The Q<sup>P</sup><sub>Weak</sub> Experiment at Jefferson Laboratory: A search for physics beyond the Standard Model via a measurement of the proton's weak charge

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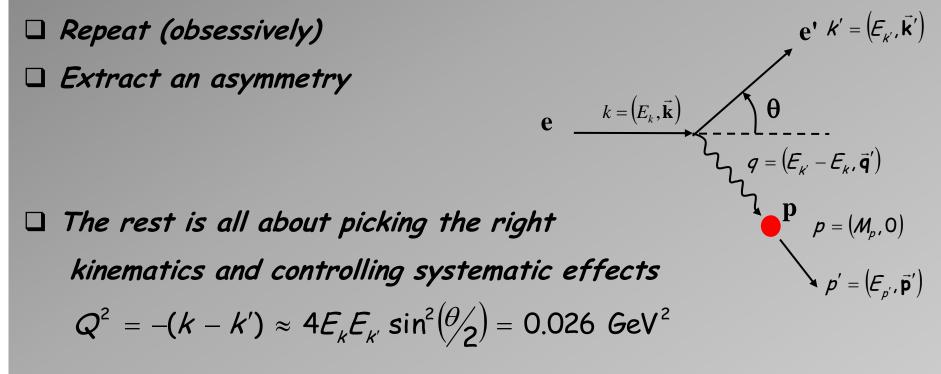


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# The Measurement

Elastic scattering of polarized electrons from protons in a liquid hydrogen target:

- □ Prepare electron beam with a given helicity (spin)
- □ Scatter electrons from protons and measure cross-section
- □ Flip spin and measure cross-section again
- □ Calculate the difference for the period of measurement

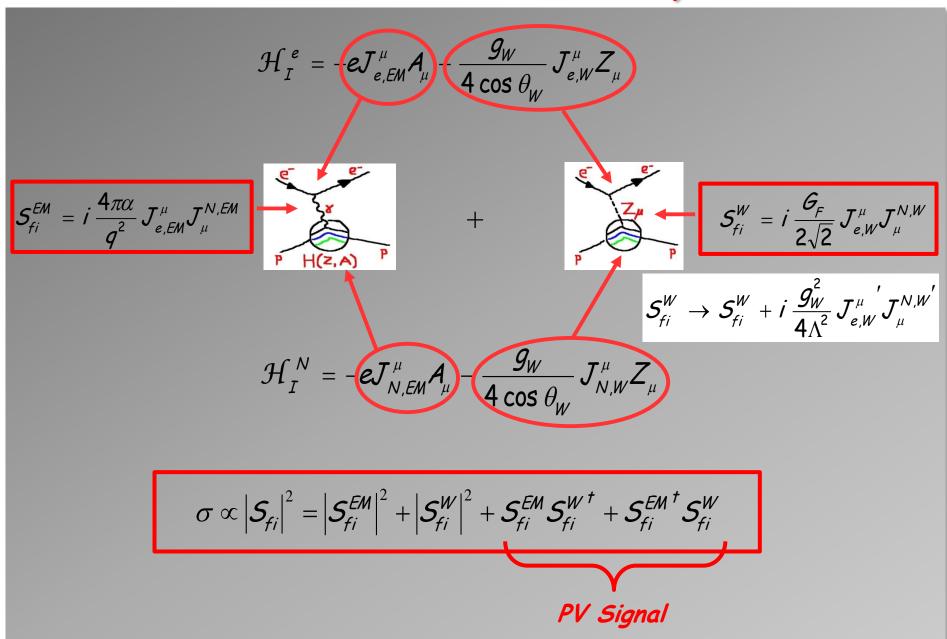


# The Measurement

Central scattering angle:	<i>8.4</i> ° ± <i>3</i> °
Phi Acceptance:	<b>53% of 2</b> π
Average Q <sup>2</sup> :	0.026 GeV2
Acceptance averaged asymmetry:	- 0.23 ppm
Integrated Rate (per detector):	800 MHz (6.4 GHz total)
Beam Energy:	1.165 GeV
Beam Current:	165 μΑ - 180 μΑ
Beam Polarization:	89%
Target Power:	2.5 kW

# The Observable

# **Connection to Theory**



 $S_{fi}^{EM}S_{fi}^{W^{\dagger}} + S_{fi}^{EM^{\dagger}}S_{fi}^{W} \rightarrow \frac{\mathcal{G}_{F}}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{i=\mu,d,s} \left[ \mathcal{C}_{1i} \,\overline{e} \gamma_{\mu} \gamma^{5} e \,\overline{q}_{i} \gamma^{\mu} q_{i} + \mathcal{C}_{2i} \,\overline{e} \gamma_{\mu} e \,\overline{q}_{i} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma^{5} q_{i} \right]$ 

Weak Current 
$$J_{W}^{\mu} = \sum_{f} \overline{\psi}_{f} \gamma^{\mu} (g_{V}^{f} + g_{A}^{f} \gamma_{5}) \psi_{f}$$

Q<sub>Weak</sub> picks out this

Weak Charges From the PDG:

	Tree Level	Rad. Corr. $+$ New Phys.
$C_{1u}$	$-\tfrac{1}{2}\left(1-\tfrac{8}{3}\sin^2\theta_w\right)$	$-\frac{1}{2}\rho_{eq}^{'}\left(1-\frac{8}{3}\kappa_{eq}^{'}\sin^{2}\theta_{w}\right)+\lambda_{1u}$
$C_{1d}$	$-\tfrac{1}{2}\left(-1+\tfrac{4}{3}\sin^2\theta_w\right)$	$-\frac{1}{2}\rho_{eq}^{'}\left(-1+\frac{4}{3}\kappa_{eq}^{'}\sin^{2}\theta_{W}\right)+\lambda_{1d}$
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Strongly suppressed by design kinematics

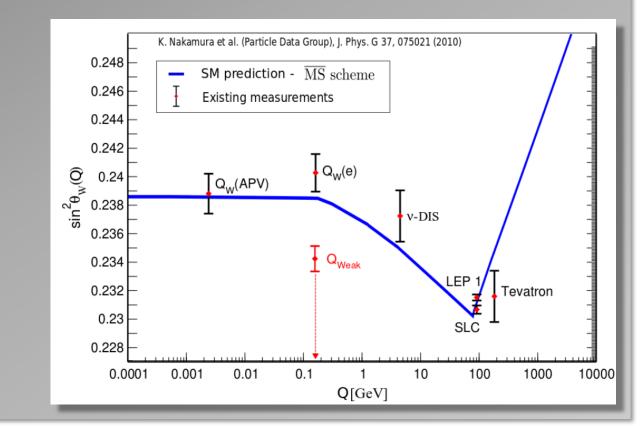
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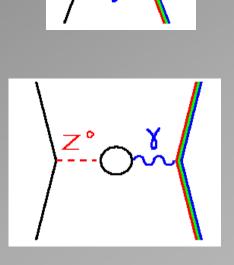
Young, Carlini, Thomas & Roche, PRL 99, 122003 (2007) 0.18 **SLAC: D DIS** Mainz: Be All Data & Fits APV Tl Plotted at 1  $\sigma$ 0.16 **APV**Cs  $C_{1\,u}+C_{1\,d}$ HAPPEx: H, He **PVES** G<sup>0</sup>: H, Standard Model PVA4: H 0.12 Prediction SAMPLE: H, D O -weak Bates: C 0.1 -0.8-0.7-0.6 -0.5-0.4 $C_{1 u} - C_{1 d}$ **Isovector weak charge** 

Including radiative corrections (Kurylov, Musolf, Su Phys. Rev. D 68, 035008 (2003)):

 $Q_{W}^{p} = \rho_{p} (1 - 4\kappa_{p} \sin^{2}(\theta_{W})) + \lambda_{p}$ 

 $\rho_p \Longrightarrow 1 + \delta \rho \, {}^{\rm RC}_{\rm p} + \delta \rho \, {}^{\rm NP}_{\rm p}$  $\kappa_p \Longrightarrow 1 + \delta \kappa \frac{RC}{p} + \delta \kappa \frac{NP}{p}$  $\lambda_p \Rightarrow \delta \lambda_p^{RC} + \delta \lambda_p^{NP}$ 





# Proposal Error Budget

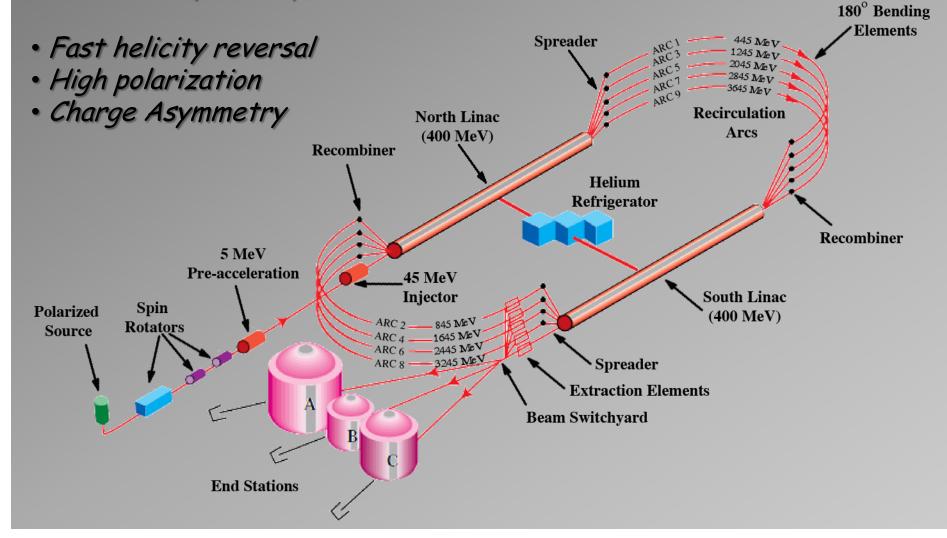
	$\Delta A_{phys} / A_{phys}$	$\Delta \mathbf{Q}^{p}_{weak} / \mathbf{Q}^{p}_{weak}$
Statistical (2200 hours production) Systematic:	2.1%	3.2%
Hadronic structure uncertainties		1.5%
Beam polarimetry	1.0%	1.5%
Absolute Q <sup>2</sup> determination	0.5%	1.0%
Backgrounds	0.5%	0.7%
Helicity-correlated Beam Properties	0.5%	0.7%
Total	2.5%	4.1%

Model independent physics reach:

$$\frac{\Lambda}{g} \sim \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\sqrt{2}}\mathcal{G}_{F}\left|\delta \mathbf{Q}_{W}^{p}\right|} \approx 2.3 \text{ TeV}$$

#### For Q-Weak the facility is an integral part of the experiment!

Determined (primarily) at the source:



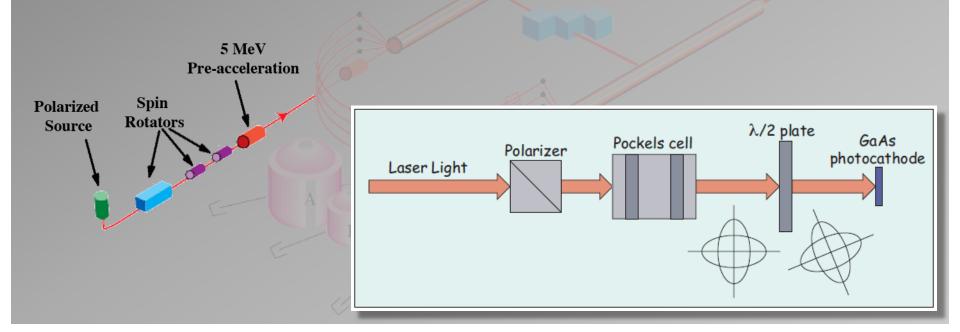


Helicity reversal:

• Continuously at 1 kHz, with Pockels cell

 Every 4 to 8 hours with insertable half-wave plate

• Every Couple of weeks with a spin rotation (Wein flip)

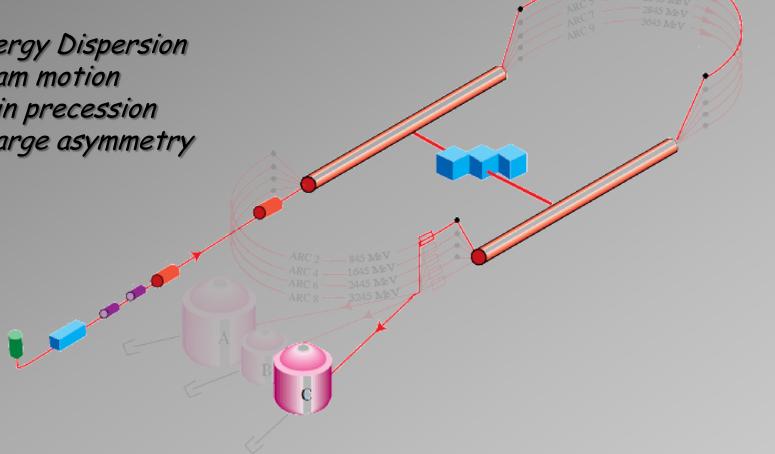


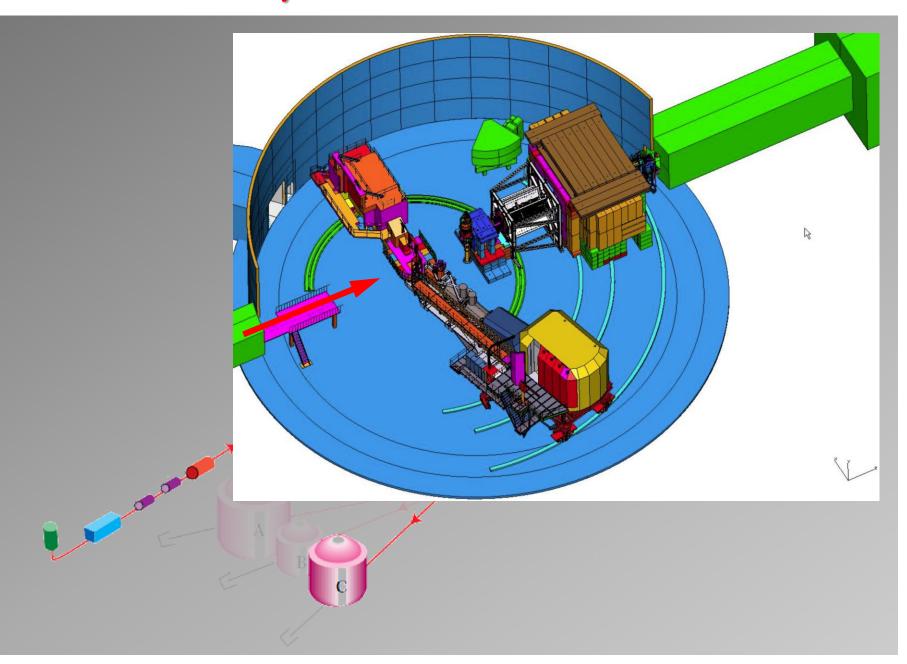
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Q-weak routinely uses only one-pass.

This reduces:

- Energy Dispersion
- Beam motion
- Spin precession
- Charge asymmetry





Q-Weak is a high precision and high accuracy experiment!

Statistical accuracy requires high luminosity:

High beam current (routinely ~ 180 μA)
 Long high-power LH<sub>2</sub> target (35 cm, 2.5 kW)
 High event rate in the main detectors (in excess of 800 MHz)

Experimental precision requires :

Accurate polarimetry (1%)

Accurate determination of mometum transfer (0.5%)

□ Control of helicity correlated beam properties (0.5%)

□ Suppression of background (dilution and asymmetries) (0.5%)

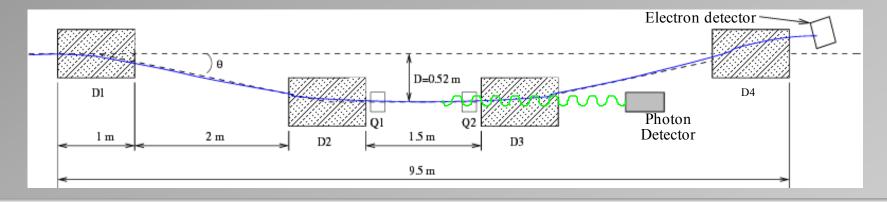
#### Polarimetry:

Standard Hall C Møller polarimeter:

Periodic invasive measurement at lower current.



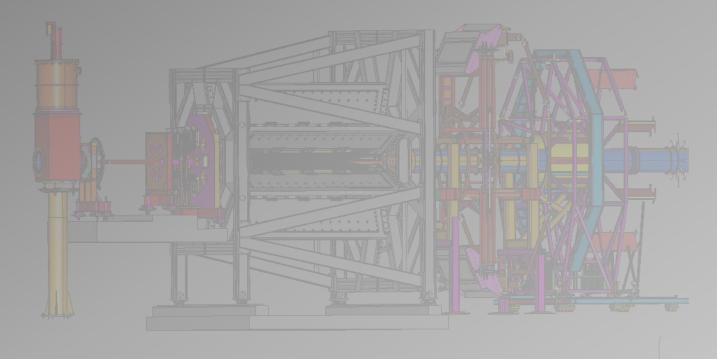
New Hall C Compton : (Diamond Strip e<sup>-</sup> and scintillator photon Detectors) Continuous non-invasive measurement at full current.



Q-Weak is a two mode experiment!

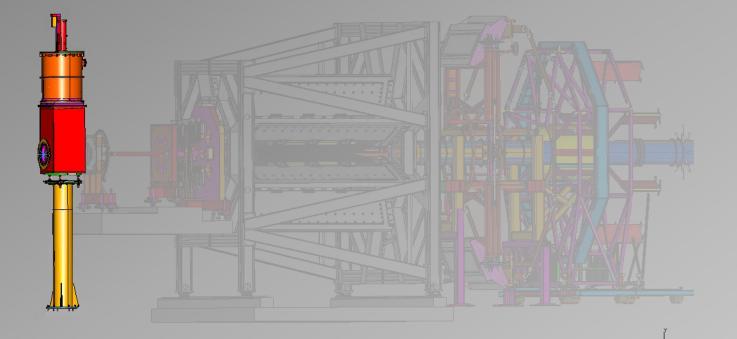
Current Mode
Tracking or Event Mode

Different components of the experiment are used in combination during the different running modes:

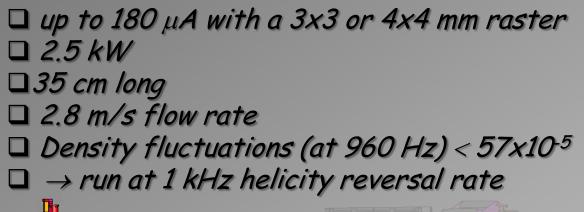


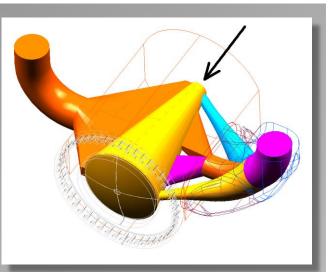


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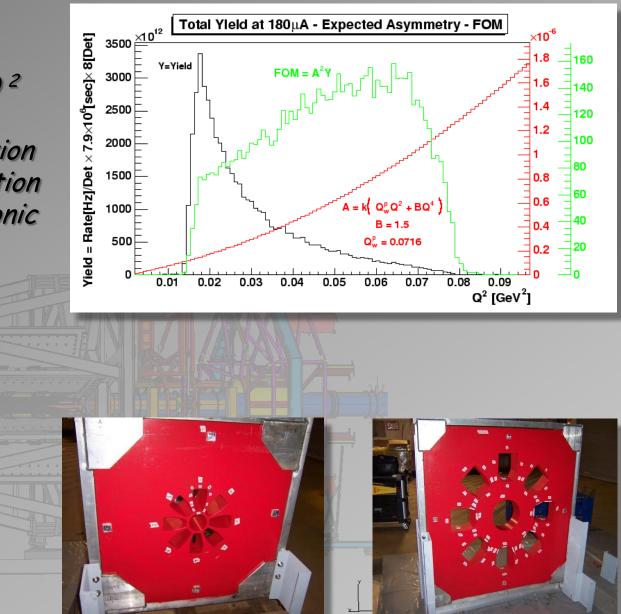


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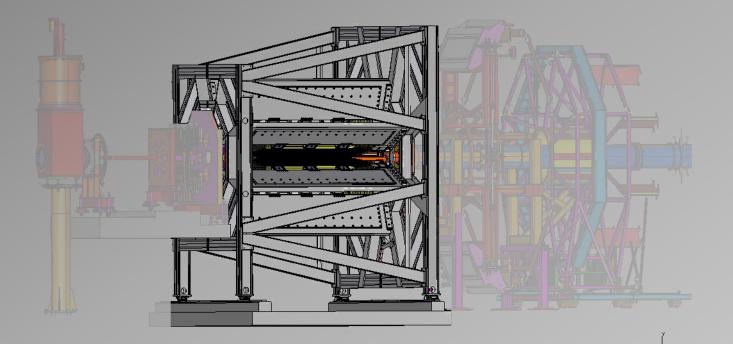
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Primary definition of Q<sup>2</sup> Based on: event rate maximization asymmetry maximization minimization of hadronic dilution.





#### Spectrometer (QTOR):



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8 Sector Room Temperature Toroidal Magnet
 9500 A, 1.5 MW maximum
 4.3 m long, 1.5 m wide coils (simple racetrack shape)
 water cooled copper coils

 $\int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{l} = 0.89 \text{ T} \cdot \text{m}$ 

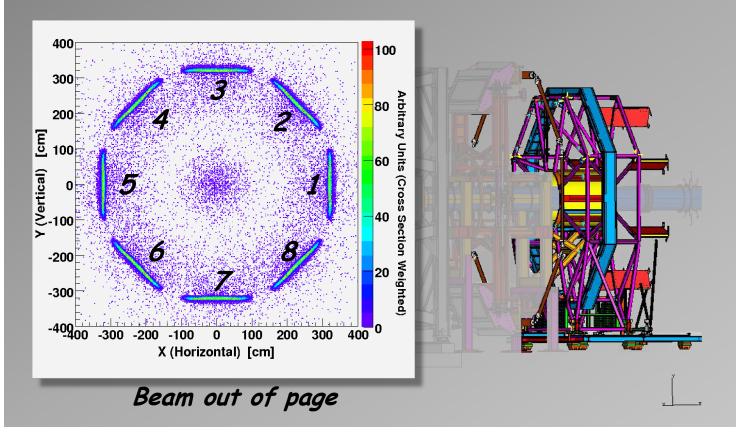


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 800 MHz e<sup>-</sup> per bar (Current mode readout I<sub>a</sub> = 6 μA)
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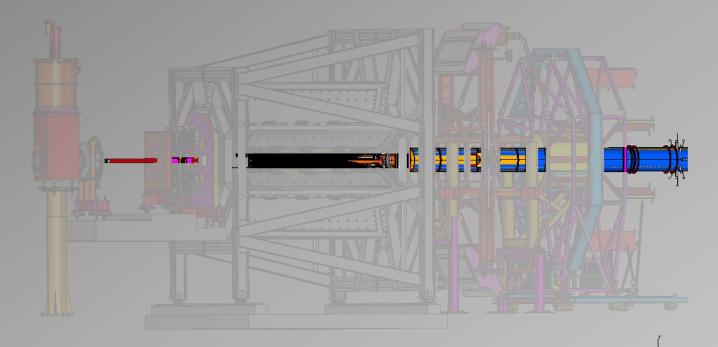
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**Beam Line and Luminosity Monitors:** 

Beam line designed to reduce backgrounds (flares)
 Monitors primarily used to monitor sensitivity to beam motion and halo

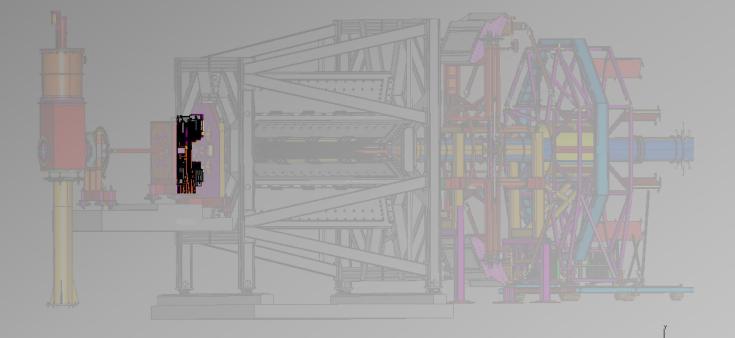
forward scattered beam very well collimated with a tungsten ring in the primary collimator





Tracking Mode Detectors.

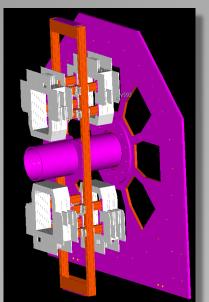
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Pairs of 6-layer Chambers per tracking octant
 Mounted on a rotator to tracking in each octant
 Used to measured Q<sup>2</sup> and extract scattering vertex

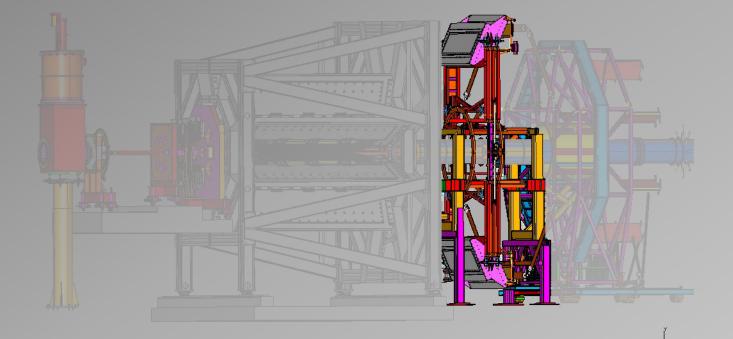






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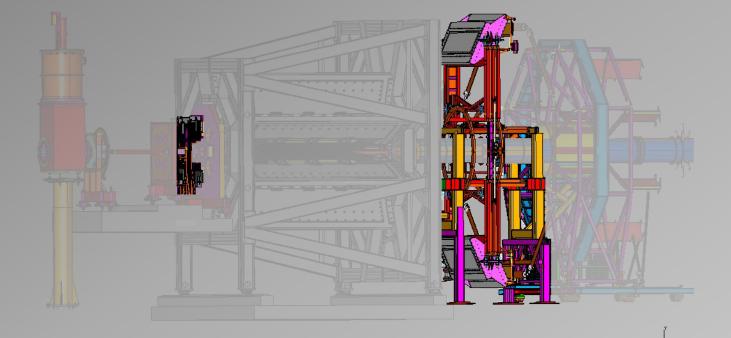
Four 2 meter long wire planes per octant
 Mounted on a rotator to tracking in each octant
 Used for independent measurement of Q<sup>2</sup>





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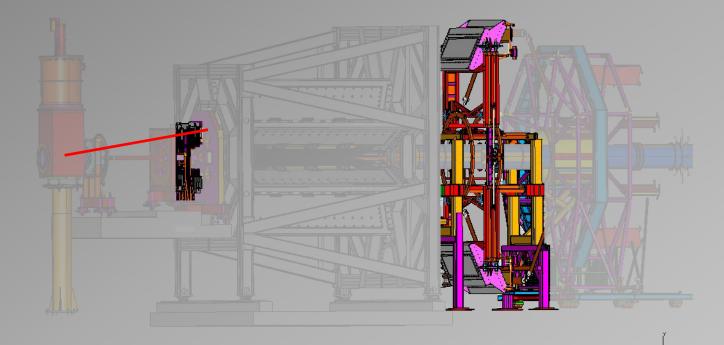
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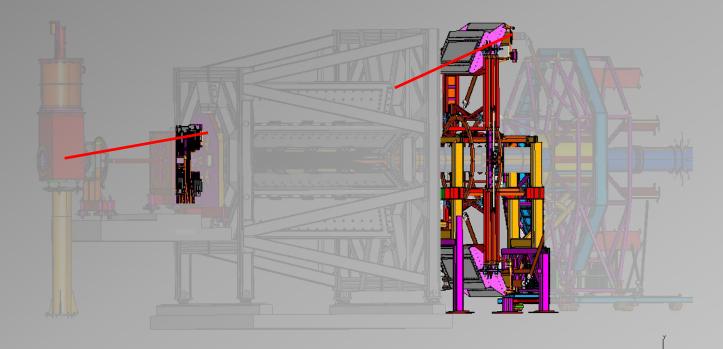
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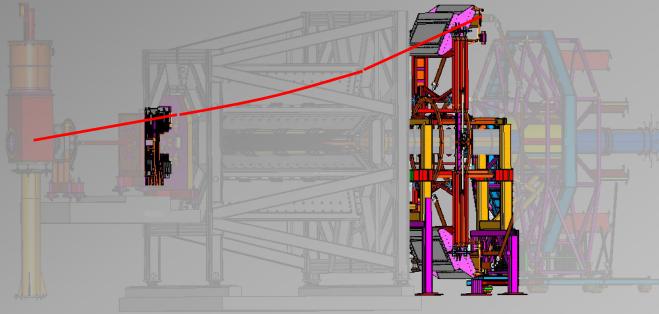
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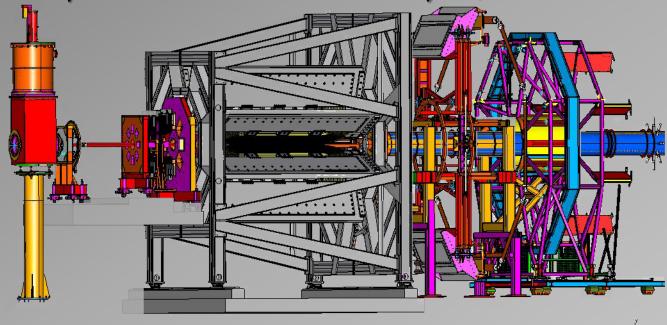
□ Get partial track from target to QTOR entrance - calculate Q<sup>2</sup>
 □ Get partial track from QTOR exit to detector - calculate Q<sup>2</sup>
 □ Perform consistency check by connecting partial tracks, using the measured QTOR field.



#### **Experiment** Overview

#### The Q-Weak Experiment

Design started in ~2000
Was installed in 2009 and 2010
Commissioned September - November 2010
Had a phase I from 12/2010 - 05/2011
Had a phase II from 11/2011 - 05 /2012
Completed data collection on May 18, 2012



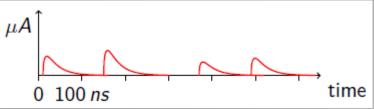


Event Mode vs. Current Mode Measurement

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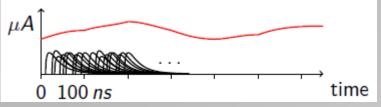
Event mode:

□Each event individually registered □Event selection / rejection is possible (either PID or discrimination)



Current mode:

Very high event rates possible (one every nanosecond)
 No event selection / background rejection (experiment must be designed to suppress backgrounds and this must be verified with dedicated measurements)





Asymmetry measurement in current mode:

Statistical width on individual measurements is 200 ppm (from sampling resolution/frequency of integrating ADC - pure counting statistics)

Current mode measurements are never at counting statistics but need to be dominated by counting statistics to avoid systematic corrections to resulting asymmetry

Any Noise in excess of 200 ppm (target, detectors) increases running time to get to the same limit.

Important:

□ Keep the noise down!

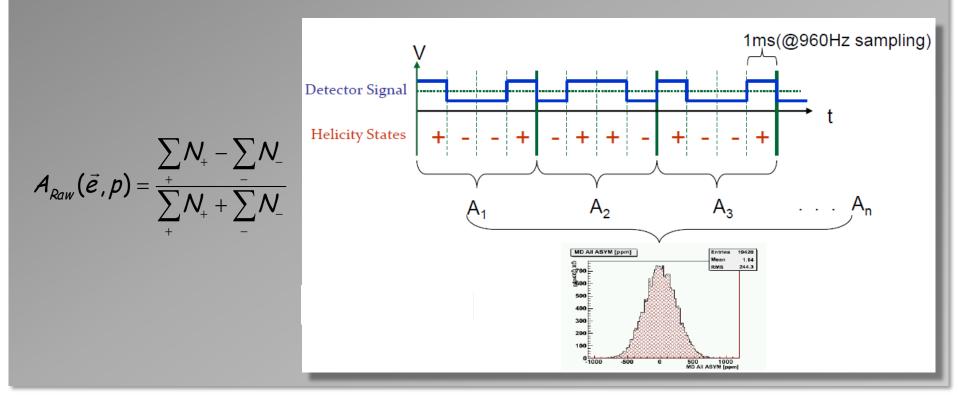
□ Avoid false asymmetries!

Correct for systematic effects!



Asymmetry Data Collection:

Detector yields are integrated over 1 ms for each helicity state
 Raw asymmetries are formed from differences between positive and negative helicity states within a quartet
 Quartet asymmetries are histogrammed



# **Qweak (Diagnostic Data Examples)**

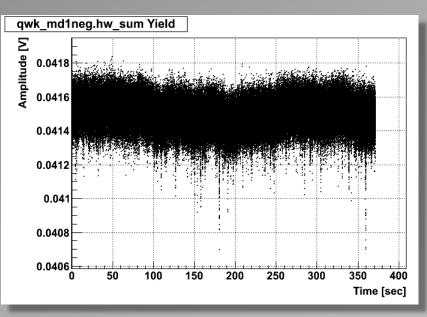
Target boiling:

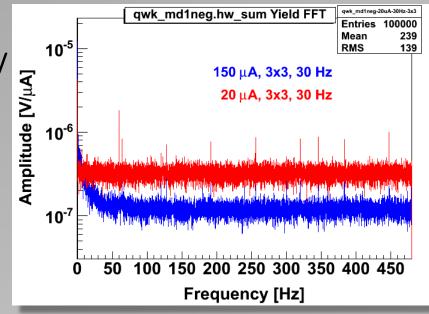
With high beam power target boiling is inevitable

**Δ** Starts around 100 μA

But this has a 1/f frequency dependence and dominates at low frequency

□ Fast helicity (960 Hz) reversal (240 Hz quartet ) reduces the effect.





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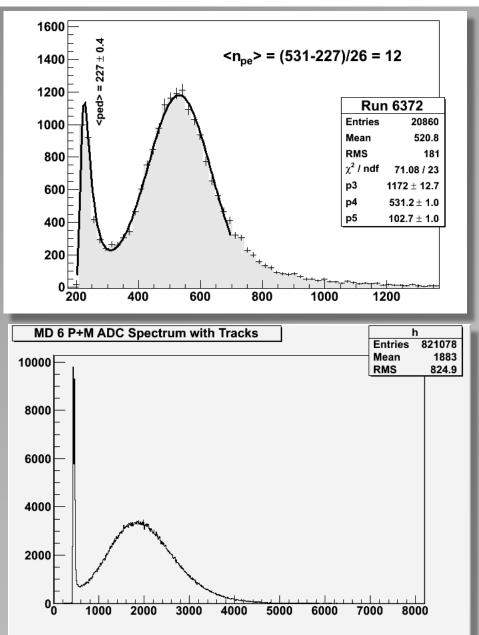
Bare bar:

The simulated efficiency was about 16 PE.

#### Pre-radiated bar:

Increase of mean yield and RMS consistent with shower activity in a 2 cm lead radiator (3 cm is shower max):

~ 85 PE/electron



# **Qweak (Diagnostic Data Examples)**

h1

asymmetry (ppm)

93341

236.1

-0.05576

MD Asymmetry :: Blinded (60 ppb box) :: Not Regressed Entries Main Detectors: Mean 4000 RMS 3500 Observed RMS width in 3000 2500 main detector yield: 2000 1500 1000 ~ 240 ppm 500 0 -500 -10000 500 1000

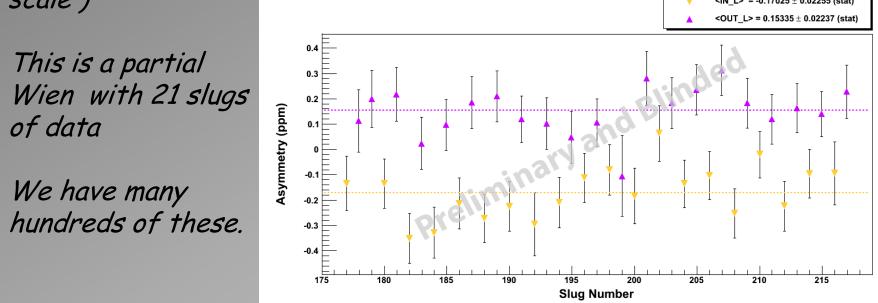
Pure counting statistics: $\approx 200 \text{ ppm}$ Detector Resolution:+ 90 ppmCurrent monitor resolution+ 50 ppmTarget boiling+ 57 ppmTotal $\approx 233 \text{ ppm} \approx \text{observed}$ 

### **Qweak Preliminary Asymmetry Sample**

Asymmetry Data:

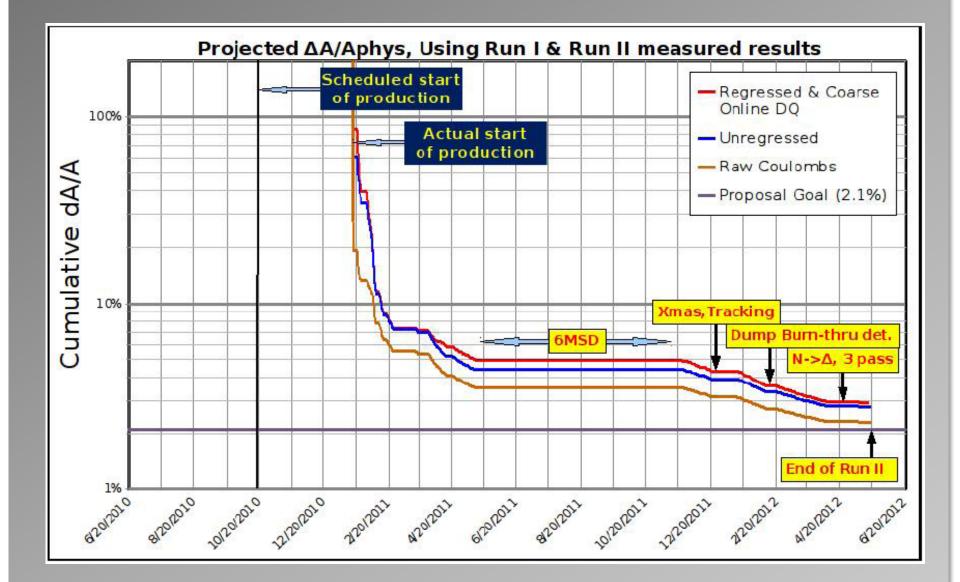
**Insertable**  $\lambda/2$ -plate (IHWP) in injector allows "analog" helicity flipping (on the time scale of a few hours – a slug)

Wien filter: Another way of flipping helicity (several weeks time scale)



Average asymmetries are consistent with sign change!

#### **Qweak Statistics Performance**

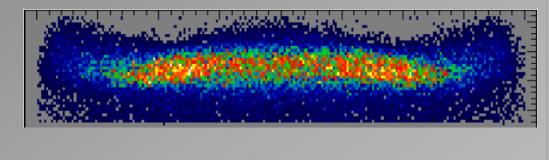


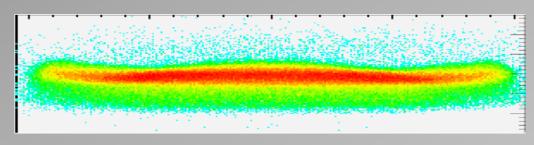


#### Tracking Mode Data:

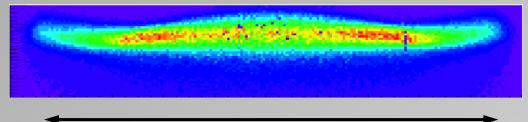
Simulated event yield profile on the main detector:

Reconstructed profile from VDC chamber events:



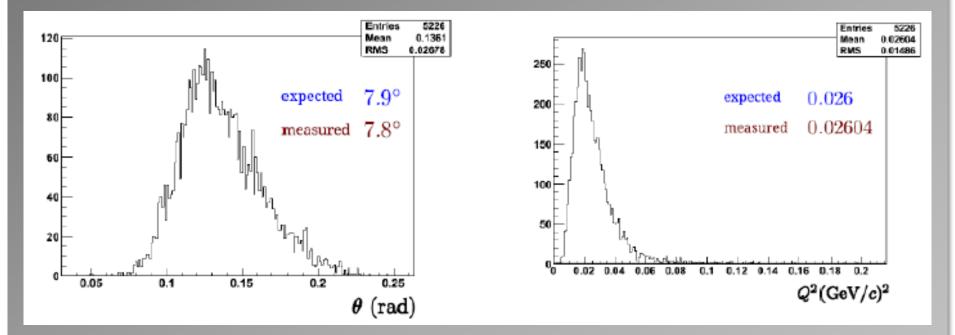


Event profile measured by focal plane scanner at full current:



### **Qweak Tracking Data**

#### Preliminary reconstruction of scattering angle and $Q^2$



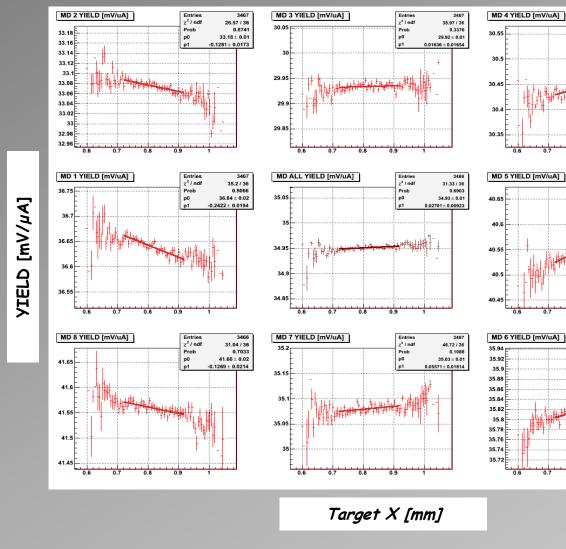
### **Qweak Beam Sensitivities**

Natural beam motion:

■ Measured asymmetry correlated with beam position and angles.

□ False asymmetries

 $\square \text{ Need to do}$ linear
regression to
remove
effect:  $A_{Corr}(\vec{e}, p) = \sum_{i} \frac{\partial A_{Raw}}{\partial x_{i}} \Delta x_{i}$ 



Entries

 $\gamma^2$  / ndf

Entries

 $\chi^2$  / ndf

Prob

Entries

 $\chi^2$  / ndf

Prob

p0

p0

Prob

p0

47.25 / 36

0.09933

3467

0.7541

3467

27.84/36

35.68 ± 0.02

.1718 ± 0.0193

0.8328

29.87 / 36

40.31 ± 0.02

 $0.296 \pm 0.021$ 

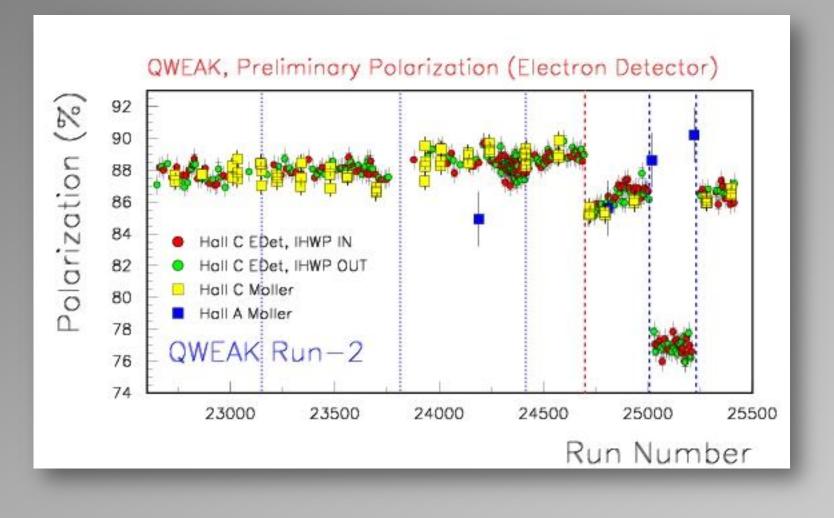
 $\textbf{30.32} \pm \textbf{0.01}$ 

0.1588± 0.0159

 $x_i = x_i y_i x'_i y'_i E$ 

### **Qweak** Polarimetry

Comparison of the Moller and Compton polarimeter results:



Potential false asymmetries:

Small contributions to number of events, of order 1% (dilution)

But from processes with large asymmetries, of order ppm!

□ Result in significant corrections, of order 10 ppb

Processes:

 $\Box$  Aluminum target cell walls ( $Q_W^n = 1$ , large asymmetry)

 $\Box \text{ Inelastic processes } (N \rightarrow \Delta)$ 

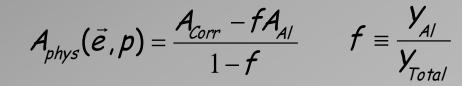
Transverse spin, azimuthal asymmetry (parity-conserving)

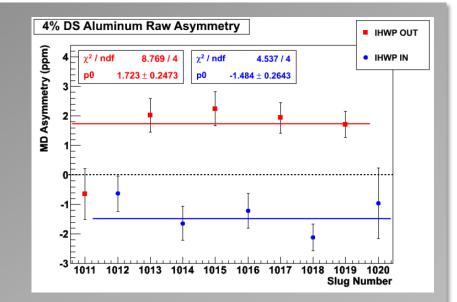
#### Aluminum Asymmetry:

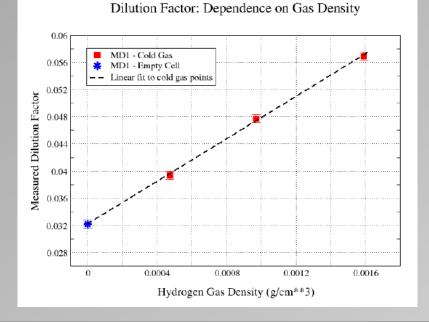
Preliminary 4% measurement consistent with order of magnitude expected from theory.

Asymmetry : A few ppm Measured dilution: f = 3%

Correction to asymmetry ≈ 20%





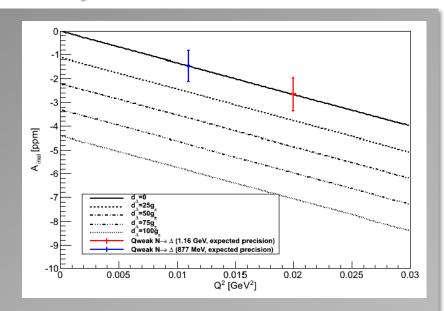


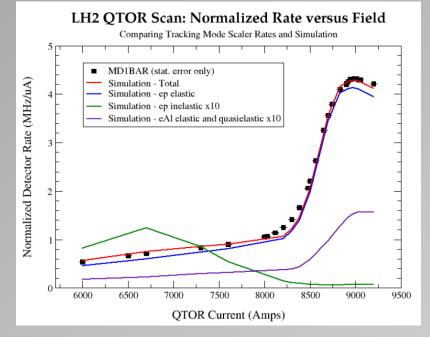
 $N \rightarrow \Delta$ :

Projected result only (expected 1 ppm precision)

Asymmetry : A few ppm Measured dilution: f = 0.1%

Correction to asymmetry ≈ 1%





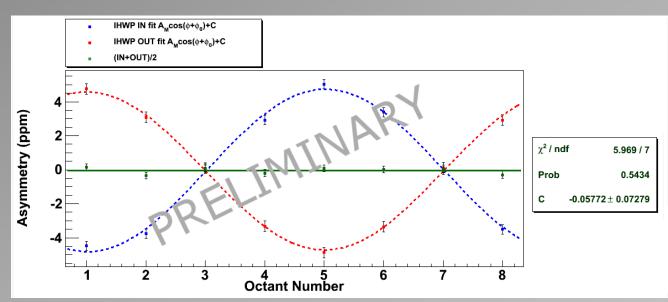
Transverse Asymmetry:

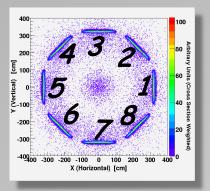
 $\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{R}_{dw}}(\phi_{det}) = |\mathcal{P}_{L}|\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{P}V} + |\mathcal{P}_{T}|\mathcal{A}_{T}\sin(\phi_{det} - \phi_{s})$ 

Small transverse polarization component in the beam gives rise to a small false asymmetry. Do ancillary runs with transversely polarized beam on unpolarized target:

Parity-conserving (T-odd) transverse Asymmetry: a few ppm

Cancellation with slow helicity reversal:





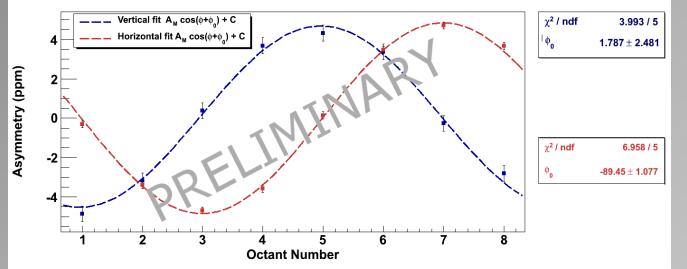
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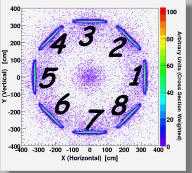
90 ° phase shift from vertical (Shown for horizontal polarization)

Shown asymmetries not corrected for backgrounds or polarization

Preliminary transverse asymmetry: (by B. Waidyawansa, Ohio Univ.)  $A_T = -5.27 \pm 0.07(stat) \pm 0.14(syst)$  ppm

Transverse asymmetry leakage in  $A_{PV} < 2$  ppb



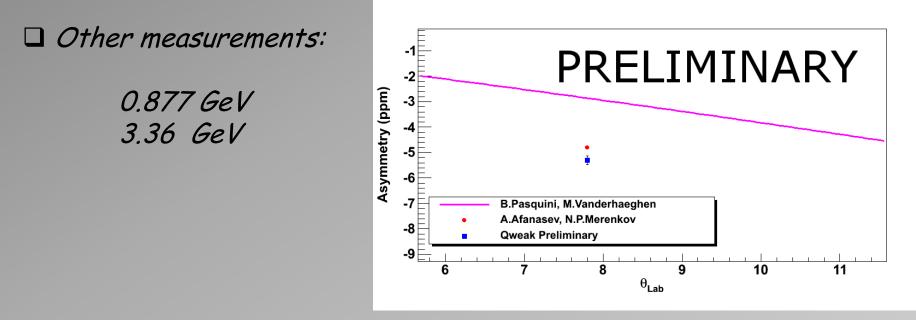


Transverse Asymmetry:

Pasquini & Vanderhaeghen: proton and N, resonance region with MAID, asymmetry dominated by inelastic contribution

Afanasev & Merenkov: forward Compton amplitudes from real photoproduction

 $\Box E = 1.160 \text{ GeV}, \ \theta = 7.8, Q^2 = 0.026 \text{ GeV}^2$ 



#### Summary

#### Q-Weak completed data taking in May 2012

Operated at very high luminosity of 2×10 <sup>39</sup> cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
 Key subsystems worked well over entire running period
 Main detector asymmetry width of 235 ppm close to counting statistics (200 ppm) and excess understood
 Many systematic measurements taken
 First preliminary results:

Transverse asymmetry on hydrogen: A<sub>T</sub> = -5.27 ± 0:07(stat) ± 0:14(syst) ppm

Upcoming results:

□ Inelastic  $N \rightarrow \Delta$ □ Aluminum asymmetry □ Weak charge  $Q_{Weak}^{p}$ : 25% (later this year. . . ), 8%, 4%



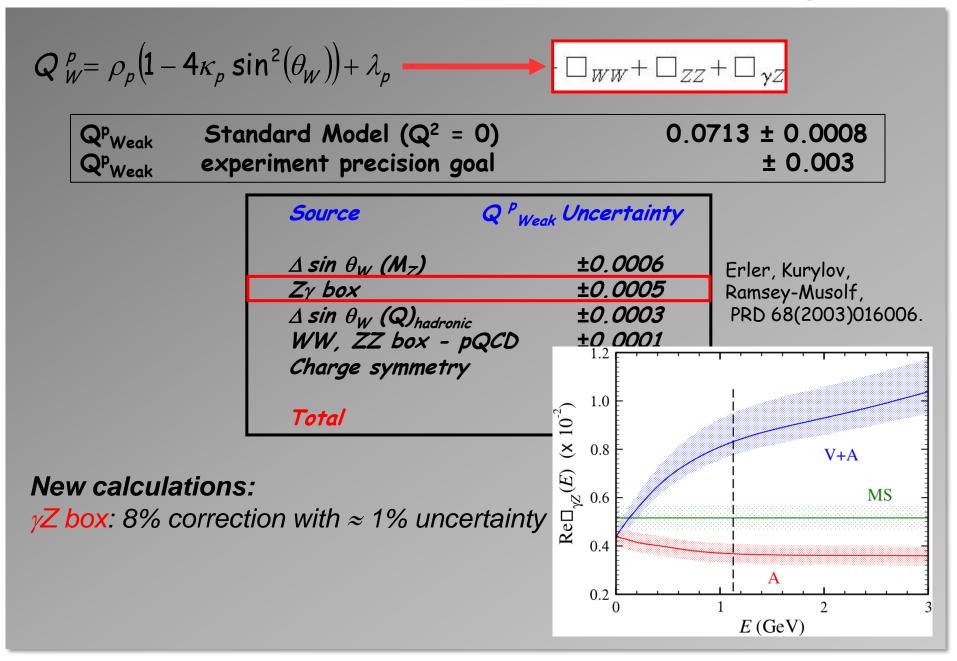
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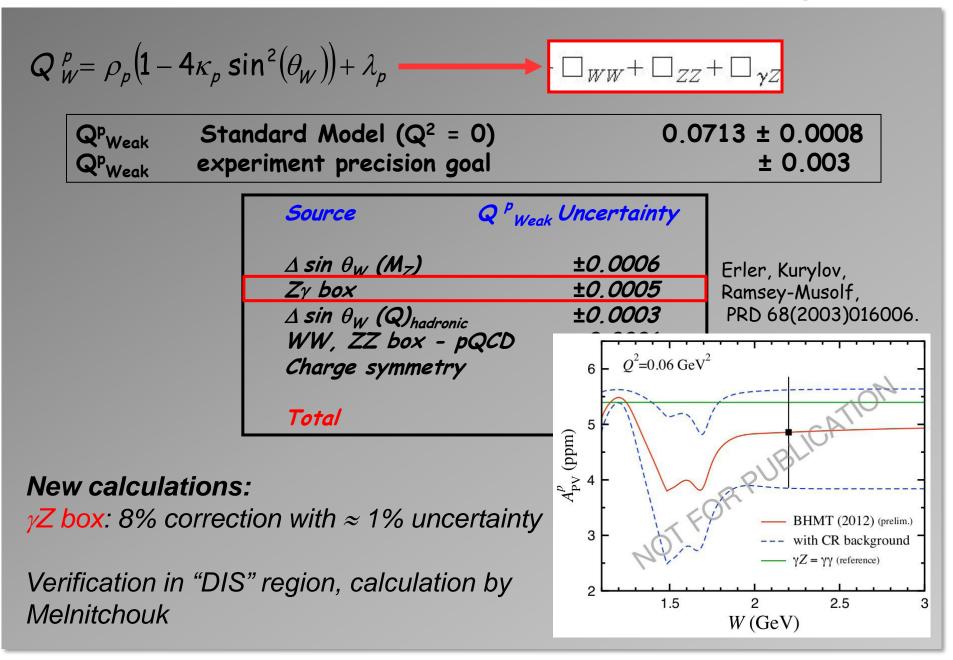
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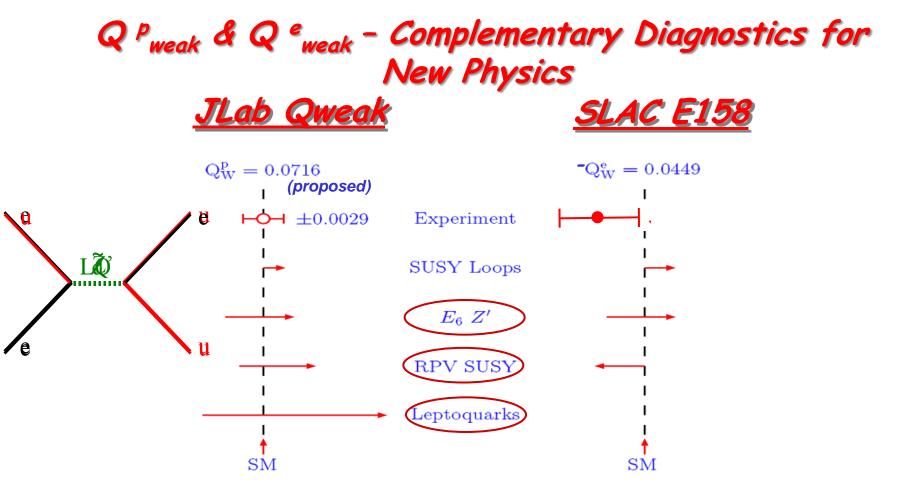
<b>Q<sup>p</sup></b> Weak			0.0713 ± 0.0008	
Q <sup>p</sup> Weak	experiment precision goal		± 0.003	
	Source Q <sup>P</sup> Wee	<sub>ak</sub> Uncertainty	1	
	$\Delta \sin \theta_W (M_7)$	±0.0006	Erler, Kurylov,	
	Ζγ box	±0.0005	Ramsey-Musolf, PRD 68(2003)0160	
	$\Delta \sin \theta_W (Q)_{hadronic}$	±0.0003		
	WW, ZZ box - pQCD	±0.0001		
	Charge symmetry	0		

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Erler, Kurylov, Ramsey-Musolf, PRD 68, 016006 (2003)

- arrows show allowed "pull" of weak charges by new physics as constrained by previous experiments
- electron and proton weak charge experiments are complementary