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Systematic Studies with the Qweak Tracking System JOHN LECKEY, William and Mary, QWEAK COLLABORATION — Qweak is an upcoming experiment at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Lab that will use parity-violating elastic electron-proton scattering to measure the weak charge of the proton (Q_{weak}^P). This experiment will be a sensitive test for physics beyond the standard model, as Q_{weak}^P is well predicted in the Standard Model. Longitudinally polarized electrons will scatter off a liquid hydrogen target and pass through a toroidal-field magnetic spectrometer. In order to perform a 4% measurement of Q_{weak}^P , we will need to measure the momentum transfer (Q^2) to 0.5%. The Q^2 will be measured using a tracking system consisting of two gas electron multipliers (GEM), four horizontal drift chambers (HDC), and four vertical drift chambers (VDC). In this talk I will outline the design and status of each tracking device and discuss the details of the Q^2 measurement, as well as several systematic studies that will be performed with this tracking system.

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