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Gravitational form factors on the lattice

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Outline

Gravitational form factors (GFFs)

Physics motivation(s)

Fundamental properties of hadrons

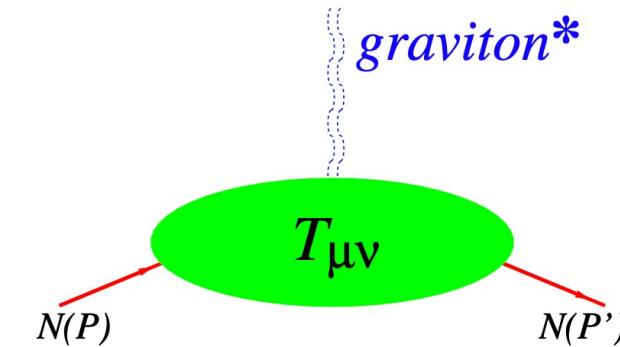
Relation to GPDs

Previous work

(Gluon) GFFs on the lattice [\[Pefkou DH Shanahan 2022\]](#)

Pion, nucleon, ρ meson, Δ baryon at $M_\pi = 450$ MeV

Spatial densities of energy, pressure, shear forces



[cf. talks from Tuesday morning GPD session]

Motivation 1: Gravitational/EMT form factors (GFFs)

For (symmetric) EMT, $T^{\{\mu\nu\}} = T_g^{\{\mu\nu\}} + \sum_q T_q^{\{\mu\nu\}}$ ← { } ≡ symmetrize e.g. $a^{\{\mu} b^{\nu\}} \equiv \frac{1}{2}(a^\mu b^\nu + a^\nu b^\mu)$

Gluons $T_g^{\{\mu\nu\}} = 2 \text{Tr}[G^{\alpha\{\mu} G^{\nu\}\alpha}]$ Quarks $T_q^{\{\mu\nu\}} = \bar{\psi} \gamma^{\{\mu} i \overleftrightarrow{D}^{\nu\}} \psi$ ← $\overleftrightarrow{D} = (\vec{D} - \vec{D})/2$

GFFs decompose hadronic matrix elements of T , e.g. for nucleon:

Not conserved
 $\sum_q \bar{c}_q + \bar{c}_g = 0$

$$\langle N(p', s') | T_{g,q}^{\{\mu\nu\}} | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left[A_{g,q}(t) \gamma^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}} + B_{g,q}(t) \frac{i P^{\{\mu} \sigma^{\nu\}\rho} \Delta_\rho}{2M} + D_{g,q}(t) \frac{\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{4M} + \bar{c}_{g,q}(t) M g^{\mu\nu} \right] u(p, s)$$

u, \bar{u} = Dirac spinors $P = (p' + p)/2$ $\Delta = p' - p$ $t = \Delta^2$

Physics:

$A_{q,g}(t)$ ~ momentum of constituents

→ Momentum fraction $A_{q,g}(0) = \langle x \rangle_{q,g}$

$J_{q,g}(t) = \frac{1}{2}(A_{q,g}(t) + B_{q,g}(t))$ ~ angular momentum

→ Total $J(0) = \frac{1}{2}$

$D_{q,g}(t)$ ~ pressure and shear forces

Total $D(0)$: “the last global unknown”

[Polyakov Schweitzer 2018]

em: $\partial_\mu J_{\text{em}}^\mu = 0$ $\langle N' | J_{\text{em}}^\mu | N \rangle \rightarrow Q = 1.602176487(40) \times 10^{-19} \text{C}$
 $\mu = 2.792847356(23) \mu_N$

weak: PCAC $\langle N' | J_{\text{weak}}^\mu | N \rangle \rightarrow g_A = 1.2694(28)$
 $g_p = 8.06(55)$

gravity: $\partial_\mu T_{\text{grav}}^{\mu\nu} = 0$ $\langle N' | T_{\text{grav}}^{\mu\nu} | N \rangle \rightarrow m = 938.272013(23) \text{ MeV}/c^2$
 $J = \frac{1}{2}$
 $D = ?$

Table I. The global properties of the proton defined in terms of matrix elements of the conserved currents associated with respectively electromagnetic, weak, and gravitational interaction. Notice the weak currents include the partially conserved axial current, and g_A or g_p are strictly speaking defined in terms of transition matrix elements in the neutron β -decay or muon-capture. The values of the properties are from the particle data book [107] and [108] (for g_p) except for the unknown D -term.

Motivation 2: Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

Lattice approaches:

e.g. LaMET/SDF

e.g. Compton amplitudes

This work: GFFs = lowest Mellin moments of (unpolarized) GPDs

Experimental access:

Quarks:

JLAB: proton D term extracted from DVCS

[Burkert Elouadrhiri Girod 2018]

Belle: pion GFFs extracted from $\gamma^*\gamma \rightarrow \pi^0\pi^0$

[Kumano Song Teryaev 2017]

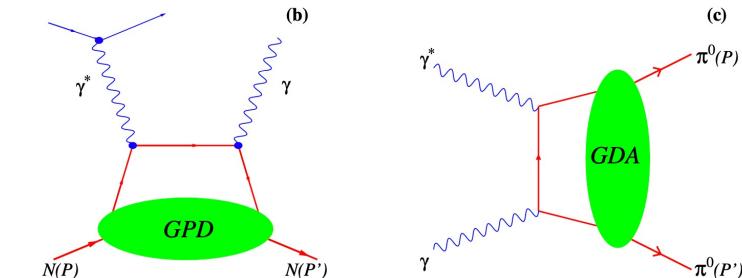
Glue:

Future: gluon GFFs from e.g. J/ψ and Υ lepto-production

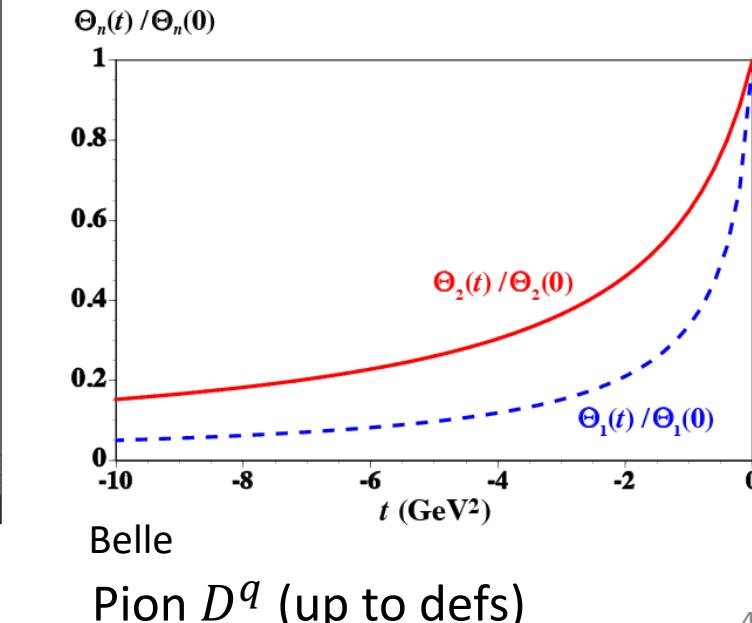
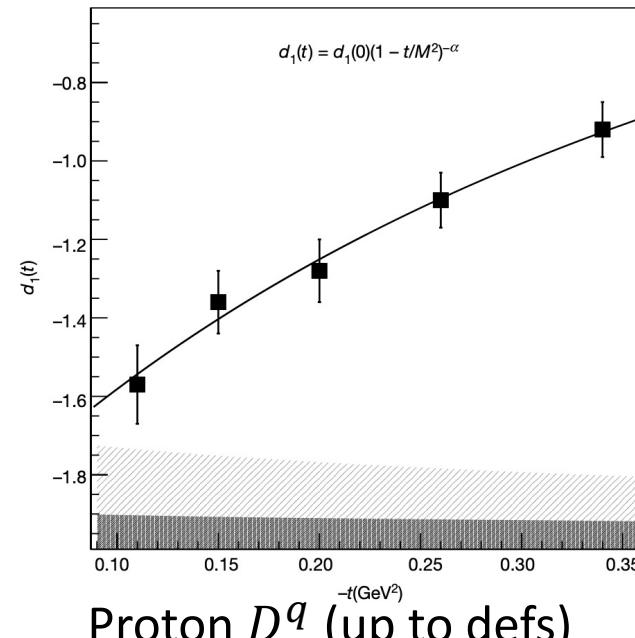
e.g. nucleon

$$\int dx x H_{q,g}(x, \xi, t) = A_{q,g}(t) + \xi^2 D_{q,g}(t)$$

$$\int dx x E_{q,g}(x, \xi, t) = B_{q,g}(t) - \xi^2 D_{q,g}(t)$$



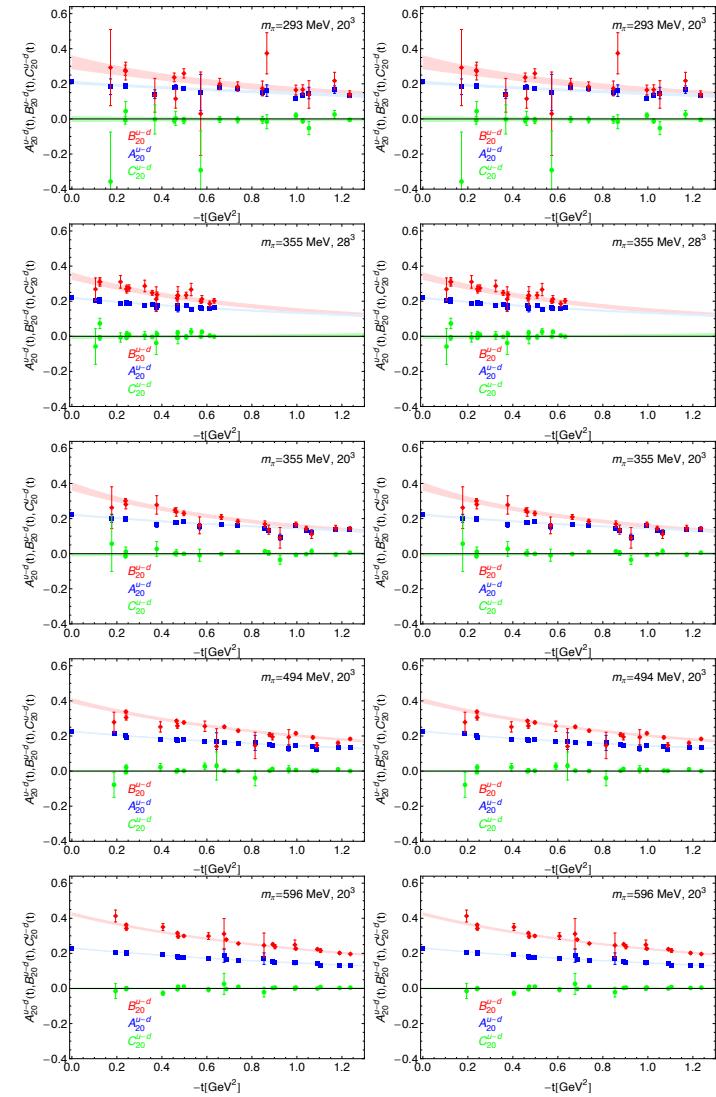
[Polyakov Schweitzer 2018]



Previous work

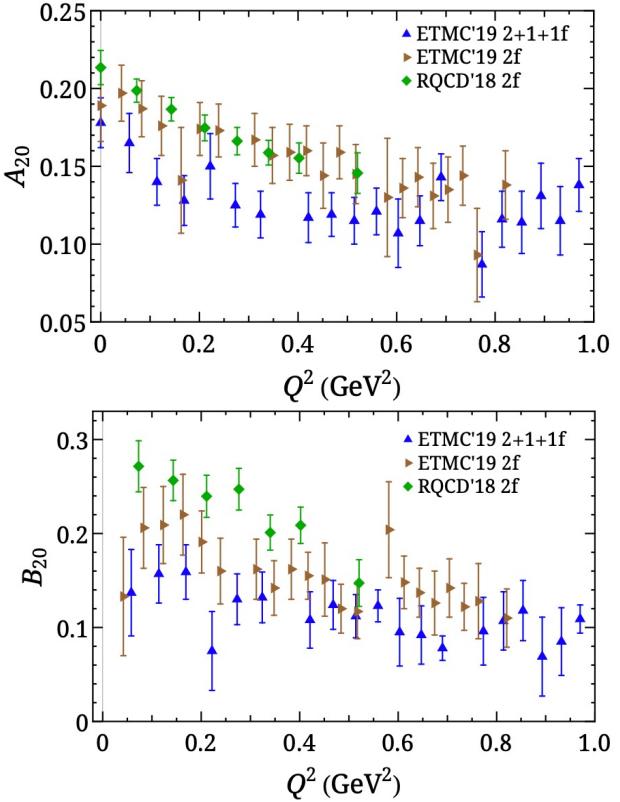
Nucleon quark

[LHPC 2010]



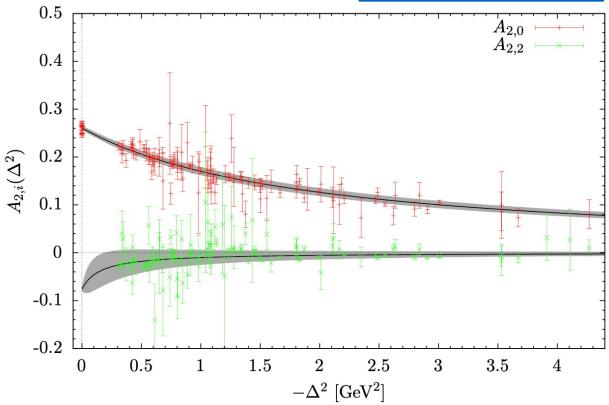
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[ETMC 2020, RQCD 2019 (fig: 2006.08636)]



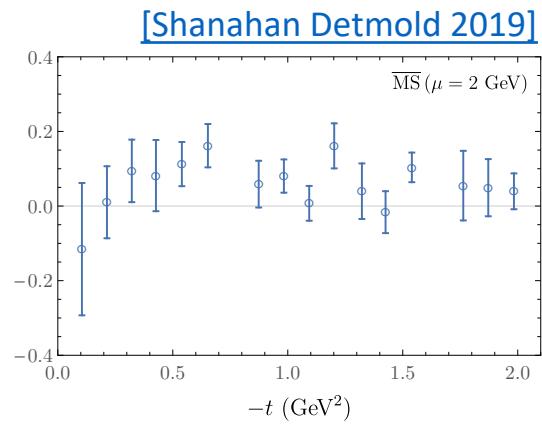
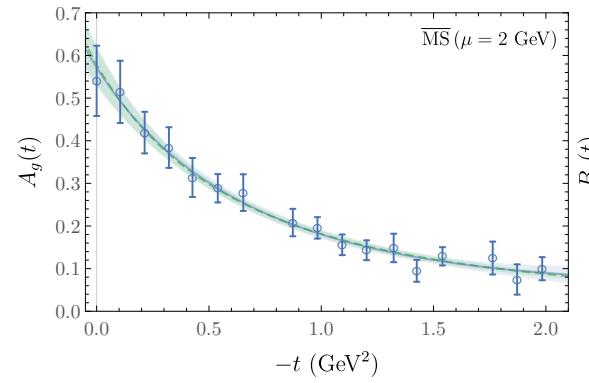
Pion quark

[Brommel 2007]

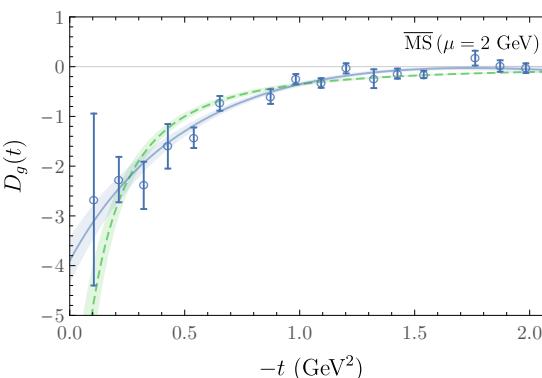
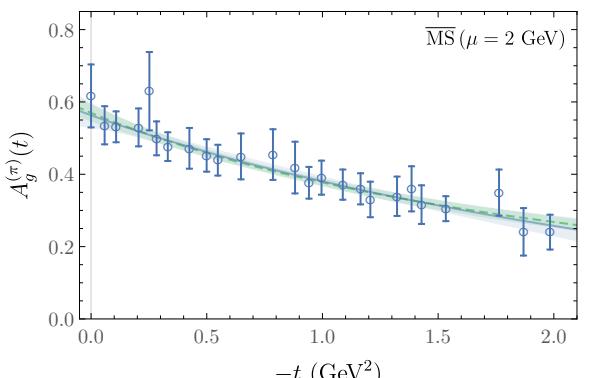


Many results for quarks, few for glue at $t \neq 0$

Nucleon glue



Pion glue



Lattice calculation

Ensemble:

$32^3 \times 96$ lattice, $M_\pi L \sim 8.5$

Gauge action: Lüscher-Weisz

Fermion action: 2+1 Wilson clover

Stout links, tree-level tadpole c_{sw}

$a = 0.1167(16)$ fm

$M_\pi = 450(5)$ MeV

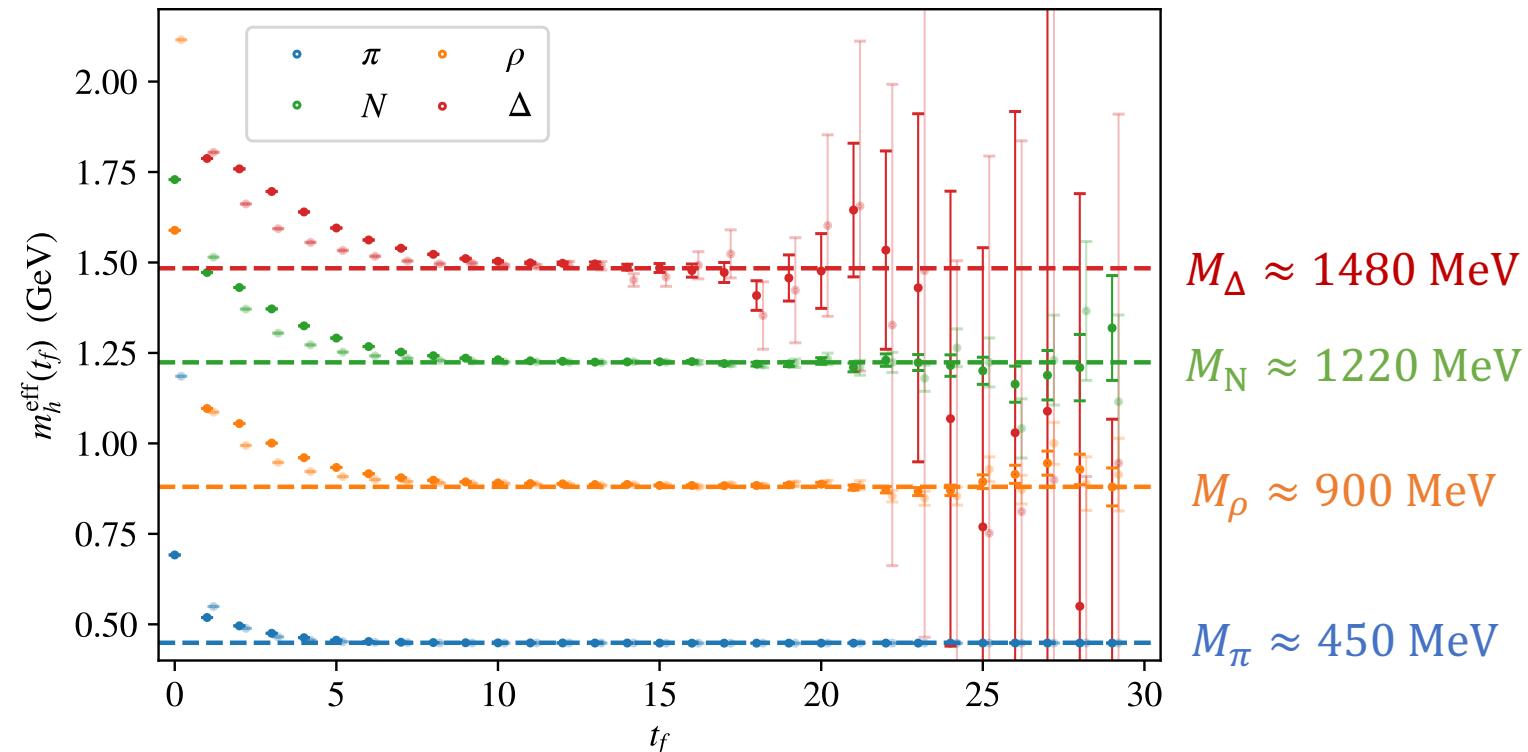
$\rightarrow \rho, \Delta$ are stable

2820 configs, ≈ 235 sources/config

Two source/sink smearings

Compute glue GFFs only

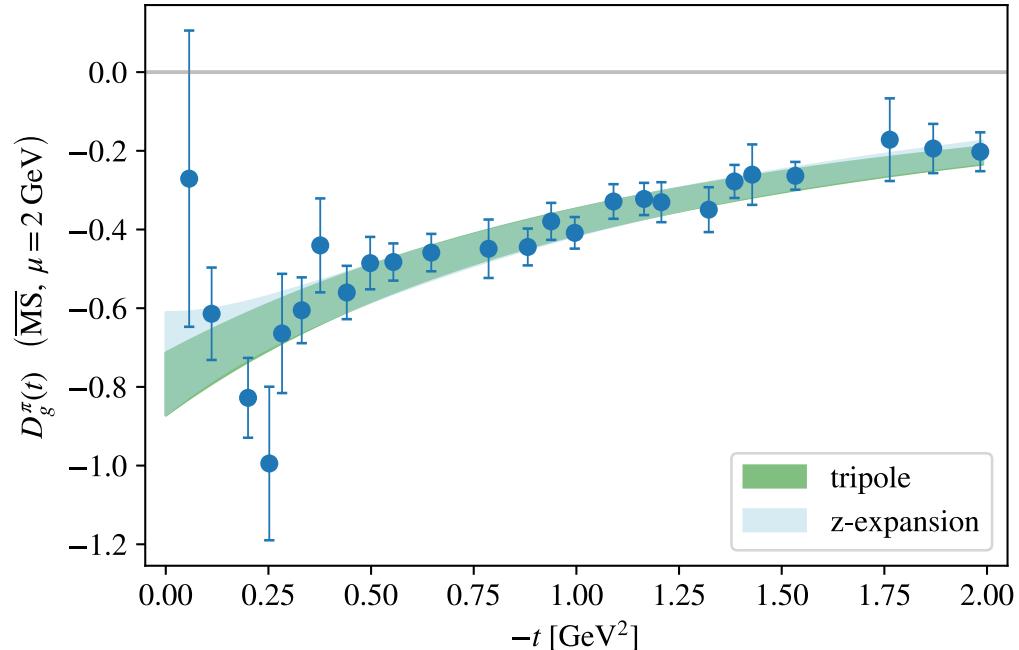
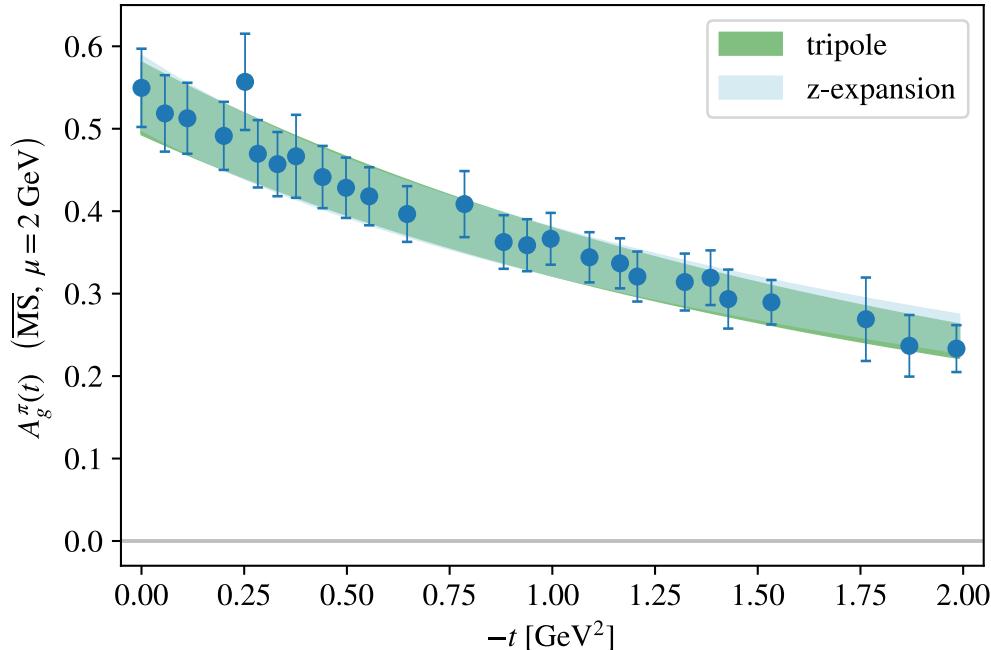
Neglect mixing w/ quark GFFs under renormalization – expected around few % level \ll stat uncertainties



Results: pion

$$\langle \pi(p') | T_g^{\{\mu\nu\}} | \pi(p) \rangle = A_g(t) 2P^\mu P^\nu + D_g(t) \frac{1}{2} (\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2) + \bar{c}_g(t) 2M^2 g^{\mu\nu}$$

$\sim \langle x \rangle_g [\sum_q A_q(0) + A_g(0) = 1]$



Tripole:

$$G(t) = \frac{\alpha}{\left(1 - \frac{t}{\Lambda^2}\right)^3}$$

(Modified) z-expansion:

$$G(t) = \frac{1}{\left(1 - \frac{t}{\Lambda^2}\right)^3} \sum_{k=0}^2 \alpha_k [z(t)]^k$$

$$z(t) = \frac{\sqrt{t_{\text{cut}}-t}-\sqrt{t_{\text{cut}}-t_0}}{\sqrt{t_{\text{cut}}-t}+\sqrt{t_{\text{cut}}-t_0}}$$

$$t_0 = t_{\text{cut}}(1 - \sqrt{1 + (2 \text{ GeV})^2/t_{\text{cut}}})$$

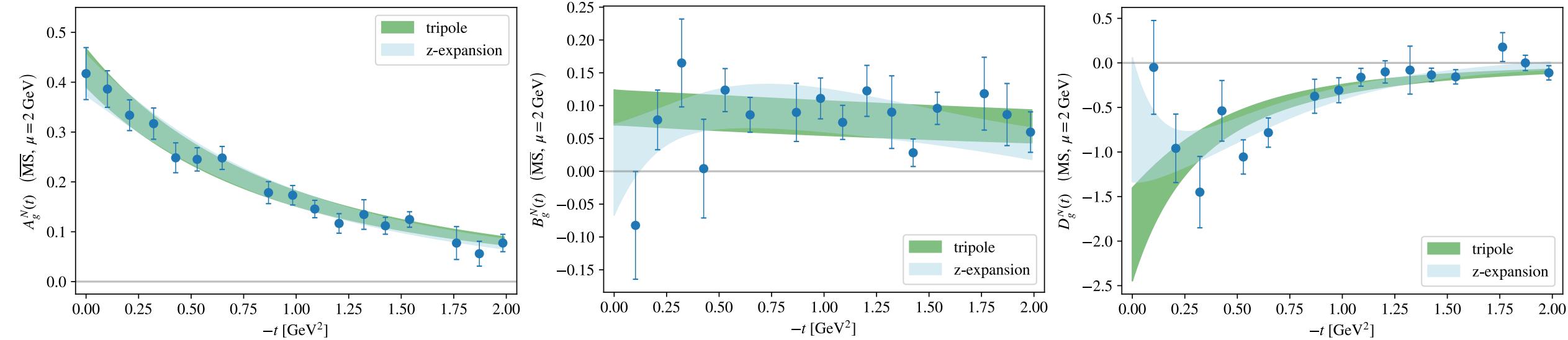
$$t_{\text{cut}} = 4M_\pi^2$$

Results: nucleon

$$\langle N(p', s') | T_g^{\{\mu\nu\}} | N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left[A_g(t) \gamma^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}} + B_g(t) \frac{i P^{\{\mu} \sigma^{\nu\}\rho} \Delta_{\rho}}{2M} + D_g(t) \frac{\Delta^{\mu} \Delta^{\nu} - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{4M} + \bar{c}_g(t) M g^{\mu\nu} \right] u(p, s)$$

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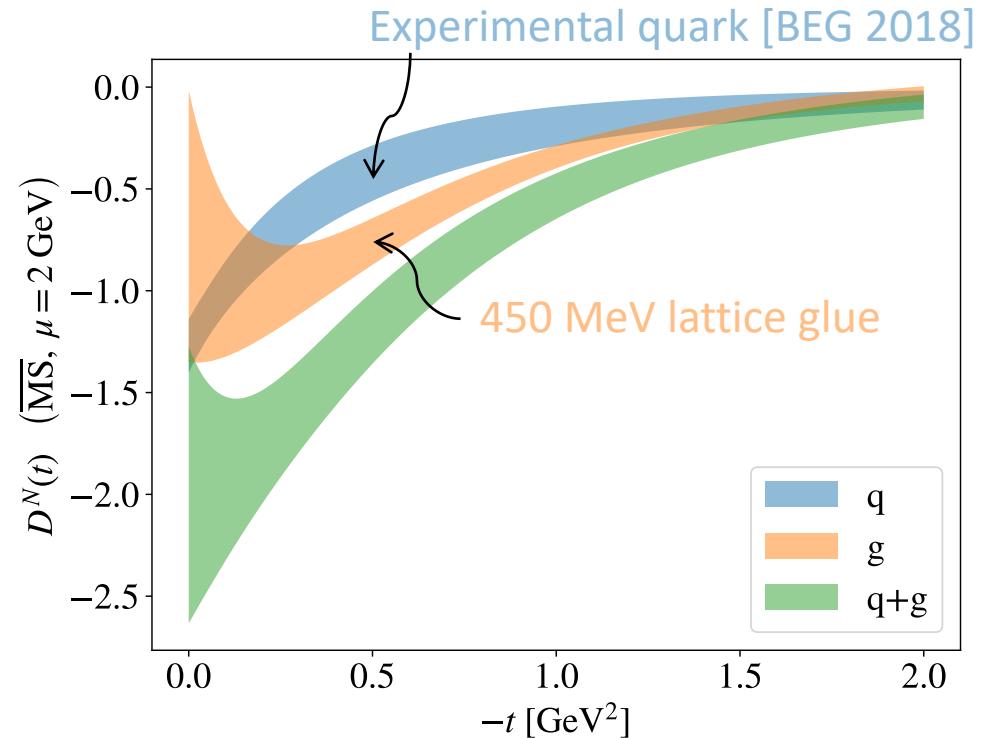
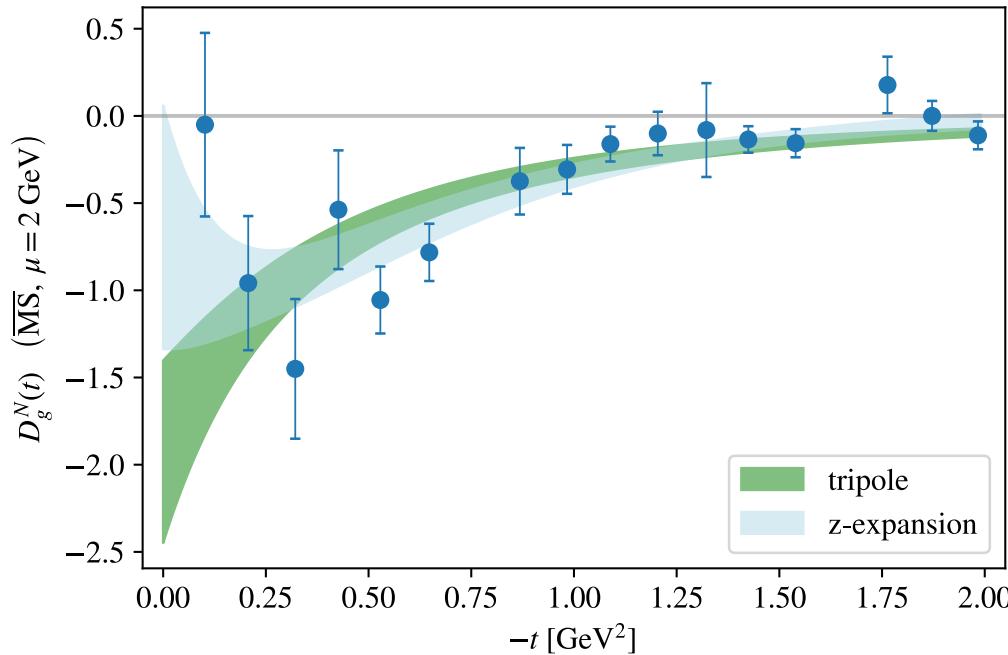
$$z(t) = \frac{\sqrt{t_{\text{cut}} - t} - \sqrt{t_{\text{cut}} - t_0}}{\sqrt{t_{\text{cut}} - t} + \sqrt{t_{\text{cut}} - t_0}}$$

$$t_0 = t_{\text{cut}}(1 - \sqrt{1 + (2 \text{ GeV})^2 / t_{\text{cut}}})$$

$$t_{\text{cut}} = 4M_\pi^2$$

Glue vs total monotonicity?

$$\langle N(p', s') \Big| T_g^{\{\mu\nu\}} \Big| N(p, s) \rangle = \bar{u}(p', s') \left[A_g(t) \gamma^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}} + B_g(t) \frac{i P^{\{\mu} \sigma^{\nu\}\rho} \Delta_{\rho}}{2M} + D_g(t) \frac{\Delta^{\mu} \Delta^{\nu} - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{4M} + \bar{c}_g(t) M g^{\mu\nu} \right] u(p, s)$$



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In progress

Compute both quark and glue GFFs on a different ensemble

Quantify systematics in glue GFFs due to
 $a \neq 0$, unphysical M_π , mixing with quark GFFs

Compute total GFFs \rightarrow non-conserved trace
GFFs cancel

Ensemble [“a091m170”]

Gauge action: Lüscher-Weisz

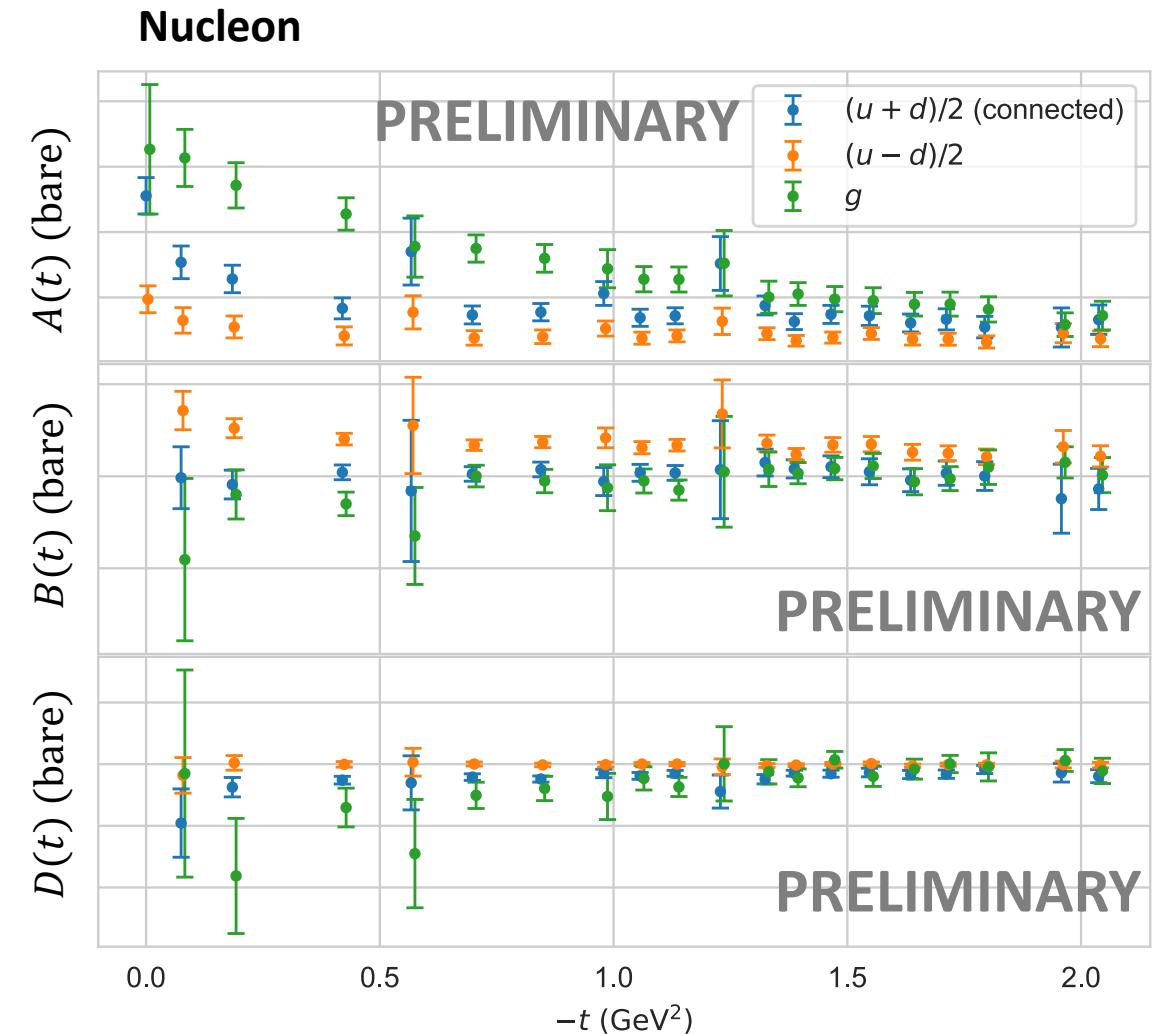
Fermion action: 2+1 Wilson clover, stout links

$M_\pi = 170$ MeV

$a = 0.091$ fm (from w_0)

$48^3 \times 96$

ρ, Δ unstable $\rightarrow N, \pi$ only

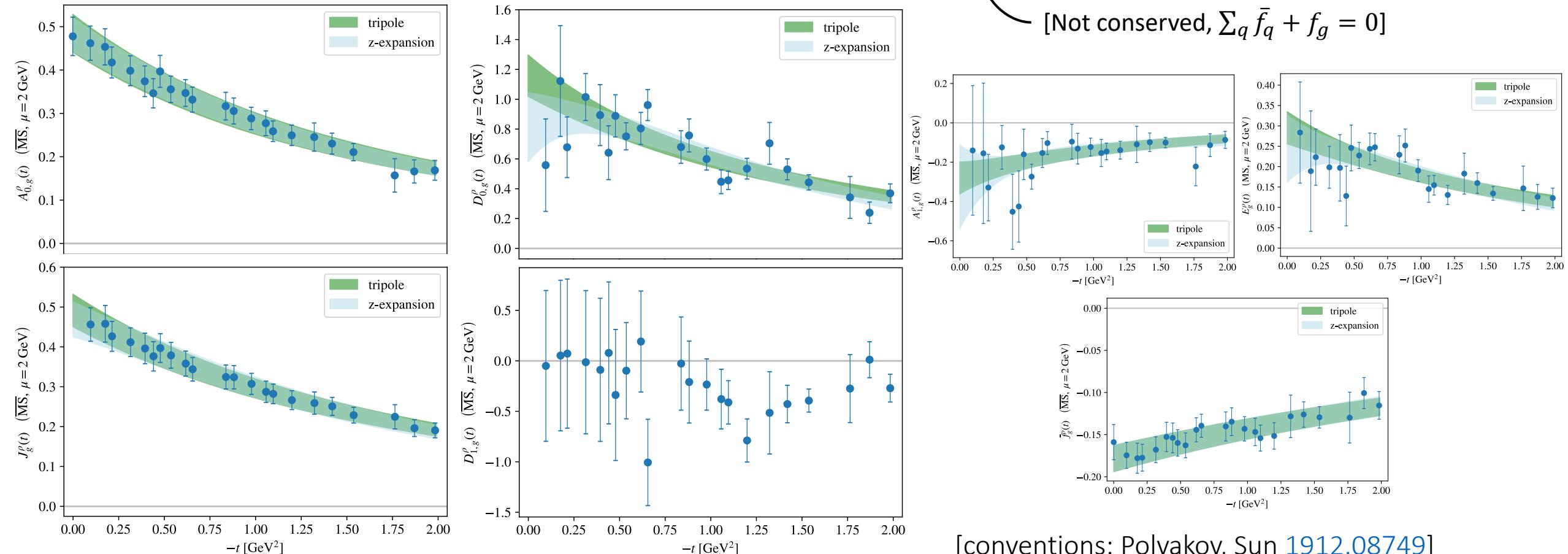


Results: ρ meson

$$\langle \rho(p', \lambda') | T_g^{\{\mu\nu\}} | \rho(p, \lambda) \rangle = E_{\alpha'}^*(p', \lambda') \left\{ 2P^{\{\mu} P^{\nu\}} \left[-g^{\alpha'\alpha} A_{0g}(t) + \frac{P^{\alpha'} P^\alpha}{M^2} A_{1g}(t) \right] + \frac{1}{2} (\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2) \left[g^{\alpha'\alpha} D_{0g}(t) + \frac{P^{\alpha'} P^\alpha}{M^2} D_{1g}(t) \right] \right. \\ \left. + J_g(t) 8P^{\{\mu} g^{\nu\}} \{ \alpha' P^\alpha \} + E_g(t) (g^{\alpha\{\mu} g^{\nu\}} \alpha' \Delta^2 - 2 g^{\alpha'\{\mu} \Delta^{\nu\}} P^\alpha + 2 g^{\alpha\{\mu} \Delta^{\nu\}} P^{\alpha'} - 4 g^{\mu\nu} P^\alpha P^{\alpha'}) \right. \\ \left. + M^2 \left(2g^{\alpha'\{\mu} g^{\nu\}} \alpha - \frac{1}{2} g^{\alpha\alpha'} g^{\mu\nu} \right) \bar{f}_g(t) + g^{\mu\nu} [g^{\alpha\alpha'} M^2 \bar{c}_{0g}(t) + P^\alpha P^{\alpha'} \bar{c}_{1g}(t)] \right\} E_\alpha^*(p, \lambda)$$

[Polarization vector]

$\sum_q J_q(0) + J_g(0) = 1$

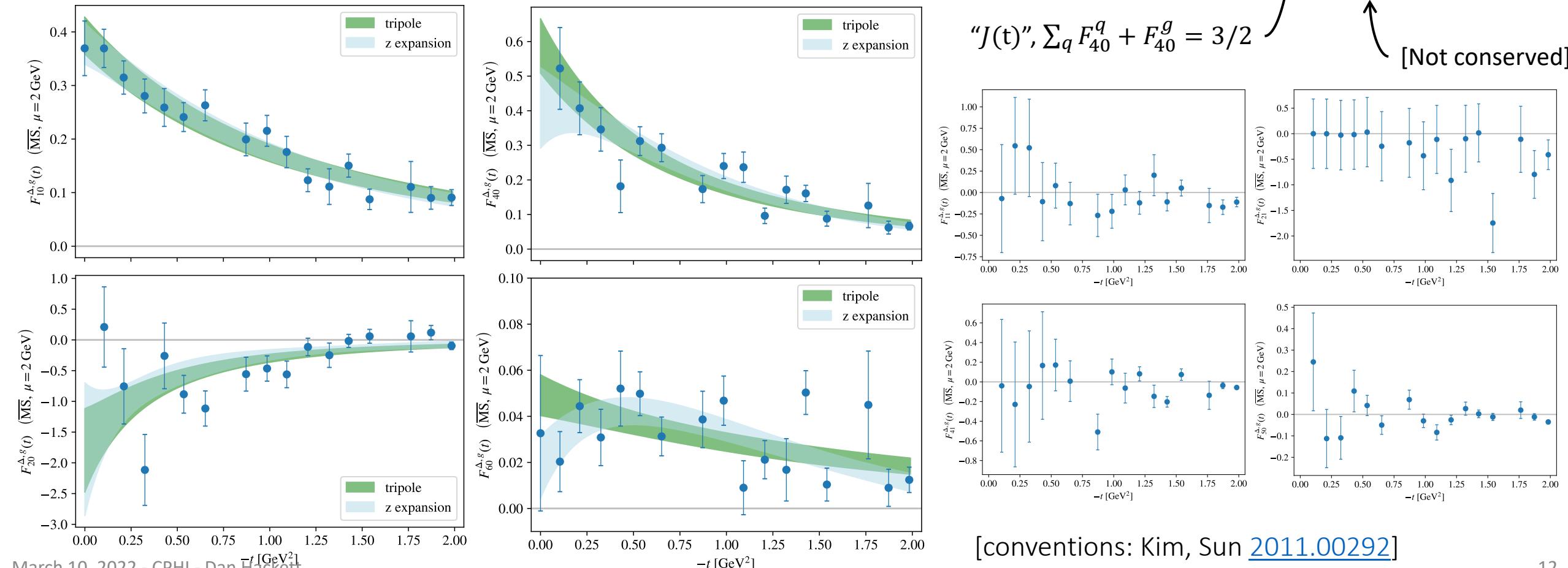


Results: Δ baryon

$$\langle \Delta(p', \xi') | T_g^{\mu\nu} | \Delta(p, \xi) \rangle = \bar{u}_{\alpha'}(p', \xi') \left[\frac{P^\mu P^\nu}{M} \left(-g^{\alpha\alpha'} F_{10}^g(t) + \frac{\Delta^\alpha \Delta^{\alpha'}}{2M} F_{11}^g(t) \right) + \frac{\Delta^\mu \Delta^\nu - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^2}{4M} \left(-g^{\alpha\alpha'} F_{20}^g(t) + \frac{\Delta^\alpha \Delta^{\alpha'}}{2M} F_{21}^g(t) \right) \right. \\ \left. + M g^{\mu\nu} \left(-g^{\alpha\alpha'} F_{30}^g(t) + \frac{\Delta^\alpha \Delta^{\alpha'}}{2M} F_{31}^g(t) \right) + \frac{i P^{\{\mu} \sigma^{\nu\}} \rho \Delta_\rho}{M} \left(-g^{\alpha'\alpha} F_{40}^g(t) + \frac{\Delta^{\alpha'} \Delta^\alpha}{2M^2} F_{41}^g(t) \right) \right. \\ \left. + \frac{2}{M} \left(\Delta^{\{\mu} g^{\nu\}} \{\alpha' \Delta^\alpha\} - g^{\mu\nu} \Delta^\alpha \Delta^{\alpha'} - g^{\alpha'\{\mu} g^{\nu\}} \alpha \Delta^2 \right) F_{50}^g(t) - 2 g^{\alpha'\{\mu} g^{\nu\}} \alpha M F_{60}^g(t) \right] u_\alpha(p, \xi)$$

“ $A(t)$ ” i.e. $A(0) \sim \langle x \rangle_g$

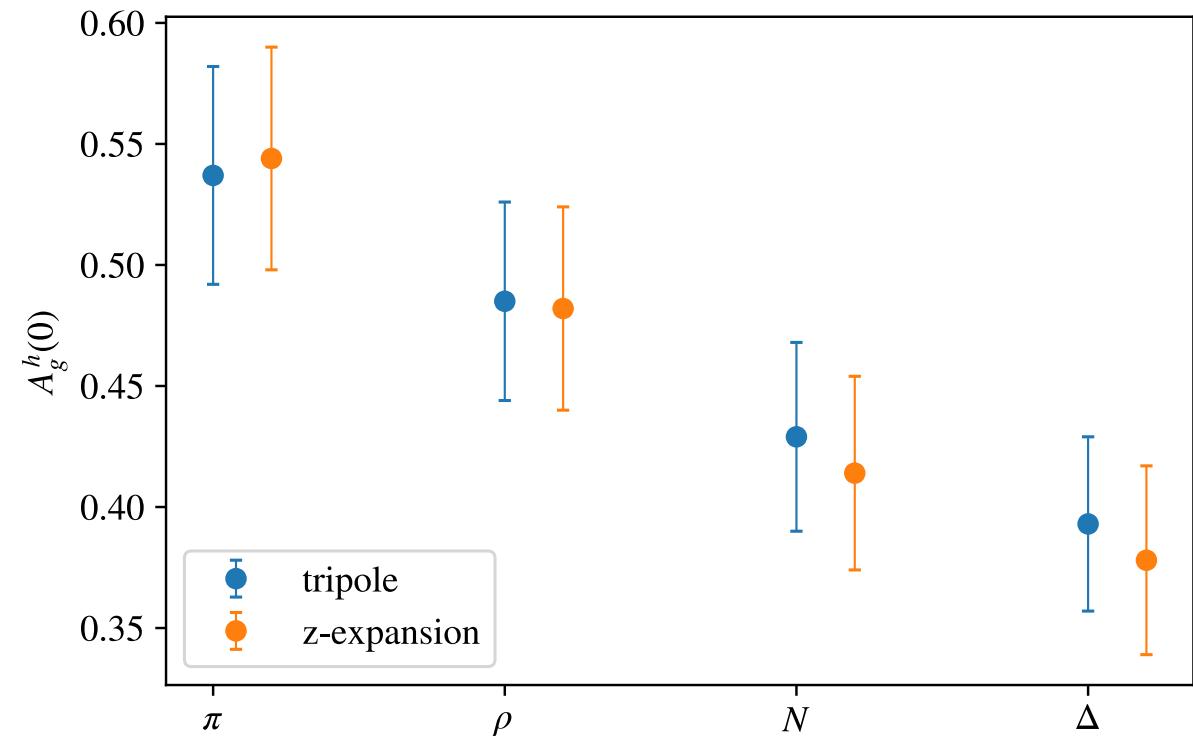
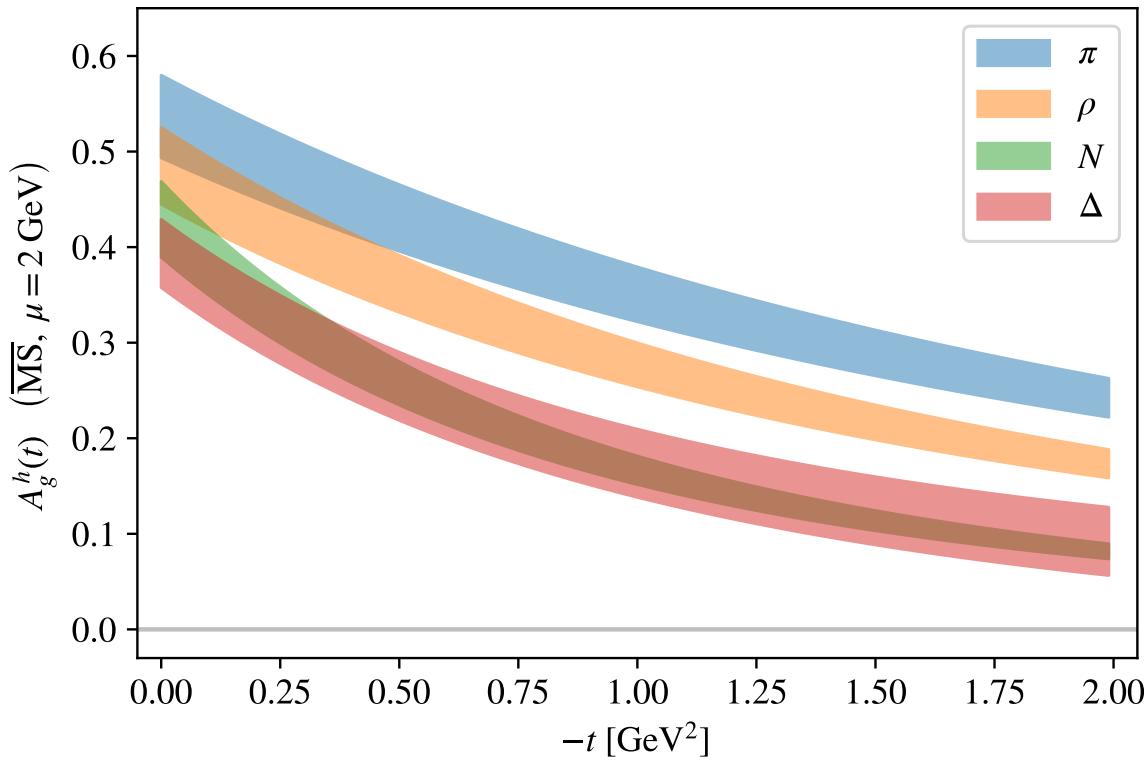
[Rarita-Schwinger spinvector]



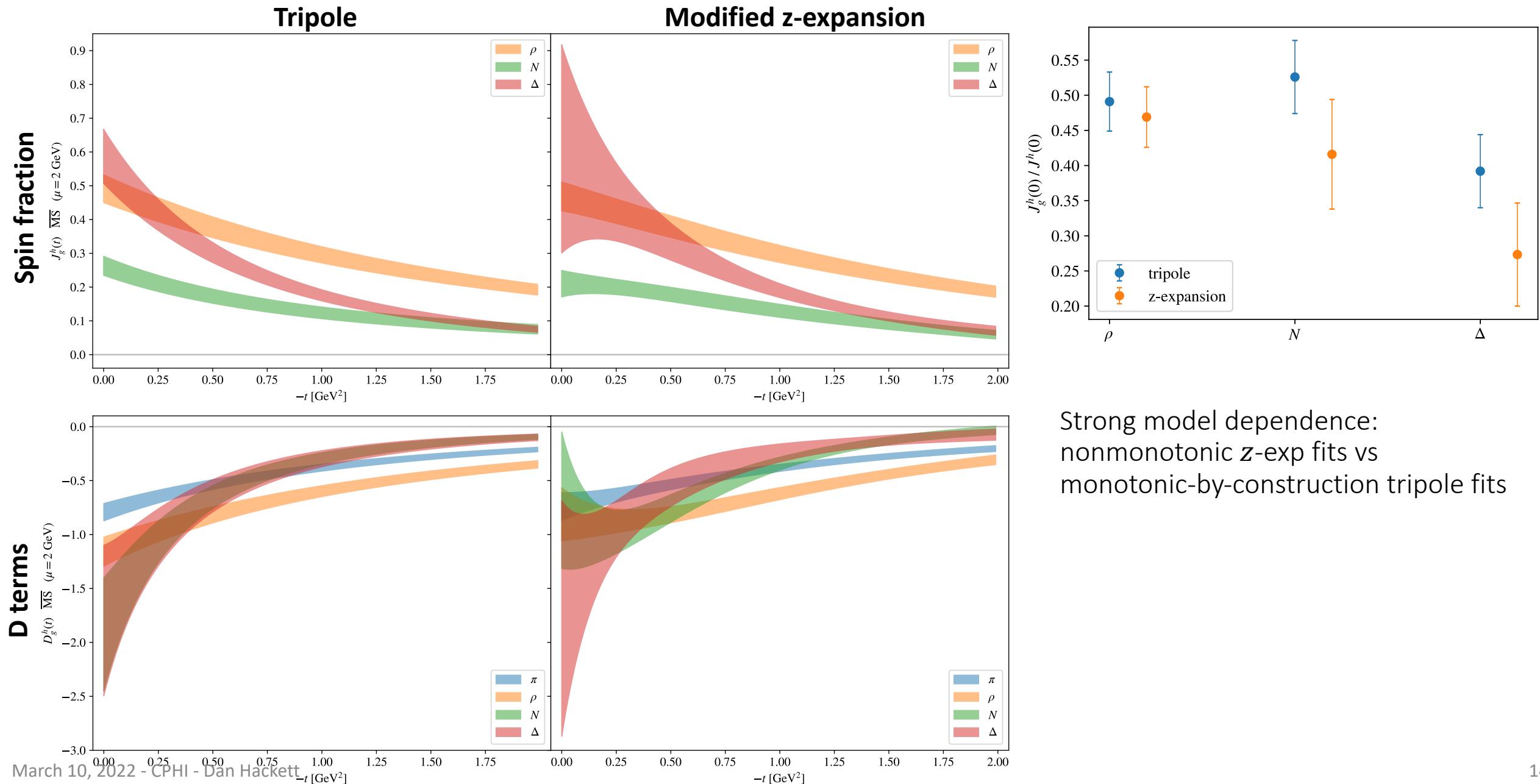
Comparison: glue momentum fraction

Tripole and z -expansion $A(t)$ same w/in error

→ Little model dependence



Comparison: glue spin fraction, D terms



Energy, pressure, and shear force densities

Idea:

Fourier transform to get spatial EMT density $T_{\mu\nu}(r) = \text{FT}[T_{\mu\nu}(\Delta)]$

Identify e.g.: $T_{tt}(r) = \epsilon(r)$

$$T_{ij}(r) = \left(\frac{r_i r_j}{r^2} - \frac{1}{d} \delta_{ij} \right) s(r) + \delta_{ij} p(r)$$

→ Spatial densities of energy $\epsilon(r)$, pressure $p(r)$, shear forces $s(r)$

Complication 1: physical interpretation?

Complication 2: frame dependence

3D Breit frame (BF3): $\Delta^0 = 0, \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{0}$

“Traditional” frame, but recent work questions interpretation as spatial density
[see e.g. Panteleeva Polyakov 2102.10902, Freese Miller 2102.01683, Jaffe 2010.15887, Lorce 2007.05318, Lorce Moutarde Trawinski 1810.09837 etc.]

2D Breit frame (BF2)

Infinite momentum frame (IMF): $\Delta \cdot \mathbf{P} = 0, P_z \rightarrow \infty$

Different identifications of $\epsilon(r), p(r), s(r)$ with GFFs in each frame

Complication 3: No trace GFFs $\sim \bar{c}$

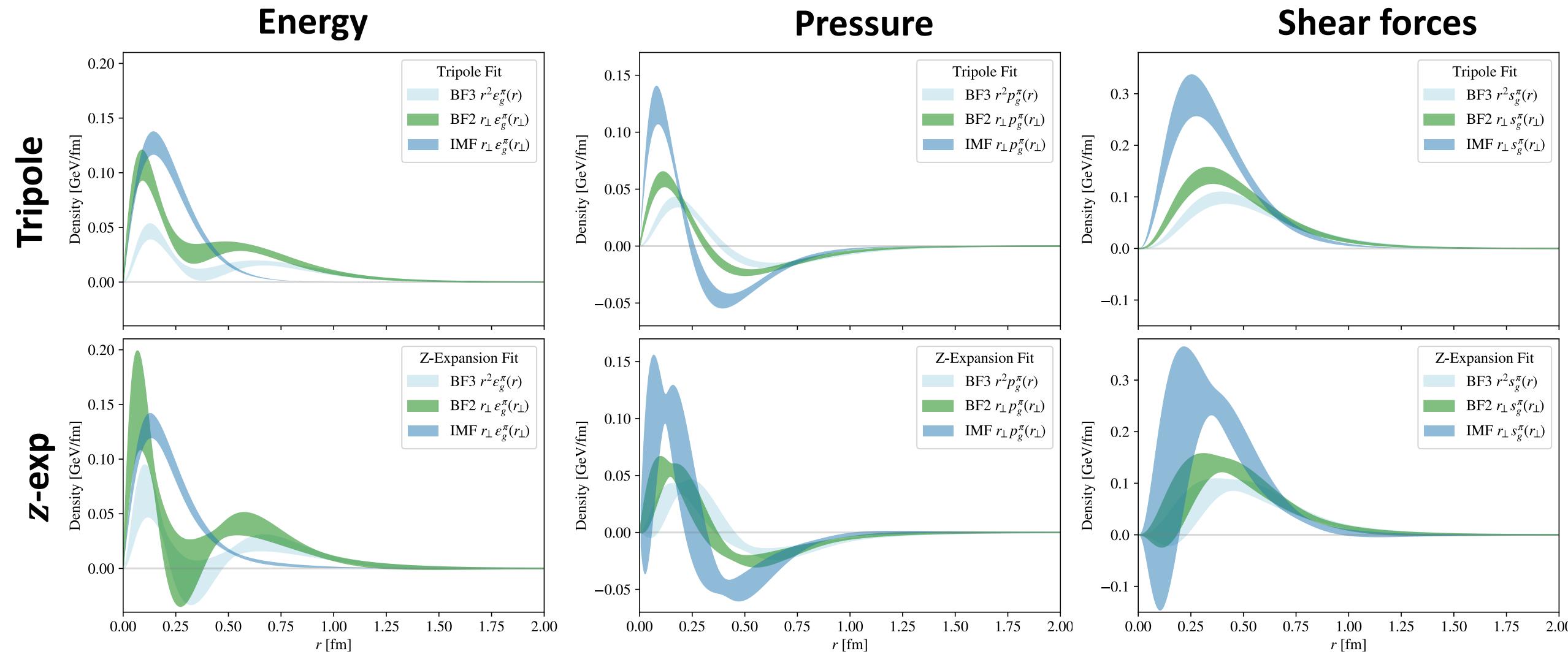
See [[2107.10368](#)] for details, expressions

$$T_{i,\text{BF3}}^{\mu\nu}(r) = \int \frac{d^3 \Delta e^{-i \Delta \cdot \mathbf{r}}}{2P^0(2\pi)^3} \langle h(p, s) | T_i^{\mu\nu} | h(p', s') \rangle|_{\mathbf{P}=0}$$

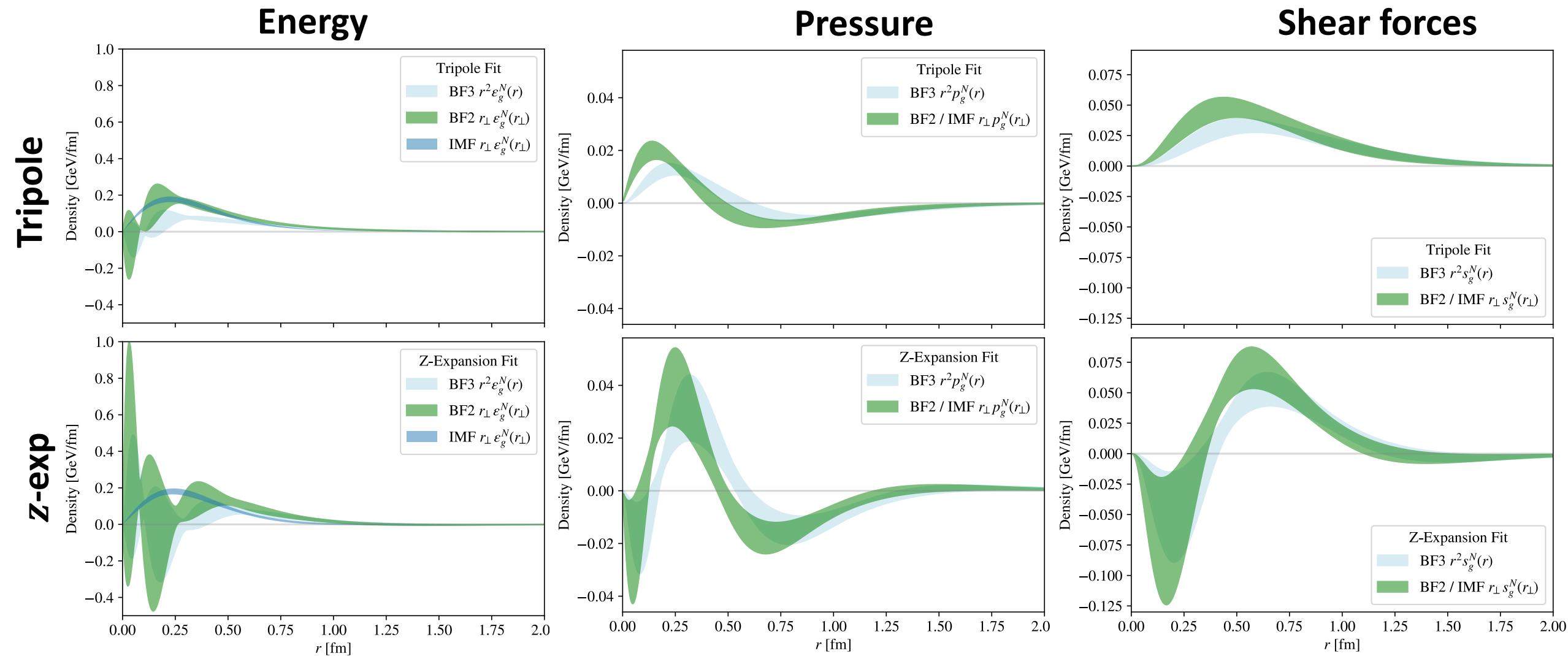
$$T_{i,\text{BF2}}^{\mu\nu}(r) = \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_\perp e^{-i \Delta_\perp \cdot \mathbf{r}}}{2P^0(2\pi)^2} \langle h(p, s) | T_i^{\mu\nu} | h(p', s') \rangle|_{\mathbf{P}=0}$$

$$T_{i,\text{IMF}}^{\mu\nu}(r) = \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_\perp e^{-i \Delta_\perp \cdot \mathbf{r}}}{2P^0(2\pi)^2} \langle h(p, s) | T_i^{\mu\nu} | h(p', s') \rangle|_{\mathbf{P} \cdot \Delta=0}^{P_z \rightarrow \infty}$$

Results: pion densities



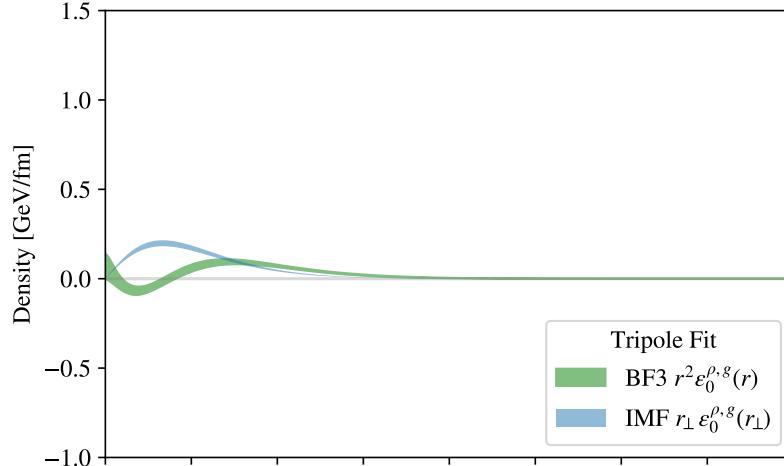
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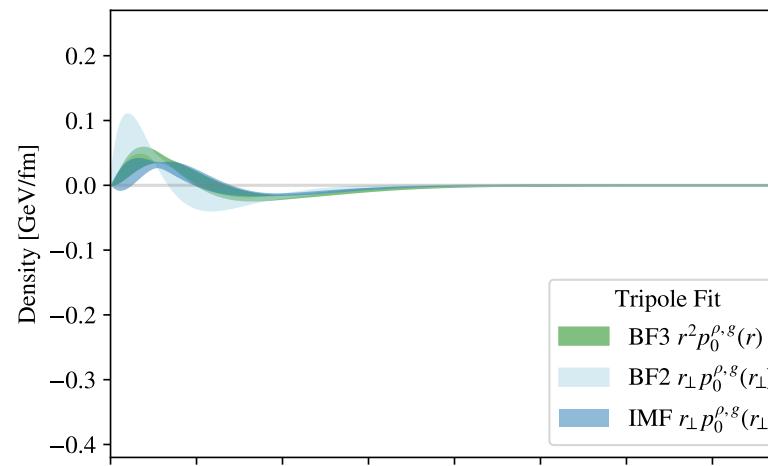
Results: (partial) ρ monopole densities

Energy

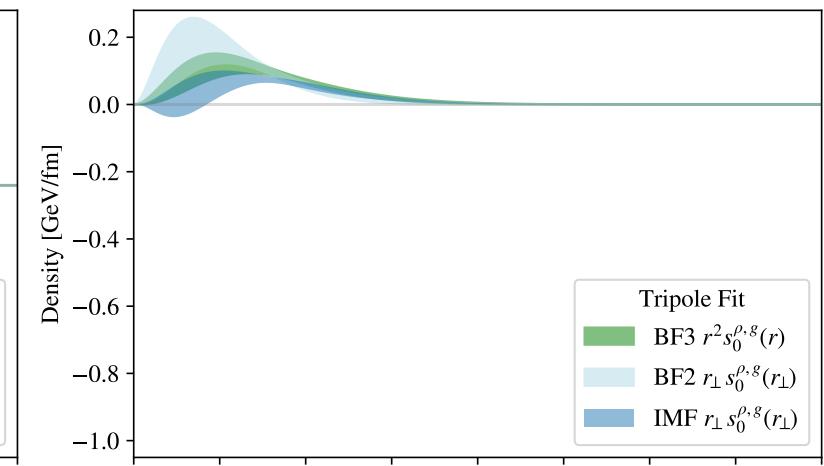
Tripole



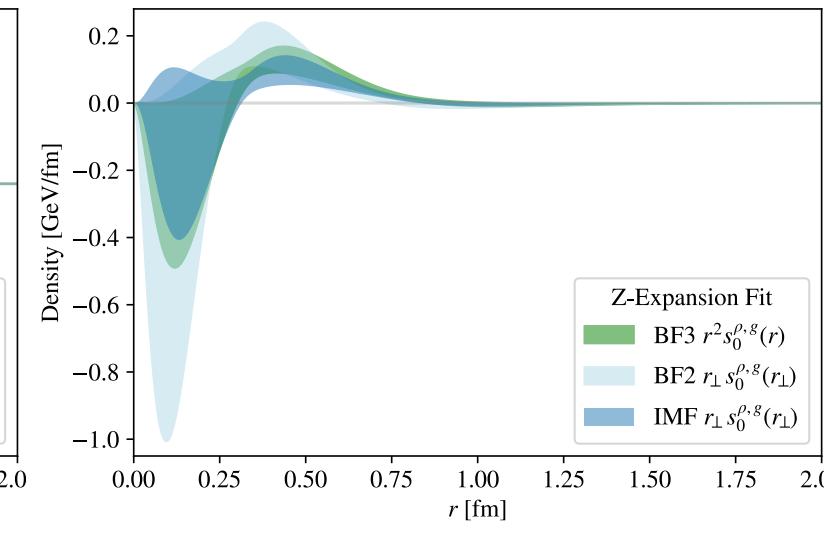
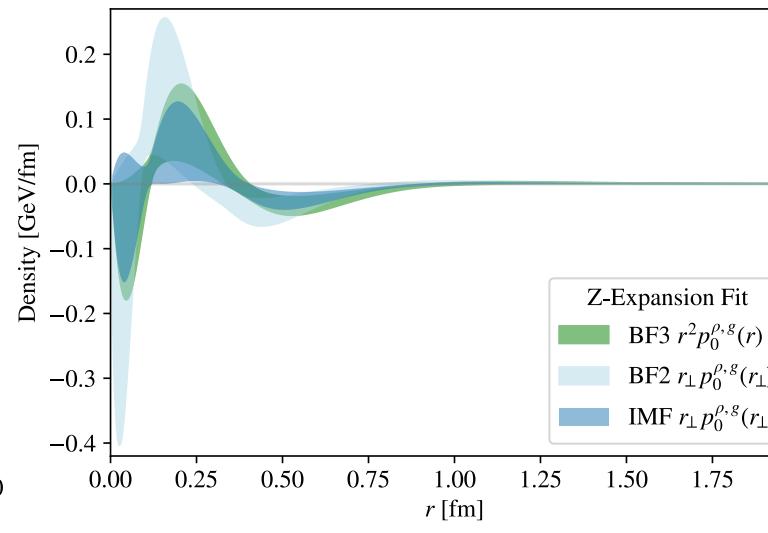
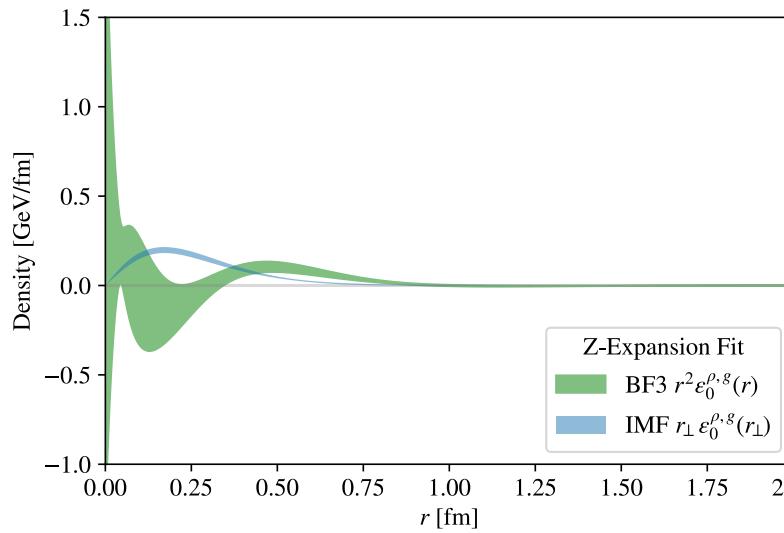
Pressure



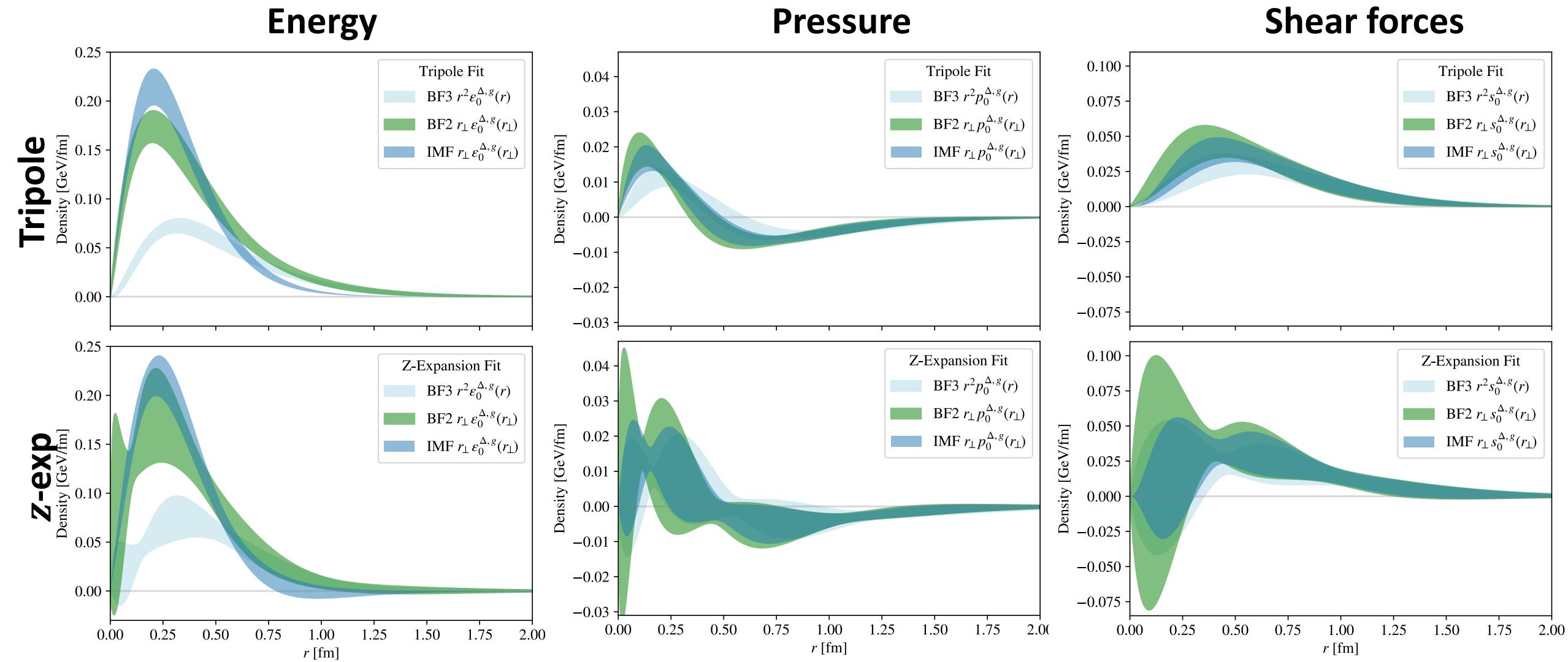
Shear forces



Z-exp



Results: (partial) Δ monopole densities



Summary

Physics:

GFFs encode fundamental, global properties of hadrons

GFFs are a window into GPD physics

Computed nucleon, π GFFs

Experimental results → need lattice results to test against

Future: complete (quark + glue) calculation ongoing

Computed ρ , Δ gluon GFFs

First-of-kind results for ρ , Δ

No experimental results → need lattice results to test against

Spatial densities (from first principles!)

Sketch of calculation [2107.10368]

Example ratios
Note: plateaus

Compute hadronic two-point, three-point functions

Construct ratios of 3pts/2pts to isolate matrix element

$$R_{ss'}^{\mu\nu}(p, p'; \tau, t_f) = \frac{C_{ss'}^{3\text{pt}}(p, p'; t_f, \tau)}{C_{ss'}^{2\text{pt}}(p', t_f)} \sqrt{\frac{C_{ss}^{2\text{pt}}(p, t_f - \tau)}{C_{s's'}^{2\text{pt}}(p', t_f - \tau)} \frac{C_{s's'}^{2\text{pt}}(p', t_f)}{C_{ss}^{2\text{pt}}(p, t_f)} \frac{C_{s's'}^{2\text{pt}}(p', \tau)}{C_{ss}^{2\text{pt}}(p, \tau)}}$$

$\xrightarrow{t_f \gg \tau \gg 0}$ (extra kinematic factors) $\langle h(p', s') | T_g^{\mu\nu} | h(p, s) \rangle$
 = (kinematic coeffs) \cdot (GFFs)(t)

Fit to extract GFFs

Result: GFFs for discrete values of t

Hypercubic Irreps

Lorentz symmetry broken \rightarrow project $R^{\mu\nu}$ to hypercubic irreps

$$\tau_1^{(3)}: \frac{1}{2}(O^{11} + O^{22} - O^{33} + O^{00}), \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(O_{33} + O_{00}), \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(O_{11} - O_{22})$$

$$\tau_3^{(6)}: \left\{ \frac{i\delta^{\mu 0}}{\sqrt{2}}(O^{\mu\nu} + O^{\nu\mu}), \quad 0 \leq \mu \leq \nu \leq 3 \right\}$$

