

PREX and CREX**:** Evidence for Strong Isovector Spin-orbit Interaction

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Lead (²⁰⁸Pb) Radius Experiment: PREX

● Parity-violating asymmetry in longitudinally

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\text{polarized elastic electron scattering:} \\ A_{PV} = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} \approx \frac{G_F Q^2 |Q_W|}{4 \sqrt{2} \pi \alpha Z} \frac{F_W (Q^2)}{F_{ch} (Q^2)}
$$

 Donnelly et al., NPA503, 589 (1989); Horowitz et al., PRC63, 025501 (2001).

• Free from most strong interaction uncertainties.

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\bullet \ \ \textsf{PREX-2} \ \textsf{results} \ (\big\langle Q^2 \big\rangle = 0.00616 \ \textsf{GeV}^2) : \\ A_{\text{PV}}^{\text{meas}} = 550 \pm 16 (\ \textsf{stat }) \pm 8 (\ \textsf{syst }) \text{ppb} \\ F_W(\big\langle Q^2 \big\rangle) = 0.368 \pm 0.013 (\textsf{exp}) \pm 0.001 (\ \textsf{theo })
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PREX-2

Reed et al., PRL126, 172503 (2021)

◆ **Superstiff symmetry energy from relativistic EDF analysis:**

 $J = (38.1 \pm 4.7)$ MeV,

 $L = (106 \pm 37)$ MeV,
 • Challenge our understanding of the symmetry energy.

Calcium (⁴⁸Ca) Radius Experiment: CREX

CREX, PRL129, 042501 (2022)

 $\Delta F_{\text{CW}}^{48}(q) = 0.0277 \pm 0.0055, \quad q = 0.8733 \text{fm}^{-1}, \text{CREX}$

 $\Delta F_{\text{CW}}^{208}(q) = 0.041 \pm 0.013, \quad q = 0.3977 \text{fm}^{-1}, PREX$

Extracted neutron skin of Ca48

● **Strong tension between CREX and PREX-2 results?**

Too small Nskin of 48Ca or too large Nskin of 208Pb

Challenging modern nuclear EDF theory!

PREX-CREX Puzzle

Parity-violating asymmetry in calcium

https://frib.msu.edu/news/2022/prl-paper.html

***** Tension between the results of CREX and PREX measurements and the predictions of current global models.

Chen, Ko, Li, &Xu, PRC82, 024321 (2010)

Horowitz & Piekarewitz, PRC86, 045503 (2012)

FIG. 2. (Color online) Electroweak skin $(R_{wk} - R_{ch})$ with and without spin-orbit corrections as a function of neutron skin $(R_n - R_p)$ for the various neutron-rich nuclei considered in this work. Predictions are made using both the (a) NL3 and (b) FSU interactions.

❖**The Nskin of Ca48 is sensitive to spin-orbit coupling W0 in the standard SHF!** ❖ **Spin-orbit coupling makes significant contribution to electroweak skin Rwk-Rch .** ❖**Ca48 and Pb208 have different shell and surface structures – Both are related to Spin-Orbit interaction**

Spin-orbit interaction

❖Strong spin-orbit interaction-> magic numbers

 $V(r) \rightarrow V(r) + W(r) \mathcal{L} \cdot S$ $W(r) = -|V_{LS}| \left(\frac{\hbar}{m_e c}\right)^2 \frac{1}{r} \frac{dV(r)}{dr}$

Relativistic effects (Duerr, PR103), 469(1956)

Mayer and Jensen (1949) Nobel Prize, 1963 (Also Wigner)

❖Naturally introduced in Relativistic mean-field models. ❖Nonrelativistic energy density functionals (Skyrme): Spin-orbit interaction: $iW_0\bm{\sigma}\cdot\left[\bm{P}'\!\times\!\delta(\bm{r})\bm{P}\right]$

Spin-orbit energy density: *Chabanat, et al., NPA 627, 710 (1997)*1

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\mathcal{H}_{so} = -\frac{1}{2} W_0 \left[J \cdot \nabla \rho + J_p \nabla \rho_p + J_n \nabla_n \right]
$$

◆Is the neutron spin-orbit interaction the same with that of proton?

Hamiltonian Density from Spin-Orbit Interaction:

 $E_{\rm so} = \int d^3r \left[\frac{b_{\rm IS}}{2} \mathbf{J} \cdot \nabla \rho + \frac{b_{\rm IV}}{2} (\mathbf{J}_n - \mathbf{J}_p) \cdot \nabla (\rho_n - \rho_p) \right]$

Standard Skyrme EDF: $b_{\text{IV}} = b_{\text{IS}}/3 = W_0/2 \approx 60 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{fm}^5$ *Reinhard and Flocard, NPA 584, 467488 (1995) Bender, Heenen, and Reinhard, Rev. Mod. Phys. 75, 121 (2003). Ebran, Mutschler, Khan, and Vretenar, PRC 94, 024304 (2016).*

Relativistic mean field model (nonrelativistic reduction): $b_{\rm IV} \approx 0$

Lack experimental probes to constraint $b_{\rm IV}$

 \clubsuit The isovector spin-orbit coupling $b_{\rm IV}$ is expected to have significant effects on lighter nuclear with larger $\boldsymbol{J}_n - \boldsymbol{J}_p.$

Spin-orbit density in ⁴⁸Ca and ²⁰⁸Pb

48Ca

208Pb

Spin-Orbit density (spherical nuclei):

$$
q(r) = \frac{1}{4\pi r^3} \sum_{i} v_i^2 (2j_i + 1)
$$

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\times \left[j_i (j_i + 1) - l_i (l_i + 1) - \frac{3}{4} \right] R_i^2(r)
$$

 \clubsuit Contributions from $j_{>}$ and $j_{<}$ largely cancel with each other • $j_{>} = l + 1/2$: positive contribution • $j_{lt} = l - 1/2$: negative contribution *Colo et al., Phys. Lett. B 646, 227 (2007)*
 Jn Jp **Jn Jn Jn Jp**

❖ $|J_n - J_p|$ is large in ⁴⁸Ca, but relatively small in ²⁰⁸Pb

- Ca40: *J_p* ≈ 0, *J_n* ≈ 0
- Ca48: $J_p \approx 0$, $J_n > 0$ due to the 8 $1f_{\frac{7}{2}}$ neutrons of unpaired l•s partner
- Pb208: $J_p \approx J_n > 0$ due to 14 $\frac{1}{2} i_{\frac{13}{2}}$ neutrons and 12 $1 h_{\frac{11}{2}}$ protons

 \blacklozenge The isovector spin-orbit coupling b_{IV} is expected to have significant effect on Ca48 while essentially no influence on Pb208!

Standard Skyme interaction:

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v(r_1, r_2) = t_0 (1 + x_0 P_\sigma) \delta(\mathbf{r}) + \frac{1}{2} t_1 (1 + x_1 P_\sigma) \left[\mathbf{k'}^2 \delta(\mathbf{r}) + \delta(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{k'}^2 \right] + t_2 (1 + x_2 P_\sigma) \mathbf{k'} \cdot \delta(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{k} + \frac{1}{6} t_3 (1 + x_3 P_\sigma) \left[\rho(\mathbf{R}) \right]^\alpha \delta(\mathbf{r}) + i W_0(\sigma_1 + \sigma_2) \cdot \left[\mathbf{k'} \times \delta(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{k} \right],
$$
Chabanat, et al., NPA 627, 710 (1997)

Momentum-dependent three-body interaction:

$$
v' = v + \frac{1}{2}t_4(1 + x_4P_\sigma) \left[\mathbf{k}'^2 \rho(R)^\beta \delta(\mathbf{r}) + \delta(\mathbf{r})\rho(R)^\beta \mathbf{k}^2 \right] + t_5(1 + x_5P_\sigma) \mathbf{k}' \cdot \rho(R)^\gamma \delta(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{k}.
$$

Zhang & Chen, PRC 94, 064326 (2016)

Zero-range tensor force:

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V_T = \frac{1}{2}T \left\{ \left[(\sigma_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}') (\sigma_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}') - \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{k}'^2 (\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2) \right] \delta(\mathbf{r}) + \delta(\mathbf{r}) \left[(\sigma_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}) (\sigma_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}) - \frac{1}{3} \mathbf{k}^2 (\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2) \right] \right\}
$$

+ $U \left\{ (\sigma_1 \cdot \mathbf{k}') \delta(\mathbf{r}) (\sigma_2 \cdot \mathbf{k}) - \frac{1}{3} (\sigma_1 \cdot \sigma_2) [\mathbf{k}' \cdot \delta(\mathbf{r}) \mathbf{k}] \right\},$
Stancu, Brink, and Flocard, *PLB 68*, 108 (1977)

Energy density functional:

$$
\mathcal{E}_{\text{Skyrme}} = \frac{B_0 + B_3 \rho^{\alpha}}{2} \rho^2 - \frac{B'_0 + B'_3 \rho^{\alpha}}{2} \tilde{\rho}^2 + (B_1 + B_4 \rho^{\beta} + B_5 \rho^{\gamma}) \rho \tau - (B'_1 + B'_4 \rho^{\beta} + B'_5 \rho^{\gamma}) \tilde{\rho} \tilde{\tau} \n+ \frac{2B_2 + (2\beta + 3)B_4 \rho^{\beta} - B_5 \rho^{\gamma}}{4} (\nabla \rho)^2 - \frac{2B'_2 + 3B'_4 \rho^{\beta} - B'_5 \rho^{\gamma}}{4} (\nabla \tilde{\rho})^2 - \frac{\beta B'_4}{2} \rho^{\beta - 1} \tilde{\rho} \nabla \rho \cdot \nabla \tilde{\rho} \n+ \frac{C_1 + C_2 \rho^{\beta} + C_3 \rho^{\gamma}}{2} J^2 + \frac{C'_1 + C'_2 \rho^{\beta} + C'_3 \rho^{\gamma}}{2} \tilde{J}^2 \n+ \frac{b_{\text{IS}}}{2} \nabla \rho \cdot J + \frac{b_{\text{IV}}}{2} \nabla \tilde{\rho} \cdot \tilde{J} + \frac{\alpha_T + \beta_T}{4} J^2 + \frac{\alpha_T - \beta_T}{4} \tilde{J}^2.
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\rho_q(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i v_i^2 |\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2,
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\tau_q(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i v_i^2 |\nabla \varphi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2,
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\frac{\rho = \rho_n + \rho_p, \quad \tau = \tau_n + \tau_p, \quad J = J_n + J_p,}{\tilde{\rho} = \rho_n - \rho_p, \quad \tilde{\tau} = \tau_n - \tau_p, \quad \tilde{J} = J_n - J_p,}
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$$
J_q(\mathbf{r}) = -i \sum_i v_i^2 \varphi_i^+(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \times \hat{\sigma} \varphi_i(\mathbf{r}).
$$

❖ Construct 6 new EDFs to simultaneously fit CREX and PREX results, ground- and excited-state of a number of typical (semi-)closed-shell nuclei, and constraints on EOS of nuclear matter. (e)S500T, (e)S240T, and (e)S240. [e: extended, T: tensor force, number: the value of b_{IV}

Six New EDFs with strong isovector spin-orbit interaction

The isovector spin-orbit coupling b_{IV} should be larger than \sim **240 MeV fm⁵ to fit CREX/PREX data (b_{IV} ~60 MeV fm⁵ in conventional non-relativistic EDFs. Note:** $\mathbf{b}_{\text{IS}} \sim 120 \text{ MeV fm}^5$)

✦**Strong isovector dependence of spin-orbit interaction** $(b_{IV} \sim 240 \text{ MeV fm}^5 \text{ versus } b_{IS} \sim 120 \text{ MeV fm}^5)$

p **S500T and eS500T overpredict the measured electric dipole polarizability alphaD at RCNP**

p **S240/eS240/S240T/eS240T:**

 Nskin(Pb208) ~ 0.19 fm, Nskin(Ca48) ~ 0.12 fm E_{sym}(ρ_0) ~ 34 MeV, *L* ~ 55 MeV **(Nicely agree with World Average Values!)**

Correlation analysis for ΔF_{CW} in Ca48 and Pb208

Ground-state properties: mass, radius, spin-orbit splitting

Tong-Gang Yu, ZZ, and Lie-Wen Chen, arXiv:2406.03844

❖The new EDFs with strong isovector spin-orbit interaction can well describe the nuclear global properties!

EOS of symmetric nuclear matter and neutron matter

❖The new EDFs with strong isovector spin-orbit interaction can well describe the empirical EOS of SNM and PNM! (but S500T and eS500T predict too stiff PNM EOS)

- \Box **PREX-CREX puzzle can be resolved by introducing a strong isovector spin-orbit interaction.**
- □ Such a strong isovector spin-orbit interaction is expected to have significant impacts on **essentially all properties of neutron-rich nuclei: The location of neutron-drip line, shell evolution in exotic nuclei, the new magic number, the properties of superheavy nuclei, …**
- \blacksquare **Future PVES for some stable nuclei (MREX/MESA): Pb208, Ni60,...:** Not sensitive to the isovector Spin-Orbit interactions (Esym); **Ca48, Zr90,...:** Sensitive to the isovector Spin-Orbit interactions (b_{IV})

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TABLE III. Experimental data and adopted errors for nuclear structure observables used in the sampling (see Sec. III for details). The second line shows the globally adopted error for each observable. That error is multiplied for each observable by a further integer weight factor given in the parenthesis next to the data value.

Note. $\Delta \epsilon_{ls}$ data are for ${}^{10}O(1p_p, 1p_n)$, ${}^{40}Ca(1f_n)$, ${}^{40}Ca(1f_n)$, ${}^{50}Ni(1f_n)$, 152 $\text{sn}(Za_n)$, and ²⁰⁸Pb $(2d_p, 3p_n, 2f_n)$, respectively.

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\rho_q(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i v_i^2 |\varphi_i(\mathbf{r})|^2,
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\tau_q(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i v_i^2 |\nabla \varphi_i \mathbf{r})|^2,
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$$
\mathbf{J}_q(\mathbf{r}) = -i \sum v_i^2 \varphi_i^+(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \times \hat{\sigma} \varphi_i(\mathbf{r})
$$

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\rho = \rho_n + \rho_p, \quad \tau = \tau_n + \tau_p, \quad J = J_n + J_p,
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$$
\tilde{\rho} = \rho_n - \rho_p, \quad \tilde{\tau} = \tau_n - \tau_p, \quad \tilde{J} = J_n - J_p,
$$

$$
\frac{\hbar^2}{2m_q^*} = \frac{\hbar^2}{2m} + (B_1 + B_4 \rho^{\beta} + B_5 \rho^{\gamma}) \rho - t_q (B_1' + B_4' \rho^{\beta} + B_5' \rho^{\gamma}) \tilde{\rho},
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$$
U_q = B_0 \rho - t_q B_0' \tilde{\rho} + B_1 \tau - t_q B_1' \tilde{\tau} + \frac{\alpha + 2}{2} B_3 \rho^{\alpha + 1} - \frac{B_3'}{2} (\alpha \tilde{\rho} + 2t_q \rho) \rho^{\alpha - 1} \tilde{\rho}
$$
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$$
+ (\beta + 1) B_4 \rho^{\beta} \tau + (\gamma + 1) B_5 \rho^{\gamma} \tau - (B_4' \beta \rho^{\beta} + B_5' \gamma \rho^{\gamma}) \tilde{\rho} \tilde{\tau} - t_q (B_1' + B_4' \rho^{\beta} + B_5' \rho^{\gamma}) \tilde{\tau}
$$
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$$
- \frac{\beta (2\beta + 3) B_4 \rho^{\beta - 1} - B_5 \gamma \rho^{\gamma - 1}}{4} (\nabla \rho)^2 - \frac{2B_2 + (2\beta + 3) B_4 \rho^{\beta} - B_5 \rho^{\gamma}}{2} \nabla^2 \rho
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$$
- \frac{3\beta B_4' \rho^{\beta - 1} - \gamma B_5' \rho^{\gamma - 1}}{4} \nabla \tilde{\rho} \cdot (2t_q \nabla \rho + \nabla \tilde{\rho}) - \frac{2B_2' + 3B_4' \rho^{\beta} - B_5' \rho^{\gamma}}{2} t_q \nabla^2 \tilde{\rho}
$$
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$$
+ \frac{\beta B_4'}{2} \rho^{\beta - 1} (\nabla \tilde{\rho})^2 + \frac{\beta B_4'}{2} \rho^{\beta - 1} \tilde{\rho} \nabla^2 \tilde{\rho} + \frac{\beta (\beta - 1) B_4'}{2} \rho^{\beta - 2} \tilde{\rho} (\nabla \rho)^2 t_q + \frac{\beta B_4'}{2} \rho^{\beta - 1} \tilde{\rho} (\nabla^2 \rho) t_q
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$$
+ \frac{\beta C_2 \rho^{\beta - 1} + \gamma C_3 \rho
$$

$$
W_q = \frac{b_{\text{IS}}}{2} \nabla \rho + t_q \frac{b_{\text{IV}}}{2} \nabla (\rho_n - \rho_p) + \frac{\alpha_{\text{J}} + \beta_{\text{J}}}{2} J + t_q \frac{\alpha_{\text{J}} - \beta_{\text{J}}}{2} (J_n - J_p),
$$

$$
\alpha_{\rm T} = \frac{5}{12}U, \quad \beta_{\rm T} = \frac{5}{24}(T+U),
$$

 $\boxed{\alpha_{\rm C}=2C_1+2C_2\rho^{\beta}+2C_3\rho^{\gamma}},\ \ \beta_{\rm C}=2C_1'+2C_2'\rho^{\beta}+2C_3'\rho^{\gamma}}.$

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