

Overview on electromagnetic form factors and radii from lepton scattering

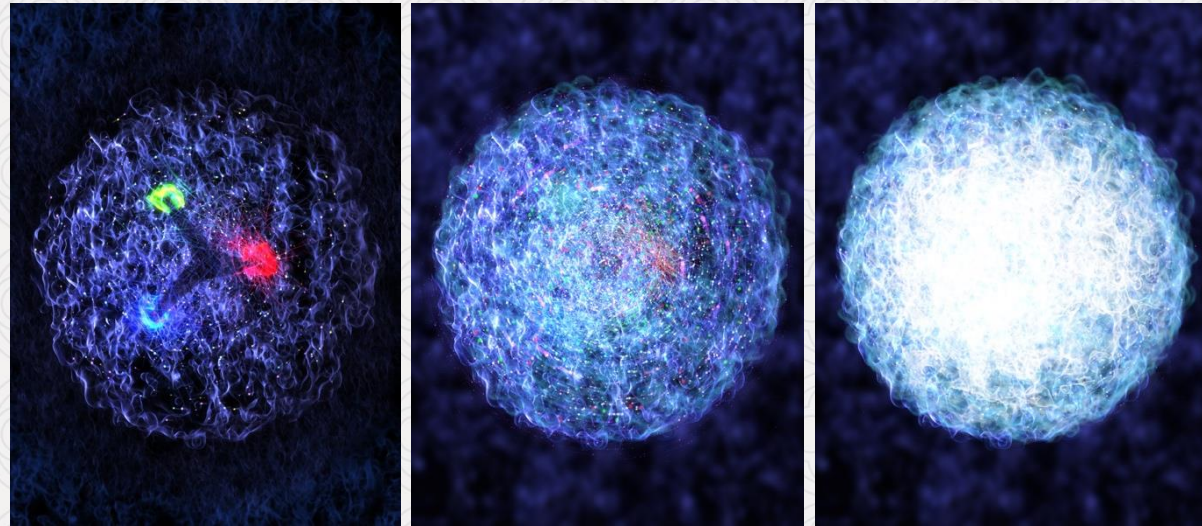
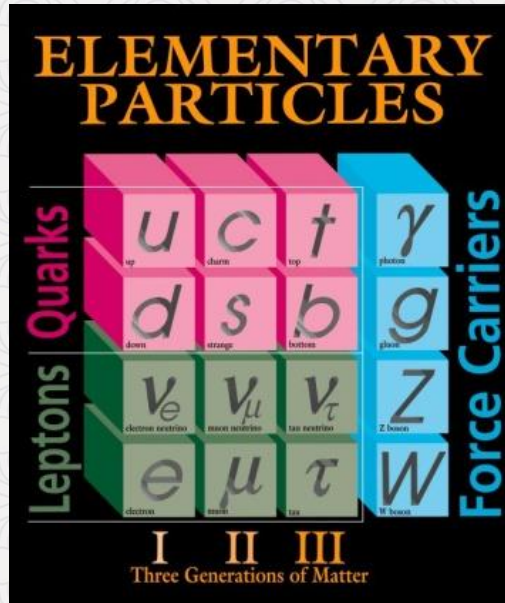
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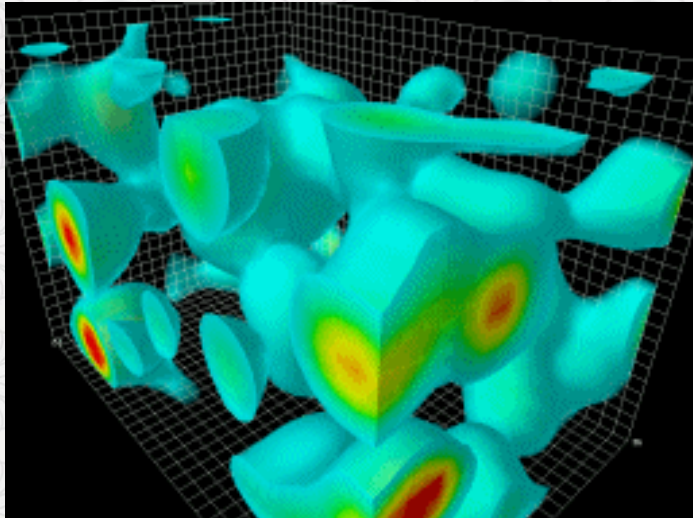
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Structure of visible matter



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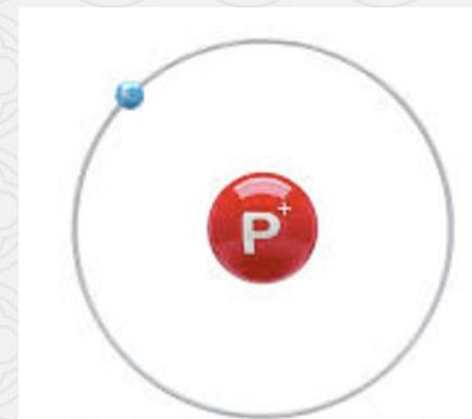
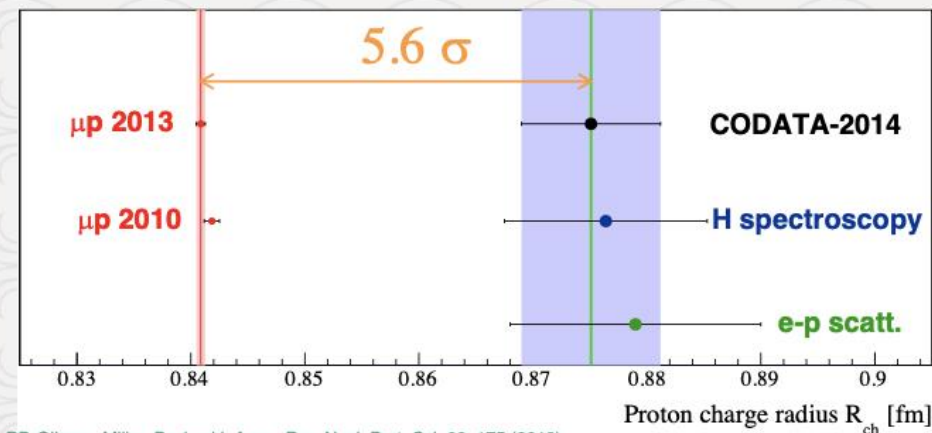


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- **Charge and magnetism (current) distribution**
- **Spin and mass decomposition**
- **Quark momentum and flavor distribution**
- **Polarizabilities**
- **Strangeness, charm content**
- **Three-dimensional tomography**
- **more**

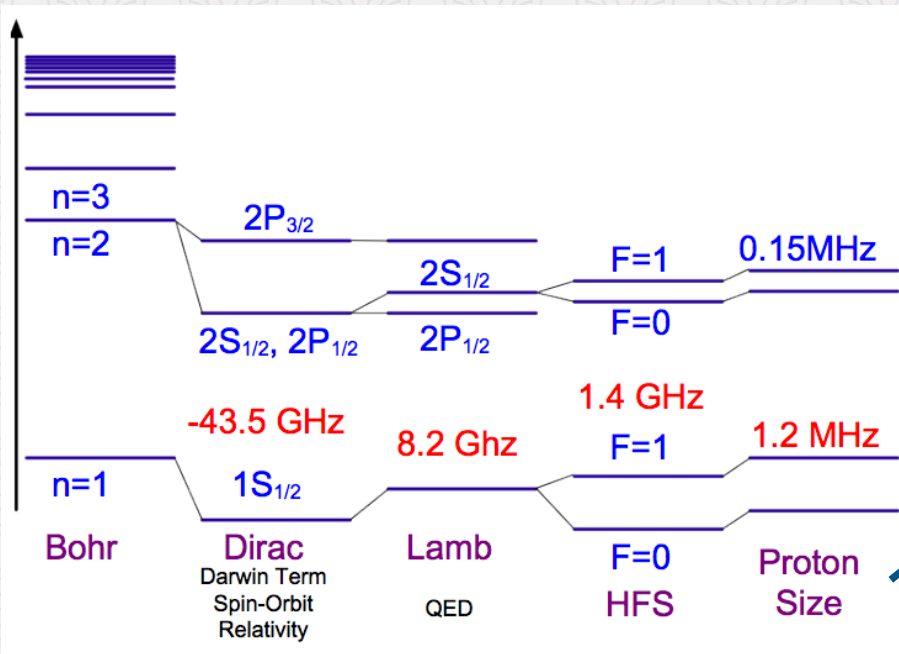
Proton Charge Radius and the Puzzle

- Proton charge radius:
 1. A fundamental quantity for proton
 2. Important for understanding how QCD works
 3. An important physics input to the bound state QED calculation, affects muonic H Lamb shift ($2S_{1/2} - 2P_{1/2}$) by as much as 2%, and critical in determining the Rydberg constant
- Methods to measure the proton charge radius:
 1. Hydrogen spectroscopy (atomic physics)
 - Ordinary hydrogen
 - Muonic hydrogen
 2. Lepton-proton elastic scattering (nuclear physics)
 - ep elastic scattering (like PRad)
 - μp elastic scattering (like MUSE, COMPASS++/AMBER)
- Important point: the proton radius measured in lepton scattering is defined in the same way as in atomic spectroscopy (G.A. Miller, 2019)



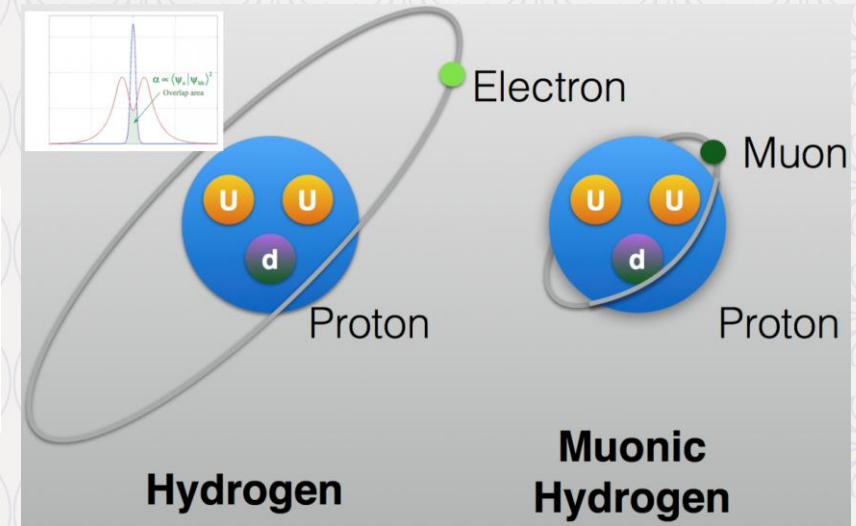
$$\sqrt{\langle r^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{-6 \frac{dG(q^2)}{dq^2} \Big|_{q^2=0}}$$

Hydrogen Spectroscopy



$$\Delta E_{\text{fin size}} = \frac{2\pi\alpha}{3} \langle r_{Ep}^2 \rangle |\psi_{nl}(0)|^2$$

$$= \frac{2\alpha^4}{3n^3} m_r^3 \langle r_{Ep}^2 \rangle \delta_{l0}$$



The absolute frequency of H energy levels has been measured with a fractional frequency uncertainty of 4.5×10^{-15} via comparison with an **atomic cesium fountain clock** as a primary frequency standard.

Yields Rydberg constant R_∞ (one of the most precisely known constants)

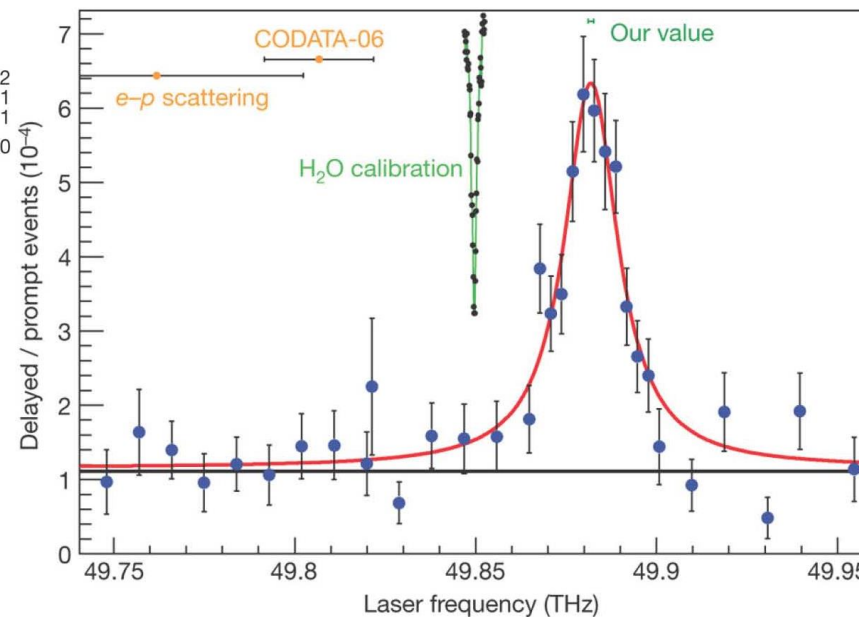
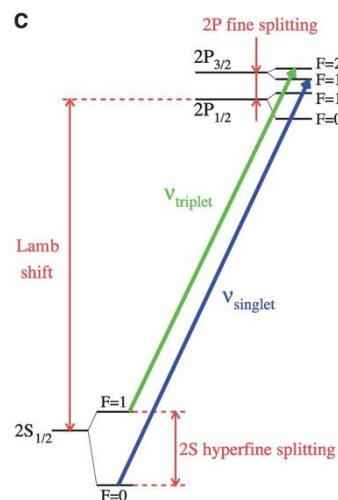
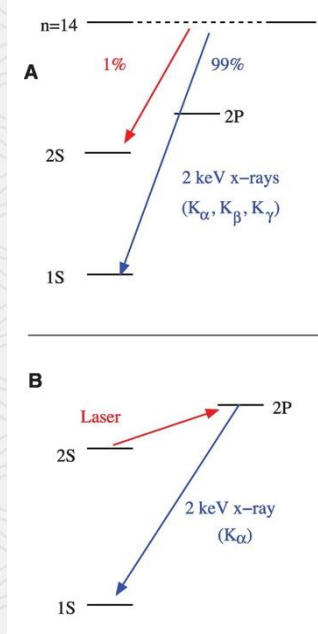
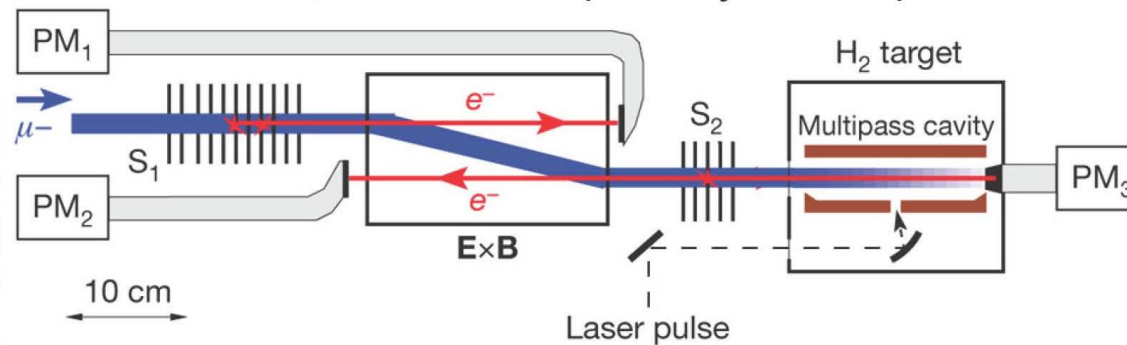
Comparing measurements to QED calculations that include corrections for the finite size of the proton can provide very precise value of the **rms proton charge radius**

Proton charge radius effect on the muonic hydrogen Lamb shift is 2%

Muonic hydrogen Lamb shift at PSI (2010, 2013)



Nature **466**, 213-216 (8 July 2010)



2010 value is $r_p = 0.84184(67)$ fm $r_p = 0.84087(39)$ fm, A. Antognini *et al.*, *Science* **339**, 417 (2013)

Unpolarized electron-nucleon scattering (Rosenbluth Separation)

- Elastic e-p cross section

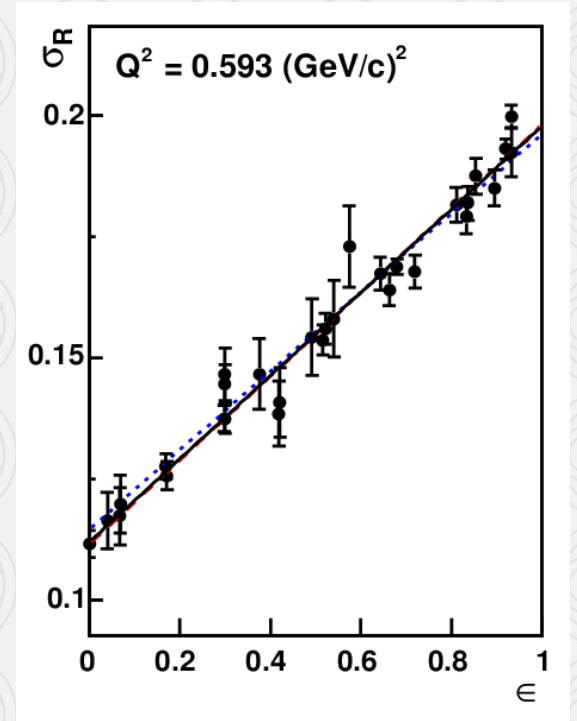
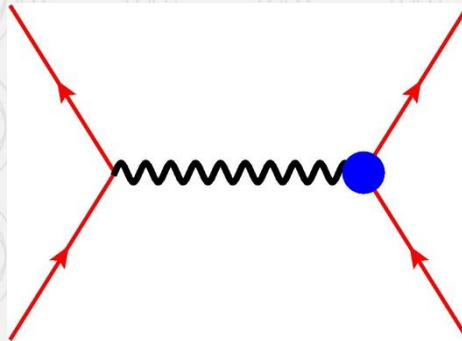
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{\alpha^2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2}}{4E^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \frac{E'}{E} \left(\frac{G_E^{p,2} + \tau G_M^{p,2}}{1 + \tau} + 2\tau G_M^{p,2} \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

$$= \sigma_M f_{rec}^{-1} \left(A + B \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$$

- At fixed Q^2 , fit $d\sigma/d\Omega$ vs. $\tan^2(\theta/2)$
 - Measurement of absolute cross section
 - Dominated by either G_E or G_M**
 - Low Q^2 by G_E
 - High Q^2 by G_M

G_E or G_M

One-photon-exchange diagram



$$\sigma_R = \tau G_M^2 + \epsilon G_E^2$$

$$\tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}$$

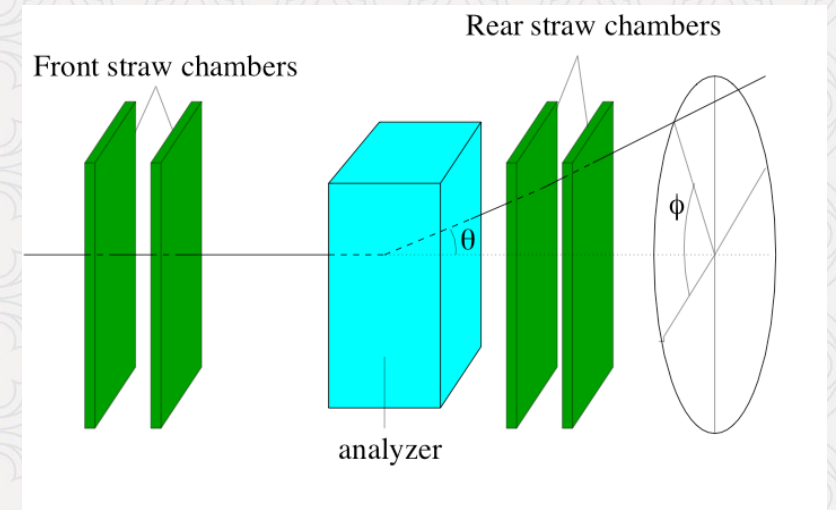
$$\epsilon = (1 + 2(1 + \tau) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2})^{-1}$$

Polarization Transfer Measurement in Electron-Proton Elastic Scattering

Polarization Transfer

Longitudinally polarized electron beam and recoil proton polarization measurement

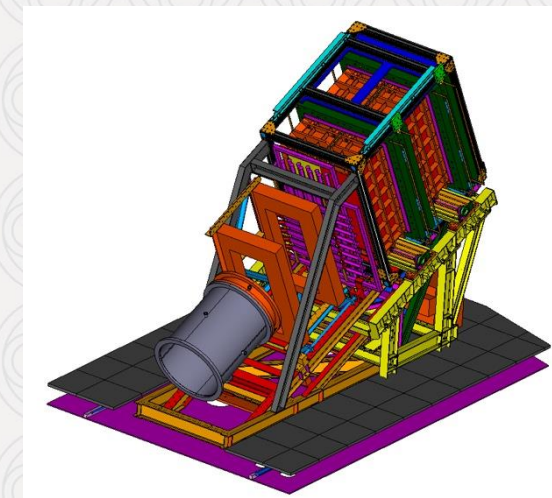
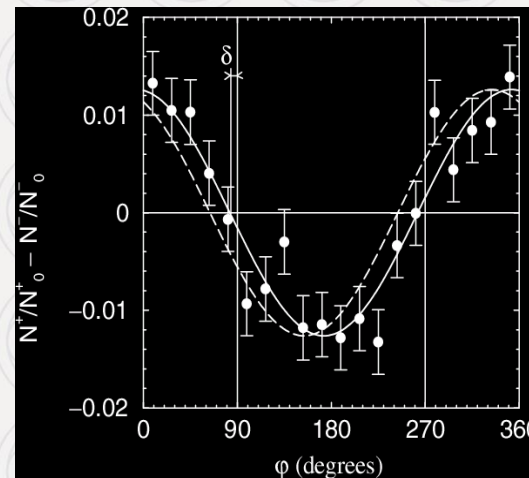
$$\frac{G_E^p}{G_M^p}$$



- Recoil proton polarization

$$\frac{G_E^p}{G_M^p} = -\frac{P_t E + E'}{P_l 2M} \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$

- Focal Plane Polarimeter
 - recoil proton scatters off secondary ^{12}C target
 - P_t , P_l measured from ϕ distribution
 - P_b , and analyzing power cancel out in ratio



Punjabi *et al.*, EPJA (2015)

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Focal-plane polarimeter

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Recoil Polarization Measurements of the Proton Electromagnetic Form Factor Ratio to $Q^2 = 8.5 \text{ GeV}^2$

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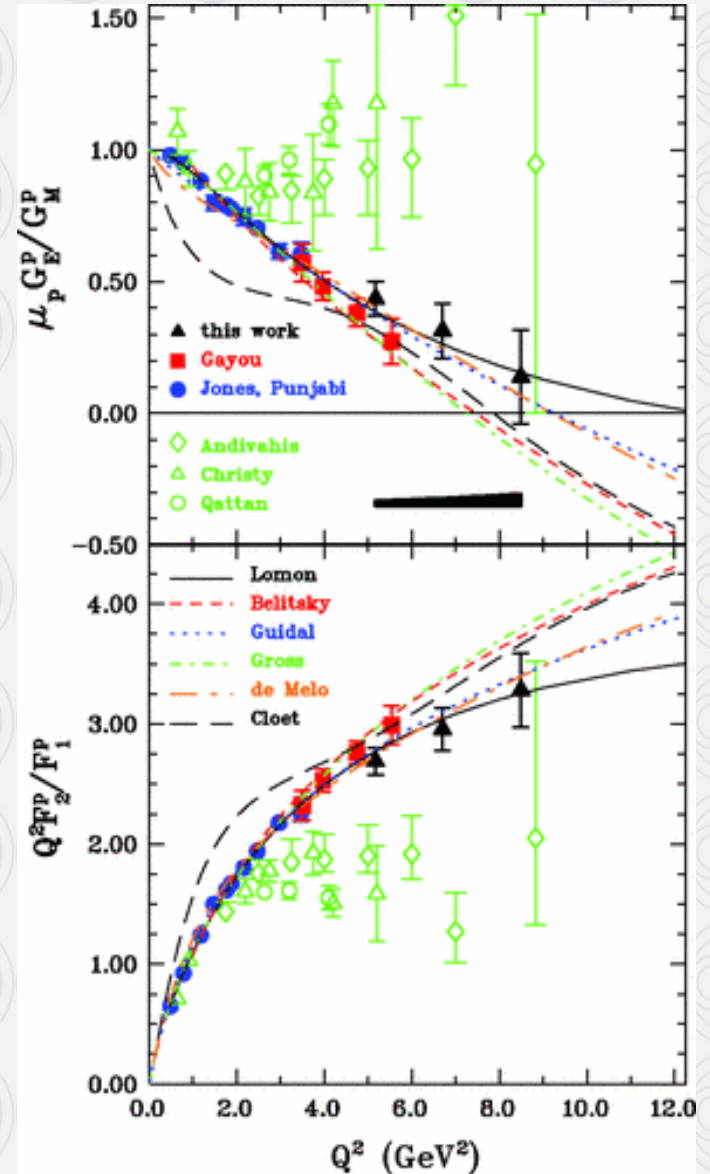
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Among the most fundamental observables of nucleon structure, electromagnetic form factors are a crucial benchmark for modern calculations describing the strong interaction dynamics of the nucleon's quark constituents; indeed, recent proton data have attracted intense theoretical interest. In this Letter, we report new measurements of the proton electromagnetic form factor ratio using the recoil polarization method, at momentum transfers $Q^2 = 5.2, 6.7, \text{ and } 8.5 \text{ GeV}^2$. By extending the range of Q^2 for which G_E^p is accurately determined by more than 50%, these measurements will provide significant constraints on models of nucleon structure in the nonperturbative regime.

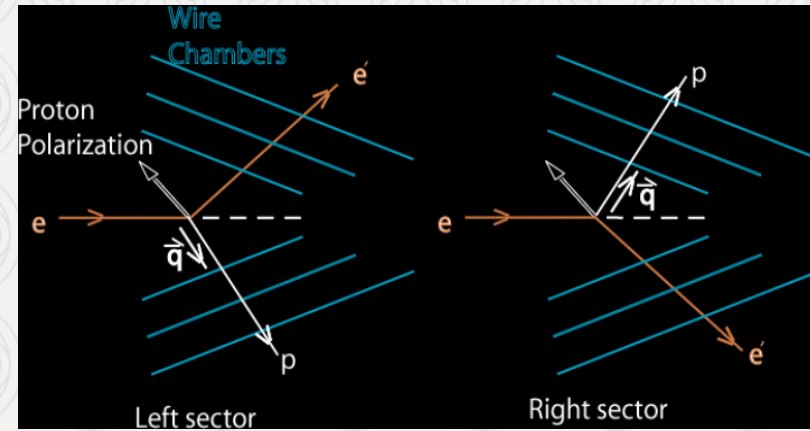
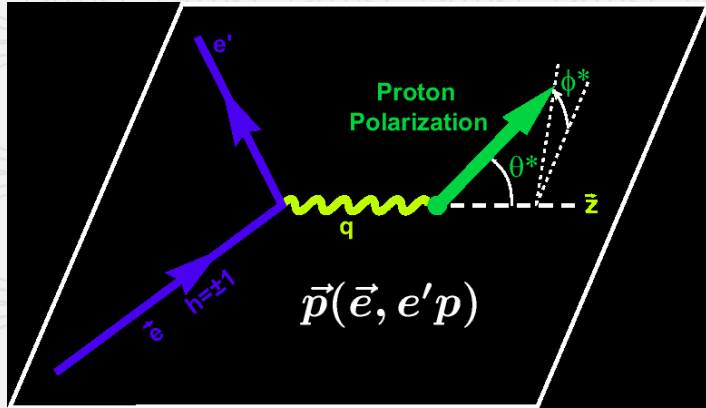


Asymmetry Super-ratio Method

Polarized electron-polarized proton elastic scattering

- Polarized beam-target asymmetry

$$A_{exp} = P_b P_t \frac{-2\tau v_{T'} \cos \theta^* G_M^p{}^2 + 2\sqrt{2\tau(1+\tau)} v_{TL'} \sin \theta^* \cos \phi^* G_M^p G_E^p}{(1+\tau) v_L G_E^p{}^2 + 2\tau v_T G_M^p{}^2}$$

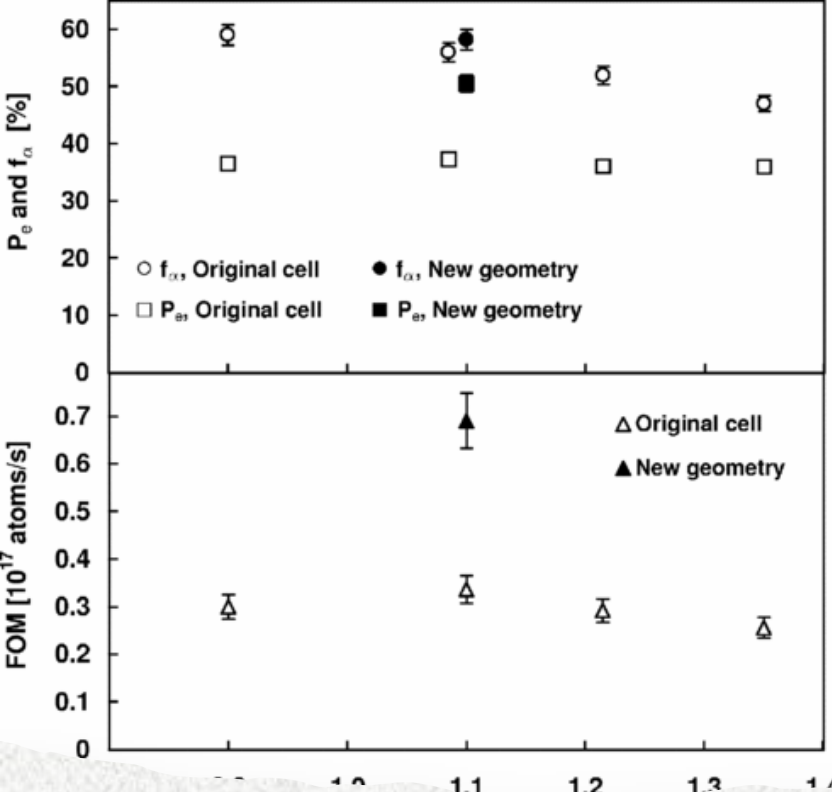


- Super-ratio

$$R_A = \frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{a_1 - b_1 \cdot G_E^p / G_M^p}{a_2 - b_2 \cdot G_E^p / G_M^p}$$

BLAST pioneered the technique, later also used in JLab Hall A experiment
 C. Crawford *et al.* PRL98, 052301 (2007)





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Proton charge Radius Experiment

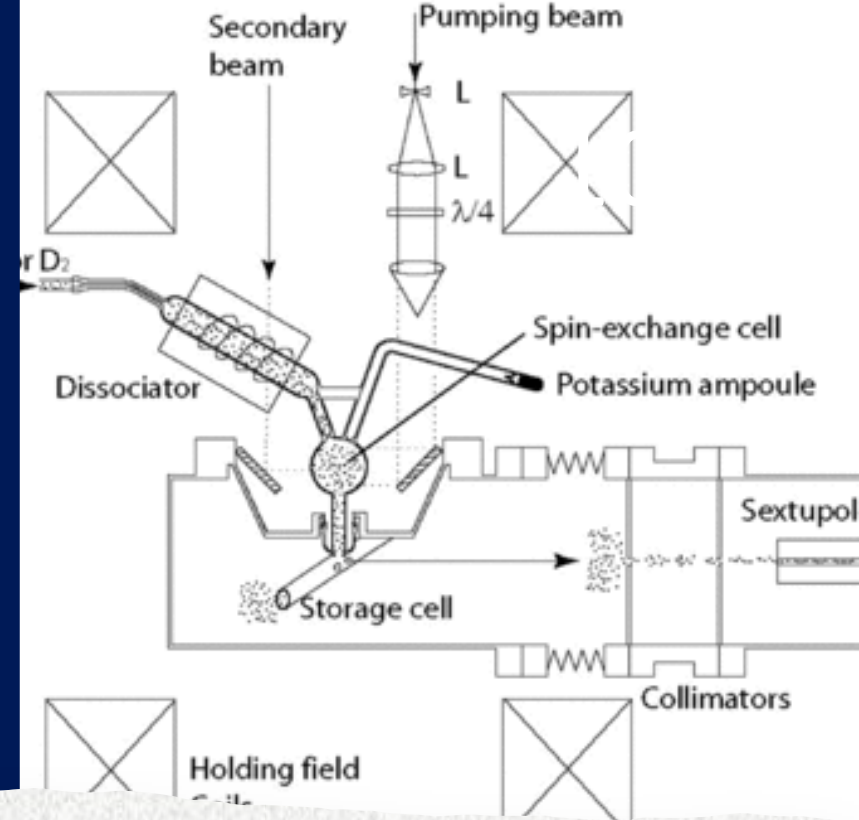
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Abstract

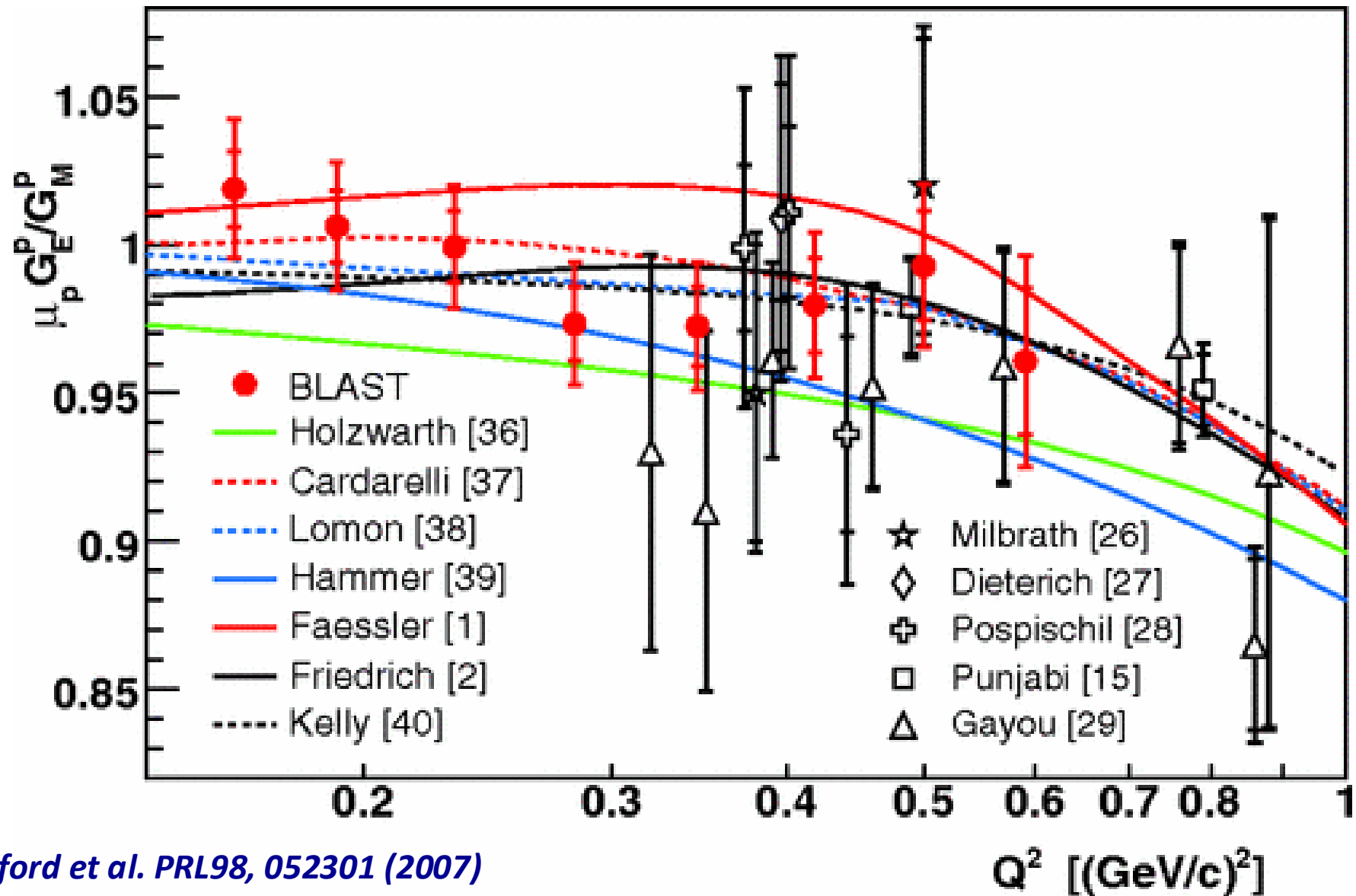
Proton charge and current radii are fundamental quantities in physics. Precise determination of the proton charge radius is extremely important to the understanding of the quark and gluon degrees of freedom of Quantum Chromodynamics. It is also essential for high-precision tests of Quantum Electrodynamics using the hydrogen Lamb shift. We propose a new precision measurement of the proton charge radius using a laser-driven polarized hydrogen internal gas target and the BLAST detector in MIT-Bates Laboratory. This measurement will fully utilize the unique features of the polarized internal target, polarized electron beam in the storage ring, and the BLAST detector. This measurement is expected to provide the most precise information on the proton charge radius from electron scattering, which will have significant implications for the understanding of the proton structure.

The Proton Radius Experiment has been conditionally approved to run at the BATES Linear Accelerator. See the [full proposal](#) (also in [Postscript](#)).

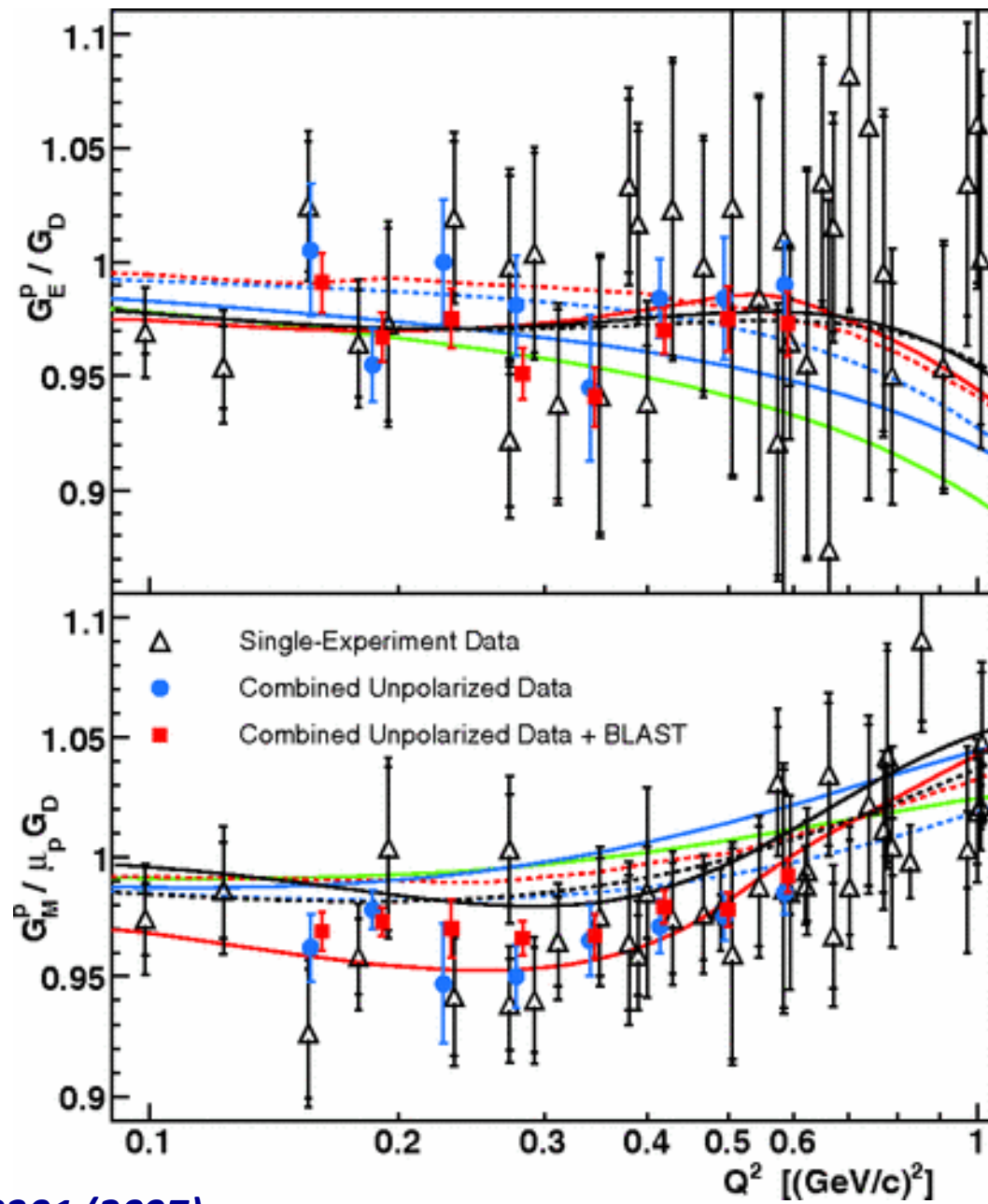
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• *A little bit of History*



C. Crawford et al. PRL98, 052301 (2007)



Electron-proton Scattering – Mainz A1 experiment

Three spectrometer facility of the A1 collaboration:

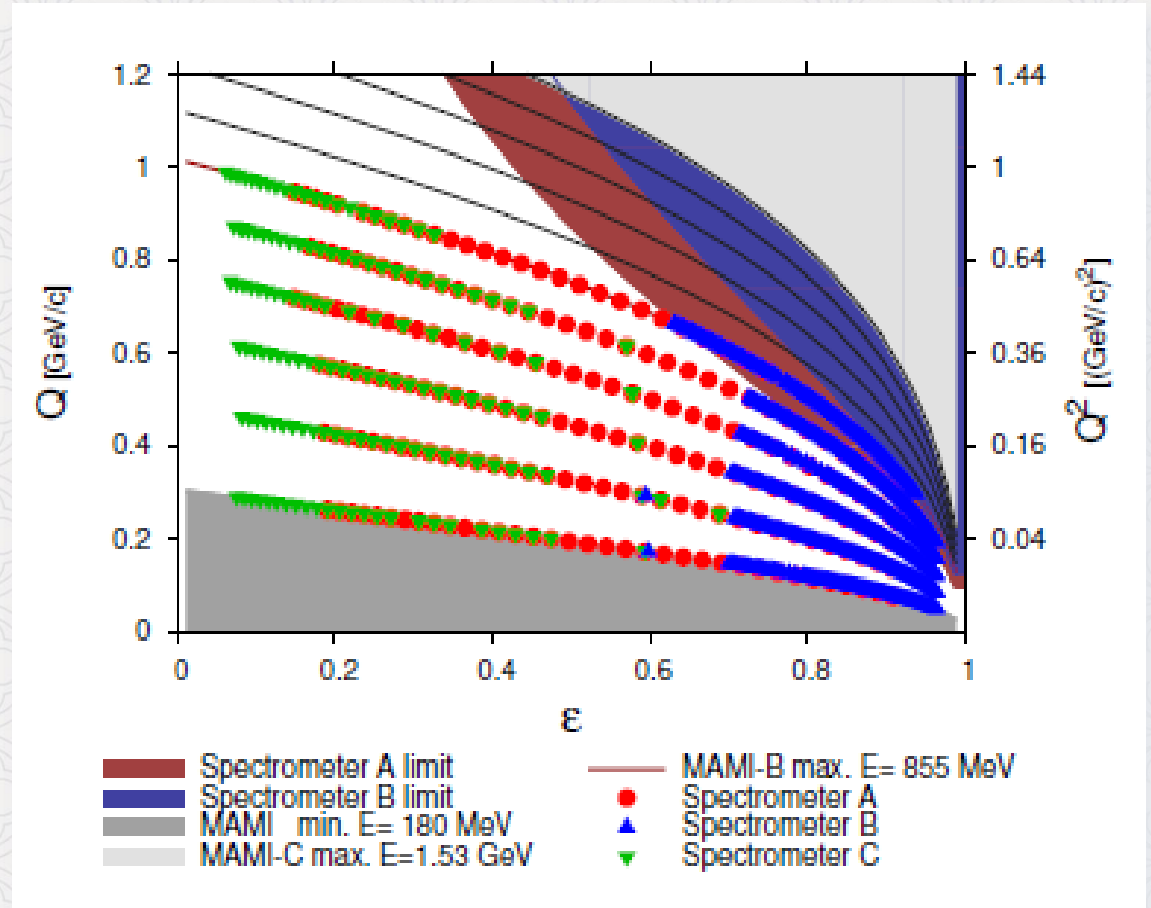


- Large amount of overlapping data sets
- Cross section measurement
- Statistical error $\leq 0.2\%$
- Luminosity monitoring with spectrometer

■ $Q^2 = 0.004 - 1.0 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$

result: $r_p = 0.879(5)_{\text{stat}}(4)_{\text{sys}}(2)_{\text{mod}}(4)_{\text{group}}$

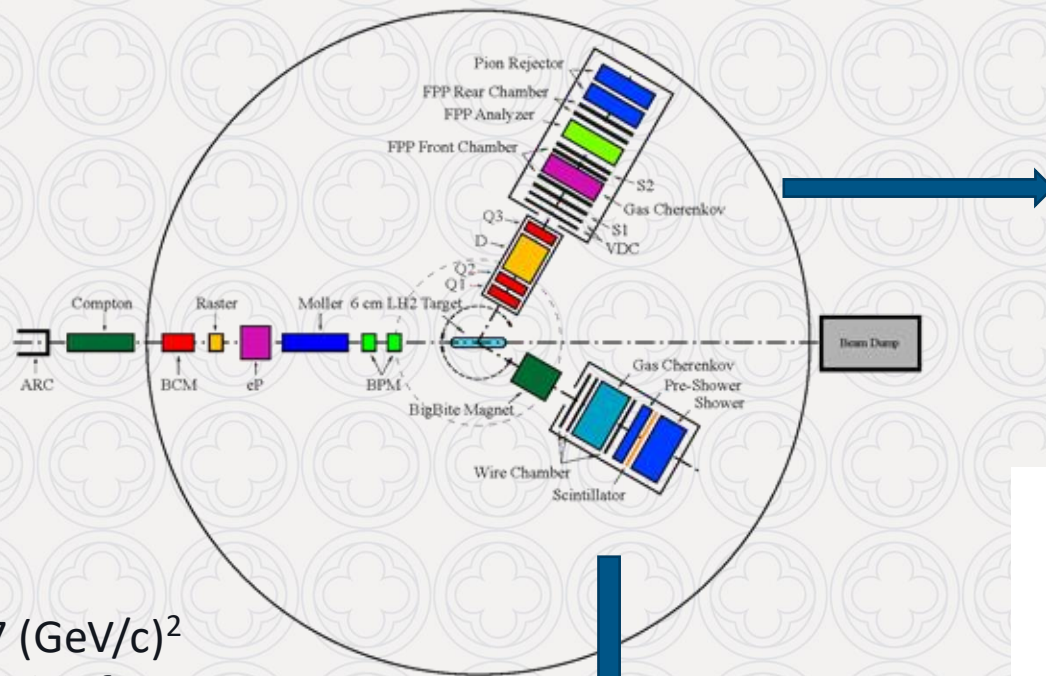
J. Bernauer, PRL 105, 242001 (2010)



5-7 σ higher than muonic hydrogen result !

JLab Recoil Proton Polarization Experiment

LHRS



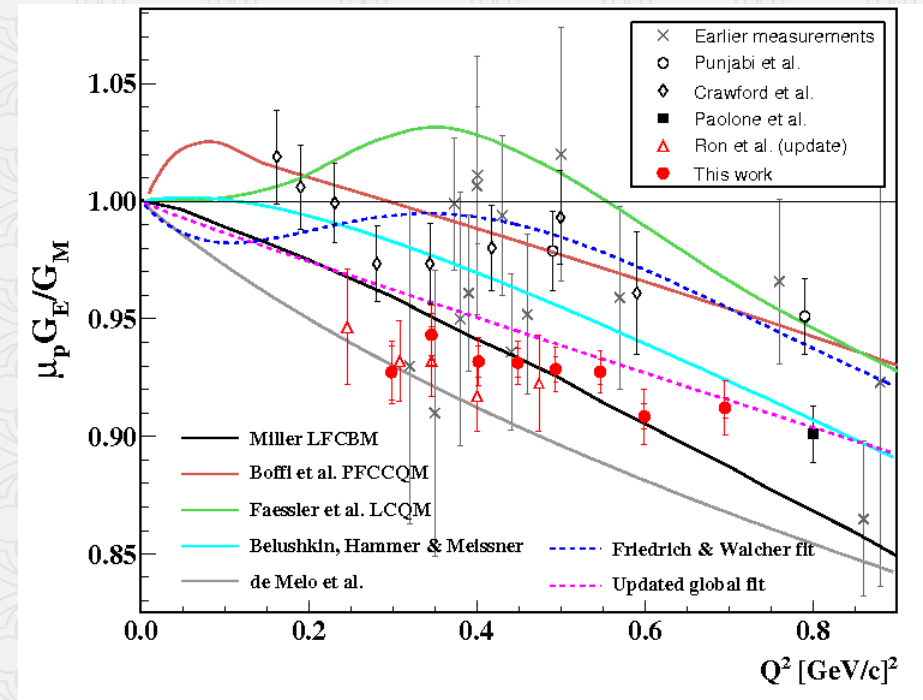
- $\Delta p/p_0: \pm 4.5\%$,
- out-of-plane: ± 60 mrad
- in-plane: ± 30 mrad
- $\Delta\Omega: 6.7$ msr
- QQDQ
- Dipole bending angle 45°
- VDC+FPP
- $P_p: 0.55 \sim 0.93$ GeV/c

- $Q^2 = 0.3 - 0.7$ (GeV/c)²
- $r_p = 0.875 \pm 0.010$ fm (global analysis not including Mainz A1)

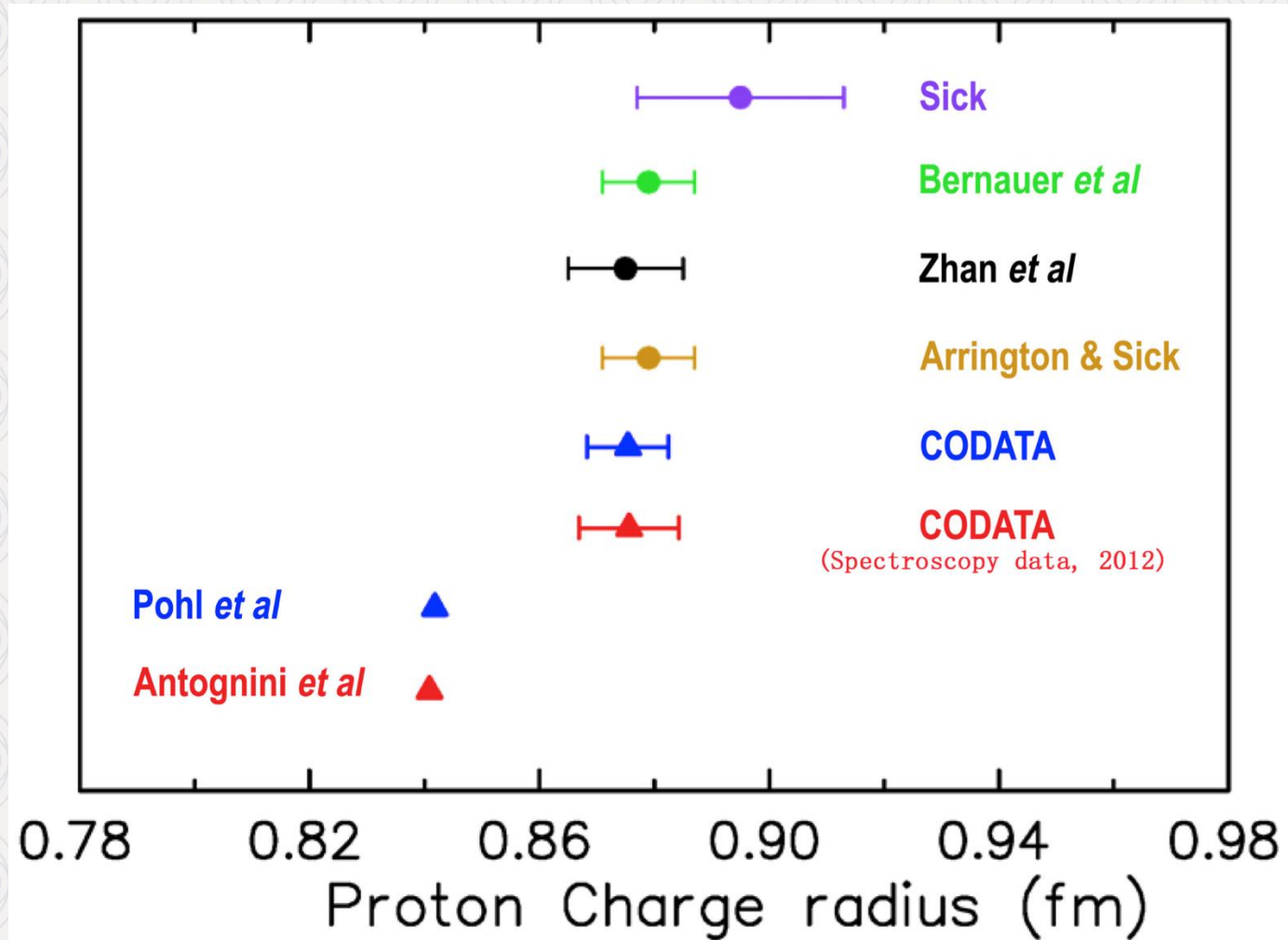
$E_e: 1.192$ GeV
 $P_b: \sim 83\%$

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- Non-focusing Dipole
- Big acceptance.
 - $\Delta p: 200-900$ MeV
 - $\Delta\Omega: 96$ msr
- PS + Scint. + SH



The situation on the Proton Charge Radius in 2013

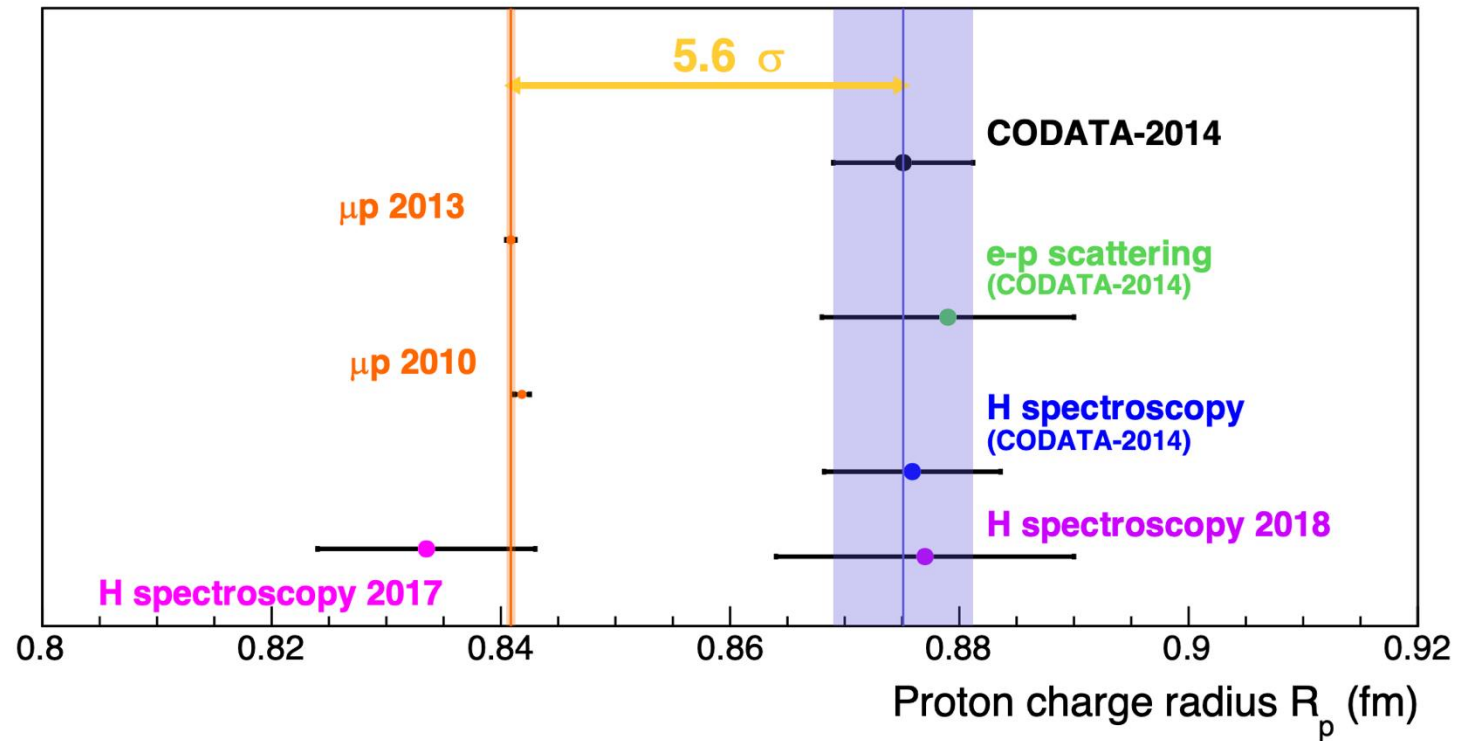


This proton charge radius puzzle triggered intensive experimental and theoretical efforts worldwide in the last decade or so

How to resolve the puzzle? - Incomplete list

- **Revisit of the state-of-the-art QED calculations:** E. Borie (2005), Jentschura (2011), Hagelstein and Pascalutsa (2015),...
- **Contributions to the muonic H Lamb shift:** Carlson and Vanderhaeghen,; Jentschura, Borie, Carroll et al, Hill and Paz, Birse and McGovern, G.A. Miller, J.M. Alarcon, Ji, Peset and Pineda....
- **Higher moments of the charge distribution and Zemach radii,** Distler, Bernauer and Walcher (2011), de Rujula (2010, 2011), Cloet and Miller (2011),...
- **Extrapolation in electron scattering:** Higinbotham et al. (2016), Griffioen, Carlson and Maddox (2016)
- **Reanalysis of ep elastic data:** Distler, Walcher, and Bernauer (2015), Arrington (2015), Horbatsch and Hessels (2015), T. Hayward, K. Griffioen (2018),.....
- **Discrepancy explained/somewhat explained by some authors, but not all agree:** Lorenz et al., Ronson, Donnelly et al., Alarcón, Weiss, et al
- **Consistency re radius defined in ep and atomic experiments:** Miller (2019)
- **New physics: new particles,** Barger et al., Carlson and Rislow; Liu and Miller, Alvarado, Aranda and Bonilla....**New PV muonic force,** Batell et al.; Carlson and Freid; **Extra dimension:** Dahia and Lemos; **Quantum gravity at the Fermi scale** R. Onofrio,.....
- **Exps: Mainz, JLab (PRad), MUSE at PSI, ULQ2 in Japan, Amber@CERN; H spectroscopy (Germany, France, Canada, U.S.), ...**

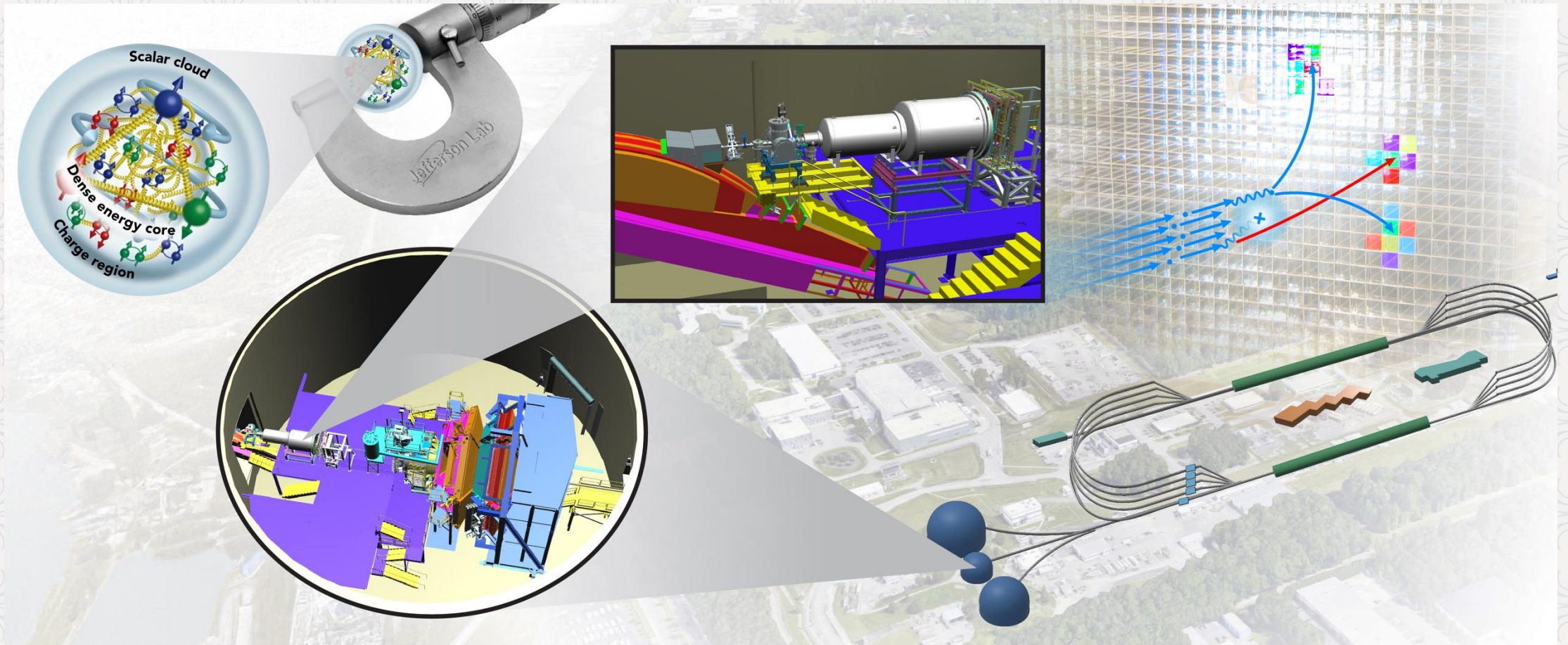
The Proton Charge Radius Puzzle in 2018



- Electron scattering: 0.879 ± 0.011 fm (CODATA 2014)
- Muon spectroscopy: 0.8409 ± 0.0004 fm (CREMA 2010, 2013)
- H spectroscopy (2017): 0.8335 ± 0.0095 fm (A. Beyer et al. Science 358(2017) 6359)
- H spectroscopy (2018): 0.877 ± 0.013 fm (H. Fleurbaey et al. PRL.120(2018) 183001)

Not shown: ep scattering (ISR, 2017): $0.810 \pm 0.035_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.074_{\text{syst.}} \pm 0.003$ (delta_a, delta_b)
 (Mihovilovic PLB 771 (2017)); $0.878 \pm 0.011_{\text{stat.}} \pm 0.031_{\text{syst.}} \pm 0.002_{\text{mod.}}$ (Mihovilovic 2021))

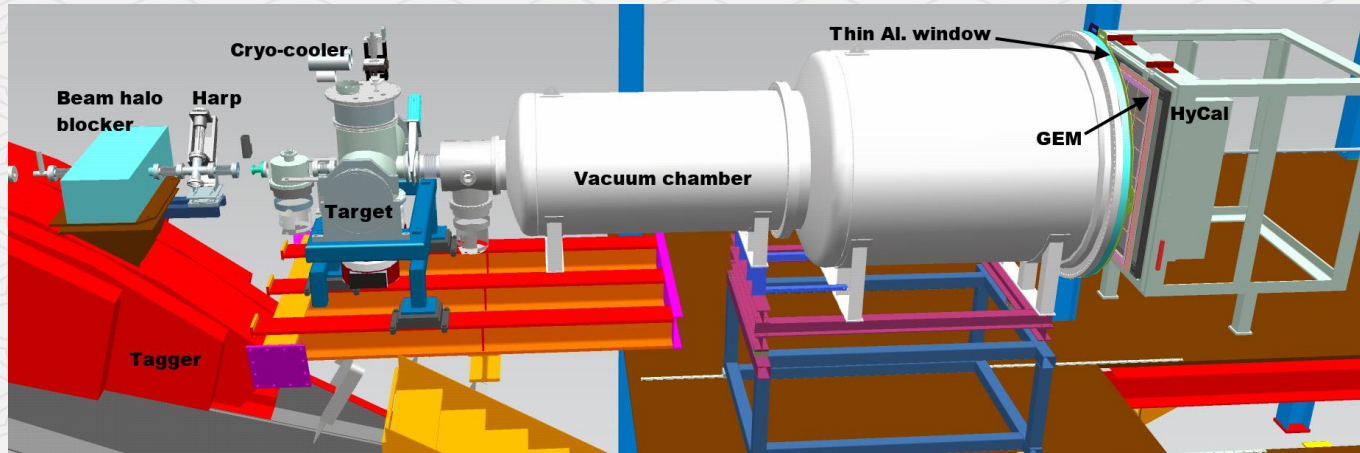
Proton Charge Radius at JLab (PRad & PRad-II)



<https://www.innovationnewsnetwork.com/how-large-is-the-proton-how-do-we-measure-it/61615/>

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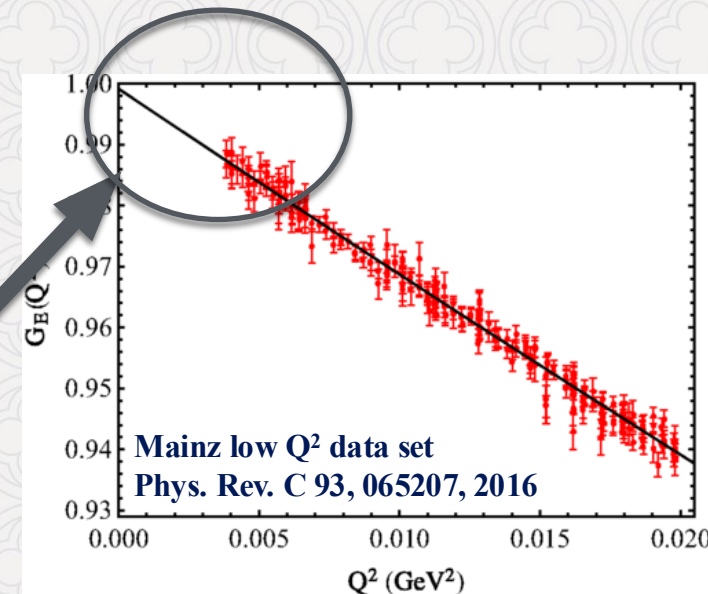
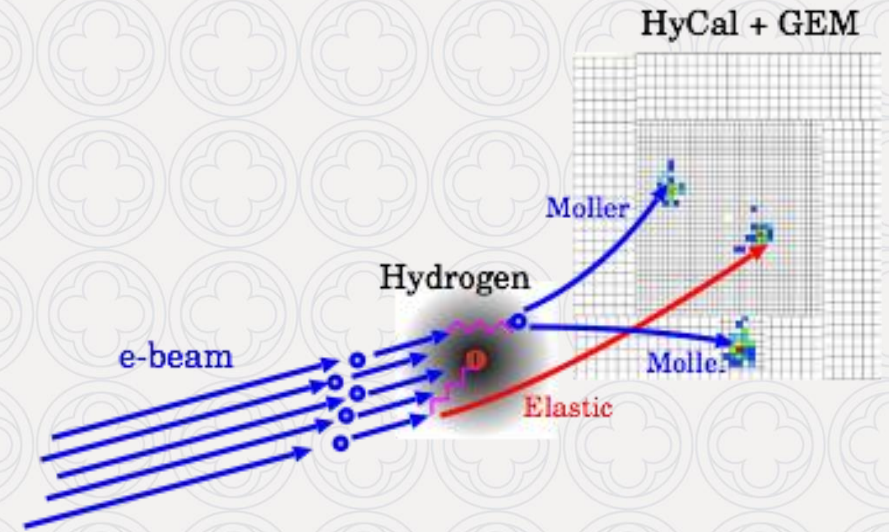
The PRad Experiment in Hall B at JLab



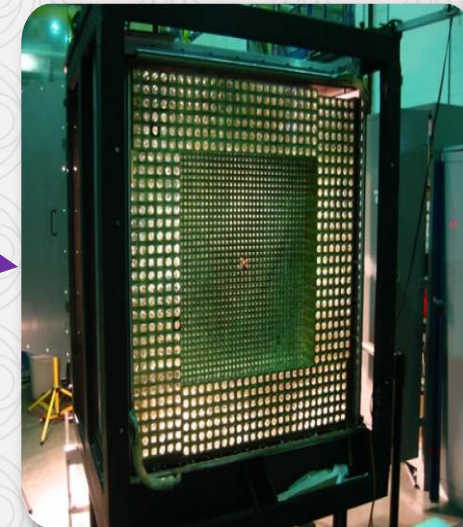
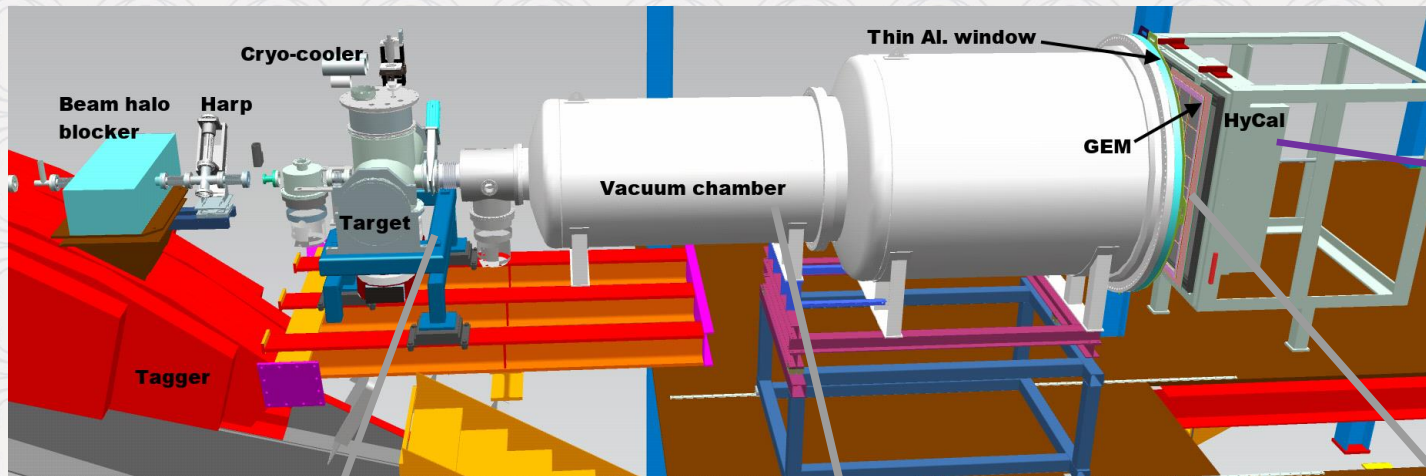
- High resolution, large acceptance, hybrid HyCal calorimeter (PbWO_4 and Pb-Glass)
- Windowless H_2 gas flow target
- Simultaneous detection of elastic e-p and Moller electrons
- Q^2 range of $2 \times 10^{-4} - 0.06 \text{ GeV}^2$
- XY – veto counters replaced by GEM detector
- Vacuum chamber

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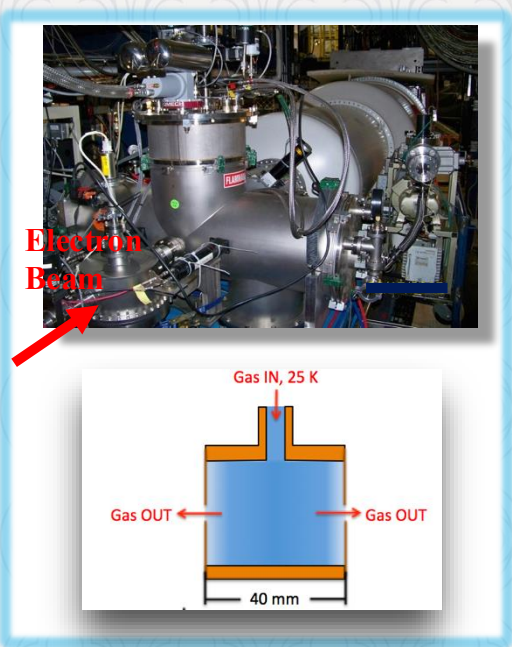
PRad result r_p : $0.831 \pm 0.0127 \text{ fm}$, Xiong et al., Nature 575, 147–150 (2019)



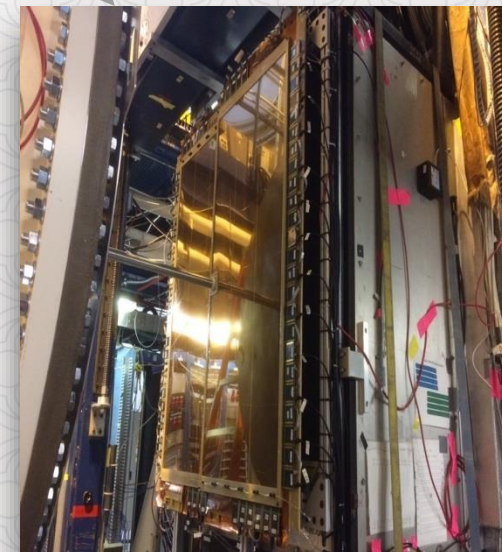
The PRad Experimental setup



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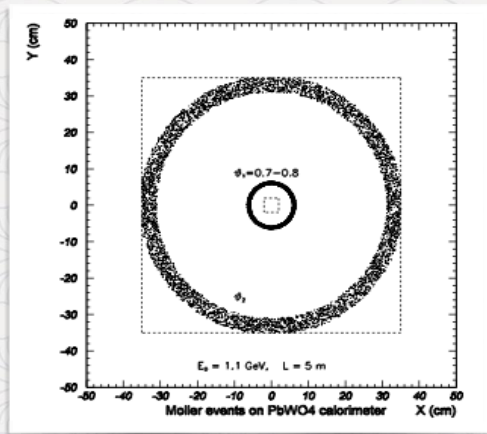
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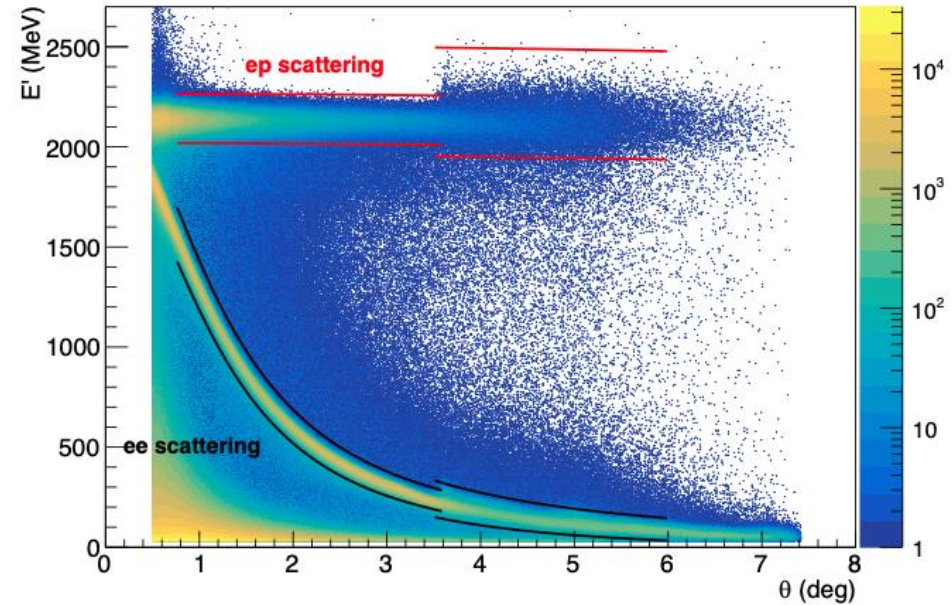
Analysis – Event Selection

Event selection method

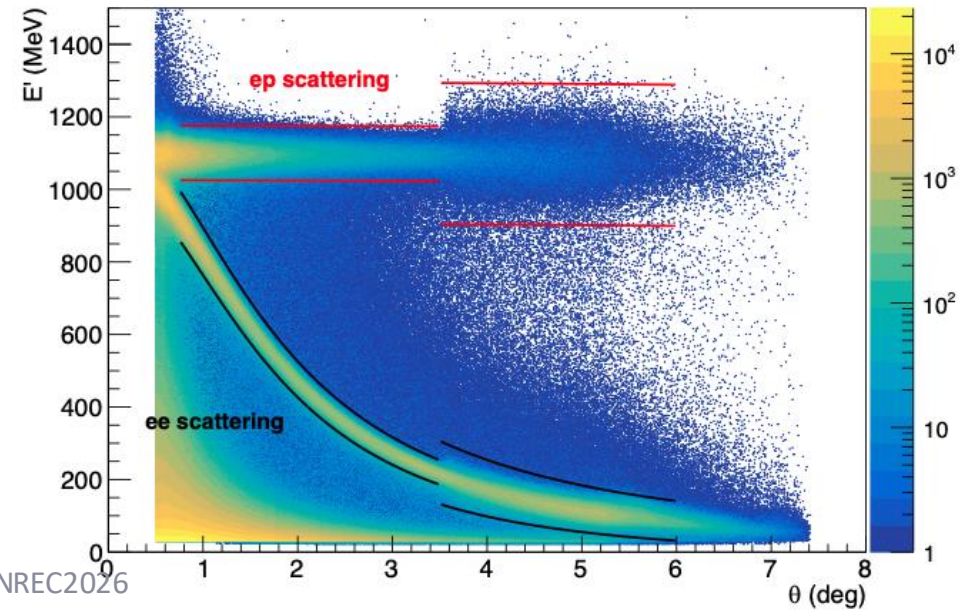
1. For all events, require hit matching between GEMs and HyCal
2. For *ep* and *ee* events, apply angle-dependent energy cut based on kinematics
 1. Cut size depend on local detector resolution
3. For *ee*, if requiring double-arm events, apply additional cuts
 1. Elasticity
 2. Co-planarity
 3. Vertex z



Cluster energy E' vs. scattering angle θ (2.2GeV)

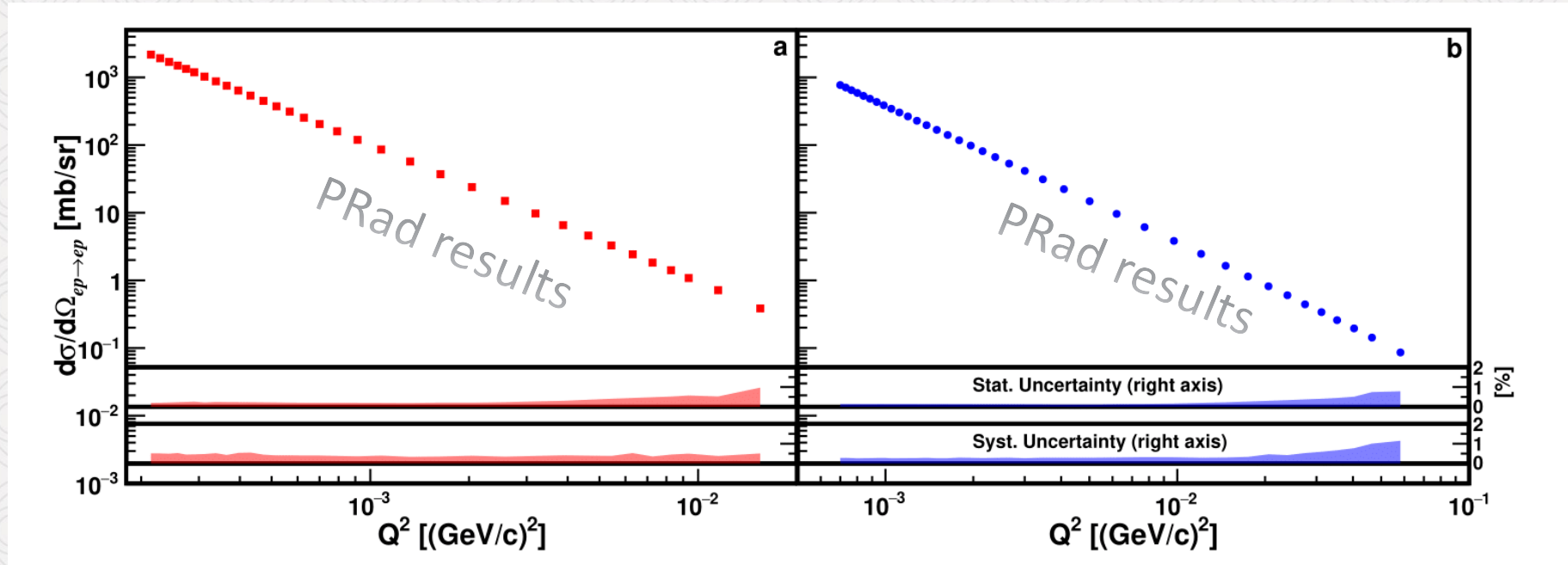


Cluster energy E' vs. scattering angle θ (1.1GeV)



Elastic ep Cross Sections

- Differential cross section v.s. Q^2 , with 2.2 and 1.1 GeV data
- Statistical uncertainties: $\sim 0.15\%$ for 2.2 GeV, $\sim 0.2\%$ for 1.1 GeV per point
- Systematic uncertainties: $0.3\% \sim 1.1\%$ for 2.2 GeV, $0.3\% \sim 0.5\%$ for 1.1 GeV (shown as shadow area)



Systematic uncertainties shown as bands

Xiong et al., Nature 575, 147–150 (2019)

Proton Electric Form Factor G'_E (Normalized)

- n_1 and n_2 obtained by fitting PRad G_E to

$$\begin{cases} n_1 f(Q^2), & \text{for 1GeV data} \\ n_2 f(Q^2), & \text{for 2GeV data} \end{cases}$$

Using rational (1,1)

$$f(Q^2) = \frac{1 + p_1 Q^2}{1 + p_2 Q^2}$$

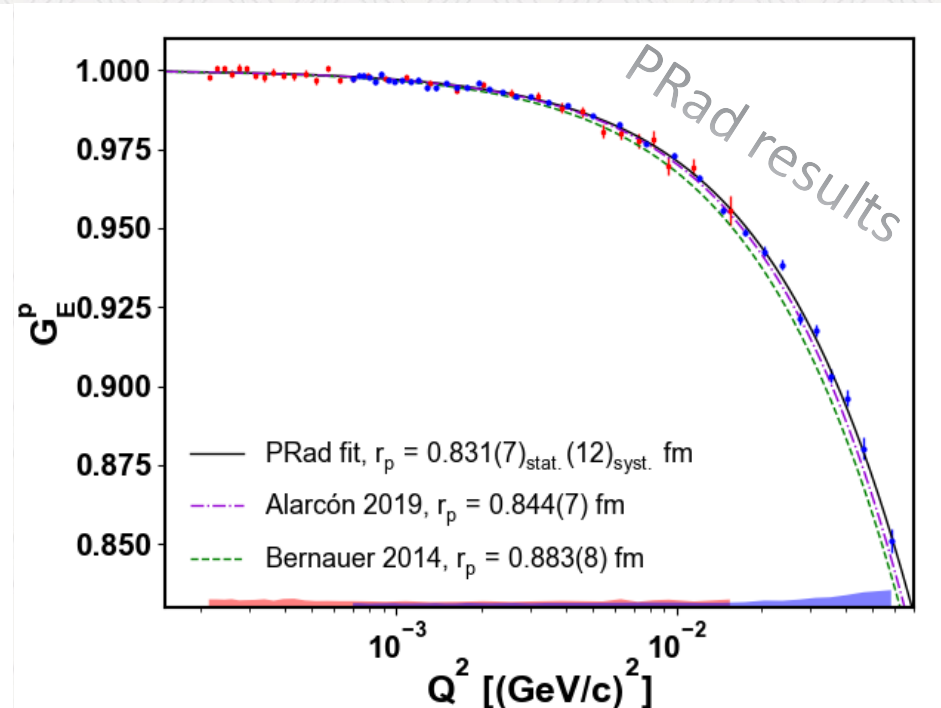
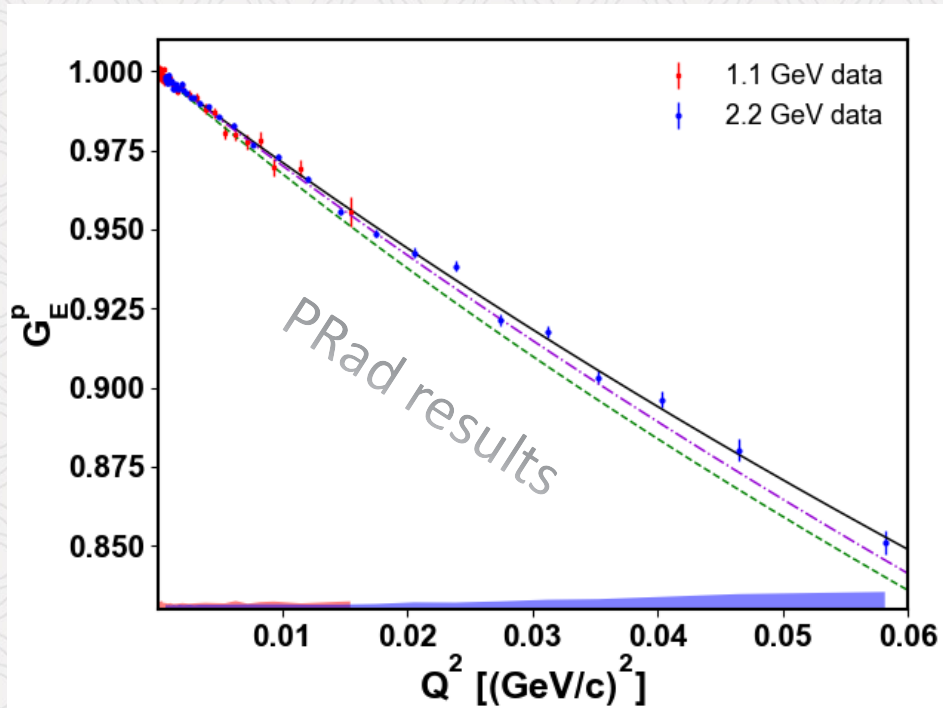
- G'_E as normalized electric Form factor:

$$\begin{cases} G_E/n_1, & \text{for 1GeV data} \\ G_E/n_2, & \text{for 2GeV data} \end{cases}$$

Yan et al. PRC98,025204 (2018)

- PRad fit shown as $f(Q^2)$

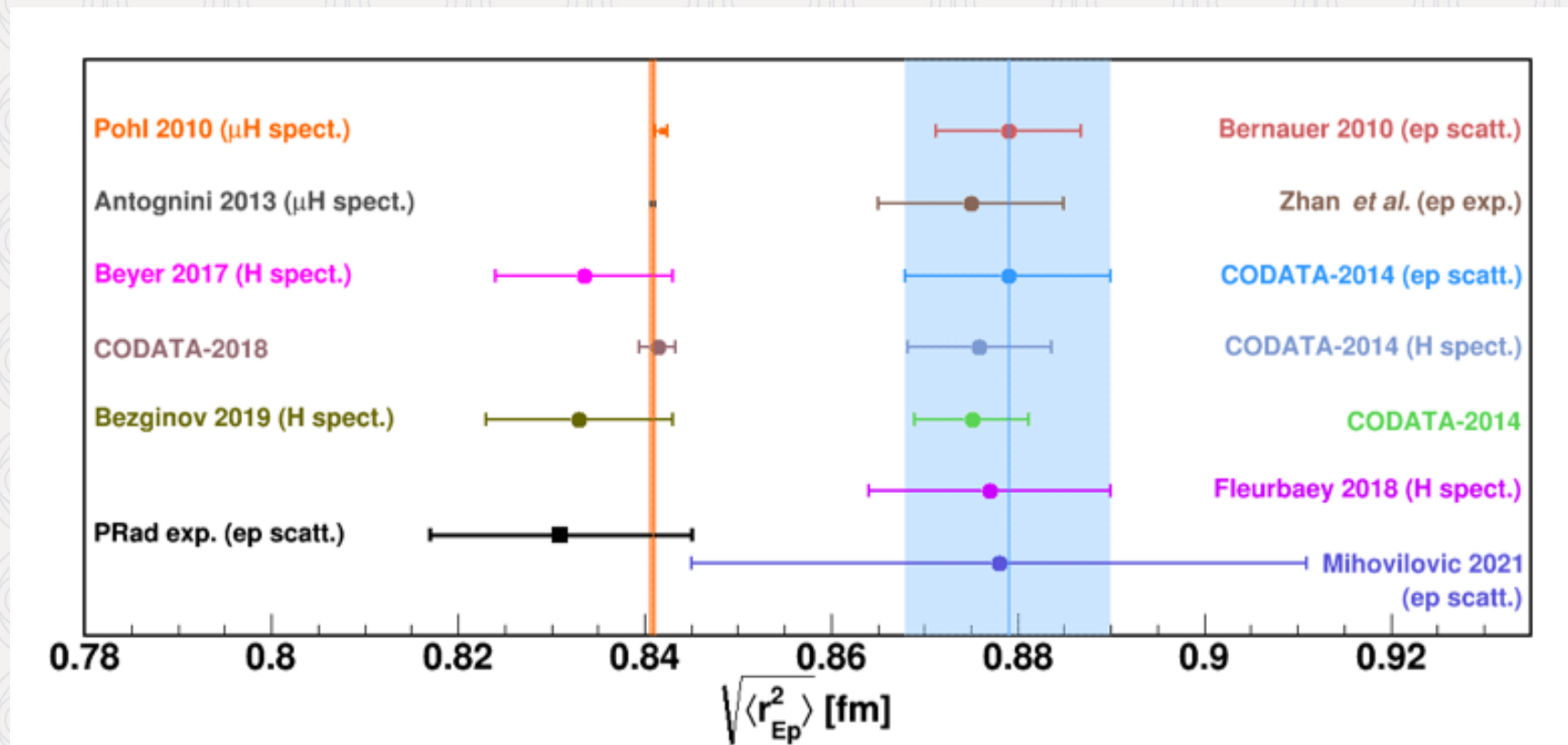
$$r_p = 0.831 \pm 0.007 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.012 \text{ (syst.) fm}$$



$$n_1 = 1.0002 \pm 0.0002 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.0020 \text{ (syst.)}, \quad n_2 = 0.9983 \pm 0.0002 \text{ (stat.)} \pm 0.0013 \text{ (syst.)}$$

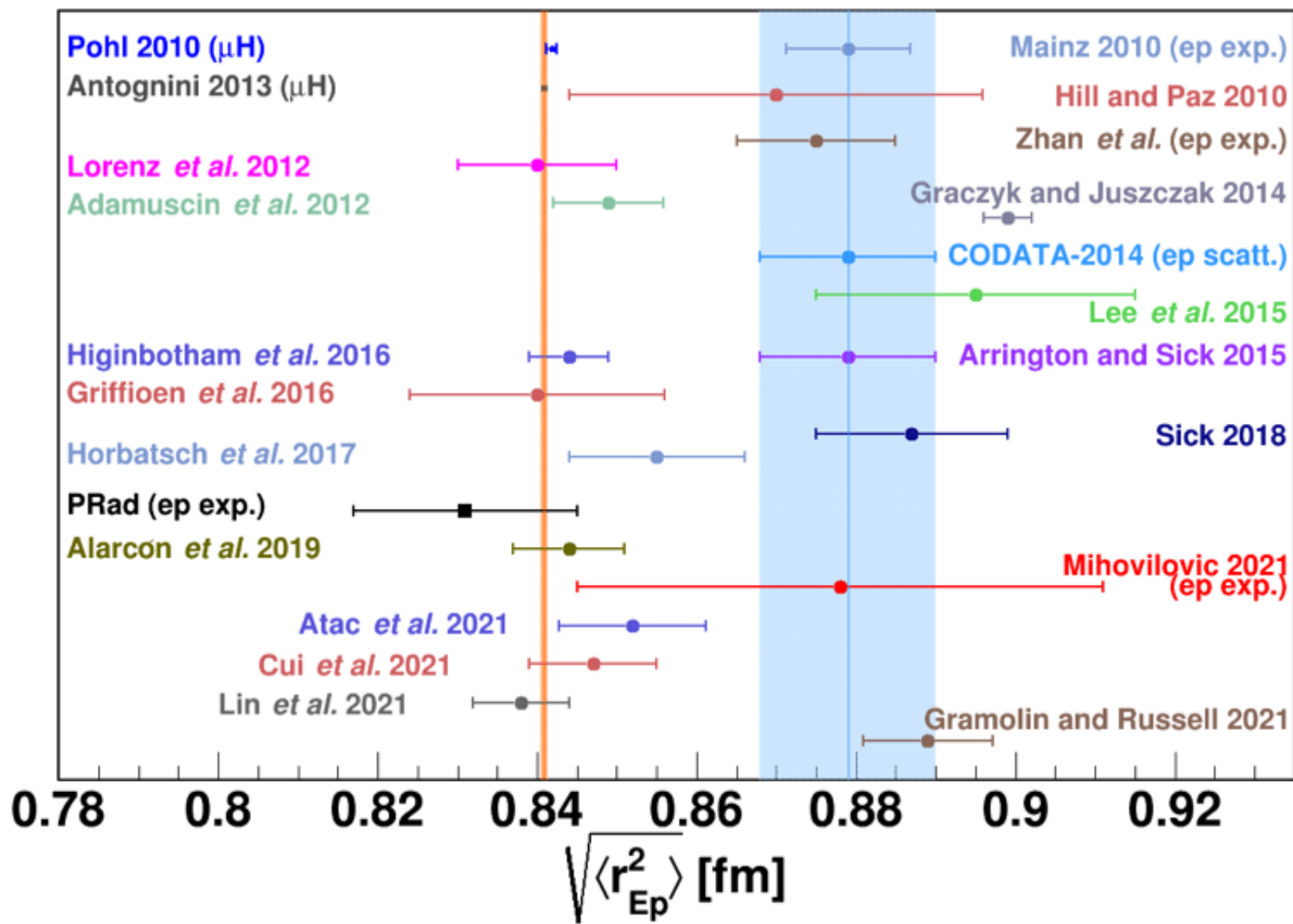
Proton radius at the time of PRad publication

- PRad result r_p : 0.831 ± 0.0127 fm, Xiong *et al.*, *Nature* 575, 147–150 (2019)
- H Lamb Shift: 0.833 ± 0.010 fm Bezginov *et al.*, *Science* 365, 1007-1012 (2019)
- CODATA 2018 value of r_p : 0.8414 ± 0.0019 fm, E. Tiesinga *et al.*, *RMP* 93, 025010(2021)



CODATA has also shifted the value of the Rydberg constant.

(Re)analyses of $e-p$ scattering data



Gao and Vanderhaeghen,
Rev. Mod. Phys. 94, 015002 (2022)

Some more recent work:

Cui *et al.* 2022 Chinese Phys. C **46** 122001;
G. Paz *Mod.Phys.Lett.A* 36 (2021) 20,
2150143;

Qattan (PRC 2025);
Goharipour *et al.* (PLB 2025)

New Insights into the Nucleon's Electromagnetic Structure

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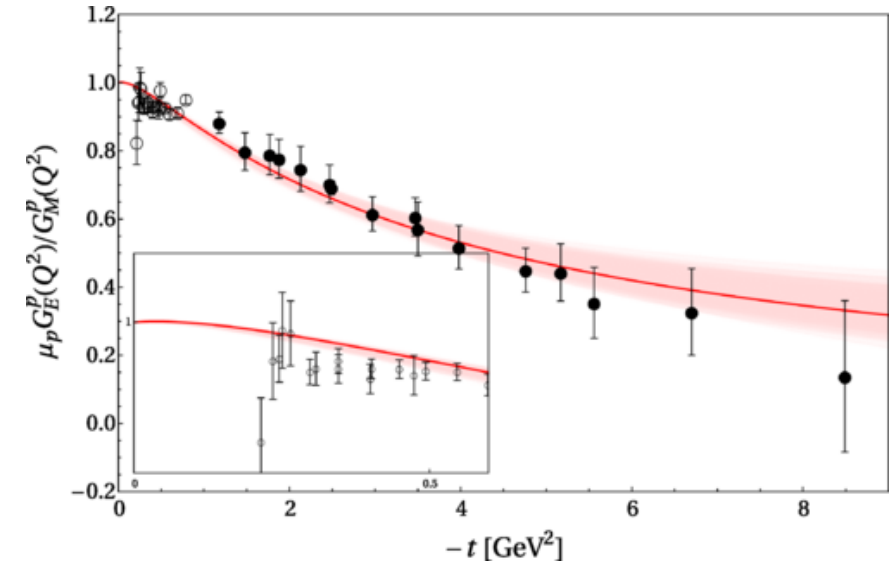
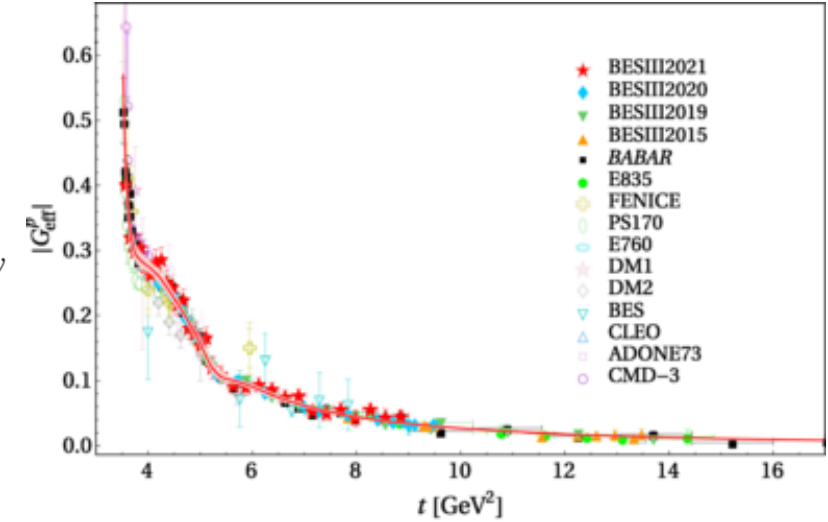
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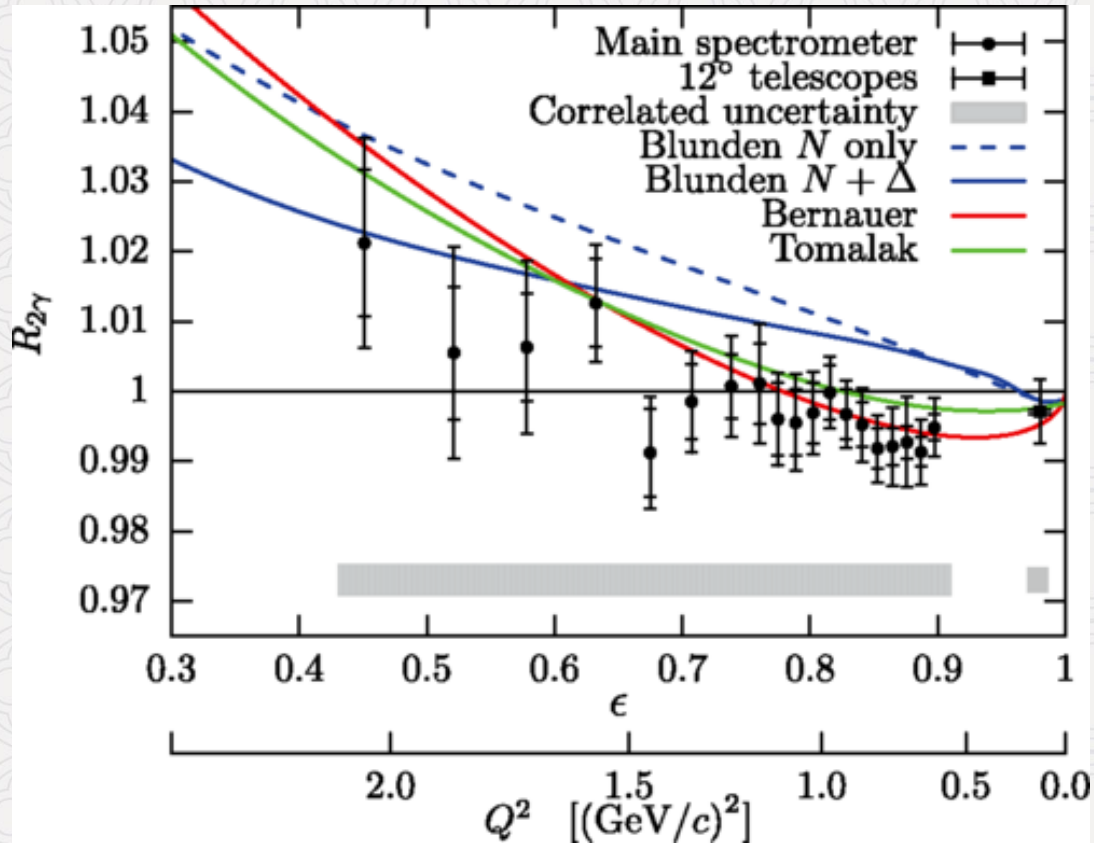
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We present a combined analysis of the electromagnetic form factors of the nucleon in the space- and timelike regions using dispersion theory. Our framework provides a consistent description of the experimental data over the full range of momentum transfer, in line with the strictures from analyticity and unitarity. The statistical uncertainties of the extracted form factors are estimated using the bootstrap method, while systematic errors are determined from variations of the spectral functions. We also perform a high-precision extraction of the nucleon radii and find good agreement with previous analyses of spacelike data alone. For the proton charge radius, we find $r_E^p = 0.840^{+0.003}_{-0.002} {}^{+0.002}_{-0.002}$ fm, where the first error is statistical and the second one is systematic. The Zemach radius and third moment are in agreement with Lamb shift measurements and hyperfine splittings. The combined dataset of space- and timelike data disfavors a zero crossing of $\mu_p G_E^p/G_M^p$ in the spacelike region. Finally, we discuss the status and perspectives of modulus and phase of the form factors in the timelike region in the context of future experiments, as well as the onset of perturbative QCD.

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How about two-photon exchange?



Next frontier: MUSE experiment

PRL 118, 092501 (2017)

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Hard Two-Photon Contribution to Elastic Lepton-Proton Scattering Determined by the OLYMPUS Experiment

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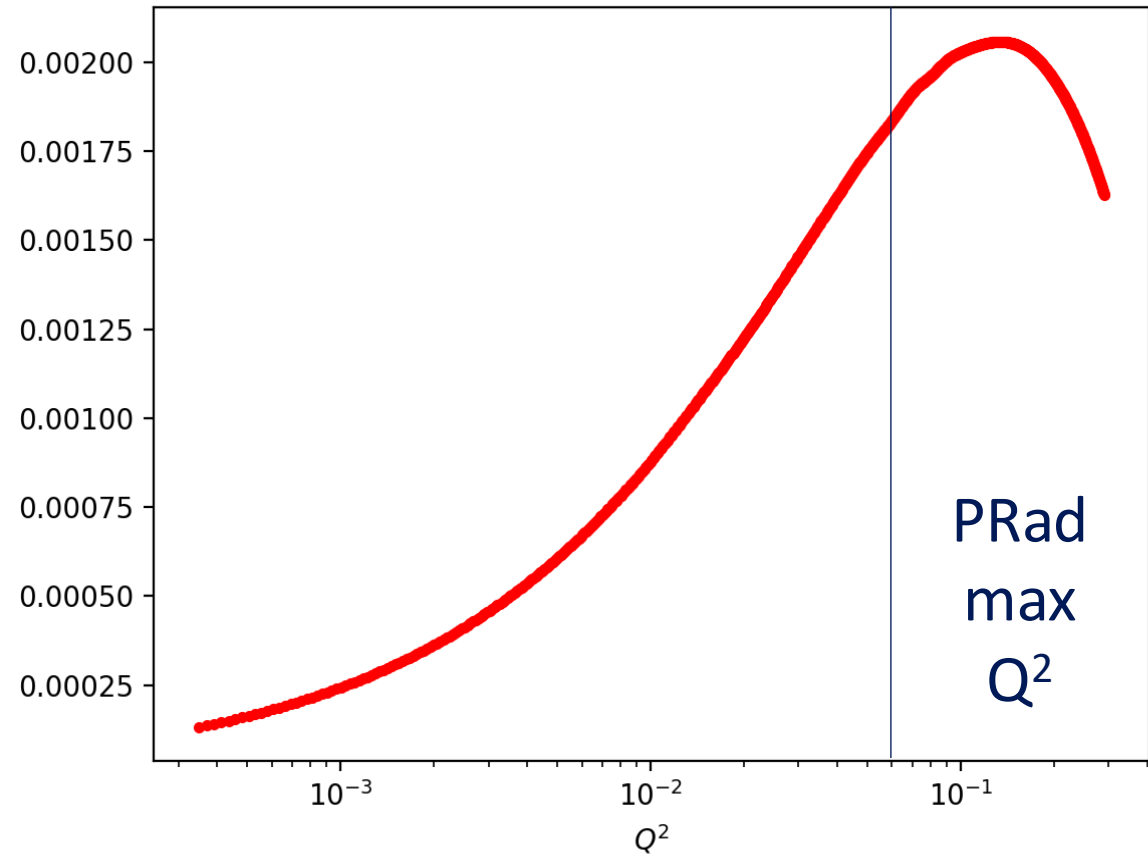
The OLYMPUS Collaboration reports on a precision measurement of the positron-proton to electron-proton elastic cross section ratio, $R_{2\gamma}$, a direct measure of the contribution of hard two-photon exchange to the elastic cross section. In the OLYMPUS measurement, 2.01 GeV electron and positron beams were directed through a hydrogen gas target internal to the DORIS storage ring at DESY. A toroidal magnetic spectrometer instrumented with drift chambers and time-of-flight scintillators detected elastically scattered leptons in coincidence with recoiling protons over a scattering angle range of $\approx 20^\circ$ to 80° . The relative luminosity between the two beam species was monitored using tracking telescopes of interleaved gas electron multiplier and multiwire proportional chamber detectors at 12° , as well as symmetric Möller or Bhabha calorimeters at 1.29° . A total integrated luminosity of 4.5 fb^{-1} was collected. In the extraction of $R_{2\gamma}$, radiative effects were taken into account using a Monte Carlo generator to simulate the convolutions of internal bremsstrahlung with experiment-specific conditions such as detector acceptance and reconstruction efficiency. The resulting values of $R_{2\gamma}$, presented here for a wide range of virtual photon polarization $0.456 < \epsilon < 0.978$, are smaller than some hadronic two-photon exchange calculations predict, but are in reasonable agreement with a subtracted dispersion model and a phenomenological fit to the form factor data.

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Two-photon Exchange

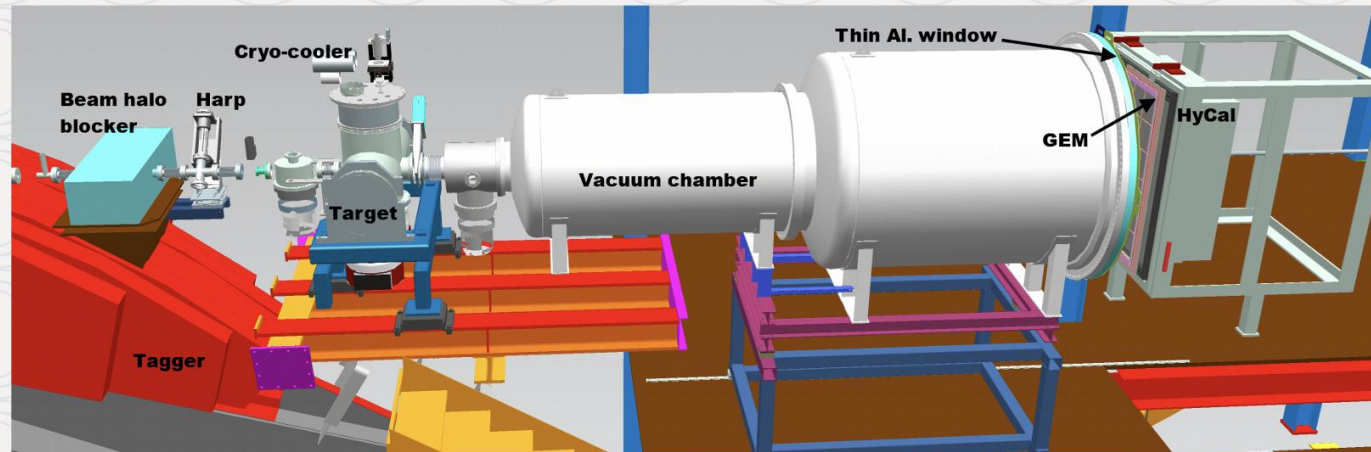
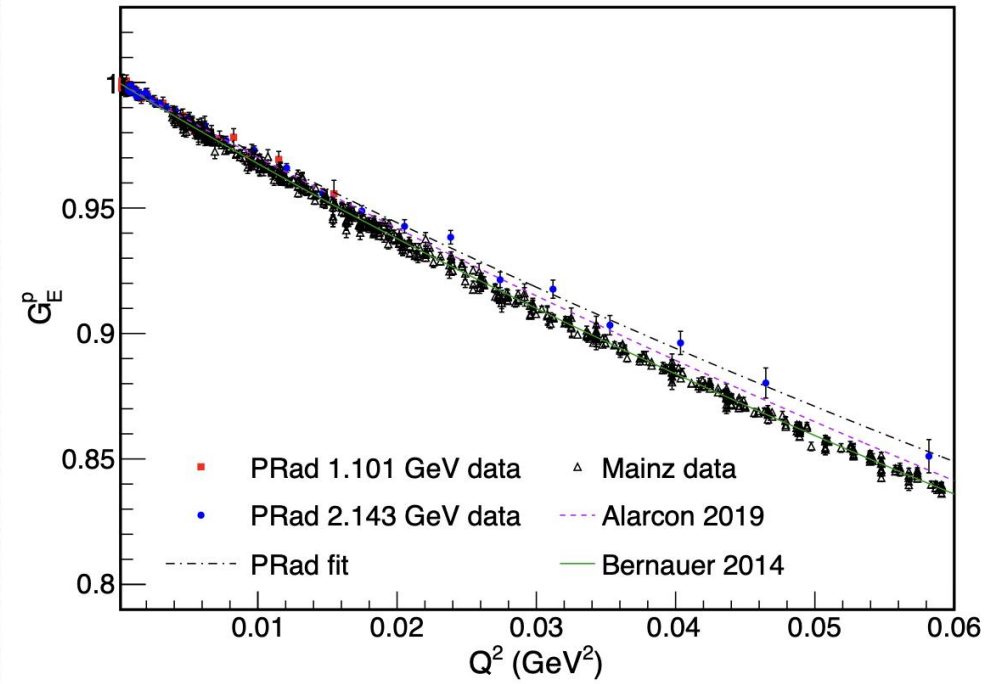
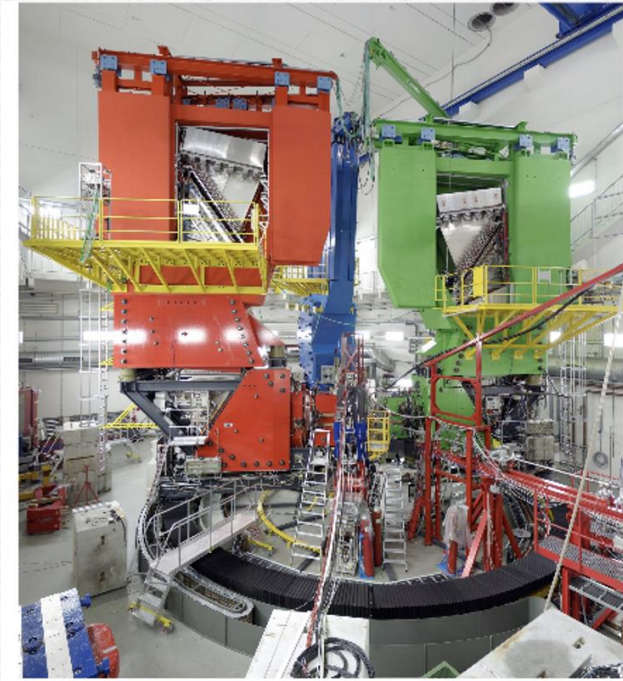
- TPE effect based on calculation of Oleksandr Tomalak
 - O. Tomalak, Few Body Syst. **59**, no. 5, 87 (2018)
 - O. Tomalak and M. Vanderhaeghen, PRD **93** (2016) no.1, 013023
 - O. Tomalak and M. Vanderhaeghen, EPJA **51** (2015) no.2, 24
- Less than 0.2% effect on the cross section within PRad kinematic range

$\delta_{2\gamma}$ effect



U. Raha, P. Blunden at this workshop

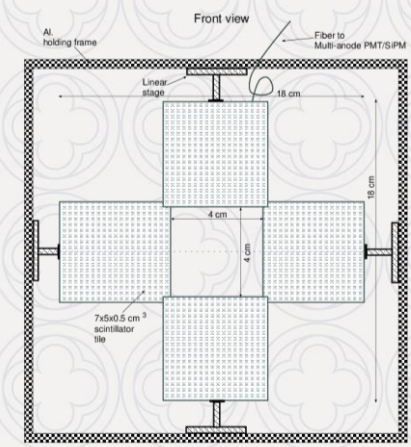
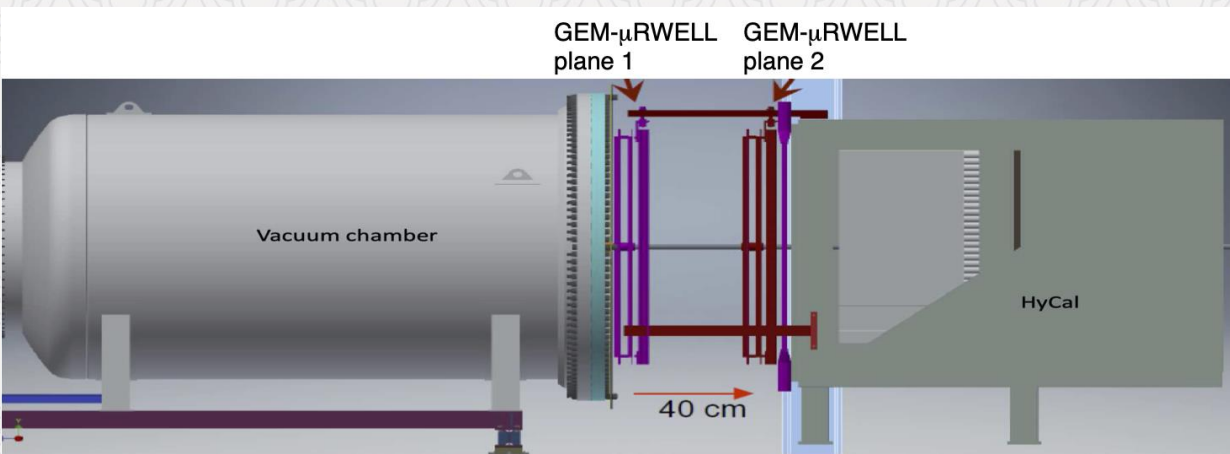
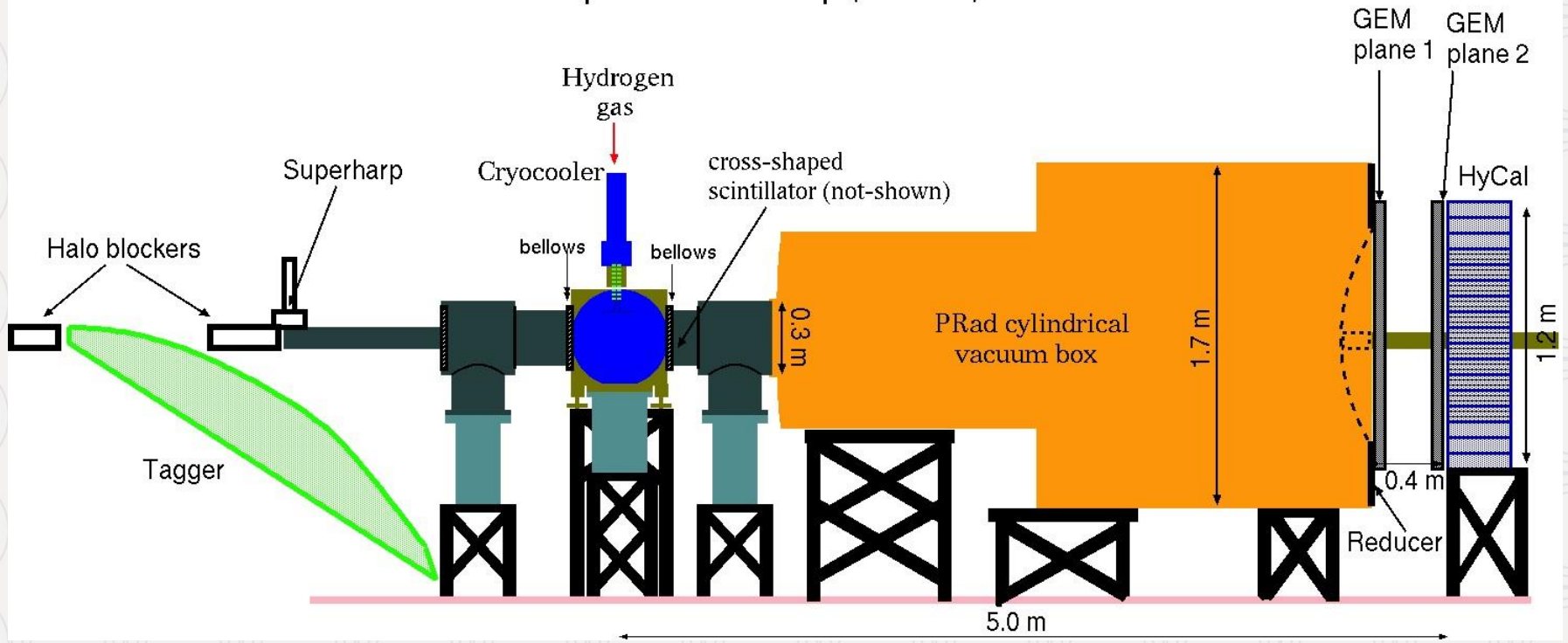
e-p scattering: magnetic spectrometer and calorimetric method



PRad-II: goals and approaches

- Reduce the uncertainty of the r_p measurement by a factor of **3!**
- Precise measurement of G_E to investigate the difference between the Mainz data and PRad
- Reach an unprecedented low values of $Q^2 : 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$
- How?
 - Improving tracking capability by adding a second plane of tracking detector
 - Adding new rectangular cross shaped scintillator detectors to separate Moller from ep electrons in scattering angular range of 0.5° - 0.8°
 - Upgrading HyCal electronics for readout
 - Converting to FADC based readout
 - Suppressing beamline background
 - Improving vacuum
 - Adding second beam halo blocker upstream of the tagger
 - Reducing statistical uncertainties by a factor of 4 compared with PRad
 - Three beam energies: 0.7, 2.1, 3.5 GeV – ***0.7 GeV is critical to reach the lowest Q^2 ($4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$)***
 - Improve radiative correction calculations by going to NNL order
 - Potential target improvement (***not used in projection***)

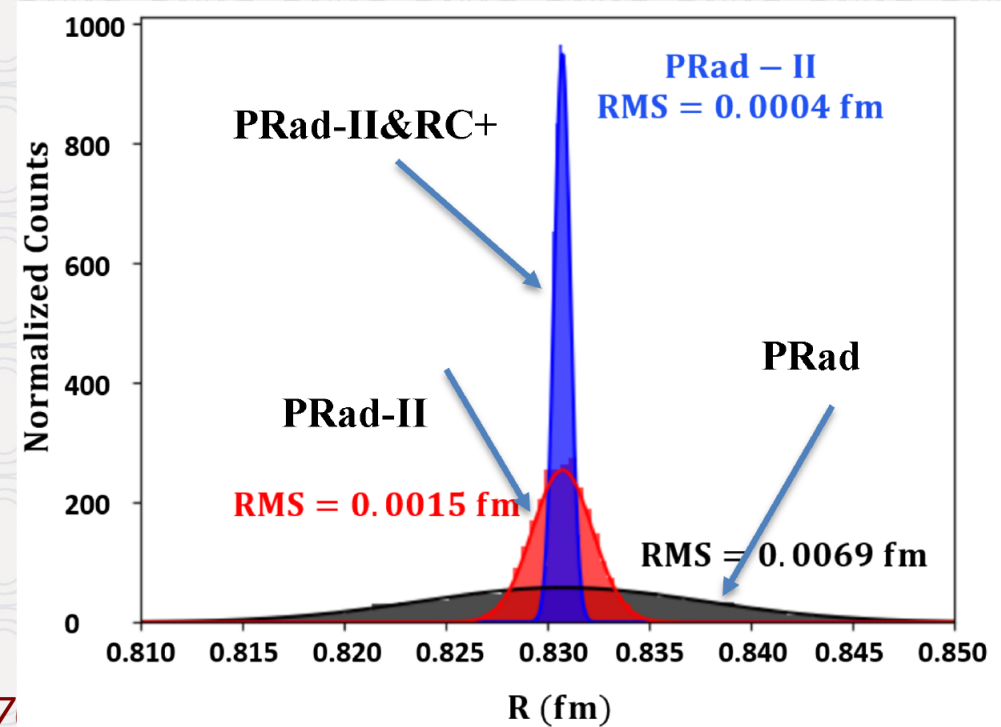
Experimental Setup (Side View)



RC effect and improvement from PRad to PRad-II

- Improvement of the RC associated syst. uncertainty on r_p
 - Black spectrum \rightarrow RC δr_p for PRad
Akushevich, H. Gao, A. Ilyichev, and M. Meziane, Eur. Phys. J. A 51, 1 (2015)
 - Red spectrum \rightarrow projected RC δr_p with two planes of coordinate tracking detectors plus current RC calculations
 - Blue spectrum \rightarrow projected RC δr_p with two planes of coordinate tracking detectors plus improved RC calculations at NNLO
- Synergistic activities
 - Whitepaper on Radiative Corrections: [arXiv:2012.0997](https://arxiv.org/abs/2012.0997)
 - Synergy with ongoing RC-related studies for the JLab SOLID SIDIS and the planned studies for the proposed DRad experiment
 - McMule+PRad/PRad-II (ongoing)

RC studies for PRad-II



I. Akushevich, A. Signer, S. Strauch, O. Tomalak at this workshop

McMule: Monte Carlo for MUons and other LEptons

- A high-precision framework for theoretical calculations in QED
- Core Function
 - Calculates physical cross-sections for various scattering processes
 - Provides predictions for direct comparison with experimental data
- Processes supported:
 - All leptonic $2 \rightarrow 2$ scattering processes
 - Other processes, i.e. particle decay

process	experiment	physics motivation	order
$e\mu \rightarrow e\mu$	MUonE	HVP to $(g-2)_\mu$	NNLO+
$lp \rightarrow lp$	P2, Muse, Prad, QWeak, ...	proton radius and weak charge	NNLO
$eN \rightarrow eN$	PRad, ULQ2	background	+
$e^-e^- \rightarrow e^-e^-$	Prad 2	normalisation	NNLO
$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$	MOLLER, ...	$\sin^2 \theta_W$ at low Q^2	
$e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-$	any e^+e^- collider	luminosity measurement	NNLO
$ee \rightarrow ll$	VEPP, BES, Daphne, ...	R -ratio	NNLO±
$ee \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	Belle	τ properties	
$ee \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$	Daphne	dark searches	NNLO-
$e\nu \rightarrow e\nu$	any e^+e^- collider	luminosity measurement	
$e\nu \rightarrow e\nu$	DUNE	flux & $\sin^2 \theta_W$	NNLO-
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	DUNE	beam-line profiling	

Part of processes supported by McMule

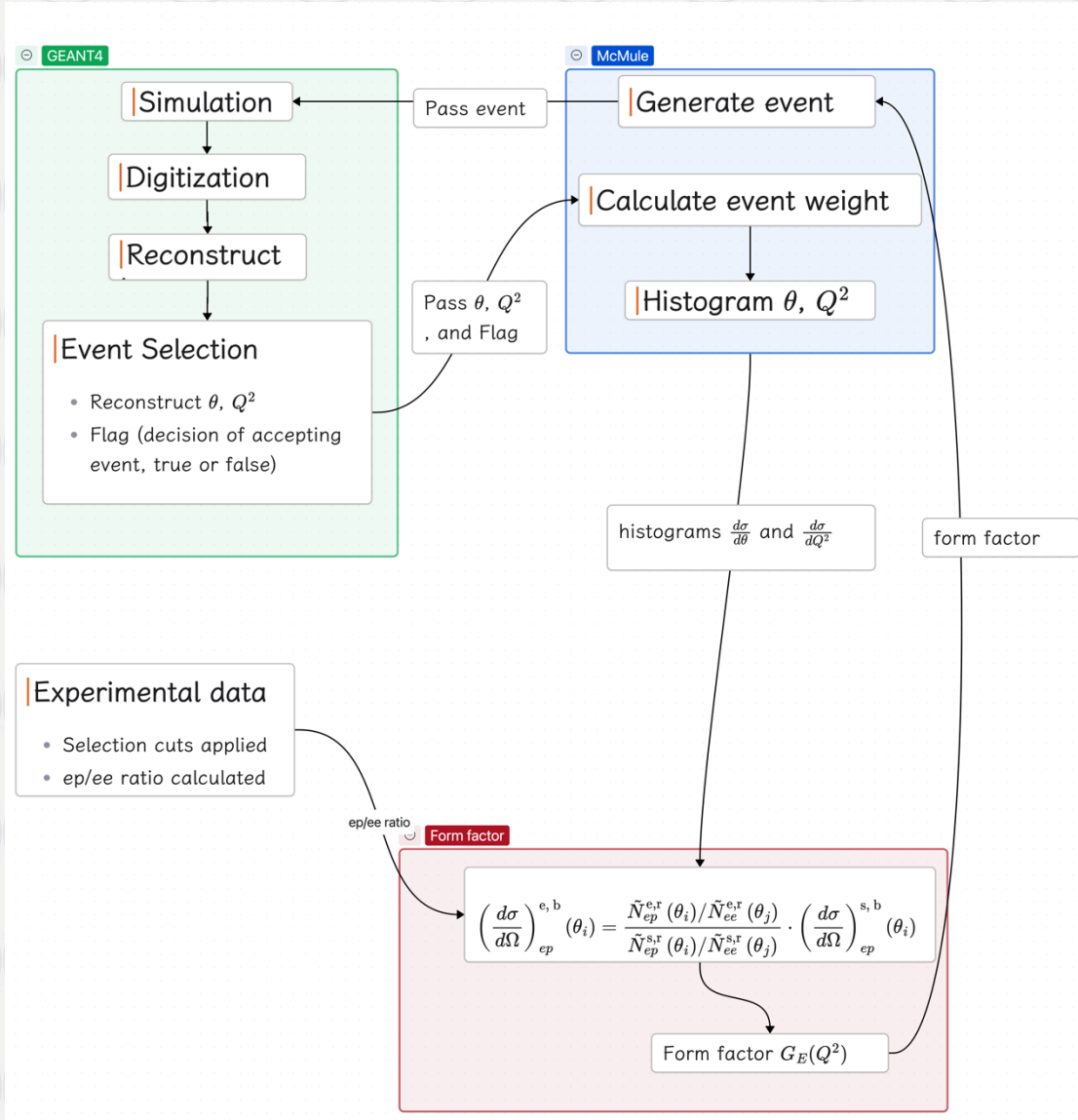


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 not shown: F.Hagelstein (Mainz), N.Schalch (Oxford), T.Engel (Freiburg), A.Gurgone (Pavia), P.Banerjee (Cosenza)

codes: <https://mule-tools.gitlab.io/>

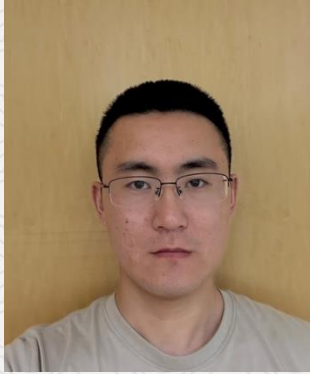
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Current strategy for the NNLO RC Correction



Event generation and processing at event level

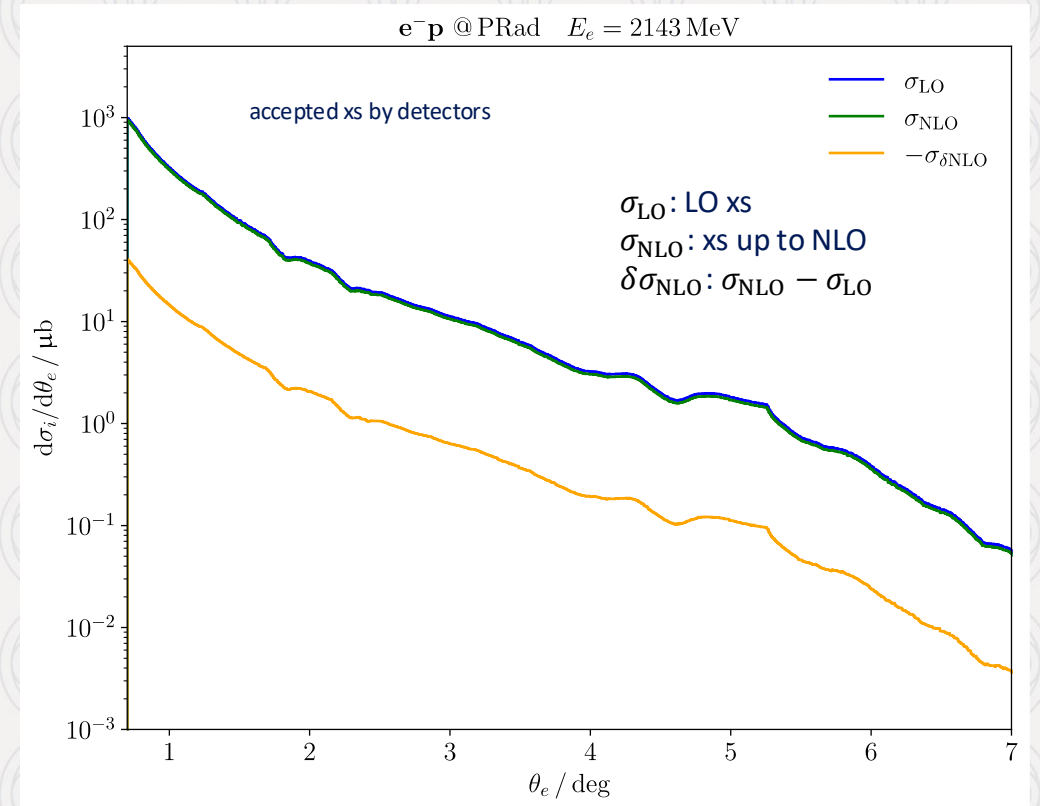
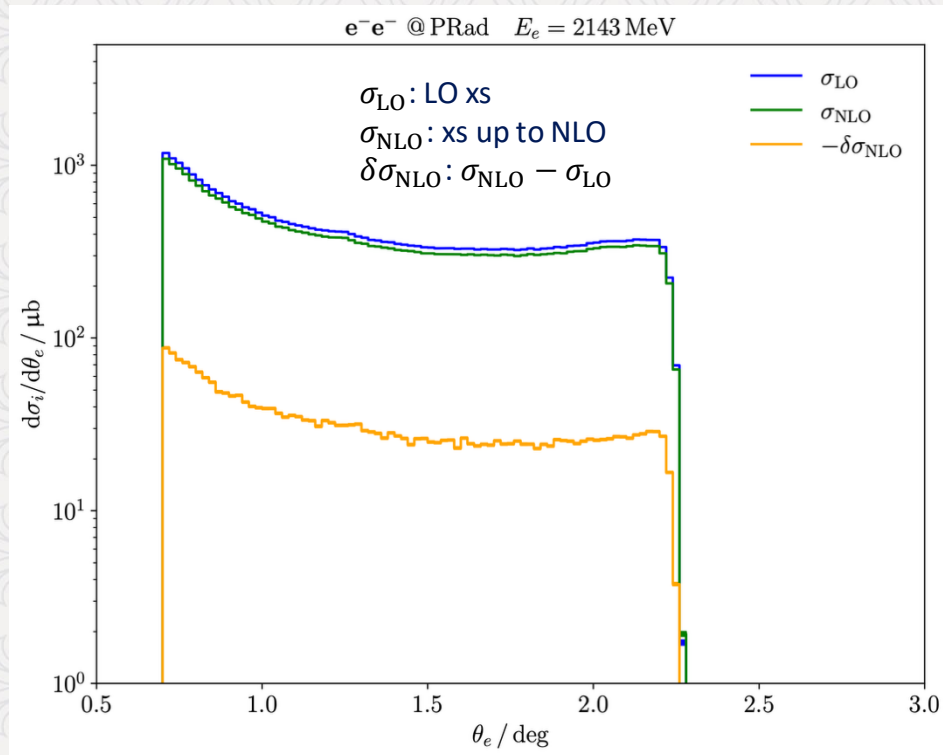
- Event generation and processing
 - McMule passes an event to GEANT4 (Interfaces required)
 - GEANT4 performs simulation, digitization, reconstruction, and event selection
 - GEANT4 returns event accepting flag and reconstructed θ, Q^2 to McMule (Interfaces required)
 - McMule fills histograms $d\sigma/d\theta, d\sigma/dQ^2$ with such info
 - Repeat a→d for required statistics (event loop controlled by McMule)
- Form super ratio and extract form factor
 - McMule outputs the final histograms
 - PRad2 calculates the super ratio and extract the form factor
 - Update the form factor in McMule with the new fit (Interfaces required)
- Repeat 1→2 for the next iteration



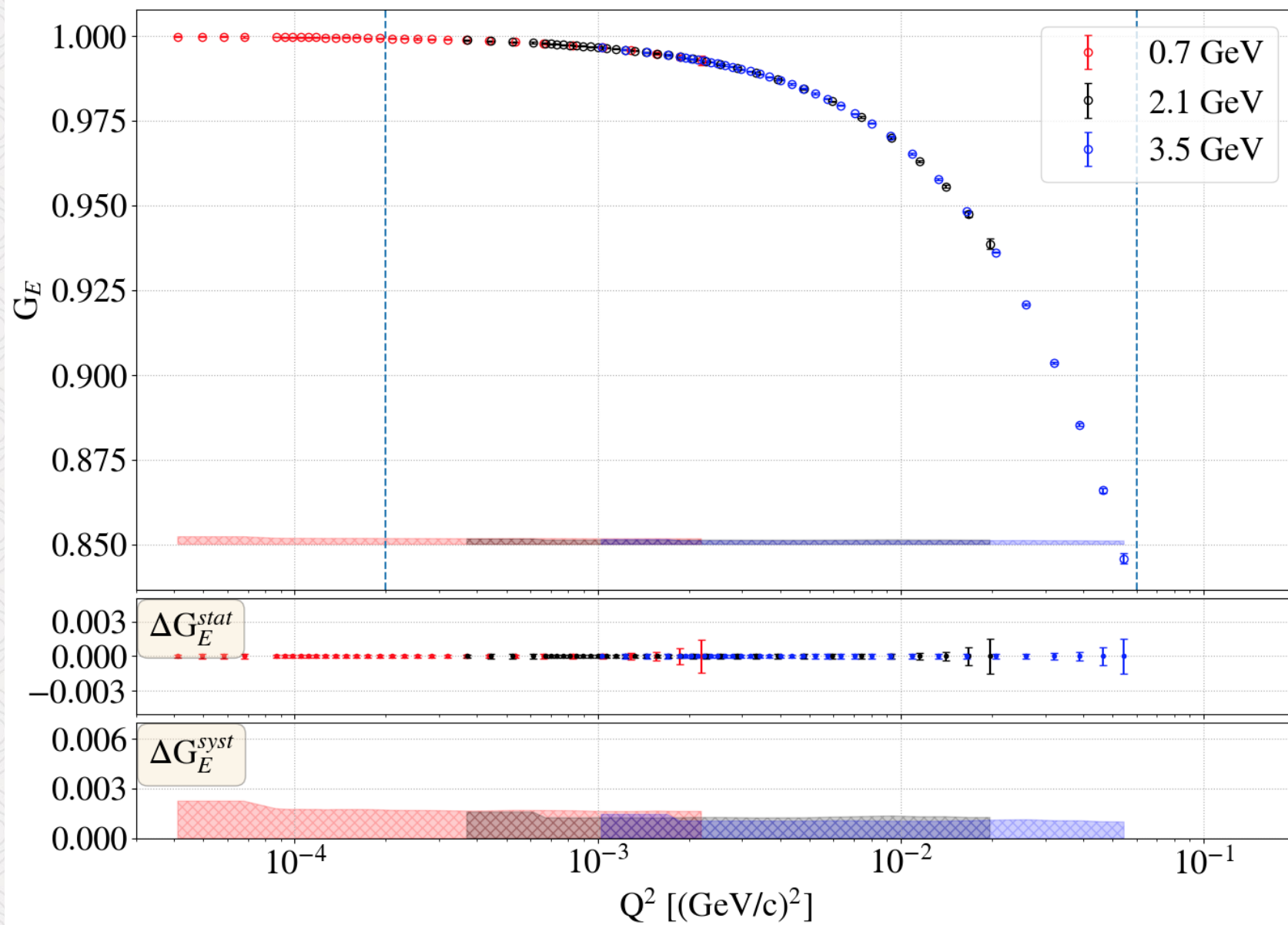
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Current status on e-p elastic and Moller cross sections with McMule up to NLO

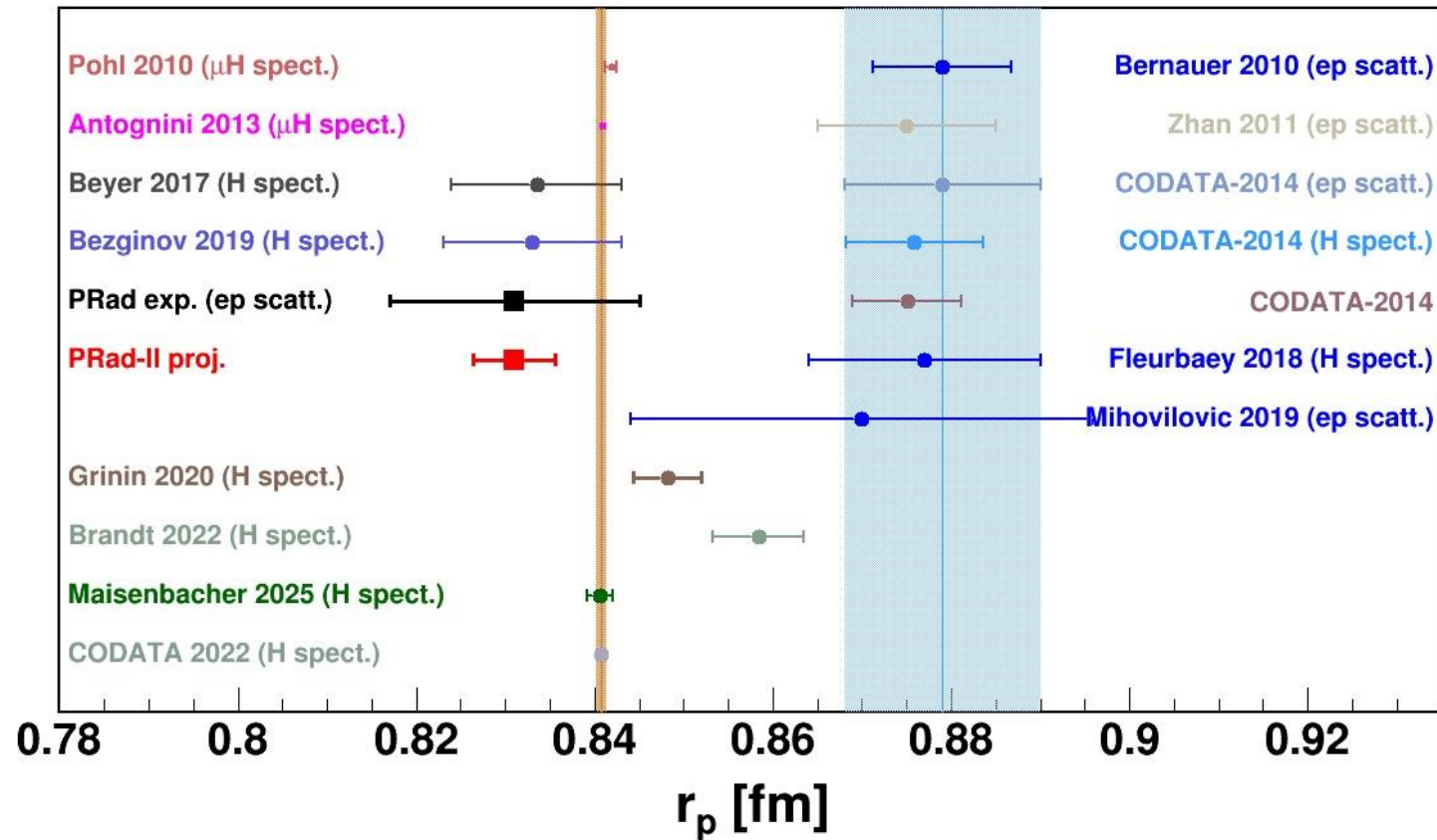
- Cross sections are calculated with detector effects implemented
- The up-and-down structures are coming from the detector effects (ep)
- Double-arm Moller electrons required
- $\delta\sigma_{\text{NLO}}$ corrections still have some fluctuations and more statistics needed (Moller)



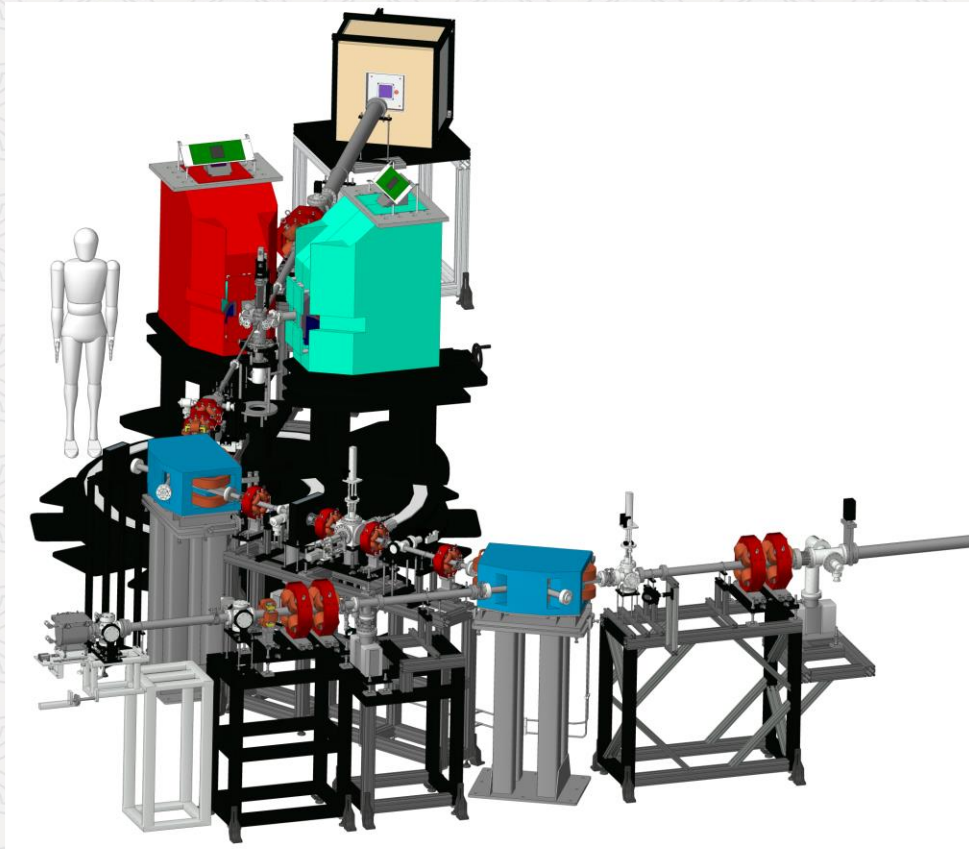
Simulated PRad-II Uncertainties on G_E



Projected PRad-II on r_p



L. Maisenbacher at this workshop



The ULQ² Experiment at Tohoku University

Beam momentum values:
 20-60 MeV/c
 Scattering angle: 30⁰ -150⁰
 Target CH₂
 Focal plane detector:
 Single-sided Silicon
 Detectors

C. Legris at this workshop

Experiment	Beam	Laboratory	Q^2 (GeV/c) ²	δr_p (fm)	Status
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PRES	e^-	Mainz	0.001 - 0.04	0.6% (rel.)	Uncertain
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MAGIX@MESA	e^-	Mainz	$\geq 10^{-4} - 0.085$		Future
ULQ ²	e^-	Tohoku University	$3 \times 10^{-4} - 8 \times 10^{-3}$	$\sim 1\%$ (rel.)	Future

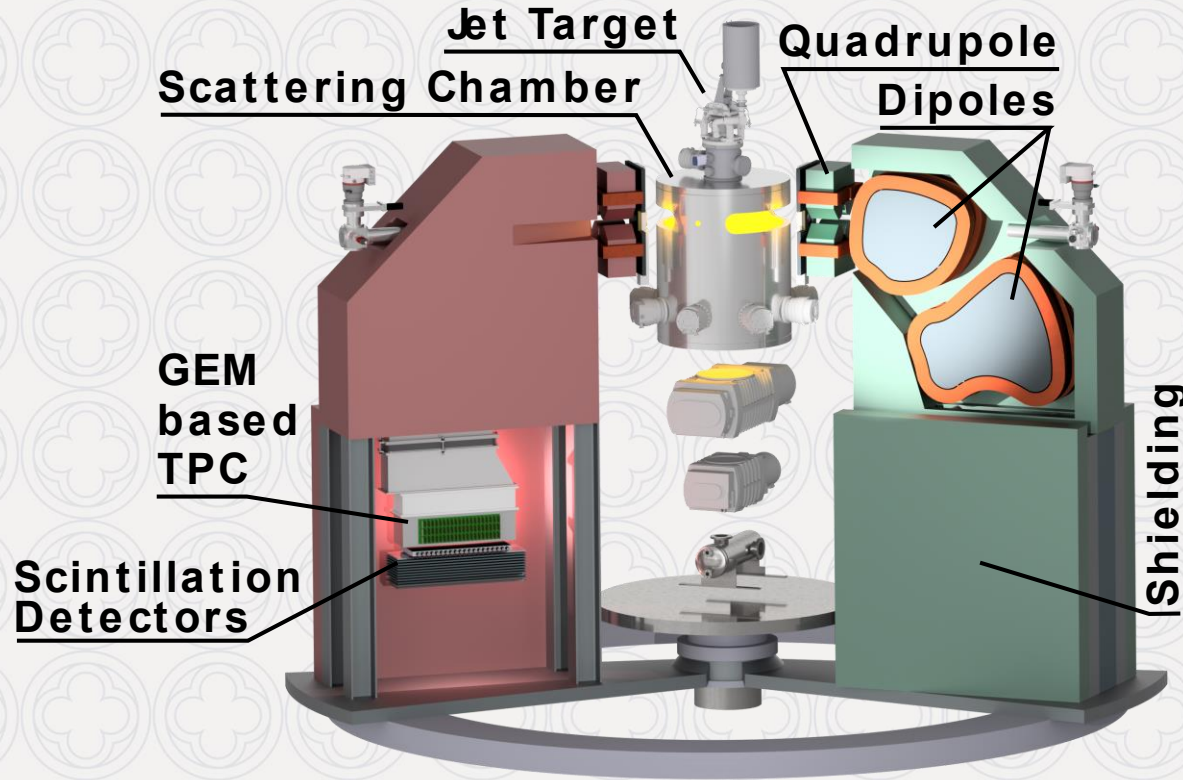
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The MAGIX@MESA Experiment at Mainz



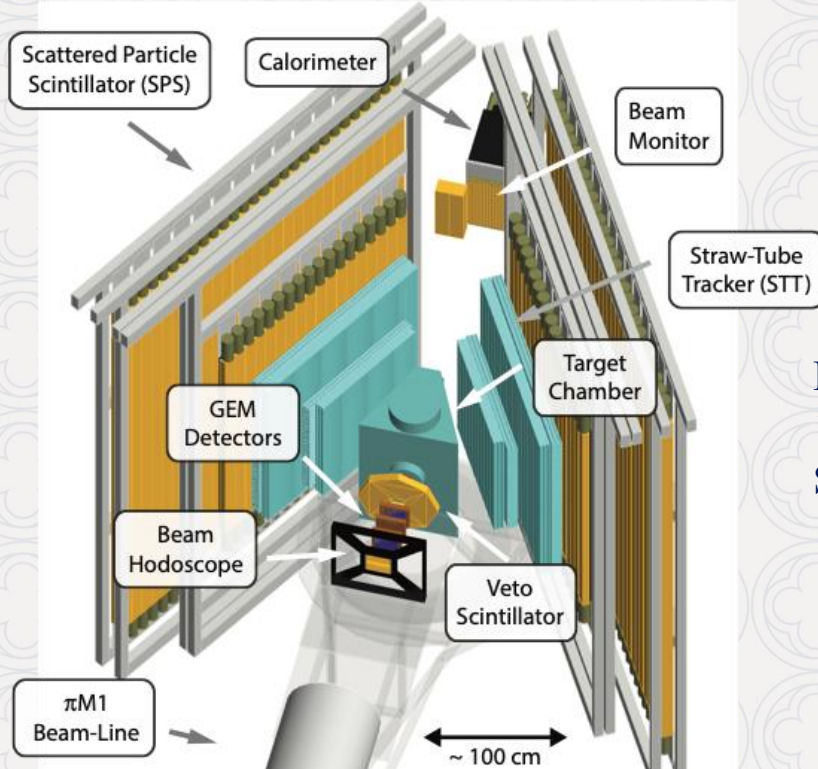
Electron beam momentum:
20-105 MeV/c

P. Achenbach at this workshop

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The MUSE Experiment at PSI



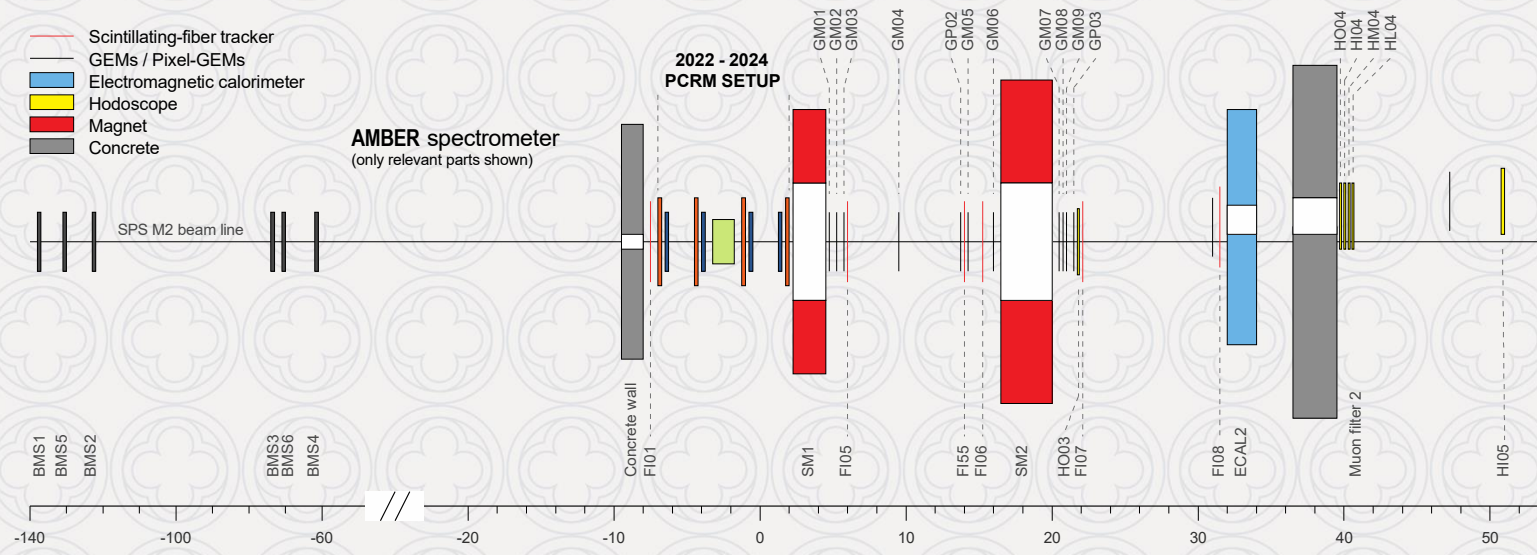
Beam momentum values:
115, 153, 210 MeV/c
Scattering angle: $20^\circ - 100^\circ$

T. Kraulik at this workshop

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The Amber Experiment at CERN

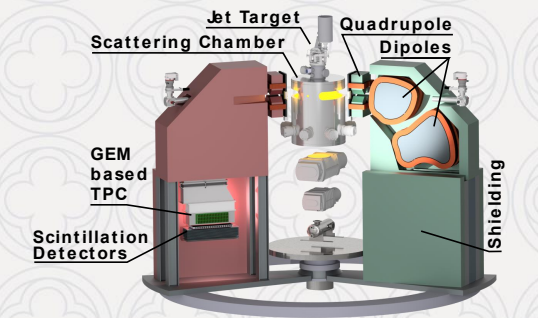
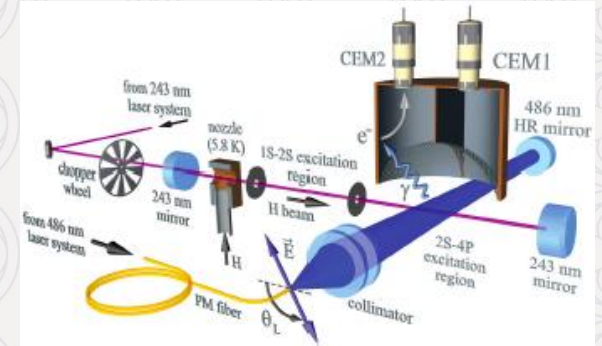
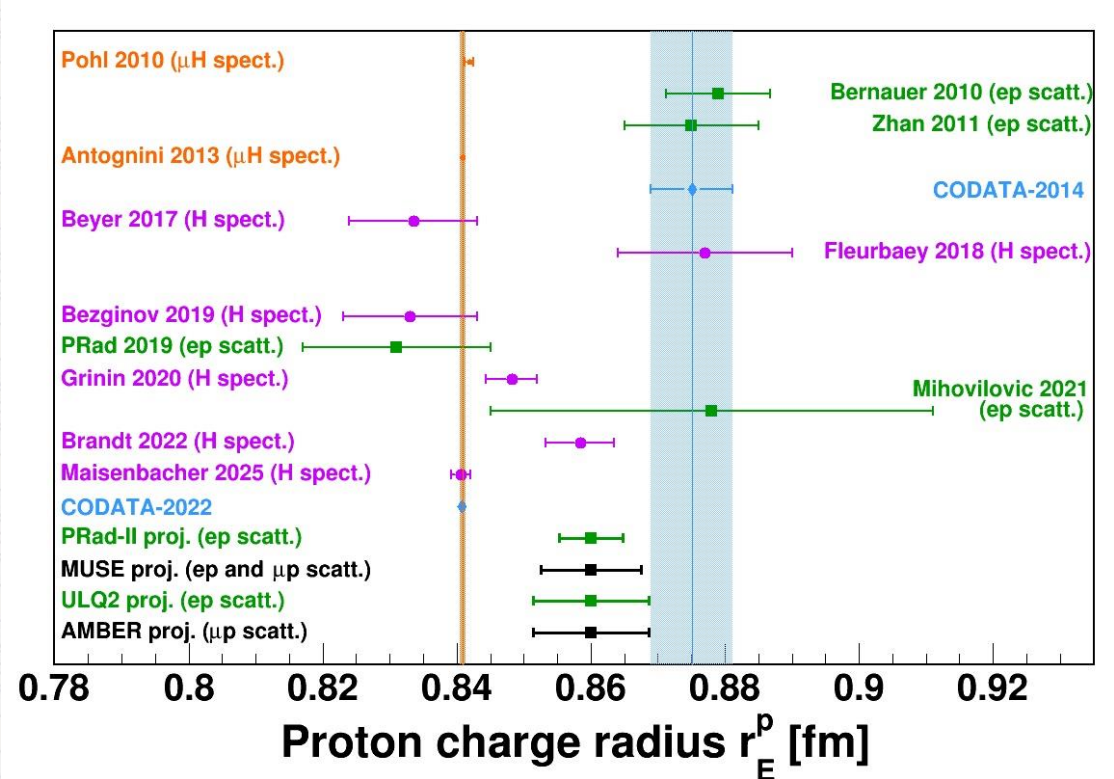
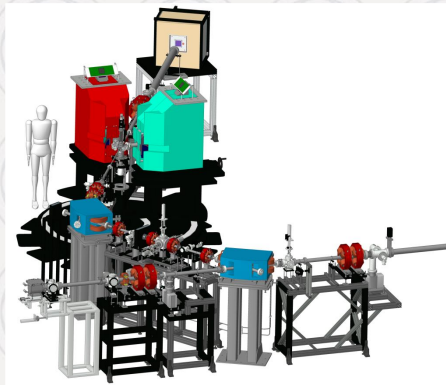
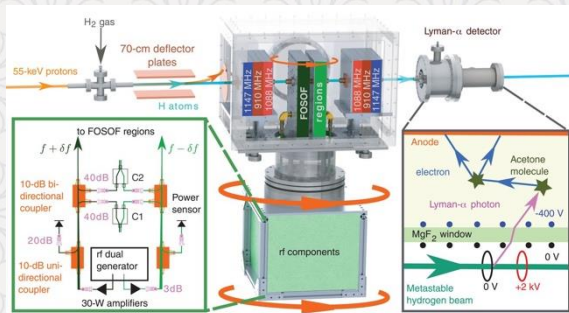
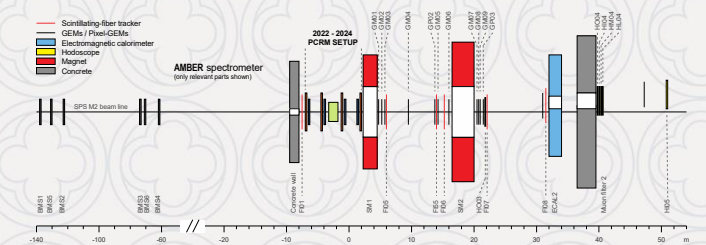
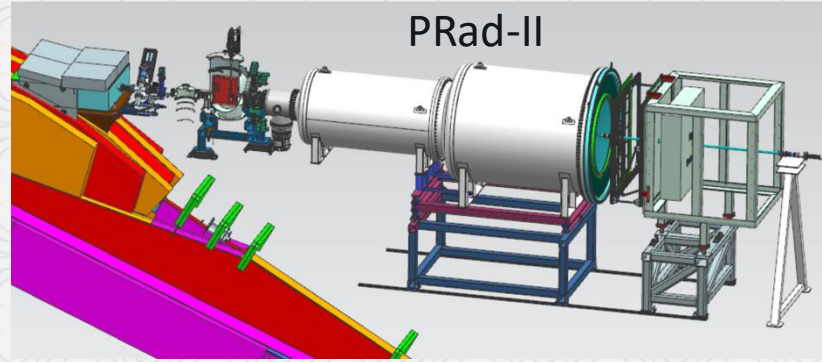
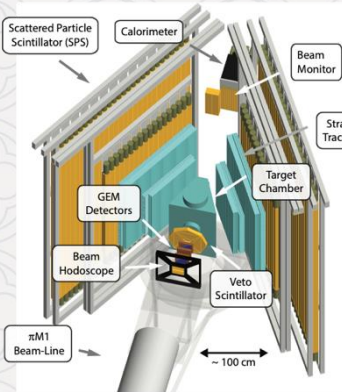
M2 Beam-line:
100 GeV muons



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Experiment	Beam	Laboratory	Q^2 (GeV/c) ²	δr_p (fm)	Status
MUSE	e^\pm, μ^\pm	PSI	0.0015 - 0.08	0.01	Ongoing
AMBER	μ^\pm	CERN	0.001 - 0.04	0.01	Future
PRad-II	e^-	Jefferson Lab	$4 \times 10^{-5} - 6 \times 10^{-2}$	0.0036	Future
PRES	e^-	Mainz	0.001 - 0.04	0.6% (rel.)	Future
A1@MAMI (jet target)	e^-	Mainz	0.004 - 0.085		Ongoing
MAGIX@MESA	e^-	Mainz	$\geq 10^{-4} - 0.085$		Future
ULQ ²	e^-	Tohoku University	$3 \times 10^{-4} - 8 \times 10^{-3}$	$\sim 1\%$ (rel.)	Future

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Summary

- The proton charge radius puzzle not resolved yet, but major progress made
- The PRad – a first ep scattering experiment using a non-magnetic spectrometer – obtained a result consistent with muonic hydrogen measurements
- Most of the recent ordinary hydrogen spectroscopy measurements are consistent with muonic results
- New results expected from lepton scattering including PRad-II

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