Fundamental Symmetries and Weak Interaction through Parity Violation (Particularly with Polarized Electron Scattering)

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Qweak





Need momentum and scattering angle + energy loss to vertex:

- Region 2 HDCs \rightarrow scattering angle and vertex in target
- Region 3 VDCs \rightarrow partial track from QTOR exit to detector
- "Swim" electrons through the QTOR magnetic field to match partial tracks and find p
- Map out main detector light response for single track to determine light-weighted $\langle Q^2 \rangle$
- Data to benchmark simulation (confirm treatment of energy loss, radiative corrections, etc.)

0.02

0.1 (GeV/c)^2

Drift Chambers: Used to precisely locate charged particles









Background Detectors



The Q^p_{Weak} Luminosity Monitor

- Luminosity monitor → Symmetric array of 8 quartz Cerenkov detectors
- Placed in location where physics asymmetry is expected to be VERY small; useful as a "null" asymmetry monitor

Some prototyping:

Before beam:





After beam (radiation damage!):





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What could go wrong?



FIG. 5.22: Top: Typical VDC track projection (octant 5) to the primary quartz detectors weighted by the response of the sum of their PMTs. The color scale is the number of photoelectrons measured by both PMTs. The shape of the detectors is clearly visible. Bottom: The same projection as above with no weighting. The color scale indicates the number of tracks in a pixel.



FIG. 5.23: VDC track projection to the primary quartz detectors, weighted by the response of only one of the PMTs on the primary quartz detector in octant 1. The number of photoelectrons drastically changes when going over the glue joint at the center of the y axis. The color axis is number of photoelectrons measured by only one PMT.

Geometrical Symmetry

Transverse

Reduce sensitivity to beam fluctuations





$$A_{\perp}^{m} = \frac{\sigma_{\uparrow} - \sigma_{\downarrow}}{\sigma_{\uparrow} + \sigma_{\downarrow}} = A_{n} \vec{p}_{e} \cdot \hat{n} = -A_{n} \sin(\phi + \phi_{0})$$





Pockells Cell Ringing



g, **5**. Timing diagram of the helicity signals from the polarized source. See text for tails. The scale of the horizontal axis is exaggerated to show details of the signal timing.

Qweak Target



beam direction LH₂ flow



Target Studies



Raster synch (PREX)





Weak Charges of the Nucleons

As $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$



measures Q^p – proton's electric charge









measures Q^p_{weak} – proton's weak charge

$$Q_{weak}^{p} = 2\left(1 - \frac{8}{3}\sin^{2}\theta_{W}\right) + 1\left(-1 + \frac{4}{3}\sin^{2}\theta_{W}\right)$$
$$= 1 - 4\sin^{2}\theta_{W} \approx 0$$

$$Q_{weak}^{n} = 2(-1 + 4/3\sin^{2}\theta_{w}) + 1(1 - 8/3\sin^{2}\theta_{w})$$

= -1

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Neutral Weak Coupling





Weak mixing angle



Contact Interaction Models

Use four-fermion contact interaction to parameterize the effective PV electronquark couplings (mass scale and coupling)

For electron-quark scattering:

$$A_{PV} = \frac{G_F Q^2}{4\pi\alpha} (g_A^e g_V^i + \beta g_V^e g_A^i)$$

Qweak is particularly sensitive to C1q

New physics interaction:

$$\sigma \propto |M_{\gamma} + M_{\rm Z} + M_{\rm new}|^2$$
$$\sim |M_{\gamma}|^2 + 2M_{\gamma}M_{\rm Z}^* + 2M_{\gamma}M_{\rm new}^*$$

new Z', leptoquarks, SUSY ...





4% measurement of the proton weak charge probes TeV scale new physics

$$\frac{\Lambda}{g} \sim \left(\sqrt{2}G_F \Delta Q_W^p\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \sim O(\text{TeV})$$

Erler, Kurylov, and Ramsey-Musolf, PRD 68, 016006 2003

Neutral Weak Quark Couplings

$$A_{PV} = \frac{G_F Q^2}{4\pi\alpha} (g^e_A g^i_V + \beta g^e_V g^i_A)$$

Red ellipses are PDG fits

Blue bands represent expected data: Qweak (left) and PVDIS-6GeV (right)



Complementary Diagnostics



- Qweak measurement will provide a stringent stand alone constraint on Lepto-quark based extensions to the SM
- Q^p_{weak} (semi-leptonic) and E158 (pure leptonic) together make a powerful program to search for and identify new physics

Other Models



SUSY and RPV SUSY If RPC, possible dark matter candidate

Doubly-charged scalars (reach of **5.3 TeV** compared to 3 TeV at LEP2)

Asymmetry Extraction



 $C_{ ext{beamline}} = -10.2 \pm 23.5 ext{ ppb}$ June 1-19, 2015

$$A_{\rm PV} = -281.2 \pm 35.1({\rm stat}) \pm 29.6({\rm syst}) \text{ ppb}$$

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Ex. Aluminum Window Background $C_{Al} = -64 \pm 10 \text{ ppb}$

Large asymmetry and high fraction make this a big effect; correction driven by measurement

 $f_{
m Al} = 3.23 \pm 0.24~\%$

Rate from windows measured with empty target (actual windows)

Corrected for effect of hydrogen using simulation and data driven models of elastic and QE scattering

Dilution Factor: Dependence on Gas Density



 $A_{\rm Al}=1.76\pm0.26~\rm ppm$

Asymmetry measured from thick Al target Measured asymmetry agrees with expectation from scaling

$$A_{PV}\binom{N}{Z}X) = -\frac{Q^2G_F}{4\pi\alpha\sqrt{2}} \left[Q_W^p + \left(\frac{N}{Z}\right)Q_W^n\right]$$



Electroweak Corrections
$$Q_W^P = \left[1 + \rho_{NC} + \Delta_e\right] \left[1 - 4\sin^2 \hat{\theta}_W(0) + \Delta'_e\right] + \Box_{WW} + \Box_{ZZ} + \Box_{\gamma Z}$$

Uncertainty on this calculation only important at final precision ~7% correction

Rapid progress in data driven theoretical work is decreasing uncertainties:

Estimates of γZ contribution at Qweak kinematics

Gorchtein & Horowitz PRL 102, 091806 (2009)	0.0026 ± 0.0026	
Sibirtsev, Blunden & Melnitchouk, Thomas PRD 82, 013011 (2010)	$0.0047\substack{+0.0011\\-0.0004}$	
Rislow & Carlson <i>arXiv:1011.2397 (2010)</i>	$\boldsymbol{0.0057 \pm 0.0009}$	
Gorchtein, Horowitz & Ramsey-Muslof arXiv:1102.3910 (2011)	0.0054 ± 0.0020	
Hall, Blunden, Melnitchouk, Thomas & Young Private communication (2012)	$\boldsymbol{0.0052 \pm 0.00043}$	
(calculation constrained by PVDIS data) 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 \Box_{yz} contribution to Q_{W}^{P}		

Calculations are primarily dispersion theory type - error estimates can be firmed up with data! Inelastic parity-violating asymmetries:

- PVDIS at 6 GeV (JLAB E08-011); resonance region asymmetries
- Qweak: inelastic asymmetry data taken at W ~ 2.3 GeV, Q^2 = 0.09 GeV²

Reduced Asymmetry

in the forward-angle limit (θ =0)













The Pb Radius Experiment and the Ca Radius Experiment



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Neutron Rich Matter

At the heart of many fundamental questions in nuclear physics and astrophysics:

- What are the high density phases of QCD?
- Where did the chemical elements come from?
- Structure and properties of celestial bodies
- Neutron distribution effect on spectroscopy, dark matter measurements

Can be studied with astrophysical observations (X-rays, neutrinos, gravity waves) and in new facilities like the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams (FRIB)

Many of these methods have complications

from strong interaction dependencies

Measurement of the mean radius of the neutron density distribution in a heavy nucleus, R_{n,} could provide key insight

Neutron Stars



A typical neutron star is 1.5 solar masses, M_{\odot} , has a radius of 12 km, and a density as high as 5-10 times that of lab nuclei

Crust is 10 billion times stronger than steel

The interface between the crust and the outer core consist of regions with different void structures (spaghetti, lasagna, ziti) called *pasta*!

What we don't know is:

maximum mass of a neutron star radius of 1.4 $\rm M_{\odot}$ neutron star

Does the direct URCA process (emission of a $v_e \overline{v}_e$ pair) occur in neutron stars?

Neutron Stars Equation of State

The equation of state (EOS) is the pressure as a function of density P(
ho)







Crab Nebula

(X-ray, infrared, radio, visible)

URCA cooling $n \rightarrow p + e^- + \overline{v}_e$ $p + e^- \rightarrow n + v_e$ Resulting in the emission of $v_e \overline{v}_e$ a pair, cooling the star

Using hydrostatics in general relativity, and astrophysics observations of:

Luminosity, L

Temperature, T

Mass M (from pulsar timing)

$$L=4\pi\sigma_{B} r_{NS}^{2} T^{4}$$
 (with corrections)

$$f(r_{NS},M)$$

If $R_n \uparrow$ and $r_{NS} \downarrow$ - quark matter?

If R_{n} \uparrow , then $ho_{\scriptscriptstyle t} \psi$ - affects solid crust

 r_{NS} from combined observations predicts R_n - $R_p \sim 0.15$ +/- .02 fm Steiner, Lattimer and Brown arXiv:1005.0811

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The Equation of State of Neutron-Rich Matter

- Two conserved charges: proton and neutron densities (no weak interactions)
- Equivalently; total nucleon density and asymmetry: ρ and α=(N-Z)/A
- Expand around nuclear equilibrium density: $x = (\rho \rho_0)/3\rho_0$; $\rho_0 \simeq 0.15 \text{ fm-3}$ $\mathcal{E}(\rho, \alpha) \simeq \mathcal{E}_0(\rho) + \alpha^2 \mathcal{S}(\rho) \simeq \left(\epsilon_0 + \frac{1}{2}K_0 x^2\right) + \left(J + Lx + \frac{1}{2}K_{\text{sym}} x^2\right) \alpha^2$
- Density dependence of symmetry energy poorly constrained!! "L" symmetry slope ~ pressure of pure neutron matter at saturation



Credit: J. Piekarawicz

CREX Workshop Summary



- BE and charge radii well described (isoscalar)
- Isovector sector unconstrained by data
- Slope of asymmetry energy with density, L, is primarily isovector
- The things we know the best are unaffected by wildly different values of L
- You need neutron-rich matter (isovector)
 - ²⁰⁸Pb is uniform nuclear matter addresses L (but do we know everything we need from this?)
 - ⁴⁸Ca interpolate to intermediate A (big lever arm)

$$L = 3\rho_0 \frac{\partial c_{\rm sym}(\rho)}{\partial \rho} \Big|_{\rho_0}$$

Need ⁴⁸Ca to address in ab initio and DFT (bridge!)

- ab initio calculations can't be done in ²⁰⁸Pb
- 3N forces

How on Earth can we learn about neutron stars?



Other ways to get R_n

- Proton-Nucleus Elastic scattering
- Pion, alpha, d Scattering
- Pion Photoproduction
- Heavy ion collisions
- Rare Isotopes (dripline)
- Magnetic scattering
- PREX/CREX
- Theory

Involve strong probes

- \rightarrow Most spins couple to zero.
- \rightarrow Weak interaction
- → MFT fit mostly by data *other than* neutron densities

Form Factors

$$\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right) = \left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega}\right)_{Mott}^* \cdot \left|F(q^2)\right|^2$$

Mott scattering describes electron scattering, including the spin of the electrons

The Fourier transform of the "form factor" $F(Q^2)$ gives the density as a function of radius



Adapted from Particles and Nuclei, Povh, Rith, Scholz, Zetsche



$$Q_{weak}^{p} = 1 - 4\sin^{2}\theta_{W} \approx 0$$
$$Q_{weak}^{n} = -1$$

$$F_{p}(Q^{2}) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^{3}r \ j_{0}(qr) \ \rho_{p}(r)$$






Neutron skin of Pb



There is a tight correlation between the neutron skin of Pb, *actually*

$$R_n - R_p = \sqrt{\langle r_n^2 \rangle} - \sqrt{\langle r_p^2 \rangle}$$

and the symmetry energy and the EOS of neutron matter

Density dependence of symmetry energy L

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PV Asymmetry



PREx (CREx)

high polarization, ~89%

helicity reversal at 120 Hz





0.5 (fb)mthidhRdk Rebrg(ca) target 5° (4a)tscattleetectelentrons Q² =0.0088 (GeV2/2)²GeV²/c² thick and thin quartz detectors

Hall A High Resolution Spectrometers



PREx (CREX) Apparatus



Target Performance





Targets with thin diamond backing (4.5% bkgd) degraded fastest.

Thick diamond (8% bkgd) ran well and did not melt at 70 uA.

Solution: Run with 10 targets.

Region Near the Septum



PREx I Results

$$R_n - R_p = 0.33_{-18}^{+16} \, fm$$

 $A_{PV} = 0.656 \ ppm \pm \ 0.060(stat) \pm 0.013(syst)$

Systematic Error	Absolute (ppm)	Relative (%)
Polarization (1)	0.0071	1.1
Beam Asymmetries (2)	0.0072	1.1
Detector Linearity	0.0071	1.1
Beam current normalization	0.0010	0.2
Rescattering	0.0001	0
Transverse Polarization	0.0012	0.2
Q ² (1)	0.0028	0.4
Target Thickness	0.0005	0.1
¹² C Asymmetry ⁽²⁾	0.0025	0.4
Inelastic States	0	0
TOTAL	0.0130	2.0



- \rightarrow Statistics limited (9%)
- → Systematic error goal achieved !

(1) Normalization Correction applied

(2) Nonzero correction (the rest assumed zero)

PREx II/CREX



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3 nucleon forces



Why both?

Measure both R_n^{Pb} and R_n^{Ca} test nuclear structure models over a large range of A

Using models, one can relate the neutron star radius to the neutron skin of heavy nuclei

Including 3N forces can change the model predictions; CREX and PREX will help constrain the models



Neutron Stars



PREX and CREX



²⁰⁸Pb more closely approximates infinite nuclear matter

The ⁴⁸Ca nucleus is smaller, so can be measured at a Q² where the figure of merit is higher

 R_n^{208} and R_n^{48} are expected to be correlated, but the correlation depends on the correctness of the models

The structure of ⁴⁸Ca can be addressed in detailed microscopic models

Measure both R_n^{208} and R_n^{48} - test nuclear structure models over a large range of A

MOLLER

Spectrometer Elements

Two resistive toroidal magnets 2 collimators to define the acceptances 2 collimators to control backgrounds Blockers to study backgrounds Beamline 26.5 m

- Other parts of the experiment Integrating detectors
- Tracking detectors Target
- Shielding
- Beam monitors





Measurement of $sin^2\theta_W$





COMPLEMENTARY TO THE LHC - Z'



 $\alpha = 0 \rightarrow E6 \text{ models}, \alpha \neq 0$ describes kinetic mixing

 $\beta = 0 \rightarrow SO(10)$ (including those based on LR symmetry)





