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Neglecting recoil, form factor F(q) is the Fourier transform of charge distribution

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Weak decay of ⁶⁰Co Nucleus

observed anisotropy inMbeta-emission when nuclei%aligned to a magnetic field%1957signature of parity violation

Beta emission is preferentially in the direction opposite the nuclear spin, in violation of conservation of parity.

Wu, 1957

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pressing problem in mid-70's








Anatomy of a Parity Experiment



3 Decades of Technical Progress

Continuous interplay between probing hadron structure and electroweak physics

Parity-violating electron scattering has become a precision tool



- Beyond Standard Model Searches
- Strange quark form factors
- Neutron skin of a heavy nucleus
- QCD structure of the nucleon

Mainz & MIT-Bates in the mid-80s JLab program launched in the mid-90s E158 at SLAC measured PV Møller scattering

State-of-the-art:

• sub-part per billion statistical reach and systematic control

sub-1% normalization control

photocathodes, polarimetry, high power cryotargets, nanometer beam stability, precision beam diagnostics, low noise electronics, radiation hard detectors

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PREX Concept Pb-Radius Experiment

$$M^{EM} = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{Q^2} F_p(Q^2)$$

$$A_{PV} \approx \frac{G_F Q^2}{4\pi\alpha\sqrt{2}} \frac{F_n(Q^2)}{F_p(Q^2)}$$

 $A_{PV} \sim 0.6 \text{ ppm}$ Rate ~ 1 GHz $\delta(A_{PV}) \sim 20 \text{ ppb!}$

M_{PV}^{NC} =	$=\frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}}\Big[\Big(1-4\sin^2\theta\Big)\Big]$	$(\Theta_W)F_p(Q^2)-F_n(Q^2)$		
	Q ^p _{EM} ∼ 1	Q ⁿ _{EM} ~ 0		

 $Q^n_W \sim -1$ $Q^p_W \sim 1 - 4sin^2 \theta_W$

	proton	neutron
Electric charge	1	0
Weak charge	~0.08	-1



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PREX Overview

1 GeV electron beam, 50-70 μA high polarization, ~89% helicity reversal at 120 Hz





0.5 mm isotopically pure ²⁰⁸Pb target 5° scattered electrons Q² =0.0088 GeV²/c² new thin quartz detectors

PREX Overview



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Dispersive Position vs Time

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Detector segment vs Time

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Aspects of the Apparatus



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Physics Data: April/May 2010 Raw Asymmetry Data



Normalization Errors *Goal for total systematic error* ~ 2% *achieved*!

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E: spin precession in machine E': NMR in HRS B field scattering angle: survey ~ 1 mr

Q² distribution obtained by low rate runs; trigger on quartz pulse-height



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Systematic Error	(ppm)	(%)	Absolute angle	Н'	140 16 O
Polarization	0.0083	1.3	calibration via	200	¹²⁰ ¹⁶ O ₃₋ ⁵⁶ Fe
Detector Linearity	0.0076	1.2	nuclear recoll	E ()	16 O 2+/1-
Beam current normalization	0.0015	0.2	variation	150	20
Rescattering	0.0001	0	$SE \Omega^2 E$	100	Recoil is large for
Transverse Polarization	0.0012	0.2	$\frac{\partial E}{E} \approx \frac{\partial}{2} \frac{E}{M_A}$	50	H, small for nuclei
Q ²	0.0028	0.4	71	0	the with the second of the sec
Target Backing	0.0026	0.4		2.98 Sc	attered Electron Energy
Inelastic States	0	0) 2% abso	lute collibration achieved
TOTAL	0.0140	2.1		J.4 /0 ausu	$0 4^{0} 0 \mathbf{n} 0^{2}$

4-momentum transfer $Q^2 = 4 EE' \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2}$ calibration E: spin precession in machine E': NMR in HRS B field scattering angle: survey ~ 1 mr

1000

500

0.004

0.002

0.006

0.008

0.01

Q² distribution obtained by low rate runs; trigger on quartz pulse-height



0.02

Left HRS

ATA

0.016

R = 180 MHz

0.018

R = 380 MHz

middle of acceptance

0.012 0.014

DATA

entire acceptance

Final Result $A_{PV} = 0.656 \ ppm \pm 0.060(stat) \pm 0.014(syst)$

Measured A_{PV}

PRL 108 (2012) 112502	Correct for Coulomb Distortions	PRC 85 (2012) 032501
$\bar{q} = 0.475 \text{ fm}^{-1}$	Weak density at one Q ²	$F_W(\bar{q}) = 0.204 \pm 0.028(\exp) + 0.001(\text{model}) \text{ fm}$
	Small corrections for $G_E^n \ G_E^s$ MEC	Mean Field
Atomic Parity Violation	Neutron density at one Q ²	and Other Models
	Assume surface thickness good to 25% (MFT)	
$R_n = 5.751 \pm 0.175(\exp)$		Neutron
$\pm 0.026 (model)$	R	Stars
$\pm 0.005(\text{strange}) \text{ fm}$	-	
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The Neutron Skin $R_n - R_p = 0.302 \pm 0.175(\exp) \pm 0.026(\text{model}) \pm 0.005(\text{strange}) \text{ fm}$



First electroweak indication of a neutron skin of a heavy nucleus (CL ~ 90-95%)

PREX-II Proposal

Achieve original proposal goal for accumulated statistics

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How badly does the community want this?



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Important Workshop in March 2013 at JLab

CREX Proposal

Measurement of A_{PV} in elastic scattering off ⁴⁸Ca

Approved by PAC last month!

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Parity-Violating Electron Scattering: MeV to TeV Physics

Measured Asymmetry (n A)	2 nnm		0.3	
Contraction And	2 ppm		-	.48 208
Scattering Angle	4~			skin ⁻¹ skin
Detected Rate (each HRS)	140 MHz	$\delta(\mathbf{R}_{n}) \sim \pm 0.02 \ \mathrm{fm}$	€ ^{0.25}	
Statistical Uncertainty of A _{PV}	2.1%	-nj	Cal	PREX-II Ö
Systematic Uncertainty of A _{PV}	1.2%		ST 0.2	
Statistical Uncertainty of A_T	0.4 ppm		0.15	Palatinistia
	Constant and the			• Non-relativistic



0.15

0.25

r_{skin}[²⁰⁸Pb] (fm)

0.2

0.3

0.35

0.4

0.1





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 Less precise measurements of thicker neutron skins with radioactive beams complimentary to precise parity violating measurements on stable nuclei.



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200 MeV





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MESA-LAYOUT

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DSP

PS

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Conclusions

PREX produced the first electroweak measurement of the neutron RMS radius in a heavy nucleus

Many new technical challenges overcome

- High luminosity Pb target
- Precision 1 GeV polarimetry
- Spectrometer optics optimization to produce compact elastic footprint
- "Parity quality" beam
- Pb transverse asymmetry measured and introduces negligible uncertainty
- Novel integrating detectors can count at GHz rates

Followup run approved by JLab PAC in Summer 2011

 Likely to be scheduled to run in mid-2015 (after first commissioning of beams after JLab upgrade shutdown)

Potential for precise Rn measurements demonstrated

- PREX-II: allocated the beam time and demonstrated ability to achieve ±0.06 fm
- CREX approved: ⁴⁸Ca R_n goal: ±0.02 fm
- Potential to measure ²⁰⁸Pb to ±0.03 fm at Mainz

Personal Remarks

Thank you for your support: critical for obtaining beamtime allocation for PREX-I

We are in an era of constrained budgets

- PREX and CREX running time must compete with a diverse program
- How important are these measurements to the community?
 - I believe these measurements form critical anchors for Symmetry Energy constraints
 - But if the community is lukewarm about these measurements, they wont happen!
 - So, if you are enthusiastic about these measurements, keep making it known!
 - For example, a Mainz experiment will not materialize unless there is sustained interest

Shameless plug

- I am about to advertise for a postdoc position to work on JLab PV program
 - Please direct your best graduating students to look for my ad in the next few weeks!