

A Lepton deep inelastic scattering asymmetries from $\gamma - Z^0$ interference

In this section we present parton-model expressions for asymmetries measurable in lepton deep inelastic scattering that arise from the $\gamma - Z^0$ interference, including both PVDIS and charge asymmetries for both the proton and the deuteron. Details of the derivation will be given in Appendix F so as not to bore the readers.

A.1 PVDIS Asymmetries In the Parton Model

The PVDIS asymmetry for a proton target, counting u, d, c, s quark flavors and using $C_{1c,2c} = C_{1u,2u}, C_{1s,2s} = C_{1d,2d}$, is:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{RL,p}^{e^-, \text{PVDIS}} &\equiv \frac{\sigma_R^- - \sigma_L^-}{\sigma_R^- + \sigma_L^-} \\ &= |\lambda| \frac{\sqrt{2} G_F Q^2}{4\pi\alpha} \frac{\frac{2}{3}[(u^+ + c^+)C_{1u} - \frac{1}{3}(d^+ + s^+)C_{1d}] + Y[\frac{2}{3}(u_V + c_V)C_{2u} - \frac{1}{3}(d_V + s_V)C_{2d}]}{\frac{4}{9}[u^+ + c^+] + \frac{1}{9}[d^+ + s^+]} \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

where the $-$ sign in σ^- represents electron scattering, $|\lambda|$ is the magnitude of the incident beam's polarization and the parton distributions are $q^+ \equiv q(x) + \bar{q}(x)$ and $q_V \equiv q(x) - \bar{q}(x)$ ($q = u, d, c, s$). The kinematic function Y is defined as

$$Y(y) \equiv \frac{1 - (1 - y)^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2}. \quad (32)$$

For the deuteron or any isoscalar target and ignoring nuclear effects,

$$\begin{aligned} A_{RL,d}^{e^-, \text{PVDIS}} \\ = |\lambda| \frac{3G_F Q^2}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} \frac{2(1 + R_C)C_{1u} - (1 + R_S)C_{1d} + Y[2C_{2u}(1 + \epsilon_c) - C_{2d}(1 + \epsilon_s)]R_V}{5 + 4R_C + R_S} \end{aligned} \quad (33)$$

where

$$R_V(x) \equiv \frac{u_V + d_V}{u^+ + d^+}, \quad R_C(x) \equiv \frac{2(c + \bar{c})}{u^+ + d^+}, \quad R_S(x) \equiv \frac{2(s + \bar{s})}{u^+ + d^+}, \quad (34)$$

and the ϵ 's account for $c - \bar{c}$ and $s - \bar{s}$ which are often set to zero in PDF sets:

$$\epsilon_c \equiv \frac{2(c - \bar{c})}{u^+ + d^+}, \quad \epsilon_s \equiv \frac{2(s - \bar{s})}{u^+ + d^+}. \quad (35)$$

If counting only the light quarks u and d then

$$A_{RL,d}^{e^-, \text{PVDIS}} \approx |\lambda| \frac{3G_F Q^2}{10\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} [(2C_{1u} - C_{1d}) + R_V Y(2C_{2u} - C_{2d})]. \quad (36)$$

A.2 Lepton vs. Anti-Lepton Asymmetries In the Parton Model

The asymmetry between right-handed e^+ and left-handed e^- DIS off a proton target, assuming $c = \bar{c}$ and $s = \bar{s}$ ⁴, is

$$\begin{aligned} A_{RL,p}^{e^+e^-} &\equiv \frac{\sigma_R^+ - \sigma_L^-}{\sigma_R^+ + \sigma_L^-} \\ &= \frac{3G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} Q^2 Y(y) \frac{2|\lambda| u_V C_{2u} - |\lambda| d_V C_{2d} - 2u_V C_{3u} + d_V C_{3d}}{4(u^+ + c^+) + 1(d^+ + s^+)} . \end{aligned} \quad (37)$$

For the deuteron or any isoscalar target and ignoring nuclear effects:

$$A_{RL,d}^{e^+e^-} = \frac{3G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} Q^2 Y(y) R_V \frac{|\lambda|(2C_{2u} - C_{2d}) - (2C_{3u} - C_{3d})}{5 + 4R_C + R_S} . \quad (38)$$

And if only u, d are considered then

$$A_{RL,d}^{e^+e^-} \approx \frac{3G_F}{10\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} Q^2 Y(y) R_V [|\lambda|(2C_{2u} - C_{2d}) - (2C_{3u} - C_{3d})] . \quad (39)$$

All Eqs. (37) through (39) can be extended to LR , RR , and RL cases: for $A_{LR}^{e^+e^-}$ we let $|\lambda| \rightarrow -|\lambda|$; for $A_{RR}^{e^+e^-}$ asymmetry we substitute $VA \rightarrow AV$ or $Y(y)q_V C_{2q} \rightarrow q^+ C_{1q}$ for the proton and $Y(y)R_V C_{2q} \rightarrow C_{1q}$ for the deuteron; and for $A_{LL}^{e^+e^-}$ asymmetry we substitute $|\lambda| \rightarrow -|\lambda|$ from $A_{RR}^{e^+e^-}$.

Finally, for $A^{e^+e^-}$ (unpolarized beams) we let $|\lambda| = 0$ in Eqs. (37) through (39):

$$A_p^{e^+e^-} = \frac{3G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} Q^2 Y(y) \frac{-2(u_V)C_{3u} + (d_V)C_{3d}}{4(u^+ + c^+) + 1(d^+ + s^+)} . \quad (40)$$

For the deuteron or any isoscalar target and ignoring nuclear effects:

$$A_d^{e^+e^-} = \frac{3G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} Q^2 Y(y) R_V \frac{-(2C_{3u} - C_{3d})}{5 + 4R_C + R_S} \quad (41)$$

$$\approx -\frac{3G_F}{10\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} Q^2 Y(y) R_V (2C_{3u} - C_{3d}) \quad (u, d \text{ only}) \quad (42)$$

The asymmetry measured at CERN is $B_+ \equiv \frac{\sigma^+(-|\lambda|) - \sigma^-(+|\lambda|)}{\sigma^+(-|\lambda|) + \sigma^-(+|\lambda|)}$ on a ^{12}C target and thus is our $A_{LR,d}^{e^+e^-}$. Substituting $|\lambda| \rightarrow -|\lambda|$ from Eq. (38), we obtain:

$$B = -\frac{3G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} Q^2 Y(y) R_V (x) \frac{(2C_{3u} - C_{3d}) + |\lambda|(2C_{2u} - C_{2d})}{5 + 4R_C + R_S} . \quad (43)$$

For SoLID we can use unpolarized beam (higher intensity) and measure

$$A_d^{e^+e^-} = -\frac{3G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} Q^2 Y(y) R_V \frac{(2C_{3u} - C_{3d})}{5 + 4R_C + R_S} . \quad (44)$$

⁴if considering $c \neq \bar{c}$ and $s \neq \bar{s}$, change $u_V \rightarrow u_V + c_V$ and $d_V \rightarrow d_V + s_V$ in all proton results, and multiply $C_{2u(d)}$ and $C_{3u(d)}$ by $(1 + \epsilon_c)$ ($(1 + \epsilon_s)$) – see Eq. (94) – in all deuteron results throughout this section. No change to the C_{1q} term if calculating $A_{LL,RR}^{e^+e^-}$.

A.3 Target mass and longitudinal photon terms

After establishing the parton-model expression for asymmetries, we now consider adding the target-mass correction and longitudinal photon terms. The PVDIS asymmetry on the deuteron can be written as [39]

$$A_{PV} = -\frac{G_F Q^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} [a_1(x, Q^2)Y_1(x, y, Q^2) + a_3(x, Q^2)Y_3(x, y, Q^2)] , \quad (45)$$

The kinematic factors $Y_{1,3}$ are defined as

$$Y_1 = \left[\frac{1+R^{\gamma Z}}{1+R^\gamma} \right] \frac{1+(1-y)^2-y^2 \left[1 - \frac{r^2}{1+R^{\gamma Z}} \right] - xy \frac{M}{E}}{1+(1-y)^2-y^2 \left[1 - \frac{r^2}{1+R^\gamma} \right] - xy \frac{M}{E}} \quad (46)$$

and

$$Y_3 = \left[\frac{r^2}{1+R^\gamma} \right] \frac{1-(1-y)^2}{1+(1-y)^2-y^2 \left[1 - \frac{r^2}{1+R^\gamma} \right] - xy \frac{M}{E}} , \quad (47)$$

where $r^2 = 1 + \frac{Q^2}{\nu^2}$, and $R^{\gamma(\gamma Z)}(x, Q^2)$ is the ratio of the longitudinal to transverse virtual photon electromagnetic absorption cross sections ($\gamma - Z^0$ interference cross sections). With some algebra, one can express the xyM/E term by r^2 and y^2 and Eqs.(46,47) become [40]:

$$Y_1 = \left[\frac{1+R^{\gamma Z}}{1+R^\gamma} \right] \frac{1+(1-y)^2-\frac{y^2}{2} \left[1+r^2 - \frac{2r^2}{1+R^{\gamma Z}} \right]}{1+(1-y)^2-\frac{y^2}{2} \left[1+r^2 - \frac{2r^2}{1+R^\gamma} \right]} \quad (48)$$

$$Y_3 = \left[\frac{r^2}{1+R^\gamma} \right] \frac{1-(1-y)^2}{1+(1-y)^2-\frac{y^2}{2} \left[1+r^2 - \frac{2r^2}{1+R^\gamma} \right]} . \quad (49)$$

To a good approximation $R^{\gamma Z}$ can be assumed to be equal to R^γ , resulting in $Y_1 = 1$.

The $a_{1,3}$ terms in Eq. (45) are

$$a_1(x) = 2g_A^e \frac{F_1^{\gamma Z}}{F_1^\gamma} , \quad (50)$$

$$a_3(x) = g_V^e \frac{F_3^{\gamma Z}}{F_1^\gamma} , \quad (51)$$

where the structure functions, $F_{1,3}^{\gamma,\gamma Z}$, can be written in terms of PDFs at the parton model level:

$$F_1^\gamma(x, Q^2) = \frac{1}{2} \sum Q_q^2 [q(x, Q^2) + \bar{q}(x, Q^2)] , \quad (52)$$

$$F_1^{\gamma Z}(x, Q^2) = \sum Q_q g_V^q [q(x, Q^2) + \bar{q}(x, Q^2)] , \quad (53)$$

$$F_3^{\gamma Z}(x, Q^2) = 2 \sum Q_q g_A^q [q(x, Q^2) - \bar{q}(x, Q^2)] . \quad (54)$$

Here, Q_q denotes the quark's electric charge and the summation is over the quark flavors $u, d, s \dots$. Equations (51,54) show that the $a_3(x, Q^2)$ term involves the chirality of the quark (g_A^i) and therefore is suppressed by the kinematic factor Y_3 due to angular momentum conservation. It vanishes at the forward angle $\theta = 0$ or $y = 0$, and increases with θ or y at fixed x . In most world parameterizations, it is common to fit the structure functions F_2 and R simultaneously to cross-section data. They are related through

$$F_2^{\gamma(\gamma Z)} = \frac{2x F_1^{\gamma(\gamma Z)} (1 + R^{\gamma(\gamma Z)})}{r^2}. \quad (55)$$

We now extend the above formalism to the e^+e^- asymmetries. Note: this is not a proof, but only a quick "identify and substitute method". A thorough proof is needed for the validity of Eqs. (56,57,58), and that the Y_3 from Eq. (49) remains the same for these asymmetries. We note that the γ structure function F_1^γ is multiplied by the common denominator of Eqs. (48) and (49); the γZ structure function $F_1^{\gamma Z}$, related to $g_V^q(q + \bar{q})$, is multiplied by the numerator of Eq. (48); the γZ structure function $F_3^{\gamma Z}$, related to $g_A^q(q - \bar{q})$, is multiplied by the numerator of Eq. (49). Applying these factors to Eq. (38), we see that $Y(y) \rightarrow Y_3$:

$$A_{RL,d}^{e^+e^-} = \frac{3G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} Q^2 Y_3 R_V \frac{|\lambda|(2C_{2u} - C_{2d}) - (2C_{3u} - C_{3d})}{5 + 4R_C + R_S}, \quad (56)$$

and to Eq. (41):

$$A_d^{e^+e^-} = -\frac{3G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} Q^2 Y_3 R_V \frac{-(2C_{3u} - C_{3d})}{5 + 4R_C + R_S}. \quad (57)$$

While for $A_{RR,LL}^{e^+e^-}$, the C_{1q} terms needs to be multiplied by Y_1 :

$$A_{RR,d}^{e^+e^-} = \frac{3G_F}{2\sqrt{2}\pi\alpha} Q^2 \frac{|\lambda| Y_1(2C_{1u} - C_{1d}) - Y_3 R_V (2C_{3u} - C_{3d})}{5 + 4R_C + R_S}, \quad (58)$$

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