# **Detectors for High Flux Parity Experiments at JLab: PREX-II, CREX and MOLLER**

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### **Detectors for Parity Experiments at JLab**

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#### **The Weak Force: Oh, I didn't know that?**

Through a series of nuclear reactions, four protons (hydrogen nuclei) in the core of our Sun combine to form a helium nucleus emitting two positrons and two neutrinos and releasing 27 MeV of energy:

 $p + p + p + p \rightarrow He^{4} + e^{+} + e^{+} + \nu_{e} + \nu_{e} + 27MeV$ 

- Thermonuclear fusion--Perhaps the most important reaction for all life on planet Earth is caused by a fundamental force of nature that is rarely discussed in the classroom: Weak Interactions or the weak nuclear force
	- Responsible for nearly all radioactive decay processes
	- $\triangleright$  Beta decay is most common
	- $\triangleright$  Theoretical understanding is at same level as Quantum Electro Dynamics







#### **Beta Decay Examples**









# **Beta Decay – Nature's Window into the Weak-nuclear Force**

A Quick History:

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- 1899 Rutherford Rutherford classifies three types of  $\bullet$ radioactive emissions: alpha, beta, and gamma
- 1931 Pauli postulates existence of neutrino to explain  $\bullet$ non-discrete energy spectra of  $\beta$ -decay electrons
- 1933 Fermi develops theory to explain  $\beta$  decay -- $\bullet$ precursor to theory for weak interaction
- 1956 Neutrino discovered by experiment.  $\overline{v}_e$  + p  $\rightarrow$  n + e<sup>+</sup>  $\bullet$
- 1957 Parity Violation discovered in  $\beta$  decay of <sup>60</sup>Co  $\bullet$





#### **Fermi's Interaction – Precursor to Weak Theory**



- Fermi's theory invented a physical mechanism for  $\beta$  decay
- 4-fermion contact interaction at single space-time point
- Modeled after electrodynamic field interactions -- where  $\vec{J}_E$  of a charged particle interacts with  $\vec{A}$  to create a photon
- For Fermi's theory, the "weak" current of pn-pair interacts with the "weak"  $\bullet$ current of  $e\overline{v}$ -pair
- Fermi's "weak" currents/potentials had vector form just as EM.





#### **Parity Symmetry**



- Parity operation: Spatial reflection through the origin
- "Even" functions:  $P f(x, y, z) \implies f(x, y, z)$
- "Odd" functions:  $P f(x, y, z) \implies f(x, y, z)$
- *Classically*, scalar quantities  $(m, E, \rho, V, M, ...)$  are mainly "even" while vector quantities  $(\vec{x}, \vec{a}, \vec{F}, \vec{E}, \vec{A}, ...)$  are mainly "odd"
- *Quantum Mechanically*, if **P** commutes with the Hamiltonian, then Parity is conserved (invariant or symmetric)
- Fundamental symmetry of nature known to be conserved in electromagnetism, strong interactions, and gravity







#### *β* − **Decay and Standard Model**



- Julian Schwinger modifies Fermi's theory to  $\bullet$ incorporate parity violating potential term (V-A) and idea of intermediate vector bosons; Glashow, Weinberg, and Salam 1979 **Nobel Prize**
- $W^{\pm}$  only couples to left-handed particles and  $\bullet$ right-handed anti-particles
- $Z<sup>0</sup>$  couples predominantly to left-handed particles







#### **Why Parity-Violating Electron Scattering?**

Provides model-independent determinations of nuclear and fundamental-particle weak-charge form factors and couplings with widespread implications for:

- Understanding nuclear and nucleon structure
	- **–** Strange quark content of nucleon
	- **–** Neutron radii of heavy nuclei −→ density dependence of Symmetry Energy and EOS of nuclear matter; neutron stars; calibrate hadronic probe reactions on radioactive beams
- Search for physics Beyond the Standard Model (BSM)
	- $-$  Indirect searches using low energy  $(Q^2 \ll M_Z^2)$  precision electroweak tests at high intensity or precision frontier
	- **–** complements direct searches at high energy frontier

#### *JLab PVES Programs*: HAPPEX, G0, PVDIS, PREX, Qweak, CREX MOLLER, SoLID







#### **Parity-Violating Electron Scattering**







# **Blueprint of a PVES Experiment (E122 at SLAC)**







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# **Anatomy of a PVES Experiment (E122 at SLAC)** .





#### **How to do a Parity Experiment** .







#### Detector signal noise dominated by electron counting statistics





#### **3 Decades of Technical Progress**

photocathodes, polarimetry, high power cryotargets, nanometer beam stability, precision beam diagnostics, low noise electronics, *rad-hard dets* **PVeS Experiment Summary** 

1st generation 2nd generation 3rd generation 4th generation

 $E122 - 1$ <sup>st</sup> PVES Expt (late 70's at SLAC) Mainz & MIT-Bates in mid 80's JLab program launched in mid 90's E158 at SLAC meas PV Møller scattering MOLLER at JLab in mid 2020's



• Parity-violating electron scattering has become a precision tool!





#### **PREX/CREX Concept**

#### **(Probing the Weak Charge Distribution of N-rich Nuclei)** .





- Neutron distribution not accessible to  $\bullet$ the charge-sensitive photon
- Z<sup>0</sup> couples primarily to neutron  $\bullet$

Present knowledge of neutron distributions comes primarily from hadron scattering  $\rightarrow$  model-dependent interpretation, large and uncontrolled uncertainties

❖ Parity violation can measure neutron and weak-charge form factors model-independently with statistics-dominated uncertainty

 $M_{EM} = \frac{4\pi\alpha}{Q^2} F_p(Q^2)$  (EM amplitude accesses charge)<br>or proton form factor  $M_{Weak}^{NC} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} [(1 - 4\sin^2{\theta_W}) F_p(Q^2) - F_n(Q^2)]$  $Q^n_{W} \simeq -1$  $Q^p{}_{W} \sim 0$ 

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A_{PV} \approx \frac{G_F Q^2}{4\pi \alpha \sqrt{2}} \frac{F_n(Q^2)}{F_p(Q^2)}
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 $F_{n,p}(Q^2) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^3r \ j_0(qr) \ \rho_{n,p}(r)$ 

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 **208pb**









 $0.95$  GeV e beam, 50-70  $\mu$ A

 $Q^2 = 0.0088$  GeV<sup>2</sup>, A<sub>pv</sub>~0.5ppm

 $0.5$  mm thick <sup>208</sup>Pb target

5° scattered electrons

680 hours,  $\sim$ 35M pairs

 $\delta A_{PV} \sim 15 \text{ ppb} (3\%)$ 

**PREX/PREX-II:** 



# **PREX/CREX Overview**

**CREX:** 

- $2.22$  GeV e beam, 150  $\mu$ A
- 5 mm thick <sup>48</sup>Ca target
- 5° scattered electrons

 $Q^2 = 0.037 \text{ GeV}^2$ , A<sub>py</sub>~2ppm

- 780 hours,  $~40M$  pairs
- $\delta A_{\text{PV}} \sim 80 \text{ ppb} (4\%)$
- high polarization,  $\sim 89\%$  helicity reversal at 240&30 Hz
	- **New thin quartz detectors**

#### **Symmetric High Resolution Spectrometers**





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#### **"Parity Quality" Beam Monitoring**

**(normalization and false-asymmetry systematics control)** .

**Precision source-laser alignment** ٠





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#### **PREX-I Systematic Errors** .

#### PREX goal for ~ 2% total systematic error achieved!



 $Q<sup>2</sup>$ 





#### Integrating Detector Focal Plane for PV Experiments: HAPPEX through PREX-II/CREX







#### **Requirements for PVES Integrating Detectors**

- Radiation hardness active medium must give consistent response under extreme and prolonged flux exposures
- Should count individual electrons with good ( $\sim 20\%$ ) resolution – to minimize statistical error inflation
- Photo-sensitive device must give highly linear response (at  $0.3\%$  level for PREX-II/CREX) – so care must be taken to understand photo-cathode light levels and anode currents during integration mode *A*<sub>*PV*</sub> measurements









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#### Main Integrating Detector for PREX-I ("thin" quartz Tandem Detector)



- Uses rad-hard, optically polished fused silica (quartz) tiles for Cherenkov active medium
- Scattered electrons traverse quartz at nominal angle of 45 degrees
- Aluminum air-core (specular reflector) light guide directs Cherenkov light to 2 inch PMT
- Linear translation stages provide precision positioning in "dispersive"  $\hat{x}$  and "transverse"  $\hat{y}$

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Quartz 6 mm



#### Main Integrating Detector for PREX-I ("thin" quartz Tandem Detector)

- Quartz geometry: 160 mm by 35 mm by 6 mm (upstream) and 10 mm (downstream)
- Conservative Design for PREX-I: orientation  $\bullet$ between pmt, quartz and central ray gives consistent light yields...but relatively low overall yield and okay resolution...







## Integrating Detectors for PREX-I (Tandem and A T Dets)

transverse beam

polarization

power)

A T Detectors

Monitor any residual

larger OOP scatters

(enhancing analyzing

**Elastic scattered** 

flux envelopes

Main Tandem

Detectors



Left HRS

#### <u>Views along dispersive  $\hat{x}$ </u>



Right HRS







Left HRS Photo (2010)

**Right HRS CAD** 

- First GEM tracking system to be used at JLab was during PREX-I; system was noisy and cumbersome
- Each HRS used three triple GEM chambers; each 10 by 10 cm<sup>2</sup> active area
- These supplement VDCs during high rate  $Q^2$  and optics calibration runs





# Integrating Detector Design change between PREX-I and PREX-II/CREX

- Orientation between quartz, pmt, and scattered  $\bullet$ electron changed
	- Allows capture of both sides of Cherenkov cone - instead of losing one side due to critical angle
	- Use TIR inside quartz as light guide  $-$  instead of aluminum air-core reflector to direct light to PMT
	- Less sensitivity to extra noise due to delta-ray production
- This change effectively doubles light yield and  $\bullet$ improves RMS by  $\sqrt{2}$
- However, there is more light yield variation for ٠ electrons with different incident angles
- ❖ Design validated with G4 optical Monte Carlo benchmarked to "real" Testbeam data







#### G4 Event Visualizations: PREX-I vs PREX-II/CREX



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**Main Integrating Detectors for PREX-II/CREX** .



- Both Left and Right HRS main detectors are assembled and ~ready to go
- PREX will use 5 mm thick quartz for all detectors
- CREX will use 6 mm thick quartz upstream and 10 mm downstream





#### . **MAMI testbeam May 24-27, 2016**

•  $\frac{3}{4}$  shift total for PREX-II/CREX and SAM





- 6mm and 10mm Tandem mount
- Near normal e incidence
- $\sqrt{3}$  (2015) SAM detector PE yield studies:
	- Miro27 and UVS light-guides
	- With and without 1cm  $\bullet$ tungsten pre-radiator





#### **PREX-II/CREX Tandem Detector Tests**



- Quartz spacing same as for rotary tandem mount  $(\sim]16 \text{ cm})$
- Used two Hamamatsu R7723Q pmts
- Quartz is wrapped with 1 mil Al. Mylar
- Took runs for each quartz thickness upstream and downstream
- Example raw data, pedestal fit, and ped-corrected ADC and PE dists







# Optical Monte Carlo (qsim) Benchmarking



- Detailed geometry; pmt quantum efficiency sampling; refractive index dispersion; light attenuation in quartz; photo-cathode attenuation and reflection; quartz ground polish parameter
- Glisure ground polish parameter is tuned to make agreement between simulation and data



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#### Optical Monte Carlo (qsim) Benchmarking

#### Photo-Electron Distribution - simulated vs real data







# Optical Monte Carlo (qsim) Benchmarking

Peak PEs Vs Detector-Beam Angle







# .**RHRS Tandem PREX-II/CREX Dets with GEMs**



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- PREX-II took place over summer 2019 and completed successfully in early September
	- $\triangleright$  Measured ~0.5 ppm  $A_{PV}$  from <sup>208</sup>Pb with ~1 GeV beam at 5°  $\theta_{lab}$  to ~3% stat. precision
	- Integrated flux rates were  $>2$  GHz per arm (Left and Right HRS); 26% detector resolution
	- $\triangleright$  Achieved 14 ppb statistical precision with a few nanometer control on beam positions
	- $\triangleright$  GEMs operated at 95% efficiency; provided precision Q<sup>2</sup> avg and systematic checks
	- Overall systematic error well below 14 ppb; will extract neutron skin to  $\pm 0.07$  fm precision ➤

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- CREX (Calcium Radius Experiment) will run from this Dec to April 2020 in Hall A, JLab
	- $\triangleright$  Measure ~2 ppm  $A_{PV}$  from <sup>48</sup>Ca with ~2 GeV beam at 5°  $\theta_{lab}$  to ~2% stat. precision
	- $\triangleright$  Integrated flux rates are ~30 MHz per arm (Left and Right HRS); 26% detector resolution
	- $\geq 45$  ppb (proposed) statistical precision with a few nanometer control on beam positions
	- $\triangleright$  Overall systematic error contribution 26 ppb (proposed); will measure neutron radius and skin with  $\pm 0.02$  fm precision





#### **Examples of Focal Plane, Elastic Peak Spectra**



- HRS dispersion: 14.3 cm /  $\%dp/p$  at det. plane
- At 1-pass  $(2.183 \text{ GeV})$ , this corresponds to  $\sim$  6.57 mm elastic-peak shift per MeV change
- **Energy lock** with full-scale slow drift stability of  $0.4 \text{ MeV}$  (1.8\*10<sup>-4</sup>) provides  $\pm$  1.3 mm stability in peak position

CREX has established its HRS tune  $\bullet$ giving expected rates and  $Q^2$  (FOM)



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#### . **PREX-II/CREX Detector Package**







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### Right HRS Detector Package Installation June 2019









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**PREX-II/CREX Main Detector Assemblies** .







# LHRS GEM stand in Cosmic-ray mode





- PREX-II will use 5mm thick  $\bullet$ quartz.
- Main and A\_T detectors will use  $\bullet$ R7723Q pmts





# **DAHO**

### **List of past and present undergraduate research assistants within past 6 years**







#### Students at Work at Jefferson Lab and SLAC



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#### **Summary and Future Plans**

• PVES is a precision tool for measuring weak-charge distributions with implications for nuclear structure and BSM discovery

PREX/CREX:

- PREX-II collected 80% of proposed data and together with PREX-I will reach full precision:  $\pm 0.07$  fm resolution on the neutron radius and skin of  $208Pb$  with implications for neutron stars, ...
- CREX currently running and on target to reach proposed measurement goal: ±0*.*02 fm resolution on the neutron radius and skin of  $48$ Ca with implications for nuclear structure and forces

Integrating Detectors

- Much progress over past 5 years new robust design
- "thin" quartz detectors becoming well understood
- Future detector work for MOLLER will quantify rad-hardness of detector materials, including quartz and aluminum reflectors





#### **Extra Slides**





#### **Motivations for Downstream Lumi's or SAM's**

- Need them for their high sensitivity to helicity-correlated beam parameters
	- Detect charged particle flux at extreme forward angles
	- Very high rates and thus narrow pulse-pair widths – powerful diagnostic tool



- Provides measure of overall electronic noise floor in the hall
- In theory, should have very low/no PV asymmetry and can serve as null asymmetry monitor
- Symmetric 8 piece design helps disentangle beam position and angle HCBP's while 8 SAM sum is insensitive
- Could provide important tests of regression procedures

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# **Old Hall A Luminosity Monitor**



- Conceptual Design 2002–Riad Suleiman; refurbished in 2008
- 8 quartz Cherenkov detectors with air-core light guides placed symmetrically around beam line 7m downstream of pivot
- Used  $6.0 \times 2.0 \times 1.0$  cm<sup>3</sup> quartz placed 4.5 cm from beam center  $\Rightarrow$  0.3 - 0.8 deg polar angle acceptance









- Incorporate Qweak's downstream Lumi experience:
	- –Use pre-radiator and "unity gain" PMT
	- –Use radially smaller, but thicker quartz
	- –May achieve desired linearity at anticipated photocathode currents, but running unity gain mode guarantees it
	- –Use TRIUMF preAmps at SAM for signal cond. and gain
- *Work within constraints of existing beampipe insertion tubes*





#### **Final SAM Design and 2016 Testbeam**



#### • Final (v3) SAM detector PE yield studies:

- MiroSilver27 and UVS light-guides
- With and without 1cm tungsten preradiator



#### Assembled & Installed in Hall A Fall 2015



#### v<sub>3</sub> SAM detector

- Quartz: 33 x 20 x 13 mm<sup>3</sup>
- Miro27 LG:  $36 \times 2.6 \times 2.1$  cm<sup>3</sup>
- Optimized 1-bounce funnel mirror
- Unity or high-gain R375 2" PMTs
- Use of pre-radiator not decided
- Dry-air inlet and outlet ports
- Custom flange adapter for easy deinstall/re-install (radcon permitting)

Small Angle Monitors: Detect  $\sim 0.5$ ° target scattering







#### Optical Monte Carlo (qsim) Benchmarking: SAMs

Photo-Electron Distribution - simulated vs real data







# SAM light guide reflectivity: explored many options Reflectivity (~90 degree)











#### **Møller Scattering**  $A_{PV}$  **Measurement**

• MOLLER aimed at precision measurement of parity-violating asymmetry  $A_{PV}$  in polarized electron-electron scattering.

Standard Model gives precise prediction for Møller  $A_{PV}$  –which can be measured as a test.





 $\gamma$  - Z mixing diagrams and W loops. "Hard" radiative corrections involving the massive vector bosons—modify the tree level prediction significantly.







- At proposed kinematics:  $11 \text{GeV}$   $e_{\text{beam}}^ (75 \mu \text{A}, 80\% \ P_e)$ , and  $5mrad < \theta_{lab} < 20mrad$ :  $\rightarrow$  Predicted  $\langle A_{PV} \rangle$ =36ppb at  $\langle Q^2 \rangle$ =0.0056 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> • For 49 (PAC) week run:  $\delta A_{PV} = 0.74$ ppb:
	- $\rightarrow \delta Q_W^e/Q_W^e = \pm 2.1\% (\rm stat) \pm 1.0\% (\rm syst)$ 
		- $\rightarrow \delta\theta_W = \pm 0.00026(\text{stat}) \pm 0.00012(\text{syst}) \sim 0.1\%$  precision!

Challenging 4th generation measurement requiring:

- Unprecedented precision matching of electron beam characteristics for Left versus Right helicity states
- Precision non-invasive, redundant continuous beam polarimetry
- Precision knowledge of luminosity, spectrometer acceptance  $(Q<sup>2</sup>)$  and backgrounds













#### **MOLLER Apparatus**

**(major new installation experiment for Hall A)** .







### **Optimized Spectrometer (**∼ **100% Acceptance)**



• The combination of a toroidal magnetic system with an odd number of coils together with the symmetric, identical particle scattering nature of the Møller process allows for  $\sim 100\%$  azimuthal acceptance





#### **Toroid Design Concept**



Projected radial coordinate of scattered Møller electron trajectories. Colors represent  $\theta_{lab}$  (rad). Magnet coils (grey) and collimators (black) are overlaid.

Single Hybrid coil shown with 1/10 scale in z direction. Note the 4 current returns give successively higher downstream fields.

- Spectrometer employs two back-to-back toroid magnets and precision collimation:
	- **–** Upstream toroid has conventional geometry
	- **–** Downstream "hybrid" toroid novel design inspired by the need to focus Møller electrons with a wide momentum range while separating them from e-p (Mott) scattering background

# **MOLLER Integrating Detector Layout and Rates**

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- Spectrometer separates signal from bkgd and radially focuses at detector plane
- Rates for 11 GeV/75  $\mu$ A (80% pol.) beam,  $\frac{5}{9}$ <sup>8</sup> 1.5m liquid hydrogen target. See fig.  $\longrightarrow$
- Six radial rings, 28 phi segments per ring<sup>\*</sup>
- Ring 5 intercepts Moller peak (∼150 GHz), Ring 2 intercepts bkgd "ep" peaks
- 250 quartz tiles: allow full characterization  $\frac{1}{26}$ and deconvolution of bkgd and signal processes



