



PRadII - DRad Experiments Current Status and Plans



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- PRad-II experiment (E12-20-004)
- Hidden Sector Particles/X17 search experiment (E12-21-003)
- DRad experiment (PR12-23-011)

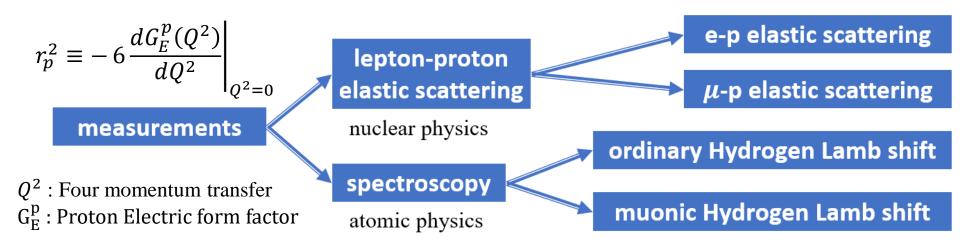


Proton root-mean-square charge radius

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_{∞}



Unpolarized e-p elastic scattering

In the Born approximation (one photon exchange):

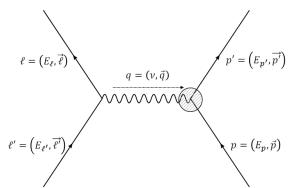
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott} \left(\frac{E'}{E}\right) \frac{1}{1+\tau} \left(G_E^{p^2}(Q^2) + \frac{\tau}{\varepsilon} G_M^{p^2}(Q^2)\right) \qquad \ell = (E_\ell, \overline{\ell})$$

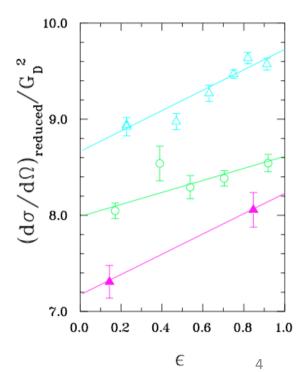
$$Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2(\theta/2)$$

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

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{reduced} = G_M^{p^2}(Q^2) + \frac{\varepsilon}{\tau} G_E^{p^2}(Q^2)$$

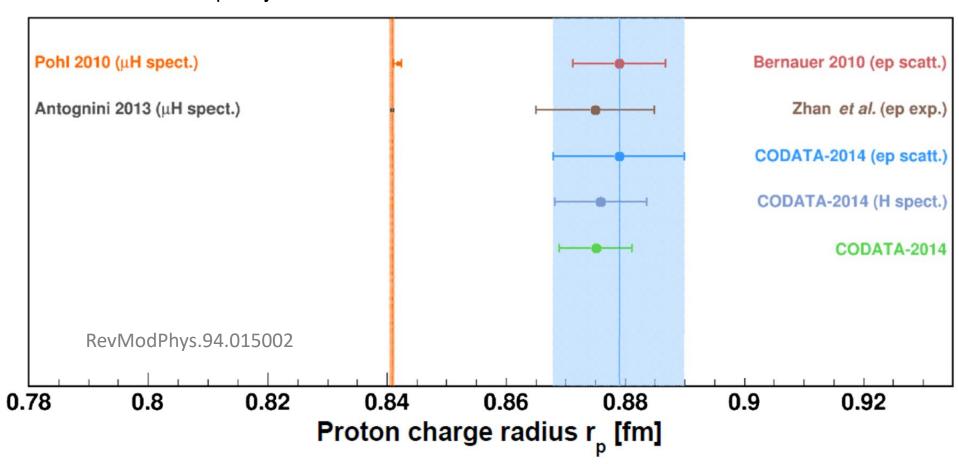
- G_E^p and G_M^p can be extracted using Rosenbluth separation
- At very low Q^2 region, cross section dominated by G_E^p , one may also extract G_E^p assuming G_M^p in certain form.





Proton charge radius puzzle

~ 8 σ discrepancy between muon and electron based measurements



Proton rms charge radius measured using

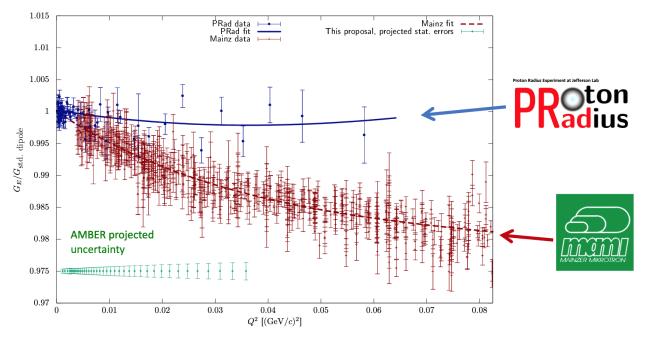
electrons: 0.8770 ± 0.0045 (CODATA2010 + Zhan et al.)

muons: 0.8409 ± 0.0004

The PRad-II experiment

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

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

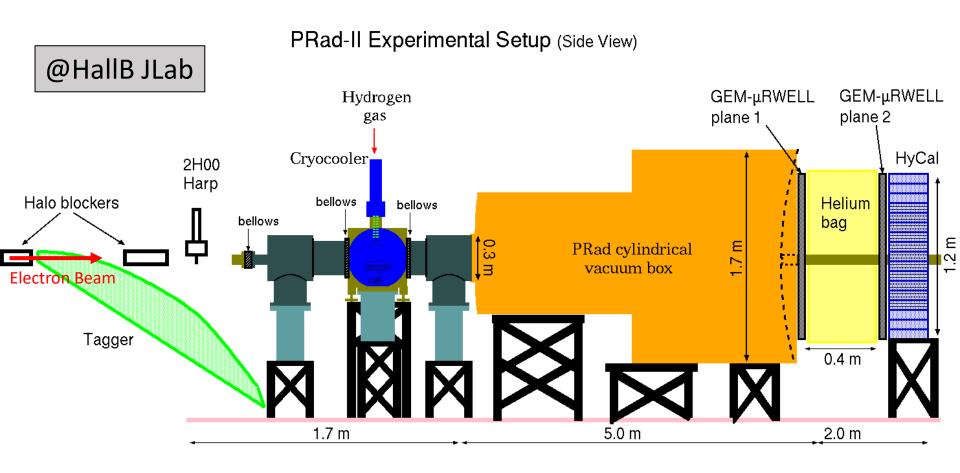


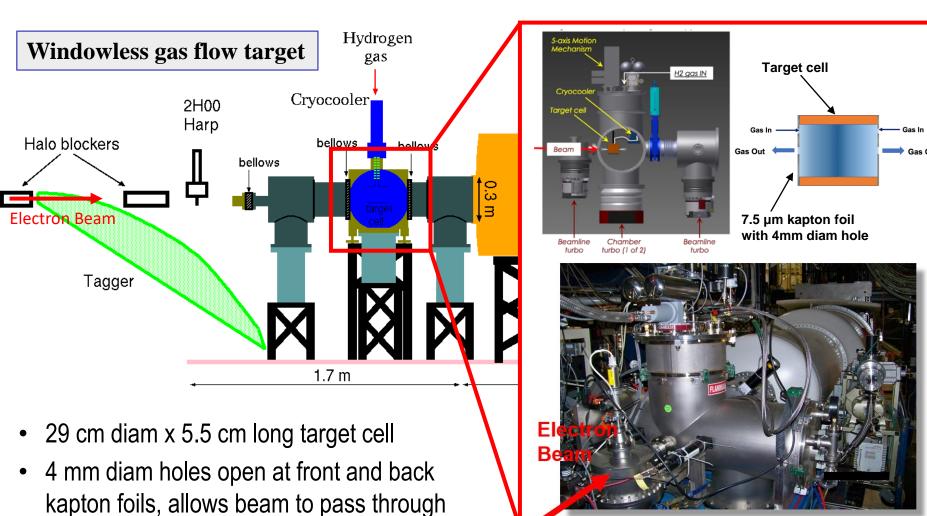
Based on the PRad experimental technique

figure: J. Bernauer

- Three beam energies, E = 0.7, 1.4 and 2.1 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 reduced by 3.8 times compared to PRad

 PRad-II experiment (E12-20-004), approved with highest "A" scientific rating among all proposals submitted in June 2020



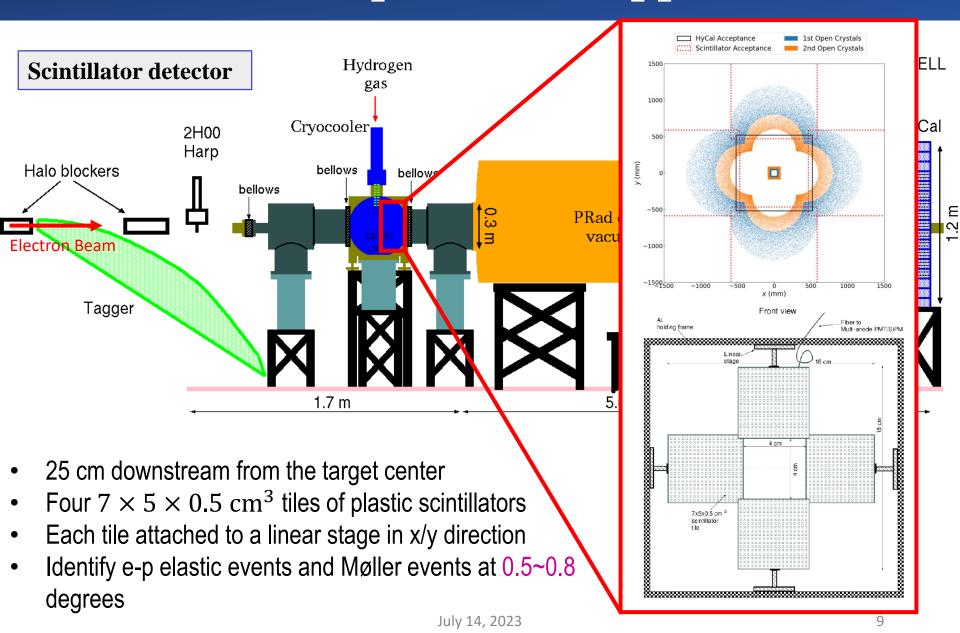


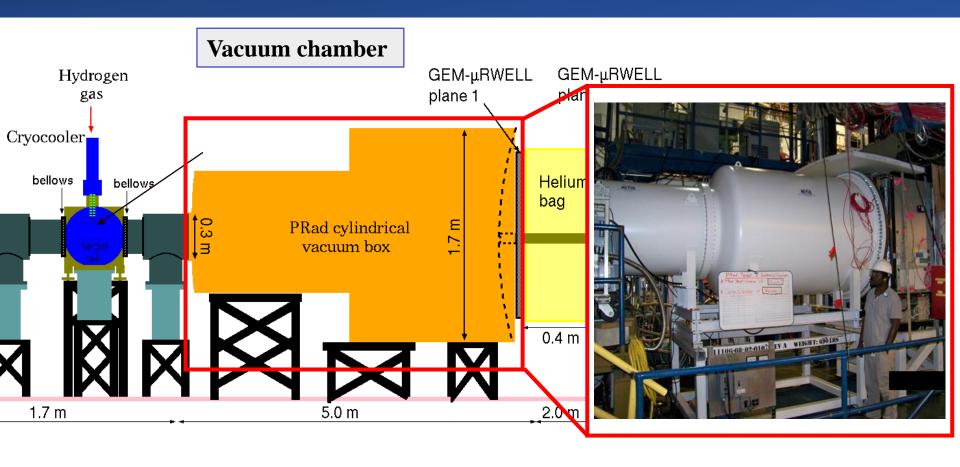
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remove major background source

Target thickness: ~2 x 10¹⁸ atoms / cm²

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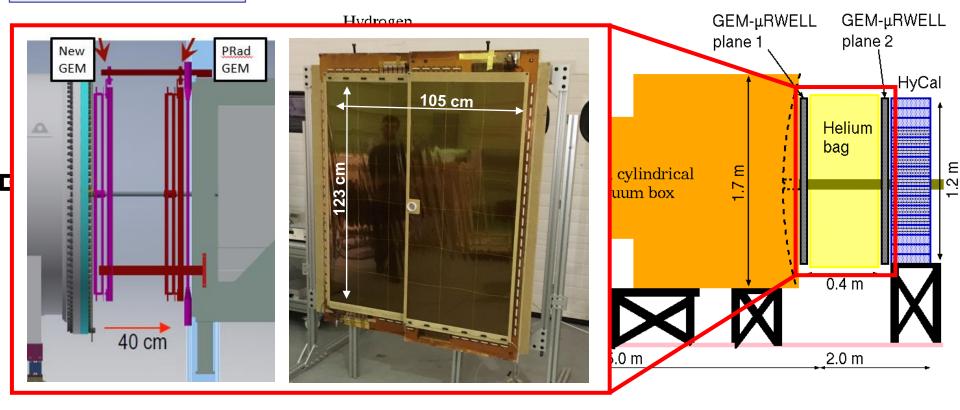




- 5 m long two stage vacuum chamber, further remove possible background source from the electron multiple scattering
- Vacuum chamber pressure: 0.3 mTorr

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Tracking detectors



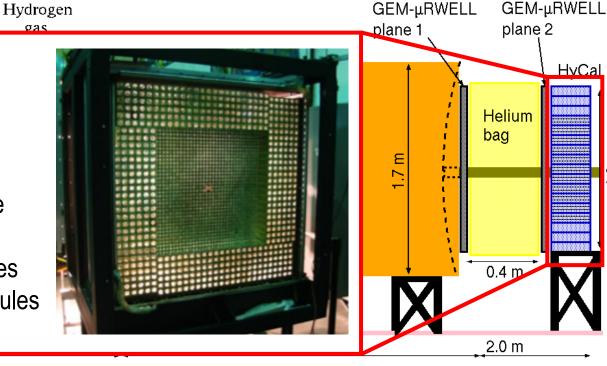
- Each GEM plane: two large area GEM chambers, small overlap region in the middle
- Provide excellent tracking for the scattered electrons
- Better control of beam line background from the upstream collimator, especially at very small angles (electron scattering angle less than 1 deg)

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Upgraded Hybrid Calorimeter (HyCal)

High resolution and efficiency

- 5.5 m from the target
- Scattering angle coverage:
 - ~ 0.6° to 7.5°
- Full azimuthal angle coverage PRad HyCal:
 - Inner 1156 PbWO₄ modules
 - Outer 576 lead-glass modules



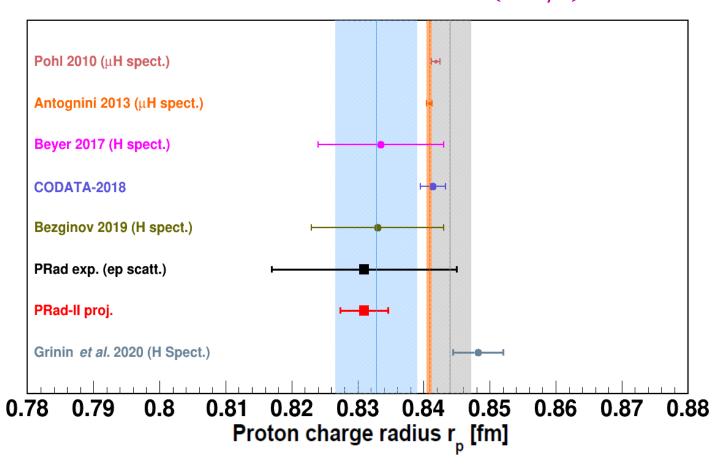
HvCal

Upgraded HyCal:

- Replace lead-glass modules with PbWO₄ modules to have more uniform and better resolution, suppress inelastic contribution
- Convert to flash-ADC based readout to increase data taking rate

PRad-II Projection

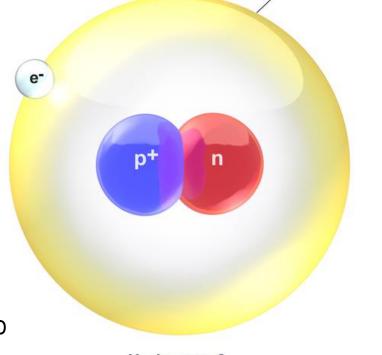
- The mentioned upgrades in hardware combines with the planned NNLO radiative correction calculations reduces the overall uncertainty by a factor of 3.8 compared to PRad
- Form factor measurements reach even lower $Q^2 \sim 10^{-5} (\text{GeV/c})^2$



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

 Deuteron rms charge radius: an ideal observable to compare experiments with theories



Hydrogen-2, deuterium

mass number: 2

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

 Q^2 : Four momentum transfer

GCd: Deuteron charge form factor

Electron shell

Unpolarized e-d elastic scattering

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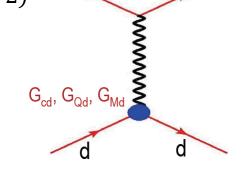
$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega} = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Matt} \left[A(Q^2) + B(Q^2) \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \qquad Q^2 = 4EE' \sin^2(\theta/2)$$

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A and B are structure functions related to the deuteron charge $(\mathbf{G_C^d})$, magnetic (G_M^d) and quadrupole (G_O^d) form factors:

$$A(Q^{2}) = G_{C}^{d^{2}}(Q^{2}) + \frac{2}{3}\tau G_{M}^{d^{2}}(Q^{2}) + \frac{8}{9}\tau^{2}G_{Q}^{d^{2}}(Q^{2})$$

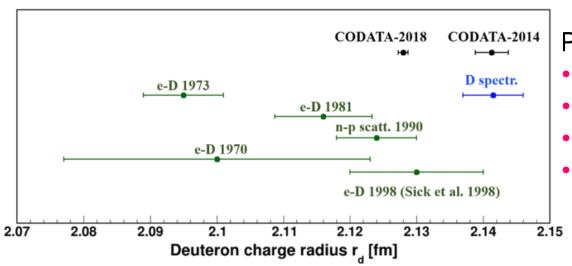
$$B(Q^{2}) = \frac{4}{3}\tau(1+\tau)G_{M}^{d^{2}}(Q^{2}) \qquad \tau = Q^{2}/(4M_{d}^{2})$$



- 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_{O}^{d} in certain forms from parametrizations based on the data.
- The rms charge radius can be obtained from the slope of the charge form factor G^d_C at $Q^2 = 0$:

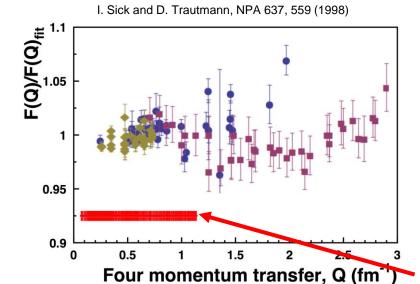
$$r_d^2 \equiv -6 \frac{dG_C^d(Q^2)}{dQ^2} \bigg|_{Q^2=0}$$

The deuteron charge radius from e-d scattering



Previous e-d scattering experiments:

- magnetic spectrometer method
- different types of targets
- normalized to e-p cross sections
- the most recent result in 1998 is a reanalysis of old data



◆ R.W. Berard et al. Phys. Rev. Lett. B47,355 (1973):

cooled H2 and D2 gas, measured ratio of ed/ep cross sections $Q^2 = [4 \times 10^{-2} - 5 \times 10^{-2}] \text{fm}^{-2}$

• G.G. Simon et al. Nucl. Phys. A364, 285 (1981):

different gas and liquid targets:

$$Q^2 = [4 \times 10^{-2} - 4] \text{fm}^{-2}$$

■ S. Platchkov, et al. Nucl. Phys. A510, 740, (1990):

different LH2 and LD2 targets $Q^2 = [5 \times 10^{-2} - 20] \text{fm}^{-2}$

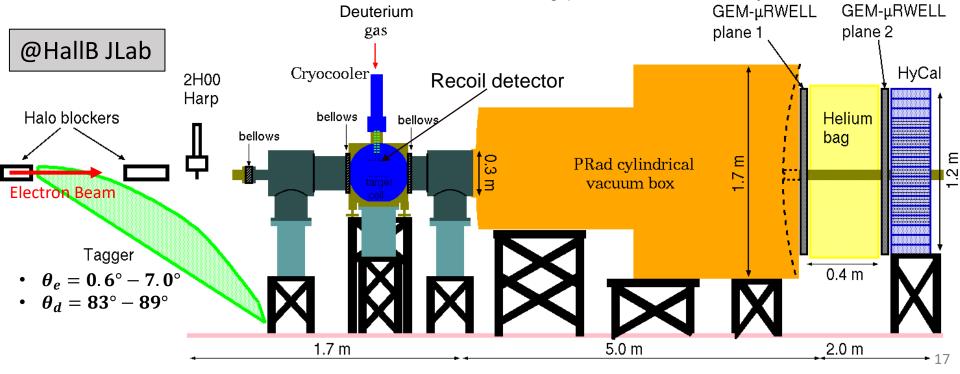
We propose a new independent method to measure e-d elastic cross sections with high precision

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 / $[2 \times 10^{-4} - 5 \times 10^{-2}]$ 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
- Veto counters for timing (PrimEx veto counters)
- Simultaneous detection of ee → ee Møller scattering process to control systematics



Proposed DRad experiment apparatus

Si-strip Cylindrical Recoil Detector inside the target cell

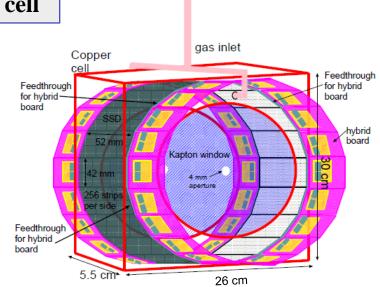
Detect recoil deuteron, proton background, provide information:

- Timing & Azimuthal angle
- Energy

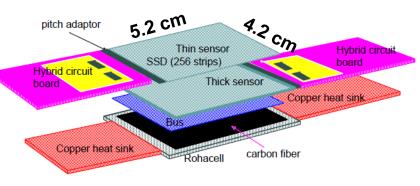
Based on the CLAS12 Barrel Silicon Tracker (SVT)

- 20 panels of twin, single sided Si-strip detectors (42x52mm²), 20 sided polygon arrangement with around 13 cm radius
- Thicknesses:
 200 μm (inner layer), 300 μm (outer layer)
- 256 strips on each sensor:
 angular resolution 5 mrad (φ) 20 mrad (θ)
- Inactive SiO₂ layer can be as thin as 0.5 um

CLAS12 Technical Design Report, 2008
(https://www.jlab.org/Hall-B/clas12_tdr.pdf);
CLAS12 Detector documentation
(http://clasweb.jlab.org/clas12offline/docs/detectors/html/svt/introduction.html)



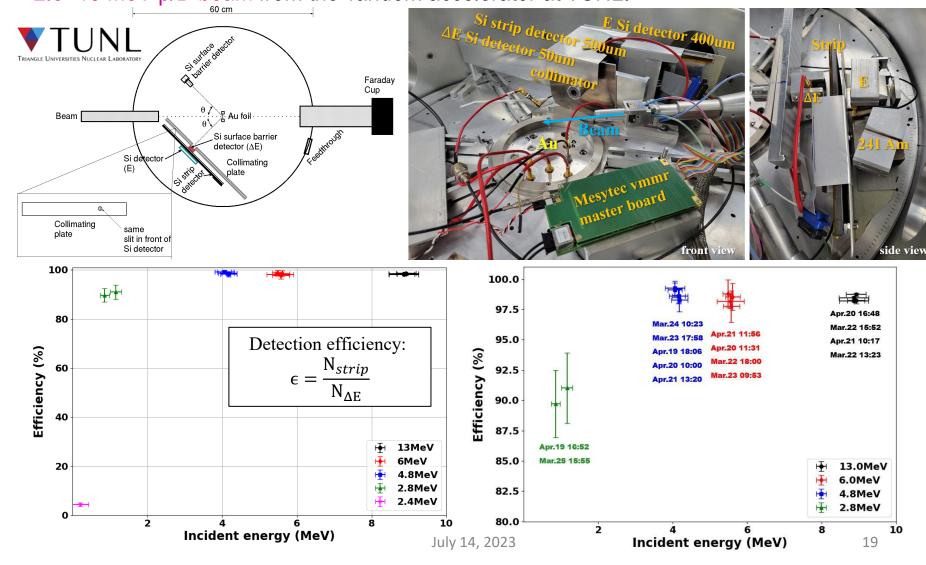
Single pair of Si-strip detectors



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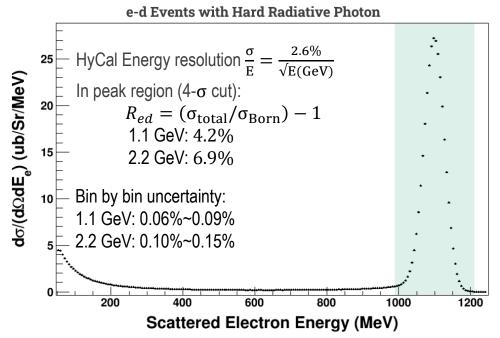
The recoil detector calibration at TUNL

 The Si strip detector (SSD) can be calibrated using e-p elastic run on hydrogen and with the 2.5~13 MeV p/D beam from the Tandem accelerator at TUNL.



Radiative Correction (RC) Calculations

- Complete elastic e-d NLO cross section including the lowest order radiative corrections beyond the ultrarelativistic limit has been calculated
- Based on the ansatz in the PRad RC calculation and used the Bardin-Shumeiko infrared divergence cancellation method [I. Akushevich et al. Eur. Phys. J. A 51.1(2015)]



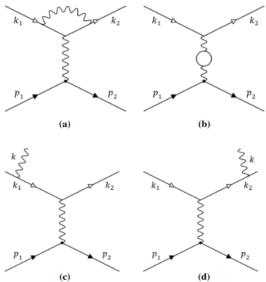


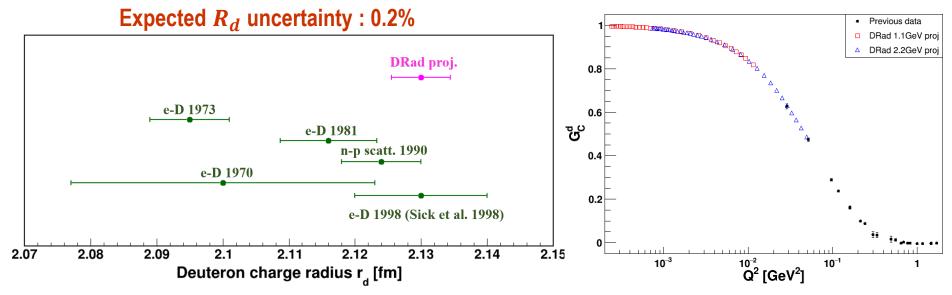
Fig. 2 Feynman diagrams from (a) to (d), describing the lowest-order QED RC contributions to the unpolarized elastic e+d scattering cross section: (a) vertex correction; (b) vacuum polarization; (c), (d) electron-leg bremsstrahlung.

- An event generator is developed and the total correction to the elastic e-d Born cross section in the DRad kinematics is calculated
- The uncertainty of the NLO calculation is estimated, taking into account higher-order contributions, calculation assumptions, and differences between various recipes
- The paper is to be submitted to arXiv and European Physical Journal A

DRad projection

Item	Uncertainty
	(%)
Event selection	0.110
Radiative correction	0.045
HyCal response	0.043
Geometric acceptance	0.022
Beam energy	0.008
Total correlated terms	0.13

Item	Uncertainty
	(%)
Statistical uncertainty	0.05
Total correlated terms	0.13
GEM efficiency	0.03
Inelastic e-d process	0.024
Efficiency of recoil detector	0.15
Total	0.21



The most precise single measurement from e-d elastic scattering

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Hidden Sector Particles/X17 Search Experiment (E12-21-003)

- The experiment has two experimental objectives:
 - 1) Validate existence or establish an experimental upper limit on the electroproduction of the hypothetical X17 particle claimed in two ATOMKI low-energy proton-nucleus experiments.
 - Search for "hidden sector" intermediate particles (or fields) in [3 60] MeV mass range produced in electron-nucleus collisions and detected in e⁺e⁻ (or $\gamma\gamma$) channels.
- The method:

"bump hunting" in the invariant mass spectrum over the beam background. direct detection of all final state particles (e', e⁺e⁻ and/or $\gamma\gamma$) \rightarrow full control of kinematics

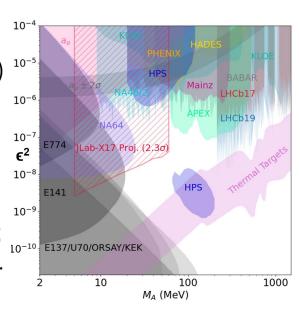
Electroproduction on heavy nucleus in forward directions:

$$e^- + Ta \rightarrow e' + \gamma^* + Ta \rightarrow e' + X + Ta$$
, with $X \rightarrow e^+e^-$ (with tracking) and $X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (without tracking)

in mass range of: [3 - 60] MeV,

target: Tantalum, ($_{73}$ Ta¹⁸¹), 1 μ m (2.4x10⁻⁴ r.l.) thick foil.

- All 3 final state particles will be detected in this experiment:
 - ✓ scattered electrons, e', with 2 GEMs and PbWO₄ calorimeter;
 - ✓ decay e+ and e- particles, with 2 GEMs and PbWO₄ calorimeter;
 - \checkmark or decay $\gamma\gamma$ pairs, with PbWO₄ calorimeter (and GEMs for veto).



Summary

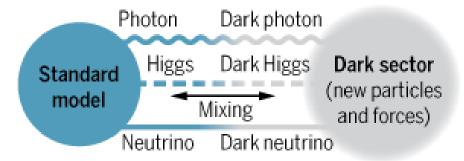
- PRad-II experiment:
 - Bring the best independent form factor measurement at $low Q^2$ range
 - Address the FF difference between PRad and MAMI
 - reach lowest Q² range 10⁻⁵GeV²
- Hidden Sector Particles/X17 search experiment:
 - Uniquely cost effective search for hidden-sector particles in 3~60 MeV mass range
 - Expect to run in 2025
- DRad experiment:
 - Perform the deuteron form factor measurement at very low Q^2 range from cross section independently from the e-p cross section
 - Extract the deuteron charge radius with highest precision in e-d scattering

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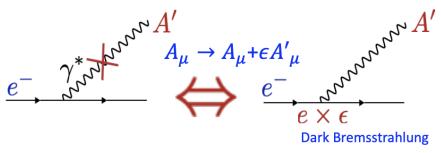
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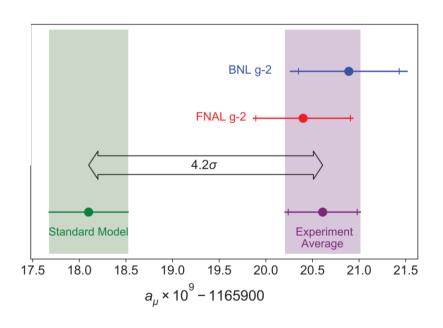
Hidden Sector Particles/X17

- The existence of the dark matter (DM) is well established by astronomical measurements
- No direct information about the DM composition



photon - dark photon mixing is equivalent to ordinary matter acquiring a milli-charge €€

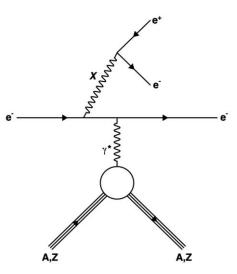




- Small-scale structure in astrophysical observations and the $4.2-\sigma$ disagreement between experiments and the standard model prediction for the muon anomalous magnetic moment motivated new DM models and candidates, such as the hidden sector DM (HSDM) models in $1\sim100$ MeV mass region
- ATOMKI Beryllium Anomaly suggests a new particle with a mass of 16.84 MeV, dubbed X17

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Hidden Sector Particles/X17 Search Experiment (E12-21-003)



arXiv:2108.13276

Forward angle electroproduction on a heavy nucleus

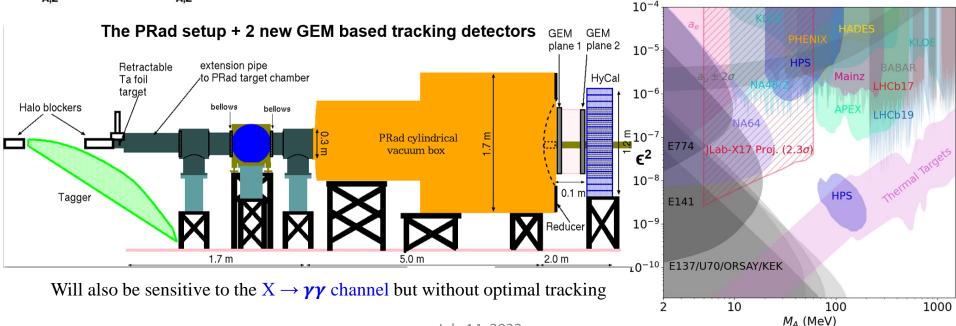
$$e^- + Ta \rightarrow e' + \gamma^* + Ta \rightarrow e' + X + Ta$$
, with $X \rightarrow e^+e^-$

All 3 final state particles will be detected in this experiment:

- The scattered electron and the pair produced e^+e^- will be detected using a pair of coordinate detectors and high resolution calorimeter
- As the only magnetic spectrometer free experiment at JLab it has an unique technique for background suppression

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• Search for hidden-sector particles in 3~60 MeV mass range



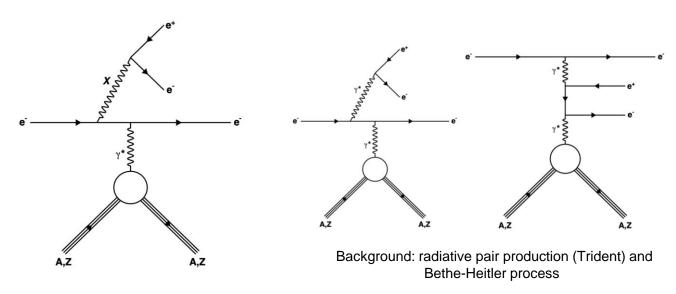
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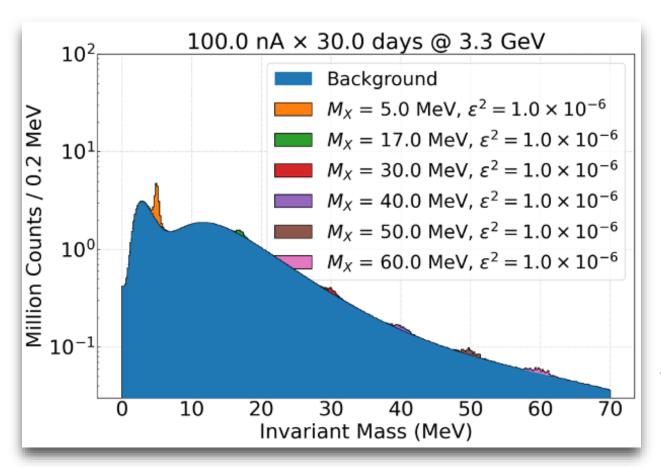
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Signal: Bremsstrahlung production of X

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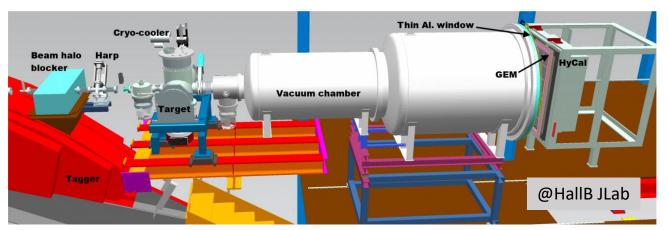


simulated background was scaled to 30 days of beam time

projected signal events with $\varepsilon^2 = 1.0 \times 10^{-6}$

The PRad experiment overview

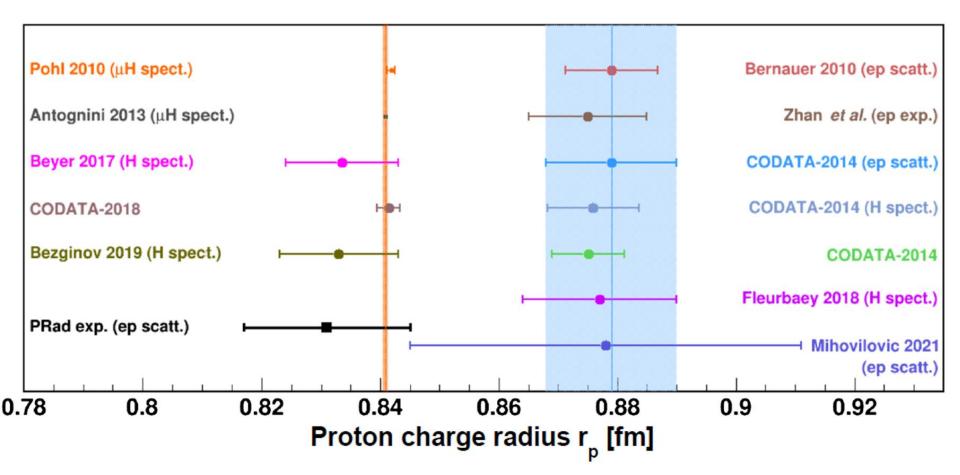
- Magnetic-spectrometer-free calorimetric method
- $E_{beam} = 1.1, 2.2 \text{ GeV}, \theta' = 0.7^{\circ} \sim 7.0^{\circ}$
- Covers two orders of magnitude in low Q^2 range in one fixed setting: $[2 \times 10^{-4} \sim 6 \times 10^{-2}] (GeV/c)^2$



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

- Unprecedented low $Q^2 (\sim 2 \times 10^{-4} (GeV/c)^2)$
- A windowless H₂ gas flow target removes major background source
- High resolution, large acceptance hybrid calorimeter detect and measure the electron energy
- Large area GEM detector for position measurement
- Simultaneous detection of $ee \rightarrow ee$ Møller scattering process for normalization
- Extract the radius with precision from sub-percent cross section measurement

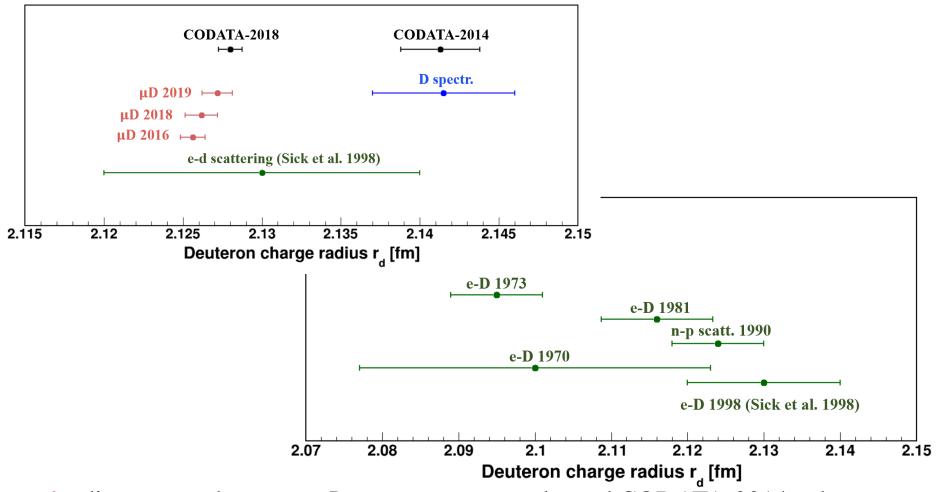
The PRad-II experiment



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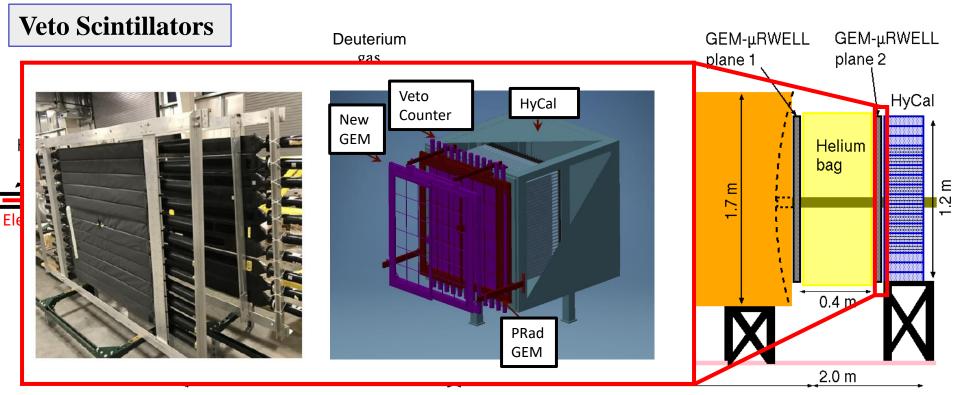
The deuteron charge radius puzzle

Independent of the famous "Proton Charge Radius Puzzle"



- $\sim 6\sigma$ discrepancy between μD spectroscopy results and CODATA-2014 value
- Uncertainties in previous e-d experiments are too large to resolve the puzzle

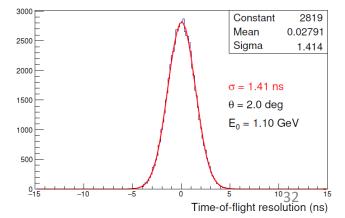
DRad experiment apparatus



• The major background for the e-d elastic scattering is the e-d inelastic breakup process:

$$e+d \rightarrow e+p+n$$

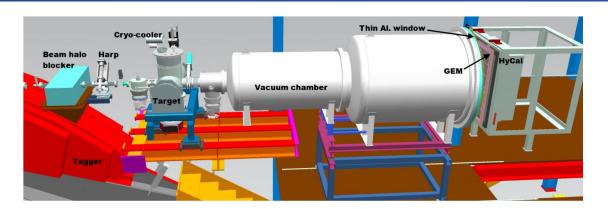
• Particle identification between deuteron and proton: measure the time-of-flight difference between the recoil detector and the HyCal



The highlight of DRad experiment

DRad proposal: PR12-23-011

- Measure e-d elastic cross sections at very low Q^2 range: $[5 \times 10^{-3} - 1.3] \text{fm}^{-2}$ $[2 \times 10^{-4} - 5 \times 10^{-2}] \text{ GeV}^2$
- Two beam energies, E = 1.1 and 2.2 GeV to increase Q^2 range and control systematics.



Experimental method based on PRad method and upgraded PRad-II (PR12-20-004):

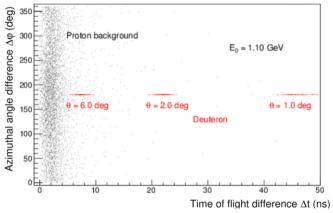
[W. Xiong et al. Nature 466 (2010) 213-216; H. Gao and M. Vanderhaeghen, Rev. Mod. Phys. 94, 015002]

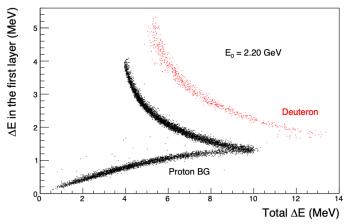
- Magnetic-spectrometer-free calorimetric experiment;
- Windowless deuterium/hydrogen gas flow target to reduce background;
- Two planes of tracking detector for better scattered electron tracking (PRad-II);
- Cylindrical recoil detector for reaction elasticity (new);
- Veto counters for timing (PrimEx veto counters)
- That will allow:
- \triangleright Measure cross sections in one kinematical settings for a large Q^2 range;
- \triangleright Simultaneous detection of $ee \rightarrow ee$ Møller scattering process to control systematics;
- ➤ Measure e-d elastic cross section to subpercent precision

PID and Event selection

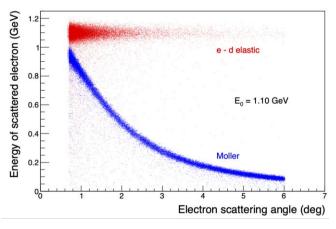
Comprehensive Geant4 simulation of the experiment was developed and used for studying the detection thresholds and backgrounds.

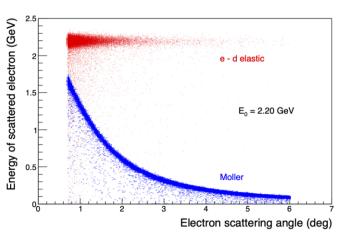
☐ Proton from breakup vs elastic recoil deuteron (Electro-disintegration rates are < 6% of the elastic rates)



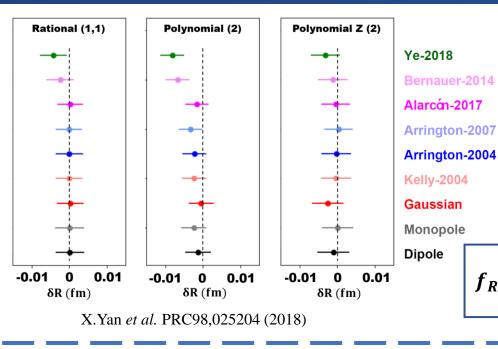


■ Møller event vs e-d elastic event





The robust fitter study for PRad vs DRad



- Used 9 models to reflect various reasonable approximations to the unknown true function of G_F^p
- Fitters: dipole, monopole, gaussian, rational, polynomial, poly-z, and continued fraction...
- Best fitter for PRad and PRad-II:

$$f_{Rational(1,1)}(Q^2) = p_0 \frac{1 + p_1^a Q^2}{1 + p_1^b Q^2} \quad r_{\text{fit}} = \sqrt{6(p_1^a - p_1^b)}$$

- Rational(1,1) does not match G_C^d data at higher Q^2 range \rightarrow search for possible new fitters
- Limited number of data-driven G_C^d parameterizations \rightarrow generalize the robustness test method

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

Abbott II:

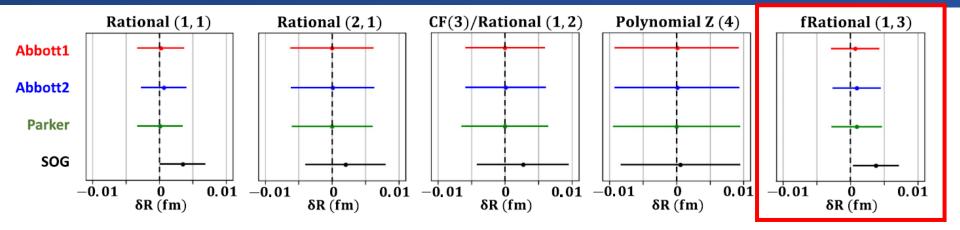
$$G_c^d(Q^2) = \frac{G^2(Q^2)}{(2\tau + 1)} \cdot \left[\left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\tau \right) g_{00}^+ + \frac{8}{3}\sqrt{2\tau} g_{+0}^+ + \frac{2}{3}(2\tau - 1)g_{+-}^+ \right] \qquad G_c^d(Q^2) = G_{C,0} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{4}Q^2\gamma^2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A_i}{1 + 2R_i^2/\gamma^2} \cdot \left[\cos(QR_i) + \frac{2R_i^2}{\gamma^2} \frac{\sin(QR_i)}{QR_i} \right]$$

$$g_{00}^+ = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{a_i}{\alpha_i^2 + Q^2} \qquad g_{+0}^+ = Q \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{b_i}{\beta_i^2 + Q^2} \qquad g_{+-}^+ = Q^2 \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{c_i}{\gamma_i^2 + Q^2}$$

Sum-of-Gaussian(SOG):

$$G_c^d(Q^2) = G_{C,0} \cdot e^{-\frac{1}{4}Q^2\gamma^2} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A_i}{1 + 2R_i^2/\gamma^2} \cdot \left[\cos(QR_i) + \frac{2R_i^2}{\gamma^2} \frac{\sin(QR_i)}{QR_i} \right]$$

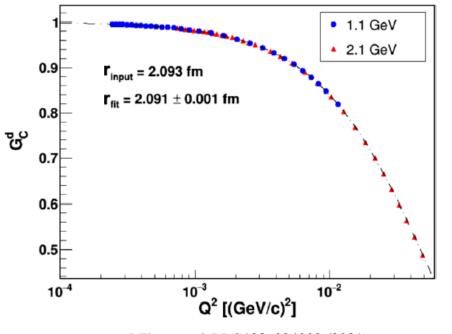
Model dependent study in r_d extraction



- Various functional forms were tested with modern parameterizations of the deuteron form factors, using DRad kinematic range and uncertainties.
- Fixed Rational (1,3) was identified as a robust fitter with lowest uncertainties

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

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



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Radiative Correction (RC) Calculations

