

Proton and neutron electromagnetic form factors and radii from $N_f = 2 + 1$ lattice QCD

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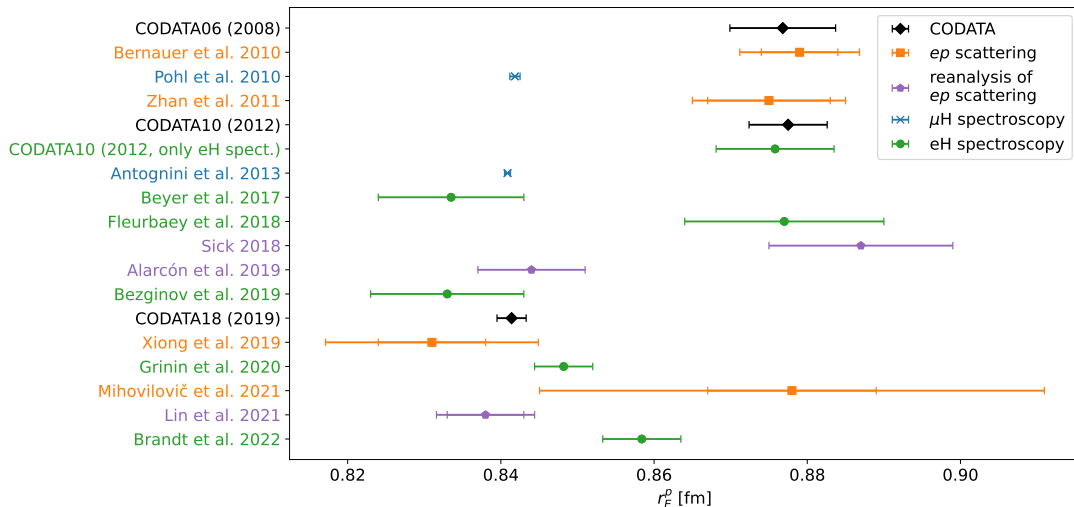
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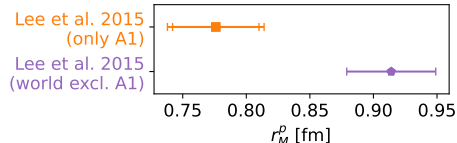
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Proton radius puzzle: experimental situation in 2023



Motivation for (another) lattice study

- “Proton radius puzzle”: discrepancy between different determinations of the electric and magnetic radii of the proton
- In lattice QCD as in the context of scattering experiments: radii extracted from the slope of the electromagnetic form factors at $Q^2 = 0$
- Tension between Q^2 -dependence of form factors from different experiments (A1 vs. PRad)
- Full calculation of the proton and neutron form factors from first principles necessitates explicit treatment of the numerically challenging quark-disconnected contributions
- Neglected in many previous lattice studies, in particular no simultaneous control of all relevant systematics



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Coordinated Lattice Simulations (CLS)¹

- Non-perturbatively $\mathcal{O}(a)$ -improved Wilson fermions, $N_f = 2 + 1$
- $\text{tr } M_q = 2m_l + m_s = \text{const.}$
- Tree-level improved Lüscher-Weisz gauge action
- Scale setting with gradient flow time² $\rightarrow$ express all dimensionful quantities in units of t_0 , convert to physical units with FLAG³ $\sqrt{t_{0,\text{phys}}}$

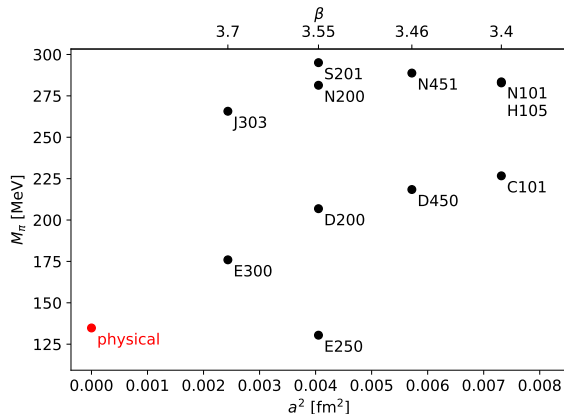


Figure: Overview of the ensembles used in this study

¹Bruno et al. 2015 [JHEP 2015 (2), 43]; ²Lüscher 2010 [JHEP 2010 (8), 71]; Lüscher 2014 [JHEP 2014 (3), 92]; Bruno, Korzec, and Schaefer 2017 [PRD 95, 074504]; ³Aoki et al. 2022 [EPJC 82, 869].

Reweighting and vector current

- Reweight⁴ all observables to compensate for the twisted mass (light quarks) and rational approximation (strange quark)
- Use the conserved vector current,

$$V_\mu^c(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\bar{\psi}(x + \hat{\mu}a)(\mathbb{1} + \gamma_\mu)U_\mu^\dagger(x)\psi(x) - \bar{\psi}(x)(\mathbb{1} - \gamma_\mu)U_\mu(x)\psi(x + \hat{\mu}a) \right), \quad (1)$$

or, more precisely, the symmetrized version

$$V_\mu^{cs}(x) = \frac{1}{2} (V_\mu^c(x) + V_\mu^c(x - \hat{\mu}a)) \quad (2)$$

- Perform $\mathcal{O}(a)$ -improvement⁵
- No renormalization required

⁴Mohler and Schaefer 2020 [[PRD 102, 074506](#)]; Kuberski 2023 [[arXiv:2306.02385](#)]; ⁵Gérardin, Harris, and Meyer 2019 [[PRD 99, 014519](#)].

Nucleon two- and three-point correlation functions

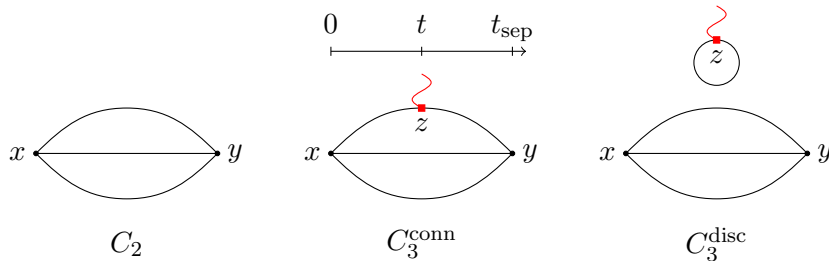
- Measure the two- and three-point correlation functions of the nucleon,

$$\langle C_2(\mathbf{p}'; t_{\text{sep}}) \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{y}} e^{-i\mathbf{p}' \cdot \mathbf{y}} \Gamma_{\beta\alpha}^p \langle N_\alpha(\mathbf{y}, t_{\text{sep}}) \bar{N}_\beta(0) \rangle, \quad (3)$$

$$\langle C_{3,V_\mu}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{q}; t_{\text{sep}}, t) \rangle = \sum_{\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{z}} e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{z}} e^{-i\mathbf{p}' \cdot \mathbf{y}} \Gamma_{\beta\alpha}^p \langle N_\alpha(\mathbf{y}, t_{\text{sep}}) V_\mu(\mathbf{z}, t) \bar{N}_\beta(0) \rangle \quad (4)$$

- Projection matrix $\Gamma_j^p = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbb{1} + \gamma_0)(\mathbb{1} + i\gamma_5\gamma_j)$, where $(\mathbb{1} + \gamma_0)$ projects to positive parity and $(\mathbb{1} + i\gamma_5\gamma_j)$ polarizes the spin of the nucleon in j -direction
- For three-point functions, Wick contractions yield connected and disconnected contribution
- Only use $j = 3$ for connected part, average over $j = 1, 2, 3$ and over forward- and backward-propagating nucleon for disconnected part

Nucleon two- and three-point correlation functions



- Construct the disconnected part from the quark loops and the two-point functions,

$$\left\langle C_{3,V_\mu}^{\text{disc}}(\mathbf{p}', \mathbf{q}; t_{\text{sep}}, t) \right\rangle = \left\langle L^{V_\mu}(\mathbf{q}; t) C_2(\mathbf{p}'; t_{\text{sep}}) \right\rangle, \quad (5)$$

$$L^{V_\mu}(\mathbf{q}; z_0) = - \sum_{\mathbf{z}} e^{i\mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{z}} \text{tr}[D_q^{-1}(z, z) \gamma_\mu] \quad (6)$$

From correlation functions to effective form factors

- Compute the quark loops via a stochastic estimation using a frequency-splitting technique⁶
- Generalized hopping-parameter expansion combined with hierarchical probing for one heavy flavor, one-end trick for remaining flavors
- The nucleon at the sink is at rest, *i.e.*, $\mathbf{p}' = \mathbf{0}$
- Calculate the ratios⁷

$$R_{V_\mu}(\mathbf{q}; t_{\text{sep}}, t) = \frac{C_{3,V_\mu}(\mathbf{q}; t_{\text{sep}}, t)}{C_2(\mathbf{0}; t_{\text{sep}})} \sqrt{\frac{\bar{C}_2(\mathbf{q}; t_{\text{sep}} - t) C_2(\mathbf{0}; t) C_2(\mathbf{0}; t_{\text{sep}})}{C_2(\mathbf{0}; t_{\text{sep}} - t) \bar{C}_2(\mathbf{q}; t) \bar{C}_2(\mathbf{q}; t_{\text{sep}})}}, \quad (7)$$

where $t_{\text{sep}} = y_0 - x_0$, $t = z_0 - x_0$, and $\bar{C}_2(\mathbf{q}; t_{\text{sep}}) = \sum_{\tilde{\mathbf{q}} \in \mathbf{q}} C_2(\tilde{\mathbf{q}}; t_{\text{sep}}) / \sum_{\tilde{\mathbf{q}} \in \mathbf{q}} 1$

⁶Giusti et al. 2019 [EPJC 79, 586]; Cè et al. 2022 [JHEP 2022 (8), 220]; ⁷Korzec et al. 2009 [PoS 066, 139].

From correlation functions to effective form factors

- At zero sink momentum, the effective form factors can be computed from the ratios as

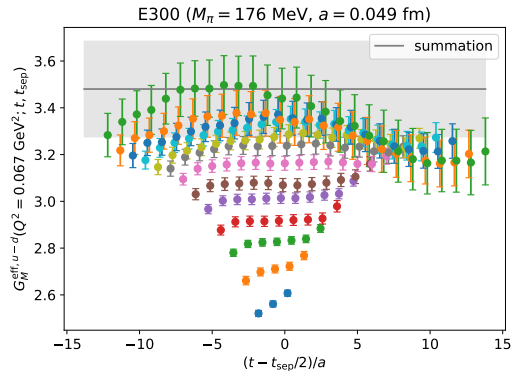
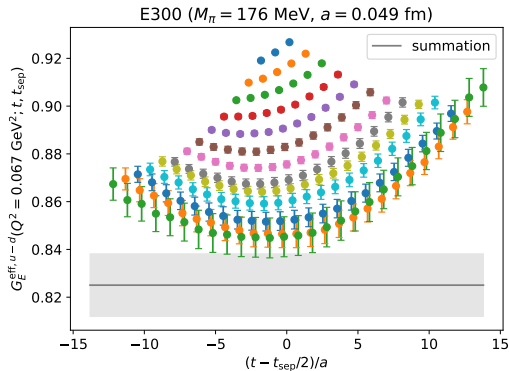
$$G_E^{\text{eff}}(Q^2; t_{\text{sep}}, t) = \sqrt{\frac{2E_{\mathbf{q}}}{M_N + E_{\mathbf{q}}}} R_{V_0}(\mathbf{q}; t_{\text{sep}}, t), \quad (8)$$

$$G_M^{\text{eff}}(Q^2; t_{\text{sep}}, t) = \sqrt{2E_{\mathbf{q}}(M_N + E_{\mathbf{q}})} \frac{\sum_{k,l} \epsilon_{jkl} q_l \text{Re } R_{V_k}^{\Gamma_j^p}(\mathbf{q}; t_{\text{sep}}, t)}{\sum_{k \neq j} q_k^2} \quad (9)$$

- Build effective form factors in isospin basis, *i.e.*, $u - d$ and $u + d - 2s$
- Proton and neutron form factors defined by the combinations

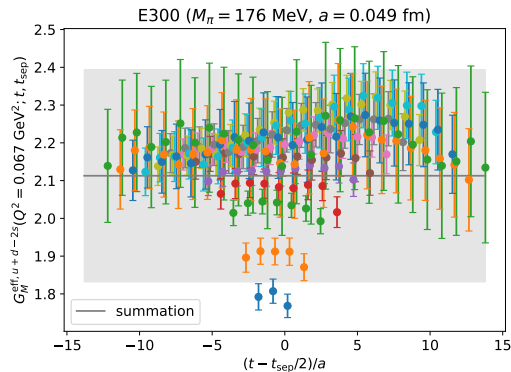
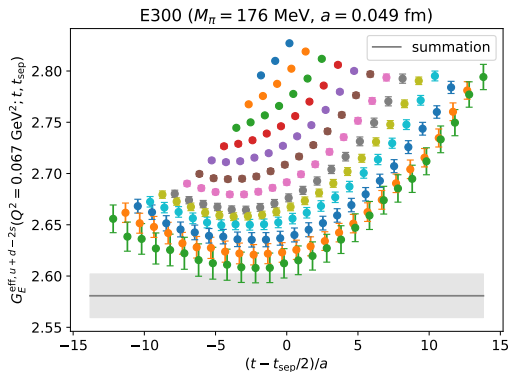
$$G_{E,M}^{\text{eff},p} = \frac{1}{6} \left(G_{E,M}^{\text{eff},u+d-2s} + 3G_{E,M}^{\text{eff},u-d} \right), \quad G_{E,M}^{\text{eff},n} = \frac{1}{6} \left(G_{E,M}^{\text{eff},u+d-2s} - 3G_{E,M}^{\text{eff},u-d} \right) \quad (10)$$

Isvector effective form factors on E300



- Influence of excited-state effects clearly visible
- Errors grow drastically with t_{sep} in spite of significantly increasing statistics (more sources)

Isoscalar effective form factors on E300



- Clear signal including disconnected contributions, errors dominated by connected part
- Contamination by excited states similar to isovector channel

Excited-state analysis: summation method

- Explicit treatment of the excited-state systematics required
- Summation of the effective form factors over the operator insertion time,

$$S_{E,M}(Q^2; t_{\text{sep}}) = \sum_{t=t_{\text{skip}}}^{t_{\text{sep}}-t_{\text{skip}}} G_{E,M}^{\text{eff}}(Q^2; t, t_{\text{sep}}), \quad t_{\text{skip}} = 2a \quad (11)$$

- Parametrically suppresses the effects of excited states ($\propto e^{-\Delta t_{\text{sep}}}$ instead of $\propto e^{-\Delta t}$, $e^{-\Delta(t_{\text{sep}}-t)}$ [Δ : energy gap to lowest-lying excited state]) $\rightarrow$ “summation method”
- For $t_{\text{sep}} \rightarrow \infty$, the slope as a function of t_{sep} is given by the ground-state form factor,

$$S_{E,M}(Q^2; t_{\text{sep}}) \xrightarrow{t_{\text{sep}} \rightarrow \infty} C_{E,M}(Q^2) + \frac{1}{a}(t_{\text{sep}} + a - 2t_{\text{skip}})G_{E,M}(Q^2) \quad (12)$$

Excited-state analysis: window average

- Apply summation method with varying starting values $t_{\text{sep}}^{\text{min}}$ for the linear fit
- Perform a weighted average over $t_{\text{sep}}^{\text{min}}$, where the weights are given by a smooth window function⁸,

$$\hat{G} = \frac{\sum_i w_i G_i}{\sum_i w_i}, \quad w_i = \tanh \frac{t_i - t_w^{\text{low}}}{\Delta t_w} - \tanh \frac{t_i - t_w^{\text{up}}}{\Delta t_w}, \quad (13)$$

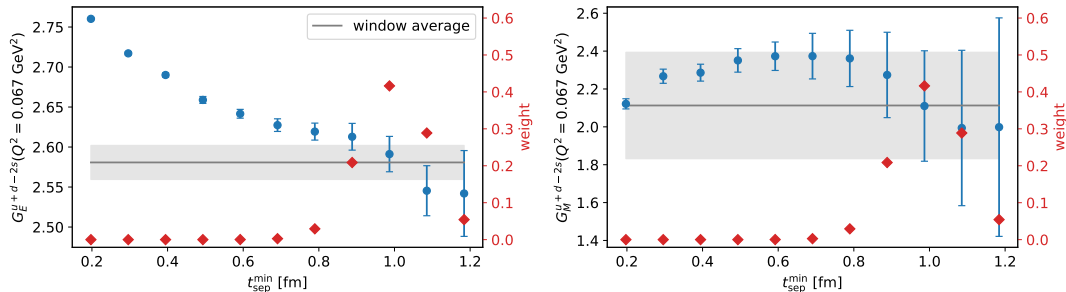
where t_i is the value of $t_{\text{sep}}^{\text{min}}$ in the i -th fit, $t_w^{\text{low}} = 0.9 \text{ fm}$, $t_w^{\text{up}} = 1.1 \text{ fm}$ and $\Delta t_w = 0.08 \text{ fm}$

⁸Djukanovic et al. 2022 [[PRD 106, 074503](#)]; Agadjanov et al. 2023 [[arXiv:2303.08741](#)].

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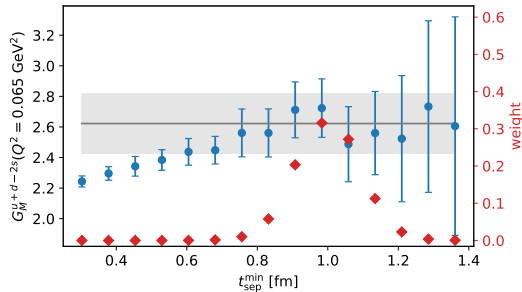
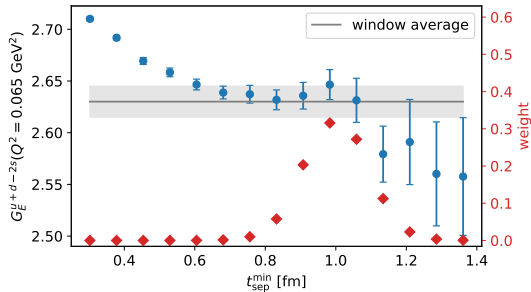
E300 ($M_\pi = 176$ MeV, $a = 0.049$ fm)



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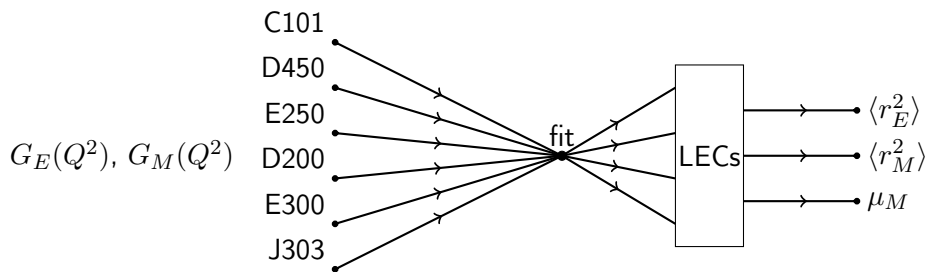
D450 ($M_\pi = 218$ MeV, $a = 0.076$ fm)



- Reliable detection of the plateau with reduced human bias (same window on all ensembles)
- Conservative error estimate

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- Combine parametrization of the Q^2 -dependence with the chiral, continuum, and infinite-volume extrapolation
- Simultaneous fit of the pion-mass, Q^2 -, lattice-spacing, and finite-volume dependence of the form factors to the expressions resulting from covariant chiral perturbation theory⁹

⁹Bauer, Bernauer, and Scherer 2012 [[PRC 86, 065206](#)].

Direct Baryon χ PT fits: tree-level fit formulae

$$G_E^\chi(Q^2) = \frac{1}{2} + Q^2 \left(2d_7 + d_6\tau_3 - \frac{c_7}{4M_N} - \frac{\tilde{c}_6}{2M_N}\tau_3 + \frac{Q^2}{4M_N^2}(2d_7 + d_6\tau_3) \right) + \dots, \quad (14)$$

$$G_M^\chi(Q^2) = \frac{1}{2} + M_N c_7 + 2M_N \tilde{c}_6 \tau_3 + \dots, \quad (15)$$

where $\tau_3^p = +1$ and $\tau_3^n = -1$

$\Rightarrow$ terms with τ_3 only contribute for $u - d$, terms without τ_3 only for $u + d - 2s$

Direct Baryon χ PT fits: tree-level fit formulae with vector mesons

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where $\tau_3^p = +1$ and $\tau_3^n = -1$

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Vector mesons in Baryon χ PT

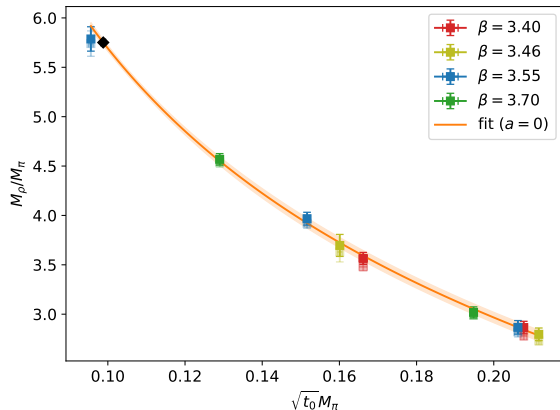
- Isospin basis: clear separation of contributing vector mesons (ρ ; ω , ϕ) and all fitted LECs
- Neglect loop diagrams involving ω or ϕ mesons (numerically very small contribution)
- Reconstruct proton and neutron observables from separate fits to the isovector and isoscalar form factors
- Set mass of the ρ meson on each ensemble to the one at the corresponding pion mass and lattice spacing
- Determined from parametrization of the M_π - and a^2 -dependence of the measured values of M_ρ/M_π ¹⁰,

$$\frac{M_\rho}{M_\pi} = \frac{M_{\rho,\text{phys}}}{M_{\pi,\text{phys}}} + \textcolor{red}{A} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{t_0} M_\pi} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{t_{0,\text{phys}}} M_{\pi,\text{phys}}} \right) + \textcolor{red}{C} (\sqrt{t_0} M_\pi - \sqrt{t_{0,\text{phys}}} M_{\pi,\text{phys}}) + \textcolor{red}{D} \frac{a^2}{t_0} \quad (16)$$

¹⁰Cè et al. 2022 [JHEP 2022 (8), 220].

Vector mesons in Baryon χ PT

- Set $M_\omega = M_\rho$ on each ensemble (no data for M_ω available, small mass splitting between ρ and ω)
- Employ physical ϕ mass (much heavier than ρ and ω)
- For the physical pion mass, use value in the isospin limit¹¹,
 $M_{\pi,\text{phys}} = M_{\pi,\text{iso}} = 134.8(3) \text{ MeV}$



¹¹Aoki et al. 2014 [[EPJC 74, 2890](#)].

Parametrization of lattice artefacts

- Perform fits with various cuts in M_π and Q^2 , as well as with different models for the lattice-spacing and finite-volume dependence, in order to estimate systematic uncertainties
- Adopt two different *ansätze* (additive or multiplicative effects),

$$G_E^{\text{add}}(Q^2) = G_E^\chi(Q^2) + G_E^a a^2 Q^2 + G_E^L t_0 Q^2 e^{-M_\pi L}, \quad (17)$$

$$G_M^{\text{add}}(Q^2) = G_M^\chi(Q^2) + G_M^a \frac{a^2}{t_0} + \kappa_L M_\pi \left(1 - \frac{2}{M_\pi L}\right) e^{-M_\pi L} + G_M^L t_0 Q^2 e^{-M_\pi L}, \quad (18)$$

$$G_E^{\text{mult}}(Q^2) = G_E^\chi(Q^2) + \frac{G_E^a a^2 Q^2 + G_E^L t_0 Q^2 e^{-M_\pi L}}{t_0(M_\rho^2 + Q^2)}, \quad (19)$$

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Parametrization of lattice artefacts

- Finite-volume effects barely distinguishable from our data at low pion masses
- Fix κ_L to value from Heavy-Baryon χ PT (HB χ PT)¹²,

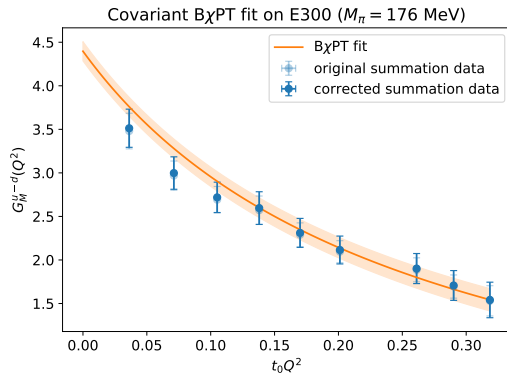
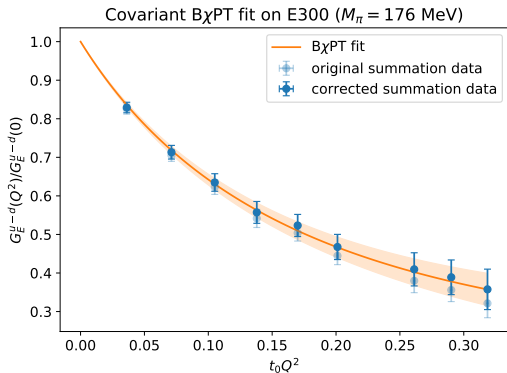
$$\kappa_L = -\frac{M_{N,\text{phys}}g_A^2}{4\pi F_\pi^2}\tau_3, \quad (21)$$

where $\tau_3^p = +1$ and $\tau_3^n = -1 \Rightarrow \tau_3^{u-d} = +2$ and $\tau_3^{u+d-2s} = 0$

- Stabilize fits using Gaussian priors for $G_{E,M}^{a,L}$ determined from fits to ensembles at $M_\pi \approx 0.28$ GeV alone
- No prior on G_E^a in the isovector channel (data sufficiently precise even at low pion masses)
- Major advantage of Baryon χ PT fits: large number of degrees of freedom $\Rightarrow$ improved stability against lowering the Q^2 -cut

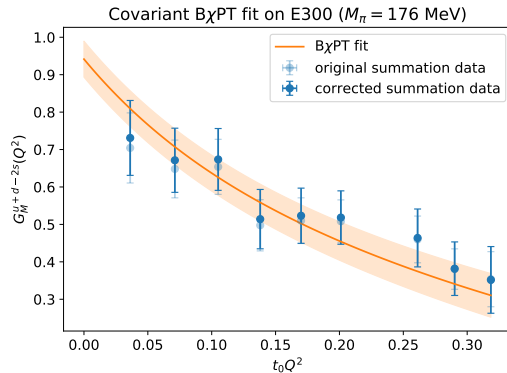
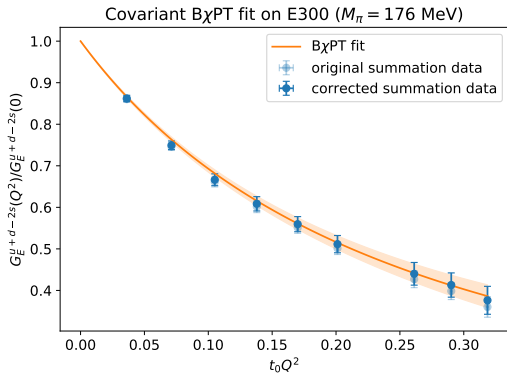
¹²Beane 2004 [[PRD 70, 034507](#)].

Q^2 -dependence of the isovector form factors on E300



- Direct $B\chi$ PT fit describes data very well
- Reduced error due to the inclusion of several ensembles in one fit

Q^2 -dependence of the isoscalar form factors on E300



Crosscheck with z -expansion

- z -expansion¹³: model-independent description of the Q^2 -dependence of the form factors on each ensemble individually
- Map domain of analyticity of the form factors onto the unit circle,

$$z(Q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{\tau_{\text{cut}} + Q^2} - \sqrt{\tau_{\text{cut}} - \tau_0}}{\sqrt{\tau_{\text{cut}} + Q^2} + \sqrt{\tau_{\text{cut}} - \tau_0}}, \quad (22)$$

where $\tau_{\text{cut}} = 4M_\pi^2$ (isoscalar: $\tau_{\text{cut}} = 9M_\pi^2$), and we employ $\tau_0 = 0$

- Expand the form factors as

$$\frac{G_E(Q^2)}{G_E(0)} = \sum_{k=0}^n a_k z(Q^2)^k, \quad G_M(Q^2) = \sum_{k=0}^n b_k z(Q^2)^k \quad (23)$$

- Fix $G_E(0)$ by imposing $a_0 = 1$ (neutron: $a_0 = 0$) and truncate the expansion after $n = 2$

¹³Hill and Paz 2010 [[PRD 82, 113005](#)].

Chiral and continuum extrapolation

- Chiral and continuum extrapolation as a second, separate step
- Employ fit formulae inspired by HB χ PT¹⁴ with leading-order pion-mass dependence,

$$\frac{\langle r_E^2 \rangle}{t_0} = A + D \ln(\sqrt{t_0} M_\pi) + E \frac{a^2}{t_0}, \quad (24)$$

$$\frac{\langle r_M^2 \rangle}{t_0} = A + \frac{D}{\sqrt{t_0} M_\pi} + E \frac{a^2}{t_0}, \quad (25)$$

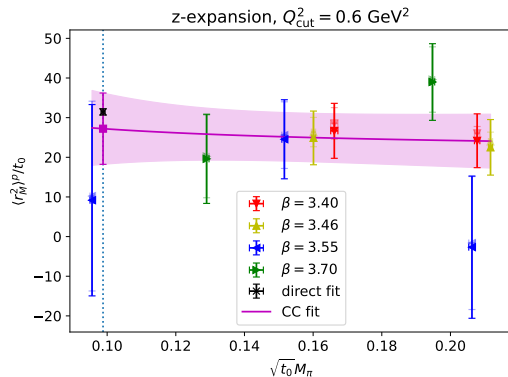
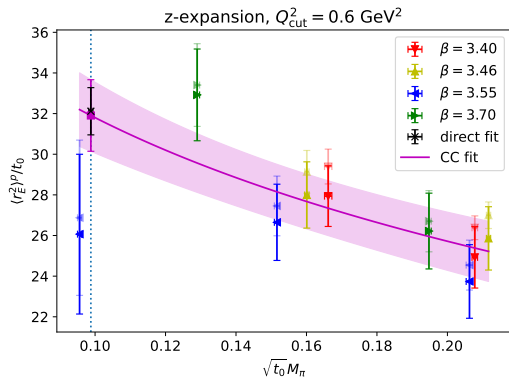
$$\mu_M = A + B \sqrt{t_0} M_\pi + E \frac{a^2}{t_0} \quad (26)$$

- Isoscalar channel: one-loop terms which give rise to above pion-mass dependence don't contribute $\Rightarrow$ use simplified *ansatz* for all three observables,

$$A + C t_0 M_\pi^2 + E \frac{a^2}{t_0} \quad (27)$$

¹⁴Göckeler et al. 2005 [[PRD 71, 034508](#)].

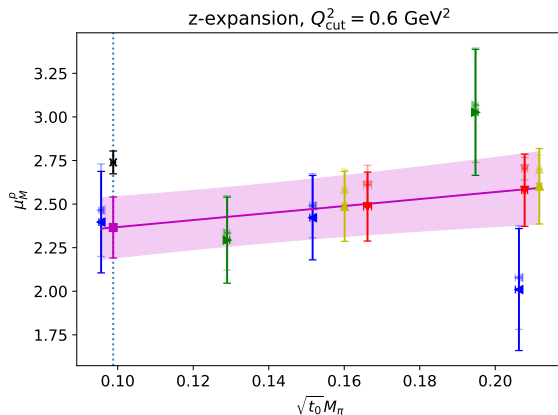
Crosscheck of direct fits with z -expansion: proton electromagnetic radii



- Radii in good agreement with direct fits, albeit with significantly larger errors
- Not sufficiently stable against fluctuations on single momenta or ensembles

Crosscheck of direct fits with z -expansion: proton magnetic moment

- Magnetic moment significantly smaller than direct fits which are compatible with experiment
- Two-step process masks the relative paucity of data points at small Q^2 on some ensembles
- Direct fits use more data in one fit $\Rightarrow$ increased stability against statistical fluctuations
- Only use direct fits for final results



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Model average

- Perform a weighted average over the results of all fit variations, using weights derived from the Akaike Information Criterion¹⁵,

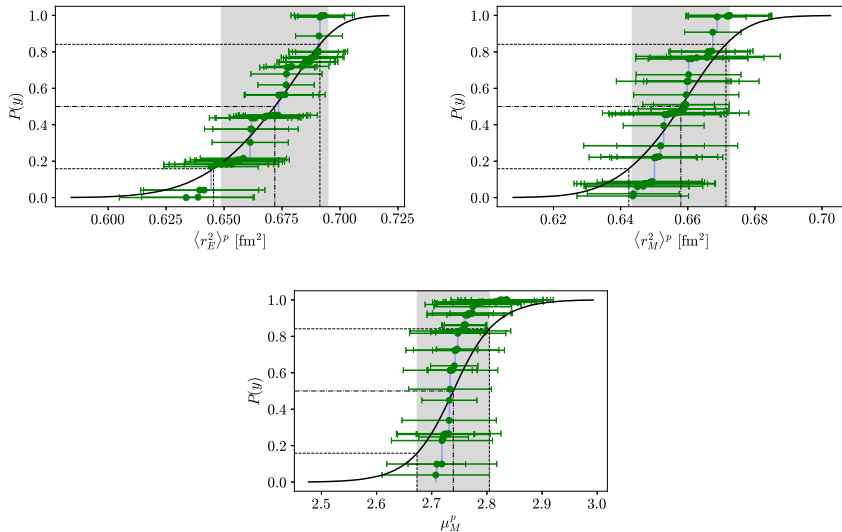
$$w_i = \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\text{BAIC}_i\right) / \sum_j \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\text{BAIC}_j\right), \quad \text{BAIC}_i = \chi_{\text{noaug,min},i}^2 + 2n_{f,i} + 2n_{c,i}, \quad (28)$$

where n_f is the number of fit parameters and n_c the number of cut data points

- Strongly prefers fits with low n_c , *i.e.*, the least stringent cut in $Q^2 \Rightarrow$ apply a flat weight over the different Q^2 -cuts to ensure strong influence of our low-momentum data
- Determine the final cumulative distribution function (CDF) from the weighted sum of the bootstrap distributions¹⁶
- Quote median of this CDF together with the central 68% percentiles

¹⁵Akaike 1974 [IEEE Trans. Autom. Contr. **19**, 716]; Neil and Sitison 2022 [arXiv:2208.14983]; ¹⁶Borsányi et al. 2021 [Nature **593**, 51].

CDFs of the electromagnetic radii and magnetic moment of the proton



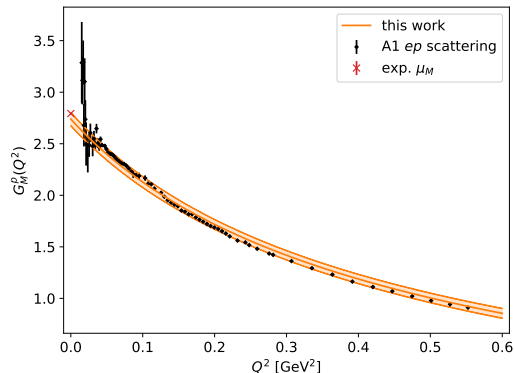
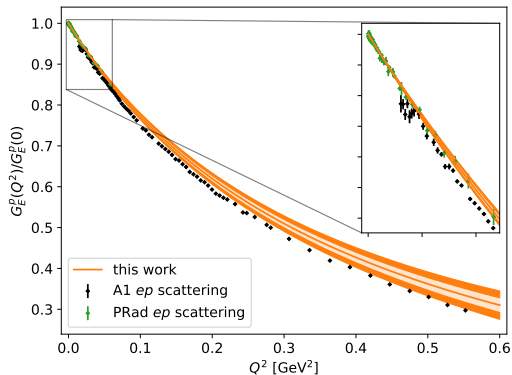
Disambiguating the statistical and systematic uncertainties

- Scale the statistical variances of the individual fit results by a factor of $\lambda = 2$
- Repeat the model averaging procedure
- Assumptions:
 - Above rescaling only affects the statistical error of the averaged result
 - Statistical and systematic errors add in quadrature
- Contributions of the statistical and systematic errors to the total error,

$$\sigma_{\text{stat}}^2 = \frac{\sigma_{\text{scaled}}^2 - \sigma_{\text{orig}}^2}{\lambda - 1}, \quad \sigma_{\text{syst}}^2 = \frac{\lambda \sigma_{\text{orig}}^2 - \sigma_{\text{scaled}}^2}{\lambda - 1} \quad (29)$$

- Consistency check: results are almost independent of λ (if it is chosen not too small)

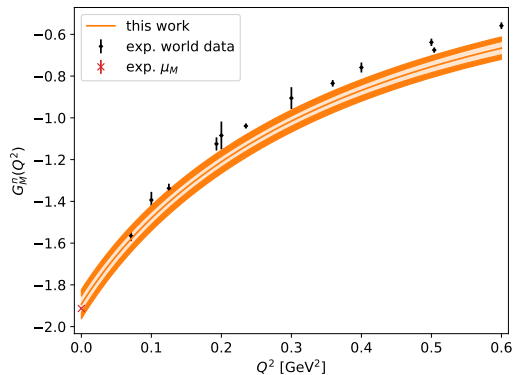
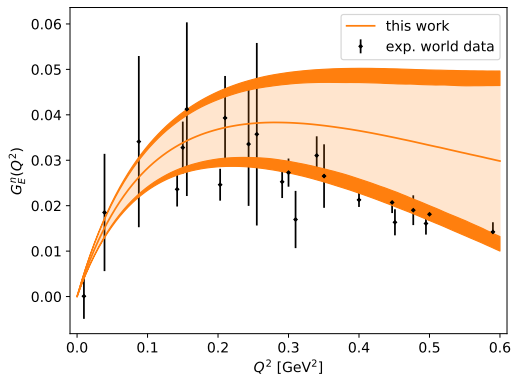
Model-averaged proton form factors at the physical point



- Slope of the electric form factor closer to that of PRad¹⁷ than to that of A1¹⁸
- Good agreement with A1 for the magnetic form factor

¹⁷Xiong et al. 2019 [[Nature 575, 147](#)]; ¹⁸Bernauer et al. 2014 [[PRC 90, 015206](#)].

Model-averaged neutron form factors at the physical point



(Mostly) compatible with the collected experimental world data¹⁹ within our errors

¹⁹Ye et al. 2018 [[PLB 777, 8](#)].

Model-averaged electromagnetic radii and magnetic moments

$$\langle r_E^2 \rangle^{u-d} = (0.785 \pm 0.022 \pm 0.026) \text{ fm}^2$$

$$\langle r_M^2 \rangle^{u-d} = (0.663 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.008) \text{ fm}^2$$

$$\mu_M^{u-d} = 4.62 \pm 0.10 \pm 0.07$$

$$\langle r_E^2 \rangle^{u+d-2s} = (0.554 \pm 0.018 \pm 0.013) \text{ fm}^2$$

$$\langle r_M^2 \rangle^{u+d-2s} = (0.657 \pm 0.030 \pm 0.031) \text{ fm}^2$$

$$\mu_M^{u+d-2s} = 2.47 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.10$$

$$\langle r_E^2 \rangle^p = (0.672 \pm 0.014 \pm 0.018) \text{ fm}^2$$

$$\langle r_M^2 \rangle^p = (0.658 \pm 0.012 \pm 0.008) \text{ fm}^2$$

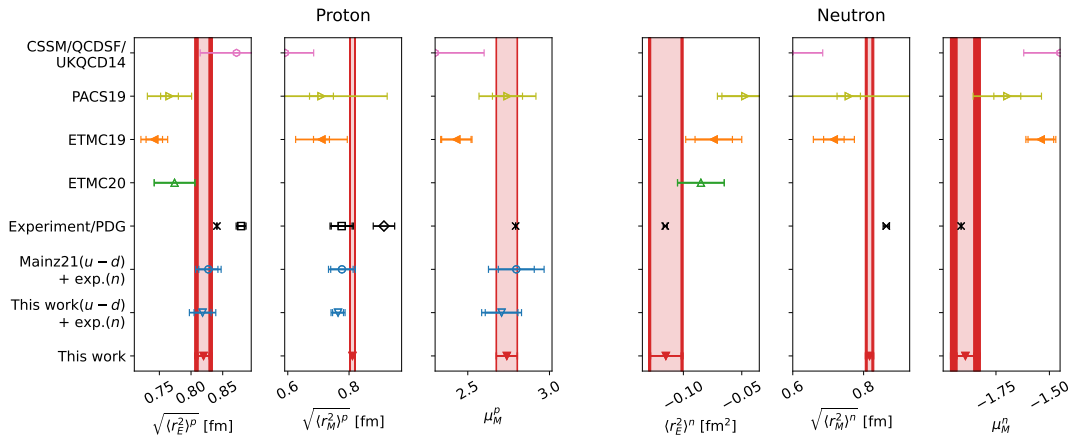
$$\mu_M^p = 2.739 \pm 0.063 \pm 0.018$$

$$\langle r_E^2 \rangle^n = (-0.115 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.007) \text{ fm}^2$$

$$\langle r_M^2 \rangle^n = (0.667 \pm 0.011 \pm 0.016) \text{ fm}^2$$

$$\mu_M^n = -1.893 \pm 0.039 \pm 0.058$$

Model-averaged electromagnetic radii and magnetic moments



Magnetic moments reproduced, low value for $\sqrt{\langle r_E^2 \rangle^p}$ clearly favored, $\sqrt{\langle r_M^2 \rangle^p}$ agrees with A1

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Hyperfine splitting and the Zemach radius

- Determination of nuclear properties from atomic physics
- Magnetic spin-spin interaction between the nucleus and the orbiting lepton gives rise to the hyperfine splitting (HFS)
- Electromagnetic structure of the proton influences the HFS of the S -state of hydrogen
- Relevant parameter deduced from the HFS: Zemach radius²⁰,

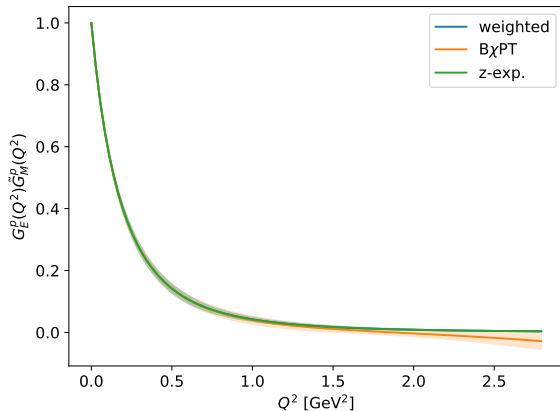
$$r_Z^p = -\frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ}{Q^2} \left(\frac{G_E^p(Q^2)G_M^p(Q^2)}{\mu_M^p} - 1 \right) = -\frac{2}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ^2}{(Q^2)^{3/2}} \left(\frac{G_E^p(Q^2)G_M^p(Q^2)}{\mu_M^p} - 1 \right) \quad (30)$$

- Firm theoretical prediction of the Zemach radius required both to guide the atomic spectroscopy experiments and for the interpretation of their results

²⁰Zemach 1956 [[Phys. Rev. 104, 1771](#)]; Pachucki 1996 [[PRA 53, 2092](#)].

Zemach radius from the lattice

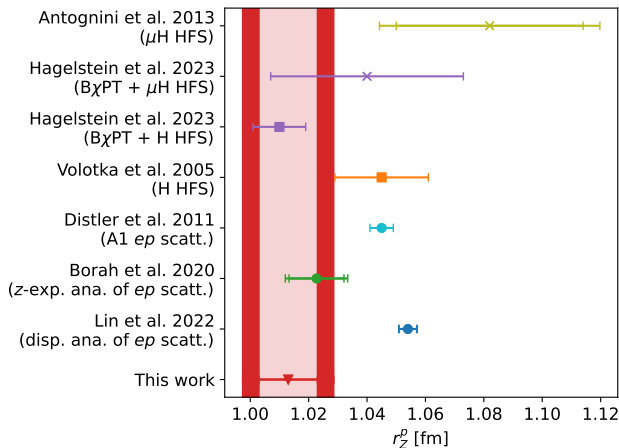
- $B\chi PT$ including vector mesons only trustworthy for $Q^2 \lesssim 0.6 \text{ GeV}^2$
- Tail of the integrand suppressed: contribution of the form factors above 0.6 GeV^2 to r_Z less than 0.9 %
- Extrapolate $B\chi PT$ fit results using a z -expansion *ansatz*
- Incorporate the large- Q^2 constraints on the form factors²¹ $\rightarrow$ sum rules²²
- For integration, smoothly replace $B\chi PT$ parametrization by z -exp.



²¹Lepage and Brodsky 1980 [PRD 22, 2157]; ²²Lee, Arrington, and Hill 2015 [PRD 92, 013013].

Comparison to other studies

- Model-averaged result:
 $r_Z^p = 1.013(15) \text{ fm}$
 $\Rightarrow$ low value favored
- Agrees within 2σ with most of the experimental determinations
- Our estimate is $\sim 80\%$ correlated with the electromagnetic radii (based on the same form factor data)
- Low result for r_Z^p expected, no independent puzzle



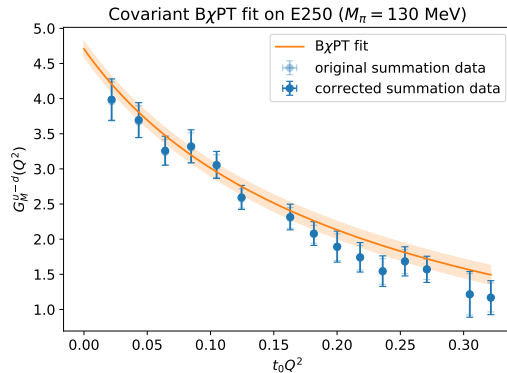
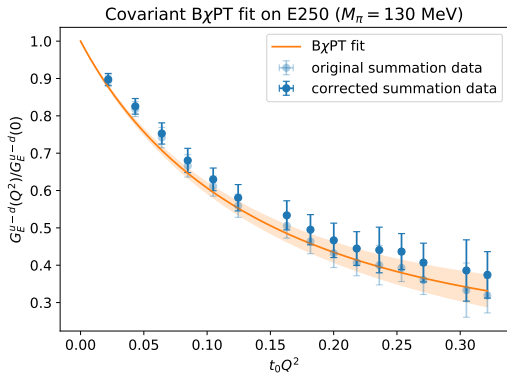
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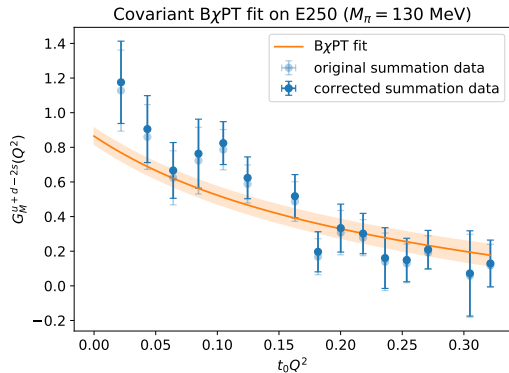
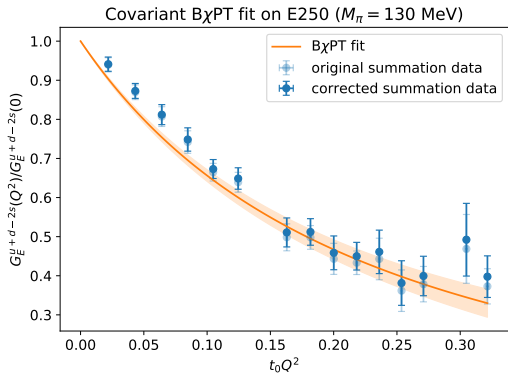
- Determination of the electromagnetic form factors of the proton and neutron from lattice QCD including connected and disconnected contributions, as well as a full error budget
- Chiral, continuum, and infinite-volume extrapolation via matching with the predictions from covariant baryon chiral perturbation theory
- Magnetic moments of the proton and neutron agree well with the experimental values
- Small electric *and* magnetic radii of the proton favored
- Competitive errors, in particular for the magnetic radii
- First lattice calculation of the Zemach radius of the proton $\rightarrow$ small value favored (80 % correlation with electromagnetic radii)
- Further investigations required, in particular for the magnetic proton radius

Backup slides

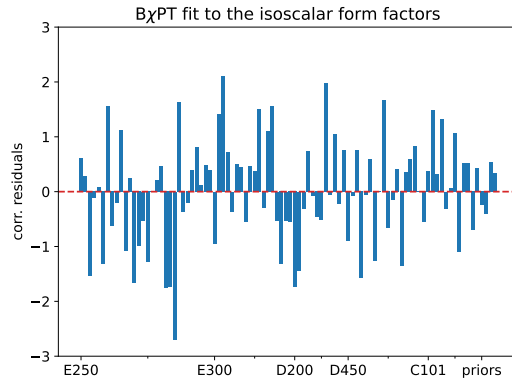
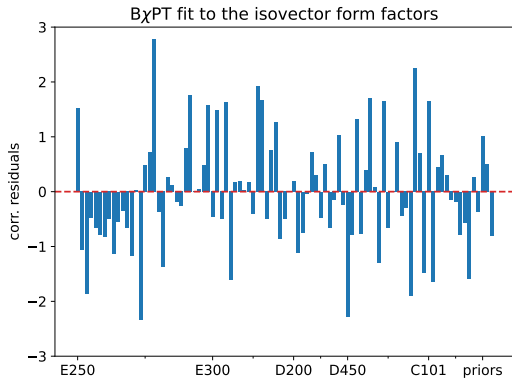
Q^2 -dependence of the isovector form factors on E250



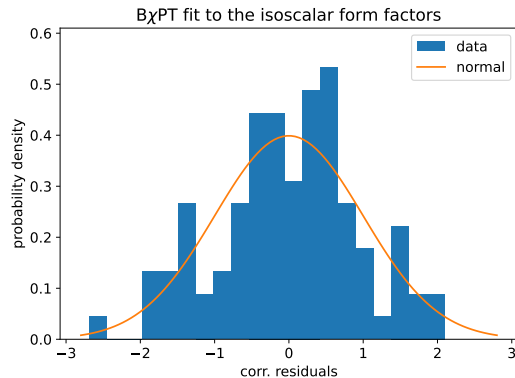
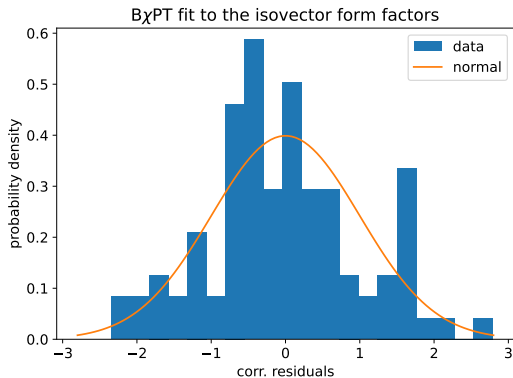
Q^2 -dependence of the isoscalar form factors on E250



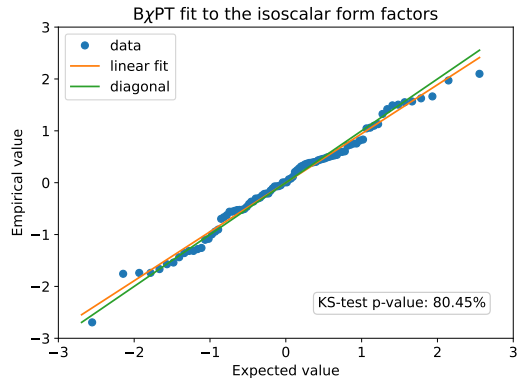
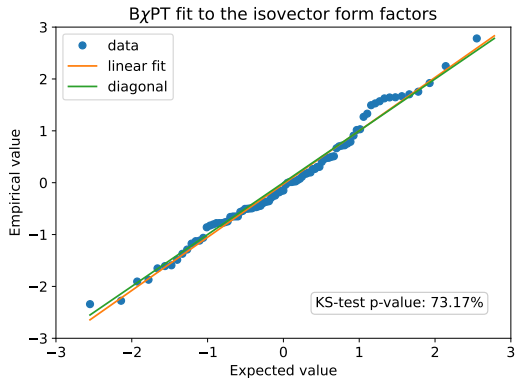
Residuals of the $B\chi$ PT fits



Histograms



Q-Q plots



Zemach integrand

