

ISR Experiment at MAMI

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The proton radius problem

- The 8 σ discrepancy in the r_p measurements questions QED.
- Nuclear results questionable due to the lack of data at very low Q².
- ISR aims to provide new insight into the matter!



Radius via Cross-section measurement



- Extraction of FF via Rosenbluth Separation.
- Best estimate for radius:

$$\left\langle r_E^2 \right\rangle = -6\hbar^2 \frac{d}{dQ^2} G_E(Q^2) \Big|_{Q^2=0}$$

Proton's charge form-factor



- Data available only for Q² > 0.004 (GeV/c)².
- Extrapolations to zero are needed!
- Instabilities related to extrapolation are sources of systematic offsets.

New electron scattering experiment

$$r_{E}^{2} = -6\hbar^{2} \frac{d}{dQ^{2}} G_{E}(Q^{2})\Big|_{Q^{2}=0}$$



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Radiative tail



- In data ISR can not be distinguished from FSR.
- Combining data with the simulation, ISR information can be reached.
- Redundancy measurements at higher Q² for testing this approach in a region, where FFs are well known.

Simul++

- Based on standard A1 framework for the VCS experiments.
- Detailed description of apparatus.
- Exact calculation of the leading diagrams for high precision.



Virtual corrections

- Based on work of Vanderhaeghen et al.
- Due to computational intensiveness used as effective corrections.
- Integration of loops optimized for the VCS conditions far away from elastic line!
- Only electrons considered in vacuum polarization loops.



Real corrections

 Second order real photon corrections considered in terms of peaking approximation.



- External radiative corrections (Straggling) considered using approach of Mo-Tsai.
- Only contributions from Hydrogen and Air are relevant.

Hadronic corrections

- Hadronic corrections considered in the limit of elastic scattering using approximation of Maximon-Tjon.
- Proton is kept on-shell.



Size of effective corrections



Precision of numerical calculations limited at the elastic line.

The ISR experiment

- Full experiment done in August 2013. Four weeks of data taking.



Beam control module:

- Communicates with MAMI and ensures very stable beam.
- BPM and pA-meter measurements performed automatically every 3min.

Kinematic settings

- Overlapping settings for validation of ISR technique.
- Length of the tail limited by Pion production processes!



Cryogenic depositions

- Disturbs Luminosity determination.
- **Good vacuum** in target chamber (10⁻⁶ mbar)
- Fixing Spectrometer A to elastic settings to see effects of snow gathering more clearly.





Spectrometer A has enough resolving power for clear identification of Nitrogen and Oxygen.



Target Frame contributions #1



Target Frame contributions #2



Entrance flange contributions



Preliminary Results

- Existing apparatus limits reach and resolution of present ISR experiment to Q² ~ 10⁻³ GeV².
- Pion production processes contribute ~10% at smallest momenta.
- Simulation performed with Bernauer parameterization of form-factos.
- A sub-percent agreement between the data and simulation validates the ISR technique.
- Elastic points excluded.



Hindrance at the elastic setting

- Significant difference between data and simulation at the elastic peak!
- Excess of simulated events.
- Not a data problem!
- Result of limited precision of corrections at the elastic peak when ΔE ~ 0.
- Number of elastic events influences other corrections!



Extracting G_E^p from data

- Scattering angle of emitted photon offers clear separation of ISR and FSR and gives insight into the G_e^p depedence of measured cross-section.
- A lookup table used to transform data to the G_e^p .



ISR form-factors (Preliminary)



- First measurement of G_E^p at 0.001 GeV² $\leq Q^2 \leq 0.004$ GeV²
- Final systematic checks remain to be made!
- (Improve the theoretical description at the elastic line!)

ISR Proton radius (Preliminary)

- G_e^p modeled with the polynomial fit.
- Higher order terms (a,b) known from previous analyses [Distler et al.]

$$G_E^p(Q^2) = n \left(1 - \frac{\left\langle \mathbf{r}_E^2 \right\rangle}{6} Q^2 + \frac{a}{120} Q^4 - \frac{b}{5040} Q^6 \right)$$



Future measurements

• Next generation of experiments foreseen at:



- ISR valuable technique for future experiments.
- Modifications to the spectrometer setup required.
- A point-like target without extensive frame needed.
 - o (Solid-state plastic target not an option).
 - Hypersonic gas jet target for measurements with minimal background contributions.



Summary

- A pilot experiment has been performed at MAMI to measure G_E^p at very low Q².
- A new technique for FF determination based on ISR has been successfully validated.
- Reach of the first ISR experiment limited by unforeseen backgrounds.
- Next generation experiments are scheduled/foreseen at the A1 and at the new accelerator MESA.





Thank you!

Uncertainty of effective corrections

