Measurement of the Weak Charge of the Proton by the Qweak Collaboration







Outline

Introduction to PVES and weak charge of the proton

- •Apparatus and analysis
- •Results and implications for new physics
- Future measurements

PHE/PPHI Joint session on Weak Parameters

Friday, Parallel 7

- Mikhail Gorshteyn, Calculations for
- interpreting the weak charge
- Frank Maas, P2 and MOLLER experiments
- •Gerald Gwinner, Atomic parity violation

PPHI session on Electrons and Muons Friday, Parallel 7

- Paul Souder, PVDIS with SOLID
- •Nils Feege, Electroweak physics at an EIC

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Parity-Violating Electron Scattering

Low Q² offers complementary probes of new physics at multi-TeV scales EDM, g_{μ} -2, weak decays, β decay, $0\nu\beta\beta$ decay, DM, LFV...

Parity-Violating Electron Scattering: Low energy weak neutral current couplings, precision weak mixing angle (SLAC, Jefferson Lab, Mainz)



Incident beam is longitudinally polarized
Change sign of longitudinal polarization
Measure fractional rate difference

$$A_{PV} = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\sigma} \propto |A_{\gamma} + A_{\mathsf{Z}}|^2 \sim |A_{\gamma}|^2 + 2A_{\gamma}(A_{\mathsf{Z}})^* + \dots$$

Electroweak interference leading term in asymmetry, enhances weak signal

Parity violating electron scattering provides a sensitive probe for possible new neutral current interactions

Heavy Z's and neutrinos, technicolor, compositeness, extra dimensions, SUSY...

$$\left|\mathbf{A}_{\gamma}+\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{Z}}+\mathbf{A}_{\mathrm{new}}
ight|^{\mathbf{2}}
ightarrow \mathbf{A}_{\gamma}^{\mathbf{2}}\left|\mathbf{1}+\mathbf{2}igg(rac{\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{Z}}}{\mathbf{A}_{\gamma}}igg)+\mathbf{2}igg(rac{\mathbf{A}_{\mathrm{new}}}{\mathbf{A}_{\gamma}}igg)
ight|$$

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Weak Neutral Current Charge in the Standard Model

$$\mathcal{L}_{PV}^{EW} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[g_A^e(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu\gamma_5 e) \cdot \sum_q g_V^q(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu q) + g_V^e(\bar{e}\gamma_\mu e) \cdot \sum_q g_A^q(\bar{q}\gamma^\mu\gamma_5 q) \right]$$

Effective electron-quark couplings



At tree level:	EM Charge	WNC Vector Charge
u	+2/3	$Q_W^u = -2 C_{1u}$
d	-1/3	$Q_W^d = -2 C_{1d}$
p = 2u + d	+1	$Q_W^p = -2(2C_{1u} + C_{1d})$
n = u + 2d	0	$Q_W^n = -2(C_{1u} + 2C_{1d})$

Electroweak fermion couplings

	Left	Right
γ Charge	$0,\pm 1,\pm \frac{1}{3},\pm \frac{2}{3}$	$0,\pm 1,\pm \frac{1}{3},\pm \frac{2}{3}$
W Charge	$T = \pm \frac{1}{2}$	zero
Z Charge	$T-q\sin^2\theta_W$	$-q\sin^2\theta_w$

Radiative corrections incorporated in weak charge definition and scale dependence of $\sin^2\theta_W$ are well controlled

$$\sin^2\theta_W \sim \frac{1}{4}$$
 so $Q_W^p = 1 - 4 \sin^2\theta_W$ is strongly suppressed

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Search for new neutral current contact interactions

Low energy WNC interactions ($Q^2 << M_Z^2$)

Heavy mediators = contact interactions

Consider $f_1f_1 \rightarrow f_2f_2$ or $f_1f_2 \rightarrow f_1f_2$

$$\mathcal{L}_{f_1 f_2} = \sum_{i,j=L,R} \frac{(g_{ij}^{12})^2}{\Lambda_{ij}^2} \bar{f}_{1i} \gamma_\mu f_{1i} \bar{f}_{2j} \gamma_\mu f_{2j}$$



 $\int_{f_2}^{J_1} \int_{f_2}^{J_1}$

mass scale Λ, coupling g for **each fermion** and **handedness** combination

Eichten, Lane and Peskin, PRL50 (1983)

New neutral current interactions with axial-vector electron, vector quark couplings would add in the effective neutral current coupling:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\texttt{SM}} + \mathcal{L}_{\texttt{new}} \qquad rac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}}C_{1q} = rac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}}C_{1q}^{SM} + \left(rac{g_{AV}^{eq}}{\Lambda}
ight)^2$$

Conventional "mass limits" for new contact interaction: assume coupling with compositeness scale $g^2=4\pi$.

example: 4% measurement of Q_W^p corresponds to a mass limit of 33 TeV

Erler et al., Ann.Rev.Nucl.Part.Sci. 64 (2014)

PVES and Nucleon Structure

Assuming charge symmetry, the weak form-factors relate to electromagnetic form factors of the proton and neutron

$$4G_{E,M}^{pZ} = (1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W)G_{E,M}^{p\gamma} - G_{E,M}^{n\gamma} - G_{E,M}^s$$
Proton
Weak
Weak
Charge
Electromagnetic Strange Quark
Form Factors
Form Factor

At forward angles and small Q², A_{PV} accesses the weak charge

$$A_{PV} = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} \xrightarrow[\theta \to 0]{Q^2 \to 0} - \frac{G_F Q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \left[Q_W^p + Q^2 B(Q^2, \theta) \right]$$

B(Q²,θ) is a form-factor term.
 About 30% correction to A_{PV} for
 Qweak. Well determined by
 existing PVES data.

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Form

Factor

APV and Extracting Qweak

WNC elastic form-factors have been well studied in search of intrinsic nucleonic strangeness



Hadronic corrections for QWeak constrained in fit of all PVES data over various nuclear targets, Ε, θ, Q²

$$A_{PV} = -\frac{G_F Q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \left[Q_W^p + Q^2 B(Q^2, \theta) \right]$$

Global fit, first results on Qwp

• All nuclear PVES data (hydrogen, deuterium, helium).

•5 parameters (C_{1u}, C_{1d}, isovector axial FF, ρ_s , μ_s)

• Illustration shown here at forward angle.



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Final results from the full Qweak data set, collected 2010-2012

Nature 557 (2018) no.7704, 207-211

Nuclear Instruments and Methods A781 (2015) 105-133.



Measuring A_{PV}

Goal: measure beam helicity-correlated elastic scattering asymmetry to high precision

Elastic signal focused on detector



Rapid (1kHz) measurement over helicity reversals to cancel noise



Analog integration of detector current



~7 GHz total rate 1 GeV, 180 μA, 1.5 years

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The Qweak Spectrometer





Toroidal Spectrometer directs elastics onto one of 8 detectors



Detectors:

- •2 meters long, fused silica
- •Lead radiator (2 cm thickness)
- •phototube at each end
- •~900 MHz per detector



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Beam Corrections and Beam quality

 $A_{beam} = \sum_{i} \frac{\partial A}{\partial \chi_i} \Delta \chi_i$ where i runs over x,y,x'(angle),y'(angle), and energy.

Calibrate detector sensitivity with harmonic modulation

of beam parameters to determine $\frac{\partial A}{\partial \chi_i}$



Main Detector Sensitivity to Vertical Beam Motion (Run 17504)

Careful setup of the polarized source

minimized helicity-correlated beam asymmetry

Parameter	Helicity-Correlated Difference Average	Typical Sensitivity
Х	-2.7 nm	-2 ppb/nm
X'	-0.14 nrad	50 ppb/nrad
Y	-1.9 nm	<0.2 ppb/nm
Y'	-0.05 nrad	<3 ppb/nrad
Energy	-0.6 ppb	-6 ppb/ppb

Average beam asymmetries were small over course of run



Net Correction: 3.5 ± 1.7 ppb

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Electron Beam Polarimetry

Moller: ee scattering with iron foil

- 4T field, saturated magnetization
- experience with ~1% precision in Hall C
- modified spectrometer for 1 GeV
- invasive, low current only

Compton: $e\gamma$ scattering with polarized green laser light • new polarimeter in Hall C

- low E_{beam}: low analyzing power, low scattering energies
- novel diamond microstrip detector
- per mille control of laser polarization inside cavity



Result: ~0.6% precision on 89% polarization

Important milestone for high precision polarimetry needed for future program

Physical Review X6 (2016) no.1, 011013 Physics Letters B 766, 339 (2017)



Beamline Backgrounds

Large asymmetries seen in background monitors were correlated with main detectors

• A background associated with re-scattering in the beam line eluded our collimation

- Radiators were added to the main detector reduce background importance
- Signal fraction $f \sim 0.2\%$
- Unstable background asymmetry, correlated with beam halo

Studies included blocking octants

Asymmetry well measured by background detectors

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Measured in various background monitors. Correlations between detectors were stable.

Net Correction: -1.2 ± 1.7 ppb

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Summary of Asymmetry Measurements



Data subsets, with various methods of polarization reversal
Half-wave plate in source optics
E x B spin manipulation (injector)

• energy (g-2 precession)

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Polarization sensitive detectors



Precession in spectrometer, so electrons arrive at detector with large radial polarization component

Polarization analyzing effect:

PMTs on opposite ends of each detector bar see opposite sign asymmetry shifts

- Spin-orbit coupling in e-Nuclear scattering does this: large asymmetries for large angles, at low energy (Mott polarimetry)
- Incident electron loses energy in lead radiator, analyzes in multiple scattering
- Only significant after is E<30 MeV or so, for large angles

Electron more likely to point towards one PMT or the other, depending on its incident polarization

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Estimated Residual Bias from Polarization Sensitive Detectors

- This cancels: positive asymmetry in one PMT, negative in the other
- Quality of cancellation depends on imperfections in each bar optical properties and alignment
- Abias dominated by optical and mechanical imperfections of each bar (e.g. mismatches, bevels, glue joint)
- Monte Carlo simulation of light collection for each bar, based on measured geometries and checked with observed responses



Blinded Analysis



Two data sets (Runs 1 & 2), each blinded independently (hidden constant additive offset with ±60 ppb range) to avoid analysis bias

Completed Analysis



Combined data sets, including accounting for correlated systematic uncertainty

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

Extrapolating to Q^2 = 0

2013 Qweak result (commissioning data)



Qweak of the Proton

 $A_{PV} = -226.5 \pm 7.3 (\text{stat}) \pm 5.8 (\text{syst}) \text{ ppb at } Q^2 = 0.0249 (\text{GeV/c})^2$



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Weak mixing angle $sin^2 \theta_W$



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Contact Interactions

$$Q_W^p = -2(2C_{1u} + C_{1d})$$

New Physics Ruled Out @95% CL Below Mass Scale of Λ /g



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

Qweak 2017 + PVES data base + APV ¹³³ Cs			
	Value	Error	
Q_W^p	0.0718	0.0045	
Q_W^n	-0.9808	0.0063	
C_{1u}	-0.1874	0.0022	
C_{1d}	0.3389	0.0025	

APV: atomic parity violation ¹³³Cs C.S. Wood et al. Science **275**, 1759 (1997); Dzuba et al. PRL **109**, 203003 (2012)

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Contact Interactions



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New (light) physics: the Dark Z



Requires $\delta < \sim 10^{-3}$ to have remained hidden at the Z-pole and in meson decay

Davoudiasl, Lee, Marciano Phys.Rev.Lett. 109 (2012) 031802 Phys.Rev. D85 (2012) 115019 Phys.Rev. D89 (2014) 9, 095006 Phys.Rev. D92 (2015) 5, 055005

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BSM Models and Constraints

SM is low energy limit of effective field theory with towers of higher dimension operators

$$L = L_{SM} + \Sigma \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^2} O_i^{d=6} + \sigma \frac{c_i}{\Lambda^4} O_i^{d=8} + \dots$$

(h/t Sally Dawson)



Leptoquarks



e.g. Erler, Kurylov, Ramsey-Musolf, Phys. Rev. D **68**, 016006 (2003)

Right-handed Charge Currents

 $\epsilon_L vs. \epsilon_R$

Vincenzo Cirigliano, arXiv:1703.074751

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Future PVES

10010 Qweak experimental precision is the Pioneering 1000% 10^{-4} Strange Quark Studies best yet for a PVES experiment **Standard Model Tests** $\mathbf{E}1$ 2010 · **Neutron Radius** 10⁻⁵ Higher Mainz-B Precision SOLH 10^{−6}⊧ E $\delta(\mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{PV}})$ H-He 10^{-7} **PREX-I** E158 ^OPREX-II 10⁻⁸ L **Q**weak[•] OMESA-12C Future standard model tests will build on 10-91 MOLLEŔ the Qweak experience to improve or **MEŚA-P**2 **Smaller Asymmetry** complement bounds on new physics 10⁻¹⁰ 10⁻⁸ 10⁻⁵ 10⁻⁷ 10^{-6} 10^{-3} 10^{-4} **A**_{PV}

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P2 at MESA / Mainz



Frank Maas et al., arXiv:1802.04759

- E_{beam} = 155 MeV, 25-45°
- Q² = 0.0045 GeV²

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- 60 cm target, 150 uA, 10⁴ hours
- A_{PV} = -40 ppb to 1.4% (0.56ppb)
- δ(sin²θ_W) = 0.00033 (0.14%)

Development underway
Funding approved
Start 2020+

3.3x more precise than Qweak, similar to best collider measurements

MOLLER at 11 GeV JLab



University Virginia **PV-DIS**



Deep Inelastic Scattering from Deuterium

at high x_b sensitive to quark vector (C_{1q}) and *axial* (C_{2q}) weak charges



SOLID-PVDIS at JLab, 11 GeV, part of SOLID spectrometer project



Summary



A precise measurement of the proton weak charge has been completed, providing a new tight constraint on possible new physics

Interpretable, robust measurement

- hadronic structure correction well known from global PVES data set
- Radiative corrections are small and now precisely calculated

Unprecedented precision enabled by technological advances, preparing for the next generation of PVES experiments

Electroweak physics with PVES is a powerful component of the low energy fundamental symmetries program

• P2, MOLLER, SOLID: Complementary, competitive with collider for precision on $sin^2\theta_W$ • Search for new interactions from 100 MeV to 10s of TeV

A rich experimental program is envisioned over the next 10 years

at Jefferson Lab and Mainz MESA facility

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Backup

Electroweak Radiative Corrections

In the Standard Model, the weak charge is *defined* at $Q^2 = 0$, E = 0.



Full expression for Q_W^p has energy dependent corrections – need precise calculations

The \Box_{WW} and \Box_{ZZ} are well determined from pQCD ($\propto \frac{1}{q^2 - M_{W(Z)}^2 + i\epsilon}$)

The $\Box_{\gamma Z}$ isn't pQCD friendly due to the photon leg ($\propto \frac{1}{q^2+i\varepsilon}$)

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Electroweak Radiative Corrections

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

 $0.0708 \pm 0.0003 \pm 0.0045$

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

Correction to Q ^p _{Weak}	Uncertainty
Δ sin θ _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 *γ*Z 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).

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Axial FF



Figure adapted from D. Balaguer Rios et al. (PVA4)

Global fit including Q_{weak} is in good agreement with theory [S.L. Zhu, S.J. Puglia, B.R. Holstein, M.J. Ramsey-Musolf, Phys. Rev. D **62**, 033008 (2000)]



Polarization Sensitive Detector

Mott scattering asymmetry: low energy phenomenon





- The electron showering through lead radiator can become polarization-dependent via multiple scattering
- Only significant after is E<30 MeV or so, for large angles
- Cancellation between positive asymmetry for small angle scattering, negative for large angle scattering
- Electron ends up more likely to point toward one PMT, depending on its incident polarization

Aluminum Windows

Background from detected electrons which scattered from thin Aluminum entrance and exit windows

- Measure ~1500 ppb asymmetry using thick calibration targets (identical Al alloy)
- Measure the $(2.52 \pm 0.06)\%$ signal fraction from windows
- Small corrections for radiative effects (MC simulation)



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Aluminum Parity-Violating Asymmetry

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Asymmetry and Net Corrections

weight:	20%	80%
Quantity	Run 1	Run 2
$A_{\rm raw}$	-192.7 ± 13.2 ppb	$-170.7 \pm 7.3 \text{ ppb}$
$A_{ m T}$	0 ± 1.1 ppb	$0\pm0.7~{ m ppb}$
$A_{ m L}$	$1.3\pm1.0~\rm{ppb}$	1.2 ± 0.9 ppb
$A_{ m BCM}$	$0 \pm 4.4 \text{ ppb}$	$0\pm2.1~\mathrm{ppb}$
$A_{ m BB}$	$3.9 \pm 4.5 \text{ ppb}$	$-2.4 \pm 1.1 \text{ ppb}$
$A_{ m beam}$	$18.5 \pm 4.1 \text{ ppb}$	$0.0 \pm 1.1 \text{ ppb}$
$A_{ m bias}$	$4.3\pm3.0~\rm{ppb}$	$4.3 \pm 3.0 \text{ ppb}$
P	$87.7\pm1.1\%$	$88.71 \pm 0.55\%$
f_1	$2.471 \pm 0.056\%$	$2.516 \pm 0.059\%$
A_1	$1.514\pm0.077~\rm{ppm}$	$1.515\pm0.077~\rm{ppm}$
f_2	$0.193 \pm 0.064\%$	$0.193 \pm 0.064\%$
f_3	$0.12\pm0.20\%$	$0.06\pm0.12\%$
$ A_3 $	$-0.39\pm0.16~\rm{ppm}$	$-0.39\pm0.16\mathrm{ppm}$
f_4	$0.018 \pm 0.004\%$	$0.018 \pm 0.004\%$
$ A_4 $	-3.0 ± 1.0 ppm	$-3.0 \pm 1.0 \mathrm{ppm}$
$R_{ m RC}$	1.010 ± 0.005	1.010 ± 0.005
$R_{ m Det}$	0.9895 ± 0.0021	0.9895 ± 0.0021
$R_{ m Acc}$	0.977 ± 0.002	0.977 ± 0.002
R_{Q^2}	0.9927 ± 0.0056	1.0 ± 0.0056

Beamline rescattering background Beam asymmetries Polarization sensitive detectors

Aluminum windows