

Spin Density Matrix Elements in hard exclusive electroproduction of ω mesons

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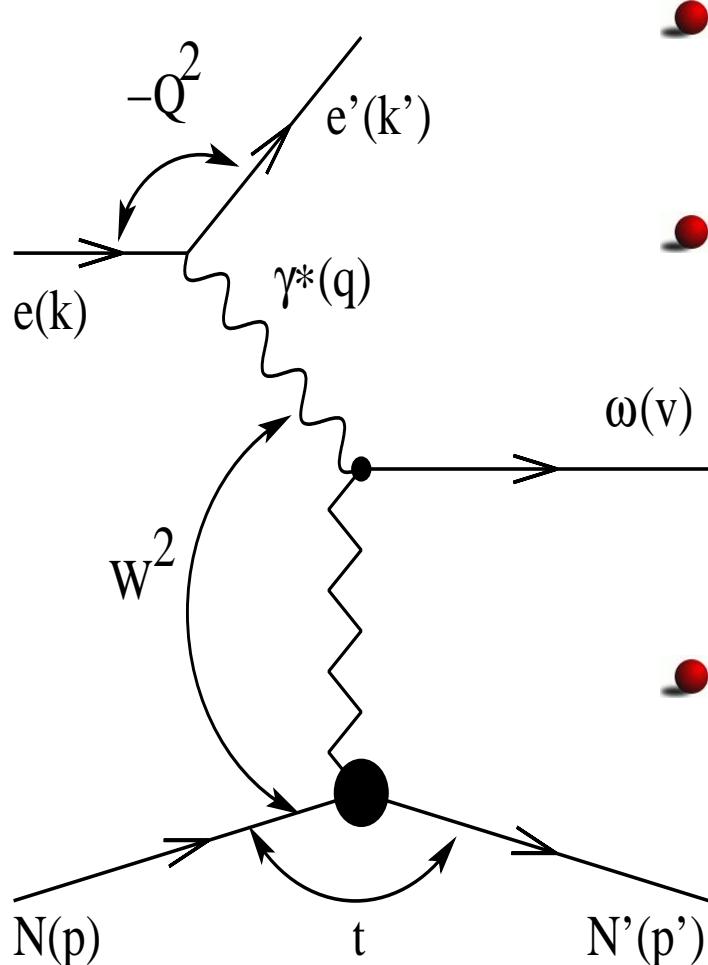
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- Vector meson Spin Density Matrix Elements (SDMEs).
- SDMEs, helicity amplitudes and angular distribution.
- HERMES Experiment and data processing.
- Results.
 - SDMEs for the integrated data.
 - Kinematic dependences of SDMEs.
 - Unnatural-Parity Exchange for ω meson.
 - Longitudinal to Transverse cross section ratio for ω meson.
- Summary.

Spin Density Matrices in reaction



- $e \rightarrow e' + \gamma^*$ (QED). Spin-density matrix $\varrho_{\lambda_\gamma \lambda'_\gamma}^{U+L}(\epsilon, \Phi) = \varrho_{\lambda_\gamma \lambda'_\gamma}^U + P_{beam} \varrho_{\lambda_\gamma \lambda'_\gamma}^L$ of the virtual photon is known. U - unpolarized, L - polarized beam

- $\gamma^* + N \rightarrow \omega + N \rightarrow \pi^+ + \pi^- + \pi^0 + N$ (QCD). Vector-meson spin-density matrix $\rho_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}$ is expressed by helicity amplitudes $F_{\lambda_V \lambda'_N; \lambda_\gamma \lambda_N}(W, Q^2, t')$. In CM frame of $\gamma^* N$ is given by the von Neumann formula:

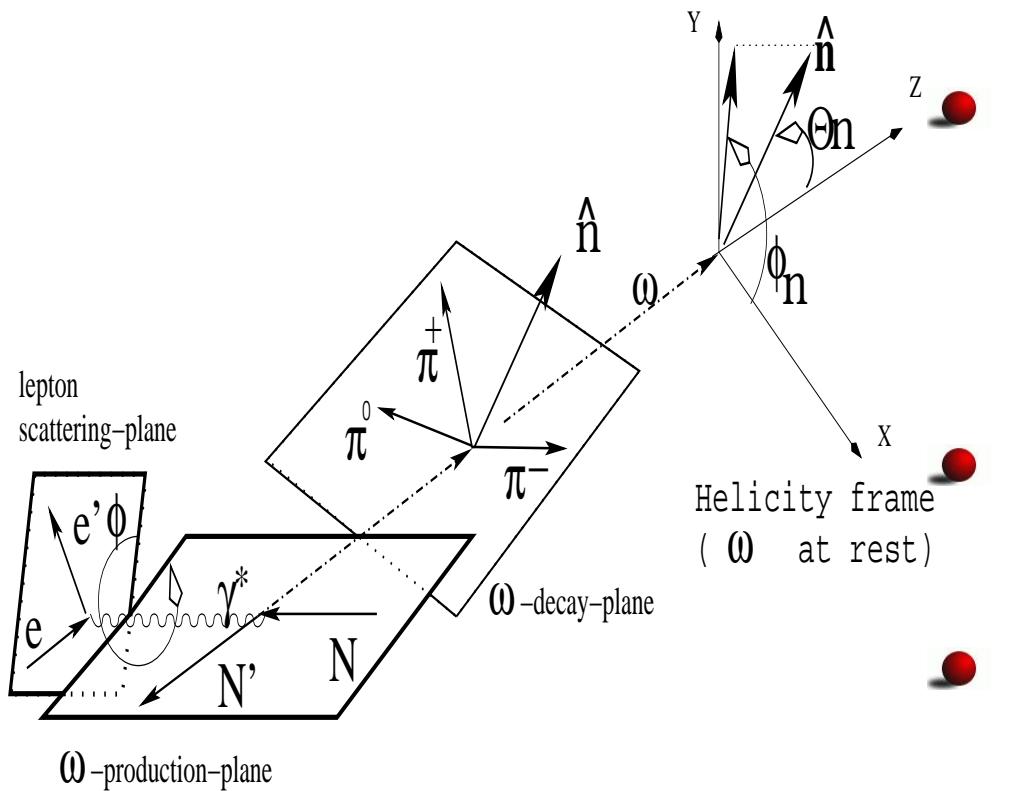
$$\rho_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V} = \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{\lambda_\gamma \lambda'_\gamma \lambda_N \lambda'_N} F_{\lambda_V \lambda'_N; \lambda_\gamma \lambda_N} \varrho_{\lambda_\gamma \lambda'_\gamma}^{U+L} F_{\lambda'_V \lambda'_N; \lambda'_\gamma \lambda_N}^*$$

- $\varrho_{\lambda_\gamma \lambda'_\gamma}^{L+U}$ decomposes into the set of nine hermitian matrices $(3 \times 3) \Sigma^\alpha$ ($\alpha = 0 \div 3$ - transv., 4 - long. $5 \div 8$ - interf.), $\rho_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V} \rightarrow \rho_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}^\alpha$. When we can not separate transverse and longitudinal photons, Spin Density Matrix Elements (SDMEs) are defined:

$$r_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}^{04} = (\rho_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}^0 + \epsilon R \rho_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}^4) / (1 + \epsilon R),$$

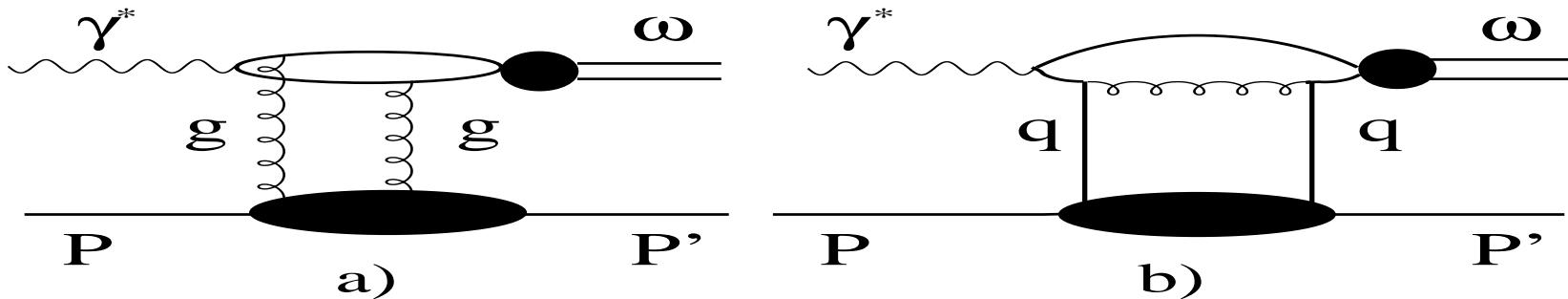
$$r_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}^\alpha = \begin{cases} \frac{\rho_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}^\alpha}{(1+\epsilon R)}, & \alpha = 1, 2, 3, \\ \frac{\sqrt{R} \rho_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}^\alpha}{(1+\epsilon R)}, & \alpha = 5, 6, 7, 8. \end{cases} \quad R = \sigma_L / \sigma_T$$

Angular distribution in reaction $e+p \rightarrow e'+p' + \omega \rightarrow (\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0 \rightarrow 2\gamma)$



- $\omega \Rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$ (conservation of \vec{J})
 $|\omega; 1m\rangle \rightarrow |\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0; 1m\rangle \Rightarrow Y_{1m}(\cos(\theta), \phi)$,
 $(m = \pm 1, 0)$. Angular distribution
 $\mathcal{W}(r_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}^\alpha, \Phi, \phi_n, \cos \Theta_n)$ depends linearly on
 $r_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}^\alpha$ and beam polarization P_b .
- For longitudinally polarized beam and unpolarized target there are 23 SDMEs, (15 unpolarized and 8 polarized).
- The SDMEs are determined from the fit of angular distribution of pions from decay $\omega \Rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-\pi^0$, by angular distribution $\mathcal{W}(r_{\lambda_V \lambda'_V}^\alpha, \Phi, \phi_n, \cos \Theta_n)$, with Maximum Likelihood method.

- $F_{\lambda_V \lambda'_N; \lambda_\gamma \lambda_N} = T_{\lambda_V \lambda'_N; \lambda_\gamma \lambda_N} + U_{\lambda_V \lambda'_N; \lambda_\gamma \lambda_N}$
 T - natural-parity exchange (NPE) ($P = (-1)^J$)
 U - unnatural - parity exchange (UPE) ($P = -(-1)^J$)
- On unpolarized target nucleon-helicity-flip amplitudes are suppressed. $T_{\lambda_V \lambda_\gamma} = T_{\lambda_V \frac{1}{2} \lambda_\gamma \frac{1}{2}}$
 Helicity concerving - T_{00}, T_{11}, U_{11} , helicity non concerving - $T_{01}, T_{10}, T_{1-1}, U_{01}, U_{10}, U_{1-1}$
 The dominance of diagonal transitions is called s-channel helicity concervation (SCHC).
- NPE ($J^P = 0^+, 1^-, \dots$) amplitudes $T_{\lambda_V \lambda_\gamma}$ (Two-gluon exchange = pomeron, ρ , ω, a_2, \dots reggeons = $q\bar{q}$ exchange). UPE($J^P = 0^-, 1^+, \dots$) amplitudes $U_{\lambda_V \lambda_\gamma}$ (π, a_1, b_1, \dots reggeons = $q\bar{q}$ exchange)

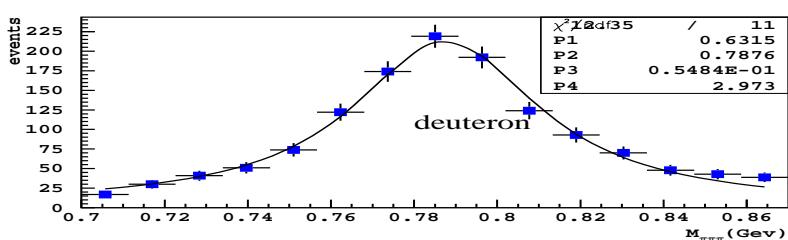
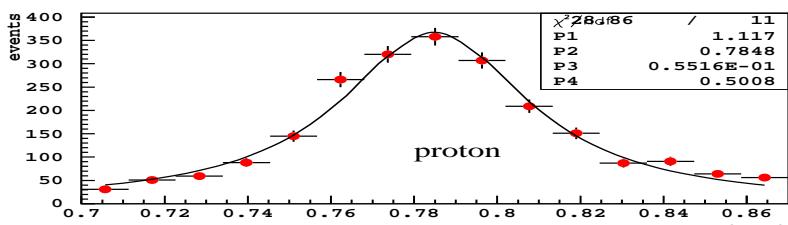


Exclusive ω -meson production at HERMES

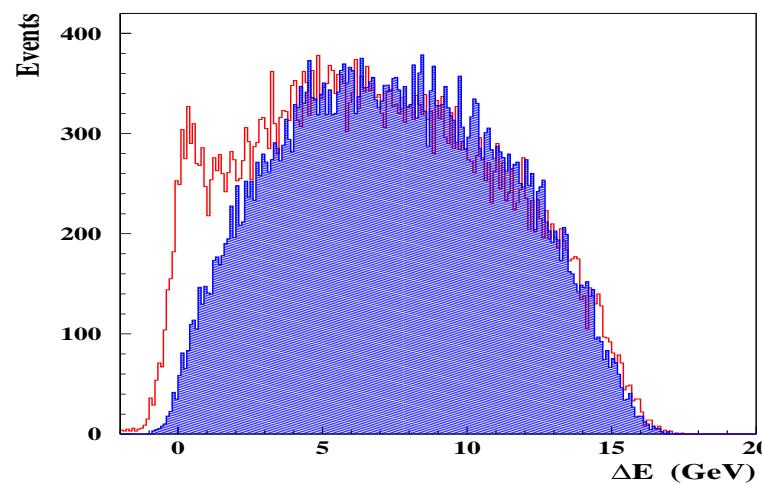
- $W = 3.0 \div 6.3 \text{ GeV}$, $\langle W \rangle = 4.8 \text{ GeV}$ total number of events $W^2 = (q + p)^2$
- $Q^2 = 1.0 \div 10.0 \text{ GeV}^2$, $\langle Q^2 \rangle = 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$ Hydrogen: ω -2260 $Q^2 = -(k - k')^2$
- $x_B = 0.01 \div 0.35$, $\langle x_B \rangle = 0.08$ Deuterium: ω -1332 $x_B = \frac{Q^2}{2pq}$
- $0 \leq -t' \leq 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$, $\langle -t' \rangle = 0.08 \text{ GeV}^2$ with $t' = t - t_{min}$ $t = (q - v)^2$

$\Delta E = \frac{M_X^2 - M_p^2}{2M_p}$ with $M_X^2 = (p + q - p_{\pi^+} - p_{\pi^-} - p_{\pi^0})^2$ and M_X being missing mass, p, q,

$p_{\pi^+}, p_{\pi^-}, p_{\pi^0}$ are 4-momenta of proton, γ^* and pions. Beam polarization $\approx 40\%$.



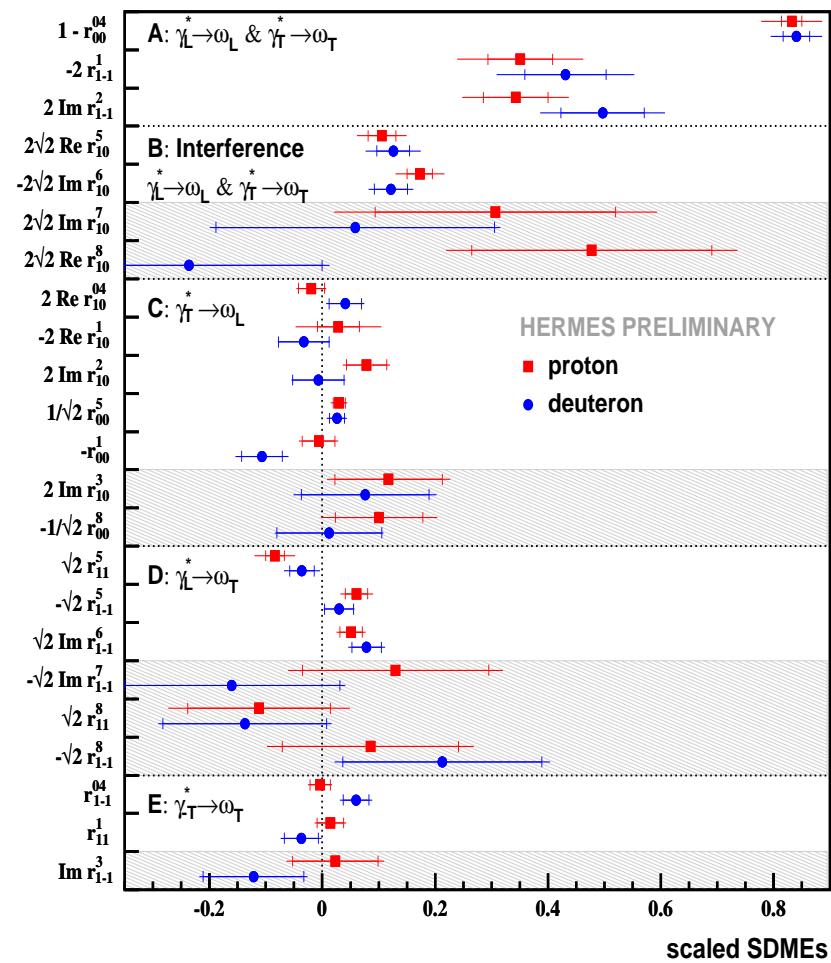
$$0.71 < M_{\pi^+\pi^-\pi^0} < 0.87 \text{ GeV},$$



$$-1.0 < \Delta E < 0.8 \text{ GeV},$$

SIDIS background ($\approx 20\%$) is subtracted using MC PYTHIA

SDME of exclusive ω production for the integrated data



- A, $\gamma_L^* \rightarrow \omega_L$ and $\gamma_T^* \rightarrow \omega_T$
- B, Interference: γ_L^*, ω_T
- C, Spin Flip: $\gamma_T^* \rightarrow \omega_L$
- D, Spin Flip: $\gamma_L^* \rightarrow \omega_T$
- E, Spin Flip: $\gamma_T^* \rightarrow \omega_T$
- The SDMEs for hydrogen and deuteron are similar.

● if SCHC holds:

$$r_{1-1}^1 = -\text{Im}\{r_{1-1}^2\}$$

$$\text{Re}\{r_{10}^5\} = -\text{Im}\{r_{10}^6\}$$

$$\text{Im}\{r_{10}^7\} = \text{Re}\{r_{10}^8\}$$

for hydrogen

$$r_{1-1}^1 + \text{Im}r_{1-1}^2 = -0.004 \pm 0.038 \pm 0.017,$$

$$\text{Re}r_{10}^5 + \text{Im}r_{10}^6 = -0.024 \pm 0.013 \pm 0.003,$$

$$\text{Im}r_{10}^7 - \text{Re}r_{10}^8 = -0.060 \pm 0.010 \pm 0.044,$$

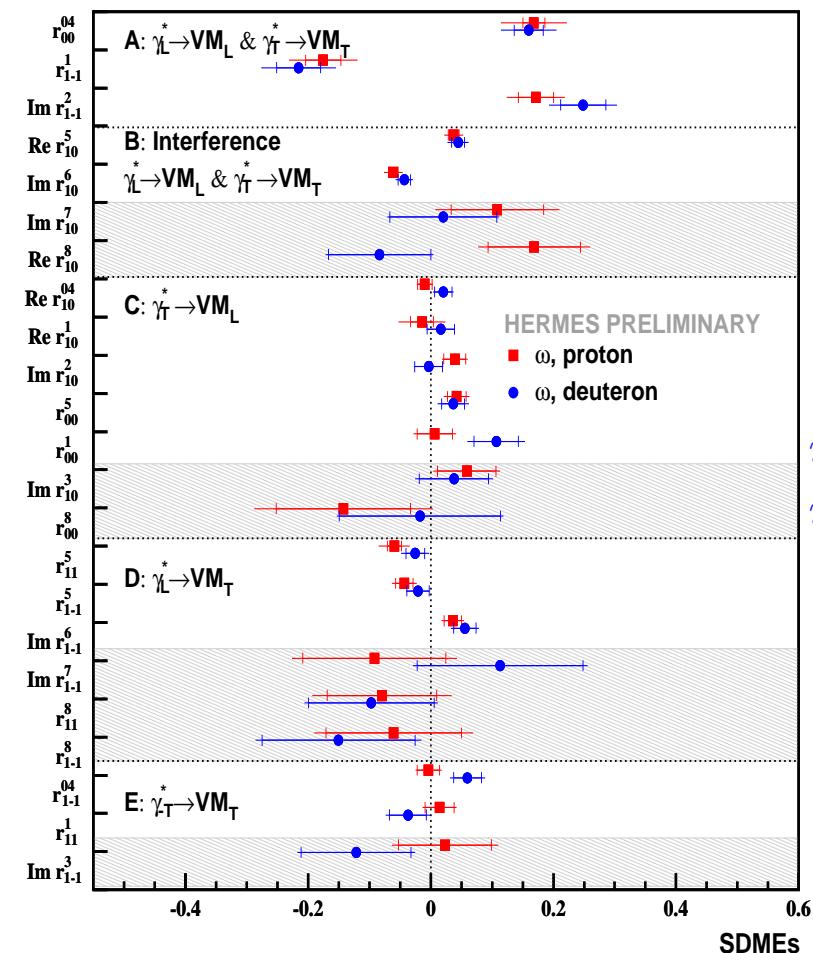
for deuterium

$$r_{1-1}^1 + \text{Im}r_{1-1}^2 = 0.033 \pm 0.049 \pm 0.004$$

$$\text{Re}r_{10}^5 + \text{Im}r_{10}^6 = 0.001 \pm 0.016 \pm 0.015,$$

$$\text{Im}r_{10}^7 - \text{Re}r_{10}^8 = 0.10 \pm 0.11 \pm 0.17,$$

SDME in exclusive ω production for the integrated data



Test of SCHC Hypothesis

-  CLASS D, Spin Flip: $\gamma_L^* \rightarrow \omega_T$

$$r_{11}^5 \approx Re[U_{10}U_{11}^*]$$

$$r_{1-1}^5 \approx Re[U_{10}U_{11}^*]$$

$$Im\{r_{1-1}^6\} \approx Re[-U_{10}U_{11}^*]$$

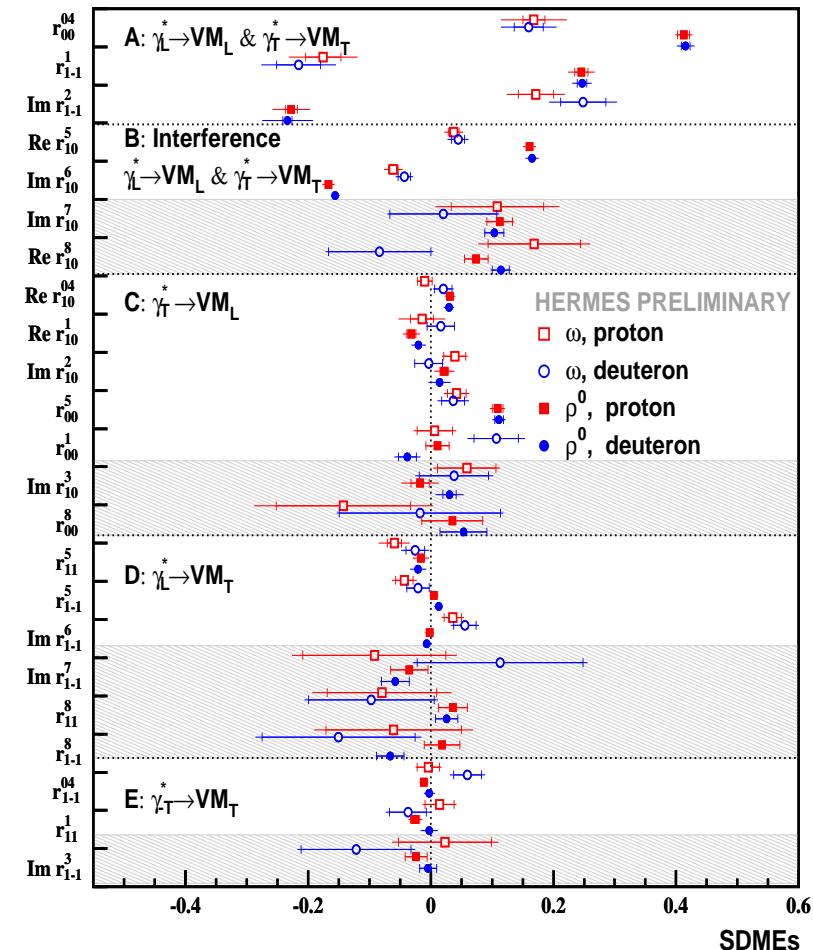
$$r_{11}^5 + r_{1-1}^5 - Im\{r_{1-1}^6\} = -0.14 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.04 \text{ for hydrogen}$$

$$r_{11}^5 + r_{1-1}^5 - Im\{r_{1-1}^6\} = -0.10 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.03 \text{ for deuterium}$$

-  SCHC Hypothesis seems to be violated.

Comparison of SDME in exclusive ω and ρ^0 production for the integrated data

ρ^0 SDMEs, HERMES, Eur. Phys. J. C62 (09) 659.



A, $\gamma_L^* \rightarrow \omega_L$ and $\gamma_T^* \rightarrow \omega_T$

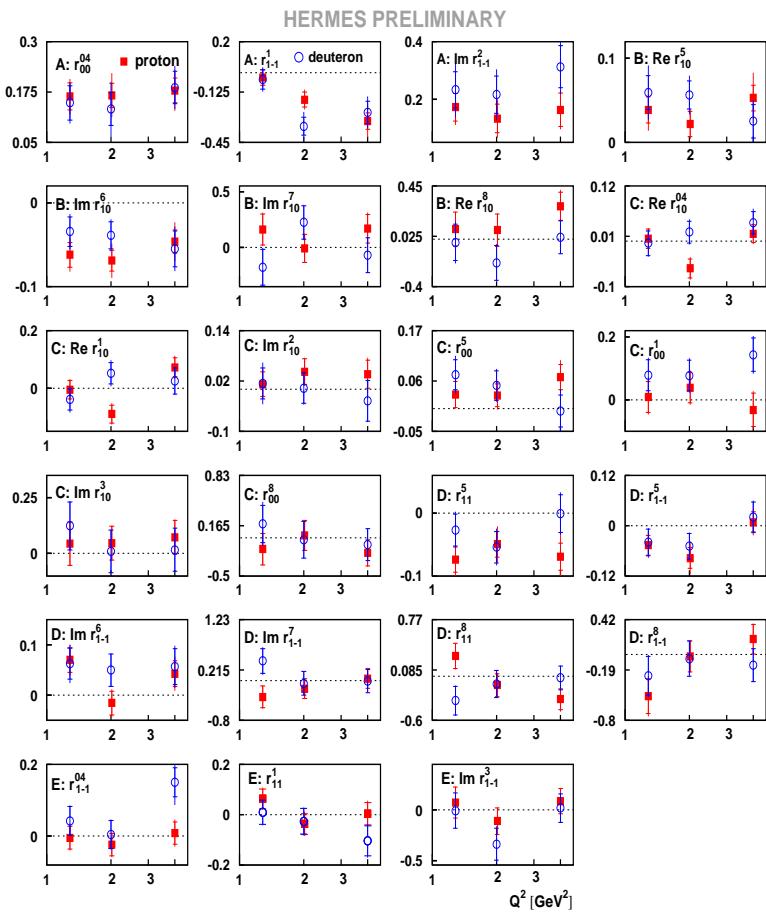
$$r_{1-1}^1 = \frac{1}{2} \sum \{ |T_{11}|^2 + |T_{1-1}|^2 - |U_{11}|^2 - |U_{1-1}|^2 \} / \mathcal{N},$$

$$\text{Im } \{ r_{1-1}^2 \} = \frac{1}{2} \sum \{ -|T_{11}|^2 + |T_{1-1}|^2 + |U_{11}|^2 - |U_{1-1}|^2 \} / \mathcal{N}$$

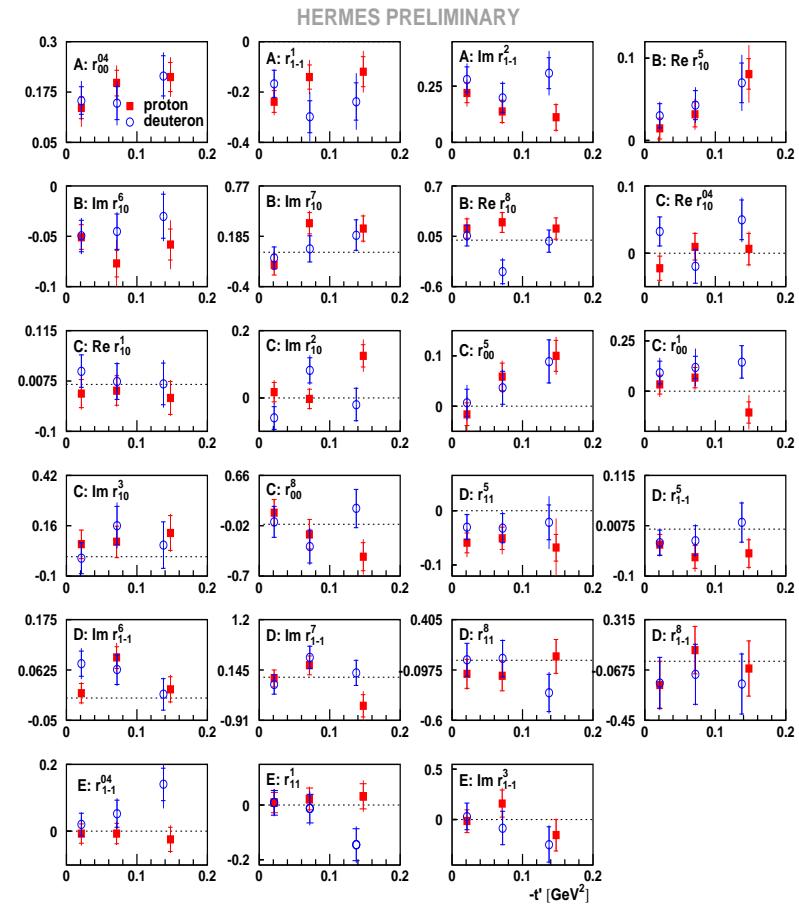
$|U_{11}|^2 + |U_{1-1}|^2 > |T_{11}|^2 + |T_{1-1}|^2$ for ω meson
 $|T_{1-1}|^2 + |U_{11}|^2 > |T_{11}|^2 + |U_{1-1}|^2$ for ω meson

Assuming $|T_{1-1}|^2 \approx |U_{1-1}|^2$ we get $|U_{11}|^2 > |T_{11}|^2$ for ω meson

Dependences of ω SDME on q^2 and t'



q^2 intervals 1.0 -1.57 - 2.55 - 10.0 GeV^2 ,



$-t'$ intervals 0.0 -0.044 - 0.105 - 0.2 GeV^2

Test of Unnatural-Parity Exchange for ω meson

Signal of UPE in SDME method

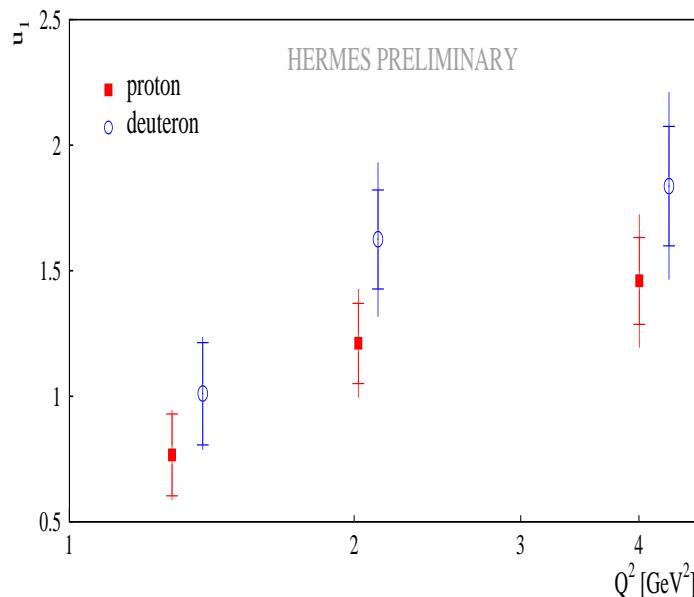
$$u_1 = 1 - r_{00}^{04} + 2r_{1-1}^{04} - 2r_{11}^1 - 2r_{1-1}^1$$

$$u_1 = \sum_{\lambda_N \lambda'_N} \frac{2\epsilon|U_{10}|^2 + |U_{11} + U_{-11}|^2}{N} \quad u_1 > 0 \text{ means contribution of UPE}$$

where $N = N_T + \epsilon N_L$,

$$N_T = \sum_{\lambda_N \lambda'_N} (|T_{11}|^2 + |T_{01}|^2 + |T_{-11}|^2 + |U_{11}|^2 + |U_{01}|^2 + |U_{-11}|^2)$$

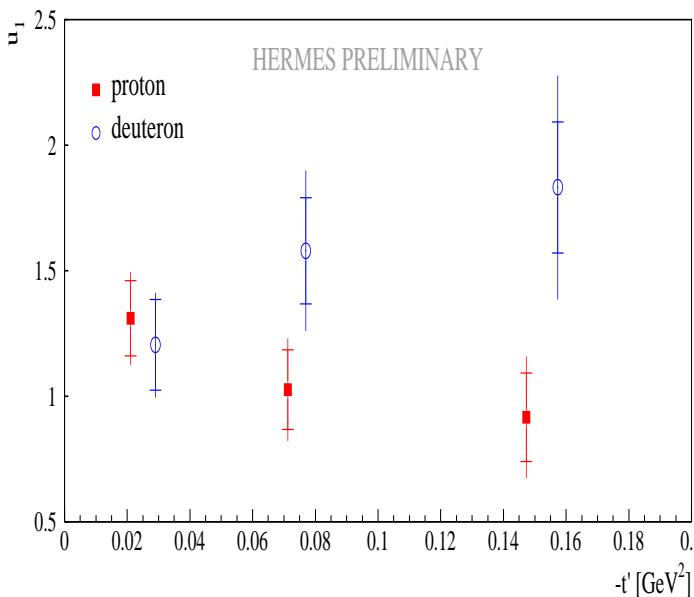
$$N_L = \sum_{\lambda_N \lambda'_N} (|T_{00}|^2 + |T_{10}|^2 + |T_{-10}|^2 + |U_{10}|^2 + |U_{-10}|^2).$$



$$u_1(p) = 1.15 \pm 0.09 \pm 0.12$$

$$u_1(d) = 1.47 \pm 0.12 \pm 0.18 \text{ for integrated data}$$

Large UPE contribution

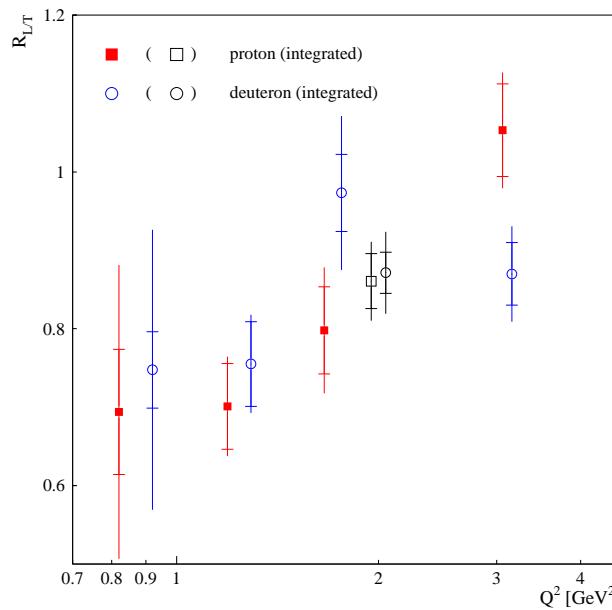
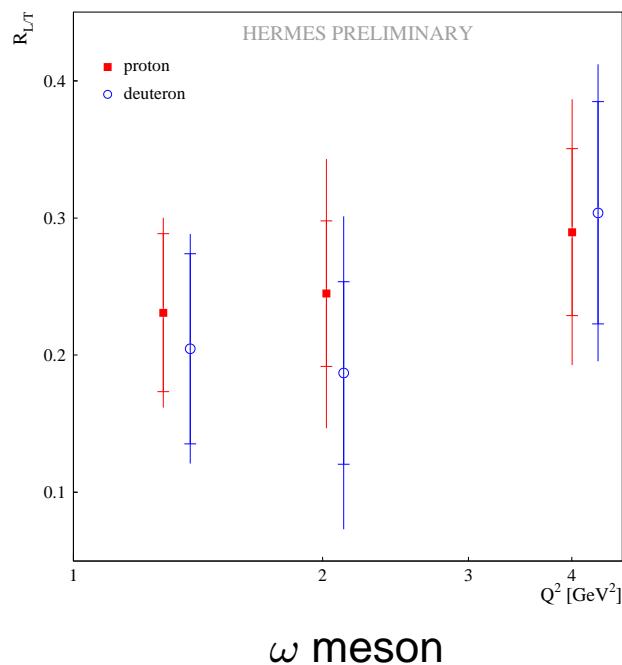


Longitudinal to Transverse cross section ratio for ω meson

$$R_{L/T} = \frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_T} = \frac{1}{\epsilon} \frac{r_{00}^{04}}{1-r_{00}^{04}}, \quad r_{00}^{04} = \sum \{\epsilon |T_{00}|^2 + |T_{01}|^2 + |U_{01}|^2, \} / \mathcal{N} \quad \mathcal{N} = \epsilon \sigma_L + \sigma_T$$

$$\sigma_L = |T_{00}|^2 + |T_{10}|^2 + |T_{-10}|^2 + |U_{10}|^2 + |U_{-10}|^2$$

$$\sigma_T = |U_{11}|^2 + |U_{01}|^2 + |U_{-11}|^2 + |T_{11}|^2 + |T_{01}|^2 + |T_{-11}|^2$$



ρ^0 meson (HERMES, Eur. Phys. J. C62 (09) 659.)

$$R_{L/T}(p) = 0.25 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.07 \quad R_{L/T}(d) = 0.024 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.08 \text{ for integrated data}$$

U/N asymmetry of the transverse cross section

$$P = \frac{\sigma_T^N - \sigma_T^U}{\sigma_T^N + \sigma_T^U} = (1 + \epsilon R)(2r_{1-1}^1 - r_{00}^1)$$

$$P < (2r_{1-1}^1 - r_{00}^1) = -0.35$$

large part of the transverse cross section is due to unnatural parity exchange.

- The SDMEs were extracted for electroproduction of ω vector meson on proton and deuteron at HERMES.
- They are presented grouped into five classes according to the helicity transition.
- The Hypothesis SCHC in ω meson production seems to be violated.
- The UPE contribution seems to be very large(dominant) for ω meson production.
- Longitudinal to Transverse cross section ratio for ω meson is smaller than for ρ^0 .