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#### ABSTRACT

The spin structure function  $g_2(x, Q^2)$  and the virtual photon asymmetry  $A_2(x, Q^2)$  were measured for the proton using deep inelastic scattering. The experiment was conducted at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center (SLAC), where longitudinally polarized electrons at 29.1 and 32.3 GeV were scattered from a transversely polarized NH<sub>3</sub> target. Large data sets were accumulated using three independent spectrometers covering a kinematic range  $0.02 \le x \le 0.8$  and  $1 \le Q^2 \le 20$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>. This new data is the first data precise enough to distinguish between current models for the proton. The structure function  $g_2^p$  was found to be reasonably consistent with the twist-2 Wandzura-Wilczek calculation. The  $Q^2$  dependence of  $g_2$  approximately follows the  $Q^2$  dependence of  $g_2^{WW}$ , although the data are not precise enough to rule out no  $Q^2$  dependence. The absolute value for  $A_2^p$  was found to be significant smaller than the Soffer limit over the measured range.

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### CHAPTER 1

### Introduction

Understanding the fundamental nature of matter is an ongoing effort that has lead to many discoveries along the way. Atoms which were once believed to be the most elementary particles, were found to be composed of *electrons*, *protons*, and *neutrons* (protons and neutrons are known as nucleons). Later on, the nucleons were found to be composed of *quarks*. In the current view of the composition of matter, described by the Standard Model, quarks are fundamental particles. The interaction between quarks is mediated by *gluons* and is described by the theory of strong interactions known as Quantum Chromodynamics (QCD). So far, quarks have only been observed bound to other quarks forming *baryons* (consisting of three quarks) such as the nucleons, and bound to antiquarks forming *mesons* (consisting of a pair of quark and antiquark). In QCD, a nucleon consists of three quarks known as "valence" quarks and a "sea" containing virtual quark-antiquark pairs known as sea quarks, and gluons. Although QCD is a very complete theory, current mathematical techniques are incapable of performing a full QCD calculation of real physical processes. To get around this problem, perturbative QCD (PQCD) is used. In PQCD, the calculation of physical processes is expanded in terms of the strong coupling constant  $\alpha_s$ . This "constant" is small at high energies (or equivalently, small distance scales), but becomes large at lower energies (or large distance scales). For processes involving very low energies, such as those that give rise to the sea quarks, a perturbative expansion fails to converge because  $\alpha_s$  approaches or exceeds 1. However, these low energy terms can be separated from the high energy terms using a process known as factorization. These low energy terms, which include the functions describing the distribution of quarks and gluons within the nucleon (known "parton distribution functions" or PDFs), must be measured experimentally. asOnce these measurements have been made, the PDFs can be applied in combination with the PQCD calculation of the hard scattering process to predict the result of any given scattering process. The accuracy of these PQCD predictions depends on both the ability to carry out the calculation to sufficient order in the expansion and the precision of the knowledge of the PDFs. Probing the interactions of the quarks and gluons inside the nucleons is a key to further understanding the nature of matter.

Deep Inelastic Scattering (DIS), explained in detail in the next section, is a powerful tool for investigating the electromagnetic structure of the proton and the neutron. The spin structure of the nucleons is studied using Polarized-DIS. Structure functions,  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ ,  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are measured to obtain information on different aspects of the nucleon structure. The functions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  contain the unpolarized parton distributions. The function  $g_1$  arises from the spin distribution in the nucleon. Finally,  $g_2$  arises from the quark-gluon interactions. The functions  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$  and  $g_1$  have been studied extensively, and are now known to high experimental precision. The current world data existing for these functions come from the efforts of a series of experiments performed at SLAC (E142 [1], E143 [2], E154 [3, 4, 5], and E155 [6, 7, 8]), as well at CERN in Switzerland (EMC [9] and SMC [10]) and at DESY in Germany (HERMES [11, 12]). Theoretical and experimental work on  $g_2$  is still in its early stages, but one major interest in  $g_2$  has been the information it can provide on higher order interactions between the quarks in nucleons, which cannot be calculated exactly using QCD. The subject of this dissertation is the measurement of the spin structure function  $g_2$  for the proton from experiment E155X at SLAC, performed in the Spring of 1999.

The rest of this chapter will explain the formalism of Deep Inelastic Scattering, while the more theoretical basis of  $g_2$  will be explained in Chapter 2. Chapter 3 describes the equipment used for the experiment, and Chapter 4 explains the analysis of the data. Finally, Chapter 5 contains the results of the analysis, followed with a conclusion in Chapter 6. Tables of results are given in Appendices A, B and C.

#### 1.1 Deep Inelastic Scattering

Deep Inelastic Scattering was used in experiment E155X to measure the spin structure function  $g_2$  for the proton and deuteron. The one-photon exchange diagram for the scattering of a lepton incident on a nucleon is shown in Fig. 1. Table 1 lists the kinematic variables used throughout this thesis, and the notation follows Anselmino et al. [13].



Figure 1: One photon exchange diagram for deep inelastic scattering of an electron off a nucleon.

The differential cross-section for the one-photon exchange diagram is given by

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \frac{\alpha^2}{2MQ^4} \frac{E'}{E} L_{\mu\nu} W^{\mu\nu} \tag{1}$$

where  $\alpha$  is the fine structure constant, and  $L_{\mu\nu}$  and  $W^{\mu\nu}$  are the tensors that describe the lepton and hadrons currents respectively. The leptonic tensor has symmetric and antisymmetric parts  $(L_{\mu\nu} = L^{(S)}_{\mu\nu} + L^{(A)}_{\mu\nu})$ 

$$L_{\mu\nu}^{(S)} = k_{\mu}k_{\nu}' + k_{\mu}'k_{\nu} - g_{\mu\nu}(k \cdot k' - m^2)$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

$$L^{(A)}_{\mu\nu} = \qquad m\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}s^{\alpha}q^{\beta} \tag{3}$$

where  $g_{\mu\nu}$  is the metric tensor with diagonal elements (1, -1, -1, -1), and  $\epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}$  is the four dimensional Levi-Cevita tensor. The hadronic tensor  $W_{\mu\nu}$  also has symmetric and asymmetric parts  $(W_{\mu\nu} = W^{(S)}_{\mu\nu} + W^{(A)}_{\mu\nu})$ 

$$W_{\mu\nu}^{(S)} = \left(-g_{\mu\nu} + \frac{q_{\mu}q_{\nu}}{q^2}\right) W_1(\nu, q^2) + \frac{1}{M^2} \left(P_{\mu} - \frac{P \cdot q}{q^2} q_{\mu}\right) \left(P_{\nu} - \frac{P \cdot q}{q^2} q_{\nu}\right) W_2(\nu, q^2) \quad (4)$$

$$W_{\mu\nu}^{(A)} = \epsilon_{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}q^{\alpha} \left\{ \mathbf{S}_{\beta}MG_{1}(\nu,Q^{2}) + \frac{1}{M} \left[ (P \cdot q)\mathbf{S}_{\beta} - (S \cdot q)P_{\beta} \right] G_{2}(\nu,Q^{2}) \right\}.$$
(5)

M	Nucleon Mass
m	Lepton mass
E	Incident lepton energy
E'	Scattered lepton energy
$k = (E, \vec{k})$	Incident lepton four-momentum
$k' = (E', \vec{k'})$	Scattered lepton four-momentum
$\nu = E - E'$	Virtual photon energy
q = k - k'	Four-momentum of virtual photon
$Q^2 = -q^2 = 4EE'\sin^2(\frac{\theta}{2})$	Four-momentum transfer
$x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$	Bjorken scaling variable
θ	Laboratory scattering angle of lepton
8	Lepton spin
S	Nucleon spin
Р	Four momentum of nucleon

Table 1: Kinematic variables.

In Eqs. 4 and 5,  $W_1(\nu, Q^2)$ ,  $W_2(\nu, Q^2)$ ,  $G_1(\nu, Q^2)$  and  $G_2(\nu, Q^2)$  are independent form factors which contain information about the structure of the nucleon.

The sum of cross-sections with opposite lepton spins cancels out polarized terms and thus leads to the expression of the unpolarized cross-section (cross-section of unpolarized leptons incident on unpolarized nucleons). In contrast, the difference of cross-sections with opposite lepton spins cancels out terms which do not contain the spin of the lepton or the nucleon, leaving only polarized terms. The form factors  $W_1$  and  $W_2$ , also known as structure functions, contribute to the *unpolarized* DIS cross-section. The form factors  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ , also known as structure functions, contribute to the *polarized* DIS cross-section.

Consider the case of longitudinally polarized leptons (along the direction of  $\vec{k}$ ) and nucleons which are polarized along an arbitrary direction  $\vec{S}$  as seen in Fig. 2.

Adding the cross-sections for opposite lepton spin directions we obtain

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma^{\to,\mathbf{S}}}{d\Omega dE'} + \frac{d^2 \sigma^{\leftarrow,\mathbf{S}}}{d\Omega dE'} = 2\frac{d^2 \sigma^{unp}}{d\Omega dE'} \tag{6}$$

where the notation  $(\rightarrow, \mathbf{S})$  refers to spin orientation of the lepton (longitudinally polarized in the direction of  $\vec{K}$ ) and the nucleon (respectively). In the laboratory frame and neglecting the nucleon mass in Eq. 1, the unpolarized cross-section  $\frac{d^2\sigma^{unp}}{d\Omega dE'}$ is written in terms of the form factors  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  [13]

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma^{unp}}{d\Omega dE'} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \left[ 2W_1 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + W_2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right] \tag{7}$$

where  $\theta$  is the scattering angle of the lepton in the lab frame.

The difference of cross-sections with opposite lepton spins is given by [13]

$$\frac{d^2 \sigma^{\rightarrow,\mathbf{S}}}{d\Omega dE'} - \frac{d^2 \sigma^{\leftarrow,\mathbf{S}}}{d\Omega dE'} = -\frac{4\alpha^2}{Q^2} \frac{E'}{E}$$

$$\times ([E\cos\alpha + E'\cos\Theta]MG_1 + 2EE'[\cos\Theta - \cos\alpha]G_2)$$
(8)

where  $\alpha$  is the polar angle of the nucleon spin direction, i.e. the angle between  $\vec{k}$ and  $\vec{S}$ ,  $\Phi$  is the azimuthal angle between the  $(\vec{k}, \vec{k}')$  scattering plane and the  $(\vec{k}, \vec{S})$ polarization plane, and  $\Theta$  is the angle between  $\vec{k}'$  and  $\vec{S}$  with

$$\cos\Theta = \sin\theta \,\sin\alpha \,\cos\Phi + \cos\theta \,\cos\alpha. \tag{9}$$

The functions  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$ ,  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  provide precise characterizations of the structure of the nucleons. The functions  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  provide information on the unpolarized electromagnetic structure of the partons within the nucleon. Their determination



Figure 2: 3-D view of the electron scattering plane with respect to the nucleon spin plane. S indicates the nucleon spin.

has played an important role in the understanding of the quark and gluon substructure of the nucleon. The functions  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  provide information on the spin structure of the nucleon, which is the subject of this thesis. For convenience, new structure functions  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ ,  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are defined in terms of the functions  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$ ,  $G_1$  and  $G_2$ 

$$F_1(x, Q^2) = MW_1(\nu, Q^2)$$
(10)

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \nu W_2(\nu, Q^2)$$
(11)

$$g_1(x, Q^2) = M^2 \nu G_1(\nu, Q^2)$$
(12)

$$g_2(x,Q^2) = M^2 \nu^2 G_2(\nu,Q^2)$$
(13)

where x and  $Q^2$  are more relevant quantities for measuring sub-structure. In leading order in  $\alpha(Q^2)$ ,  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  can be related to the spin averaged quark distributions. In the Quark Parton Model which will be discussed further in Sec. 2.1,  $g_1$  is related in leading order to the difference in the spin distribution functions. In PQCD,  $g_1$  is also sensitive to the polarized gluon distribution through higher order terms. An equivalent simple picture for  $g_2$  does not exist.

It is useful to mention here the "scaling" hypothesis put forward by J. D. Bjorken in 1969 [14], which states that in the deep inelastic region, defined by  $Q^2 >> M^2$  and  $W^2 >> M^2$ , where  $W^2$  is the invariant mass, the structure functions depend only on the scaling variable  $x = \frac{Q^2}{2M\nu}$ . In the scaling limit ( $\nu, Q^2 \rightarrow \infty$ , and  $\nu/Q^2$  constant), x is the fraction of the total nucleon momentum carried by the struck quark and we have

$$F_{1}(x, Q^{2}) = F_{1}(x)$$

$$F_{2}(x, Q^{2}) = F_{2}(x)$$

$$g_{1}(x, Q^{2}) = g_{1}(x)$$

$$g_{2}(x, Q^{2}) = g_{2}(x).$$
(14)

To experimentally extract the structure functions, it is preferable to measure an asymmetry instead of the difference in cross-sections since this difference is very small compared to the large uncertainty of the cross-sections. Measuring an asymmetry reduces the sensitivity to the uncertainties. The measured asymmetry is expressed as

$$A_{meas} = \frac{d\sigma^{\rightarrow,S} - d\sigma^{\leftarrow,S}}{d\sigma^{\rightarrow,S} + d\sigma^{\leftarrow,S}} \tag{15}$$

where  $d\sigma$  is short for  $d^2\sigma/d\Omega dE'$ . We can now relate the measured asymmetry to the structure functions using Eqs. 7 and 9 for the denominator and numerator of Eq. 15 to obtain an expression for  $g_2$ 

$$g_2 = \frac{yF_1}{2E'(\cos(\Theta) - \cos(\alpha))} \left[ A_{meas} \nu \frac{(1+\epsilon R)}{1-\epsilon} - \frac{g_1}{F_1} (E\cos(\alpha) + E'\cos(\Theta)) \right]$$
(16)

where we make use of additional kinematic variables defined in Table 2. Equation 16 is the formula used in the final analysis as described in Sec. 4.7. The first term inside the brackets in Eq. 16 is the dominant term. In addition,  $g_1/F_1$  is approximately independent of  $Q^2$ .

For E155X, we had  $\alpha = 92.4^{\circ}$  rather than the desired  $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$  when measuring  $g_2$  (this will be discussed further in Sec. 4.7). It should be noted that for particular values of  $\alpha$ , for example  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , one obtains measurements for the parallel,  $A_{\parallel}$ , and perpendicular,  $A_{\perp}$ , asymmetries (respectively). As can be seen in Eq. 17 and Eq. 18,  $g_1$  is dominated by  $A_{\parallel}$  because  $A_{\perp}$  is suppressed by a factor  $\tan(\theta/2)$  which is small when  $\theta$  is small, and  $g_2$  is dominated by  $A_{\perp}$  because  $A_{\parallel}$  is suppressed by a factor  $\sin \theta$ , also small when  $\theta$  is small.

$$g_1(x,Q^2) = \frac{F_1(x,Q^2)}{D'} \left[ A_{\parallel}(x,Q^2) + \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) A_{\perp}(x,Q^2) \right]$$
(17)

$$g_2(x,Q^2) = \frac{F_1(x,Q^2)}{D'} \frac{y}{2\sin(\theta)} \times \left[\frac{[E+E'\cos(\theta)]}{E'}A_{\perp}(x,Q^2) - \sin(\theta)A_{\parallel}(x,Q^2)\right]$$
(18)

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|} y & \nu E \\ \epsilon & 1/[1+2(1+\nu^2/Q^2)\tan^2(\theta/2)] \\ \gamma^2 & Q^2/\nu^2 \\ D' & (1-\epsilon)(2-y)/y[1+\epsilon R(x,Q^2)] \end{array}$$

Table 2: Additional kinematic variables.

#### 1.2 Virtual Photon - Nucleon Asymmetries

So far we have seen an analysis for probing the nucleon in terms of electronnucleon cross-sections. However, deep inelastic scattering actually occurs with the exchange of a virtual photon by the lepton and nucleon. The structure functions defined in Sec. 1.1, can also be expressed in terms of the photon absorption crosssections.

Two virtual photon-nucleon asymmetries  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are defined as follows

$$A_1 = \frac{\sigma_{1/2}^T - \sigma_{3/2}^T}{\sigma_{1/2}^T + \sigma_{3/2}^T} \tag{19}$$

$$A_2 = \frac{\sigma_{1/2}^{TL}}{\sigma^T} \tag{20}$$

where  $\sigma_{1/2}^T$  and  $\sigma_{3/2}^T$  are the transverse virtual photon-nucleon absorption crosssections when the projection of the total angular momentum of the photon-nucleon system along the incident lepton direction is (1 - 1/2) = 1/2 (photon, nucleon spins anti-aligned) and (1 + 1/2) = 3/2 (photon, nucleon spins aligned) respectively. The total transverse absorption cross-section is equal to  $\sigma^T = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sigma_{1/2}^T + \sigma_{3/2}^T \right)$ . The term  $\sigma_{1/2}^{TL}$  arises from the interference between longitudinal and transverse amplitudes which can be positive or negative. There is an additional cross-section  $\sigma_{1/2}^L$  related to the longitudinal virtual photon absorption which appears later. We will also use the ratio of longitudinal to transverse absorption cross-sections  $R(x, Q^2) = \frac{\sigma_{1/2}^L}{\sigma^T}$ . These absorption cross-sections are related to the previously defined kinematics and structure functions as follows

$$\sigma_{1/2}^{T} = \frac{4\pi^{2}\alpha}{K} \left( W_{1} + M\nu G_{1} - Q^{2} \right)$$
(21)

$$\sigma_{3/2}^T = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha}{K} \left( W_1 - M\nu G_1 - Q^2 \right)$$
(22)

$$\sigma_{1/2}^{L} = \frac{4\pi^{2}\alpha}{K} W_{2} \left(1 + \frac{\nu^{2}}{Q^{2}}\right) - W_{1}$$
(23)

$$\sigma_{1/2}^{TL} = \frac{4\pi^2 \alpha}{K} \sqrt{(Q^2)} \left( MG_1 + \nu G_2 \right)$$
(24)

where  $K = \nu - Q^2/2M$ . The polarized spin structure functions are related to the virtual photon-nucleon asymmetries as follows

$$g_1 = \frac{F_2}{2x(1+R)}(A_1 + \gamma A_2)$$
(25)

$$g_2 = \frac{F_2}{2x(1+R)} (A_2/\gamma + A_1)$$
(26)

Combining Eqs. 16 and 25, we obtain the following expression for  $A_2$  in terms of the measured asymmetry,  $A_{meas}$ 

$$A_2 = \frac{y(1+\epsilon R)\gamma\nu A_{meas}}{2E'(\cos(\Theta) - \cos(\alpha))(1-\epsilon)} + \gamma \left[1 - \frac{y(E\cos(\alpha) + E'\cos(\Theta))}{2E'(\cos(\Theta) - \cos(\alpha))}\right] \frac{g_1}{F_1}$$
(27)

The dominant term in the expression of  $A_2$  is the term containing  $A_{meas}$ . Since the virtual photon carries only part of the polarization of the scattered electron, by measuring  $A_2$  we are considering an idealized case without the depolarization. Furthermore, the determination of  $A_2$  provides an additional comparison with theory as will be seen in Sec. 2.6.

#### CHAPTER 2

### Theoretical background for $g_2$ and $A_2$

In addition to the general theoretical framework discussed in Chapter 1, there exist several specific theoretical predictions for  $g_2$  and  $A_2$  that will be tested by the E155X data. Calculations for  $g_2$  have been performed in the Quark Parton Model, the Bag models, and the Chiral Soliton model. Comparing the experimentally measured results for  $g_2$  to theoretical predictions can help in further understanding this structure function and the dynamics of the nucleon. Two predictions for  $A_2$ , the positivity limit and the Soffer limit are also discussed.

#### 2.1 Quark Parton Model

In the simplest version of the Quark Parton Model (QPM), the Naive Quark Parton Model (NQPM), the nucleon is considered to be made of collinear, free constituents, each carrying a fraction x of the nucleon four momentum,  $p^{\mu} = xP^{\mu}$ , and of mass  $m_q = xM$  [13]. In the NQPM, DIS is described as the incoherent sum of all interactions between the incoming lepton and the constituent quarks. The spin structure function  $g_2$  measures the interactions between quarks inside the nucleons. Thus, since the NQPM assumes that the quarks are free in the nucleon, the prediction for  $g_2$  is

$$g_2(x) \equiv 0 \tag{1}$$

Non-zero values for  $g_2$  can be obtained by allowing the quarks to have an intrinsic Fermi motion inside the nucleon,  $p^{\mu} = (e_q, p_x, p_y, xP_z)$  (in a nucleon moving along the  $\hat{z}$  axis), in the infinite momentum frame  $(|P_z| \to \infty)$ . At leading order in  $\frac{M}{P_z}$  the prediction is

$$g_2(x) = \frac{1}{2} \Sigma e_q^2 \left(\frac{m_q}{xM} - 1\right) \Delta q(x) \tag{2}$$

where  $m_q$  is now the effective mass of the quarks,  $e_q$  is the charge of the quarks and  $\Delta q(x)$  is the difference between the number density of quarks with same helicity as the nucleon and those with opposite helicity. If the intrinsic transverse momentum of the quarks is neglected, then  $m_q = xM$ , and the result from Eq. 1 is recovered.

The introduction of intrinsic transverse momentum gives rise to non-zero values for  $g_2$ . However, the values obtained are extremely sensitive to the effective quark mass. Therefore, reliable calculations of  $g_2(x)$  cannot be expected in the QPM.

#### 2.2 Operator Product Expansion

We have seen that the QPM cannot give a reliable prediction for  $g_2$  due to terms that are sensitive to the quark mass. In 1962, Wilson presented a more accurate description of  $g_2$  using the "Operator Product Expansion" (OPE) technique [15]. In this technique,  $g_2$  can be approximated by expanding the matrix element for the forward virtual Compton scattering process in a series of terms proportional to  $1/\sqrt{Q^2}$ . The following discussion will briefly illustrate this technique.

The hadronic tensor  $W^{\mu\nu}$  is related to the matrix element of a product of current operators [16]:

$$W^{\mu\nu}(q^2,\nu) = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^4 z e^{-iq.z} < P |J^{\mu}(0)J^{\nu}(z)|P>$$
(3)

where P is momentum and  $J^{\mu}$  and  $J^{\nu}$  are electromagnetic currents. Using translational invariance this can be written

$$W^{\mu\nu} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \int d^4 z e^{-iq.z} < P |J^{\mu}(\frac{1}{2}z)J^{\nu}(-\frac{1}{2}z)|P>$$
(4)

Products such as the product of electromagnetic currents in Eq. 4 are singular as  $z^2 \rightarrow 0$ , and Wilson's result is that these singularities can be isolated in ordinary, i.e. non-operator, functions, multiplied by non-singular operators:

$$J\left(\frac{1}{2}z\right)J\left(-\frac{1}{2}z\right) = C_J^N(z^2)z^{\mu_1}z^{\mu_2}...z^{\mu_N}O_{\mu_1...\mu_N}^{J,N}(0)$$
(5)

The operators  $O_{\mu_1...\mu_N}^{J,N}$  are non-singular and are evaluated at  $x = \frac{1}{2} [\frac{1}{2}z + (-\frac{1}{2}z)] = 0$ . These operators are referred to as "spin N" operators. The coefficient functions  $C_J^N(z^2)$  are also singular as  $z^2 \to 0$ . If  $d_{J,N}$  is the dimension of the operator  $O^{J,N}$ , then  $\tau_{J,N} = d_{J,N} - N$  is called the twist of the operator  $O^{J,N}$ . The coefficients  $C_J^N(z^2)$  are are expected to behave as follows

$$C_J^N(z^2) \to \left(\frac{1}{z^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}(2d_J - \tau_{J,N})} \quad as \quad z^2 \to 0$$

$$\tag{6}$$

where  $d_J$  is the dimension of J. From Eq. 6, it can be noted that the smaller  $\tau_{J,N}$  is, the more singular  $C_J^N(z^2)$  will be. The lowest twist operators will therefore control the dominant terms of the expansion of the hadronic tensor as  $z^2 \to 0$ . So far we have seen that with the OPE technique, the hadronic tensor can be written as a series of terms based on their degree of singularity. The Fourier transform of the  $C_J^N(z^2)$  coefficients can then be related to the  $N^{th}$  moment of the structure functions  $W_j(\nu, q^2)$ . This leads to the following set of sum rules:

$$\int_0^1 x^N g_1(x, Q^2) dx = \frac{1}{2} a_N \quad N = 0, 2, 4...$$
(7)

$$\int_0^1 x^N g_2(x, Q^2) dx = \frac{1}{2} \frac{N}{N+1} (d_N - a_N) \quad N = 2, 4...$$
(8)

The  $a_N$  and  $d_N$  coefficients are the matrix elements of the twist-2 and twist-3 operators respectively, in the OPE. The twist-3 term in  $g_2$  is related to quark-gluon interactions. The twist terms with  $\tau > 3$  are predicted to be negligible [17]. There exist other conventions for  $d_N$  differing by a factor of 2 [18].

#### 2.2.1 The Wandzura-Wilckek Relation

If Eqs. 7 and 8 are solved by assuming that the twist-3 term is negligible, one obtains an expression for the twist-2 part of  $g_2$ . This calculation was first performed by Wandzura and Wilczek [19], and the result was the following prediction for  $g_2$ :

$$g_2^{WW}(x,Q^2) = -g_1(x,Q^2) + \int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} g_1(y,Q^2).$$
(9)

#### 2.2.2 A Complete Description of $g_2$

At finite  $Q^2$ , the twist-3 term should not be neglected. Moreover, the additional twist-2 term which is due to the quark's spin distribution transverse to the nucleon momentum should also be taken into account. The correct expression at finite  $Q^2$  up to twist-3 is then

$$g_2(x,Q^2) = g_2^{WW}(x,Q^2) - \int_x^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \Big(\frac{m}{M} h_T(y,Q^2) + \xi(y,Q^2)\Big) \frac{dy}{y}$$
(10)

where m is the effective quark mass, M is the nucleon mass, and  $h_T$  is a twist-2 term which describes the quark transverse spin distribution. The  $h_T$  term is sometimes referred to as transversity. The magnitude of this term is still not well known. Equation 10 is often written

$$g_2(x,Q^2) = g_2^{WW}(x,Q^2) + \overline{g_2}(x,Q^2)$$
(11)

where

$$\overline{g_2}(x,Q^2) = -\int_x^1 \frac{\partial}{\partial y} \left(\frac{m}{M} h_T(y,Q^2) + \xi(y,Q^2)\right) \frac{dy}{y}$$
(12)

The contribution of the  $h_T$  term is expected to be small because of the small value of the ratio of the quark mass to the nucleon mass,  $\frac{m}{M}$  [20]. Therefore, any deviations in the measured  $g_2$  from  $g_2^{WW}$  will arise primarily from the twist-3 term in  $g_2$ , which as mentioned previously, is related to the quark-gluon interactions. The structure function  $g_2$  has been the subject of considerable interest because of this twist-3 term contribution which provides a tool to study nucleon dynamics.

#### 2.2.3 Extraction of the Twist-3 Matrix Elements

From the sum rules in Eqs. 7 and 8, we obtain the following expression for the twist-3 matrix elements  $d_N$ :

$$d_N = 4 \int_0^1 x^N [g_1(x) + \frac{N+1}{N} g_2(x)] \qquad N = 2, 4...$$
(13)

An experimental measurement of the twist-3 matrix element  $d_2$  obtained for N = 2can be compared to theoretical predictions. Calculations for  $d_2$  exist in the bag model and the chiral model. These models are described in later sections. However, the two methods that are usually used to provide calculations of the OPE matrix elements are Lattice QCD and QCD sum rules calculations. (See reference [21] for a summarized explanation of these latter two calculations).

#### 2.3 Sum Rules

#### 2.3.1 Burkhardt-Cottingham Sum Rule

The Burkhardt-Cottingham (BC) sum rule [22] for  $g_2$  at large  $Q^2$  does not follow from OPE since N = 0 is not included in the expansion in Eq. 8, but complements the OPE sum rules. The BC sum rule was derived from virtual Compton scattering dispersion relations, and is expressed as follows

$$\int_0^1 g_2(x)dx = 0.$$
 (14)

The BC sum rule has been shown to be correct to order  $\alpha_s$  for a gluon target [23] and quark target [24].

#### 2.3.2 Efremov-Leader-Teryaev Sum Rule

Just as for the OPE, it can be argued that the hadronic matrix elements in the hadronic tensor should be small, leading to approximate sum rules for the moments of the valence parts of  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ . For the case N = 2, it has been proven that the hadronic matrix element vanishes, which leads to the exact Efremov-Leader-Teryaev (ELT) sum rule [25] written as follows

$$\int_0^1 x \left( g_1^V(x) + g_2^V(x) \right) dx = 0 \tag{15}$$

where  $g_1^V$  and  $g_2^V$  are the net structure function contribution due to valence quarks. Assuming that the sea quarks are the same in protons and neutrons, then the ELT sum rule becomes

$$\int_0^1 x \left( g_1^p(x) + 2g_2^p(x) - g_1^n(x) - 2g_2^p(x) \right) dx = 0.$$
 (16)

While the ELT sum rule relies on the assumption of a symmetric sea, it does not rely on neglecting twist-3 contributions. The ELT sum rule can be used to obtain information about  $g_2$  and provides a further test of QCD up to the limits of the assumptions.

### 2.4 Bag Models

As discussed in the previous section, both twist-2 and twist-3 operators make contributions to the structure function  $g_2$ . The twist-3 operators are related to the quark-gluon interactions and quark masses. The function  $g_2$  has been evaluated in the bag model to estimate the importance of the twist-3 operator. The bag models have had intuitive utility in the past, such as providing an explanation for the EMC effect [26]. Bag models are also a useful tool for calculating structure functions because they incorporate the "confinement property" in a simple manner. The bag boundary simulates the confinement effects which arise from quark-gluon effects. The bag model calculation is not expected to provide a quantitatively accurate prediction for  $\overline{g_2}$ . Instead, it is viewed as a toy model or cartoon, lacking Regge behavior and the proper  $x \to 1$  limit, but giving a rough estimate of the size of  $\overline{g_2}$ [17]. There exist several bag models which differ by their definition of the boundary conditions, the number and type of fields contained in the bag, or the calculation technique used to extract the results. The results of the  $g_2$  measurement from this experiment will be compared to two different bag model calculations, the modified MIT model by M. Stratmann [30], and the Center of Mass model by X. Song [33].

#### 2.4.1 The MIT Bag Model

In the bag model, the hadron is considered to be an extended region of space (the bag) containing quark fields. A universal pressure, B, confines the quarks to the bag. The quarks are only weakly coupled to one another (by vector gluons) inside the bag. Such a model of a nulceon allows a parton interpretation and exhibits Bjorken scaling. In 1975, R. Jaffe presented a calculation for deep-inelastic structure functions in the bag theory known as the MIT model [27]. The starting point of the MIT bag model calculation of the structure function  $g_2$  is the insertion of the MIT bag wave functions [27], which are solutions to the equations of motion of the quarks and gluons inside the bag, into the hadronic tensor. The MIT bag model presented some disadvantages such as the constant value obtained for the ratio of the u and d valence quark distributions  $(u_v(x)/d_v(x))$ , in disagreement with the experimental result of  $F_2^n/F_2^p$ . A modified version of the MIT bag model (the SST bag model) was proposed by Schreiber et al. in 1991 [28] which adopted improvements to the MIT bag model. In the SST bag model, a different behavior was obtained for  $u_v(x)$ and  $d_v(x)$  by introducing some phenomenological extensions such as the "one-gluonexchange" [29] which can be applied to the remaining diquark not participating in the hard process. In 1993, Stratmann proposed yet another modified version of the MIT bag model known as the MOD bag model [30]. An important difference is that unlike the SST bag model, the MOD bag model, satisfies the Burkhardt-Cottingham (BC) sum rule [22]. A violation of the BC sum rule would imply a non-conventional behavior of  $g_2$ . However, if the BC sum rule is found to be incorrect, then the MOD bag model can no longer be considered an acceptable model.

The limitations of the MIT bag model calculation come from the difficulty of fixing the introduced model parameters which are not currently calculable, i.e. how to relate the model to experimental data. The bag model parameters are determined via a fitting procedure which uses evolution equations to relate the calculated  $g_2$  in the bag model to experimentally relevant  $Q^2$  regions. The evolutions of  $g_2^{WW}$  and  $\overline{g_2}$ are treated separately because they are governed by different evolution equations. The evolution of  $g_2^{WW}$  is completely determined through the well-known evolution kernels of  $g_1$  [31]. The evolution of  $\overline{g_2}$  is not yet well known because the number of independent twist-3 operators increases with the moment N under consideration. A. Ali et al. [32] determined a simple  $Q^2$  evolution equation for  $\overline{g_2}$  which was used in the MOD bag model. It is difficult to know how well these results can be trusted because possibly important (especially at low x) singlet contributions to  $\overline{g_2}$ are currently unknown.
# 2.4.2 The CM Bag Model

Another model, known as the CM (center-of-mass) bag model, was used by Song [33] to provide predictions for the spin structure functions. The CM bag model re-defines the parameters of the bag in terms of its center of mass. In the CM bag model the antisymmetric part of the hadronic tensor (given in Eq. 3) is written

$$W^{A}_{\mu\nu} = i\epsilon_{\mu\nu\sigma\rho}(q^{\rho}/\nu)I^{\sigma}(x,Q^{2})$$
(17)

where  $I^{\sigma}(x, Q^2)$  depends on the model of the nucleon and the approximations used in the calculations. The basic assumptions of the CM bag model are [33]:

- The nucleon electromagnetic current,  $J_{\mu}$ , can be approximately expressed by the incoherent sum of single quark electromagnetic currents. This assumes the impulse approximation. The current includes contributions both from the struck quark and the spectator quarks.
- The nucleon consists of three valence quarks in their S-wave state; higher excited states which include gluons and sea quarks are neglected.
- The scalar u-d quark pair is assumed to occupy a smaller spatial size than the vector u-u and d-d quark pairs in the nucleon.
- The effect of quark confinement due to non-pertubative quark-gluon and gluongluon interactions is described in terms of bound state quark spatial wave functions.

Several parameters were used in the CM bag calculation such as the bag radius  $(R = 5 \text{ GeV}^{-1})$ , the maximum momentum of quarks inside the nucleon  $(|p_{max}| = 0.6 \text{ GeV/c})$ , and the SU(3) symmetry breaking parameter ( $\zeta = 0.85$ ). The results from the CM bag calculation were evolved to higher  $Q^2$  from the renormalization scale  $Q_o^2 = 0.81 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$  to compare to experimental data. The BC sum rule holds true in the CM bag model. However, the ELT sum rule is violated.

#### 2.5 Chiral Soliton Model

The spin structure  $g_2$  has also been computed by H. Weigel [34] in the Chiral Soliton Model (CSM), also known as the Nambu-Jona-Lasinio chiral soliton model (NJL) [35]. A chiral transformation is a symmetry of the non-mass term in the Dirac Lagrangian. The CSM is a dynamical theory in which nucleons and mesons are derived in a unified way from a fundamental spinor field. The CSM has the characteristic features of a compound-particle model in which baryons are described as a group of mesons in the CSM.

The scheme of the CSM was motivated by analogy between the properties of Dirac particles and the quasi-particle excitations that appear in the theory of superconductivity [36]. The characteristic feature of the theory of superconductivity is that it produces an energy gap between the ground state and the excited state of a superconductor, due to electron interactions. By analogy, the mass of a Dirac particle in the CSM is assumed to be due to some interaction between massless fermions. A quasi-particle in a superconductor is a mixture of bare electrons with opposite electrical charges. Correspondingly in the CSM a massive Dirac particle is a mixture of bare fermions with opposite chiralities, but with the same charge or fermion number. In a refined theory of superconductivity, collective excitations of quasi-electric pairs appear in addition to the individual quasi-particle excitations. With this observation, if a Dirac particle is considered to behave as a quasi-particle, then collective excitations of bound quasi-particle pairs must also exist. This is of course only an approximate description of an entire system where chirality is conserved. Taking chirality conservation implications into account, it was shown that the collective state must be a pseudo-scalar. A pion fits this characteristic of a collective state, thus leading to description of nucleons as groups of pions in the CSM. The Chiral model prediction for  $g_2$ , along with the other predictions discussed previously, are plotted in Fig. 3.

## 2.6 $A_2$ Positivity Limit

In addition to the  $g_2$  predictions discussed above, there is a positivity limit on  $A_2$  which can also be tested by experimental measurements. Recall that the virtual photon absorption asymmetry in virtual forward Compton scattering is related to the cross-sections  $\sigma^{TL}$  and  $\sigma^{T}$  by Eq. 20 in Sec. 1.2. The cross-section  $\sigma^{TL}$  represents the case where the incoming transversely polarized photon flips its spin and becomes longitudinally polarized.  $\sigma^{T}$  represents the case where the incoming and outgoing photon are both transversely polarized.  $\sigma^{TL}$  and  $\sigma^{T}$  can be expressed in terms of



Figure 3: Theoretical models for  $g_2$  plotted versus x for the proton at  $Q^2 = 5 \text{ GeV}^2$ . Weigel's chiral soliton model calculation is shown as the dot-dashed curve, Stratmann's modified MIT model calculation is shown in the dashed curve. The dotted curve represents Song's CM bag model calculation, and the solid curve is  $xg_2^{WW}$  using the E155 fit to  $g_1$ .

two amplitudes  $A_T$  and  $A_L$ .  $A_2$  can then be written:

$$A_2 = \frac{| < A_T | A_L > |^2}{| < A_T | A_T > |^2} e^{i\Phi}$$
(18)

where  $e^{i\Phi}$  is the phase difference between the cross-sections. Using the Schwartz inequality we obtain

$$|A_2| \le \frac{|\langle A_T | A_T \rangle || \langle A_L | A_L \rangle|}{|\langle A_T | A_T \rangle|^2} = \frac{|\langle A_L | A_L \rangle|}{|\langle A_T | A_T \rangle|}$$
(19)

The last term of Eq. 19 can be recognized as the square root of the quantity  $R(x, Q^2)$ defined in Sec. 1.2. The positivity limit for  $A_2$  is then:

$$|A_2| \le \sqrt{R(x, Q^2)} \tag{20}$$

The bound shown in Eq. 20 represents a non-trivial positivity condition on the photon-nucleon helicity amplitudes. If photons are substituted for gluons, the similar bound holds for the different matrix elements for longitudinal gluons in a nucleon. This bound was rederived by Soffer [37] in line with the positivity bound in the quark case. Soffer obtained the following stronger bound

$$|A_2| \le \sqrt{R(x, Q^2)(1 + A_1)/2} \tag{21}$$

which is known as the Soffer limit.

# CHAPTER 3

# **Experimental Setup**

Experiment E155X used polarized deep inelastic scattering produced by scattering polarized electrons off a polarized hadron target to study the spin structure function  $g_2$ . To obtain the physics result, the scattered electrons at different kinematics needed to be detected and counted. Magnetic spectrometers were used to detect the scattered electrons. The design choices of the spectrometers were motivated by the need to count electrons at high rates by making tracks out of detector hits, while unambiguously separating electrons from the backgrounds of charged hadrons and low energy neutral particles by carefully imposing certain cuts. The magnetic fields and geometry of the spectrometers must be well known to determine the kinematics of the detected particles using a good computer model. This chapter will describe the different pieces of equipment used.

## <u>3.1 Electron Beam</u>

The electron beam at SLAC is produced by shining circularly polarized laser light on a strained GaAs cathode [38]. Longitudinally polarized electrons are emitted from the cathode and accelerated in the linear accelerator (linac). The linac uses a series of copper microwave resonant cavities, where the microwave sources are known as klystrons, to accelerate the electrons. The energy of the electrons can reach up to 50 GeV. For fixed target experiments, at the end of the two-mile-long linac, the beam is deflected into the End Station A (ESA) where the target and spectrometers are located. The beam is then stopped in the beam dump. The SLAC Main Control Center (MCC) steer, tune and continuously monitor the beam.

Although the energy of the beam could reach 50 GeV, during E155X the accelerator delivered beams of energies of about 29 and 32 GeV. Higher beam energies enable a deeper probing into the nucleus which is the goal of DIS experiments. However, the chosen energies were a balance between the desire to probe as deep as possible into the nucleus, and maximizing the collection of electron events with the lowest possible background, which is mainly due to pions. Indeed, at lower beam energies, the DIS-cross section is increased, while the pion production is reduced.

When the linac is delivering lower beam energies, the klystron timing can be used to lengthen the beam pulses. The advantage of having a longer beam pulse in this type of experiment is that hits are more spread out in time, reducing the overlap of hits due to the dead time of the detectors.

Two different beam energies were used for E155X. Initially data were collected at a beam energy of 29.1 GeV. However, the background rate in the detectors was too high because the chicane magnets were not providing enough bending power for the electrons, allowing them to "scrape" the inside of the beam pipe past 3B4 as seen in Fig. 4. The role of the chicane magnets was to compensate the bending of the electrons in the vertical direction due to the transverse magnetic field. However,



Figure 4: Diagram showing where the "kicker" magnet was added. The dashed line shows the path of the particles before the kicker magnet was added.

since the bending power of the chicane magnets was not sufficient, the beam energy was raised to 32.3 GeV, which reduced this background rate but slightly reduced the number of DIS events collected as well. Roughly halfway through the run, a small magnet was added downstream of the target to provide additional bending (See Fig. 4). The background rates were then low enough in the detectors to return to our initial choice of optimal beam energy, 29.1 GeV. In fact, at this energy, the beam current could be raised compared to 32.2 GeV because the background rate was lower. The current on average was  $2.5 \times 10^9$  e<sup>-</sup>/pulse at 29.1 GeV, and  $1.5 \times 10^9$  e<sup>-</sup>/pulse at 32.3 GeV. The beam pulse length was about 420 ns long.

The helicity of the electrons was determined at the source by controlling the laser light helicity with a pseudo-random 32-bit number generator for every pulse. Different sets of polarization bits provided the helicity information. A comparison between these polarization bits was performed for E155X, and the one with the lowest error rate was used in the final analysis. Reference [39] contains the details of the comparison between these different polarization bits.

The beam conditions were monitored and recorded pulse by pulse during data taking. The energy was measured with a flip coil mounted in a magnet connected in series with the A-line bend string which is shown in Fig. 5. The beam current was measured with two toroids located at the entrance to the End Station. The beam position was measured using a secondary emission foil array, located about 9 m downstream of the target which consisted of two sets of 48 foils, one aligned vertically and the other horizontally. The position of the beam could be determined to about  $\pm 1$  mm. In addition, "spill monitors" were used to look for rapid changes in the beam conditions. The spill monitors were each made out of a scintillator paddle connected to a photomultipier tube (PMT). The signal was monitored in real-time on an oscilloscope during the experiment, and sent to an ADC gated over the entire signal. One of the spill monitors, which we called the "bad spill monitor", was placed at the beam entrance to the End Station, close to the final beam line collimator in the alcove. When particles were detected by the bad spill monitor, this meant that the beam conditions were poor, and this resulted in increased backgrounds in the end station. The "good spill monitor" was located below the target, and measured the scattering rate from the target. The amount of signal detected changed if the beam was missing the target or hitting some thicker part of the target apparatus. In addition, for E155X some of the planes of the front hodoscopes in the  $2.75^{\circ}$  spectrometer were used in an OR configuration as a second good spill monitor.

The beam polarization was measured using Møller polarimetry [40]. The asymmetry in the cross-sections of positive and negative helicity electrons scattering off polarized electrons in a thin polarized ferromagnetic foil was measured. This measured asymmetry is proportional to the beam polarization, the target foil po-



Figure 5: A schematic of the A-line showing the twelve dipole bend magnets.

larization and a theoretical asymmetry. Therefore, when these last two factors are known, the measurement of this experimental Møller asymmetry provides a value for the beam polarization. The results of the Møller analysis are presented in Sec. 4.4.1.

#### 3.2 Polarized Target

In addition to a polarized beam of electrons, the measurement required a target of polarized nuclei. To study the proton spin structure function  $g_2(x, Q^2)$  an ammonia, <sup>15</sup>NH<sub>3</sub>, target was used. The material was in solid granular form and kept at a temperature of 1° K. A cross section of the target system is shown in Fig. 6. The cooling of the material was provided by a refrigerator, which maintained the material at low temperature and compensated for the heating that came from the beam and the microwaves directed onto the material. The target material was contained in a cylindrical cell 3 cm long with a 2.5 cm diameter attached to a long rod, called the target "insert". Each target insert had three cells for targets. Two of the cells contained the polarized material, and were referred to as the upper and



Figure 6: Schematic cross-section of the E155X target system.

lower cells. The third cell contained a solid carbon target which had similar total thickness as the  ${}^{15}NH_3$  target, and was used to determine the dilution factor of the  ${}^{15}NH_3$  target. E155X also took data on a deuteron target using solid LiD<sub>3</sub>, and a Be target was used to determine the dilution factor as it provides a closer match to LiD<sub>3</sub> for the radiation length.

Polarization of the nuclei was achieved through the process of Dynamic Nuclear Polarization (DNP) [41]. The material was pre-irradiated to create a dilute system of paramagnetic centers, i.e. unpaired electrons. For E155X, a warm preirradiation, at 80-90°K, was performed at Stanford's 30 MeV SUNSHINE facility. After the material has been doped with paramagnetic defects, the Hamiltonian system of one electron and one nucleon has three terms [42]:

$$H = \mu_e \cdot B + \mu_n \cdot B + H_{ss} \tag{1}$$

The first term in the above equation is a Zeeman term which arises from the magnetic moment of the electron, the second Zeeman term arises from the nucleon's magnetic moment, and the last term represents the spin-spin interaction between the electron and the nucleon.

Ignoring the  $H_{ss}$  term, which is small compared to the other two terms, and considering a system with a half-spin nucleon and an electron, there will be four states of the system with different energy levels as seen in Fig. 7. The only allowable transitions according to the dipole selection rules are the transitions W1 and W4. However, if the material is bombarded with photons of frequency  $\nu = (\mu_e - \mu_n)B/h$ then the transition W3 will occur. Because the relaxation time of the nucleon spins is much longer than for the electron spins, the W1 transition will follow the W3 transition to the  $(+\frac{1}{2}, +\frac{1}{2})$  instead of the W4 transition. The consequence of these two transitions is that states with anti-aligned nucleons are converted into states with aligned nucleons. The same technique produces anti-aligned nucleons when microwaves of frequency  $\nu = (\mu_e + \mu_n)B/h$  are used to drive the W2 transition, which is then followed by the W1 transition.



Figure 7: Energy levels of the proton-electron system in a magnetic field.

The protons were polarized by applying microwaves of frequency of about 140 GHz to drive the W3 transition (positive enhancement). To drive the W2 transition (negative enhancement) microwaves with a frequency about 350 MHz higher were applied.

This DNP polarization only occurs near paramagnetic centers, which are sparse. Through a process of spin diffusion, the dipole-dipole interaction between nuclei allows the spin of one nucleon to be transferred to a nucleon close by.

The polarization of the nucleons decays through spin-spin coupling with neighboring paramagnetic centers. Therefore, the presence of too many paramagnetic centers would cause the polarization of the material to decrease. During the experiment, additional paramagnetic centers were produced in the material by the electron beam, causing the polarization to decrease. When the polarization reached an unacceptably low level, an "anneal" was performed on the material. This consisted of warming the target material to its pre-irradiation temperature (85 K for the ammonia and 185 K for the lithium deuteride). During the anneals, the polarization losses due to radiation damage to the crystal lattice structure, and due to the accumulation of too many paramagnetic centers, was partially recovered. The decay lifetime of the polarization of the material decreased with every anneal. When the polarization could no longer be brought up to an acceptable level after an anneal, the target material was changed.

The polarization of the material was measured using Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR), which measures the net nuclear magnetization of the material [42]. To perform this measurement, a coil, known as the NMR coil, was placed in and around the target material. When an alternating current is passed through this coil, it creates a time varying field perpendicular to the static field from the target magnet, and the magnetic susceptibility of the target material becomes a function of the frequency of the varying field. The magnetic susceptibility can be written as

$$\chi(\omega) = \chi'(\omega) + i\chi''(\omega) \tag{2}$$

where  $\chi'$  is the dispersive component of the magnetic susceptibility, and  $\chi''$  is the absorptive component. The integral over all frequencies of this absorptive component is proportional to the polarization of the material. The absorptive component is non-zero only in a small region around the Larmor frequency of the target material. Therefore, it suffices to take the integral of the absorptive term,  $\chi''$ , over a small region spanning the Larmor frequency of the target species to determine its polarization. In addition, the inductance of the NMR coil is a function of this absorptive term, and can be written as

$$L(\omega) = L_o[1 + 4\pi\eta\chi(\omega)] \tag{3}$$

where  $L_o$  is the impedance of this coil with the material completely unpolarized, and  $\eta$  is the filling factor which describes the coupling of the coil's field to the material. The impedance of the coil can then be written

$$Z_{coil} = R_{coil} + i\omega L(\omega) \tag{4}$$

which becomes

$$Z_{coil} = [R_{coil} - 4\pi\omega L_o \eta \chi''(\omega)] + i[\omega L_o [1 + 4\pi\eta \chi'(\omega)]$$
(5)

Therefore, measuring the impedance of the NMR coil,  $Z_{coil}$ , leads to the value of  $\chi''$ , which in turn leads to the value of the polarization. The method used in E155/E155X to determine the impedance of the NMR coil was to place the NMR inductor in series with a capacitor and a resistor to form a series resonant LRC circuit. The capacitance was chosen such that the resonant frequency of the circuit is the Larmor frequency of the spin species to be measured. More details on the NMR system can be found in Reference [42]. Some of the proportionality constants in the equation for the polarization are very difficult to measure. Instead of measuring these constants directly, an overall constant of proportionality was measured when the spins of the material were in thermal equilibrium (TE) with the lattice. In this state, the polarization is given by the lattice temperature and the external magnetic field. The measurement of the area of the TE signal was used to calibrate the enhanced polarization values. In E155/E155X the TE calibrations were periodically performed at 5 T and 1.6 K. Typical polarizations for the proton were on the order of 95%. Section 4.4.2 gives the results of the target polarization analysis performed for E155X.

#### 3.3 Spectrometers

The scattered electrons were detected in three different magnetic spectrometers located downstream of the target. These spectrometers were at fixed angles of 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° from the beam line. A diagram of the spectrometer layout is shown in Fig. 8. Each spectrometer consisted of a set of magnets for momentum selection followed by three detector systems. These detector systems consisted of threshold Cherenkov gas counters for particle identification, lead glass shower counters for energy measurement and particle identification, and plastic scintillator hodoscopes for tracking and momentum measurement. The detectors were inside shielded huts made of thick concrete blocks to minimize the radiation penetrating the spectrometers. E155/E155X Spectrometers



Figure 8: E155X spectrometer layout.

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Figure 9: Spectrometer coordinate system relative to 2C2, the rear hodoscopes and the shower counter in the  $2.75^{\circ}$  spectrometer. This diagram is not drawn to scale.

#### 3.3.1 Spectrometer coordinate system

The "spectrometer" coordinate system is a right handed coordinate system for each spectrometer with the target as origin. The line along the spectrometers is taken as the z axis. The y axis is vertical. The x axis is horizontal and perpendicular to the z direction. The x axis points roughly north in the End Station. Fig. 9 gives a visual description of the spectrometer coordinate system relative to the detectors.

The dipole magnets bend electrons in the vertical direction, thus the (y-z) plane is called the "bend" plane. The angle of a particle path in the bend plane with respect to the y axis is denoted  $\phi$ . The "non-bend" plane (x-z) is horizontal, and a particle path has an angle  $\theta$  with respect to the x axis in this plane.

Tracks in the spectrometer are related to an imaginary ray called "central trajectory", defined by the optics of the magnetic spectrometers. The trajectory of a particle is defined by specifying its position and momentum vector relative to this central trajectory. The central ray was chosen in such a way that the optics of the spectrometer is approximately symmetric around it. For the analysis a slightly

different coordinate system was used, which was referred to as the "analysis" coordinate system, and will be described in section 4.1.5.

# 3.3.2 Spectrometer Magnets

Magnets were used to allow particles with only a certain range of momenta to enter the detectors. Collimators placed inside the magnets stopped particles that did not have the correct momentum. A side view of the spectrometers is given in Fig. 10. The 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers both had two dipoles placed in a "reverse" bend configuration [44], meaning that the fields of the dipoles were in opposite directions. A reverse bend configuration spreads the particles out by momentum, which then makes the collimation very effective. The reverse bend configuration also increases the solid angle acceptance compared to a same bend configuration, because the particles of different momenta are re-focussed, which leads to a wider kinematic coverage of the experiment. This configuration also requires low energy particles, such as the photons originating at the target, to "bounce" at least twice off the collimator or the magnet before entering the spectrometers. The neutral background in the spectrometers is therefore reduced to a tolerable level.

In addition to the two dipoles (B3 and B4), the 2.75° spectrometer had a quadrupole (Q1) magnet between the two dipoles to defocus the particles in the horizontal direction and thus to spread the instantaneous rate of the particles over the shower counter and the hodoscopes. This defocusing also provided a better correlation between the position and momentum of the detected particles. The  $5.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer did not need such a quadrupole since the instantaneous rate of the particles was not as high as in the  $2.75^{\circ}$  spectrometer.

The 10.5° spectrometer had one dipole magnet (B5) located between two quadrupole magnets (Q2 and Q3) to maximize particle acceptance. Q2 defocused the trajectories in the vertical direction and focussed them in the horizontal direction, which resulted in an increase of the scattering angle range. Q3 focussed the trajectories in the vertical direction, which provided a correlation between position and momentum and reduced the rate of the background hits.

The spectrometer optics were calibrated by mapping the field of each magnet and using this information as input to a Monte Carlo simulation [45]. Additional calibrations were provided with the test beam experiment T418, in which single electrons at selected energies were directed into the 10.5° and parts of the 2.75°. This allowed for a direct means of calibrating those two spectrometers [46, 47].

The spectrometers covered different kinematic areas as shown in Fig. 11. The 2.75° and 5.5° accepted particles with momentum greater than 9 GeV, and the 10.5° accepted particles with momentum greater than 6 GeV.

# E155/E155X Spectrometers



Figure 10: Side view of the E155X spectrometers.



Figure 11:  $Q^2$  vs. Bjorken  $x_{Bj}$  kinematic coverage of the three spectrometers.

## 3.3.3 Threshold Gas Cherenkov Counters

To identify the particles passing through the spectrometers, threshold Cherenkov gas detectors were used. The 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers each had two tanks (2C1, 2C2, 5C1 and 5C2 respectively), and the 10.5° spectrometer had one tank (10C). These tanks were large vessels filled with a mixture of 90% nitrogen (N<sub>2</sub>) and 10% methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) [48]. Pure nitrogen is a traditional gas used in Cherenkov gas detectors, but the addition of methane had the effect of quenching most of the scintillation light produced in the nitrogen [49].

The mechanism of the threshold Cherenkov gas counters is based on a straightforward concept. Namely, a charged particle traveling through a medium with a velocity greater than the phase velocity of light (c/n), where n is the index of refraction of the medium) will produce Cherenkov radiation [50]. Moreover, the minimum momentum at which a particle with mass m will have a velocity greater than this threshold (c/n) is given by

$$p_{min} = \frac{mc}{\sqrt{n^2 - 1}}\tag{6}$$

Particles with different masses will have different threshold momenta. The threshold of the Cherenkov gas tank is a function of the index of refraction of the gas, which varies by changing the pressure of the gas. The gas is assumed to behave as a perfect gas [51]. The pressures in the tanks were chosen to prevent hadrons, mainly pions, from producing a signal while making sure electrons did. The threshold for electrons was set at about 50 MeV. Pions were below threshold if there energy was less than 19 GeV in the  $2.75^{\circ}$  spectrometer, 16 GeV in the  $5.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer and 13 GeV in the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer. The kaon threshold was 50 GeV and the proton threshold was 100 GeV.

Moreover, the number of Cherenkov photons produced depends on the velocity of the particle [52]. Once the particle is well above threshold (eg: all electrons and some pions), the number of photons produced is constant. This provides an additional way of differentiating electron candidates from hadrons.

The Cherenkov radiation emitted by the particles passing through the tanks was reflected by large, thin mirrors onto photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) in the tanks. The anode signal of each PMT was connected to a VME flash ADC (FADC), and the dynode signal was connected through a fan-out to four discriminators, each with a different threshold. The signals from these discriminators were sent to TDCs [48]. The FADCs sample the PMT output at 1 ns intervals and convert the voltage signal to digital values. The FADCs provided a full waveform which allowed the resolution of two different signals close together in time. This led to a better measurement of the amplitude of the signal. However, at times these FADCs were not very reliable, and the TDC backup system was used in these instances. The information provided by the backup system was not as precise as for the FADC system, but sufficient for a rough particle identification.

Analysis software was written to find pulses in the waveform and determine their height and integrated size. This analysis will be summarized in Sec. 4.1.4.

#### 3.3.4 Shower Counters

Each of the three spectrometers had a shower counter which consisted of a stack of lead glass blocks instrumented by PMTs. As their name indicates, the shower counters measure the energies of electromagnetic showers produced by incident particles. An electromagnetic shower consists of the repetition of two successive interactions. First, the high energy charged particles interact with the atoms in the material and bremsstrahlung radiate. This interaction produces a photon which in turn interacts with the atoms and produces an electron-positron pair. These electrons then interact with atoms and emit bremsstrahlung radiation, and the cycle continues. The energy of the particles decreases as :

$$E(z) = E_0 e^{-z/L_{rad}} \tag{7}$$

where  $L_{rad}$  is the radiation length of the material. The shower of particles almost stops when the particle energies become less than the critical energy ( $E_{crit}$ ). The critical energy depends on the absorbing material and is typically tens to a few hundred MeV. At this critical energy, the energy loss rate due to ionization and excitation becomes equal to the energy loss rate due to bremsstrahlung.

The shower counters are in reality Cherenkovs counters, which enable the identification of electrons by providing a measure of the energy of the incident electron. To understand how the Cherenkov light provides a measurement of the energy of the incident particles, it is necessary to consider the total length of all the shower track lengths. The shower track length of the electromagnetic shower is the sum of the distances traversed by each of the particles in the shower. For an electron, the full electromagnetic shower is contained within the material, and therefore, the shower track length is proportional to the energy of the incident electron. Moreover, in a material with a high index of refraction, all of the electrons will emit Cherenkov light until they have reached extremely low energies. The amount of light produced is proportional to the shower track length, which in turn is proportional to the incident energy of the electron. Thus, by measuring the amount of Cherenkov light produced, we obtain a measurement of the energy of the electron. The knowledge of the shower energy is an important key to differentiating electrons from hadrons.

Unlike electrons, hadrons will generally only deposit part of their energy in the shower counter. In fact, most hadrons do not shower at all, but simply emit Cherenkov radiation as they pass through the block. However, some hadrons can inelastically collide with a nucleus in the material and produce a shower of particles. The length of these hadronic showers is usually much longer than that of electromagnetic showers, so the hadronic shower is not fully contained in the calorimeter. In sum, hadrons almost always deposit a small amount of their energy in the shower counter, as compared to the electrons which deposit all of their energy. Thus, the amount of energy deposited is a good criterium to use to differentiate between the two. A more powerful tool is the ratio of the energy to the momentum, E/p. At the relativistic energies involved in this experiment, an electron's measured energy, E, will be about equal to its momentum, p, whereas a hadron's shower energy will be smaller than its momentum. The shower counters in 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers each consisted of 20 rows by 10 columns of lead glass blocks. Each 6.2 cm x 6.2 cm x 75 cm block had its long axis parallel to the z-axis of the spectrometers. A length of 75 cm of lead glass corresponded to about 24 radiation lengths for the particles to go through. The index of refraction of the lead glass was 1.62. The stack in the 5.5° spectrometer was raised by 16 cm compared to experiment E155. Because of beam optics, at the lower beam energies of E155X, the lower three rows would not be hit by electrons. Raising the shower counter also provided better coverage of the top rows [53]. The 2.75° and 5.5° shower counters were enclosed in aluminum boxes and angled a few degrees relative to the horizontal direction so that particles would not go entirely through the small gaps between the blocks.

The shower counter in the 10.5° spectrometer was of a slightly different design. It consisted of a 2 radiation length pre-radiator (PR) and a 15 radiation length total absorber (TA). The PR was segmented vertically into ten horizontal bars, each bar having a PMT at either end. The TA consisted of 30 lead glass blocks, stacked 6 blocks wide by five blocks tall. Reference [54] contains specific details about the 10.5° spectrometer PR and TA. For E155X a lead pre-pre-radiator, which consisted of a 0.25 inch thick lead sheet placed in front of the PR, allowed the electromagnetic showers to start sooner, therefore increasing the signal, which resulted in an enhanced performance of the PR for E155X as compared to E155.

#### 3.3.5 Scintillator Hodoscopes

Scintillator hodoscopes were used to track the charged particles going through the spectrometers. By tracking the particles we were able to accurately determine their paths through the spectrometers, and thus measure their momentum and scattering angle,  $\theta$ .

The hodoscopes consisted of several planes of long fingers of plastic scintillators. The scintillators were instrumented by PMTs. The combination of the scintillator and the PMT was referred to as a hodoscope finger. The PMTs were connected to discriminators. The signals from the discriminators were sent to TDCs set in leading-edge mode. The hodoscope planes were transverse to the particle trajectories.

Particles passing through the scintillators would create scintillation light which was then collected by the PMTs. From the information provided by the electronics, a hit with its exact location and time was determined. The hodoscope hits were matched with Cherenkov and shower counter hits consistent in time and space. A track was thus determined by connecting these spatial hit points. Spreading the hodoscopes out along the z direction in the spectrometers gave a separation of about 5 or 6 meters along the path of the electrons in the 2.75° and 5.5°. With the fine segmentation of the hodoscopes in these two spectrometers, this separation was sufficient to give an angular resolution of about 0.4 mrad and a position resolution of about 5 mm as measured at the location of the shower counter. The momentum of the particle was determined by matching the angle of the track with the tracks determined by a Monte-Carlo simulation in which particles with known momentum were simulated in the spectrometers.

# $10.5^{\circ}$ Hodoscopes

The 10.5° hodoscopes were built specifically for E155X. There were two packages of hodoscopes in the 10.5° spectrometer. One was upstream of the Cherenkov tank, replacing the one used in E155 which had larger fingers, and thus higher hit rates which led to higher dead time losses. The new smaller fingers reduced the backgrounds to a tolerable level in each finger. The second hodoscope was located immediately downstream of the Cherenkov tank. This hodoscope was added for E155X to improve the tracking resolution in the 10.5° spectrometer compared to E155.

Table 3 describes the details of the front hodoscope package. The fingers were placed in frames which were covered by a light-tight box. The fingers received high voltage through splitters which were adjusted to deliver the appropriate operating voltage to each tube. The operating voltages were determined prior to the experiment by studying the gains of the photomultiplier tubes [55]. During the experiment several fingers in these planes failed, most likely due to the old age of the tubes. A "plane 0" was added in front of plane 1 to compensate for these losses. This plane was made from fingers salvaged from the 10.5° hodoscope for E155. The new fingers were given the names of the fingers they replaced.

Plane	Angle	Number	Location
Name	(°)	of fingers	
10H01Y	0	20	$10.5^{\circ}$ front
10H02Y	0	21	$10.5^{\circ}$ front
10H03Y	0	20	$10.5^\circ$ front

Table 3: Hodoscope parameters in the front hodoscope package of the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer. The angles given are relative to the horizontal.

The downstream hodoscope, also referred to as the rear hodoscope consisted of two planes of fingers as described in Table 4. The fingers were placed in a frame that fit in the limited space between the Cherenkov counter and the shower counter. Specific details on the construction of the frame and assembly of the fingers can be found in Reference [58].

Prior to installing the fingers into the rear frame, they were tested and gain matched. Plateau measurements were performed on the tubes to find their operating voltages. The plateau region of a tube is the region where it has a high hit efficiency without excessive background rates. In this region the efficiency is the least sensitive to changes in the applied voltage. Choosing the operating voltage in this plateau ensures a minimum of counting variations due to drifts in the voltage supplied. The optimal voltages were determined to be around 1700V in most cases. The main difficulty in these measurements came from the lack of information on the tubes which were of different vintages. Reference [59] contains the complete details of these tests.

Once the fingers were placed in the rear frame, precise internal measurements, relative to tooling balls on the frame, were performed prior to installing the entire

Plane	Angle	Number	Finger	Finger	Location
Name	(°)	of fingers	width	overlap	
			(mm)	(mm)	
10H04Y	0	24	25.4	12.7	$10.5^{\circ}$ back
10H05Y	0	25	25.4	12.7	$10.5^\circ$ back

Table 4: Hodoscope parameters in the rear hodoscope package of the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer. The angles given are relative to the horizontal.

package in the 10.5° spectrometer hut. Reference [60] contains the details of these measurements.

# $2.75^{\circ}$ and $5.5^{\circ}$ Hodoscopes

The hodoscopes in the 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers were the same ones used in E155 [40, 61]. In these spectrometers the fingers were oriented in three different directions. Horizontal fingers provided a y coordinate, vertical fingers provided an x coordinate, and angled fingers in the U and V planes, provided both x and ycomponents. In both spectrometers there were two packages of hodoscopes, one in between the Cherenkov tanks, referred to as the front hodoscopes, and the second in between the downstream hodoscope and the shower counter, referred to as the back hodoscopes. The individual characteristics of each plane are given in Table 5. The momentum resolution was 2.4% in the 2.75° spectrometer and 2.7% in the 5.5° spectrometer.

Before the experiment all the electronics were checked. Some failing fingers were found but it was impossible to change them without opening the entire hodoscope. The location of most of the planes were determined by survey after the

Plane	Angle	Number	Finger	Finger	Location
Name	(°)	of fingers	width	Overlap	
			(mm)	(mm)	
2H1U	+15	44	15	5	$2.75^{\circ}$ front
2H2V	-15	44	15	5	$2.75^{\circ}$ front
2H3X	90	64	13	1	$2.75^{\circ}$ front
2H4Y	0	72	13	1	$2.75^{\circ}$ front
2H5Y	0	31	30	10	$2.75^{\circ}$ front
2H6X	90	34	20	7	$2.75^{\circ}$ front
2H7X	90	90	13	1	$2.75^{\circ}$ back
2H8Y	0	90	13	1	$2.75^{\circ}$ back
2H9Y	0	55	30	10	$2.75^{\circ}$ back
2H10X	90	27	30	10	$2.75^{\circ}$ back
5H1U	-45	25	45	15	$5.5^{\circ}$ front
5H2X	90	23	30	10	$5.5^{\circ}$ front
5H3Y	0	36	30	10	$5.5^{\circ}$ front
5 H4 V	+45	25	45	15	$5.5^{\circ}$ front
5H5U	-45	21	75	25	$5.5^{\circ}$ back
5H6X	90	27	30	10	$5.5^{\circ}$ back
5H7Y	0	55	30	10	$5.5^{\circ}$ back
5H8V	+45	21	75	25	$5.5^{\circ}$ back

Table 5: Hodoscope characteristics in the  $2.75^\circ$  and  $5.5^\circ$  spectrometers. The angles shown are relative to the horizontal.

experiment [56, 57]. This new survey was performed after finding some problems with the tracking efficiency. The new survey numbers improved the tracking efficiency by a few percent, and resolved some long-standing questions from E155 and E154. The details of this surveying are discussed further in section 4.1.5.

# 3.4 Data Acquisition and Monitoring

A VME-based system [62] was used to read in the data from the various CAMAC modules (TDCs, ADCs and discriminators) and VME modules (FADCs). CAMAC and VME are international standards for electronics modules and interfacing electronics with a computer. Figure 12 shows a block diagram of this VME-based system. The upper right block shows the readout from the detector electronics. The lower right block shows the silo tape servers used to store the data. The data acquisition system read the data from detector electronics and wrote it to tapes locally in End Station A for every beam spill. Additional software was used to transfer the data from local tapes to 1 GB tapes into storage. The data acquisition system could handle rates of about 1 MB per second. About 3000 runs were recorded on tape, with each run lasting about half an hour. Calibration runs (LED, pedestal and toroid runs) were performed frequently.

In addition to these VME and CAMAC systems, E155X also used interactive programs to control and monitor the various detector hardware systems, such as the high voltage to the detectors, the low voltage in the CAMAC crates and spectrometer magnet power supplies. The DAQ control software was run on a VAX workstation using messaging to control the various parts of the data acquisition. The incoming data was monitored at four different workstations, one for each spectrometer and one for the beam data. An on-line analysis at each of these workstations was run during the entire data collection to monitor the quality of the data and to detect the failure of any of the systems in order to perform repairs as soon as possible.



Figure 12: Block diagram of the Data Acquisition system.

#### CHAPTER 4

# Data Analysis

The data analysis was performed in several stages. The first stage, "Raw Data Analysis", involved the processing of the data tapes collected during the run, referred to as the raw data tapes, into data summary tapes. The next stage, "Event Selection", was the creation of "counts files" which contained a selection of electron events from the data summary tapes. The last stage, "Asymmetry Measurement", was the determination of the asymmetry from these count files. Corrections were then applied to the measured asymmetry to obtain the physics asymmetry, and from that  $g_2$ . The following sections describe in detail each of these steps in the data analysis.

#### 4.1 Raw Data Analysis

The raw data tapes were processed using a "group analysis code" and a "batch computing system" to make data summary tapes, known as the DSTs. The group analysis code was a collection of Fortran 90 subroutines which handled different parts of the analysis of raw data tapes. The group analysis code also contained some subroutines written in C language for the input and output handling. The batch computing system included an interface to a computer farm consisting of about thirty IBM UNIX machines. Each machine processed two raw data tapes at a time. The time required to reconstruct the electron and hadron candidates from one raw data tape was about one day of real time. The information from the raw data tapes was processed spill by spill, with each spill corresponding to a separate record on the raw tapes.

This section starts with a discussion of the motivation for the creation of DSTs. Next the coordinate system used in the data analysis is briefly described. The different parts of the raw data analysis performed are then explained.

# 4.1.1 Motivation for the DSTs

The clustering and tracking processes dominated the computer time used by the analysis software. Therefore, by having data summary tapes, a considerable amount of time is saved when studying the properties of an electron event sample. For comparison, it took only about twenty minutes to analyze a DST tape, which typically contained 10 runs, while it took about twenty-four hours to analyze a raw data tape containing (in general) only one run. The DSTs were recreated several times as the raw data analysis was refined, to obtain a much cleaner sample of electron clusters, Cherenkov hits and tracks. Relevant beam data were also stored on the DSTs to perform cuts on beam quality and location.
## 4.1.2 Analysis Coordinate System

In addition to the "spectrometer" coordinate system described in Sec. 3.3.1, an "analysis" coordinate system was also used. The z axis of the analysis coordinate system coincides with the central ray in the spectrometer hut which is angled up by  $\Phi_{cr}=0.81^{\circ}$  for both the 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers, and offset down by  $\Delta y=104.9$ cm (114.9 cm) in the 2.75° (5.5°) spectrometer relative to the spectrometer coordinate system. The origin of the analysis coordinate system is chosen such that the target is at z = 0. The transformation from the spectrometer coordinate system (x',y',z') to the analysis coordinate system (x,y,z) is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos \Phi_{cr} & -\sin \Phi_{cr} \\ 0 & \sin \Phi_{cr} & \cos \Phi_{cr} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x' \\ y' \\ z' \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \Delta y \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$
(1)

#### 4.1.3 Shower Analysis

The shower counter played a crucial role in the analysis of each spectrometer, because it provided a measure of the energy of the electrons. In each block of the shower counter, a hit was defined by an ADC value greater than the pedestal by at least four counts. The energy due to multiple hits in the same block was separated using the TDC information with a technique known as energy sharing [63], in which the durations of the pulses were examined to assign an amount of energy to each shower. The TDC information also provided a hit time for the individual hits. Adjacent blocks with hit times within a defined time window were grouped together to form a "cluster". The sum of the energies of all the hits forming a cluster was the energy of the event that produced this cluster. Further details on the shower analysis are provided in Reference [63]. For experiment E155X, the momentum reconstruction in the 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers was changed as will be described in Sec. 4.1.5, and therefore the shower counter energy calibration values for the 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers were recalculated. References [64, 65] describe the details of this new calibration.

#### 4.1.4 Cherenkov Analysis

The Cherenkov counters allowed us to differentiate electron candidates from hadron candidates using the measured value of the peak voltage, as described in Sec. 3.3.3. In each Cherenkov counter, the raw FADC spectrum was searched for pulses, and the peak height and area underneath each pulse were measured. These quantities play an important role in the particle identification as will be described later. A more detailed explanation of the Cherenkov analysis is provided in Reference [48].

## 4.1.5 Tracking

The raw hodoscope TDC hits were grouped together with shower clusters and Cherenkov hits consistent within a time window and consistent within a defined spatial volume for the hodoscopes and shower clusters. The hits that were grouped together were required to belong to the same straight line which constituted a "track". The tracks are qualified by their "class" which describes which combination of detector systems was used to fit a track. The two different track classes used for the E155X analysis were:

- Class 1: a shower cluster, at least one Cherenkov hit, and at least the minimum number of hodoscope hits (6 and 4 hits in the 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers respectively).
- Class 2: a shower cluster and at least the minimum number of hodoscope hits; no Cherenkov hit found within the time window.

More details on the tracking process can be found in Reference [63]. The following sub-sections will discuss additional studies involving the tracking.

## Tracking parameter input study

For E155X, a study was done on the tracking input parameters to improve the tracking efficiency in the 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers, while optimizing the speed of execution of the tracking code. The tracking input parameters in question included confidence level parameters used in the optics cuts to reduce the combinatorial background in the hodoscopes. In addition, the minimum number of hodoscope hits required in a track was also analyzed. Detailed explanations on each of these parameters can be found in Reference [63]. In this study, the electron tracking efficiency was measured for different values of these parameters. When changing the minimum number of hits required in a track found in a track, the E/p values of the tracks found

were also taken into account to make sure that these were electron tracks. This study led to reducing the minimum number of hodoscope hits required in a track compared to E155, as well as slightly reducing the confidence level windows. The specific results of this study can be found in Reference [66]. The new values for these parameters chosen for E155X improved the tracking efficiency by 1% in the 2.75° spectrometer and by 3% in the 5.5° spectrometer. The electron tracking efficiencies in the 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers were respectively 97.5% and 92.8%. The execution time of the code improved by about 2.4% with these new parameters. The electron tracking efficiency was taken as the ratio of the number of events with tracks to the number of events with an electron-like signal in the Cherenkov and shower counters.

### Adjustment of hodoscope finger positions

Questions about the positions of several hodoscope planes were raised during E155. However, final resolution of these questions was not possible while the Cherenkov tanks were blocking the view of the hodoscopes. The planes in question, 2H1U, 2H1V, 2H4Y, 2H5Y, 2H8Y, 2H9Y, 5H3Y and 5H7Y, were the ones which provided a measure of y position information, which directly affects the track momentum.

As a temporary fix, a study was performed for E155X by moving the position of the fingers in these hodoscope planes vertically in the software along the y axis to determine the positions that resulted in the highest tracking efficiency. Once the Cherenkov tanks were removed, the surveyors were able to survey fingers in the hodoscopes in question. The numbers obtained from the surveyors were converted to the analysis coordinate system using the matrix in Sec. 4.1.2. The results of the survey revealed that the actual positions of the fingers were indeed slightly different from the original E155 numbers and consistent with the results determined from the study mentioned above. Further details of this survey can be found in References [56] and [57].

#### Hodoscope timing offsets

To accommodate the backgrounds for E155X, new voltages were used for the hodoscopes. As a result, new timing offsets, determined by finding time coincidences between detector hits, had to be evaluated to maximize the hit efficiency while minimizing the background.

The hodoscope timing offsets were adjusted in two stages. The first stage consisted of adding offsets to the hodoscope hit times to remove the time difference between these hodoscope hits and their corresponding Cherenkov hits in C1. The second stage involved comparing the hodoscope hit times with the corresponding track time. The details of the timing offset determination for the 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers can be found in Reference [67]. The second stage which involved the tracking was not performed in the 10.5° spectrometer as the tracking was not as efficient as in the smaller angle spectrometers.

Data Sample	$2.75^{\circ}$	$5.5^{\circ}$	$10.5^{\circ}$
Proton 29 GeV	428	422	327
Proton $32 \text{ GeV}$	688	727	712
Deuteron 29 GeV	264	283	165
Deuteron $32 \text{ GeV}$	401	406	403

Table 6: Number of runs used in each spectrometer for each target and beam energy.

#### 4.2 Run Selection

As the DSTs were being produced, each run was checked to make sure that the analysis worked properly and that there were no hardware failures during the data taking. Good runs were selected for each spectrometer by monitoring the histograms produced during the DST processing. Among the variables that were examined were the Cherenkov peak voltage spectrum, the E/p spectrum, the time difference between Cherenkov hits and shower hits, the momentum spectrum, and the reconstructed  $\theta$  and  $\Phi$  angles. A total of 3010 runs were written to tape. Table 6 shows the number of runs used in the analysis for each target type and beam energy. About a quarter of the total number of runs collected were calibration runs. In the 2.75° spectrometer, the main reason for not using several of the runs was the failure of the 2280 ADC controllers. This failure resulted in the loss of the shower counter data in the 2.75° spectrometer. In the 5.5° spectrometer, problems with FADCs in the beginning of the experiment resulted in the loss of several runs. Low target polarization also led to the loss of a few runs.

### 4.3 Electron Event Selection

Electron events were selected in the three spectrometers using a Fortran 90 code known as the "counts making code". The counts making code created files (known as the counts files) which contained the number of electron events found for each run using the DSTs. A counts file was produced for every asymmetry run.

Several beam cuts, which were the same for all three spectrometers, were used for the event selection. First, a cut on the beam charge for each spill was implemented. This cut required that the beam charge measured by the most reliable of the two toroids, which was toroid 2, was in the range  $[0.5 \times 10^9, 5 \times 10^9]$  electrons per spill, otherwise the spill was not used. Toroid 1 was unreliable because it was located in a high background area. The second cut was on the polarization bit. If the polarization monitor PMON, described in Sec. 3.1, did not register 1 (for left polarization) or 2 (for right polarization), the event was not counted. Only about fourteen runs did not register a correct value for the polarization bit for all events in the run. Specific details on the polarization bits study can be found in Reference [39].

The additional cuts required for the electron definition were different for each spectrometer. The 2.75° and 5.5° definitions were similar, whereas the 10.5° definition required a "hybrid" definition as will be explained in the following sections. The 10.5° spectrometer will be presented first since it used a completely new algorithm designed specifically for E155X. This was required because the 10.5° spectrometer was upgraded as discussed previously and therefore the E155 code could not be

used for this spectrometer. For the  $2.75^{\circ}$  and  $5.5^{\circ}$  spectrometers, a slightly modified version of the E155 code was used. The main goal of the electron definitions was to maximize the statistics while reducing the pion contamination (main background) as much as possible.

# 4.3.1 Electron cuts in the $10.5^{\circ}$ Spectrometer

The algorithm used to determine electron events in the 10.5° spectrometer was a hybrid electron definition because electrons were defined both with and without associated hodoscope tracks. The diagram in Fig. 13 describes this algorithm. The algorithm starts with an outer loop over all Cherenkov hits and then an inner loop over all the shower clusters. Inside these two loops, the tracks are searched to find if one was formed with this Cherenkov hit and cluster by the tracking code. If a track is found then it must also pass some cuts described below to determine if it is an electron event. However, since the tracking in the 10.5° spectrometer was not perfect, electron candidates were also formed by using only Cherenkov hits in coincidence with shower clusters. The additional cuts required in this case are also described below. The electron cuts in the 10.5° spectrometer were:

- The Cherenkov peak voltage  $(V_{peak})$  is greater than 15 FADC counts
- The shower energy (E) is greater than 5 GeV
- |C1(hit time) Shower(hit time)| < 4ns
- If a track exits: E/p > 0.75 where p is the momentum

# • If no track exits: $V_{peak} > 20$ and $E/E_{min} > 0.9$

where  $E_{min}$  is the minimum energy a spectrometer electron would deposit in a particular shower counter block as determined by a Monte Carlo program.

A peak voltage in the Cherenkov counter greater than 15 FADC counts was used to separate out the electrons from the hadrons. In principle, only electrons were supposed to produce a peak voltage in the threshold Cherenkov counters as explained in Sec 3.3.3. However, hadrons can also produce scintillation light in the counters, but the peak voltage recorded is lower compared to electrons. Figure 14 shows the difference in the peak voltages produced by hadrons and electrons.

An energy greater than 5 GeV measured by the shower counter was required since electrons have more than a 99% probability of depositing all of their energy into the calorimeter through electromagnetic showering, whereas pions generally do not produce electromagnetic showers. Figure 15 shows the energy spectrum in the 10.5° spectrometer, from which we can see that electrons have energies greater than 5 GeV, while most of the pions/hadrons deposit less than 5 GeV.

The Cherenkov hit must be close in time with the shower cluster to assure that it was produced by the same particle that produced this particular shower cluster. Figure 16 shows the time difference between hits in the Cherenkov and shower counters. The hits with time differences in the range (-4 ns,4 ns) are considered to be due to electrons. The excellent signal to background ratio in Fig. 16 permits the use of the hybrid definition where a track is not necessarily required for an electron event.

In the case where a track is found, the E/p cut is based on the fact that electrons will most likely deposit all their energy in the calorimeter. Thus, the energy E for electrons in the spectrometer as measured by the shower counter will be very close to the momentum of the particle as measured using the track. Therefore, the ratio E/p for electrons should be very close to 1. Figure 17 shows the difference between the E/p values for electrons and hadrons. A cut of E/p greater than 0.75 was used if a track was found, to ensure that no electrons were being lost.

If a track was not found, then the peak Cherenkov voltage was required to be greater than 20 FADC counts instead of just 15. This stricter cut on  $V_{peak}$ increased the chances that an electron was being detected. An additional cut on the ratio  $E/E_{min}$ , defined previously, was used.



Figure 13: Algorithm used for the electron selection in the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer



Figure 14: Event distribution of peak Cherenkov FADC voltage for 10C1 when the Cherenkov and shower hits are in time coincidence. The peak at around 10 V is produced by hadrons, and the peak at around 75 V is produced by electrons. The peak at around 250 is from the saturation of the FADC. A cut of 15 FADC separates the electron events from the background.



Figure 15: Energy spectrum for all events in the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer. The accumulation below about 5 GeV is produced by hadrons and edge block events. The broad peak at about 7 GeV is produced by electrons. An energy cut at 5 GeV removes a large fraction of the background.



Figure 16: Event distribution of the time difference in ns between Cherenkov and shower counter hits for the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer. The signal is contained in a window of about 8ns. Electron events must have a time difference in the range [-4 ns,4 ns].



Figure 17: E/p spectrum for pion tracks in the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer (solid curve). The electron E/p spectrum (dashed curve) is plotted on top to show the difference between E/p distributions for electrons compared to hadrons.

4.3.2 Electron cuts in the  $2.75^{\circ}$  and the  $5.5^{\circ}$  Spectrometers

Th electron definition in the  $2.75^\circ$  and  $5.5^\circ$  was :

- Class 1 track with E/p > 0.75
- E > 8 GeV
- Two Cherenkov hits in time coincidence
- $\sqrt{V_{peak1} \times V_{peak2}} > 20$  FADC counts OR  $V_{peak1} > 30$  FADC counts OR  $V_{peak2} > 30$  FADC counts

Where  $V_{peak1}$  and  $V_{peak2}$  are the peak voltages respectively in C1 and C2. This last cut was modified compared to E155 by adding two OR statements that would compensate for the random failure of the FADCs during the run. If only one tank recorded a substantial signal, this was sufficient along with the other cuts to identify an electron. The rest of the cuts used on the 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers are based on the same principles explained in Sec. 4.3.1.

#### 4.4 Asymmetry Measurement

The raw asymmetry was measured using the electron counts stored in the counts files described in Sec. 4.3. The raw asymmetry was determined run by run using equation 2:

$$A^{raw} = \frac{\left(\frac{N}{Q}\right)^{\downarrow \Leftarrow} - \left(\frac{N}{Q}\right)^{\uparrow \Leftarrow}}{\left(\frac{N}{Q}\right)^{\downarrow \Leftarrow} + \left(\frac{N}{Q}\right)^{\uparrow \Leftarrow}}$$
(2)

where  $\downarrow$  and  $\uparrow$  indicate the two helicity states of the incident electrons, and  $\Leftarrow$ indicates that the target field is perpendicular to the beam. The ratio N/Q is the number of counts (N) normalized by the incident charge (Q). In E155X, the target field was actually at an angle  $\alpha=92.4^{\circ}$  from the beam direction instead of 90°. The consequence of this rotation was that a more general formula was needed to determine  $g_2$ . This angle rotation will be discussed in Sec. 4.7. The raw asymmetry was measured for each x bin in each spectrometer, and accumulated over all runs.

The raw asymmetry was corrected for the beam polarization  $P_B$ , the target polarization  $P_T$ , the target dilution factor f, and the target nuclear correction  $C_1$ . The uncorrected measured asymmetry,  $A_{\perp}^{uncorr}$ , is written:

$$A_{\perp}^{uncorr} = \frac{A^{raw}}{P_B P_T f C_1} \tag{3}$$

We are using the subscript  $\perp$  in the asymmetry notation because the dominant contribution comes from the perpendicular part despite the rotation of 2.4° away from a true perpendicular orientation. These correction factors,  $P_B$ ,  $P_T$ , f, and  $C_1$ , were applied on a run by run basis, and will be addressed individually in the following sub-sections.

## 4.4.1 Beam Polarization

The beam polarization is the net fraction of electrons in the beam that are polarized in the desired direction, and its sign depends on the beam energy. All the electrons in the beam can scatter off the nucleons in the target. However, only the net polarized contribution should be taken into account in the physics asymmetry measurement. The raw asymmetry must therefore be corrected for the beam polarization,  $P_B$ . Møller polarimetry was used to measure the beam polarization as described in Sec. 3.1. The result of this measurement was  $P_B = 0.832\pm0.002\pm0.031$ . Reference [68] describes the details of the analysis of the Møller measurements.

### 4.4.2 Target Polarization

The target polarization is the net fraction of nucleons in the target that are polarized in the desired direction. The incident electrons can scatter off all the nucleons in the target, however we must only take into account the nucleons that were polarized to determine the physics asymmetry. Thus the raw asymmetry must also be corrected for the target polarization,  $P_T$ . As described in Sec. 3.2, the target polarization was measured using Nuclear Magnetic Resonance. The target polarization was measured on-line during the experimental run. However, the actual values used in the data analysis were determined by an off-line analysis performed after the target technical run. This off-line analysis is described in Reference [69]. Figure 18 shows the the corrected polarizations per run used in the analysis. The fractional error on the target polarization was found to be 0.017.



Figure 18: Target polarization as a function of run number. From run 2887 to 4044, the deuteron target was used. For all other runs the proton target was used.

## 4.4.3 Dilution Factor

The incident electrons not only can scatter off the polarized nucleons in the target, but also from unpolarized nucleons and non-target materials such as <sup>4</sup>He and the support framework. These unpolarized materials "dilute" the measurement of the physics asymmetry and are accounted for by the dilution factor. A detailed analysis of the dilution factor was performed for E155X, and is described in Reference [70]. The average value of the dilution factor for the proton target was about 0.2, with an average uncertainty of about 0.0035.

## 4.4.4 Nuclear Corrections

When polarizing the primary target material, which is  ${}^{15}\text{NH}_3$ , the goal is to polarize the hydrogen. However, the nitrogen is polarizable as well, and contributes to the measured asymmetry. The nitrogen consists mostly of  ${}^{15}\text{N}$  with a small fraction of the total nuclei being  ${}^{14}\text{N}$ . Based on Reference [71], the asymmetry is corrected for the polarized nitrogen using

$$C1 = 1 - \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{3} \frac{P_N}{P_P} g_{EMC}(x)$$
(4)

with the  $-\frac{1}{3}$  due to Clebsch-Gordon coefficients from the nitrogen wave function, the following  $\frac{1}{3}$  due to one nitrogen atom per three hydrogen atoms,  $g_{EMC}(x)$  is the factor for the EMC effect [26], taken at atomic mass 15, and  $\frac{P_N}{P_P}$  is the ratio of <sup>15</sup>N to proton polarization. For the target material <sup>1</sup>5NH<sub>3</sub>, the following fit was used to

express  $P_N$  in terms of  $P_P$ :

$$P_N = 0.136P_P - 0.183P_P^2 + 0.335P_P^3 \tag{5}$$

This nuclear correction was on the order of 1%. A description on how this correction was implemented in the analysis code can be found in Reference [72].

#### 4.5 Corrections to the Measured Asymmetry

Several corrections must be applied to the measured asymmetry  $A_{\perp}^{uncorr}$ , discussed in Sec 4.4. First, a correction for the electroweak asymmetry was applied, and the obtained asymmetry is denoted  $A_{\perp}^{corr-ew}$ . Next the background contamination was removed, and the obtained asymmetry is denoted  $A_{\perp}^{corr-bk}$ . Finally, a correction for the radiative effects is applied to extract the physics asymmetry  $A_{\perp}$ . The corrections needed to obtain  $A_{\perp}$  from  $A_{\perp}^{uncorr}$  will be discussed in detail in the following sub-sections.

## 4.5.1 Electroweak Correction

The electroweak interaction of the polarized beam with any material produces an asymmetry which arises from the parity violating interference between electromagnetic and weak coupling. This asymmetry, known as the electroweak asymmetry, is unrelated to the DIS asymmetry  $A_{\perp}$ , and therefore must be subtracted out run by run as shown in Eq. 6

$$A_{\perp}^{corr-ew} = A_{\perp}^{uncorr} - (1/fP_TC_1)A_{ew} \tag{6}$$

where  $A_{ew}$  is the electroweak asymmetry, and radiative corrections are neglected. Additional details on the electroweak asymmetry can be found in reference [74].

The contribution of the electroweak asymmetry to the measured asymmetry was minimized experimentally by running about equal time with opposite target polarizations. To understand how the contribution of the electroweak asymmetry was minimized, consider two runs with opposite target enhancements, but with all other factors, including the number of electron events, being equal. If run 1 has positive target enhancement (target polarization parallel to the target magnet field) and run 2 has negative target enhancement (target polarization anti-parallel to the target magnet field) then adding the asymmetries from these two runs we would obtain:

$$A_{\perp} = \left[ A_{\perp}^{uncorr(1)} - (1/fP_TC_1)A_{ew}^{(1)} \right] + \left[ A_{\perp}^{uncorr(2)} - (1/f(-P_T)C_1)A_{ew}^{(2)} \right].$$
(7)

Equation 7 can be re-organized as follows

$$A_{\perp} = A_{\perp}^{uncorr(1)} + A_{\perp}^{uncorr(2)} - (1/fP_TC_1) \Big[ A_{ew}^{(1)} - A_{ew}^{(2)} \Big].$$
(8)

The electroweak asymmetries in Eq. 8  $(A_{ew}^1, A_{ew}^2)$  have roughly the same size magnitudes. The effect of the electroweak asymmetry will therefore roughly cancel by having equal numbers of runs with positive and negative target enhancement.

A correction for the electroweak asymmetry is nevertheless needed when comparing the positive enhancement data to the negative enhancement to look for false asymmetries, as will be discussed in Sec. 4.6. Reference [73] gives the expression for the electroweak asymmetry  $\mathbf{A}^d_{ew}$  in DIS for an isospin symmetric nucleus such as deuterium

$$A_{ew}^d(x) = 10^{-4}Q^2(x) \left(0.77 \left[1 + 0.44R_s(x)\right] + 0.11Y\right)$$
(9)

where the measured average  $Q^2$  at each x bin was used. The term Y is given by

$$Y = \frac{1 - (1 - y)^2}{1 - (1 - y)^2 - \frac{y^2 R}{1 + R}}$$
(10)

where y was defined in Sec. 1.1. An approximation was used for  $R_s(x)$ , which was a ratio of light quark distributions [74]

$$R_s(x) = \frac{2s(x)}{u(x) + d(x)} \approx \begin{cases} 0.5 & \text{for } x < 0.2\\ 0.0 & \text{for } x > 0.2. \end{cases}$$
(11)

For a <sup>15</sup>NH<sub>3</sub> target, the electroweak asymmetry  $A_{ew}^p$  is roughly equal to  $A_{ew}^d$ . Radiative corrections should be applied to the electroweak asymmetry  $A_{ew}^p$ . These corrections were applied through a multiplicative factor which was estimated by roughly extrapolating radiative correction values from Reference [73]. This multiplicative factor was found to be about 0.5.

Figure 19 shows a comparison between the measured asymmetry with both target enhancements combined, with and without a correction for the electroweak asymmetry. Note that the effect is negligible on the final result. Figure 20, on the other hand, shows a comparison between the average asymmetry separated by target enhancement direction, with and without a correction for the electroweak asymmetry. In this case the correction is slightly more noticeable, and tends to make the average asymmetries for most of the cases agree better.



Figure 19: Comparison of  $A_{\perp}$  results with and without the electroweak asymmetry correction applied. No other corrections have been applied yet.



Figure 20: Comparison of the average  $A_{\perp}$  over all bins separated into energy and target polarization, with and without a correction for the electroweak asymmetry. The energies are given in GeV, and Pol - , Pol +, respectively mean negative and positive target polarizations. No other corrections have been applied yet.

#### 4.5.2 Background Substraction

The measured asymmetry can be contaminated by the background, i.e. by pions that were misidentified as electrons, and by non-DIS electrons. The background pions mainly come from the fragmentation of the target nucleons. The non-DIS electrons come from pair-symmetric processes, and are produced in equal numbers with the positrons. The background contamination tends to dilute the measured asymmetry and should therefore be subtracted out.

#### Qualitative implementation of this correction

The uncorrected measured asymmetry,  $A_{\perp}^{uncorr}$ , can be written as follows for an electron run

$$A_{\perp}^{uncorr} = \frac{1}{f P_B P_T C_1} \frac{\left[N_{e-}^L + N_{e-\gamma}^L + N_{\pi-}^L\right] - \left[N_{e-}^R + N_{e-\gamma}^R + N_{\pi-}^R\right]}{\left[N_{e-}^L + N_{e-\gamma}^L + N_{\pi-}^L\right] + \left[N_{e-}^R + N_{e-\gamma}^R + N_{\pi-}^R\right]}$$
(12)

where we have:

- $\mathbf{N}_{e-}^{L,R}$  is the number of left, right events coming from DIS electrons
- $N_{e-\gamma}^{L,R}$  is the number of left, right events coming from non-DIS electrons (mainly  $\gamma \to e^+e^-$ )
- $\mathbf{N}_{\pi-}^{L,R}$  is the number of left, right pion events

Defining three dilution factors  $\alpha_{e-}$ ,  $\alpha_{e-\gamma}$  and  $\alpha_{\pi-}$ , Eq. 12 can then be written

$$A_{\perp}^{uncorr} = \alpha_{e-} \frac{[N_{e-}^{L} - N_{e-}^{R}]}{[N_{e-}^{L} + N_{e-}^{R}]} + \alpha_{e-\gamma} \frac{[N_{e-\gamma}^{L} - N_{e-\gamma}^{R}]}{[N_{e-\gamma}^{L} + N_{e-\gamma}^{R}]} + \alpha_{\pi-} \frac{[N_{\pi-}^{L} - N_{\pi-}^{R}]}{[N_{\pi-}^{L} + N_{\pi-}^{R}]}$$
(13)

where the three dilution factors are defined using the inclusive cross sections  $\sigma_{e-\gamma}$ ,  $\sigma_{\pi-}$  and  $\sigma_{e-\gamma}$ , respectively for DIS-electrons, non-DIS electrons and pions.

$$\alpha_{e-} = \frac{\sigma_{e-}}{\sigma_{e-} + \sigma_{e-\gamma} + \sigma_{\pi-}}$$

$$\alpha_{e-\gamma} = \frac{\sigma_{e-\gamma}}{\sigma_{e-} + \sigma_{e-\gamma} + \sigma_{\pi-}}$$

$$\alpha_{\pi-} = \frac{\sigma_{e-}}{\sigma_{e-} + \sigma_{e-\gamma} + \sigma_{\pi-}}$$
(14)

Equation 13 can then be re-written to obtain Eq. 15, which gives the measured asymmetry for an electron run

$$A_{e^-}^{uncorr} = \alpha_{e^-} A_{e^-} + \alpha_{e_\gamma} A_{e^-\gamma} + \alpha_{\pi^-} A_{\pi^-}$$
(15)

where  $A_{e^-}$ ,  $A_{e_{\gamma}}$  and  $A_{\pi^-}$  are the asymmetries for DIS- electrons, non-DIS electrons and pions respectively. Following the same reasoning as previously, the measured asymmetry for a positron run would be given by Eq. 16

$$A_{e^+}^{uncorr} = \alpha_{e^+} A_{e^+} + \alpha_{\pi^+} A_{\pi^+} \tag{16}$$

where  $\alpha_{e^+}$  and  $\alpha_{\pi^+}$  are the dilution factors for positrons and  $\pi^+$ 's respectively,  $A_{e^+}$ and  $A_{\pi^+}$  are the asymmetries for positrons and  $\pi^+$ 's respectively. Thus, since we have  $A_{e_{\gamma}^-} = A_{e^+}$ , we can insert the expression for  $A_{e_+}$  from Eq. 16 in Eq. 15. The background contamination corrected expression for the measured asymmetry used in the E155X asymmetries code is then given by Eq. 17

$$A^{corr-bk} = \frac{1}{\alpha_{e^{-}}} [A_{\perp}^{corr-ew} - \frac{\alpha_{e_{\gamma}}}{\alpha_{e^{+}}} (A_{e^{+}} - \alpha_{\pi^{+}} A_{\pi^{+}}) - \alpha_{\pi^{-}} A_{\pi^{-}}].$$
(17)

### Quantitative implementation of this correction

A quantitative method was established to evaluate the number of positrons and mis-identified pions in order to subtract them from the number of measured electrons. The pion rate is very low in the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer, so only the positrons need to be subtracted from the number of measured electrons in this spectrometer. A good estimation of the number of measured electrons (positrons) is the area under the electron (positron) E/p curve in the range [0.75,2.5]. The number of pions being mis-identified as electrons can be evaluated by normalizing the area under a pion E/p curve to the pion rate in an electron E/p spectrum. To evaluate the areas under the curves mentioned above, a fit was performed on each of these curves, followed by an integration of these fits over the desired range.

The functional form used for the fit to the  $\pi^+$  ( $\pi^-$ ) E/p curve in the 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers is given by

$$y_{\pi^{+(-)}}(x) = p_1 e^{p_2 + p_3 x + p_4 x^2 + p_5 x^3}.$$
(18)

The fit to the pion E/p curve was first performed in the x region [0.2,2.5], to evaluate the parameters  $p_1$ ,  $p_2$ ,  $p_3$ ,  $p_4$  and  $p_5$ . This fit is shown in the top plot of Fig. 21. The fit  $y_{\pi}$  was then normalized to the pion rate in the electron E/p spectrum by fitting the electron E/p spectrum in the range [0.2,0.75], using the functional form in Eq. 18, but this time allowing only  $p_1$  to vary and using the values determined from the first fit for all the other parameters. This second fit provided a new value for  $p_1$ , and is shown in the middle plot of Fig. 21. The functional form used for the fit to the positron (electron) E/p curve in the  $2.75^{\circ}$  and  $5.5^{\circ}$  spectrometers is given by

$$y_{e^{+(-)}}(x) = y_{\pi}(x) + p_6 e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-p_7}{p_8}\right)^2} + p_9 e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-p_{10}}{p_{11}}\right)^2} + p_{12} e^{p_{13}+p_{14}x+p_{15}x^2+p_{16}x^3}.$$
 (19)

The fit to the positron (electron) E/p spectrum was performed in the x range [0.75,2.5], and includes the normalized pion E/p fit (y<sub>π</sub>), since the electron E/p spectrum includes pions mis-identified as electrons. This fit is shown in the bottom plot of Fig. 21.

To obtain the areas under the fitted curves, the following four integrals were then calculated for the  $2.75^{\circ}$  and  $5.5^{\circ}$  spectrometers

$$I_{1} = \int_{0.75}^{2.5} y_{\pi+}(x) dx$$

$$I_{2} = \int_{0.75}^{2.5} y_{\pi-}(x) dx$$

$$I_{3} = \int_{0.75}^{2.5} y_{e+}(x) dx$$

$$I_{4} = \int_{0.75}^{2.5} y_{e-}(x) dx.$$
(20)

I<sub>1</sub> and I<sub>2</sub> are respectively equal to the number of  $\pi^+$ 's and  $\pi^-$ 's mis-identified as positrons and electrons. I<sub>3</sub> and I<sub>4</sub> are respectively equal to the number of measured positrons and electrons. The number of true positrons is then equal to (I<sub>3</sub> - I<sub>1</sub>), and the number of true DIS electrons is equal [I<sub>4</sub> - (I<sub>2</sub>+I<sub>3</sub>-I<sub>1</sub>)]. The cross-sections  $\sigma_{\pi^+}$ ,  $\sigma_{\pi^-}$ ,  $\sigma_{e^+}$  and  $\sigma_{e^-}$  are therefore respectively proportional to I<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, (I<sub>3</sub>-I<sub>1</sub>) and [I<sub>4</sub>-(I<sub>3</sub>+I<sub>2</sub>-I<sub>1</sub>)]. The dilution factors for the 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers are then

$$\alpha_{e-} = (I_4 - I_3 - I_2 + I_1)) / (I_4)$$

$$\alpha_{e-\gamma} = (I_3 - I_1) / I_4$$

$$\alpha_{e+} = (I_3 - I_1) / I_3$$

$$\alpha_{\pi-} = I_2 / I_4$$

$$\alpha_{\pi+} = I_1 / I_3.$$
(21)

We should note that the sum of these coefficients is equal to 1.

The pion contamination was negligible in the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer compared to the lower angle spectrometers, thus only one fitting function was used to subtract the positron contamination. The functional form of the fit had the following expression

$$y_{e^{+(-)}}(x) = p_1 e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-p_2}{p_3}\right)^2} + p_4 e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-p_5}{p_6}\right)^2}.$$
(22)

The areas under the positron and electron E/p spectra were then given by the integrals

$$I'_{1} = \int_{0.75}^{2.5} y_{e+}(x) dx$$

$$I'_{2} = \int_{0.75}^{2.5} y_{e-}(x) dx.$$
(23)

Therefore the following expressions for the contamination dilution factors were used in the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer:

$$\begin{aligned}
\alpha_{e-} &= (I'_{2} - I'_{1}) / I'_{2} \\
\alpha_{e-\gamma} &= I'_{1} / I_{2} \\
\alpha_{e+} &= 1 \\
\alpha_{\pi-} &= 0 \\
\alpha_{\pi+} &= 0.
\end{aligned}$$
(24)

#### <u>Results of this correction</u>

The coefficients  $\alpha_{\pi^-}$  and  $\alpha_{\pi^+}$  are plotted versus bin number for the proton target at electron beam energies of 29 GeV and 32 GeV data in Fig. 22. The dilution coefficient  $\alpha_{\pi^-}$  decreases with increasing x which reflects the decrease in the pion rate with increasing momentum. The  $\alpha_{\pi^+}$  coefficient on the other hand increases with increasing x, reflecting an increase of the pion contamination with increasing x for positron runs which happens because the positron rate falls even more rapidly with increasing momentum. The coefficients  $\alpha_{e+}$  and  $\alpha_{e-}$  are plotted versus bin number for the proton target at electron beam energies of 29 GeV and 32 GeV data in Fig. 23. The bins are defined in Table 11 in Appendix A. We would expect to see smooth distributions for these coefficients. However, a combination of statistics and peculiarities of the fitting can cause this scatter. The final correction is unaffected by this scatter though since these coefficients are so small. Tables 7 and 8 give the values for the average asymmetries  $A_{\pi-}$ ,  $A_{\pi+}$  and  $A_{e+}$  used in Eq. 17 for this correction. The number of positron runs collected was insufficient to determine an asymmetry with small enough error bars to distinguish it from zero. Therefore,  $A_{e^+}$  was taken to be zero in all spectrometers. The average pion asymmetries  $A_{\pi^-}$  and  $A_{\pi^+}$  were determined by fitting a straight line through the asymmetry for each bin as can be seen in Figs. 24 and 25. The error on these fits is also given in these figures. We can note that  $A_{\pi^-}$  is significantly negative for the  $2.75^{\circ}$  spectrometer at both beam energies of 29 and 32 GeV. Since the pion rate in the 10.5° spectrometer is very low, the asymmetries  $A_{\pi^-}$  and  $A_{\pi^+}$  were also taken

	$A_{\pi-}$	$A_{\pi+}$	$A_{e+}$
$2.75^{\circ}$	-0.011	0.005	0.000
$5.5^{\circ}$	-0.008	0.017	0.000
$10.5^{\circ}$	0.000	0.000	0.000

Table 7: Average asymmetries used in equation 17 for the proton target at electron beam energy of 29  $\,{\rm GeV}$ 

	$A_{\pi-}$	$A_{\pi+}$	$A_{e+}$
$2.75^{\circ}$	-0.006	-0.001	0.000
$5.5^{\circ}$	-0.002	-0.006	0.000
$10.5^{\circ}$	0.000	0.000	0.000

Table 8: Average asymmetries used in equation 17 for the proton target at electron beam energy of 32  $\,{\rm GeV}$ 

to be zero in the 10.5° spectrometer. Figure 26 shows the effect of the background subtraction via Eq. 17 on the results at electron beam energy of 29 GeV. This correction is on the order of 1%, and its effect is practically invisible on the plot. The corrections at electron beam energy of 32 GeV were also small.



Figure 21: Example of fits used for the pion/positron correction using data from the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV counts files for bin 9. Histograms were added together to increase statistics. The top plot is showing a fit  $(y_{\pi^+})$  to the pion E/p distribution for positron runs. The middle plot shows a normalization of the fit from the top plot to pion rate in a positron E/p spectrum. The bottom plot shows a fit  $(y_{e^+})$  to the positron E/p spectrum.



Figure 22: Dilution coefficient  $\alpha_{\pi^-}$  and  $\alpha_{\pi^+}$  and vs. bin number for the proton target at electron beam energies of 29 and 32 GeV.



Figure 23: Dilution coefficient  $\alpha_{e-}$  and  $\alpha_{e-\gamma}$  vs. bin number for the proton target at electron beam energies of 29 and 32 GeV.



Figure 24: Average pion asymmetry over all bins for the proton target at electron beam energies of 29 and 32 GeV. A straight line is fitted through the data in each case to determine the average of the points. This average is given by the coefficient P1.


Figure 25: Average  $\pi^+$  asymmetry over all bins for the proton target at electron beam energies of 29 and 32 GeV.



Figure 26: Comparison of  $A_{\perp}$  with and without the background subtracted. The electroweak asymmetry correction has already been applied for these results in both cases.

# 4.5.3 Radiative Corrections

The asymmetry  $A_{meas}$  in Eq. 16 in Sec. 1.1, is the measured asymmetry of the spin dependent single photon exchange Born-level process seen in Fig. 1. However, the experimental asymmetry receives contributions from higher order processes known as radiative corrections, such as those shown in Fig. 27. Radiative corrections are generally separated into internal and external corrections. The internal radiative effects occur within the nuclear field of the scattering nucleon, and include processes calculated to order  $\alpha^3$  (electromagnetic coupling constant) such as bremsstrahlung, vertex corrections and vacuum polarization. The external radiative effects arise from the presence of other nuclei, and are dominated by bremsstrahlung radiation energy losses as the electrons traverse additional target material both before and after the scattering process. The total amount of target material in the path of the detected electrons corresponds to only about 0.05 radiation lengths, thus the external corrections generally account for only half of the total correction.

The internal corrections were applied to the measured asymmetries through the expression

$$A_{int} = \frac{\sigma_{int}^p}{\sigma_{int}^u} = \frac{\sigma_{Born}^p (1 + \delta_{\rm V}) + \sigma_{el}^p + \sigma_{inel}^p}{\sigma_{Born}^u (1 + \delta_{\rm V}) + \sigma_{el}^u + \sigma_{inel}^u}$$
(25)

where the p and u superscripts differentiate polarized and unpolarized cross sections and  $\delta_{\rm V}$  denotes the vertex corrections. Contributions from internal bremsstrahlung are given by the  $\sigma_{el}$  and  $\sigma_{inel}$  terms. The fully radiated cross sections are then expressed as convolutions of the internally radiated cross sections ( $\sigma_{int}^p$  and  $\sigma_{int}^u$ ) with the external bremsstrahlung energy loss probabilities for traversing material before and after the primary scattering event. These fully radiated cross sections (external and internal radiations), along with the Born cross sections form the single additive radiative correction:

$$\Delta A^{RC} = A_{Born} - A_{rad} = \frac{\sigma_{Born}^p}{\sigma_{Born}^u} - \frac{\sigma_{rad}^p}{\sigma_{rad}^u}$$
(26)

where  $A_{rad}$  is the experimental asymmetry which includes radiative effects. The Born asymmetry,  $A_{Born}$ , is unknown, and our goal is to extract it from the data. An itterative process is used that begins with a fit to the measured data from E155X which then served as an input model in the code which calculates the radiative corrections. This code is known as RCSLACPOL and is described in Reference [77]. If the input model for  $A_{Born}$  is not equal to the radiatively corrected asymmetry  $(A_{rad} + \Delta A^{RC})$ , a new fit to the corrected data is performed and is used as a new input model for  $A_{Born}$ . This procedure is iterated until the input model and the corrected data converge to better than 1%.

This additive correction  $\Delta A^{RC}$  is sufficient to correct the measured values, but does not reflect the influence the radiative corrections have on the statistical uncertainty of the extracted results. The statistical uncertainty on the radiated asymmetry measured ( $A^{rad}$ ) is directly related to the unpolarized cross section  $\sigma^{u}_{rad}$ . By extracting  $\sigma^{u}_{Born}$ , a statistical uncertainty can then be assigned to  $A_{Born}$ , which was achieved by splitting the single additive correction  $\Delta A^{RC}$  into an additive term and a multiplicative term that affects the uncertainty as well. The multiplicative term is known as the radiative dilution factor,  $f_{RC}$ , and is defined by

$$f_{RC} = \frac{\sigma_{rad}^{unpol} - \sigma_{tail}^{unpol}}{\sigma_{rad}^{unpol}}$$
(27)

where  $\sigma_{rad}^{unpol}$  is the radiated unpolarized cross-section and  $\sigma_{tail}^{unpol}$  refers to the additional unpolarized events beyond the unpolarized Born cross-section. For E155X only the elastic tail was included in the the definition of  $\sigma_{tail}^{unpol}$ . The single additive correction is related to the radiative dilution factor,  $f_{RC}$ , and to the additive radiative correction,  $A_{RC}$  by

$$\Delta A^{RC} = \left(\frac{1}{f_{RC}} - 1\right) A_{rad} + A_{RC}.$$
(28)

The factor  $f_{RC}$  changes the effective number of events in a given bin and  $A_{RC}$  changes the effective asymmetry. Using the measured asymmetry discussed in the previous section,  $A_{\perp}^{corr-bk}$ , the physics asymmetry  $A_{\perp}$  is then given by

$$A_{\perp} = \frac{1}{f_{RC}} A_{\perp}^{corr-bk} + A_{RC}.$$
 (29)

Figure 28 shows a comparison of the measured asymmetry with and without radiative corrections applied. The radiative corrections tend to shift the data points in the 2.75° and 10.5° spectrometers to lower values. In the 5.5° spectrometer the data points are shifted to higher values. The radiative corrections also tend to increase the uncertainty on the extracted results, and for E155X they increased by about 4%.



Figure 27: Feynman diagrams for internal and external processes considered in radiative corrections.



Figure 28: Comparison of  $A_{\perp}$  results with and without radiative corrections applied to the measured asymmetry. The electroweak asymmetry correction and the background correction have already been applied in both cases.

#### 4.6 Check for False Asymmetries

A check was performed to try to identify any additional false asymmetries that would contaminate  $A_{\perp}$ . Such false asymmetries could include helicitydependent effects which would produce a difference in the average  $A_{\perp}$ . The proton data were therefore separated into independent sets by energy and target enhancement. Figure 29 shows that the average asymmetries for each category are consistent within the measurement's precision, which would indicate that there are no additional false asymmetries contaminating the  $A_{\perp}$ .

### 4.7 Target Field Angle Correction

The preliminary results from the analysis showed an unusual Q<sup>2</sup>-dependence of  $g_2$  suggestive of a systematic effect. An investigation of this revealed that the target orientation was not at 90° from the beam line as expected, but was actually slightly rotated with respect to the true perpendicular. When the target was installed for E155X, old SLAC survey positions (from 1993) for the four tooling balls, A, B, C and D as seen in Fig. 30, were used, rather than the new values available from the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jlab). The Jlab measurements were made after repairs were performed on the target system to fix the damage caused by an accident before the target was shipped back to SLAC for experiment E155X. Comparing the two sets of numbers, there is a rotation of 2.4° (this is the average of the four tooling ball values, which range from 2.2° to 2.6° angular rotation, assuming no centroid difference). Reference [78] describes the details of



Figure 29: Average  $A_{\perp}$  over all bins for the Proton data, separated into four different cases by energy and target polarization. The energies are given in GeV, Pol - and Pol + respectively mean negative target polarization and positive polarization.

these measurements and calculations. Since measurements performed at Jlab show that the magnetic field is lined up with the Jlab tooling ball values to within 0.1°, the magnetic field in E155X was oriented at 92.4° anti-clockwise. In other words, in addition to the main component pointing north, there is an additional component pointing west. This means that  $\cos(\alpha) = -0.042$  in Eq. 16 in Sec. 1.1. Figure 30 shows an illustration of the target rotation. Figure 31 shows the effect on  $xg_2$  of the target angle correction for the data collected at incident beam energy of 29 GeV. The effect is similar at incident beam energy of 32 GeV. This correction shifts the data points in the 2.75° and 10.5° spectrometers to higher values, while it shifts the points in the 5.5° spectrometer to lower values.



Figure 30: Target field direction at JLAB and at SLAC in the surveyors coordinate system.



Figure 31: Comparison of  $xg_2$  before and after the target angle correction was applied.

### 4.8 Systematic uncertainties

An estimate on the systematic uncertainties of the measured asymmetry was determined by taking into account the known dominant contributions. The largest contributions to the systematic uncertainties come from the beam polarization [68], the target polarization [69] and the dilution factor [70]. The systematic uncertainties for these quantities are given in Table 9 for the proton target. The systematic uncertainty on the dilution factor varies by bin, but this variation is very small. Combining the known dominant uncertainties we obtain a fractional uncertainty on  $A_{\perp}$  of about 5.2%. The systematic uncertainties associated with the radiative corrections have not been included in these calculations because they are currently unavailable. A reasonable expectation for these uncertainties would be that they are smaller than the contributions above.

The systematic uncertainties on  $g_2$  were obtained by propagating the systematic uncertainty on the asymmetry. The expression for  $g_2$  can be separated into two terms

$$g_2 = K_1 F_1 A_\perp + K_2 g_1 \tag{30}$$

where  $K_1$  and  $K_2$  contain terms which are treated as constant in the propagation of errors. The relative sizes of the two terms in Eq. 30 was studied, and it was found that the first term is larger. We therefore neglect the second term in the propagation of errors. The fractional uncertainty on  $F_1$  was studied by previous experiments [41] and found to be small compared to the fractional uncertainty on the asymmetry,

Quantity	Value
Beam polarization: $\delta P_B/P_B$	0.037
Target polarization: $\delta P_T/P_T$	0.017
Dilution factor: $\delta f/f$	0.030 - 0.035

Table 9: Dominant systematic uncertainties in the asymmetry measurement.

and is therefore neglected as well. The systematic uncertainties are shown in the tables of results in Appendix C.

## CHAPTER 5

## Results

Two separate data analyses were performed for E155X, one by the graduate students (referred to as the student analysis), and the other led by Prof. P. Bosted (referred to as the Bosted analysis). Chapter 4 described the student analysis, and the results of this analysis are presented in this chapter and compared to the Bosted analysis. First, the results for the measured asymmetry are given by energy and spectrometer for the proton target in 38 bins, known as the fine bins (see Table 11). This is followed by the results for  $g_2$  and  $A_2$  which are compared to the theoretical predictions. The  $Q^2$ -dependence of  $g_2$  is then presented. Finally, the experimental results for the BC and ELT integrals described in Sec. 2.2.3, and the twist-3 matrix element  $d_2$  are given.

# 5.1 Measured Asymmetry Results

The final values obtained for the measured asymmetry after all corrections have been applied are plotted in Figs. 32 and 33. In the 2.75° and 5.5° spectrometers, most of the asymmetry data points are inconsistent with zero, while in the 10.5° spectrometer they are consistent with zero. The 5.5° spectrometer was expected to have the most sensitivity based on a simulation performed prior to the run, and this expectation is reflected by the results. Figure 34 shows a comparison of the asymmetry results at incident beam energies of 29 GeV and 32 GeV. The asymmetry results for the two energies are consistent with each other. The statistical error bars for the 32 GeV are smaller because more data was collected for the proton at this energy.

These results are compared to those from the independent analysis performed by P. Bosted in Figs. 35 and 36. We emphasize here again that although the measured asymmetry is referred to as  $A_{\perp}$ , it contains a small parallel component since the target polarization direction was at angle of 92.4° from the beam direction instead of 90°. The Bosted and student's results agree quite well, which is a good indication that the analyses were performed accurately.

In Appendix A, Tables 13, 14 and 15 list the values obtained for the measured asymmetry in the fine bins for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively at electron beam energy 29 GeV. Tables 16, 17 and 18 list the values obtained for the measured asymmetry in the fine bins for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively at electron beam energy 32 GeV. The x range of the fine bins is shown in Table 11. Asymmetry results without radiative corrections are given in Appendix B. Tables 19, 20 and 21 list the values obtained for the measured asymmetry without radiative corrections, in the fine bins, for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively at beam energy 29 GeV. Tables 22, 23 and 24 list the values obtained for the measured asymmetry without radiative corrections, in the fine bins, for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively at beam energy 29 GeV. Tables 22, 23 and 24 list the values obtained for the measured asymmetry without radiative corrections, in the fine bins, for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively at beam energy 29 GeV.



Figure 32: Final measured asymmetry results for the proton at beam energy of 29 GeV. Although referred to as  $A_{\perp}$ , this asymmetry contains a small parallel component since the target polarization direction was actually at an angle of 92.4° instead of 90°.



Figure 33: Final measured asymmetry results for the proton at beam energy of 32 GeV. This asymmetry contains a small parallel component since the target polarization direction was actually at an angle of  $92.4^{\circ}$  instead of  $90^{\circ}$ .



Figure 34: Comparison of the final measured asymmetry results for the proton at electron beam energies of 29 GeV and 32 GeV.



Figure 35: Comparison of measured asymmetry results from the Student analysis and the Bosted analysis for the Proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.



Figure 36: Comparison of measured asymmetry results from the Student analysis and the Bosted analysis for the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.

## 5.2 $g_2$ Results

Once the measured asymmetry  $(A_{meas}, \text{ also referred to as } A_{\perp} \text{ on the plots})$ has been determined, results for  $g_2$  were obtained using

$$g_2 = \frac{yF_1}{2E'(\cos(\Theta) - \cos(\alpha))} \left[ A_{meas} \nu \frac{(1+\epsilon R)}{1-\epsilon} - \frac{g_1}{F_1} (E\cos(\alpha) + E'\cos(\Theta)) \right]$$
(1)

where the parameters are described in Sec. 1.1. The E155 phenomenological fit to  $g_1/F_1$  [8] is used. This fit is given by

$$\frac{g_1(x,Q^2)}{F_1(x,Q^2)} = x^{0.7} \times (0.82 + 1.01x - 1.49x^2) \times \left(1 - \frac{0.037}{Q^2}\right).$$
(2)

The function  $F_1$  was obtained from the NMC fit to  $F_2(x, Q^2)$  [79]. The SLAC fit to  $R(x, Q^2)$  [80] is used. Figure 37 shows results for  $g_2$  for the proton after combining the data for both energies by taking a weighted average, with no attempt to evolve the data versus  $Q^2$ . Figures 38 and 39 show the results for  $g_2$  separated by energy. There are no significant differences between the results for the two energies. Tables 25, 26 and 27 in Appendix C contain the results for  $xg_2$  at electron beam energy of 29 GeV, for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively. Tables 28, 29 and 30 in Appendix C contain the results for  $xg_2$  at electron beam energy of 32 GeV, for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively.

A more interesting result to look at is  $xg_2$ , which is plotted in Fig. 40 where the data for both electron beam energies have been combined by taking a weighted average. It should be noted that the different behaviors for  $g_2^{WW}$  for the three spectrometers come from the well-known  $Q^2$  dependence of  $g_1$ . The  $g_2$  results approximately follow the behavior of  $g_2^{WW}$ . Figures 41 and 42 show the results obtained for  $xg_2$  for the proton, separated by energy. Once again there is no significant difference between the two energies.

The results for  $g_2$  combined for all three spectrometers are shown in Fig. 43. A clearer picture of the behavior of the function  $g_2$  can be achieved by plotting  $xg_2$ versus x which is shown in Fig. 44. The fine bins can be combined into 10 coarser bins, known as world bins because they are typically used when comparing the data to other experiments. Table 12 in Appendix A lists the x ranges for the 10 world bins. To combine the fine bins, the data are evolved from a specific  $Q^2$ ,  $Q_o^2$ , to the average  $Q^2$  of each world bin,  $Q_{avg}^2$ , using the  $Q^2$ -dependence of  $g_2^{WW}$  as follows

$$g_2(Q_{avg}^2) = g_2(Q_o^2) - g_2^{WW}(Q_o^2) + g_2^{WW}(Q_{avg}^2).$$
(3)

The rebined results are shown in Fig. 45. The combined data agrees with  $g_2^{WW}$  with a  $\chi^2/(\text{dof})$  of 2.1 for 10 degrees of freedom. The data for  $g_2^p$  are inconsistent with zero ( $\chi^2/(\text{dof})=14.7$ ). The data are also compared to the bag model calculation of Stratmann [30], which is in good agreement with the data, and a chiral soliton model calculation of Weigel [34], which is somewhat too negative in the region near x = 0.4. The bag model calculation of Song [33] is in significant disagreement with the data. The models are calculated at the average  $Q^2$  of the experiment, 5 GeV<sup>2</sup>, while  $g_2^{WW}$  is evaluated at the average  $Q^2$  of each world bin using the E155 fit to  $g_1$ .



Figure 37: Final results for  $g_2$  for the proton target with beam energies combined by taking a weighted average.



Figure 38: Results for  $g_2$  for the proton target and a beam energy of 29 GeV.



Figure 39: Results for  $g_2$  for the proton target and a beam energy of 32 GeV.



Figure 40:  $xg_2$  as a function of x for the proton data, combined for both energies. Also shown is the curve for  $xg_2^{WW}$  using the E155 fit to  $g_1$ .



Figure 41: Results for  $xg_2$  for the proton target and a beam energy of 29 GeV.



Figure 42: Results for  $xg_2$  for the proton target and a beam energy of 32 GeV.



Figure 43:  $g_2$  as a function of x for the proton target combined for all three spectrometers and bothe beam energies.



Figure 44:  $xg_2$  as a function of x for the proton target, combined for all three spectrometers.



Figure 45:  $xg_2$  as a function of x for the proton target data, rebinned in the world bins. Also shown are curves for  $xg_2^{WW}$  using the E155 fit to  $g_1$  (solid line), the bag model calculation of Song (dotted line), the bag model calculation of Stratmann (dashed line), and the chiral soliton model calculation of Weigel (dot-dash line).

# 5.3 $Q^2$ Dependence of $g_2$

The  $Q^2$  dependence of  $g_2$  was also studied. Figure 46 shows the values of  $xg_2$  as a function of  $Q^2$  for several values of x. The data approximately follow the well known  $Q^2$  dependence of  $g_2^{WW}$ , indicated by the dashed curves. There is no indication of an additional  $Q^2$  dependence. Such a dependence could manifest itself by a  $1/\sqrt{Q^2}$  type of term due to twist-3 components. The data are also consistent with no  $Q^2$  dependence. The data do not permit us to make further distinctions about the  $Q^2$ -dependence of  $g_2$ .

# 5.4 $A_2$ Results

The results obtained for the proton target for  $A_2$  at electron beam energies of 29 GeV and 32 GeV are plotted in Figs. 47 and 48. There is no significant difference between the results for the two different energies. The data for the two energies were combined by taking a weighted average, and the results are shown in Fig. 49. On these plots, we also show curves for the positivity limit  $\sqrt{R}$ , and the Soffer limit. The  $A_2$  data is significantly lower than these limits. This result is in agreement with the theoretical predictions described in Sec. 2.6. Tables 25, 26 and 27 in Appendix C contain the results for  $A_2$  at electron beam energy of 29 GeV, for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively. Tables 28, 29 and 30 in Appendix C contain the results for  $A_2$  at electron beam energy of 32 GeV, for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively.

The  $A_2$  results were then combined for all three spectrometers and rebinned



Figure 46:  $xg_2$  for the proton as a function of  $Q^2$  for selected values of x. The data for this experiment are the solid circles. The dashed curves indicate  $xg_2^{WW}$  using the E155 fit to  $g_1$ .

in the 10 world bins following the same method used to rebin  $g_2$ . Figure 50 shows the rebinned results for  $A_2$ . The average value for  $A_2$  is consistent with zero at low x, but inconsistent with zero at higher x values. At the highest x value  $A_2$ reaches about 0.1. The last data point on the plot has a large error bar making it indistinguishable from zero.

#### 5.5 Sum Rules

## 5.5.1 Burkhardt-Cottingham Sum Rule

We evaluated the Burkhardt-Cottingham integral in the measured region  $0.02 \le x \le 0.8$  at  $Q^2 = 5 \text{ (GeV)}^2$ . The data were evolved to an average  $Q^2$  of 5 (GeV)<sup>2</sup> by using the  $Q^2$  dependence of  $g_2^{WW}$  as follows

$$g_2(Q_{avg}^2) = g_2(Q_{exp}^2) - g_2^{WW}(Q_{exp}^2) + g_2^{WW}(Q_{avg}^2).$$
(4)

The result for the proton is  $-0.036 \pm 0.008$ . The integral result is inconsistent with the BC sum rule prediction of zero. However, since the behavior of  $g_2$  as  $x \to 0$  is not known, this is not a conclusive test of the BC sum rule.

# 5.5.2 ELT Sum Rule

We evaluated the Efremov-Leader-Terayev integral described in Sec. 2.3.2 in the measured region  $0.02 \le x \le 0.8$  at  $Q^2 = 5$  (GeV)<sup>2</sup>. As discussed previously the data were evolved to the average  $Q^2$  of the experiment by using the  $Q^2$  dependence of  $g_2^{WW}$ . The result for the proton is  $-0.011 \pm 0.008$ , which is roughly consistent with the expected value of zero. Once again the behavior of  $g_2$  as  $x \to 0$  is not



Figure 47:  $A_2$  plotted versus x for the proton target at beam energy of 29 GeV. Also shown are the positivity limit  $\sqrt{R}$  (dot-dash) and the Soffer limit (solid).



Figure 48:  $A_2$  plotted versus x for the proton target at beam energy of 32 GeV. Also shown are the positivity limit  $\sqrt{R}$  (dot-dash) and the Soffer limit (solid).


Figure 49:  $A_2$  plotted versus x for the proton target, combined for both energies. Also shown are the positivity limit  $\sqrt{R}$  (dot-dash) and the Soffer limit (solid).



Figure 50:  $A_2$  for the proton target data, rebinned in the 10 world bins. Each point is evaluated at the average  $Q^2$  of the bin.

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		$d_2^p$	
E155x	0.0028	$\pm$	0.0016
Bag Model (Stratmann) [30]	0.006	$\pm$	0.000
Bag Model (Song) [33]	0.018	$\pm$	0.000
QCD Sum Rule (Stein) [82]	-0.006	$\pm$	0.003
QCD Sum Rule (BBK) [83]	-0.003	$\pm$	0.006
QCD Sum Rule (Ehrnsperger) [84]	-0.006	$\pm$	0.003
Lattice QCD [18]	0.0085	$\pm$	0.0035

Table 10: Comparison of experimental and theoretical results for  $d_2^p$ . The values are evaluated at  $Q^2=5$  GeV<sup>2</sup>.

known. However, in this case the contribution is suppressed by a factor of x so that the net contribution can be expected to be reasonably small.

# 5.6 Twist-3 matrix element $d_2$

We obtained values for the matrix element  $d_2$  which measures deviations of  $g_2$  from the twist-2  $g_2^{WW}$  term. The matrix element  $d_2$  was calculated assuming that  $\overline{g_2}$  is independent of  $Q^2$  in the measured region. This assumption is reasonable since the matrix element  $d_2$  is expected to depend logarithmically on  $Q^2$  [81]. The part of the integral for  $x \leq 0.02$  is neglected because of the  $x^2$  suppression. For  $x \geq 0.8$ ,  $\overline{g_2} \propto (1-x)^m$  was used, where m = 2 or 3. This functional form was normalized to the data for  $x \geq 0.5$ . Since  $\overline{g_2}$  is small at high x, the contribution was negligible in both cases. The value obtained for the proton was  $d_2 = 0.0028 \pm 0.0016$ . The result is consistent with a non-zero value for the twist-3 matrix element. Table 10 gives values obtained for  $d_2$  by different theoretical models for comparison.

### CHAPTER 6

### Conclusion

A new measurement of  $g_2$  for the proton has been presented for the kinematic range  $0.02 \le x \le 0.8$  and  $0.7 \le Q^2 \le 20 \text{ (GeV/c)}^2$ . This measurement provides an additional piece of information toward understanding the structure of matter. A new measurement for  $A_2$  has also been presented. These results have been compared to the currently available theoretical predictions.

The precision of the data allows us for the first time to make clear statements on  $g_2$  for the proton. It was found that  $g_2^p$  is clearly inconsistent with zero. In addition, the proton results for  $g_2$  are reasonably consistent with the twist-2  $g_2^{WW}$ prediction. The new precision of the proton data also allows the differentiation between theoretical models. It was found that the bag model calculation of Stratmann is in good agreement with the data, while the center of mass bag calculation of Song is not. The chiral soliton model calculation of Weigel in general agrees well with the data but is somewhat too negative around x of 0.4.

The value obtained for the twist-3 matrix element  $d_2$  from this measurement is approximately two standard deviations away from zero, which suggests that  $g_2$ exhibits some twist-3 dependence, but that this twist-3 component is very small. The Burkhardt-Cottingham and Efremov-Leader-Terayev integrals were determined in the measured kinematic region of the experiment. It was found that the BC integral is inconsistent with zero, in contradiction with the prediction of zero. However, this is not conclusive since the behavior of  $g_2$  as  $x \to 0$  is not known. The ELT integral was found to be consistent with zero in the measured region. Again, this is not a conclusive test since the behavior of  $g_2$  as  $x \to 0$  is not known.

With future experiments scheduled to be performed at the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility, more data at lower beam energies will be obtained which will complement our current picture of the structure of the nucleons. The 12 GeV upgrade at Jlab will allow for a series of experiments which will provide new insight into how the nuclear building blocks are made from quarks and gluons. Dedicated experiments to measure  $g_2$  and  $d_2$  for the neutron have already been proposed and should provide more exciting results.

## APPENDIX A

### Tables of asymmetry results with all corrections applied

The following tables give the results of the measured asymmetry as obtained by the analysis described in Chapter 4. These asymmetry results include all the corrections discussed previously. The final asymmetry is referred to as  $A_{\perp}$  even though it includes a small parallel component due to the orientation of the target polarization direction at  $92.4^{\circ}$  away from the beam line, instead of  $90^{\circ}$ . Table 11 shows the x ranges for the 38 bins in which the analysis was performed. Table 12 shows the x ranges for the 10 world bins. Tables 13, 14 and 15 contain the asymmetry results for the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively. Tables 16, 17 and 18 contain the asymmetry results for the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV for the  $2.75^{\circ}$ ,  $5.5^{\circ}$  and  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometers, respectively. The tables do not show all 38 bins for the three spectrometers. Bins below bin 6 in the  $2.75^{\circ}$  spectrometer, bin 16 in the  $5.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer and bin 20 in the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer do not contain significant amounts of events, so they were removed. Bins above bin 30 in the  $2.75^{\circ}$  spectrometer were also removed because the momentum resolution becomes extremely poor in this spectrometer above bin 30 (See Reference [85]). Bins above bin 36 in the  $10.5^\circ$  spectrometer do not contain any events, and have been removed as well.

x bin	x range
1	0.010 - 0.011
2	0.011 - 0.013
3	0.013 - 0.014
4	0.014 - 0.016
5	0.016 - 0.018
6	0.018 - 0.020
7	0.020 - 0.023
8	0.023 - 0.025
9	0.025 - 0.029
10	0.029 - 0.032
11	0.032 - 0.036
12	0.036 - 0.041
13	0.041 - 0.046
14	0.046 - 0.052
15	0.052 - 0.058
16	0.058 - 0.065
17	0.066 - 0.073
18	0.074 - 0.083
19	0.083 - 0.093
20	0.093 - 0.105
21	0.105 - 0.118
22	0.118 - 0.133
23	0.133 - 0.149
24	0.149 - 0.168
25	0.168 - 0.189
26	0.189 - 0.213
27	0.213 - 0.239
28	0.239 - 0.262
29	0.269 - 0.303
30	0.303 - 0.341
31	0.341 - 0.383
32	0.383 - 0.431
33	0.431 - 0.485
34	0.485 - 0.546
35	0.546 - 0.615
36	0.615 - 0.692
37	0.692 - 0.778
38	0.778 - 0.876

Table 11: Fine bins x ranges.

x bin	x range
1	0.018 - 0.023
2	0.023 - 0.029
3	0.029 - 0.047
4	0.047 - 0.075
5	0.075 - 0.120
6	0.120 - 0.193
7	0.193 - 0.310
8	0.310 - 0.498
9	0.498 - 0.700
10	0.700 - 0.900

Table 12: World bins x ranges.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$A_{\perp}$
6	0.020	0.71	$0.0241 \pm 0.0162$
7	0.022	0.76	$0.0033 \pm 0.0068$
8	0.024	0.82	$-0.0012 \pm 0.0053$
9	0.027	0.86	$0.0098 \pm 0.0052$
10	0.031	0.91	$-0.0005 \pm 0.0052$
11	0.035	0.96	$-0.0026 \pm 0.0051$
12	0.039	1.02	$-0.0118 \pm 0.0050$
13	0.044	1.07	$-0.0152 \pm 0.0049$
14	0.049	1.13	$-0.0090 \pm 0.0048$
15	0.056	1.18	$-0.0059 \pm 0.0050$
16	0.063	1.23	$-0.0065 \pm 0.0049$
17	0.071	1.29	$-0.0119 \pm 0.0048$
18	0.079	1.34	$-0.0043 \pm 0.0047$
19	0.089	1.40	$-0.0043 \pm 0.0048$
20	0.101	1.45	$0.0053 \pm 0.0048$
21	0.113	1.50	$-0.0014 \pm 0.0049$
22	0.128	1.54	$-0.0083 \pm 0.0050$
23	0.144	1.59	$-0.0059 \pm 0.0051$
24	0.162	1.63	$-0.0043 \pm 0.0052$
25	0.182	1.67	$-0.0022 \pm 0.0053$
26	0.205	1.71	$0.0069 \pm 0.0054$
27	0.230	1.74	$-0.0092 \pm 0.0056$
28	0.259	1.77	$-0.0003 \pm 0.0058$
29	0.292	1.80	$-0.0098 \pm 0.0061$
30	0.329	1.83	$-0.0061 \pm 0.0063$

Table 13: Measured asymmetry results for the  $2.75^\circ$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^{2} >$	$A_{\perp}$
16	0.065	2.32	$0.0031 \pm 0.0521$
17	0.071	2.49	$0.0104 \pm 0.0216$
18	0.080	2.71	$0.0098 \pm 0.0144$
19	0.090	2.94	$-0.0084 \pm 0.0110$
20	0.101	3.17	$-0.0003 \pm 0.0093$
21	0.114	3.40	$0.0231 \pm 0.0084$
22	0.128	3.62	$0.0114 \pm 0.0079$
23	0.144	3.85	$-0.0144 \pm 0.0076$
24	0.162	4.08	$-0.0146 \pm 0.0075$
25	0.182	4.30	$-0.0057 \pm 0.0074$
26	0.205	4.52	$-0.0087 \pm 0.0076$
27	0.230	4.74	$-0.0180 \pm 0.0079$
28	0.259	4.93	$0.0068 \pm 0.0084$
29	0.292	5.13	$-0.0169 \pm 0.0089$
30	0.328	5.31	$-0.0168 \pm 0.0096$
31	0.370	5.50	$-0.0478 \pm 0.0105$
32	0.416	5.66	$-0.0249 \pm 0.0115$
33	0.468	5.81	$-0.0408 \pm 0.0130$
34	0.527	5.96	$-0.0367 \pm 0.0150$
35	0.592	6.08	$-0.0281 \pm 0.0178$
36	0.667	6.20	$-0.0449 \pm 0.0217$
37	0.750	6.30	$-0.0868 \pm 0.0281$
38	0.844	6.39	$-0.0843 \pm 0.0438$

Table 14: Measured asymmetry results for the  $5.5^\circ$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$A_{\perp}$
20	0.102	4.40	$0.1404 \pm 0.1655$
21	0.115	4.89	$0.0006 \pm 0.0521$
22	0.128	5.34	$-0.0814 \pm 0.0315$
23	0.144	5.90	$-0.0498 \pm 0.0253$
24	0.162	6.51	$0.0127 \pm 0.0219$
25	0.182	7.17	$0.0029 \pm 0.0196$
26	0.205	7.85	$-0.0255 \pm 0.0198$
27	0.230	8.57	$0.0164 \pm 0.0204$
28	0.259	9.28	$-0.0201 \pm 0.0215$
29	0.292	10.04	$0.0288 \pm 0.0230$
30	0.328	10.83	$-0.0205 \pm 0.0252$
31	0.369	11.67	$-0.0136 \pm 0.0286$
32	0.415	12.48	$0.0029 \pm 0.0331$
33	0.467	13.30	$0.0512\pm0.0400$
34	0.525	14.10	$0.0294 \pm 0.0504$
35	0.591	14.93	$0.0669 \pm 0.0671$
36	0.665	15.70	$-0.1825 \pm 0.0934$

Table 15: Measured asymmetry results for the  $10.5^\circ$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$A_{\perp}$
6	0.020	0.81	$-0.0013 \pm 0.0089$
7	0.022	0.88	$-0.0027 \pm 0.0051$
8	0.024	0.94	$-0.0063 \pm 0.0046$
9	0.027	0.99	$0.0033 \pm 0.0045$
10	0.031	1.05	$-0.0007 \pm 0.0045$
11	0.035	1.12	$-0.0045 \pm 0.0044$
12	0.039	1.19	$-0.0034 \pm 0.0044$
13	0.044	1.26	$-0.0040 \pm 0.0043$
14	0.049	1.32	$-0.0015 \pm 0.0044$
15	0.056	1.39	$-0.0040 \pm 0.0043$
16	0.063	1.46	$-0.0080 \pm 0.0043$
17	0.071	1.54	$-0.0093 \pm 0.0042$
18	0.079	1.61	$0.0028 \pm 0.0043$
19	0.089	1.68	$-0.0039 \pm 0.0044$
20	0.101	1.75	$-0.0057 \pm 0.0045$
21	0.113	1.81	$-0.0038 \pm 0.0046$
22	0.128	1.87	$-0.0036 \pm 0.0046$
23	0.144	1.93	$-0.0025 \pm 0.0048$
24	0.162	1.99	$-0.0086 \pm 0.0049$
25	0.182	2.04	$0.0098 \pm 0.0050$
26	0.205	2.09	$-0.0044 \pm 0.0051$
27	0.230	2.14	$0.0057 \pm 0.0052$
28	0.259	2.18	$0.0069 \pm 0.0054$
29	0.292	2.22	$0.0004 \pm 0.0056$
30	0.329	2.26	$-0.0053 \pm 0.0059$

Table 16: Measured asymmetry results for the  $2.75^\circ$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$A_{\perp}$
16	0.064	2.65	$0.0172 \pm 0.0283$
17	0.071	2.87	$-0.0159 \pm 0.0154$
18	0.080	3.13	$0.0055 \pm 0.0109$
19	0.090	3.40	$0.0035 \pm 0.0088$
20	0.101	3.67	$-0.0117 \pm 0.0078$
21	0.113	3.94	$0.0019 \pm 0.0072$
22	0.128	4.22	$0.0001 \pm 0.0068$
23	0.144	4.50	$-0.0020 \pm 0.0066$
24	0.162	4.78	$0.0043 \pm 0.0065$
25	0.182	5.06	$-0.0021 \pm 0.0067$
26	0.205	5.33	$-0.0016 \pm 0.0068$
27	0.230	5.59	$-0.0187 \pm 0.0073$
28	0.259	5.85	$-0.0060 \pm 0.0076$
29	0.292	6.10	$-0.0209 \pm 0.0082$
30	0.328	6.33	$-0.0052 \pm 0.0087$
31	0.370	6.56	$-0.0355 \pm 0.0095$
32	0.416	6.77	$-0.0236 \pm 0.0105$
33	0.468	6.97	$-0.0359 \pm 0.0119$
34	0.527	7.17	$-0.0282 \pm 0.0137$
35	0.592	7.34	$-0.0311 \pm 0.0163$
36	0.667	7.50	$-0.0313 \pm 0.0199$
37	0.750	7.63	$-0.0548 \pm 0.0257$
38	0.844	7.76	$0.0340\pm0.0401$

Table 17: Measured asymmetry results for the  $5.5^\circ$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$A_{\perp}$
20	0.102	4.99	$0.0336 \pm 0.1258$
21	0.115	5.55	$-0.0070 \pm 0.0396$
22	0.128	6.09	$-0.0234 \pm 0.0248$
23	0.144	6.71	$0.0032 \pm 0.0187$
24	0.162	7.42	$-0.0370 \pm 0.0159$
25	0.182	8.18	$-0.0175 \pm 0.0145$
26	0.205	8.97	$-0.0222 \pm 0.0147$
27	0.230	9.82	$-0.0135 \pm 0.0155$
28	0.259	10.68	$-0.0064 \pm 0.0165$
29	0.292	11.59	$0.0186 \pm 0.0178$
30	0.328	12.52	$-0.0169 \pm 0.0198$
31	0.369	13.49	$0.0395 \pm 0.0221$
32	0.416	14.45	$0.0177 \pm 0.0255$
33	0.467	15.41	$-0.0174 \pm 0.0303$
34	0.526	16.38	$0.0742 \pm 0.0379$
35	0.591	17.35	$0.0370\pm0.0498$
36	0.664	18.28	$-0.0189 \pm 0.0704$

Table 18: Measured asymmetry results for the  $10.5^\circ$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.

# APPENDIX B

## Tables of asymmetry results without radiative corrections

The following tables contain the results for the measured asymmetry without radiative corrections applied. Tables 19, 20 and 21 contain the asymmetry results without radiative corrections for the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively. Tables 22, 23 and 24 contain the asymmetry results without radiative corrections for the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively. Tables 22, respectively. The uncertainties shown are statistical uncertainties.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^{2} >$	$A_{\perp}$
6	0.020	0.71	$0.0204 \pm 0.0130$
7	0.022	0.76	$0.0039 \pm 0.0057$
8	0.024	0.82	$0.0003 \pm 0.0046$
9	0.027	0.86	$0.0103 \pm 0.0046$
10	0.031	0.91	$0.0013 \pm 0.0046$
11	0.035	0.96	$-0.0005 \pm 0.0047$
12	0.039	1.02	$-0.0091 \pm 0.0047$
13	0.044	1.07	$-0.0125 \pm 0.0047$
14	0.049	1.13	$-0.0066 \pm 0.0046$
15	0.056	1.18	$-0.0035 \pm 0.0048$
16	0.063	1.23	$-0.0041 \pm 0.0047$
17	0.071	1.29	$-0.0093 \pm 0.0047$
18	0.079	1.34	$-0.0018 \pm 0.0046$
19	0.089	1.40	$-0.0017 \pm 0.0047$
20	0.101	1.45	$0.0078 \pm 0.0047$
21	0.113	1.50	$0.0013 \pm 0.0048$
22	0.128	1.54	$-0.0055 \pm 0.0049$
23	0.144	1.59	$-0.0031 \pm 0.0050$
24	0.162	1.63	$-0.0016 \pm 0.0051$
25	0.182	1.67	$0.0005 \pm 0.0053$
26	0.205	1.71	$0.0095 \pm 0.0053$
27	0.230	1.74	$-0.0065 \pm 0.0055$
28	0.259	1.77	$0.0022 \pm 0.0057$
29	0.292	1.80	$-0.0075 \pm 0.0060$
30	0.329	1.83	$-0.0039 \pm 0.0062$

Table 19: Measured asymmetry results without radiative corrections for the  $2.75^{\circ}$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$A_{\perp}$
16	0.065	2.32	$-0.0005 \pm 0.0483$
17	0.071	2.49	$0.0061 \pm 0.0204$
18	0.080	2.71	$0.0054 \pm 0.0138$
19	0.090	2.94	$-0.0124 \pm 0.0106$
20	0.101	3.17	$-0.0048 \pm 0.0090$
21	0.114	3.40	$0.0180 \pm 0.0083$
22	0.128	3.62	$0.0064 \pm 0.0078$
23	0.144	3.85	$-0.0192 \pm 0.0075$
24	0.162	4.08	$-0.0195 \pm 0.0074$
25	0.182	4.30	$-0.0106 \pm 0.0073$
26	0.205	4.52	$-0.0133 \pm 0.0076$
27	0.230	4.74	$-0.0224 \pm 0.0079$
28	0.259	4.93	$0.0025 \pm 0.0084$
29	0.292	5.13	$-0.0208 \pm 0.0089$
30	0.328	5.31	$-0.0204 \pm 0.0096$
31	0.370	5.50	$-0.0509 \pm 0.0105$
32	0.416	5.66	$-0.0275 \pm 0.0115$
33	0.468	5.81	$-0.0429 \pm 0.0130$
34	0.527	5.96	$-0.0381 \pm 0.0150$
35	0.592	6.08	$-0.0287 \pm 0.0177$
36	0.667	6.20	$-0.0442 \pm 0.0216$
37	0.750	6.30	$-0.0866 \pm 0.0278$
38	0.844	6.39	$-0.0848 \pm 0.0424$

Table 20: Measured asymmetry results without radiative corrections for the  $5.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$A_{\perp}$
20	0.102	4.40	$0.1303 \pm 0.1442$
21	0.115	4.89	$0.0087 \pm 0.0471$
22	0.128	5.34	$-0.0673 \pm 0.0293$
23	0.144	5.90	$-0.0386 \pm 0.0240$
24	0.162	6.51	$0.0210\pm0.0211$
25	0.182	7.17	$0.0116\pm0.0191$
26	0.205	7.85	$-0.0163 \pm 0.0194$
27	0.230	8.57	$0.0246\pm0.0201$
28	0.259	9.28	$-0.0118 \pm 0.0212$
29	0.292	10.04	$0.0362 \pm 0.0228$
30	0.328	10.83	$-0.0131 \pm 0.0251$
31	0.369	11.67	$-0.0069 \pm 0.0284$
32	0.415	12.48	$0.0090 \pm 0.0330$
33	0.467	13.30	$0.0564 \pm 0.0399$
34	0.525	14.10	$0.0339 \pm 0.0504$
35	0.591	14.93	$0.0706 \pm 0.0670$
36	0.665	15.70	$-0.1796 \pm 0.0933$

Table 21: Measured asymmetry results without radiative corrections for the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$A_{\perp}$
6	0.020	0.81	$-0.0000 \pm 0.0074$
7	0.022	0.88	$-0.0011 \pm 0.0044$
8	0.024	0.94	$-0.0041 \pm 0.0040$
9	0.027	0.99	$0.0045 \pm 0.0041$
10	0.031	1.05	$0.0011 \pm 0.0041$
11	0.035	1.12	$-0.0024 \pm 0.0041$
12	0.039	1.19	$-0.0014 \pm 0.0041$
13	0.044	1.26	$-0.0020 \pm 0.0041$
14	0.049	1.32	$0.0005 \pm 0.0043$
15	0.056	1.39	$-0.0018 \pm 0.0042$
16	0.063	1.46	$-0.0057 \pm 0.0042$
17	0.071	1.54	$-0.0069 \pm 0.0042$
18	0.079	1.61	$0.0051 \pm 0.0042$
19	0.089	1.68	$-0.0014 \pm 0.0043$
20	0.101	1.75	$-0.0031 \pm 0.0044$
21	0.113	1.81	$-0.0012 \pm 0.0045$
22	0.128	1.87	$-0.0009 \pm 0.0046$
23	0.144	1.93	$0.0002 \pm 0.0047$
24	0.162	1.99	$-0.0059 \pm 0.0049$
25	0.182	2.04	$0.0123 \pm 0.0049$
26	0.205	2.09	$-0.0018 \pm 0.0051$
27	0.230	2.14	$0.0081 \pm 0.0052$
28	0.259	2.18	$0.0092 \pm 0.0054$
29	0.292	2.22	$0.0026\pm0.0056$
30	0.329	2.26	$-0.0032 \pm 0.0058$

Table 22: Measured asymmetry results without radiative corrections for the  $2.75^{\circ}$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^{2} >$	$A_{\perp}$
16	0.064	2.65	$0.0132 \pm 0.0267$
17	0.071	2.87	$-0.0186 \pm 0.0147$
18	0.080	3.13	$0.0017 \pm 0.0105$
19	0.090	3.40	$-0.0005 \pm 0.0086$
20	0.101	3.67	$-0.0157 \pm 0.0076$
21	0.113	3.94	$-0.0025 \pm 0.0071$
22	0.128	4.22	$-0.0043 \pm 0.0067$
23	0.144	4.50	$-0.0065 \pm 0.0066$
24	0.162	4.78	$-0.0002 \pm 0.0065$
25	0.182	5.06	$-0.0065 \pm 0.0066$
26	0.205	5.33	$-0.0060 \pm 0.0068$
27	0.230	5.59	$-0.0228 \pm 0.0072$
28	0.259	5.85	$-0.0099 \pm 0.0076$
29	0.292	6.10	$-0.0245 \pm 0.0082$
30	0.328	6.33	$-0.0084 \pm 0.0087$
31	0.370	6.56	$-0.0383 \pm 0.0095$
32	0.416	6.77	$-0.0259 \pm 0.0105$
33	0.468	6.97	$-0.0377 \pm 0.0119$
34	0.527	7.17	$-0.0295 \pm 0.0137$
35	0.592	7.34	$-0.0317 \pm 0.0163$
36	0.667	7.50	$-0.0311 \pm 0.0198$
37	0.750	7.63	$-0.0542 \pm 0.0255$
38	0.844	7.76	$0.0307 \pm 0.0392$

Table 23: Measured asymmetry results without radiative corrections for the  $5.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$A_{\perp}$
20	0.102	4.99	$0.0376 \pm 0.1160$
21	0.115	5.55	$0.0005 \pm 0.0372$
22	0.128	6.09	$-0.0149 \pm 0.0236$
23	0.144	6.71	$0.0106 \pm 0.0181$
24	0.162	7.42	$-0.0285 \pm 0.0155$
25	0.182	8.18	$-0.0097 \pm 0.0142$
26	0.205	8.97	$-0.0144 \pm 0.0144$
27	0.230	9.82	$-0.0061 \pm 0.0153$
28	0.259	10.68	$0.0006 \pm 0.0163$
29	0.292	11.59	$0.0252 \pm 0.0177$
30	0.328	12.52	$-0.0105 \pm 0.0196$
31	0.369	13.49	$0.0451 \pm 0.0220$
32	0.416	14.45	$0.0229 \pm 0.0254$
33	0.467	15.41	$-0.0128 \pm 0.0302$
34	0.526	16.38	$0.0779 \pm 0.0378$
35	0.591	17.35	$0.0399 \pm 0.0497$
36	0.664	18.28	$-0.0169 \pm 0.0703$

Table 24: Measured asymmetry results without radiative corrections for the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.

# APPENDIX C

# Tables of $xg_2$ and $A_2$ results

The following tables contain the results for  $xg_2$  and  $A_2$ . Tables 25, 26 and 27 contain the results for  $xg_2$  and  $A_2$  for the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively. Tables 28, 29 and 30 contain the results for  $xg_2$  and  $A_2$  for the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers, respectively.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$xg_2 \pm stat \pm syst$	$A_2 \pm stat \pm syst$
6	0.020	0.71	$-0.0929 \pm 0.0575 \pm 0.0044$	$-0.0395 \pm 0.0338 \pm 0.0020$
7	0.022	0.76	$-0.0216 \pm 0.0285 \pm 0.0007$	$-0.0075 \pm 0.0249 \pm 0.0003$
8	0.024	0.82	$-0.0029 \pm 0.0216 \pm 0.0003$	$0.0016 \pm 0.0231 \pm 0.0001$
9	0.027	0.86	$-0.0469 \pm 0.0208 \pm 0.0020$	$-0.0209 \pm 0.0245 \pm 0.0011$
10	0.031	0.91	$-0.0060 \pm 0.0201 \pm 0.0001$	$0.0010 \pm 0.0261 \pm 0.0001$
11	0.035	0.96	$0.0018 \pm 0.0195 \pm 0.0005$	$0.0063 \pm 0.0278 \pm 0.0003$
12	0.039	1.02	$0.0365 \pm 0.0191 \pm 0.0023$	$0.0296 \pm 0.0299 \pm 0.0015$
13	0.044	1.07	$0.0494 \pm 0.0186 \pm 0.0030$	$0.0416 \pm 0.0321 \pm 0.0021$
14	0.049	1.13	$0.0256 \pm 0.0182 \pm 0.0018$	$0.0280 \pm 0.0344 \pm 0.0013$
15	0.056	1.18	$0.0135 \pm 0.0188 \pm 0.0012$	$0.0217 \pm 0.0382 \pm 0.0009$
16	0.063	1.23	$0.0155 \pm 0.0182 \pm 0.0013$	$0.0265 \pm 0.0410 \pm 0.0011$
17	0.071	1.29	$0.0357 \pm 0.0180 \pm 0.0023$	$0.0493 \pm 0.0445 \pm 0.0022$
18	0.079	1.34	$0.0070 \pm 0.0177 \pm 0.0008$	$0.0261 \pm 0.0483 \pm 0.0009$
19	0.089	1.40	$0.0069 \pm 0.0180 \pm 0.0008$	$0.0306 \pm 0.0531 \pm 0.0009$
20	0.101	1.45	$-0.0292 \pm 0.0180 \pm 0.0010$	$-0.0074 \pm 0.0583 \pm 0.0012$
21	0.113	1.50	$-0.0045 \pm 0.0183 \pm 0.0003$	$0.0279 \pm 0.0645 \pm 0.0003$
22	0.128	1.54	$0.0214 \pm 0.0187 \pm 0.0016$	$0.0716 \pm 0.0716 \pm 0.0023$
23	0.144	1.59	$0.0122 \pm 0.0189 \pm 0.0011$	$0.0691 \pm 0.0794 \pm 0.0018$
24	0.162	1.63	$0.0062 \pm 0.0193 \pm 0.0008$	$0.0718 \pm 0.0884 \pm 0.0014$
25	0.182	1.67	$-0.0021 \pm 0.0196 \pm 0.0004$	$0.0708 \pm 0.0982 \pm 0.0008$
26	0.205	1.71	$-0.0352 \pm 0.0197 \pm 0.0013$	$0.0192 \pm 0.1089 \pm 0.0027$
27	0.230	1.74	$0.0226 \pm 0.0199 \pm 0.0017$	$0.1632 \pm 0.1216 \pm 0.0038$
28	0.259	1.77	$-0.0088 \pm 0.0199 \pm 0.0001$	$0.1144 \pm 0.1360 \pm 0.0001$
29	0.292	1.80	$0.0227 \pm 0.0199 \pm 0.0017$	$0.2320 \pm 0.1526 \pm 0.0048$
30	0.329	1.83	$0.0095 \pm 0.0193 \pm 0.0010$	$0.2349 \pm 0.1706 \pm 0.0032$

Table 25: Results for  $xg_2$  and  $A_2$  for the 2.75° spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^{2} >$	$xg_2 \pm stat \pm syst$	$A_2 \pm stat \pm syst$
16	0.065	2.32	$0.0141 \pm 0.1531 \pm 0.0005$	$0.0183 \pm 0.0839 \pm 0.0003$
17	0.071	2.49	$0.0353 \pm 0.0636 \pm 0.0016$	$0.0330 \pm 0.0571 \pm 0.0010$
18	0.080	2.71	$0.0325 \pm 0.0409 \pm 0.0014$	$0.0343 \pm 0.0487 \pm 0.0009$
19	0.090	2.94	$-0.0187 \pm 0.0300 \pm 0.0012$	$0.0035 \pm 0.0446 \pm 0.0008$
20	0.101	3.17	$0.0031 \pm 0.0241 \pm 0.0000$	$0.0214 \pm 0.0429 \pm 0.0000$
21	0.114	3.40	$0.0611 \pm 0.0210 \pm 0.0030$	$0.0700 \pm 0.0433 \pm 0.0023$
22	0.128	3.62	$0.0307 \pm 0.0189 \pm 0.0014$	$0.0528 \pm 0.0445 \pm 0.0012$
23	0.144	3.85	$-0.0306 \pm 0.0177 \pm 0.0017$	$0.0051 \pm 0.0468 \pm 0.0016$
24	0.162	4.08	$-0.0302 \pm 0.0167 \pm 0.0017$	$0.0096 \pm 0.0496 \pm 0.0017$
25	0.182	4.30	$-0.0101 \pm 0.0158 \pm 0.0006$	$0.0364 \pm 0.0530 \pm 0.0007$
26	0.205	4.52	$-0.0159 \pm 0.0156 \pm 0.0009$	$0.0379 \pm 0.0580 \pm 0.0011$
27	0.230	4.74	$-0.0335 \pm 0.0154 \pm 0.0018$	$0.0241 \pm 0.0640 \pm 0.0024$
28	0.259	4.93	$0.0136 \pm 0.0154 \pm 0.0006$	$0.1036 \pm 0.0714 \pm 0.0010$
29	0.292	5.13	$-0.0278 \pm 0.0152 \pm 0.0015$	$0.0516 \pm 0.0800 \pm 0.0026$
30	0.328	5.31	$-0.0254 \pm 0.0148 \pm 0.0014$	$0.0684 \pm 0.0903 \pm 0.0028$
31	0.370	5.50	$-0.0644 \pm 0.0142 \pm 0.0034$	$-0.0159 \pm 0.1025 \pm 0.0084$
32	0.416	5.66	$-0.0286 \pm 0.0133 \pm 0.0015$	$0.0834 \pm 0.1171 \pm 0.0047$
33	0.468	5.81	$-0.0385 \pm 0.0123 \pm 0.0020$	$0.0462 \pm 0.1363 \pm 0.0083$
34	0.527	5.96	$-0.0268 \pm 0.0110 \pm 0.0014$	$0.0872 \pm 0.1596 \pm 0.0080$
35	0.592	6.08	$-0.0148 \pm 0.0094 \pm 0.0008$	$0.1517 \pm 0.1896 \pm 0.0066$
36	0.667	6.20	$-0.0155 \pm 0.0075 \pm 0.0008$	$0.0966 \pm 0.2286 \pm 0.0112$
37	0.750	6.30	$-0.0162 \pm 0.0052 \pm 0.0008$	$-0.1063 \pm 0.2831 \pm 0.0230$
38	0.844	6.39	$-0.0055 \pm 0.0029 \pm 0.0003$	$-0.1186 \pm 0.3854 \pm 0.0237$

Table 26: Results for  $xg_2$  and  $A_2$  for the 5.5° spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$xg_2 \pm stat \pm syst$	$A_2 \pm stat \pm syst$
20	0.102	4.40	$-0.4078 \pm 0.4444 \pm 0.0197$	$-0.2220 \pm 0.1539 \pm 0.0115$
21	0.115	4.89	$-0.0329 \pm 0.1329 \pm 0.0001$	$-0.0009 \pm 0.0896 \pm 0.0001$
22	0.128	5.34	$0.1622 \pm 0.0752 \pm 0.0101$	$0.1289 \pm 0.0715 \pm 0.0066$
23	0.144	5.90	$0.0772 \pm 0.0561 \pm 0.0057$	$0.0806 \pm 0.0661 \pm 0.0040$
24	0.162	6.51	$-0.0607 \pm 0.0451 \pm 0.0014$	$-0.0142 \pm 0.0635 \pm 0.0010$
25	0.182	7.17	$-0.0412 \pm 0.0372 \pm 0.0003$	$0.0035 \pm 0.0620 \pm 0.0003$
26	0.205	7.85	$0.0079 \pm 0.0340 \pm 0.0022$	$0.0503 \pm 0.0642 \pm 0.0020$
27	0.230	8.57	$-0.0615 \pm 0.0317 \pm 0.0014$	$-0.0091 \pm 0.0677 \pm 0.0013$
28	0.259	9.28	$-0.0075 \pm 0.0298 \pm 0.0014$	$0.0523 \pm 0.0725 \pm 0.0016$
29	0.292	10.04	$-0.0691 \pm 0.0281 \pm 0.0019$	$-0.0162 \pm 0.0787 \pm 0.0024$
30	0.328	10.83	$-0.0102 \pm 0.0263 \pm 0.0011$	$0.0694 \pm 0.0861 \pm 0.0016$
31	0.369	11.67	$-0.0165 \pm 0.0249 \pm 0.0006$	$0.0692 \pm 0.0965 \pm 0.0011$
32	0.415	12.48	$-0.0263 \pm 0.0233 \pm 0.0001$	$0.0549 \pm 0.1099 \pm 0.0003$
33	0.467	13.30	$-0.0470 \pm 0.0215 \pm 0.0014$	$-0.0134 \pm 0.1283 \pm 0.0046$
34	0.525	14.10	$-0.0256 \pm 0.0194 \pm 0.0006$	$0.0382 \pm 0.1536 \pm 0.0028$
35	0.591	14.93	$-0.0262 \pm 0.0168 \pm 0.0009$	$-0.0165 \pm 0.1892 \pm 0.0065$
36	0.665	15.70	$0.0208 \pm 0.0133 \pm 0.0013$	$0.4817 \pm 0.2397 \pm 0.0185$

Table 27: Results for  $xg_2$  and  $A_2$  for the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$xg_2 \pm stat \pm syst$	$A_2 \pm stat \pm syst$
6	0.020	0.81	$-0.0032 \pm 0.0346 \pm 0.0003$	$0.0008 \pm 0.0238 \pm 0.0001$
7	0.022	0.88	$0.0035 \pm 0.0232 \pm 0.0006$	$0.0039 \pm 0.0205 \pm 0.0003$
8	0.024	0.94	$0.0186 \pm 0.0200 \pm 0.0014$	$0.0110 \pm 0.0204 \pm 0.0006$
9	0.027	0.99	$-0.0228 \pm 0.0193 \pm 0.0007$	$-0.0074 \pm 0.0216 \pm 0.0003$
10	0.031	1.05	$-0.0062 \pm 0.0188 \pm 0.0001$	$0.0010 \pm 0.0231 \pm 0.0001$
11	0.035	1.12	$0.0091 \pm 0.0181 \pm 0.0009$	$0.0097 \pm 0.0244 \pm 0.0005$
12	0.039	1.19	$0.0044 \pm 0.0176 \pm 0.0007$	$0.0083 \pm 0.0261 \pm 0.0004$
13	0.044	1.26	$0.0066 \pm 0.0173 \pm 0.0008$	$0.0110 \pm 0.0280 \pm 0.0005$
14	0.049	1.32	$-0.0036 \pm 0.0177 \pm 0.0003$	$0.0059 \pm 0.0308 \pm 0.0002$
15	0.056	1.39	$0.0059 \pm 0.0169 \pm 0.0008$	$0.0141 \pm 0.0327 \pm 0.0006$
16	0.063	1.46	$0.0213 \pm 0.0167 \pm 0.0016$	$0.0285 \pm 0.0354 \pm 0.0013$
17	0.071	1.54	$0.0259 \pm 0.0164 \pm 0.0019$	$0.0360 \pm 0.0383 \pm 0.0016$
18	0.079	1.61	$-0.0210 \pm 0.0166 \pm 0.0006$	$-0.0016 \pm 0.0420 \pm 0.0005$
19	0.089	1.68	$0.0046 \pm 0.0169 \pm 0.0008$	$0.0255 \pm 0.0464 \pm 0.0008$
20	0.101	1.75	$0.0111 \pm 0.0172 \pm 0.0011$	$0.0372 \pm 0.0512 \pm 0.0012$
21	0.113	1.81	$0.0038 \pm 0.0174 \pm 0.0008$	$0.0352 \pm 0.0566 \pm 0.0009$
22	0.128	1.87	$0.0026 \pm 0.0176 \pm 0.0007$	$0.0407 \pm 0.0625 \pm 0.0009$
23	0.144	1.93	$-0.0018 \pm 0.0180 \pm 0.0005$	$0.0432 \pm 0.0694 \pm 0.0007$
24	0.162	1.99	$0.0211 \pm 0.0184 \pm 0.0017$	$0.0877 \pm 0.0775 \pm 0.0025$
25	0.182	2.04	$-0.0477 \pm 0.0185 \pm 0.0019$	$-0.0116 \pm 0.0860 \pm 0.0032$
26	0.205	2.09	$0.0049 \pm 0.0186 \pm 0.0008$	$0.0920 \pm 0.0954 \pm 0.0015$
27	0.230	2.14	$-0.0313 \pm 0.0186 \pm 0.0011$	$0.0373 \pm 0.1062 \pm 0.0022$
28	0.259	2.18	$-0.0346 \pm 0.0187 \pm 0.0012$	$0.0443 \pm 0.1189 \pm 0.0028$
29	0.292	2.22	$-0.0118 \pm 0.0184 \pm 0.0001$	$0.1203 \pm 0.1329 \pm 0.0002$
30	0.329	2.26	$0.0060 \pm 0.0177 \pm 0.0008$	$0.2016 \pm 0.1482 \pm 0.0025$

Table 28: Results for  $xg_2$  and  $A_2$  for the 2.75° spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^{2} >$	$xg_2 \pm stat \pm syst$	$A_2 \pm stat \pm syst$
16	0.064	2.65	$0.0611 \pm 0.0897 \pm 0.0029$	$0.0409 \pm 0.0585 \pm 0.0015$
17	0.071	2.87	$-0.0441 \pm 0.0485 \pm 0.0026$	$-0.0132 \pm 0.0456 \pm 0.0014$
18	0.080	3.13	$0.0222 \pm 0.0329 \pm 0.0009$	$0.0255 \pm 0.0400 \pm 0.0005$
19	0.090	3.40	$0.0155 \pm 0.0253 \pm 0.0005$	$0.0245 \pm 0.0376 \pm 0.0003$
20	0.101	3.67	$-0.0271 \pm 0.0213 \pm 0.0017$	$0.0001 \pm 0.0370 \pm 0.0011$
21	0.113	3.94	$0.0095 \pm 0.0187 \pm 0.0003$	$0.0278 \pm 0.0375 \pm 0.0002$
22	0.128	4.22	$0.0043 \pm 0.0169 \pm 0.0000$	$0.0286 \pm 0.0387 \pm 0.0000$
23	0.144	4.50	$-0.0012 \pm 0.0159 \pm 0.0002$	$0.0293 \pm 0.0406 \pm 0.0002$
24	0.162	4.78	$0.0133 \pm 0.0150 \pm 0.0005$	$0.0482 \pm 0.0431 \pm 0.0005$
25	0.182	5.06	$-0.0017 \pm 0.0146 \pm 0.0002$	$0.0420 \pm 0.0467 \pm 0.0002$
26	0.205	5.33	$-0.0009 \pm 0.0143 \pm 0.0002$	$0.0515 \pm 0.0509 \pm 0.0002$
27	0.230	5.59	$-0.0348 \pm 0.0143 \pm 0.0019$	$0.0208 \pm 0.0566 \pm 0.0023$
28	0.259	5.85	$-0.0094 \pm 0.0141 \pm 0.0006$	$0.0633 \pm 0.0627 \pm 0.0008$
29	0.292	6.10	$-0.0343 \pm 0.0140 \pm 0.0019$	$0.0369 \pm 0.0706 \pm 0.0030$
30	0.328	6.33	$-0.0069 \pm 0.0135 \pm 0.0004$	$0.0975 \pm 0.0794 \pm 0.0008$
31	0.370	6.56	$-0.0470 \pm 0.0128 \pm 0.0025$	$0.0234 \pm 0.0899 \pm 0.0058$
32	0.416	6.77	$-0.0264 \pm 0.0120 \pm 0.0014$	$0.0806 \pm 0.1029 \pm 0.0041$
33	0.468	6.97	$-0.0329 \pm 0.0110 \pm 0.0017$	$0.0591 \pm 0.1198 \pm 0.0067$
34	0.527	7.17	$-0.0197 \pm 0.0097 \pm 0.0010$	$0.1111 \pm 0.1402 \pm 0.0057$
35	0.592	7.34	$-0.0155 \pm 0.0081 \pm 0.0008$	$0.1240 \pm 0.1670 \pm 0.0067$
36	0.667	7.50	$-0.0099 \pm 0.0063 \pm 0.0005$	$0.1445 \pm 0.2013 \pm 0.0073$
37	0.750	7.63	$-0.0091 \pm 0.0042 \pm 0.0005$	$0.0446 \pm 0.2501 \pm 0.0136$
38	0.844	7.76	$0.0019 \pm 0.0022 \pm 0.0001$	$0.4796 \pm 0.3407 \pm 0.0090$

Table 29: Results for  $xg_2$  and  $A_2$  for the 5.5° spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.

x bin	$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$xg_2 \pm stat \pm syst$	$A_2 \pm stat \pm syst$
20	0.102	4.99	$-0.1303 \pm 0.3678 \pm 0.0051$	$-0.0547 \pm 0.1301 \pm 0.0028$
21	0.115	5.55	$-0.0138 \pm 0.1098 \pm 0.0010$	$0.0104 \pm 0.0758 \pm 0.0006$
22	0.128	6.09	$0.0261 \pm 0.0639 \pm 0.0031$	$0.0371 \pm 0.0614 \pm 0.0019$
23	0.144	6.71	$-0.0430 \pm 0.0447 \pm 0.0004$	$-0.0029 \pm 0.0550 \pm 0.0003$
24	0.162	7.42	$0.0449 \pm 0.0350 \pm 0.0042$	$0.0606 \pm 0.0521 \pm 0.0029$
25	0.182	8.18	$-0.0021 \pm 0.0293 \pm 0.0018$	$0.0329 \pm 0.0513 \pm 0.0014$
26	0.205	8.97	$0.0026 \pm 0.0267 \pm 0.0021$	$0.0428 \pm 0.0532 \pm 0.0017$
27	0.230	9.82	$-0.0157 \pm 0.0254 \pm 0.0011$	$0.0335 \pm 0.0566 \pm 0.0010$
28	0.259	10.68	$-0.0278 \pm 0.0240 \pm 0.0005$	$0.0279 \pm 0.0608 \pm 0.0005$
29	0.292	11.59	$-0.0593 \pm 0.0227 \pm 0.0012$	$-0.0040 \pm 0.0660 \pm 0.0015$
30	0.328	12.52	$-0.0148 \pm 0.0213 \pm 0.0009$	$0.0580 \pm 0.0725 \pm 0.0013$
31	0.369	13.49	$-0.0649 \pm 0.0198 \pm 0.0018$	$-0.0199 \pm 0.0806 \pm 0.0032$
32	0.416	14.45	$-0.0378 \pm 0.0183 \pm 0.0007$	$0.0244 \pm 0.0914 \pm 0.0015$
33	0.467	15.41	$-0.0105 \pm 0.0165 \pm 0.0005$	$0.0948 \pm 0.1058 \pm 0.0015$
34	0.526	16.38	$-0.0432 \pm 0.0146 \pm 0.0015$	$-0.0465 \pm 0.1259 \pm 0.0066$
35	0.591	17.35	$-0.0187 \pm 0.0124 \pm 0.0005$	$0.0305 \pm 0.1540 \pm 0.0035$
36	0.664	18.28	$-0.0025 \pm 0.0098 \pm 0.0001$	$0.1480 \pm 0.1962 \pm 0.0018$

Table 30: Results for  $xg_2$  and  $A_2$  for the  $10.5^{\circ}$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.

# APPENDIX D

# Tables of radiative corrections

The following tables give the radiative corrections used for determining the results in this dissertation. These radiative corrections were generated in the summer of 2001. New sets of radiative corrections are currently still being worked and should be available in the E155X paper to be published in Physics Letters. Tables 31, 32, and 33, contain the radiative corrections for the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV, respectively for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers. Tables 34, 35, and 36, contain the radiative corrections for the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV, respectively for the 2.75°, 5.5° and 10.5° spectrometers.

$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$f_{RC}$	$A_{RC}$
0.011	0.51	0.455	-0.132
0.012	0.56	0.526	-0.126
0.014	0.56	0.702	-0.111
0.015	0.62	0.738	-0.120
0.017	0.67	0.770	-0.123
0.019	0.73	0.802	-0.133
0.022	0.79	0.834	-0.145
0.024	0.87	0.859	-0.162
0.027	0.94	0.882	-0.182
0.031	1.02	0.901	-0.196
0.035	1.07	0.922	-0.203
0.039	1.13	0.938	-0.204
0.044	1.18	0.950	-0.208
0.049	1.24	0.959	-0.216
0.056	1.30	0.967	-0.226
0.063	1.36	0.972	-0.230
0.071	1.42	0.975	-0.241
0.080	1.48	0.979	-0.251
0.089	1.54	0.983	-0.256
0.101	1.59	0.985	-0.265
0.113	1.65	0.986	-0.274
0.128	1.70	0.989	-0.278
0.144	1.74	0.988	-0.279
0.162	1.79	0.990	-0.277
0.182	1.83	0.990	-0.271
0.205	1.87	0.990	-0.266
0.231	1.91	0.990	-0.261
0.260	1.95	0.990	-0.252
0.292	1.99	0.989	-0.228
0.329	2.01	0.988	-0.213

Table 31: Radiative corrections for the  $2.75^\circ$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.

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$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^{2} >$	$f_{RC}$	$A_{RC}$
0.019	1.04	0.073	-2.138
0.022	1.15	0.178	0.169
0.024	1.28	0.282	0.285
0.027	1.42	0.388	0.280
0.031	1.57	0.487	0.290
0.035	1.73	0.579	0.325
0.039	1.90	0.661	0.376
0.044	2.09	0.731	0.425
0.050	2.29	0.790	0.466
0.056	2.50	0.841	0.491
0.064	2.50	0.927	0.363
0.071	2.72	0.944	0.388
0.080	2.96	0.956	0.415
0.090	3.20	0.966	0.443
0.101	3.46	0.975	0.469
0.114	3.71	0.985	0.480
0.128	3.96	0.987	0.492
0.144	4.22	0.990	0.498
0.162	4.48	0.992	0.496
0.182	4.74	0.994	0.489
0.205	4.99	0.996	0.473
0.231	5.23	0.996	0.457
0.260	5.46	0.998	0.426
0.292	5.69	0.998	0.397
0.329	5.92	0.998	0.357
0.370	6.13	0.998	0.317
0.417	6.32	0.999	0.265
0.469	6.51	0.999	0.210
0.527	6.69	0.998	0.146
0.594	6.86	0.998	0.066
0.668	7.00	0.996	-0.057
0.752	7.13	0.992	0.045
0.847	7.28	0.968	0.341

Table 32: Radiative corrections for the  $5.5^\circ$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.

$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$f_{RC}$	$A_{RC}$
0.071	3.82	0.200	9.031
0.080	4.24	0.372	1.083
0.090	4.70	0.519	-0.436
0.102	4.81	0.871	-0.834
0.114	5.31	0.905	-0.854
0.128	5.86	0.930	-0.868
0.144	6.44	0.949	-0.873
0.162	7.08	0.963	-0.876
0.182	7.80	0.971	-0.863
0.205	8.58	0.979	-0.852
0.231	9.36	0.984	-0.813
0.260	10.14	0.989	-0.766
0.292	10.99	0.992	-0.721
0.329	11.86	0.994	-0.677
0.370	12.73	0.995	-0.617
0.416	13.61	0.997	-0.550
0.468	14.51	0.997	-0.473
0.527	15.42	0.999	-0.385
0.593	16.32	0.999	-0.290
0.668	17.23	0.999	-0.184
0.753	18.14	0.999	-0.086
0.849	20.84	0.997	-0.054

Table 33: Radiative corrections for the  $10.5^\circ$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 29 GeV.

$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$f_{RC}$	$A_{RC}$
0.011	0.51	0.632	-0.099
0.012	0.56	0.677	-0.102
0.014	0.60	0.744	-0.106
0.015	0.66	0.773	-0.115
0.017	0.72	0.802	-0.119
0.019	0.78	0.831	-0.128
0.022	0.85	0.857	-0.139
0.024	0.93	0.880	-0.156
0.027	1.01	0.899	-0.171
0.031	1.08	0.918	-0.184
0.035	1.14	0.934	-0.191
0.039	1.21	0.947	-0.191
0.044	1.28	0.957	-0.195
0.049	1.34	0.965	-0.201
0.056	1.41	0.971	-0.210
0.063	1.49	0.977	-0.218
0.071	1.56	0.981	-0.226
0.079	1.63	0.983	-0.237
0.089	1.70	0.985	-0.245
0.101	1.76	0.991	-0.251
0.113	1.82	0.989	-0.259
0.128	1.88	0.989	-0.265
0.144	1.94	0.992	-0.266
0.162	2.00	0.992	-0.265
0.182	2.05	0.993	-0.262
0.205	2.10	0.993	-0.256
0.230	2.14	0.992	-0.245
0.260	2.19	0.992	-0.231
0.292	2.23	0.992	-0.222
0.329	2.27	0.991	-0.208

Table 34: Radiative corrections for the  $2.75^\circ$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.

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$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$f_{RC}$	$A_{RC}$
0.019	1.04	0.543	0.176
0.022	1.15	0.596	0.181
0.024	1.28	0.648	0.198
0.027	1.42	0.697	0.227
0.031	1.57	0.744	0.257
0.035	1.73	0.788	0.288
0.039	1.90	0.826	0.311
0.044	2.09	0.860	0.337
0.050	2.29	0.889	0.340
0.057	2.46	0.927	0.327
0.063	2.67	0.943	0.329
0.071	2.91	0.956	0.353
0.080	3.17	0.966	0.378
0.090	3.43	0.974	0.403
0.101	3.71	0.980	0.428
0.113	3.98	0.985	0.443
0.128	4.26	0.989	0.448
0.144	4.54	0.992	0.454
0.162	4.83	0.993	0.455
0.182	5.11	0.995	0.450
0.205	5.39	0.996	0.438
0.231	5.65	0.997	0.421
0.260	5.92	0.998	0.396
0.292	6.18	0.998	0.366
0.329	6.42	0.999	0.328
0.370	6.66	0.999	0.288
0.417	6.89	0.999	0.241
0.469	7.09	0.999	0.190
0.528	7.29	0.999	0.134
0.594	7.48	0.998	0.065
0.668	7.66	0.997	-0.016
0.752	7.83	0.993	-0.025
0.846	7.98	0.977	0.260

Table 35: Radiative corrections for the  $5.5^\circ$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.

$\langle x \rangle$	$< Q^2 >$	$f_{RC}$	$A_{RC}$
0.071	3.82	0.787	-0.720
0.080	4.24	0.832	-0.701
0.092	4.65	0.904	-0.670
0.102	5.11	0.922	-0.705
0.114	5.64	0.939	-0.745
0.128	6.21	0.953	-0.764
0.144	6.86	0.965	-0.773
0.162	7.57	0.974	-0.766
0.182	8.31	0.980	-0.756
0.205	9.13	0.984	-0.747
0.231	9.98	0.988	-0.725
0.259	10.84	0.991	-0.692
0.292	11.77	0.993	-0.655
0.329	12.69	0.994	-0.618
0.370	13.64	0.996	-0.566
0.416	14.61	0.997	-0.505
0.468	15.62	0.998	-0.437
0.527	16.63	0.998	-0.356
0.593	17.63	0.999	-0.267
0.667	18.54	0.999	-0.170
0.753	19.53	0.999	-0.077
0.847	20.57	0.997	-0.034

Table 36: Radiative corrections for the  $10.5^\circ$  spectrometer with the proton target at electron beam energy of 32 GeV.
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