon  $x$ ,  $t$  and  $\xi$  (unlike PDFs)
- Inferred from Compton form factors from experimental data (e.g., DVCS)
- Other processes proposed (SDHEP [J. Qiu et al, arXiv:2205.07846] ) still require theoretical developments

## ❖ Transversity proton GPDs:

- Four GPDs:  $H_T$ ,  $E_T$ ,  $\widetilde{H}_T$ ,  $\widetilde{E}_T$

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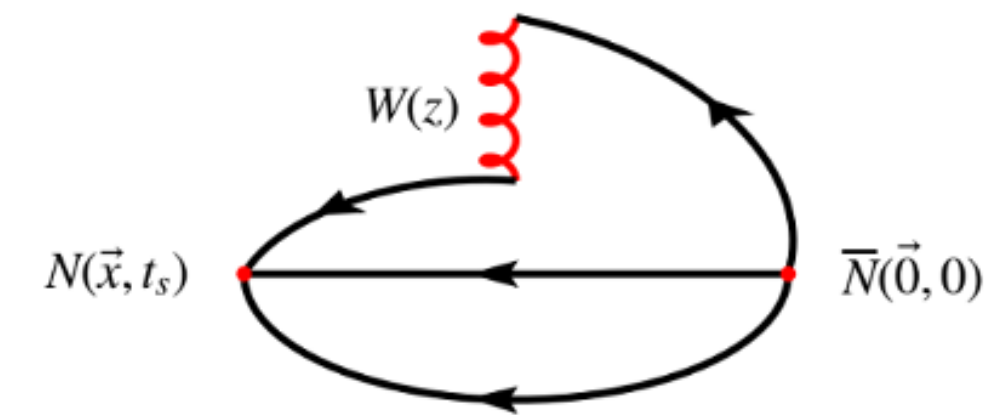
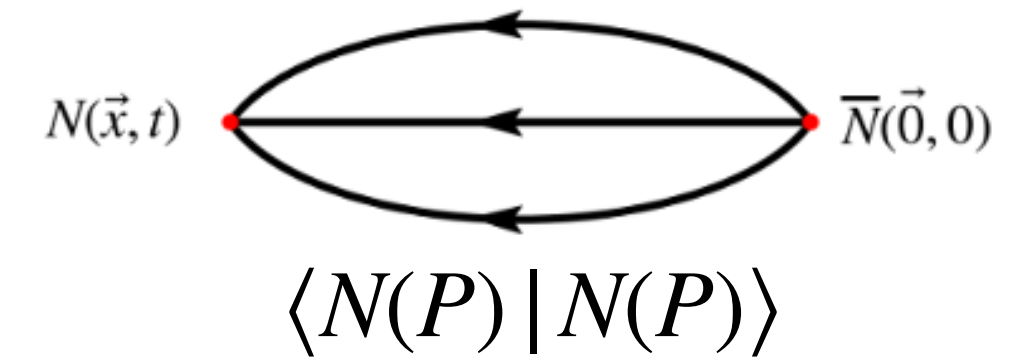
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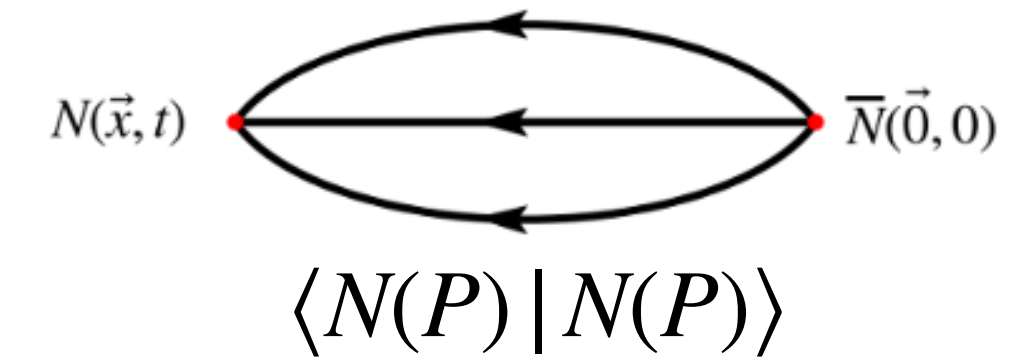
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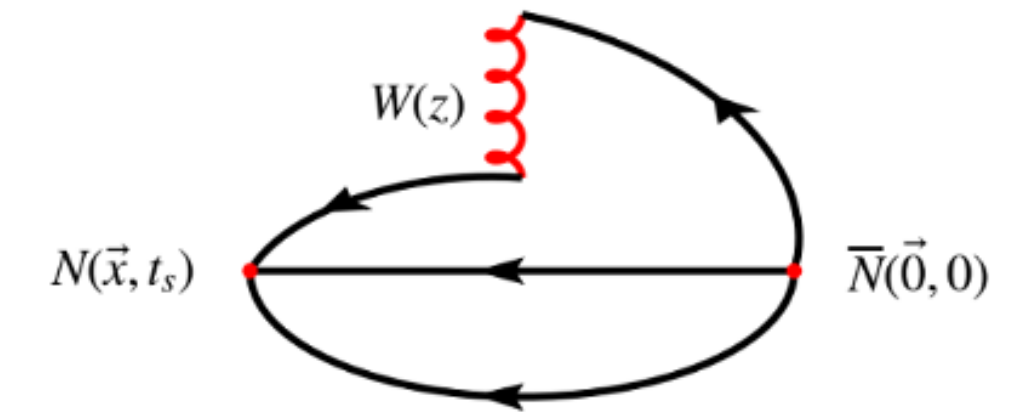
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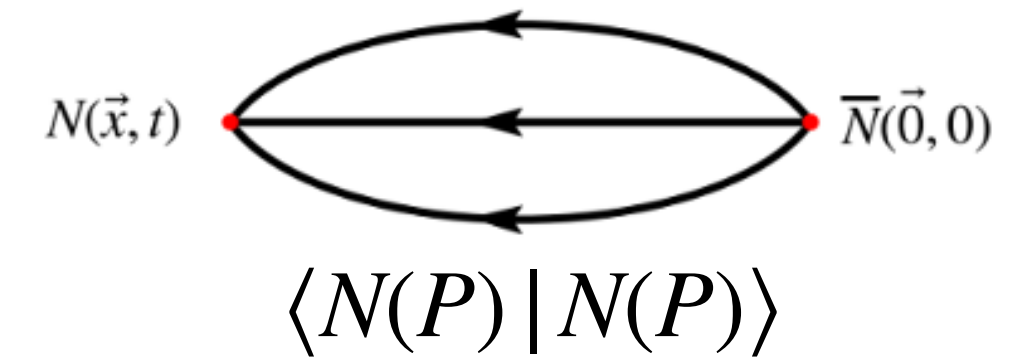
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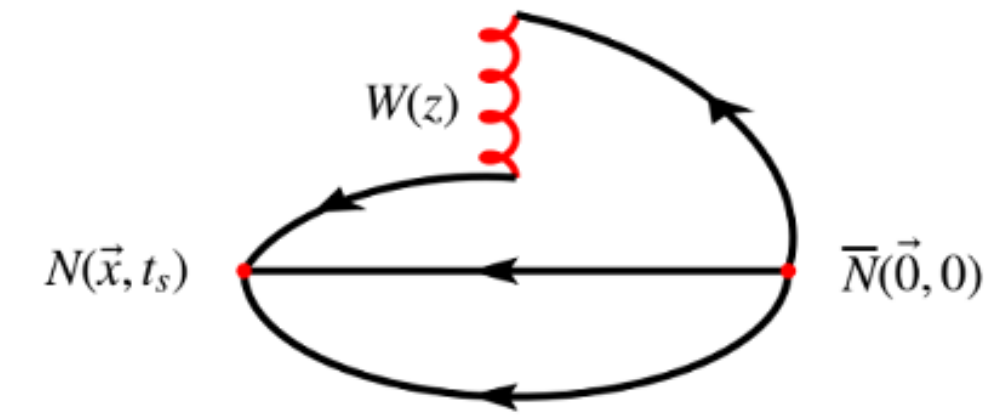


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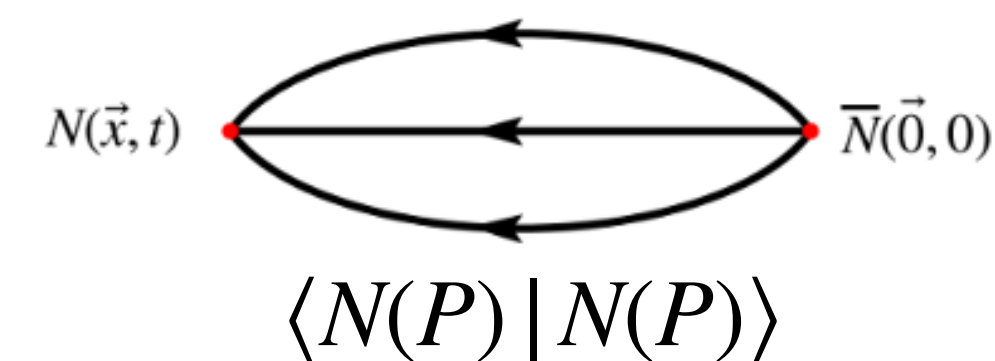
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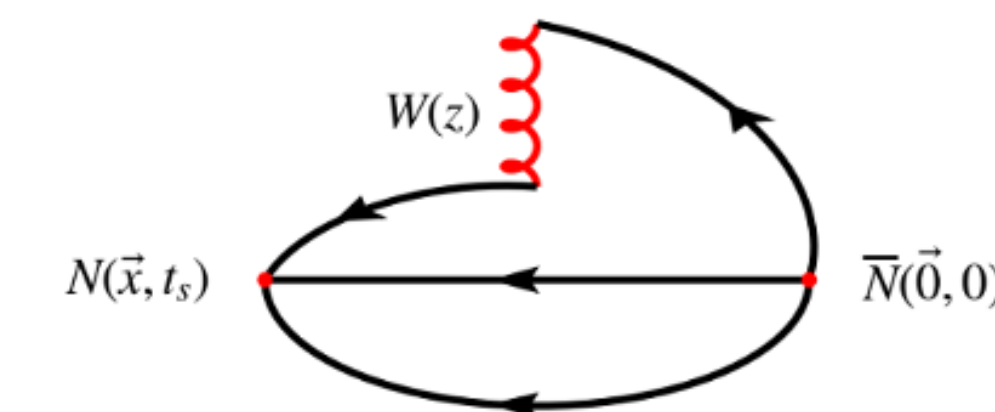
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- ❖ Extract light cone-GPDs using one-loop matching formalism

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[Liu, et al., *Phys. Rev. D* 100, 034006 (2019)]

# Decomposition

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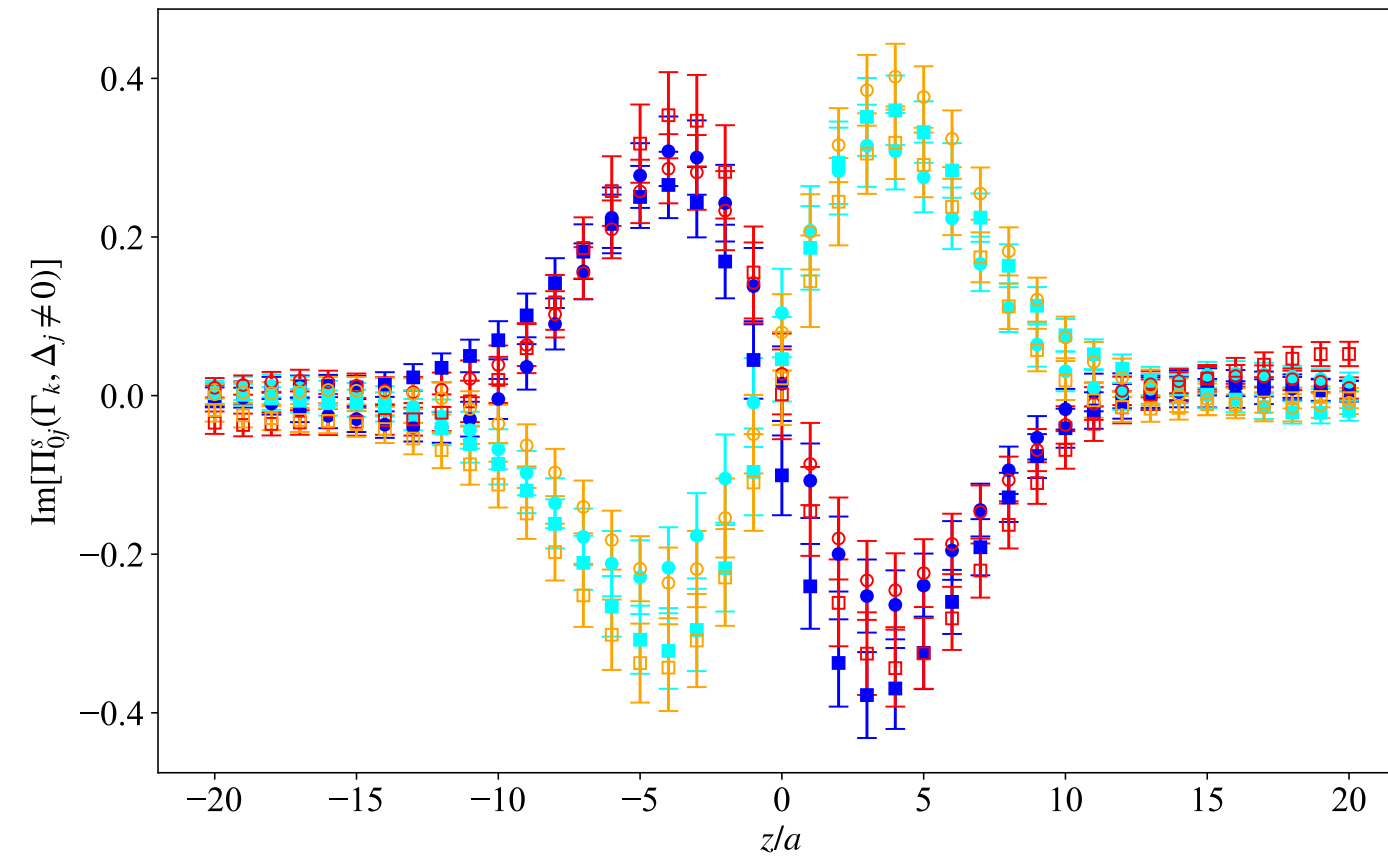
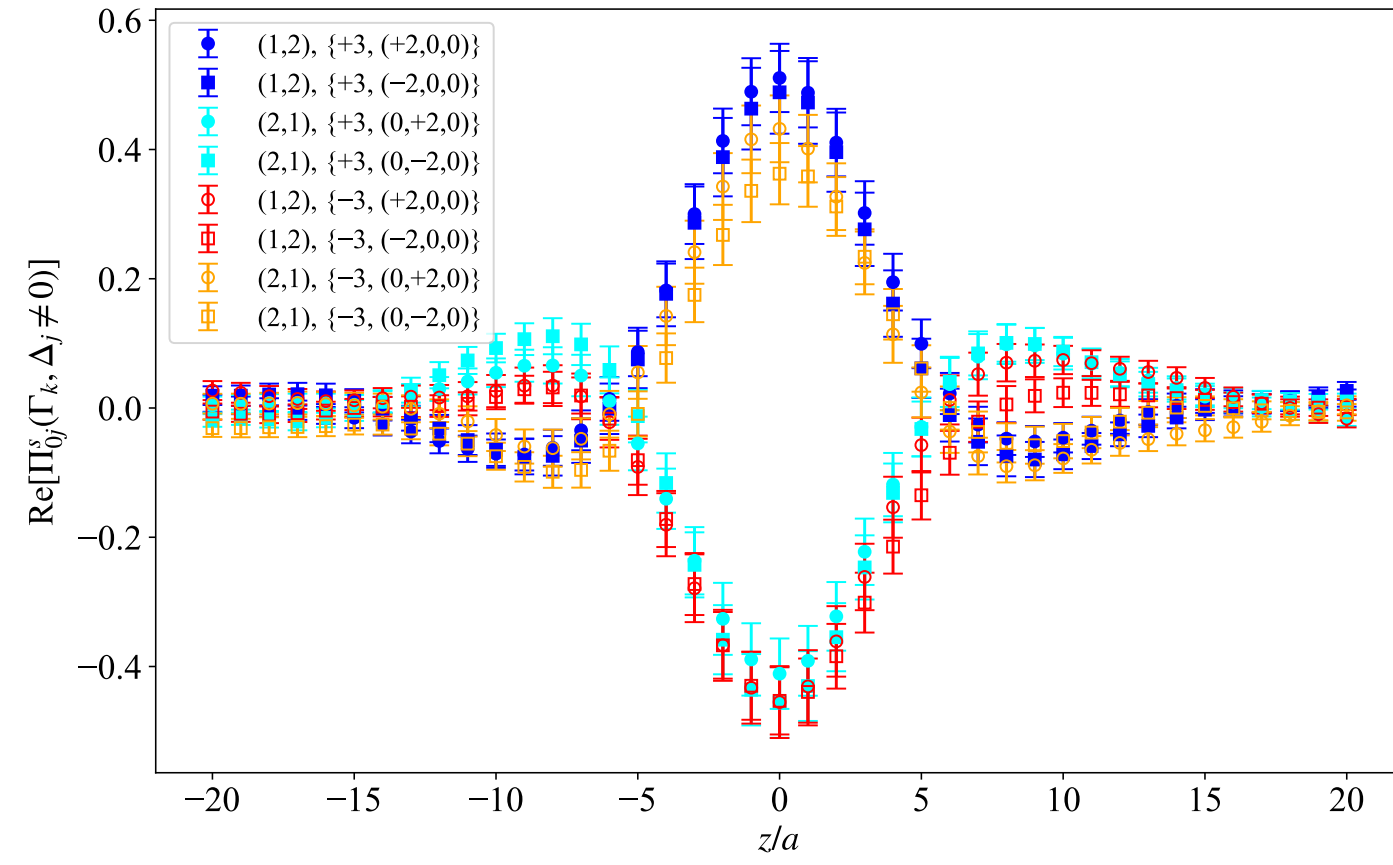
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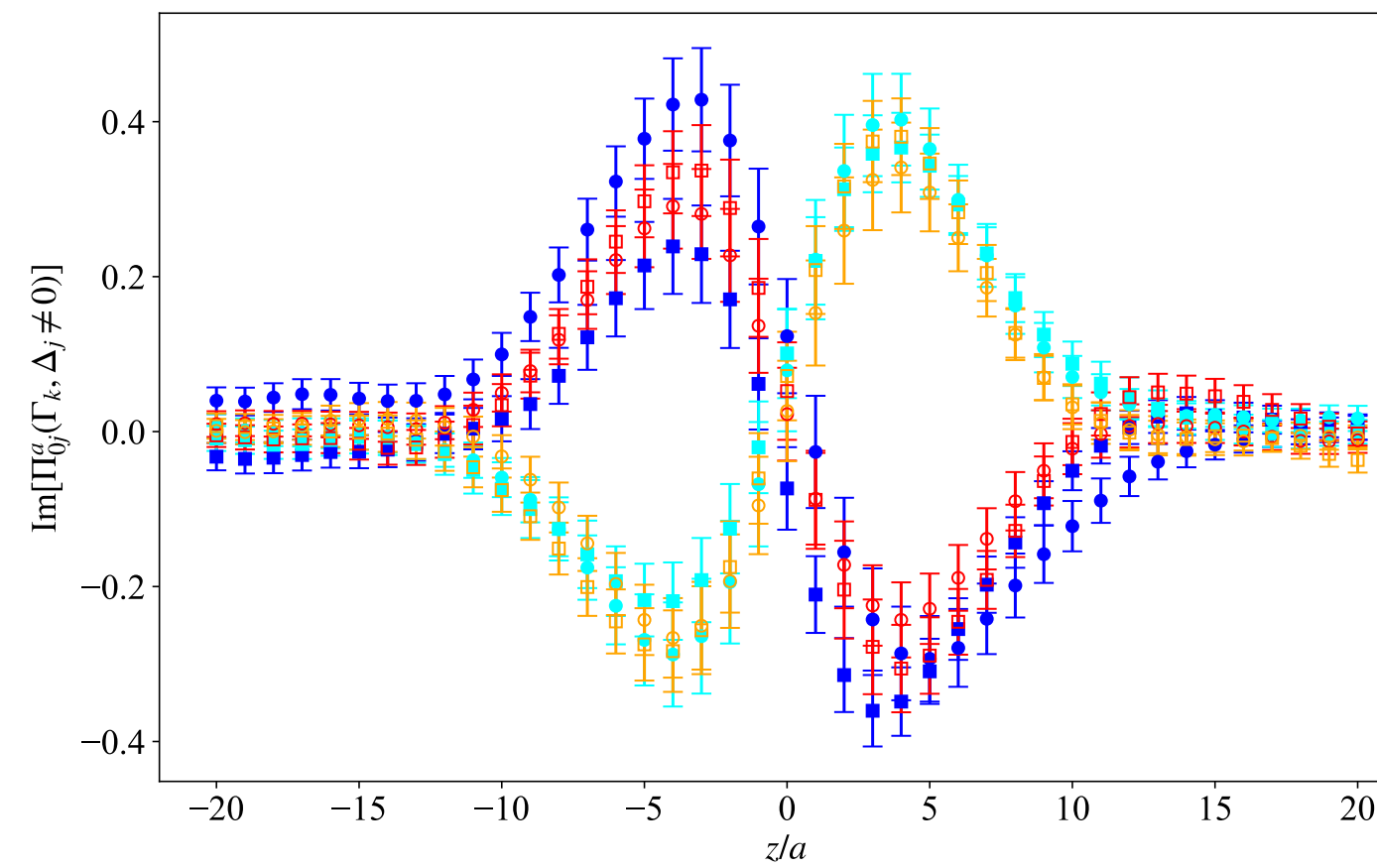
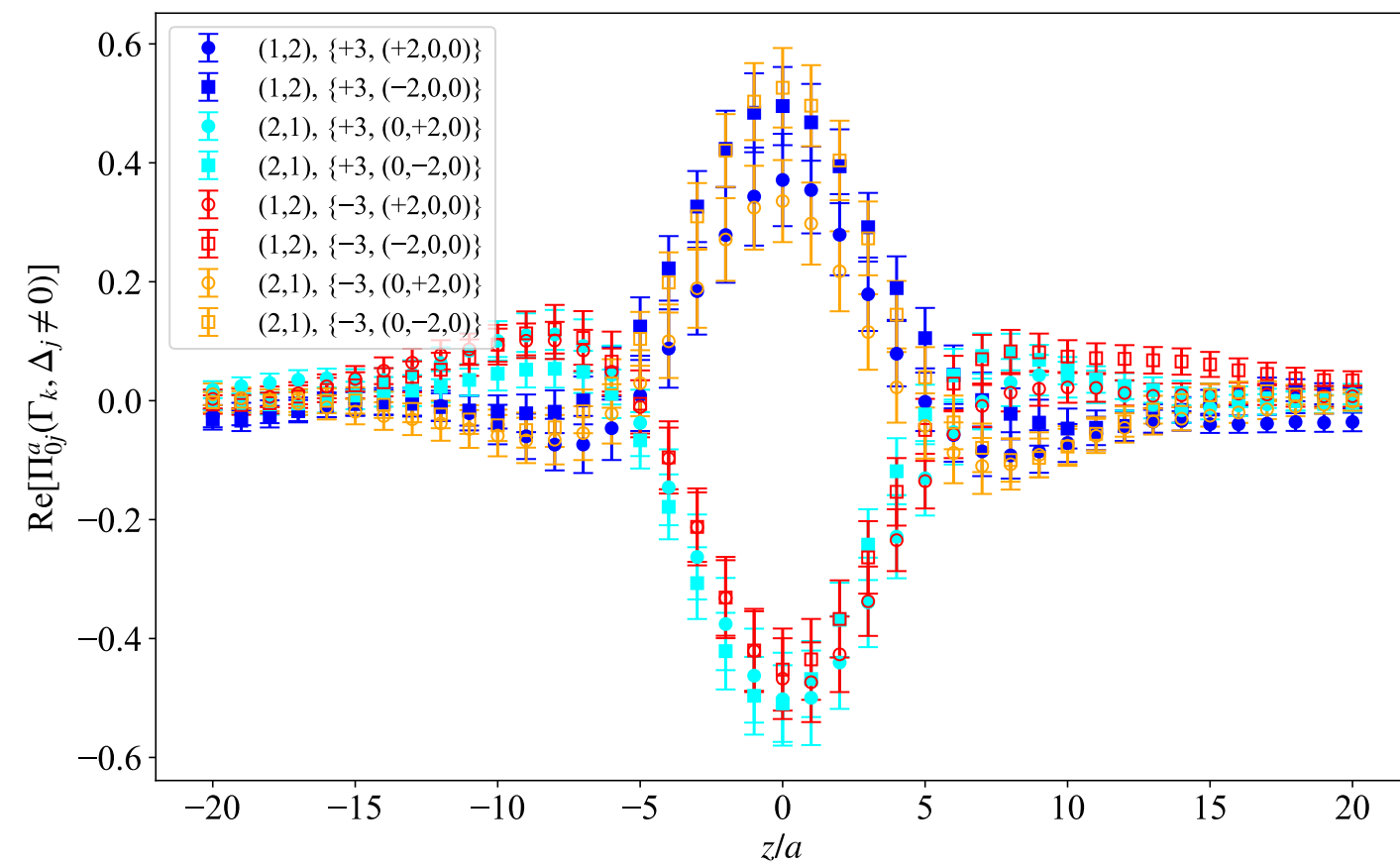
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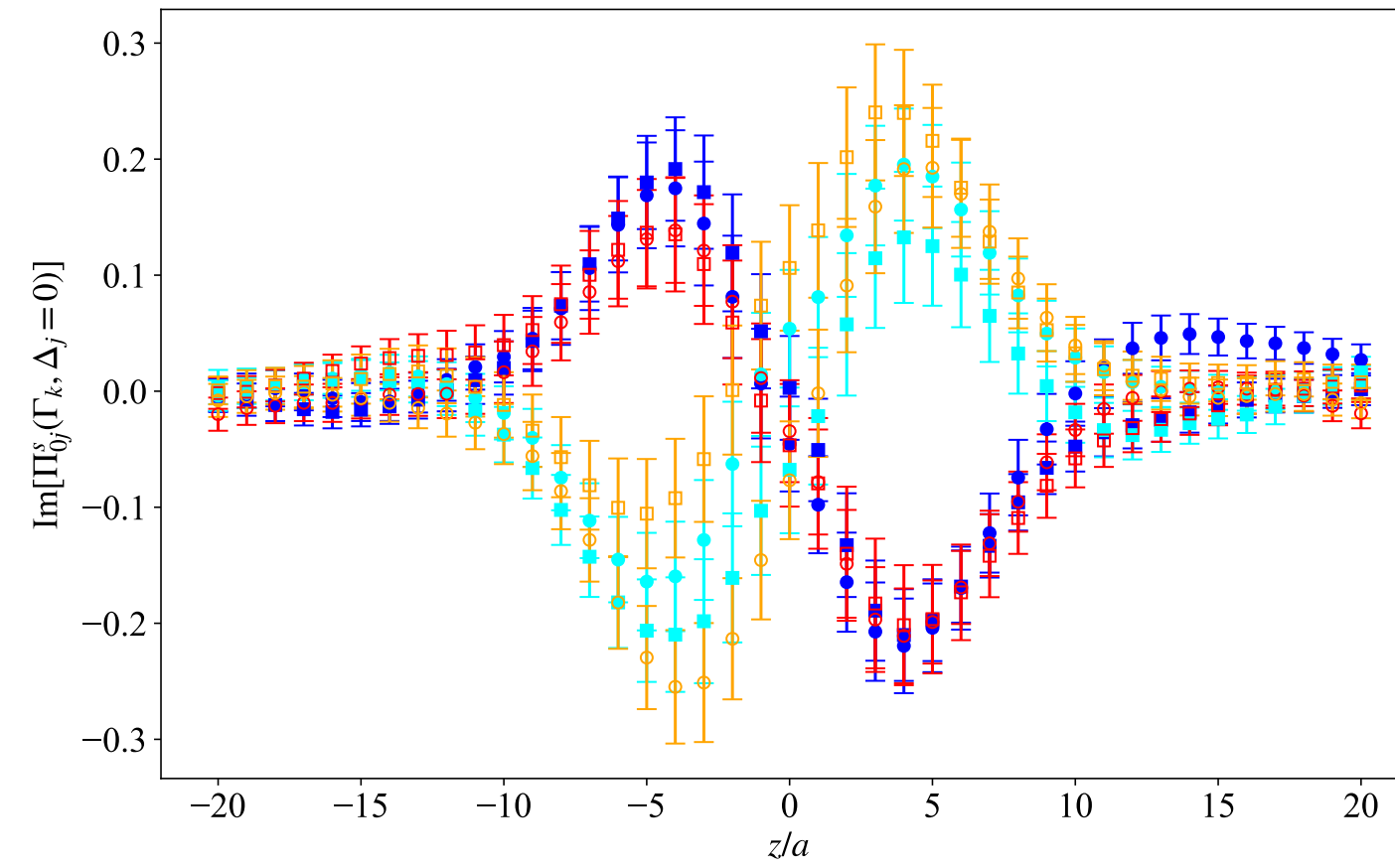
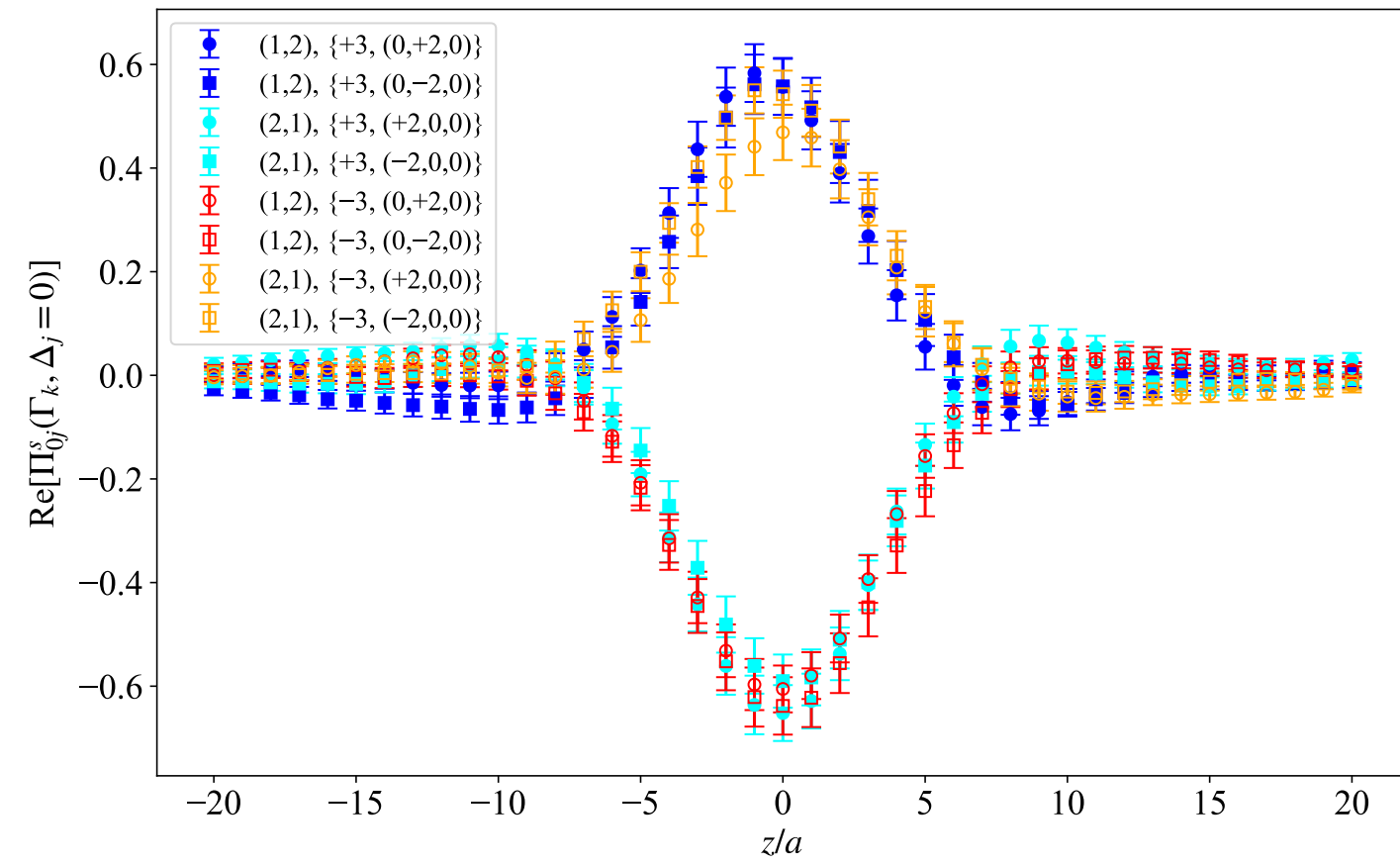
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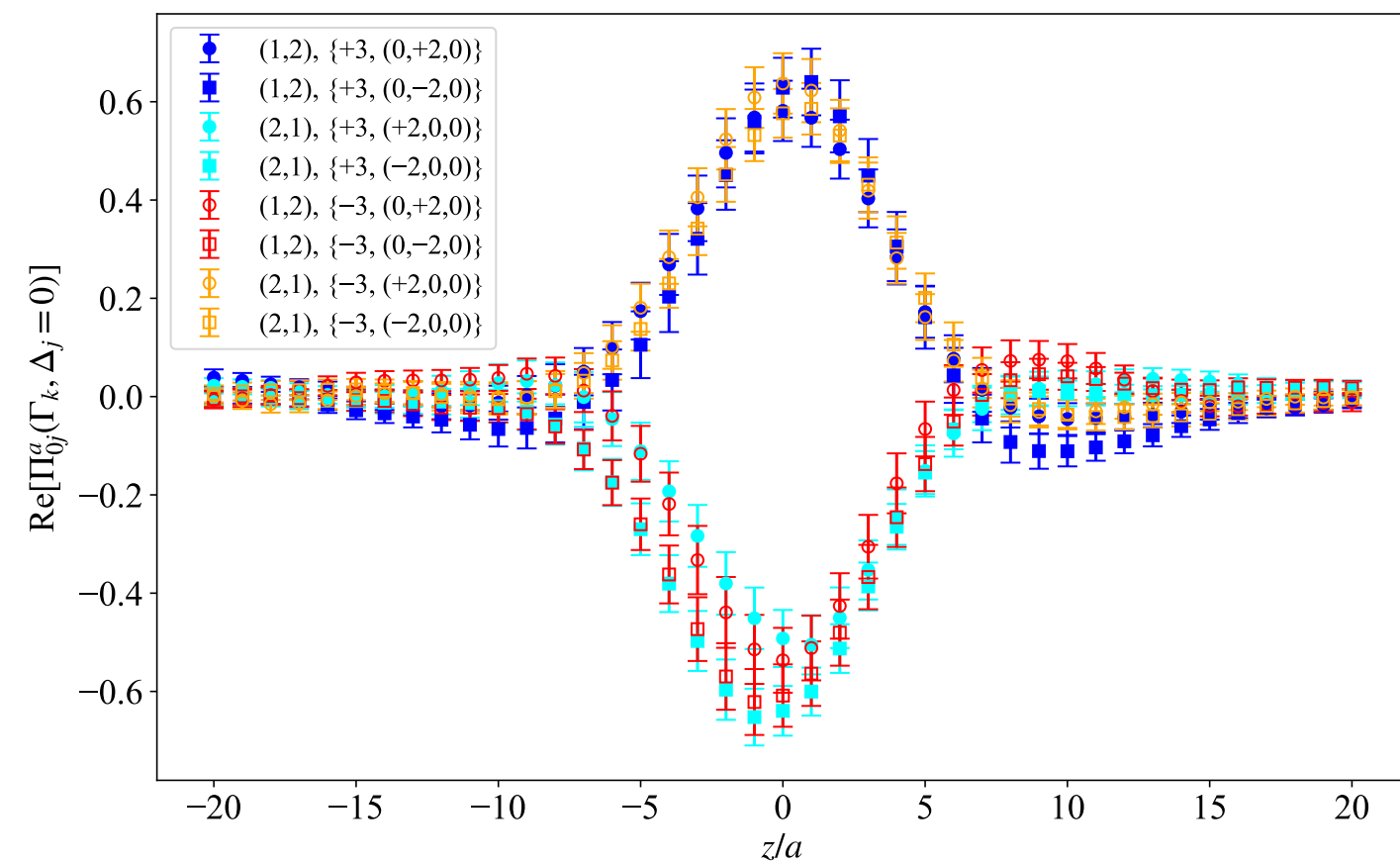
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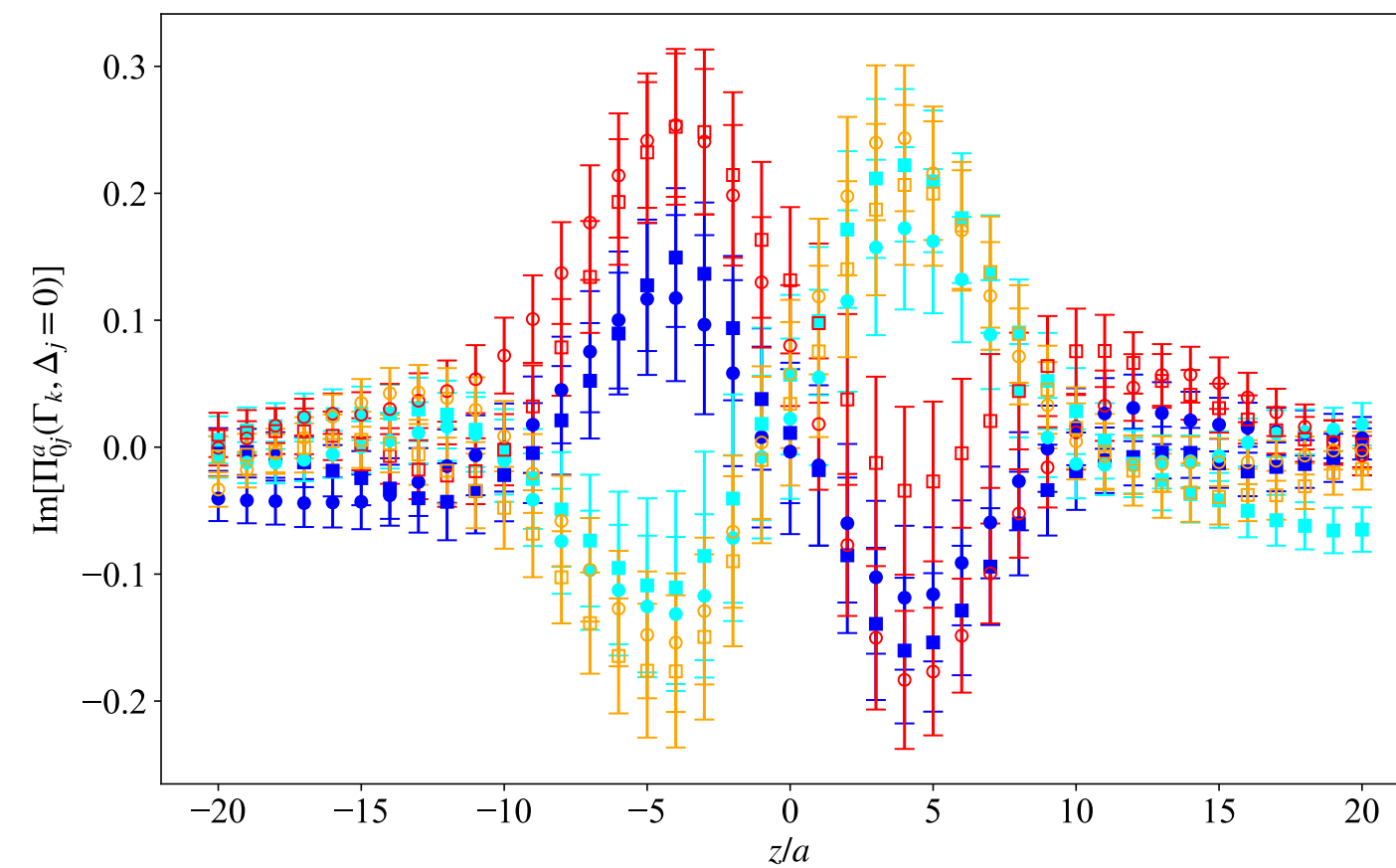


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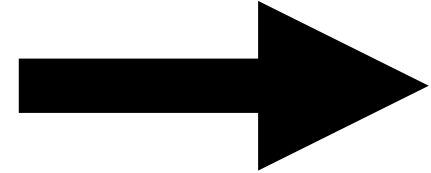
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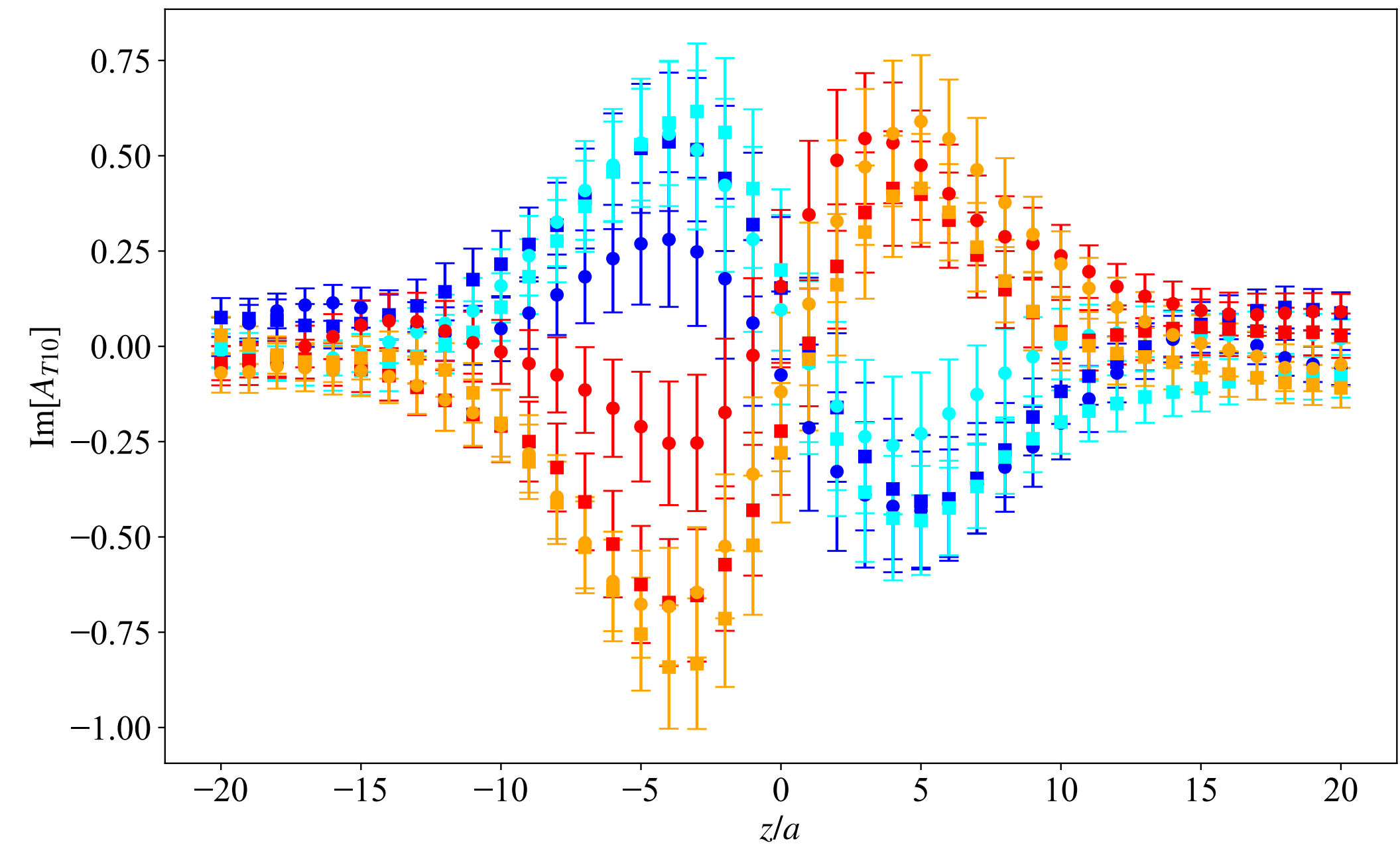
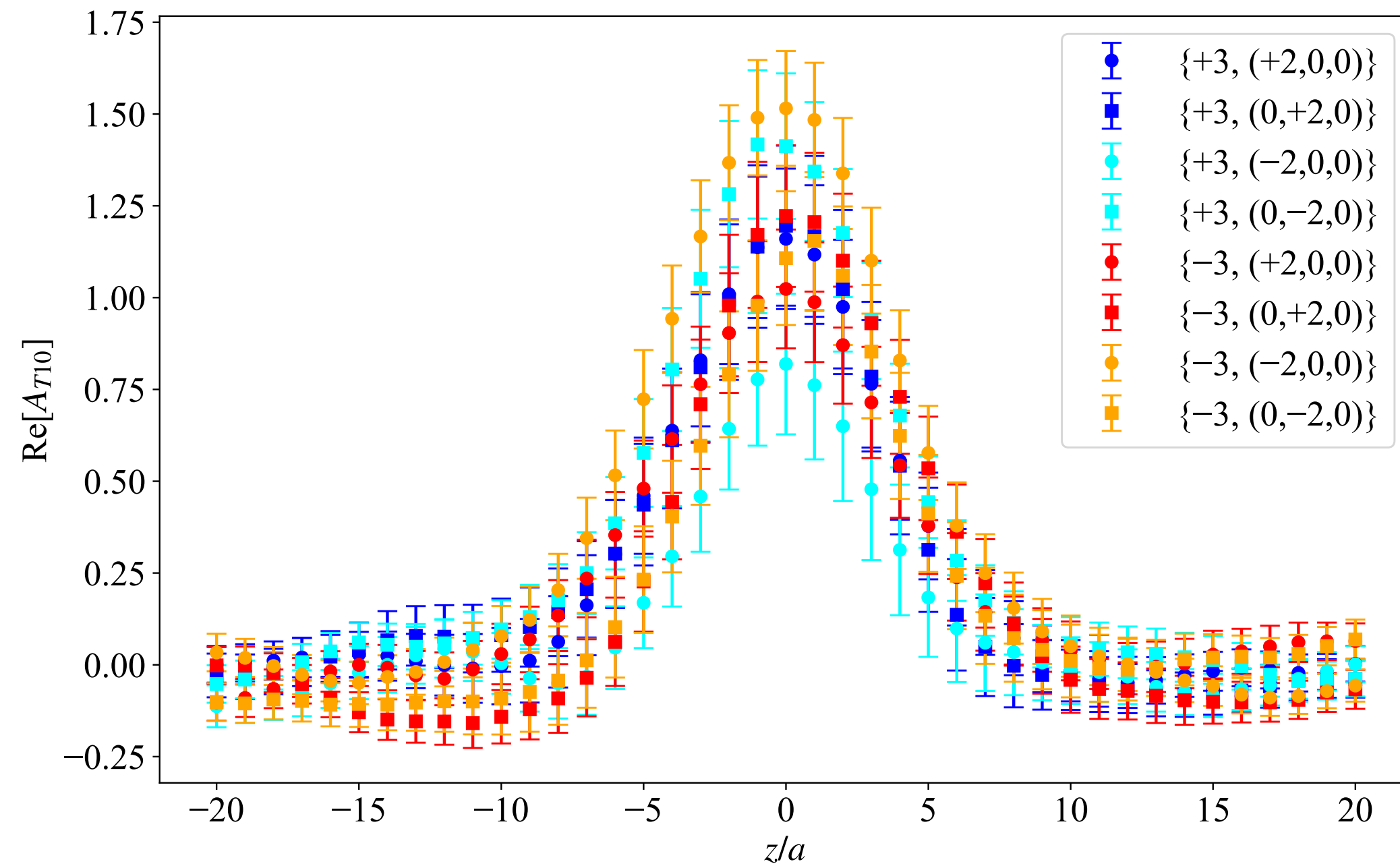
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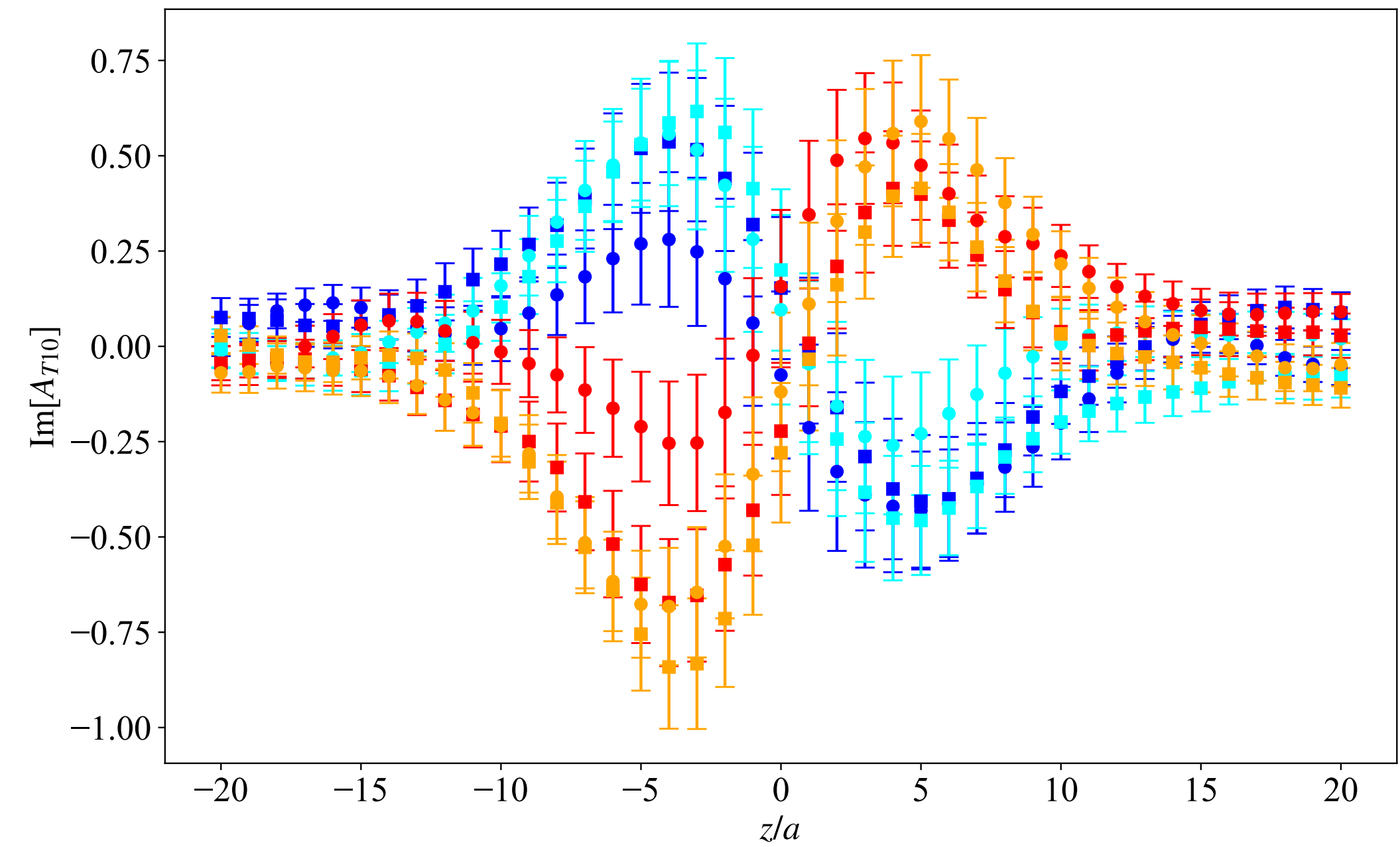
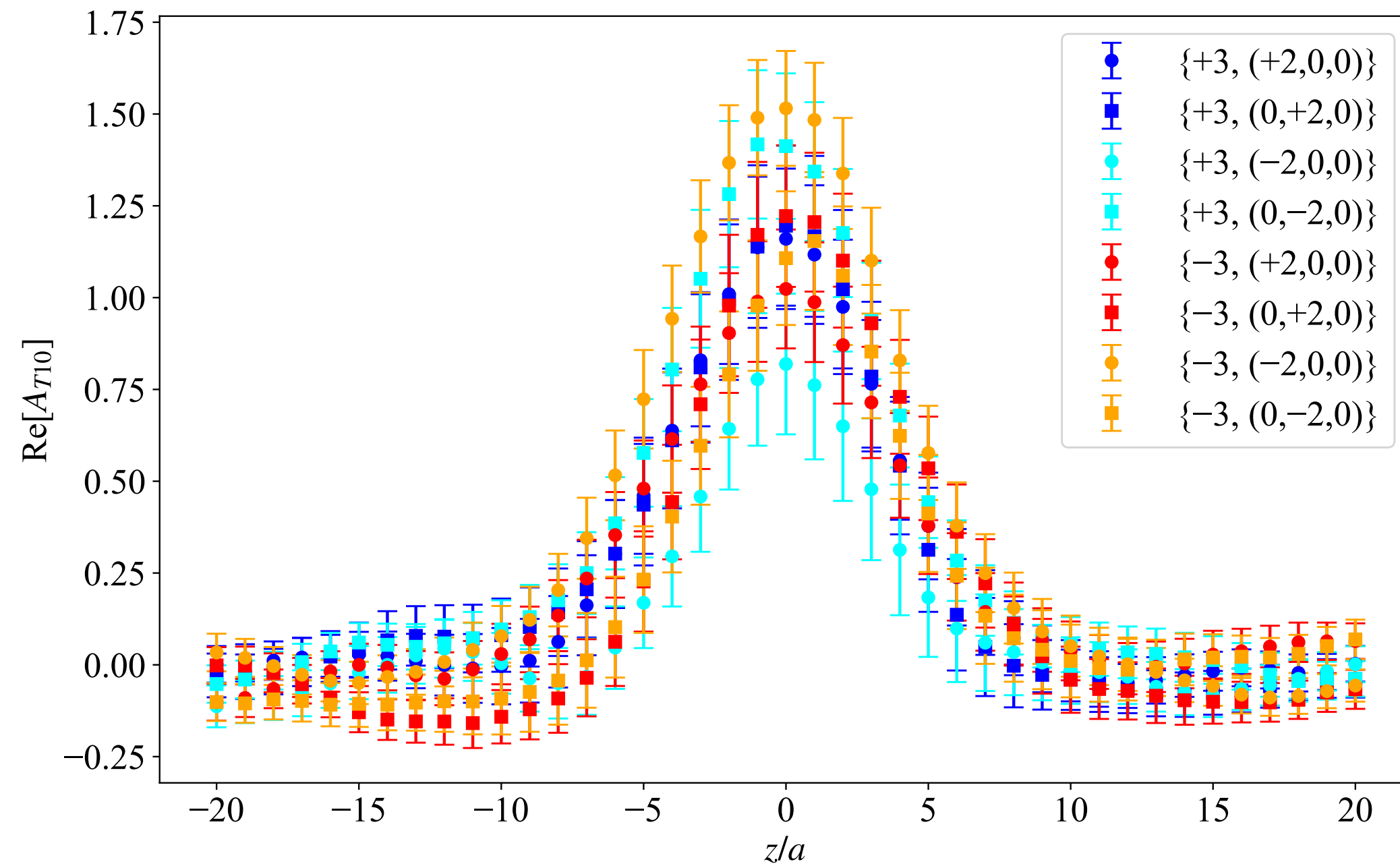


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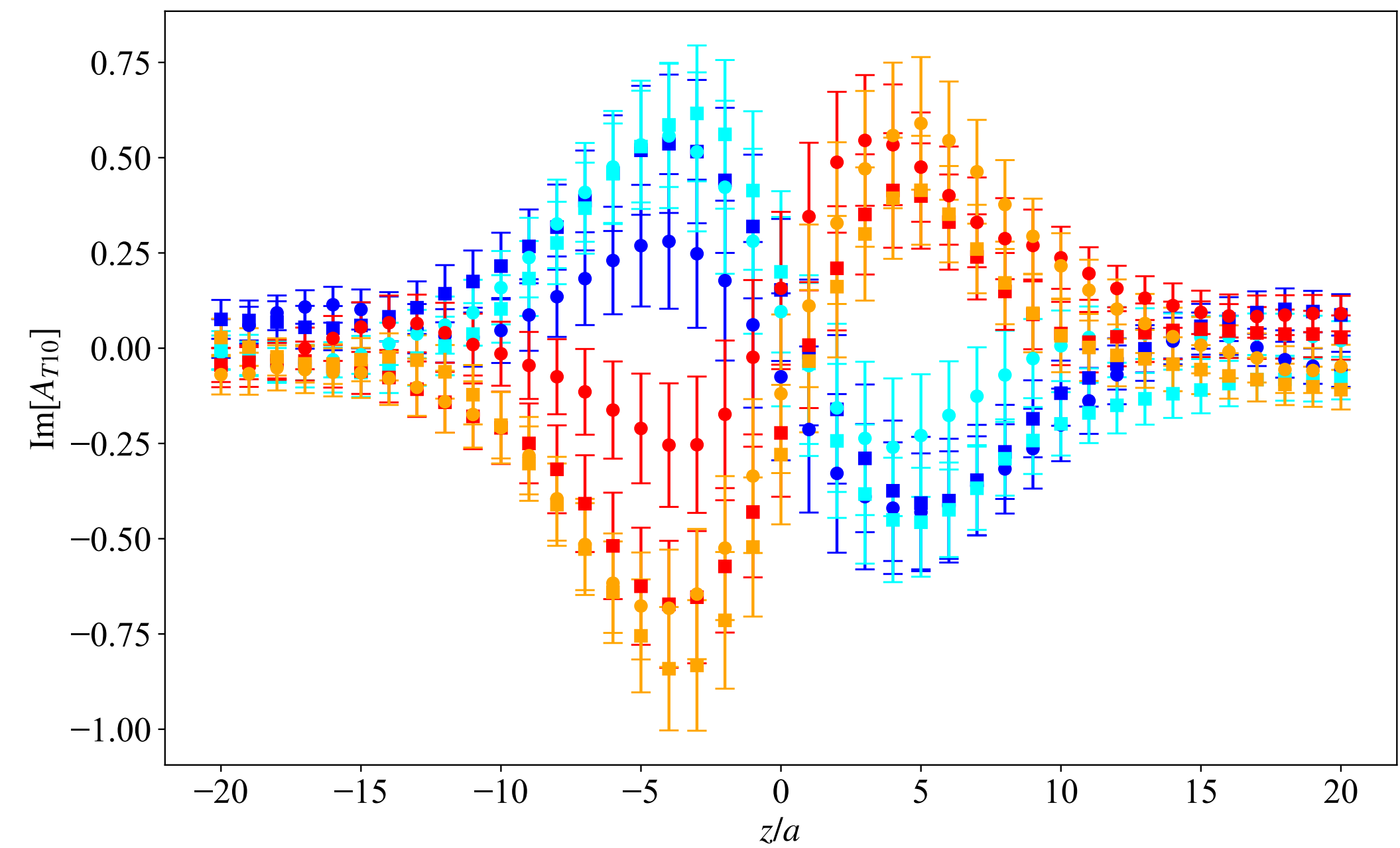
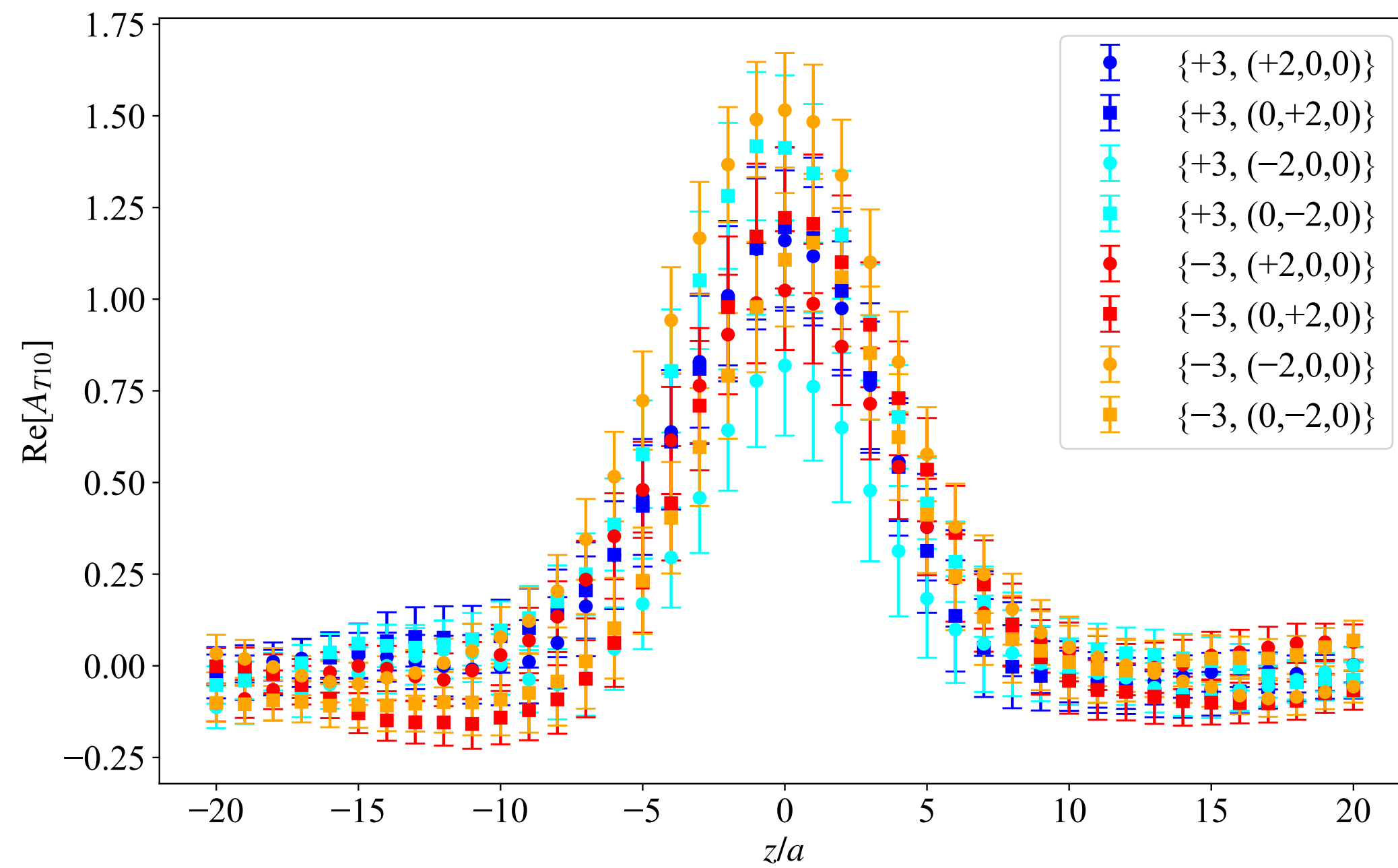
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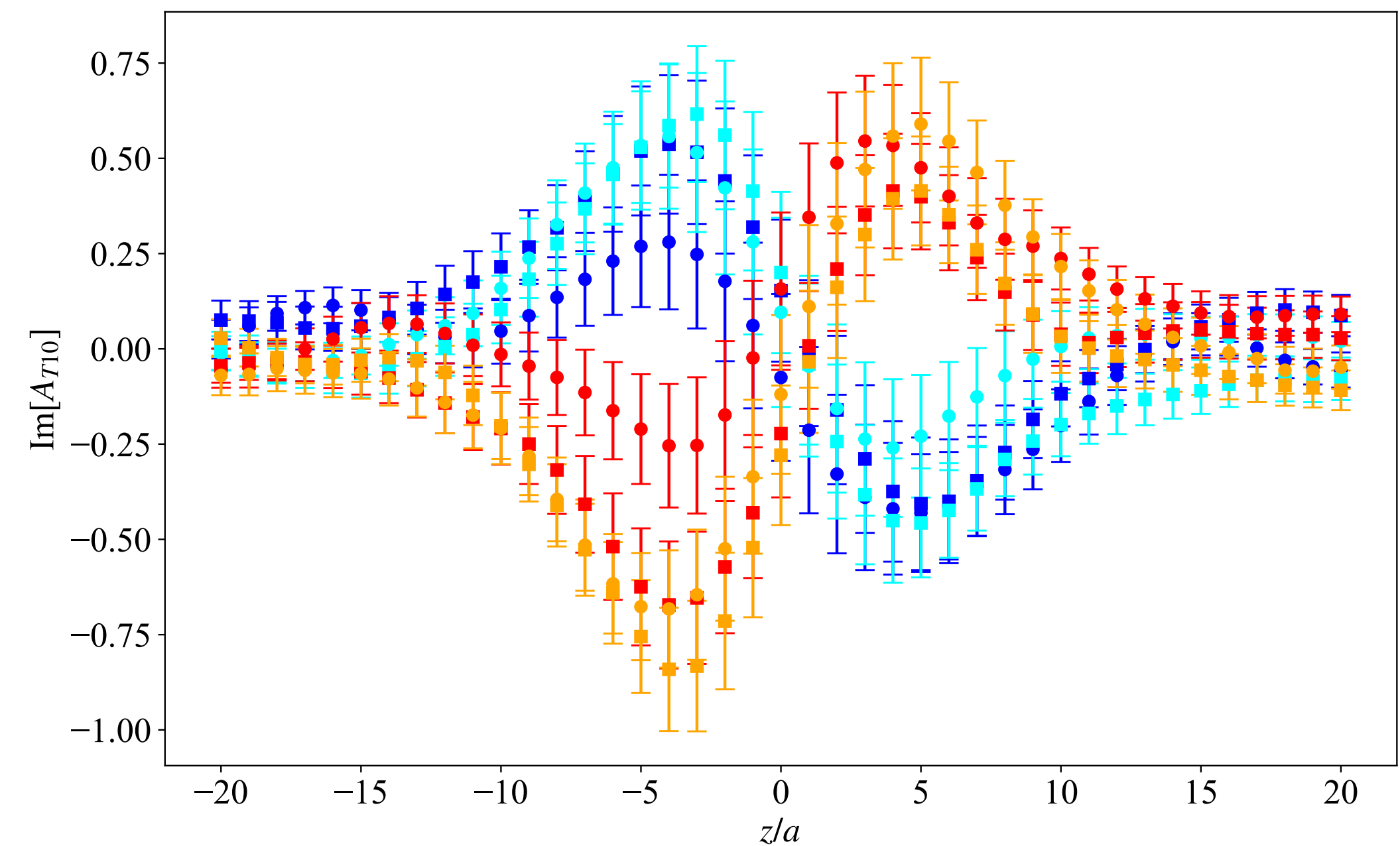
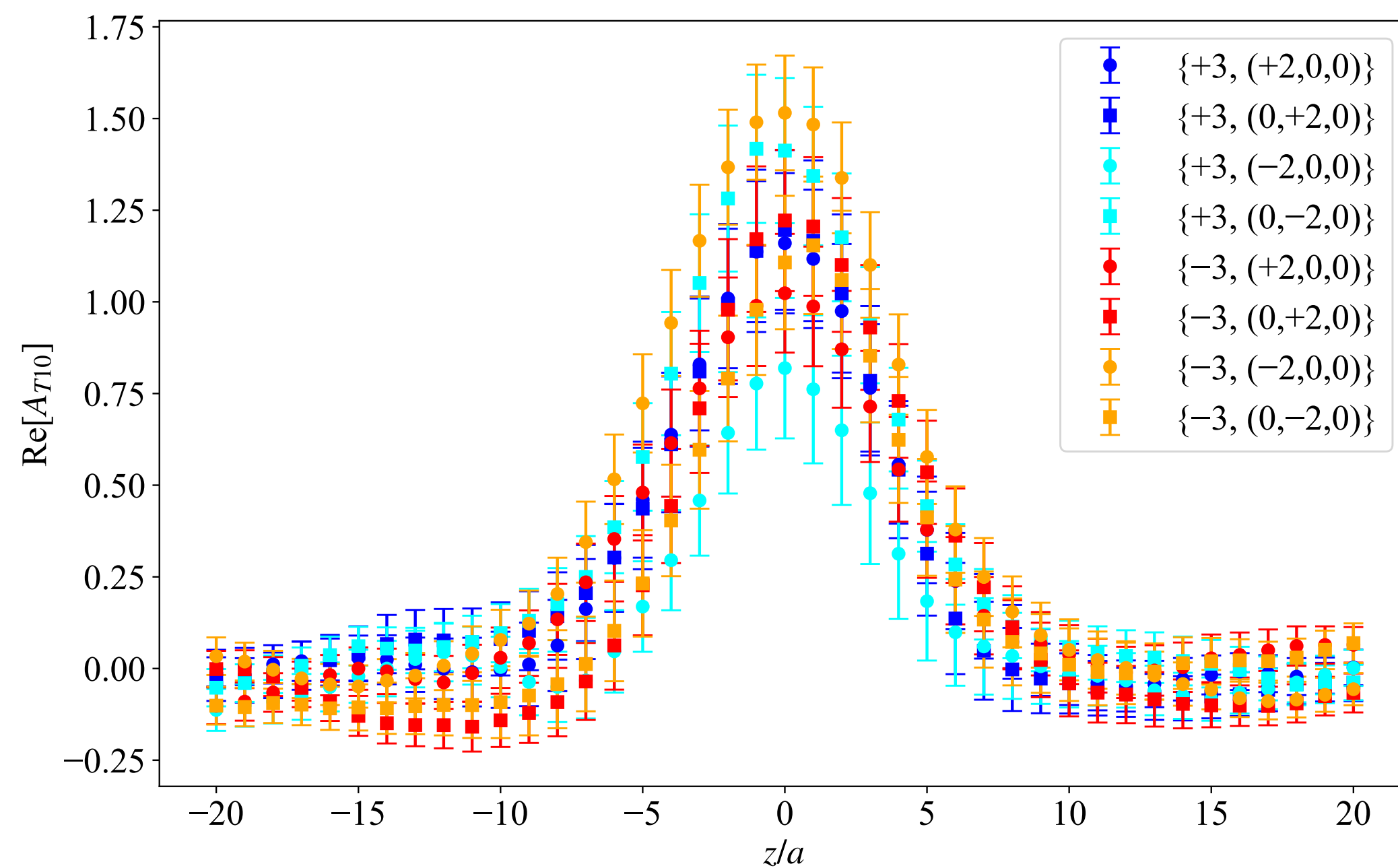
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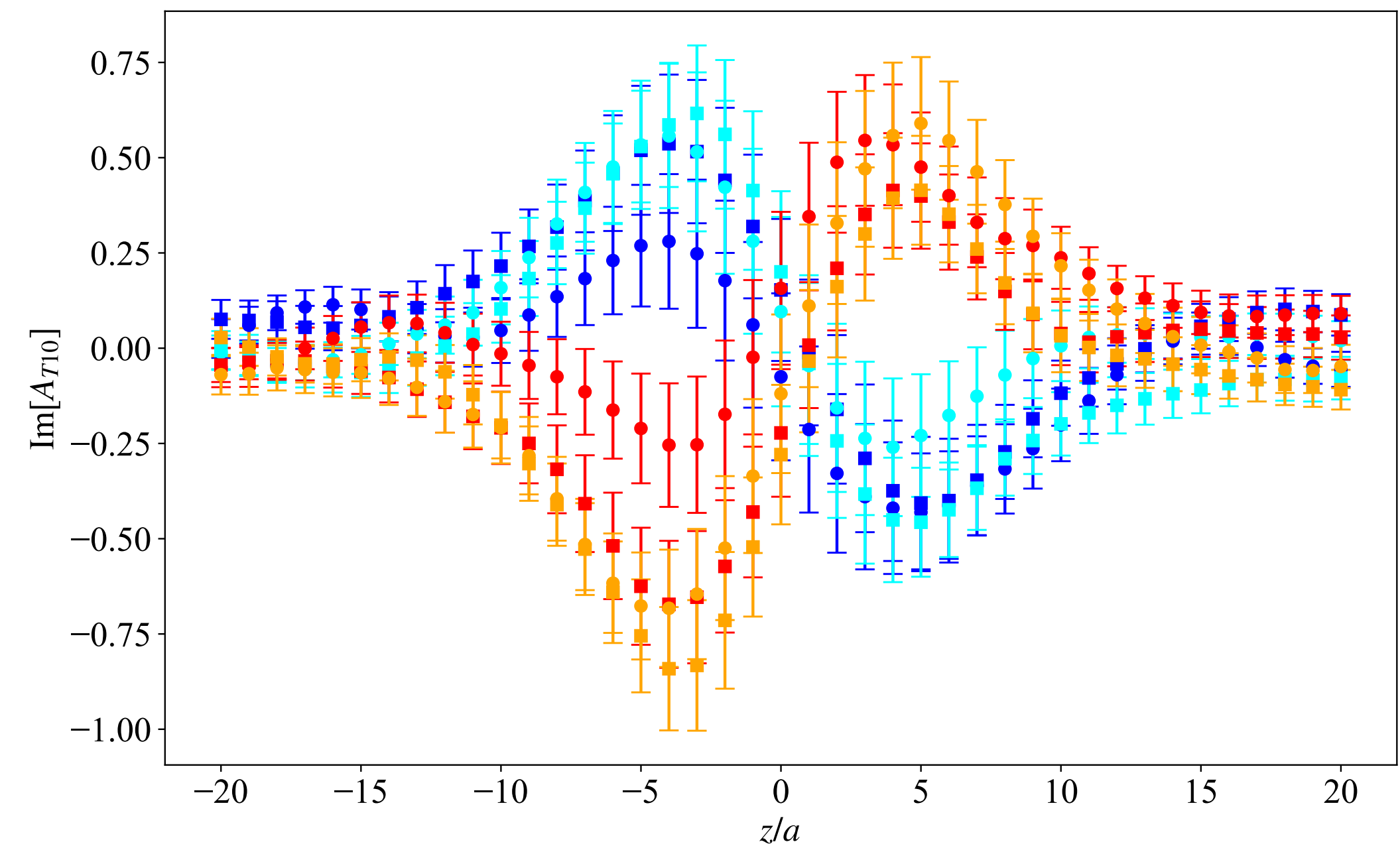
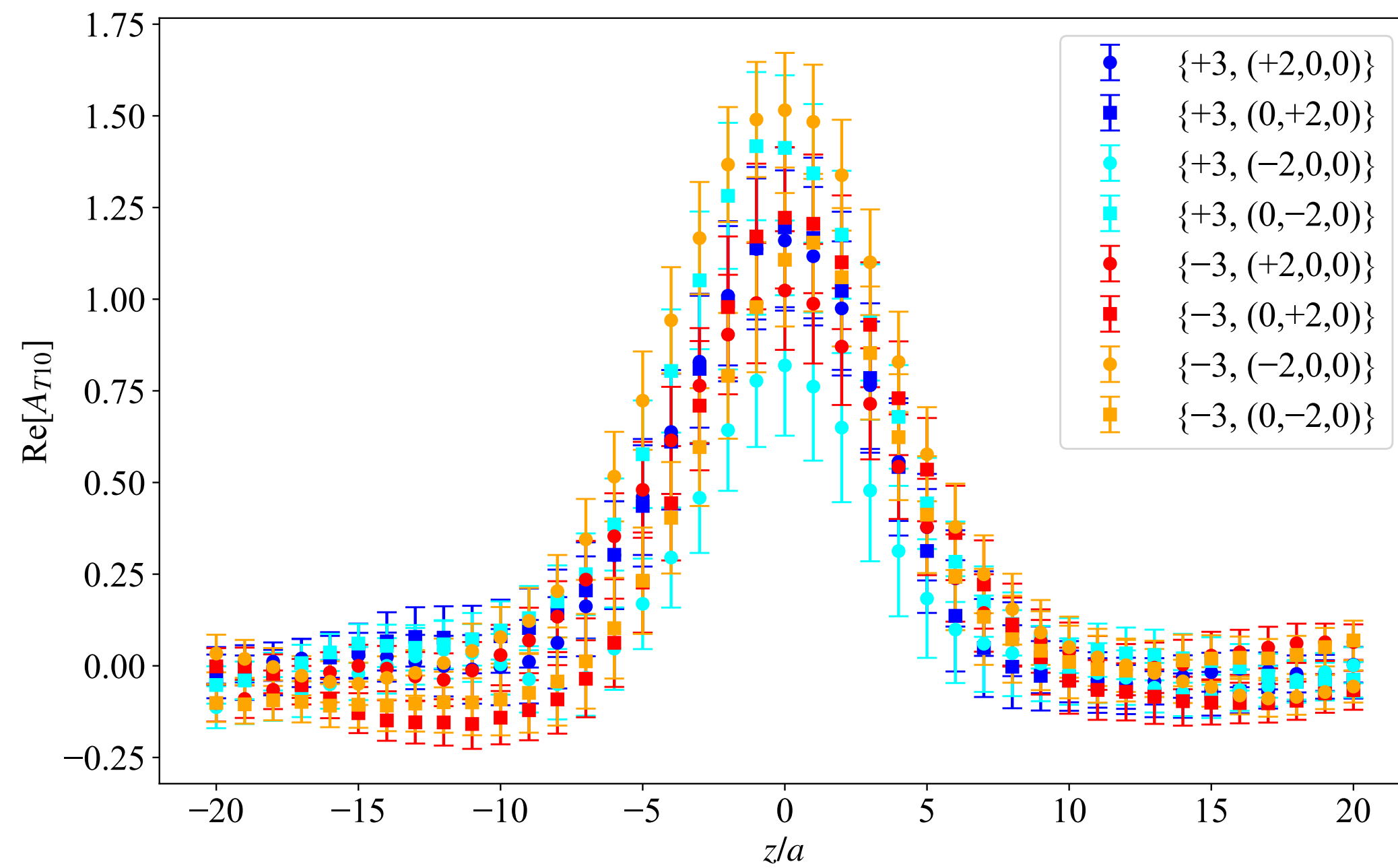




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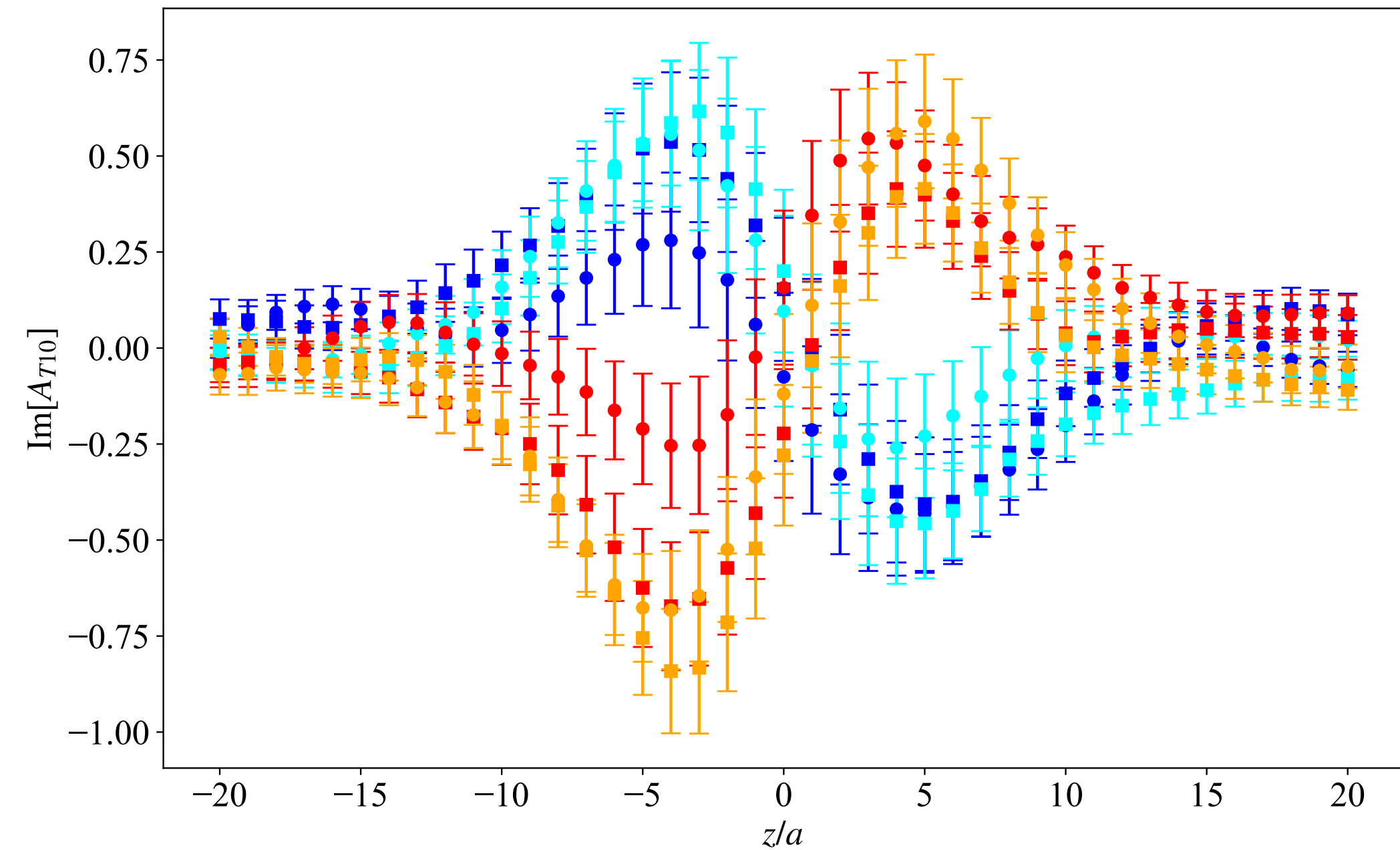
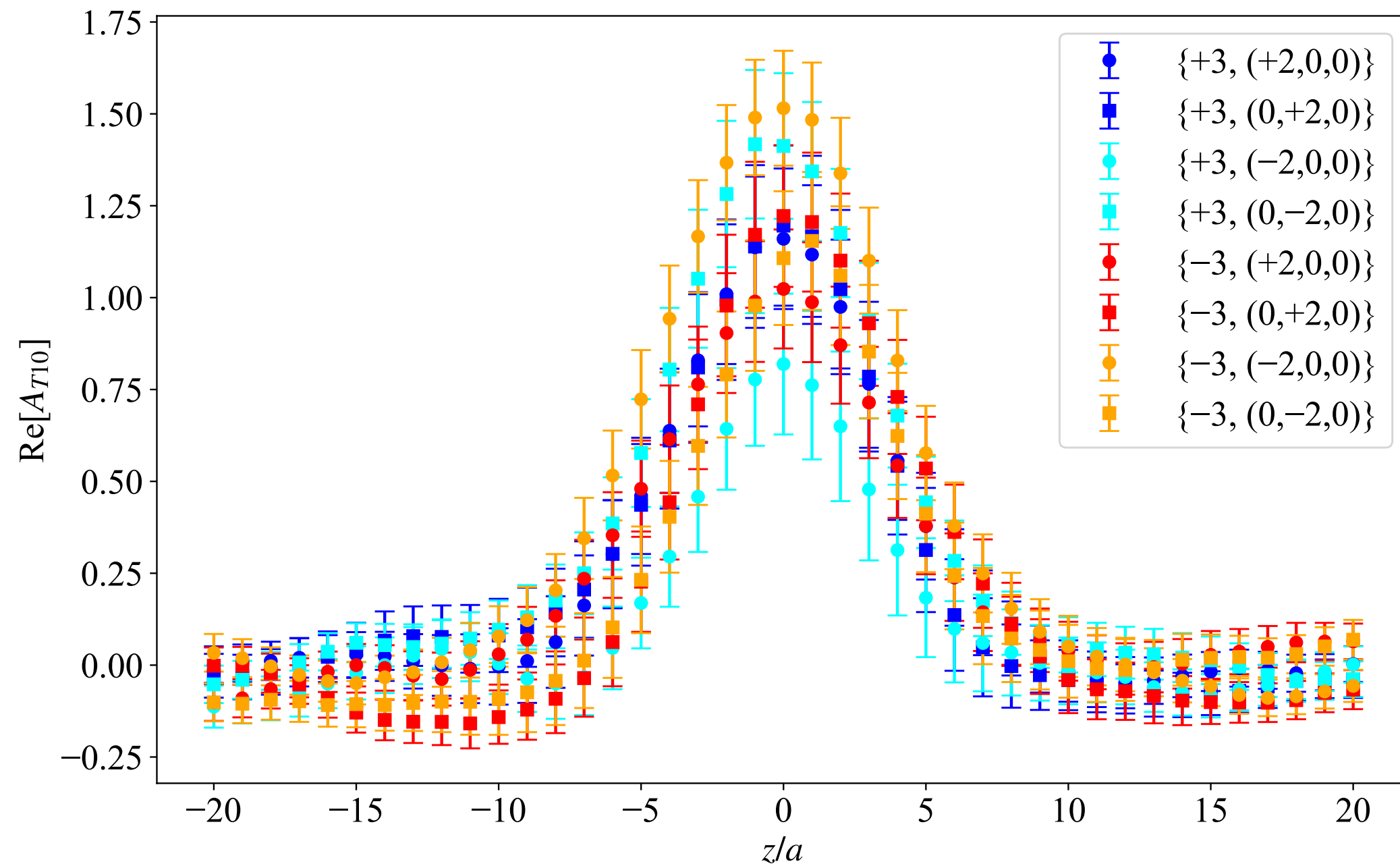


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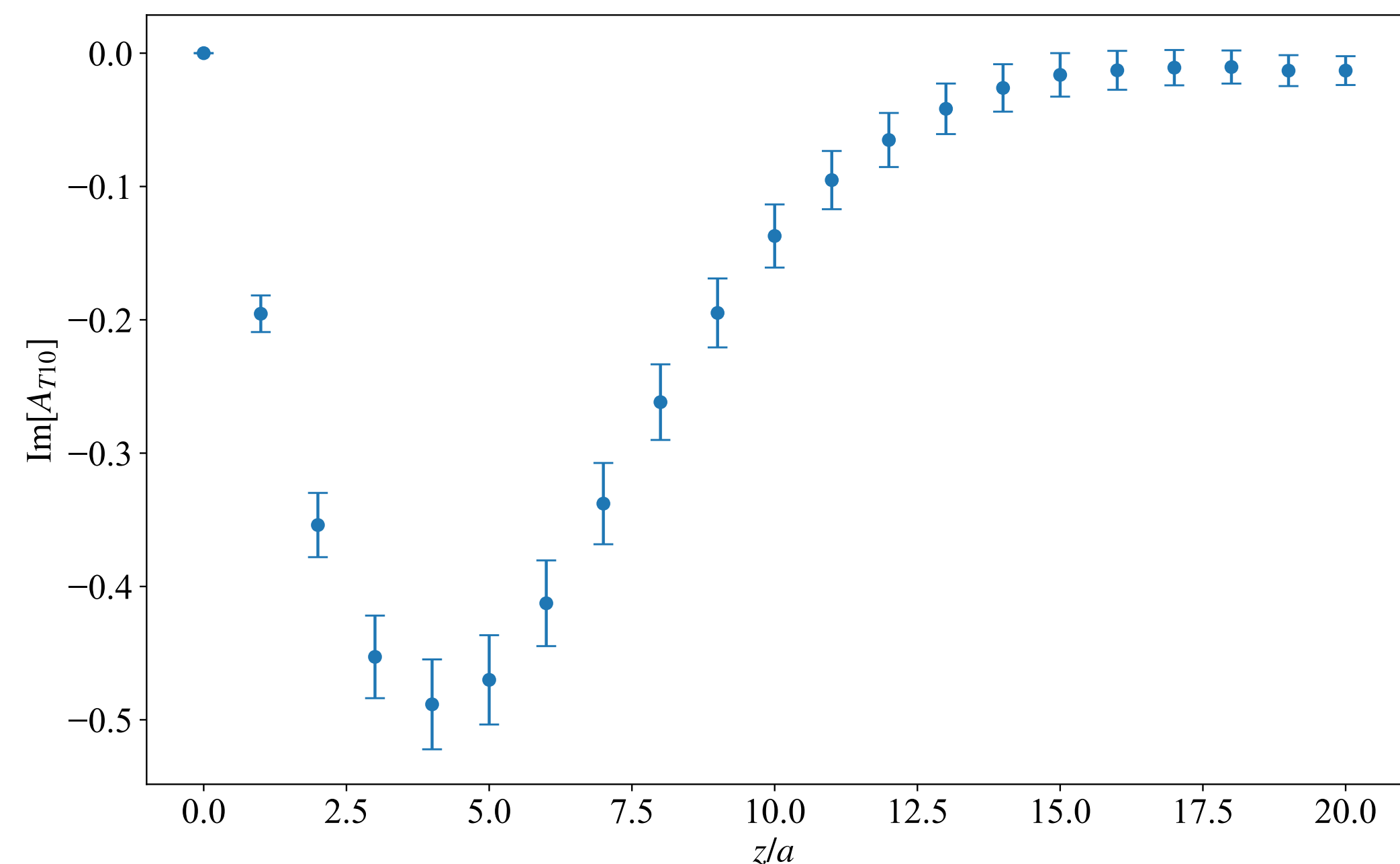
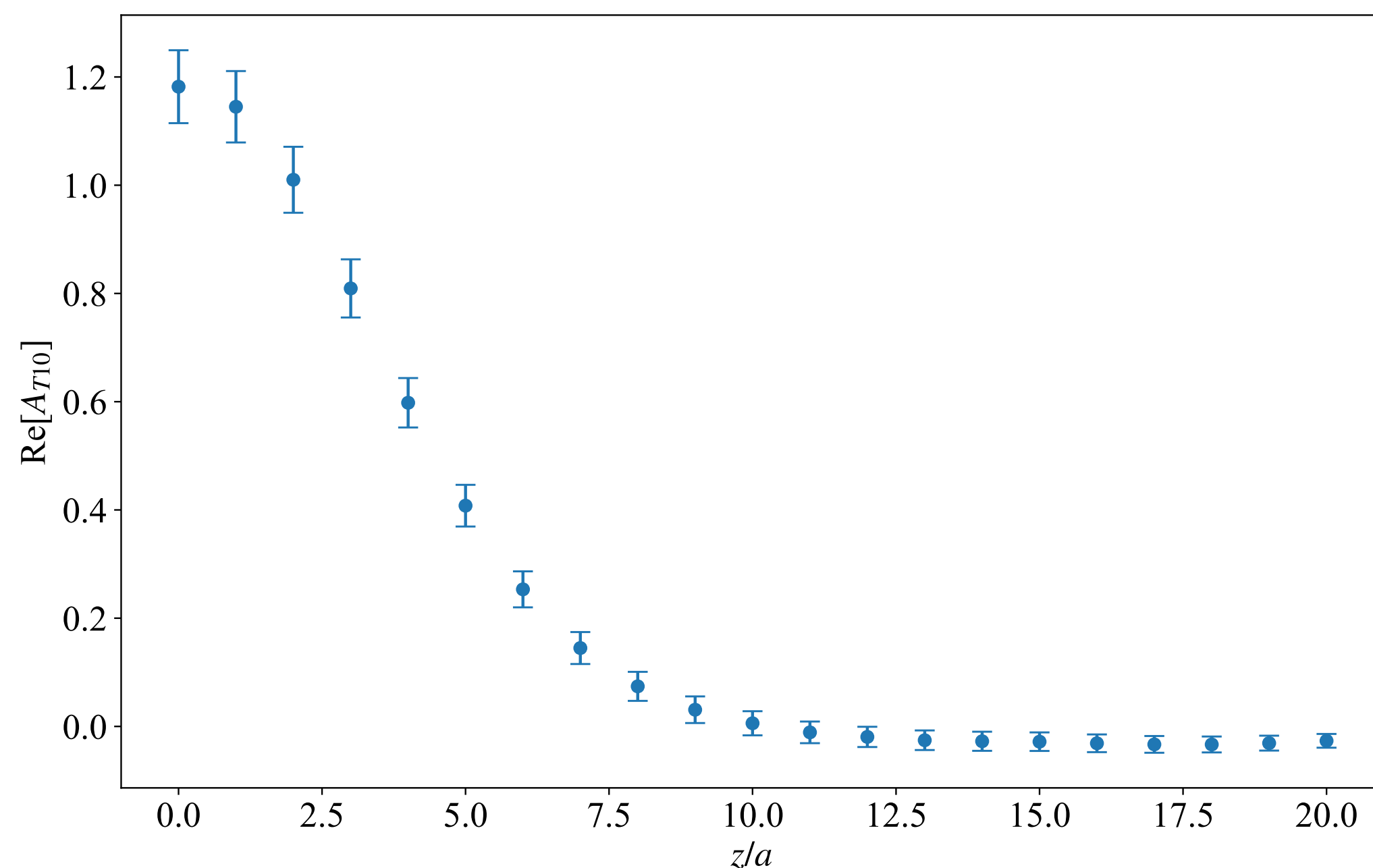


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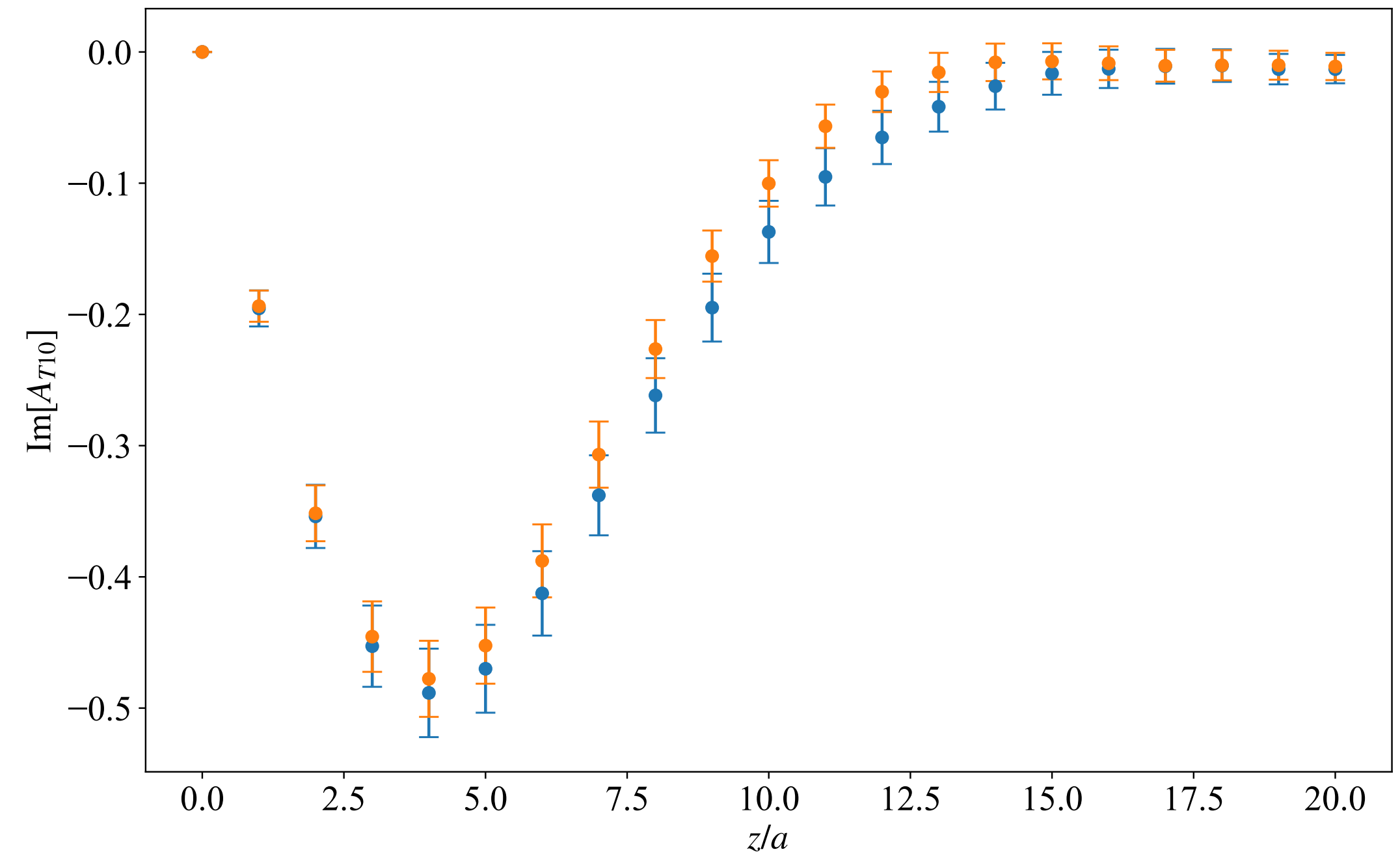
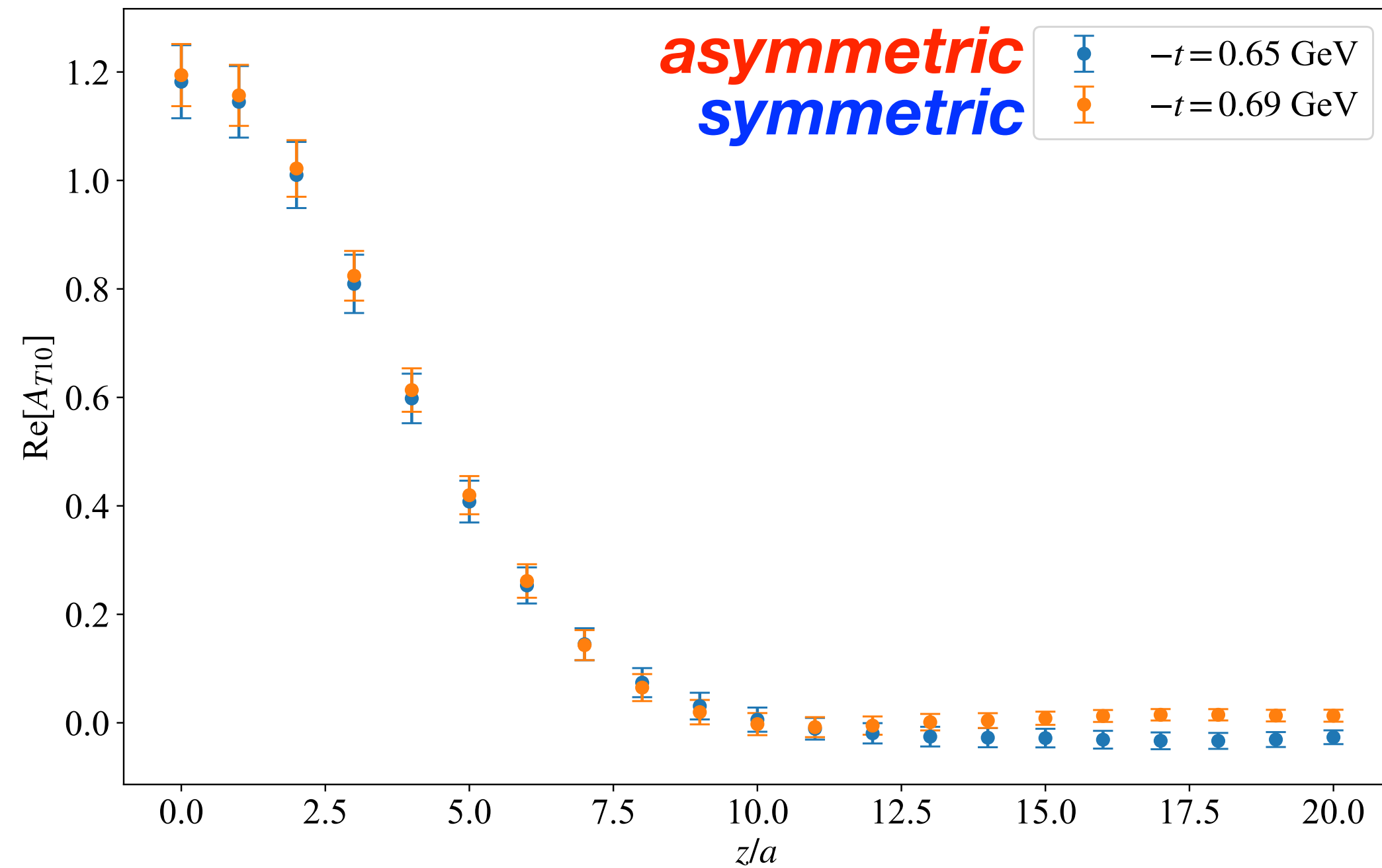
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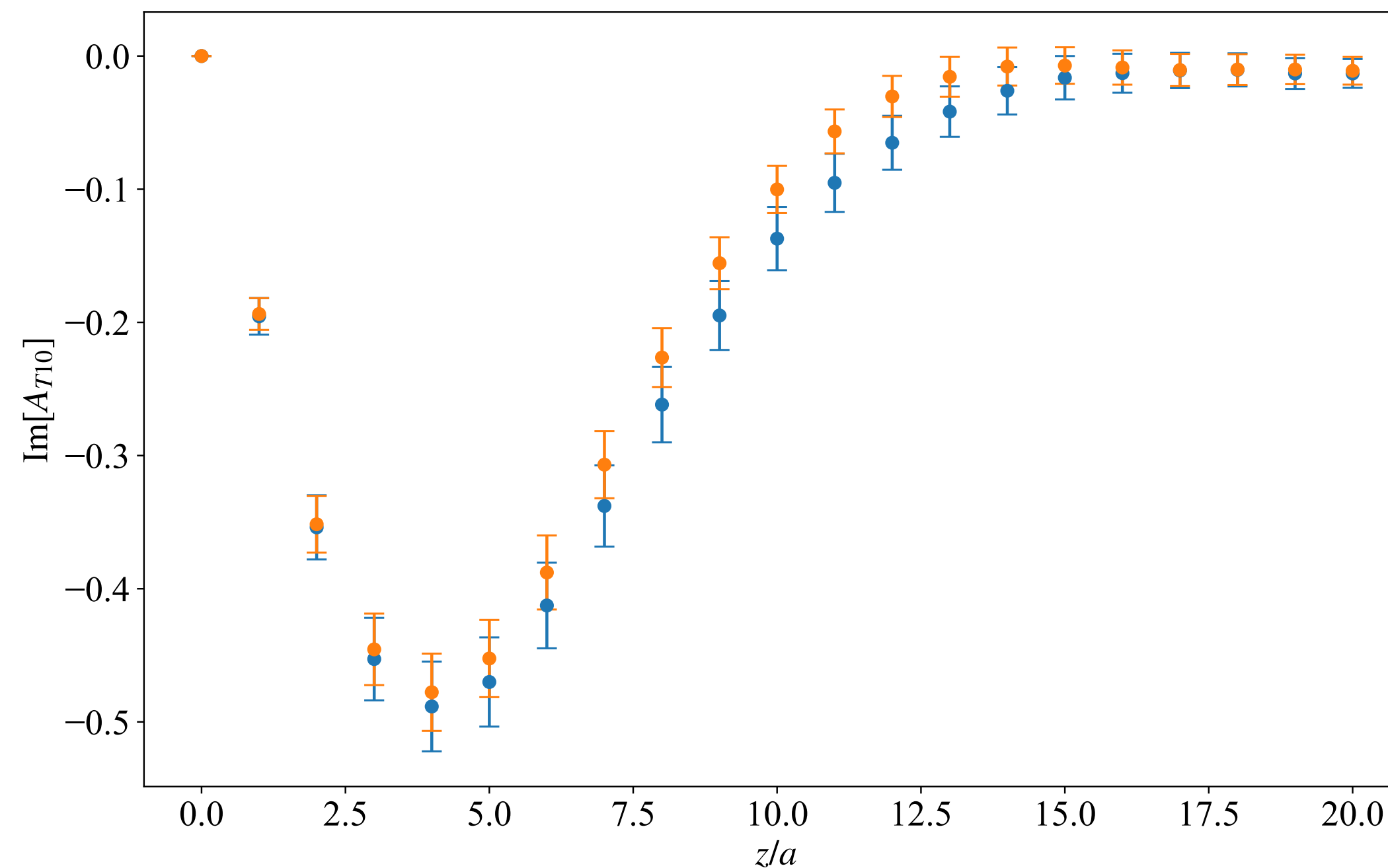
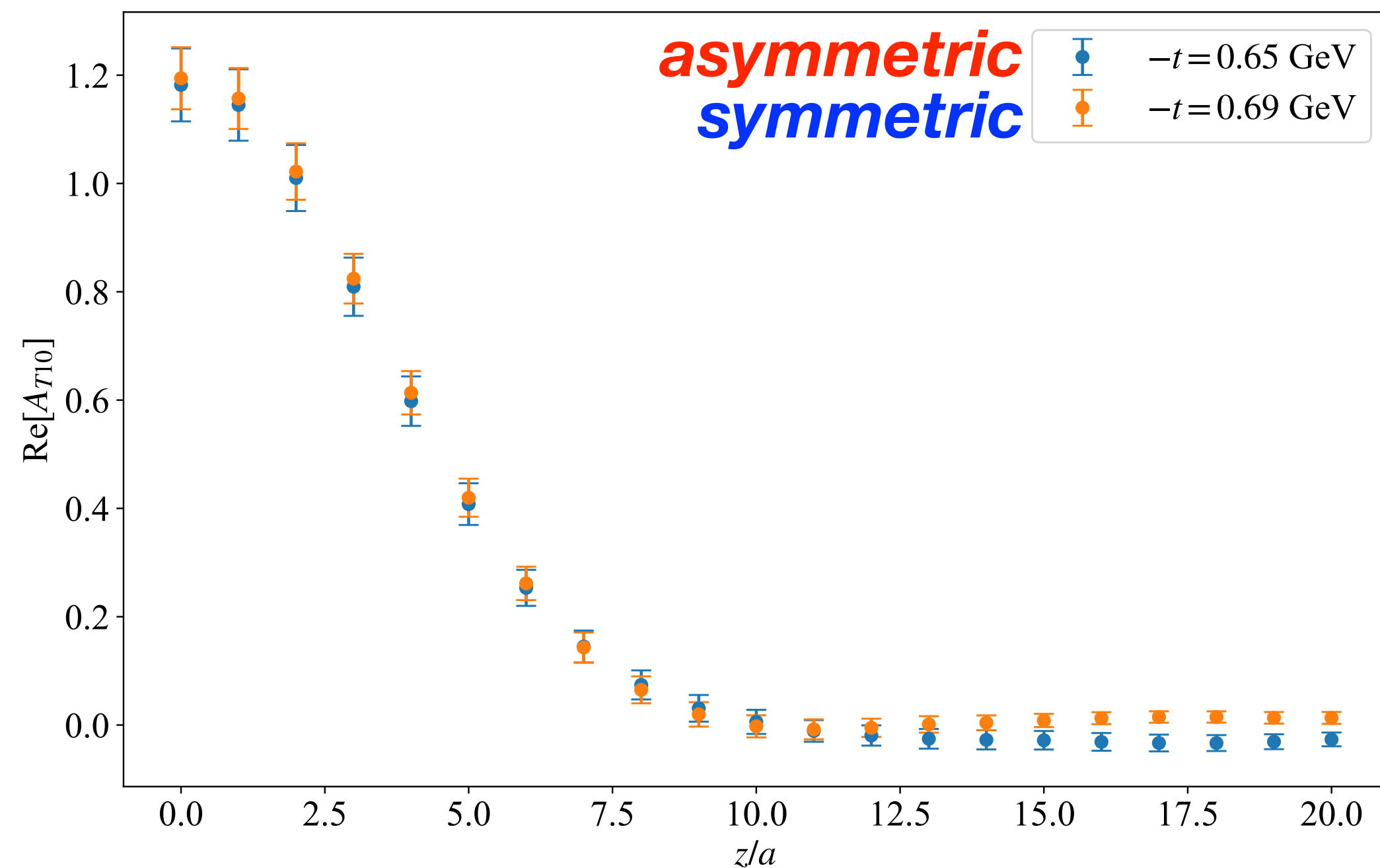
**Averaging across 8 kinematic cases reduces the error by  $1/\sqrt{8}$**

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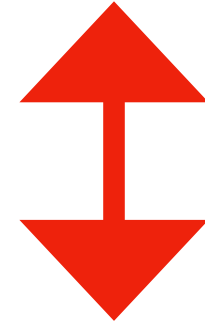


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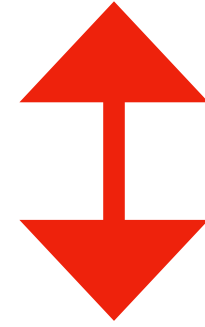
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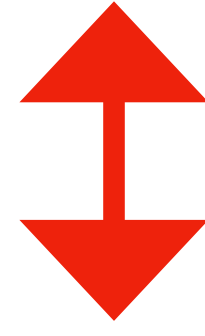
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**Amplitude decomposition matches results from previous results** [ETMC, PRD 105, 034501 (2022)]

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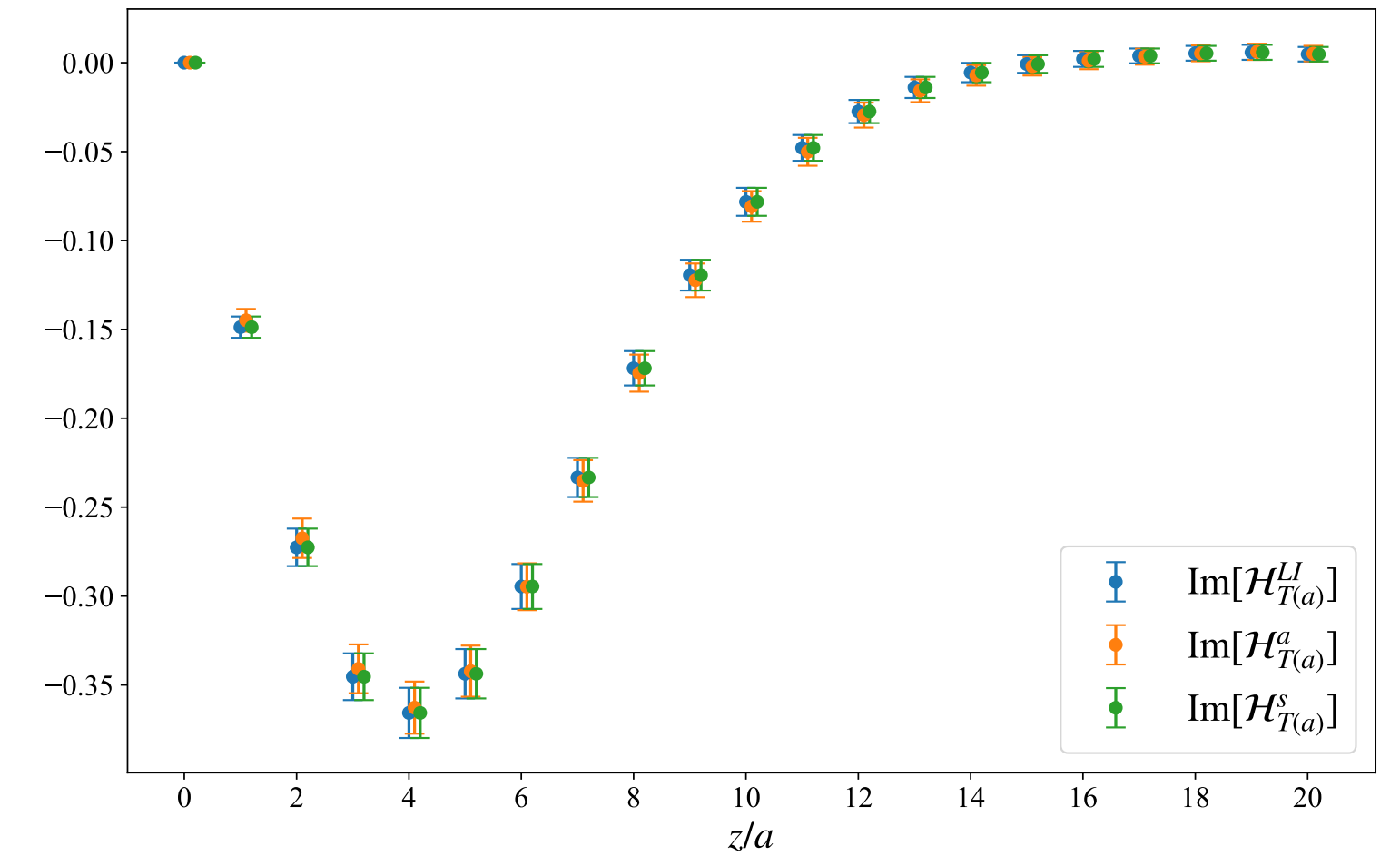
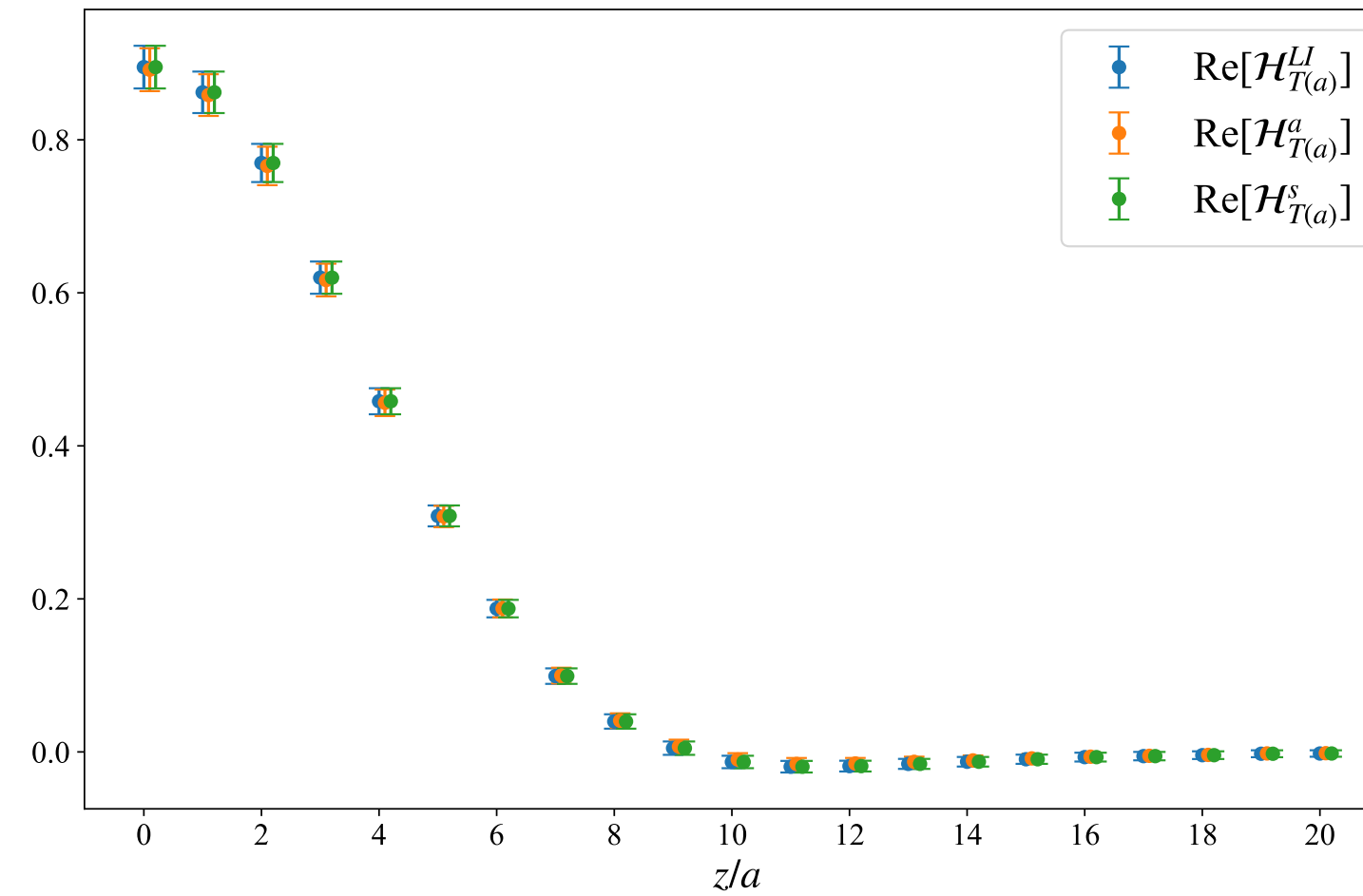
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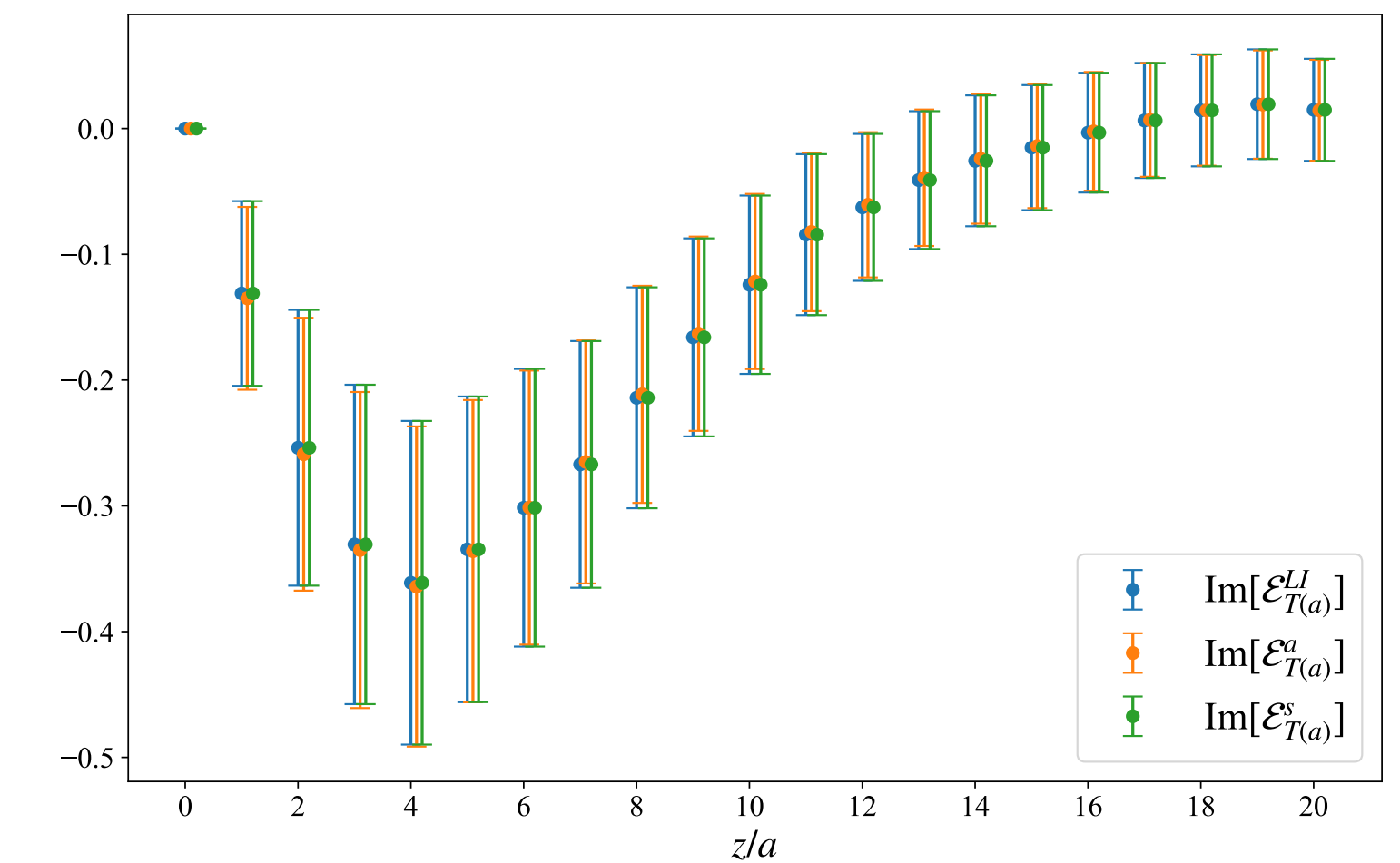
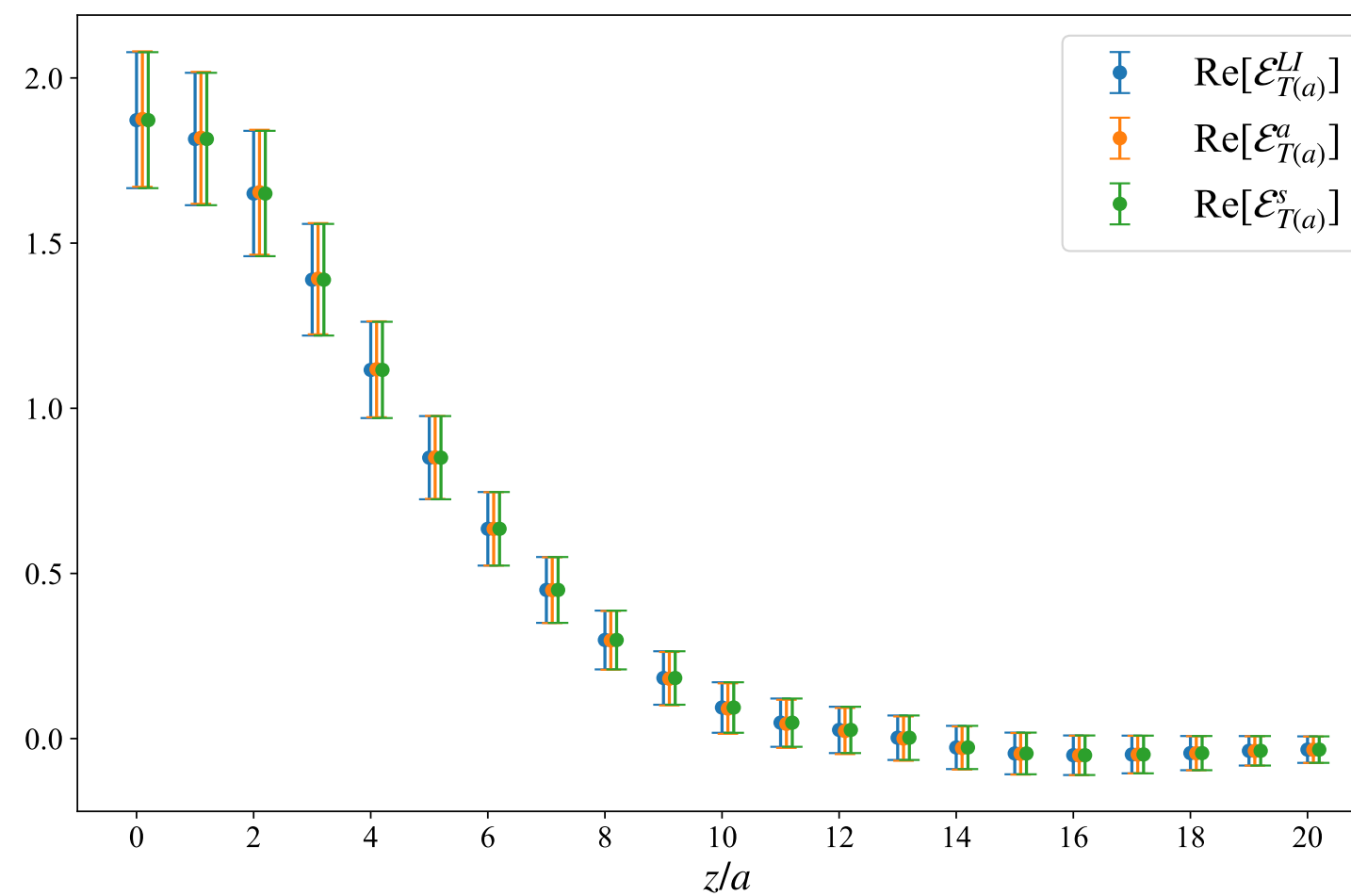
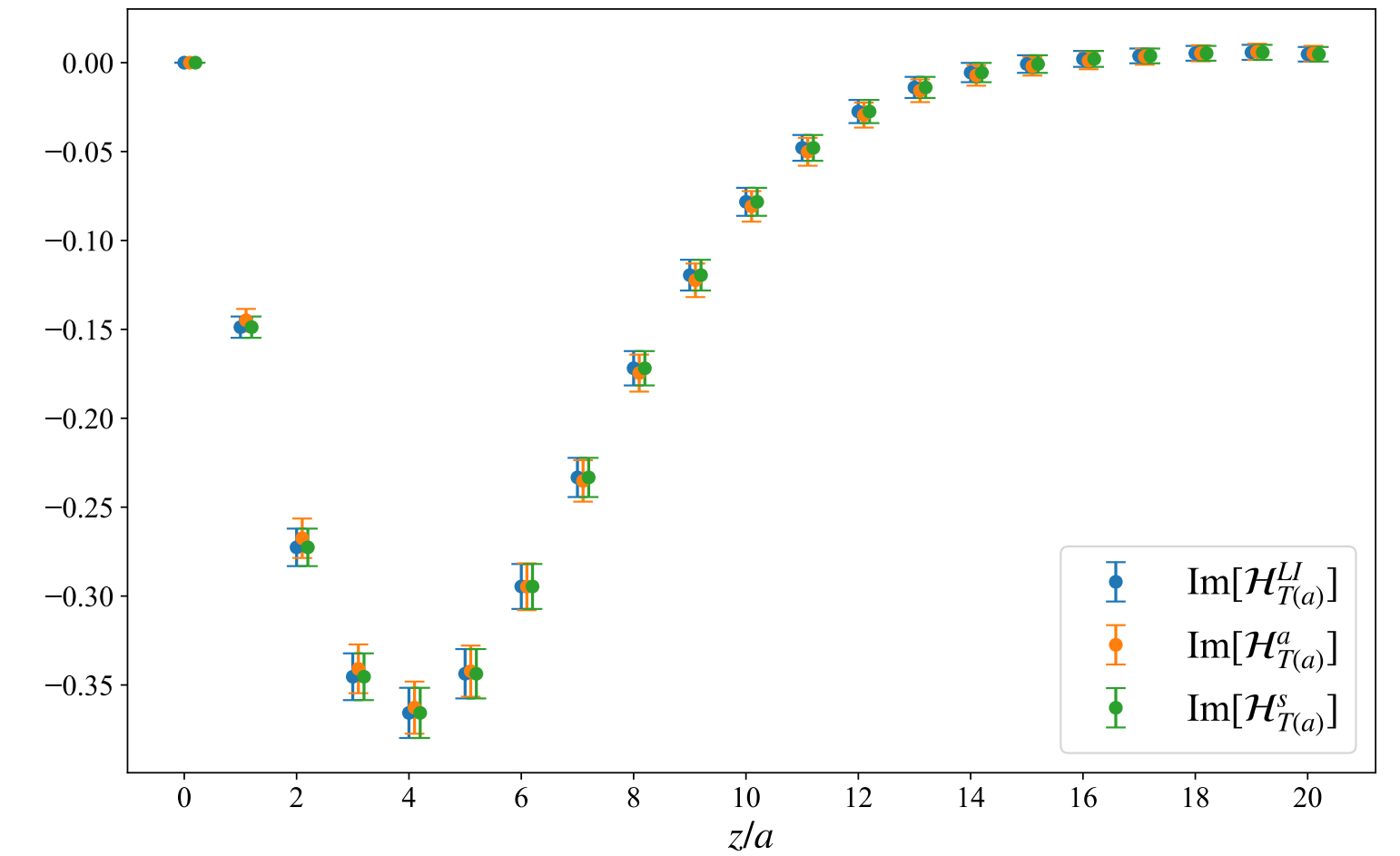
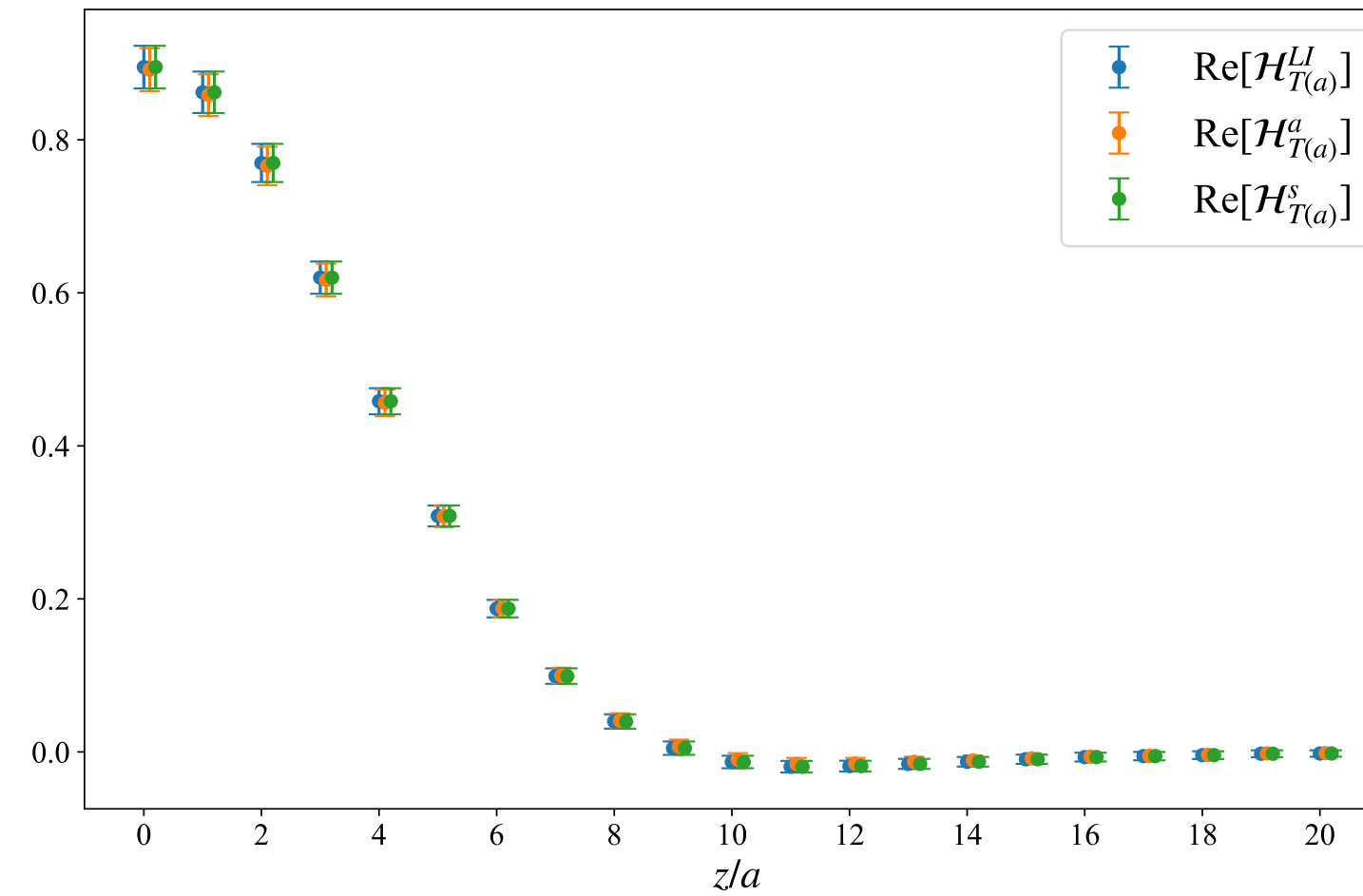
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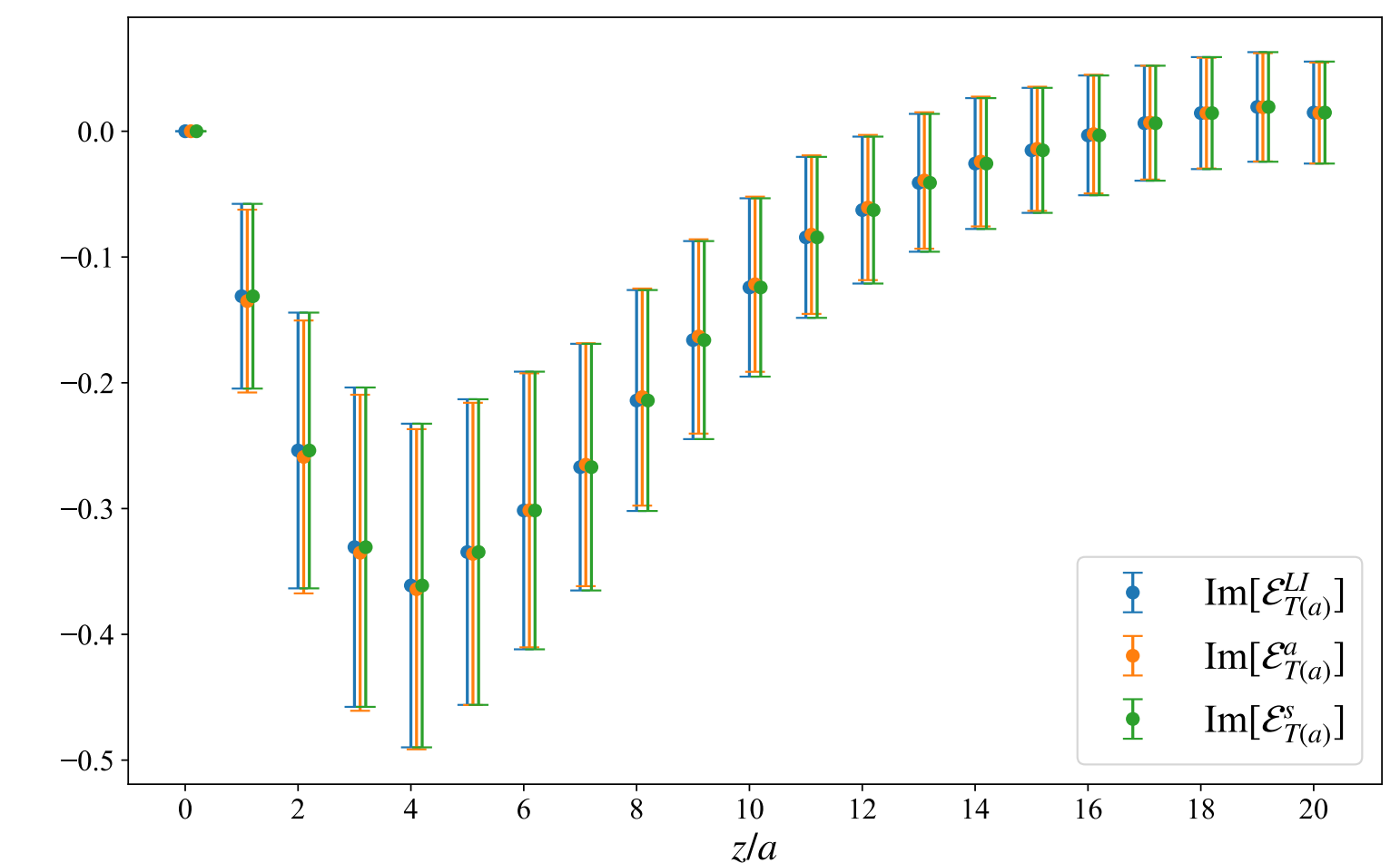
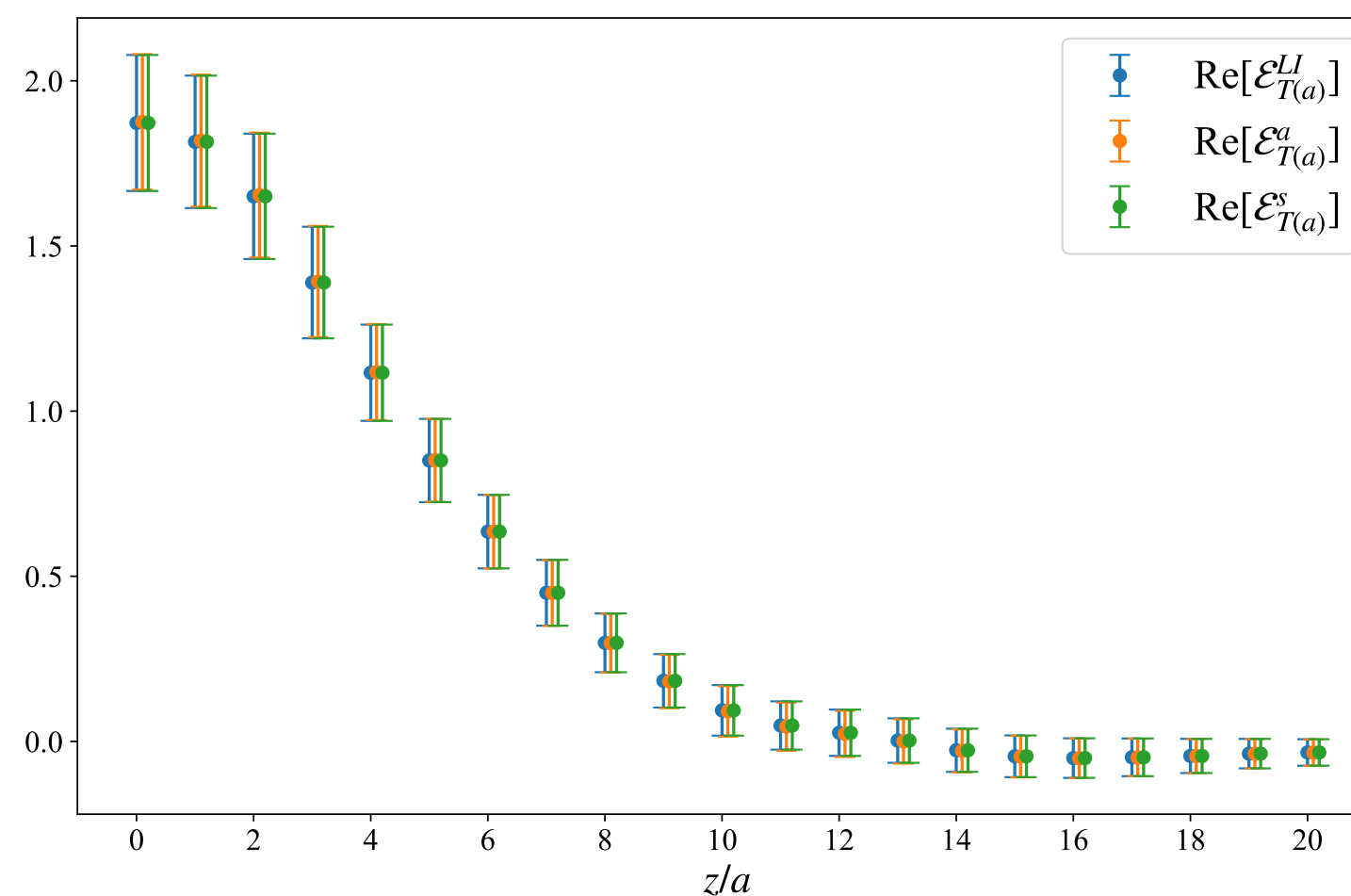
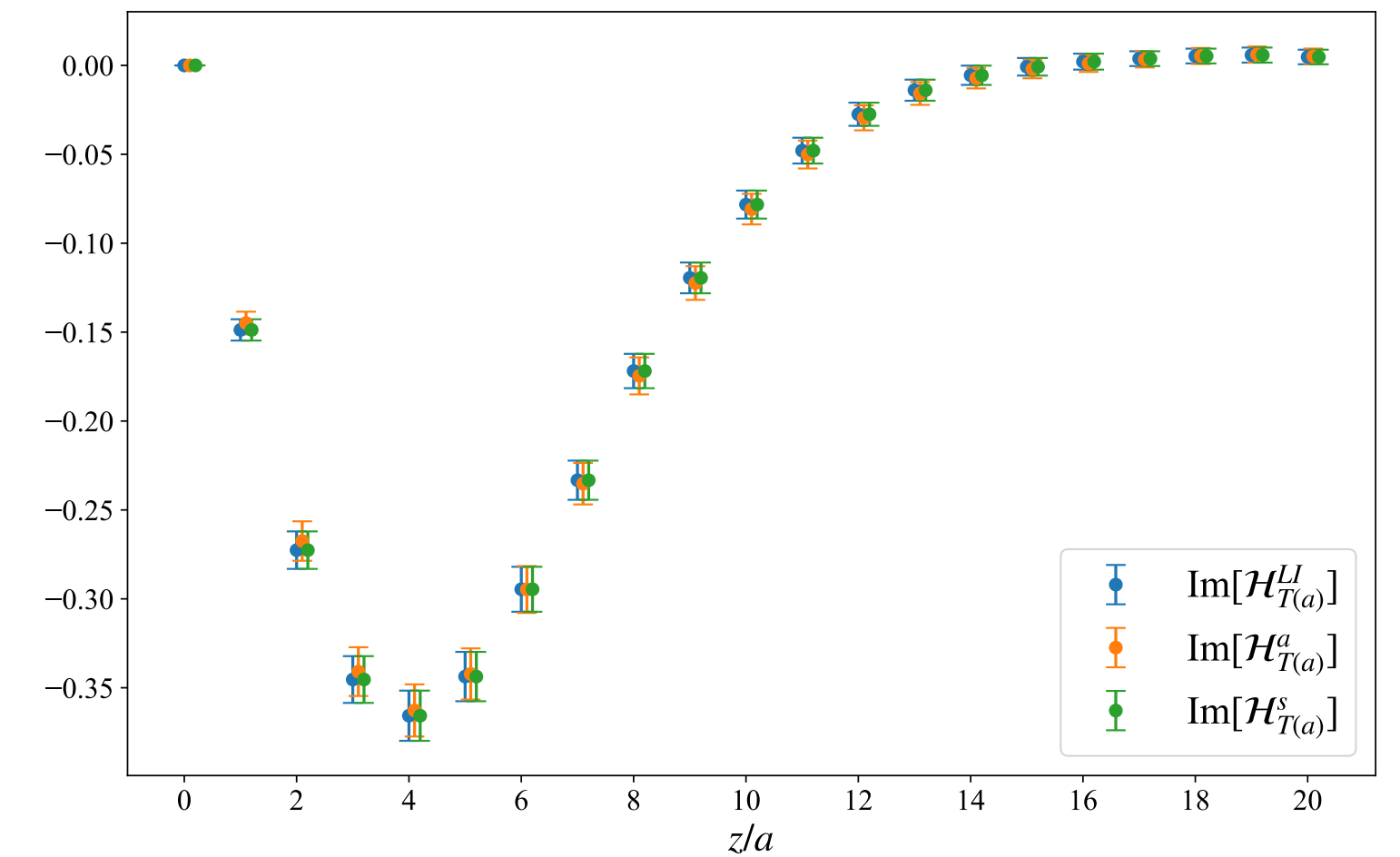
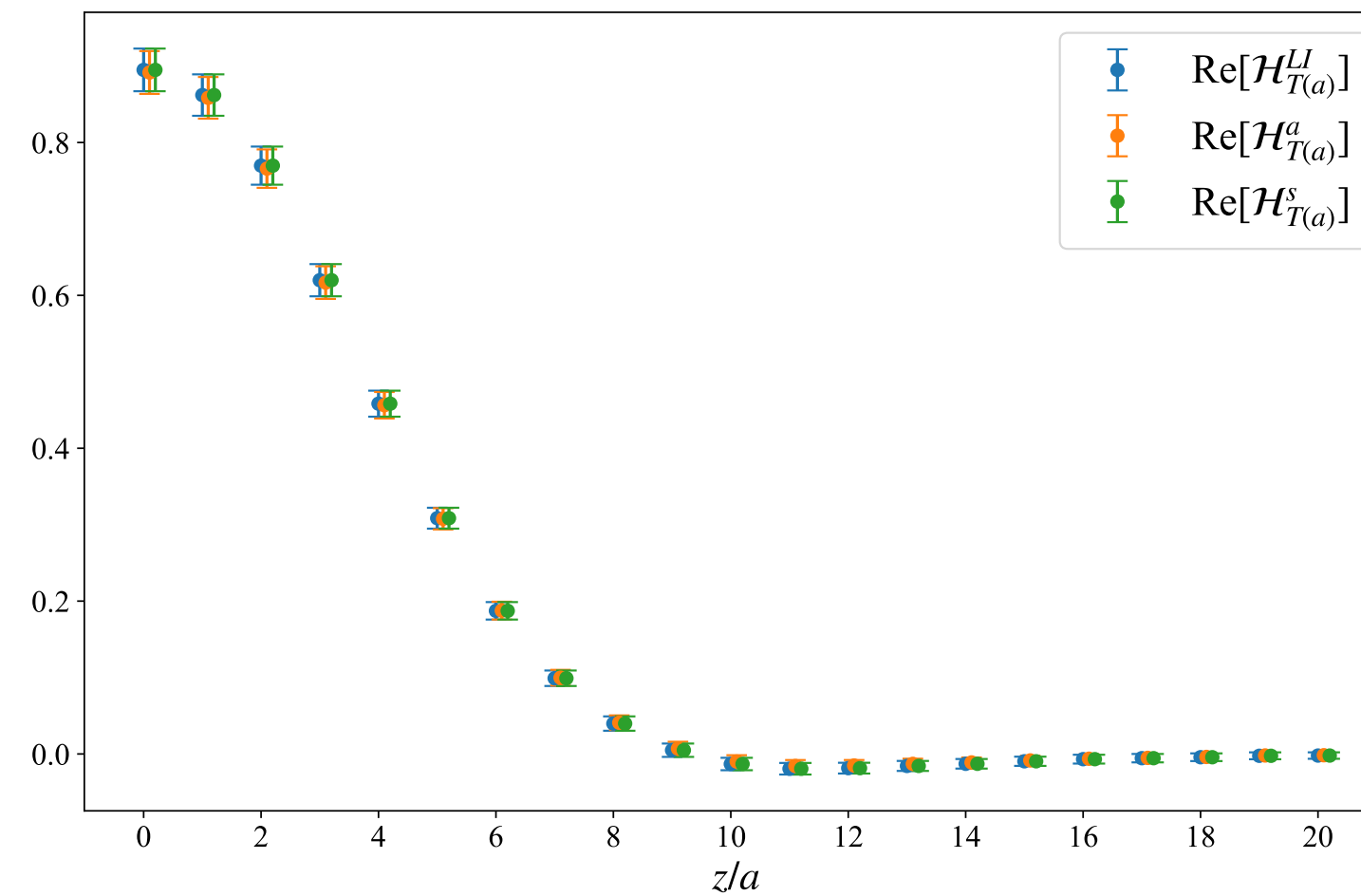
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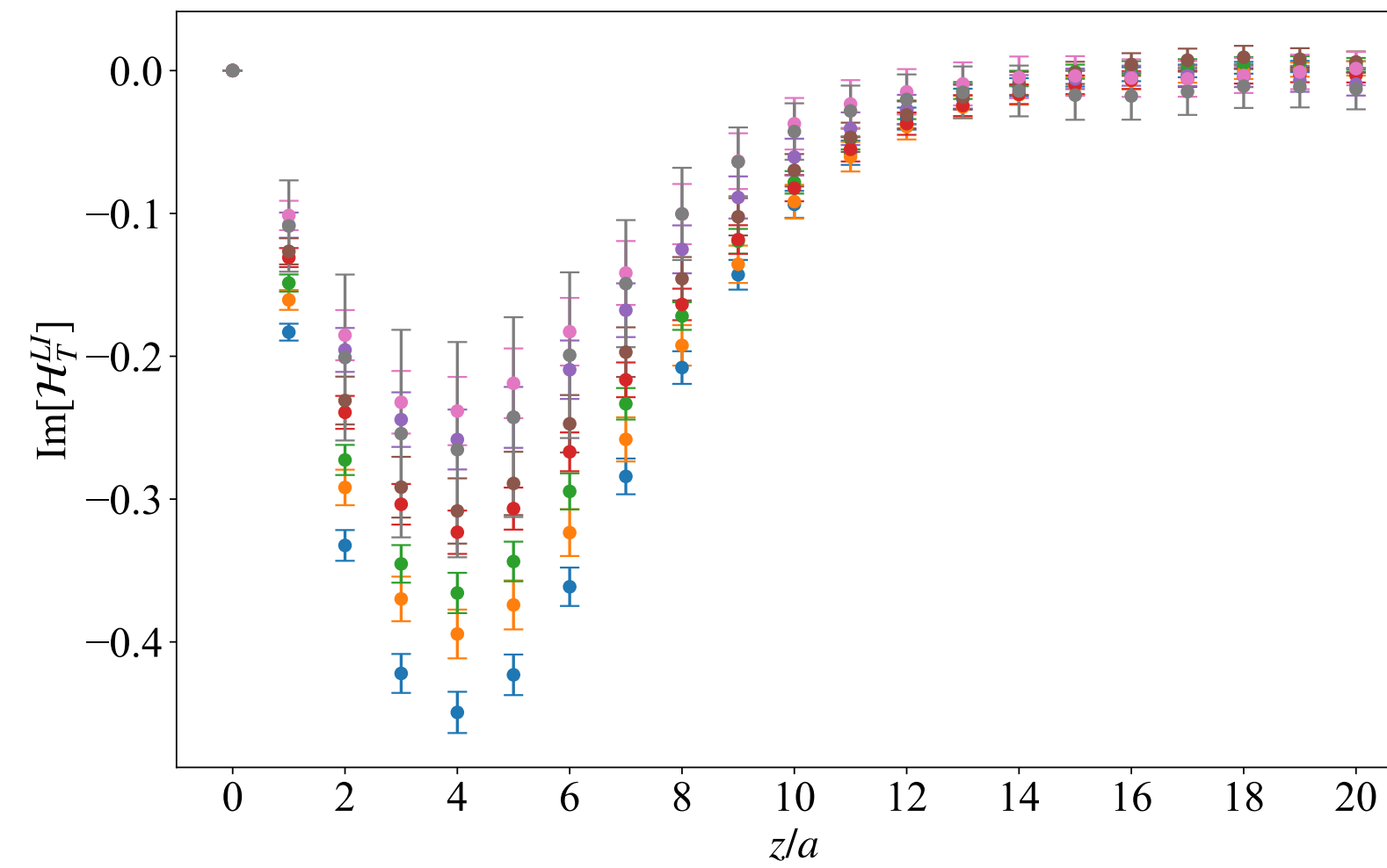
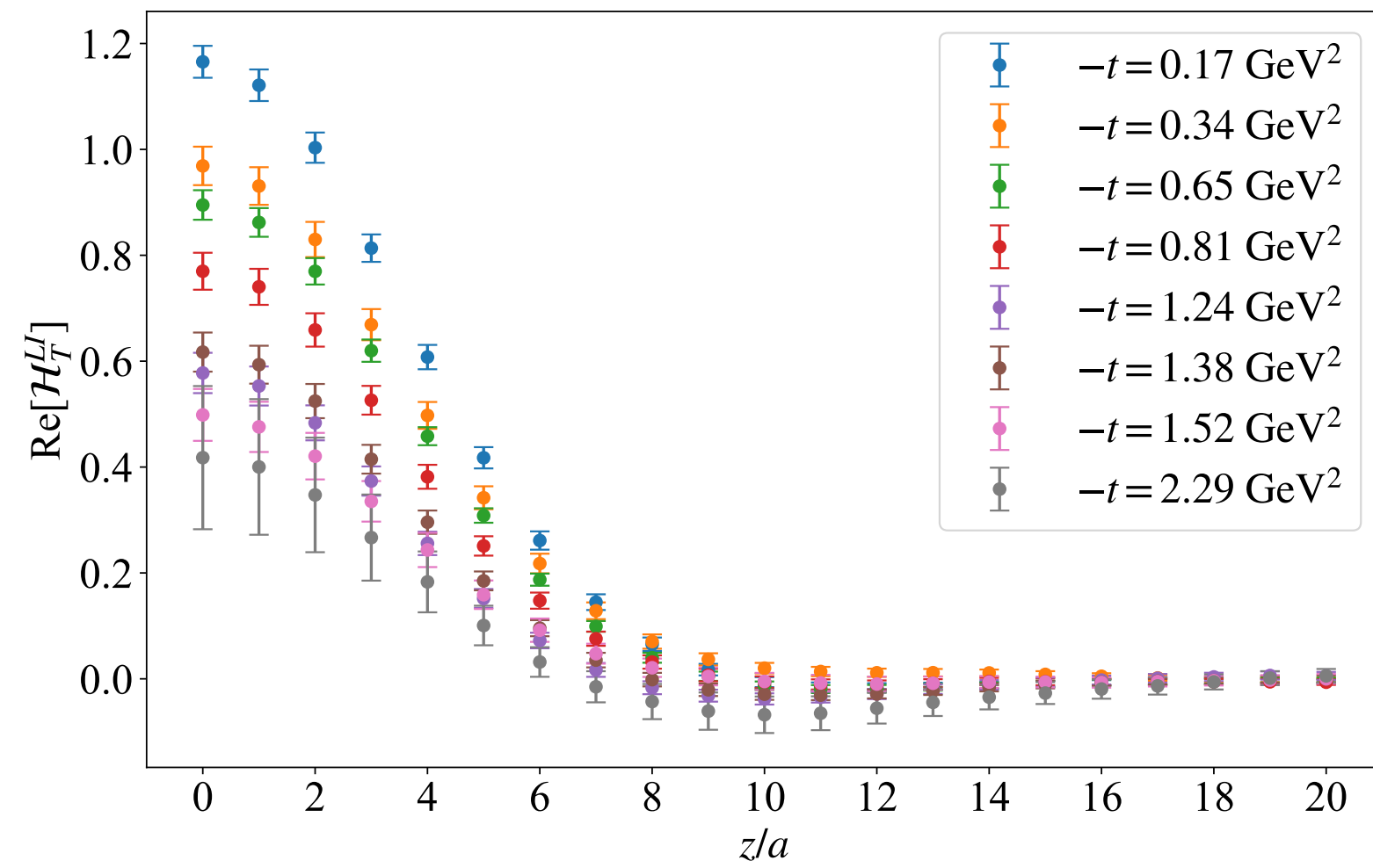
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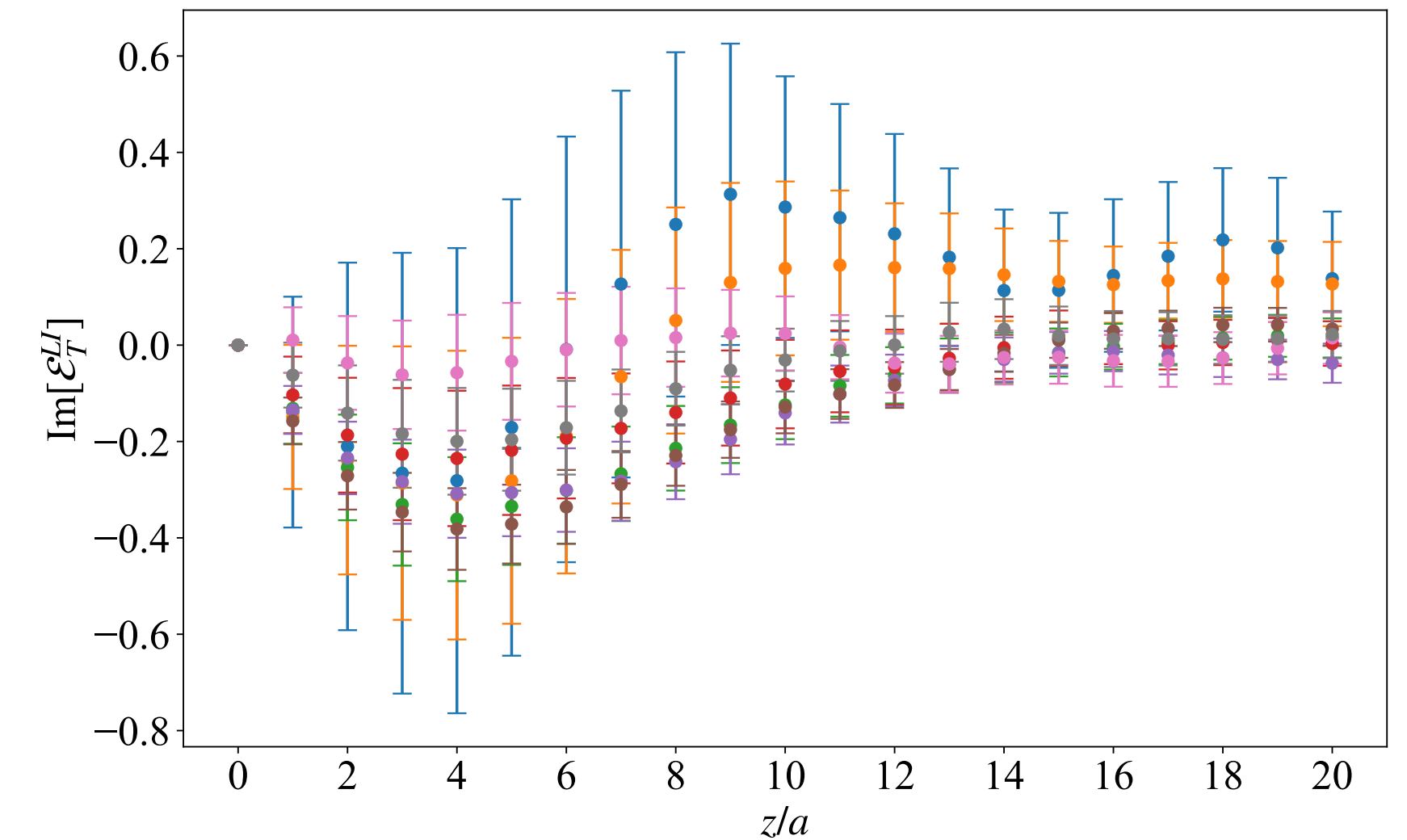
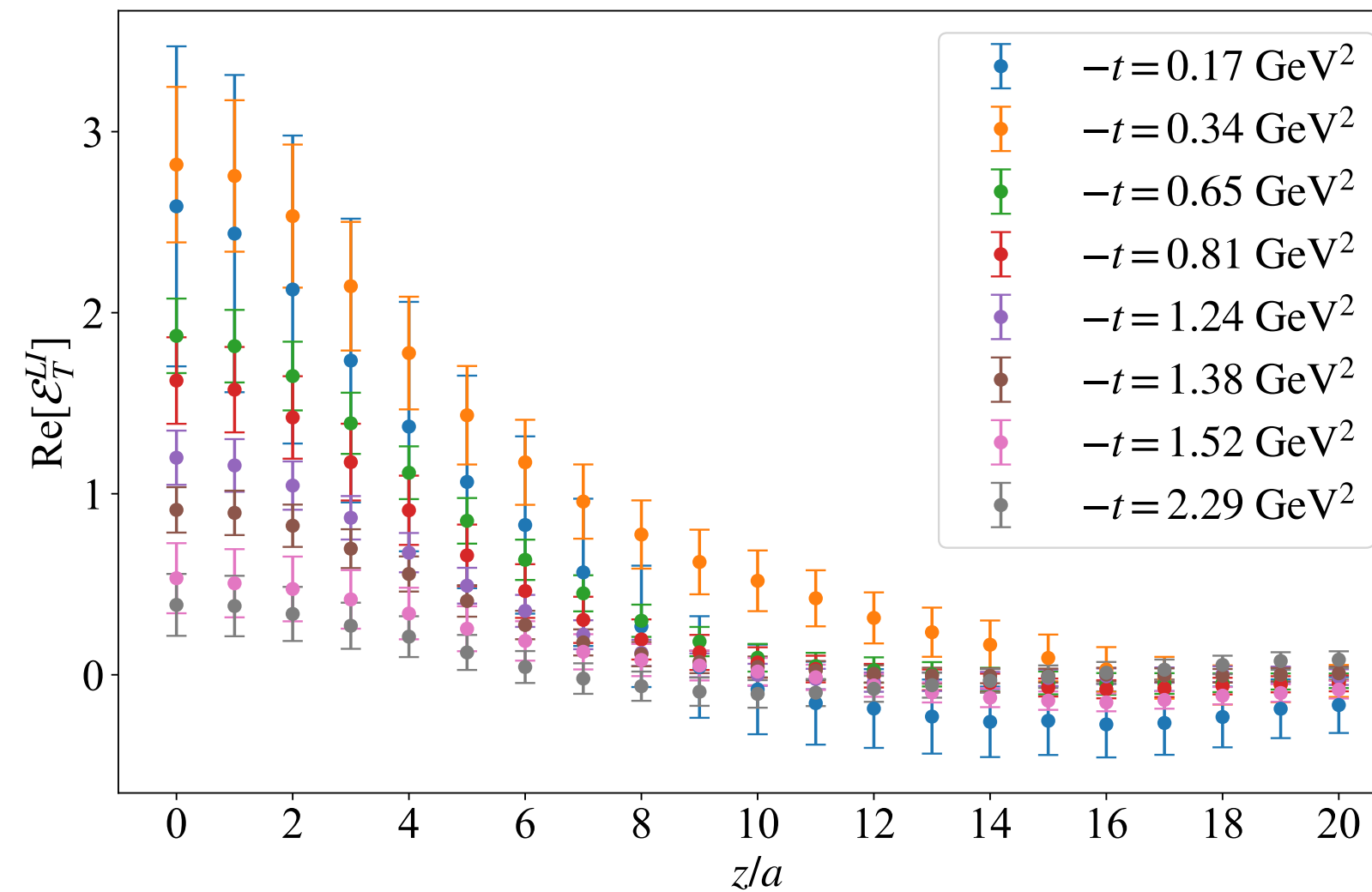


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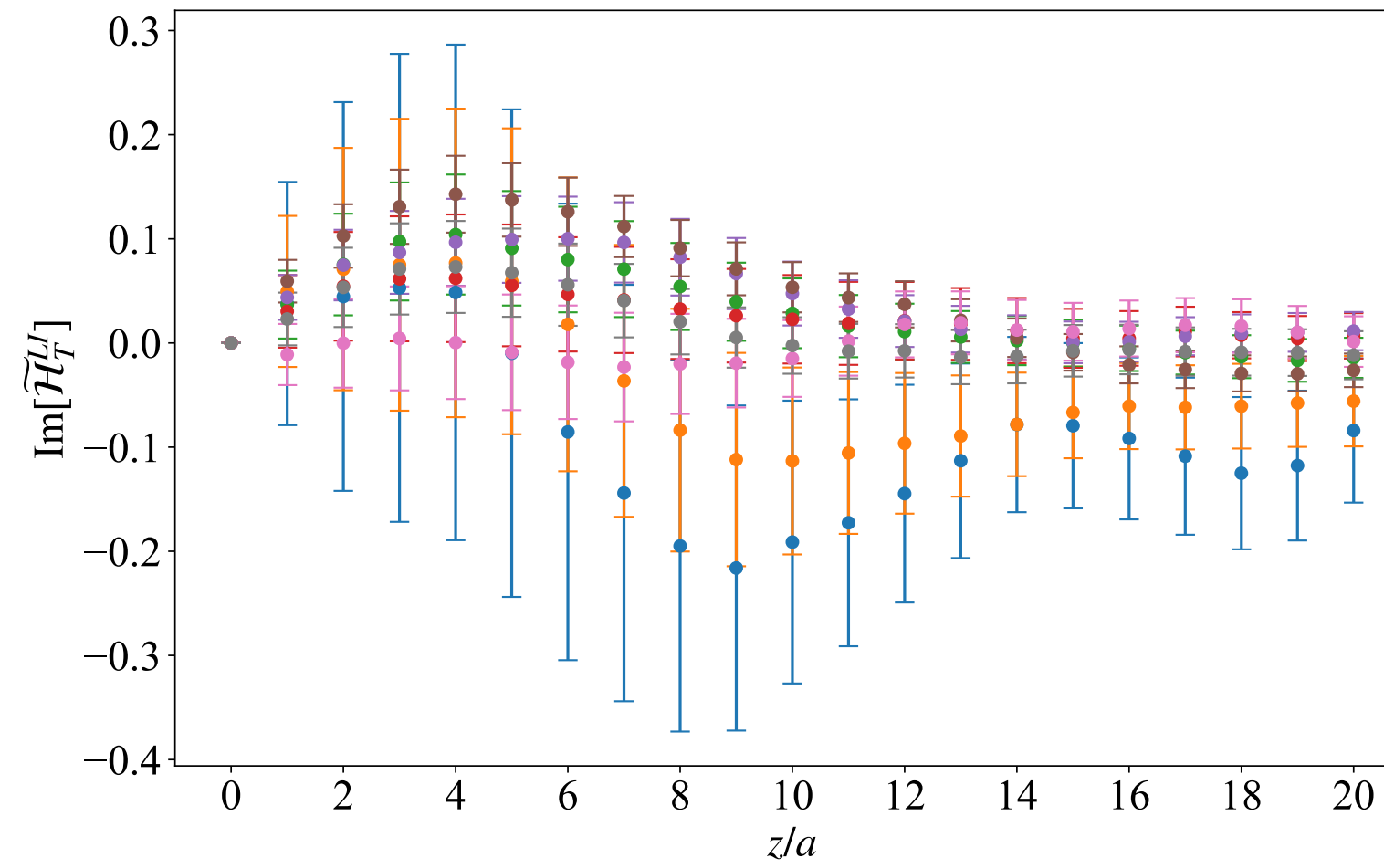
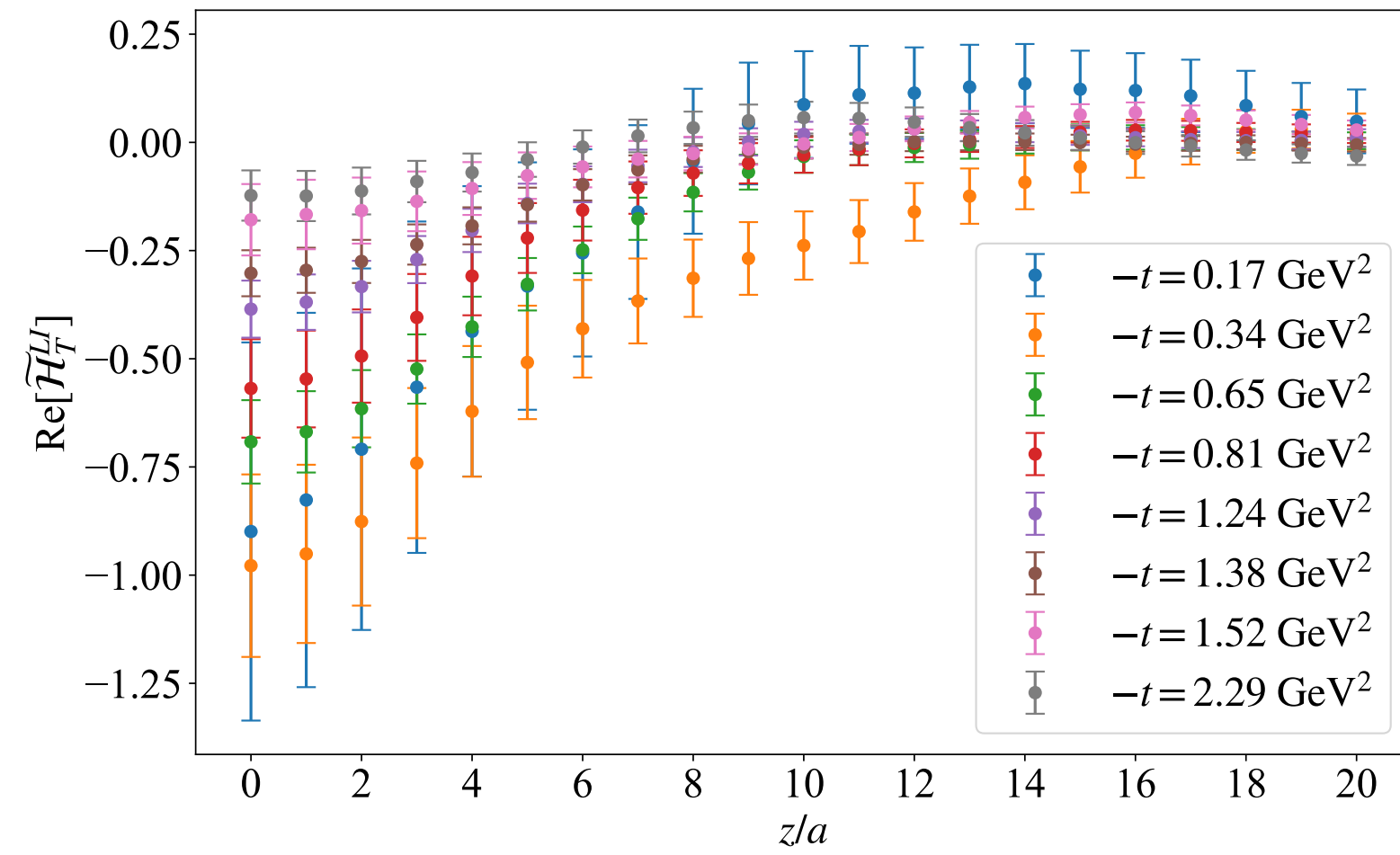
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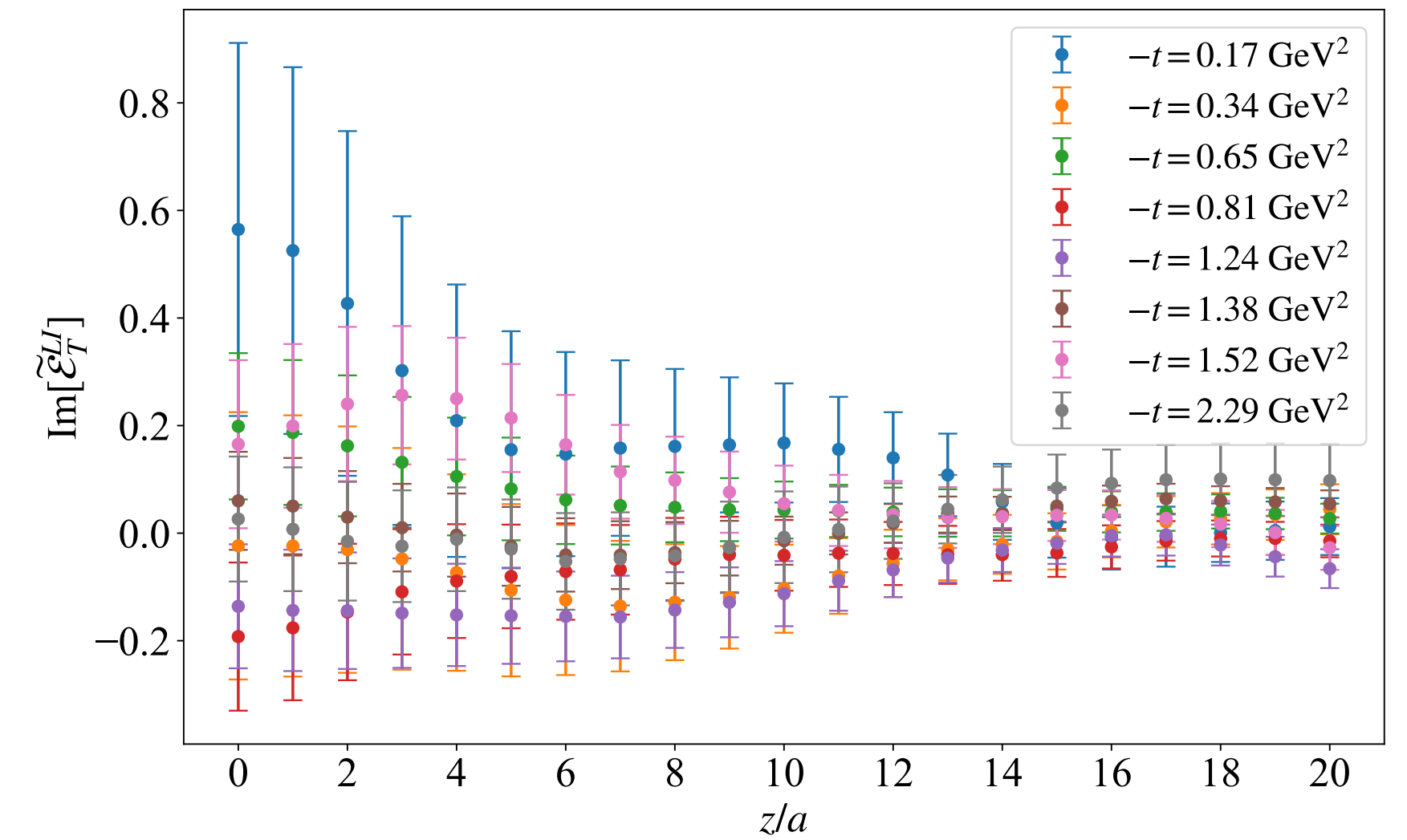
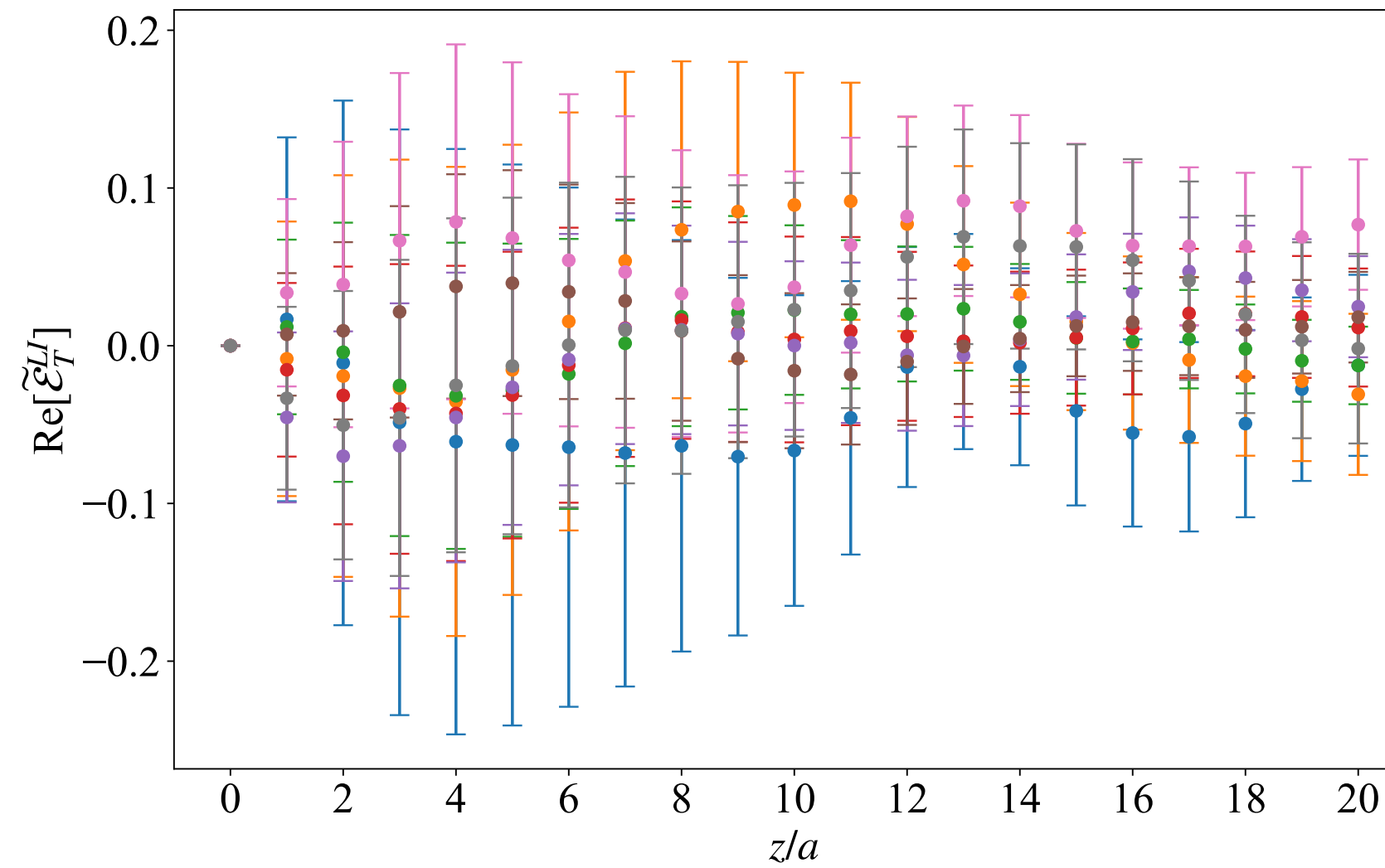


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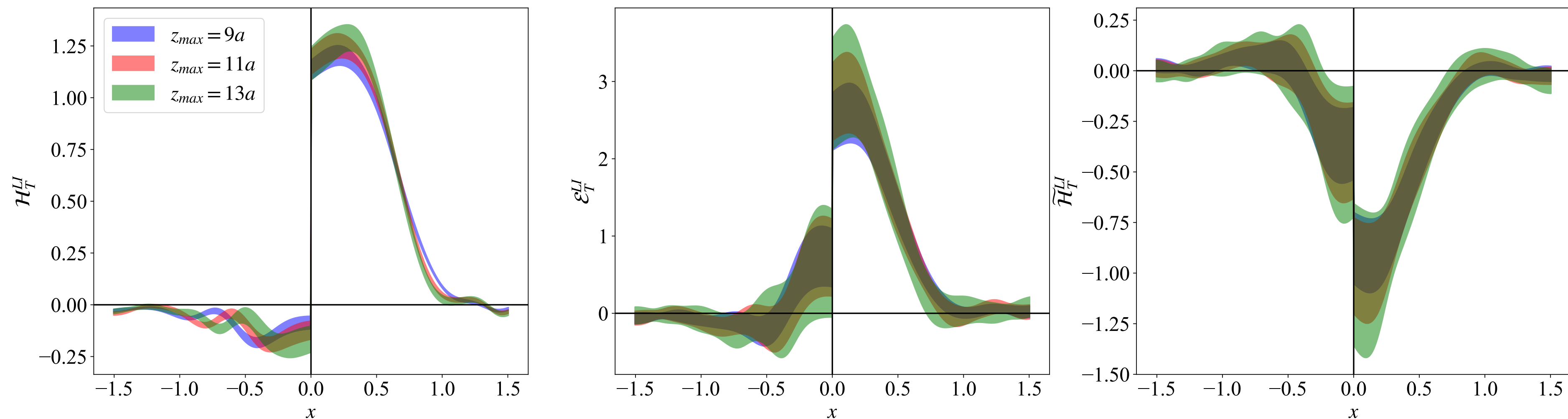
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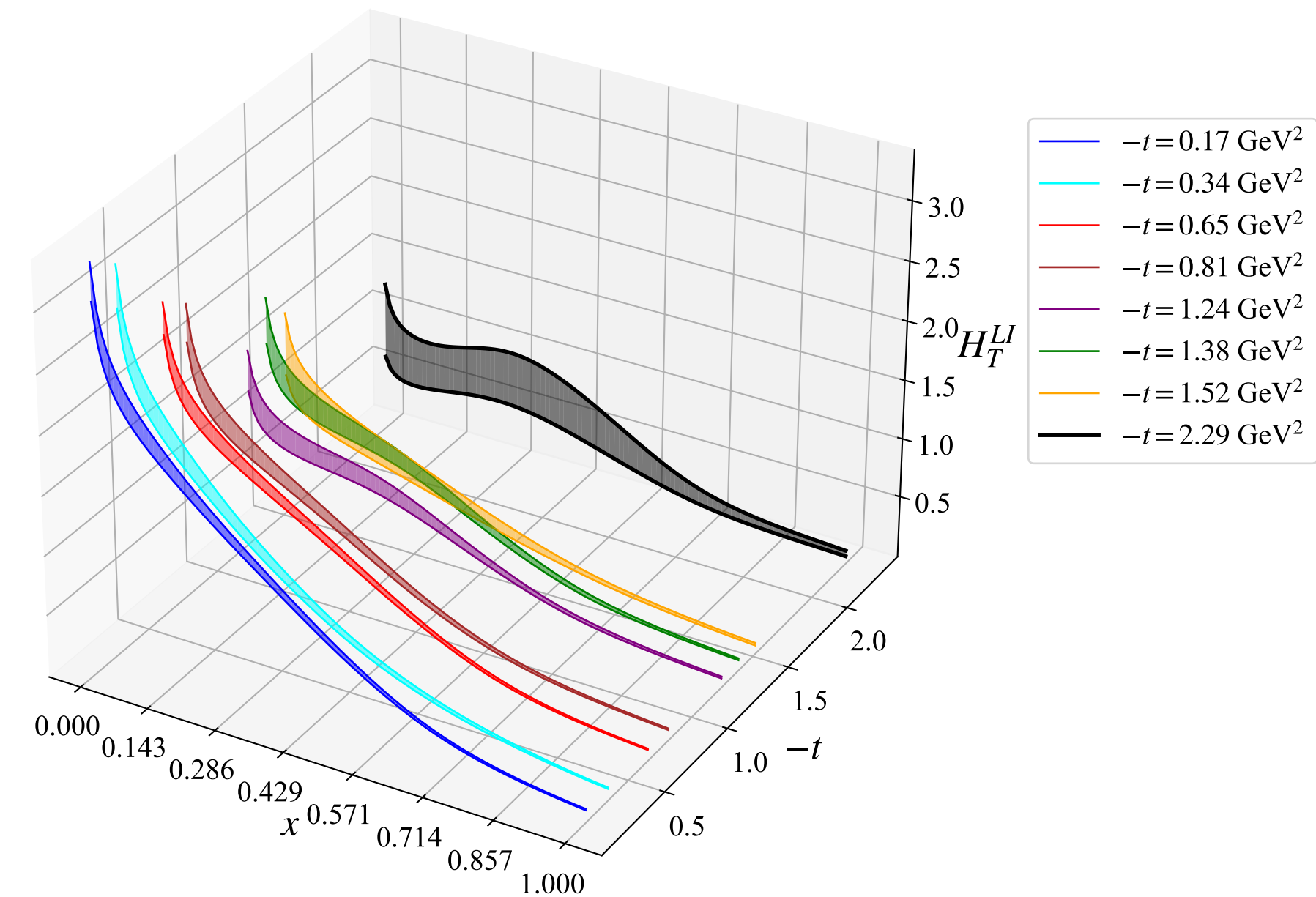
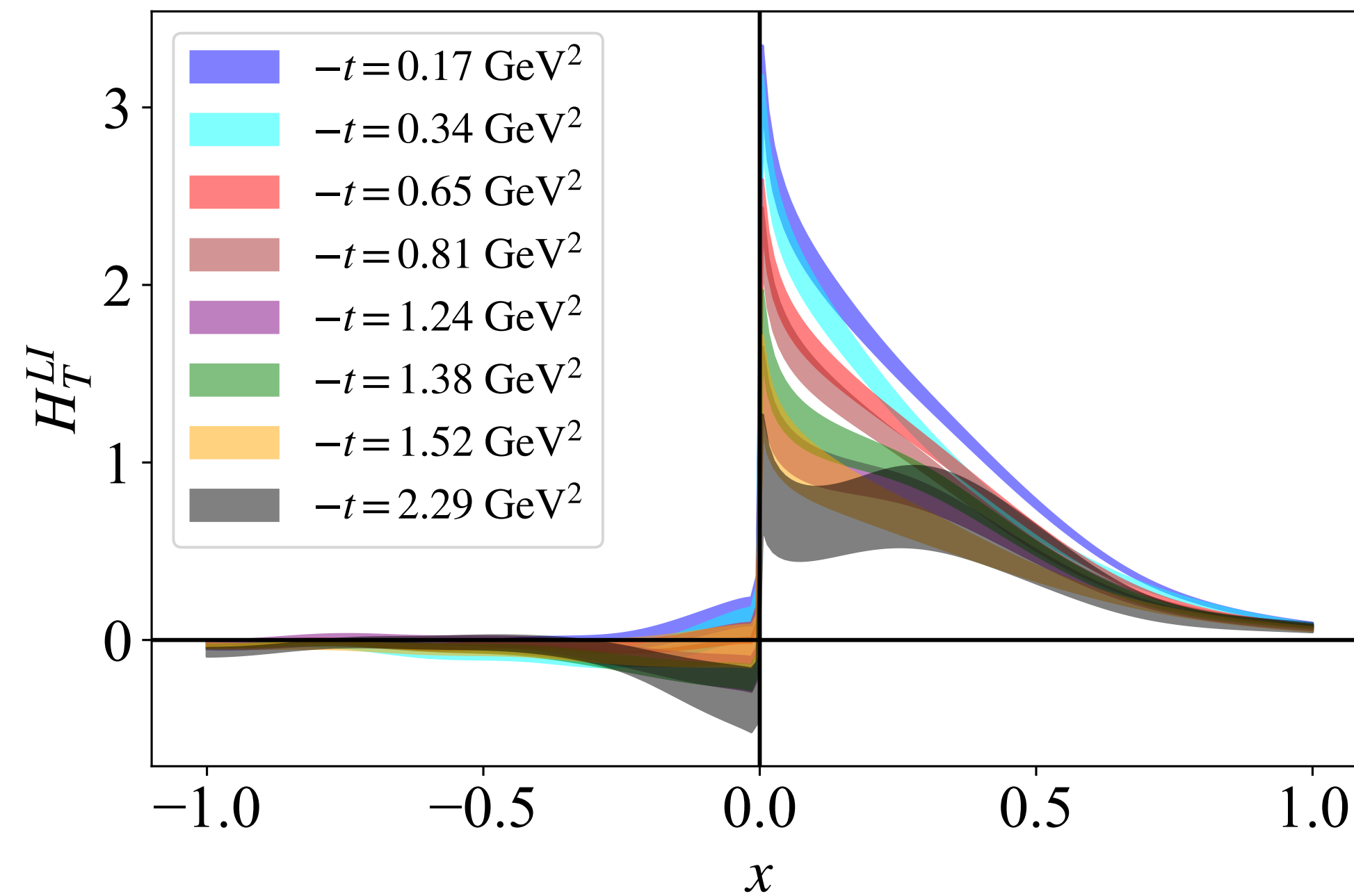
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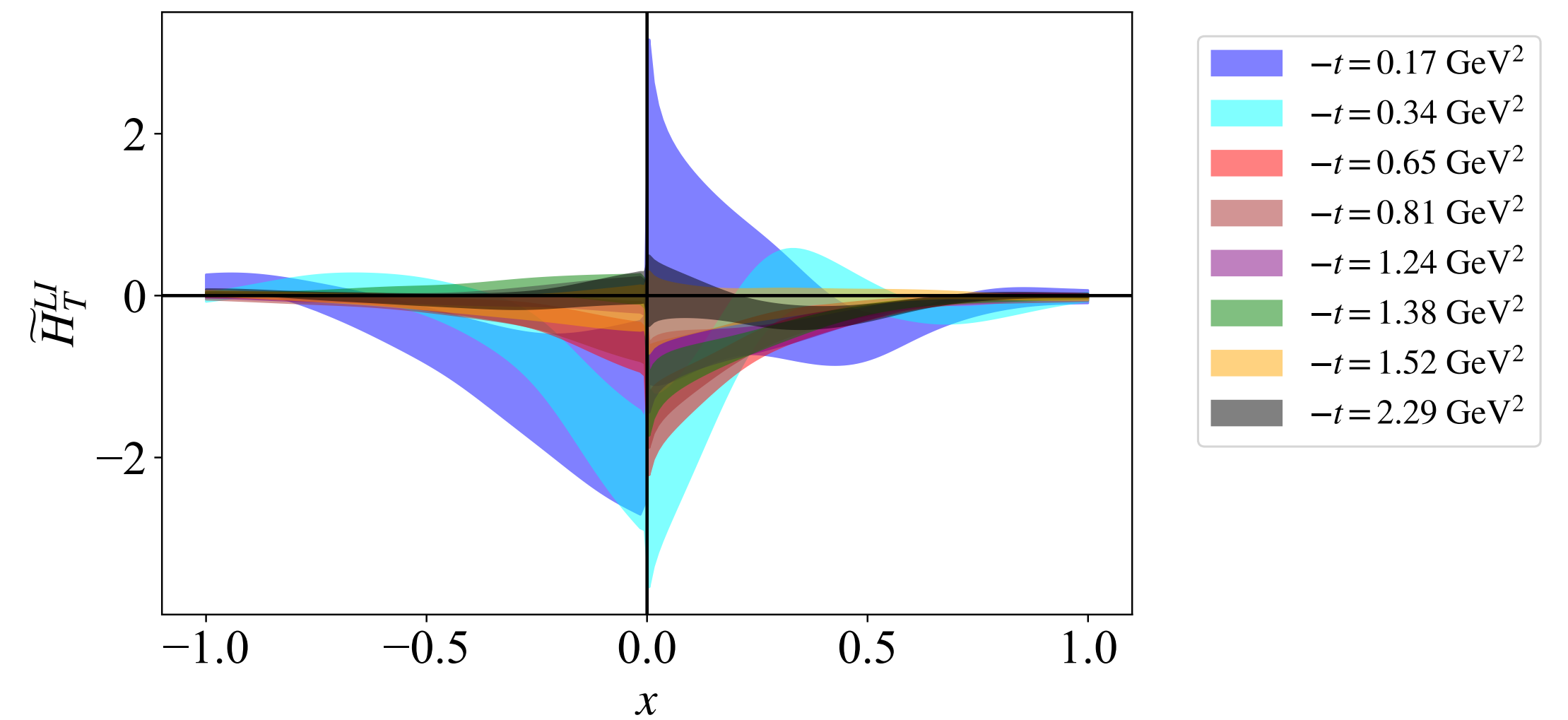
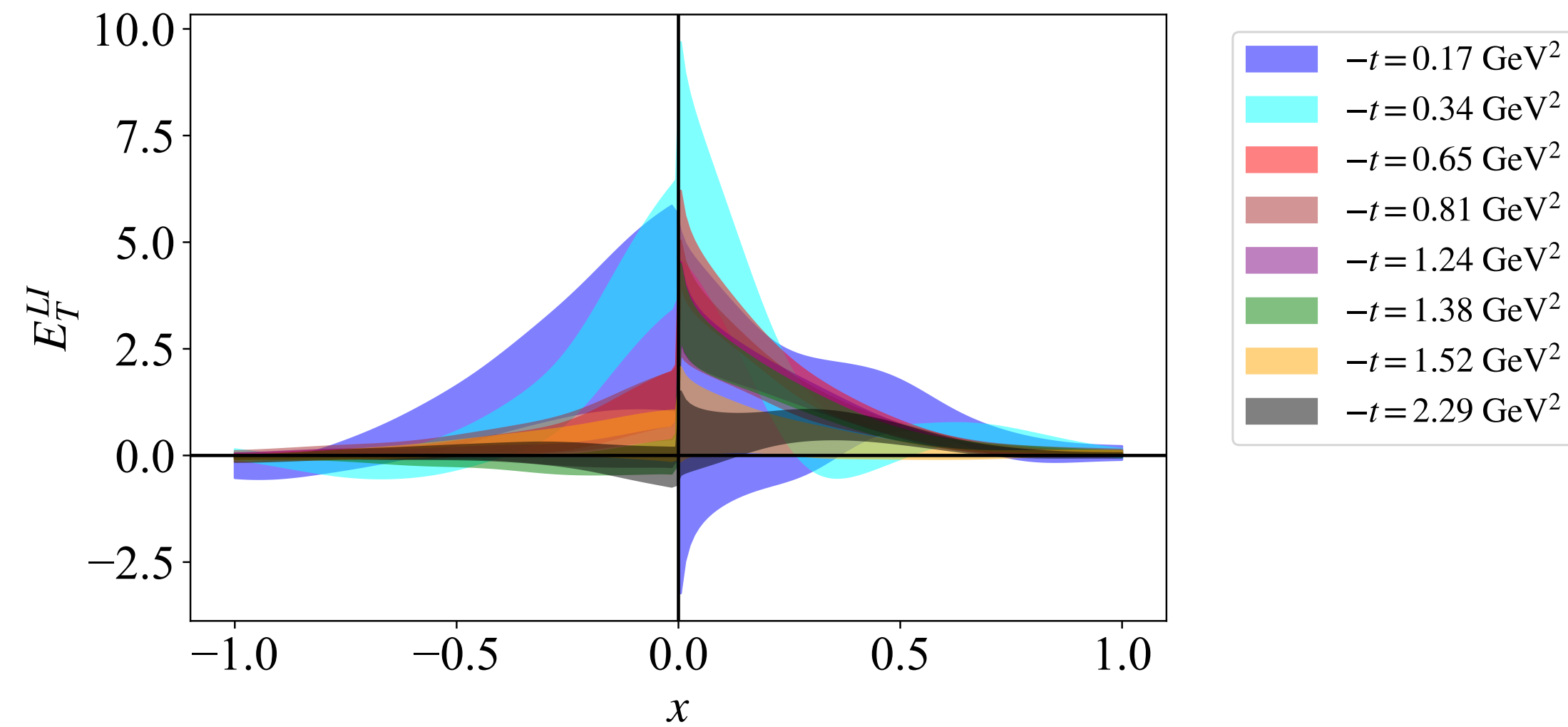
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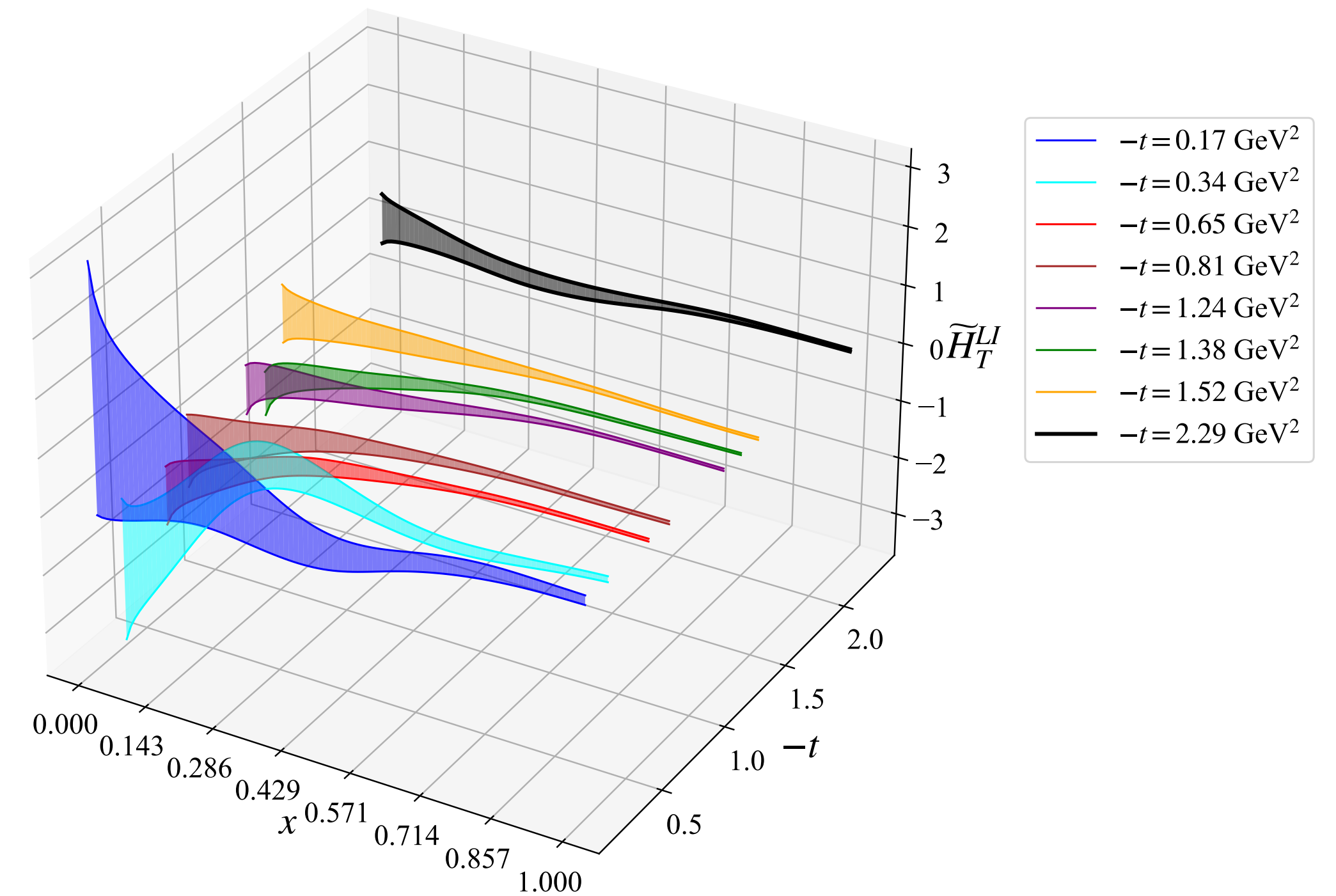
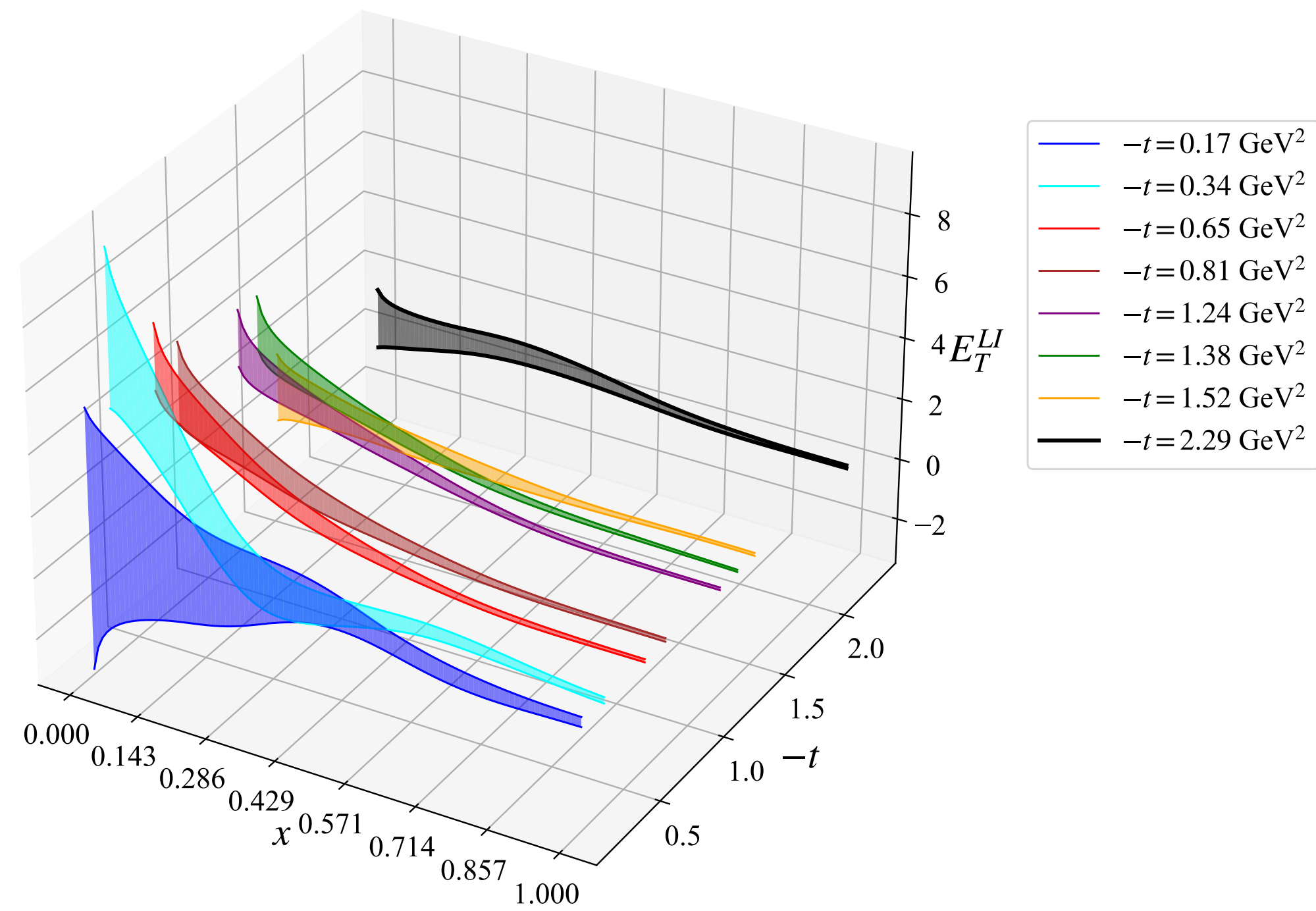
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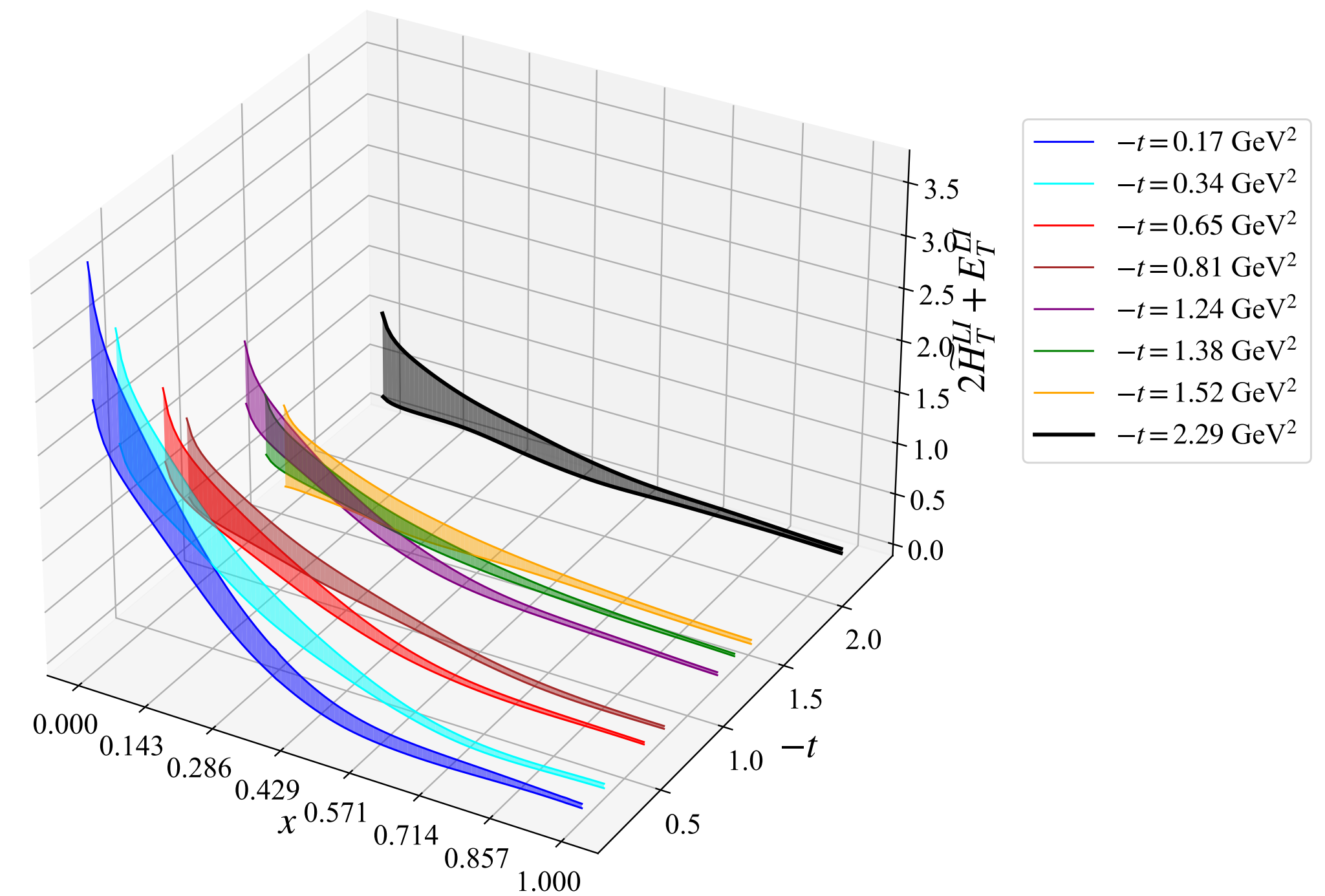
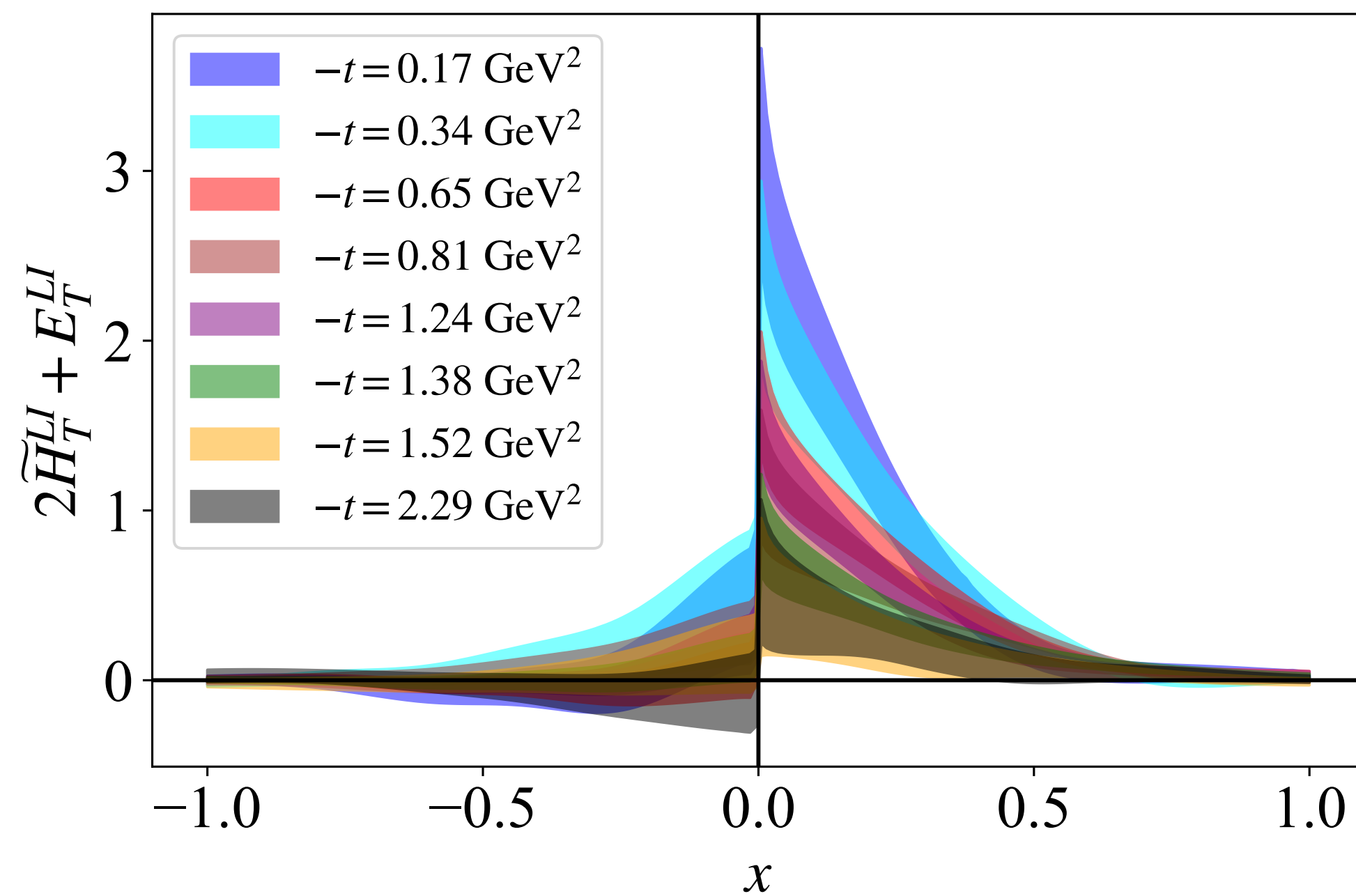
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