

# Precise determination of proton magnetic radius from electron scattering data

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Radius extraction using theory-based method: Dispersively improved chiral EFT

Combines dispersion theory (analyticity, sum rules) and  $\chi$ EFT (dynamics, controlled accuracy)

Correlates values of radii with FF behavior at larger  $Q^2 \lesssim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$

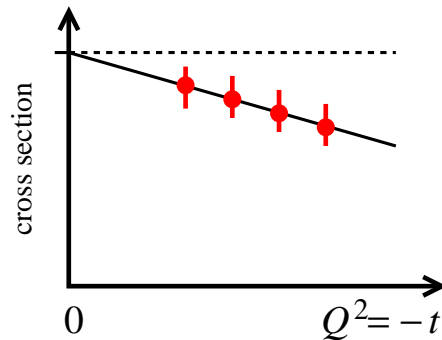
Enables reliable determination of magnetic radius

**Method:** J. M. Alarcon, C. Weiss, PLB 784 (2018) 373; PRC **97**, 055203 (2018);  
J. M. Alarcon, A. N. Hiller Blin, M. Vicente Vacas, C. Weiss, NPA **964**, 18 (2017)

**Radius extraction:** J. M. Alarcon, D. Higinbotham, C. Weiss, PRC 102 (2020) 035203 ←  
See also: J. M. Alarcon, D. Higinbotham, C. Weiss, Z. Ye, PRC 99 (2019) 044303

# Motivation: Analyticity in radius extraction

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- Challenges in proton radius extraction

Derivative at  $Q^2 = 0$  from data at finite  $Q^2 > 0$

Extrapolation  $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ : Stability, functional bias?  
Barcus, Higinbotham, this session

Magnetic radius: Contribution of  $G_M^p$  to cross section  $\propto \tau/\epsilon$ , vanishes for  $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$

- Analyticity

FFs analytic functions of  $t = -Q^2$

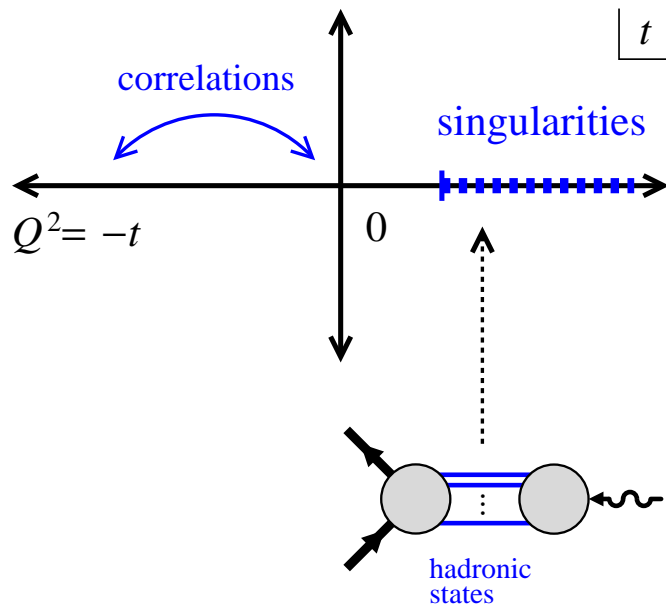
Singularities at  $t > 0$ : Hadronic exchanges

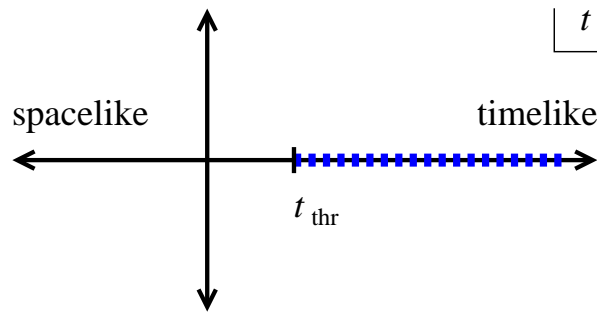
Correlates functional behavior of FF at  $Q^2 > 0$  with derivative at  $Q^2 = 0$

Predicts size of higher derivatives

Global properties: Sum rules

*Use in radius extraction!*



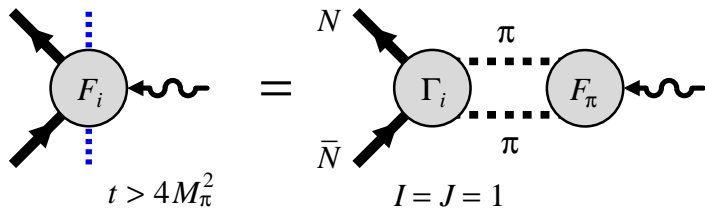


- Dispersive representation

$$F_i(t) = \int_{t_{\text{thr}}}^{\infty} \frac{dt'}{\pi} \frac{\text{Im } F_i(t')}{t' - t - i0}$$

Expresses analytic structure

$\text{Im } F_i$  spectral function, constructed theoretically



- Spectral function in  $\pi\pi$  region

Elastic unitarity relation

Frazer, Fulco 1960; Höhler et al 1975+

Factorize  $\pi\pi$  rescattering using N/D method

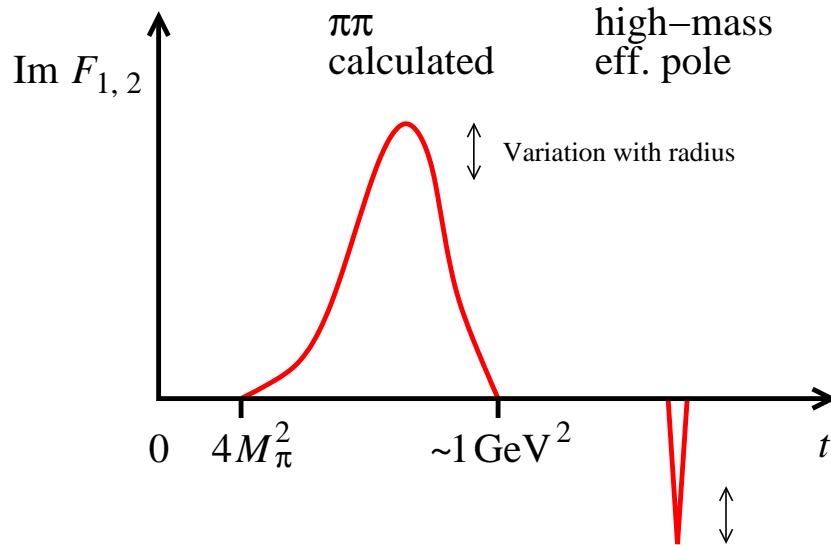
$\Gamma_i/F_\pi$ :  $\pi\pi$ - $NN$  coupling, calculated in  $\chi$ EFT  
good convergence

$|F_\pi|^2$ :  $\pi\pi$  rescattering, taken from  $e^+e^-$  data

Presently implemented LO + NLO + partial N2LO

Alarcon, Weiss, PLB 784 (2018) 373; PRC 97 (2018) 055203

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im } F_i(t) &= \frac{k_{\text{cm}}^3}{\sqrt{t}} \Gamma_i(t) F_\pi^*(t) \\ &= \frac{k_{\text{cm}}^3}{\sqrt{t}} \underbrace{\frac{\Gamma_i(t)}{F_\pi(t)}}_{\chi\text{EFT}} \underbrace{|F_\pi(t)|^2}_{\text{Data}} \end{aligned}$$



- Spectral function in high-mass region

Parameterized by effective pole

Sufficient for low- $Q^2$  form factors,  
uncertainty quantified

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- Sum rules and parameters

Sum rules for  $F(0)$ ,  $F'(0)$  = charges, radii

Express  $\chi$ EFT LEC in terms of radii

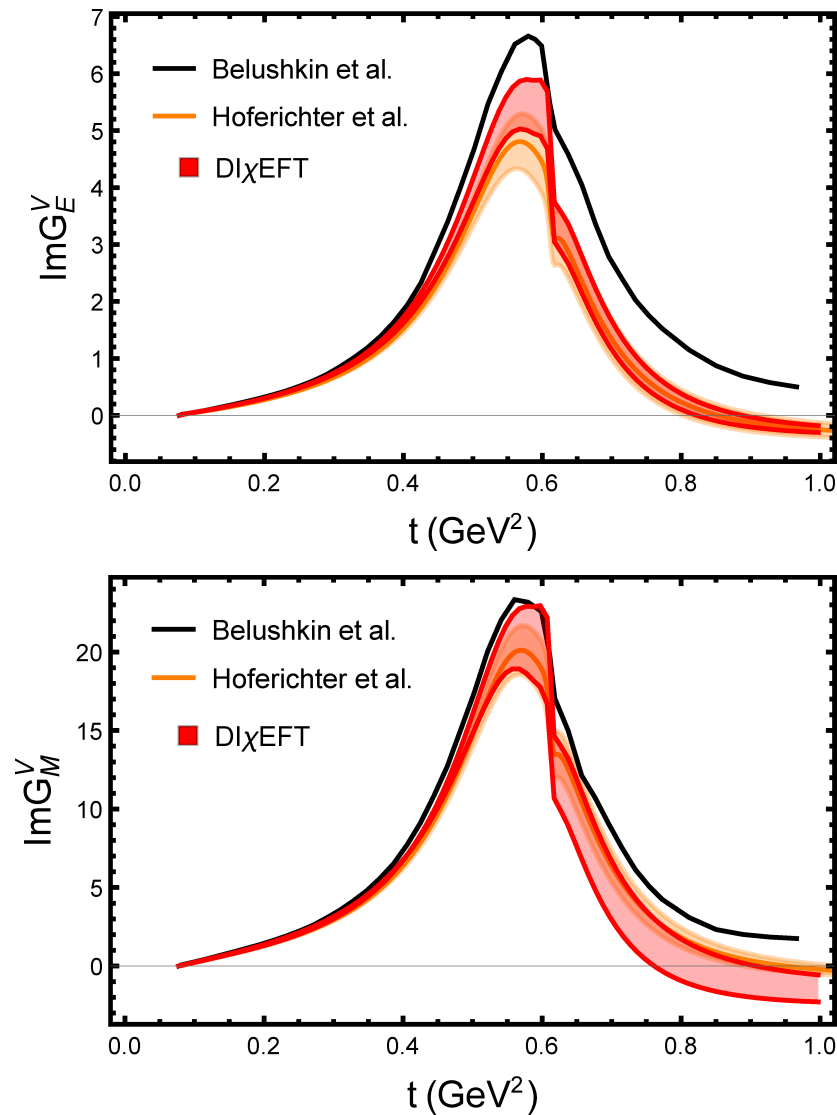
Radii appear directly as parameters  
of spectral functions, control behavior

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{t_{\text{thr}}}^{\infty} dt \frac{\text{Im} F_1(t)}{t} = Q$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{t_{\text{thr}}}^{\infty} dt \frac{\text{Im} F_1(t)}{t^2} = \frac{1}{6} \langle r^2 \rangle_1$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{t_{\text{thr}}}^{\infty} dt \frac{\text{Im} F_2(t)}{t} = \kappa$$

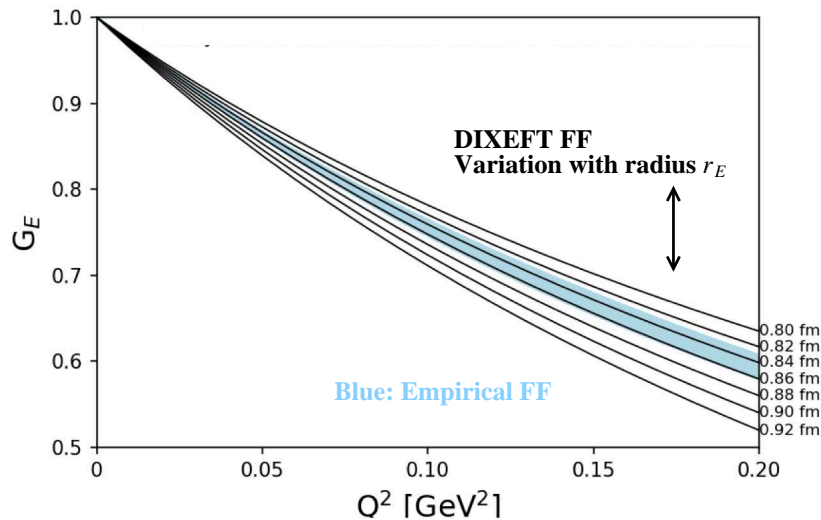
$$\frac{1}{\pi} \int_{t_{\text{thr}}}^{\infty} dt \frac{\text{Im} F_2(t)}{t^2} = \frac{1}{6} \kappa \langle r^2 \rangle_2$$



- Spectral functions in  $\pi\pi$  region

Band shows variation with radii (PDG range)

Good agreement with Roy-Steiner results  
Hoferichter et al 2017



$G_M$  similar, dependence on  $r_M$

Alarcon, Higinbotham, Weiss, Ye PRC 99 (2019) 044303  
 Empirical FF: Global fit Ye et al 2017

- Form factors from dispersion integral

$$G_{E,M}(t) = \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{dt'}{\pi} \frac{\text{Im } G_{E,M}(t')}{t' - t - i0}$$

- Family of FFs depending on radii

Each member respects analyticity, sum rules

Each has intrinsic theoretical uncertainty

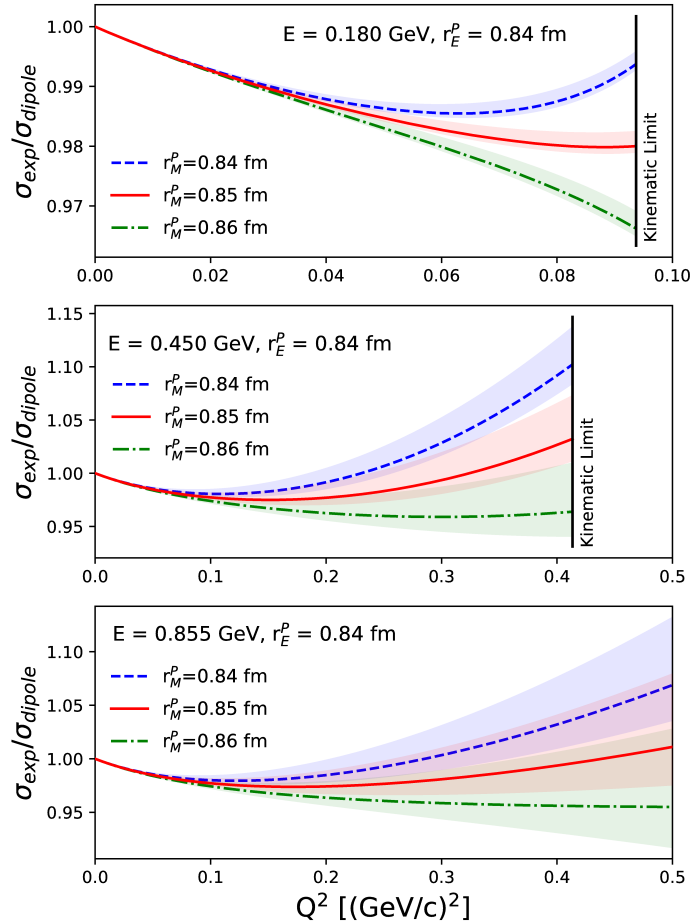
- Radius correlated with finite- $Q^2$  behavior

Provided by analyticity

*Use for radius extraction!*

# Magnetic radius extraction: Procedure

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- Use  $\text{D}\chi\text{EFT}$   $G_{E,M}^p(Q^2)$  with params  $r_E^p, r_M^p$

- Fit Mainz A1 cross section data

$$E = 0.18\text{--}0.855 \text{ GeV}, Q^2 = 0.003\text{--}1.0 \text{ GeV}^2$$

Fit original cross secns with floating normalizations

Alt: Fit reanalyzed cross secns of Lee Arrington Hill 2015 with recalc uncertainties: Same radii, lower  $\chi^2$

- Impact on magnetic radius

Sensitivity of cross section to  $G_M^p$

Dependence of  $\text{D}\chi\text{EFT}$   $G_M^p$  on  $r_M^p$

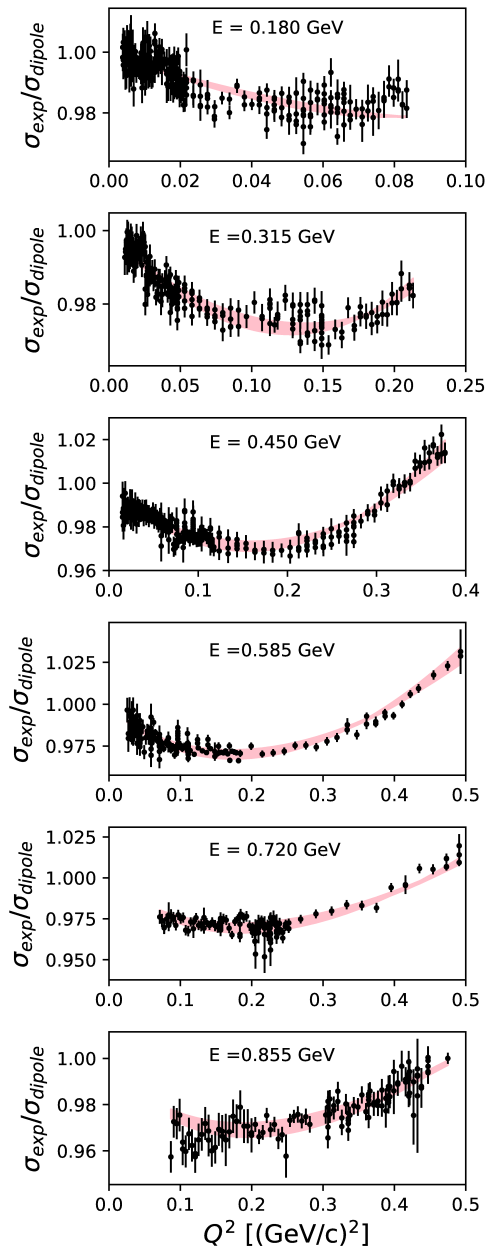
Theoretical uncertainty from high-mass pole

Use data up to  $Q^2 \approx 0.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left( \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \right)_{\text{Mott}} \frac{\epsilon [G_E^p]^2 + \tau [G_M^p]^2}{\epsilon(1 + \tau)}$$

# Magnetic radius extraction: Results

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## • Extracted radii

$$r_E^p = 0.842 \pm 0.002 \text{ (fit } 1\sigma) \begin{matrix} +0.005 \\ -0.002 \end{matrix} \text{ (theory full-range) fm}$$

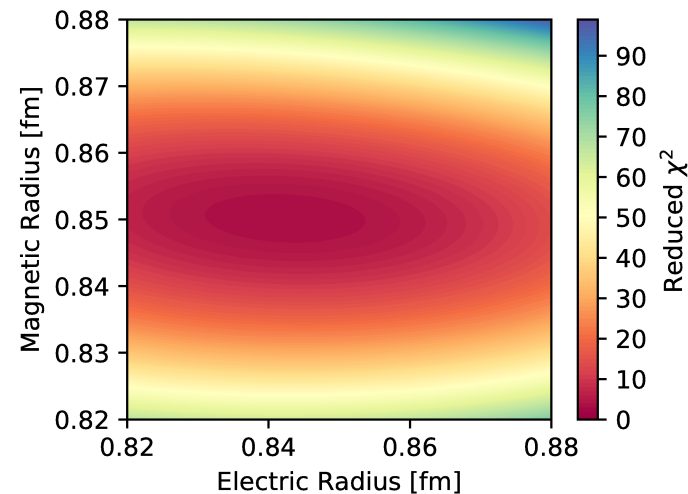
$$r_M^p = 0.850 \pm 0.001 \text{ (fit } 1\sigma) \begin{matrix} +0.009 \\ -0.004 \end{matrix} \text{ (theory full-range) fm}$$

Magnetic radius has smaller fit uncertainty, larger theory unc

Magnetic radius needs theory-based extraction method

Consistent with results of empirical dispersive fits

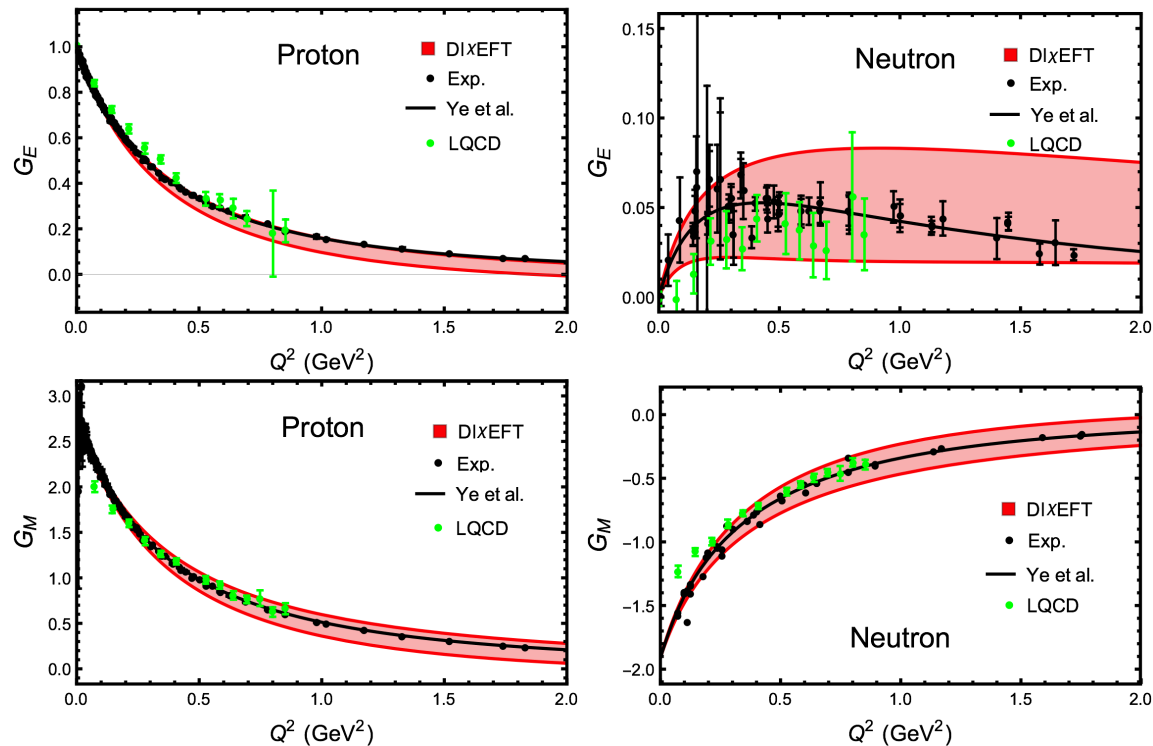
Lorenz, Hammer, Meissner 2012



Alarcon, Higinbotham, Weiss, PRC 102 (2020) 035203



- $\text{Dl}\chi\text{EFT}$  describes nucleon FFs combining dispersion theory and  $\chi\text{EFT}$ 
  - Includes  $\pi\pi$  rescattering and  $\rho$  resonance through unitarity
  - Enables predictive calculations, controlled theoretical accuracy
  - Excellent agreement with empirical FFs up to  $Q^2 \sim 1 \text{ GeV}^2$  and beyond
- $\text{Dl}\chi\text{EFT}$  enables theory-based radius extraction
  - Correlates  $Q^2 = 0$  derivatives with finite- $Q^2$  behavior through analyticity + sum rules
  - Employs radii directly as parameters  $\leftrightarrow$  LECs
  - Enables reliable determination of magnetic radius from finite- $Q^2$  data
- Other  $\text{Dl}\chi\text{EFT}$  applications
  - Nucleon transverse charge/magnetization densities  
Alarcon, Weiss, in progress. [APS DNP presentation KC.2 \(Saturday 8:30 CDT\)](#)
  - Nucleon scalar FF  
Alarcon, Weiss, PRC **96**, 055206 (2017)



$$G_{E,M}(t) = \int_{4M_\pi^2}^{\infty} \frac{dt'}{\pi} \frac{\text{Im } G_{E,M}(t')}{t' - t - i0}$$

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Bands: Variation with nucleon radii (PDG range)

## • $\text{D}\chi\text{EFT}$ form factors

Evaluated using dispersion integral with spectral functions

Band shows variation with radii (PDG range).

Also quantified uncertainty from high-mass states

Excellent agreement with data. Not fit, but prediction based on dynamics