The MUSE experiment: addressing the proton radius puzzle via elastic muon scattering

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- The Proton Radius Puzzle
 - How do we measure the radius ?
- What is the problem ?
- How do we solve it: MUSE ?



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- The Proton Radius Puzzle (PRP) has garnered a lot of interest!
- Not just interesting:
 - Tests our theoretical understanding of proton
 - Directly related to the strength of the Strong Interaction (QCD)
- What exactly is the puzzle?

How do you measure proton radius?

Scattering experiments

(Hofstadter @ Stanford: 1950s - electron scattering)



• Atomic Energy Levels

 $\Delta E_1 = \frac{2\pi\alpha}{3} \left| \phi^2(0) \right| \left\langle r_E^2 \right\rangle$

- Lamb Shift: Finite size of proton changes hydrogen energy levels
- Extract from hydrogen spectroscopy





Electron Scattering Measurements (1950s)



Robert Hofstadter (1915 - 1990)

1961: Nobel prize Physics:

"for his pioneering studies of **electron scattering** in atomic nuclei and for his consequent discoveries concerning the **structure of nucleons**"

 $r_E: 0.74(\pm 0.24) \, fm$



Electron Scattering Measurements

• Cross section for ep scattering (Born approximation)

 $\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} \bigg|_{Mott} \frac{1}{\varepsilon(1+\tau)} \begin{bmatrix} \tau G_M^2 + \varepsilon G_E^2 \\ \tau G_M^2 + \varepsilon G_E^2 \end{bmatrix}; \text{ with } \tau = \frac{Q^2}{4M^2}; \varepsilon = \begin{bmatrix} 1+2(1+\tau)\tan^2\frac{\theta}{2} \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$

- Classical Rosenbluth separation
 - measure the reduced cross section at several values of ε (angle/beam energy combination) while keeping Q² fixed
 - linear fit to get intercept and slope
- Note: G_M is suppressed at low Q^2 $\rightarrow G_E$ dominates cross section at low Q^2
- Alternatively: direct fits of $G_M(Q^2)$ and $G_E(Q^2)$ to experimental cross section data



Electron Scattering Measurements w/ polarization

- Double polarization in elastic e-p scattering
 - measure recoil polarization or with (vector) polarized target

 $^{1}H(\vec{e},e'\vec{p}), \vec{H}(\vec{e},e'p)$

• A single measurement gives ratio of form factors

Electron Scattering Measurements (2010s)

- Bernauer et al. PRL 105, 242001: world's largest data set
 - fit functional forms to data rather than Rosenbluth separation
- Zhan et al. PLB 705 (2011) 59: Polarization measurements to get G_E/G_M, available over a large Q² range
 - fit(Jlab + world Bernauer) gives radius compatible with Bernauer



The Proton Radius vs Time from ep data



CODATA: Committee on Data for Science and Technology, the international group which publishes the recommended values for fundamental physical constants every four years.

Hydrogen Spectroscopy Measurements



comparing measurements with QED calculations that include corrections for finite size of proton provide indirect but very precise value for $\langle r_E^2 \rangle$

Finite-size shift of atomic energy levels



Orbital pictures from Wikipedia

Pictures: R. Pohl

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Hydrogen Atom Spectroscopy

$$E_{nS}\simeq -\frac{R_{\infty}}{n^2}+\frac{L_{1S}}{n^3}$$

Lamb shift: $L_{1S}(r_p) = 8171.636(4) + 1.5645 \langle r_p^2 \rangle$ MHz

• 2 measurements required to determine R_{∞} and r_p

A single narrow transition: 1S-2S ($\Delta v = 1.3$ Hz) measured with high accuracy.

Other transitions: natural width ~ MHz.

Each measurement, combined with 1S-2S, yields a correlated pair (R_{∞}, r_p) .



Hydrogen Atom Spectroscopy



 μ H and eH difference is only significant when results are averaged

The Proton Radius vs Time from H Lamb Shift data



The Proton Radius from H Lamb Shift and ep



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Why Measure with μ H ?



Muonic hydrogen:

muon μ^- + proton p

muon mass $m_{\mu} = 207 \ m_e$ Bohr radius $a_{B,\mu} = 1/207 \ a_{B,e}$

Probability for μ^- to be inside proton:

$$\cong \left(\frac{r_p}{a_{\rm B}}\right)^3 = \left(r_p \alpha\right)^3 m^3$$

 $\rightarrow 207^3 \approx 8 \text{ million}$

muon



muon is **much** more sensitive to proton radius



"delayed" ($t \sim 1 \ \mu$ s)



- beautifully simple, but technically challenging!
- form μ H*(n~14) by shooting μ beam on 1 mbar H₂ target
 - 99% decay to 1S, giving out fast γ pulse
 - 1% decay to longer-lived 2S state
 - S2 state excited to 2P state by tuned laser & decay with release of delayed γ
- vary laser frequency to find transition peak $\rightarrow \Delta E$ (2S to 2P) $\rightarrow r_p$







The Proton Radius from H & μ H Lamb Shift and ep



Proton radius measured with

atomic physics and electron scattering:

muonic hydrogen:

0.8751 ± 0.0061 fm 0.8409 ± 0.0004 fm



Radius from Muonic Hydrogen 4% below previous best value

 \rightarrow 12% smaller (volume), 12% denser than previously believed

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R. Pohl et al., Nature 466, 213 (2010): 0.84184 ± 0.00067 fm: 5σ off 2006 CODATA

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| # | Contribution | Our selection | | | Pachucki [31-33] | | Borie [34] | |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|---------|------------------|--------|------------|---------|
| | | Ref. | Value | Unc. | Value | Unc. | Value | Unc. |
| 1 | NR One loop electron VP | [31, 32] | | | 205.0074 | | | |
| 2 | Relativistic correction (corrected) | [31-34] | | | 0.0169 | | | |
| 3 | Relativistic one loop VP | [34] | 205.0282 | | | | 205.0282 | |
| 4 | NR two-loop electron VP | [14,34] | 1.5081 | | 1.5079 | | 1.5081 | |
| 5 | Polarization insertion in two Coulomb lines | [31, 32, 34] | 0.1509 | | 0.1509 | | 0.1510 | |
| 6 | NR three-loop electron VP | [35] | 0.00529 | | | | | |
| 7 | Polarisation insertion in two | [35, 36] | 0.00223 | | | | | |
| | and three Coulomb lines (corrected) | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Three-loop VP (total, uncorrected) | | | | 0.0076 | | 0.00761 | |
| 9 | Wichmann-Kroll | [34, 37, 38] | -0.00103 | | | | -0.00103 | |
| 10 | Light by light electron loop contribution | [39] | 0.00135 | 0.00135 | | | 0.00135 | 0.00013 |
| | (Virtual Delbrück scattering) | | | | | | | |
| 11 | Radiative photon and electron polarization | [31, 32] | -0.00500 | 0.0010 | -0.006 | 0.001 | -0.005 | |
| | in the Coulomb line $\alpha^2 (Z\alpha)^4$ | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Electron loop in the radiative photon | [40-42] | -0.00150 | | | | | |
| | of order $\alpha^2 (Z\alpha)^4$ | | | | | | | |
| 13 | Mixed electron and muon loops | [43] | 0.00007 | | | | 0.00007 | |
| 14 | Hadronic polarization $\alpha(Z\alpha)^4 m_r$ | [44-46] | 0.01077 | 0.00038 | 0.0113 | 0.0003 | 0.011 | 0.002 |
| 15 | Hadronic polarization $\alpha (Z\alpha)^5 m_r$ | [45, 46] | 0.000047 | | | | | |
| 16 | Hadronic polarization in the radiative | [45, 46] | -0.000015 | | | | | |
| | photon $\alpha^2 (Z\alpha)^4 m_r$ | | | | | | | |
| 17 | Recoil contribution | [47] | 0.05750 | | 0.0575 | | 0.0575 | |
| 18 | Recoil finite size | [34] | 0.01300 | 0.001 | | | 0.013 | 0.001 |
| 19 | Recoil correction to VP | [34] | -0.00410 | | | | -0.0041 | |
| 20 | Radiative corrections of order $\alpha^n (Z\alpha)^k m_r$ | [19, 32] | -0.66770 | | -0.6677 | | -0.66788 | |
| 21 | Muon Lamb shift 4th order | [34] | -0.00169 | | | | -0.00169 | |
| 22 | Recoil corrections of order $\alpha(Z\alpha)^5 \frac{m}{M}m_r$ | [19, 32, 34, 39] | -0.04497 | | -0.045 | | -0.04497 | |
| 23 | Recoil of order α^6 | [32] | 0.00030 | | 0.0003 | | | |
| 24 | Radiative recoil corrections of | [19, 31, 32] | -0.00960 | | -0.0099 | | -0.0096 | |
| | order $\alpha(Z\alpha)^n \frac{m}{M}m_r$ | | | | | | | |
| 25 | Nuclear structure correction of order $(Z\alpha)^5$ | [32, 34, 45, 48] | 0.015 | 0.004 | 0.012 | 0.002 | 0.015 | 0.004 |
| | (Proton polarizability contribution) | | | | | | | |
| 26 | Polarization operator induced correction | [46] | 0.00019 | | | | | |
| | to nuclear polarizability $\alpha(Z\alpha)^5 m_{\pi}$ | | | | | | | |
| 27 | Radiative photon induced correction | [46] | -0.00001 | | | | | |
| | to nuclear polarizability $\alpha(Z\alpha)^5 m_r$ | | | | | | | |
| | Sum | | 206.0573 | 0.0045 | 206.0432 | 0.0023 | 206.05856 | 0.0046 |

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- Everybody is correct? New Physics !
 - BSM Physics
 - violation of lepton universality
 - Novel Hadronic Physics
 - ^o proton polarizability affects μ , but not e (effect $\propto m_1^4$)
 - two-photon exchange corrections (effects important at high Q²)

Need More Data

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Proton Form Factor Ratio



- All Rosenbluth data from SLAC and Jlab in agreement
- Dramatic discrepancy between Rosenbluth and recoil polarization technique
- Two-photon exchange (TPE) considered best candidate
 - most prominent at high Q² and backward scattering angles, where cross section is suppressed



stand rad cor independent

TPE contributions to rad cor not independent

of hadronic structure

Two-photon exchange: exp. evidence

- TPE can explain form factor discrepancy J. Arrington et al, PRC76, 035205 (2007)
- TPE different for e⁺ and e⁻?
- Are they the same for e and μ ?





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Light Muonic Atoms



Neutron number N

- CREMA Collaboration moved on to heavier atoms!
- Deuterium radius from μD agrees with μH
 - deuteron charge radius: r_d again 7σ away from CODATA
- Helium isotopes seem to agree (preliminary results)
- Puzzle seen in H & D (Z=1 radius puzzle?)

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Redoing electron scattering at lower Q²

- Jlab: PRad
 - low intensity beam in Hall B @ JLab into windowless gas target (1.3 billion H events)
 - Preliminary G_E slope favors smaller radius, consistent with µp results!
- Mainz: ISR
 - exploit information in radiative tail
 - dominated by coherent sum of ISR and FSR
 - investigate G_E down to $Q^2 = 10^{-4} \text{ GeV}^2/\text{c}^2$
 - results not precise enough \rightarrow upgrades underway
- LPSC, Grenoble: ProRad
 - New accelerator to be built in France June
 - constrain Q²-dependence of G_E and extrapolation to zero
 - non-magnetic spectrometer, frozen hydrogen wire / film target





The Quest for New Data

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- → redoing atomic hydrogen
 - conflicting results: more careful systematics?
- \rightarrow light muonic atoms for radius comparison in heavier systems
 - puzzle seen in H & D, but not in He: (Z=1 radius puzzle?)
- \rightarrow redoing electron scattering at lower Q²
 - many efforts
 - PRad (windowless H_2 gas flow target \rightarrow removes major bkgds) is consistent with µp results!
- → Muon scattering!
 - MUSE (2019-2021)

- plans at COMPASS (100 GeV SPS muon beam: 2021-2023)

µp Scattering – The missing Piece



MUon Scattering Experiment (MUSE) at PSI



Direct comparison of up and ep scattering!

- \rightarrow beam of $e^+/\pi^+/\mu^+$ or $e^-/\pi^-/\mu^-$ on LH₂ target
 - separate particles by TOF, charge by magnets
- \rightarrow charge reversal: test two photon effects
- → absolute cross sections for ep and µp
 use ratio to cancel systematics
- → momenta: 115 210 MeV/c; $Q^2 = 0.002 0.07 \text{ GeV}^2$
- \rightarrow extract G_E and G_M from fits to experimental cross section data

π M1 / MUSE beamline



π**M1**: 100-500 MeV/c RF+TOF separated π, μ, e



MUSE: an unusual Scattering Experiment

- Secondary beam → identify and track beam particles
- Low beam flux (3 MHz)
 → large acceptance, nonmagnetic spectrometer
- Mixed beam → PID in trigger



LH₂ Target (U-M)

Liquid hydrogen target

- \rightarrow 280 ml Kapton cylinder
- \rightarrow full and empty targets

Target chamber in PiM1





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Target Simulations

Background from target walls and windows can be cleanly eliminated or subtracted



Target Performance



- Target Temperature: 20.67 ± 0.01 K
 - corresponds to a pressure of ~1.1 bar
- Target density: 0.070 g/cm³ (stable to 0.02%)
 - once equilibrium concentration of para (>99%) and ortho (<1%) hydrogen has been reached

Detector Components

MUSE detectors for TOF measurements

Beam hodoscope (TAU, Rutgers)



time resolution 70ps at 99.8% efficiency!

Beam Monitor

(TAU, Rutgers, USC)



Determination of particle flux downstream of target, Moller/Bhabha veto, ToF

Detector Components

MUSE tracking detectors

GEM telescope (HU)



measure location and timing of each incoming particle

Strawtube tracker (HUJI)



better track position resolution (<120µm) than design requirement!

Detector Components



significantly reduces trigger rate from background events

Scintillator wall (USC)



better time resolution (50ps) than design requirement!

Current status



- 18 test runs (2012 2019) (beam studies, detector development, and commissioning) demonstrate simulation agreement & reliable performance
- Construction completed
 - commissioning almost complete
 - 12 months total data-taking in 2019 2021

Two-photon exchange at low Q²

- High precision test of TPE for electron and muons at low Q²
- TPE largest theor. uncertainty in low-energy proton structure
- expect sign change for e⁺ and e⁻



- projected relative uncertainty in µ⁺p to µ⁻p elastic cross sections
- systematics: 0.2%



Comparison of ep to µp cross sections

- projected relative statistical uncertainties in the ratio of ep to µp elastic cross sections (mass difference removed in ratio)
- systematics: 0.5%



• relative statistical uncertainties in the form factors are half as large

Projected sensitivity for MUSE

 absolute radius extraction uncertainty similar to current experiments

 $\sigma(r_{\rm e}), \, \sigma(r_{\mu}) \approx 0.009 \; {\rm fm}$

- radius difference: common uncertainties cancel
 - comparison of μ to e, or μ^+ to μ^- insensitive to many syst. errors

 $\sigma(r_e - r_{\mu}) \approx 0.005 \text{ fm}$

- → almost factor two more sensitive than absolute radius extraction
- → almost factor ten better than current discrepancy



current discrepancy: r_e -r $_{\mu} \approx 0.034$ fm

Summary

- We are still (possibly more) puzzled!
- Proton radius puzzle
 - discrepancy between muonic and electronic measurements remains a serious problem
 - Need new data
- Expect new results in the coming years
- MUSE (w/ electron & muon scattering)
 - give first precise muon scattering results
 - will test existing values of radius
 - will test two photon exchange / proton polarizability
 - lepton universality

Thank you