

# Model independent charge densities from nucleon form factors

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What do form factors really measure?

Relation to orbital angular momentum  
of nucleon?

# What is charge density at the center of the neutron?

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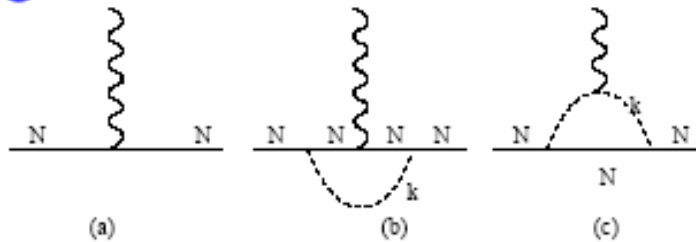
- Neutron has no charge, but charge density need not vanish
- Is central density positive or negative?

$$n \rightarrow p \pi^-$$

Neutron: Need  $\pi$  cloud effect at low  $Q^2$

TTM

Cloudy Bag Model 1980



Relativistic treatment needed Feynman graphs,

Light front cloudy bag model LFCBM 2002

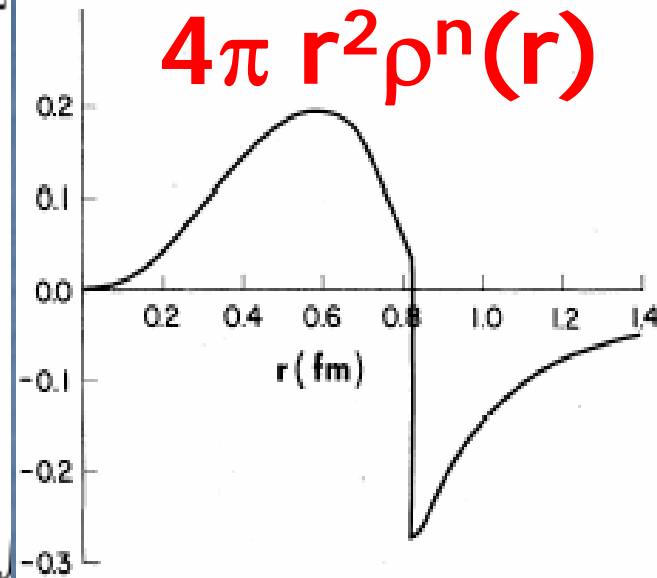


FIG. 11. Neutron charge density.

One gluon exchange also gives positive central charge density

# Enough models- Today

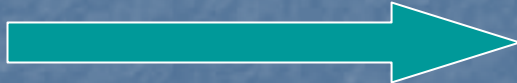
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model **ind**ependent information



# Outline

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- Electromagnetic form factors
- Light cone coordinates, kinematic subgroup
- GPDs + Bit of math 
- Two dimensional Fourier transform of  $F_1$  gives  $\rho(b)$ , Soper '77
- Data analysis, Interpretation (anyone's game)

# Definitions

$$\langle p', \lambda' | J^\mu(0) | p, \lambda \rangle = \bar{u}(p', \lambda') \left( \gamma^\mu F_1(Q^2) + i \frac{\sigma^{\mu\alpha} q_\alpha}{2M} F_2(Q^2) \right) u(p, \lambda)$$

$$G_E(Q^2) \equiv F_1(Q^2) - \frac{Q^2}{4M^2} F_2(Q^2), \quad G_M(Q^2) \equiv F_1(Q^2) + F_2(Q^2)$$

Old Interpretation- Breit frame  $\vec{p}' = -\vec{p}$

$G_E$  is helicity flip matrix element of  $J^0$

# Interpretation of Sachs - $G_E(Q^2)$ is Fourier transform of charge density

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Correct non-relativistic

Non-relativistic two particle :

$$\Psi(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_2, t) = e^{i\mathbf{P}\cdot\mathbf{R} - i(\frac{P^2}{2M} - \epsilon)t} \phi(\mathbf{r})$$

$\phi$  invariant under Galilean transformation

Relativity:  $(\mathbf{r}_1, t_1), (\mathbf{r}_2, t_2) \quad t_1 \neq t_2$

$\bar{e}^i H(t_1 - t_2)$  Interactions!

$\phi$  is frame dependent, interpretation of Sachs wrong

# Why relativity if $Q^2 \ll M^2$

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QCD- photon hits  $\approx$  massless quarks

No matter how small  $Q^2$  is, there is a boost correction that is  $\propto Q^2$

$$G_E^n \sim Q^2 \left( \int d^3r r^2 |\psi|^2 + C/(m_q)^2 \right)$$



# Light cone coordinates

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“Time”  $x^+ = (ct + z)/\sqrt{2} = (x^0 + x^3)/\sqrt{2}$

“Evolution”  $p^- = (p^0 - p^3)/\sqrt{2}$

“Space”  $x^- = (ct - z)/\sqrt{2} = (x^0 - x^3)/\sqrt{2}$ , If  $x^+ = 0$ ,  $x^- = -\sqrt{2}z$

“Momentum”  $p^+ = (p^0 + p^3)/\sqrt{2}$

Transverse : “Position”  $\mathbf{x}$  “Momentum”  $\mathbf{p}$

# Relativistic formalism- kinematic subgroup of Poincare

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- Lorentz transformation –transverse velocity  $v$

$$k^+ \rightarrow k^+, \quad \mathbf{k} \rightarrow \mathbf{k} - k^+ \mathbf{v}$$

$k^-$  such that  $k^2$  not changed

**Transverse boosts like  
non-relativistic**

# Generalized Parton Distribution

$$H_q(x, t) = \int \frac{dx^-}{4\pi} \langle p^+, \mathbf{p}', \lambda | \bar{q}(-\frac{x^-}{2}, 0) \gamma^+ q(\frac{x^-}{2}, 0) | p^+, \mathbf{p}, \lambda \rangle e^{i x p^+ x^-}$$

$$H_q(x, \xi = 0, t) \equiv H_q(x, t)$$

$$A^+ = 0, \quad t = (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{p}')^2 = -Q^2 = -(\mathbf{p}' - \mathbf{p})^2$$

$$H_q(x, t) = \int \frac{dx^-}{4\pi} \langle p^+, \mathbf{p}', \lambda | \bar{q}(-\frac{x^-}{2}, 0) \gamma^+ q(\frac{x^-}{2}, 0) | p^+, \mathbf{p}, \lambda \rangle e^{ixp^+ x^-}$$

$$H_q(x, 0) = q(x)$$

$$F_1(t) = \sum_q e_q \int dx H_q(x, t)$$

**transverse center of mass  $\mathbf{R}$**

$$|p^+, \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{0}, \lambda\rangle \equiv \mathcal{N} \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{p}}{(2\pi)^2} |p^+, \mathbf{p}, \lambda\rangle$$

$$\hat{O}_q(x, \mathbf{b}) \equiv \int \frac{dx^-}{4\pi} q^\dagger_+ \left( -\frac{x^-}{2}, \mathbf{b} \right) q_+ \left( \frac{x^-}{2}, \mathbf{b} \right) e^{ixp^+ x^-}$$



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$$q(x, \mathbf{b}) \equiv \langle p^+, \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{0}, \lambda | \hat{O}_q(x, \mathbf{b}) | p^+, \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{0}, \lambda \rangle .$$

**Burkardt**

$$q(x, \mathbf{b}) = \int \frac{d^2 q}{(2\pi)^2} e^{i \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{b}} H_q(x, t = -\mathbf{q}^2),$$

**Integrate on x, Left: sets  $x^- = 0 \longrightarrow q_+^\dagger(0, \mathbf{b}) q_+(0, \mathbf{b})$   
DENSITY; right 2 Dim. Fourier T. of  $F_1$**

# RESULT

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$$\rho(b) \equiv \sum_q e_q \int dx \underset{\text{Density}}{q(x, \mathbf{b})} = \int \frac{d^2 q}{(2\pi)^2} F_1(Q^2 = \mathbf{q}^2) e^{i \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{b}}.$$

**Soper '77**

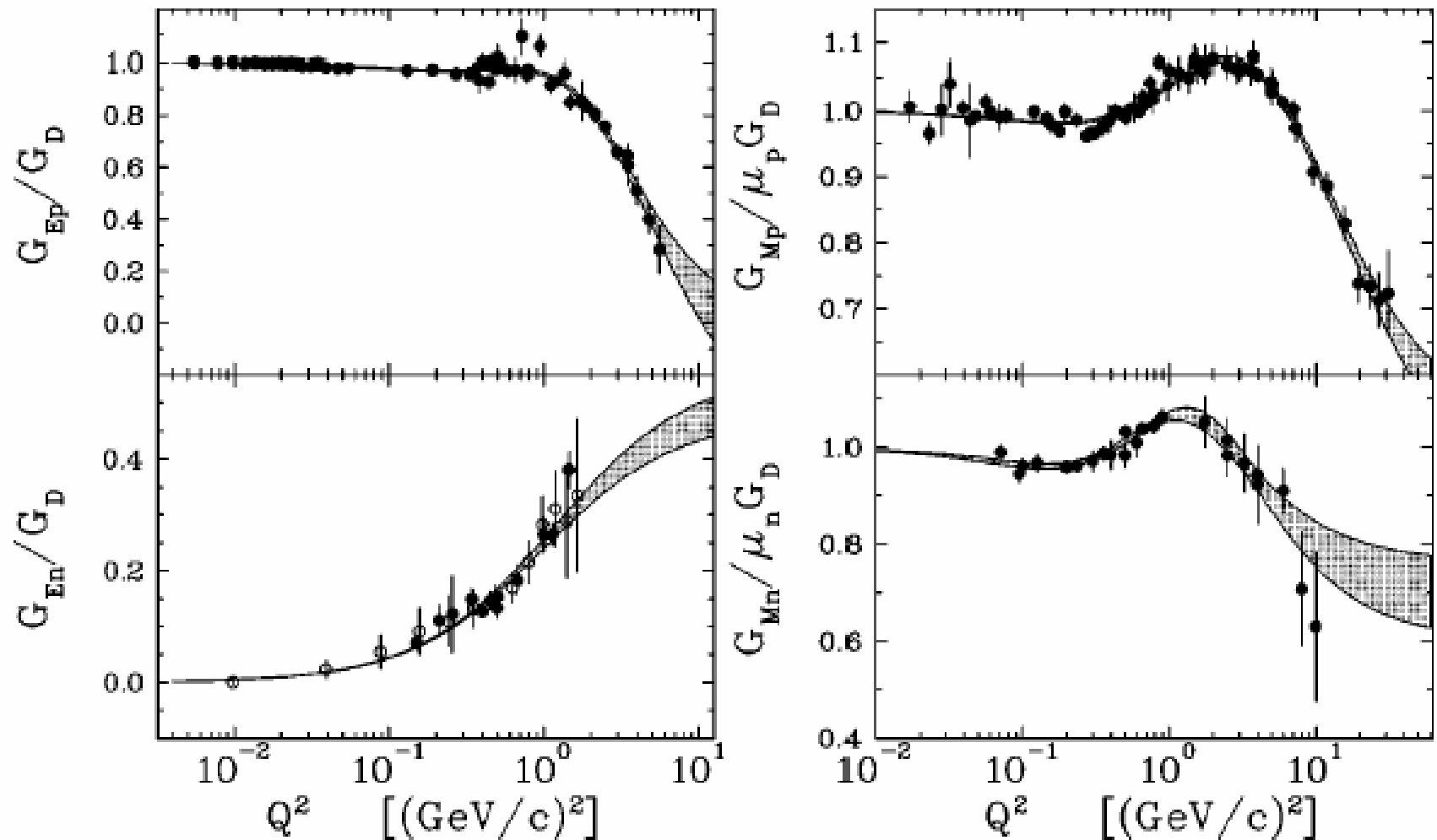
$$\rho(b) = \int_0^\infty \frac{dQ}{2\pi} Q J_0(Qb) \frac{G_E(Q^2) + \tau G_M(Q^2)}{1 + \tau}$$

$$\tau = Q^2 / 4M^2$$

For neutron  $\tau G_M \approx G_E$  at low  $Q^2$

# Simple parametrization of nucleon form factors

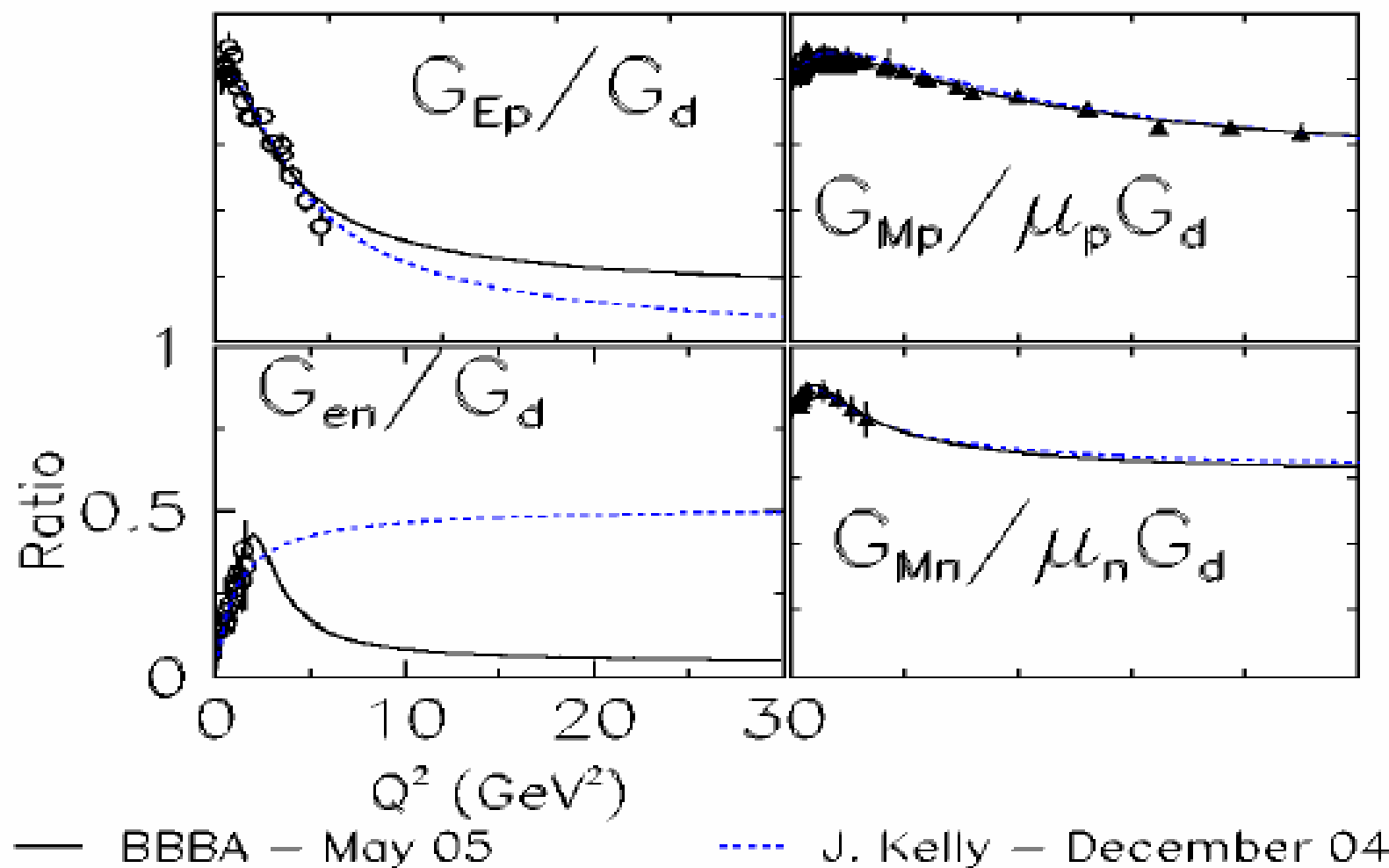
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# A New Parameterization of the Nucleon Elastic Form Factors

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# Results

$\varrho(\mathbf{b}) \text{ [fm}^{-2}\text{]}$

1.5  
1  
0.5  
0

proton

0 0.5 1 1.5 2  
 $b \text{ [fm]}$

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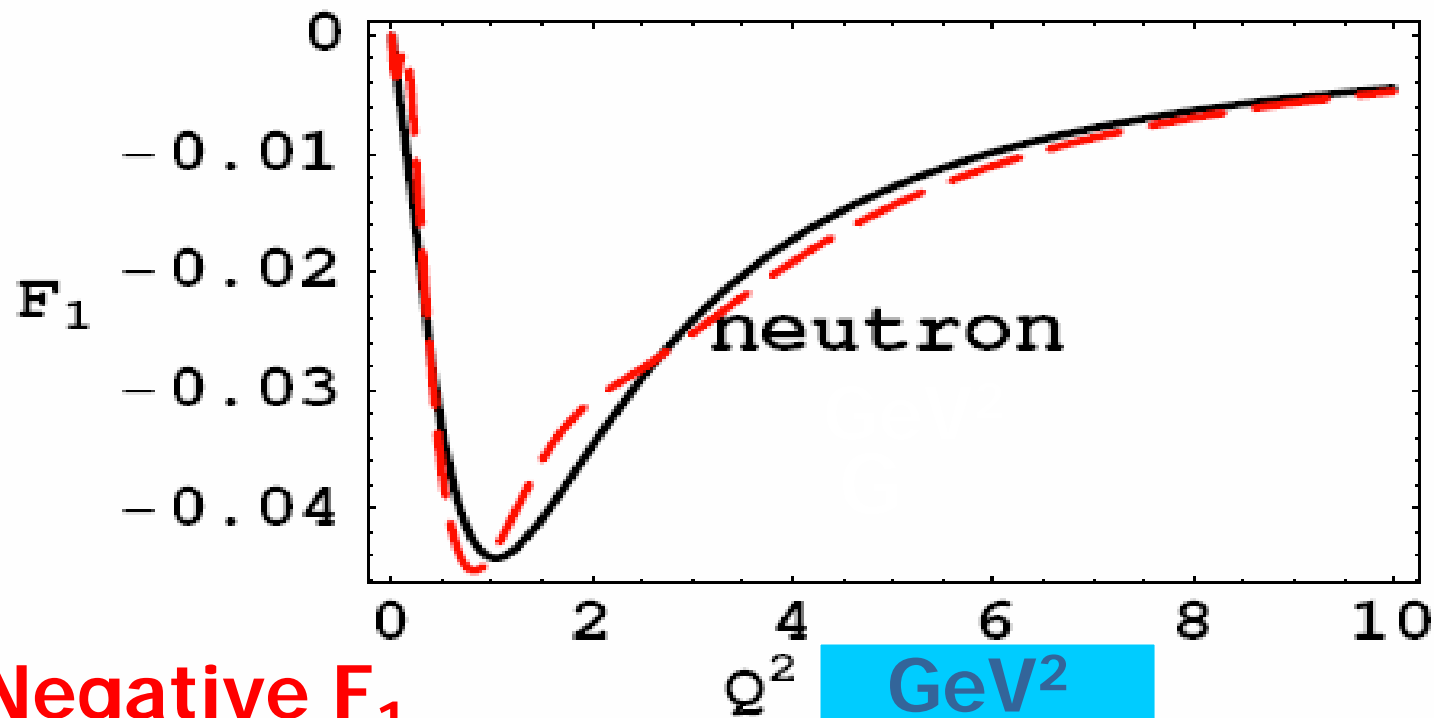
$\varrho(\mathbf{b}) \text{ [fm}^{-2}\text{]}$

0.1  
0  
-0.1  
-0.2  
-0.3  
-0.4

neutron

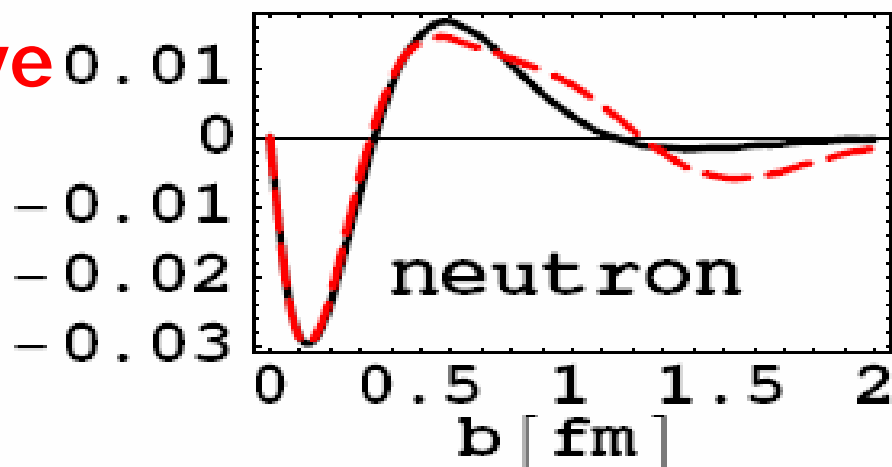
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 $b \text{ [fm]}$

Negative



Negative  $F_1$   
means central  
density negative

$\rho(b) \text{ [fm}^{-3}\text{]}$



## Resolution - $G_E$ vs $F_1 \propto$ Momentum Frame IMF

$$J^\mu(0) = \bar{u}(p') \left( \gamma^\mu (F_1 + F_2) - \frac{p^\mu + p'^\mu}{2M} \right) u(p)$$

Breit frame (helicity flip)  $J^0(0) = G_E$

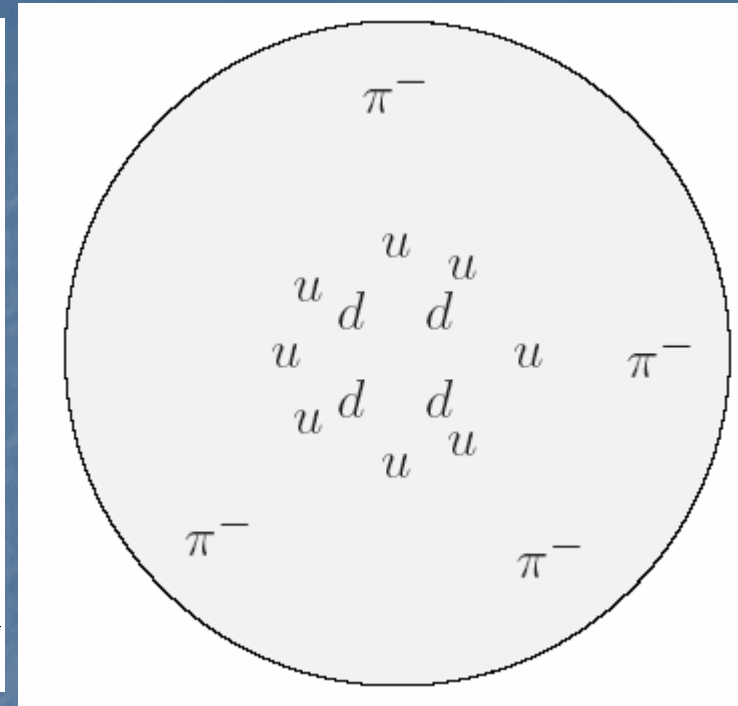
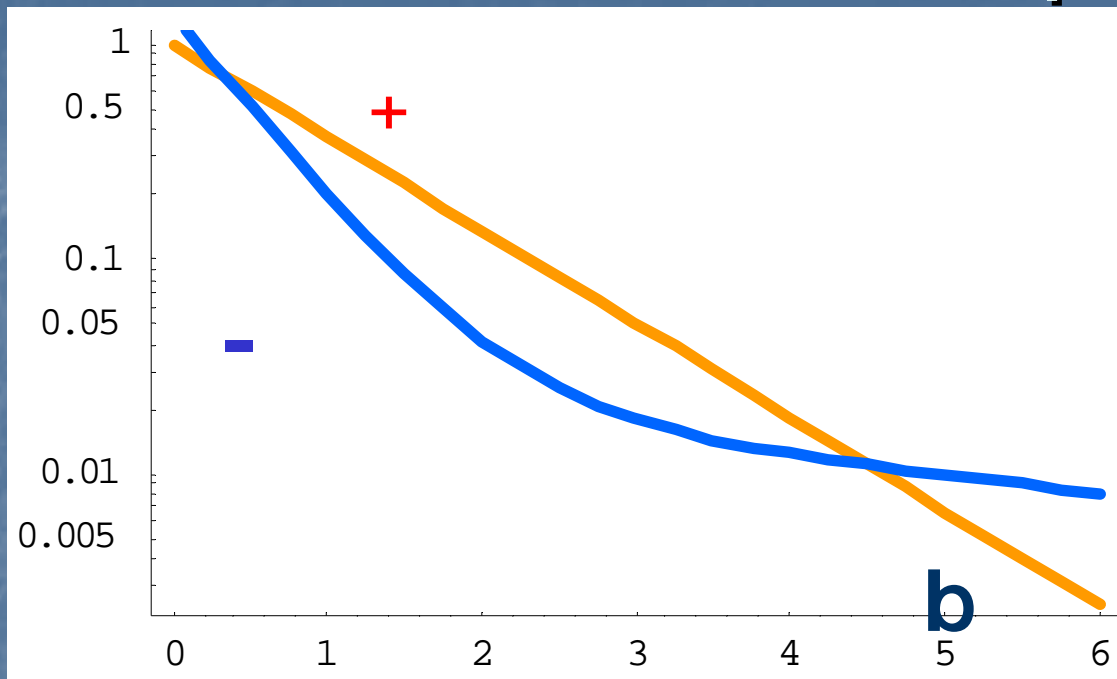
Boost to IMF  $J^0 \sim (J^0 + J^3) = J^+$ ,

$$J^+(0) = \bar{u}(p') \left( \gamma^+ (F_1 + F_2) - \frac{p^+}{M} \right) u(p)$$

Boost spinors to IMF,  $\rightarrow$  helicity non-flip,

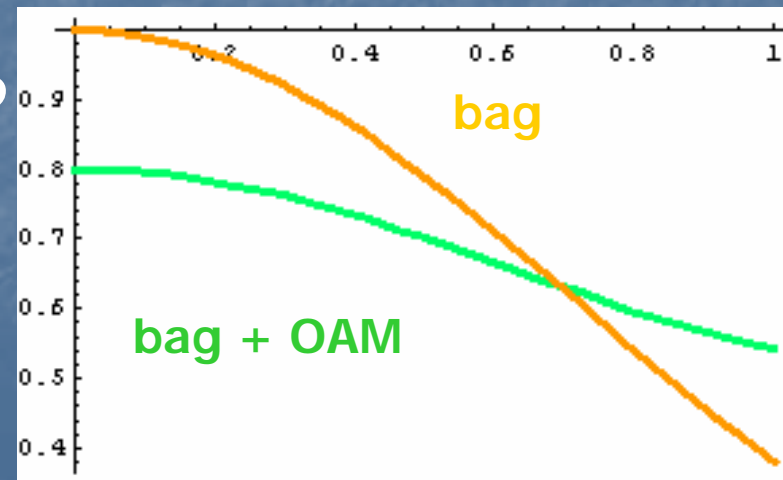
$$J^+(0) = F_1$$

# Neutron Interpretation



?  $\pi^-$  at short distance ?

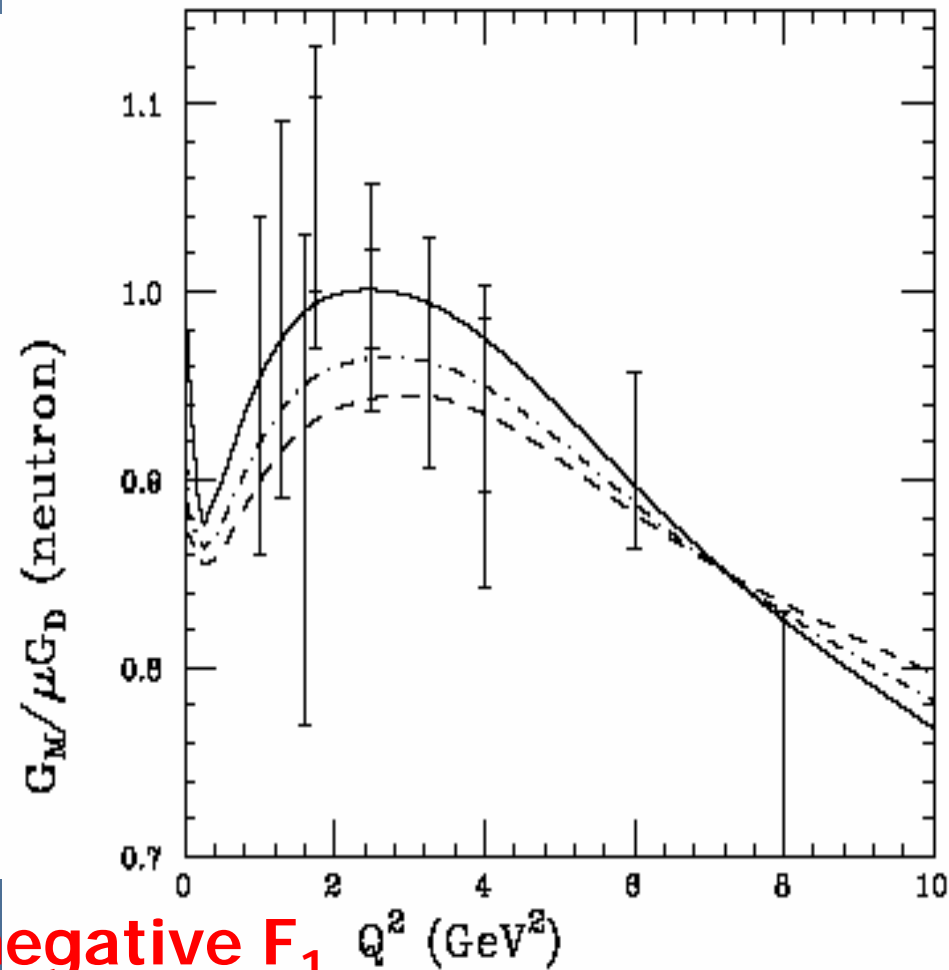
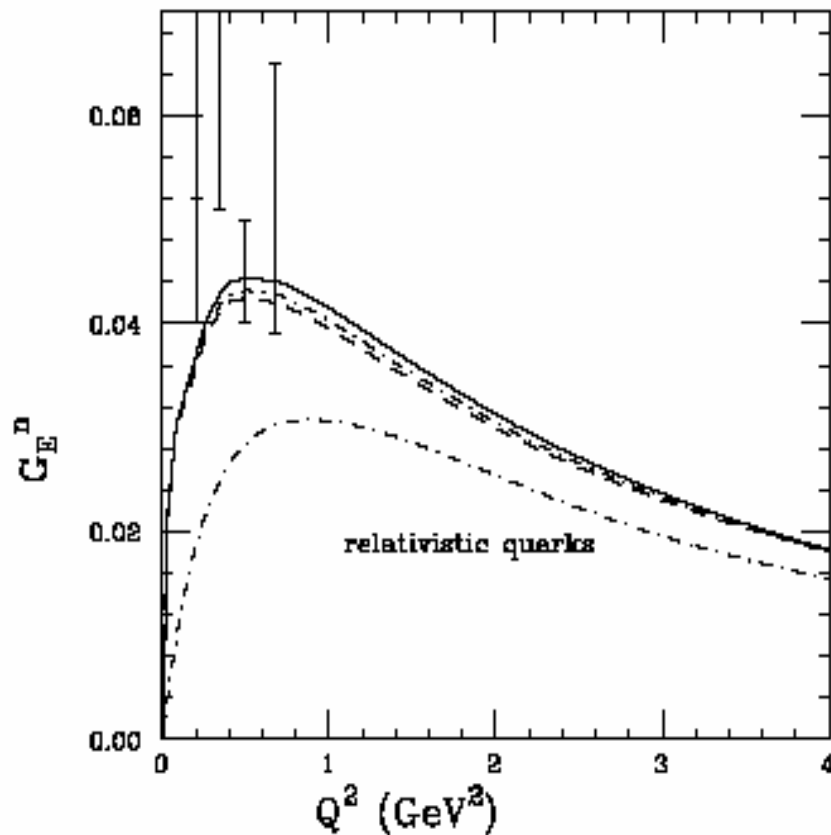
Central quark density reduced  
by orbital ang. momentum OAM?





# Neutron Form Factors in LFCBM

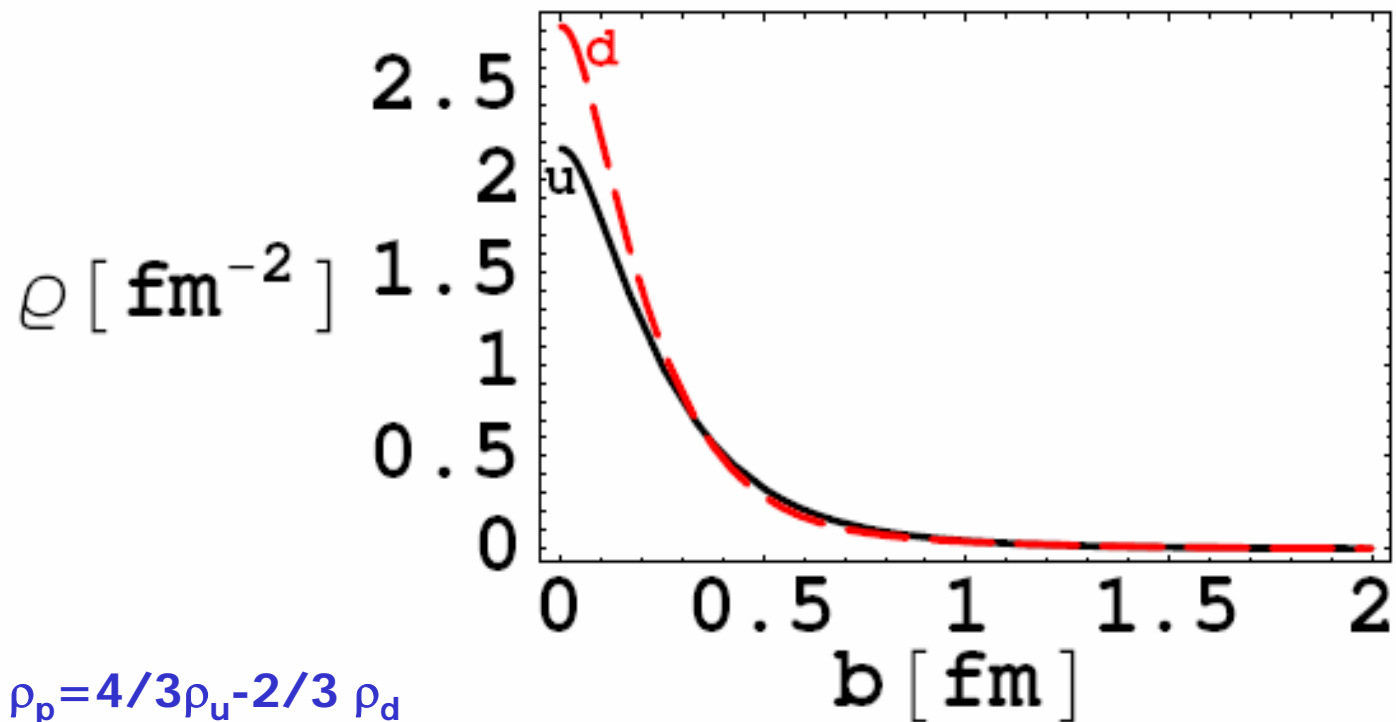
## Miller 2002



These give negative  $F_1$

Charge symmetry: u in proton is d in neutron, d in proton is u in neutron

$$\rho_u = \rho_p - \rho_n/2 \quad \rho_d = \rho_p - 2\rho_n$$



# Summary

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- Model independent information on charge density

$$\rho(b) \equiv \sum_a e_q \int dx q(x, \mathbf{b}) = \int d^2q F_1(Q^2 = q^2) e^{i \mathbf{q} \cdot \mathbf{b}}$$

- Central charge density of neutron is negative
- Pion cloud at large  $b$