

# Nucleon matrix elements from lattice QCD

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# Nucleon Matrix Elements

- Moments of Parton Distributions - unpolarized, helicity and transversity distributions

$$\langle x^n \rangle_q \quad \langle x^n \rangle_{\Delta q} \quad \langle x^n \rangle_{\delta q}$$

- Form Factors - vector and axial vector

$$F_1 \quad F_2 \quad G_A \quad G_P$$

- Generalized Form Factors / Generalized Parton Distributions -

Transverse Structure - 3D distribution of quarks in a mixed representation:  
2 transverse coordinates  $\vec{b}_\perp$  and 1 longitudinal momentum  $x$

$$q(x, \vec{b}_\perp) \quad \Delta q(x, \vec{b}_\perp)$$

Spin Decomposition - decomposition of nucleon spin into quark helicity, quark orbital and gluon contributions (ask me during the questions)

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma_{u+d} + L_{u+d} + J_g$$

Comparing with Phenomenology - full determination of GPDs requires combination of experiment, lattice and phenomenology (ask me during the questions)

## Mixed Action Lattice Calculation

- asqtad staggered sea quarks (MILC) with  $a = 0.124$  fm

$am_{u/d}^{\text{asqtad}}$	$L/a$	$L$	$m_{\pi}^{\text{DWF}}$	#
		fm	MeV	
0.05	20	2.52	761	425
0.04	"	"	693	350
0.03	"	"	594	564
0.02	"	"	498	486
0.01	"	"	354	656
0.01	28	3.53	353	270

- domain wall valence quarks with HYP smearing and  $L_5 = 16$
- one-loop perturbative renormalization at  $\mu = 2$  GeV
- chiral perturbation theory following hep-lat/0610007
- please see hep-lat/0409130 for more details

## Moments of Parton Distributions

- for example, unpolarized parton distributions

$$q(x) = \langle P, S | \int \frac{dy^-}{4\pi} e^{ixP^+y^-} \bar{q}(-y^-/2) \gamma^+ q(y^-/2) | P, S \rangle$$

- light-cone expansion generates unpolarized twist-two operators

$$O_q^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} = \bar{q} i D^{(\mu_1} \dots i D^{\mu_{n-1}} \gamma^{\mu_n)} q$$

- moments of parton distributions from forward matrix elements

$$\langle P, S | O_q^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} | P, S \rangle = 2 \langle x^{n-1} \rangle_q P_{\mu_1} \dots P_{\mu_n}$$

- unpolarized, helicity and transversity moments

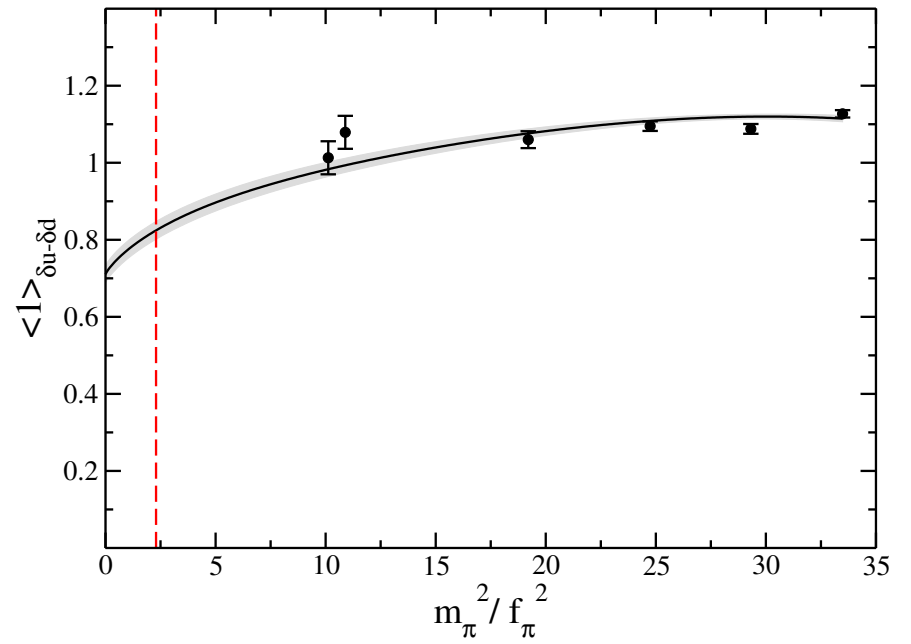
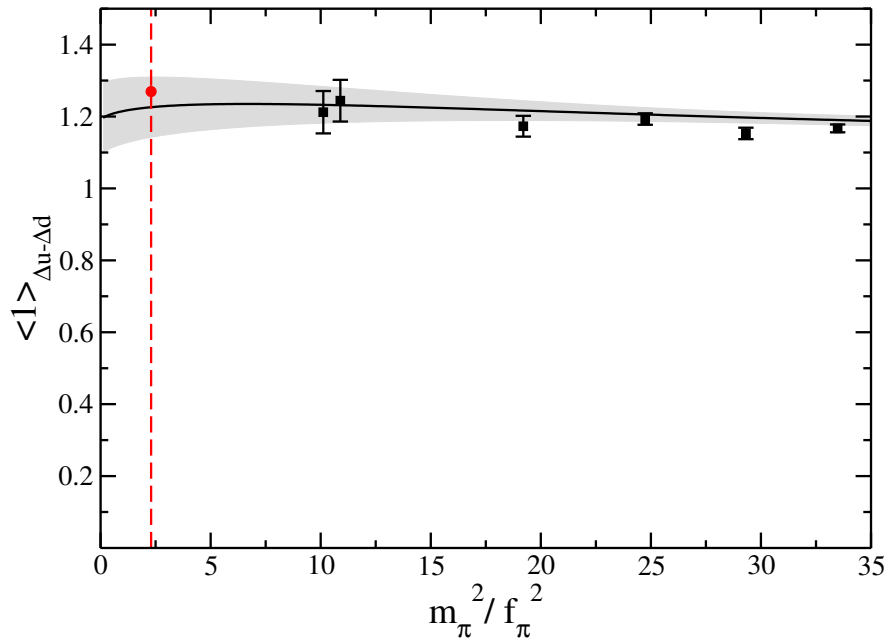
$$\begin{aligned} \langle x^n \rangle_q &= \int_{-1}^1 dx x^n q(x) \\ \langle x^n \rangle_{\Delta q} &= \int_{-1}^1 dx x^n \Delta q(x) \\ \langle x^n \rangle_{\delta q} &= \int_{-1}^1 dx x^n \delta q(x) \end{aligned}$$

- please see, for example, hep-lat/0201021 for more details

## Lowest Moments: Axial and Tensor Charges

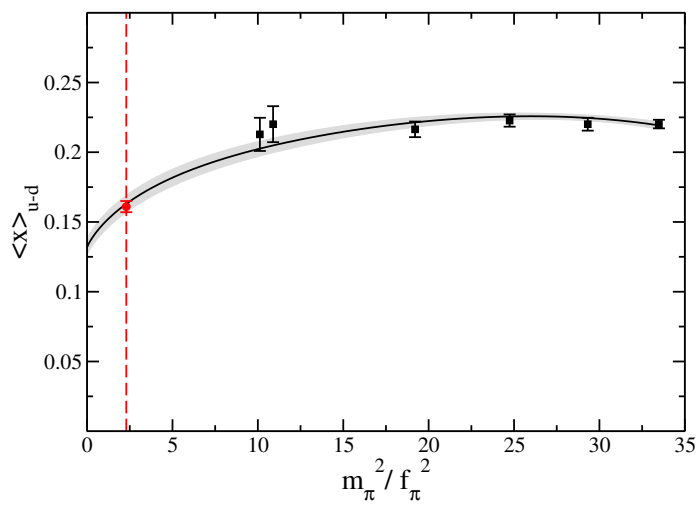
$$g_A = \langle 1 \rangle_{\Delta u - \Delta d}$$

$$g_T = \langle 1 \rangle_{\delta u - \delta d}$$

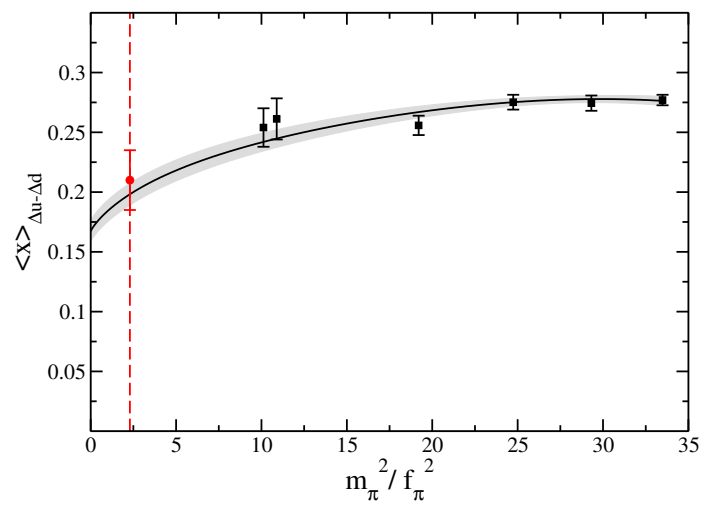


# Momentum Fractions and Higher Moments

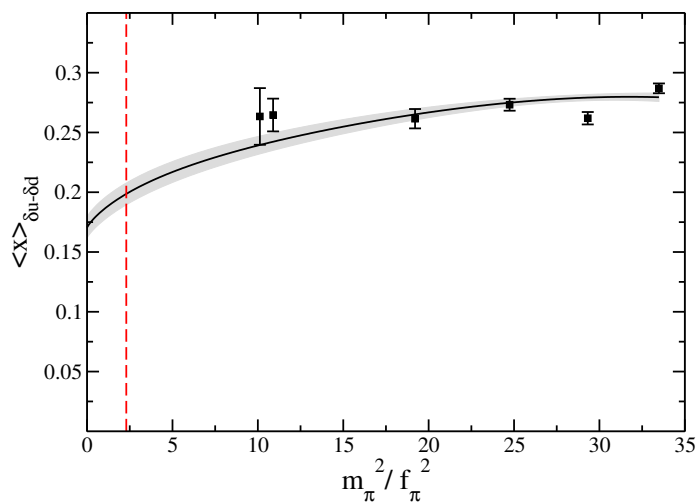
$$\langle x \rangle_{u-d}$$



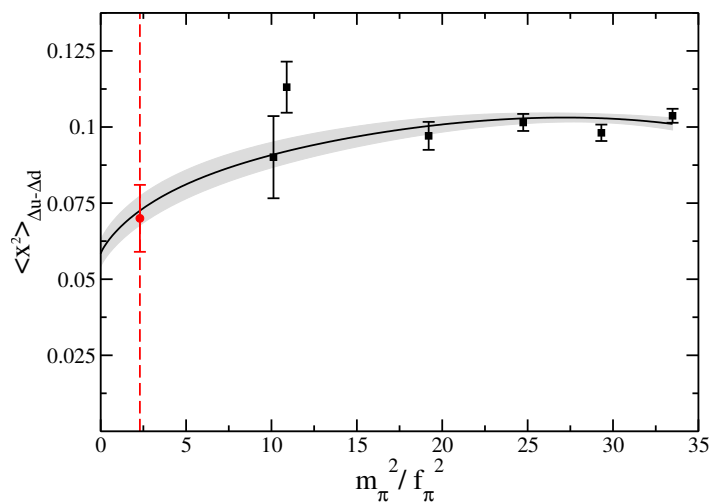
$$\langle x \rangle_{\Delta u - \Delta d}$$



$$\langle x \rangle_{\delta u - \delta d}$$

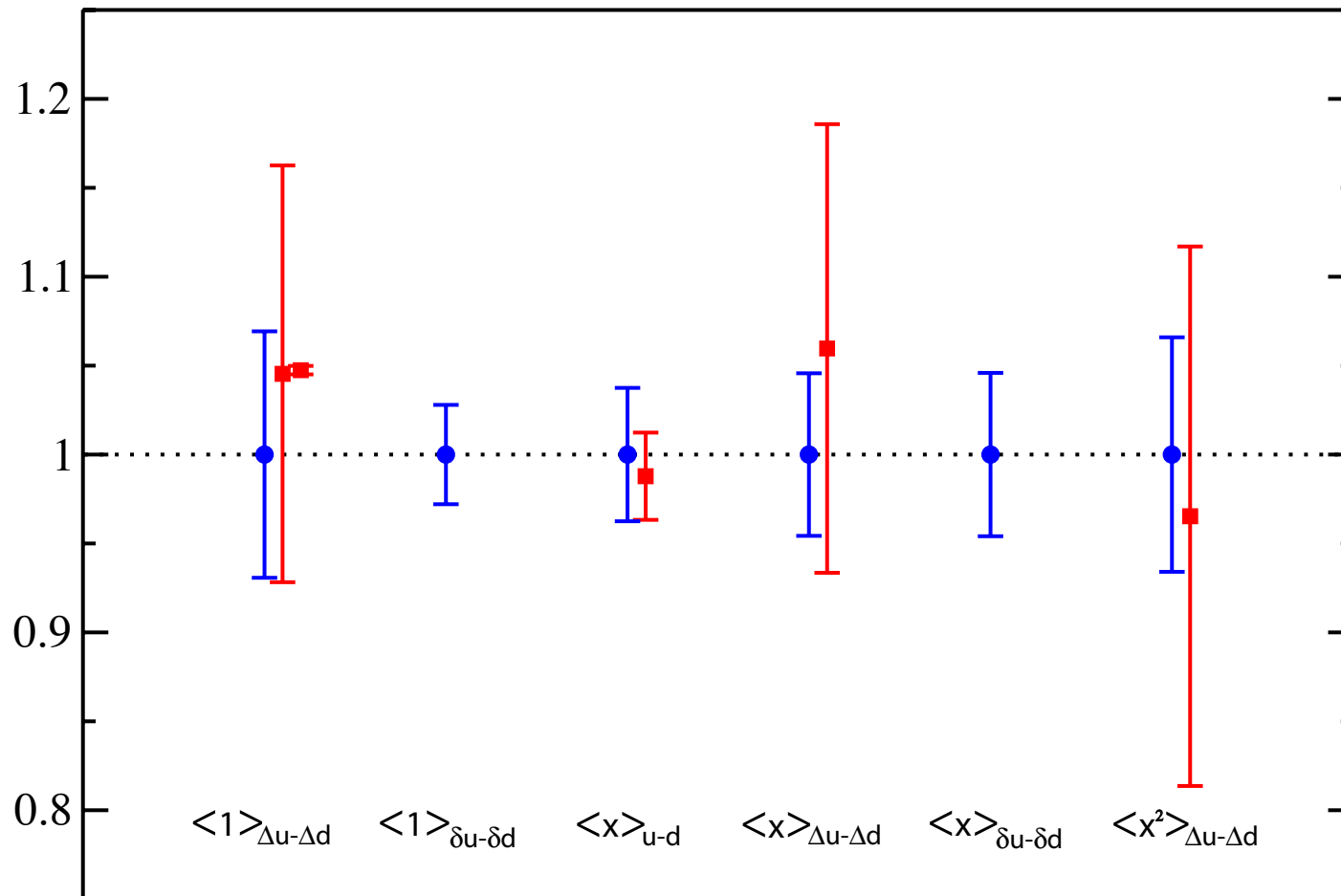


$$\langle x^2 \rangle_{\Delta u - \Delta d}$$



## Comparing with Experiment

blue is lattice, red is experiment, both normalized to lattice



## Form Factors

- vector form factors:  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , from off-forward matrix elements of the vector current,  $\bar{q}\gamma_\mu q$ , a twist-two operator

$$\langle P', S' | J^\mu | P, S \rangle = \bar{U}(P', S') \left( \gamma^\mu F_1(t) + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} \Delta_\nu}{2m} F_2(t) \right) U(P, S)$$

- axial-vector form factors:  $G_A$  and  $G_P$ , from off-forward matrix elements of the axial-vector current,  $\bar{q}\gamma_5\gamma_\mu q$ , again a twist-two operator

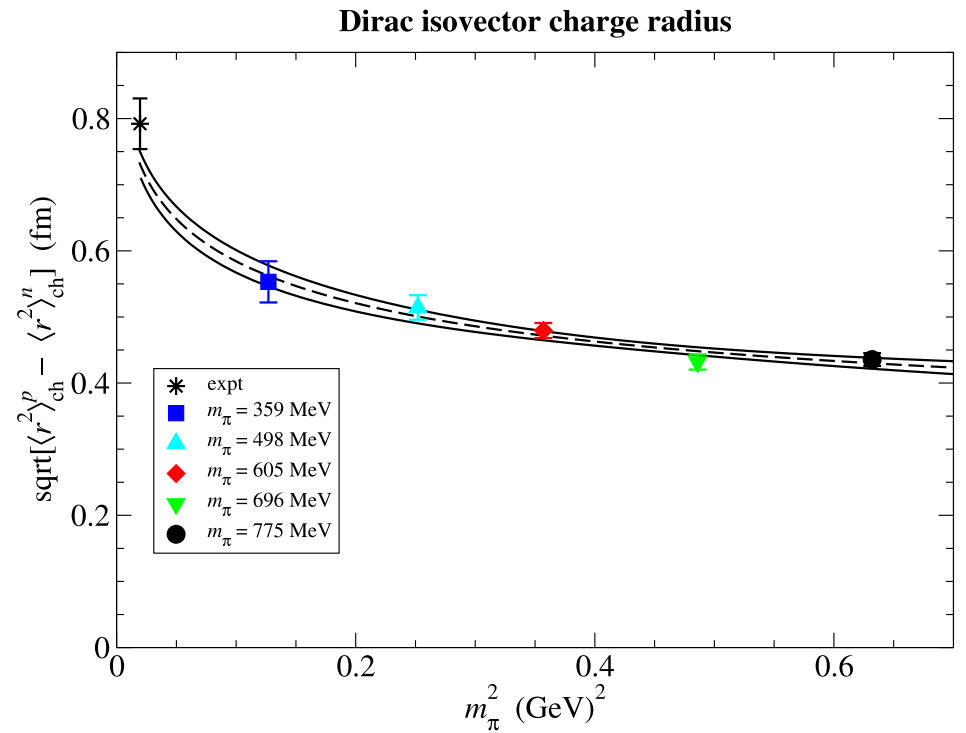
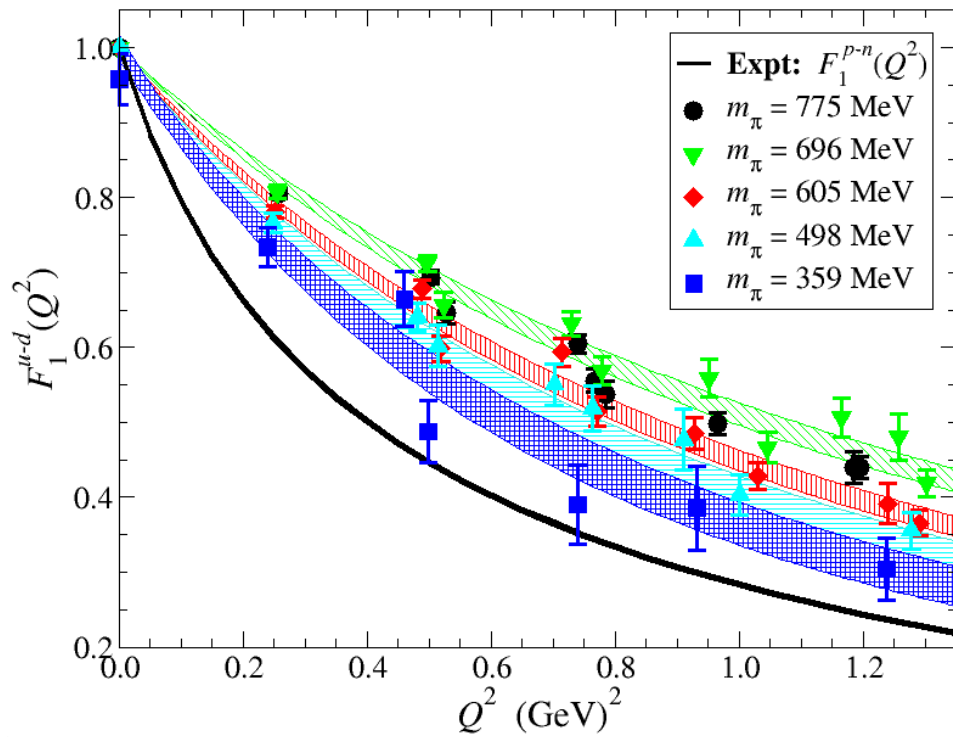
$$\langle P', S' | J^\mu | P, S \rangle = \bar{U}(P', S') \left( \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 G_A(t) + \frac{\Delta^\mu \gamma_5}{2m} G_P(t) \right) U(P, S)$$



## Vector Form Factors: $F_1$ and $F_2$

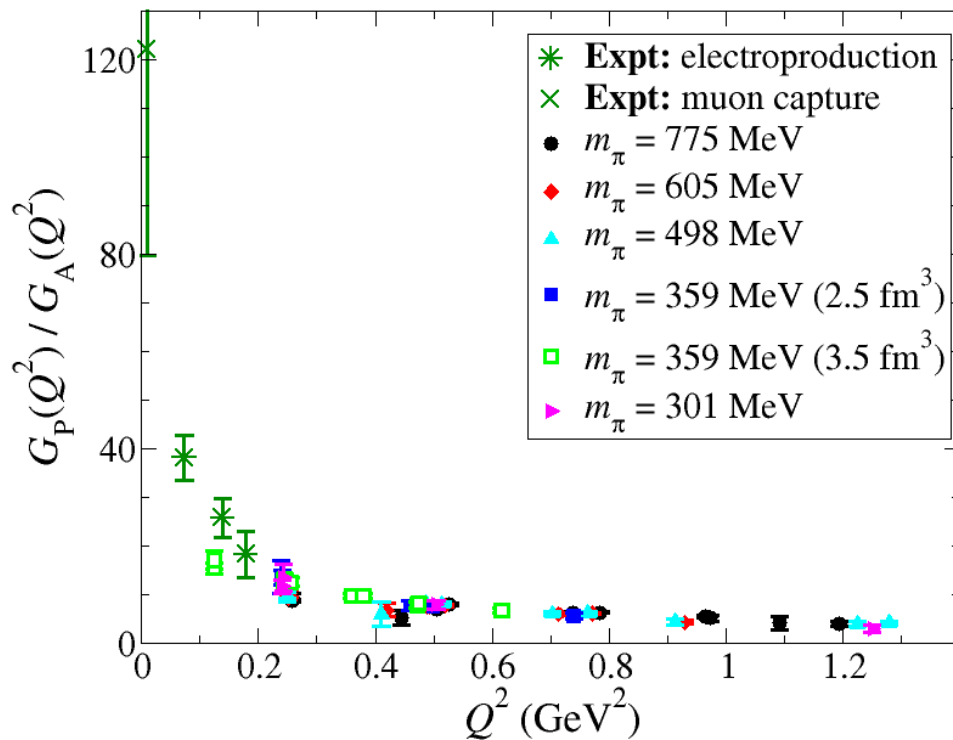
$$F_1^{u-d}$$

$$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle_{\perp}^{u-d}}$$

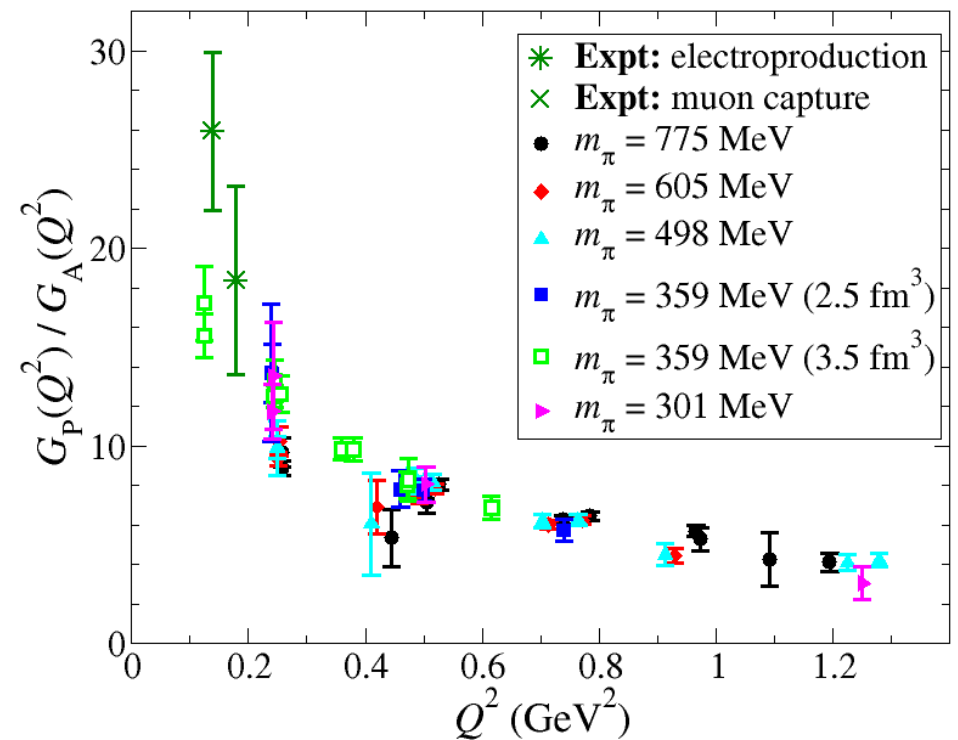


## Axial Vector Form Factors: $G_A$ and $G_P$

$$G_P^{u-d} / G_A^{u-d}$$



$$\text{zoom of } G_P^{u-d} / G_A^{u-d}$$



# Generalized Form Factors

- for example, unpolarized twist-two operators

$$O_q^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} = \bar{q} i D^{(\mu_1} \dots i D^{\mu_{n-1}} \gamma^{\mu_n)} q$$

- off-forward matrix elements of the twist-two operators [1]

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P', S' | O_q^{\mu_1 \dots \mu_n} | P, S \rangle = & \bar{U}(P', S') \left[ \sum_{\substack{i=0 \\ \text{even}}}^{n-1} A_{ni}^q(t) K_{ni}^A(P', P) \right. \\ & \left. + \sum_{\substack{i=0 \\ \text{even}}}^{n-1} B_{ni}^q(t) K_{ni}^B(P', P) + \delta_{\text{even}}^n C_n^q(t) K_n^C(P', P) \right] U(P, S) \end{aligned}$$

- similar expression for the helicity form factors:  $\tilde{A}_{ni}^q(t)$  and  $\tilde{B}_{ni}^q(t)$
- examples,  $A_{10}(t) = F_1(t)$ ,  $A_{20}(0) = \langle x \rangle$ , and higher moments  $A_{30} \dots$

## Transverse Distributions: $Q^2$ Dependence

- generalized form factors,  $A_{n0}$ , are Fourier transforms of quark distributions [1]

$$A_{n0}^q(-\vec{\Delta}_\perp^2) = \int d^2b_\perp e^{i\vec{\Delta}_\perp \cdot \vec{b}_\perp} \int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} q(x, \vec{b}_\perp)$$

- the slopes are related to the transverse rms radius

$$\langle b_\perp^2 \rangle_n^q = -4 \frac{A_{n0}^{q'}(0)}{A_{n0}^q(0)}$$

- at  $x = 1$  a single quark carries all the momentum

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} q(x, \vec{b}_\perp) \propto \delta^2(\vec{b}_\perp)$$

- higher moments  $A_{n0}^q$  weight  $x \sim 1$  more heavily

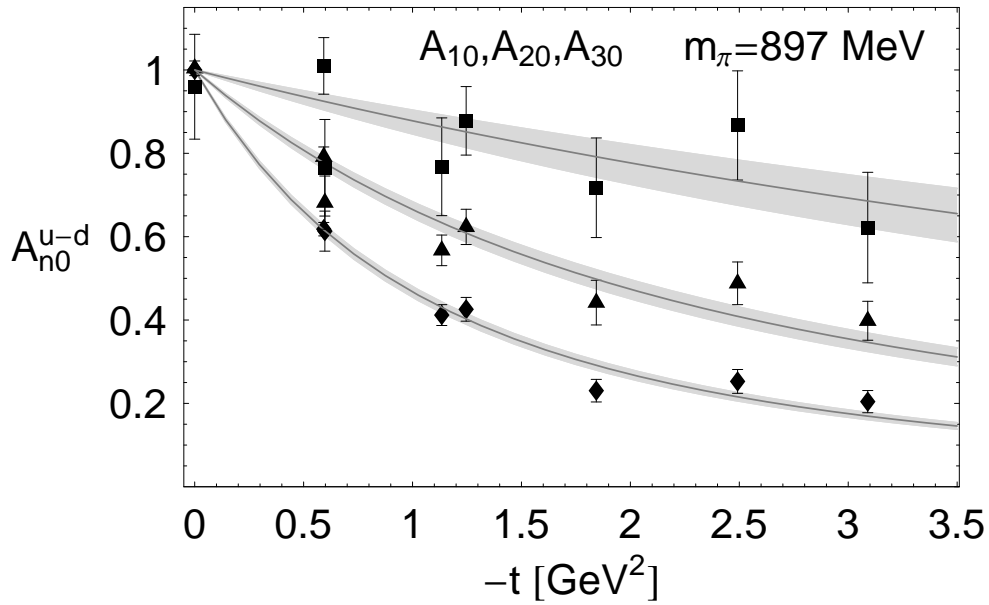
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} A_{n0}^q(t) \propto \int d^2b_\perp e^{i\vec{\Delta}_\perp \cdot \vec{b}_\perp} \delta^2(\vec{b}_\perp) = \text{constant}$$

- slopes of  $A_{n0}^q$  should decrease as  $n$  increases

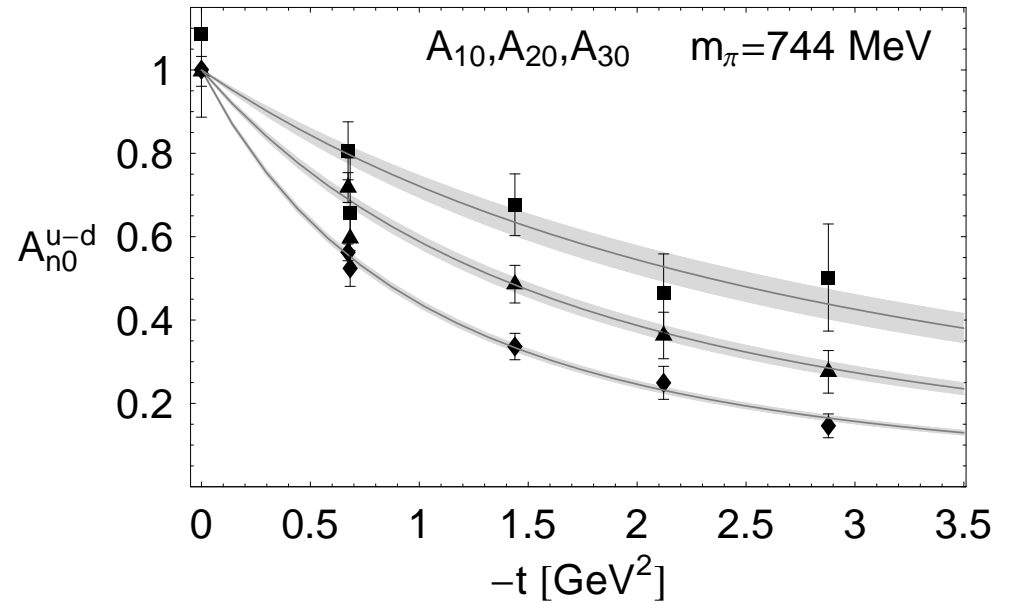
- $A_{10}, A_{30}, \tilde{A}_{20}$  measure  $q - \bar{q}$  &  $\tilde{A}_{10}, \tilde{A}_{30}, A_{20}$  measure  $q + \bar{q}$

# Transverse Distributions: $Q^2$ Dependence

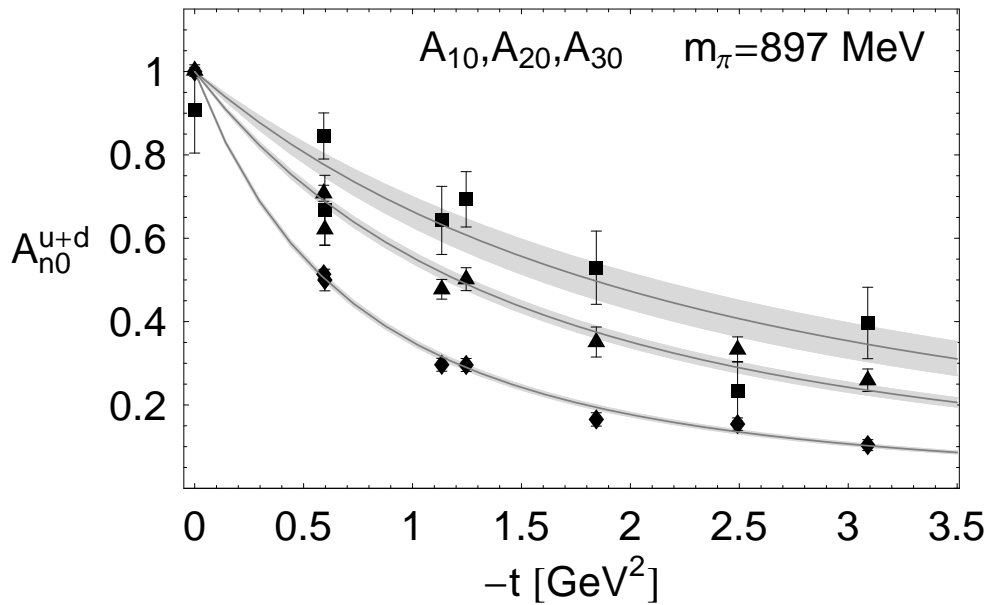
$m_\pi = 900$  MeV



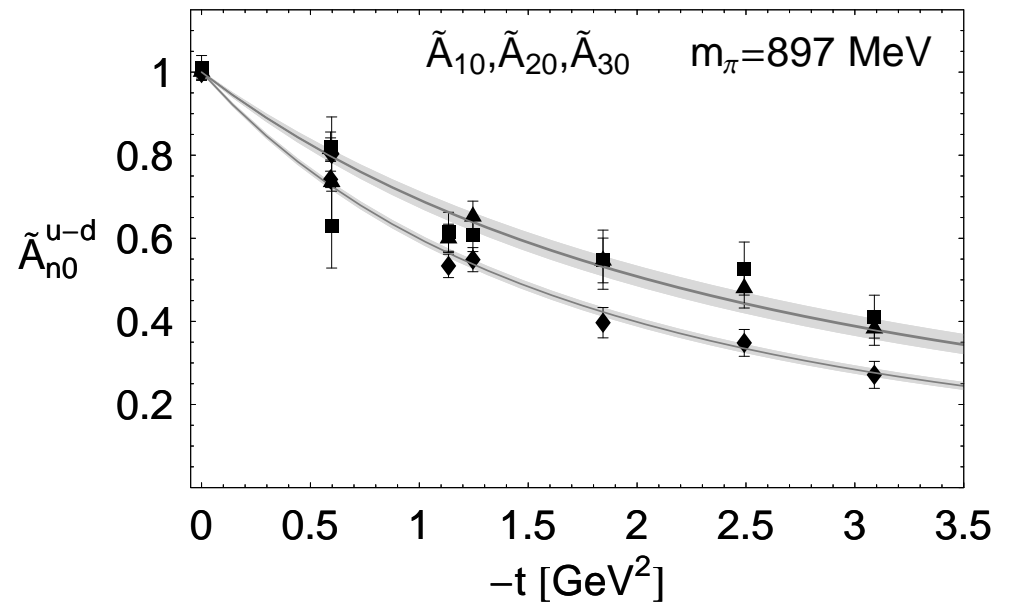
$m_\pi$  dependence



flavor dependence

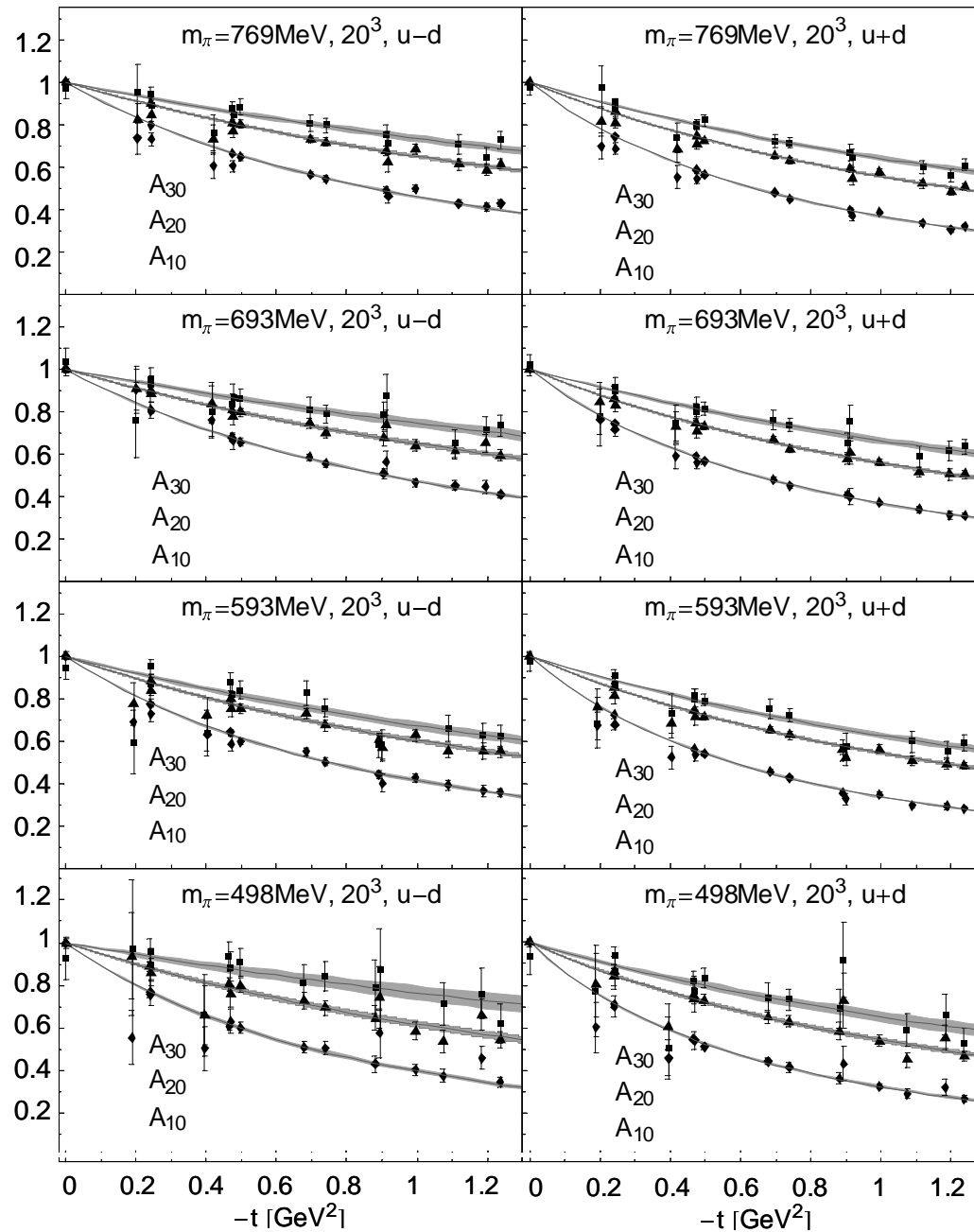


spin dependence



# Transverse Distributions: $Q^2$ Dependence

more  $m_\pi$  dependence



## Transverse Distributions: $x$ and $\vec{b}_\perp$ Dependence

- transverse rms radius (momentum space)

$$\langle b_\perp^2 \rangle_x = \frac{\int d^2 b_\perp b_\perp^2 q(x, \vec{b}_\perp)}{\int d^2 b_\perp q(x, \vec{b}_\perp)}$$

- transverse rms *moment* radius (Mellin space)

$$\frac{A'_{n0}(0)}{A_{n0}(0)} = -\frac{1}{4} \langle b_\perp^2 \rangle_n \quad \langle b_\perp^2 \rangle_n = \frac{\int d^2 b_\perp b_\perp^2 \int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} q(x, \vec{b}_\perp)}{\int d^2 b_\perp \int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} q(x, \vec{b}_\perp)}$$

- transverse distribution of quarks

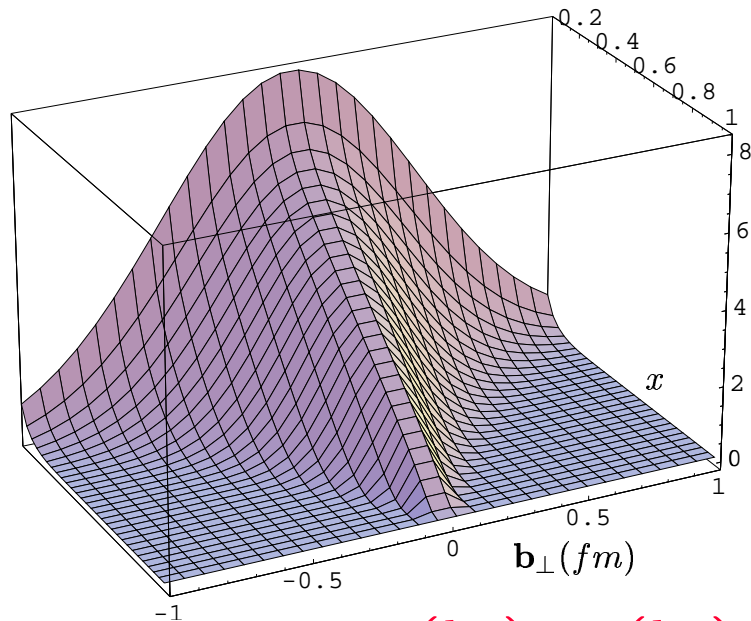
$$q_1(\vec{b}_\perp) = \int_{-1}^1 dx q(x, \vec{b}_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{b}_\perp \cdot \vec{\Delta}_\perp} A_{10}^q(-\vec{\Delta}_\perp^2)$$

- transverse distribution of momentum

$$q_2(\vec{b}_\perp) = \int_{-1}^1 dx x q(x, \vec{b}_\perp) = \int \frac{d^2 \Delta_\perp}{(2\pi)^2} e^{-i\vec{b}_\perp \cdot \vec{\Delta}_\perp} A_{20}^q(-\vec{\Delta}_\perp^2)$$

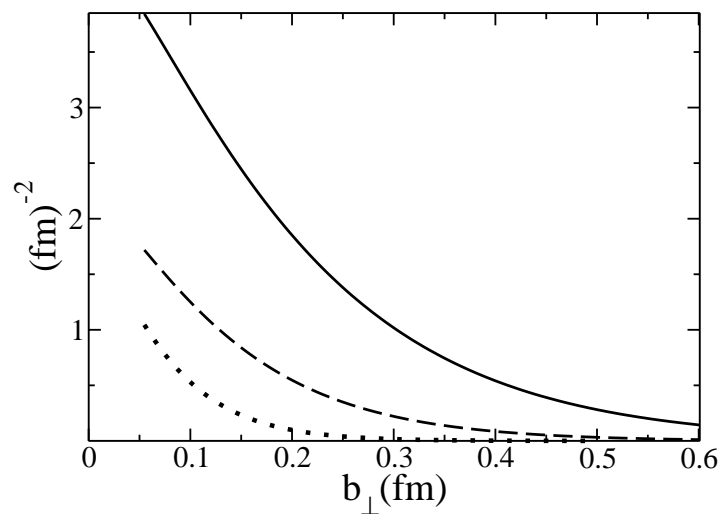
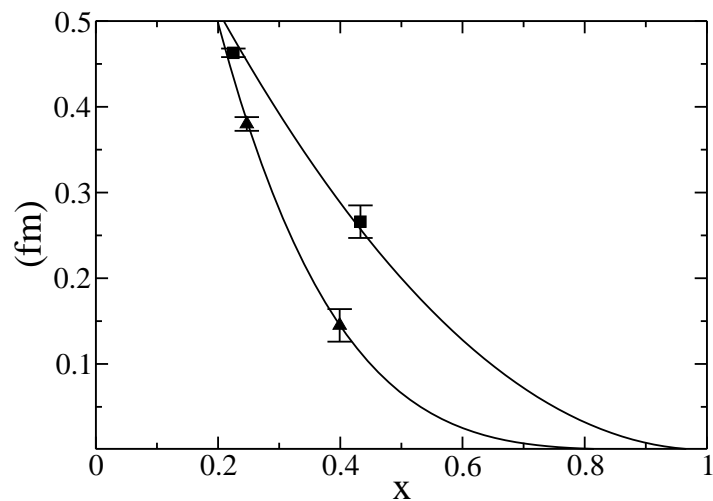
# Transverse Distributions: $x$ and $\vec{b}_\perp$ Dependence

$q(x, \vec{b}_\perp)$  from model



$\langle b_\perp^2 \rangle_n$

$q_1(b_\perp), q_2(b_\perp), q_3(b_\perp)$





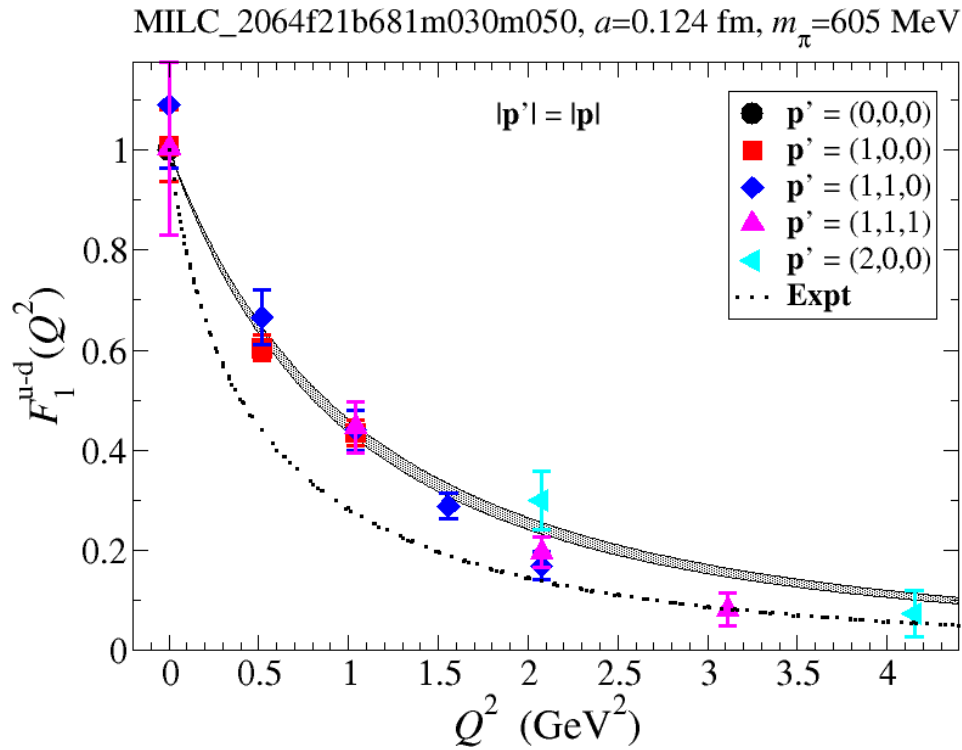
## Conclusions

- challenges include: lighter pion masses, finer lattice spacings, higher  $q^2$ , disconnected diagrams, higher moments, gluon observables, and on
- chiral extrapolations give rise to results in the physical limit that agree to within statistical errors with experimental measurements of  $\langle 1 \rangle_{\Delta u - \Delta d}$ ,  $\langle x \rangle_{u-d}$ ,  $\langle x \rangle_{\Delta u - \Delta d}$  and  $\langle x^2 \rangle_{\Delta u - \Delta d}$
- careful study of systematic errors should lead to genuine predictions for  $\langle 1 \rangle_{\delta u - \delta d}$  and  $\langle x \rangle_{\delta u - \delta d}$
- accurate calculations and even predictions for moments of parton distributions will bolster the strength behind calculations of the nucleon's form factors and generalized form factors and other hadronic observables that might not be experimentally accessible

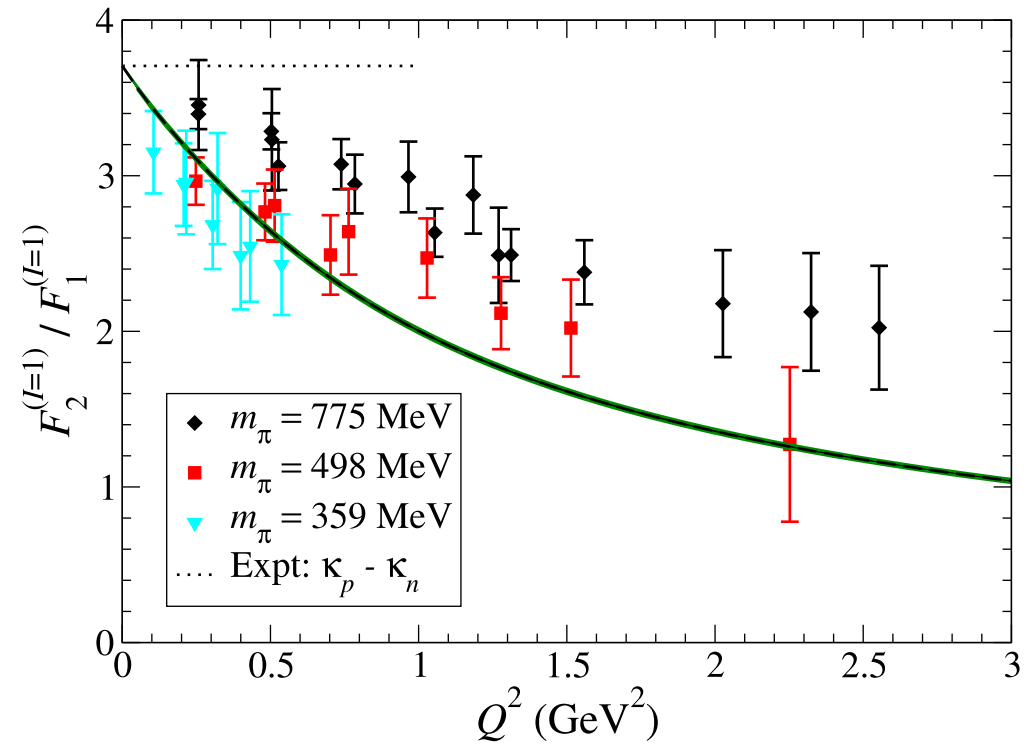
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## Vector Form Factors: $F_1$ and $F_2$

$F_1^{u-d}$  at higher  $Q^2$

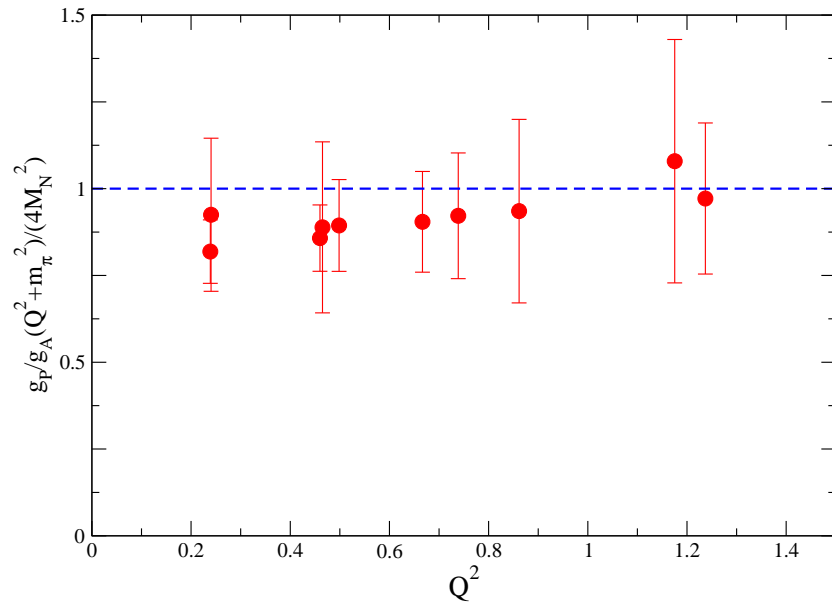


$F_2^{u-d} / F_1^{u-d}$

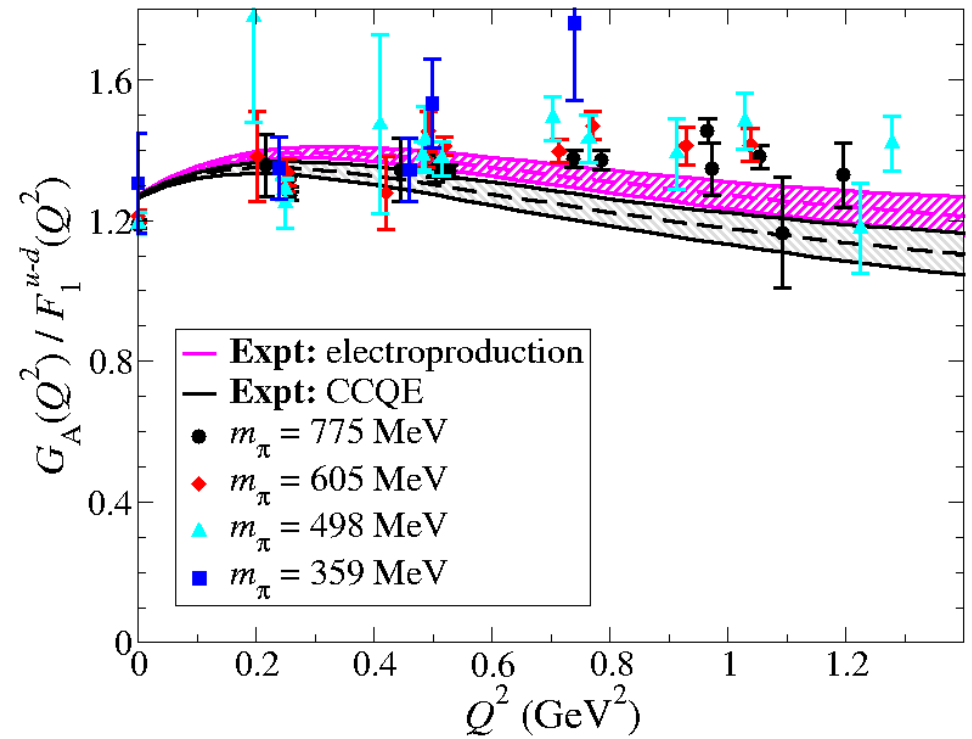


# Axial Vector Form Factors: $G_A$ and $G_P$

pion pole



$G_P^{u-d}/F_1^{u-d}$



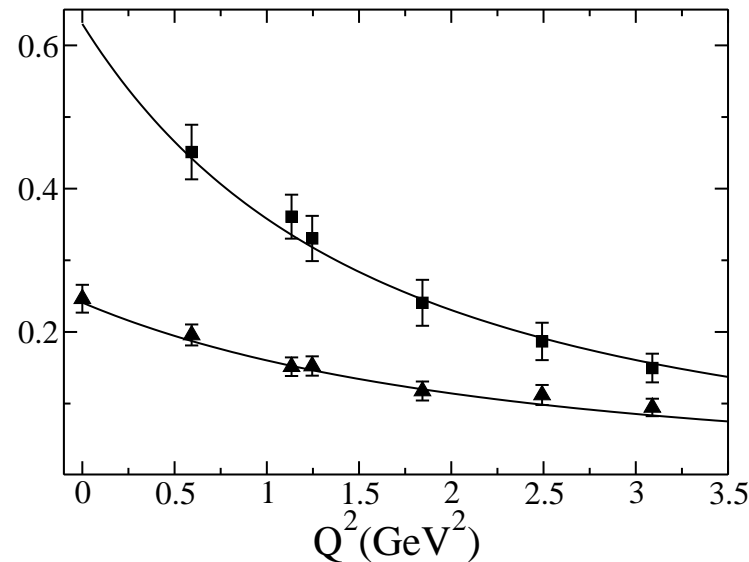
## Spin Decomposition

- quark helicity, quark orbital, and gluon contributions [1]

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma^{u+d} + L^{u+d} + J^g$$

$$\Delta \Sigma_q = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{A}_{10}^q(0) \quad J_q = \frac{1}{2} (A_{20}^q(0) + B_{20}^q(0))$$

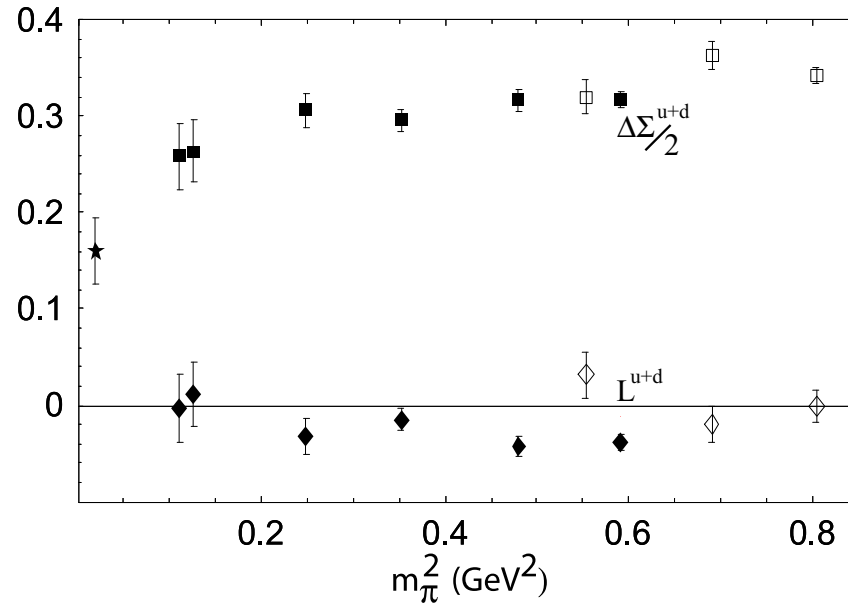
$$L_q = J_q - \frac{1}{2} \Delta \Sigma_q \quad J^g = \frac{1}{2} - J_{u+d}$$



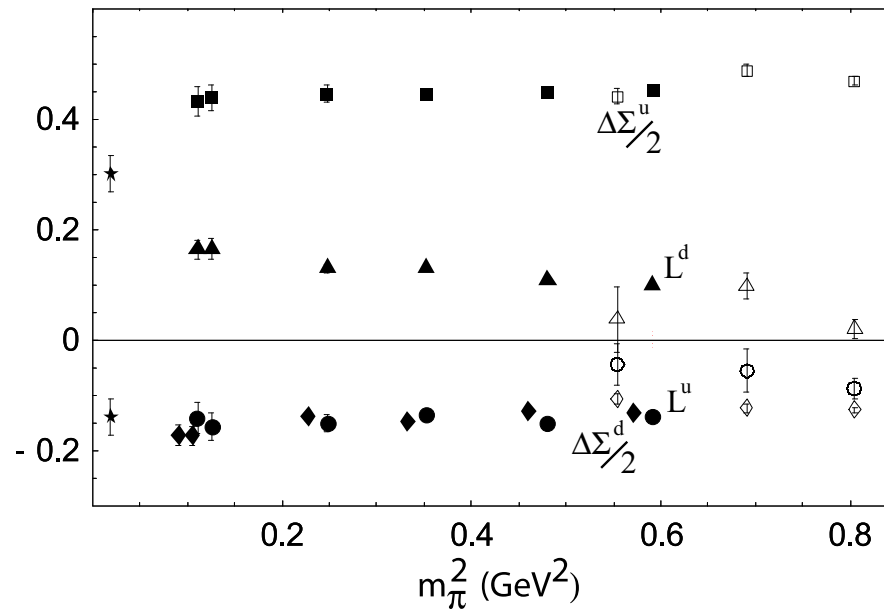
- large  $N_C$ :  $B_{ni}^{u-d} / A_{ni}^{u-d} \sim N_C$

# Spin Decomposition

## total spin decomposition

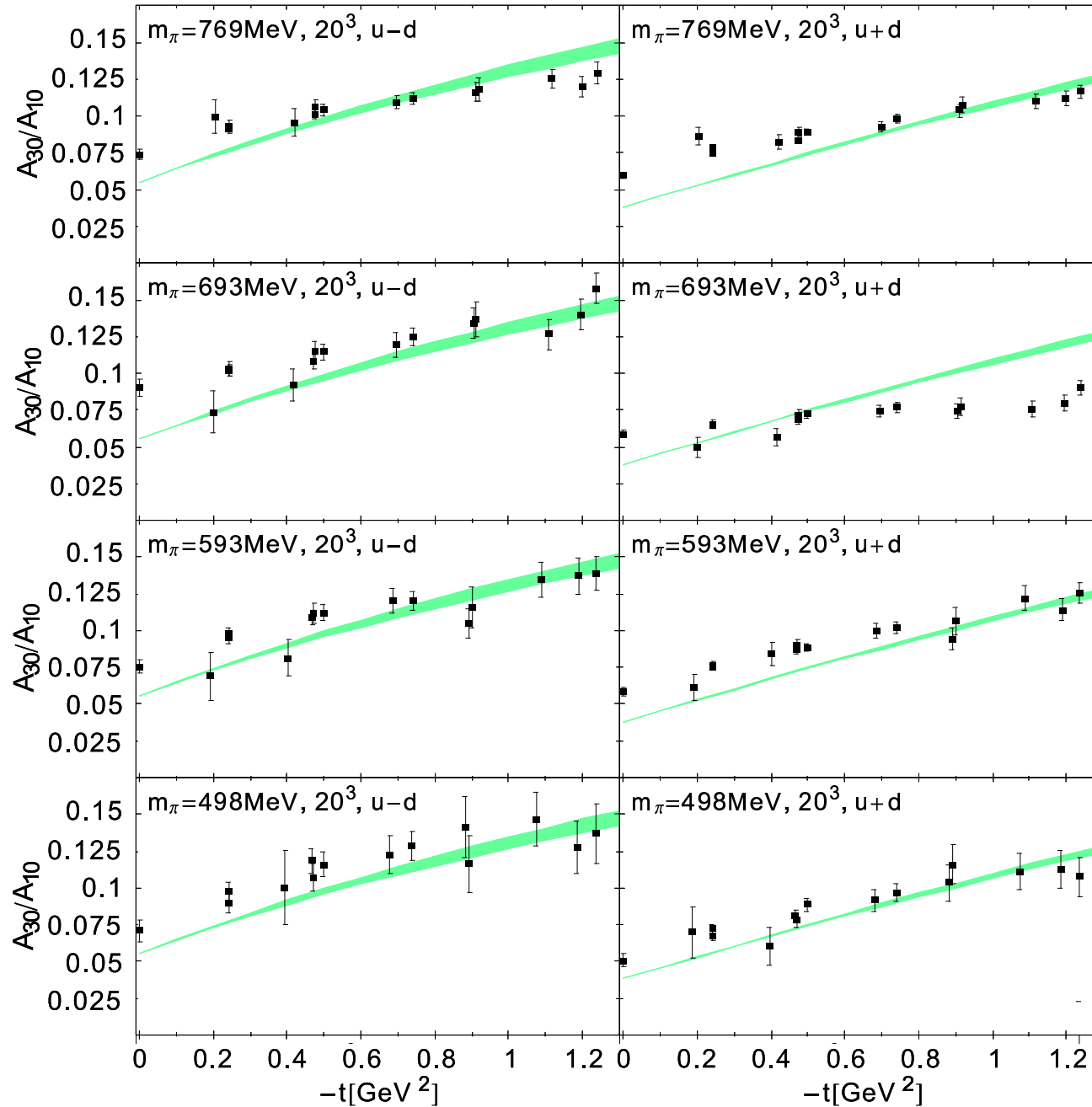


## flavor contributions



# Phenomenology

phenomenological curves from M. Diehl, et. al. hep-ph/0408173



## Moments of Generalized Parton Distributions

- moments of generalized parton distributions

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} H_q(x, \xi, t) = \sum_{\substack{i=0 \\ \text{even}}}^{n-1} A_{ni}^q(t) (-2\xi)^i + \delta_{\text{even}}^n C_n^q(t) (-2\xi)^n$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} E_q(x, \xi, t) = \sum_{\substack{i=0 \\ \text{even}}}^{n-1} B_{ni}^q(t) (-2\xi)^i - \delta_{\text{even}}^n C_n^q(t) (-2\xi)^n$$

- transverse momentum transfer,  $\xi \rightarrow 0$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} H_q(x, 0, t) = A_{n0}^q(t)$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 dx x^{n-1} E_q(x, 0, t) = B_{n0}^q(t)$$

- similar results relating the polarized GPDs,  $\tilde{H}_q(x, 0, t)$  and  $\tilde{E}_q(x, 0, t)$ , to the polarized GFFs,  $\tilde{A}_{n0}^q(t)$  and  $\tilde{B}_{n0}^q(t)$



## Quark Angular Momentum

- angular momentum operator

$$J_q^i = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ijk} \int d^3x \left( T_q^{0k} x^j - T_q^{0j} x^k \right)$$

- energy momentum tensor

$$T_q^{\mu\nu} = \bar{q} \gamma^{\{\mu} i D^{\nu\}} q = O_q^{\mu\nu}$$

- angular momentum

$$J_q = \langle P, 1/2 | J_q^z | P, 1/2 \rangle \text{ involves } \langle P, 1/2 | O_q^{\mu\nu} | P, 1/2 \rangle$$

- matrix elements of  $n = 2$  twist 2 operator  $O_q^{\mu\nu}$ :  $A_{20}(t)$ ,  $B_{20}(t)$ ,  $C_2(t)$

$$J_q = \frac{1}{2} \left( A_{20}^q(0) + B_{20}^q(0) \right)$$

# Transverse Quark Distribution

- wave packet in transverse coordinates

$$|\psi\rangle = \int \frac{d^2 p_\perp}{(2\pi)} \frac{\psi(\vec{p}_\perp)}{\sqrt{2E_{\vec{p}}}} |\vec{p}_\perp, P_z\rangle \quad \vec{p} = (\vec{p}_\perp, P_z)$$

- transverse quark distribution

$$q_\psi(x, \vec{b}_\perp) = \langle \psi | O_q(x, \vec{b}_\perp) | \psi \rangle \quad \text{involves} \quad \langle \vec{k}_\perp, P_z | O_q(x, \vec{b}_\perp) | \vec{p}_\perp, P_z \rangle$$

- infinite momentum limit & transverse localization

$$M \ll P_z \quad \psi(\vec{k}_\perp) \approx \psi(\vec{p}_\perp)$$

- matrix elements of  $O_q(x, \vec{b}_\perp)$ :  $H_q(x, \xi, t)$ ,  $E_q(x, \xi, t)$

$$q(x, \vec{b}_\perp) = \int d^2 \Delta_\perp e^{-i\vec{b}_\perp \cdot \vec{\Delta}_\perp} H_q(x, 0, -\vec{\Delta}_\perp^2)$$

- relativistic corrections controlled by

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{M^2 + P_z^2}} \quad \text{not} \quad \frac{1}{M}$$