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# The reaction dynamics of the $^{16}\text{O}(e, e'p)$ cross section at high missing energies

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We measured the cross section and response functions ( $R_L, R_T$ , and  $R_{LT}$ ) for the  $^{16}\text{O}(e, e'p)$  reaction in quasielastic kinematics for missing energies  $25 \leq E_{\text{miss}} \leq 120$  MeV at various missing momenta  $P_{\text{miss}} \leq 340$  MeV/c. For  $25 < E_{\text{miss}} < 50$  MeV and  $P_{\text{miss}} \approx 60$  MeV/c, the reaction is dominated by single-nucleon knockout from the  $1s_{1/2}$ -state. At larger  $P_{\text{miss}}$ , the single-particle aspects are increasingly masked by more complicated processes. For  $E_{\text{miss}} > 60$  MeV and  $P_{\text{miss}} > 200$  MeV/c, the cross section is relatively constant. Calculations which include contributions from pion exchange currents, isobar currents and short-range correlations account for the shape and the transversity but only for half of the magnitude of the measured cross section.

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The  $(e, e'p)$  reaction in quasielastic kinematics ( $\omega \approx Q^2/2m_p$ )<sup>1</sup> has long been a useful tool for the study of nuclear structure.  $(e, e'p)$  cross section measurements have provided both a wealth of information on the wave function of protons inside the nucleus and stringent tests of nuclear theories. Response function measurements have provided detailed information about the different reaction mechanisms contributing to the cross section.

In the first Born approximation, the unpolarized  $(e, e'p)$  cross section can be separated into four independent response functions,  $R_L$  (longitudinal),  $R_T$  (transverse),  $R_{LT}$  (longitudinal-transverse), and  $R_{TT}$  (transverse-transverse) [1]. These response functions contain all the information that can be extracted from the hadronic system using the  $(e, e'p)$  reaction.

Originally, the quasielastic cross section was attributed entirely to single-particle knockout from the valence states of the nucleus. However, a series of  $^{12}\text{C}(e, e'p)$  experiments performed at MIT-Bates [2–6] measured much larger cross sections at high missing energy than were expected by single-particle knockout models.  $^{12}\text{C}(e, e'p)$  response function data reported by Ulmer *et al.* [2] show a substantial increase in the transverse-longitudinal difference,  $(S_T - S_L)$ ,<sup>2</sup> above the two-nucleon emission threshold. Similar  $R_T/R_L$  enhancement has also been observed

<sup>1</sup>The kinematical quantities are: the electron scattered at angle  $\theta_e$  transfers momentum  $\vec{q}$  and energy  $\omega$  with  $Q^2 = \vec{q}^2 - \omega^2$ . The ejected proton has mass  $m_p$ , momentum  $\vec{p}_p$ , energy  $E_p$ , and kinetic energy  $T_p$ . The cross section is typically measured as a function of missing energy  $E_{\text{miss}} = \omega - T_p - T_{\text{recoil}}$  and missing momentum  $P_{\text{miss}} = |\vec{q} - \vec{p}_p|$ . The polar angle between the ejected proton and virtual photon is  $\theta_{pq}$  and the azimuthal angle is  $\phi$ .  $\theta_{pq} > 0^\circ$  corresponds to  $\phi = 180^\circ$  and  $\theta_p > \theta_q$ .  $\theta_{pq} < 0^\circ$  corresponds to  $\phi = 0^\circ$ .

<sup>2</sup> $S_X = \frac{\sigma_{\text{Mott}} V_X R_X}{\sigma_X^{ep}}$ , where  $X \in \{T, L\}$ , and  $\sigma_X^{ep}$  is calculated from the off-shell ep cross section obtained using deForest's cc1 prescription [7,8].

by Lanen *et al.* for  $^6\text{Li}$  [9], by van der Steenhoven *et al.* for  $^{12}\text{C}$  [10] and, more recently, by Dutta *et al.* for  $^{12}\text{C}$ ,  $^{56}\text{Fe}$ , and  $^{197}\text{Au}$  [11].

There have been several theoretical attempts [12–14] to explain the continuum strength using two-body knockout models and final-state interactions, but no single model has been able to explain all the data.

In this first Jefferson Lab Hall A experiment [15], we studied the  $^{16}\text{O}(e, e'p)$  reaction in the quasielastic region at  $Q^2 = 0.8$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> and  $\omega = 439$  MeV ( $|\vec{q}| \approx 1$  GeV/c). We extracted the  $R_L$ ,  $R_T$ , and  $R_{LT}$  response functions from cross sections measured at several beam energies, electron angles, and proton angles for  $P_{\text{miss}} \leq 340$  MeV/c. This paper reports the results for  $E_{\text{miss}} > 25$  MeV;  $p$ -shell knock-out region ( $E_{\text{miss}} < 20$  MeV) results from this experiment were reported in [16].

We scattered the  $\sim 70$   $\mu\text{A}$  continuous electron beam from a waterfall target [17] with three foils, each  $\sim 130$  mg/cm<sup>2</sup> thick. We detected the scattered electrons and knocked-out protons in the two High Resolution Spectrometers (HRS<sub>e</sub> and HRS<sub>h</sub>). The details of the Hall A experimental setup are given in [18,19].

We measured the  $^{16}\text{O}(e, e'p)$  cross section at three beam energies, keeping  $|\vec{q}|$  and  $\omega$  fixed in order to separate response functions and understand systematic uncertainties. Table I shows the experimental kinematics.

The accuracy of a response-function separation depends on precisely matching the values of  $|\vec{q}|$  and  $\omega$  for different kinematic settings. In order to match  $|\vec{q}|$ , we measured  $^1\text{H}(e, ep)$  (also using the waterfall target) with a pinhole collimator in front of the HRS<sub>e</sub>. The momentum of the detected protons was thus equal to  $\vec{q}$ . We determined the  $^1\text{H}(e, ep)$  momentum peak to  $\frac{\delta p}{p} = 1.5 \times 10^{-4}$ , allowing us to match  $\frac{\delta|\vec{q}|}{|\vec{q}|}$  to  $1.5 \times 10^{-4}$  between the different kinematic settings. Throughout the experiment,  $^1\text{H}(e, e)$  data, measured simultaneously with  $^{16}\text{O}(e, e'p)$ , provided a continuous monitor of both luminosity and beam energy.

The radiative corrections to the measured cross sections were performed by two independent methods; using the code RADCOR [19,20], which unfolds the radiative tails in  $(E_{\text{miss}}, P_{\text{miss}})$  space, and using the code MCEEP [21] which simulates the radiative tail based on the prescription of Borie and Drechsel [22]. The corrected cross sections from the two methods agreed within the statistical uncertainties of these data. The radiative correction to the continuum cross section for  $60 < E_{\text{miss}} < 120$  MeV was about 10% of the measured cross section.

At  $\theta_{pq} = \pm 8^\circ$ ,  $R_{LT}$  extracted independently at beam energies of 1.643 GeV and 2.442 GeV agree well within statistical uncertainties. This indicates that the systematic uncertainties are smaller than the statistical uncertainties. The systematic uncertainty in cross section measurements is about 5%. This uncertainty is dominated by

the uncertainty in the  ${}^1\text{H}(e, e)$  cross section to which the data were normalized [23].

Figure 1 shows the measured cross section as a function of missing energy at  $E_{\text{beam}} = 2.4$  GeV for various proton angles,  $2.5^\circ \leq \theta_{pq} \leq 20^\circ$ . The average missing momentum increases with  $\theta_{pq}$  from 50 MeV/c to 340 MeV/c. The prominent peaks at 12 MeV and 18 MeV are due to  $1p$ -shell proton knockout and are described in [16], where it was shown that the  $p$ -shell cross sections can be explained up to  $P_{\text{miss}} = 340$  MeV/c by relativistic Distorted Wave Impulse Approximation (DWIA) calculations. However the spectra for  $E_{\text{miss}} > 20$  MeV exhibit a very different behavior. At the lowest missing momentum,  $P_{\text{miss}} \approx 50$  MeV/c, the wide peak centered at  $E_{\text{miss}} \approx 40$  MeV is due predominantly to knockout of protons from the  $1s_{1/2}$ -state. This peak is less prominent at  $P_{\text{miss}} \approx 145$  MeV/c and has vanished beneath a flat background for  $P_{\text{miss}} \geq 200$  MeV/c. At  $E_{\text{miss}} > 60$  MeV or  $P_{\text{miss}} > 200$  MeV/c, the cross section does not depend on  $E_{\text{miss}}$  and decreases only weakly with  $P_{\text{miss}}$ .

We compared our results to single-particle knockout calculations by Kelly [24] and Ryckebusch [25–27] to determine how much of the observed continuum ( $E_{\text{miss}} > 20$  MeV) cross section can be explained by  $1s_{1/2}$ -state knockout. Kelly [24] performed DWIA calculations using a relativized Schrödinger equation in which the dynamical enhancement of lower components of Dirac spinors is represented by an effective current operator [28]. These calculations accurately describe the  $1p$ -shell missing momentum distributions up to 340 MeV/c [16]. For the  $1s_{1/2}$ -state, Kelly used a normalization factor of 0.73 and spread the cross section and the response functions over missing energy using the Lorentzian parameterization of Mahaux [29]. At small  $P_{\text{miss}}$ , where there is a clear peak at 40 MeV, this model describes the data well. At larger  $P_{\text{miss}}$ , where there is no peak at 40 MeV, the DWIA cross section is much smaller than the measured cross section (see Figure 1). Relativistic DWIA calculations by other authors [30,31] show similar results. This confirms the attribution of the large missing momentum cross section to non-single-nucleon knockout.

Figure 1 also shows calculations by Ryckebusch *et al.* [25–27] using a non-relativistic single-nucleon knockout Hartree-Fock (HF) model which uses the same potential for both the ejectile and bound nucleons. Unlike DWIA, this approach conserves current at the one-body level, but it also requires much smaller normalization factors because it lacks a mechanism for diversion of flux from the single-nucleon knockout channel. At small missing momentum, this model describes both the  $p$ -shell and  $s$ -shell cross sections well. As the missing momentum increases, it progressively overestimates the  $p$ -shell and  $s$ -shell cross sections. The most important difference between the DWIA and HF single-nucleon knockout models is the absorptive potential; its omission from the HF model increases the HF cross section for  $P_{\text{miss}} \approx 300$

MeV/c by an order of magnitude for both  $p$ -shell and  $s$ -shell.

Figure 1 also shows  $(e, e'pn)$  and  $(e, e'pp)$  contributions to the  $(e, e'p)$  cross section calculated by Ryckebusch *et al.* [32]. This calculation has also been performed in a HF framework. The cross section for the two particle knock-out has been calculated in the “spectator approximation” assuming that the two knocked-out nucleons will escape from the residual  $A - 2$  system without being subject to inelastic collisions with other nucleons. This calculation includes contributions mediated by pion-exchange currents, intermediate  $\Delta$  creation and central and tensor short-range correlations. According to this calculation, in our kinematics, two-body currents (pion-exchange and  $\Delta$ ) account for approximately 85% of the calculated  $(e, e'pn)$  and  $(e, e'pp)$  strength. Short-range tensor correlations contribute approximately 13% while short-range central correlations contribute only about 2%. Since the two-body current contributions are predominantly transverse, the calculated  $(e, e'pn)$  and  $(e, e'pp)$  cross section is mainly transverse in our kinematics. The flat cross section predicted by this calculation for  $E_{\text{miss}} > 50$  MeV is consistent with the data, but it accounts for only about half the measured cross section. Hence, additional contributions to the cross section such as heavier meson exchange and processes involving more than two hadrons must be considered.

Figures 2-4 present the separated response functions for various proton angles. Due to kinematic constraints, we were only able to separate the responses for  $E_{\text{miss}} < 60$  MeV. The separated response functions can be used to check the reaction mechanism. If the excess continuum strength at high  $P_{\text{miss}}$  is dominated by two body processes rather than by correlations, then it should be predominantly transverse.

Figure 2 presents the separated response functions for  $\langle P_{\text{miss}} \rangle \approx 60$  MeV/c. The wide peak centered around  $E_{\text{miss}} \approx 40$  MeV in both  $R_L$  and  $R_T$  corresponds primarily to single-particle knockout from the  $1s_{1/2}$ -state. The difference between the transverse and longitudinal spectral functions ( $S_T - S_L$ ), which is expected to be zero for a free nucleon, appears to increase slightly with  $E_{\text{miss}}$ . The magnitude of  $(S_T - S_L)$  measured here is consistent with the decrease in  $(S_T - S_L)$  with  $Q^2$  seen in the measurements of Ulmer *et al.* [2] at  $Q^2 = 0.14$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> and by Dutta *et al.* [11] at  $Q^2 = 0.6$  and  $1.8$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>. This suggests that, in parallel kinematics, transverse non-single-nucleon knockout processes decrease with  $Q^2$ .

Figure 3 presents the separated response functions ( $R_{L+TT}$ <sup>3</sup>,  $R_T$ , and  $R_{LT}$ ) for  $|\theta_{pq}| = 8^\circ$  ( $\langle P_{\text{miss}} \rangle \approx 145$

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<sup>3</sup> $R_{L+TT} \equiv R_L + \frac{V_{TT}}{V_L} R_{TT}$

MeV/c). The Mahaux parameterization does not reproduce the shape of  $R_L$  or of  $R_T$  as a function of missing energy. For  $E_{\text{miss}} < 40$  MeV, all calculated response functions underestimate the data suggesting the excitation of states with a complex structure between the  $p$ - and  $s$ -shells. For  $E_{\text{miss}} > 50$  MeV,  $R_{L+TT}$  (which is mainly longitudinal because  $\frac{V_{TT}}{V_L} R_{TT}$  is estimated to be only about 7% of  $R_L$  [24] in these kinematics) is consistent with both zero and with the calculations.  $R_T$ , on the other hand, remains nonzero to at least 60 MeV.  $R_T$  is also significantly larger than the DWIA calculation.  $R_{LT}$  is about twice as large as the DWIA calculation over the entire range of  $E_{\text{miss}}$ .  $R_{LT}$  is nonzero for  $E_{\text{miss}} > 50$  MeV, indicating that  $R_L$  is also nonzero in that range.

Figure 4 presents the separated response functions for  $|\theta_{pq}| = 16^\circ$  ( $\langle P_{\text{miss}} \rangle \approx 280$  MeV/c). At this missing momentum, none of the measured response functions show a peak at  $E_{\text{miss}} \approx 40$  MeV where single-particle knockout from the  $1s_{1/2}$ -state is expected.  $R_{L+TT}$  is close to zero and the DWIA calculation. However,  $R_T$  and  $R_{LT}$  are much larger than the DWIA calculation.  $R_T$  is also much larger than  $R_{LT}$  indicating that the cross section is due in large part to transverse two-body currents. The fact that  $R_{LT}$  is nonzero indicates that  $R_L$ , although too small to measure directly, is also nonzero.

To summarize, we have measured the cross section and response functions ( $R_L$ ,  $R_T$ , and  $R_{LT}$ ) for the  $^{16}\text{O}(e, e'p)$  reaction in quasielastic kinematics at  $Q^2 = 0.8$  (GeV/c) $^2$  and  $\omega = 439$  MeV for missing energies  $25 < E_{\text{miss}} < 120$  MeV at various missing momenta  $P_{\text{miss}} \leq 340$  MeV/c. For  $25 < E_{\text{miss}} < 50$  MeV and  $P_{\text{miss}} \approx 60$  MeV/c the reaction is dominated by single-nucleon knockout from the  $1s_{1/2}$ -state and is described well by DWIA calculations. ( $S_T - S_L$ ) is smaller than that measured at  $Q^2 = 0.14$  [2] and  $Q^2 = 0.6$  (GeV/c) $^2$ , but larger than that measured at  $Q^2 = 1.8$  (GeV/c) $^2$  [11]. This is consistent with the previous observation that, at low  $P_{\text{miss}}$ , knockout processes due to MEC and IC decrease with  $Q^2$  [11].

At increasing missing momenta, the importance of the single-particle aspects is diminished. The cross section and the response functions no longer peak at the maximum of the  $s$ -shell (40 MeV). They no longer have the expected Lorentzian shape for  $s$ -shell knockout. DWIA calculations underestimate the cross section and response functions at  $P_{\text{miss}} > 200$  MeV/c by more than a factor of 10. Hence, we conclude that the single-particle aspect of the  $1s_{1/2}$ -state contributes less than 10% to the cross section at  $P_{\text{miss}} > 200$  MeV/c. This is in contrast to the  $p$ -shell case, where DWIA calculations describe the data well up to  $P_{\text{miss}} = 340$  MeV/c.

At  $25 < E_{\text{miss}} < 120$  and  $P_{\text{miss}} > 200$  MeV/c the cross section is almost constant in missing energy and missing momentum. For  $E_{\text{miss}} > 60$  MeV this feature is well reproduced by two-nucleon knockout calculations, ( $e, e'pp$ ) plus ( $e, e'pn$ ). These calculations also account for the predominantly transverse nature of the cross section, due to

the large contribution from the two-body (pion exchange and isobar) currents. This indicates that the excess continuum strength at high  $P_{\text{miss}}$  is dominated by two body processes rather than by correlations. To our knowledge, this is the only model which can account for the shape, transversity and about the half of the magnitude of the measured continuum cross section. The unaccounted for strength suggests that additional currents and processes play an important role.

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$E_{\text{beam}}$ (GeV)	$\theta_e$ ( $^\circ$ )	$\theta_{pq}$ ( $^\circ$ )
0.843	100.7	0, 8, 16
1.643	37.2	0, $\pm 8$
2.442	23.4	0, $\pm 2.5$ , $\pm 8$ , $\pm 16$ , $\pm 20$

TABLE I. Experimental Kinematics.

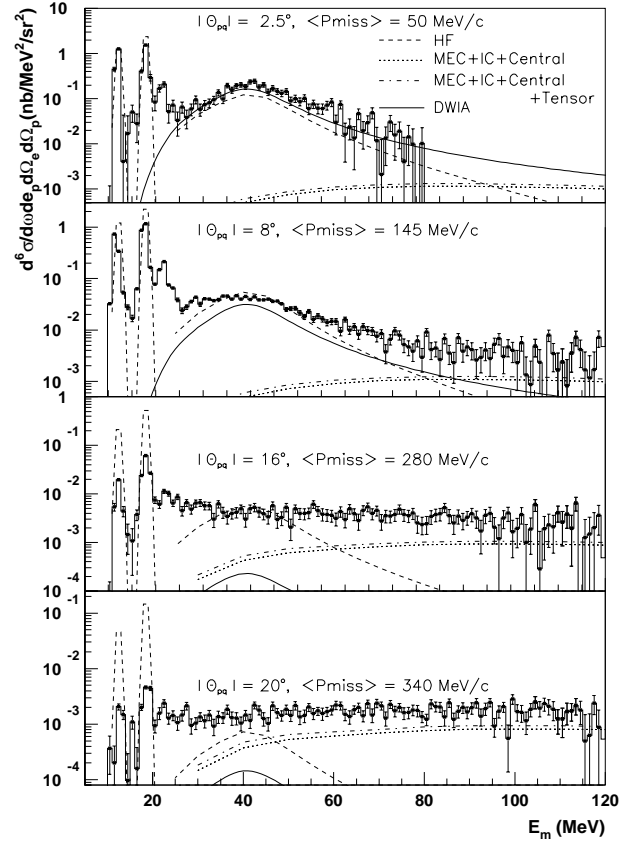


FIG. 1. Cross sections measured at different outgoing proton angles as a function of missing energy. The curves show the single-particle strength calculated by Kelly (solid curve, only s-shell is shown) and by Ryckebusch (dashed curve), folded with the Lorentzian parameterization of Mahaux. The dotted line shows the Ryckebusch *et al.* calculations of the  $(e, e'pn)$  and  $(e, e'pp)$  contributions to  $(e, e'p)$  including meson-exchange currents (MEC), intermediate  $\Delta$  creation (IC) and central correlations, while the dot-dashed line also includes tensor correlations.

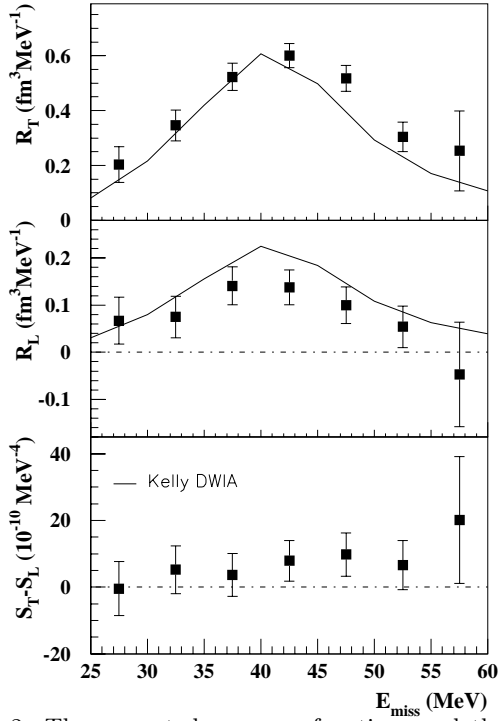


FIG. 2. The separated response functions and the difference of the longitudinal and transverse spectral functions for  $\langle P_{\text{miss}} \rangle \approx 60 \text{ MeV}/c$ . The calculations have been folded with the Lorentzian parameterization of Mahaux and have been binned in the same manner as the data.

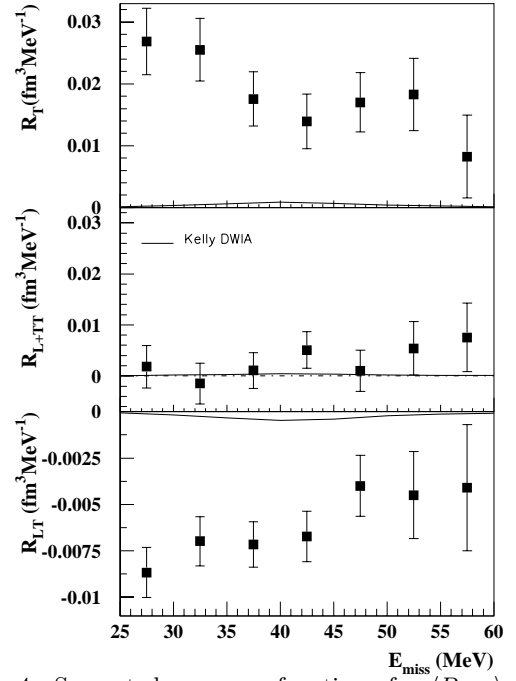


FIG. 4. Separated response functions for  $\langle P_{\text{miss}} \rangle \approx 280 \text{ MeV}/c$ .

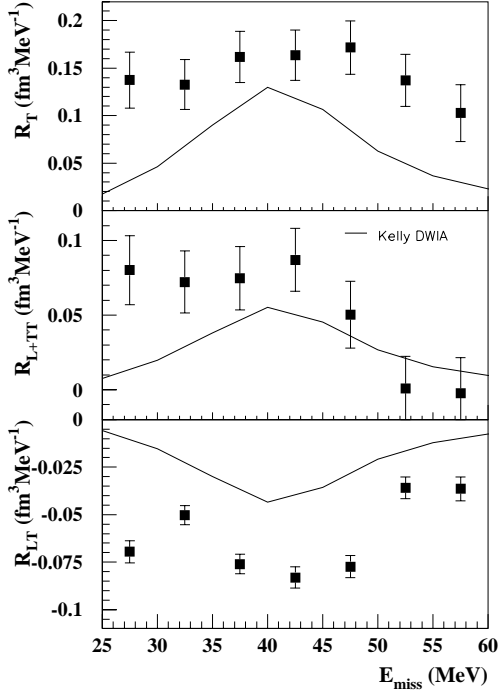


FIG. 3. Separated response functions for  $\langle P_{\text{miss}} \rangle \approx 145 \text{ MeV}/c$ .