# Cottingham Formula for the Electromagnetic Self-Energy Contribution to $M_p$ - $M_n$



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Neutron-Proton mass splitting plays an important role in the formation of light nuclei in the early universe

Initial conditions for Big Bang Nucleosynthesis (BBN)

$$\frac{X_n}{X_p} = e^{-(M_n - M_p)/T}$$

 BBN places stringent constraints on time-variation of fundamental constants

We would like to understand this mass splitting from first principles

Given only electro-static forces, one would predict

$$M_p > M_n$$

Nature:  $M_p - M_n = -1.29333217(42) \text{ MeV}$ 

- Standard Model of Physics has two sources of isospin breaking  $\hat{Q} = \frac{1}{6}\mathbb{1} + \frac{1}{2}\tau_3 \qquad m_q = \hat{m}\mathbb{1} \delta\tau_3$
- We now know contribution from  $m_d-m_u$  is comparable in size, but opposite in sign to the electromagnetic contribution

- We would like to understand the Neutron-Proton mass splitting from first principles
- $lackbox{M}_p M_n = \delta M^\gamma + \delta M^{m_d m_u}$  Separation only valid at LO in isospin breaking
- $\bullet$   $\delta M^{m_d-m_u}$  Well understood from lattice QCD
  - $\delta M^{\gamma}$  Disparate scales relevant for QCD and QED make this a very challenging problem to solve with LQCD: large systematic uncertainties
- Alternative means to determine  $\delta M^{\gamma}$  Cottingham Formulation

### What do we know?

 $\delta M_{LQCD}^{m_d - m_u} = -2.53(40) \text{ MeV}$ 

Weighted average of 3 independent lattice QCD

calculations NPLQCD Blum, Izubuchi, et al

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DWF on MILC DWF on DWF

twisted mass LQCD

 $\delta M^{\gamma} = 0.76(30) \; {\rm MeV}$ 

Gasser & Leutwyler

Nucl. Phys. B94 (1975)

Phys. Rept. 87 (1982) "Quark Masses"

central value from elastic contribution uncertainty from estimates of inelastic contributions

**Experiment & lattice QCD** 

$$\delta M_{p-n}^{phys} - \delta M_{LQCD}^{m_d - m_u} = 1.24(40) \text{ MeV}$$

- Desire to improve this determination with modern knowledge of nucleon structure functions
- Updating G&L result uncovered a "technical oversight"
  - The application of the Cottingham Formula requires the use of a subtracted dispersion integral.
  - Gasser & Leutwyler had an argument to evade the unknown subtraction function.
  - The argument was based on incorrect assumptions about scaling violations of the parton model
  - this has gone (mostly) unnoticed since 1982

Walker-Loud, Carlson, Miller PRL 108 (2012) [arXiv:1203.0254]

$$\begin{split} \delta M^{\gamma} &= \delta M^{el} + \delta M^{inel} + \delta M^{sub} + \delta M^{ct} \\ &\text{elastic} \quad \text{inelastic} \quad \text{unknown} \quad \text{counter-term} \\ &\text{subtraction} \quad \text{renormalization} \\ \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \\ &\text{precisely} \quad \text{newly} \quad \text{newly} \quad \text{determined} \\ &\text{determined} \quad \text{determined} \quad \text{by} \\ &\text{(precisely)} \quad \text{(imprecisely)} \quad \text{J.C. Collins} \\ \delta M^{\gamma}_{n-n} &= 1.30 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.47 \,\, \text{MeV} \end{split}$$

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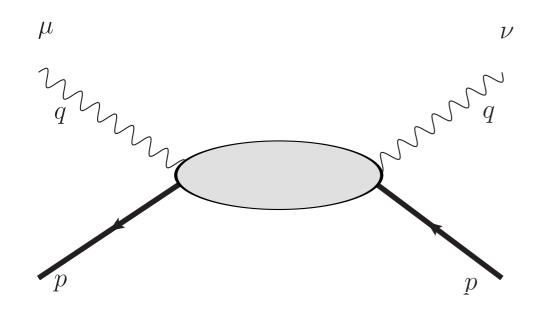
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$$\delta M^{\gamma} = \delta M^{el} + \delta M^{inel} + \delta M^{sub} + \delta M^{ct}$$
 elastic inelastic unknown counter-term subtraction renormalization 
$$\uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow$$
 precisely newly newly determined determined determined by (precisely) (imprecisely) J.C. Collins 
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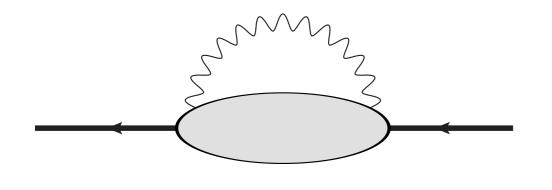
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### Cini, Ferrari, Gato: PRL 2 (1959)

Cottingham: Annals Phys 25 (1963)



$$T_{\mu\nu} = \frac{i}{2} \sum_{\sigma} \int d^4\xi \ e^{iq\cdot\xi} \langle p\sigma | T \{ J_{\mu}(\xi) J_{\nu}(0) \} | p\sigma \rangle$$



$$\alpha = \frac{e^2}{4\pi}$$

$$\delta M^{\gamma} = \frac{i}{2M} \frac{\alpha}{(2\pi)^3} \int_{\mathbb{R}} d^4q \frac{T^{\mu}_{\mu}(p,q)}{q^2 + i\epsilon}$$

Integral diverges and must be renormalized

$$\delta M^{\gamma} = \frac{i}{2M} \frac{\alpha}{(2\pi)^3} \int_R d^4q \frac{T^{\mu}_{\mu}(p,q)}{q^2 + i\epsilon}$$

Wick rotate

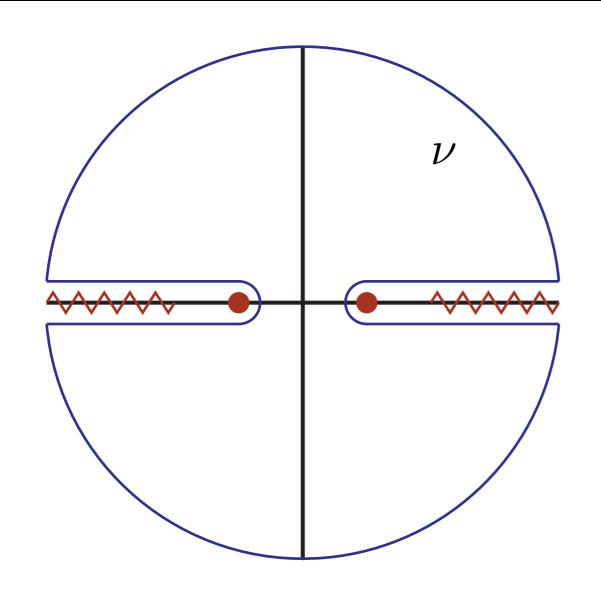
$$q^0 \rightarrow i \nu$$

• variable transform  $Q^2 = \mathbf{q}^2 + \nu^2$ 

$$\delta M^{\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{8\pi^2} \int_0^{\Lambda^2} dQ^2 \int_{-Q}^{+Q} \frac{\sqrt{Q^2 - \nu^2}}{Q^2} \frac{T^{\mu}_{\mu}}{M} + \delta M^{ct}(\Lambda)$$

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use dispersion integrals to evaluate scalar functions



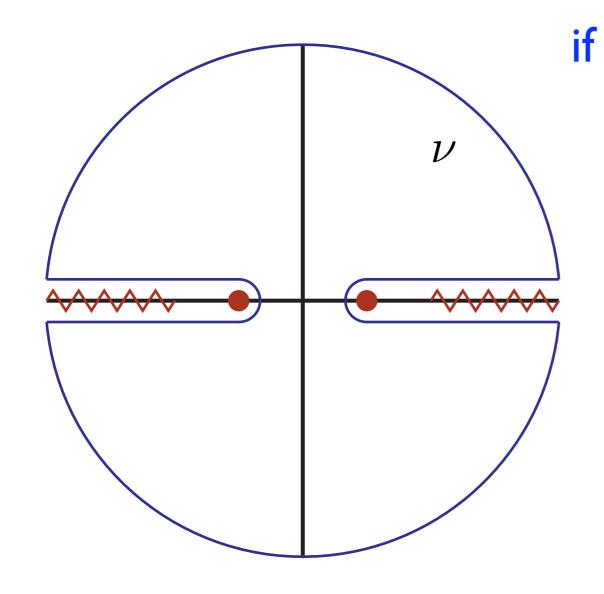
$$T_i(\nu, Q^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \oint d\nu' \frac{T_i(\nu', Q^2)}{\nu' - \nu}$$

### **Crossing Symmetric**

$$T_i(\nu, Q^2) = T_i(-\nu, Q^2)$$

$$T_i(\nu, Q^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\nu_t}^{\infty} d\nu' \frac{2\nu'}{(\nu')^2 - \nu^2} 2 \text{Im} T_i(\nu' + i\epsilon, Q^2)$$

(provided contour and infinity vanishes)



if contour at infinity does not vanish subtracted dispersion integral

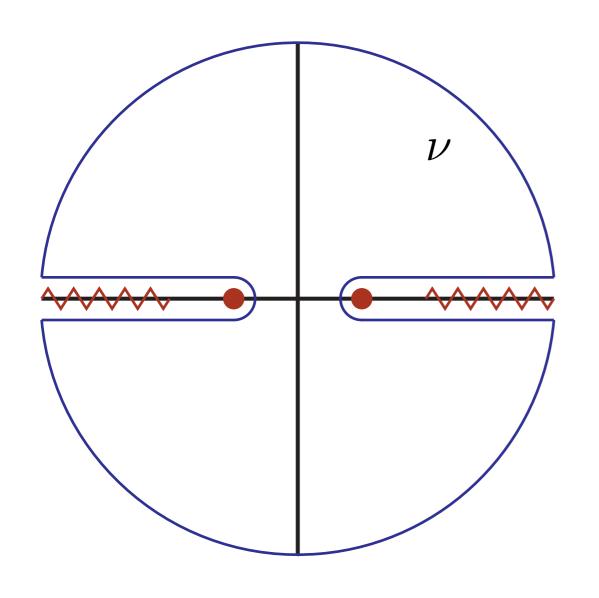
$$g(\nu) = \frac{T_i(\nu, Q^2)}{\nu^2}$$

introduces new pole at  $\nu=0$  which you need to subtract

$$T_i(\nu, Q^2) = \frac{\nu^2}{2\pi} \int_{\nu_t}^{\infty} d\nu' \frac{2\nu'}{\nu'^2(\nu'^2 - \nu^2)} 2\text{Im} T_i(\nu' + i\epsilon, Q^2) + T_i(0, Q^2)$$

measured experimentally

unknown function



It is known that

$$T_2(\nu, Q^2) \quad [t_2(\nu, Q^2)]$$

satisfies unsubtracted dispersion

integral while

$$T_1(\nu, Q^2) \quad [t_1(\nu, Q^2)]$$

requires a subtraction

Regge behavior

$$\operatorname{Im} t_1[T_1]\Big|_{p-n} \propto \nu^{1/2}$$

H. Harari: PRL 17 (1966)

H.D. Abarbanel S. Nussinov: Phys.Rev. 158 (1967)

Gasser and Leutwyler: Nucl Phys B94 (1975), Phys. Rept. 87 (1982)

at the time, introducing an unknown subtraction function would be disastrous for getting a precise value: they provided an argument based upon various assumptions to avoid the subtracted dispersive integral

$$\delta M_{p-n}^{\gamma} = 0.76(30) \text{ MeV}$$

central value: from elastic contribution uncertainty: estimates of inelastic structure contributions

however, one can show their arguments are incorrect: one must face the subtraction function

### Gasser and Leutwyler: Nucl Phys B94 (1975), Phys. Rept. 87 (1982)

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### Insert complete set of states:

isolate elastic contributions

$$1 = \sum_{\Gamma} |\Gamma\rangle\langle\Gamma|$$

$$\delta M_{unsub,a}^{el} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^{\Lambda^2} dQ \left\{ \left[ G_E^2(Q^2) - 2\tau_{el} G_M^2(Q^2) \right] \frac{(1+\tau_{el})^{3/2} - \tau_{el}^{3/2} - \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{\tau_{el}}}{1+\tau_{el}} - \frac{3}{2}G_M^2(Q^2) \frac{\tau_{el}^{3/2}}{1+\tau_{el}} \right\}, \tag{8a}$$

$$\delta M_{unsub,b}^{el} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^{\Lambda^2} dQ \left\{ \left[ G_E^2(Q^2) - 2\tau_{el} G_M^2(Q^2) \right] \frac{(1 + \tau_{el})^{3/2} - \tau_{el}^{3/2}}{1 + \tau_{el}} + 3G_M^2(Q^2) \frac{\tau_{el}^{3/2}}{1 + \tau_{el}} \right\}, \tag{8b}$$

typically quoted as elastic Cottingham
$$\delta M^{\gamma} = \frac{\alpha}{8\pi^{2}} \int_{0}^{\Lambda^{2}} dQ^{2} \int_{-Q}^{+Q} \frac{\sqrt{Q^{2} - \nu^{2}}}{Q^{2}} \frac{T^{\mu}_{\mu}}{M} + \delta M^{ct}(\Lambda)$$

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One must use a subtracted dispersive integral even for elastic terms

# perform once subtracted dispersion integral for $T_1(t_1)$ and unsubtracted dispersion integral for $T_2(t_2)$

$$\delta M^{\gamma} = \delta M^{el} + \delta M^{inel} + \delta M^{sub} + \delta \tilde{M}^{ct}$$

$$\delta M^{el} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^{\Lambda_0^2} dQ \left\{ \frac{3\sqrt{\tau_{el}} G_M^2}{2(1+\tau_{el})} + \frac{\left[G_E^2 - 2\tau_{el} G_M^2\right]}{1+\tau_{el}} \left[ (1+\tau_{el})^{3/2} - \tau_{el}^{3/2} - \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{\tau_{el}} \right] \right\}$$

$$\delta M^{inel} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^{\Lambda_0^2} \frac{dQ^2}{2Q} \int_{\nu_{th}}^{\infty} d\nu \left\{ \frac{3F_1(\nu, Q^2)}{M} \left[ \frac{\tau^{3/2} - \tau \sqrt{1 + \tau} + \sqrt{\tau}/2}{\tau} \right] \right. \qquad \tau_{el} = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2} + \frac{F_2(\nu, Q^2)}{\nu} \left[ (1 + \tau)^{3/2} - \tau^{3/2} - \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\tau} \right] \right\}, \qquad \tau = \frac{\nu^2}{Q^2}$$

$$\delta M^{sub} = -\frac{3\alpha}{16\pi M} \int_0^{\Lambda_0^2} dQ^2 T_1(0, Q^2),$$

$$\delta \tilde{M}^{ct} = -\frac{3\alpha}{16\pi M} \int_{\Lambda_0^2}^{\Lambda_1^2} dQ^2 \sum_i C_{1,i} \langle \mathcal{O}^{i,0} \rangle , \quad \text{OPE: operators and Wilson coeffic.}$$
J.C. Collins: Nucl. Phys. B149 (1979)

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is there some motivation to pick  $t_i$  vs  $T_i$ ?

in the point limit (electron)  $t_1(\nu, Q^2) = 0!$ 

for the nucleon (with motivated resummations) the elastic contribution is

$$t_1(\nu, Q^2) = \frac{2}{Q^2} \left[ \frac{Q^4 \frac{G_M^2 - G_E^2}{1 + \tau}}{(Q^2 - i\epsilon)^2 - 4M^2 \nu^2} - \left( F_1^2 - \frac{G_E^2 + \tau G_M^2}{1 + \tau} \right) \right]$$

"Fixed-Pole" missed by unsubtracted dispersion relation

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numerically, this term is negligible

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real problem comes in the Regge limit:  $Q^2$  fixed,  $\nu \to \infty$ 

$$\operatorname{Im} t_1(\nu, Q^2) = \frac{\pi M \nu}{Q^4} \left[ 2x F_1(x, Q^2) - F_2(x, Q^2) \right] \qquad x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$$

in the strict DIS limit: Callan-Gross relation

$$2xF_1(x) - F_2(x) = 0$$

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Gasser and Leutwyler assumed

$$2xF_1(x,Q^2) - F_2(x,Q^2) = \frac{H_1(x)}{\nu}$$

if this were true, their argument would go through, however...

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Zee, Wilczek and Treiman Phys. Rev. D10 (1974)

$$2xF_1(x) - F_2(x) = rac{-32}{9} rac{lpha_s(Q^2)}{4\pi} F_2(x)$$
 Both IR and UV safe

This criticism first given by J.C. Collins: Nucl. Phys. B149 (1979)

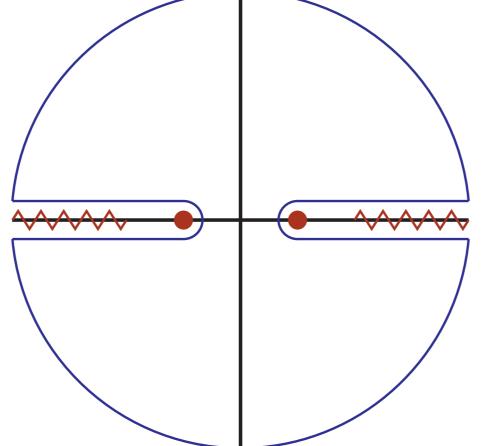
in the point limit (electron)  $t_1(\nu, Q^2) = 0!$ 

real problem comes in the Regge limit:  $Q^2 \ \mathrm{fixed}, 
u o \infty$ 

$$\lim_{x \to 0} F_2^{p-n}(x) \propto x^{1/2} \qquad x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} t_1^{p-n}(\nu, Q^2) \propto \alpha_s(Q^2) \frac{\sqrt{M\nu}}{Q^3}$$

$$t_1(\nu, Q^2) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{\nu_t}^{\infty} 2\nu' d\nu' \frac{2\text{Im}t_1(\nu' + i\epsilon, Q^2)}{(\nu')^2 - \nu^2}$$



$$\operatorname{Im} t_1^{p-n}(\nu, Q^2) \propto \alpha_s(Q^2) \frac{\sqrt{M\nu}}{Q^3}$$



subtracted dispersion integral is unavoidable

evaluation of various contributions

#### elastic contribution: use well measured form factors

$$\delta M^{el} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^{\Lambda_0^2} dQ \left\{ \frac{3\sqrt{\tau_{el}} G_M^2}{2(1+\tau_{el})} + \frac{\left[G_E^2 - 2\tau_{el} G_M^2\right]}{1+\tau_{el}} \left[ (1+\tau_{el})^{3/2} - \tau_{el}^{3/2} - \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{\tau_{el}} \right] \right\}$$

$$\delta M^{el}\Big|_{p-n} = 1.39(02) \text{ MeV}$$

- insensitive to value of  $\ \Lambda_0$  since form factors fall as  $1/Q^4$
- uncertainty from Monte Carlo evaluation of parameters describing form factors

central values: 
$$\Lambda_0^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

uncertainties: 
$$1.5~{\rm GeV^2} \le \Lambda_0^2 \le 2.5~{\rm GeV^2}$$

### inelastic terms: use modern knowledge of structure functions to improve determination of inelastic contributions

$$\delta M^{inel} = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} \int_0^{\Lambda_0^2} \frac{dQ^2}{2Q} \int_{\nu_{th}}^{\infty} d\nu \left\{ \frac{3F_1(\nu, Q^2)}{M} \left[ \frac{\tau^{3/2} - \tau \sqrt{1 + \tau} + \sqrt{\tau}/2}{\tau} \right] + \frac{F_2(\nu, Q^2)}{\nu} \left[ (1 + \tau)^{3/2} - \tau^{3/2} - \frac{3}{2} \sqrt{\tau} \right] \right\},$$

$$\delta M^{inel}|_{p-n} = 0.057(16) \text{ MeV}$$

contributions from two regions:

scaling region

resonance region Bosted and Christy: Phys.Rev. C77, C81

Capella et al: PLB 337

Sibirtsev et al: Phys. Rev. D82

uncertainty dominated by choice of transition between two regions

renormalization: [J.C. Collins Nucl. Phys. B149 (1979)] one can show the contribution from the operator is numerically second order in isospin breaking with Naive Dimensional Analysis and suitable renormalization (dim. reg.)

quark mass operator renormalizes EM self-energy: can not cleanly separate these two contributions (but mixing is higher order in isospin breaking)

### renormalization: [J.C. Collins Nucl. Phys. B149 (1979)]

$$\delta M_{UV}^{\gamma} \sim \frac{3\alpha_{f.s.}}{16\pi M} \int_{\Lambda^2}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{M^2}{Q^2} \int_0^1 dx \Big( 2x F_1(x) + F_2(x) \Big) - T_1(0, Q^2) \right]$$
subtraction function

- use OPE to connect to perturbative QCD
- log divergence arising from  $2xF_1(x)+F_2(x)$  exactly cancels against log divergence from  $T_1(0,Q^2)$
- counter term comes entirely from subtraction function

### renormalization: [J.C. Collins Nucl. Phys. B149 (1979)]

$$\delta M^{\gamma} = \frac{3\alpha_{f.s.}}{16\pi M} \left\{ \int_{0}^{\mu^{2}} \frac{dQ^{2}}{Q^{2}} f(Q^{2}) \right\}$$

$$+\lim_{\Lambda^2 \to \infty} \left[ \int_{\mu^2}^{\Lambda^2} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \left( f(Q^2) + \sum_{i} C_{1,i}^0 \langle \mathcal{O}^{i,0} \rangle \right) \right] \right\}$$

$$\langle N | \sum_{i} C_{1,i}^{0} \overline{\mathcal{O}}^{i,0} | N \rangle_{p-n} = \frac{2}{Q^{2}} (e_{u}^{2} m_{u} - e_{d}^{2} m_{d}) \langle p | \bar{u}u - \bar{d}d | p \rangle$$

- $lacktriangleq \ln(\Lambda^2)$  divergence exactly cancels
- lacktriangle residual dependence on scale  $\mu$
- use Naive Dimensional Analysis to estimate size

### renormalization: [J.C. Collins Nucl. Phys. B149 (1979)]

$$\delta \tilde{M}^{ct} = -\frac{3\alpha}{4\pi} \sigma_{\pi N} \ln \left(\frac{\Lambda_1^2}{\Lambda_0^2}\right) \frac{3\hat{m} - 5\delta}{9\hat{m}} \frac{\langle p|\bar{u}u - \bar{d}d|p\rangle}{\langle p|\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d|p\rangle}$$

$$\sigma_{\pi N} = \frac{1}{2M} \langle p | \hat{m} (\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d) | p \rangle \simeq 45 \text{ MeV}$$

saturate matrix elements in valence limit

$$\frac{\langle p|\bar{u}u - \bar{d}d|p\rangle}{\langle p|\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d|p\rangle} \le \frac{1}{3}$$

vary arbitrary scales in scaling region

$$\Lambda_0^2 = 2 \text{ GeV}^2$$
,  $\Lambda_1^2 = 100 \text{ GeV}^2$ 

$$|\delta \tilde{M}^{ct}| \lesssim 0.02 \text{ MeV}$$

# subtraction term: most challenging part - dealing with unknown subtraction function

$$\delta M^{sub} = -\frac{3\alpha}{16\pi M} \int_0^{\Lambda_0^2} dQ^2 T_1(0, Q^2),$$

low energy: constrained by effective field theory

$$T_1(0, Q^2) = 2\kappa(2 + \kappa) - Q^2 \left\{ \frac{2}{3} \left[ (1 + \kappa)^2 r_M^2 - r_E^2 \right] + \frac{\kappa}{M^2} - 2M \frac{\beta_M}{\alpha} \right\} + \mathcal{O}(Q^4) ,$$

most of these contributions come from Low Energy Theorems and are "elastic" (arising from a photon striking an on-shell nucleon)

intimately related to the proton size puzzle which suffers from the same subtracted dispersive problem

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R.J. Hill, G. Paz: PRL 107 (2011); C. Carlson, M. Vanderhaeghen: Phys. Rev. A84 (2011); arXiv1109.3779;
M.. Birse, J. McGovern: arXiv:1206.3030
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high energy: OPE (perturbative QCD) constrains

$$\lim_{Q^2 \to \infty} T_1(0, Q^2) \propto \frac{1}{Q^2}$$

$$T_1(0, Q^2) \simeq 2G_M^2(Q^2) - 2F_1^2(Q^2) + Q^2 2M \frac{\beta_M}{\alpha} \left(\frac{m_0^2}{m_0^2 + Q^2}\right)^2$$

 $\mathcal{O}(Q^4)$  inelastic terms known

Birse and McGovern Eur. Phys. J A48 (2012) [arXiv:1206.3030]

# subtraction term: most challenging part - dealing with unknown subtraction function

$$\begin{split} \delta M_{el}^{sub} &= -\frac{3\alpha}{16\pi M} \int_{0}^{\Lambda_{0}^{2}} dQ^{2} \bigg[ 2G_{M}^{2} - 2F_{1}^{2} \bigg] \,, \qquad \delta M_{el}^{sub} \bigg|_{p-n} = -0.62 \text{ MeV} \\ \delta M_{inel}^{sub} &= -\frac{3\beta_{M}}{8\pi} \int_{0}^{\Lambda_{0}^{2}} dQ^{2} Q^{2} \left( \frac{m_{0}^{2}}{m_{0}^{2} + Q^{2}} \right)^{2} \end{split}$$

$$\beta_M^{p-n} = -1.0 \pm 1.0 \times 10^{-4} \text{ fm}^3$$

H.W. Griesshammer, J.A. McGovern, D.R. Phillips, G. Feldman:

Prog.Nucl.Part.Phys. (2012)

taking 
$$m_0^2 = 0.71 \; {\rm GeV}^2$$

$$\delta M_{inel}^{sub}\Big|_{p-n} = 0.47 \pm 0.47 \text{ MeV}$$

### adding it all up:

$$\delta M^{\gamma}|_{p-n} = +1.39(02)$$
  $= 0.77(03) \ {
m MeV}$  elastic terms  $+0.057(16)$  inelastic terms  $+0.47(47) \ {
m MeV}$  unknown subtraction term  $= 1.30(03)(47) \ {
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recall the fixed pole in the elastic contribution makes a negligible contribtion

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We reduced the uncertainty from structure by an order of magnitude! But we uncovered an oversight that dominates the uncertainty :(

### adding it all up:

$$\delta M^{\gamma} \Big|_{p-n} = 1.30(03)(47) \ {
m MeV} \ {
m AWL, C. Carlson, G. Miller: PRL 108 (2012)}$$
  $= 0.76(30) \ {
m MeV} \ {
m J. Gasser and H. Leutwyler: Nucl Phys B94 (1975)}$ 

### expectation from experiment + lattice QCD

$$\delta M^{\gamma}\Big|_{p-n} = -1.29333217(42) + 2.53(40) \text{ MeV}$$
  
= 1.24(40) MeV

average of 3 independent lattice results

# Baryons and lattice QCD: Conclusions

- attempt to improve the old determination of nucleon iso-vector EM self-energy uncovered an oversight
  - no avoiding the subtraction (dispersion integral)
  - modeling was necessary to control uncertainty subtraction function
  - a central value was found in much better agreement with expectations from lattice QCD + experiment
  - comparison with independent determinations of iso-vector nucleon magnetic polarizability show the modeling is not crazy
- improvements will come from three areas
  - lacksquare improved measurement of  $eta_M^{p-n}$
  - lattice QCD calculation of  $eta_M^{p-n}$
  - including EM effects with lattice QCD:

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