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Results from the Particle Tracking System of the Qweak Experiment SIYUAN YANG, College of William and Mary — The goal of the Qweak experiment is to measure the value of the weak charge of the proton, $Q_{weak}^p = 1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_w$, to 4% precision. Because the Standard Model makes a firm prediction of Q_{weak}^p , the measurement of Q_{weak}^p will either confirm the prediction or will provide clear evidence for new physics. In this experiment, we study elastic electron proton scattering at four momentum transfer $Q^2=0.03\text{GeV}^2/c^2$ by scattering a high current polarized electron beam on a liquid hydrogen target. A crucial element to the precise measurement of Q_{weak}^p is to determine the four momentum transfer Q^2 to a high precision because the parity violation asymmetry is directly proportional to Q^2 : $A_{LR}^p = A_0[Q_{weak}^p Q^2 + B_4(Q^2)Q^4 + \dots]$. Therefore, the experiment is also designed to run in a low current mode in which the Q^2 is determined by using the tracking detectors. The tracking system is aimed at reconstructing the track of a particle to get the Q^2 with an accuracy of 1%. The experiment is now in the phase I data production run, which will end in May 2011. I will describe the procedure of the track reconstruction and the first results coming from it.

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