

Parity Violation Measurements for 12 GeV Hall A at JLab

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 - Moller
 - Neutron Skin Measurements

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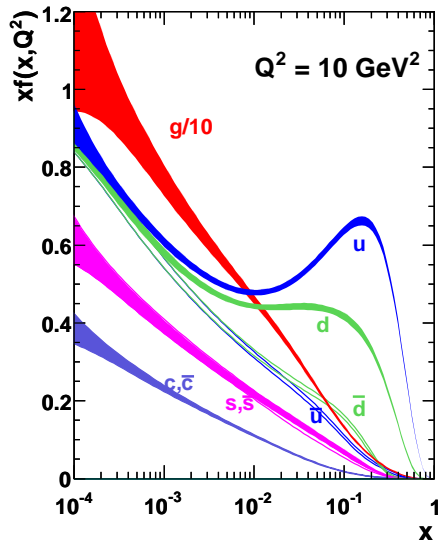
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} &= \frac{\alpha^2}{4E^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \left(W_2(\nu, Q^2) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + 2W_1(\nu, Q^2) \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{\alpha^2}{4E^2 \sin^4 \frac{\theta}{2}} \left(\frac{1}{\nu} F_2(x) \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{2}{M} F_1(x) \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Callan-Gross

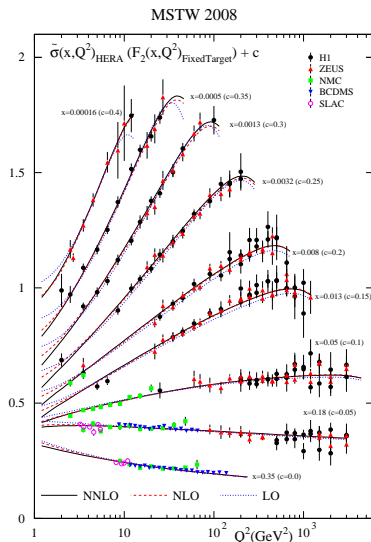
$$F_L = F_2 - 2xF_1 \approx 0$$

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$$\sigma \sim \left| \left(\text{Diagram 1} + \text{Diagram 2} \right) \right|^2$$

The diagram shows two Feynman diagrams for electron-nucleon scattering. The first diagram, labeled γ^* , shows an incoming electron and an incoming nucleon (represented by a double line) interacting via a virtual photon (wavy line) to produce an outgoing electron and an outgoing nucleon. The second diagram, labeled Z^* , shows the same process but with a virtual Z boson (dashed line) mediating the interaction. The two diagrams are summed and then squared to give the cross-section σ .

Sensitive to different couplings to PDFs...

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$$g_V^q = \pm \frac{1}{2} - 2e_q \sin^2 \theta_W (g_V^u \approx 0.19, g_V^d = -0.35)$$

$$g_A^q = \pm \frac{1}{2}$$

In principle have F_i^Z terms as well, but these are suppressed by Q^2/M_Z^2

- Parity violating asymmetry between electron helicity states separates γ^* and $\gamma^* - Z$
- For $Q^2 \ll M_Z^2$, ignoring Q^2 dependence:

$$A_{\text{PV}} = -\frac{G_F Q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} [Y_1 a_1(x) + Y_3 a_3(x)]$$

For $Q^2 \gg M^2$:

$$Y_1 \approx 1, Y_3 \approx \frac{1 - (1 - y)^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2}, y = \frac{\nu}{E}$$

$$a_1(x) = g_A^e \frac{F_1^{\gamma Z}}{F_1} = 2 \frac{\sum C_{1i} e_q (\mathbf{q} + \bar{\mathbf{q}})}{\sum e_q^2 (\mathbf{q} + \bar{\mathbf{q}})}$$

$$a_3(x) = \frac{g_V^e}{2} \frac{F_3^{\gamma Z}}{F_1} = 2 \frac{\sum C_{2i} e_q (\mathbf{q} - \bar{\mathbf{q}})}{\sum e_q^2 (\mathbf{q} + \bar{\mathbf{q}})}$$

a_3 term suppressed! $g_A^e = -0.5$, $g_V^e \approx -0.04$; y coverage limited

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Isoscalar, high x (suppress sea), lots of cancellations!

$$a_1(x) \approx \frac{3}{10}(2C_{1u} - C_{1d})$$

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- Powerful method to get at couplings
- Broad reach in Q^2 tests scaling behavior \rightarrow look for deviations
- Looking at range in x tests PDF cancellation assumptions

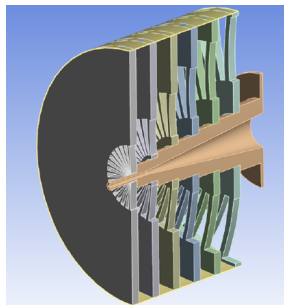
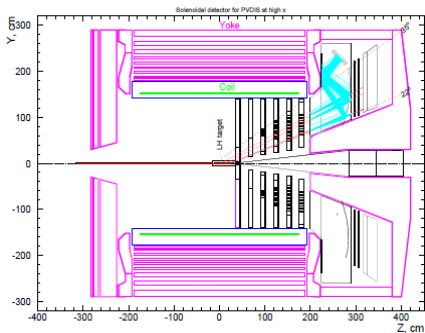
PVDIS Measurements - SoLID

PVDIS with e' has been explored at various facilities

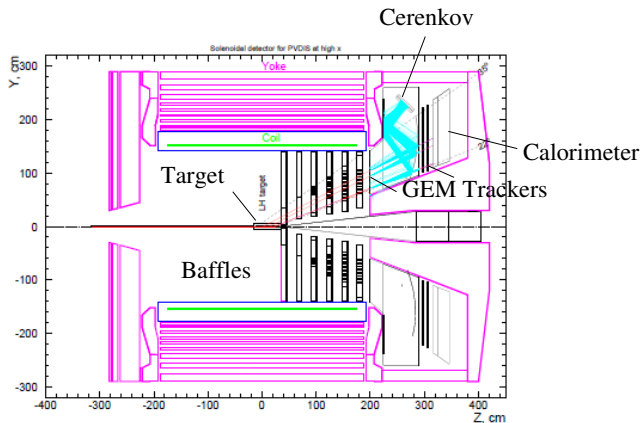
- SLAC
- 6 GeV JLab, Hall A

12 GeV Hall A has SoLID - enormous increase in acceptance

- $2 < p < 8$ GeV
- $2 < Q^2 < 10$ GeV²
- $0.2 < x_{bj} < 1$
- Acceptance $\sim 40\%$

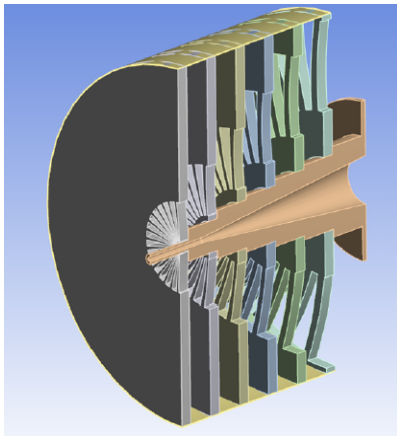


Proposed Setup



- Unique experiment - true “counting mode” PV measurement
- Divide into 30 independent sectors
- Necessary rate $> 200 \text{ kHz}$ presents challenges for analysis

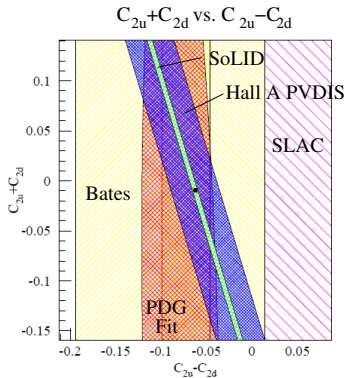
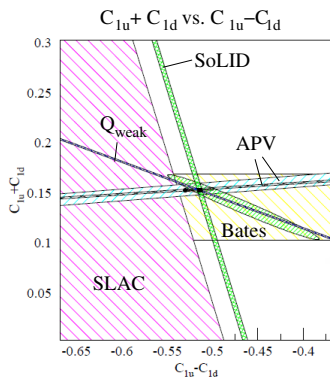
Baffle System



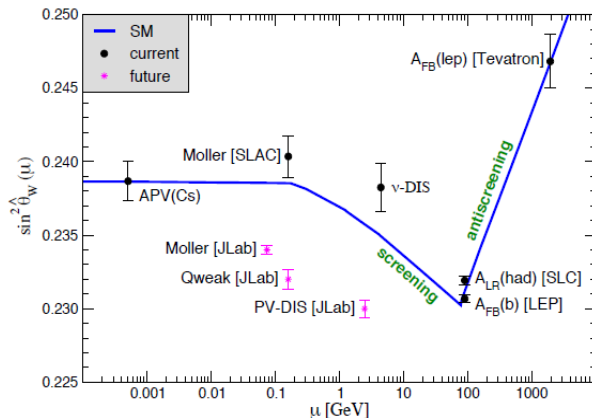
- Lead/tungsten baffles provide low energy filter
- Also very important to blocking line of sight to target

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- Alternatively, gives us $\sin^2 \theta_W$, $\Lambda \sim \text{few TeV}$

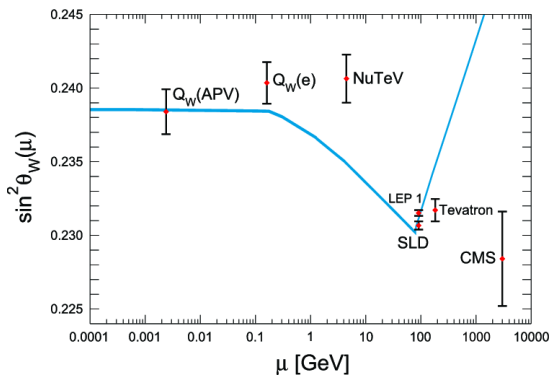
C_{2q} not as well constrained



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Aside - New PDG Plot



*The Tevatron measurements are strongly dominated by invariant masses of the final state dilepton pair of $O(M_Z)$ and can thus be considered as additional Z pole data points. **However, for clarity we displayed the point horizontally to the right.** Similar remarks apply to the first measurement at the LHC by the CMS collaboration.*

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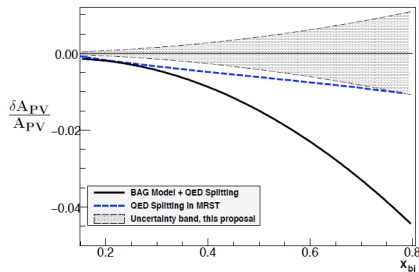
Paschos-Wolfenstein ratio for N=Z: neutrino NC/CC

$$\begin{aligned} R_{\text{PW}} &= \frac{\sigma_{\text{NC}}^{\nu A} - \sigma_{\text{NC}}^{\bar{\nu} A}}{\sigma_{\text{CC}}^{\nu A} - \sigma_{\text{CC}}^{\bar{\nu} A}} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{4}{9} \sin^2 \theta_W\right) \langle x_A u_A^- \rangle + \left(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{2}{9} \sin^2 \theta_W\right) \langle x_A d_A^- \rangle}{\langle x_A d_A^- \rangle - \frac{1}{3} \langle x_A u_A^- \rangle} \\ \lim_{N=Z} &= \frac{1}{2} - \sin^2 \theta_W \end{aligned}$$

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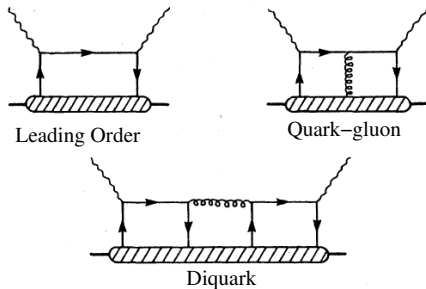
Sensitive to CSV



- Uncertainties in MRST broad enough to fix or make NuTeV worse - constraint can be important!

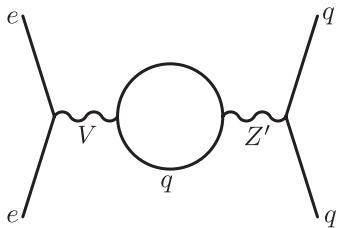
Large kinematic reach allows for evaluation of higher twist

- Beyond DGLAP, additional Q^2 dependence gives information on quark-quark and quark-gluon correlations
- In asymmetry measurement, Q^2 dependence from HT in qq correlations can show up while effects such as DGLAP cancel and $q(x)$ cancel for isoscalar targets
- Prevalence of diquark-type structures are an interesting topic in terms of nucleon structure



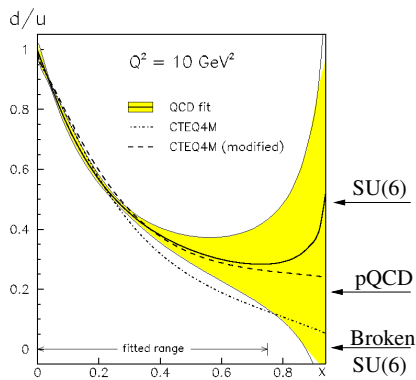
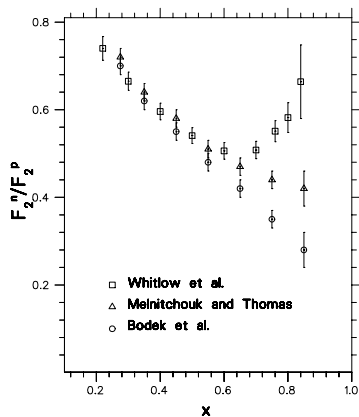
- New physics could be hiding in C_{2q} and not C_{1q}
 - Leptophobic Z' could mix with photon through $q\bar{q}$ loops, requires vector coupling with $ee'\gamma$
 - PVDIS could have sensitivity within some models to detect at 3σ level with $M'_Z \approx 100 - 200$ GeV range
- M.R. Buckley *et al.*, Phys Lett B 712, 261 (2012)

$$C_{1q} = 2g_A^e g_V^q$$
$$C_{2q} = 2g_V^e g_A^q$$



Clean Measurement of d/u

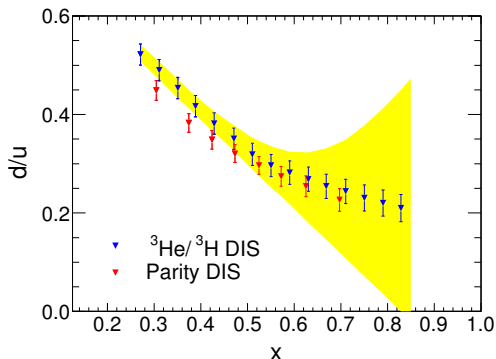
- d/u as $x \rightarrow 1$ gives information on valence quarks - models give varying predictions on behavior



Clean Measurement of d/u

- With proton data, d/u as $x \rightarrow 1$ is accessible

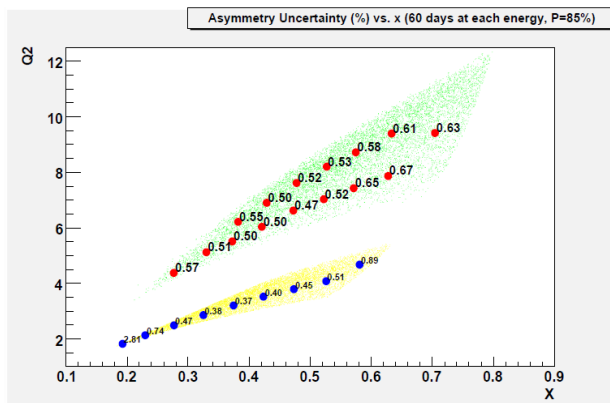
$$a_1^p(x) = \left[\frac{12C_{1u}u(x) - 6C_{1d}d(x)}{4u(x) + d(x)} \right] = \left[\frac{u(x) - 0.912d(x)}{u(x) + 0.25d(x)} \right]$$



Approved Measurement

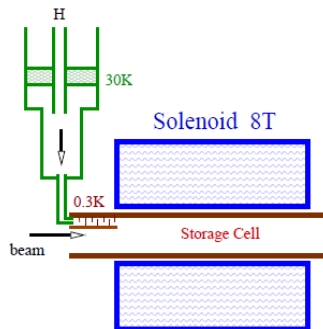
- Approved for 169 days (requested 338)

LD₂, 120 days:



- 120 days on LD₂ (60 at 11 GeV, 60 at 6.6 GeV)
- Also, 90 days on LH₂ 11 GeV

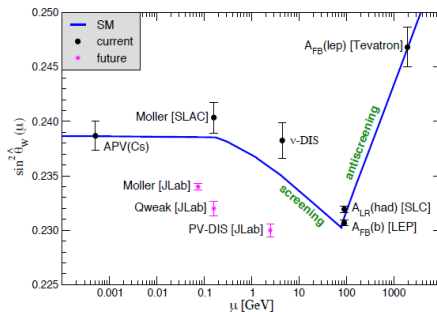
- Polarimetry required on the level of 0.4%
- Both Compton and Moller give 1% separately now
 - Run Compton electron and photon independently, must understand systematics - each $\sim 0.4\%$
 - Moller limited to about 0.8% systematics with brute force iron foils
- Atomic H_2 provides huge reduction in systematics
 - Use RF disassociation and trap in large 8T solenoid
 - Could provide necessary 0.4% required
 - Enormous R&D effort required



PbPVDIS - Potential new experiment

PV DIS on A with large isospin is very interesting!

- NuTeV anomaly showed 3 sigma deviation without CSV - CSV shifts about $\sim 1 \sigma$ down



- New physics or unconsidered effects?
- Mean field calculations by Cloet et al. show EMC effect dependence on nuclei with large $|N - Z|$

Now on arxiv! Cloet et al. arXiv:1202.6401 [nucl-th]

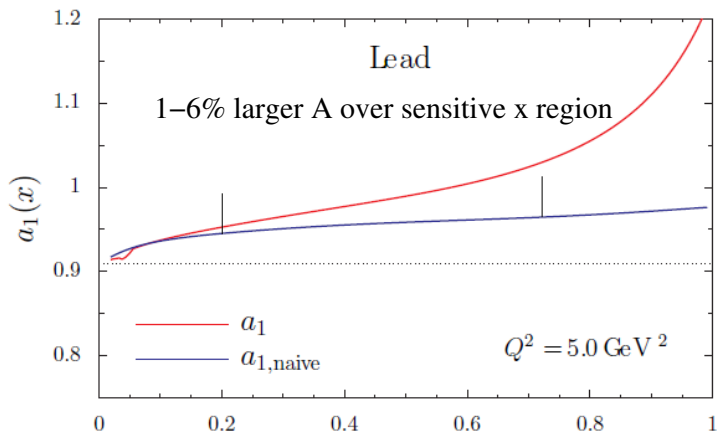
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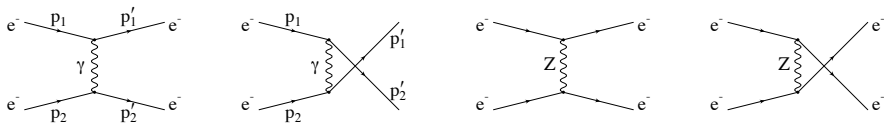
Changes to Paschos-Wolfenstein

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- JLab Physics
 - New feature on classic understanding of medium modification!
 - Ties to short range correlations
- High Energy
 - Resolution of high precision discrepancy in $\sin^2 \theta_W$
 - Relevant to neutrino physics - MINER ν A gets NC through jets, this has no ambiguities, should have agreement
- Low Energy, Astrophysics
 - Relevant to nuclear symmetry energy
 - EOS of nuclear matter can be derived in this model: Use symmetry energy to constrain
 - Implications on PREx-type physics, such as neutron stars

- Moller scattering has no direct hadronic interactions - clean test of weak interaction couplings

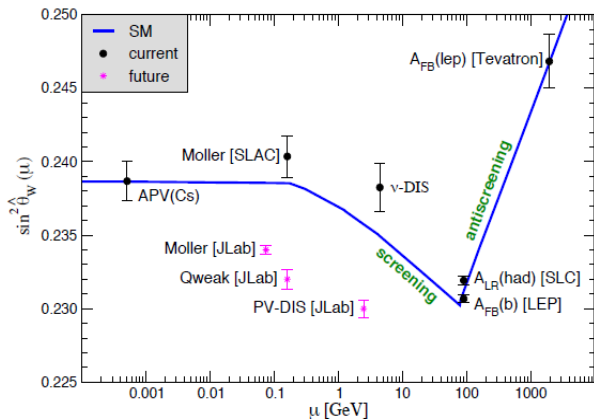


- Provides indirect tests to new potential new physics
- Low energy, but high precision sensitive to high energy physics*

$$A_{PV} = mE \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \frac{2y(1-y)}{1+y^4+(1-y)^4} Q_W^e$$

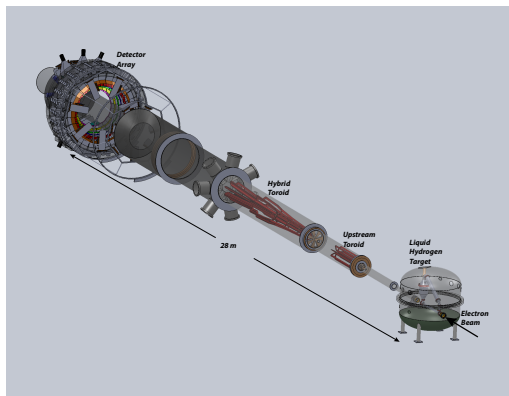
$$Q_W^e = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W$$

$\sin^2 \theta_W$ Projections



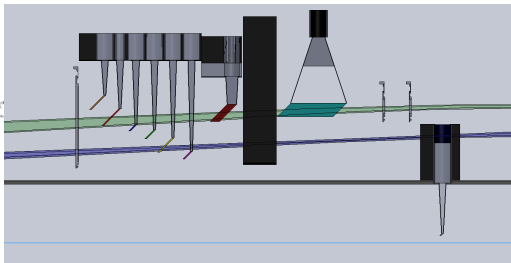
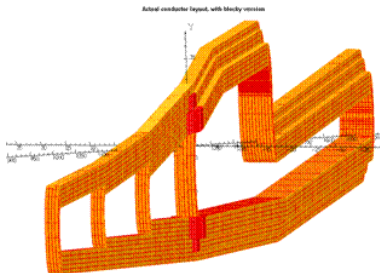
- A_{PV} to 0.73 ppb gives Q_W^e to 2.3%, or similar accuracy to best collider determination
- Sensitive to new physics on the multi-TeV level

Moller Apparatus



- $Q^2 \approx 0.0056 \text{ GeV}^2$, $A_{PV} \approx 35 \text{ ppb}$
- 150 cm long LH_2 target
- 150 GHz Moller e^- rate
- Toroidal spectrometer with quartz for signal integration

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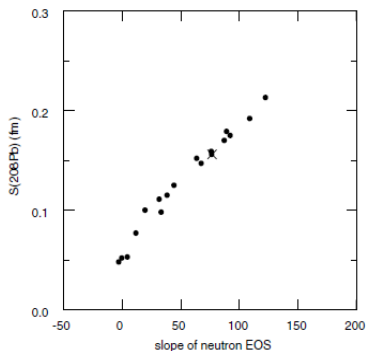
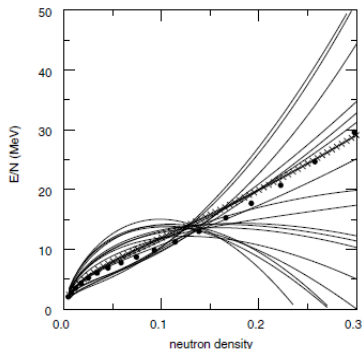
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PREX and CREX: Measuring neutron distributions in nuclei

- Both proton and neutron structure is important to understanding the strong nuclear force
- Calculations are difficult due to non-pQCD regime complicated by many-body physics
- Interesting for
 - Fundamental nuclear structure
 - Isospin dependence and nuclear symmetry aspects
 - Dense nuclear matter and neutron stars
- Proton radius is relatively easy - electromagnetic probes
- Neutron radius is difficult
 - Weakly couples to electroweak probes
 - Hadronic probes have considerable uncertainty
 - Theory has range of $R_n - R_p$ for various nuclei

Importance of Neutron Densities

- Constraints on neutron EOS

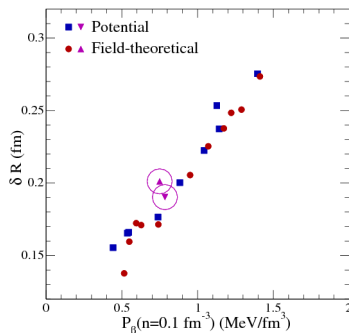


B. Alex Brown, PRL 85, 5296 (2000)

- Slope of EOS can be used to constrain potential models

- Neutron star structure is also better understood with measurements on R_n
- Larger R_n correlates with larger pressure
- X-ray observations from neutron stars predict $\delta R_{pb} = 0.15 \pm 0.02$ fm
- Structure can influence properties such as gravity waves
- Additionally, symmetry energy governs proton fraction
 - Direct Urca cooling depends on processes
$$n \rightarrow p + e^- + \bar{\nu}$$
$$e^- + p \rightarrow n + \nu$$
- Larger symmetry energy gives larger proton fraction

A. W. Steiner *et al.*,
Phys Rep 411, 325 (2005)



Parity Violating Electron Scattering

- e^- also exchange Z , which is parity violating
- Primarily couples to neutron:

$$Q_{\text{weak}}^{\text{proton}} \propto 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0.076, \quad Q_{\text{weak}}^{\text{neutron}} \propto -1$$

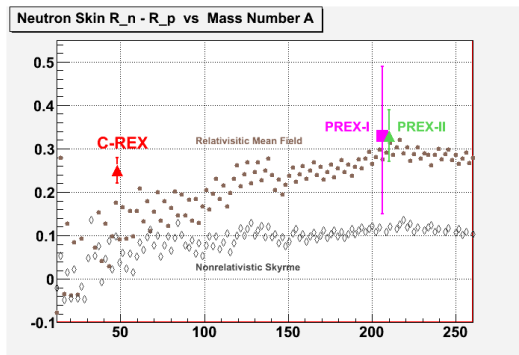
- Detectable in parity violating asymmetry of electrons with different helicity
- In Born approximation, $Q^2 \ll M_Z^2$, from $\gamma - Z$ interference:

$$A_{\text{PV}} = \frac{\sigma^+ - \sigma^-}{\sigma^+ + \sigma^-} = \frac{G_F Q^2}{4\pi\alpha\sqrt{2}} \left[1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W - \frac{F_n(Q^2)}{F_p(Q^2)} \right]$$

- For fixed target exp., typical $A_{\text{PV}} \sim 10^{-7} - 10^{-4}$

CREX and PREX

- PREX Measurement on ^{208}Pb published in December gave $R_n - R_p = 0.33^{+0.16}_{-0.18}$ fm
- PREX-II approved to reduce error bars to 0.06 fm
- CREX will give errors of 0.03 fm, conditionally approved pending theoretical development



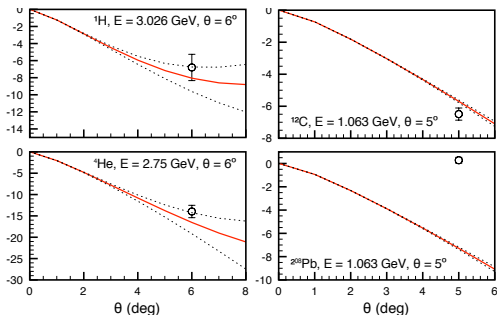
All experiments are statistics limited

- Parity violation provides unique handles for JLab and Hall A to exploit in tapping into unexplored nucleon features
- Studying weak couplings can yield information on potential new interactions
- Studying neutron distributions help compose a complete picture of nuclear structure, provide constraints to a broad program of physics

BACKUP SLIDES

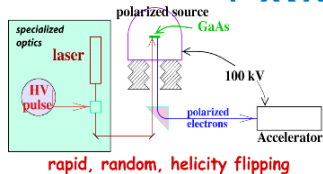
Transverse Asymmetries

- Vertically transverse beam asymmetries sensitive to two photon effects
- Asymmetries are highly suppressed, few ppm for $Q^2 \sim 10^{-2} \text{ GeV}^2$

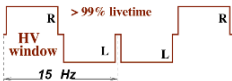


- Very latest calculations: agreement with measurements on low Z nuclei
- ^{208}Pb is significantly off - Coulomb distortions?

How to do a Parity Experiment (integrating method)



Rapid, Random Helicity Flips



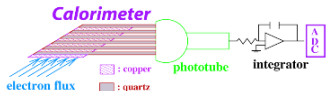
Measure flux F for each window

$$A_{\text{window pair}} = \frac{F_R - F_L}{F_R + F_L}$$

Flux Integration Technique:

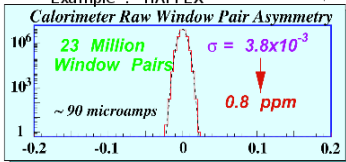
HAPPEX: 2 MHz

PREX: 500 MHz



Signal Average N Windows Pairs: $A \pm \frac{\sigma(A)}{\sqrt{N_{\text{windows}}}}$

Example : HAPPEX

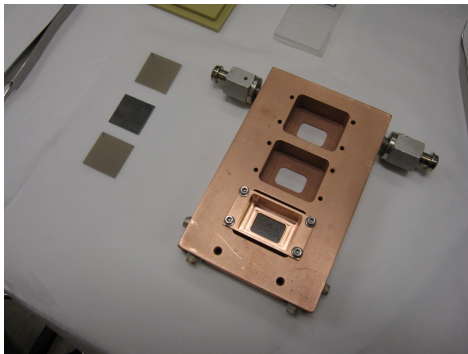


No non-gaussian tails to $\pm 5\sigma$

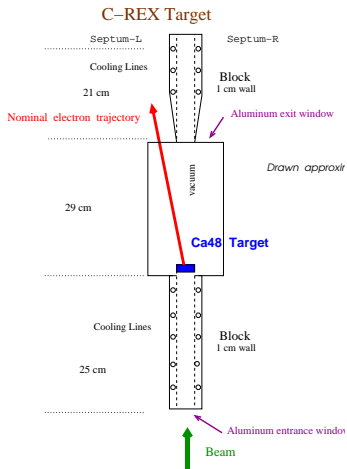
Stolen from R. Michaels

Lead/Diamond Targets

- 0.15 mm thick diamond, 0.5 mm thick Pb
- Cryogenically cooled frame (30 W)
- Beam is rastered by two fast magnets upstream to diffuse beam on surface



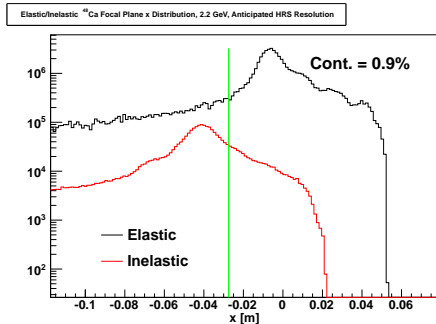
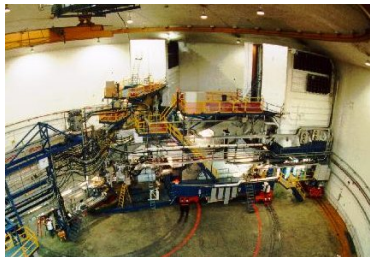
^{48}Ca Target



- 1 g/cm^2 , 5% radiator (much less than PREX!)
- Oxidizes when exposed to air, must remain isolated
- End windows contribute background with excited states, must remove from acceptance
- Collimators degrade e^- energy by 20 MeV
- Prototype and test with ^{40}Ca target, add in to ladder during PREX-II

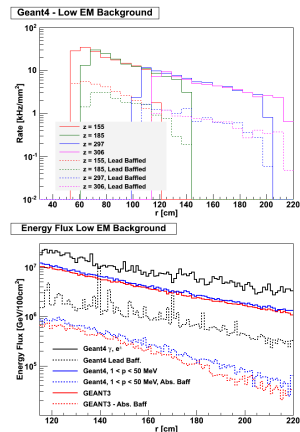
HRS and Quartz Detectors

- HRS with septum has hardware resolution 10^{-3} , use to separate inelastic states



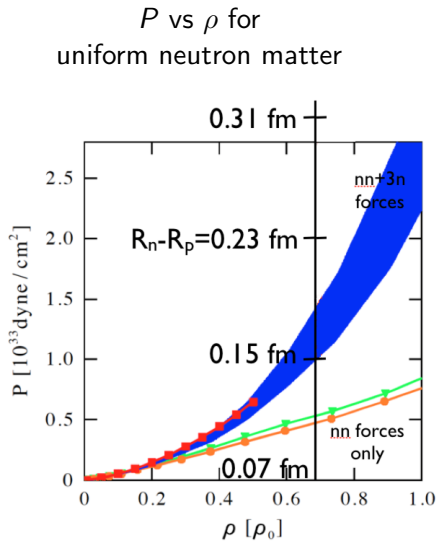
- Place quartz Cerenkov detectors to minimize inelastics
- Several states, but kept to $< 1\%$. Asymmetries calculable to some level and subtracted

- Considerable effort is presently being made in completing the design of this spectrometer
- Broadening purpose for several different types of experiments
- Need coherent, detailed simulations to cover complete experiment
 - Modeling DIS events, optics, acceptance, FOMs
 - Backgrounds - detectors and damage
 - Fast, high rate tracking - trigger/sector ~ 10 kHz, GEM up to 5 kHz/mm²
- Work beginning on development of GEM systems
- Looking at acquiring CLEO magnet



Three Neutron Forces

- Microscopic calculations for ^{48}Ca are just now becoming available
- Indirect calculations show a 0.03 fm difference in radius is induced by three neutron forces
- CREX would help test these assumptions, and provide some constraint

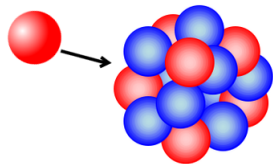


Accessing Neutron Radii in Nuclei

Hadronic Probes

- Elastic pN , $\bar{p}N$, nN , $\pi^\pm N$
- Alpha scattering
- GDR/dipole polarizability
- Antiproton scattering

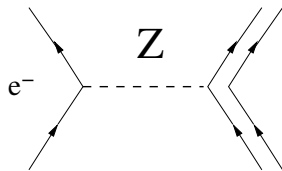
Have uncertainty in extraction due to strong force interactions



Electroweak Probes

- Parity violating electron scattering
- Atomic parity violation
- “Clean” measurements, fewer systematics

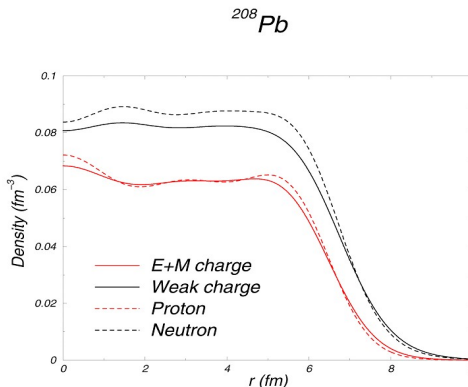
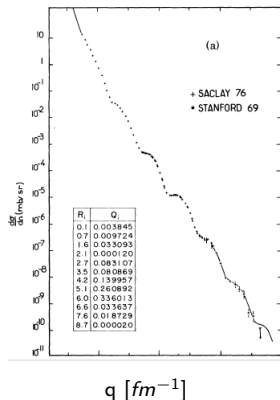
Technically challenging due to small weak force interactions



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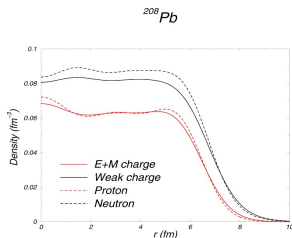
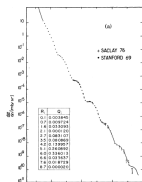
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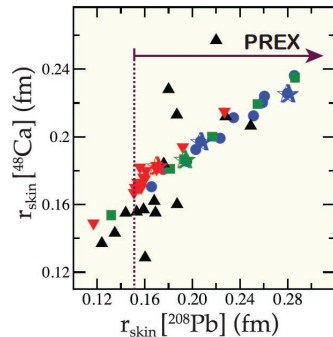


- In limit of small Q^2

$$F(Q^2) \approx F(0) + \left. \frac{dF}{dQ^2} \right|_{Q^2=0} + \dots = \int \rho(\vec{x}) d^3x - \frac{1}{6} Q^2 \langle r_{\text{charge}}^2 \rangle$$

- So small Q^2 measurements give RMS radius ($R_{n/p}$)

- ^{208}Pb is more direct measurement for dense nuclear matter
- Models show correlation between predictions of skin
 - 1% on ^{208}Pb is about 1% on ^{48}Ca
 - Uncorrelated uncertainties give advanced precision



- ^{48}Ca can have microscopic calculations performed
- Directly tests assumptions/parameters based into models
- Different Z , allows more reliable extrapolation between nuclei