

Proton Form Factors in space-like and time-like regions

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- Nucleon Electromagnetic Form Factors
 - Definition and properties
- The space-like region
 - Proton radius
 - Rosenbluth versus polarization
- The time-like region
 - Unphysical region
 - Threshold
- The asymptotic region
 - An interesting model
- Conclusions



Nobel Prize in Physics - 1961

Prize motivation: “for his pioneering studies of electron scattering in atomic nuclei and for his thereby achieved discoveries concerning the structure of the nucleons”.



Robert Hofstadter

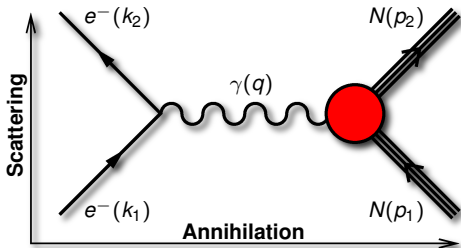
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Form factors . . .

- Characterize the internal structure of a particle ($F_{\text{point-like}} = \text{const.}$).
- Elastic form factors contain information on the hadron ground state.
- In a parity and T -invariant theory, the electromagnetic structure of a particle of spin $S\hbar$ is defined by $2S + 1$ form factors.
- Neutron and proton form factors are different.
- The deuteron has **two** structure functions, but **three** form factors.
- Playground for theory and experiment:
 - at low q^2 probe the size of the nucleons;
 - at high q^2 test QCD scaling.



Dirac and Pauli Form Factors



Scattering: $e^- N \rightarrow e^- N$
Space-like kinematic region

$$q^2 = -2\omega_1\omega_2(1 - \cos\theta_e) \leq 0$$

Annihilation: $e^+ e^- \leftrightarrow N\bar{N}$
Time-like kinematic region

$$q^2 = 4\omega^2 > 0$$

Scattering amplitude
 in **Born** approximation

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{1}{q^2} [e \bar{u}(k_2) \gamma_\mu u(k_1)] \underbrace{[e \bar{U}(p_2) \Gamma^\mu(p_1, p_2) U(p_1)]}_{\text{Nucleon EM 4-current: } J_N^\mu}$$

From Lorenz and gauge invariance

$$\Gamma^\mu(p_1, p_2) = \gamma^\mu F_1^N(q^2) + \frac{i\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2M_N} F_2^N(q^2)$$

Dirac FF: $F_1^N(q^2)$, $F_1^N(0) = \mathcal{Q}_N$

Pauli FF: $F_2^N(q^2)$, $F_2^N(0) = \kappa_N$

$\mathcal{Q}_N = N$ electric charge

$\kappa_N = N$ anomalous magnetic moment



Sachs Form Factors

Breit frame

No energy exchanged

$$p_1 = (E, -\vec{q}/2)$$

$$p_2 = (E, \vec{q}/2)$$

$$q = (0, \vec{q})$$

Nucleon electromagnetic four-current

$$J_N^\mu = (J_N^0, \vec{J}_N) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \rho_q = J_N^0 = e \left[F_1^N + \frac{q^2}{4M_N^2} F_2^N \right] \\ \vec{J}_N = e \bar{U}(p_2) \vec{\gamma} U(p_1) \left[F_1^N + F_2^N \right] \end{array} \right.$$

Sachs Nucleon Form Factors

$$G_M^N(q^2) = F_1^N(q^2) + F_2^N(q^2) \quad G_E^N(q^2) = F_1^N(q^2) + \frac{q^2}{4M_N^2} F_2^N(q^2)$$

In the Breit frame represent the **Fourier transforms** of **charge** and **magnetic moment spatial distributions** of the nucleon

Normalization at $q^2 = 0$

$$G_E^N(0) = Q_N$$

$$G_M^N(0) = \mu_N$$

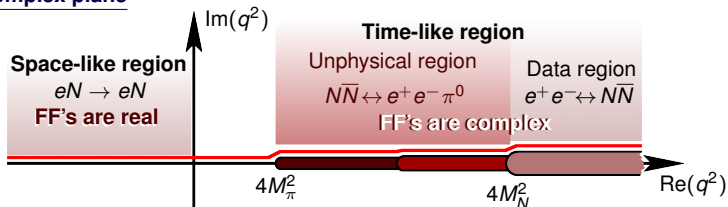
$$\mu_N = Q_N + \kappa_N$$

is the nucleon magnetic moment



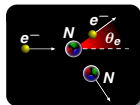
Cross sections and analyticity

q^2 -complex plane



$$\text{Crossing: tot. helicity} = \begin{cases} 1 \Rightarrow G_E \\ 0 \Rightarrow G_M \end{cases}$$

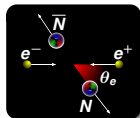
$$G_E(4M_N^2) = G_M(4M_N^2)$$



Elastic scattering

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \omega_2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2}}{4\omega_1^3 \sin^4 \frac{\theta_e}{2}} \left[G_E^2 - \tau \left(1 + 2(1 - \tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta_e}{2} \right) G_M^2 \right] \frac{1}{1 - \tau}$$

$$\tau = \frac{q^2}{4M_N^2}$$



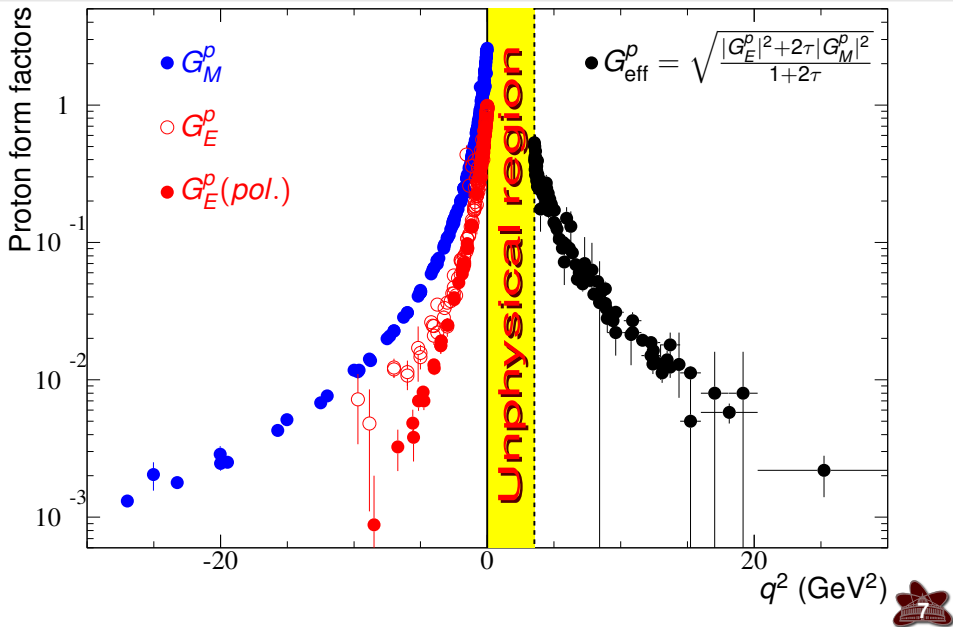
Annihilation

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \beta C}{4q^2} \left[(1 + \cos^2 \theta) |G_M|^2 + \frac{1}{\tau} \sin^2 \theta |G_E|^2 \right]$$

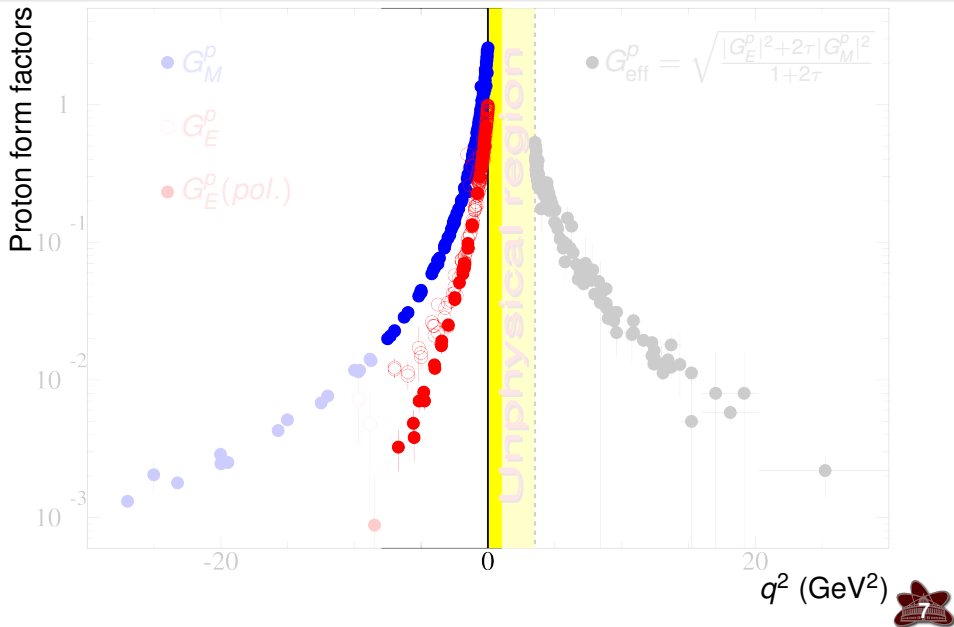
$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\tau}}$$



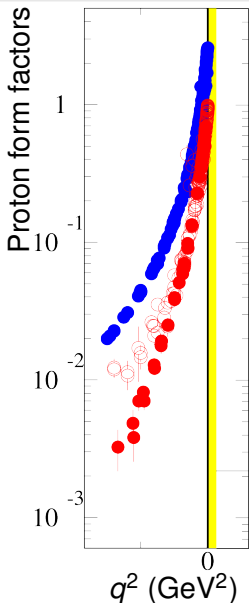
The proton radius



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The proton radius



$$G_E^p(q^2) = \int d^3\vec{r} \rho(r) e^{i\vec{q}\cdot\vec{r}} = 1 + \frac{1}{6} q^2 \langle r_C^2 \rangle + \mathcal{O}(q^4)$$

$\rho(r)$: normalized spherical charge density

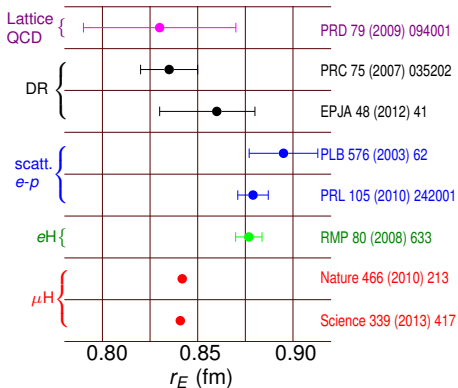
The charge radius

$$r_E = \sqrt{\langle r_C^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{4\pi \int_0^\infty r^4 \rho(r) dr} = \sqrt{\frac{6}{G_E^p(0)} \left. \frac{dG_E^p}{dq^2} \right|_{q^2=0}}$$

Charge density $\rho(r)$	Form factor $G_E^p(q^2)$	Charge radius r_E	Comments
$\delta^3(r)$	1	0	pointlike
$e^{-\lambda r}$	$\lambda^4 / (q^2 + \lambda^2)^2$	$2\sqrt{3}/\lambda$	dipole
$e^{-\lambda r}/r$	$\lambda^2 / (q^2 + \lambda^2)$	$\sqrt{6}/\lambda$	monopole
$e^{-\lambda r^2}/r^2$	$e^{-r^2/(4\lambda^2)}$	$1/\sqrt{2\lambda}$	gaussian




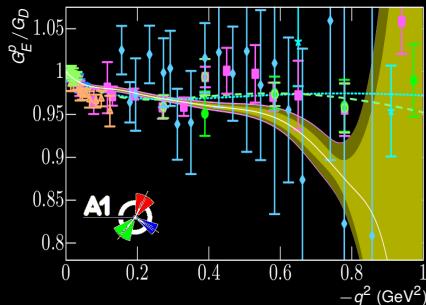
The proton radius



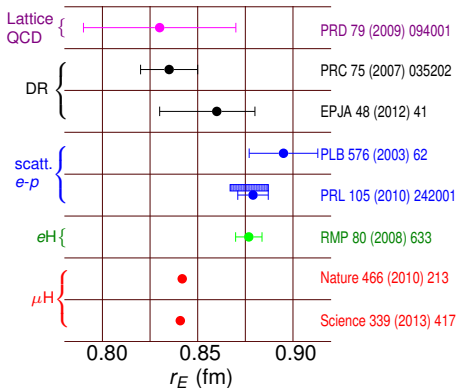
A1 Collaboration [arXiv:1307.6227]

 ~ 1400 points

 $-q^2 \geq 0.003 \text{ GeV}^2$



The proton radius



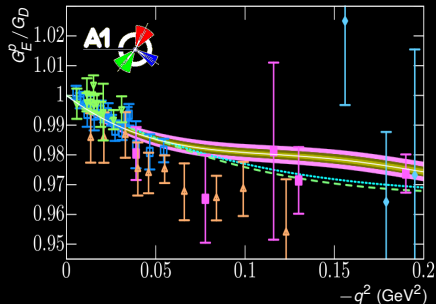
Ongoing discussions...

- 🌐 Radiative corrections
- 🌐 Two-photon exchange
- 🌐 Coulomb corrections

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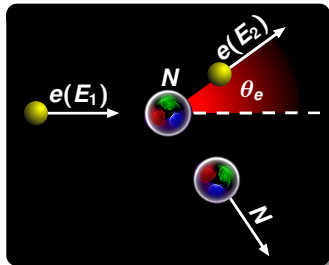
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Extrapolating $q^2 \rightarrow 0^-$

$$\text{DR: } r_E^2 = \frac{12M_\pi^2}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln |G_E^p(t)/G_E^p(0)|}{t^2 \sqrt{t - 4M_\pi^2}} dt$$



Rosenbluth formula

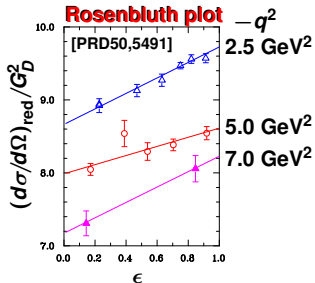
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{Mott}} \frac{1}{1-\tau} \left[G_E^2 - \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} G_M^2 \right] \quad \tau = \frac{q^2}{4M_N^2}$$

- Mott pointlike cross section

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{Mott}} = \frac{4\alpha^2}{(-q^2)^2} \frac{E_2^3}{E_1} \cos^2(\theta_e/2)$$

- Photon polarization

$$\epsilon = \left[1 + 2(1 - \tau) \tan^2(\theta_e/2) \right]^{-1}$$



Reduced cross section

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{red}} = \frac{\epsilon(1-\tau)}{\tau} \frac{(d\sigma/d\Omega)_{\text{exp}}}{(d\sigma/d\Omega)_{\text{Mott}}} = G_M^2 - \frac{\epsilon}{\tau} G_E^2$$

$(d\sigma/d\Omega)_{\text{red}}(\epsilon)$ slope $\rightarrow G_E$

$(d\sigma/d\Omega)_{\text{red}}(\epsilon)$ intercept $\rightarrow G_M$

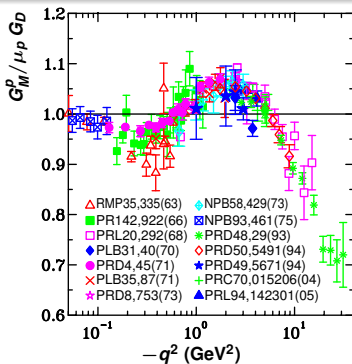
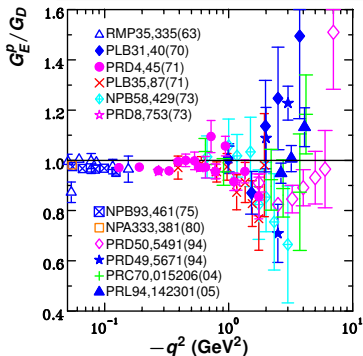


G_E^p and G_M^p with Rosenbluth separation

Dipole approximation

$$G_D(q^2) = \left(1 - q^2/M_D^2\right)^{-2}$$

$$M_D^2 = 0.71 \text{ GeV}^2$$



Classical approach

Form factors, in nonrelativistic approximation, are Fourier transforms of charge and magnetic distributions

The dipole form factor corresponds to an exponential distribution

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

$$M_D^2 = 0.71 \text{ GeV}^2 \implies \begin{cases} r_0^2 = (0.24 \text{ fm})^2 \\ \langle r^2 \rangle = (0.81 \text{ fm})^2 \end{cases}$$

Hadron form factor

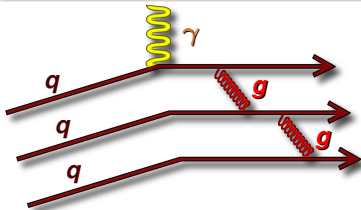
$$F(q^2) = \frac{C_n}{(1 - q^2/M_n^2)^{n-1}}$$

$M_n^2 = n\beta^2$

$\beta^2 =$ quark momentum squared

$n =$ number of constituent quarks

Dimensional scaling



Pion form factor

↓

$$\beta^2 = (0.471 \pm 0.010) \text{ GeV}^2$$

$F_\pi(q^2) = \frac{C_2}{1 - \frac{q^2}{0.471 \text{ GeV}^2}} \dots\dots\dots \text{pion, } n = 2$

$F_N(q^2) = \frac{C_3}{\left(1 - \frac{q^2}{0.71 \text{ GeV}^2}\right)^2} \dots \text{nucleon, } n = 3$

$F_d(q^2) = \frac{C_6}{\left(1 - \frac{q^2}{1.42 \text{ GeV}^2}\right)^5} \dots \text{deuteron, } n = 6$



Polarization observables

A.I. Akhiezer, M.P. Rekalov, Sov. Phys. Dokl. 13, 572 (1968)



- Elastic scattering of longitudinally polarized ($h = \pm 1$) electrons on nucleon target
- Hadronic tensor: $W_{\mu\nu} = \underbrace{W_{\mu\nu}(0)}_{\text{no pol.}} + \underbrace{W_{\mu\nu}(\vec{P}) + W_{\mu\nu}(\vec{P}')}_{\text{ini. or fin. pol. of } N} + \underbrace{W_{\mu\nu}(\vec{P}, \vec{P}')}_{\text{ini. and fin. pol. of } N}$
- In case of polarized ($h = \pm 1$) electrons on unpolarized nucleon target:

$$P'_x = -\frac{2\sqrt{\tau(\tau-1)}}{G_E^2 - \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} G_M^2} G_E G_M \tan\left(\frac{\theta_e}{2}\right)$$

$$P'_z = \frac{(E_e + E'_e)\sqrt{\tau(\tau-1)}}{M(G_E^2 - \frac{\tau}{\epsilon} G_M^2)} G_M^2 \tan^2\left(\frac{\theta_e}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{P'_x}{P'_z} = -\frac{2M \cot(\theta_e/2)}{E_e + E'_e} \frac{G_E}{G_M}$$

G_E^p/G_M^p in polarization transfer experiments



“Standard” dipole for the proton magnetic form factors G_M^p



Linear deviation from the dipole for the electric proton form factor G_E^p



QCD scaling still not reached



Zero crossing for G_E^p

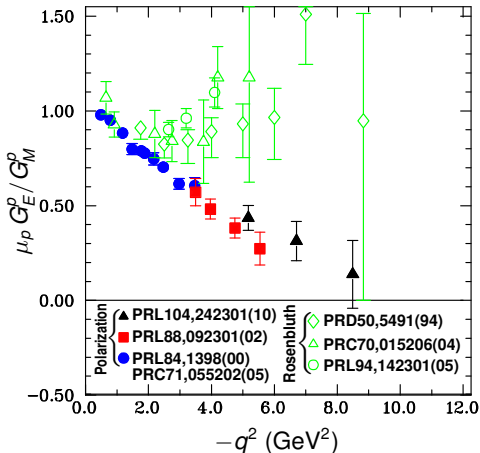


Polarization data do not agree with old Rosenbluth data (\diamond)

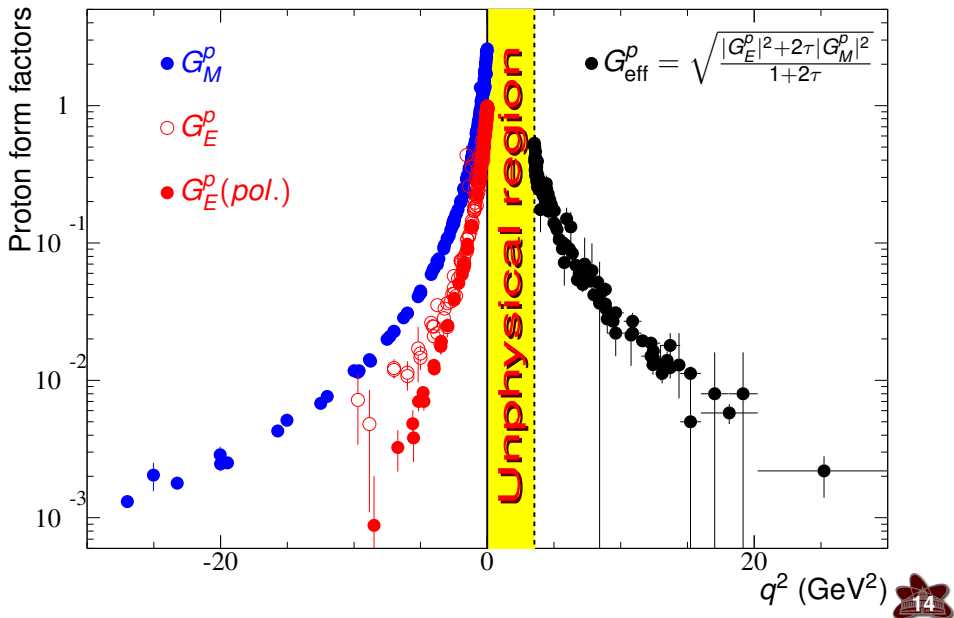


New Rosenbluth separation data from JLab **still do not agree** with polarization data

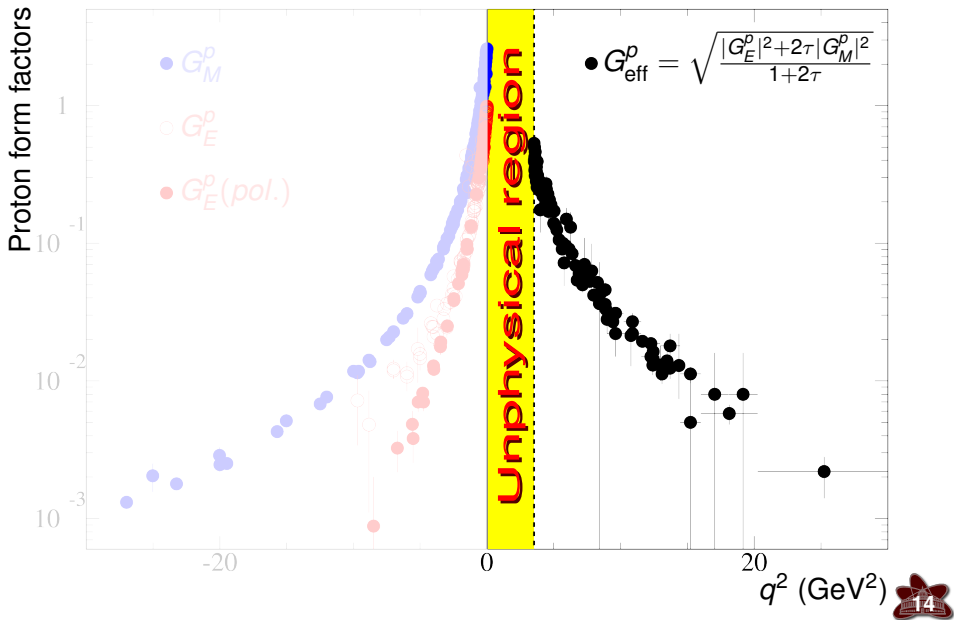
C. Perdrisat *et al.*
JLab-GEp Collaboration



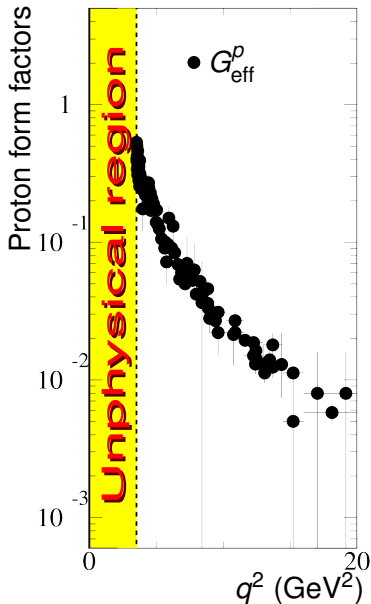
The time-like region



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Differential cross section $e^+ e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}$

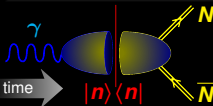
A. Zichichi, S. M. Berman, N. Cabibbo, R. Gatto [NC XXIV (1962) 170]

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \beta C}{4q^2} \left[(1 + \cos^2 \theta) |G_M^p|^2 + \frac{1}{\tau} \sin^2 \theta |G_E^p|^2 \right]$$

Optical theorem

$$\text{Im} \langle \bar{N}(p') N(p) | j^\mu | 0 \rangle \sim \sum_n \langle \bar{N}(p') N(p) | j^\mu | n \rangle \langle n | j^\mu | 0 \rangle$$

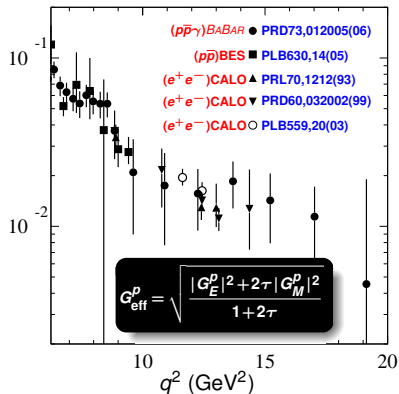
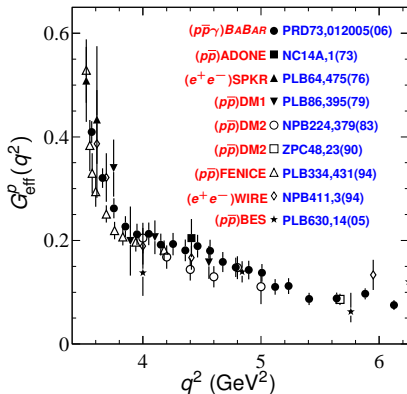
$|n\rangle$ are on-shell intermediate states: $2\pi, 3\pi, 4\pi, \dots$



Form factors are complex for $q^2 > 4M_\pi^2$

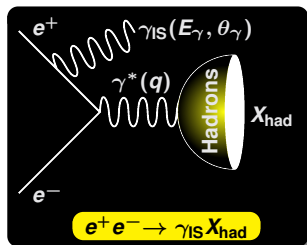
- The cross section is an **even function of $\cos \theta$**
- The cross section does **not depend on the form factor phases**
- At high q^2 the $|G_E^p|^2$ contribution is suppressed
- The **unphysical region is not accessible** through the annihilations $e^+ e^- \leftrightarrow p\bar{p}$

Proton effective form factor



- No individual determination of $|G_E^p|$ and $|G_M^p|$.
- Time-like proton form factors are larger (factor of two) than their space-like values at the same $|q^2|$.
- The threshold behavior is very steep.
- It is not smooth. Structures? Resonances?...

Initial State Radiation



$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dE_\gamma d\cos\theta_\gamma} = W(E_\gamma, \theta_\gamma) \sigma_{e^+e^- \rightarrow X_{had}}(s)$$

$$W(E_\gamma, \theta_\gamma) = \frac{\alpha}{\pi x} \left(\frac{2 - 2x + x^2}{\sin^2 \theta_\gamma} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right)$$

$s = q^2$, $q \dots \dots X_{had}$ momentum

$E_\gamma, \theta_\gamma \dots$ CM γ_{IS} energy, scatt. ang.

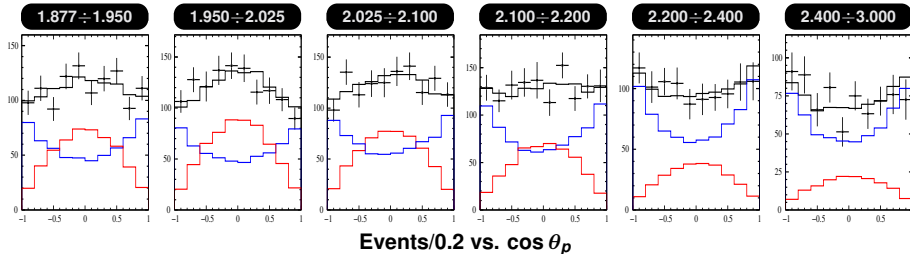
$E_{CM} \dots \dots$ CM e^+e^- energy

$x = 2E_\gamma/E_{CM}$

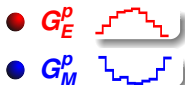
● All energies (q^2) at the same time \Rightarrow Better control on systematics (greatly reduced point to point)

● Detected ISR at large angles \Rightarrow full X_{had} angular coverage

● CM boost \Rightarrow { efficiency at threshold $\neq 0$
energy resolution ~ 1 MeV

$\cos \theta_p$ distributions from threshold up to 3 GeV [intervals in $E_{CM} \equiv \sqrt{q^2}$ (GeV)]

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta_p} = A \left[H_E(\cos\theta_p, q^2) \left| \frac{G_E^p(q^2)}{G_M^p(q^2)} \right|^2 + H_M(\cos\theta_p, q^2) \right]$$

 H_E and H_M from MCAt low q^2

$$\sin^2 \theta_p > 1 + \cos^2 \theta_p$$



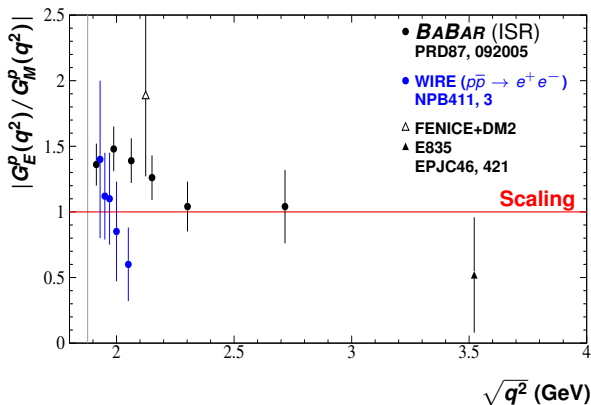
First observation!

$$|G_E^p| > |G_M^p|$$

At higher q^2 , $|G_E^p| \rightarrow |G_M^p|$ 

Time-like $|G_E^p/G_M^p|$ measurements

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\cos\theta} = \frac{\pi\alpha^2\beta C}{2q^2} |G_M^p|^2 \left[(1 + \cos^2\theta) + \frac{4M_p^2}{q^2} \sin^2\theta \left| \frac{G_E^p}{G_M^p} \right|^2 \right]$$



$\gamma\gamma$ exchange

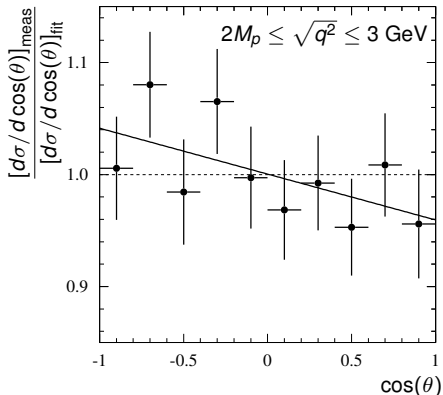
$\gamma\gamma$ exchange interferes with the Born term

Asymmetry in angular distributions

[E. Tomasi-Gustafsson,
G.I. Gakh, NPA771,169(06)]

$\gamma\gamma$ exchange from $e^+e^- \rightarrow p\bar{p}\gamma$ *BABAR* 2013 data

E. Tomasi-Gustafsson, E.A. Kuraev, S. Bakmaev, SP, Phys. Lett. B659 (2008) 197
Phys. Rev. D87 (2013) 092005



Integrated over the $p\bar{p}$ -CM energy from threshold up to 3 GeV

The MC-fit assumes **one-photon exchange**

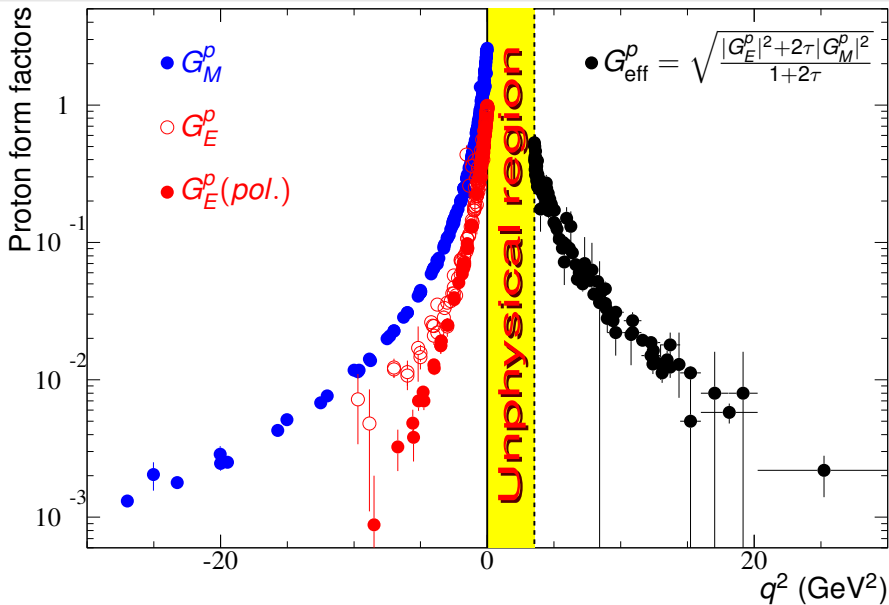
Slope = $-0.041 \pm 0.026 \pm 0.005$

Integral asymmetry

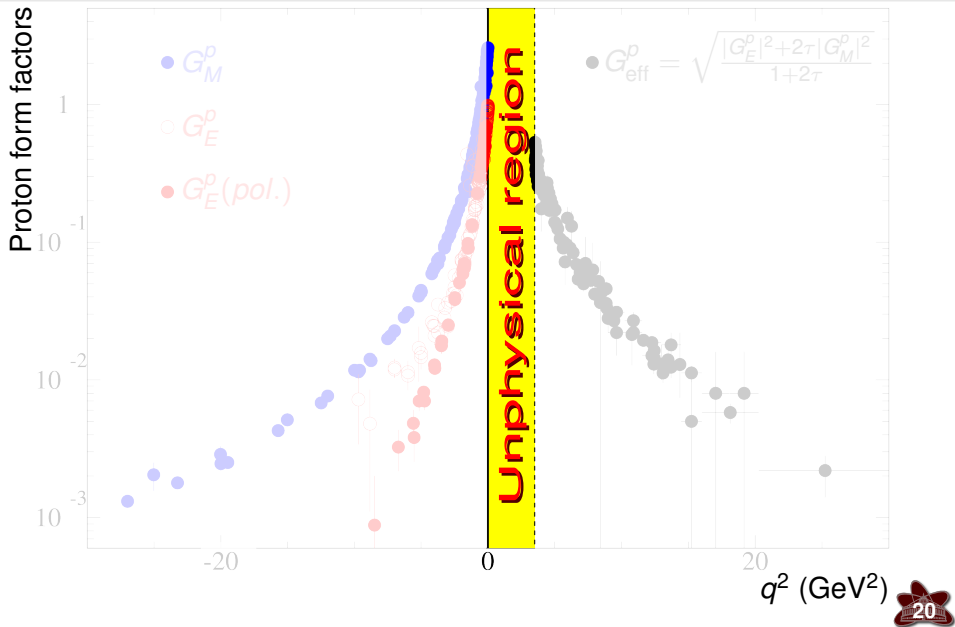
$$\langle \mathcal{A} \rangle_{\cos \theta_p} = \frac{\sigma(\cos \theta_p > 0) - \sigma(\cos \theta_p < 0)}{\sigma(\cos \theta_p > 0) + \sigma(\cos \theta_p < 0)} = -0.025 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.003$$

$\sigma(\cos \theta_p \gtrless 0)$ is the cross section integrated with $\sqrt{q^2} \leq 3 \text{ GeV}$ and $\cos \theta_p \gtrless 0$

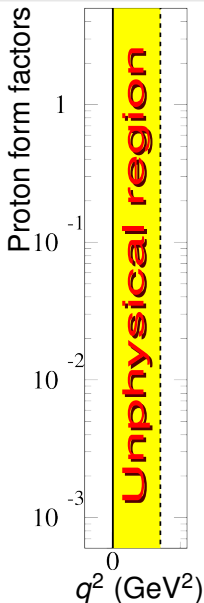
The unphysical region



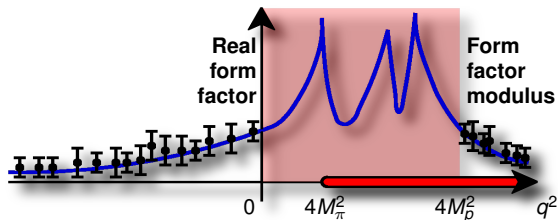
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Unphysical region goes from $q^2 = 0$ up to the physical threshold $q^2 = 4M_p^2$



In that region, form factors

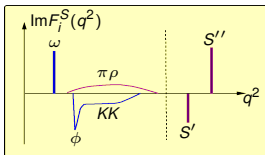
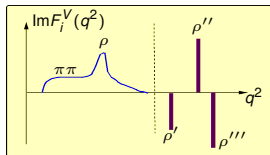
- are still well defined but not (directly) experimentally accessible
- are complex and, following VMD-based models, receive their main contribution from intermediate resonances

Handling the unphysical region₁

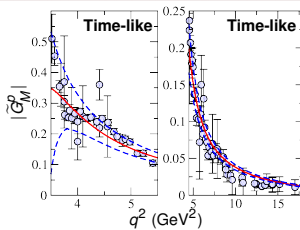
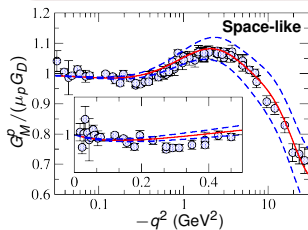
Model dependent disclosing [Höler, Mergell, Meissner, Hammer]

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Dispersion relations for the imaginary part $F(q_{\text{SL}}^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{\text{Im}F(q_{\text{TL}}^2)}{q_{\text{TL}}^2 - q_{\text{SL}}^2} dq_{\text{TL}}^2$



- 2π and 2K continua are known
- The ρ resonance with finite width
- Dirac delta poles for higher mass states



- Super convergence relations

$$\int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \text{Im} F_{1,2}(q^2) dq^2 = 0$$

$$\int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} q^2 \text{Im} F_2(q^2) dq^2 = 0$$
- Asymptotic behaviors from perturbative QCD

Model independent **disclosing** [EPJC11 709]

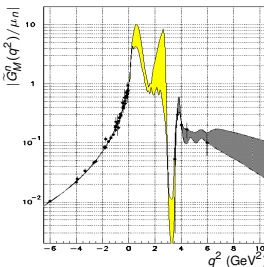
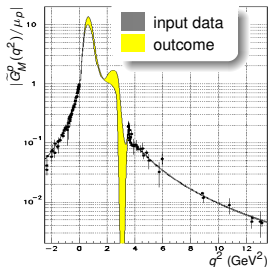
Dispersion relation subtracted at $t = 0$

$$\ln G(t) = \frac{t\sqrt{4M_\pi^2 - t}}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{\ln |G(s)| ds}{s\sqrt{s - 4M_\pi^2}(s - t)}$$

- Less dependent on the asymptotic behavior of the FF
- $\ln G(0) = 0 \implies$ no further terms have to be considered

Splitting the integral $\int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty}$ into $\int_{4M_\pi^2}^{4M_p^2} + \int_{4M_p^2}^{\infty}$ we obtain the integral equation

$$\underbrace{\ln G(t) - I_{\text{phy}}^\infty(t)}_{\text{Data and Theory}} = \frac{t\sqrt{4M_\pi^2 - t}}{\pi} \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{4M_p^2} \overbrace{\ln |G(s)| ds}^{\text{Unknown}}$$



Solutions are regularized by requiring their total curvature in the unphysical region to be limited

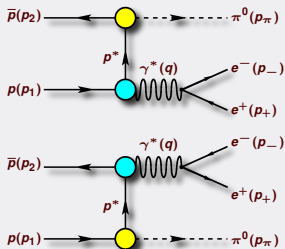
Steep behavior at thresholds

Solutions show resonant structures similar to the expected vector mesons

Accessing the unphysical region

[C. Adamuscin, E.A. Kuraev, E. Tomasi-Gustafsson, F. Maas]

The initial state π -production
 $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$



The process $p\bar{p} \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$



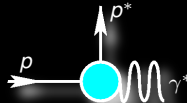
Described in general by **six** amplitudes which depend on **three** kinematical variables

Hadronic current [PRC75 045205]

$$J_\mu = \phi_\pi(p_\pi) \bar{v}(p_2) O_\mu u(p_1)$$

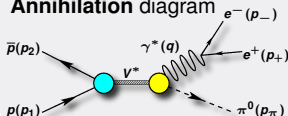
$$O_\mu = O_\mu[\Gamma_\mu(q)]$$

$$\langle N(p') | \Gamma_\mu(q) | N(p) \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[F_1(q^2) \gamma_\mu + \frac{i \sigma_{\mu\nu} q^\nu}{4M_p^2} F_2(q^2) \right] u(p)$$



Background

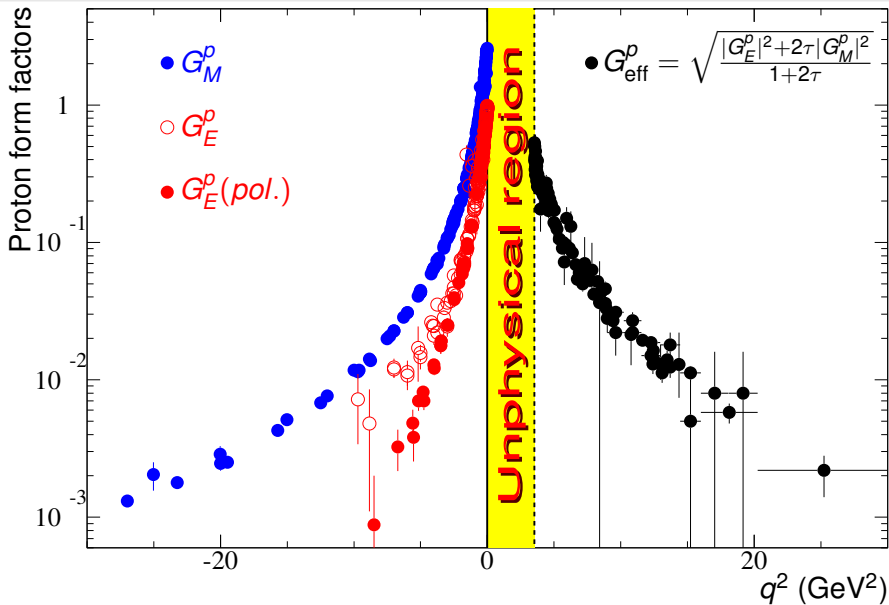
Annihilation diagram



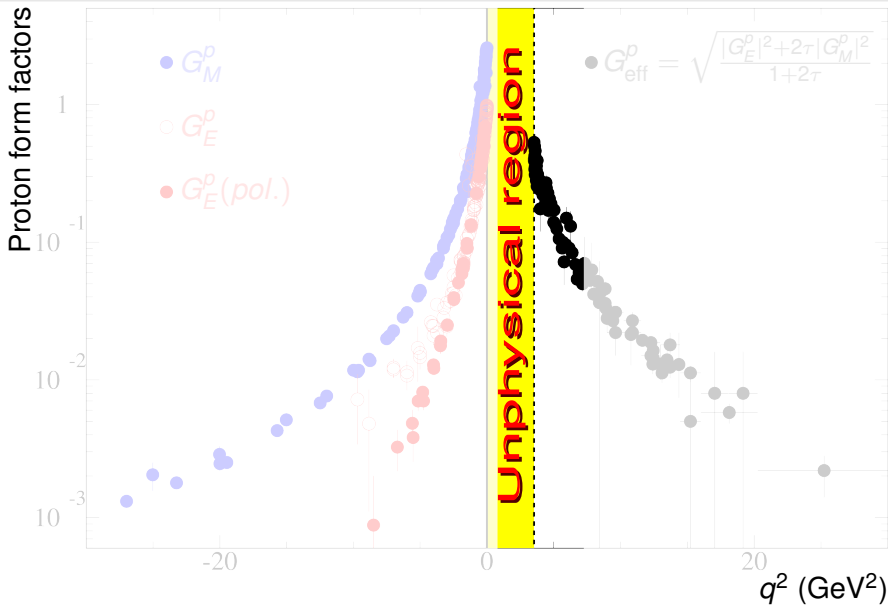
Polarization observables help in disentangle reaction mechanisms

[E. A. Kuraev *et al.*, J. Exp. Theor. Phys. 115 (2012) 93
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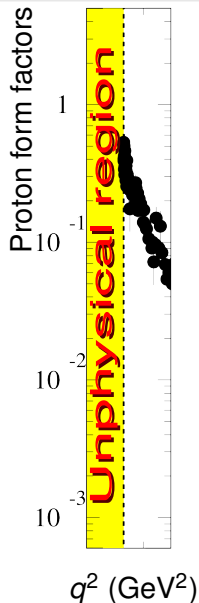
The threshold region₁



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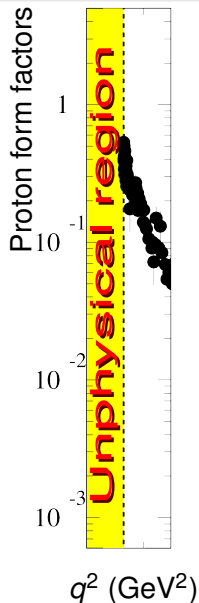
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Annihilation cross section

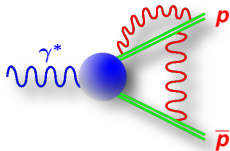
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \beta C}{4q^2} \left[(1 + \cos^2 \theta) |G_M|^2 + \frac{1}{\tau} \sin^2 \theta |G_E|^2 \right]$$

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$p\bar{p}$ Coulomb interaction as FSI

[Sommerfeld, Sakharov, Schwinger, Fadin, Khoze]

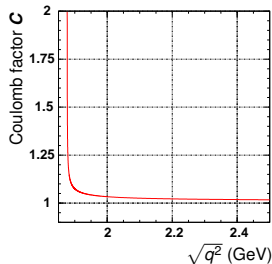
Schrödinger wave function

$$C = |\Psi_{\text{Coul}}(0)|^2$$

S-wave: $C = \frac{\pi\alpha}{\beta} \frac{1}{1 - \exp\left(-\frac{\pi\alpha}{\beta}\right)} \xrightarrow{\beta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\pi\alpha}{\beta}$

D-wave: $C = 1$

No Coulomb factor for boson pairs (P-wave)



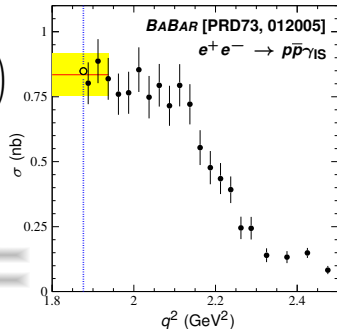
The threshold region₂

Partial wave form factors

$$G_S^p = \frac{1}{3} \left(2G_M^p \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4M_p^2}} + G_E^p \right), \quad G_D^p = \frac{1}{3} \left(G_M^p \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4M_p^2}} - G_E^p \right)$$

Cross section

$$\sigma(q^2) = 2\pi\alpha^2\beta \frac{4M_p^2}{(q^2)^2} \left[C |G_S^p(q^2)|^2 + 2|G_D^p(q^2)|^2 \right]$$



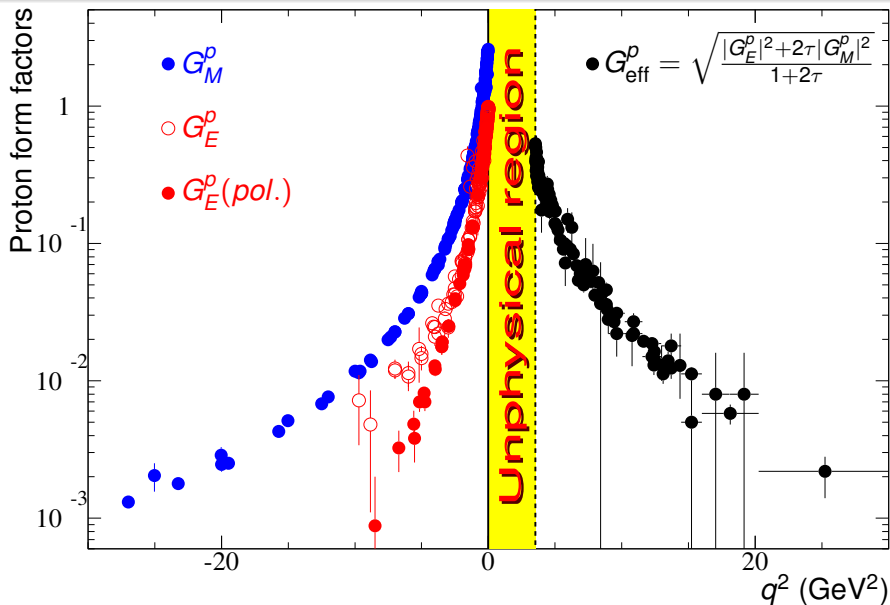
Step at threshold

$$\sigma(4M_p^2) = \frac{\pi^2\alpha^3}{2M_p^2} |G_S^p(4M_p^2)|^2 = 0.85 |G_S^p(4M^2)|^2 \text{ nb}$$

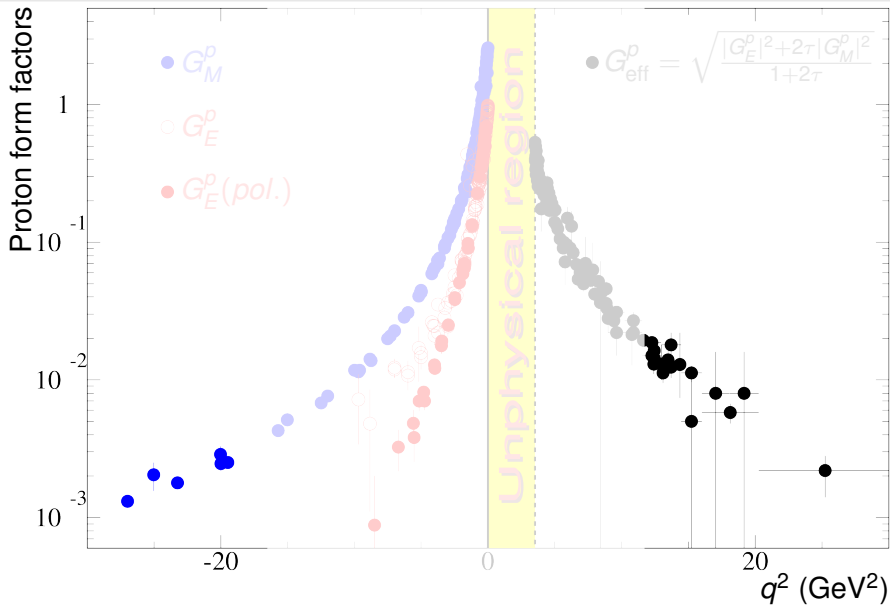
$$|G_S^p(4M_p^2)| = 1$$

$$|G_S^p(4M_p^2)| = 0.99 \pm 0.05$$

The asymptotic regions₁



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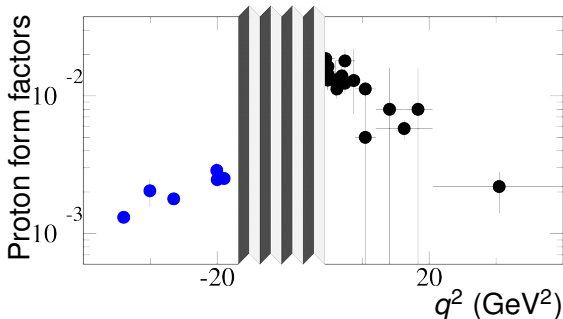
Time-like asymptotic behavior

Phragmén Lindelöf theorem:

If a function $f(z) \rightarrow a$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$ along a straight line, and $f(z) \rightarrow b$ as $z \rightarrow \infty$ along another straight line, and $f(z)$ is regular and bounded in the angle between, then $a = b$ and $f(z) \rightarrow a$ uniformly in this angle.

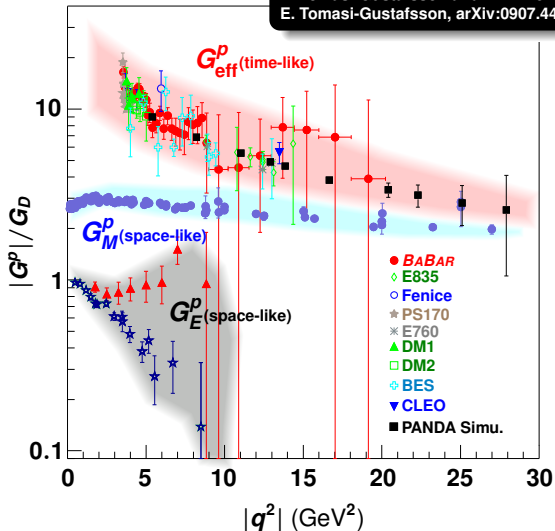
$$\bullet \underbrace{\lim_{q^2 \rightarrow -\infty} G_{E,M}(q^2)}_{\text{space-like}} = \underbrace{\lim_{q^2 \rightarrow +\infty} G_{E,M}(q^2)}_{\text{time-like}}$$

$$\bullet G_{E,M} \underset{q^2 \rightarrow +\infty}{\sim} (q^2)^{-2} \quad \text{real}$$



The asymptotic regions₂

E. Tomasi-Gustafsson and M. P. Rekalo, PLB504,291
E. Tomasi-Gustafsson, arXiv:0907.4442



pQCD

$$G_{\text{eff}}^p(q^2) \underset{q^2 \rightarrow \infty}{\sim} G_M^p(q^2)$$

Phragmén Lindelöf

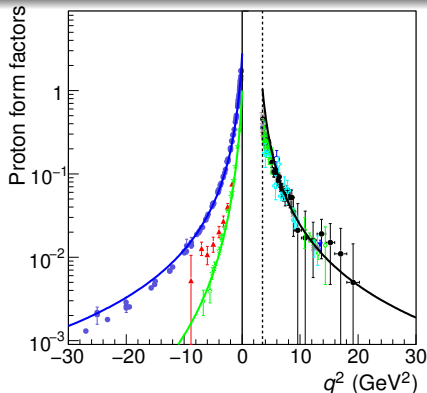
$$\lim_{q^2 \rightarrow \infty} \frac{G_{\text{eff}}^p(q^2)}{G_M^p(-q^2)} = 1$$

Assumption

Pauli principle pulls away from the internal region of strong chromo-electromagnetic field quarks of same flavor because the color quantum number does not play any role (stochastic averaging).

Outer spatial region $|p\rangle = \epsilon^{ijk} |u_i u_j d_k\rangle$
charge = 1

Central region $|p\rangle \neq \epsilon^{ijk} |u_i u_j d_k\rangle$
charge = 0



Counting rule on the vector part of interaction

space-like

A screening effect from the central region provides an additional suppression for the electric form factor

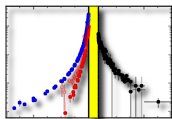
$$G_M^p(q^2) = \mu_p G_D(q^2)$$

$$G_E^p(q^2) = \frac{G_D(q^2)}{1 - q^2/q_1^2}$$

time-like

$$G_M^p(q^2) = \frac{\theta(q^2 - 4M_p^2)}{[1 + (q^2 - 4M_p^2)^2/q_2^2]^2}$$

$$G_E^p(q^2) = \frac{G_M^p(q^2) \theta(q^2 - 4M_p^2)}{1 + (q^2 - 4M_p^2)^2/q_2^2}$$



Global models for proton and neutron, electric and magnetic form factors must be encouraged. They can help in understanding...

- the threshold behavior
- the proton radius
- the presence of zeros
- the asymptotic behavior
- the unphysical region
- ...

To measure...

- zero of G_E^p in space-like region
- moduli of G_E and G_M in time-like region
- complex structure of form factors (polarization)
- unphysical time-like form factors ($p\bar{p} \rightarrow \pi^0 e^+ e^-$)
- ...



Experiments: now and future

Space-like region



Mainz

- G_E^n at $-q^2 = 1.5 \text{ GeV}^2$ (Pol. ^3He)
- G_E^p and G_M^p for $-q^2 \leq 2.0 \text{ GeV}^2$

Jefferson Lab

- [Hall A] G_E^n / G_M^n up to 10.2 GeV^2
- [Hall A] G_E^p / G_M^p up to 14 GeV^2
- [Hall A] G_M^n (ratio) up to 18 GeV^2
- [Hall B] G_M^n (deuterium) up to 14 GeV^2
- [Hall C] G_E^n up to 7 GeV^2

Time-like region



at VEPP-2000
 e^+e^- collider



$|G_{\text{eff}}^p|, |G_{\text{eff}}^n|$ (scan)
 $q^2 \leq (4 \text{ GeV})^2$



BESIII

at BEPCII
 e^+e^- collider

$|G_E^p|, |G_M^p|, |G_{\text{eff}}^n|$ (scan and ISR)
 $q^2 \leq (3.5 \text{ GeV})^2$



at FAIR
 $\rho\bar{p}$ collider

$|G_E^p|, |G_M^p|, G_E^p / G_M^p$ phase (\bar{p} polarization)
 $(2.4 \text{ GeV})^2 \leq q^2 \leq (3.7 \text{ GeV})^2$



at SuperKEKB
 e^+e^- collider

?

$|G_E^p|, |G_M^p|$, (ISR)
 $q^2 \leq (4.5 \text{ GeV})^2$

Additional slides



Handling the unphysical region₃

Suppressing unphysical contributions

[Geshkenbein, Ioffe, Shifman]

Dispersion relation for

$$\phi(s) = f(s) \frac{\ln G(s)}{s\sqrt{4M_\pi^2 - s}}$$

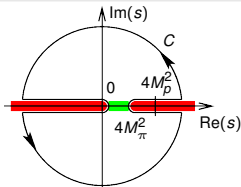
$f(s)$ suppression function

$$\int_0^{4M_p^2} f^2(s) ds \ll 1$$

Assuming $G(q^2) \neq 0$
Cauchy theorem gives

$$\oint_C \phi(s) ds = 0$$

$$-\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\text{Im}[f(t)] \ln G(t)}{t\sqrt{4M_\pi^2 - t}} dt = \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{f(s) \ln |G(s)|}{s\sqrt{s - 4M_\pi^2}} ds$$



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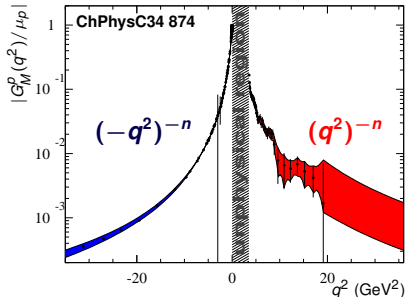
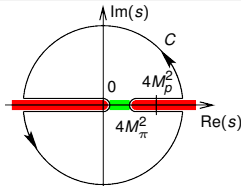
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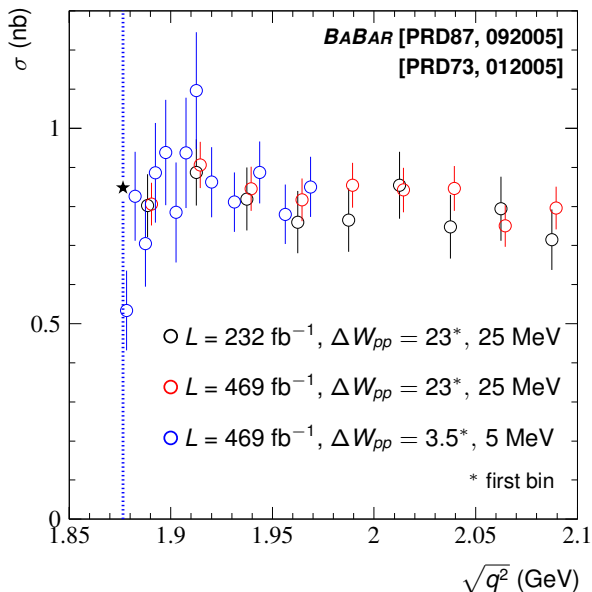
$$\underbrace{-\int_{-\infty}^0 \frac{\text{Im}[f(t)] \ln G(t)}{t\sqrt{4M_\pi^2 - t}} dt}_{\text{space-like data} + (-t)^n} \simeq \underbrace{\int_{4M_p^2}^{\infty} \frac{f(s) \ln |G(s)|}{s\sqrt{s - 4M_\pi^2}} ds}_{\text{time-like data} + s^n}$$



Sum rule for the asymptotic power law

$$G_M^p(q^2) \underset{|q^2| \rightarrow \infty}{\propto} |q^2|^{-(2.27 \pm 0.36)}$$

The threshold region₃



The threshold region₃

