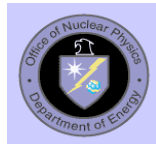




# The Qweak Experiment

*A Search for New PV Physics at the TeV Scale  
via High Precision Measurement of the Proton's Weak Charge*

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# Overview

- Qweak determines  $Q_W^p$  and  $\sin^2\theta_W$  to high precision via measuring parity-violation asymmetry ( $\sim 300$  ppb) in e-p elastic scattering at low  $Q^2$  ( $0.0248 \text{ GeV}^2$ )

*Deviations from Standard Model predictions would be sensitive to PV semi-leptonic physics beyond the SM*

- Qweak Ran in Hall C with two run periods during 2010 - 2012
  - Commissioning data ( $\sim 4\%$  of total dataset) was published in **PRL 111, 141803 (2013)**
  - Data were unblinded last March
  - Results out of full analysis were released last September

*This will lead to a publication soon!*

# Search for Physics beyond the Standard Model

- The Standard Model (SM)
  - A successful low energy effective theory of more fundamental physics, yet incomplete
- Two complimentary approaches in testing SM and searching for new physics
  - Direct searches for new particles at high energy (e.g. LHC)
  - Indirect searches to test the SM via precision measurements at low energy (e.g. PVES, including **Qweak**)

## The Qweak Experiment

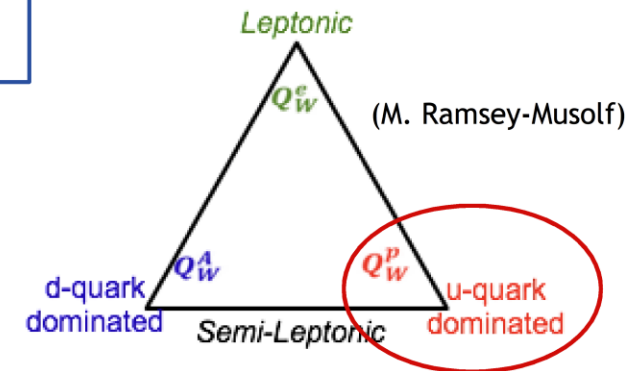
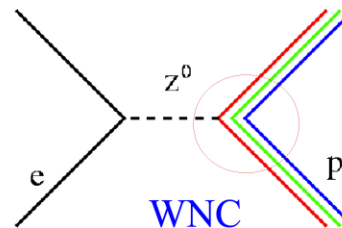
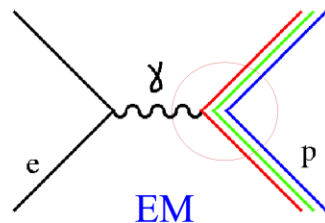
- Elastic scattering of electron beam from proton target ( $\vec{e}+p \rightarrow \vec{e}+p$ )
- Measure significantly suppressed SM observable ( $Q_w(p)$ ) to high precision
- Sensitive search for new physics at TeV mass scale

# Proton's Weak Charge in the Standard Model

Weak charges - neutral current analog to the electric charges

| Particle | Electric charge | Weak vector charge ( $\sin^2 \theta_W \approx \frac{1}{4}$ )       |
|----------|-----------------|--|
| e        | -1              | $Q_W^e = -1 + 4 \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0$                         |
| u        | $+\frac{2}{3}$  | $-2C_{1u} = +1 - \frac{8}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W \approx +\frac{1}{3}$ |
| d        | $-\frac{1}{3}$  | $-2C_{1d} = -1 + \frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W \approx -\frac{2}{3}$ |
| p(uud)   | +1              | $Q_W^p = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W \approx 0.07$                       |
| n(udd)   | 0               | $Q_W^n = -1$   |

*The accidental suppression of  $Q_W^p$  and  $Q_W^e$  in the SM makes them sensitive to new physics!*



- Qweak completes the low  $Q^2$  “weak charge triad” by adding a precision measurement of  $Q_W^p$  to APV and Møller

- At tree level,  $Q_W^p = 1 - 4\sin^2\theta_W$  ( $\theta_W$  - weak mixing angle); Qweak can lead to a high precision test of  $\sin^2\theta_W$  at low energy

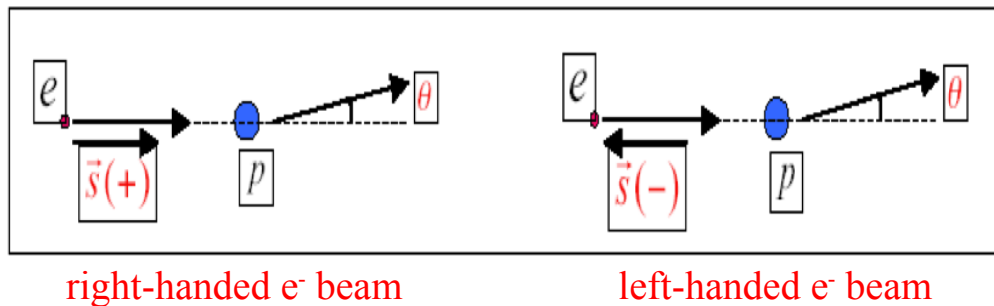
$$Q_W^p = -2(2C_{1u} + C_{1d})$$

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

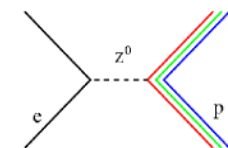
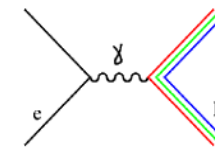


# Parity Violating Electron Scattering

- Scatter electrons of opposite helicity from an unpolarized target



- The scattering process: EM + WNC



$$\sigma \propto |\mathcal{M}^{EM}|^2 + 2 \mathcal{M}^{EM} \mathcal{M}_{PV}^{NC} + |\mathcal{M}_{PV}^{NC}|^2$$

Electromagnetic (PC) + Neutral-weak (PV)

- The interference term gives rise to a parity-violating asymmetry

$$A_{PV}(p) = \frac{\sigma_R - \sigma_L}{\sigma_R + \sigma_L} \propto \frac{\mathcal{M}_{PV}^{NC}}{\mathcal{M}^{EM}} \propto \frac{Q^2}{M_Z^2} \quad \text{when } Q^2 \ll M_Z^2 \quad \sim -200 \text{ ppb}$$

# Extraction of the Proton's Weak Charge

The PV asymmetry in e-p elastic scattering:

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

At Qweak kinematics ( $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$  and  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ ):

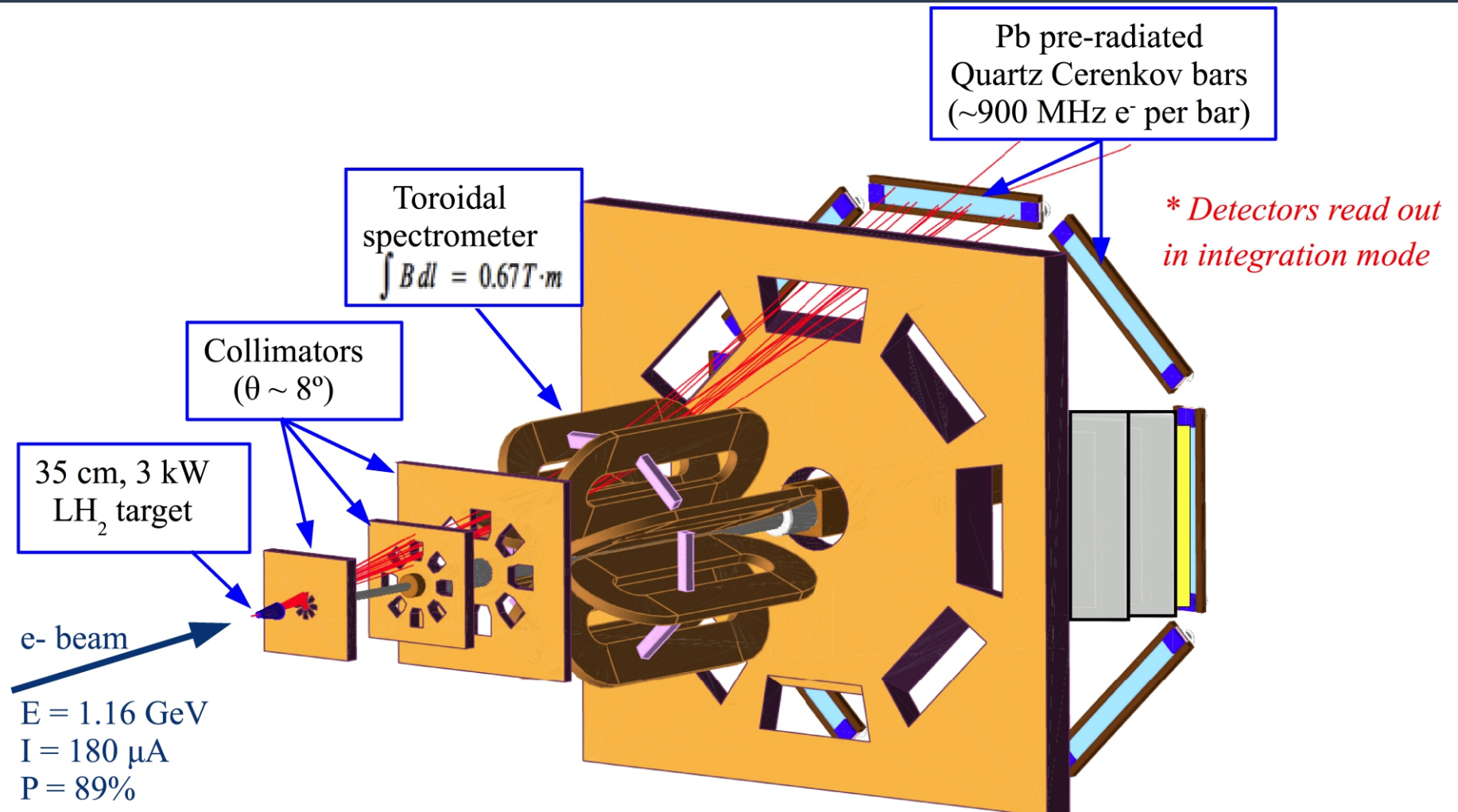
*The  $Q_W^p$  term dominates the total asymmetry ( $\sim 2/3$ )*

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

Proton's weak charge  
( $Q_W^p = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W$  at tree level)

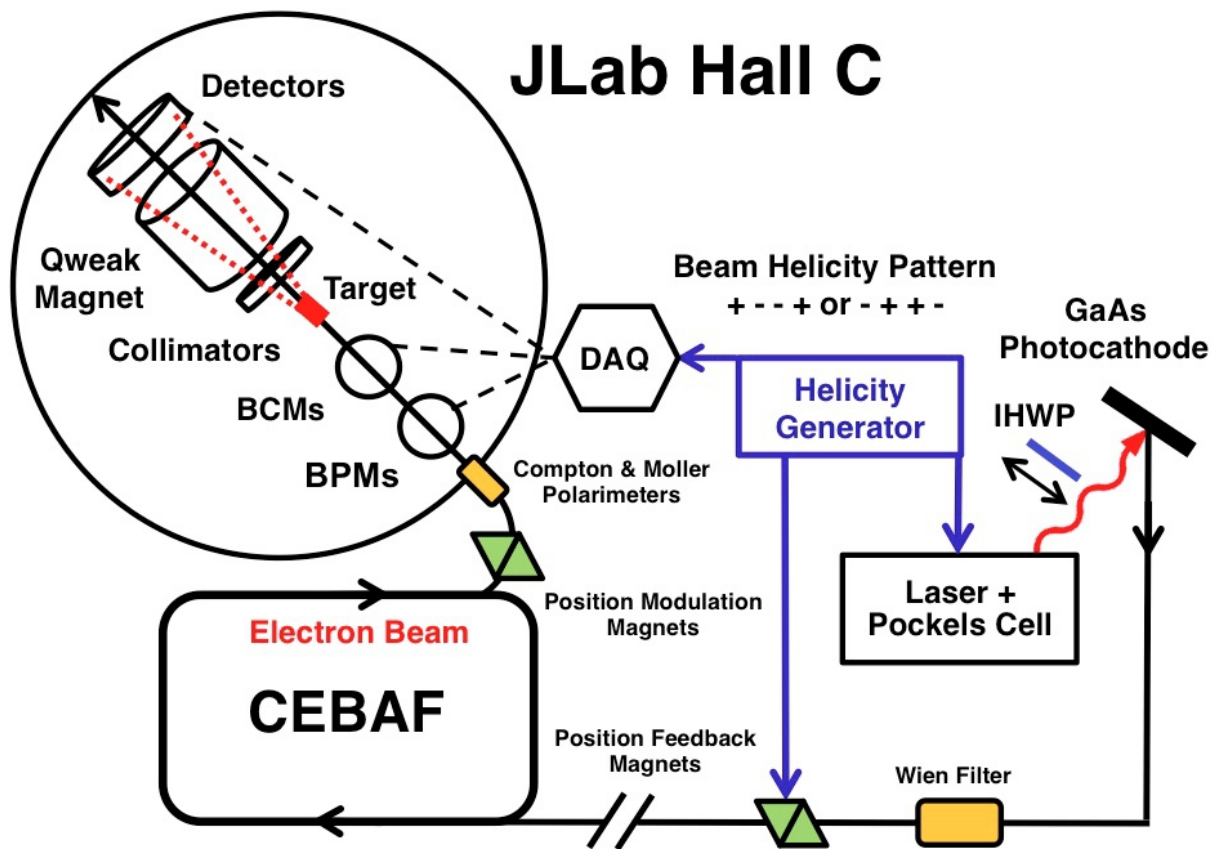
Hadronic structure - contains  $G_{EM}^\gamma$  &  $G_{EM}^Z$   
form factors, well determined by existing  
higher  $Q^2$  PVES data

# Qweak Apparatus



[T. Allison et al. Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research A 781 (2015) 105-133]

# Multiple Helicity Reversals



**Three independent techniques for helicity reversal of  $e^-$  beam:**

**Rapid pseudo-random reversal (960/sec):**  
Rejects  $\text{LH}_2$  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.

# From Raw Asymmetry to Physics Asymmetry

## STEP 1: Measure $A_{\text{raw}}$

- Integrate detector signal (S) over each helicity state and normalized to beam charge (Q)

$$Y = S / Q$$

- Calculate asymmetries for each quartet pattern

$$A_{\text{raw}} = \frac{Y_+ - Y_-}{Y_+ + Y_-} \quad (\text{Blinding analysis applied})$$

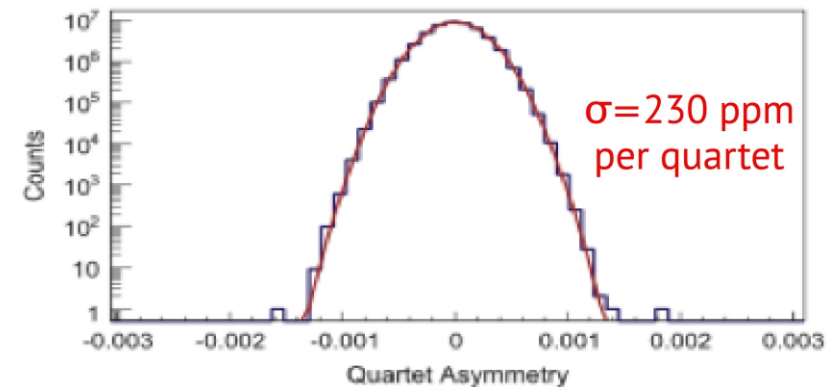
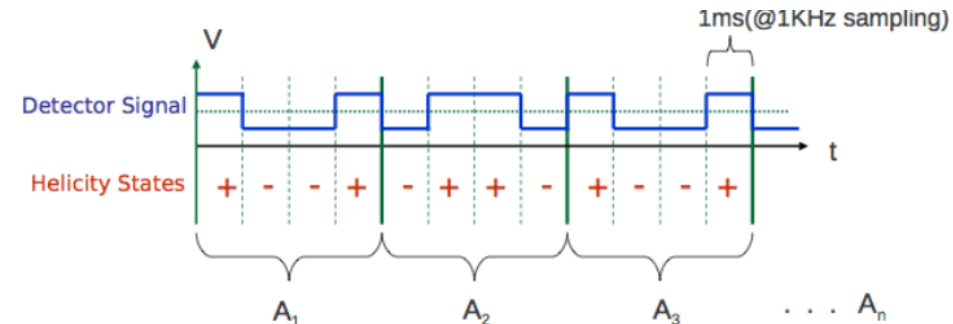
## STEP 2: Correct $A_{\text{raw}}$ for measured false asymmetries

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

## STEP 3: Correct $A_{\text{msr}}$ for polarization, backgrounds, acceptance, etc

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

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



- Largest correction is from  $A_I$  target windows
- $A_{\text{bias}}$  contribute large error to  $A_{\text{ep}}$

# Aluminum Target Window Backgrounds

## Dilution fraction ( $f_{\text{Al}}$ )

- Directly measured with empty target

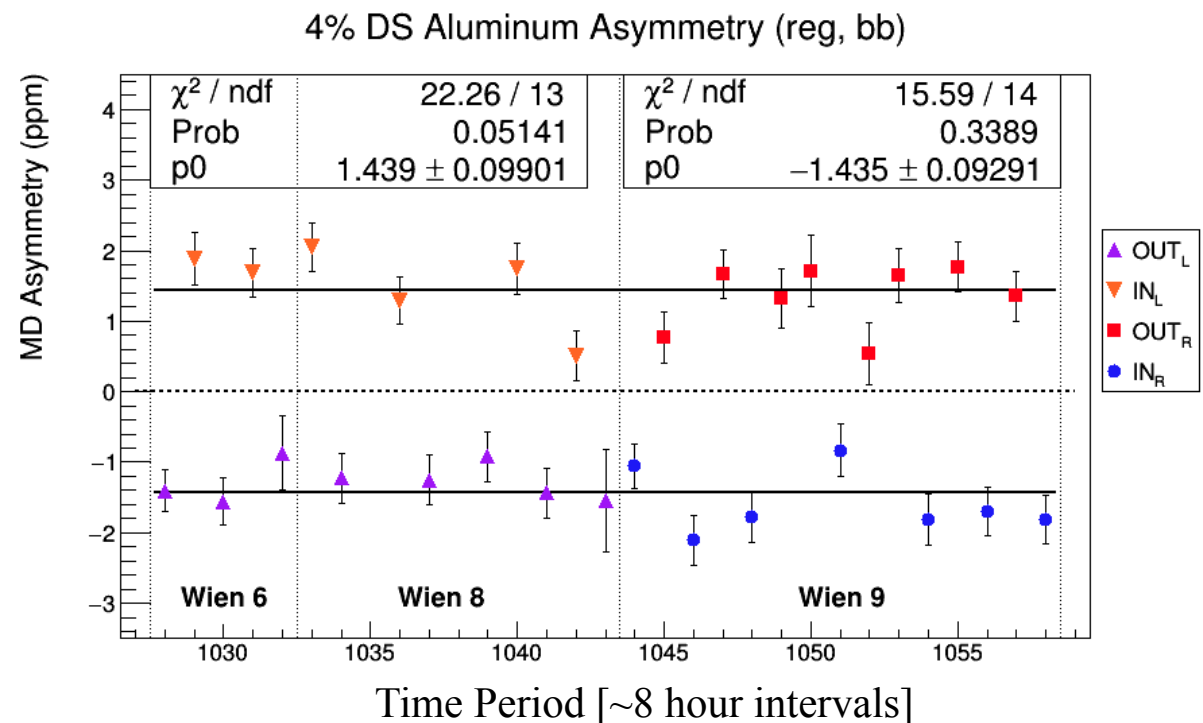
## Asymmetry ( $A_{\text{Al}}$ )

- Directly measured from thick Al “dummy” target

(Corrections for effects of  $\text{H}_2$  made using simulation and data driven models of elastic and quasi-elastic scattering)

**IHWP – IN or OUT  
Wien Filter – L or R**

*Sign correction for slow reversals and further systematic corrections are needed to extract physics asymmetry for Al*



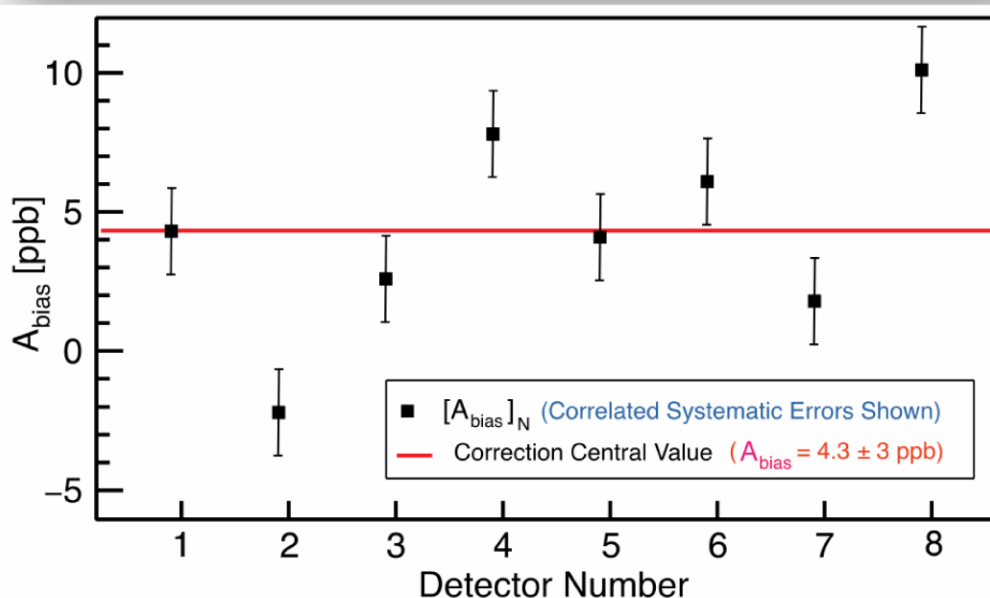
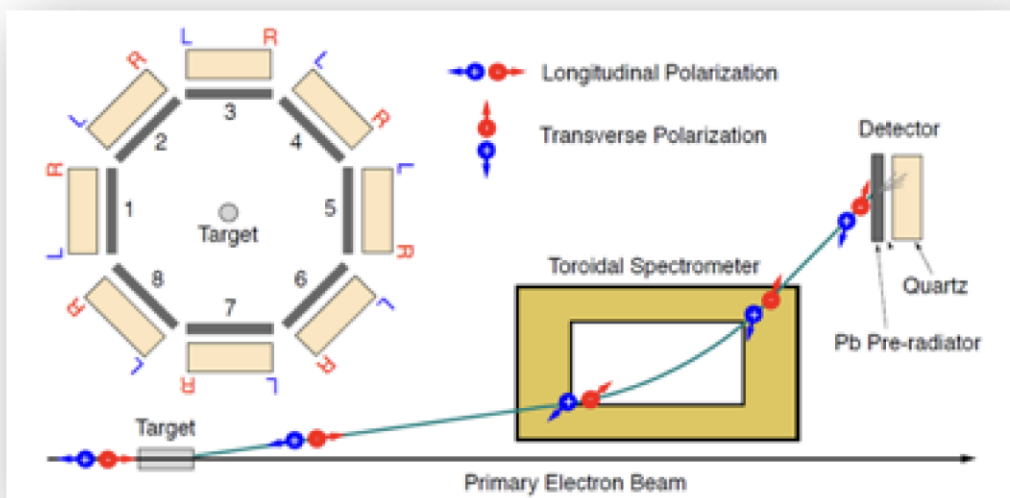
$$f_{\text{Al}} \sim 2.5\%$$

$$A_{\text{Al}} = 1515 \pm 77 \text{ ppb}$$

Resulting in a -38 ppb correction to the hydrogen asymmetry (20%)



# Detector Optical Imperfections: $A_{\text{bias}}$ Systematic



- Small residual non-cancellation of L/R transverse scattering from Pb pre-radiators in front of quartz bars
- The effect is dominated by optical & mechanical imperfection of the as-built apparatus, not details of the Pb analyzing power
- GEANT simulations and models tied to our asymmetry and light yield data were used to determine  $A_{\text{bias}}$

## Contributions to $A_{\text{bias}}$ Uncertainty

Optical Model:  $\pm 2.7$  ppb

Simulation cross checks:  $\pm 2.3$  ppb

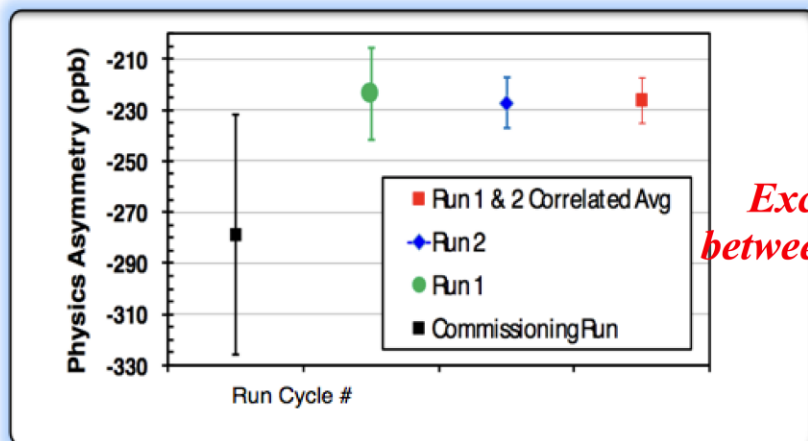
Glue Joints Effects:  $\pm 1.5$  ppb

Effective Model:  $\pm 1.5$  ppb

**$A_{\text{bias}}$  Correction  $4.3 \pm 3.0$  ppb**

# Final $A_{ep}$ & Uncertainty Contributions

| 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                    |



- Run 1 & Run 2 are both statistics limited
- Systematic contributions for Run 1 & Run 2 are different due to different run conditions; Run 2 shows much better systematics
- All significant systematic effects are accounted for and corrected

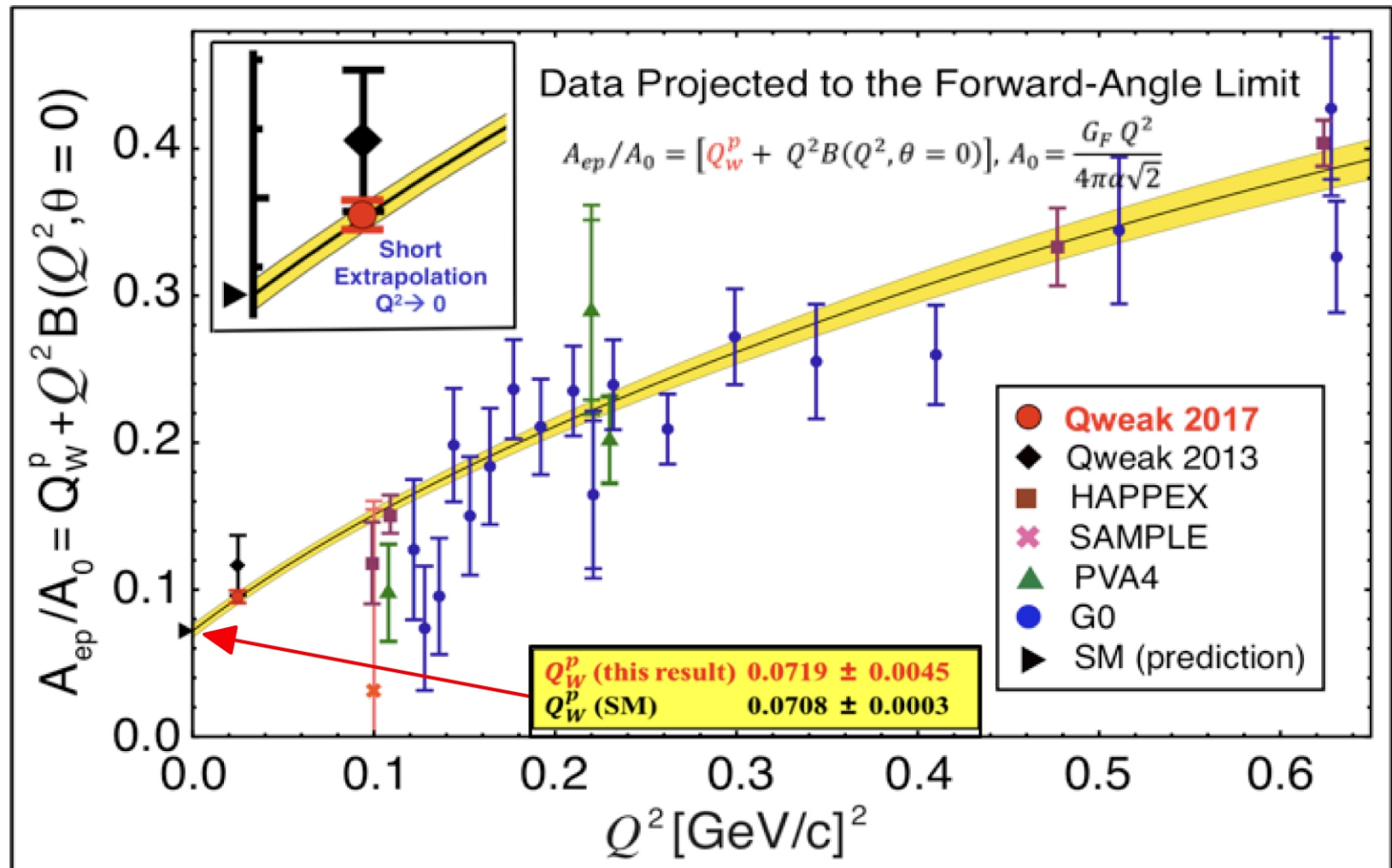
| Quantity                      | Run 1 error (ppb) | Run 1 fractional | Run 2 error (ppb) | Run 2 fractional |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| BCM Normalization: $A_{BCM}$  | 5.1               | 25%              | 2.3               | 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               |                  |

**Experiment NULL Asymmetry**  
(slow helicity reversals out-of-phase)  
**Weighted Avg =  $-1.75 \pm 6.51$  ppb**



# $Q_W^p$ Determination

Method - global fit of PVES data extrapolated to  $Q^2 = 0$  [R.D. Young et al. PRL 99, 122003]



# Results Determined from Qweak $A_{ep}$

*Provide data-driven  
constraint on  $B(Q^2)$  term*



| Quantity         | Value  | Error  | Method   |
|------------------|--------|--------|--|
| $Q_W^p$          | 0.0719 | 0.0045 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Qweak } A_{ep} \\ + \\ \text{PVES data base} \end{array} \right\}$ |
| $\sin^2\theta_W$ | 0.2382 | 0.0011 |  |
| $\rho_s$         | 0.19   | 0.11   |  |
| $\mu_s$          | -0.18  | 0.15   |  |
| $G_A^{Z(T=1)}$   | -0.67  | 0.33   |  |

- Use world PVES data up to  $Q^2 = 0.63 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$
- Use five free parameters:  $C_{1u}$ ,  $C_{1d}$ ,  $\rho_s$ ,  $\mu_s$  &  $G_A^{Z(T=1)}$ 
  - EM form factors from [Arrington & Sick, PRC 76, 035201 (2007)]
  - $G_E^s$ ,  $G_M^s$  and  $G_A^{Z(T=1)}$  use a dipole form:  $(1-Q^2/\lambda^2)^{-2}$ , with  $\lambda = 1 \text{ GeV/c}$
  - $G_A^{Z(T=0)}$  is small, constrained by theory [Zhu, et al., PRD 62, 033008 (2000)]
- All e-p data points were corrected for E &  $Q^2$  dependence of  $\gamma Z$ -box contributions
  - $\square_{\gamma Z}^V$ : Hall et al., PLB753, 221 (2016); -  $\square_{\gamma Z}(Q)$ : Gorchtein et al., PRC84, 015502 (2011);
  - $\square_{\gamma Z}^A$ : Blunden et al., PRL107, 081801 (2011); -  $\Delta\square_{\gamma Z}^A$ : Blunden et al., PRL109, 262301 (2012).
  - The  $\square_{\gamma Z}$  RC for Qweak is  $6.4\% \pm 0.6\%$ .

# Results Determined from Qweak $A_{ep}$

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

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

$$Q_w(^{133}\text{Cs}) = -2(188C_{1u} + 211C_{1d})$$

| Quantity                    | Value   | Error  | Method  |
|-----------------------------|---------|--------|---|
| $Q_W^p$                     | 0.0719  | 0.0045 | { Qweak $A_{ep}$<br>+<br>PVES data base }                               |
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| $Q_W^p$                     | 0.0718  | 0.0045 | { Qweak $A_{ep}$<br>+<br>PVES data base<br>+<br>APV $^{133}\text{Cs}$ } |
| $Q_W^n$                     | -0.9808 | 0.0063 |   |
| $C_{1u}$                    | -0.1874 | 0.0022 |   |
| $C_{1d}$                    | 0.3389  | 0.0025 |   |
| $C_1$ correlation = -0.9317 |         |        |   |

$$Q_w(^{133}\text{Cs}) = -72.62 \pm 0.43 \text{ [PDG2016 EW Review]}$$

- $^{133}\text{Cs}$  experiment: [Wood, et al., Science **275**, 1759 (1997)]
- $^{133}\text{Cs}$  atomic corrections: [Ginges & Flambaum, Phys. Rep. **397**, 63 (2004)]



# Results Determined from Qweak $A_{ep}$

Addition of **Lattice QCD** constraint  
on strange quarks further improves  
precision of  $Q_W^p$  &  $\sin^2\theta_W$

| Quantity            | Value   | Error  | Method  |
|---------------------|---------|--------|---|
| $Q_W^p$             | 0.0719  | 0.0045 | { Qweak $A_{ep}$<br>+<br>PVES data base }                               |
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| $C_1$ correlation = | -0.9317 |        |   |
| $Q_W^p$             | 0.0684  | 0.0039 | { Qweak $A_{ep}$<br>+<br>PVES data base<br>+<br>LQCD (strange) }        |
| $\sin^2\theta_W$    | 0.2392  | 0.0009 |   |

- High-precision calculation of strange form factors using LQCD: [Green, et al., PRD **92**, 031501 (2015)]

# Results Determined from Qweak $A_{ep}$

Precision of  $A_{ep}$   
dominates determination of  $Q_w^p$

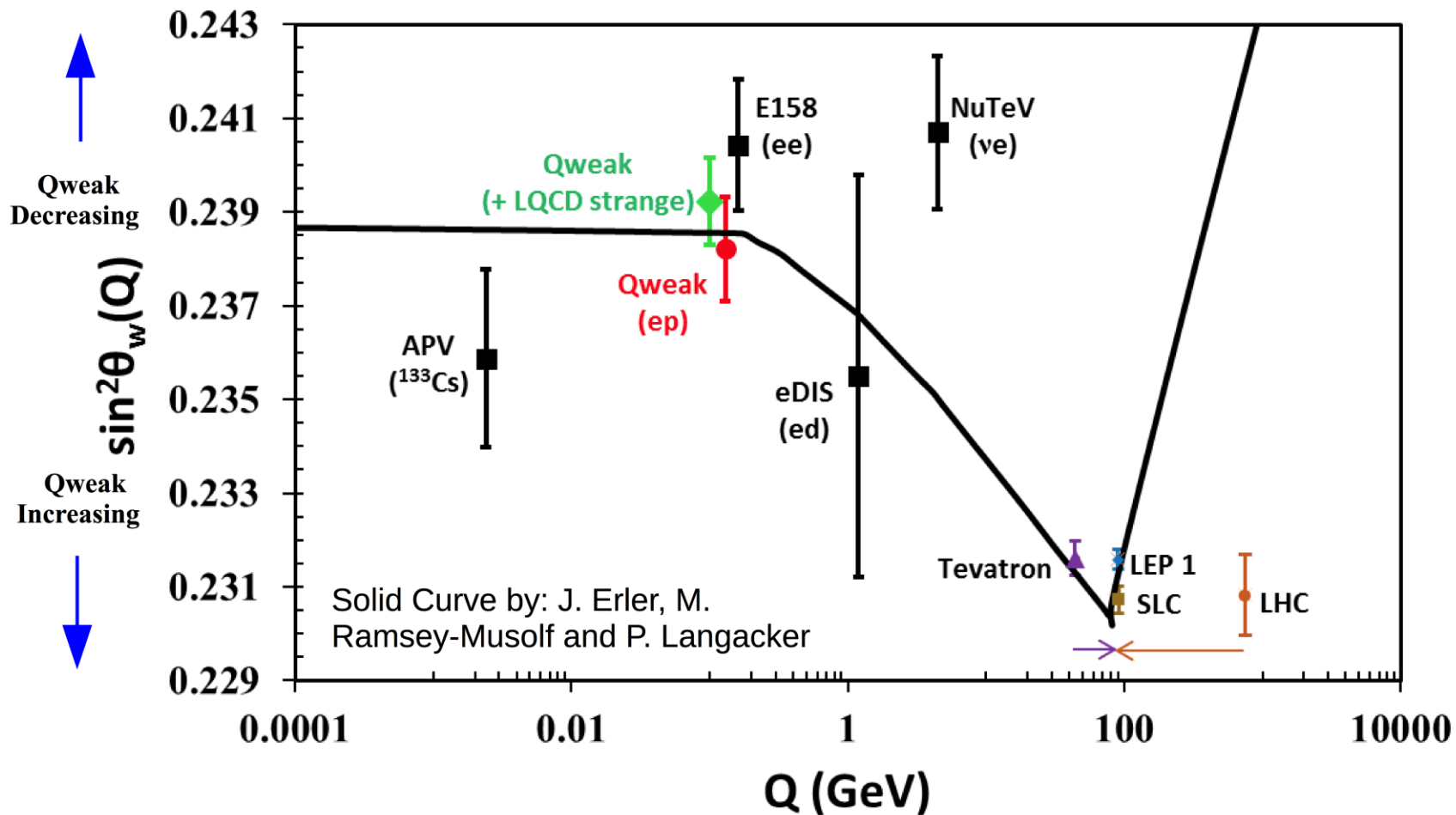
Alternate “**Standalone**” technique to  
extract  $Q_w^p$  does **NOT** depend on  
other PVES measurements

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| $Q_w^p$                     | 0.0719  | 0.0045 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Qweak } A_{ep} \\ + \\ \text{PVES data base} \end{array} \right\}$                                       |
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| $Q_w^p$                     | 0.0684  | 0.0039 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Qweak } A_{ep} \\ + \\ \text{PVES data base} \\ + \\ \text{LQCD (strange)} \end{array} \right\}$         |
| $\sin^2\theta_w$            | 0.2392  | 0.0009 |  |
| $Q_w^p$                     | 0.0706  | 0.0047 | $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{Qweak } A_{ep} \\ + \\ \text{EMFF's \& theory axial} \\ + \\ \text{LQCD (strange)} \end{array} \right\}$ |

- EMFFs: [Arrington & Sick, PRC 76, 035201 (2007)]
- Axial FF: [Liu, Mckeown & Ramsey-Musolf, PRC 76, 025202 (2007)]
- Strange FF (LQCD): [Green, et al., PRD 92, 031501 (2015)]

# Running of $\sin^2\theta_W$

$$Q_W^p = [\rho_{NC} + \Delta_e] [1 - 4 \sin^2 \hat{\theta}_W(0) + \Delta'_e] + \square_{WW} + \square_{ZZ} + \square_{\gamma Z}$$

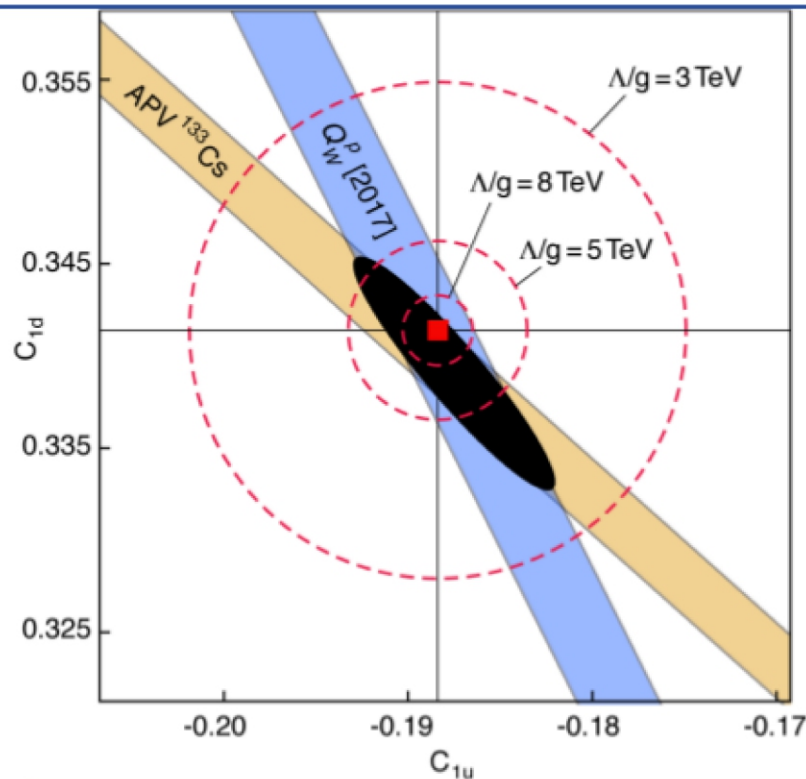




# Sensitivity to New Physics

$$\mathcal{L}_{NC+NP}^{PV} = \frac{-G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{e} \gamma_\mu \gamma^5 e \sum_q \left( C_{1q} - \frac{\sqrt{2} g^2}{G_F \Lambda^2} h_V^q \right) \bar{q} \gamma^\mu q$$

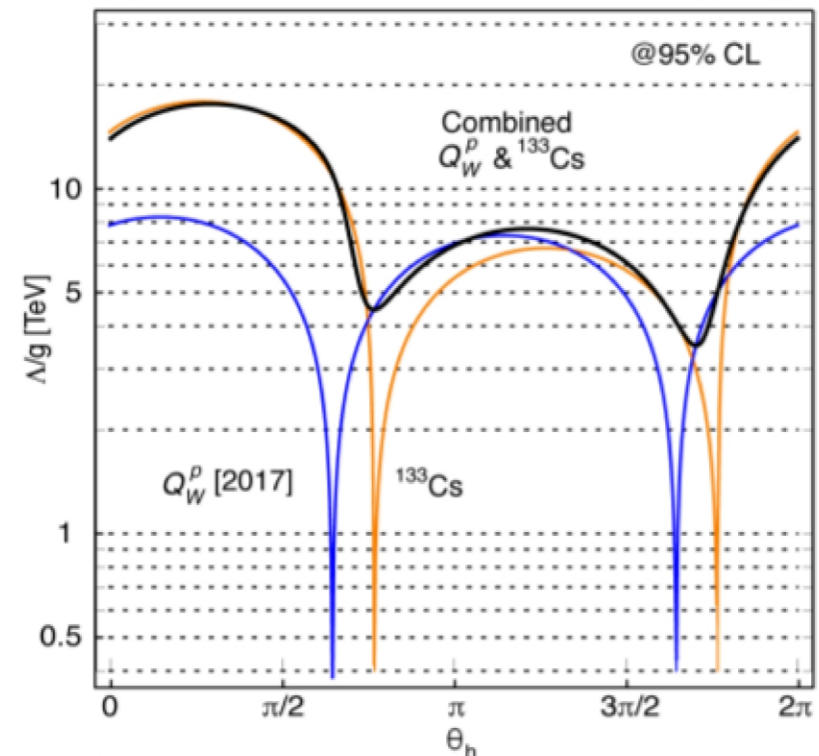
$$h_V^u = \cos \theta_h \quad h_V^d = \sin \theta_h$$



**SM values indicated by the red square.** Dashed contours indicate value of  $\Lambda/g = 3, 5$ , and  $8 \text{ TeV}$ . ( $^{133}\text{Cs}$  APV, from PDG – Flambaum)

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

**New PV Physics Ruled Out @95% CL Below Mass Scale of  $\Lambda/g$**



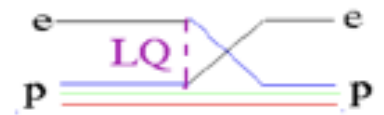
$\theta_h$  is “flavor mixing angle” in Lagrangian  $\mathcal{L}_{NP}^{PV}$  for new physics at value  $\Lambda/g$  mapped around boundary of experimental limits.

# Leptoquarks

## Impact of $Q_W^p$ on leptoquarks:

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

Included HERA, LEP and APV data in analysis [Aaron, et al. Phys. Lett. B **705**, 52 (2011)]



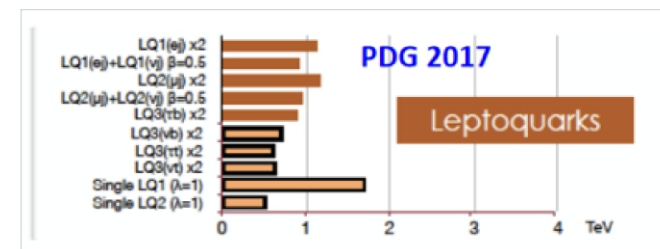
Leptoquarks

*New  $Q_{weak}$  data has sensitivity to distinguish among LQ types @ 95% CL*

### Scalar Leptoquarks

### Vector Leptoquarks

| LQ            | Consistency | $\Delta Q_W(p)/Q_W(p)$ | LQ                 | Consistency | $\Delta Q_W(p)/Q_W(p)$ |
|---------------|-------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------------------|
| $S_1^L$       | 0.57        | 9%                     | $U_{1\mu}^L$       | 0.26        | -8%                    |
| $S_1^R$       | 0.01        | -6%                    | $U_{1\mu}^R$       | 0.56        | 6%                     |
| $\bar{S}_1^R$ | 0.44        | -6%                    | $\bar{U}_{1\mu}^R$ | 0.99        | 25%                    |
| $S_3$         | 0.76        | 10%                    | $U_{3\mu}$         | 0.31        | -4%                    |
| $R_2^L$       | 0.44        | -13%                   | $V_{2\mu}^L$       | 0.87        | 9%                     |
| $R_2^R$       | 0.89        | 15%                    | $V_{2\mu}^R$       | 0.11        | -7%                    |
| $\bar{R}_2^L$ | 0.13        | -4%                    | $\bar{V}_{2\mu}^L$ | 0.56        | 14%                    |



*New  $Q_{weak}$  data rule out leptoquark masses limit  $\sim 2.3$  TeV for  $g^2 = 4\pi\alpha$   
(The current LHC limits at  $\sim 1$  TeV)*



# Implications for “Dark Parity Violation”

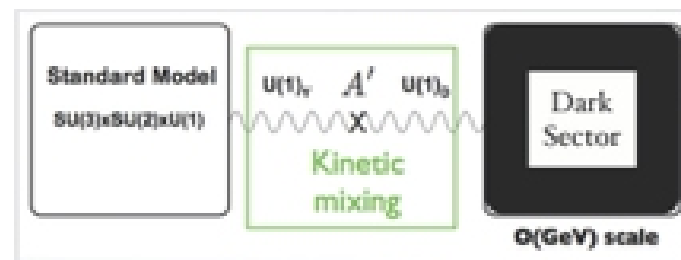
## “Dark Photon” - possible portal for new force to communicate with SM?

### “Dark parity violation”

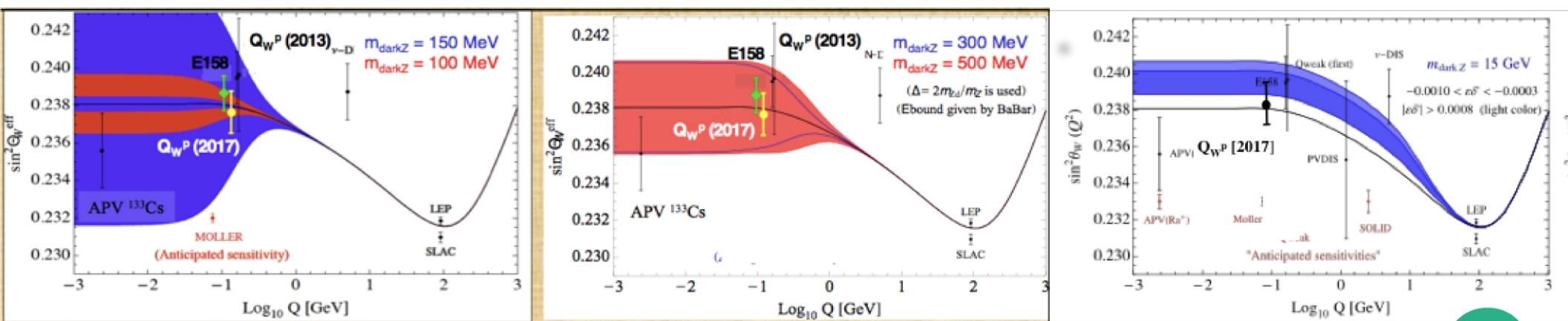
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- New source of low energy PV through mass mixing between  $Z_0$  and  $Z_d$
- Complementary to direct searches for heavy dark photons



*New Qweak point rules out some of the allowed region*



# Summary

- Qweak precisely measured  $Q_w^p$ , in good agreement with SM

$$A_{ep} = -226.5 \pm 7.3 \text{ (stat)} \pm 5.8 \text{ (syst) ppb}$$

$$Q_w^p \text{ (this exp.)} = 0.0719 \pm 0.0045 \quad [Q_w^p \text{ (SM)} = 0.0708 \pm 0.0003]$$

- Lead to a very sensitive measurement of  $\sin^2\theta_w$  at low Q for BSM test  
~ 0.46% in precision
- Mass reach for new neutral current semi-leptonic PV physics ruled out @ 95% CL:
  - $\Lambda/g < 7.4 \text{ TeV}$  (<3.5 TeV for arbitrary flavor ratios)
  - Quark flavor dependent mass reach limit  $\Lambda \sim 26 \text{ TeV}$  (assume  $g^2 = 4\pi$ )
- Will play a role in future analyses of bounds (or discoveries) of a variety of new physics
- Builds scientific and technical foundation for next generation of measurements

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