Nucleon resonance electrocouplings from CLAS data on pion electroproduction

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Studies of nucleon resonance electrocouplings for excited proton states at various photon virtualities Q^2 represent an important part in the N* Program with the CLAS detector [1]. The CLAS measurements extend the data on differential cross sections for N π and N η electroproduction channels, longitudinally polarized beam/beam-target asymmetries for π electroproduction off protons considerably, providing a nearly complete coverage of the final hadron phase space. Electrocouplings of the $P_{11}(1440)$, $D_{13}(1520)$, and $S_{11}(1535)$ resonances were determined from analyses within the framework of two conceptually different reaction models [2] at $0.3 < Q^2 < 5.0 \text{ GeV}^2$, and at $0.3 < Q^2 < 6.0 \text{ GeV}^2$ for the $P_{33}(1232)$ state.

Data were also collected on charged double pion electroproduction off protons leading to nine independent differential $\pi^+\pi^-p$ cross sections [3]. Using a phenomenological approach [4] allowed us to establish all essential mechanisms contributing to this channel at invariant masses of final hadrons W<1.8 GeV, and Q²<1.5 GeV². The $P_{11}(1440)$ and $D_{13}(1520)$ electrocouplings were determined from the $\pi^+\pi^-p$ electroproduction data for the first time. They are in a good agreement with the results of the independent N π electroproduction analyses [2], offering evidence for the reliable extraction of resonance electrocouplings. First results from the $\pi^+\pi^-p$ electroproduction channel on electrocouplings of $S_{11}(1650)$, $D_{33}(1700)$, and $P_{13}(1720)$ resonances have also become available.

Analyses of these results in quark models and evaluation of the N* meson-baryon dressing [5] strongly suggests two contributions to $\gamma_v NN^*$ electrocouplings: a) an internal quark core, and b) an external meson-baryon cloud.

A further extension of the N* Program with the CLAS12 detector after completion of JLAB 12 GeV Upgrade Project will be outlined.

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