

## VII. TESTS OF STRUCTURE FUNCTION SCALING

### VII.A. Introduction

Experimental tests of structure function scaling are fraught with ambiguity. Apparent deviations from exact scaling may arise from such diverse effects as two-photon exchange, low- $Q^2$  turn-on<sup>(59)</sup> of  $\nu W_2$ , s-channel resonance contributions and non-leading terms in the light cone expansion of the current commutator. They may obscure genuine scaling deviations predicted by field theories with parton structure<sup>(15, 16)</sup>, anomalous dimensions<sup>(17)</sup>, and asymptotic freedom<sup>(18)</sup>, or arising from the production of charmed<sup>(72)</sup> or colored states.<sup>(73)</sup> Bjorken's original hypothesis<sup>(11)</sup> was that  $2MW_1(\nu, Q^2)$  and  $\nu W_2(\nu, Q^2)$  would scale in the variable  $\omega = 2M\nu/Q^2$  (i.e., become functions only of  $\omega$ ) in the limit  $\nu \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ , with  $\nu/Q^2$  held fixed. Within the experimental errors, the early data for  $\nu W_2^p$  was consistent with scaling in  $\omega$  for  $Q^2 \geq 1 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $W \geq 2.6 \text{ GeV}$ . In this experiment, use of the scaling variable  $\omega' = 1/x' = \omega + M^2/Q^2 = 1 + W^2/Q^2$  extended the range of  $W$  for which scaling of  $\nu W_2^p$  was valid down to  $W = 1.8 \text{ GeV}$ .<sup>(74)</sup> Other scaling variables<sup>(61, 62, 75, 76)</sup>, all of which approach  $\omega$  as  $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ , have been proposed to fit the data; they are examined in section VII.B. In the remaining scaling tests of this section, only the variables  $\omega$  and  $\omega'$  are used and

deviations from scaling in these variables are examined. Only data for  $Q^2 \geq 2 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $W \geq 2 \text{ GeV}$  are used in these scaling tests. These restrictions insured that the tests were influenced neither by the prominent electroproduction resonances nor by the low- $Q^2$  turn-on of  $\nu W_2$ .

The two independent structure functions  $F_1 = 2MW_1(x, Q^2)$  and  $F_2 = \nu W_2(x, Q^2)$  for the proton and deuteron, as given in Table ( XV ) and plotted in Figures ( 36 ) and ( 37 ), were used for the scaling tests reported in section VII.A. This method had the advantage that the extracted structure functions were independent of any assumptions about the  $Q^2$ -dependence of  $R$ . These "separated" data were best suited for a comparison of the  $Q^2$ -dependence of the four structure functions  $2MW_1^p$ ,  $\nu W_2^p$ , and  $2MW_1^d$ , and  $\nu W_2^d$  in the same range of kinematics. This method of extracting the structure functions had the disadvantage of limited precision, as the random error in  $R$  at each kinematic point was propagated into the error in the two structure functions. The range of  $Q^2$  and the number of data points available at each  $x$  were also somewhat limited in this method.

The second method used to extract the structure functions was similar to that used in earlier scaling tests. ( 7, 20 ) In this method the structure function  $\nu W_2$  was extracted from the inelastic cross section data using equation (I.3), and

assuming a functional form for  $R$  to be valid throughout the kinematic region in which the cross sections had been measured. Whereas the constant value  $R_p = 0.18$  was used to extract  $\nu W_2^p$  in the earlier tests, we used the modified spin-1/2 form<sup>(70)</sup>  $R = cQ^2/(Q^2 + d^2)^2$  with proton coefficients taken from Table (XIII). This functional form has the two advantages that it fits the  $R$  data better than the constant form, and that it satisfies gauge invariance as  $Q^2 \rightarrow 0$ , i.e.,  $R \rightarrow 0$  in that limit. Inelastic  $e-p$ ,  $e-d$ , and  $e-n$  cross sections from experiments A and B only (Table V) were used in this method. Cross sections from experiment B were normalized to those of experiment A by the normalization factor  $N_{AB} = 1.010$  discussed in section V.F. The uncertainty in the extracted values of  $2MW_1$  owing to our assumptions about  $R$ , was deemed too large in this method, and no results are presented for that structure function. The corresponding uncertainty in  $\nu W_2$  was always less than the statistical error in  $2MW_1$ . Because of the statistical accuracy of this large body of data for  $\nu W_2$ , this method was particularly appropriate for a study of the possible functional forms of  $Q^2$ -dependent scale-breaking terms in  $\nu W_2$ .

A rough test of scaling is provided by plots of all these "extracted" data for  $\nu W_2^p$ ,  $\nu W_2^d$ , and  $\nu W_2^n$  versus  $x$ , as in Figure (38), or versus  $x'$ , as in Figure ( 39 ). To a fairly good approximation these data describe single functions of  $x$  or  $x'$ , faring

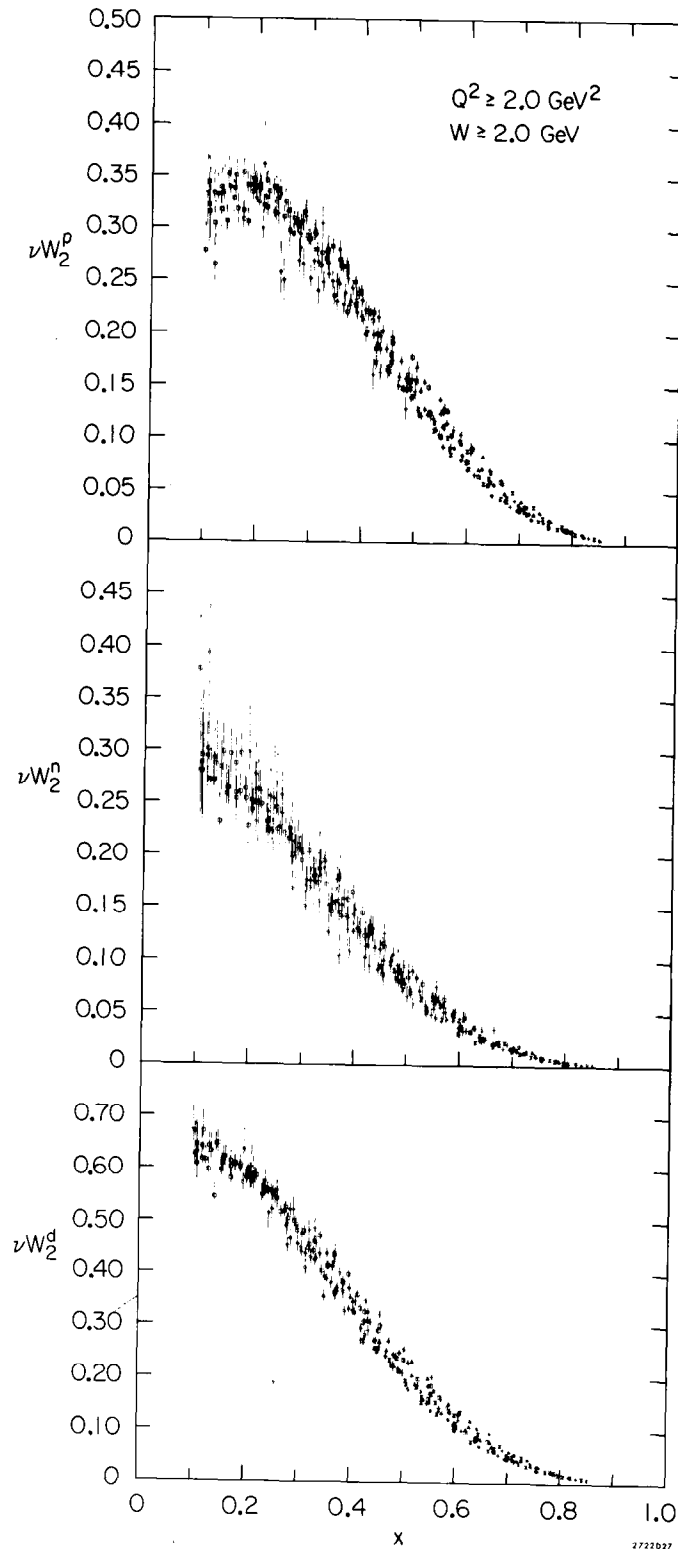


Fig. 38. Values of  $\nu W_2^p$ ,  $\nu W_2^n$ , and  $\nu W_2^d$  plotted against  $x$ . The errors shown are purely random.

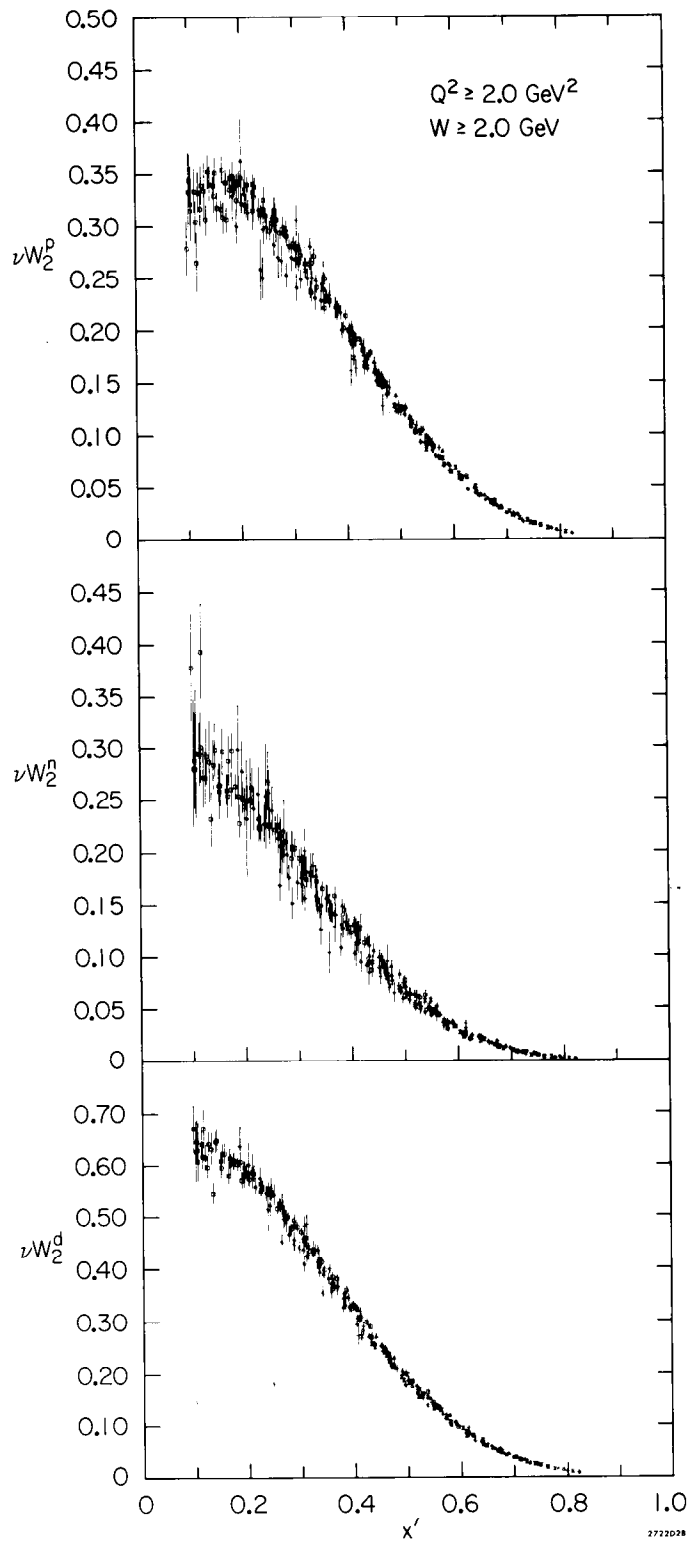


Fig. 39. Values of  $\nu W_2^p$ ,  $\nu W_2^n$ , and  $\nu W_2^d$  plotted against  $x'$ . The errors shown are purely random.

better in the second variable. The usefulness of this approach is limited, however, as small deviations (on the order of 10-20%) from exact scaling would not be apparent in these plots. More quantitative scaling tests were provided by fits of the form  $\nu W_2 = f(\xi)h(Q^2)$ , where  $\xi$  is one of the proposed scaling variables, and  $h(Q^2)$  is either unity or a scale-breaking function. Such is the procedure used in section VII.B., where several proposed scaling variables are compared, and in section VII.C., where deviations from scaling of  $\nu W_2^p$ ,  $\nu W_2^d$ , and  $\nu W_2^n$  are compared. The disadvantage of such an approach is that the functional form assumed for the  $Q^2$ -dependent term  $h_i(Q^2)$  must be the same for all values of  $\xi$ . This approach is not compatible with certain field theory models<sup>( 17, 18, 77 )</sup> that predict a rise in the structure functions at low  $x$  and a fall-off at larger values of  $x$ . Deviations from scaling in  $\omega$  were further examined in section VII.D. by fitting functions with explicit  $Q^2$ -dependent terms to  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  for 11 fixed values of  $x = 1/\omega$  in the range  $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.8$ . The separated  $2MW_1$  and  $\nu W_2$  data of Table ( XV ) were ideally suited to this task, but the accuracy of the results was limited by the accuracy of the separated structure functions and the ranges of  $Q^2$  available at each  $x$ . More extensive studies of the  $Q^2$ -dependence of  $\nu W_2$  were possible using values of this structure function that had been extracted from interpolated cross sections using the

fit  $R = cQ^2/(Q^2 + d^2)^2$ . The normalized cross section from experiments A and B were first interpolated at fixed E and  $\theta$  to values of E' corresponding to the 11 values of x used in the x - Q<sup>2</sup> array. These data for  $\nu W_2(x, Q^2)$  then permitted extensive tests of the various functional forms proposed for deviations from exact Bjorken scaling.

#### VII.B. Comparison of $2MW_1$ and $\nu W_2$

The two independent structure functions  $F_1 = 2MW_1(x, Q^2)$  and  $F_2 = \nu W_2(x, Q^2)$  reported in Table (XV) were used in the scaling tests reported here. As mentioned earlier only data for  $Q^2 \geq 2 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $W \geq 2 \text{ GeV}$  were used in these tests. Scaling in the two variables  $\xi = \omega$  and  $\xi = \omega'$  was tested by fitting functions of the form  $F_i(x, Q^2) = f_i(\xi)h_i(Q^2)$  to these proton and deuteron data for  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ . Here  $f_1(\xi) = \sum a_j (1-1/\xi)^j$  and  $f_2(\xi) = \sum b_j (1-1/\xi)^j$ , where j ranges from 3 to 7. Three forms for  $h_i(Q^2)$  were tested: a constant  $h_i(Q^2) = 1$  for exact scaling; the scale-breaking form  $h_i(Q^2) = 1 - 2Q^2/\Lambda_i^2$  suggested by constituent models<sup>(15, 16)</sup> wherein  $1/\Lambda^2$  is the parton "size" and the propagator form<sup>(16, 78)</sup>  $h_i(Q^2) = (1 + Q^2/\Lambda_i^2)^{-2}$  which is expected in some finite size constituent models<sup>(16)</sup> as well as in heavy photon theories:<sup>(78)</sup> Best fit values for  $\Lambda_i^2$  and for the polynomial coefficients  $a_j$  and  $b_j$  were obtained simultaneously by least-square fits. Our studies indicated that the results for  $\Lambda_1^2$  and  $\Lambda_2^2$  were independent of the functional forms chosen for  $f_1(\xi)$  and  $f_2(\xi)$ . The fits provided a comparison of deviations from scaling in  $2MW_1$  and  $\nu W_2$  for both the proton and the

deuteron, independent of assumptions about R. In particular, they permit unbiased tests of models<sup>( 16 )</sup> that predict a larger scaling violation for  $2MW_1$  than for  $\nu W_2$ .

The best-fit parameters  $1/\Lambda_1^2$  and  $1/\Lambda_2^2$  of fits in the scaling variable  $\xi = \omega$  are presented in Table ( XVI ). Systematic uncertainties in these quantities arise from the same effects that led to the relative uncertainties in  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  listed in Table ( XV ). These systematic uncertainties were added in quadrature and included in the errors quoted. For  $\xi = \omega$ , the two scale-breaking forms listed in Table ( XVI ) provided much better fits than the exact scaling form  $F_i(x, Q^2) = f_i(\omega)$ . Over the full range of  $x$ , the best-fit values for  $1/\Lambda_1^2$  and  $1/\Lambda_2^2$  were essentially the same for the proton, but were different by about 2 standard deviations for the case of the deuteron. This difference may well have arisen from smearing effects<sup>( 20 )</sup>, or resonance contributions<sup>( 79 )</sup> at low  $W$ , for  $1/\Lambda_1^2$  and  $1/\Lambda_2^2$  were equal within one standard deviation when the deuteron data were restricted to  $W \geq 2.6$  GeV. For  $0.3 \leq x \leq 0.8$ , the proton coefficients for the scale-breaking form  $h_i(Q^2) = 1 - 2Q^2/\Lambda_i^2$  are in agreement with the values  $1/\Lambda_1^2 = 0.0162 \pm 0.0024$  and  $1/\Lambda_2^2 = 0.0134 \pm 0.0013$  obtained earlier<sup>( 24, 26 )</sup> for  $0.33 \leq x \leq 0.67$  using data from experiments A and C. The results for  $1/\Lambda_1^2$  in the propagator scale-breaking form are also in agreement with the results



Table XVI. Deviations from scaling in  $\omega$ , from least square fits of the form  $F_i(x, Q^2) = f_i(\omega)h_i(Q^2)$  to the separated  $2MW_1$  and  $\nu W_2$  data for  $W \geq 2.0$  GeV,  $Q^2 \geq 2.0$  GeV<sup>2</sup>

Fitted data	$h_i(Q^2) = 1 - 2Q^2/\Lambda_i^2$		$h_i(Q^2) = (1 + Q^2/\Lambda_i^2)^{-2}$	
	$1/\Lambda_1^2$	$1/\Lambda_2^2$	$1/\Lambda_1^2$	$1/\Lambda_2^2$
p $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.8$	$0.0144 \pm 0.0014$	$0.0141 \pm 0.0008$	$0.0225 \pm 0.0038$	$0.0204 \pm 0.0017$
p $0.3 \leq x \leq 0.8$	$0.0147 \pm 0.0013$	$0.0144 \pm 0.0008$	$0.0245 \pm 0.0040$	$0.0213 \pm 0.0009$
d $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.8$	$0.0162 \pm 0.0012$	$0.0118 \pm 0.0008$	$0.0270 \pm 0.0039$	$0.0155 \pm 0.0015$
d $0.3 \leq x \leq 0.8$	$0.0164 \pm 0.0012$	$0.0125 \pm 0.0009$	$0.0294 \pm 0.0043$	$0.0173 \pm 0.0008$

of similar fits to recent data<sup>( 76 )</sup> for  $2MW_1^p$  in the range  $0.4 \leq x \leq 0.9$  where a value of  $1/\Lambda_1^2 = 0.0233 \pm 0.0008$  was reported. For  $x < 0.3$ , both the proton and deuteron structure functions differed from scaling behavior in  $\omega$  by less than two standard deviations. A comparison of these fits with the structure function data is presented in Figures (40) and (41), where ratios  $F_i(x, Q^2)/f_i(\omega)$  have been plotted versus  $Q^2$  at fixed  $x$ . The polynomial functions  $f_i$  correspond to the structure function fits of the form  $F_i(x, Q^2) = f_i(\omega) (1 - 2Q^2/\Lambda_i^2)$  to all the data in the kinematic range  $W \geq 2$  GeV,  $Q^2 \geq 2$  GeV<sup>2</sup>,  $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.8$ , as listed in Table ( XVI ). The solid lines represent the best fits to these data of the two scale-breaking forms listed in that table.

The best-fit parameters  $1/\Lambda_1^2$  and  $1/\Lambda_2^2$  of fits to  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  using the scaling variable  $\xi = \omega'$  are presented in Table (XVII). Systematic uncertainties in these quantities were estimated in the same manner as they were for Table ( XVI ), and are included in the errors quoted in Table ( XVII ). Except for fits to  $\nu W_2^d$ , the two scale-breaking functions provided better fits to the data than the exact scaling form  $F_i(x, Q^2) = f_i(\omega')$ . All three functional forms fit the data for  $\nu W_2^d$  with a  $\chi^2$  of 0.9 per degree of freedom. The  $\chi^2$  for the fits listed in Table (XVII) ranged from 0.7 to 1.1 per degree of freedom.

For data in the range  $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.8$  as noted in Table (XVII),

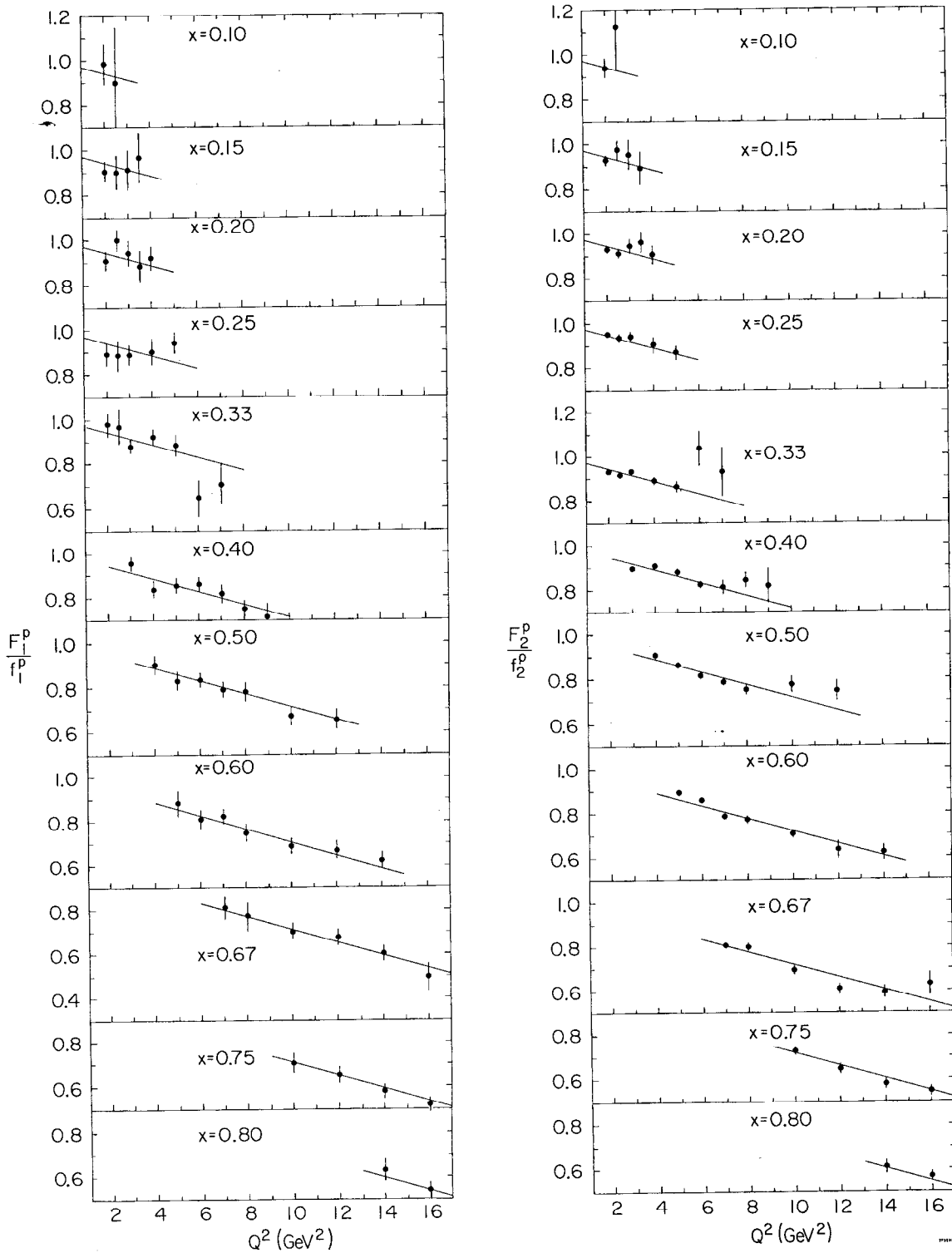


Fig. 40. Ratios of  $F_1^P = 2MW_1^P$  and  $F_2^P = vW_2^P$  to the polynomials  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$  taken from least square fits of the form  $F_i(x, Q^2) = f_i(x) (1 - 2Q^2/\Lambda_i^2)$  to all the data for  $W \geq 2.0$  GeV and  $Q^2 \geq 2.0$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> in Table 15.

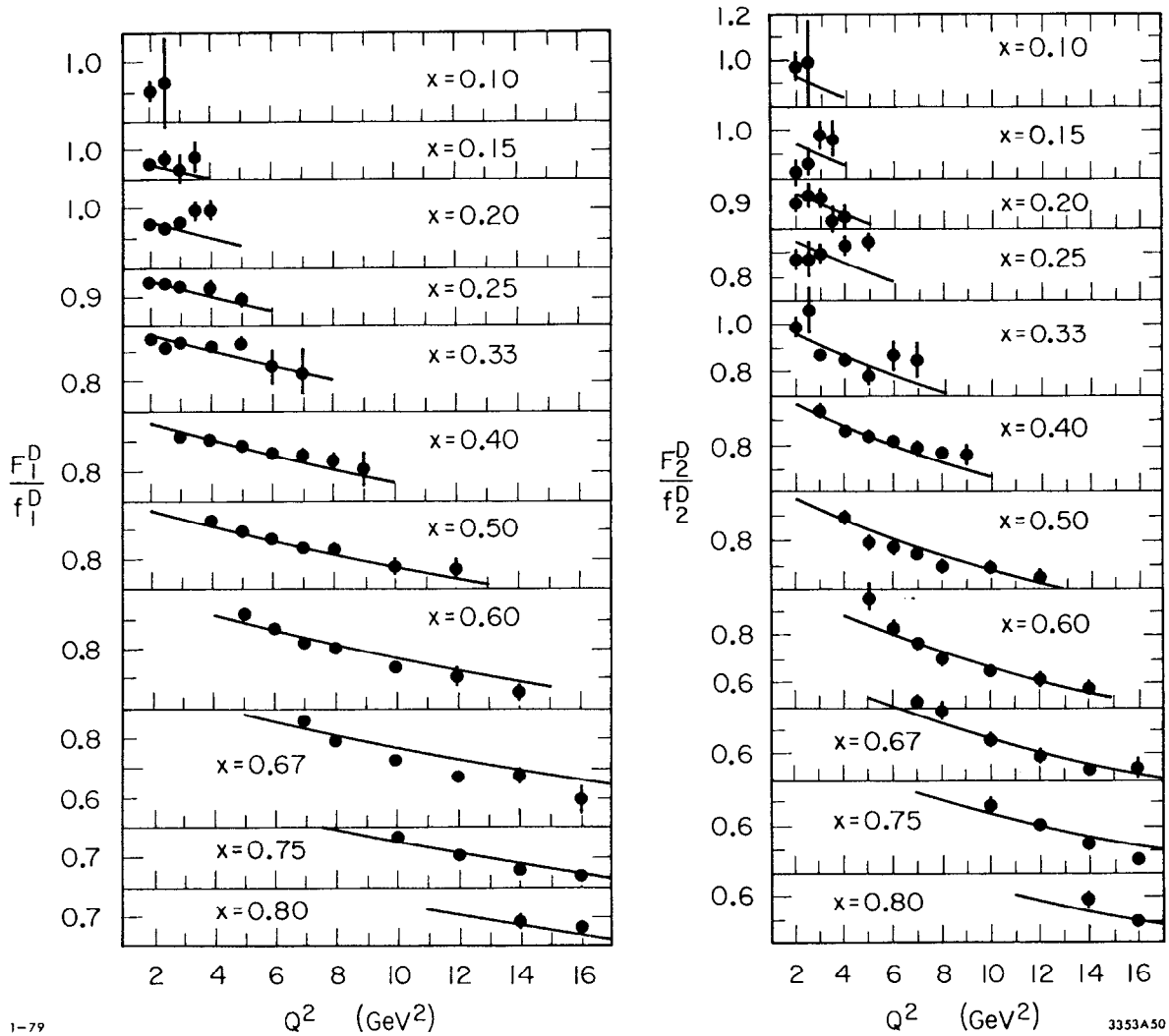


Fig. 41. Ratios of  $F_1^d = 2MW_1^d$  and  $F_2^d = \nu W_2^d$  to the polynomials  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$  taken from least square fits of the form  $F_i(x, Q^2) = f_i(x)(1 - 2Q^2/\Lambda_1^2)$  to all the data for  $W \geq 2.0$  GeV and  $Q^2 \geq 2.0$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> in Table 15.

Table XVII. Deviations from scaling in  $\omega'$ ,  
 from least square fits of the form  $F_i(x, Q^2) = f_i(\omega') h_i(Q^2)$ .

fitted data	$h_i(Q^2) = 1 - 2Q^2/\Lambda_i^2$		$h_i(Q^2) = (1 + Q^2/\Lambda_i^2)^{-2}$	
	$1/\Lambda_1^2$	$1/\Lambda_2^2$	$1/\Lambda_1^2$	$1/\Lambda_2^2$
p $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.8$	$0.0044 \pm 0.0024$	$0.0054 \pm 0.0012$	$0.0047 \pm 0.0030$	$0.0059 \pm 0.0015$
p $0.3 \leq x \leq 0.8$	$0.0052 \pm 0.0025$	$0.0055 \pm 0.0013$	$0.0059 \pm 0.0031$	$0.0061 \pm 0.0017$
d $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.8$	$0.0069 \pm 0.0022$	$0.0009 \pm 0.0013$	$0.0077 \pm 0.0029$	$0.0009 \pm 0.0013$
d $0.3 \leq x \leq 0.8$	$0.0077 \pm 0.0020$	$0.0017 \pm 0.0015$	$0.0092 \pm 0.0031$	$0.0017 \pm 0.0016$

the best-fit parameters  $1/\Lambda_1^2$  and  $1/\Lambda_2^2$  are equal for the proton, within errors;  $\nu W_2^p$  is inconsistent with scaling in  $\omega'$ , while  $2MW_1^p$  is barely consistent, at the two standard deviation level. For the range  $0.3 \leq x \leq 0.8$ , the coefficients for the linear scale-breaking form are consistent with the values  $1/\Lambda_1^2 = 0.0049 \pm 0.0035$  and  $1/\Lambda_2^2 = 0.0020 \pm 0.0018$  reported earlier<sup>( 26 )</sup> for  $0.33 \leq x \leq 0.67$  using data from experiments A and C. The results for  $1/\Lambda_1^2$  in the propagator form are also consistent with the results of similar fits to the recent data for  $2MW_1^p$  in the range  $0.4 \leq x \leq 0.9$ , where a value of  $1/\Lambda_1^2 = 0.0078 \pm 0.0006$  was reported.<sup>( 76 )</sup> For either range of  $x$ ,  $\nu W_2^d$  is consistent with scaling in  $\omega'$ , but  $2MW_1^d$  is not. However, if we restrict the data to  $W \geq 2.6$  GeV the best fit parameters  $1/\Lambda_1^2$  and  $1/\Lambda_2^2$  are equal within one standard deviation and consistent with zero. In the range  $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.3$ , no violation of scaling in  $\omega'$  was observed for either the proton or deuteron structure functions.

For the separated proton structure function data restricted to the kinematic region ( $W \geq 2.0$ ,  $Q^2 \geq 2.0$ ,  $x \geq 0.3$ ), the results of our scaling tests are unambiguous. Both structure functions are inconsistent with scaling in  $\omega$  and  $\nu W_2^p$  is inconsistent with scaling in  $\omega'$ . The structure function  $2MW_1^p$  shows a violation of scaling in  $\omega'$  that is equal to that exhibited by  $\nu W_2^p$  with breakdown parameters that are about the same, but the errors are

larger and preclude a completely conclusive result. Over the range of  $Q^2$  ( $2.0 \leq Q^2 \leq 16.0 \text{ GeV}^2$ ) studied in these tests, we see a 40% violation of scaling in  $\omega$  and a 15% violation of scaling in  $\omega'$ , for  $x \geq 0.3$ . For either scaling variable, no evidence is seen for different values of  $1/\Lambda_1^2$  and  $1/\Lambda_2^2$ , even when we restrict  $W \geq 2.6 \text{ GeV}$ , and we conclude that they are equal, within the present errors. For the range  $0.1 \leq x \leq 0.3$ , the two proton structure functions are consistent with scaling in both  $\omega$  and  $\omega'$ . The lack of any significant  $Q^2$ -dependence in this region, when combined with the observed violation of scaling for  $x \geq 0.3$ , is consistent with field-theoretic models<sup>( 77 )</sup> of nucleon structure.

The interpretation of our results for the deuteron structure functions is not so straightforward. For  $x \geq 0.3$ , both  $2MW_1^d$  and  $\nu W_2^d$  are inconsistent with scaling in  $\omega$ , with 35%-45% scaling violations in the range of  $Q^2$  studied. Over the same range of  $x$ ,  $2MW_1^d$  is inconsistent with scaling in  $\omega'$ , showing a 20% violation, while  $\nu W_2^d$  is consistent with scaling in  $\omega'$ . For both scaling variables, the apparent difference between  $1/\Lambda_1^2$  and  $1/\Lambda_2^2$  disappears when the data are restricted to  $W \geq 2.6 \text{ GeV}$ , and we can make no firm conclusions about its validity. Uncertainties in the off-mass-shell effects in the smearing corrections are largest at low  $W$ , but the magnitudes of these uncertainties, as estimated in Appendix A.3.B.,

cannot fully account for the observed difference between  $1/\Lambda_1^2$  and  $1/\Lambda_2^2$ .

### VII.C. Comparisons of Scaling Variables

In addition to the scaling variable  $\omega$  originally suggested by Bjorken<sup>( 11 )</sup>, other scaling variables, all of which approach  $\omega$  as  $Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ , have been proposed to fit the low  $Q^2$  structure function data. The variable  $\omega_L = M/((Q^2 + \nu^2)^{-1/2} - \nu)$  has been suggested<sup>( 61 )</sup> as the scaling variable appropriate to light cone algebras. The previously mentioned scaling variable  $\omega' = \omega + M^2/Q^2$ , which fit the earlier proton structure function data quite well<sup>( 7 )</sup>, has been related to finite energy sum rules.<sup>( 74 )</sup>

A phenomenological scaling variable  $\omega_W = (2M\nu + M_a^2)/(Q^2 + M_b^2)$  (where  $M_a^2$  and  $M_b^2$  are fit parameters) that extends scaling of  $\nu W_2^p$  down to the photoproduction limit  $Q^2 = 0$ , was first suggested by Rittenberg and Rubinstein.<sup>( 62 )</sup> In an analysis<sup>( 75 )</sup> of previous electroproduction and photoproduction data, it was concluded the  $\omega \nu W_2^p$ , not  $\nu W_2^p$ , scaled in  $\omega_W$ , within the experimental errors. Schwinger<sup>( 80 )</sup> has proposed a similar scaling variable  $\omega_S$ , with  $M_a^2 = (3/2)M^2$  and  $M_b^2 = (1/2)M^2$ , which are close to the best fit values of these parameters in the fits to  $\nu W_2^p$ ,  $\nu W_2^d$ , and  $\nu W_2^n$  discussed in section V.3. The scaling variable  $\omega_A = \omega + M_A^2/Q^2$ , where  $M_A^2 = 1.42 \text{ GeV}^2$ , has been used to fit the recent data<sup>( 76 )</sup> for  $2M W_1^p$ .



The quality of scaling in any variable  $\xi$  was tested by fitting polynomials of the form  $\Sigma a_j (1 - 1/\xi)^j$ , where  $j$  ranged from 3 to 7, to the extracted data for  $\nu W_2^p$ ,  $\nu W_2^d$  or  $\nu W_2^n$  shown in Figures ( 38 ) and ( 39 ). Only data for  $W \geq 2\text{GeV}$  and  $Q^2 \geq 2 \text{ GeV}^2$  were used in these least-square fits, yielding a total of 274 degrees of freedom for the proton data, and 257 for the deuteron and neutron data. Over the full range of  $x$  available here ( $0.10 \leq x \leq 0.85$ ), these five parameter polynomials provided better fits than polynomials with  $n$  ranging from 3 to 5. The values  $\chi^2$  for these fits, divided by the number of degrees of freedom  $N_D$ , are reported in Table (XVIII). In the case of the last two scaling variables,  $\omega_A$  and  $\omega_W$ , the parameters  $M_A^2$ ,  $M_a^2$ , and  $M_b^2$  were fit simultaneously with the polynomial coefficients, and the number of degrees of freedom accordingly was smaller. The best fit values of  $M_A^2$  obtained were  $1.352 \pm 0.032$  for the proton,  $1.294 \pm 0.027$  for the deuteron, and  $1.109 \pm 0.075$  for the neutron. None of the scaling variables  $\omega$ ,  $\omega'$ ,  $\omega_L$ , or  $\omega_S$  could provide even adequate fits to  $\nu W_2^p$  or  $\nu W_2^d$ , and only  $\omega'$  could fit the neutron data with any degree of success. When only data for  $W \geq 2.6 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $Q^2 \geq 2.0 \text{ GeV}^2$  were used in similar fits, the values of  $\chi^2/N_D$  were in general smaller, but only  $\omega_A$  and  $\omega_W$  could provide adequate fits to all three sets of data. As no random error from the error in  $R$  was included in the errors in the

Table XVIII.  $\chi^2/N_D$  for various scaling fits to  $\nu W_2$

Fit data	$N_D$	$\omega$	$\omega'$	$\omega_L$	$\omega_S$	$\omega_A$	$\omega_W$
$\nu W_2^p$	274	10.05	2.30	4.56	4.56	1.43	1.42
$\nu W_2^d$	257	12.97	2.60	5.70	5.95	1.62	1.62
$\nu W_2^n$	257	2.33	1.32	1.63	1.68	1.29	1.29

structure function  $\nu W_2$ , a  $\chi^2/N_D$  of 1.3 is judged a "good" fit and  $\chi^2/N_D$  of 1.5 is judged an "adequate" fit.

Polynomial fits in  $\omega_A$ , wherein only the fourth and fifth powers of  $(1-1/\omega_A)$  were used to fit the structure function data, were also attempted. These fits are identical to those attempted by Atwood<sup>( 76 )</sup> for the recent data for  $2MW_1$ . Results of such fits are presented in Table (XIX ), where we list  $M_A^2$  and the polynomial coefficients  $a_4$  and  $a_5$ , together with the  $\chi^2/N_D$  of the fits. Such fits to the  $\nu W_2^d$  data are clearly inadequate, but when  $\nu W_2^p$  and  $\nu W_2^n$  are separated and fit independently, adequate fits are obtained. However the best fit values of  $M_A^2$  for the proton and neutron are significantly different. Similar results<sup>( 76 )</sup> were recently obtained for  $2MW_1$ . When the fit data are restricted to  $W \geq 2.6$  GeV, the best-fit values of  $M_A^2$  change to  $1.642 \pm 0.048$  GeV<sup>2</sup> for the proton and  $0.861 \pm 0.107$  GeV<sup>2</sup> for the neutron. For comparison the value of  $M_A^2$  obtained by Atwood et al. in a fit to  $2MW_1$  is  $M_A^2 = 1.473 \pm 0.042$  GeV<sup>2</sup> for the proton.<sup>( 76 )</sup> Our results for  $\nu W_2$  agree with the results of Atwood et al. for  $2MW_1$  in that the neutron structure functions appear to scale in  $\omega'$ , while the proton structure functions scale in  $\omega_A = \omega + M_A^2/Q^2$  with  $M_A^2$  about equal to 1.5 GeV<sup>2</sup>. Adequate two parameter polynomial fits, for j-values of 4 and 5, can be made to both  $\nu W_2^p$  and  $\nu W_2^n$  using such a scaling variable, but this requires  $M_A^2$  to be different for the proton and neutron.

Table XIX. Fits in the scaling Variable  $\omega_A$

Fit data	$N_D$	$\chi^2/N_D$	$M_A^2$ (GeV <sup>2</sup> )	$a_4$	$a_5$
$\nu W_2^p$	276	1.55	1.512±0.019	3.371±0.022	-3.218±0.029
$\nu W_2^d$	259	2.33	1.469±0.017	4.842±0.031	-4.308±0.040
$\nu W_2^n$	259	1.41	0.792±0.048	1.866±0.038	-1.561±0.049

#### VII.D. Deviations from Scaling in X or X'

Rather than search for new scaling variables that can fit all the data for  $\nu W_2$ , one can parameterize the deviations from scaling in a pre-selected variable, as was done for the  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  in section VII.A. In the same vein, we have made fits of the form  $\nu W_2(\nu, Q^2) = f(\xi)h(Q^2)$  to the data for  $\nu W_2^p$ ,  $\nu W_2^d$ , and  $\nu W_2^n$  shown in Figures( 38 ) and (39 ). As in section VII.A.,  $f(\xi)$  is a five-parameter polynomial in  $\xi = \omega$  or  $\xi = \omega'$ , and  $h(Q^2)$  is either the linear scale-breaking form  $1 - 2Q^2/\Lambda^2$  or the propagator form  $(1 + Q^2/\Lambda^2)^{-2}$ . Best fit values of  $1/\Lambda^2$  and the polynomial coefficients were obtained simultaneously by least square fits. The results for  $\Lambda^2$  were independent of the functional form chosen for  $f(\xi)$ . Although the scale-breaking forms studied cannot vary with  $\omega$  or  $\omega'$ , this factorization method has the distinct advantage of being a parameterization with greater statistical precision. The same data for  $\nu W_2$  (with  $Q^2 \geq 2 \text{ GeV}^2$  and  $W \geq 2 \text{ GeV}$ ) as was used in the previous section are used here, and the following results can be compared directly with those in Tables (XVIII) and (XIX).

For fits in the variable  $\xi = \omega$ , both linear and propagator scale-breaking forms provide much better fits to  $\nu W_2^p$  and  $\nu W_2^d$  than functions that scale in  $\omega$ . But the  $\chi^2$  for these scale-breaking fits, which ranged from 1.90 to 2.28 per degree of freedom, indicate that the full body of  $\nu W_2^p$  and  $\nu W_2^d$  data cannot

be parameterized by either functional form. However, both linear and propagator forms provide good fits to the full body of  $\nu W_2^n$  data, achieving  $\chi^2$  of 1.28 and 1.30 per degree of freedom.

The  $\chi^2$  for these scale-breaking fits improved markedly when the structure function data were restricted to  $W \geq 2.6$  GeV. The  $\chi^2$  per degree of freedom ranged from 1.31 to 1.36 for fits to  $\nu W_2^p$  and  $\nu W_2^n$ , while it ranged from 1.60 to 1.71 for fits to  $\nu W_2^d$ . Best-fit parameters of these fits are presented in Table ( XX ) with quoted errors that include both random errors and systematic uncertainties, added in quadrature. These uncertainties arose from uncertainties in R and the measured differential cross sections that were propagated through the extracted values of  $\nu W_2$  used in these fits.

The linear and propagator scale-breaking forms fit both the  $\nu W_2^p$  and the  $\nu W_2^n$  data equally well. In both cases, the coefficient  $1/\Lambda^2$  is less than two standard deviations larger for the neutron than for the proton. The relatively poor  $\chi^2$  obtained for  $\nu W_2^d$  probably reflects the fact that its  $Q^2$ -dependence is a composite of proton and neutron behaviors (and smearing).

Best-fit parameters of scale-breaking fits in the variable  $\xi = \omega'$  are presented in Table (XXI ), along with  $\chi^2/N_D$  for these fits. The quoted errors are again the quadratic sum of random errors and systematic uncertainties. For both cases

Table XX. Scale-breaking fits to  $\nu W_2 = f(\omega)h(Q^2)$  ( $W \geq 2.6$  GeV,  $Q^2 \geq 2.0$  GeV<sup>2</sup>)

data	$N_D$	$h(Q^2) = 1 - 2Q^2/\Lambda^2$		$h(Q^2) = (1 + Q^2/\Lambda^2)^{-2}$	
		$1/\Lambda^2$	$\chi^2/N_D$	$1/\Lambda^2$	$\chi^2/N_D$
$\nu W_2^p$	193	$0.0092 \pm 0.0004$	1.33	$0.0122 \pm 0.0007$	1.36
$\nu W_2^d$	183	$0.0100 \pm 0.0003$	1.60	$0.0133 \pm 0.0006$	1.71
$\nu W_2^n$	183	$0.0110 \pm 0.0010$	1.31	$0.0143 \pm 0.0018$	1.34

Table XXI. Scale-breaking fits to  $\nu W_2 = f(\omega')h(Q^2)$

(a)  $W \geq 2.0$  GeV

data	$N_D$	$h(Q^2) = 1 - 2Q^2/\Lambda^2$		$h(Q^2) = (1 + Q^2/\Lambda^2)^{-2}$	
		$1/\Lambda^2$	$\chi^2/N_D$	$1/\Lambda^2$	$\chi^2/N_D$
$\nu W_2^p$	273	$0.0053 \pm 0.0003$	1.30	$0.0060 \pm 0.0004$	1.32
$\nu W_2^d$	256	$0.0048 \pm 0.0002$	1.42	$0.0055 \pm 0.0003$	1.44
$\nu W_2^n$	256	$0.0038 \pm 0.0009$	1.26	$0.0042 \pm 0.0011$	1.26

(b)  $W \geq 2.6$  GeV

data	$N_D$	$h(Q^2) = 1 - 2Q^2/\Lambda^2$		$h(Q^2) = (1 + Q^2/\Lambda^2)^{-2}$	
		$1/\Lambda^2$	$\chi^2/N_D$	$1/\Lambda^2$	$\chi^2/N_D$
$\nu W_2^p$	193	$0.0052 \pm 0.0005$	1.28	$0.0061 \pm 0.0007$	1.28
$\nu W_2^d$	183	$0.0058 \pm 0.0004$	1.45	$0.0067 \pm 0.0006$	1.48
$\nu W_2^n$	183	$0.0062 \pm 0.0012$	1.28	$0.0069 \pm 0.0017$	1.28



of  $W \geq 2.0$  and  $W \geq 2.6$ , the  $\chi^2$  for these fits is better than the  $\chi^2$  of the  $\omega$ -scale-breaking fits represented in Table (XX ). Adequate fits were obtained even for the deuteron data. For  $W \geq 2$  GeV, the values of  $1/\Lambda^2$  for both linear and propagator scale-breaking fits are, for the proton, within one standard deviation of the corresponding values of  $1/\Lambda_2^2$  reported in Table (XVII). The extracted quantities  $\nu W_2^p$ ,  $\nu W_2^d$ , and  $\nu W_2^n$  clearly do not scale in  $\omega'$ . Even when the kinematic range for the fits is limited to  $W \geq 2.6$  GeV, the coefficients  $1/\Lambda^2$  are not consistent with zero. No significant conclusions can be made about the relative degrees of scale-breaking of the present data for  $\nu W_2^p$  and  $\nu W_2^n$  other than that the breaking is similar for both.

In conclusion, we have made fits of the form  $\nu W_2 = f(\xi)h(Q^2)$  to the  $\nu W_2^p$  and  $\nu W_2^n$  data using both scaling variables  $\xi = \omega$  and  $\xi = \omega'$ . Both linear and propagator scale-breaking forms allow good fits to these data. In the case of  $\xi = \omega$ , the proton data must be restricted to  $W \geq 2.6$  GeV in order to obtain a good fit. Adequate fits to  $\nu W_2^d$  can be obtained only for  $\xi = \omega'$ . Statistically significant scaling violations are observed for fits in either scaling variable to  $\nu W_2^p$ ,  $\nu W_2^d$ , and  $\nu W_2^n$ . Over the range of  $Q^2$  included in these tests ( $2.0 \leq Q^2 \leq 20.0$  GeV<sup>2</sup>), we observe 33-40% deviations from scaling in  $\omega$  and 14-22% deviations from scaling

in  $\omega'$ . No conclusive evidence can be found for different scaling deviations for the neutron and proton. Scale-breaking fits the variable  $\xi = \omega'$  provide better fits to the proton data than fits with exact scaling in  $\omega_A$ .