

A phenomenological analysis of the four standard nuclear form factors



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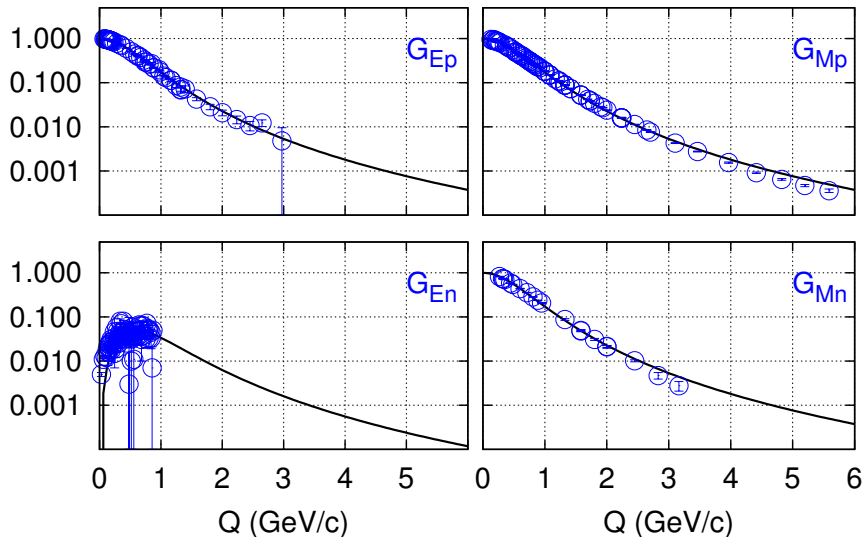
\mathcal{N}^{05} - Nucleon Form Factors

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J. Friedrich and Th. Walcher: A coherent interpretation of the form factors of the nucleon in terms of a pion cloud and constituent quarks
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Standard form factors of proton and neutron

- without data from polarisation observables
- compared to standard dipole and Galster fit, respectively



Dipole form factor and charge distribution

dipole form factor:

$$G(Q^2) = \frac{a_0}{(1 + (a_1 Q)^2)^2} \simeq a_0 \cdot \begin{cases} 1 - 2(a_1 Q)^2 \\ 1 - \frac{1}{6} \langle r^2 \rangle Q^2 \end{cases} \rightarrow \langle r^2 \rangle = 12 a_1^2$$

standard dipole form factor:

$$1 / a_{1,St}^2 = 0.71 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2 \hat{=} 0.843 \text{ GeV/c}$$

$$a_{1,St} = 0.234 \text{ fm}$$

$$\rightarrow \langle r^2 \rangle_{St}^{1/2} = 0.811 \text{ fm}$$

Fourier transform in the Breit system \rightarrow charge distribution:

$$\rho(r) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_0^{\text{inf}} G(Q) \frac{\sin(Qr)}{Qr} Q^2 dQ$$

charge distribution of dipole form factor:

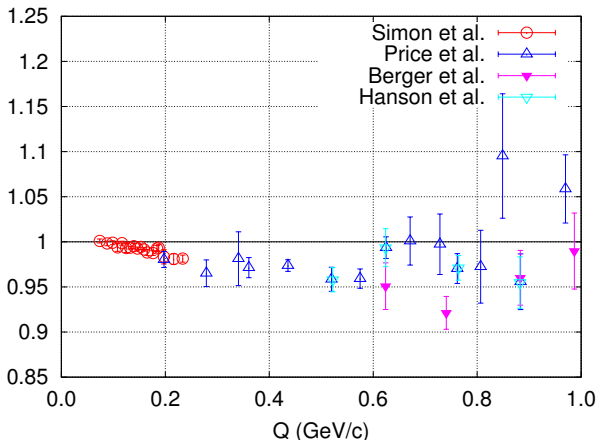
$$\rho(r) = \rho_0 e^{-r/r_0}$$



$(G_{Ep} / \text{standard dipole fit})$ at low to medium momentum transfer

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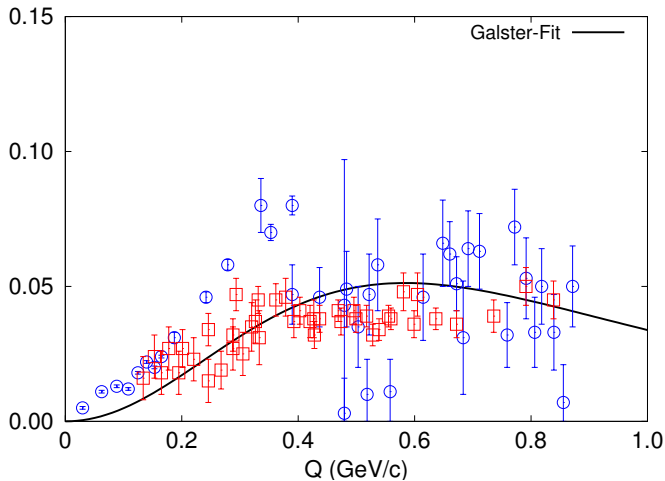
Simon et al., NP A333 (1980) 381: $\langle r^2 \rangle^{1/2} = 0.862 \pm 0.012$ fm



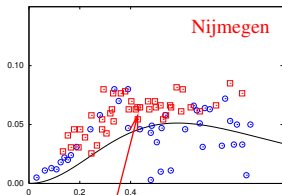
G_{En} from $D(e,e')D$

Data before 1990

Platchkov et al., NPA 510 (1990) 740, $D(e,e')D$ analysed with Paris Potential

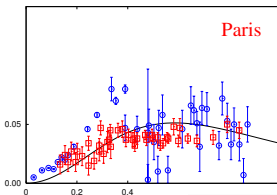


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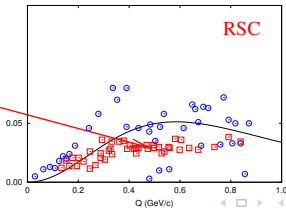


Data before 1990

Platchkov et al. NP A510 (1990)
analysed with different potentials



factor 2.2 !!!



G_{En} from polarisation measurements

Galster parametrisation:

$$G_{En}(Q^2) = \frac{a_G \tau}{1 + b_G \tau} \cdot \frac{1}{(1 + Q^2/m_D^2)^2}, \quad \tau = Q^2/(4m_n^2), \quad m_D^2 = 0.71 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle = -6 \frac{dG_{En}^2}{dQ^2}(Q^2 = 0) = 6 a_G / (4m_n^2), \quad \langle r^2 \rangle_{\text{exp}} = -0.115 \text{ fm}^2 \rightarrow a_G = 1.737$$

$$b_G = 4.63 \pm 0.36 \text{ (fit to polarisation data)}$$

(practically) equivalent description:

$$G_{En}(Q^2) = \frac{a_{d,0}}{(1 + (a_{d,1}Q)^2)^2} - \frac{a_{d,0}}{(1 + (a_{d,2}Q)^2)^2}$$

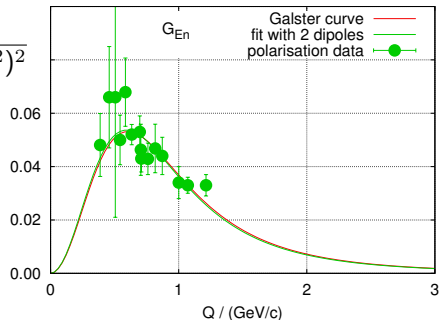
$$a_{d,0} = 1.0 \quad \text{(practically arbitrary)}$$

$$a_{d,1} = 0.225 \pm 0.011 \text{ fm}$$

$$a_{d,2} = 0.246 \pm 0.012 \text{ fm}$$

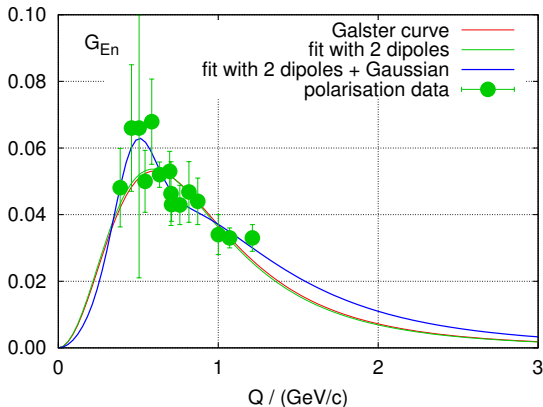
(fit to 15 polarisation data:

$$\chi^2/\text{d.f.} = 1.07)$$



The triggering conjecture ...

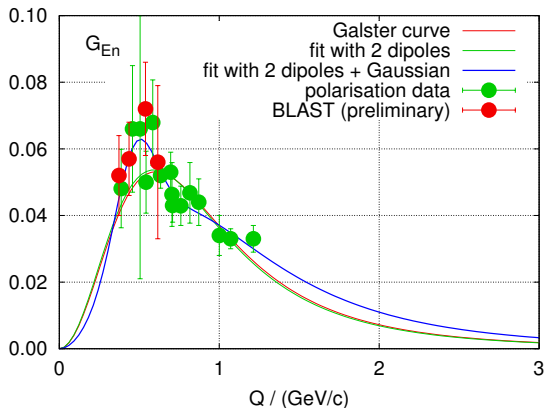
... is there a bump at low Q ?



$$\Delta\chi^2 = \chi_{smooth}^2 - \chi_{smooth+bump}^2 = 5.4$$

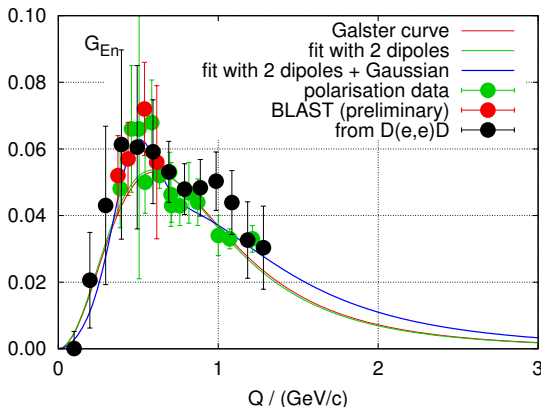


... now with additional (preliminary) data from BLAST:

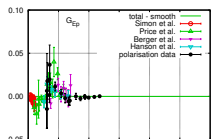


Again G_{En} from polarisation measurements ...

... now with additional data from analysis of the deuteron quadrupole form factor (R. Schiavilla and I. Sick, PR C64 (2001) 041002R)

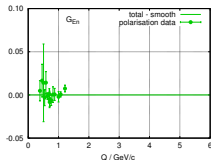
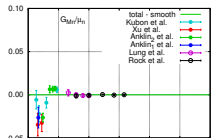
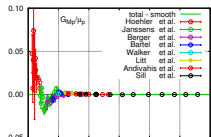


The form factors minus sum of 2 dipoles



fit to the data:

sum of 2 dipoles



... there is something left at low momentum transfer!



Phenomenological ansatz for G_{ep} , G_{mp} , G_{mn} and G_{en}

Smooth form: 2 dipoles

$$G_s(Q^2) = \frac{a_{10}}{(1 + Q^2/a_{11})^2} + \frac{a_{20}}{(1 + Q^2/a_{21})^2}$$

“Bump”: “Gaussian”

$$G_b(Q^2) = a_b \cdot \left[e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{Q-Q_b}{\sigma_b} \right)^2} + e^{-\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{Q+Q_b}{\sigma_b} \right)^2} \right] \cdot Q^2$$

Total form factor:

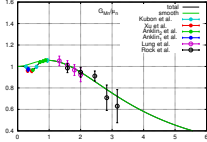
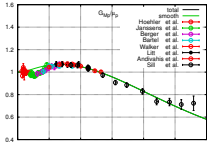
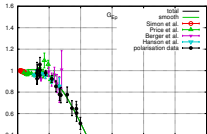
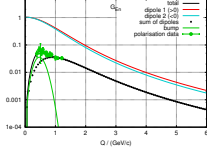
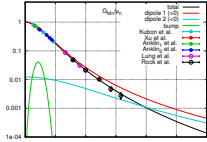
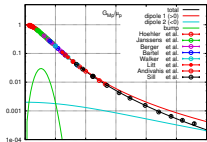
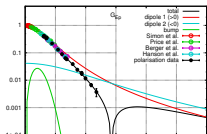
$$G_N(Q^2) = G_s(Q^2) + G_b(Q^2)$$

Charge in G_s : $G_s(0) = a_{10} + a_{20}$ (normalisation!)

in G_b : $G_b(0) = 0$

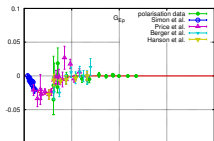
Fit of the phenomenological ansatz to the form factors and comparison to the standard dipole fit

form factors

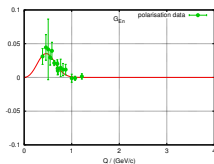
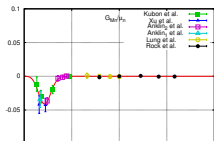
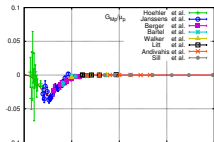


form factors divided
by standard dipole fit

Form factors minus smooth form



“smooth form” = sum of 2 Dipoles
(fitted to the data together with a Gaussian)



... there is some “bump”-structure around 0.2 (GeV/c)²

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Strict isospin invariance: $G^{u,p} \sim G^{d,n}$, $G^{d,p} \sim G^{u,n}$, $G^{\pi^+} \sim G^{\pi^-}$



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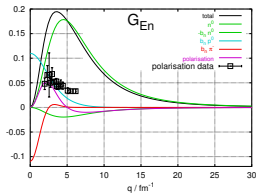
1	1.008(-)	2.54 (-)	2.54 (-)	1.008(-)	0.11(-)	0.203(-)	-	-
2	1.008(-)	2.54(-)	6.2(6.4)	5.3 (5.1)	0.086(10)	0.203(-)	12	0.807
3	1.008(-)	2.54(-)	2.54(-)	2.22(2)	0.074(5)	0.203(-)	13	0.818

1. isospin-invariance: $a_1^{u,n} = a_1^{d,p}$, $a_1^{d,n} = a_1^{u,p}$ and $G^{\pi^-} = G^{\pi^+}$

2. reduction of G_{En} by fitting $a_1^{d,n}$ and $a_1^{u,n}$, keeping $a_0^{d,n} = -a_0^{u,n} = -2/3$

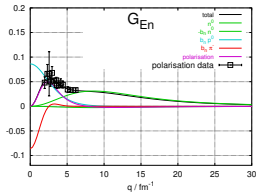
3. as fit 2 but $a_1^{u,n} = a_1^{d,p}$, fitting only $a_1^{d,n}$

Fit of pion-cloud-model ansatz to G_{En}



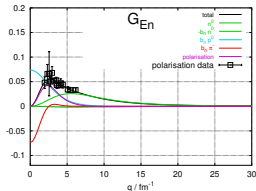
Fit 1: Isospin-invariance

$$a_1^{u,n} = a_1^{d,p}, \quad a_1^{d,n} = a_1^{u,p} \quad \text{and} \quad G^{\pi^-} = G^{\pi^+}$$



Fit 2: Reduction of amplitude

by fitting $a_1^{d,n}$ and $a_1^{u,n}$ and also b_n
while keeping $a_0^{d,n} = -a_0^{u,n} = -2/3$



Fit 3: Like fit 2 but setting $a_1^{u,n} = a_1^{d,p}$,
fit of $a_1^{d,n}$ and b_n

Parameters of the fits of the phenomenological ansatz

	a_{10}	a_{11}	a_{20}	a_{21}	a_b	Q_b	σ_b	$N_{\text{d.o.f.}}$	$\chi^2_{\text{d.o.f.}}$
		$(\text{GeV}/c)^2$		$(\text{GeV}/c)^2$	$(\text{GeV}/c)^{-2}$	(GeV/c)	(GeV/c)		
G_{Ep}	1.0415	0.76517	-0.0415	6.1581	-0.2385	0.0739	0.2735	64	0.933
\pm	0.0407	0.0326	--	2.5248	0.1884	1.0092	0.2982		
G_{En}	1.0400	1.73010	-1.0400	1.5018	0.2057	0.3050	0.1869	11	0.753
\pm	--	--	--	0.7542	0.1274	0.1603	0.0807		
G_{Mp}	1.0024	0.75561	-0.0024	14.690	-0.1592	0.3248	0.2314	75	0.869
\pm	0.0004	0.00256	--	2.027	0.0172	0.0380	0.0156		
G_{Mn}	1.0123	0.77032	-0.0123	6.7486	-0.2816	0.3328	0.1429	14	0.579
\pm	0.0064	0.01028	--	4.57	0.0327	0.0306	0.0184		

Reference: J. Friedrich and Th. Walcher, EPJ A 17 (2003) 607, Table 2



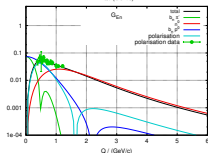
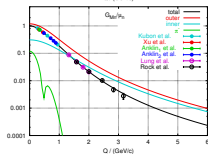
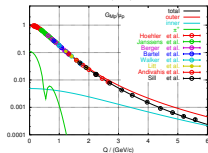
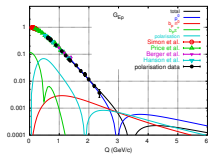
Parameters of the fits of the pion-cloud model

	fit	G_p^0		G_n^0		G_{π^\pm}		N_{dof}	χ_{dof}^2
		a_1^{up} (GeV/c) ²	a_1^{dp} (GeV/c) ²	a_1^{un} (GeV/c) ²	a_1^{dn} (GeV/c) ²	$b_{p,n}$	$a_1^{\pi^\pm}$ (GeV/c)		
G_{E_p}	3	1.0513	2.39126	2.5317	2.2341	0.1178	0.2042	66	0.928
	\pm	0.0249	0.10383	-.	-.	0.0132	0.0065		
G_{E_n}	3	1.0080	2.540	2.540	2.1350	0.0649	0.2042	13	0.782
	\pm	-.	-.	-.	0.0214	0.0047	-.		
	fit	outer distribution		inner distribution		G_{π^\pm}			
		a_0^{out}	a_1^{out} (GeV/c) ²	a_0^{in}	a_1^{in} (GeV/c) ²	$a_0^{\pi^\pm}$	$a_1^{\pi^\pm}$ (GeV/c)		
G_{M_p}	1	0.9135	0.81848	-0.0048	9.5761	0.1098	0.2126	75	0.887
	\pm	0.0049	0.00769	0.0010	1.2277	0.0071	0.0065		
G_{M_n}	3	1.1899	1.06081	-0.3094	1.8519	0.1195	0.1886	15	0.0837
	\pm	1.347	0.466	1.383	1.8	0.0394	0.0194		

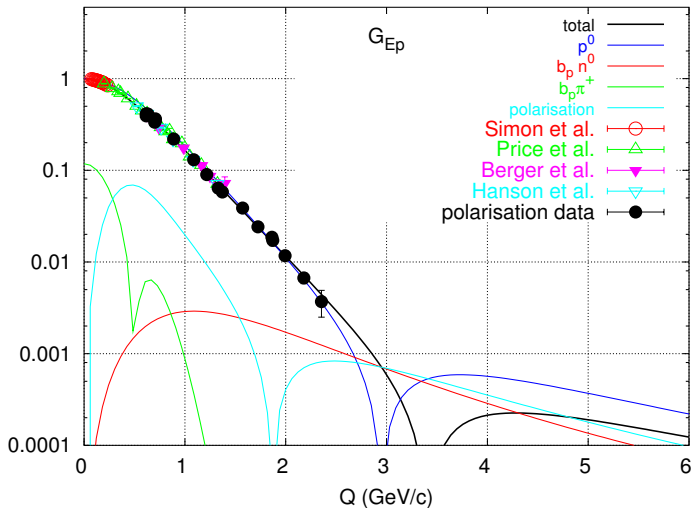
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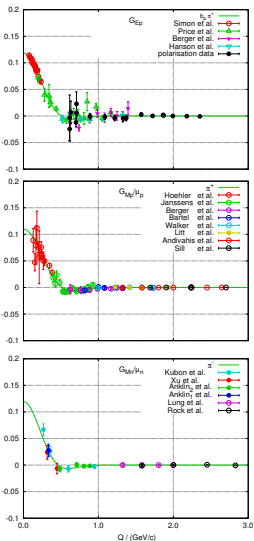
Pion-cloud model fits to G_{Ep} , G_{Mp} , G_{Mn} and G_{En}



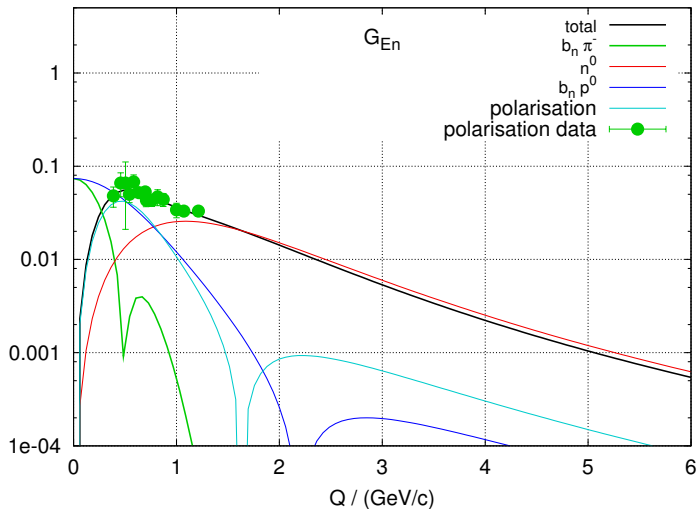
The electric form factor of the proton



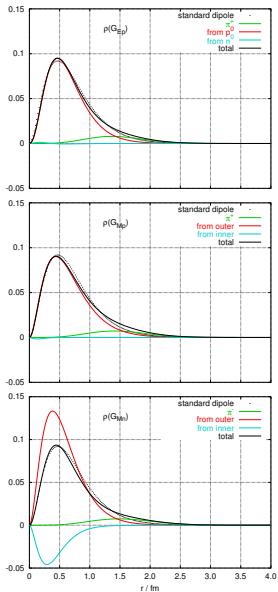
Contribution of the pion-cloud to G_{Ep} , G_{Mp} and G_{Mn}



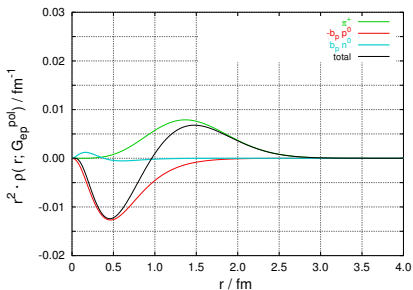
The electric form factor of the neutron



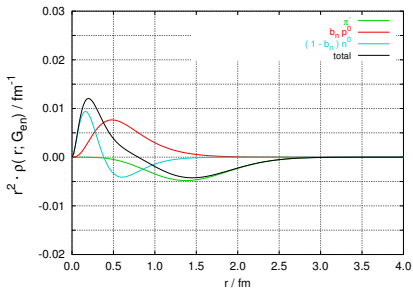
Distributions in the Breit frame (pion-cloud model)



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polarisation in the proton:
 $r^2 \cdot \rho(G_{Ep}^{\text{polarisation}})$



charge in the neutron:
 $r^2 \cdot \rho(G_{En})$



rms-radii in the pion-cloud model

The proton (parameters from proton-fit 3):

$$\begin{aligned}\langle r^2 \rangle_p &= (1 - b_p) \cdot \langle r^2 \rangle_{p^0} + b_p \cdot (\langle r^2 \rangle_{n^0} + \langle r^2 \rangle_{\pi^+}) \\ &= 0.88 \cdot 0.527 \text{ fm}^2 + 0.12 \cdot (-0.016 \text{ fm}^2 + 2.332 \text{ fm}^2) \\ &= 0.464 \text{ fm}^2 + -0.002 \text{ fm}^2 + 0.280 \text{ fm}^2 \\ &= 0.738 \text{ fm}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\langle r^2 \rangle_p^{1/2} = 0.859 \text{ fm}$$

The neutron (parameters from neutron-fit 3):

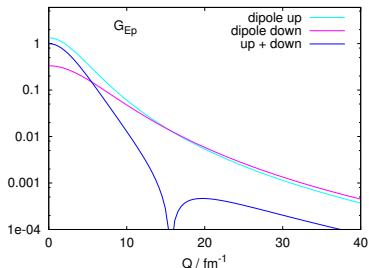
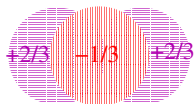
$$\begin{aligned}\langle r^2 \rangle_n &= (1 - b_n) \cdot \langle r^2 \rangle_{n^0} + b_n \cdot (\langle r^2 \rangle_{p^0} - \langle r^2 \rangle_{\pi^-}) \\ &= -0.93 \cdot 0.016 \text{ fm}^2 + 0.07 \cdot (0.527 \text{ fm}^2 - 2.356 \text{ fm}^2) \\ &= -0.015 \text{ fm}^2 + 0.037 \text{ fm}^2 - 0.165 \text{ fm}^2 \\ &= -0.150 \text{ fm}^2\end{aligned}$$

$$-|\langle r^2 \rangle_n|^{1/2} = -0.388 \text{ fm}$$

Smooth part of form factor \leftrightarrow quark distributions?

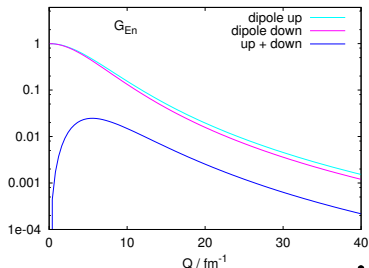
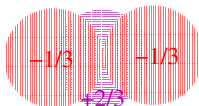
$$G_{Ep} = \frac{2 \cdot 4/3}{(1 + \underbrace{(0.192 Q)^2}_{fm})^2} - \frac{1/3}{(1 + \underbrace{(0.128 Q)^2}_{fm})^2}$$

proton

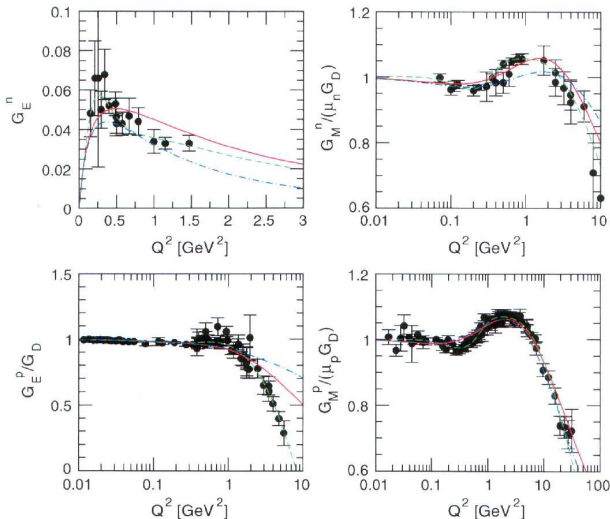


$$G_{En} = \frac{2/3}{(1 + \underbrace{(0.124 Q)^2}_{fm})^2} - \frac{2 \cdot 1/3}{(1 + \underbrace{(0.132 Q)^2}_{fm})^2}$$

neutron



Dispers.-theor. description of the nucleon form factors



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Fig. 1. The nucleon form factors for space-like momentum transfer. The solid line gives our best fit for $d_{ne} = (-1.33 \pm 0.027 \pm 0.03) \cdot 10^{-3}$ fm [12] while the dash-dotted line gives fit 1 from ref. [2]. The dashed lines give the result of the phenomenological fit of ref. [9].

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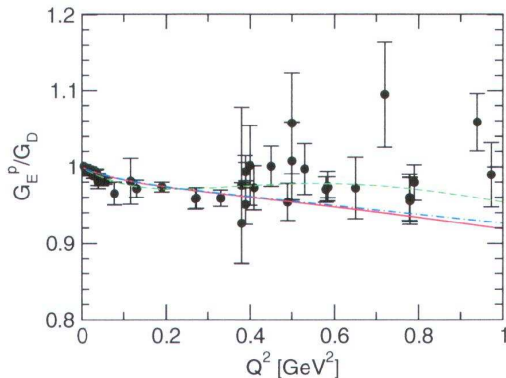


Fig. 3. The proton charge form factor G_E^p for momentum transfers $Q^2 = 0 \dots 1 \text{ GeV}^2$. The curves are as in fig. 1.

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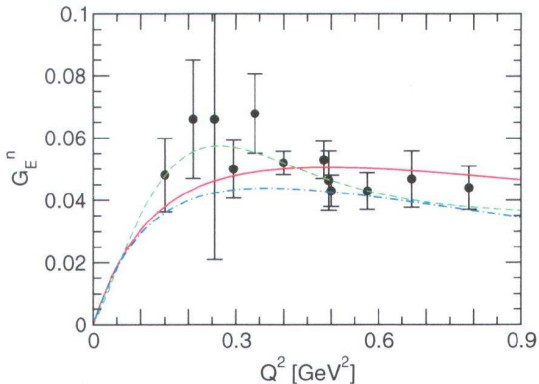


Fig. 2. The neutron charge form factor G_E^n for momentum transfers $Q^2 = 0 \dots 0.9$ GeV². The curves are as in fig. 1.