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**Recent Results in Parity-Violating Electron Scattering at Jefferson Lab: PREX and HAPPEX-III** CHUN-MIN JEN, Syracuse University, PREX COLLABORATION — The parity-violating asymmetry  $A_{PV}$  in electron scattering from the  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  nucleus is cleanly sensitive to the neutron radius  $R_n$ . A precision measurement of  $R_n$  would have important implications for the understanding of nuclear structure, and be a powerful constraint on the symmetry energy  $S_\nu(n)$  of neutron-rich nuclear matter, including neutron stars. The PREX collaboration has completed a first run, measuring  $R_n$  to a precision of  $\sim 2.5\%$  and providing the first electroweak evidence for the neutron skin of a heavy nucleus. Results from this measurement, and prospects for more precise future measurements, will be discussed.

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