

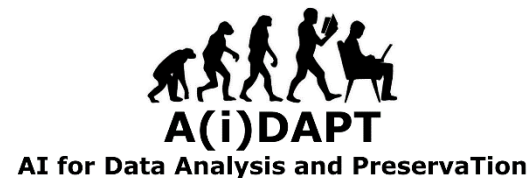
Amplitude extraction with generative AI

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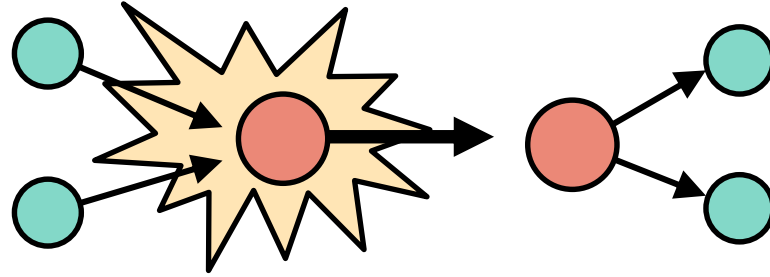
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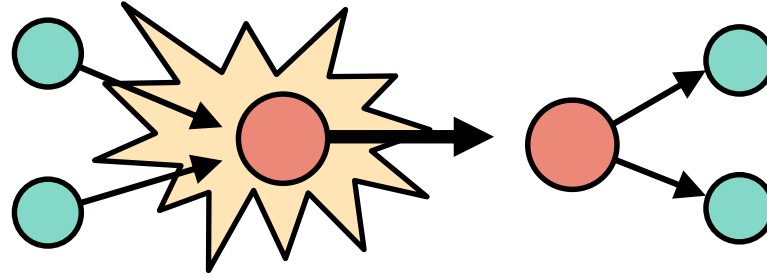
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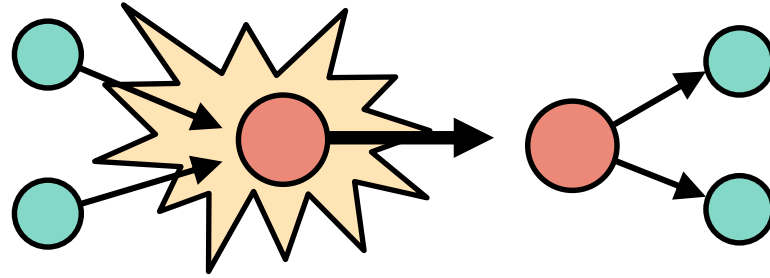
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- ✖ Related to $|\mathcal{A}|^2$
- ✖ The information about the phase is lost

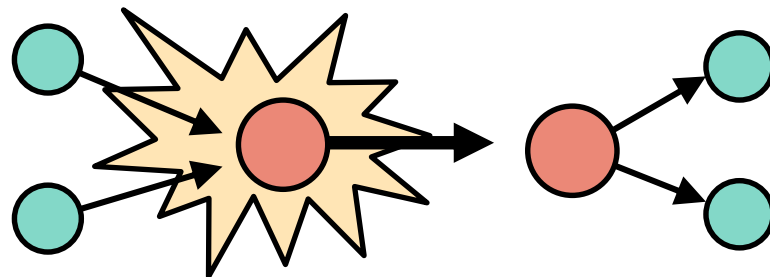
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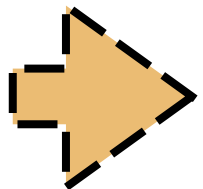
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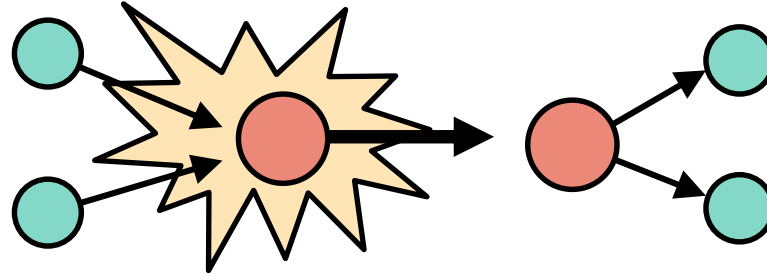
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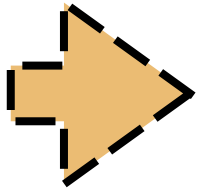
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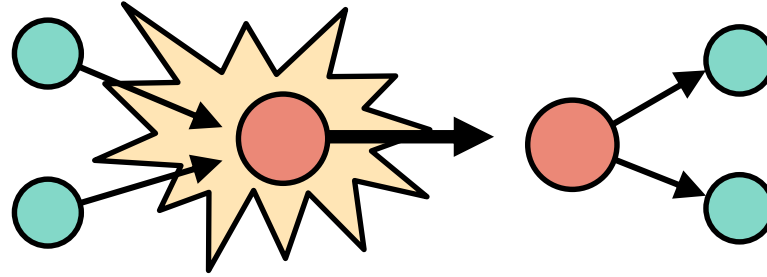
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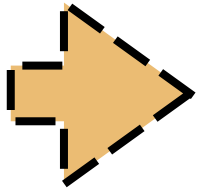
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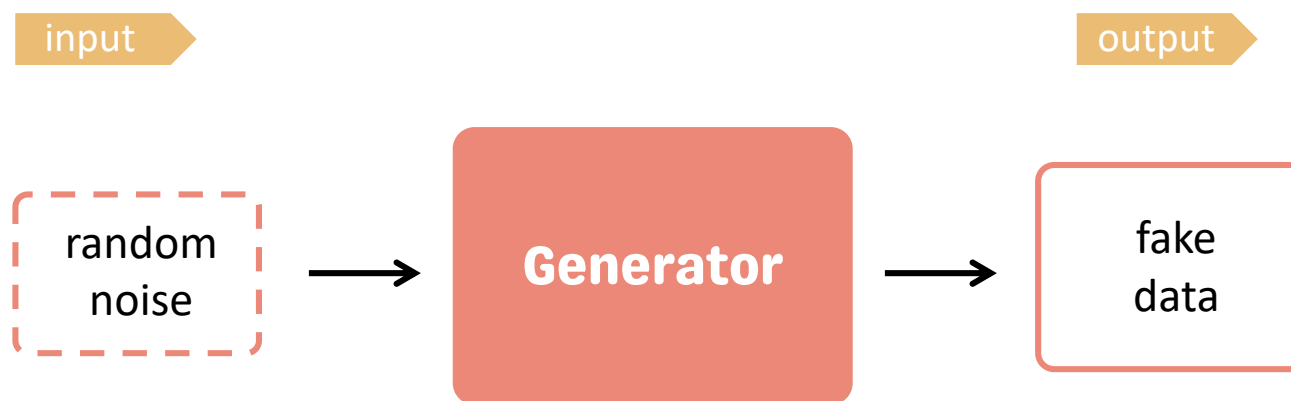
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The modulus and phase of the scattering amplitude are related by the **unitarity relation**.

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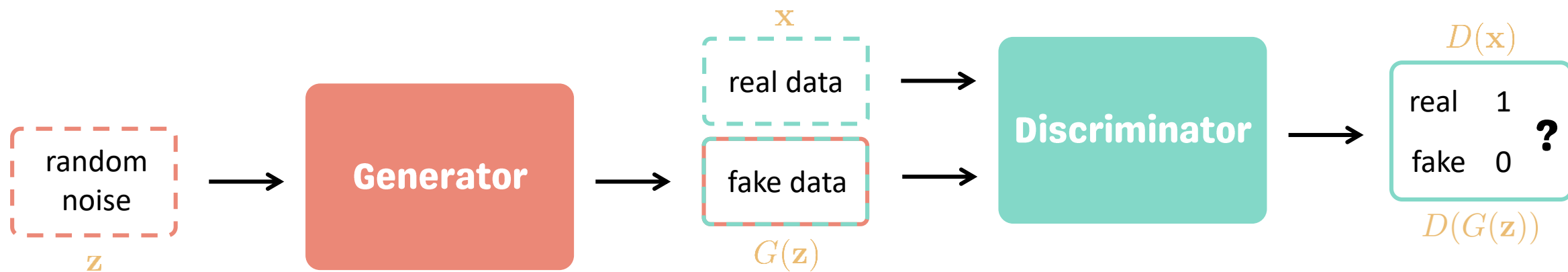
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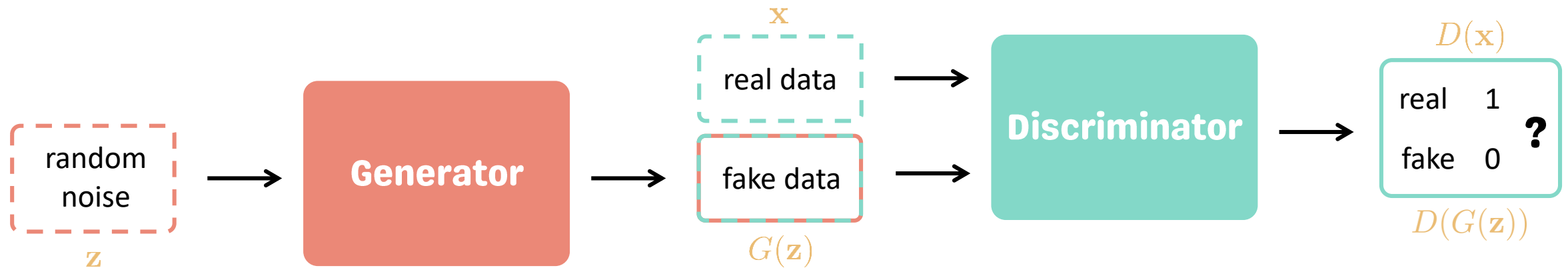
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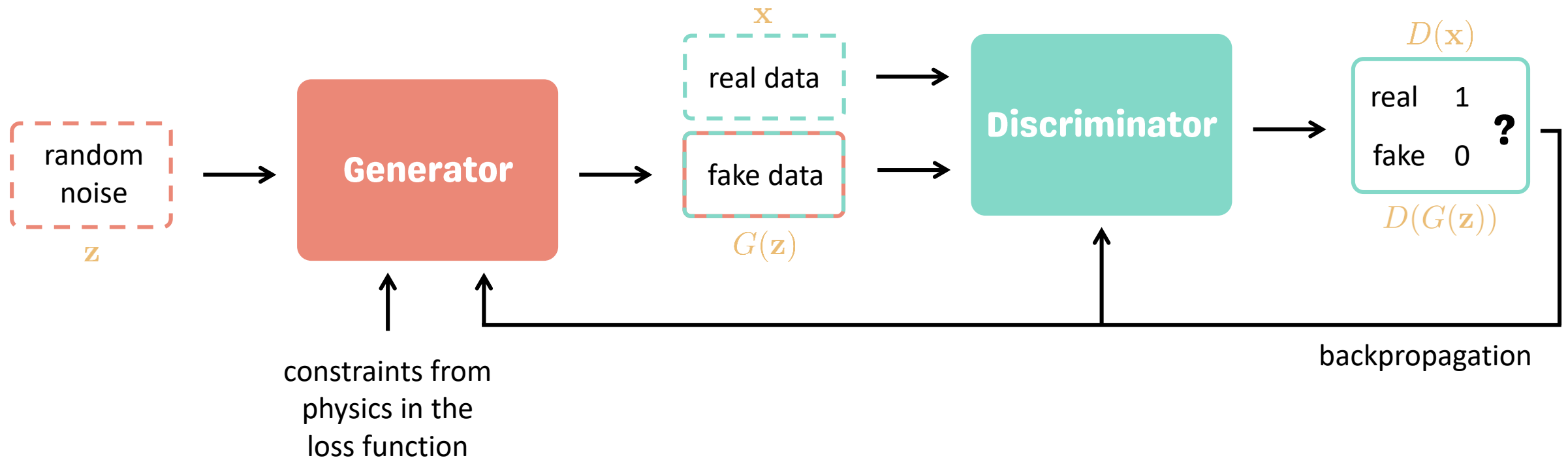
GAN
Minmax
Game

$$\min_G \max_D V(D, G) = \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{x} \sim p_{\text{data}}(\mathbf{x})} [\log D(\mathbf{x})]}_{\text{real data}} + \underbrace{\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{z} \sim p_z(\mathbf{z})} [\log(1 - D(G(\mathbf{z})))]}_{\text{fake data}}$$

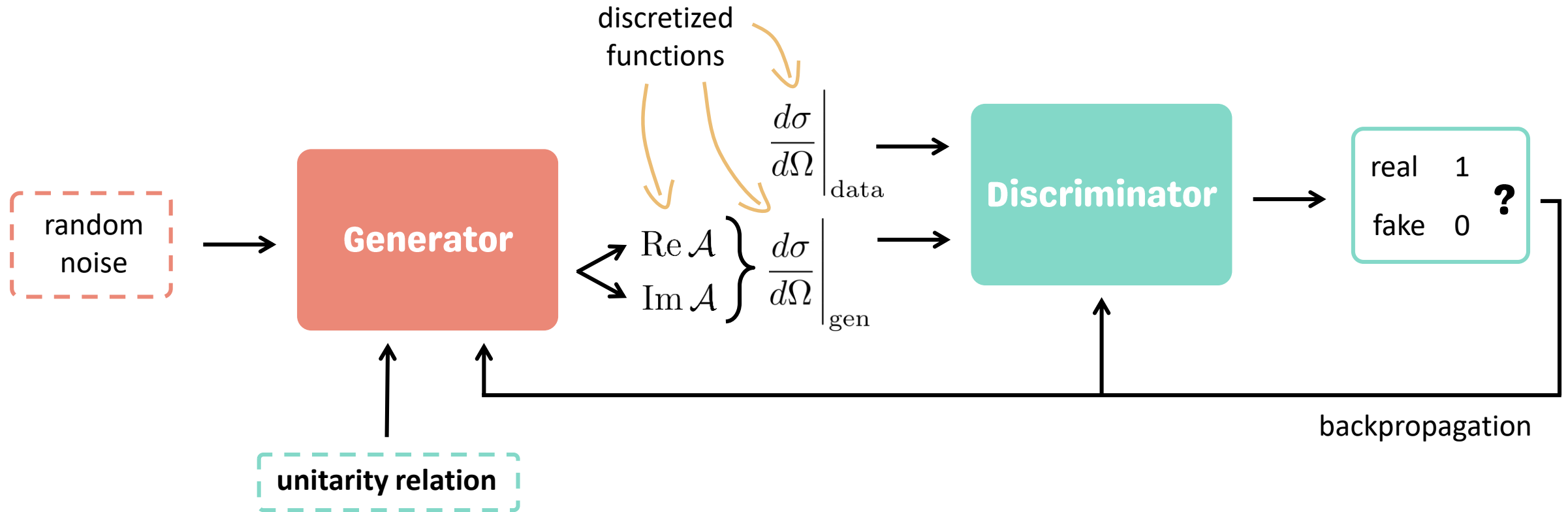
G minimizes ↓ N/A
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fake data
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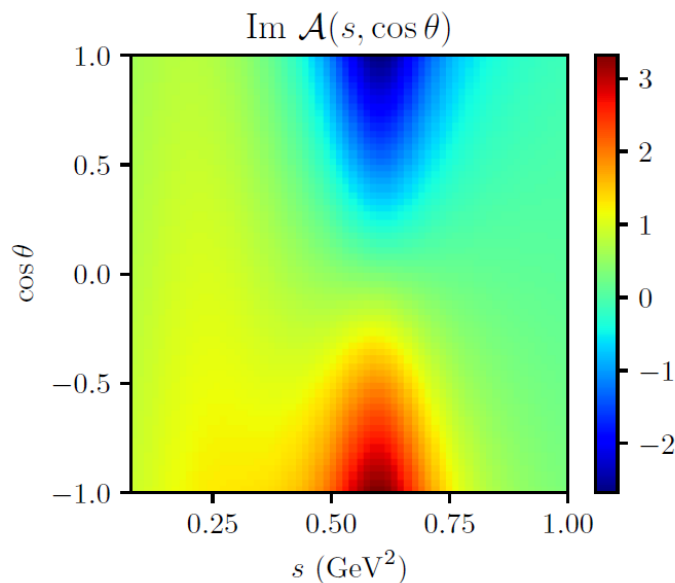
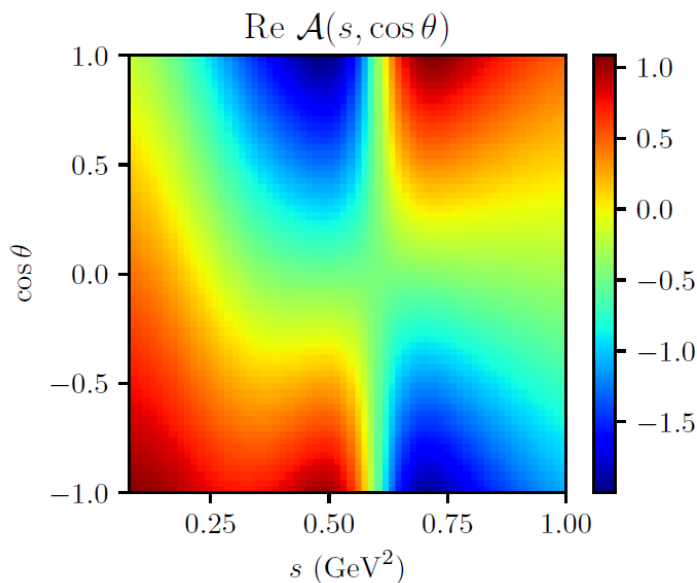
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Partial-wave decomposition of the amplitude
truncated to $n = 1$ and Breit-Wigner type partial waves:

$$\mathcal{A}(s, \cos \theta) = f_0(s) + 3f_1(s) \cos \theta$$

$$f_{\ell} = \frac{m_{\ell} \Gamma_{\ell}}{m_{\ell}^2 - s - im_{\ell} \Gamma_{\ell}}$$



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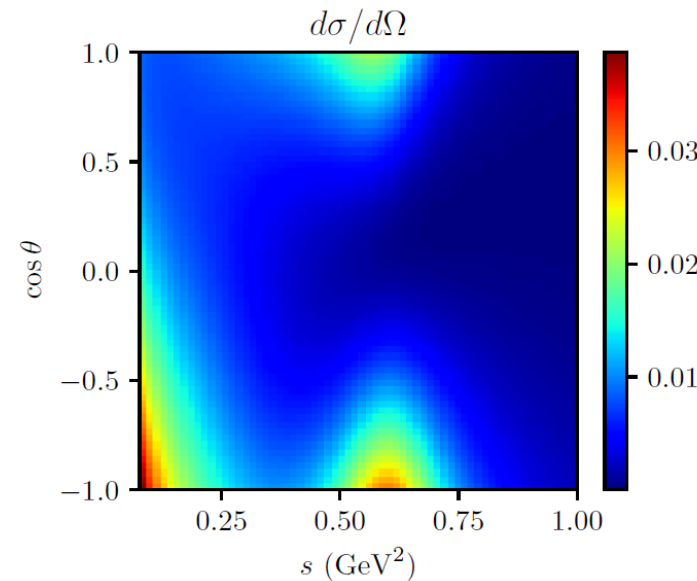
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Differential cross section

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \frac{1}{s} |\mathcal{A}(s, \cos \theta)|^2$$

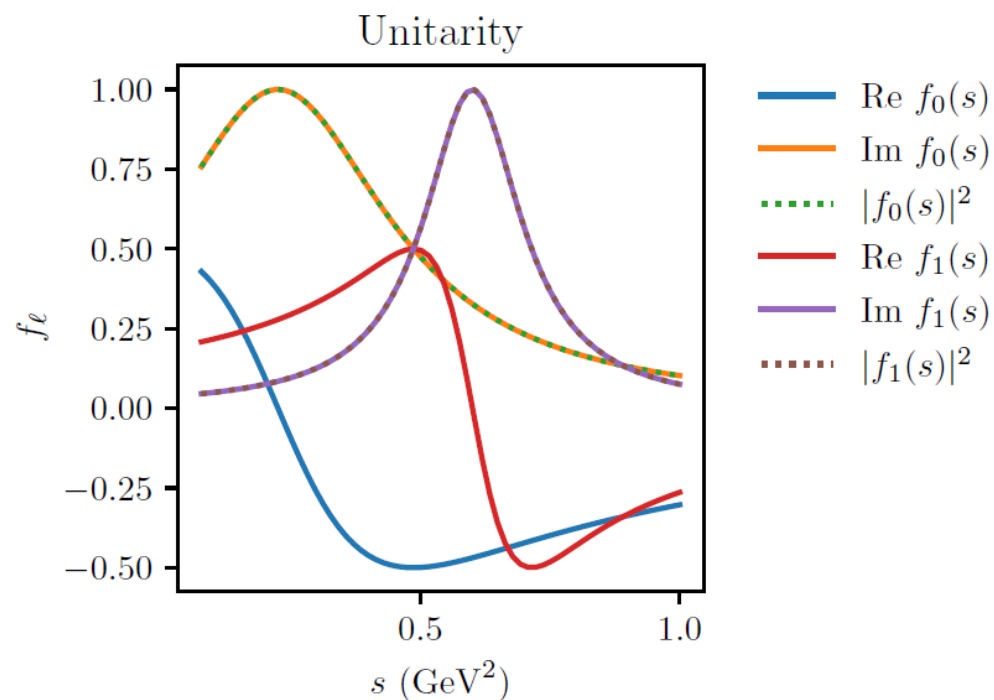


CONSTRAINTS: UNITARITY

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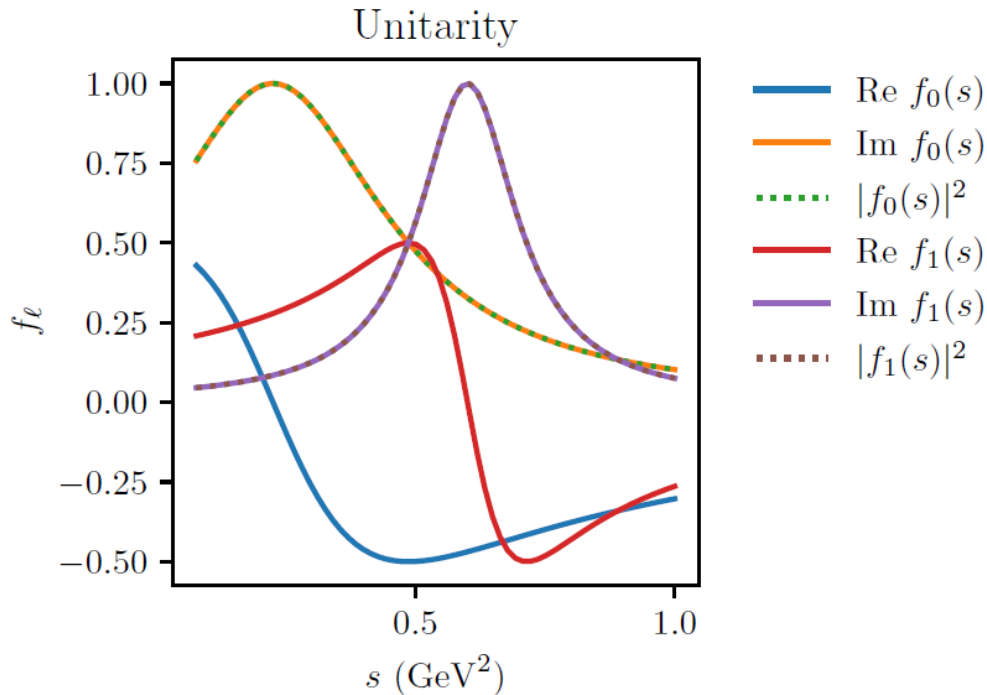


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Integral unitarity relation for the full amplitude

$$\text{Im } \mathcal{A}(s, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{-1}^{+1} dz' \mathcal{A}(s, z') \mathcal{A}^*(s, z'')$$

$$z'' = zz' + \sqrt{1-z^2} \sqrt{1-z'^2} \cos \phi$$

or, equivalently

$$\sin \Phi(s, z) = \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \int_{-1}^{+1} dz' \frac{|\mathcal{A}(s, z')| |\mathcal{A}(s, z'')|}{4\pi |\mathcal{A}(s, z)|} \times \cos [\Phi(s, z') - \Phi(s, z'')]$$

Phase ambiguity: $\mathcal{A}(s, z) \rightarrow -\mathcal{A}^*(s, z)$

$$\Phi(s, z) \rightarrow \pi - \Phi(s, z)$$

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$$\text{with } \mathcal{I}(s, z) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int_{-1}^1 dz' \int_0^{2\pi} d\phi \left(\mathcal{A}(s, z') \mathcal{A}(s, z''(z, z', \phi)) \right)$$

Integral approximator: Simpson's rule

Integral sampling points: $[\cos \theta \times \phi] = 64 \times 10$

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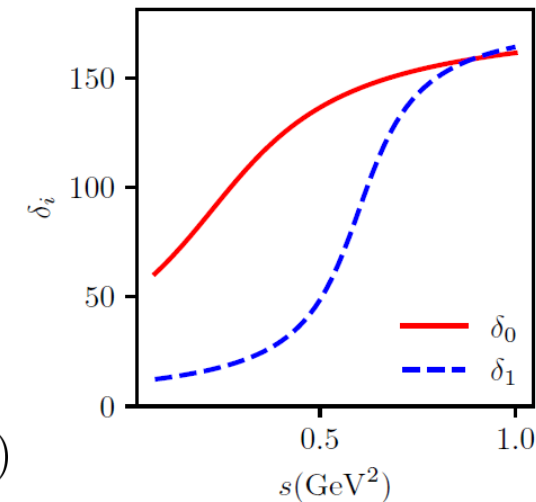
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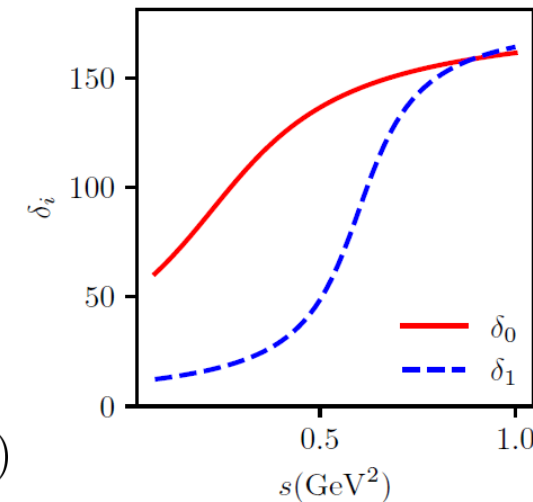
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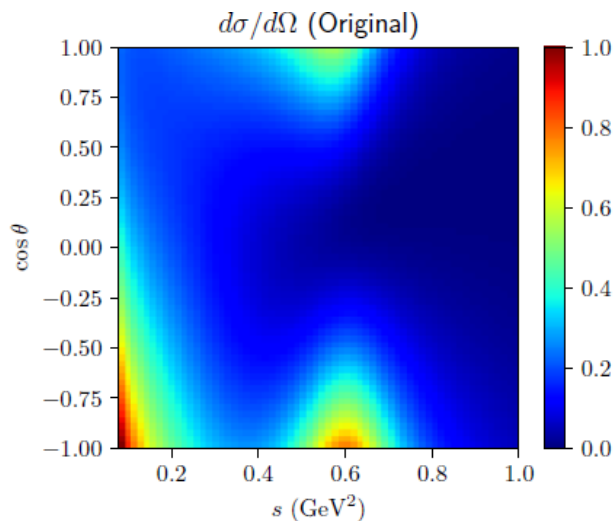
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Better way to constrain the phase?

TRAINING DATASET

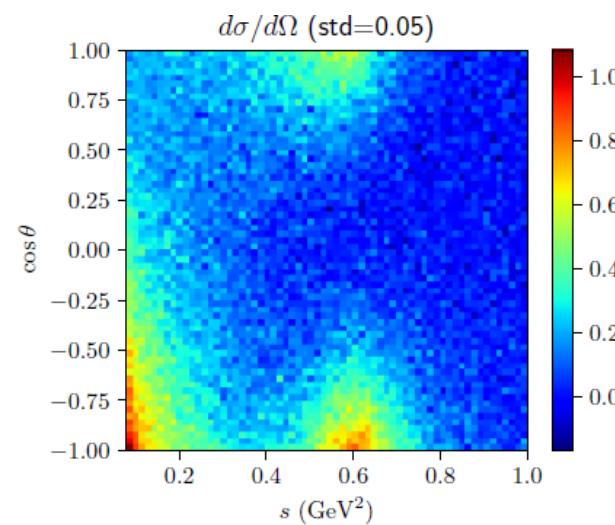
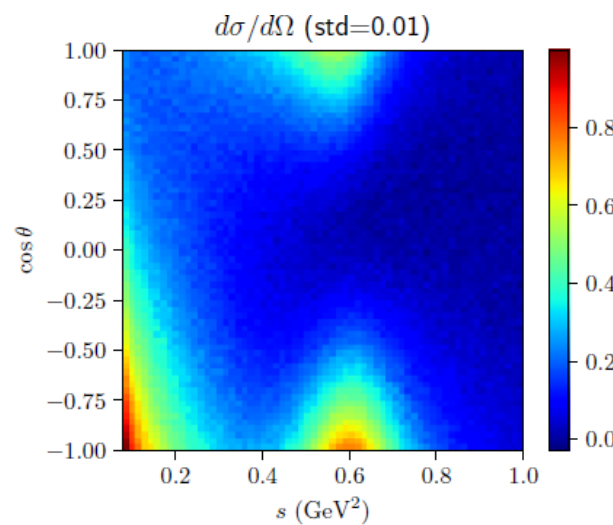
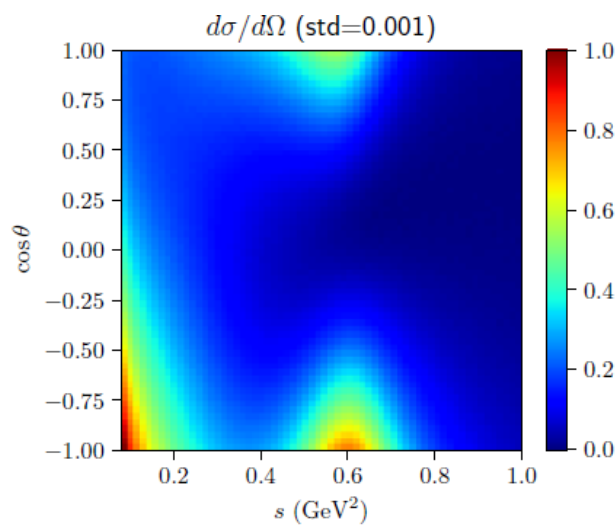
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Normalized differential cross section discretized in grid:

$$64 \times 64, s \in [(2m_\pi)^2, 1 \text{ GeV}^2], \cos\theta \in [-1, 1]$$

Training samples with additional gaussian noise:



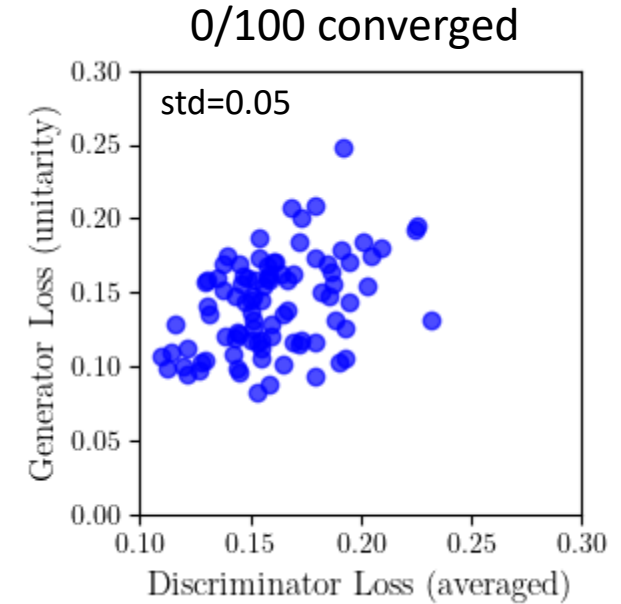
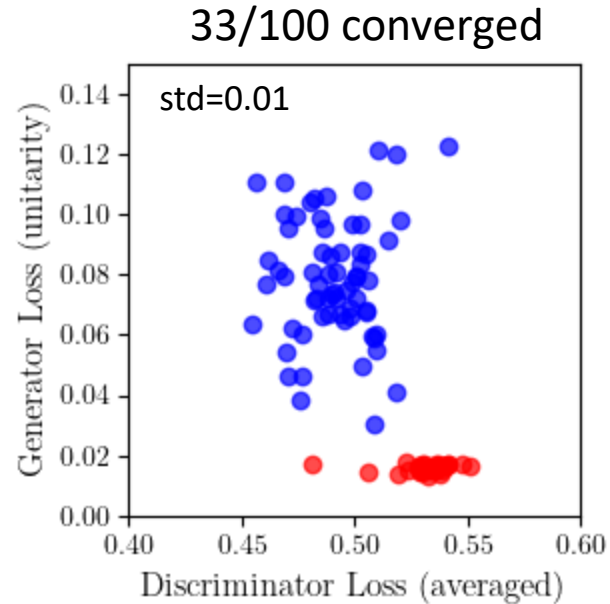
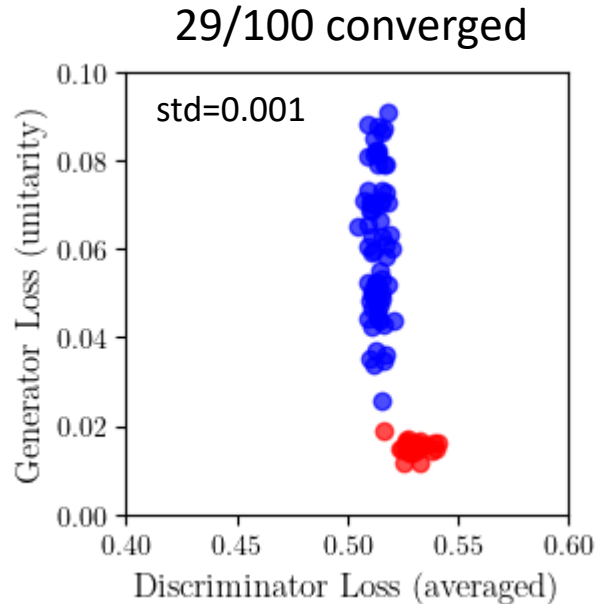
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☒ Trained 100 GANs for 200 epochs:

Stop training if unitarity loss is smaller than 0.02 and changes less than 0.01 and for 10 consecutive epochs:

$$\mathcal{L}_u < 0.02$$

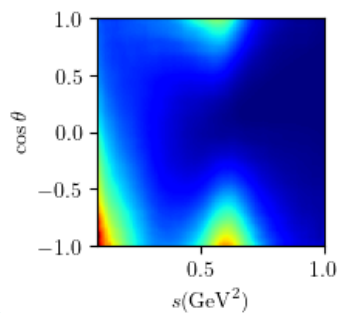
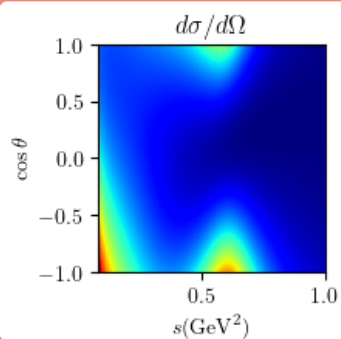
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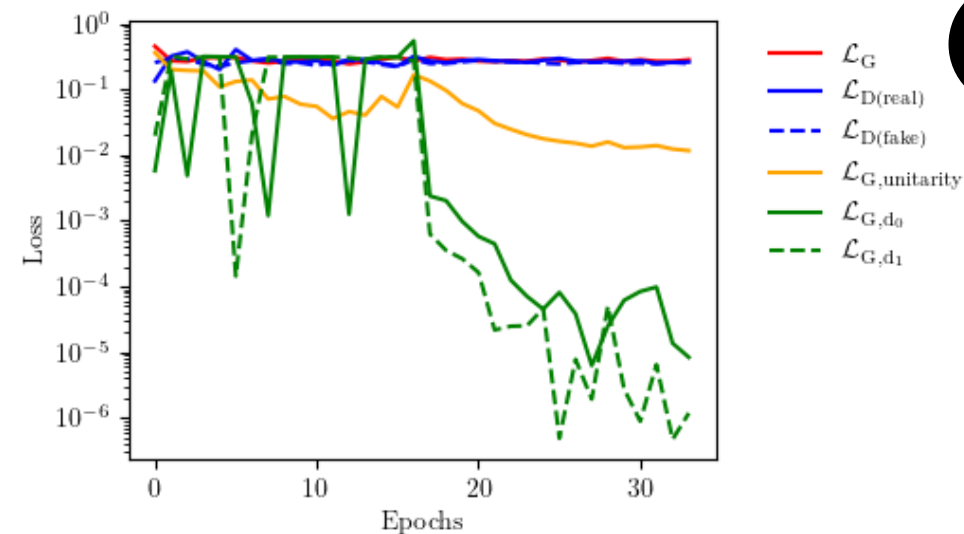
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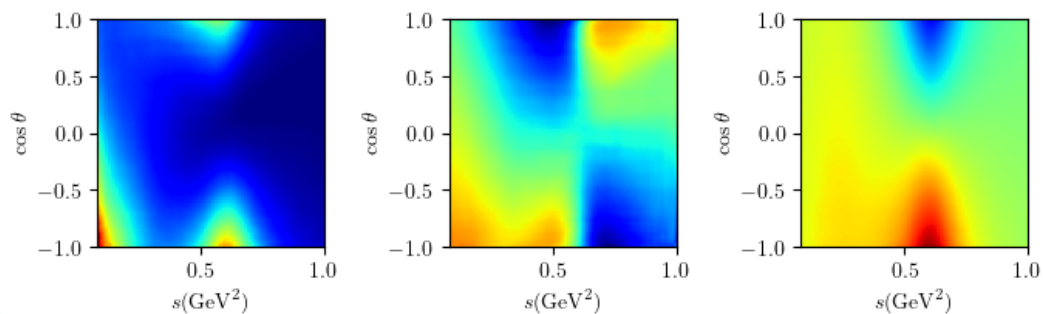
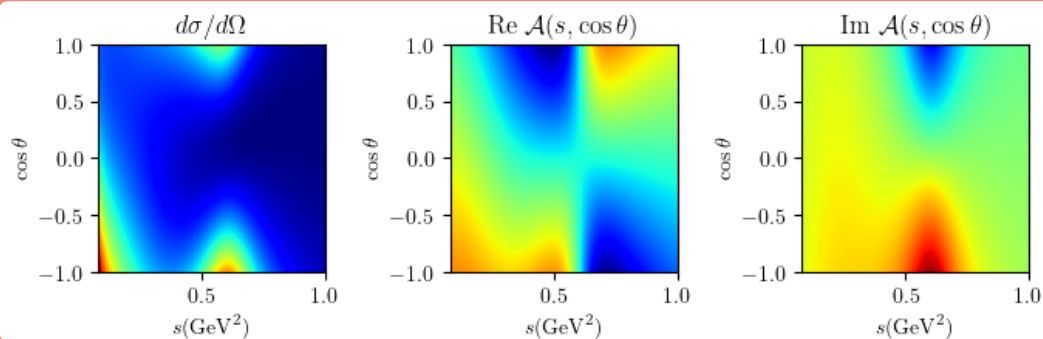
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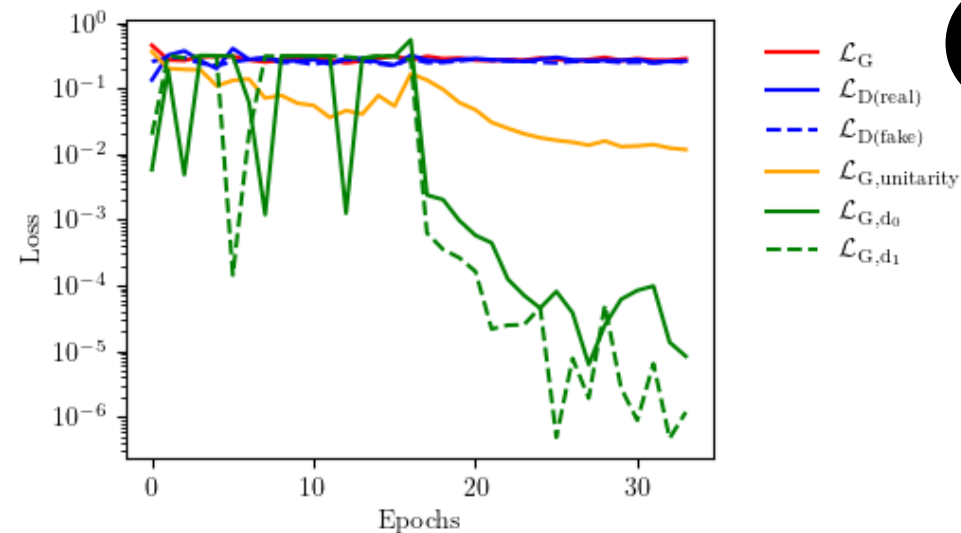
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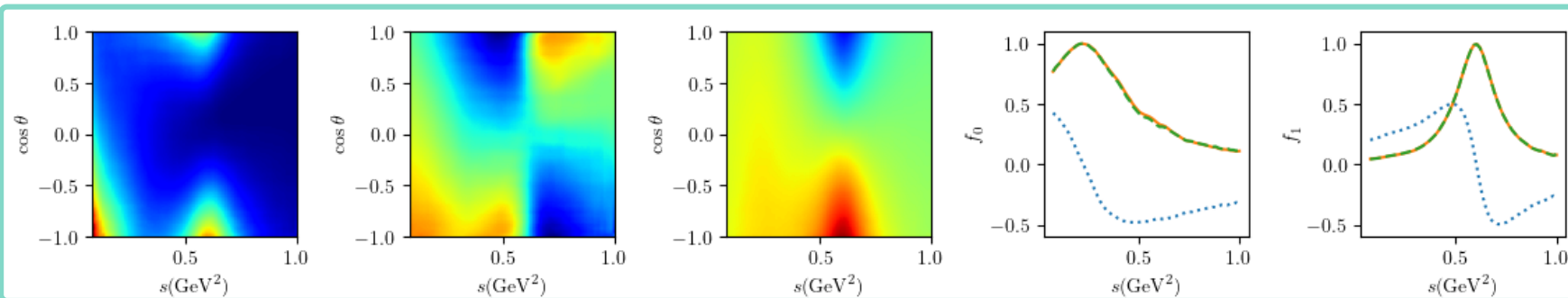
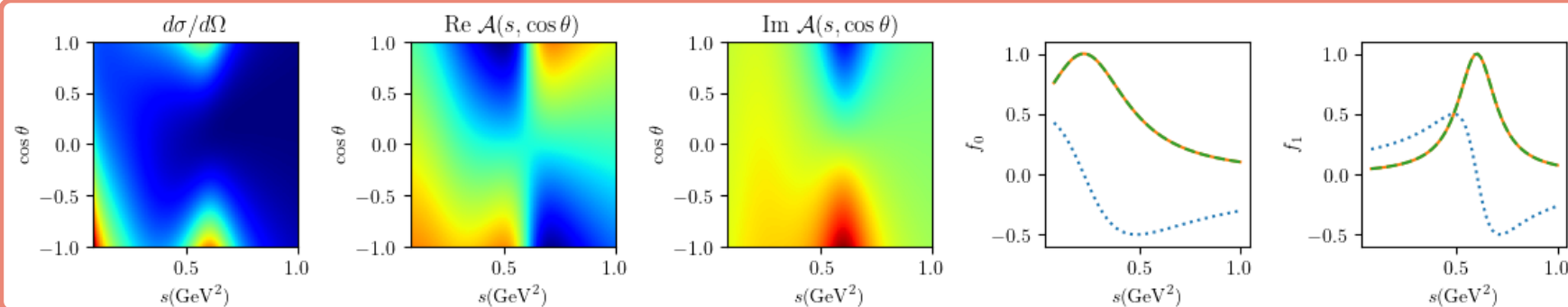
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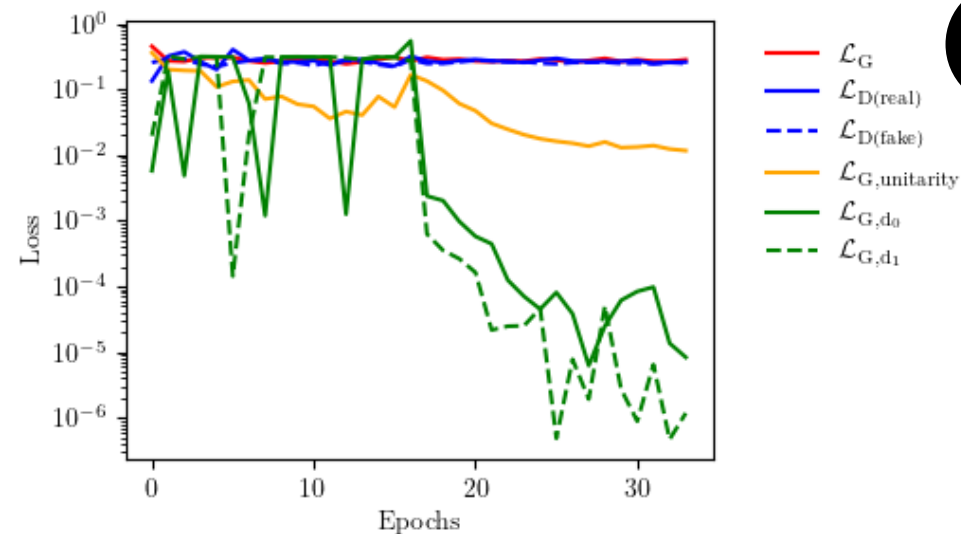
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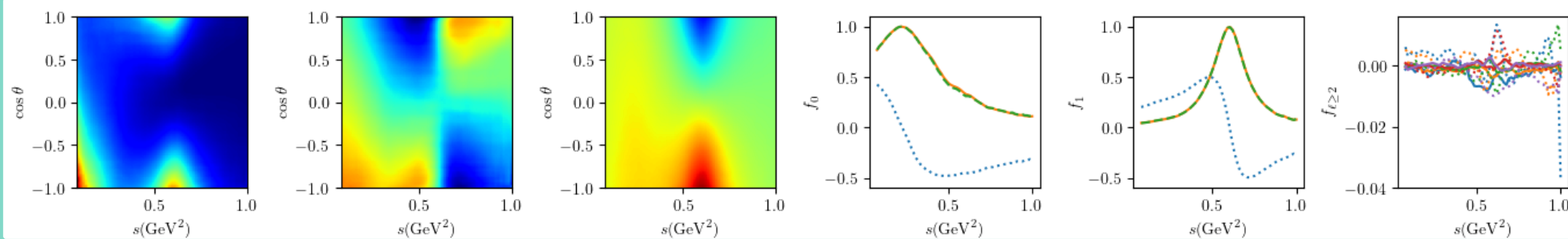
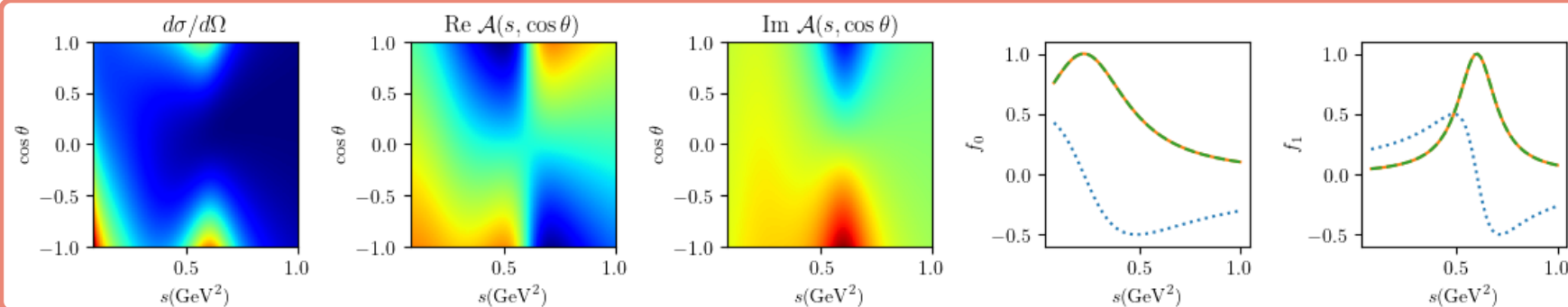
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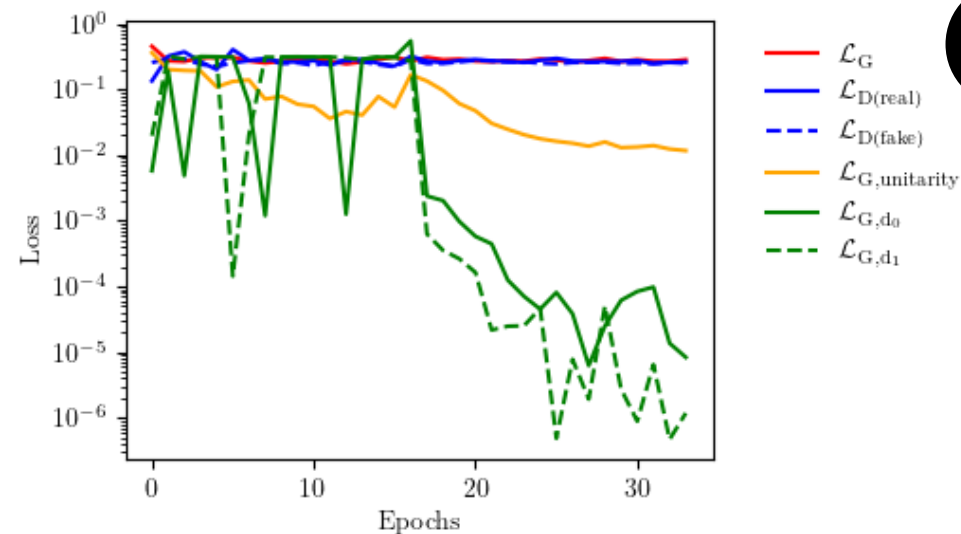
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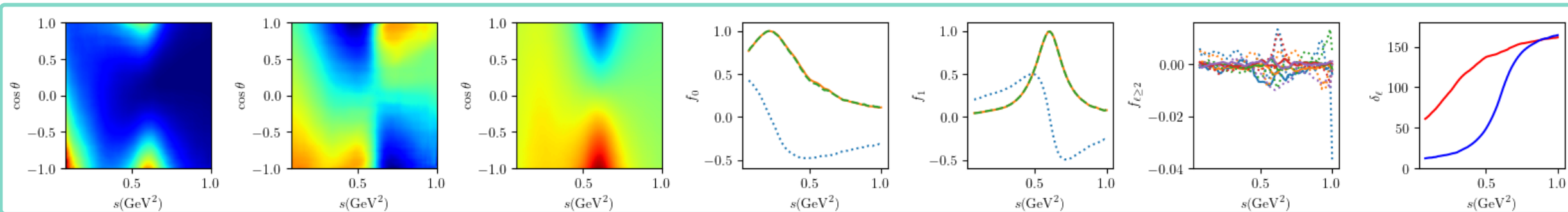
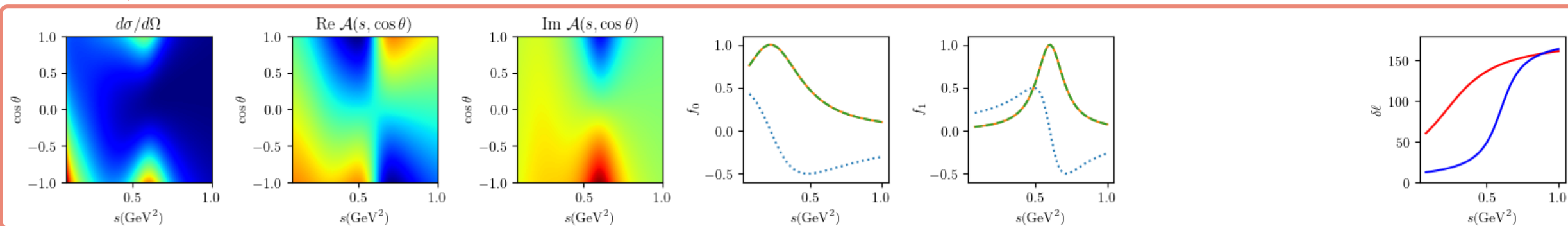
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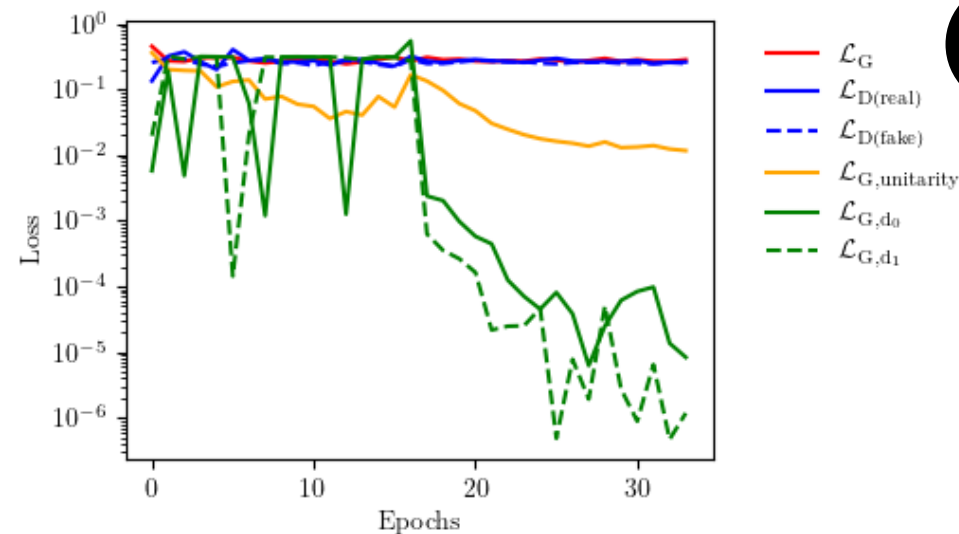
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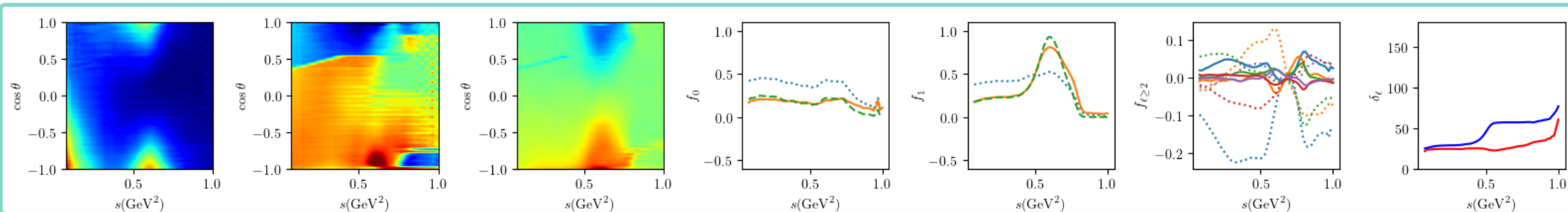
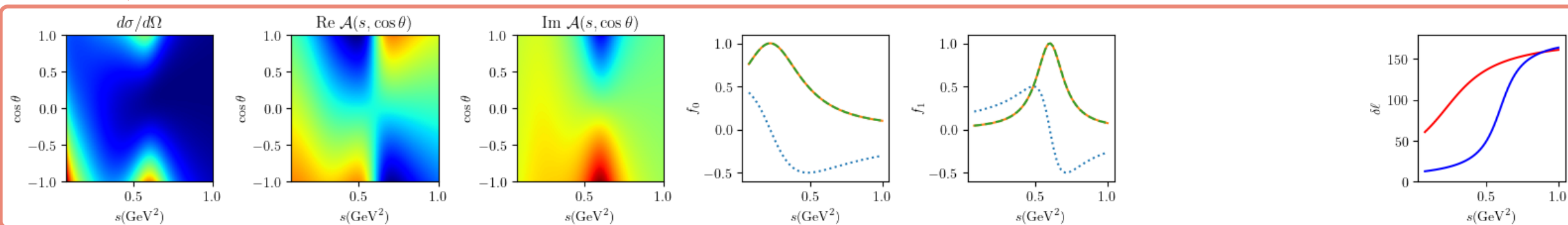
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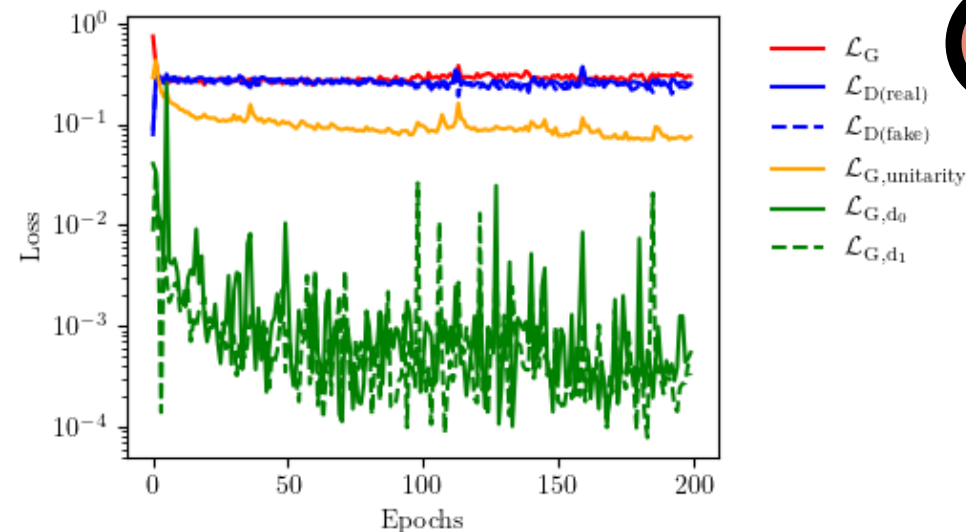
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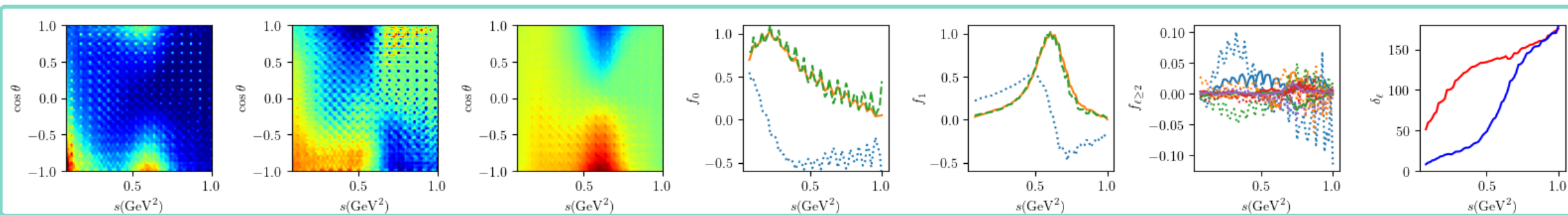
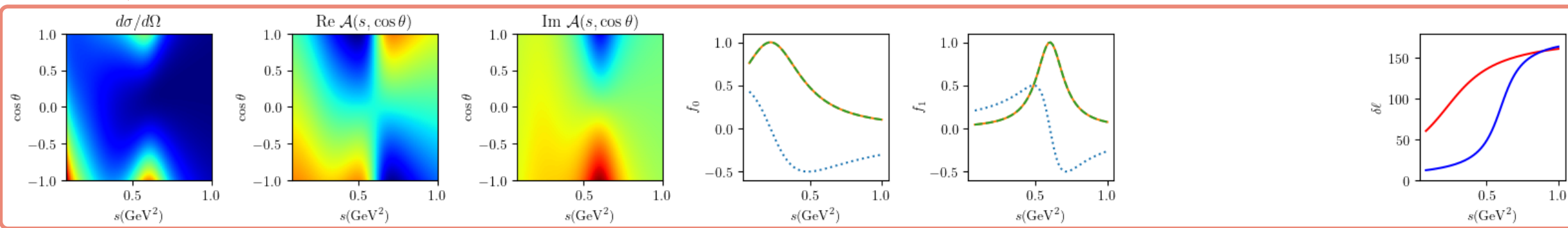
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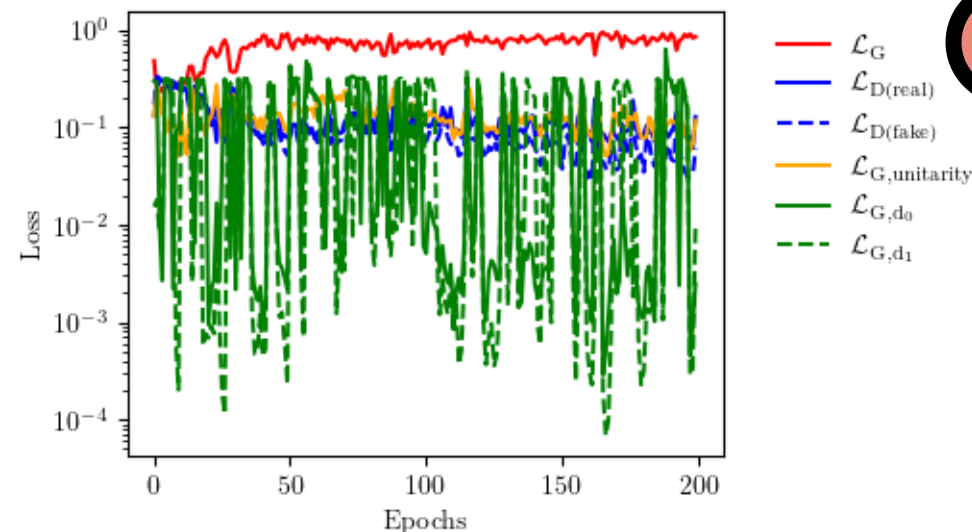
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☒ Example of a “not too bad” non-converged GAN with std=0.05:

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CONCLUSIONS & OUTLOOK

🔗 Current achievements:

We developed a physics-constrained GAN framework for the direct extraction of complex amplitudes from simulated cross-section data.

Integrated a unitarity loss and explicit phase constraints to guide the GAN training, ensuring the physical validity and uniqueness of the recovered amplitudes.

🔗 What's next?

Optimize the GAN architecture and fine-tune hyperparameters to maximize performance and training stability.

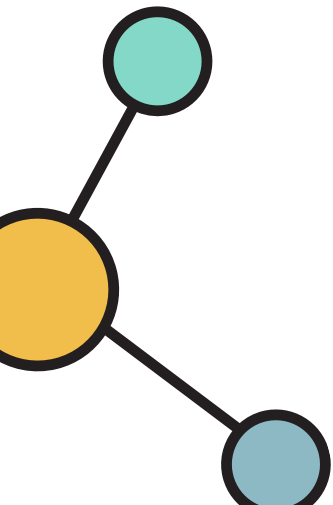
Explore additional/alternative physics-informed constraints to stabilize the GAN training further.

Perform a quantitative analysis and error estimation.

🔭 Longer-term future directions:

Explore diffusion models as an alternative generative model for amplitude extraction.
Extend from cross-section to the event-level analysis using, e.g. normalizing flows.
Generalize to more complex processes and data.

Preliminary status, but the results of using physics-constrained generative models to extract amplitudes from cross sections employing are promising.



Back-up slides

IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS



🔍 GAN architecture:

Generator

| Layer Type | Input Dimensions | Output Dimensions | Activation/Other Details |
|---------------------|---|---|---------------------------------------|
| Fully Connected | (batch_size, noise_dim) | (batch_size, $4 \times 4 \times 1024$) | BatchNorm, LeakyReLU (0.2) |
| Reshape | (batch_size, $4 \times 4 \times 1024$) | (batch_size, 4, 64, 64) | Reshapes tensor |
| ConvTranspose2d (1) | (batch_size, 4, 64, 64) | (batch_size, 64, 64, 64) | BatchNorm, LeakyReLU (0.2), Kernel=17 |
| ConvTranspose2d (2) | (batch_size, 64, 64, 64) | (batch_size, 64, 64, 64) | BatchNorm, LeakyReLU (0.2), Kernel=17 |
| ConvTranspose2d (3) | (batch_size, 64, 64, 64) | (batch_size, 64, 64, 64) | BatchNorm, LeakyReLU (0.2), Kernel=17 |
| ConvTranspose2d (4) | (batch_size, 64, 64, 64) | (batch_size, 64, 64, 64) | BatchNorm, LeakyReLU (0.2), Kernel=17 |
| Conv2d (Final) | (batch_size, 64, 64, 64) | (batch_size, 2, 64, 64) | Produces 2-channel image output |

Lambda

| Layer Type | Input Dimensions | Output Dimensions | Transformation Details |
|------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Lambda | (batch_size, 2, 64, 64) | (batch_size, 1, 64, 64) | Maps generator output to discriminator input |

Too complex?
Too simple?

Discriminator

| Layer Type | Input Dimensions | Output Dimensions | Activation/Other Details |
|---------------------|--|--|---|
| Conv2d (1) | (batch_size, 1, 64, 64) | (batch_size, 64, 32, 32) | LeakyReLU (0.2), Dropout (0.3), Kernel=4 |
| Conv2d (2) | (batch_size, 64, 32, 32) | (batch_size, 128, 16, 16) | BatchNorm, LeakyReLU (0.2), Dropout (0.3) |
| Flatten | (batch_size, 128, 16, 16) | (batch_size, $128 \times 16 \times 16$) | Flattens for FC layers |
| Fully Connected (1) | (batch_size, $128 \times 16 \times 16$) | (batch_size, 64) | LeakyReLU (0.2), Dropout (0.3) |
| Fully Connected (2) | (batch_size, 64) | (batch_size, 1) | Outputs real/fake score |

IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

🔧 Other hyperparameters:

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| Generator Optimizer | Adam Learning rate: 0.0001 |
| Discriminator Optimizer | Adam Learning rate: 0.00001 |
| Batch Size | 256 |
| Training Size | 40×256 |
| Input Noise Dimension | 100 |
| Epochs | Total: 200 (with stopping if convergence achieved) |
| Weights for Generator Losses | [MSE, unitarity, d0, d1] = [1,1,10,10] |
| Device | GPU |

How to optimize?