Electroweak Physics with Parity-Violating Electron Scattering

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Outline

• Physics Motivation

- SLAC E158: Møller (e-e-) Scattering
- Future Measurements at Jefferson Laboratory
 Potential Fixed Target Experiment at the ILC

Weak Neutral Current (WNC) Interactions Fixed-Target Lepton Scattering $(Q^2 << M_Z^2)$ 4-momentum transfer longitudinally $Q^2 = 4EE'\sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}$ polarized e*e*.*N* e.Ne.N $A_{\rm PV} = \frac{\sigma_{\dagger} - \sigma_{\dagger}}{\sigma_{\dagger} + \sigma_{\dagger}} \sim \frac{A_{\rm weak}}{A_{\rm EM}} \sim \frac{G_F Q^2}{4 \pi \alpha} g$ $\sigma \alpha \left| A_{\rm EM} + A_{\rm weak} \right|^2$ $\sim |A_{\rm EM}|^2 + 2A_{\rm EM}A_{\rm wea}^*$ $A_{PV} \sim g \ 10^{-4} \cdot Q^2 \ (\text{GeV}^2)$ **Parity-violating** g is a function of the weak mixing angle $\sin^2 \vartheta_{\rm W}$ SLAC E122: parity-violating deep inelastic scattering integrating liauid detector precision 20 GeV Deuterium $Q^2 \sim 1 (GeV)^2$ monitors longitudinally **R** asymmetry ~ 10⁻⁴ polarized error ~ 10^{-5} electrons C.Y. Prescott et.al. 1978 Modern experiments > Variety of physics topics Part per billion systematic control Large polarized luminosity October 30 2006

Comprehensive Search for New Neutral Current Interactions

Important component of indirect signatures of "new physics"

Consider
$$f_1 \bar{f}_1 \rightarrow f_2 \bar{f}_2$$
 or $f_1 f_2 \rightarrow f_1 f_2$ $f_1 \rightarrow f_1 f_2$ $f_2 \rightarrow f_1 f_2$ $f_2 \rightarrow f_2$ f_2 f_2

Many new physics models give rise to non-zero Λ 's at the TeV scale: Heavy Z's, compositeness, extra dimensions...

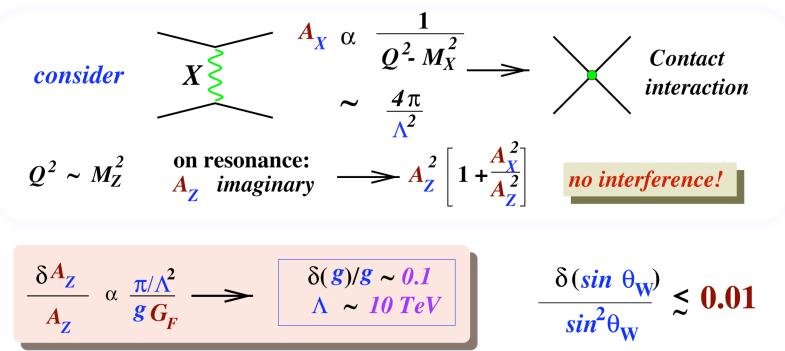
One goal of neutral current measurements at low energy AND colliders: Access $\Lambda > 10$ TeV for as many f_1f_2 and L,R combinations as possible

LEPII, Tevatron access scales Λ 's ~ 10 TeV

e.g. Tevatron dilepton spectra, fermion pair production at LEPII - L,R combinations accessed are parity-conserving

LEP & SLC accessed some parity-violating combinations but...

Colliders vs Low Q²

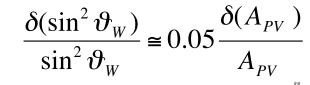


Window of opportunity for weak neutral current measurements at $Q^2 << M_Z^2$

In the mid-1990s, two promising techniques:

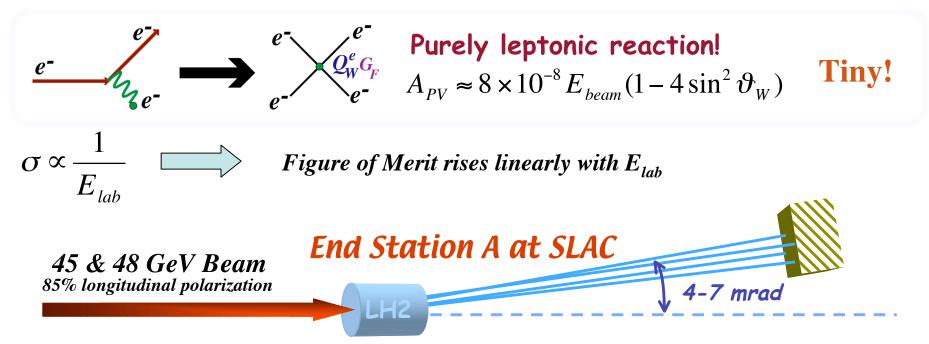
 Atomic Parity Violation Experiments ·Neutrino-Nucleon Deep Inelastic Scattering Parity-Violating Electron Scattering can compete!

Need to measure A_{PV} that is proportional to 1-4sin² θ_W : Elastic electron-electron or electron-proton scattering $\frac{\delta(\sin^2 \vartheta_W)}{\sin^2 \vartheta_W} \approx 0.05 \frac{\delta(A_{PV})}{A_{PV}}$



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Møller Scattering

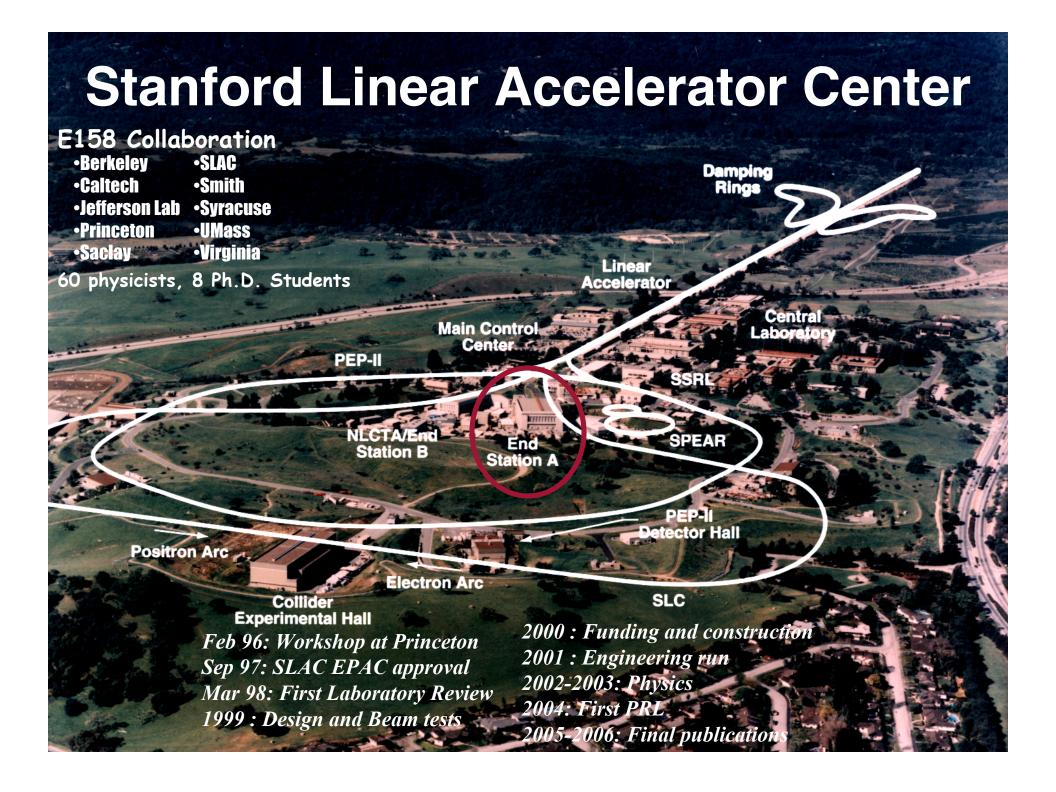


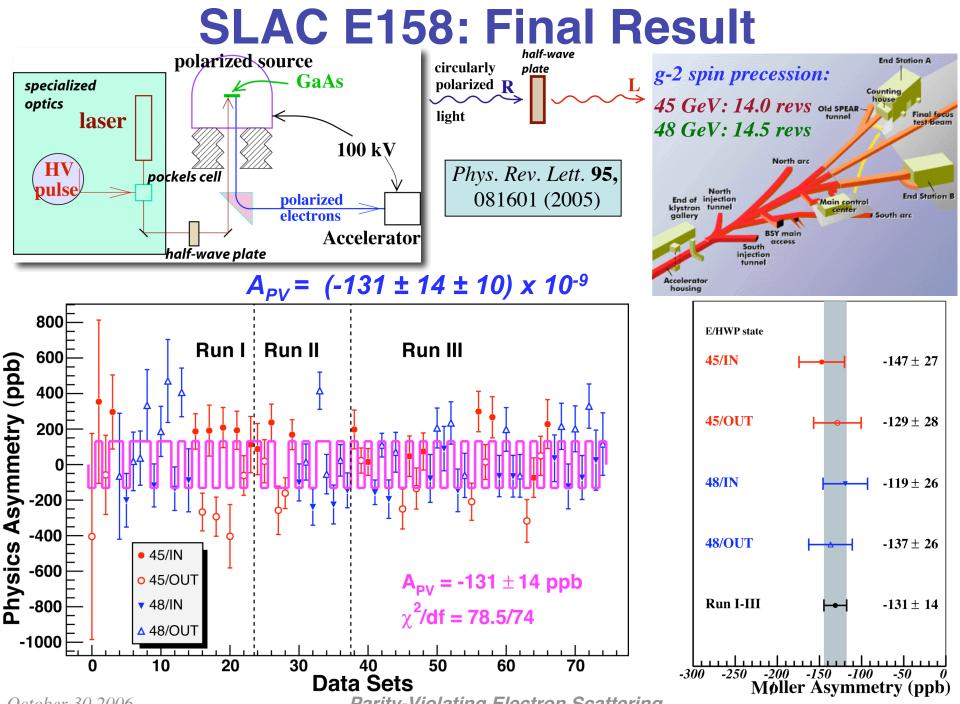
SLAC E158: Parity-Violating Left-Right Asymmetry In Fixed Target Møller Scattering

$$A_{exp} \approx -2 \times 10^{-7} \times P_{beam}$$
Goal: error small enough to probe TeV scale physics $\bullet \sim 10$ ppb statistical error $\bullet \sim 0.4\%$ error on $sin^2 \vartheta_W$

Significant R&D effort on polarized beam production and monitoring Novel designs of target, spectrometer and detectors

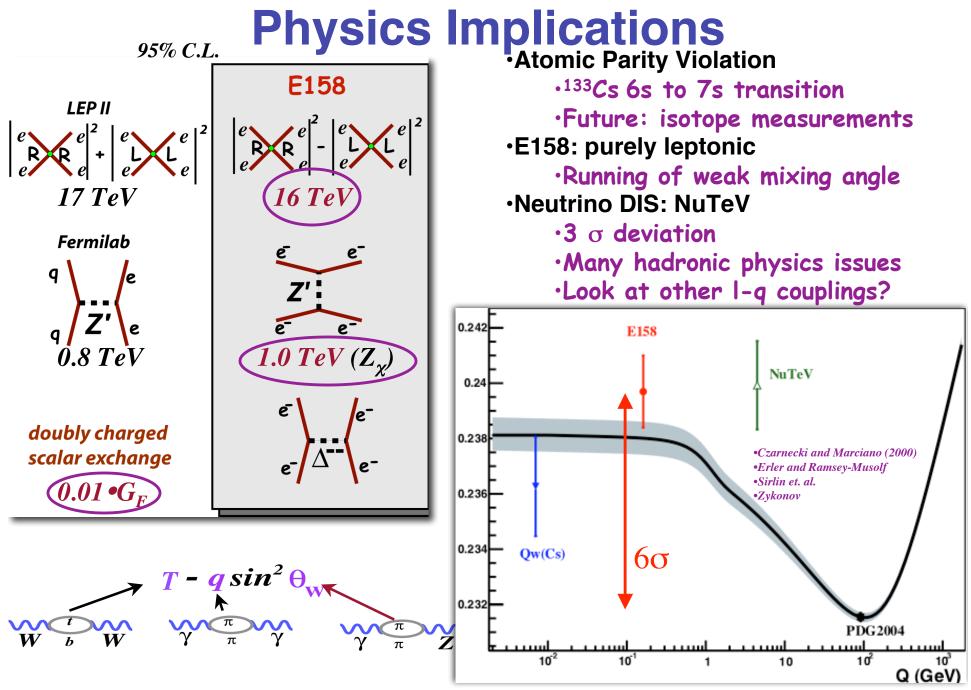
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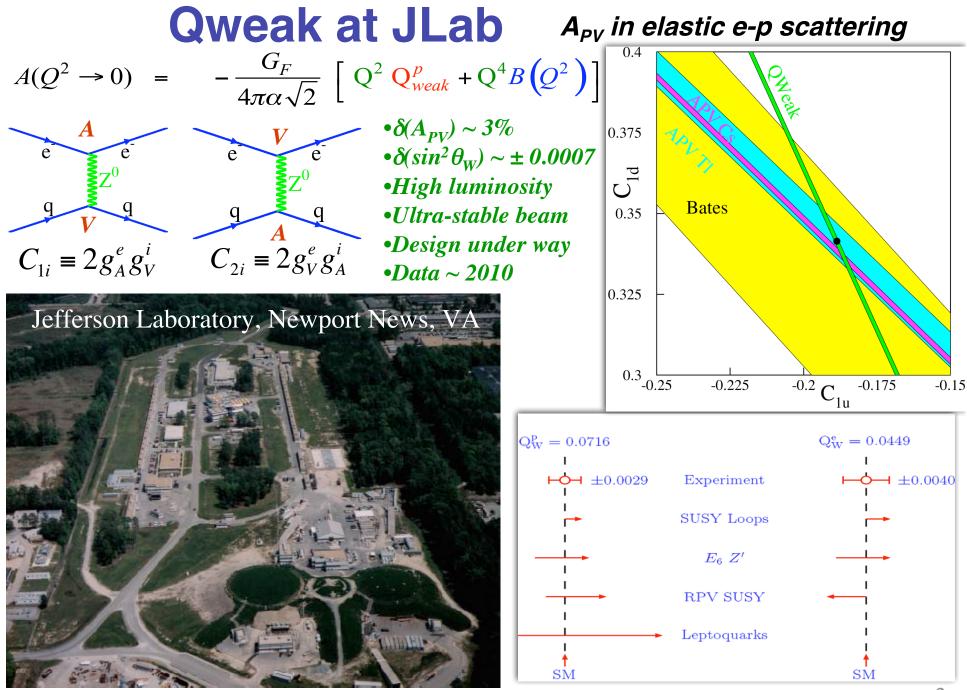




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Parity-Violating Electron Scattering





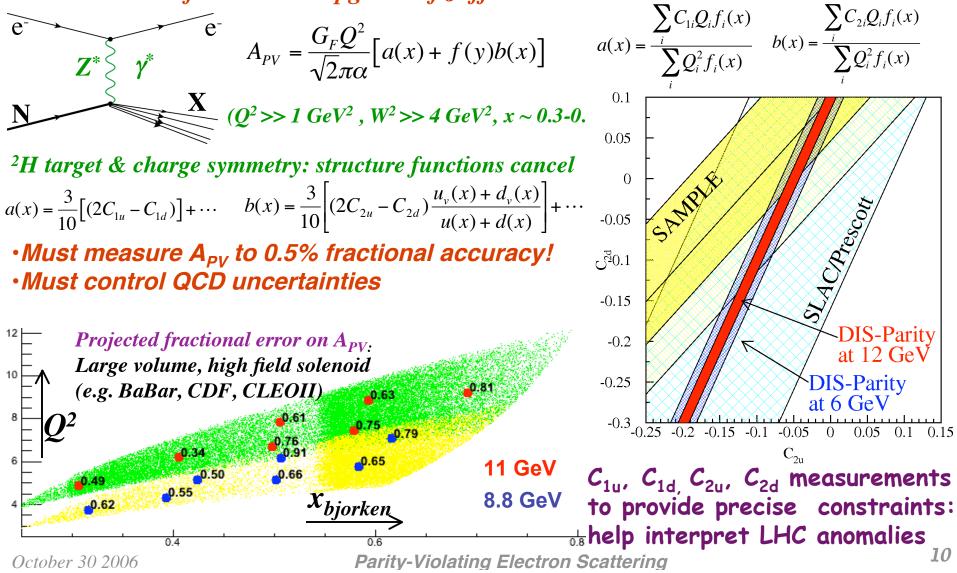
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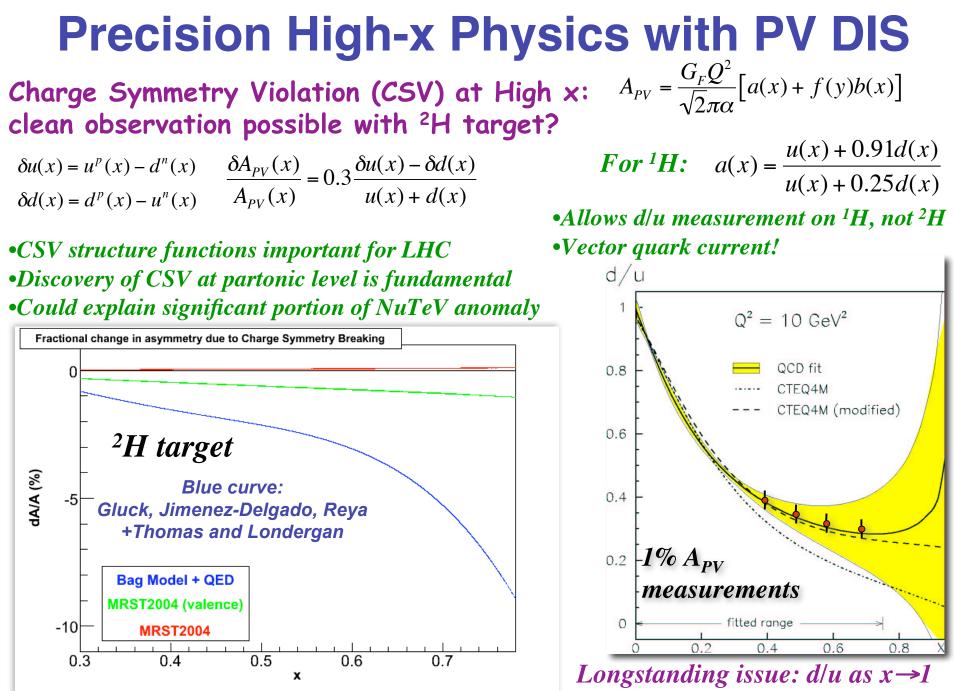
Precision Deep Inelastic Scattering

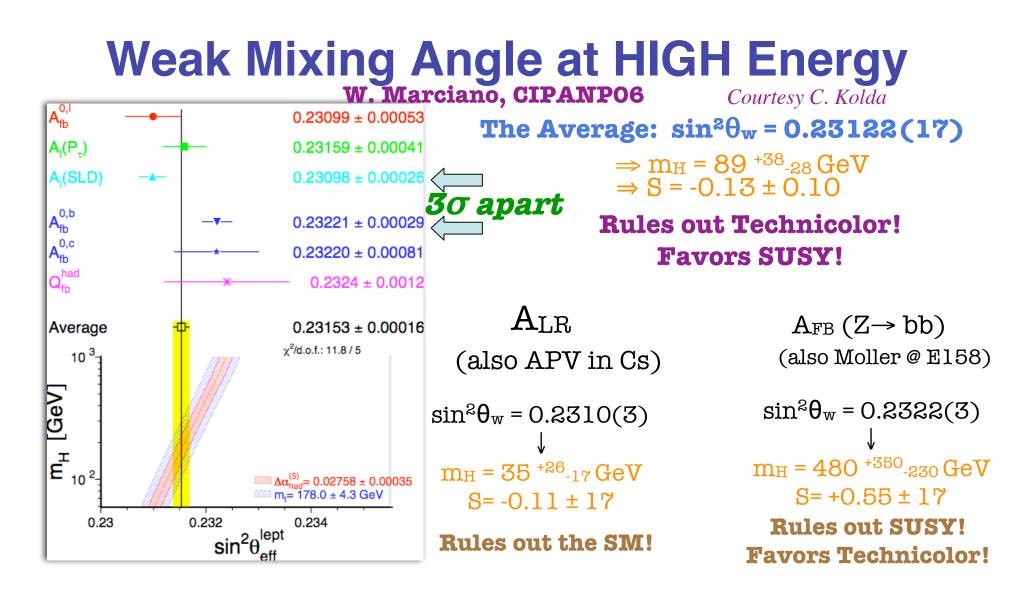
• C_{2i} 's small & poorly known: difficult to measure in elastic scattering

• PV Deep inelastic scattering experiment with high luminosity ~ 10 GeV beam

• Possible after 12 GeV upgrade of Jefferson Lab





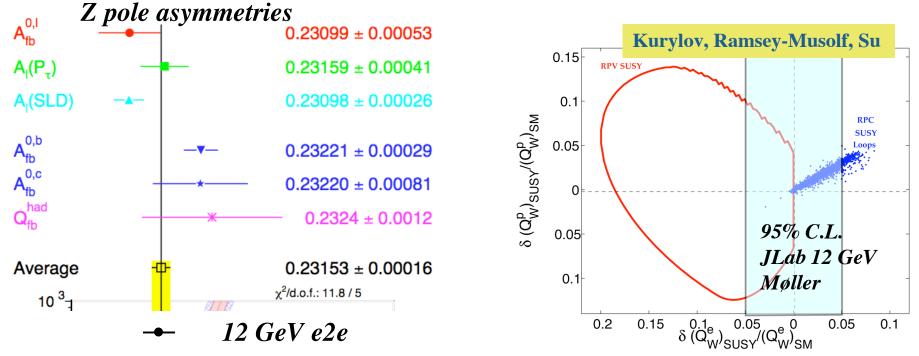


sin²θ_w improvements at hadron colliders very challenging
 Not a fashionable LHC topic: I hope some brave souls will try!
 "Giga-Z" option of ILC or neutrino factory are far in the future...

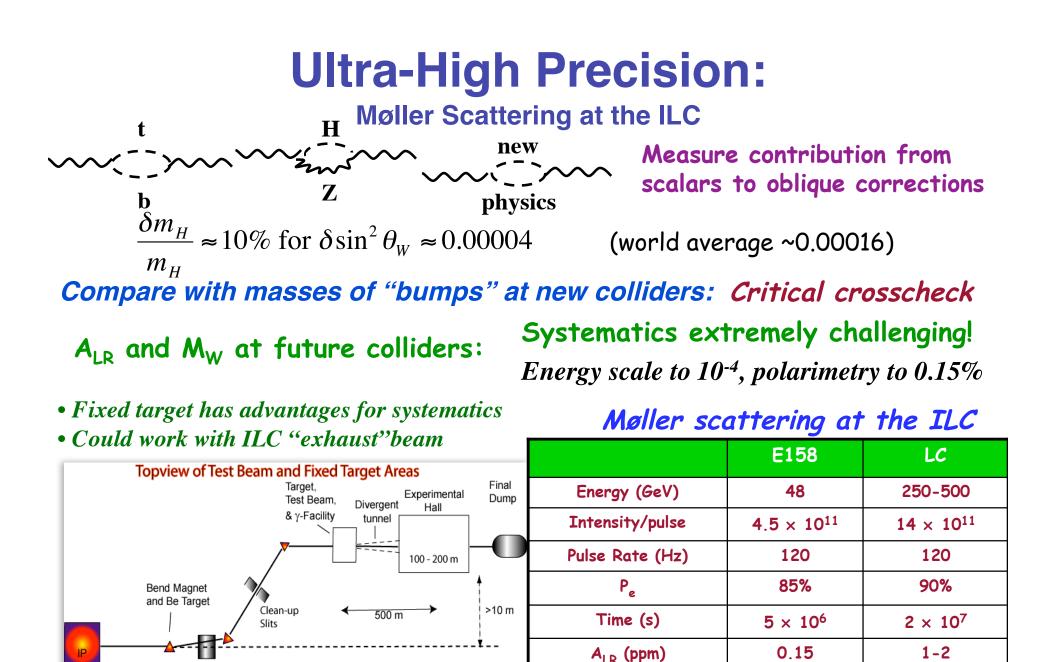
Møller Scattering at Jefferson Lab

•The 12 GeV upgrade project of Jefferson Laboratory is under way (~0.25B\$) •A Møller scattering experiment could reach $\delta(\sin^2 \theta_W) \sim \pm 0.00025$ (on paper) •Best low energy measurement until ILC or v-Factory •Could be launched ~ 2012-13

Longstanding discrepancy between hadronic and leptonic Z asymmetries:



Does Supersymmetry (SUSY) provide a candidate for dark matter? •Neutralino is stable if baryon (B) and lepton (L) numbers are conserved •B and L need not be conserved (RPV): neutralino decay



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150 m

10MW NLC

200 m

Dump & Collimator

Parity-Violating Electron Scattering

 δA_{IR} (ppm)

 $\delta sin^2(\theta_W)$

0.015

0.001

Y. Kolomensky et al.

Not to scale

0.008

0.00006-8

Summary

•SLAC E158's main physics result has been published:

Parity is violated in Møller scattering
Final result with all data: A_{PV}: -131 ± 14 ± 10 ppb
Running of weak mixing angle established at 6σ
sin²θ_{eff} = 0.2397 ± 0.0010 ± 0.0008
New constraints on TeV scale physics
Next publications (by late 2006):
Inelastic e-p asymmetry at low Q²
First measurement of e-e transverse asymmetry analyzing power
This experiment could not be done elsewhere in the world
Last Fixed Target Experiment at Historic SLAC End Station A!

•Qweak will produce a complementary measurement in 2010
•Future 12 GeV JLab Møller: factor of 5 improvement
•High precision DIS measurements would probe I-q couplings
•An "ultimate" measurement could be done at the ILC, if a fixed-target beam can be run simultaneous with collisions