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### The proton radius problem

• The  $6\sigma$  discrepancy in the  $r_p$  measurements.



See talks of R. Pohl and C.E. Carlson on Wednesday.

### Why is the puzzle so important?

- Knowledge of basic properties of the nucleon.
- The radius is strongly correlated to the Rydberg constant.
- Problems in nuclear scattering data?
- Bringing different interpretations of nuclear scattering data to an agreement.
- Do we understand QED?

#### **Radius via Cross-section measurement**



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

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

### **Proton's charge form-factor**



- Data available only for  $Q^2 > 0.004$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>.
- Extrapolations to zero are needed!

# **ISR Experiment at MAMI**



# **Full Simulation**



- By comparing data to simulation ISR information can be reached.
- Measured  $\delta\sigma$  linearly proportional to the  $\delta G_E$  between data and model.

### **The ISR experiment**

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



#### Results

 Existing apparatus limited reach of ISR experiment to E' ~ 130 MeV.

- Simulation performed with Bernauer parameterization of form factors.
- A percent agreement between the data and simulation demonstrates that the radiative corrections are well understood!



### **ISR form-factors**



- Assuming flawless description of radiative corrections, form factors can be extracted from the data.
- First measurement of  $G_E^p$  at 0.001 GeV<sup>2</sup>  $\leq Q^2 \leq 0.004$  GeV<sup>2</sup>

### The ISR proton radius



- Only ISR data considered in the result.
- Result limited by the <u>systematic uncertainty</u>.

### Hypersonic jet target

 Target developed for MAGIX, but could be used also in A1.

- No metal frame near the vertex.
- No target walls.
- Width of the jet 2mm (point-like target)
- Density of 10<sup>-4</sup> g/cm<sup>3</sup> at 15 bar.
- Luminosity of 10<sup>34</sup>/cm<sup>2</sup>s can be achieved at MAMI.



# **Summary**

- A pilot experiment has been performed at MAMI to measure G<sub>E</sub><sup>p</sup> at very low Q<sup>2</sup>.
- A new technique for FF determination based on ISR has been successfully validated.

- Reach of the first ISR experiment limited by unforeseen backgrounds.
- Experiment approved by PAC 2016
- The jet target opens possibility for reaching the ultimate goal of measuring form factors at 10<sup>-4</sup> GeV<sup>2</sup>.

Thank you!

#### Simul++

- Based on standard A1 framework.
- Detailed description of apparatus.
- Exact calculation of the leading order diagrams:



 The NL-order virtual and real corrections together with external corrections included via effective corrections to the cross-section.



# **Going beyond peaking approximation**

Traditional peaking approximations insufficient for such experiment.



 <u>Secondary objective</u>: Measurements at higher Q<sup>2</sup> for validating the radiative corrections in a region, where FFs are well known.

Important for experiments, e.g. VCS, which require high-precision knowledge of the radiative corrections.

# **Size of effective corrections**



Careful handle of all the corrections is required.

### **Kinematic settings**

• Overlapping settings to control systematic uncertainty.



### **Entrance flange contributions**



- Spec. B encompasses a long entrance flange.
- Events rescattered from the snout cover the whole vertex acceptance.

### **Cryogenic depositions**

 Disturb luminosity determination and calculation of energy losses and radiative corrections.



<u>Good vacuum</u> in target chamber (10<sup>-6</sup> mbar)



### **Target Frame contributions #1**



### **Target Frame contributions #2**



#### **Uncertainties**



Total systematic uncertainty of cross-section  $\leq$  1.0 %

# **Shortcomings of Cryogenic target**



- Employed an extended cryogenic target.
- Backgrounds from target walls and supporting frame.
- Spectra distorted due to cryogenic depositions on the walls.
- Cryogenic layer on the sides much thicker than in the beam direction. Huge effect on the elastic data! <u>No control over the thickness of the layer.</u>

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#### **Expected uncertainties with JetISR**



 Uncertainty of NNLO theoretical corrections will be reduced to 0.2% and total uncertainty to 0.3%.