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**First Determination of the  $^{27}\text{Al}$  Neutron Distribution Radius from a Parity-Violating Electron Asymmetry Measurement<sup>1</sup>** KURTIS BARTLETT, William & Mary,  $Q_{WEAK}$  COLLABORATION — The  $Q_{weak}$  collaboration has made the first measurement of the parity-violating elastic electron- $^{27}\text{Al}$  scattering asymmetry, an electroweak observable, using a spectrometer with an approximate energy acceptance of 150 MeV. This is a unique measurement as  $^{27}\text{Al}$  is a s-d shell nucleus with a  $J^p = 5/2^+$  ground state, which is difficult to model compared to the doubly magic (closed shell)  $J^p = 0^+$  ground state nuclei from similar experiments. The previous PREx and the upcoming PRExII and CREx experiments have used or plan to use these easier-to-model nuclei,  $^{208}\text{Pb}$  and  $^{48}\text{Ca}$ . The original intent of this measurement was as a background correction for the weak charge measurement of the proton. However, a 2014 paper outlined the possibility of extracting the  $^{27}\text{Al}$  neutron distribution radius from the elastic parity-violating asymmetry as a test of theoretical models. This elastic asymmetry can be extracted from this background measurement by correcting for known asymmetries that arise from non-elastic scattering processes. Presented here is a discussion of the analysis required to extract this asymmetry and the neutron distribution radius, along with its impact on theoretical models for lighter non-closed shell nuclei.

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