

ω (782) Electroproduction in the Resonance Region

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Context

The talks of NSTAR 2017 have provided rich theoretical, experimental, and historical context.

QCD **unified** crucial aspects of disparate lines of evidence:

- quarks and color (Gell-Mann),
- partons and scaling (SLAC experiments), and
- QFT and renormalization,

BUT even today critically lacks

- the simplest bound-state solutions and
- a clear connection to its own dynamical properties.

So, what do we do?

• Study physical objects that encode QCD dynamics.

Probing the proton with ω



Probing the proton with $\boldsymbol{\omega}$

- ω is selective,
 - isoscalar so couples only to
 I = ¹/₂ excited states
 - decays into 3π so filters out lower lying resonances
- might couple more strongly to states previously undetected in π production, and
- could corroborate available y^{*}pN^{*} information in exclusive channel with different background.

Particle J^P	overa	ll πN	γN	$N\eta$	$N\sigma$	$N\omega$
$N = 1/2^+$	****					
$N(1440) 1/2^+$	****	****	****		***	
$N(1520) 3/2^{-}$	****	****	****	***		
$N(1535) 1/2^{-}$	****	****	****	****	¢	
$N(1650) 1/2^{-}$	****	****	***	***		
$N(1675) 5/2^{-}$	****	****	***	*		
$N(1680) 5/2^+$	****	****	****	*	**	
N(1685) ??	*					
$N(1700) 3/2^{-}$	***	***	**	*		
$N(1710) 1/2^+$	***	***	***	***		**
$N(1720) 3/2^+$	****	****	***	***		
$N(1860) 5/2^+$	**	**				
$N(1875) 3/2^{-}$	***	*	***			**
$N(1880) 1/2^+$	**	*	*		**	
$N(1895) 1/2^{-}$	**	*	**	**		
$N(1900) 3/2^+$	***	**	***	**		**
$N(1990) 7/2^+$	**	**	**			
$N(2000) 5/2^+$	**	*	**	**		
$N(2040) 3/2^+$	*					
$N(2060) 5/2^{-}$	**	**	**	*		
$N(2100) 1/2^+$	*					
$N(2150) 3/2^{-}$	**	**	**			
$N(2190) 7/2^{-}$	****	****	***			*
$N(2220) 9/2^+$	****	****				
$N(2250) 9/2^{-}$	****	****				
$N(2600) 11/2^{-}$	***	***				
$N(2700) 13/2^+$	**	**				

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N

 $1/2^{+}$

overall $\pi N \gamma N$

• Sensitive to N(2000) 5/2+?



M. Williams et al., *Partial wave analysis of the reaction* $\gamma p \rightarrow p\omega$ *and the search for nucleon resonances*, Phys. Rev. C 80 (2009), 065209. arXiv:0908.2911v3

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 $N\eta N\sigma N\omega$

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Helicity frame (ω at rest) $z = \theta_N$

minimum of 35	real parameters required for complete description
-1	overall phase invariance
36	real parameters
324	(=18 ²) bilinear covariants
-18	parity/time-reversal
36	helicity amplitudes

16	kinematic d.o.f.
-4	$E p_x p_y p_z$ conservation
-4	initial proton at rest
-2	$q_x = q_y = 0$
-2	fixed $m_{_{D}}$ and $m_{_{p}}$
-1	azimuthal symmetry
2	kinematic variables
+1	W or x_{b}^{*} , Q^{2} , and $\cos \theta^{*}$ or t' plus φ^{*} for dynamics
5 +1 <i>dW</i> ·	$W \text{ or } \boldsymbol{x}_{\boldsymbol{b}}, \ \boldsymbol{Q}^{2}, \text{ and } \boldsymbol{cos } \boldsymbol{\theta}^{*} \text{ or } \boldsymbol{t}'$ $\dots \text{ plus } \boldsymbol{\varphi}^{*} \text{ for } \boldsymbol{dynamics}$ $\frac{d^{4}\sigma}{dQ^{2} \cdot d\Omega^{*}} = \frac{1}{L} \cdot \frac{\Delta N}{\Delta W \cdot \Delta Q^{2} \cdot \Delta \Omega^{*}} = \Gamma_{v} \frac{d^{2}\sigma}{d\Omega^{*}}$

Kinematics and observables

Measured ep scattering exclusive cross-section is reduced to $\gamma^*p \rightarrow \omega p$ exclusive cross-section:

$$\frac{d^4\sigma}{dWdQ^2d\Omega^*} = \Gamma \frac{d^2\sigma_h}{d\Omega^*}$$

and decomposed into response functions:



i = label of 4D bin

N = background-subtracted yield

B = 3π decay branching ratio

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_h}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{|\vec{p}^*_{\omega}|}{k^*_{\gamma}} \left(\mathscr{R}_T + \epsilon_L \,\mathscr{R}_L + \epsilon \,\mathscr{R}_{TT} \cos(2\phi^*) + \sqrt{2\epsilon_L(1+\epsilon)} \,\mathscr{R}_{TL} \cos(\phi^*) \right)$$

which connects back to binned experimental data:

$$\left\langle \frac{d^2 \sigma_h}{d\Omega^*} \right\rangle_i \simeq \frac{1}{B} \cdot \frac{1}{L \left\langle \Gamma \right\rangle_i} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta_i W \Delta_i Q^2} \cdot \frac{R_i}{\eta_i} \cdot \frac{N_i}{\Delta_i \Omega^*} \right\rangle_i \simeq \frac{1}{B} \cdot \frac{1}{L \left\langle \Gamma \right\rangle_i} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta_i W \Delta_i Q^2} \cdot \frac{R_i}{\eta_i} \cdot \frac{N_i}{\Delta_i \Omega^*}$$

The CLAS Detector

CLAS — CEBAF Large Acceptance Spectrometer CEBAF — Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility



Main Components

- Toroidal Magnet
- Drift Chambers (DC)
- Cerenkov Counter (CC)
- Electromagnetic Calorimeter (EC)
- Time-of-Flight Detectors (TOF)

Experimental conditions

- JLab CEBAF and CLAS detector
- E1F (E16) run periods
- 5-cm unpolarized liquid H target
- target offset by -25 cm (-5 cm)
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- Eliminate low current noise and effect of fast hadrons
- Determine cut efficiency

$$p_{min} = 214 + 2.47 \times EC_{threshold}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{3} a_i p^i < \frac{E_{EC}}{p} < \sum_{i=0}^{3} b_i p^i$$





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$$Noise(x; A, \mu, \sigma, \lambda, B, \tau) + F(x; A_p, \mu_p, \sigma_p)$$

$$\eta_{cc} = \frac{\int_{x_0}^{\infty} F(x) dx}{\int_0^{\infty} F(x) dx}$$



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 - Compare time-of-flight to time predicted by DC-determined momentum with mass assumption.
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- first particle is electron
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$$f(x; a, b, A, \mu, \sigma, p_0, p_1, p_2) = \left(1 - erf\left(\frac{x-a}{b}\right)\right) \cdot \left(Ae^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}} + \sum_{i=0}^2 p_i x^i\right)$$
$$f^{sig} = f(x; a, b, A, \mu, \sigma, 0, 0, 0)$$
$$f^{bg} = f(x; a, b, 0, 0, 0, p_0, p_1, p_2)$$

$$N_{\omega}^{(2)} = N_{SIG}^{(2)} - \left(\frac{\sum_{j \in SIG} f^{bg}(x_j)}{\sum_{\substack{j \in SB1 \\ \cup SB2}} Y_j}\right) \cdot \left(N_{SB1}^{(2)} + N_{SB2}^{(2)}\right)$$



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- reconstruction efficiencies
- bin migration effects
- GENEV physics generator
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-3 - 2 - 1 0

 $1 \ 2 \ 3$

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Events thrown in 82,620 kinematic bins Events reconstructed in 67,747 kinematic bins

ACCEPTANCE = reconstructed divided by thrown HOLES = bins WITH thrown but WITHOUT reconstructed

Other correction factors

• Radiative correction (Mo and Tsai)

- Acceptance corrections account for radiative tail in ω mass peak.
- Bin migration in W and Q² treated separately.
- E1F reconstruction inefficiency
 - Raw data requires recooking.
 - Absolute efficiency factor of <u>0.7</u> based on recooking of one run
- Overall reconstruction efficiency
 - GSIM-CLAS efficiency incongruence





Results

1. Differential cross sections in more than 60,000 kinematic bins

$$\left(\frac{d^2\sigma_h}{d\Omega^*}\right)_{ijkl} = \frac{1}{\epsilon^{ABS}} \cdot \frac{1}{B} \cdot \frac{1}{L} \cdot \frac{1}{\Gamma_{ij}} \cdot \frac{R_{ij}}{\eta^{ACC}_{ijkl} \langle \eta^{CC} \rangle_{ijkl} \langle \eta^{TR} \rangle_{ijkl}} \cdot \frac{1}{\Delta_i W \Delta_j Q^2} \cdot \frac{N_{ijkl}}{\Delta_{kl} \Omega^*}$$

2. Unpolarized cross section, σ_{0} , and interference terms, σ_{TT} , and σ_{TT}

$$\frac{d\sigma_h}{d\phi^*} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \left(\underline{\sigma_o} + \epsilon \, \underline{\sigma_{TT}} \cos(2\phi^*) + \sqrt{2\epsilon(1+\epsilon)} \, \underline{\sigma_{LT}} \cos(\phi^*) \right)$$

3. **Response functions**, $\mathscr{R}_T + \epsilon_L \mathscr{R}_L$, \mathscr{R}_{TT} , and \mathscr{R}_{TL}

$$\frac{d^2\sigma_h}{d\Omega^*} = \frac{|\vec{p}^*_{\omega}|}{k^*_{\gamma}} \left(\underbrace{\mathscr{R}_T + \epsilon_L \,\mathscr{R}_L}_{\gamma} + \epsilon \, \mathscr{R}_{TT} \cos(2\phi^*) + \sqrt{2\epsilon_L(1+\epsilon)} \, \mathscr{R}_{TL} \cos(\phi^*) \right)$$

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Figure 7.8 Relative Legendre and exponential weight factors evolve with W. These are the weight factors required to model $\mathscr{R}_T + \epsilon_L \mathscr{R}_L$ as a function of θ^* . At low-W, second-order Legendre polynomials match well with the response functions shape in θ^* (green points are close to 1). As W increases and t-channel processes become accessible, the exponential is required to strengthen weight to reflect the forward-peaking nature of t-channel processes (red points are increasing from 0).

Highlights

• Response functions $R_T + \epsilon R_L$, R_{TT} , and R_{TL} were extracted in the kinematic range covered by W = [1.72, 2.60) GeV and Q² = [1.85, 5.15) GeV².

• Combined analysis of E1F and E16 run periods presents the **largest set of results for** ω **electroproduction** in the resonance region to date. Far more structure in W is apparent than in prior results, due to increased precision afforded by higher statistics.

• Most precise angular information on ω electroproduction in the virtual photon domain. Intended to support single- and coupled-channel analyses that aim to probe the content and dynamics of hadrons.

• Cross-sections are relatively flat in θ up to W = 2.1 GeV. Only at higher energies does the onset of forward-angle dominance suggestive of t-channel processes occur.

• Unpolarized cross-sections are inconsistent with previously published E16 results at the highest common Q^2 values.

