





Recent Results of Proton Charge Radius And Experimental Status

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Outline

Introduction: proton charge radius and electromagnetic form factors

Recent measurements and results

➢Future experiments and status





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- Proton charge radius (r_p) :
 - 1. Spacial distribution of proton's charge
 - 2. Important for understanding how QCD works
 - 3. Input to the bound state QED calculation for atomic hydrogen energy levels
 - 4. Critical in determining Rydberg constant (R_{∞})
- Two well-established experimental methods:
 - 1. e-p elastic scattering (nuclear physics)
 - 2. Hydrogen spectroscopy (atomic physics)







Unpolarized Lepton-Proton Elastic Scattering

• Elastic ep scattering, in the limit of Born approximation (neglecting lepton mass):

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{Mott}} \left(\frac{E'}{E}\right) \frac{1}{1+\tau} \left(G_E^{p\,2}(Q^2) + \frac{\tau}{\varepsilon} G_M^{p\,2}(Q^2)\right)$$
$$Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \qquad \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M_p^2} \qquad \varepsilon = \left[1+2(1+\tau)\tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2}\right]^{-1}$$
Taylor expansion of G_E at low Q²
$$G_E^p(Q^2) = 1 - \frac{Q^2}{6} \langle r^2 \rangle + \frac{Q^4}{120} \langle r^4 \rangle + \dots$$
Derivative at low Q² limit

$$\left\langle r^2 \right\rangle = -6 \left. \frac{dG_E^p(Q^2)}{dQ^2} \right|_{Q^2 = 0}$$

• Exploit ε dependency to separate G_E^p and G_M^p Weizhi Xiong



Extracting Form Factors

 One of the methods for form factor extraction is the well know Rosenbluth separation:

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{Mott}} \left(\frac{E'}{E}\right) \frac{1}{1+\tau} \left(G_E^{p\,2}(Q^2) + \frac{\tau}{\varepsilon} G_M^{p\,2}(Q^2)\right)$$
$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{\text{reduced}} = G_M^{p\,2}(Q^2) + \frac{\epsilon}{\tau} G_E^{p\,2}(Q^2)$$
$$\tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M_p^2} \qquad \varepsilon = \left[1+2(1+\tau)\tan^2\frac{\theta}{2}\right]^{-1}$$

- Measure $\sigma_{\rm reduced}$ at same Q² but different values of ϵ
- G_E^p and G_M^p determined as slope and intersection from fits





C. F. Perdrisat, V. Punjabi and M. Vanderhaeghen, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 59, 694 (2007)

Polarized ep Elastic Scattering

- Directly measure G_E^p/G_M^p at a given Q^2
- Combined with unpolarized cross section to separate G_E^p and G_M^p
- Ratio measurement, lots of cancellation for systematics
- Overcome several difficulties for unpolarized technique: G_E^p at high Q², radiative correction...

Double polarization, asymmetry measurements



Polarization transferred to final state proton

$$P_t = P_{\text{beam}} A_t$$
$$P_\ell = -P_{\text{beam}} A_\ell.$$



Unpolarized ep Elastic Scattering



- Large amount of overlapping data sets
- Statistical error $\leq 0.2\%$
- Luminosity monitoring with spectrometer
- $Q^2 = 0.004 1.0 (GeV/c)^2$
- result: *r_p* =0.8791(79) fm

J.C. Bernauer et al. PRL. 105 (2010) 242001



Hydrogen Spectroscopy



Ordinary Hydrogen v.s. Muonic Hydrogen

- One can do this with ordinary hydrogen or muonic hydrogen
- Muon is ~200 times heavier than electron
- Orbit much closer to proton, more sensitive to proton size

$$\langle r^{\text{orbit}} \rangle \simeq \frac{\hbar}{Z \alpha \, m_r c} \, n^2$$



Proton finite size effect in 2S-2P: 2% in μ H, 0.015% in H

Proton Charge Radius



Proton Charge Radius Puzzle



Proton Charge Radius Puzzle



Recent High-n Rydberg State Measurement



Recent Scattering Experiment at Mainz

Initial State Radiation Experiment rp = $0.878 + 0.011_{stat.} + 0.031_{syst.} + 0.002_{mod.}$ fm





M. Mihovilovic *et al.* EPJA (2021) 57:107

PRad Experiment at Jefferson Lab

- Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (JLab), Newport News, VA
- Data taking May/June 2016, 1.1 GeV and 2.2 GeV e beams







PRad Experiment at Jefferson Lab

Non-spectrometer apparatus

- Large acceptance:
 - Measure multiple Q² data points simultaneously
 - Measure ep and ee scattering at the same time
 - Small scattering angle (0.5°-7.5°):
 - Unprecedented low Q² (~2x10⁻⁴ GeV²)
 - Minimize G_M^p contribution
 - Windowless gas-flow target





 $r_p = 0.831 + -0.007 \text{ (stat.)} + -0.012 \text{ (syst.) fm}$



Proton Charge Radius Puzzle



Yet Some Other Form Factor Puzzles

- Over 1% difference for G_E between the PRad data and the Mainz data
 - Possible reasons: radiative correction? Unknown systematics? Fitting procedure?...
- Large discrepancy also exist for for magnetic radius and G_M
 - > 0.776(38) fm for Mainz data , 0.914(35) fm for world data excluding Mainz (G. Lee et al. PRD 92 013013)



Highlights of Future Lepton Scattering Experiments

• MUSE exp. at PSI

- First r_p measurement using muon
- ▶ 4 types of incident leptons: e^{\pm} and μ^{\pm}

• AMBER exp. at CERN

- 100 GeV muon beam, detecting scattered muon and recoiled proton
- \succ Ultra-small scattering angle, minimize G_M
- Smaller RC for muon

Electron scattering

Muon scattering

- Prad-II exp. at JLab
 - ultra-precise rp measurement (~4 times smaller uncertainty than PRad)
- PRES exp. at Mainz
 - detecting both scattered electron and recoiled proton
- MAGIX exp. at Mainz
 - Using jet target
- ULQ2 exp. at Tohoku University, Japan
 Normalize to the well-known *e*-¹²C cross section

No µ-p scattering result yet

Projected Q² coverage

WX and Chao Peng (彭潮) *Universe* 9 (2023) 4, 182

Highlights of Ongoing Lepton Scattering Experiments (ULQ2)

Highlights of Ongoing Lepton Scattering Experiments (MUSE)

- First r_p measurement using muon
 4 types of incident leptons: e[±] and μ[±]
- Direct test for lepton-universality violation
- Different beam polarity can constrain two-photon exchange
- Currently taking data at PSI

PRad-II Experiment

- JLab PAC 48 approved PRad-II (PR12-20-004) with the highest scientific rating "A"
- Goal: reach ultra-high precision (~4 times smaller total uncertainty), resolve tension between modern *e-p* scattering results
 - Additional new GEM plane
 - Full DAQ and readout system upgrade
 - New scintillating detector, help reaching Q²~10⁻⁵ GeV²

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PRad-II Experiment

- 4 new GEM chambers to assemble 2 tracking layers.
 - All GEM parts expected by September/October, expect to complete the detector fabrication by March 2025.
 - All readout electronics ordered, expected by this November.
 - Will be ready for installation and testing by mid- spring, 2025.

- 4 movable scintillator detectors placed next to the H2 gas flow target chamber.
 - Conceptual design done, engineering design in progress
 - Manufacturing: by Spring, 2025
 - Estimated time for test in beamline: Summer, 2025.

Highlights of Future Lepton Scattering Experiments (PRad-II)

- All FASTBUS crates with power supplies removed
- 5 new VXS crates is planned to install in next few weeks
- HyCal recently re-positioned and ready to start the work
- Planned to finish all tests during this summer/fall period

New Method for r_p Measurement Using Muon

- Proton charge radius measurement using dimuon photoproduction off Proton
 - arXiv:2407.20375, Yong-Hui Lin, Feng-Kun Guo, Ulf-G. Meißner
- BH process contain same hadronic operator as μp elastic scattering, possible for r_p measurement

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Projected Results for Future Lepton Scattering Exp.

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Precision Measurement of the Neutral Pion Transition Form Factor Rate A-, 67 days A Direct Detection Search for Hidden Sector New Particles in the 3-60 MeV Mass Range Rate A, 60 days

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Good mass resolution for $m_A < 0.1$ GeV is hard to get FIG. 3: Observed 90% C.L. upper limits on the coupling g' for the fully invisible $L_{\mu} - L_{\tau}$ model as functions of the Z' mass for the cases of negligible $\Gamma_{Z'}$ and for $\Gamma_{Z'} = 0.1 M_{Z'}$. Also shown are previous limits from NA64-e 25 and Belle II 26 searches.

A Dark Photon Search with a JLab Positron Beam Rate A-, 55 days

Summary

- Puzzle considered partially resolved, but many problems remain
 - Tensions between some new H spec. results
 - Form factor difference between PRad and Mainz data
 - > New physics may still be there
- Many future experiments on proton charge radius and form factors, and push precision frontier
 - New uH measurement for 1S HFS, 2S-2P transition...
 - First r_p measurement using muon scattering: MUSE and AMBER
 - PRad-II experiment with $\delta_r \sim 0.0036$ fm, aim to be most precise scattering result, new search for lepton-universality violation
 - Ready for ERR review in Fall 2024
 - Experiment ready to run from Fall 2025

Backup

Ordinary Hydrogen Measurement

Ordinary Hydrogen v.s. Muonic Hydrogen

Hydrogen Spectroscopy

- Small splitting measurements:
 - States with the same n
 - Precise knowledge of R_{∞} not required
- 2. Large splitting measurements:
 - States with different n
 - Precision on R_{∞} not good enough
 - At least need two different transition
 - Solve for r_p and R_{∞} at the same time

Polarized ep Elastic Scattering

(longitudinally polarized electron beam and recoil proton polarization measurement)

• Extract form factor ratio by measuring polarization of recoil proton:

$$\frac{G_E}{G_M} = -\frac{P_y}{P_z} \frac{E+E'}{2m} \tan \frac{\theta_e}{2}.$$

- Couple with cross section measurement to separate form factors
- Reduce many typical systematics for RS

Polarized *ep* Elastic Scattering (Polarized electron – polarized proton measurement)

• Elastic scattering asymmetry (longitudinally polarized beam, polarized target):

$$A_{phys} = \frac{v_z \cos \theta^* G_M^{p-2} + v_x \sin \theta^* \cos \phi^* G_M^p G_E^p}{(\tau G_M^{p-2} + \epsilon G_E^{p-2}) / [\epsilon (1+\tau)]},$$
$$A_{exp} = P_b P_t A_{phys}$$

 Form factor ratio can be obtained from two experimental asymmetries (A_l and A_r), at same Q² but with different target spin orientations

BLAST pioneered the technique, later also used in Jlab Hall A experiment

Timelike Form Factor

Mainz Initial State Radiation (ISR) Experiment

- Using ISR technique to reach lower Q²: 0.001 to 0.016 GeV²
- Final result: $rp = 0.878 + -0.011_{stat.} + -0.031_{syst.} + -0.002_{mod.}$ fm

Mainz Jet Target Experiment

- Using novel gas-jet target, but limited by statistics
- Fit to PRad: $\chi^2_{reduced} = 0.97$, fit to Mainz $\chi^2_{reduced} = 1.75$

Searching the Robust Fitters

- Various fitters tested with a wide range of G_E parameterizations, using PRad kinematic range and uncertainties (X. Yan (严雪飞) *et al.* PRC 98, 025204 (2018))
- Rational (1,1), 2nd order z transformation and 2nd order continuous fraction are identified as robust fitters with also reasonable uncertainties
- Typically a floating parameter n is included to take care normalization uncertainties

Analysis – Inelastic ep Contribution

- Using Christy 2018 empirical fit to study inelastic ep contribution
- Good agreement between data and simulation
- Negligible for the PbWO₄ region (<3.5°), less than 0.2%(2.0%) for 1.1GeV(2.2GeV) in the Lead glass region

AMBER and PRES Experiments

- AMBER@CERN uses high energy (~100 GeV) muon beam
- PRES@Mainz uses 720 MeV electron beam
- Both use time-projection chamber as active target, detecting both scattered electron and recoil proton
- Q² can be reconstructed by recoil proton, largely suppress radiative effect

ULQ2 Experiment

- ULQ2 experiment at Tohoku University, Japan
- 20-60 MeV electron beam
- Normalize to the well-established *e*-¹²*C* cross section
- Rosenbluth separation to measure both G_E and G_M
- Projected uncertainty for $G_E \sim 0.1\%$
- Q²: 3 x 10⁻⁴ ~ 8 x 10⁻³ GeV²

MAGIX Experiment

- Will use the new MESA accelerator at Mainz (under construction), 20-105 MeV electron beam up to 1 mA
- Will use the fully tested jet target and two new multi-purpose spectrometers
- Strong sensitivity on both $G_{\rm E}$ and $G_{\rm M},$ can achieve an order of magnitude better precision for low Q^2 $G_{\rm M}$

Future Muonic 1S Hyperfine Splitting Measurements

- Precise measurement of the 1S hyperfine splitting in μH

$$E_{nS-hfs}^{(2\gamma)} = \frac{E_F}{n^3} \left(\Delta_Z + \Delta_{recoil} + \Delta_{pol} \right).$$

$$r_Z = -\frac{4}{\pi} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dQ}{Q^2} \left[\frac{G_E(Q^2)G_M(Q^2)}{1 + \kappa_N} - 1 \right].$$

$$\Delta_1 = \frac{9}{4} \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^2} \left[\left(\frac{G_M(Q^2) + G_E^2(Q^2)}{1 + \tau} \right)^2 + \frac{8M_P^2}{Q^2} \int_0^{x_{th}} \widetilde{\beta_1}(x,Q^2)g_1(x,Q^2)dx \right]$$

$$\Delta_2 = -24M_P^2 \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dQ^2}{Q^4} \int_0^{x_{th}} \widetilde{\beta_2}(x,Q^2)g_2(x,Q^2)dx$$
Proton Zemach radius term, related to proton spin structure functions g_1 and g_2

$$\frac{\mu_H}{\mu_{sol}} \int_{\frac{1}{10^2}} \int_{\frac{1}{10^4}} \int_{\frac{1}{10^6}} \int_{\frac{1}$$

Investigated by three collaborations: CREMA, FAMU and J-PARC

Remaining Issues for Lepton Scattering

- Need other experiments to confirm/reject PRad result
- Is r_p the same in lepton scattering and spectroscopy?
 C. Peset *et al. Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys.* 121 (2021) 103901
- Why G_E data are different?
 - 1. Problem with RC?
 - 2. Unknown systematics?
 - 3. Problem with fitting procedure?

