

Nucleon form factors in chiral perturbation theory

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1. Introduction

Perturbative calculations in effective field theory require **two main ingredients**

1. Knowledge of the **most general effective Lagrangian**

(a) Mesonic ChPT $[\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(3)]^1 (\pi, K, \eta)$

$$\underbrace{2}_{\mathcal{O}(q^2)} + \underbrace{10 + 2}_{\mathcal{O}(q^4)} + \underbrace{90 + 4 + 23}_{\mathcal{O}(q^6)} + \dots$$

- q : Small quantity such as a pion mass
- Even powers
- Two-loop level

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H. W. Fearing and S. S., Phys. Rev. D 53, 315 (1996);
J. Bijnens, G. Colangelo, G. Ecker, JHEP 02, 020 (1999);
T. Ebertshäuser, H. W. Fearing, S. S., Phys. Rev. D 65, 054033 (2002);
J. Bijnens, L. Girlanda, P. Talavera, Eur. Phys. J. C 23, 539 (2002)

(b) Baryonic ChPT $[\text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)]^2 (\pi, N)$

$$\underbrace{2}_{\mathcal{O}(q)} + \underbrace{7}_{\mathcal{O}(q^2)} + \underbrace{23}_{\mathcal{O}(q^3)} + \underbrace{118}_{\mathcal{O}(q^4)} + \dots$$

– Odd and even powers (spin)

– One-loop level

²J. Gasser, M. E. Sainio, A. Švarc, Nucl. Phys. B307, 779 (1988);
V. Bernard, N. Kaiser, U.-G. Meißner, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E 4, 193 (1995);
G. Ecker and M. Mojžiš, Phys. Lett. B 365, 312 (1996);
N. Fettes, U.-G. Meißner, M. Mojžiš, S. Steininger, Ann. Phys. (N.Y.) 283, 273 (2000)

2. Consistent **expansion scheme** for observables

- (a) Tree-level diagrams, loop diagrams \rightsquigarrow ultraviolet divergences, regularization (of infinities)
- (b) Renormalization condition
- (c) Power counting scheme for renormalized diagrams
- (d) Remove regularization

Commonly used methods

- (a) Expansion in powers of coupling constants (e. g., QED)
- (b) Loop expansion (expansion in \hbar)
- (c) **ChPT: Momentum and quark mass expansion**

2. Renormalization and power counting

- **Most general Lagrangian**

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \mathcal{L}_{\pi} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N} = \mathcal{L}_{\pi}^{(2)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi}^{(4)} + \dots + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} + \mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(2)} + \dots$$

Basic Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} = \bar{\Psi} \left(i\gamma_{\mu} \partial^{\mu} - \boxed{m} \right) \Psi - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\boxed{g_A}}{F} \bar{\Psi} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma_5 \tau^a \partial^{\mu} \pi^a \Psi + \dots$$

m , g_A , and F denote the chiral limit of the physical nucleon mass, the axial-vector coupling constant, and the pion-decay constant, respectively

● **Power counting:** Associate chiral order D with a diagram

– Square of the lowest-order pion mass:

$$M^2 = B(m_u + m_d) \sim \mathcal{O}(q^2)$$

– Nucleon mass in the chiral limit $m \sim \mathcal{O}(q^0)$

– Loop integration in n dimensions $\sim \mathcal{O}(q^n)$

– Vertex from $\mathcal{L}_\pi^{(2k)} \sim \mathcal{O}(q^{2k})$

– Vertex from $\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(k)} \sim \mathcal{O}(q^k)$

– Nucleon propagator $\sim \mathcal{O}(q^{-1})$

– Pion propagator $\sim \mathcal{O}(q^{-2})$

• Renormalization

- Regularize (typically dimensional regularization)

$$\begin{aligned} I(M^2, \mu^2, n) &= \mu^{4-n} \int \frac{d^n k}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{i}{k^2 - M^2 + i0^+} \\ &= \frac{M^2}{16\pi^2} \left[R + \ln \left(\frac{M^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right] + O(n - 4), \end{aligned}$$

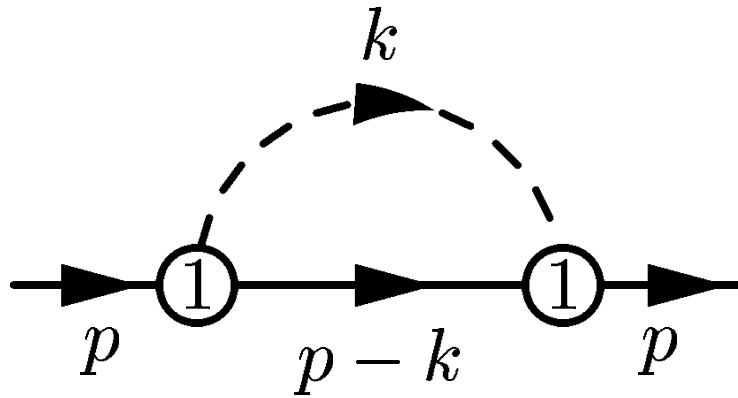
where

$$\boxed{R} = \frac{2}{n - 4} - [\ln(4\pi) + \Gamma'(1)] - 1 \rightarrow \boxed{\infty}$$

Scale μ : 't Hooft parameter (integral has the same dimension for arbitrary n)

- Adjust counterterms such that they absorb all the divergences occurring in the calculation of loop diagrams
- **Renormalization prescription:** Adjust finite pieces such that renormalized diagrams satisfy a given power counting

- Example: Contribution to nucleon mass



Goal: $D = n \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 1 - 1 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 1 = n - 1$

$$\Sigma = -\frac{3g_{A0}^2}{4F_0^2} \left[(\not{p} + m)I_N + M^2(\not{p} + m)I_{N\pi}(-p, 0) + \dots \right]$$

Apply $\widetilde{\text{MS}}$ renormalization scheme

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_r &= -\frac{3g_{Ar}^2}{4F_r^2} \left[M^2(\not{p} + m) \underbrace{I_{N\pi}^r(-p, 0)}_{-\frac{1}{16\pi^2} + \dots} + \dots \right] \\ &= \mathcal{O}(q^2) \end{aligned}$$

GSS³: It turns out that loops have a much more complicated low-energy structure if baryons are included. Because the nucleon mass m_N does not vanish in the chiral limit, the mass scale m (nucleon mass in the chiral limit) occurs in the effective Lagrangian $\mathcal{L}_{\pi N}^{(1)} \dots$

This complicates life a lot.

³J. Gasser, M. E. Sainio, A. Švarc, Nucl. Phys. B307, 779 (1988)

Solutions

- Heavy-baryon chiral perturbation theory ⁴
- Infrared regularization (IR) ⁵

Special treatment of (the Feynman parameterization of) one-loop integrals

$$\frac{1}{ab} = \int_0^1 \frac{dx}{[ax + b(1-x)]^2}$$

$$a = (k - p)^2 - m^2 + i0^+, \quad b = k^2 - M^2 + i0^+$$

$$H = \int_0^1 dx \cdots = \int_0^\infty dx \cdots - \int_1^\infty dx \cdots \equiv I + R$$

⁴E. Jenkins and A. V. Manohar, Phys. Lett. B 255, 558 (1991);
V. Bernard, N. Kaiser, J. Kambor, U.-G. Meißner, Nucl. Phys. B388, 315 (1992)

⁵T. Becher and H. Leutwyler, Eur. Phys. J. C 9, 643 (1999)

- I : power counting o.k.
- R : violates power counting; regular, i.e., can be absorbed in counterterms
- Extended on-mass-shell (EOMS) scheme ⁶

Main idea: Perform **additional subtractions** such that **renormalized** diagrams satisfy the power counting

Motivation for this approach ⁷

Terms violating the power counting are **analytic** in small quantities (and can thus be absorbed in a renormalization of counterterms)

⁶T. Fuchs, J. Gegelia, G. Japaridze, S. S., Phys. Rev. D 68, 056005 (2003)

⁷J. Gegelia and G. Japaridze, Phys. Rev. D 60, 114038 (1999)

– Example (chiral limit)

$$H(p^2, m^2; n) = \int \frac{d^n k}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{i}{[(k-p)^2 - m^2 + i0^+][k^2 + i0^+]}$$

Small quantity

$$\Delta = \frac{p^2 - m^2}{m^2} = \mathcal{O}(q)$$

We want the **renormalized** integral to be of order

$$D = n - 1 - 2 = n - 3$$

Result of integration ⁸

$$H \sim F(n, \Delta) + \Delta^{n-3} G(n, \Delta)$$

F and G are hypergeometric functions; **analytic** in Δ for arbitrary n

⁸J. Gegelia, G. Japaridze, K. S. Turashvili, Theor. Math. Phys. 101, 1313 (1994)

F corresponds to **first** expanding the integrand in small quantities and **then** performing the integration

⇒ **Algorithm**: Expand integrand in small quantities and subtract those (integrated) terms whose order is **smaller** than suggested by the power counting

Here:

$$\begin{aligned} H^{\text{subtr}} &= \int \frac{d^n k}{(2\pi)^n} \frac{i}{(k^2 - 2k \cdot p + i0^+)(k^2 + i0^+)} \Big|_{p^2=m^2} \\ &= -2\bar{\lambda} + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} + O(n-4) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\bar{\lambda} = \frac{m^{n-4}}{(4\pi)^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{n-4} - \frac{1}{2} [\ln(4\pi) + \Gamma'(1) + 1] \right\}$$

$$H^R = H - H^{\text{subtr}} = \mathcal{O}(q^{n-3})$$

- **Reformulation of IR in terms of EOMS** ⁹
 - Formal equivalence shown at one-loop level
 - Heavy degrees of freedom ¹⁰
 - Higher-order loops ¹¹

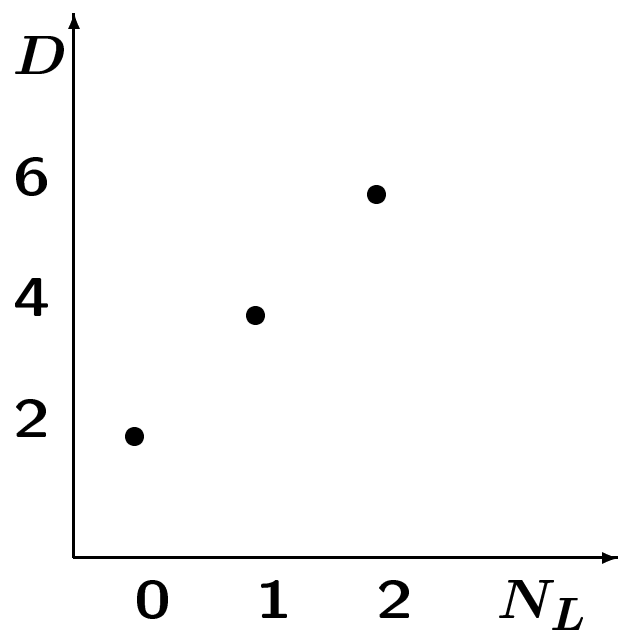
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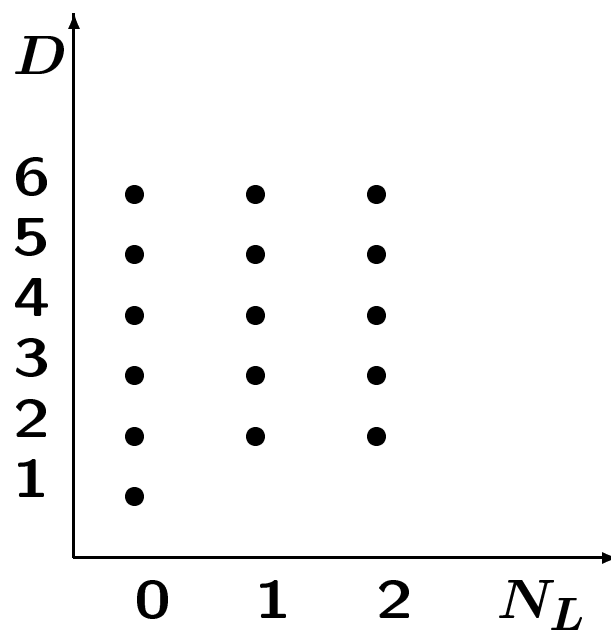
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Chiral versus loop expansion

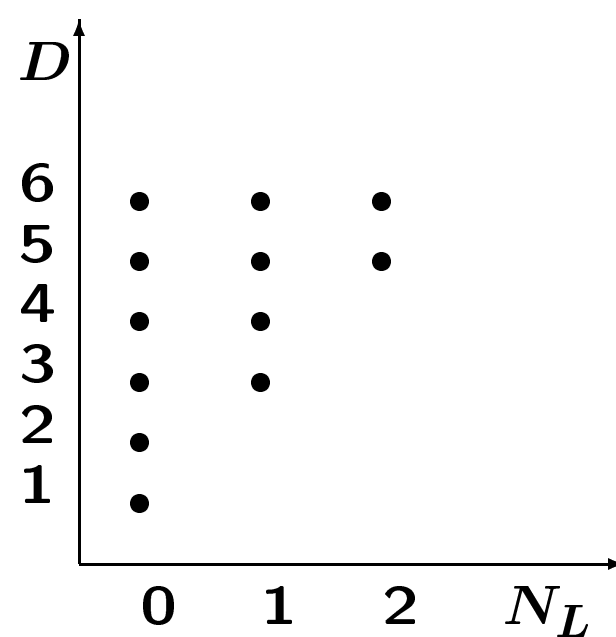
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$\pi N: \overline{\text{MS}}$

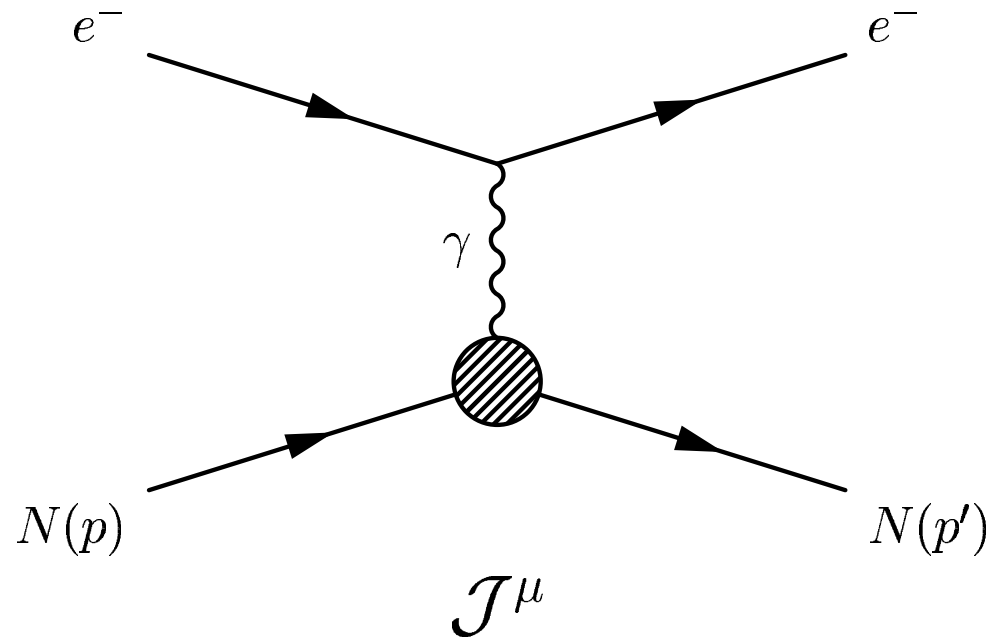


$\pi N: \text{EOMS, IR}$



3. Nucleon form factors

Electromagnetic form factors



Electromagnetic current operator

$$\mathcal{J}^\mu(x) = \frac{2}{3} \bar{u}(x) \gamma^\mu u(x) - \frac{1}{3} \bar{d}(x) \gamma^\mu d(x) + \dots = \bar{q}(x) Q q(x) + \dots$$

Definition of Dirac and Pauli form factors

$$\langle N(p') | \mathcal{J}^\mu(0) | N(p) \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[F_1^N(Q^2) \gamma^\mu + i \frac{\sigma^{\mu\nu} q_\nu}{2m_p} F_2^N(Q^2) \right] u(p)$$

$$N = p, n, \quad q^\mu = p'^\mu - p^\mu, \quad Q^2 = -q^2$$

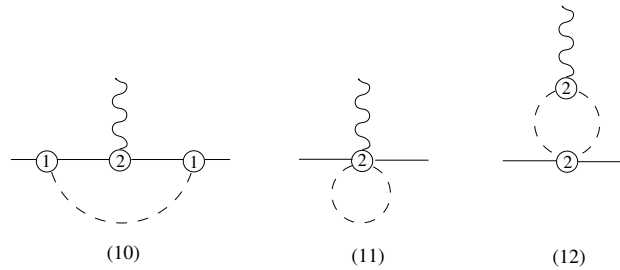
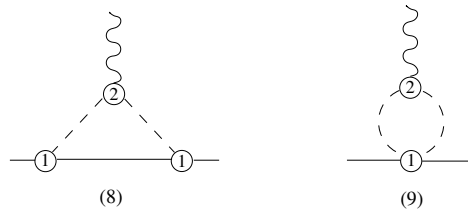
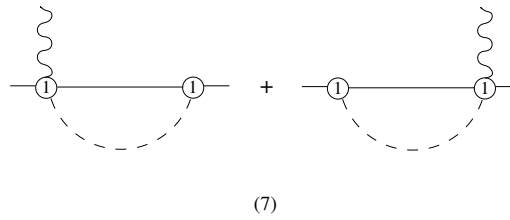
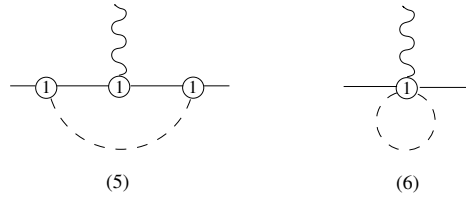
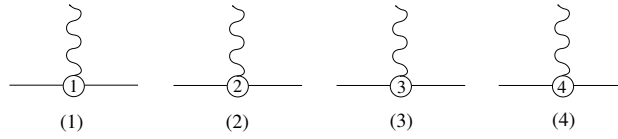
$$F_1^p(0) = 1, \quad F_1^n(0) = 0, \quad F_2^p(0) = 1.793, \quad F_2^n(0) = -1.913.$$

Sachs form factors

$$G_E^N(Q^2) = F_1^N(Q^2) - \frac{Q^2}{4m_N^2} F_2^N(Q^2)$$

$$G_M^N(Q^2) = F_1^N(Q^2) + F_2^N(Q^2)$$

Diagrams at $\mathcal{O}(q^4)$



Diagrams potentially violating power counting: (5), (8), and (10).

EOMS subtractions

- Dirac form factor

$$\Delta F_1^{10} = \frac{g_A^2 m}{64\pi^2 F^2} (3c_7 - 2c_6\tau_3) t,$$

- Pauli form factor

$$\Delta F_2^5 = -\frac{g_A^2 m_N (m - 4c_1 M^2)}{32\pi^2 F^2} (3 - \tau_3),$$

$$\Delta F_2^8 = \frac{g_A^2 m_N (m - 4c_1 M^2)}{8\pi^2 F^2} \tau_3,$$

$$\Delta F_2^{10} = -\frac{g_A^2 m_N (m^2 - 8c_1 M^2 m)}{16\pi^2 F^2} (3c_7 - 2c_6\tau_3).$$

Parameters

| | c_2 | c_4 | \tilde{c}_6 | \tilde{c}_7 | d_6 | d_7 | e_{54} | e_{74} |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| EOMS | 2.66 | 2.45 | 1.26 | -0.13 | -0.57 | -0.44 | 0.27 | 1.71 |
| IR | 2.66 | 2.45 | 0.47 | -1.87 | 0.32 | -0.89 | 0.33 | 1.65 |

The LECs c_i are given in units of GeV^{-1} , the d_i in units of GeV^{-2} , and the e_i in units of GeV^{-3} .

c_2 and c_4 from πN scattering;

\tilde{c}_6 and \tilde{c}_7 from anomalous magnetic moments;

d_6 , d_7 , e_{54} , and e_{74} from charge and magnetic radii: ¹²

$$r_E^p = 0.848 \text{ fm},$$

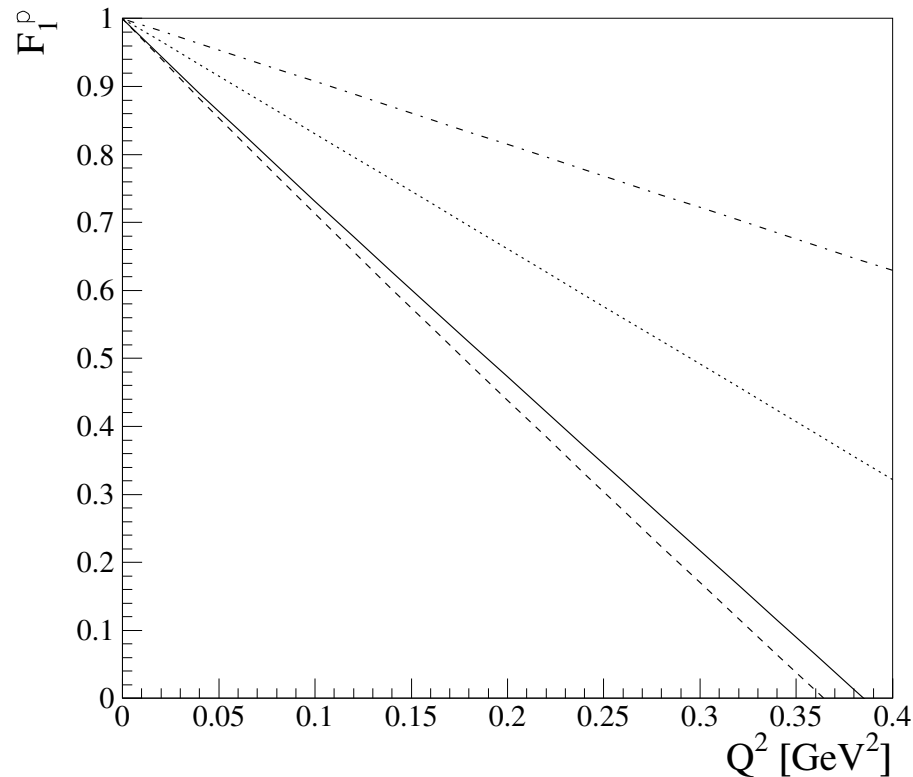
$$r_M^p = 0.857 \text{ fm},$$

$$r_E^n = -0.113 \text{ fm},$$

$$r_M^n = 0.879 \text{ fm}.$$

¹²H. W. Hammer and U.-G. Meißner, Eur. Phys. J. A 20, 469 (2004).

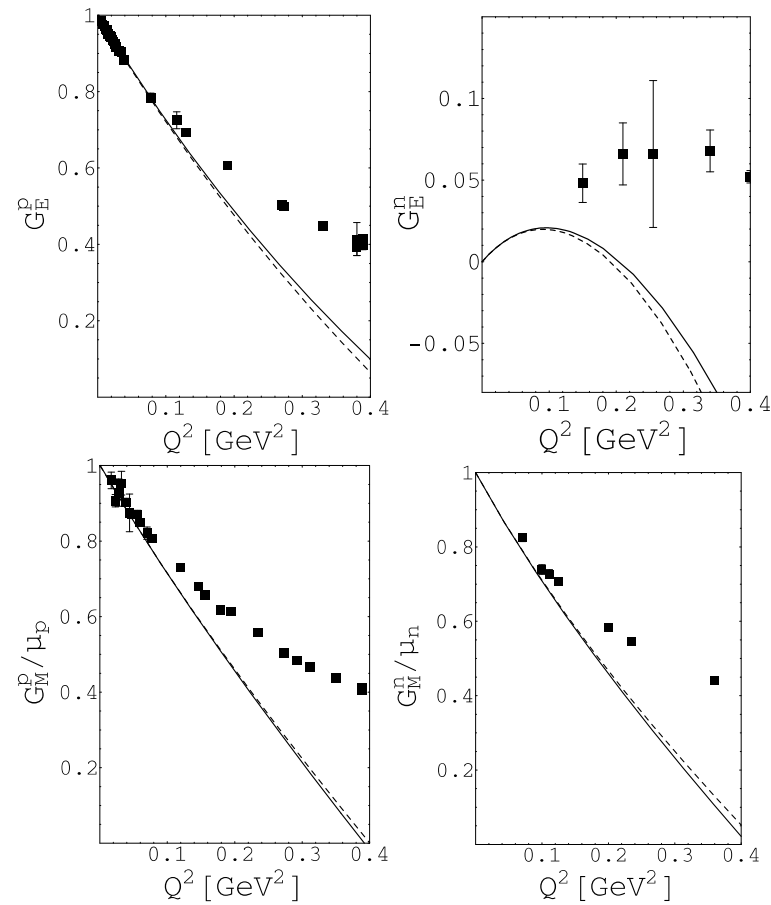
Dirac form factor of the proton at $\mathcal{O}(q^4)$ ¹³



Solid line: EOMS; dashed line: infrared regularization; dotted line: EOMS without loop contribution; dashed-dotted line: infrared-regularization result without loop contribution.

¹³[T. Fuchs, J. Gegelia, S. S., J. Phys. G 30, 1407 \(2004\)](#)

Sachs form factors ¹⁴



¹⁴B. Kubis and U.-G. Meißner, Nucl. Phys. A679, 698 (2001); T. Fuchs, J. Gegelia, S. S., J. Phys. G 30, 1407 (2004); M. R. Schindler, J. Gegelia, S. S., Eur. Phys. J. A 26, 1 (2005); data taken from J. Friedrich and Th. Walcher, Eur. Phys. J. A 17, 607 (2003)

Vector meson dominance model → Important contributions to the electromagnetic form factors ¹⁵

In standard ChPT: Vector meson contributions in low-energy constants

$$\frac{1}{q^2 - M_V^2} = -\frac{1}{M_V^2} \left[1 + \frac{q^2}{M_V^2} + \left(\frac{q^2}{M_V^2} \right)^2 + \mathcal{O}(q^6) \right]$$

Inclusion of vector mesons ⇒ re-summation of higher-order contributions

Reformulated IR regularization and EOMS scheme allow for consistent inclusion of vector mesons

¹⁵[B. Kubis and U.-G. Meißner, Nucl. Phys. A679, 698 \(2001\)](#)

Inclusion of ρ , ω , and ϕ mesons ¹⁶

Vector representation ¹⁷

$$\mathcal{L}_{\pi V}^{(3)} = -f_\rho \text{Tr}(\rho^{\mu\nu} f_{\mu\nu}^+) - f_\omega \omega^{\mu\nu} f_{\mu\nu}^{(s)} - f_\phi \phi^{\mu\nu} f_{\mu\nu}^{(s)} + \dots,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{NV}^{(0)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{V=\rho,\omega,\phi} g_V \bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu V_\mu \Psi,$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{NV}^{(1)} = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{V=\rho,\omega,\phi} G_V \bar{\Psi} \sigma^{\mu\nu} V_{\mu\nu} \Psi.$$

¹⁶M. R. Schindler, J. Gegelia, S. S., Eur. Phys. J. A 26, 1 (2005)

¹⁷G. Ecker, J. Gasser, H. Leutwyler, A. Pich, E. de Rafael, Phys. Lett. B 223, 425 (1989)

Values of the vector-meson coupling constants ¹⁸

| f_ρ | f_ω | f_ϕ | g_ρ | g_ω | g_ϕ | G_ρ [GeV ⁻¹] | G_ω [GeV ⁻¹] | G_ϕ [GeV ⁻¹] |
|----------|------------|----------|----------|------------|----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 0.10 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 4.0 | 42.8 | -20.6 | 13.0 | 0.96 | -3.3 |

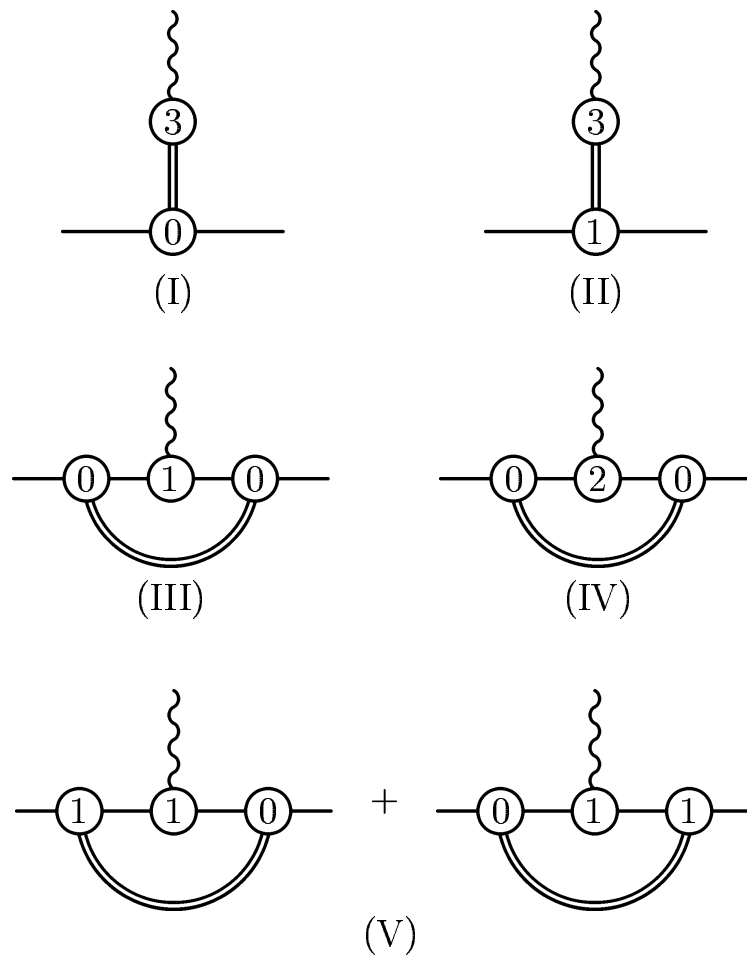
⇒ Modified couplings d_6 , d_7 , e_5 and e_{74}

| | d_6 | d_7 | e_{54} | e_{74} |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| EOMS | 1.21 | 1.30 | -0.76 | 1.65 |
| IR | 0.98 | 0.24 | -0.26 | -0.90 |

Additional rules:

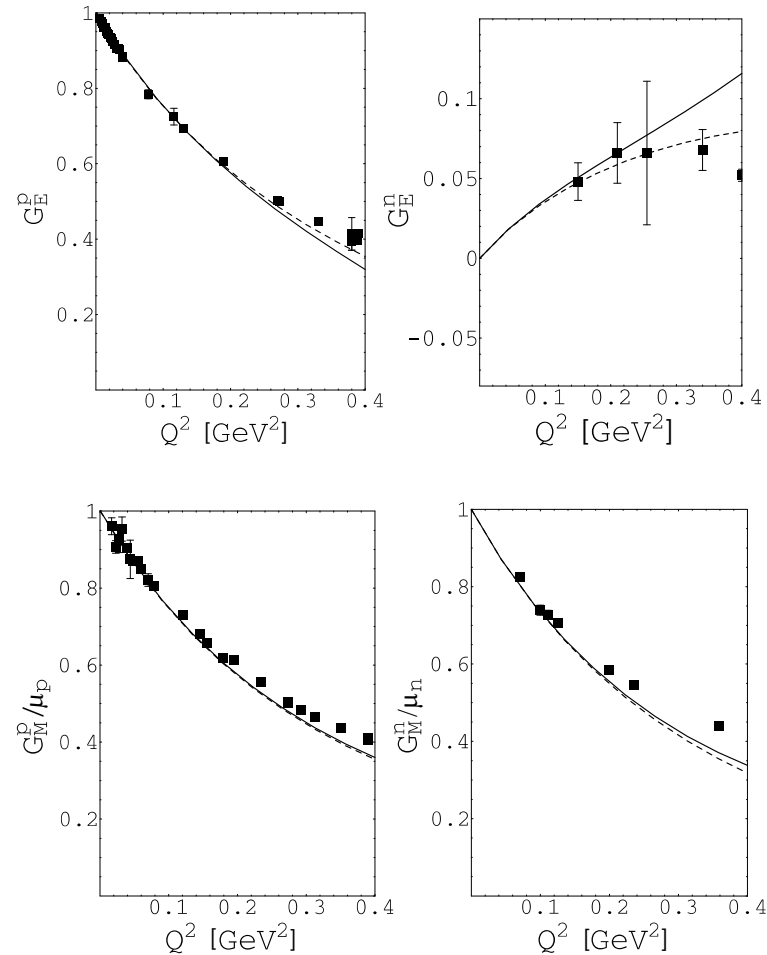
- Vector meson propagator $\sim \mathcal{O}(q^0)$
- Vertex from $\mathcal{L}_V^{(i)} \sim \mathcal{O}(q^i)$

¹⁸H. W. Hammer and U.-G. Meißner, Eur. Phys. J. A 20, 469 (2004).



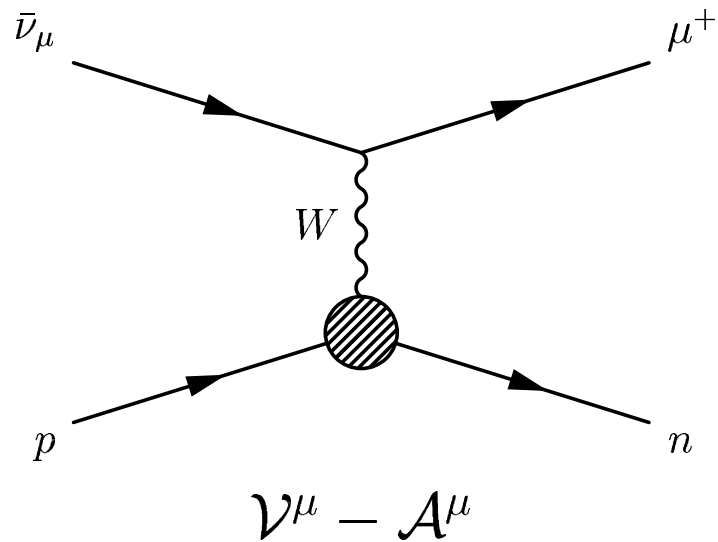
Feynman diagrams involving vector mesons contributing to the electromagnetic form factors up to and including $\mathcal{O}(q^4)$

E.m. form factors including vector mesons at $\mathcal{O}(q^4)$ ¹⁹

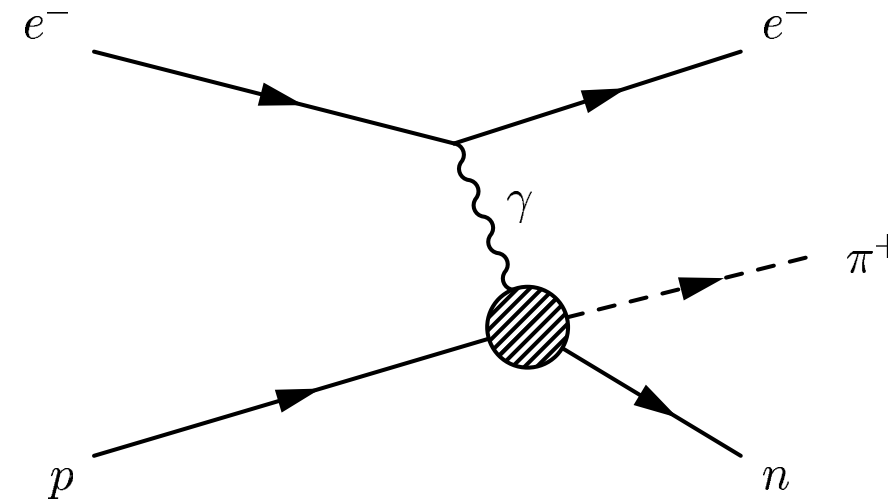


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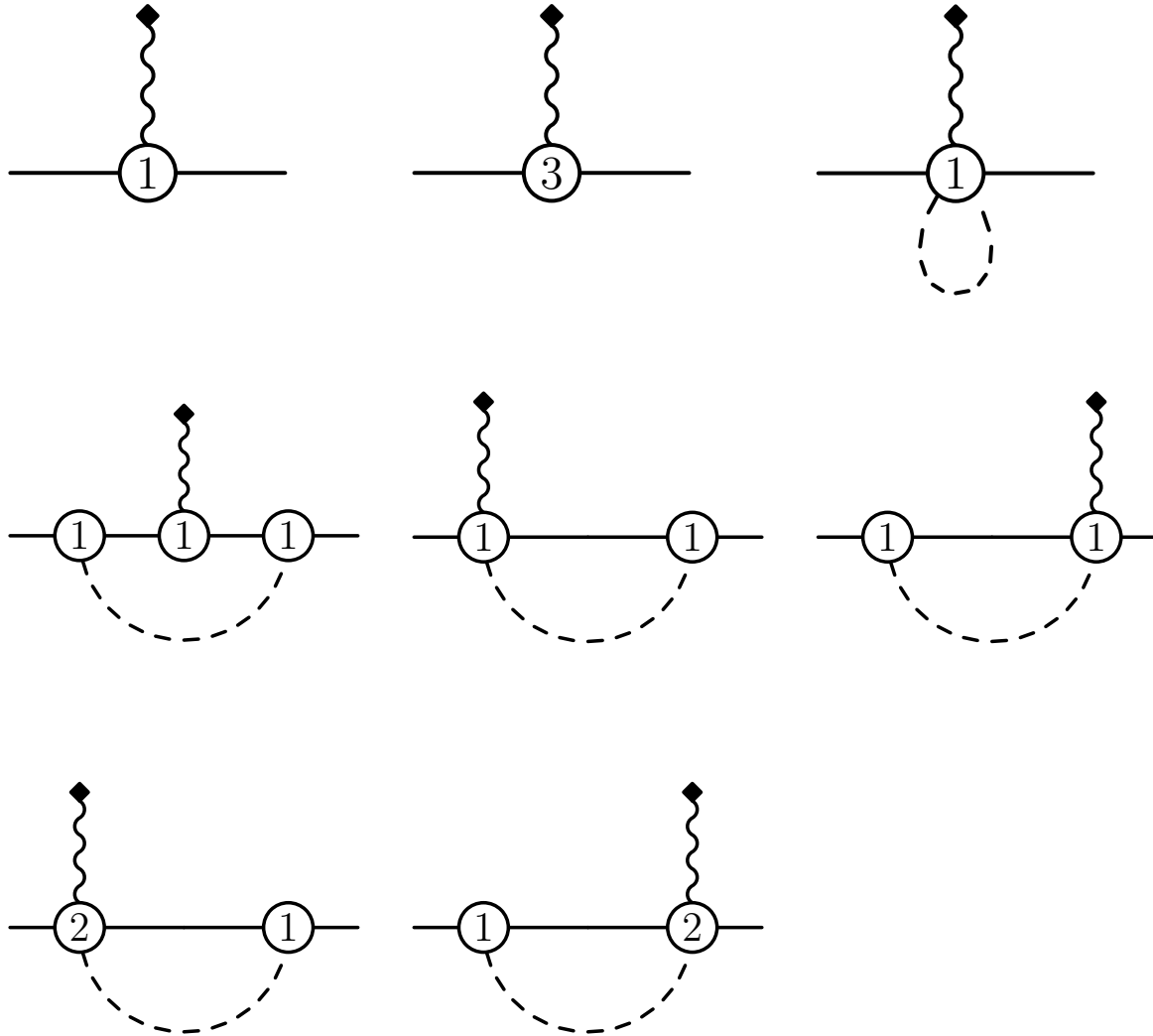
Axial and induced pseudoscalar form factors G_A and G_P



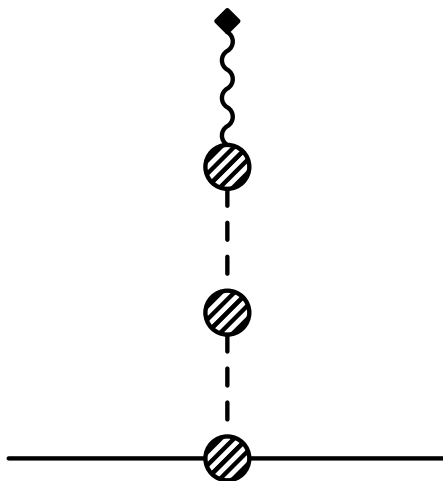
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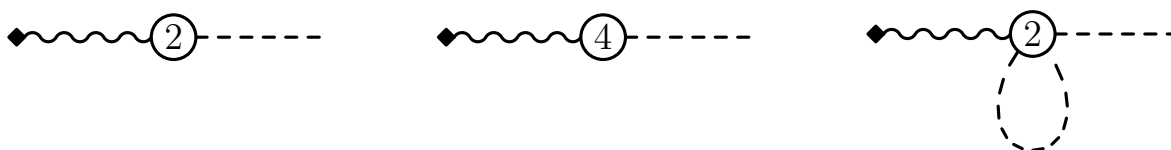
$$\langle n | \mathcal{A}^{\mu,-}(0) | p \rangle = \bar{u}(p') \left[\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \boxed{G_A(Q^2)} + \frac{q^\mu}{2m_N} \gamma_5 \boxed{G_P(Q^2)} \right] u(p)$$



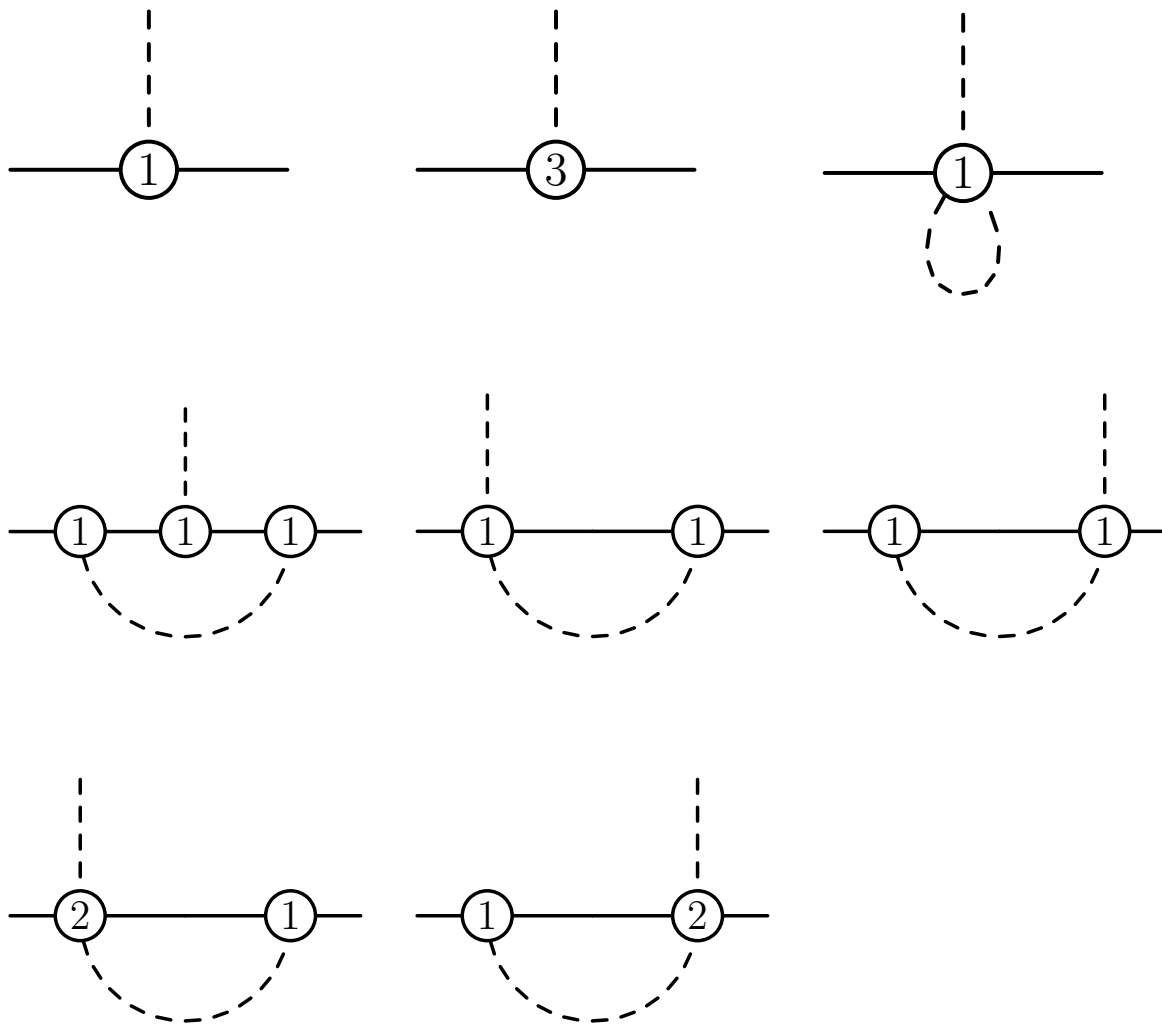
One-particle-irreducible diagrams contributing to the nucleon matrix element of the isovector axial-vector current.



Pion pole graph of the isovector axial-vector current.



Diagrams contributing to the coupling of the isovector axial-vector current to a pion up to $\mathcal{O}(q^4)$.



Diagrams contributing to the πN vertex up to $\mathcal{O}(q^4)$.

Result for G_A is of the form

$$G_A(Q^2) = g_A - \frac{1}{6} g_A \langle r_A^2 \rangle Q^2 + \frac{g_A^3}{4F^2} \bar{H}(Q^2).$$

$\langle r_A^2 \rangle$: axial mean-square radius (LEC)

$\bar{H}(Q^2)$: loop contributions

$$\bar{H}(0) = \bar{H}'(0) = 0.$$

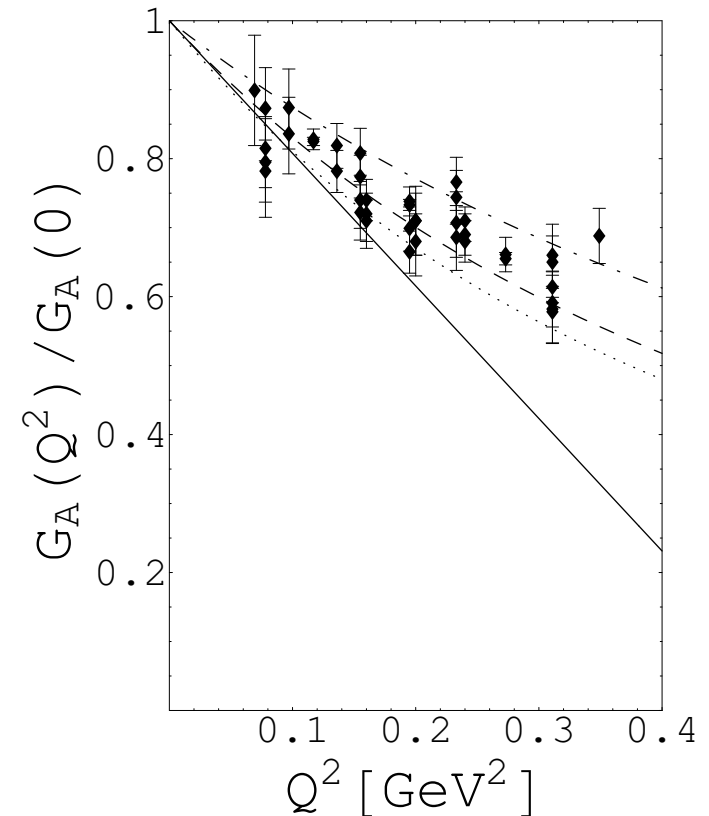
Full line: result in infrared renormalization.

Again: No curvature!

Dashed line: Dipole, $M_A = 1.026$ GeV;

Dotted line: Dipole; $M_A = 0.95$ GeV;

Dashed-dotted line: Dipole $M_A = 1.20$ GeV,



Inclusion of $a_1(1260)$ meson ²⁰

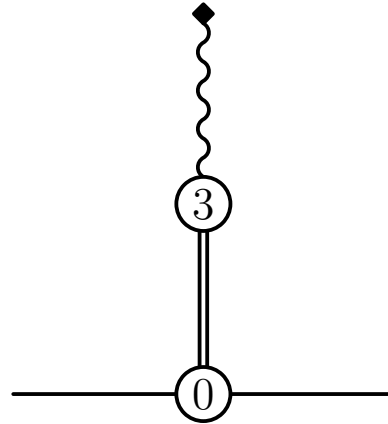
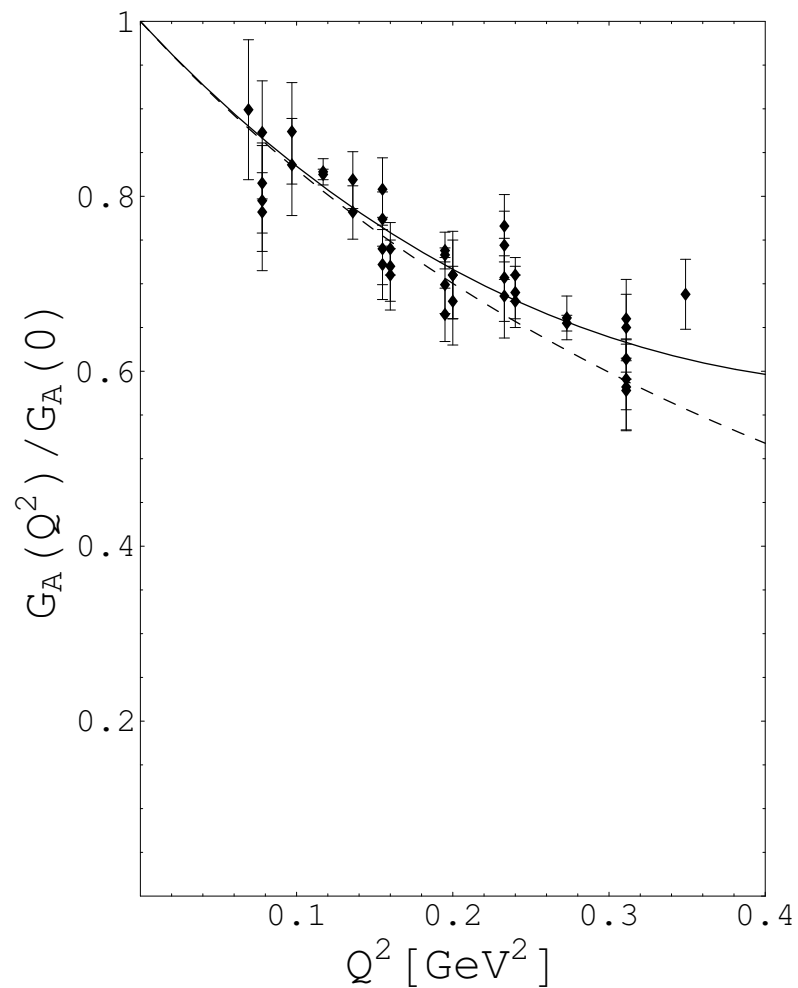


Diagram containing axial-vector meson (double line) contributing to the form factors G_A and G_P .

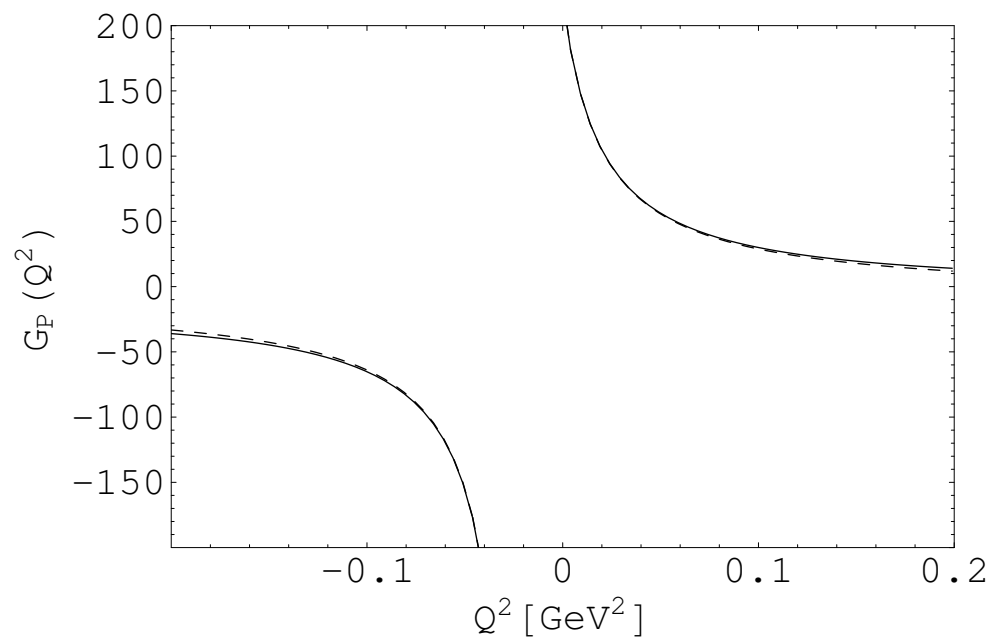
$$G_A^{AVM}(q^2) = -f_{A g_{a_1}} \frac{q^2}{q^2 - M_{a_1}^2},$$

$$f_{A g_{a_1}} \approx 8.70.$$

²⁰M. R. Schindler, T. Fuchs, J. Gegelia, S. S, Phys. Rev. C 75, 025202 (2007)



G_A including a_1



G_P at $\mathcal{O}(q^4)$

Full line: result with axial-vector meson, dashed line: result without axial-vector meson.

Mass of the nucleon at $\mathcal{O}(q^4)$ ²¹

$$m_N = m + k_1 M^2 + k_2 M^3 + k_3 M^4 \ln \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) + k_4 M^4 + \mathcal{O}(M^5)$$

$$k_3 = \frac{3}{32\pi^2 F^2} \left(8c_1 - c_2 - 4c_3 - \frac{g_A^2}{m} \right), \quad k_4 = \dots$$

$$m = [938.3 - 74.8 + 15.3 + 4.7 + 1.6 - 2.3] \text{ MeV} = 882.8 \text{ MeV}$$

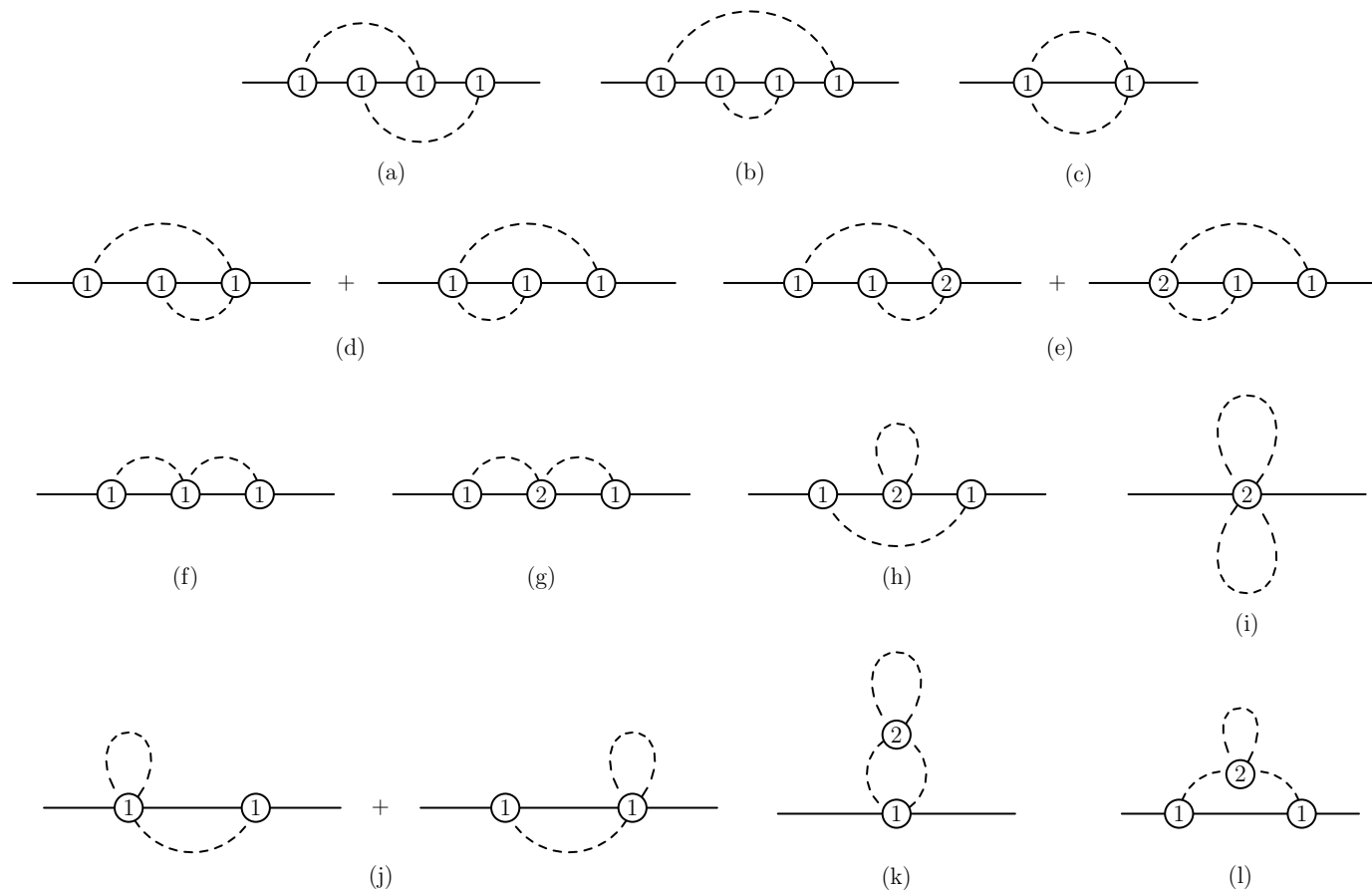
$$\Delta m = 55.5 \text{ MeV}$$

Remark: $m = m_N(m_u = 0, m_d = 0, m_s)$

²¹T. Fuchs, J. Gegelia, S. S., Eur. Phys. J. A 19, 35 (2004)

Mass of the nucleon at $\mathcal{O}(q^6)$ ²²

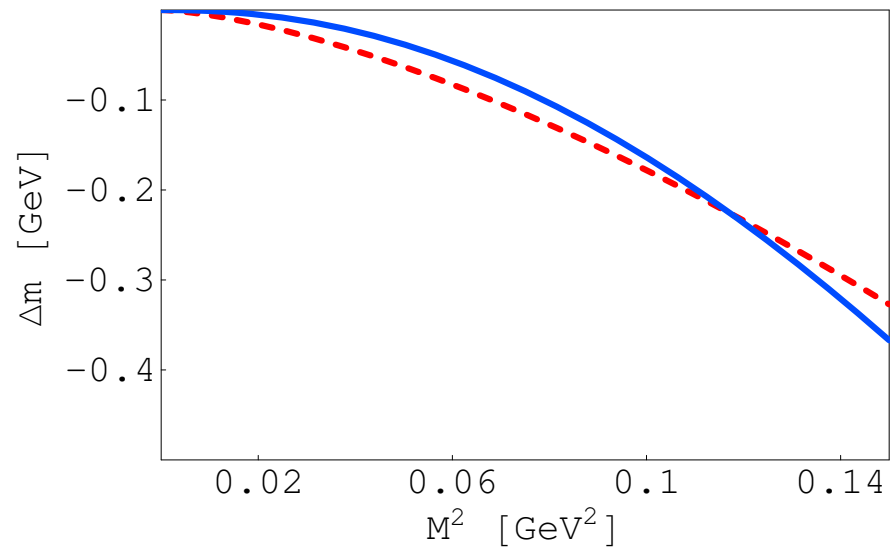
Two-loop contributions



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$$\begin{aligned}
m_N = & m + k_1 M^2 + k_2 M^3 + k_3 M^4 \ln \frac{M}{\mu} + k_4 M^4 \\
& + k_5 M^5 \ln \frac{M}{\mu} + k_6 M^5 + k_7 M^6 \ln^2 \frac{M}{\mu} + k_8 M^6 \ln \frac{M}{\mu} + k_9 M^6
\end{aligned}$$

} two loop



$M_0 \approx 360 \text{ MeV}$

(convergence)

At physical pion mass: $-4.8 \text{ MeV} = 31\% \text{ of } k_2 M^3$

5. Summary

- **Baryonic ChPT: Renormalization condition \leftrightarrow Consistent power counting**
- **IR renormalization (manifestly Lorentz-invariant)**
- **Inclusion of heavy degrees of freedom/Two-loop calculation**
- **Applications: Nucleon form factors and chiral expansion of nucleon mass**
- **Present and future**
 - **Electromagnetic processes: Real and virtual Compton scattering, pion photo- and electroproduction, etc.**
 - **(Selected) Two-loop calculations**

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Thank You!

σ term ²³

Definition of the so-called sigma commutator

$$\sigma^{ab}(x) \equiv [Q_A^a(x_0), [Q_A^b(x_0), \mathcal{H}_{\text{sb}}(x)]], \quad a, b = 1, 2, 3$$

where

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{sb}} = \bar{q}Mq = m_q(\bar{u}u + \bar{d}d)$$

Measure of explicit symmetry breaking

$$\sigma \equiv \frac{1}{2m_N} \langle p | \sigma^{11}(0) | p \rangle$$

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$$\sigma = \sigma_1 M^2 + \sigma_2 M^3 + \sigma_3 M^4 \ln \left(\frac{M}{m} \right) + \sigma_4 M^4 + O(M^5)$$

$$\sigma_1 = -4c_1$$

$$\sigma_2 = -\frac{9g_A^2}{64\pi F^2}$$

$$\sigma_3 = \frac{3}{16\pi^2 F^2} \left(8c_1 - c_2 - 4c_3 - \frac{g_A^2}{m} \right)$$

$$\sigma_4 = \frac{3}{8\pi^2 F^2} \left[\frac{3g_A^2}{8m} + c_1(1 + 2g_A^2) - \frac{c_3}{2} \right] + \alpha$$

$$\sigma = 45 \text{ MeV} = (74.8 - 22.9 - 9.4 - 2.0 + 4.5) \text{ MeV}$$

Hellmann-Feynman theorem o.k.