# Measuring the light quark couplings to Z in HERA

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### Z-fermion coupling

Coupling of Z to fermions **completely** determined by SM



This is seen in the SM Z current term:

$$
j_Z^{\mu} = -\frac{1}{2}g' \sin \theta_{\rm W} \left[ Y_{\rm f_L} \overline{u}_L \gamma^{\mu} u_L + Y_{\rm f_R} \overline{u}_R \gamma^{\mu} u_R \right] + I_{\rm W}^{(3)} g_{\rm W} \cos \theta_{\rm W} \left[ \overline{u}_L \gamma^{\mu} u_L \right]
$$

Which can be rearranged to:

$$
c_V = (c_L + c_R) = I_W^{(3)} - 2Q \sin^2 \theta_W
$$
  

$$
c_A = (c_L - c_R) = I_W^{(3)}
$$

# $e^-p^+$  Scattering

- The structure of the proton can be probed by using a lepton
- Low energy photon exchange cannot resolve the inner structure but gives a measure of the proton size (**elastic scattering**)
- For  $q^2 \sim m_p^2$  you create hadrons, but proton remain intact (**inelastic scattering**)
- For  $q^2 \gg m_p^2$  , proton completely dissociates (**deep inelastic scattering**)



### Deep Inelastic Scattering



- $W$  is the invariant mass of the hadronic system
- In lab frame:  $P=(M,0)$
- In any frame,  $k = k' + q$ ,  $W = p + q$
- Invariants of the problem:

$$
Q^{2} = -q^{2} = -(k - k')^{2}
$$
  
=  $2EE'(1 - \cos \theta)$  [in lab]  

$$
P \cdot q = P \cdot (k - k')
$$
  
=  $M(E - E')$  [in lab]

 $d^2\sigma^{ep}$  $4\pi\alpha^2$  $F_2(x,Q^2)$  $+ y^2 F_1(x,$  $(1-y)$  $\overline{x}$ 

Define  $\nu \equiv E - E'$  (in lab frame) so  $P \cdot q = m\nu$  and

$$
W^{2} = (P+q)^{2}
$$
  
=  $(P-Q)^{2}$   
=  $M^{2} + 2P \cdot q - Q^{2}$   
=  $M^{2} + 2M\nu - Q^{2}$ 

where  $Q^2 = -q^2$ 

Elastic scattering corresponds to  $W^2 = P^2 = M^2$ 

 $Q^2 = 2M\nu$  elastic scattering

We can define 2 indep dimensionless  $\bullet$ parameters

$$
x \equiv Q^2/2M\nu; \quad (0 < x \le 1)
$$
\n
$$
y \equiv \frac{P \cdot q}{P \cdot k} = 1 - E'/E; \quad (0 < y \le 1)
$$

Blatantly stolen from Marjorie's Lecture Notes 4

### Neutral Current DIS

If we work out specifically the NC cross-section we get:

$$
\sigma_{r,\text{NC}}^{e^{\pm}p} = \frac{x_{\text{Bj}}Q^4}{2\pi\alpha_0^2} \frac{1}{Y_+} \frac{d^2\sigma(e^{\pm}p)}{dx_{\text{Bj}}dQ^2} = \tilde{F}_2(x_{\text{Bj}}, Q^2) \mp \frac{Y_-}{Y_+} x \tilde{F}_3(x_{\text{Bj}}, Q^2) - \frac{y^2}{Y_+} F_L(x_{\text{Bj}}, Q^2)
$$

Decomposed into  $Z/\gamma$  components:

$$
\tilde{F_2}^{\pm} = F_2^{\gamma} - (v_e \pm P_e a_e) \chi_Z F_2^{\gamma Z} + (v_e^2 + a_e^2 \pm 2P_e v_e a_e) \chi_Z^2 F_2^Z
$$
\n
$$
x\tilde{F_3}^{\pm} = -(a_e \pm P_e v_e) \chi_Z x F_3^{\gamma Z} + (2v_e a_e \pm P_e (v_e^2 + a_e^2)) \chi_Z^2 x F_3^Z
$$
\n
$$
P_e = \frac{N_R - N_L}{N_R + N_L}
$$

Where the Form factors can be written as:

$$
[F_2^{\gamma}, F_2^{\gamma Z}, F_2^Z] = \sum_q [e_q^2, 2e_q v_q, v_q^2 + a_q^2] x (q + \bar{q})
$$

$$
[x F_3^{\gamma Z}, x F_3^Z] = \sum_q [e_q a_q, v_q a_q] 2x (q - \bar{q})
$$



### Neutral Current DIS

That was a lot, but to summarize, the NC DIS cross section can be written:

$$
\sigma_{NC}^{e^{\pm}p} \propto \tilde{F}(x,Q^2)
$$

These form factors in turn can be expanded to:

 $\tilde{F} \propto F^{\gamma}, F^{\gamma Z}, F$ 

And these process specific form factors are written:

 $F^{\gamma,\gamma Z, Z}\propto c_V^q$ ,  $c_A^{\mathcal{A}}$  $\boldsymbol{q}$ 

By measuring the cross-sections, you measure the **Z-quark coupling**!!



#### HERA: the world's only ep collider





Virtuality of the exchanged boson

 $Q^2 = -q^2 = -(k - k')^2$ 

 $x=\frac{Q^2}{2p\cdot q}$  Bjorken scaling parameter

 $y = \frac{p \cdot q}{p \cdot k}$  Inelasticity parameter<br>  $s = (k+p)^2 = \frac{Q^2}{xy}$  Invariant c.o.m.

**HERA** (1992-2007):  $\sqrt{s} = 252 - 318$  GeV  $(E_e = 27.5 \text{ GeV}; E_p = 920, 820, 575, 460 \text{ GeV})$ 

two general purpose detectors, H1 and ZEUS collected 0.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> per experiment, equally between e<sup>+</sup> and e<sup>-</sup>

HERA-II (02-07): polarised lepton beams; crucial for electroweak measurements

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### H1 and Zeus Detectors



### Event Selection

- Well reconstructed interaction vertex
- Isolated electron in calorimeter
- Low MET requirement
- $E P_z \sim 2E_e$
- Hadronic angle  $\gamma_h$  large enough that you don't have lost hadronic activity to beam pipe



H1 Run 122145 Event 69506

### Results

#### Before we wrote:

$$
\sigma \propto c_V^q, c_A^q
$$

How do we get a cross-section?

$$
\sigma(x, Q^2) = \frac{N - B}{L \cdot A} \cdot C \cdot (1 + \Delta^{QED})
$$

As is customary, this is really a counting experiment





### Measuring the Structure Functions

So now we have the cross-section, use this to derive  $F$ 's

$$
\sigma \propto F^{\gamma}, F^{\gamma Z}, F^Z
$$

Then in turn, we can use these structure functions to calculate coupling constants!

$$
F_2^{\gamma Z} = \sum_q 2e_q \mathbf{c}_q^q x(q + \overline{q})
$$

$$
xF_3^{\gamma Z} = \sum_q 2e_q \mathbf{c}_q^q x(q - \overline{q})
$$



### Finally! The Coupling Constants

• HERA calculated the up and down quark couplings to Z • Agrees with SM EW predictions

 $a_u = +0.532^{+0.081}_{-0.058}$  (experimental/fit)  $^{+0.036}_{-0.022}$  (model)  $^{+0.060}_{-0.008}$  (parameterisation)  $a_d = -0.409_{-0.199}^{+0.327}$  (experimental/fit)  $_{-0.071}^{+0.112}$  (model)  $_{-0.026}^{+0.140}$  (parameterisation)  $c_V = (c_L + c_R) = I_W^{(3)} - 2Q \sin^2 \theta_W$  $v_u = +0.144^{+0.065}_{-0.050}$  (experimental/fit)  $^{+0.013}_{-0.014}$  (model)  $^{+0.002}_{-0.025}$  (parameterisation)  $v_d = -0.503_{-0.093}^{+0.168}$  (experimental/fit)  $_{-0.028}^{+0.031}$  (model)  $_{-0.036}^{+0.006}$  (parameterisation)

 $c_A = (c_L - c_R) = I_{\rm W}^{(3)}$ 

**Table 15.1** The charge,  $I_{w}^{(3)}$  and weak hypercharge assignments of the fundamental fermions and their couplings to the Z assuming  $sin^2\theta_W = 0.23146$ .







# Coupling Constants





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### Backup Slides

Measuring L/R Asymmetry

- Parity violation built into SM
- Can calculate this through the Z quark couplings via L/R crosssections

$$
A^{\pm} = \frac{2}{P_L^{\pm} - P_R^{\pm}} \cdot \frac{\sigma^{\pm}(P_L^{\pm}) - \sigma^{\pm}(P_R^{\pm})}{\sigma^{\pm}(P_L^{\pm}) + \sigma^{\pm}(P_R^{\pm})}
$$

• Asymmetry matches well with SM prediction



# Calculating Proton PDF

- Cross-sections can also be used to measure proton PDFs
- 13 parameter fit for PDFs performed
- Combination of HERA I+II give more stringent PDF values



### Deep Inelastic Scattering

- Due to the high energy exchange, the interaction is between the electron and the parton inside the proton
- Cross-section of electron-parton scattering given by:

$$
\left(\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE'}\right)_{\text{lab}} = \frac{\alpha_e^2}{8\pi E^2 \sin^4\frac{\theta}{2}} \left[\frac{m_p}{2} W_2(x, Q) \cos^2\frac{\theta}{2} + \frac{1}{m_p} W_1(x, Q) \sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}\right]
$$

• Where  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are structure functions which are dependent on the energy of the photon exchanged (Q), the fractional energy of the parton (x), and the **parton distribution function**



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# Parton Distribution Functions (PDF)

- Parton distribution function written,
- $f_i^{(H_j)}(x_i, \mu)$  $\bullet$  is the probability of finding parton  $i$  in hadron *j* with  $x_i$  fraction of momentum at scale  $\mu$ 
	- Due to large mass of the charm and strange quarks, their respective pdfs are much harder to probe than the valence quark pdfs
- High energy protons allow for easier probe of these tougher pdfs



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## Parton Distribution Functions (PDF)

**Energy conservation: momentum sum rule** 

$$
\int_0^1 dx \, x \left( \sum_{i=1}^{n_f} \left[ q_i((x, Q^2) + \bar{q}_i(x, Q^2)) \right] + g(x, Q^2) \right) = 1
$$

**Quark number conservation: valence sum rules** 

$$
\int_0^1 dx \, (u(x, Q^2) + \bar{u}(x, Q^2)) = 2
$$

- Sum rules give constraints on the different gluon and quark pdf values in the proton
- Better measure of one pdf makes a difference in others



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