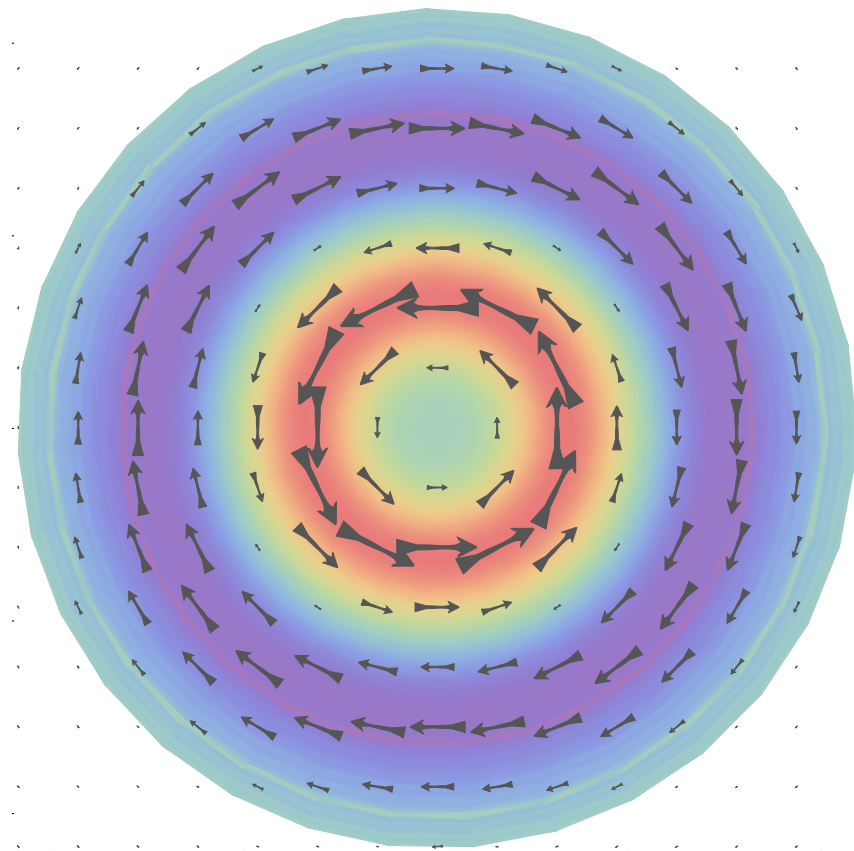


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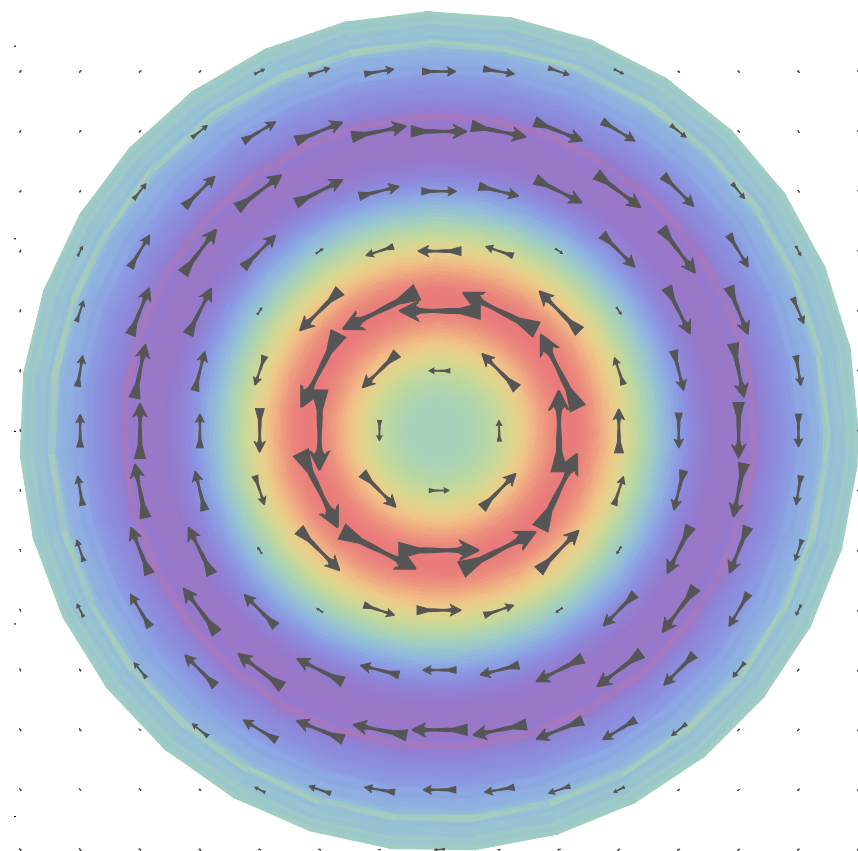


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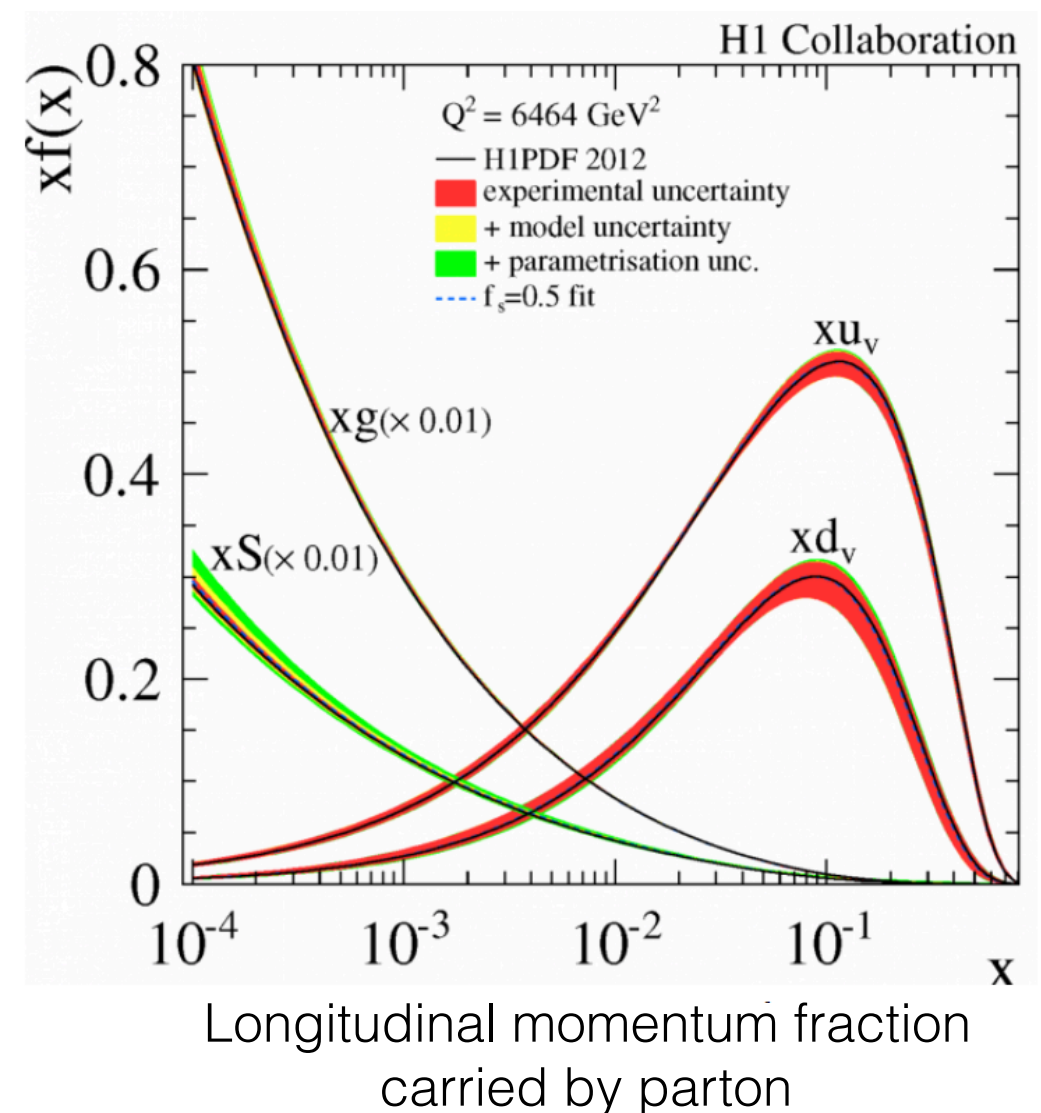
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# Gluon structure

## Gluons offer a new window on nuclear structure

- Past 60+ years: detailed view of quark structure of nucleons
- Gluon structure also important
  - Unpolarised gluon PDF dominant at small longitudinal momentum fraction
- Other aspects of gluon structure relatively unexplored

### Parton distributions in the proton



# Gluon structure

How much do gluons contribute to the proton's

- Momentum
- Spin
- Mass
- D-term

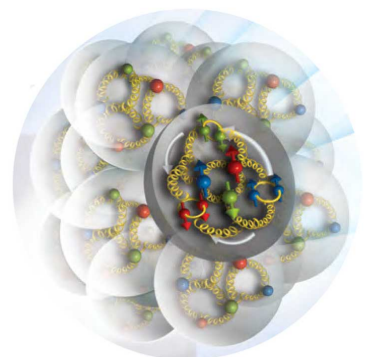
What is the gluon distribution in a proton

- PDFs, GPDs, TMDs
- Pressure, Shear
- 'Gluon radius'



How is the gluon structure of a proton modified in a nucleus

- Gluon 'EMC' effect
- Exotic glue





# Gluon structure

First-principles QCD calculations

➔ QCD benchmarks and predictions ahead of experiment



Cover image from EIC whitepaper [arXiv:1212.1701](https://arxiv.org/abs/1212.1701)

# Energy-momentum tensor

Many gluon structure properties derived from **Energy-Momentum Tensor**  
(conserved Noether current associated with Lorentz translations)

Matrix elements of traceless gluon EMT for spin-half nucleon:

$$\langle p', s' | G_{\{\mu\alpha}^a G_{\nu\}}^{a\alpha} | p, s \rangle = \bar{U}(p', s') \left( \underset{\substack{\text{Gluon field-} \\ \text{strength tensor}}}{A_g(t) \gamma_{\{\mu} P_{\nu\}}} + \underset{\substack{\text{Generalised gluon} \\ \text{form factors}}}{B_g(t) \frac{i P_{\{\mu} \sigma_{\nu\} \rho} \Delta^\rho}{2M_N}} + \underset{\substack{\text{Generalised gluon} \\ \text{form factors}}}{D_g(t) \frac{\Delta_{\{\mu} \Delta_{\nu\}}}{4M_N}} \right) U(p, s)$$

$\Delta_\mu = p'_\mu - p_\mu \quad P_\mu = (p_\mu + p'_\mu)/2, \quad t = \Delta^2$

- Three generalised gluon form factors  $A_g(t)$ ,  $B_g(t)$ ,  $D_g(t)$
- Sum rules with quark pieces in forward limit
  - Momentum fraction  $A_a(0) = \langle x \rangle_a \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sum_{a=q,g} A_a(0) = 1$
  - Spin  $J_a(t) = \frac{1}{2}(A_a(t) + B_a(t)) \quad \longrightarrow \quad \sum_{a=q,g} J_a(0) = \frac{1}{2}$
  - D-terms  $D_a(0)$  unknown but equally fundamental!

# D-term

D-term GFF encodes the **pressure** and **shear** distributions in the **nucleon** (Breit frame)

$$s(r) = -\frac{r}{2} \frac{d}{dr} \frac{1}{r} \frac{d}{dr} \tilde{D}(r), \quad p(r) = \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{d}{dr} r^2 \frac{d}{dr} \tilde{D}(r),$$

$$\tilde{D}(r) = \int \frac{d^3 \vec{p}}{2E(2\pi)^3} e^{-i\vec{p} \cdot \vec{r}} D(-\vec{p}^2)$$

- Quark and gluon shear forces individually well-defined (i.e., scale-dependent partial contributions  $s_{q,g}(r)$ )
- Pressure defined from D only for the total system (pieces depend also on GFFs related to the trace terms of the EMT that cancel in the sum)

# Generalised parton distributions

GFFs correspond to lowest moments of GPDs:

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^1 dx H_g(x, \xi, t) &= A_g(t) + \xi^2 D_g(t), & \int_0^1 dx E_g(x, \xi, t) &= B_g(t) - \xi^2 D_g(t) \\ \int_{-1}^1 dx x H_q(x, \xi, t) &= A_q(t) + \xi^2 D_q(t), & \int_{-1}^1 dx x E_q(x, \xi, t) &= B_q(t) - \xi^2 D_q(t) \end{aligned}$$

- **Quark GPDs:** constraints from JLab, HERA, COMPASS, by DVCS, DVMP, future improvements from JLab 12GeV
- **Gluon GPDs:** almost unknown from experiment, future constraints are a central goal of EIC

Leading twist nucleon gluon GPDs:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\lambda}{2\pi} e^{i\lambda x} \langle p', s' | G_a^{\{\mu\alpha}(-\frac{\lambda}{2}n) \left[ \mathcal{U}_{[-\frac{\lambda}{2}n, \frac{\lambda}{2}n]}^{(A)} \right]_{ab} G_{b\alpha}^{\nu\}}(\frac{\lambda}{2}n) | p, s \rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \color{red}{H_g(x, \xi, t)} \bar{U}(p', s') P^{\{\mu\gamma^{\nu\}} U(p, s) + \color{red}{E_g(x, \xi, t)} \bar{U}(p', s') \frac{P^{\{\mu i\sigma^{\nu\}}\alpha} \Delta_\alpha}{2M} U(p, s) \right) + \dots, \end{aligned}$$

$\Delta_\mu = p'_\mu - p_\mu$   
 $P_\mu = (p_\mu + p'_\mu)/2$   
 $t = \Delta^2$   
 $n^2 = 0$

Gluon field-strength tensor  
GPDs(Bjorken x, skewness, mom transfer)

# D-term from JLab DVCS

Recent experimental determination of DVCS D-term and extraction of proton pressure distribution

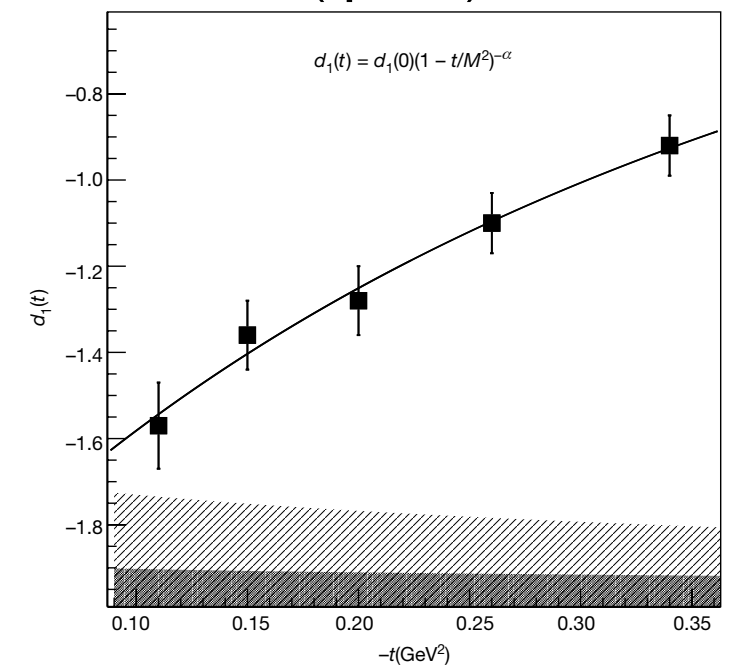
V. D. Burkert, L. Elouadrhiri, and F. X. Girod, *Nature* 557, 396 (2018)

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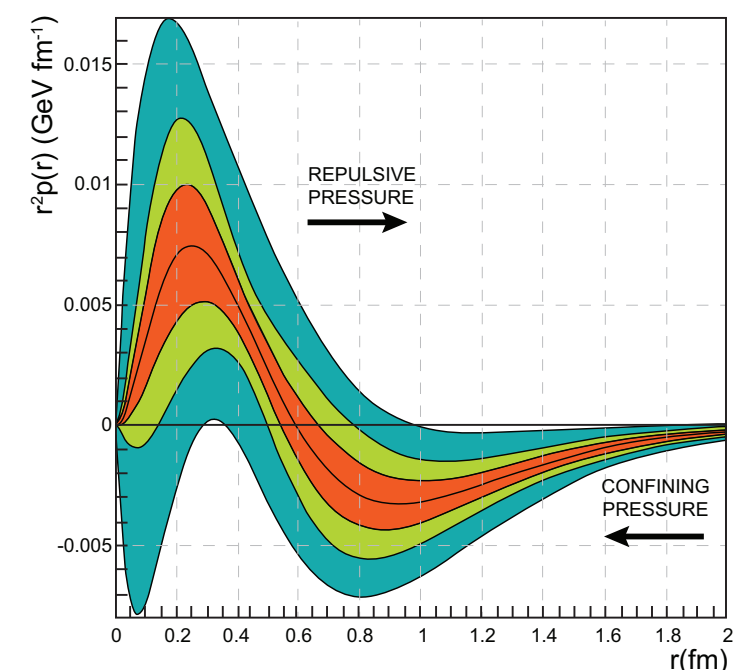
- Strong repulsive pressure near the centre of the proton
- Binding pressure at greater distances.
- Peak pressure near the centre  $\sim 10^{35}$  Pascal, greater than pressure estimated for neutron stars
- **Key assumptions:** gluon D-term same as quark term, tripole form factor model,  $D_u(t, \mu) = D_d(t, \mu)$

Use lattice QCD to test assumptions in pressure extraction

DVCS (quark) D-term



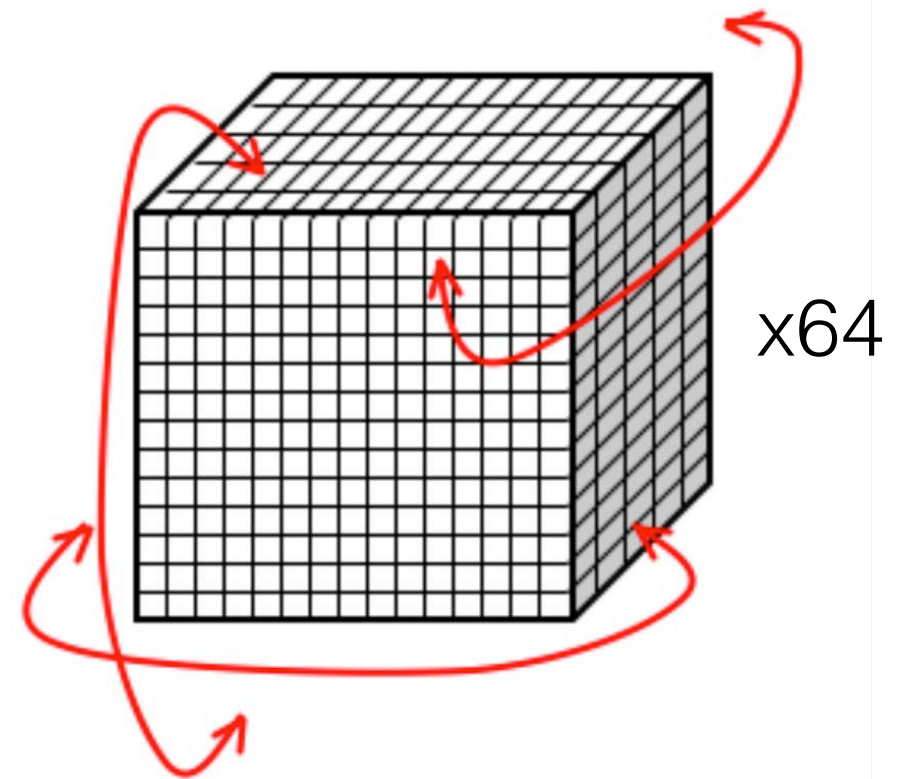
Radial pressure distribution





# Lattice QCD

- Numerical first-principles approach to non-perturbative QCD
- Euclidean space-time  $t \rightarrow i\tau$ 
  - Finite lattice spacing  $a$
  - Volume  $L^3 \times T \approx 32^3 \times 64$
  - Boundary conditions
- Some calculations use larger-than-physical quark masses (cheaper)



Approximate the QCD path integral by **Monte Carlo**

$$\langle \mathcal{O} \rangle = \frac{1}{Z} \int \mathcal{D}A \mathcal{D}\bar{\psi} \mathcal{D}\psi \mathcal{O}[A, \bar{\psi}\psi] e^{-S[A, \bar{\psi}\psi]} \rightarrow \langle \mathcal{O} \rangle \simeq \frac{1}{N_{\text{conf}}} \sum_i^{N_{\text{conf}}} \mathcal{O}([U^i])$$

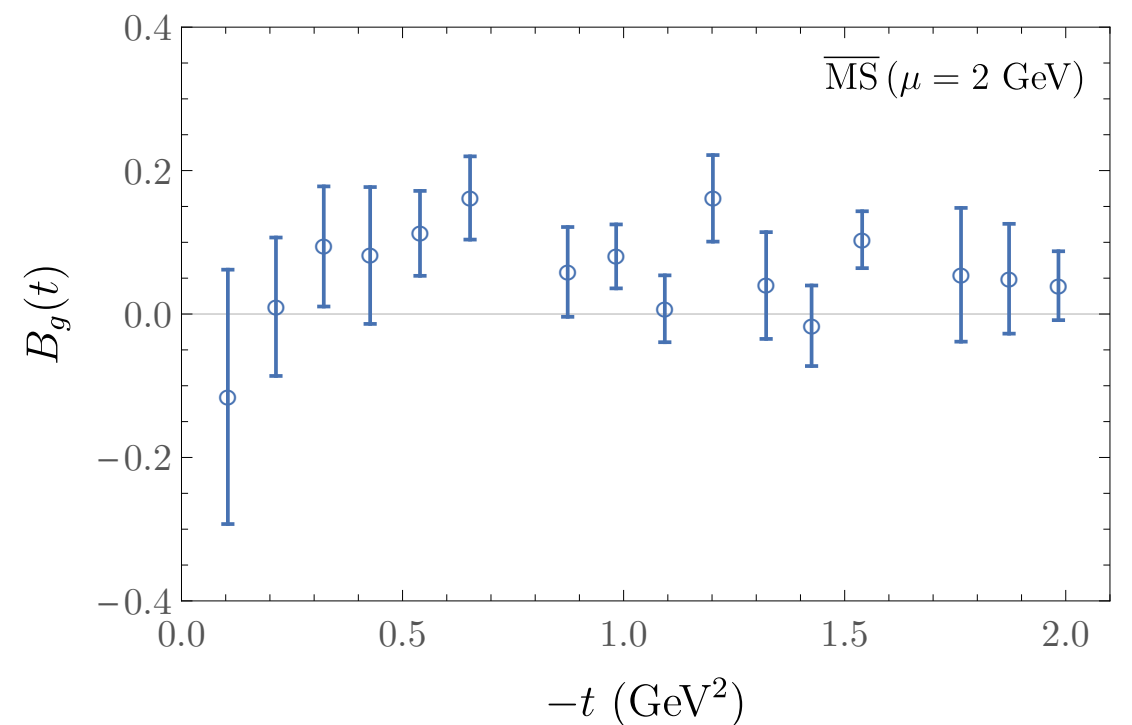
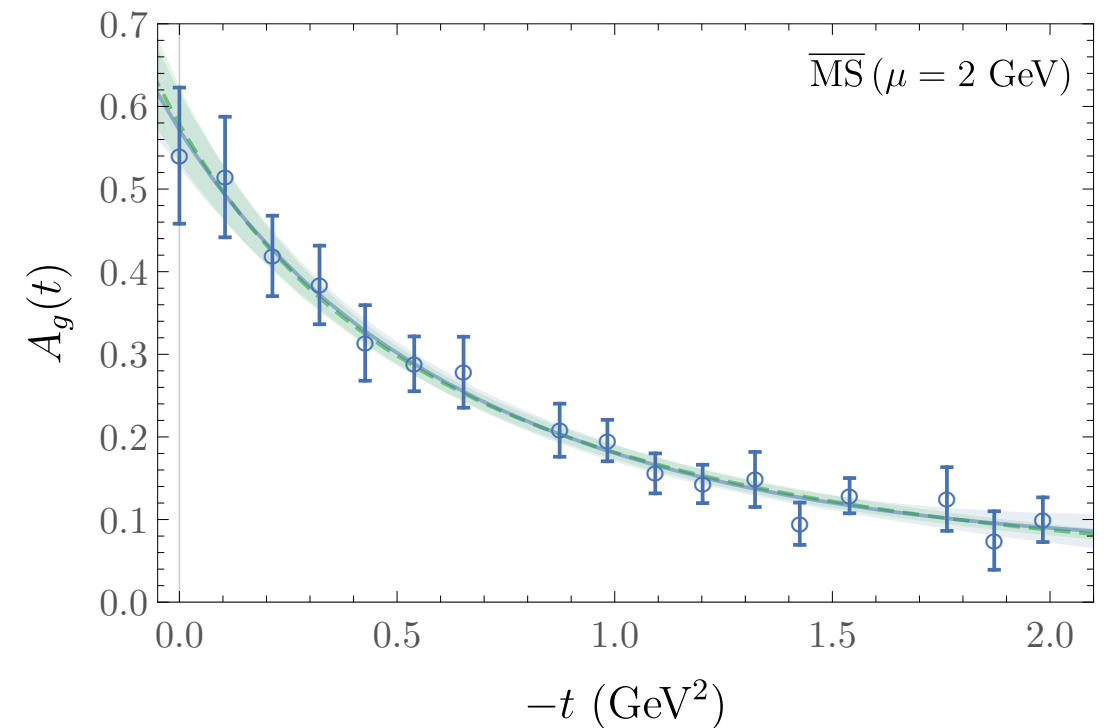
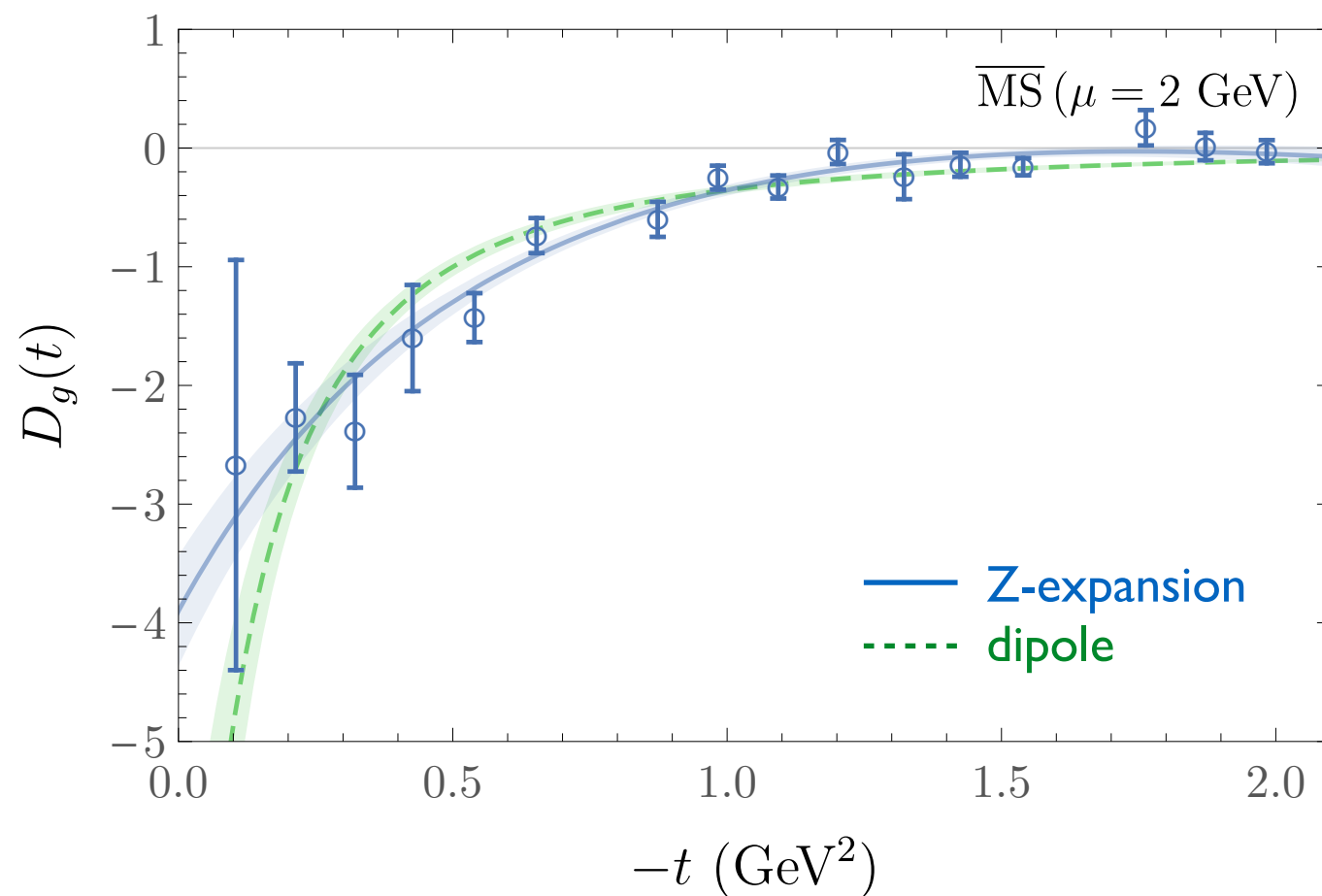
with field configurations  $U^i$  distributed according to  $e^{-S[U]}$

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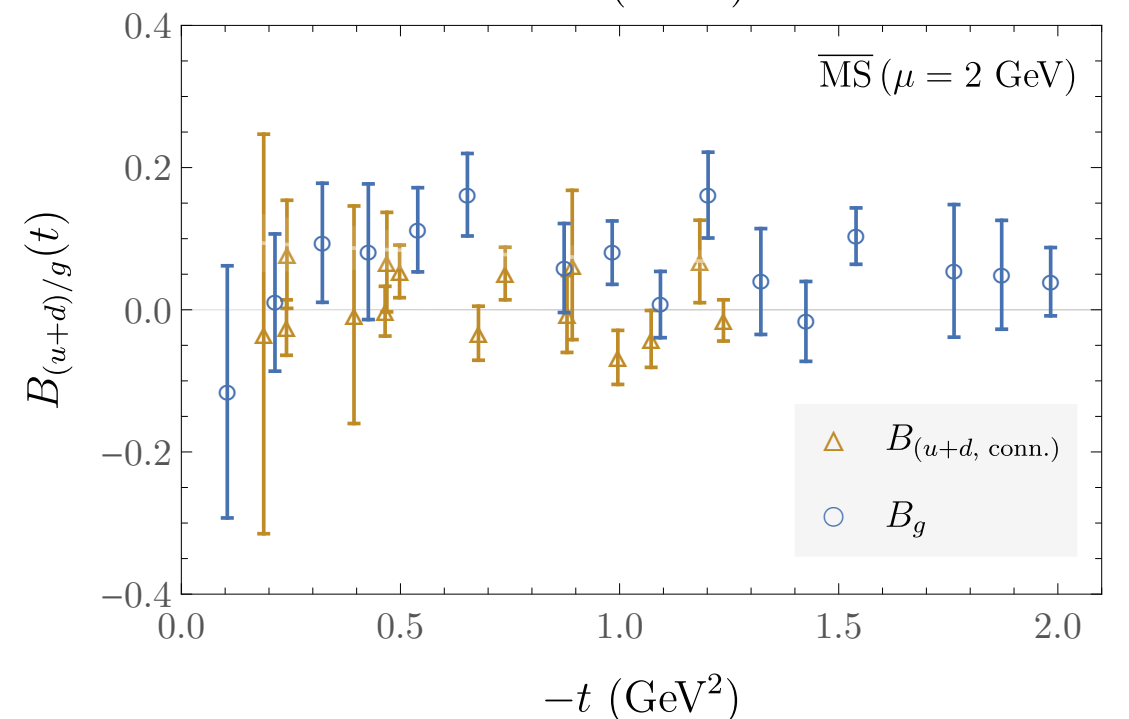
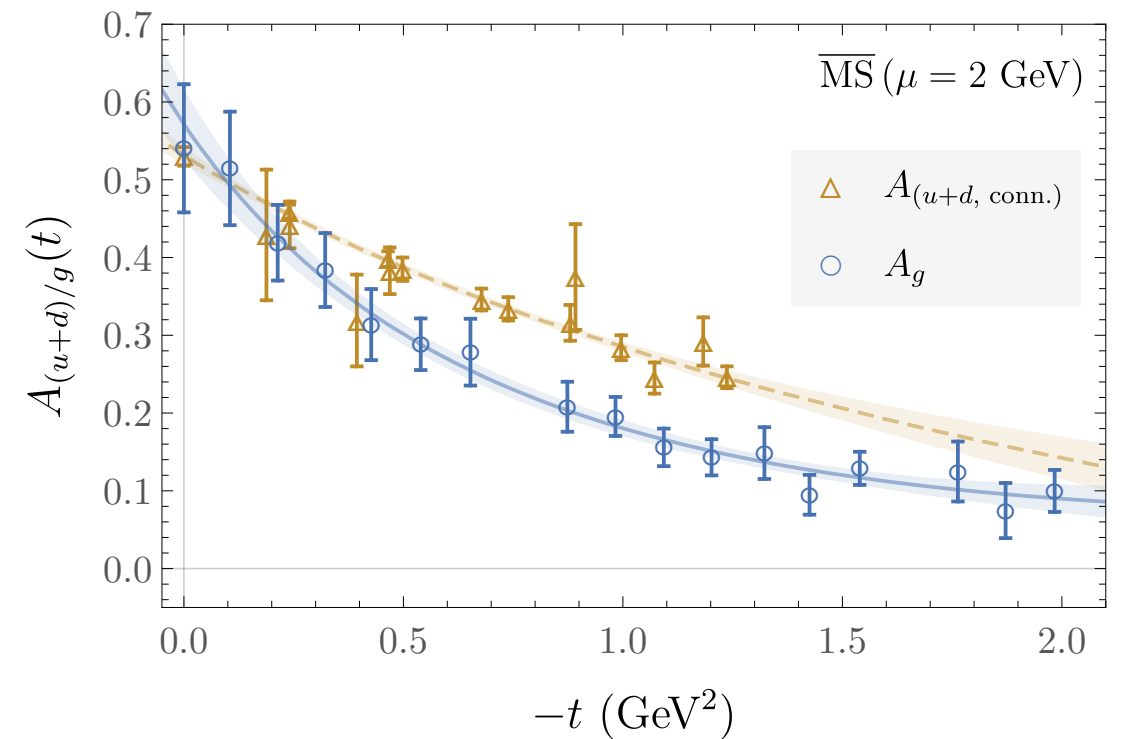
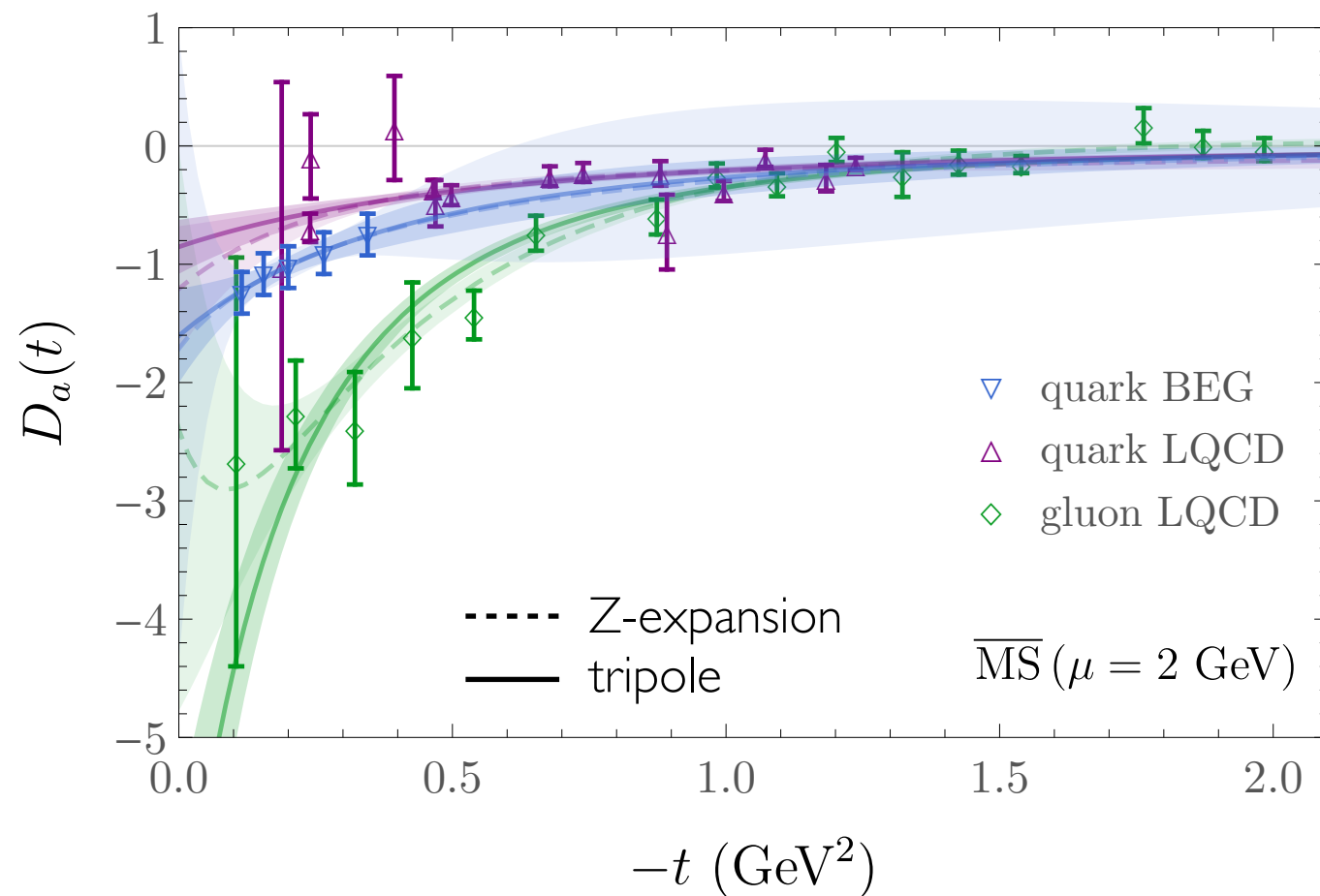


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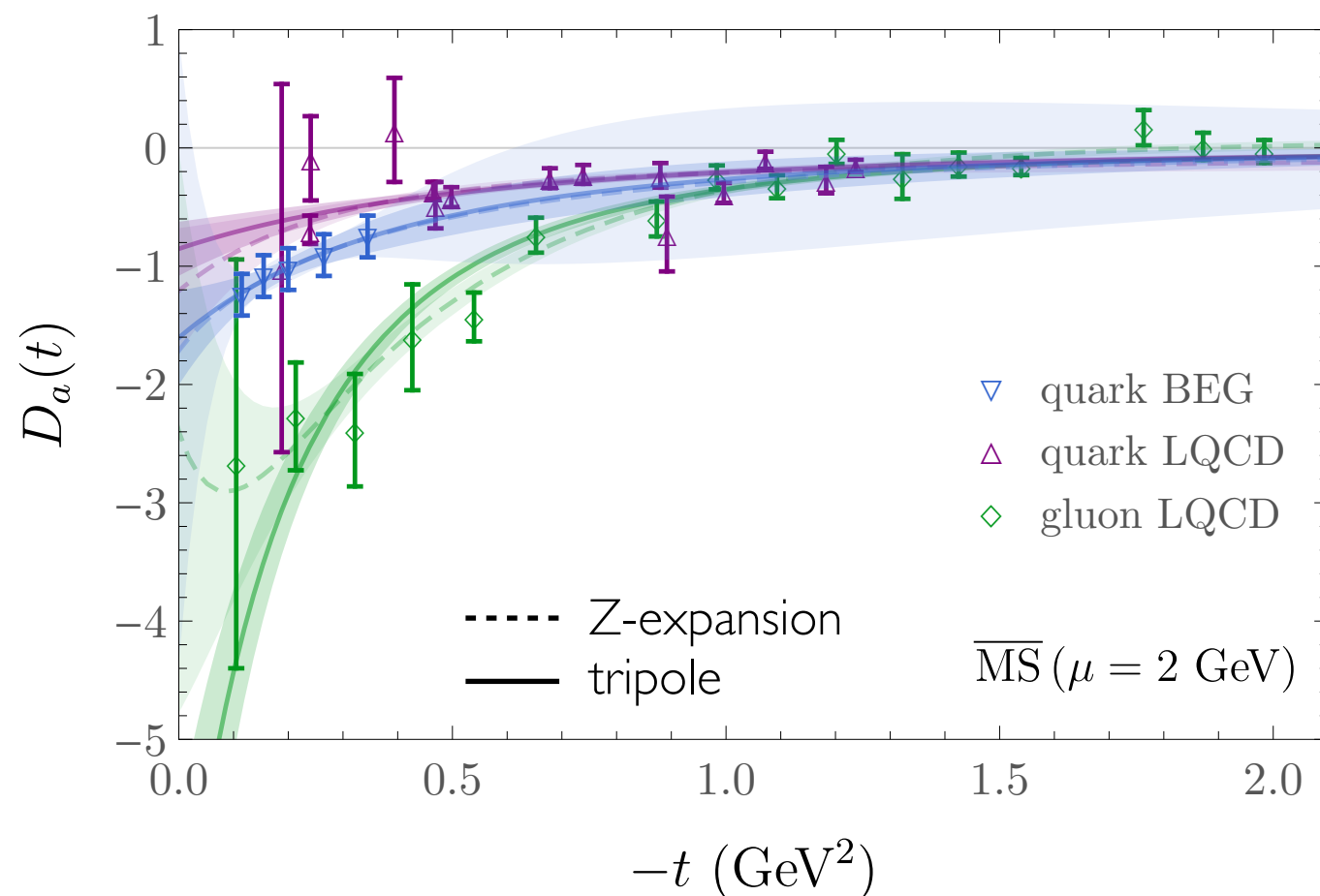
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Key assumptions in pressure extraction from DVCS

- **Gluon D-term same as quark term in magnitude and shape**  
Factor of  $\sim 2$  difference in magnitude, somewhat different  $t$ -dependence
- **Tripole form factor model**  
LQCD results consistent with ansatz, but more general form is less well constrained
- **Isovector quark D-term vanishes**  
 $D_{u-d}(t) \sim 0$  from other LQCD studies

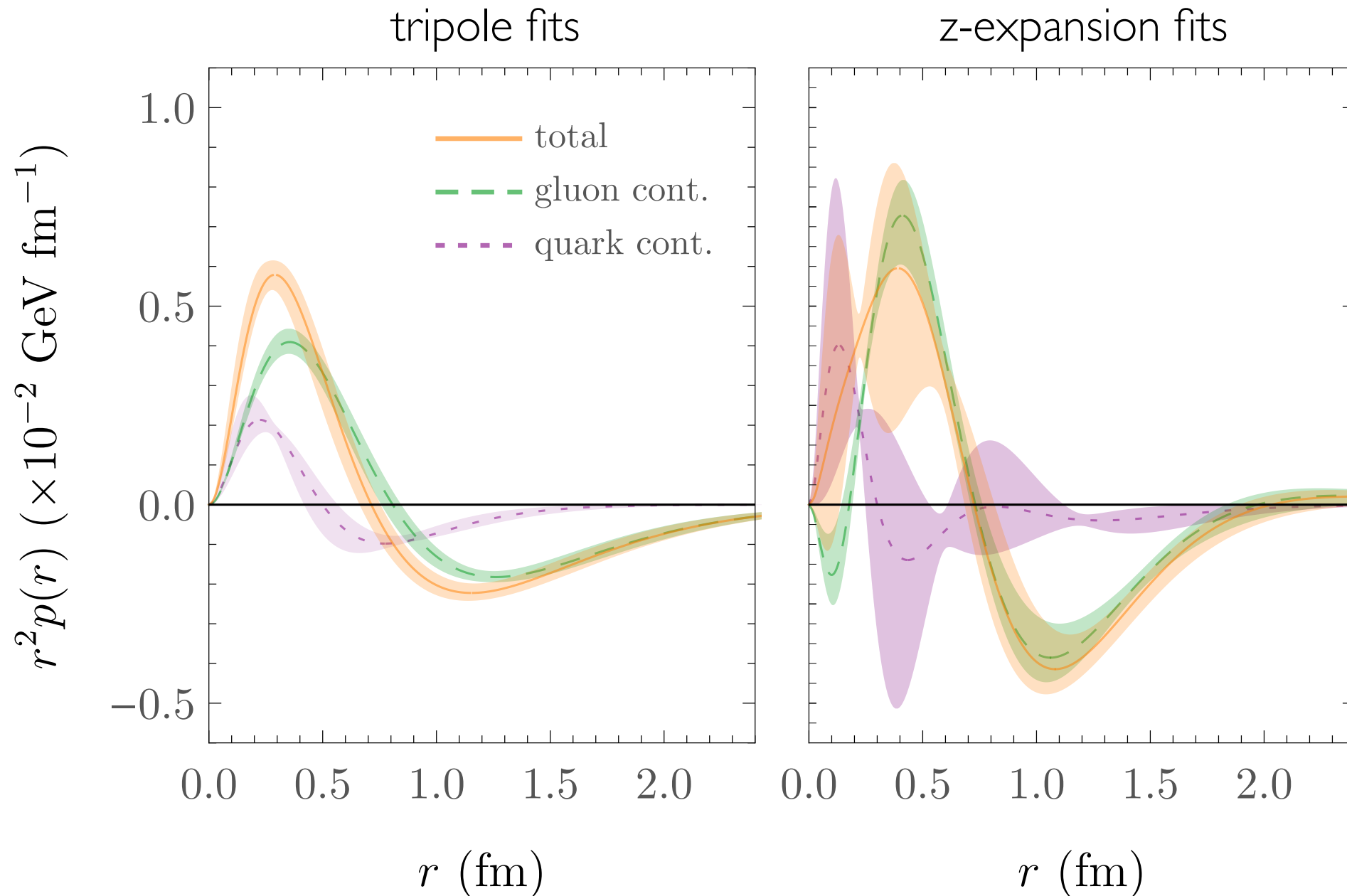
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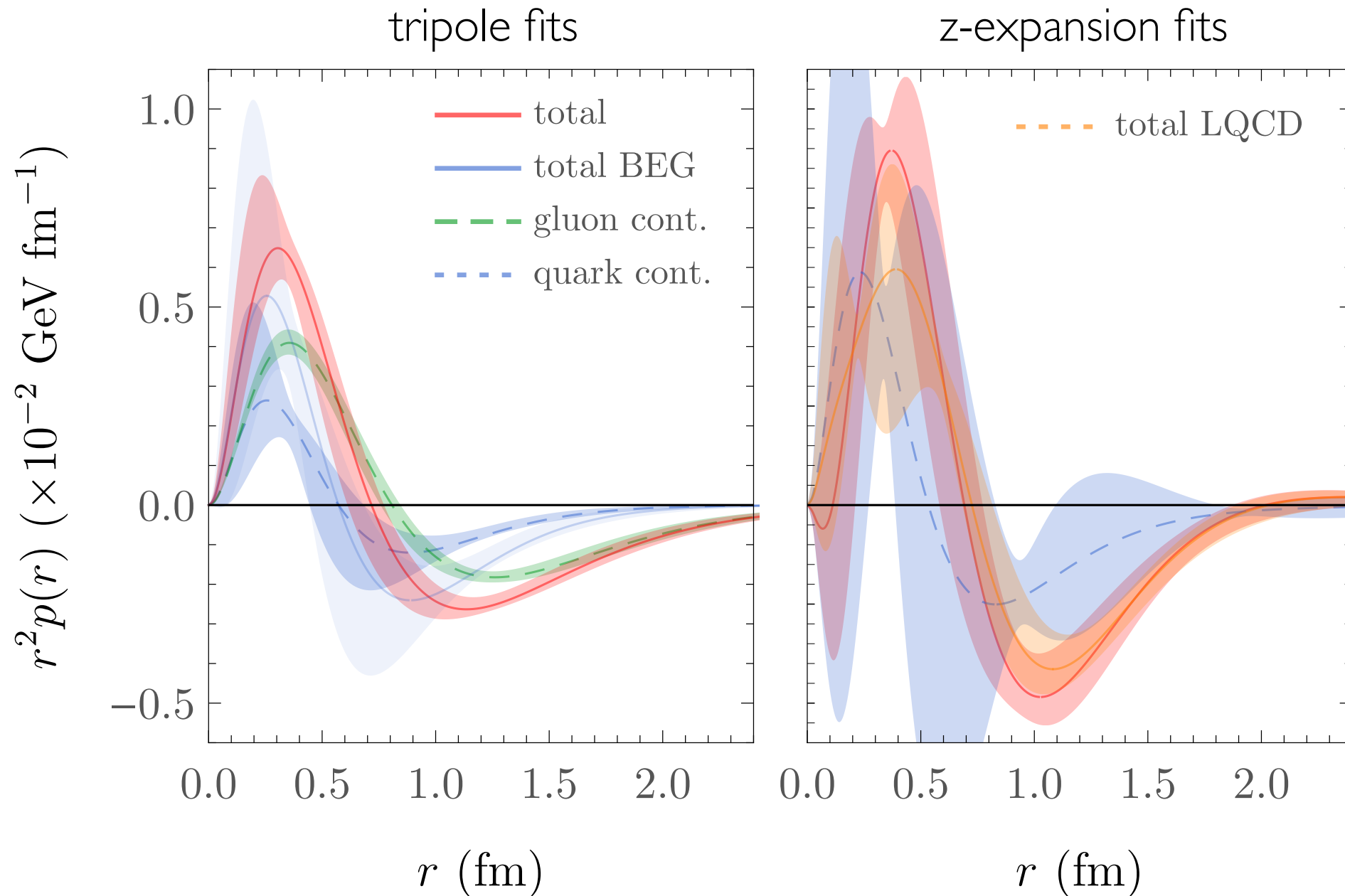
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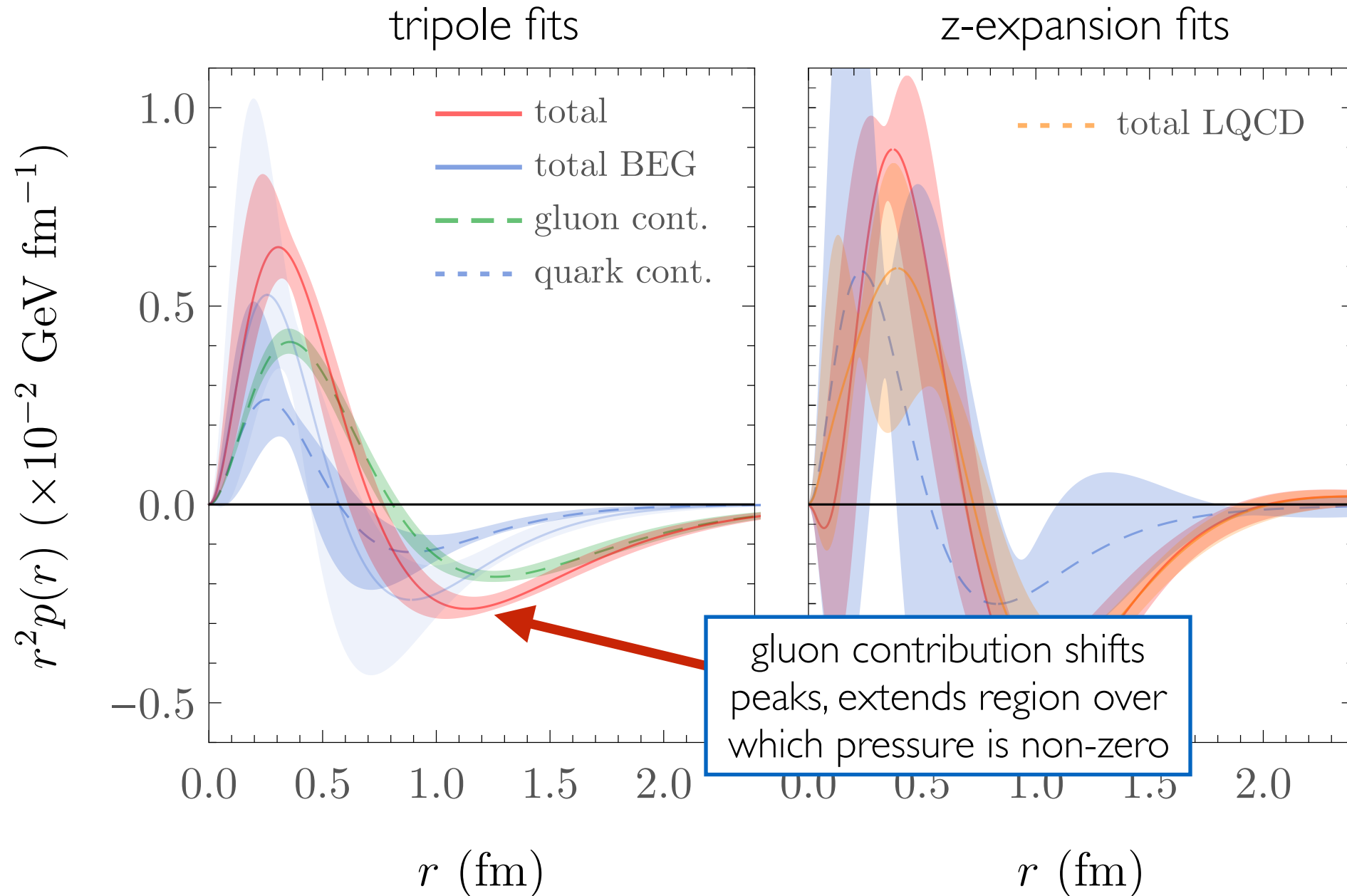
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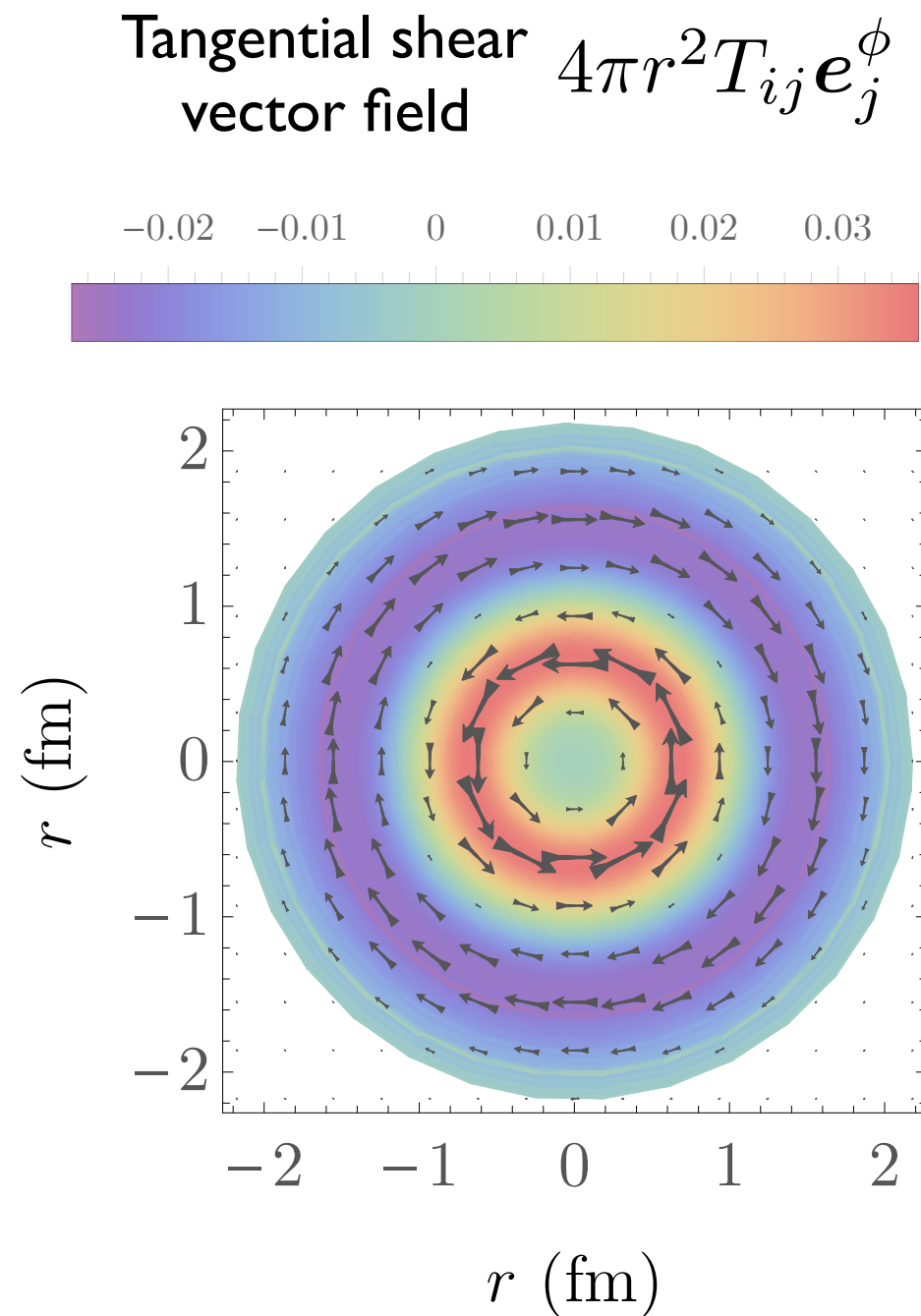
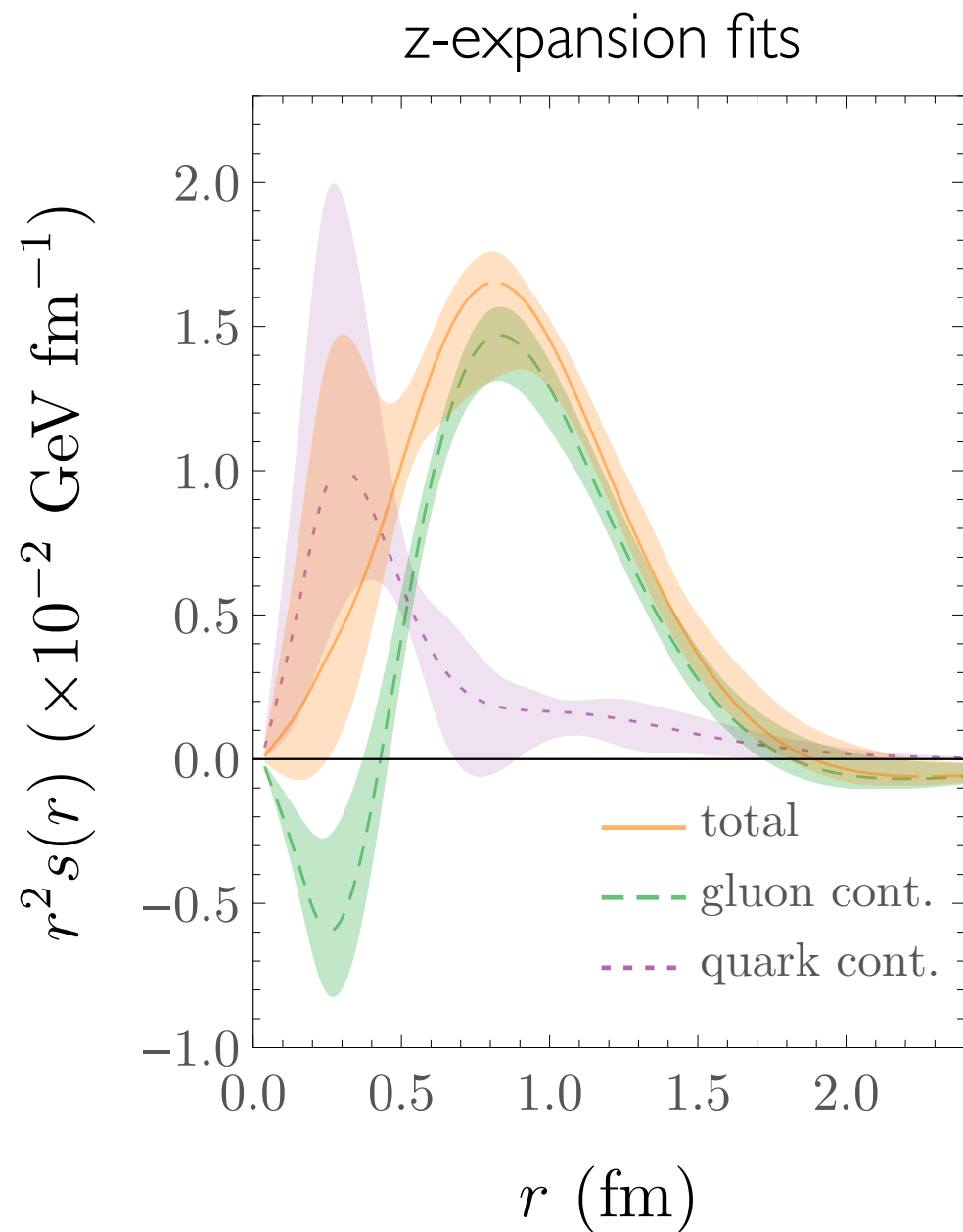


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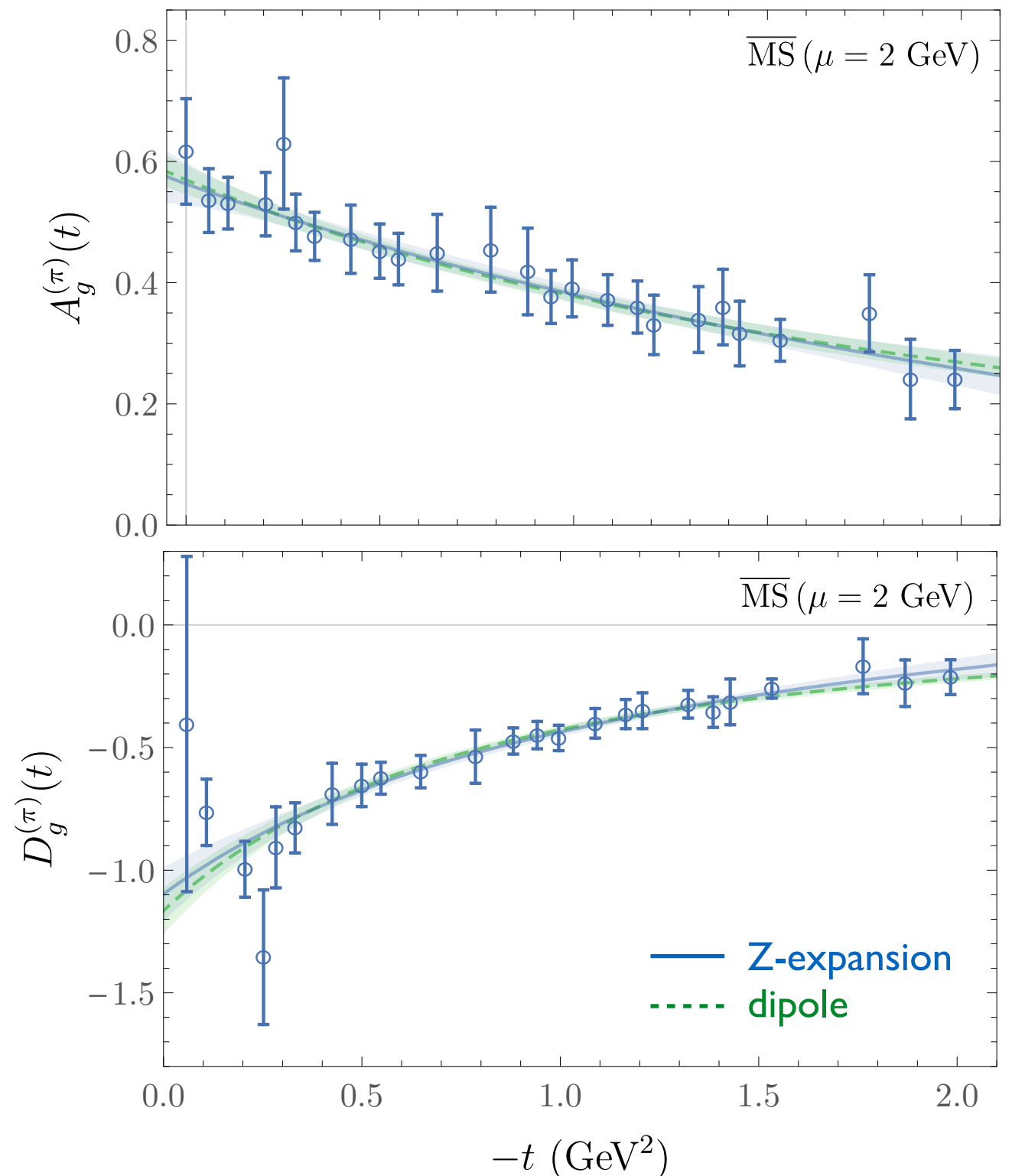
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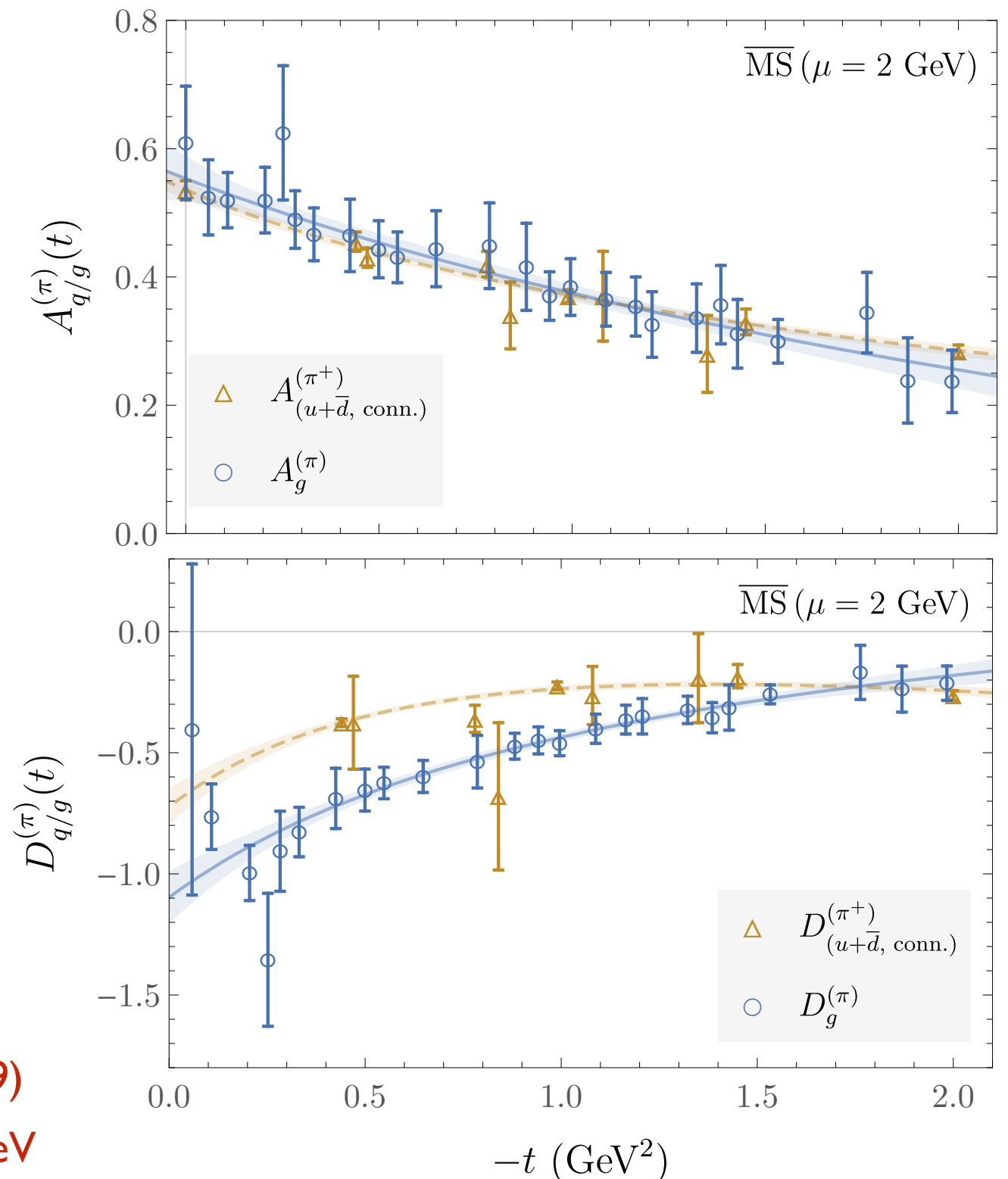
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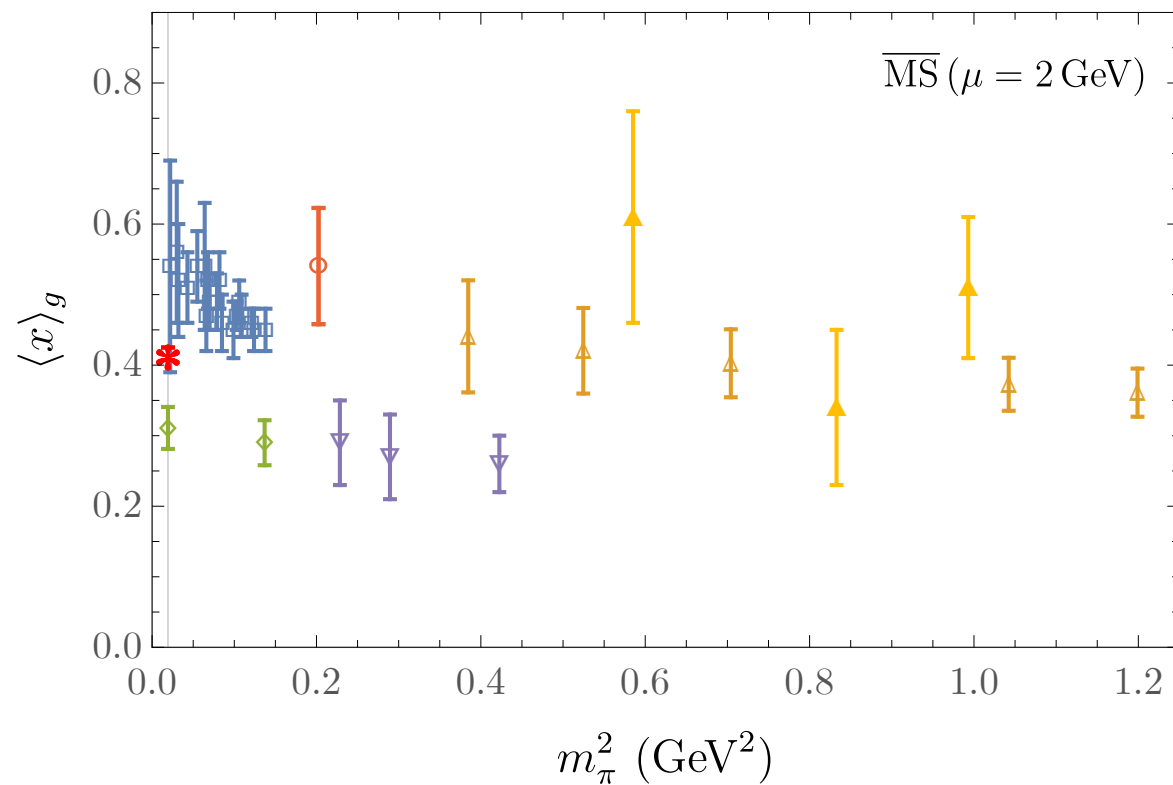




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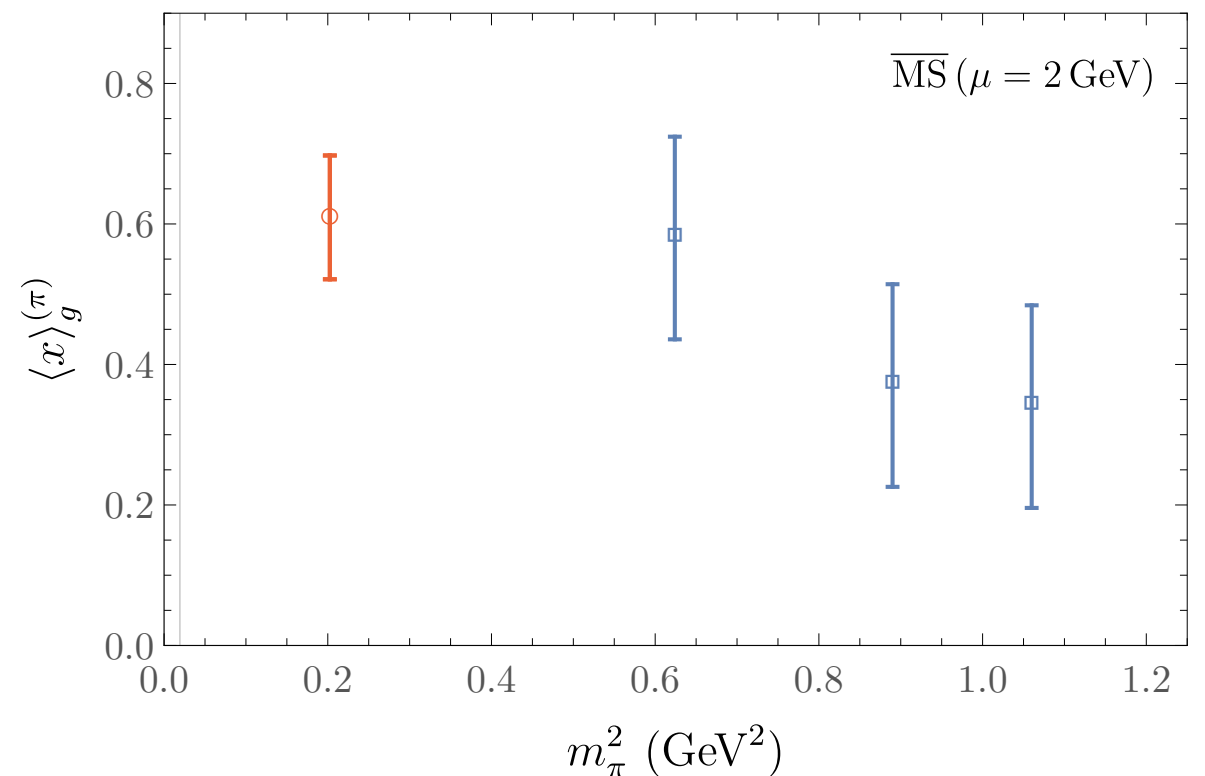
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Nucleon



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 ETM  
 $\chi$ QCD quenched  
 QCDSF quenched

Pion

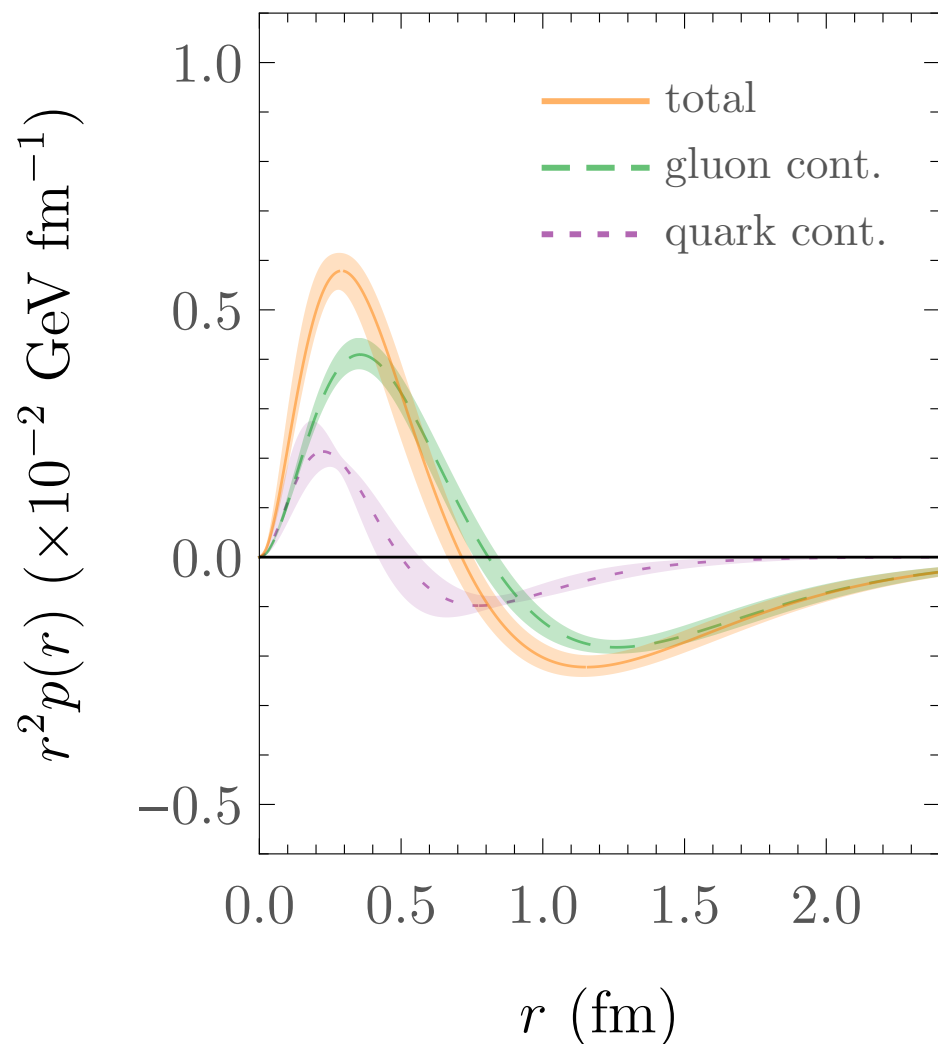


Meyer/Negele  
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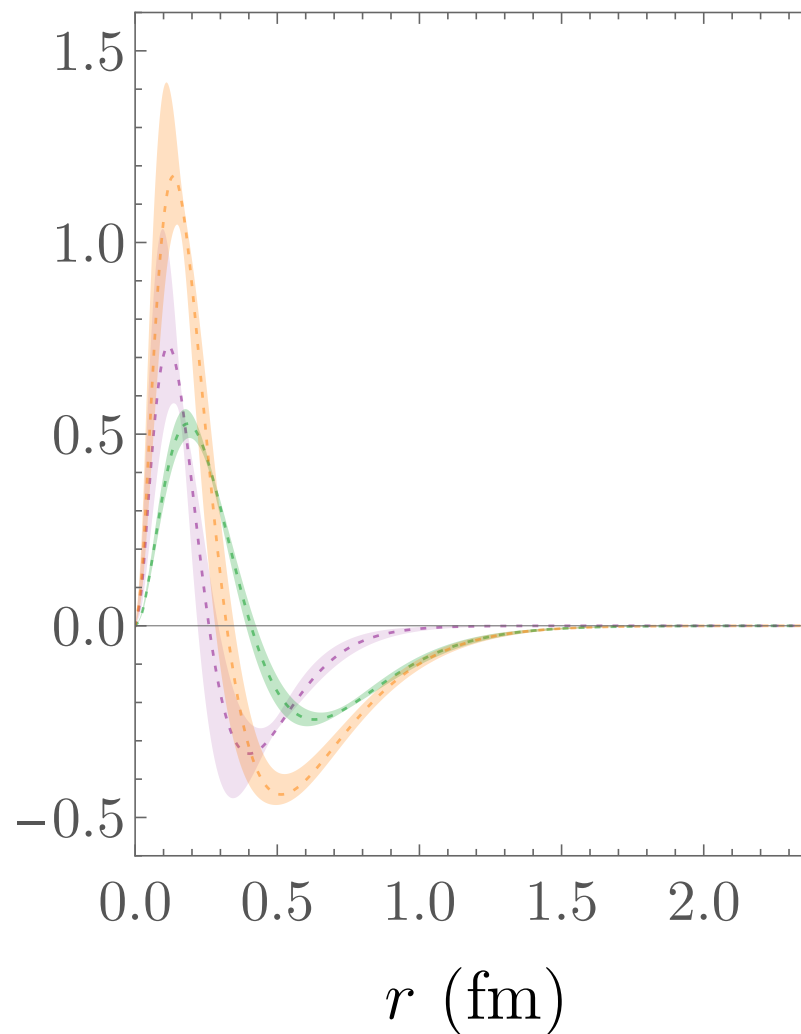
Very little pion-mass dependence within each set of calculations

# LQCD pion pressure

## Nucleon



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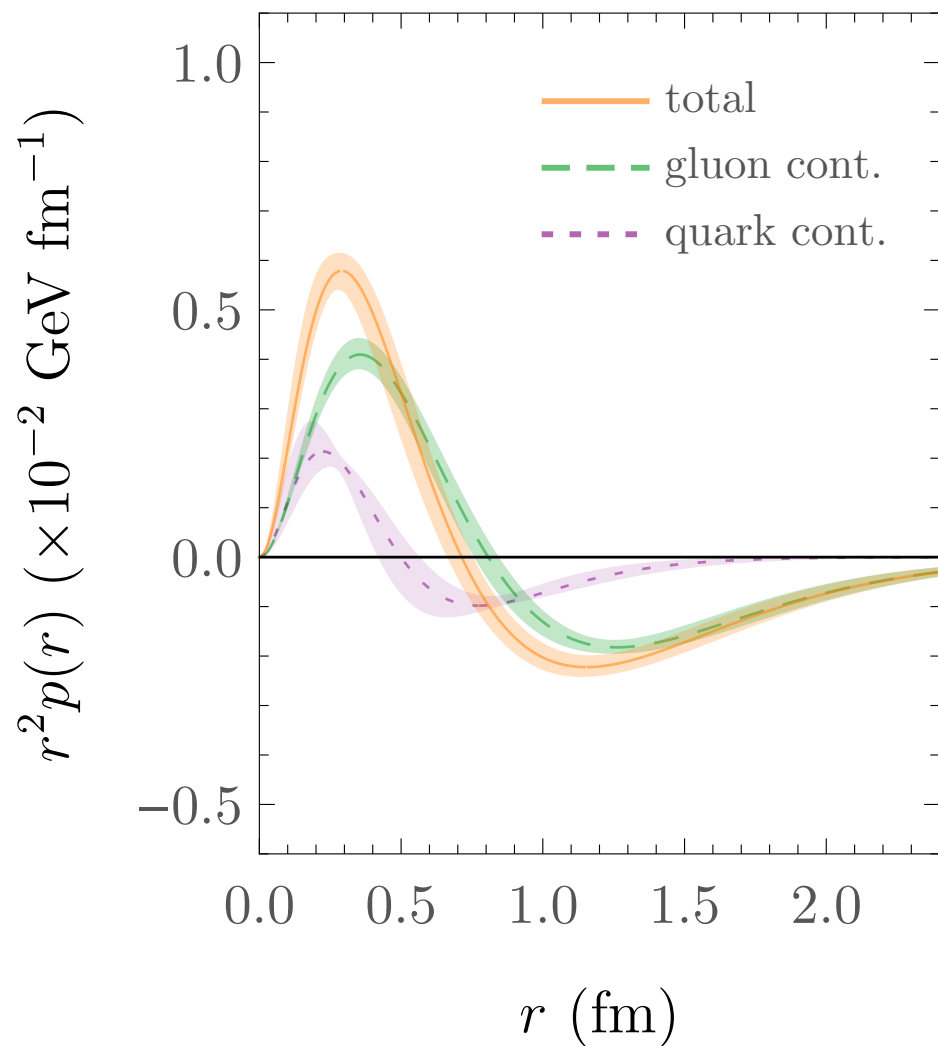
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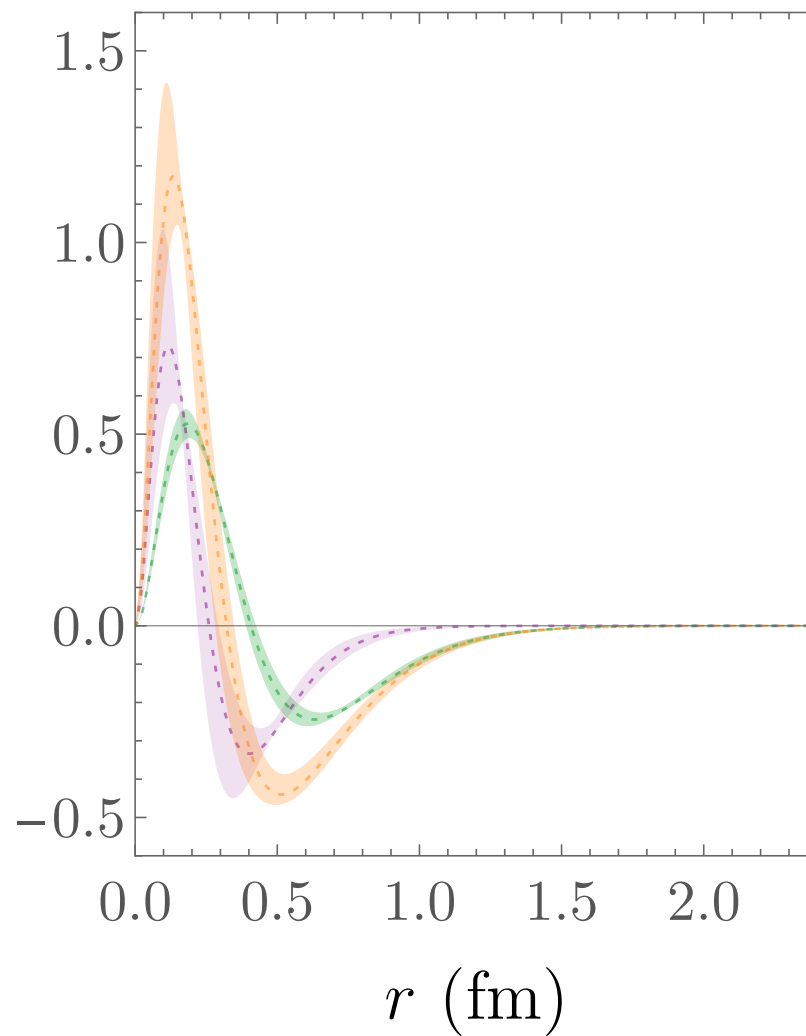
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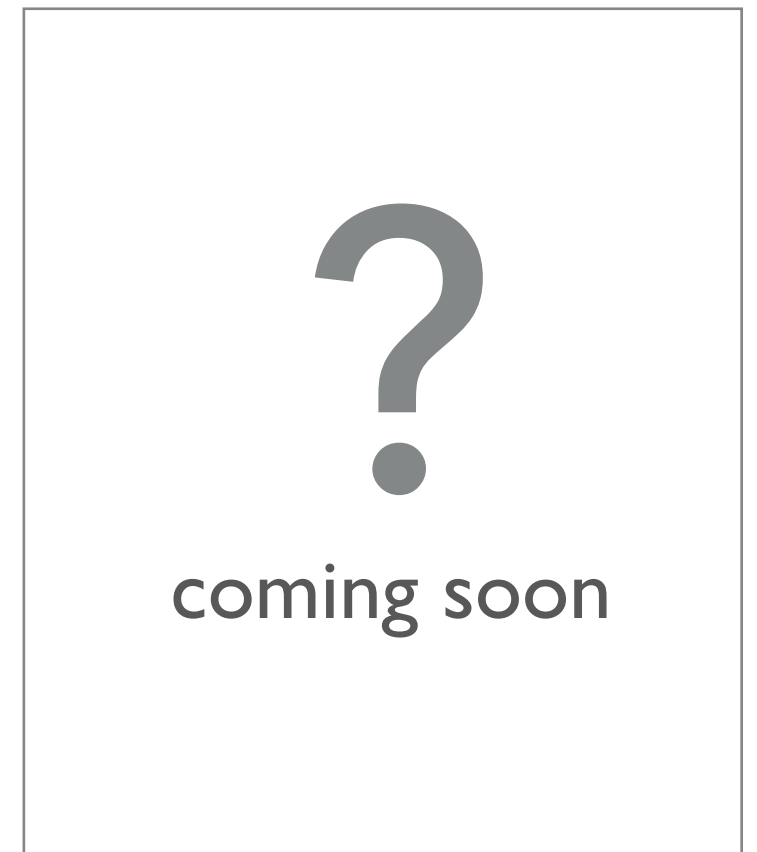
## Nucleon



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## Light nuclei



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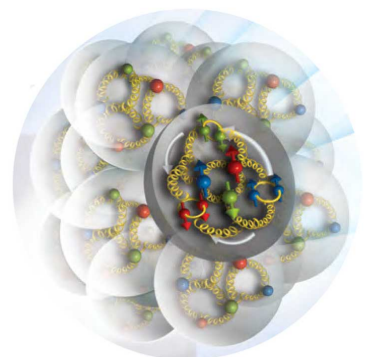
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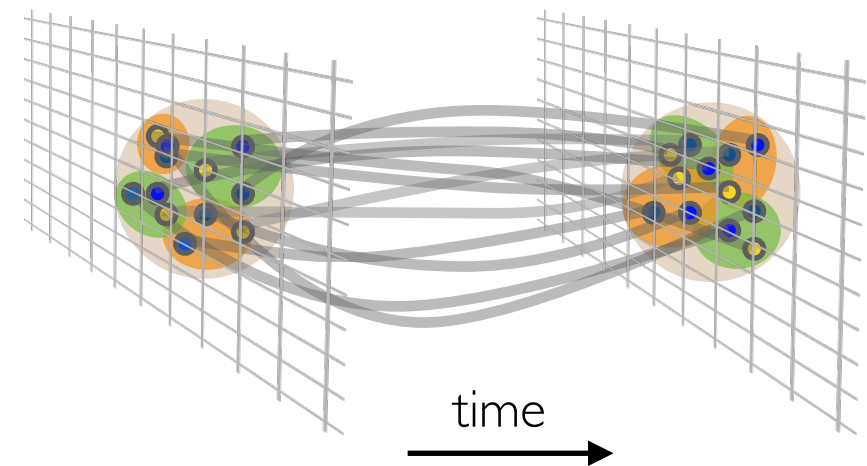
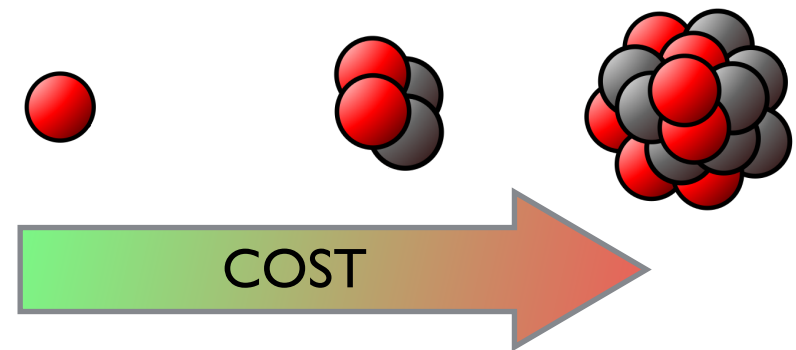
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# Nuclear physics from LQCD

## Nuclei on the lattice: HARD

- **Noise:**  
Statistical uncertainty grows exponentially with number of nucleons
- **Complexity:**  
Number of contractions grows factorially



**Calculations possible for  $A < 5$**  (unphysically heavy quark masses)



# Nuclear physics from LQCD

- Nuclei with  $A < 5$
- QCD with unphysical quark masses

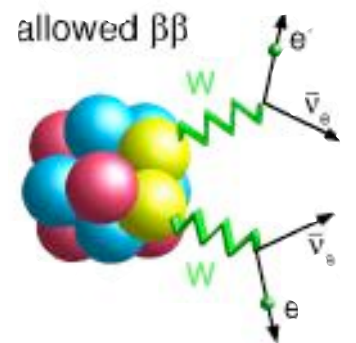
$$m_\pi \sim 800 \text{ MeV}, m_N \sim 1,600 \text{ MeV}$$

$$m_\pi \sim 450 \text{ MeV}, m_N \sim 1,200 \text{ MeV}$$

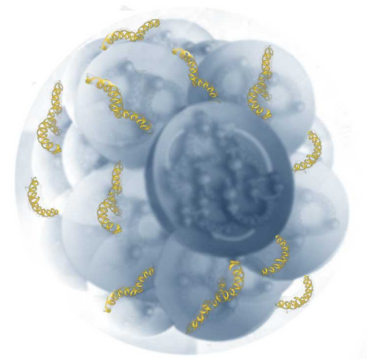
- Nuclear structure: magnetic moments, polarisabilities  
[PRL **113**, 252001 (2014), PRD 92, 114502 (2015)]
- First nuclear reaction:  $np \rightarrow d\gamma$   
[PRL **115**, 132001 (2015)]

- Proton-proton fusion and tritium  $\beta$ -decay  
[PRL **119**, 062002 (2017)]

- Double  $\beta$ -decay  
[PRL **119**, 062003 (2017), PRD **96**, 054505 (2017)]



- Gluon structure of light nuclei  
[PRD **96**, 094512 (2017)]



- Scalar, axial and tensor MEs  
[PRL **120**, 152002 (2018)]



# Gluon structure of nuclei

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How does the gluon structure of a nucleon change in a nucleus?

European Muon Collaboration (1983):  
“EMC effect”

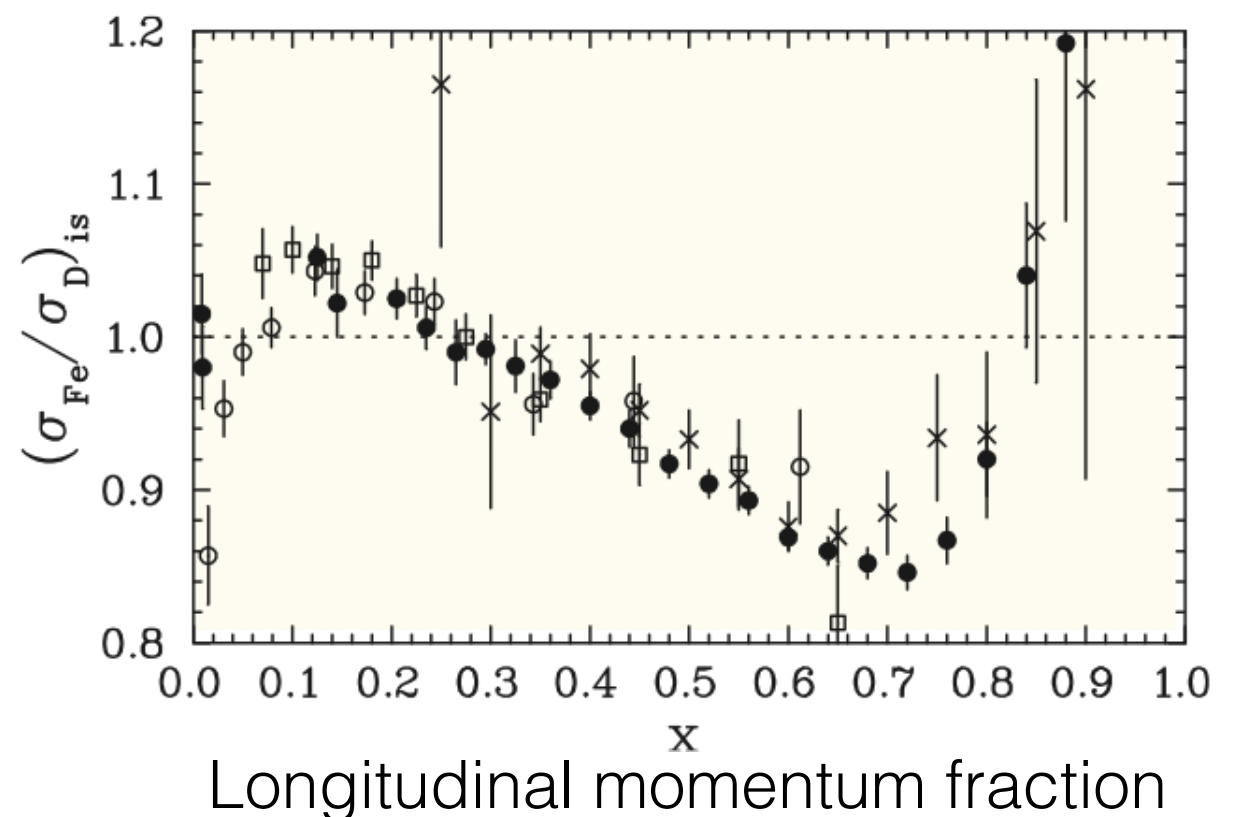
Modification of per-nucleon cross section of nucleons bound in nuclei

Gluon analogue?

Ratio of structure function  $F_2$  per nucleon for iron and deuterium

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \sum_{q=u,d,s,\dots} x e_q^2 [q(x, Q^2) + \bar{q}(x, Q^2)]$$

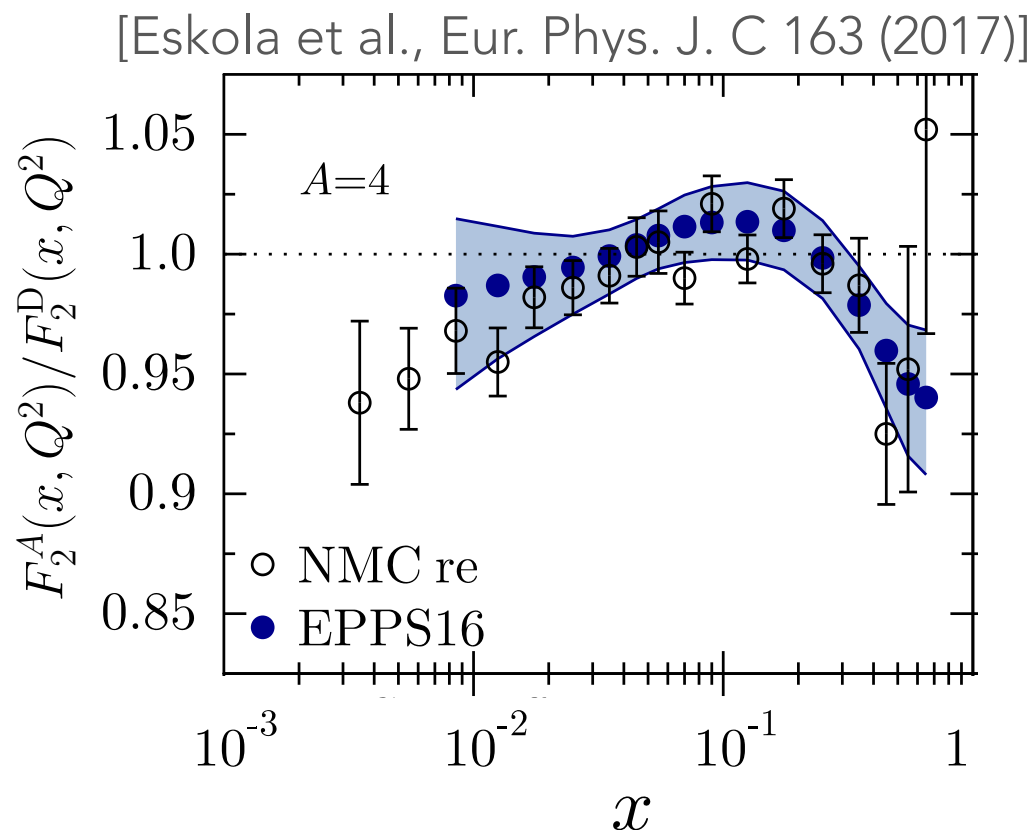
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Classic EMC effect is defined in  $F_2$ :

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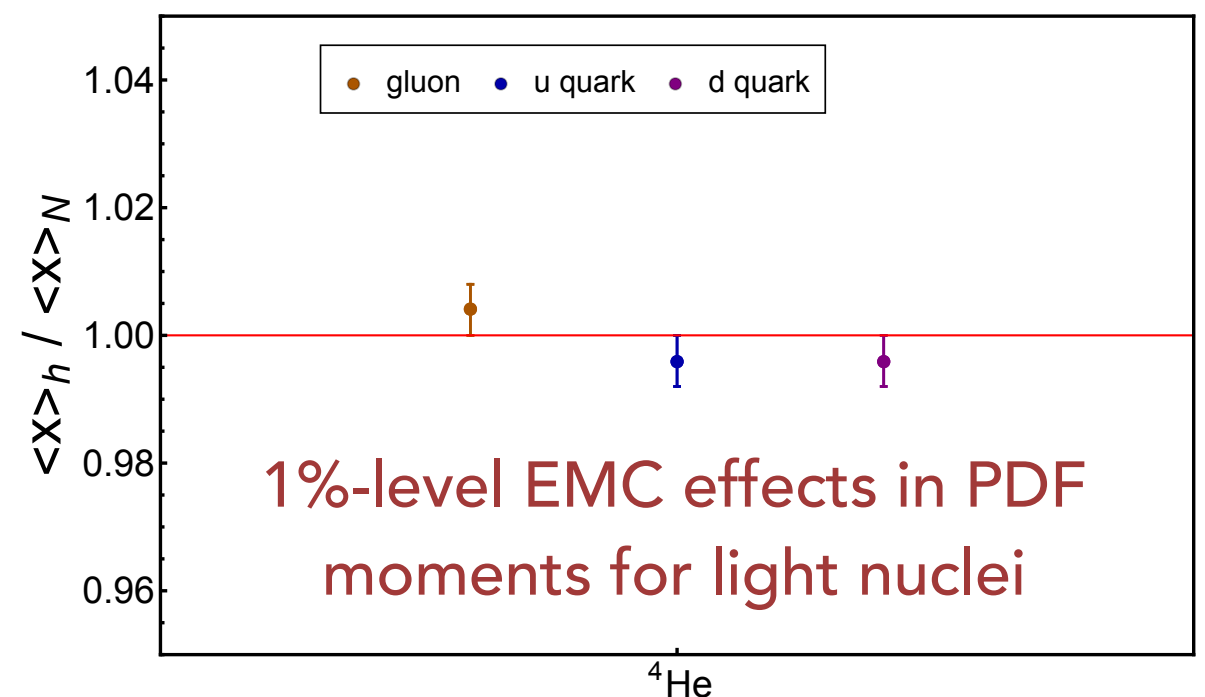
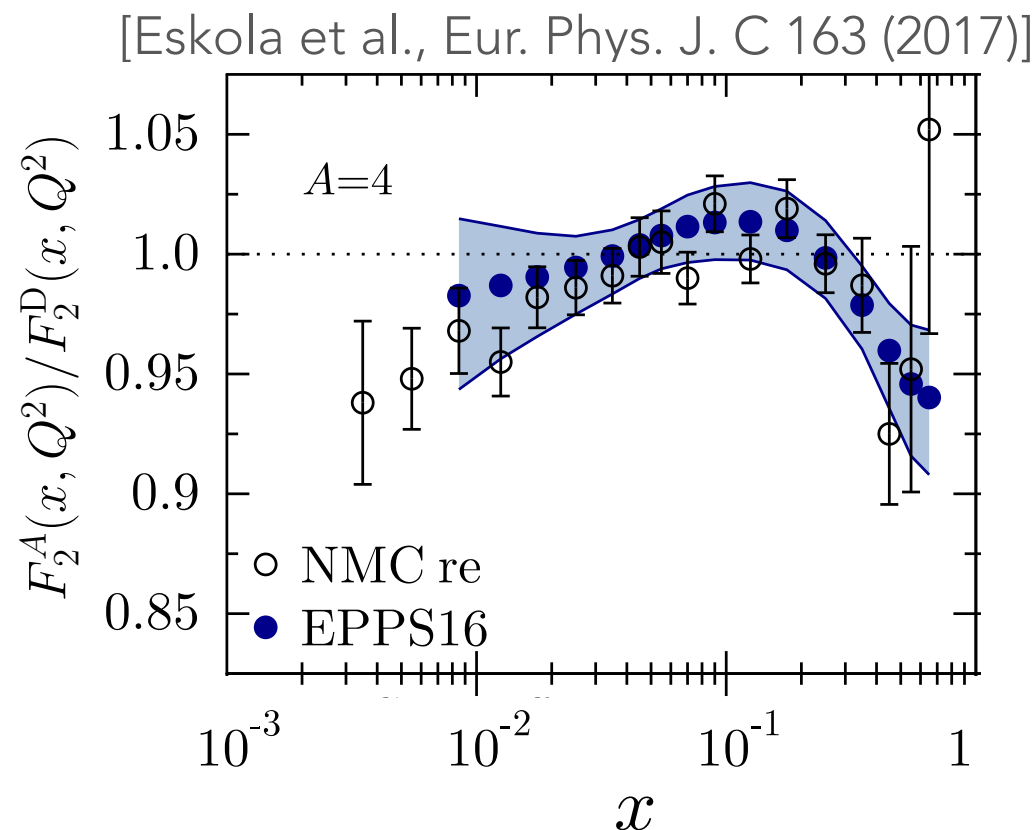


x-integrals of numerator and denominator  $\int_0^1 dx x^n q(x, Q^2)$

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- Lowest Mellin moment of spin-independent PDF defines fraction of momentum of nucleus  $A$  carried by parton of type  $f$

$$\langle x \rangle_A^f = \int_0^1 dx x f^A(x) \qquad \sum_{f=q,g} \langle x \rangle_h^f = 1$$

- Momentum sum rule implies **nucleus-independent ratio of quark and gluon EMC effects** in the first moment

$$\left( \frac{\langle x \rangle_A^f}{\langle x \rangle_p^f} - 1 \right) = E_A^f$$

$$\frac{E_A^g}{E_A^q} = - \frac{\langle x \rangle_p^q}{\langle x \rangle_p^g} \approx -1.4$$

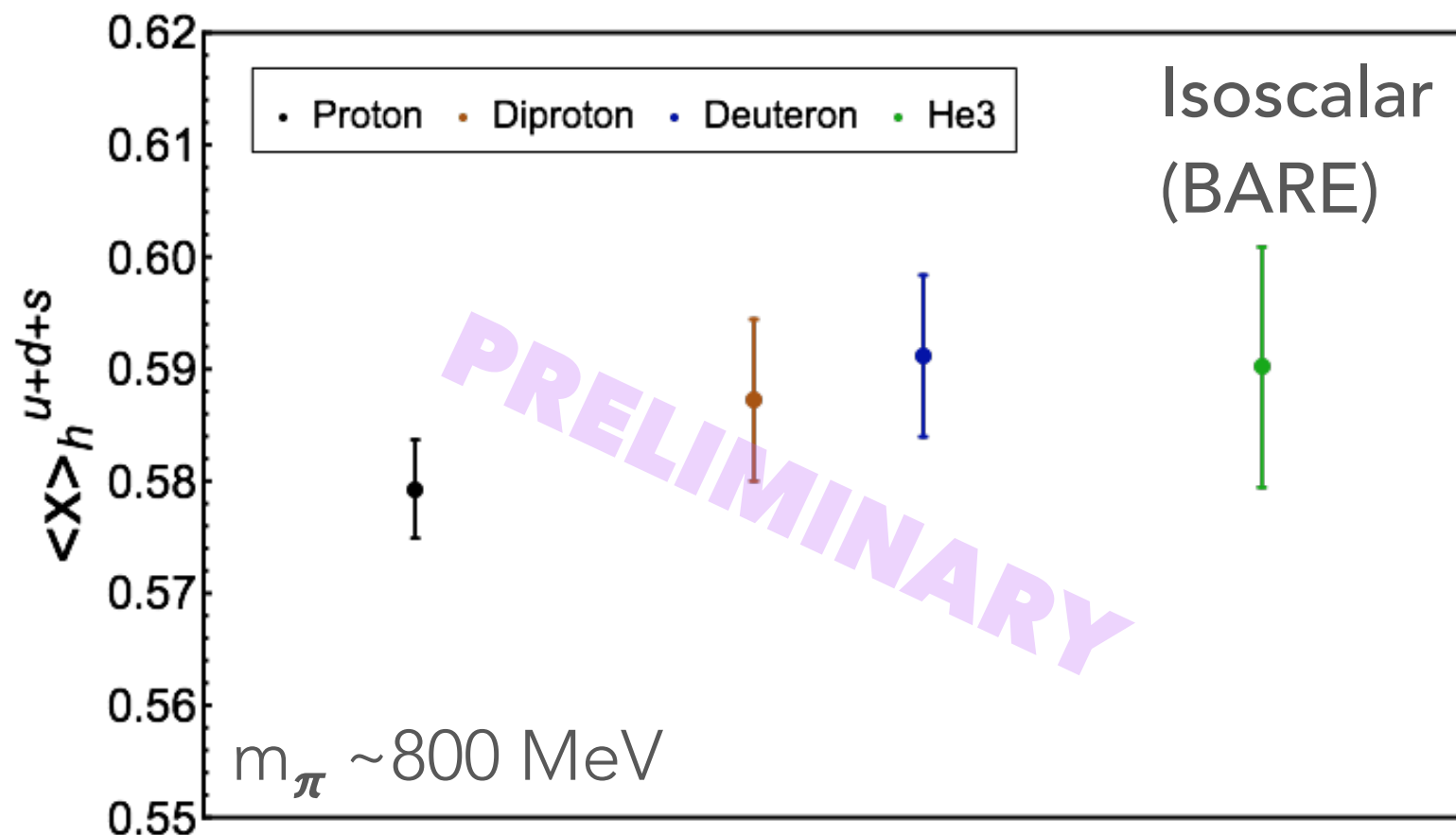
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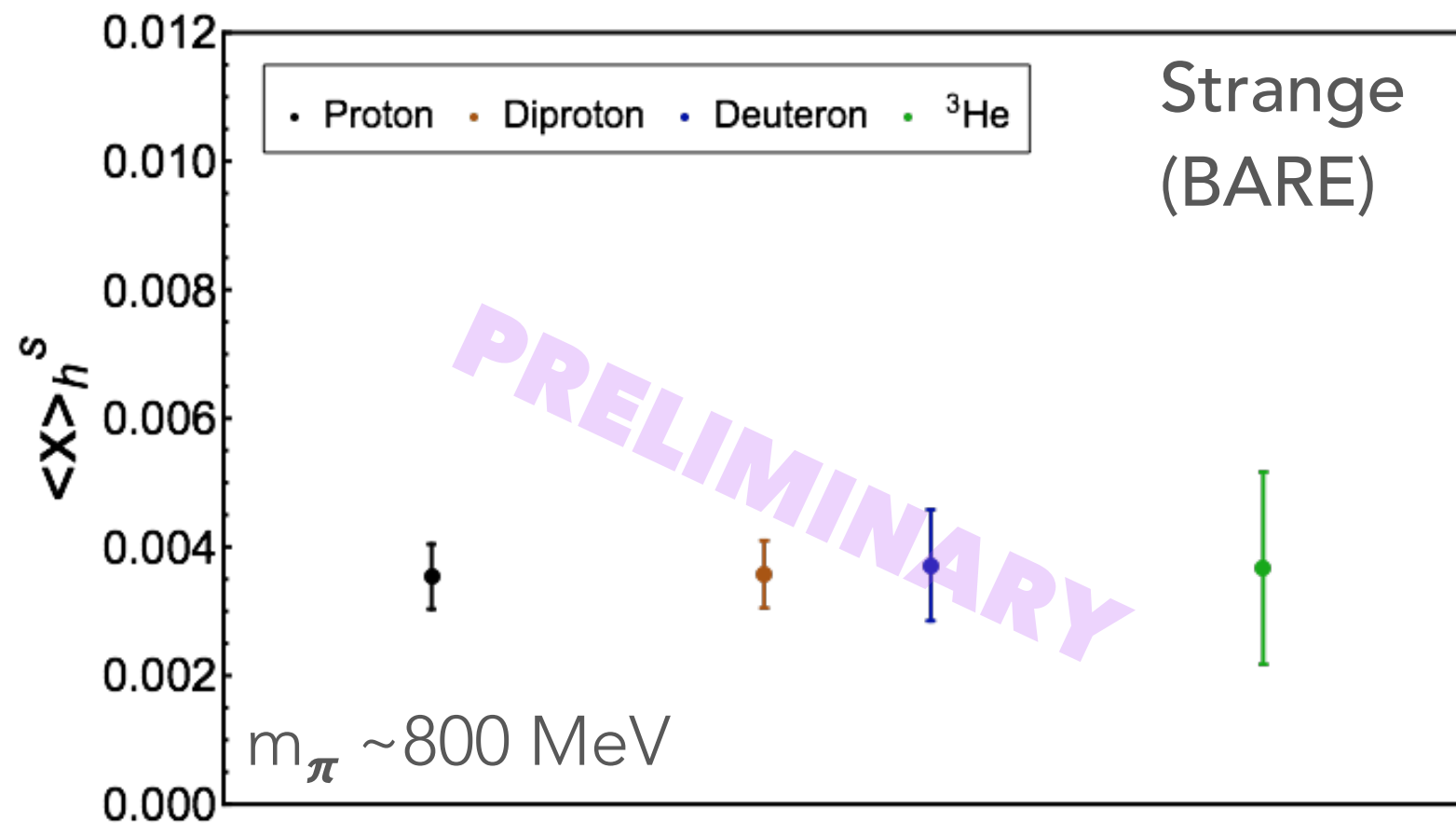


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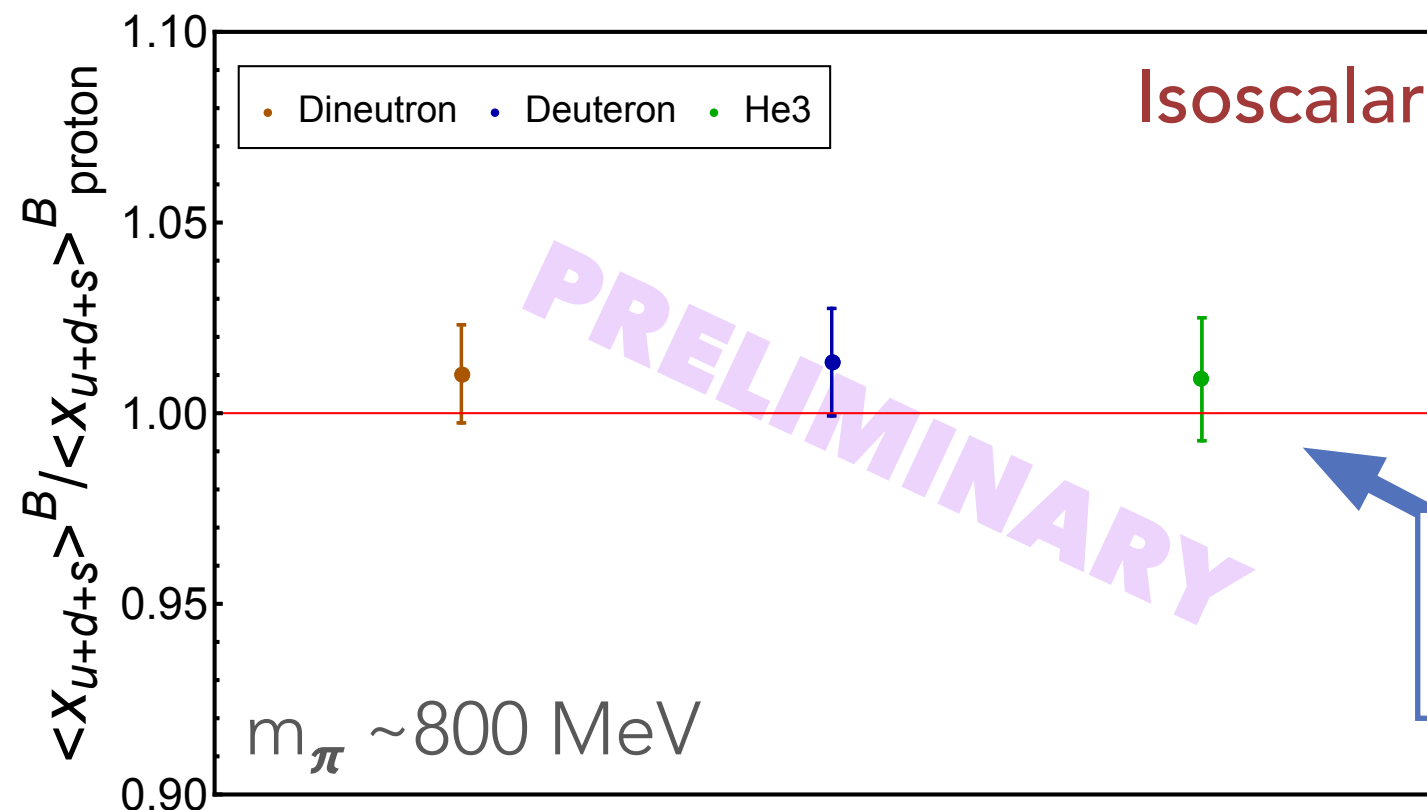
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Ratio of quark momentum fraction in nucleus to nucleon



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Normalised to proton result



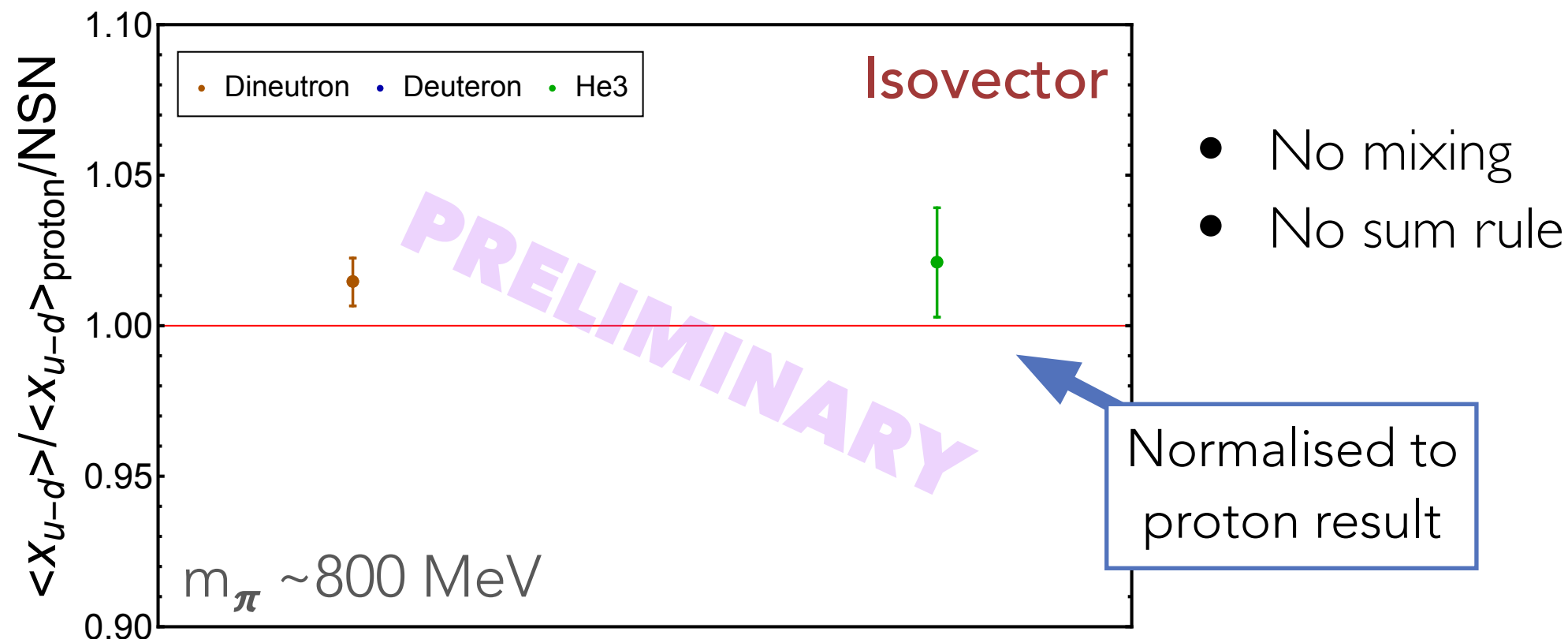
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Matrix elements of the Energy-Momentum Tensor in light nuclei

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# Gluon momentum fraction of nuclei

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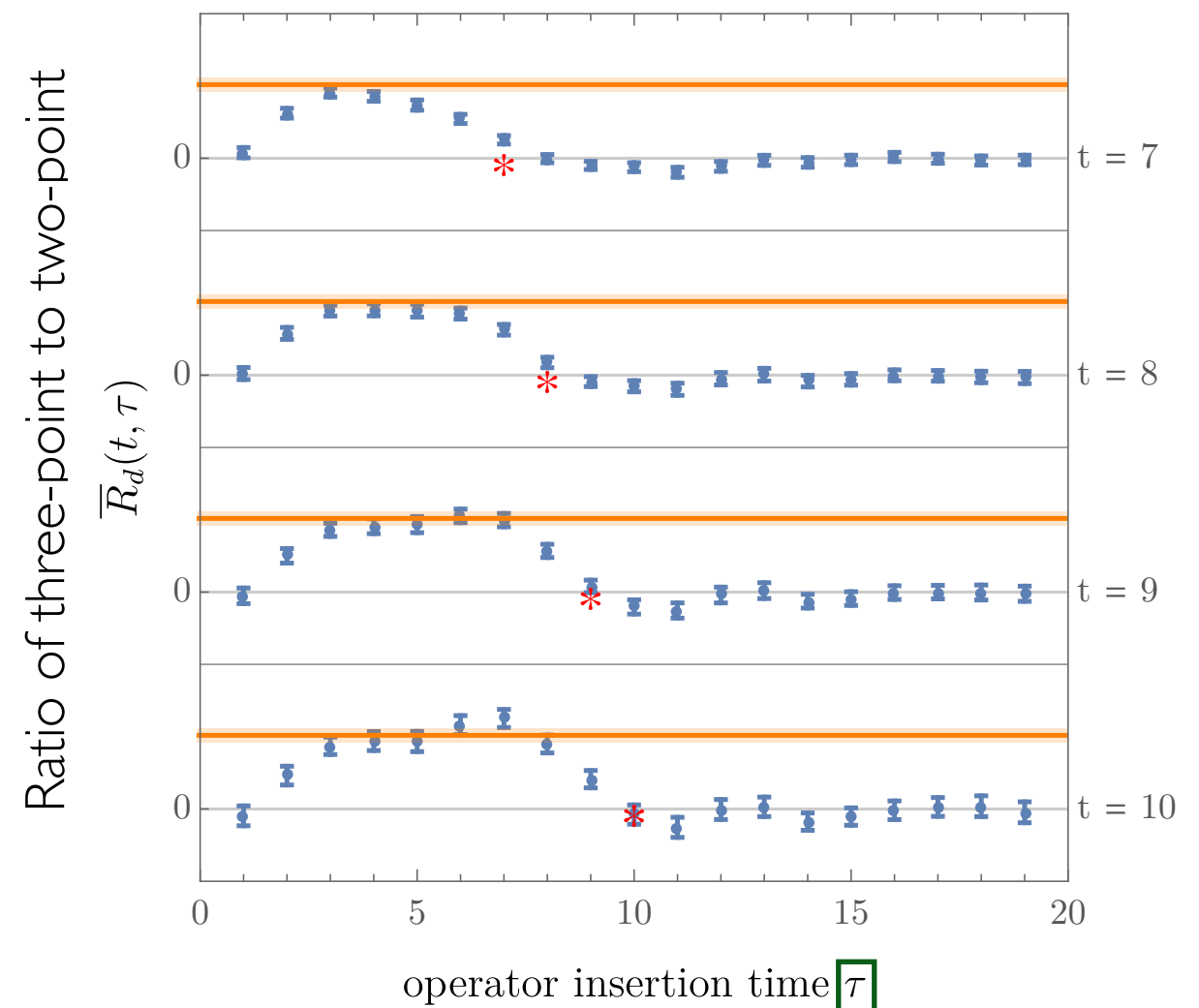
## Doubly challenging:

- Nuclear matrix element
- Gluon observable (suffer from poor signal-to-noise)
- **BUT**: clean signals at  $\sim 5\%$  precision



[NPLQCD PRD96 094512 (2017)]

## Deuteron gluon momentum fraction

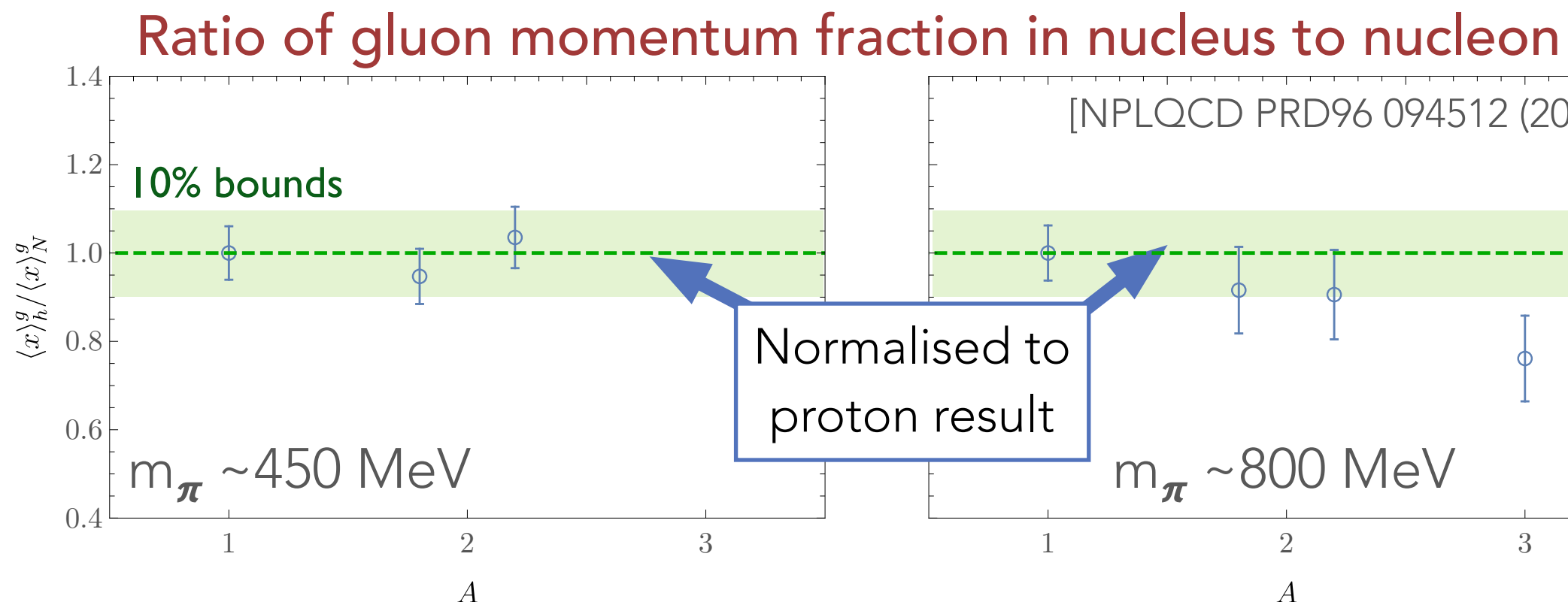


# Gluon momentum fraction of nuclei

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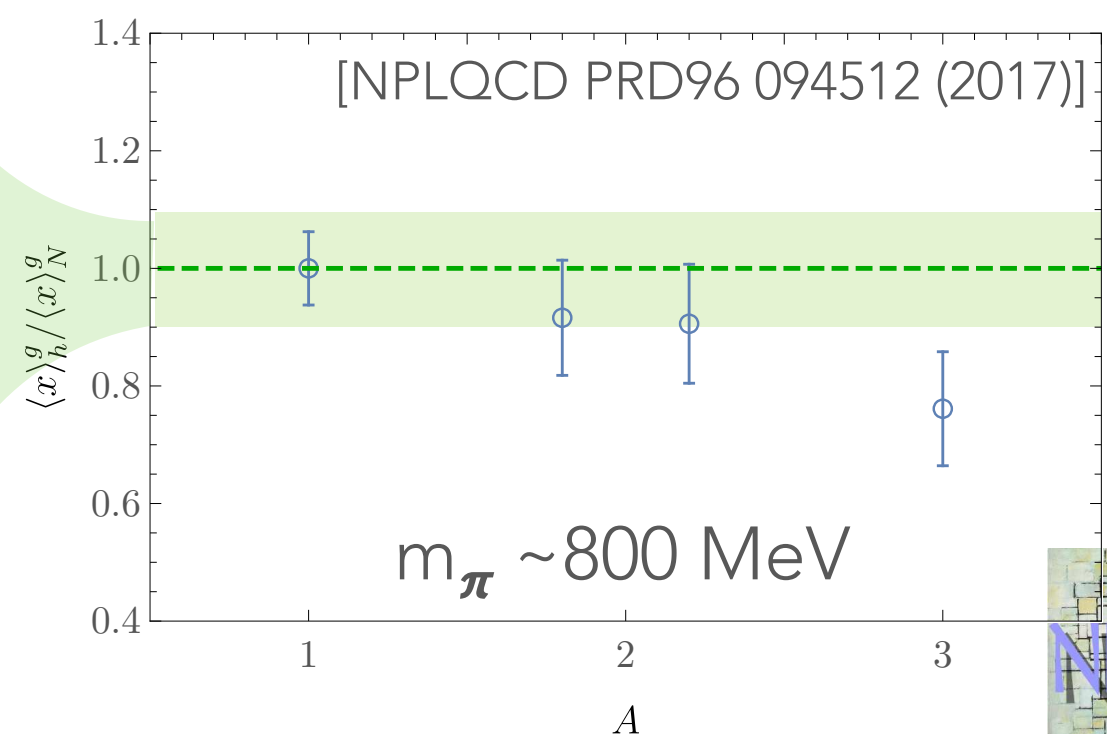
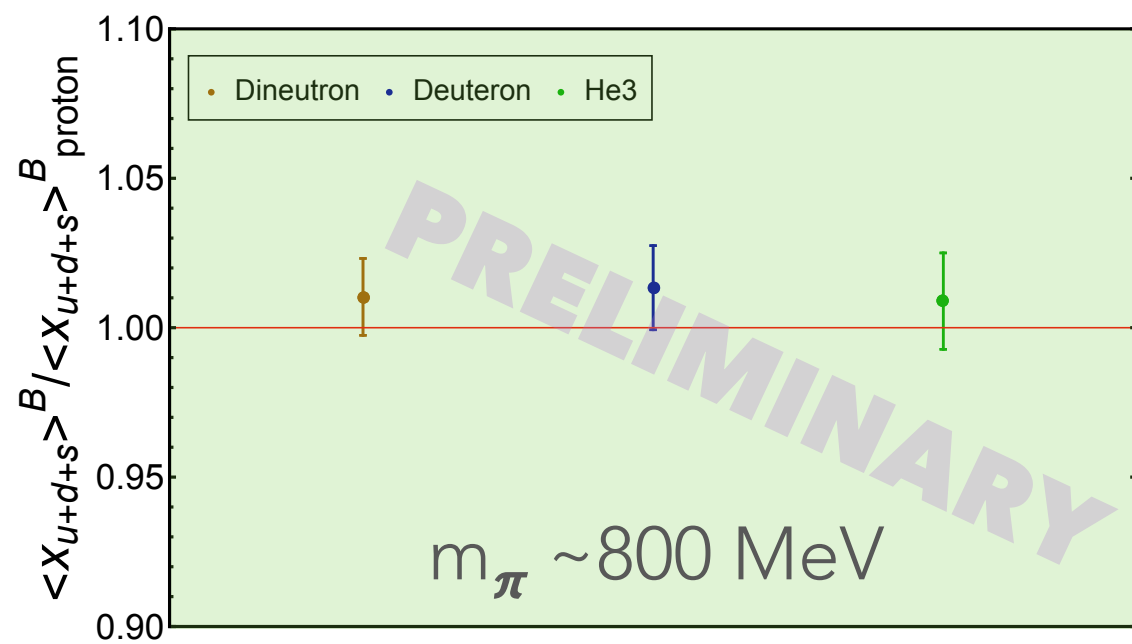
→ first QCD determination of momentum fraction of nuclei

- Constraints at  $\sim 10\%$  level on EMC-effect in gluon momentum fraction
- Small mixing with quark EMT operators (neglected)
- Sum rule constraint



# Momentum fractions of nuclei

- First determination of all components of momentum decomposition of light nuclei
- Small mixing between quark and gluon EMT operators neglected
- Constraint on either quark or gluon EMC in this quantity implies constraint on the other from sum rules:



# Gluon structure of nuclei

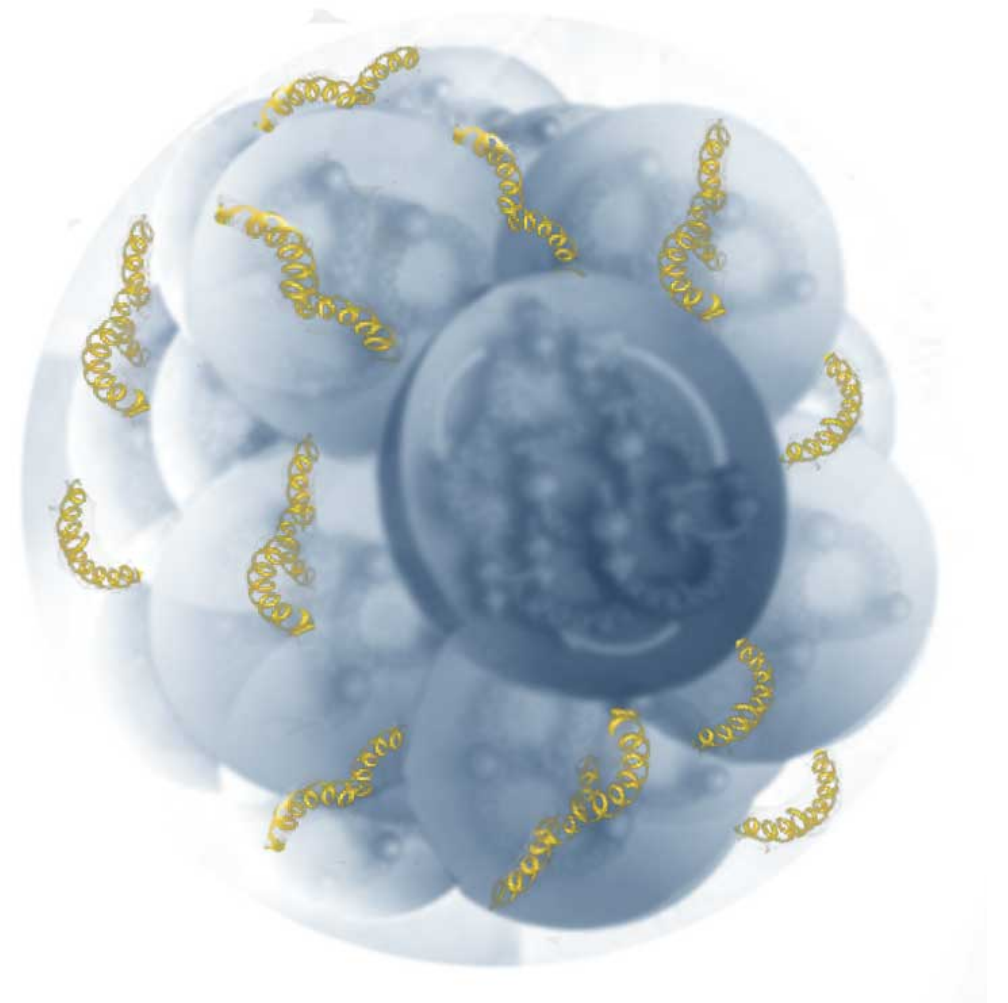
## Exotic Glue

Contributions to nuclear structure from gluons not associated with individual nucleons in nucleus

Exotic glue operator:

$$\text{nucleon} \quad \langle p | \mathcal{O} | p \rangle = 0$$

$$\text{nucleus} \quad \langle N, Z | \mathcal{O} | N, Z \rangle \neq 0$$



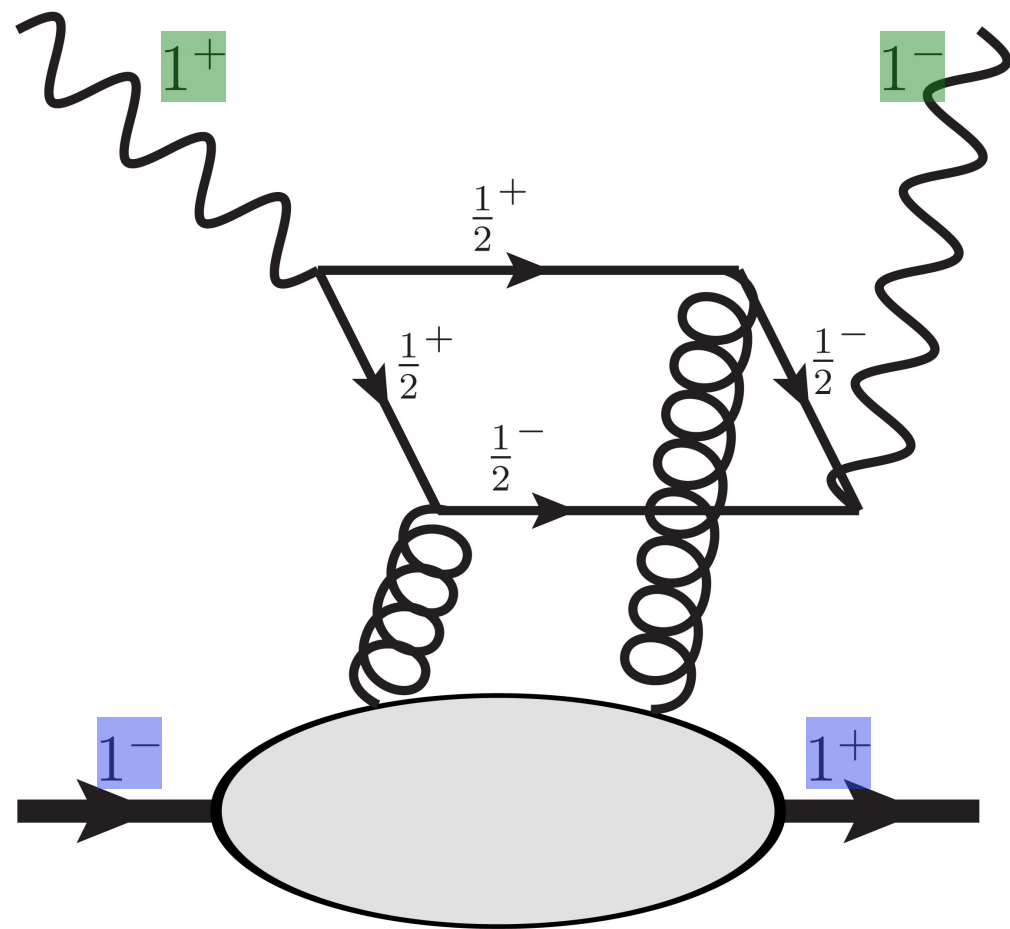
Jaffe and Manohar, "Nuclear Gluonometry"  
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# Gluonic Transversity

Double helicity flip structure function  $\Delta(x, Q^2)$

Changes both photon and target helicity by 2 units



- **Unambiguously gluonic:** no analogous quark PDF at twist-2
- Non-vanishing in forward limit for targets with  $\text{spin} \geq 1$
- **Experimentally measurable** in unpolarised electron DIS on polarised target
  - Nitrogen target: JLab Lol 2015
  - Polarised nuclei at EIC
- Moments calculable in LQCD

# Non-nucleonic glue in deuteron

NPLQCD Collaboration PRD96 094512 (2017)

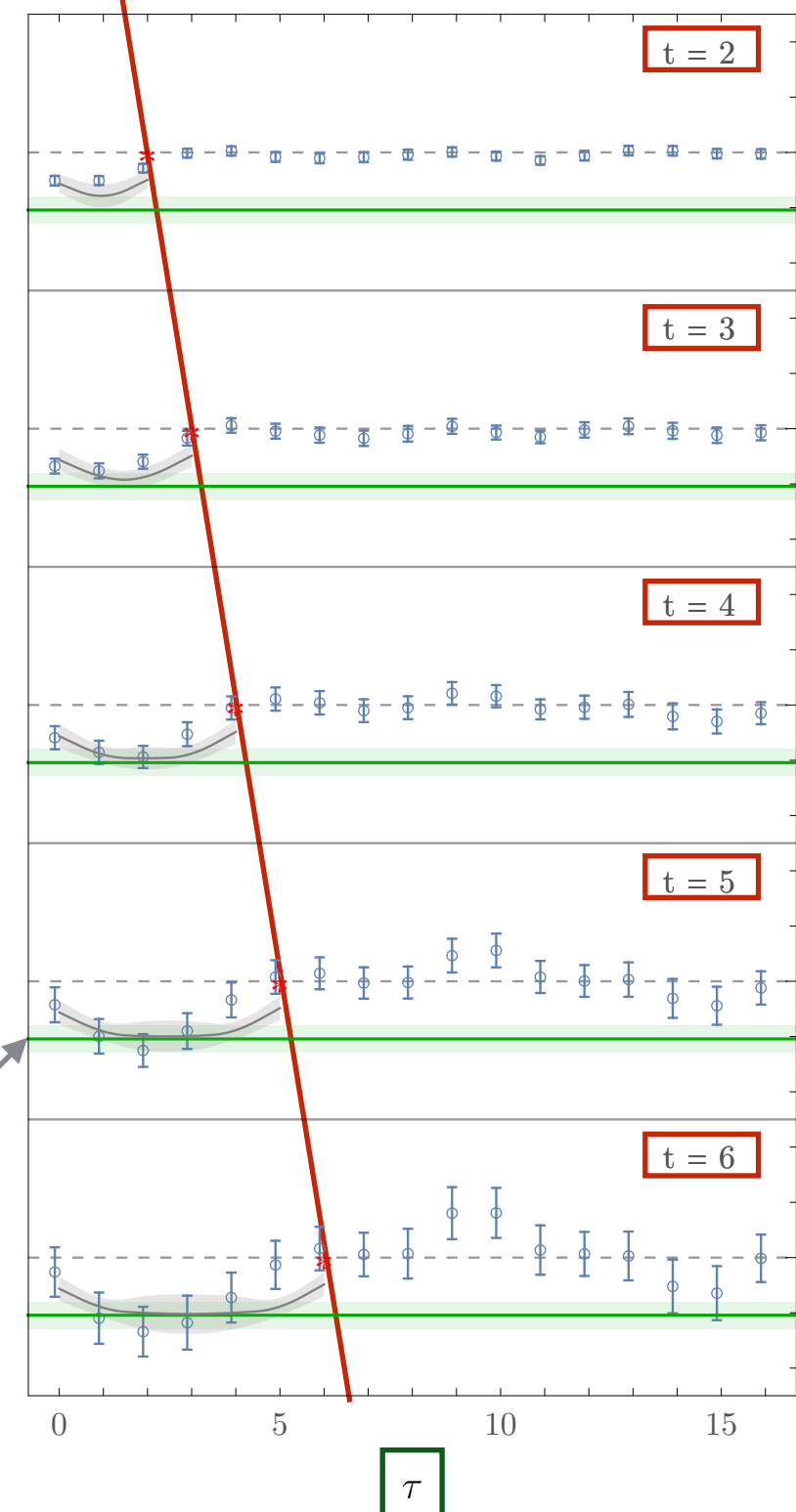
First moment of gluon transversity distribution in the deuteron,  
 $m_\pi \sim 800$  MeV

- First evidence for non-nucleonic gluon contributions to nuclear structure
- Hypothesis of no signal ruled out to better than one part in  $10^7$
- Magnitude relative to momentum fraction as expected from large- $N_c$

Ratio of 3pt and 2pt functions



Ratio  $\propto$  matrix element  
for  $0 \ll \tau \ll t$



# Gluon structure from LQCD

- Electron-Ion collider will dramatically alter our knowledge of the gluonic structure of hadrons and nuclei
  - Work towards a complete 3D picture of parton structure (moments, x-dependence of PDFs, GPDs, TMDs)
  - **First determination of gluon contributions to shear and pressure distributions in the proton**
    - Supports analysis assumptions in recent experimental determination
    - Suggests target kinematics for future model-independent extractions at JLab 12 and EIC
  - Compare quark and gluon distributions in hadrons and nuclei
- Lattice QCD calculations in hadrons and light nuclei will complement and extend understanding of fundamental structure of nature

