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Precision Measurement of d_2^m : Probing the Lorentz Color Force

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— In order to gain a better understanding of the spin structure of the neutron, the experiment to measure the quantity d_2^m was carried out from February to March of 2009 at Jefferson Lab. The experiment consisted of measuring the asymmetries A_{\parallel} and A_{\perp} , and the total cross section σ_0 by scattering a longitudinally polarized electron beam off of a longitudinally and transversely polarized ^3He target. The experiment covered excitation energies in the deep inelastic valence quark and resonance regions. From the asymmetries and total cross section, the spin dependent structure functions g_1 and g_2 will be extracted. Using these, the quantity d_2^m is determined as the second moment of a linear combination of g_1 and g_2 . d_2^m is a measure of the Lorentz color force between quarks averaged over the volume of the neutron. The measurement will provide a benchmark test of Lattice QCD calculations of d_2^m by lowering the uncertainty in the present value by a factor of approximately four. This measurement will also provide for further understanding of quark-gluon correlations in connection to the nucleon spin structure.

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