



Charge Radius Extractions of the PRad/PRad-II Experiments and Proposed DRad Experiment at Jefferson Lab



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- Proton charge radius and PRad/PRad-II experiments
- Deuteron charge radius and DRad proposal
- Proton Charge Radius Extraction for PRad/PRad-II
- Deuteron Charge Radius Extraction for DRad



Proton root-mean-square charge radius

• The proton is the primary, stable building block of nearly all visible matter in the Universe.

Proton rms charge radius r_p — an important quantity of the proton:

- Understand how QCD works in the non-perturbative region
- Important input to the bound-state QED calculations, the proton finite size contributes to the muonic H Lamb shift $(2S_{1/2} 2P_{1/2})$ by as much as 2%
- Impacts the determination of the Rydberg constant R_{∞}



Proton charge radius puzzle

 $\sim 8\sigma$ discrepancy between muon and electron based measurements



The PRad experiment overview

- Magnetic-spectrometer-free calorimetric method
- $E_{beam} = 1.1, 2.2 \text{ GeV}, \theta' = 0.7^{o} \sim 7.0^{o}$

The high-precision proton charge radius measurement at Jefferson Lab

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Speaker

💄 Dipangkar Dutta

- Covers two orders of magnitude in low Q^2 range in one fixed setting: $[2 \times 10^{-4} \sim 6 \times 10^{-2}] (GeV/c)^2$
- Simultaneous detection of $ee \rightarrow ee$ Møller scattering process for normalization
- Extract the radius with precision from sub-percent cross section measurement



Xiong, W., et al., 2019, "A small proton charge radius from an electron-proton scattering experiment," Nature (London) 575, 147–150

The PRad-II experiment

PRad result: $r_p = 0.831 \pm 0.007$ (stat.) ± 0.012 (sysm.)fm supports a smaller r_p

- \rightarrow PRad has not reached its ultimate precision for this experimental technique
- \rightarrow Possible difference between proton radius from electronic vs. muonic system
- ightarrow Need higher precision to investigate the discrepancy between PRad and MAMI form factor



- Based on the PRad experimental technique
- Three beam energies, E = 0.7, 2.1 and 3.5 GeV to increase Q^2 range
- Even lower $Q^2 \sim 10^{-5} (\text{GeV/c})^2$
- Upgrades to the original detectors, new detectors, new calculations...
- Overall uncertainty in r_p reduced by **3.5** times compared to PRad

For latest running condition see presentation by Dr. Dipangkar Dutta:

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PRad-II Projection

- The mentioned upgrades in hardware combine with the planned NNLO radiative correction calculations reduces the overall uncertainty by a factor of 3.5 compared to PRad
- Form factor measurements reach even lower $Q^2 \sim 10^{-5} (GeV/c)^2$



Deuteron

- Excellent laboratory to study QCD in nuclei
- The simplest and lightest nucleus in nature
- The only bound two-nucleon system
- Effective neutron target
- Various theoretical calculations

- **Electron shell** e-DT n
- Deuteron rms charge radius: an ideal observable to compare experiments with theories

Hydrogen-2, deuterium

mass number: 2

$$r_d^2 \equiv -6 \left. \frac{dG_C^d(Q^2)}{dQ^2} \right|_{Q^2=0}$$

 Q^2 : Four momentum transfer G^d_C : Deuteron charge form factor

The deuteron charge radius from e-d scattering



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The highlight of DRad proposal

- DRad proposal(PR12-23-011): calorimetric method with windowless gas flow target based on PRad-II experiment(E12-20-004)
- Measure e-d elastic cross sections at very low Q^2 range:

$$5 \times 10^{-3} - 1.3$$
]fm⁻² / [2 × 10⁻⁴ - 5 × 10⁻²] GeV²

- Two beam energies, E = 1.1 and 2.2 GeV to increase Q^2 range
- A new two-layer cylindrical recoil detector for reaction elasticity
- Simultaneous detection of $ee \rightarrow ee$ Møller scattering process to control systematics



Unpolarized e-p elastic scattering

• In the Born approximation (one photon exchange):

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

$$Q^{2} = 4EE' \sin^{2}(\theta/2)$$

$$\tau = Q^{2}/(4M_{p}^{2}) \ \epsilon = [1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^{2}(\theta/2)]^{-1}$$

• G_E^p and G_M^p can be extracted using Rosenbluth separation

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{reduced}$$

$$=\tau G_M^{p^2}(Q^2) + \epsilon G_E^{p^2}(Q^2)$$

• At very low Q^2 region, cross section dominated by G_E^p , one may also extract G_E^p assuming G_M^p in certain form.





Unpolarized e-d elastic scattering

• In the Born approximation (one photon exchange):

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} \left[A(Q^2) + B(Q^2)\tan^2\frac{\theta}{2}\right] \quad Q^2 = 4EE'\sin^2(\theta/2)$$

A and B are structure functions related to the deuteron charge $(\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{C}}^{\mathbf{d}})$, magnetic $(\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{M}}^{\mathbf{d}})$ and quadrupole $(\mathbf{G}_{\mathbf{Q}}^{\mathbf{d}})$ form factors:

$$A(Q^{2}) = G_{C}^{d^{2}}(Q^{2}) + \frac{2}{3}\tau G_{M}^{d^{2}}(Q^{2}) + \frac{8}{9}\tau^{2} G_{Q}^{d^{2}}(Q^{2})$$
$$B(Q^{2}) = \frac{4}{3}\tau(1+\tau)G_{M}^{d^{2}}(Q^{2}) \qquad \tau = Q^{2}/(4M_{d}^{2})$$

- At very low $Q^2(DRad)$, cross section dominated by G_C^d , one may extract G_C^d by assuming G_M^d and G_Q^d in certain forms from parametrizations based on the data.
- The rms charge radius can be obtained from the slope of the electric/charge form factor G_E^p / G_C^d at $Q^2 = 0$:

$$r_{p/d}^{2} \equiv -6 \frac{dG_{E/C}^{p/d}(Q^{2})}{dQ^{2}} \bigg|_{Q^{2}=0}$$

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 $\mathbf{G}_{\mathrm{cd}},\,\mathbf{G}_{\mathrm{Qd}},\,\mathbf{G}_{\mathrm{Md}}$

A robust fitter for the extraction of the radius

- We do not have measured data all the way to $Q^2 = 0$
- We never know the true function of $G_E^p(Q^2)/G_C^d(Q^2)$
- Fit a selected function to the G_E^p/G_C^d data, and extrapolate the function to $Q^2 = 0$ to obtain r_p/r_d



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X. Yan *et al.* PRC98,025204 (2018) 13 J.Zhou *et al.* PRC103, 024002 (2021)

A robust fitter for the extraction of the radius

How to know the selected function (fitter) is good? Describe the data, predict behavior at $Q^2 = 0$

Robust extraction of the proton charge radius from electron-proton scattering data

Xuefei Yan, Douglas W. Higinbotham, Dipangkar Dutta, Haiyan Gao, Ashot Gasparian, Mahbub A. Khandaker, Nilanga Liyanage, Eugene Pasyuk, Chao Peng, and Weizhi Xiong Phys. Rev. C **98**, 025204 – Published 21 August 2018

Advanced extraction of the deuteron charge radius from electrondeuteron scattering data

Jingyi Zhou, Vladimir Khachatryan, Haiyan Gao, Douglas W. Higinbotham, Asia Parker, Xinzhan Bai, Dipangkar Dutta, Ashot Gasparian, Kondo Gnanvo, Mahbub Khandaker, Nilanga Liyanage, Eugene Pasyuk, Chao Peng, and Weizhi Xiong Phys. Rev. C **103**, 024002 – Published 3 February 2021

- **Robustness**: the fitter can extract $r_{p/d}$ precisely from a variety of pseudo-data generated from plausible form-factor parametrizations (with $r_{p/d}$ as the input)
- \rightarrow Qualitative Standard of **Robustness**: $\delta r < \sigma$
 - **Bias**: $\delta r = r_{fit} r_{input} = r_{fit}[mean] r_{input}$
 - σ : uncertainty from one curve fitting \cong rootmean-square width (reflect point-to-point δG_c^d)

→Standard of Goodness:

$$\text{RMSE} = \sqrt{\delta r^2 + \sigma^2} \quad \text{May 6-10, 2024}$$





X.Yan et al. PRC98,025204 (2018) J.Zhou et al. PRC103, 024002 (2021)

The robust fitter study for PRad and PRad-II

- 9 models to reflect various reasonable approximations to the unknown true function of G_E^p
- Fitters: dipole, monopole, gaussian, rational, polynomial, poly-z, and continued fraction...

$$f_{monopole}(Q^{2}) = \frac{p_{0}}{1 + Q^{2}R^{2}/6}$$

$$f_{dipole}(Q^{2}) = \frac{p_{0}}{\left(1 + \frac{Q^{2}R^{2}}{12}\right)^{2}}$$

$$f_{gaussian}(Q^{2}) = p_{0}Exp(-Q^{2}R^{2}/6)$$

$$f_{polyQ}(Q^{2}) = p_{0}(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_{i}Q^{2i})$$

$$f_{CF}(Q^{2}) = p_{0}\frac{1}{1 + \frac{p_{1}Q^{2}}{1 + \frac{p_{2}Q^{2}}{1 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_{i}^{a}Q^{2i}}}$$

$$f_{rational_a_b}(Q^{2}) = p_{0}\frac{1 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_{i}z^{i}}{1 + \sum_{j=1}^{M} p_{j}^{b}Q^{2j}}$$

$$f_{polyz}(Q^{2}) = p_{0}(1 + \sum_{i=1}^{N} p_{i}z^{i}) \quad z = \frac{\sqrt{4m_{\Pi}^{2} + Q^{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4m_{\Pi}^{2} + Q^{2}} + \frac{1}{2}}$$

Rational (1,1)
 Polynomial (2)
 Polynomial Z (2)
 Ye-2018

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 Alarcón-2007

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 Arrington-2004

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- Robust fitters: Rational(1,1), 2nd order polynomial, 2nd order polynomial-Z function
- Best fitter for PRad and PRad-II:

$$f_{Rational(1,1)}(Q^{2}) = p_{0} \frac{1 + p_{1}^{a}Q^{2}}{1 + p_{1}^{b}Q^{2}}$$
$$r_{\text{fit}} = \sqrt{6(p_{1}^{a} - p_{1}^{b})}$$

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The robust fitter study for DRad

- *Rational*(1,1) does not match G_C^d data at higher Q^2 range (0.1~1.5 GeV²) \rightarrow search for possible new fitters
- Limited number of data-driven G_C^d parameterizations, can not reflect different approximations to the unknown true function as comprehensively \rightarrow generalize the robustness test method

Abbott I:
$$G_c^d(Q^2) = G_{C,0} \cdot \left[1 - \left(\frac{Q}{Q_c^0}\right)^2\right] \cdot \left[1 + \sum_{i=1}^5 a_{ci}Q^{2i}\right]^{-1}$$

Abbott II:

$$G_{c}^{d}(Q^{2}) = \frac{G^{2}(Q^{2})}{(2\tau+1)} \cdot \left[\left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\tau \right) g_{00}^{+} + \frac{8}{3}\sqrt{2\tau}g_{+0}^{+} + \frac{2}{3}(2\tau-1)g_{+-}^{+} \right]$$
$$g_{00}^{+} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{a_{i}}{\alpha_{i}^{2} + Q^{2}} \qquad g_{+0}^{+} = Q \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{b_{i}}{\beta_{i}^{2} + Q^{2}} \qquad g_{+-}^{+} = Q^{2} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{c_{i}}{\gamma_{i}^{2} + Q^{2}}$$
$$Parker: \quad G_{c}^{d}(Q^{2}) = G_{c,0} \cdot \left[1 - \left(\frac{Q}{Q_{c}^{0}} \right)^{2} \right] \cdot \left[\prod_{i=1}^{5} (1 + |a_{i}|Q^{2}) \right]^{-1}$$

Sum-of-Gaussian(SOG):

$$G_{c}^{d}(Q^{2}) = G_{c,0} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{4}Q^{2}\gamma^{2}} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^{N} \frac{A_{i}}{1 + 2R_{i}^{2}/\gamma^{2}} \cdot \left[\cos(QR_{i}) + \frac{2R_{i}^{2}}{\gamma^{2}} \frac{\sin(QR_{i})}{QR_{i}}\right]$$

A data-driven method to search for new fitters

$$f_{\text{Rational}(1,3)}(Q^2) = p_0 \frac{1 + a_1 Q^2}{1 + b_1 Q^2 + b_2 Q^4 + b_3 Q^6} \qquad r_{\text{fit}} = \sqrt{6(a_1 - b_1)}$$

• Good asymptotic behaviors: $G_C^d = 1$ at $Q^2 = 0$, $G_C^d \to 0$ at $Q^2 \to \infty$

$$f_{\text{fixed Rational}(1,3)}(Q^2) = p_0 \frac{1 + a_1 Q^2}{1 + b_1 Q^2 + b_{2,\text{fixed}} Q^4 + b_{3,\text{fixed}} Q^6}$$

$$r_{\rm fit} = \sqrt{6(a_1 - b_1)}$$

- Two free parameters in the fit of DRad pseudo-data to control the variance
- $b_{2,fixed}$ and $b_{3,fixed}$ are determined from the fit to the existing data at higher Q^2 range

$$\begin{split} b_{2,fixed} &= 0.0416 \pm 0.0152 \\ b_{3,fixed} &= 0.00474 \pm 0.000892 \\ (\ \chi^2/\text{NDF} \cong 1.25 \) \end{split}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} Q & G_C \\ (\mathrm{fm}^{-1}) & & & \\ \hline \\ 0.86 & .627 \ (\pm.011) \\ 1.15 & .474 \ (\pm.008) \\ 1.58 & .289 \ (\pm.005) \\ 1.74 & .238 \ (\pm.005) \\ 2.026 & .160 \ (\pm.005) \\ 2.03 & .163 \ (\pm.005) \\ 2.03 & .163 \ (\pm.004) \\ 2.49 & .087 \ (\pm.004) \\ 2.49 & .087 \ (\pm.004) \\ 2.788 & 3.71 \ (\stackrel{+1.47}{_{-0.11}}) \times 10^{-2} \\ 3.566 & 1.53 \ (\stackrel{+0.06}{_{-1.38}}) \times 10^{-2} \\ 3.566 & 1.53 \ (\stackrel{+0.06}{_{-1.38}}) \times 10^{-2} \\ 3.78 & 1.25 \ (\stackrel{+0.05}{_{-.55}}) \times 10^{-2} \\ 4.09 & -1.14 \ (\pm1.6) \times 10^{-3} \\ 4.22 & 1.63 \ (\stackrel{+1.46}{_{-1.44}}) \times 10^{-3} \\ 4.46 & -2.39 \ (\pm.61) \times 10^{-3} \\ 4.62 & -1.63 \ (\pm1.14) \times 10^{-3} \\ 5.09 & -3.87 \ (\pm0.30) \times 10^{-3} \\ 5.47 & -3.48 \ (\pm0.32) \times 10^{-3} \\ 6.15 & -3.19 \ (\pm0.55) \times 10^{-3} \\ -4.20 \ (\stackrel{+.42}{_{-32}}) \times 10^{-3} \\ 6.64 & -1.89 \ (\pm0.38) \times 10^{-3} \\ -3.13 \ (\stackrel{+.24}{_{-.19}}) \times 10^{-3} \end{array}$$

D. Abbott *et al.* (JLab t20 Collaboration), Eur. Phys. J. A **7**, 421 (2000).

A smearing method to estimate the bias



• The smearing method used with limited models cannot precisely reflect the behavior of other models, it can exhibit more comprehensively how a fitter controls the bias.

DRad Fitter Results



- DRad experiment: RMSE(overall uncertainty) dominated by the point-to-point uncertainties
- Proposed fitter: fixed Rational(1,3)
 - Good ability to control the variance
 - Acceptable bias
 - Describe the G_C^d data at high Q^2 much better than the other fitters

Outlook:

- Use the data from the ongoing Mainz experiment to better constrain the fixed parameters
- New methods...

Zhu-Fang Cui et al 2022 Chinese Phys. C 46 122001





- Curves: Functional fits to the pseudo-data generated by the Abbott1 model in the DRad Q^2 range
- Data from D. Abbott *et al.* (JLab t20 Collaboration), Eur. Phys. J. A **7**, 421 (2000). 19

Summary and Outlook

- Analytic choices can affect the extraction of radius and electromagnetic form factors from elastic electron scattering cross section data
- Uncertainty in the radius extraction has become a non-negligible factor in a subpercent level measurement
- A robust method was developed for PRad/Prad-II experiments and generalized for DRad proposal

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Outlook:

- More robust methods in extraction
- More comprehensive testing methods
- Reduce human bias in data analysis



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