The Qweak Experiment at JLab

A search for parity violating new physics at the TeV scale by measurement of the Proton's weak charge.



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- Scatter longitudinally polarized electrons from liquid hydrogen.
- $\circ~$ Flip the electron spin and see how much the scattered fraction changes.

"At the few ppb scale"

- This difference is proportional to weak charge of the proton, Q_W^p .
- From Q_W^p we can determine $\sin^2\theta_W$ at low Q².

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 $\circ~$ Running of sin $^2\theta_W$ is sensitive to PV semi-leptonic physics beyond the SM.

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The Standard Model of Electroweak Interactions

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Spontaneous Symmetry Breaking

Predicts Massless γ , g, Higgs Massive W, Z Fermion masses

Discovered Η, W, Z, t,b,c,s,d,u,τ,μ,e,ν_{1,2,3}



But: It's known to be incomplete – so there is something more

Mass ScalesTerascale ~ 1 TeV, Unification ~ 1013 TeV, Planck ~ 1015 TeV



Precision Tests of the Standard Model

- Standard Model is known to be the effective low-energy theory of a more fundamental underlying structure.
- Finding new physics: Two complementary approaches:
 - Energy Frontier (direct) : eg. Tevatron, LHC
 - **Precision Frontier (indirect) :** (a.k.a. Intensity Frontier)
 - μ (g-2) , EDM, $\beta\beta$ decay, $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$, $\mu A \rightarrow eA$, $K^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \nu \nu$, *etc.*
 - v oscillations
 - Atomic Parity violation
 - Parity-violating electron scattering

Often at modest or low energy...

- Hallmark of the Precision Frontier: Choose observables that are "precisely predicted" or "suppressed" in Standard Model.
- If new physics is eventually found in direct measurements (LHC), precision measurements useful to determine e.g. couplings...

Weak Charges

Govern strength of neutral current interaction with fermion.

Charge Particle	Electric	Weak (vector)		ie y
u	+2/3	$-2 C_{1u} = + 1 - 8/3 \sin^2 \theta_W$		
d	-1/3	$-2 C_{1d} = -1 + 4/3 \sin^2 \theta_W$		
Proton	. 1	$p^{p} = 1 + 1 = 1 = 20 = 0.07$]	→ Z ⁰
uud	+1	$Q_W^{T} = 1 - 4 \operatorname{sin}^2 \Theta_W \approx 0.07$	J	e p
Neutron udd	0	$Q_W^n = -1$		

Note "accidental" suppression of $Q_W^p \rightarrow sensitivity to new physics$

- $\circ Q_W^p$ is a well-defined experimental observable.
- $\circ Q_W^{(p)}$ has a definite prediction in the electroweak Standard Model.
- Q_W^{e} electron's weak charge was measured in PV Møller scattering (E158).

Parity-Violating Electron Scattering History & Relative Experimental Difficulty



Smaller Asymmetry

PVES and Hadronic Structure Effects

$$A^{PV} = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} = \left[\frac{-G_F Q^2}{\pi \alpha \sqrt{2}}\right] \underbrace{\epsilon G_E^{p\gamma} G_E^{p2}}_{\epsilon (G_E^{p\gamma})^2} + \tau G_M^{p\gamma} G_M^{p2} - \frac{1}{2}(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W)\epsilon' G_M^{p\gamma} \tilde{G}_A^p}_{\epsilon (G_E^{p\gamma})^2} + \tau (G_M^{p\gamma})^2$$

Neutral-weak form factors

Axial form factor

Assume charge symmetry

$$4G_{E,M}^{pZ} = (1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W)G_{E,M}^{p\gamma} - G_{E,M}^{n\gamma} - G_{E,M}^{s}$$

Proton weak charge (tree level)

Strangeness (Now measured to be relatively small!)

Note: Parity-violating asymmetry is sensitive to weak charges *and* to hadron structure.

Extract Q^p_W from Parity-Violating Electron Scattering

As $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$





Measures Q^p – proton's electric charge

Measures Q_W^p – proton's weak charge

$$A = \frac{2M_{NC}}{M_{EM}} = \left[\frac{-G_F}{4\pi\alpha\sqrt{2}}\right] \left[Q^2 Q_{weak}^p + F^p(Q^2,\theta)\right]$$
$$\xrightarrow{Q^2 \to 0}_{\theta \to 0} \left[\frac{-G_F}{4\pi\alpha\sqrt{2}}\right] \left[Q^2 Q_{weak}^p + Q^4 B(Q^2)\right]$$

The **lower** the momentum transfer Q, the more the proton looks like a point and the less important are the hadronic form factor corrections $B(Q^2)$.

 \int contains $G_{E,M}^{\gamma}$ and $G_{E,M}^{Z}$

 $B(Q^2)$ determined using global analysis of published higher Q^2 PVES experiments.

 \rightarrow Therefore doesn't actually matter if $G_{E,M}^{s}$ is large or small.

The Qweak Experiment in Hall C at JLab



Experimental Technique to Isolate / Measure PV Signal (The entire accelerator complex is our apparatus)



3 independent techniques for helicity reversal of longitudinally polarized 1.1 GeV e⁻ beam:

Rapid pseudo-random reversal (960/sec). Rejects LH₂ target "boiling noise".

IHWP at ~8-hour intervals:

Mechanical action unable to induce electrical or magnetic induced false asymmetries.

Wien filter at monthly intervals:

Rejection of beam size (or focus) modulation induced false asymmetry and suppression of slow drifts in apparatus linearity.

Also as check construct NULL:

"out-of-phase" quantity from the two slow reversal techniques to bound unaccounted for false asymmetries.

~0.6% Accuracy Achieved with Compton Polarimeter via Cross-calibrabration Against Saturated Fe Møller Polarimeter



- Inner error bars statistical, outer error bars point-to-point systematic uncertainties added in quadrature with statistical uncertainties.
- Yellow band incorporates overall normalization uncertainties determining by weighted average and total uncertainty.
- Time dependence of reported polarization driven by continuous Compton measurements, with small scale correction (0.21%) determined from uncertainty-weighted global comparison of Compton and Møller polarimeters.

Qweak ~2.5 Kw LH₂ Cryo-target System

The highest power cryo-target ever built! 35 cm long liquid hydrogen (LH₂)





Target density fluctuations must be small compared to statistical uncertainty

This was achieved by:

 First use of fluid dynamics simulation in design to minimize "density changes", in liquid or at windows.

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Fast helicity reversal – up to ~1 ms flip rate allows common mode rejection "boiling" noise, line noise and undesired helicity correlated beam properties.

 Additional safeguards: large raster size ~(3mm x 3mm), faster pump speed, and more cooling directed onto windows....

Observed AI (LH₂ Target Windows) Asymmetry at ~8 hour intervals

The "easy part" of the experiment - [ppm] asymmetry is BIG

4% DS Aluminum Asymmetry (reg, bb)



Observed A_{phy} Versus Wien Filter State

The "hard part" of the experiment - [ppb] asymmetry is small



Detector Optical Imperfections: A_{bias} Systematic

- Small residual non-cancellation of L / R transverse scattering from Pb pre-radiator in front of quartz bars.
- GEANT4 simulation & models tied to our data determine effect dominated by optical & mechanical imperfections and **NOT** details of transverse scattering cross-section in Pb.
- Unnecessary to have precise theoretical calculation of cross-section!



Asymmetries (A_{ep}) & Systematic Errors

Fractional quadrature contributions $(\sigma_i / \sigma_{total})^2$ to systematic uncertainty on A_{ep} for Runs 1 & 2. Only errors with fractional contributions \geq 5% are shown. Note: Contribution from AI target windows has already been removed.

Period	Asymmetry (ppb)	Stat. Unc. (ppb)	Syst. Unc. (ppb)	Tot. Uncertainty (ppb)
Run 1	-223.5	15.0	10.1	18.0
Run 2	-227.2	8.3	5.6	10.0
Run 1 and 2 combined				
with correlations	-226.5	7.3	5.8	9.3

Quantity	Run 1	Run 1	Run 2	Run 2
	error (ppb)	fractional	error (ppb)	fractional
BCM Normalization: $A_{\rm BCM}$	5.1	25%	2.3	17%
Beamline Background: A_{BB}	5.1	25%	1.2	5%
Beam Asymmetries: A_{beam}	4.7	22%	1.2	5%
Rescattering bias: A_{bias}	3.4	11%	3.4	37%
Beam Polarization: P	2.2	5%	1.2	4%
Target windows: A_{b1}	1.9	4%	1.9	12%
Kinematics: R_{Q^2}	1.2	2%	1.3	5%
Total of others	2.5	6%	2.2	15%
Combined in quadrature	10.1		5.6	

$$A_{ep} = R_{\text{tot}} \frac{A_{\text{msr}}/P - \sum_{i=1,3,4} f_i A_i}{1 - \sum_{i=1}^4 f_i}$$

where $R_{\text{tot}} = R_{\text{RC}} R_{\text{Det}} R_{\text{Acc}} R_{Q^2}$.

 $A_{\rm msr} = A_{\rm raw} + A_T + A_L + A_{\rm BCM} + A_{\rm BB} + A_{\rm beam} + A_{\rm bias}$

 A_T = Residual transverse pol, A_L = Linearity

Relative Systematic Error Contributions & NULL







Very different relative systematic contributions:

→ Target setup, beamline instrumentation upgrades & injector / accelerator tunes, etc.

Un-blinded asymmetries agree well:

→ Evidence all significant systematic effects are accounted for and corrected.

Experiment NULL Asymmetry (Slow Helicity Reversals Out-of-Phase)

Weighted Avg: -1.75 +/- 6.51 ppb

Electroweak Radiative Corrections

 Q_W^p Standard Model (Q² = 0) [2016] Q_W^p Experiment Final Uncertainty [2017] 0.0708 ± 0.0003

 ± 0.0045

 $Q_W^p = \left[1 + \Delta \rho + \overline{\Delta_e}\right] \left[\left(1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W(0)\right) + \Delta_{e'} \right] + \Box_{WW} + \Box_{ZZ} + \Box_{\gamma Z}$

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Correction to Q ^p _{Weak}	Uncertainty
$\Delta \sin \theta_W (M_z)$	± 0.0006
Zγ box (6.4% ± 0.6%)	0.00459 ± 0.00044 ←
$\Delta \sin \theta_W (Q)_{hadronic}$	± 0.0003
WW, ZZ box - pQCD	± 0.0001
Charge symmetry	0
Total	± 0.0008

Erler et al., PRD 68(2003)016006.

Calculations of Two Boson Exchange effects on Q_W^p at our Kinematics:

Recent theory calculations applied to entire data set of PV measurements as appropriate in global analysis.

Our ΔA_{ep} precise enough that corrections to higher Q² points make little difference in extrapolation to zero Q².

Energy Dependence γZ correction:

Hall, N.L., Blunden, P.G., Melnitchouk, W., Thomas, A.W., Young, R.D. Quark-hadron duality constraints on γZ box corrections to parity-violating elastic scattering. Phys. Lett. B 753, 221-226 (2016).

Axial Vector yZ correction:

Peter Blunden, P.G., Melnitchouk, W., Thomas, A.W. New Formulation of γZ Box Corrections to the Weak Charge of the Proton. Phys. Rev. Lett. 107, 081801 (2011).

Q² Dependence γZ:

Gorchtein, M., Horowitz, C.J., Ramsey-Musolf, M.J. Model dependence of the γ Z dispersion correction to the parity-violating asymmetry in elastic ep scattering. Phys. Rev. C 84, 015502 (2011).

Qweak Parity-Violating Asymmetry Extrapolated to Q² = 0



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Summary of Results Determined from Qweak A_{ep}

Addition of Lattice QCD constraint on strange quarks further improves precision of Q_W^p & sin² θ_W

Quantity	Value	Error	Method	
$ \begin{array}{c} $	0.0719 0.2382 0.19 -0.18 -0.67	0.0045 0.0011 0.11 0.15 0.33	{Qweak A _{ep} + PVES data base	
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Q_W^p sin ² θ_W	0.0684 0.2392	0.0039 0.0009	$ \left\{\begin{array}{c} Qweak A_{ep} \\ + \\ PVES data base \\ + \\ LQCD (strange) \right\} $ Qweak A _{ep} +	
Q_W^p	0.0706	0.0047	EMFF's & theory axial + LQCD (strange)	

Summary of Results Determined from Qweak A_{ep}

Including ¹³³Cs APV result allows extraction of neutron weak charge & separation of C_{1u}, C_{1d} quark coupling constants

Quantity	Value	Error	Method	
$\begin{array}{c} \boldsymbol{Q}_{W}^{p} \\ \boldsymbol{sin}^{2} \boldsymbol{\theta}_{W} \\ \boldsymbol{\rho}_{s} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{s} \\ \boldsymbol{G}_{A}^{Z(T=1)} \end{array}$	0.0719 0.2382 0.19 -0.18 -0.67	0.0045 0.0011 0.11 0.15 0.33	Qweak A ep + PVES data base	
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Summary of Results Determined from Qweak A_{ep}

Precision of A_{ep} dominates determination of Q_W^p

Alternate "Standalone" technique to extract Q^p does NOT depend on other PV measurements

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$\frac{Q_W^p}{\sin^2\theta_W}$	0.0684 0.2392 0.0706	0.0039 0.0009 0.0047	$ \left\{ \begin{matrix} Qweak A_{ep} \\ + \\ PVES data base \\ + \\ LQCD (strange) \end{matrix} \right\} $ $ \left\{ \begin{matrix} Qweak A_{ep} \\ + \\ EMFF's \& theory axial \\ + \\ + \end{matrix} \right\} $	
Q ^p _W	0.0706	0.0047	EMFF's & theory axial LQCD (strange)	

Running of the Weak Mixing Angle $\sin^2 \theta_W$





Implications for "Dark Parity Violation"

"Dark photon" – possible portal for new force to communicate with SM?



SM Tests: Past & Future Precision Low Energy Parity Violation Measurements Λ/g_{new physics} @ 95% CL using formalism of Erler, et.al.- arXiv:1401.6199v1 [hep-ph] 23 Jan 2014

Experiment	% Precision	$\Delta sin^2 \theta_w$	Λ /g [TeV] (mass reach)	Status
SLAC-E122	8.3	0.011	1.5	published
SLAC-E122	110	0.44	0.25	published
APV (²⁰⁵ TI)	3.2	0.011	3.8	published
APV (¹³³ Cs)	0.58	0.0019	9.1	published
SLAC-E158	14	0.0013	4.8	published
Jlab-Hall A	4.1	0.0051	2.2	published
Jlab-Hall A	61	0.051	0.82	published
JLab-Qweak (p)	6.2	0.0011	7.5	2017
JLab-SoLID	0.6	0.00057	6.2	conceptual
JLab-MOLLER	2.3	0.00026	11.0	seeking funding
Mainz-P2	2.0	0.00036	13.8	funded (>2020)
APV (225Ra+)	0.5	0.0018	9.6	
APV (213Ra+ / 225Ra+)	0.1	0.0037	4.5	
PVES (¹² C)	0.3	0.0007	14	

Summary

- Because Q_W^p is suppressed in the SM, an accurate determination provides a sensitive measure of $sin^2\theta_W$ and thus a precision test of the SM.
- o Interpretable measurement of proton's weak charge in the simplest system.
 - ⇒ Most hadronic structure effects determined from global PVES data.
 - ⇒ Other theoretical uncertainties calculated to be small.
- Assuming strong contact interaction coupling → g² = 4π and formalism of Erler, et.al.- arXiv:1401.6199v1 [hep-ph] 23 Jan 2014:
 - → No evidence of new semi-leptonic PV physics to mass scale ~26 TeV.
- If the LHC eventually observes a new neutral boson with mass Λ, our results could help identify it by constraining the magnitude and sign of the coupling-to-mass ratio g_{e-p}/Λ
- This experiment builds the scientific and technical foundation for a next generation of measurements.

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