## Quark-hadron duality and parity violating asymmetry of electroweak reactions in the $\Delta$ region

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A dynamical model [T. Sato and T.-S. H. Lee, Phys. Rev. C 54, 2660 (1996); 63, 055201 (2001); T. Sato, D. Uno, and T.-S. H. Lee, *ibid.* 67, 065201 (2003)] of electroweak pion production reactions in the  $\Delta(1232)$ region has been extended to include the neutral current contributions for examining the local quark-hadron duality in neutrino-induced reactions and for investigating how the axial N- $\Delta$  form factor can be determined by the parity violating asymmetry of  $N(\vec{e}, e')$  reactions. We first show that the recent data of (e, e') structure functions  $F_1$ and  $F_2$ , which exhibit the quark-hadron duality, are in good agreement with our predictions. For possible future experimental tests, we then predict that the structure functions  $F_1$ ,  $F_2$ , and  $F_3$  for (v, e) and (v, v') processes also show the similar quark-hadron duality. The spin-dependent structure functions  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  of (e, e') have also been calculated from our model. It is found that the local quark-hadron duality is not seen in the calculated  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ , while our results for  $g_1$  and some polarization observables associated with the exclusive  $p(\vec{e}, e'\pi)$  and  $\vec{p}(\vec{e}, e'\pi)$ reactions are in reasonably good agreement with the recent data. In the study of parity violating asymmetry A of  $N(\vec{e}, e')$  reactions, the relative importance between the nonresonant mechanisms and the  $\Delta$  excitation is investigated by taking into account the unitarity condition. Predictions are made for using the data of A to test the axial N- $\Delta$  form factors determined previously in the studies of  $N(\nu_{\mu}, \mu^{-}\pi)$  reactions. The predicted asymmetry A are also compared with the parton model predictions for future experimental investigations of quark-hadron duality.

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# I. INTRODUCTION

In recent years, a dynamical model had been developed [1,2] to investigate electromagnetic pion production reactions in the region near the  $\Delta(1232)$  resonance. The model was subsequently extended [3] to also investigate neutrino-induced reactions ( $\nu_{\mu}$ ,  $\mu^{-}\pi$ ). Fairly consistent descriptions of all of the available data in the  $\Delta$  region have been obtained. In this work, we further extend this model (called the SL model) to address two questions of current interest: (1) Will the hadron-quark duality first observed by Bloom and Gilman [4] in inclusive p(e, e') be also seen in the neutrino-induced  $N(\nu, e)$  and  $N(\nu, \nu')$  reactions? (2) How can parity violating asymmetry of inclusive  $N(\vec{e}, e)$  reaction be used to improve our knowledge about the axial N- $\Delta$  form factor? Experimental data for testing our predictions can be obtained at new neutrino facilities [5] and the Jefferson Laboratory (JLab) [6,7].

Our first step is to construct neutral currents within the SL model. This then allows us to extend our previous calculations [3] of  $N(\nu_{\mu}, \mu^{-}\pi)$  reactions to also predict  $N(\nu, \nu'\pi)$  reactions to examine some questions concerning the quark-hadron duality. Simply speaking, an inclusive lepton scattering observable exhibits quark-hadron duality when an average of this quantity over an appropriately chosen scaling variable in the resonance region is close to that in the deeply inelastic scattering (DIS) region. More details on this subject can be found in a recent review by Melnitchouk, Ent, and Keppel [8]. The quark-hadron duality was first observed [4] for the p(e, e') structure function  $F_2 = \omega W_2$ . Recent experimental data [9,10] for both  $F_2$  and  $F_1 = m_N W_1$  have further confirmed more quantitatively this interesting observation. Theoretical attempts to understand the quark-hadron duality within QCD

were already made [11–13] in 1970's. More recent works are reported in, for example, Refs. [14–19]. Within the standard model [20], it is natural to ask whether the quark-hadron duality should also exist in the neutrino-induced N(v, e) and N(v, v') reactions (from now on, v and e denote the neutrinos and charged leptons, respectively, of any generation within the standard model). In the absence of necessary neutrino data, this can be explored theoretically in the  $\Delta$  region using the extended SL model presented in this paper. Obviously, we can only explore the "local" quark-hadron duality in the  $\Delta$ region.

We will also report on our investigations of the spindependent structure functions  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  of (e, e') processes. To see the accuracy of our model in predicting these quantities, we first show that some recent data [21,22] of the polarization observables associated with the exclusive  $p(\vec{e}, e'\pi)$  and  $\vec{p}(\vec{e}, e'\pi)$  reactions agree well with the predictions from the considered SL model. We then find that  $g_1$  calculated from our model agree reasonably well with the recent data [23], but they do not show quark-hadron duality when compared with the DIS data [24]. The calculated  $g_2$  is also found to be rather different from the DIS data which can be described reasonably well by the Wandzura-Wilczek formula [25].

Our second task in this work is to apply the extended SL model to address some questions concerning the  $N-\Delta$  form factors. It has been well recognized that these form factors are important information for testing current hadron models and also lattice QCD calculations in the near future. The vector parts of the  $N-\Delta$  form factors in the  $Q^2 \leq 4$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> region have been rather well determined by analyzing very extensive high-precision data on electromagnetic pion production reactions, as reviewed in Ref. [26]. On the other hand,

the axial vector N- $\Delta$  form factor is not well determined mainly because of the lack of high-precision data on neutrino-induced pion production reactions in the  $\Delta$  region. For example, the axial N- $\Delta$  form factor determined in Ref. [3] is rather different from the one determined previously [27]. This leads to uncertainties in interpreting the axial N- $\Delta$  form factor in terms of the hadron structure calculations such as those reported in Refs. [28-31]. The situation will be improved when the data from new neutrino facilities become available in the near future. Alternatively, progress can be made by following Refs. [32–40] to investigate the parity violating asymmetry of inclusive  $N(\vec{e}, e')$  reactions. This polarization observable is due to the interference between the electromagnetic currents and neutral currents and hence can be used to explore the axial  $N-\Delta$  form factor. Experimental effort in this direction is being made [6] at JLab. To facilitate this study, we have applied the extended SL model to explore the dependence of the parity violating asymmetry of  $N(\vec{e}, e')$  on the axial  $N-\Delta$  form factor.

In Sec. II, we will specify the considered models of electromagnetic currents (em), weak charged currents (cc), and weak neutral currents (nc). We first recall their forms in the standard model [20] and then specify how such currents are defined in terms of hadronic degrees of freedom of the SL model. In Sec. III, we give expressions of the inclusive cross sections and indicate how the structure functions are calculated within our hadronic model and the parton model. Section IV is devoted to presenting results of studying the quark-hadron duality in the  $\Delta$  region. The predicted N(e, e') structure functions will also be compared with the recent data. The results for the parity violating asymmetry of the inclusive  $N(\vec{e}, e')$  will be given in Sec. V. A summary is given in Sec. VI.

#### **II. MODELS OF ELECTROWEAK CURRENTS**

We first recall the electroweak currents defined in the standard model [20]. In the considered  $\Delta$  excitation region, we can eliminate heavy *W* and *Z* bosons and keep interactions involving only up (*u*) and down (*d*) quarks. The interaction Lagrangian for our study can then be written as

$$\begin{split} L_{\rm eff} &= -\sqrt{4\pi\alpha} \left[ \bar{e}\gamma^{\mu}e + j_{\rm em}^{\mu} \right] A_{\mu} \\ &- \frac{G_F V_{ud}}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \bar{v}\gamma_{\mu}(1-\gamma_5)ej_{\rm cc}^{\mu\dagger} + \bar{e}\gamma_{\mu}(1-\gamma_5)vj_{\rm cc}^{\mu} \right] \\ &- \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \left[ \bar{v}\gamma_{\mu}(1-\gamma_5)v + \bar{e} \left( 2g_V^e \gamma_{\mu} - 2g_A^e \gamma_{\mu}\gamma^5 \right) e \right] j_{\rm nc}^{\mu}, \end{split}$$

$$(1)$$

where  $\alpha = 1/137$ ,  $G_F = 1.1664 \times 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ ,  $g_V^e = -1/2 + 2 \sin^2 \theta_W$ ,  $g_A^e = -1/2$ ,  $A_\mu$  is the photon field, and *e* and *v* are the field operators of the charged leptons and neutrinos, respectively. The Weinberg angle  $\theta_W$  is known empirically to be  $\sin^2 \theta_W = 0.231$  and  $V_{ud} = 0.974$  is the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) coefficient. The electromagnetic current  $j_{em}^{\mu}$ , weak charge current  $j_{cc}^{\mu}$ , and weak neutral current

 $j_{\rm nc}^{\mu}$  carried by *u* and *d* quarks can be written as

$$j_{\rm em}^{\mu} = \frac{2}{3}\bar{u}\gamma^{\mu}u - \frac{1}{3}\bar{d}\gamma^{\mu}d, \qquad (2)$$

$$j_{\rm cc}^{\mu} = \bar{u}\gamma^{\mu}(1-\gamma_5)d,\tag{3}$$

$$j_{\rm nc}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2} [\bar{u}\gamma^{\mu}(1-\gamma_5)u - \bar{d}\gamma^{\mu}(1-\gamma_5)d] - 2\sin^2\theta_W j_{\rm em}^{\mu}.$$
 (4)

With the simplification that only u and d quarks are kept, it is well known [37] that the above currents can be classified in terms of "strong" isospin. We thus can write

$$j^{\mu}_{\rm em} = V^{\mu}_3 + V^{\mu}_{\rm isoscalar},\tag{5}$$

$$j_{\rm cc}^{\mu} = \left(V_1^{\mu} + iV_2^{\mu}\right) - \left(A_1^{\mu} + iA_2^{\mu}\right),\tag{6}$$

$$j_{\rm cc}^{\mu\dagger} = \left(V_1^{\mu} - iV_2^{\mu}\right) - \left(A_1^{\mu} - iA_2^{\mu}\right),\tag{7}$$

$$j_{\rm nc}^{\mu} = (1 - 2\sin^2\theta_W) j_{\rm em}^{\mu} - V_{\rm isoscalar}^{\mu} - A_3^{\mu}, \qquad (8)$$

where the isospin components of the vector V and axial vector A currents are defined as

$$V_i^{\mu} = \bar{q}\gamma^{\mu}\frac{\tau_i}{2}q, \qquad (9)$$

$$A^{\mu}_{i} = \bar{q}\gamma^{\mu}\gamma_{5}\frac{\tau_{i}}{2}q, \qquad (10)$$

$$V_{\rm isoscalar}^{\mu} = \bar{q} \frac{1}{6} \gamma^{\mu} q. \tag{11}$$

Here we have defined an isospin doublet field operator  $\bar{q} = q^+ \gamma^0 = (u^+, d^+)\gamma^0$ , and  $\tau_i$  is the usual Pauli operator.

The above expressions will allow us to calculate electroweak structure functions of deeply inelastic (e, e'), (v, e),and  $(\nu, \nu')$  processes within the parton model, as explained in, for example, Ref. [41]. However, they cannot be used directly for investigating meson production reactions in the resonance region where the perturbative OCD is not applicable. At the present time, the most tractable ways for investigating these reactions are in terms of hadronic degrees of freedom. The starting point is a hadronic effective Lagrangian constrained by the symmetry properties of the standard model. Accordingly, the resulting electroweak currents have the forms of Eqs. (5)–(8) but are written in terms of hadronic field operators. This can be achieved by using the standard effective chiral Lagrangian methods [20,42,43]. In the SL model developed in Refs. [1–3], the constructed electroweak currents are expressed in terms of the field operators of the nucleon (N),  $\Delta$ , pion ( $\vec{\pi}$ ),  $\omega$  meson ( $\omega$ ), and  $\rho$  meson ( $\vec{\rho}$ ). They can be written as

$$\vec{V}^{\mu} \cdot \vec{v}_{\mu} = \bar{N} \left[ \gamma^{\mu} \vec{v}_{\mu} - \frac{\kappa^{V}}{2m_{N}} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \partial_{\nu} \vec{v}_{\mu} \right] \cdot \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2} N + \frac{g_{A}}{2F} \bar{N} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_{5} [\vec{v}_{\mu} \times \vec{\tau}] N \cdot \vec{\pi} + [\vec{\pi} \times \partial^{\mu} \vec{\pi}] \cdot \vec{v}_{\mu} - \frac{g_{\omega\pi V}}{m_{\pi}} \epsilon_{\alpha\mu\nu\delta} [\partial^{\alpha} \vec{v}^{\mu}] \cdot \vec{\pi} [\partial^{\nu} \omega^{\delta}] - i \bar{\Delta}_{\mu} \vec{T} \cdot \vec{v}_{\nu} \Gamma_{V}^{\mu\nu} N,$$
(12)

$$\vec{A}^{\mu} \cdot \vec{v}_{\mu} = g_A \bar{N} \gamma^{\mu} \gamma_5 \frac{\vec{\tau}}{2} \cdot \vec{v}_{\mu} N - F \partial^{\mu} \vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{v}_{\mu} - f_{\rho \pi A} (\vec{\rho}^{\mu} \times \vec{\pi}) \cdot \vec{v}_{\mu} + \bar{\Delta}_{\nu} \vec{T} \cdot \vec{v}_{\mu} \Gamma_A^{\mu \nu} N, \qquad (13)$$



FIG. 1. Nonresonant pion production mechanisms of the SL model. See text for how these mechanisms are related to the electromagnetic current, charged current, and neutral current.

where  $\vec{v}_{\mu}$  is an arbitrary isovector function, F = 93 MeV is the pion decay constant, and  $g_A = 1.26$  is the axial coupling strength of the nucleon. The other parameters as well as the vertex  $\Gamma_{A,V}^{\mu\nu}$  and isospin operator *T* of the *N*- $\Delta$  transition are given in Refs. [1–3]. With the electromagnetic current  $j_{em}^{\mu}$  given explicitly in Ref. [1], the relations in Eqs. (5) and (12) can be used to get  $V_{isoscalar}^{\mu}$ ; hence  $j_{nc}^{\mu}$  of Eq. (8) is also completely determined within the SL model. The neutral current  $j_{nc}^{\mu}$  is needed to extend the calculations of Refs. [1–3] to also study  $(\nu, \nu'\pi)$  reactions and the parity violating asymmetry of the  $(\vec{e}, e')$  reaction.

The electroweak currents defined by Eqs. (5)–(8) and (12)-(13) must be supplemented by additional effective Lagrangians describing the haronic interactions, such as  $\pi NN, \pi N\Delta, \rho NN, \rho \pi \pi$ , and  $\omega NN$  couplings, to calculate the meson production amplitudes within the SL model. The details of such a dynamical approach have been given in Refs. [1–3]. Here it is sufficient to just illustrate schematically the basic meson production mechanisms of the SL model. In Fig. 1, we show the constructed nonresonant pion production mechanisms. For the em current contributions, the wavy line is the photon and all diagrams contribute. For cc and nc current contributions, the wavy line is the vector current Vor axial vector current A. Like the em case, all terms in Fig. 1 contribute to nc amplitude but with different isospin weighting factors defined by Eqs. (5) and (8). For the cc contributions, all terms contribute to the amplitudes induced by the vector current V except that the  $\rho$  exchange in (c) should be excluded because it is an isoscalar interaction. The cc's amplitude due to axial vector current A contains only mechanisms (a), (b), (e) with only  $\rho$  exchange, and (f). In both cc and nc cases, the pion pole term due to the second term  $-F\partial^{\mu}\vec{\pi}\cdot\vec{v}_{\mu}$  of axial current Eq. (13) has additional contributions, as explained in Ref. [3].

The  $\Delta$  excitation mechanism is illustrated in Fig. 2. For the later discussions in this paper, here we recall that the matrix element of the axial N- $\Delta$  coupling  $\Gamma_A^{\mu\nu}$  in Eq. (13) can be



FIG. 2.  $\Delta$  excitation mechanism.

written as

$$\langle p_{\Delta} | \Gamma_{A}^{\mu\nu} | p_{N} \rangle = d_{1}(q^{2})g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{d_{2}(q^{2})}{m_{N}^{2}}P_{\alpha}(q^{\alpha}g^{\mu\nu} - g^{\alpha\mu}q^{\nu}) - \frac{d_{3}(q^{2})}{m_{N}^{2}}q^{\mu}p_{N}^{\nu} - i\frac{d_{4}(q^{2})}{m_{N}^{2}}\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}P_{\alpha}q_{\beta}\gamma_{5},$$

$$(14)$$

where  $p_{\Delta}$  and  $p_N$  are the momenta of the  $\Delta$  and N, respectively,  $q = p_{\Delta} - p_N$ , and  $P = (p_{\Delta} + p_N)$ . The strengths of the form factors at  $Q^2 = -q^2 = 0$  are identified with the quark model predictions [28] and are found to be  $d_i(0) = D_i \frac{6}{\sqrt{25}}g_A$  with  $g_A = 1.26$ ,  $D_1 = 0.969$ ,  $D_2 = -0.180$ ,  $D_3 = 0.836$ , and  $d_4 = 0$ . In Ref. [3], it was found that all of the available data of  $N(v_{\mu}, \mu^-\pi)$  data in the  $\Delta$  region can be well described if the  $q^2$  dependence of each form factor in Eq. (14) is taken to be  $(Q^2 = -q^2)$ 

$$d_{1,2}(Q^2) = d_{1,2}(0)G^A_{N,\Delta}(Q^2),$$
  
$$d_3(Q^2) = d_3(0)\frac{m_N^2}{Q^2 + m_\pi^2}G^A_{N,\Delta}(Q^2)$$

with

$$G_{N,\Delta}^{A}(Q^{2}) = (1 + aQ^{2})\exp(-bQ^{2})G_{A}(Q^{2}), \qquad (15)$$

where  $a = 0.154 \,(\text{GeV}/c)^{-2,b=0.166} \,(\text{GeV}/c)^2$ , and  $G_A(Q^2) = 1/(1 + Q^2/M_A^2)^2$  with  $M_A = 1.02$  GeV is the nucleon axial form factor [44]. The corresponding vector form factor  $G_{\Delta,N}^V(Q^2)$ , which is associated with  $\Gamma_V^{\mu\nu}$  of Eq. (12) and has been well determined [1,2] by analyzing the data of pion electroproduction, has the same form as Eq. (15) except that  $G_A(Q^2)$  is replaced by the usual proton form factor  $G_p(Q^2) = 1/(1 + Q^2/\Lambda_p^2)^2$  with  $\Lambda_p^2 = 0.71 \,(\text{GeV}/c)^2$ .

We further mention that the electroweak pion production amplitudes (denoted as J from now on) calculated within the SL model can be written schematically in the c.m. frame of the final  $\pi N$  system as

$$J_{\pi N,aN}(k,q,W) = J_{\pi N,aN}^{(n,r.)}(k,q,W) + \frac{\bar{\Gamma}_{\Delta,\pi N}^{\dagger}(k,W)\bar{\Gamma}_{\Delta,aN}(q,W)}{W - m_{\Delta} - \Sigma(W)}, \quad (16)$$

where  $a = \gamma$ , *W*, or *Z* bosons, *q* and *k* are the relevant initial and final momenta, and  $\Sigma(W)$  is the  $\Delta$  self-energy. The nonresonant amplitudes  $J_{\pi N,aN}^{(n,r.)}(k, q, W)$  are calculated from

$$J_{\pi N,aN}^{(n.r.)}(k,q,W) = v_{\pi N,aN} + t_{\pi N,\pi N} G_{\pi N}(W) v_{\pi N,aN}, \quad (17)$$

where  $v_{\pi N,aN}$  are the nonresonant amplitudes illustrated in Fig. 1,  $t_{\pi N,\pi N}$  is the nonresonant  $\pi N$  scattering amplitude, and  $G_{\pi N}(W)$  is the  $\pi N$  propagator. Note that the second term of Eq. (17) is the consequence of the unitarity condition. This is neglected in the previous investigations [35,38–40], of the effects due to the nonresonant amplitudes on the parity violating asymmetry of  $N(\vec{e}, e')$  reaction. Furthermore, the nonresonant mechanisms considered in those works also differ from what are illustrated in Fig. 1 and well tested in extensive investigations of exclusive  $N(\gamma, \pi), N(e, e'\pi)$ , and  $N(\nu_{\mu}, \mu^{-}\pi)$  reactions. For example, the vector meson exchanges are not included in Refs. [38,39], and pseudoscalar  $\pi NN$  coupling, instead of the pseudovector coupling used in the SL model, is used in Ref. [40].

The resonant term in Eq. (16) is defined by the dressed vertices which contain the influence of the nonresonant interactions as given by

$$\bar{\Gamma}_{\Delta,aN}(q,W) = \Gamma_{\Delta,aN}(q) + \int d\mathbf{k} \Gamma_{\Delta,\pi N}(k) G_{\pi N}(k,W)$$
$$\times J_{\pi N,aN}^{(\text{n.r.})}(k,q,W), \tag{18}$$

where  $\Gamma_{\Delta,aN}(q)$  is the *bare* N- $\Delta$  form factor. The second term in Eq. (18) is commonly called the meson cloud contributions to the N- $\Delta$  transition. Explicit calculations of these meson cloud effects also mark an important difference between this work and all of the previous investigations [32–40] of parity violating asymmetry of  $N(\vec{e}, e')$  reactions. We emphasize that Eqs. (16)–(18) satisfy the unitarity condition which is essential in interpreting the meson production data, as explained in Refs. [1–3] as well as in many works reviewed in Ref. [26].

### **III. CALCULATIONS OF STRUCTURE FUNCTIONS**

With the Lagrangian Eq. (1), the formula for calculating the exclusive cross sections for  $(e, e'\pi)$  and  $(v, e\pi)$  processes are given in detail in Refs. [1–3]. The formula for calculating  $(v, v'\pi)$  cross sections can be easily obtained from Ref. [3] with minor modifications. In this paper, we focus on inclusive processes. Their cross sections can be more simply written in terms of structure functions.

Following Ref. [41], the symmetry properties require that the lepton scattering structure functions  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$ , and  $W_3$  are in general related to the hadron tensor  $W^{\mu\nu}$  by

$$W^{\mu\nu} = -W_1 g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{W_2}{m_N^2} p^{\mu} p^{\nu} + i \frac{W_3}{2m_N^2} \epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta} p_{\alpha} q_{\beta}, \quad (19)$$

where the convention  $\epsilon^{0123} = -1$  is chosen. The structure functions are functions of two independent invariant variables. One usually chooses  $Q^2$  and the invariant mass  $W = \sqrt{s} = \sqrt{(p+q)^2}$  in the resonance region, but the Bjorken scaling variable  $x = Q^2/(2p \cdot q)$  and  $Q^2$  in the deeply inelastic region. Here q and p are the momenta of the exchanged boson ( $\gamma$ , W, or Z) and the initial nucleon, respectively. The unpolarized

inclusive N(e, e') cross sections can then be written as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{d\Omega dE'} = \frac{4\alpha^2 E'^2}{Q^4} \left[ 2W_1 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + W_2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right], \quad (20)$$

with

$$Q^{2} = -q^{2} = 4EE'\sin^{2}\frac{\theta}{2},$$
 (21)

where *E* and *E'* are the incident and outgoing lepton energies, respectively, and  $\theta$  is the lepton scattering angle with respect to the incident lepton. For inclusive  $(v, e^{-})$  and  $(\bar{v}, e^{+})$  processes, we have

$$\frac{d\sigma^{\nu,\bar{\nu}}}{dE'd\Omega'} = \frac{G_F^2 |V_{ud}|^2}{2\pi^2} E'^2 \left[ 2W_1 \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + W_2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} + W_3 \frac{E+E'}{m_N} \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \right], \quad (22)$$

where the sign in front of  $W_3$  is + (-) for  $(\nu, e^-) [(\bar{\nu}, e^+)]$ . For  $(\nu, \nu')$ , the cross section formula is the same as Eq. (22) except that the factor  $|V_{ud}|^2$  is removed.

Within the hadronic models, such as the SL model considered in this paper, the hadron tensor  $W^{\mu\nu}$  in the region near the  $\Delta$  excitation can be calculated by summing all contributions from  $a(q) + N(p) \rightarrow \pi(k) + N(p)$  with  $a = \gamma$ , W, Z. We can write in general the hadron tensor  $W^{\mu\nu}$  for electroweak pion reactions as

$$W^{\mu\nu} = \sum \langle f | J^{\mu}_{\alpha} | i \rangle^* \langle f | J^{\nu}_{\alpha} | i \rangle, \qquad (23)$$

where  $\alpha = \text{em}$ , cc, nc denotes the considered current, and we have introduced concise notations

$$\sum = \sum_{\tilde{i}} \sum_{f} (2\pi)^{3} \delta^{4} (p+q-p'-k) \frac{E_{N}}{m_{N}}, \qquad (24)$$

and

$$\langle f | J^{\mu}_{\alpha} | i \rangle = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \sqrt{\frac{m_N^2}{E_N E'_N 2E_{\pi}}} \\ \times \langle k(t_{\pi}), p'(s', t') | J^{\mu}_{\alpha}(q) | p(s, t) \rangle,$$
 (25)

Here (s, t) denote the *z* components of the nucleon spinisospin,  $t_{\pi}$  the *z* component of the pion isospin, and  $\langle k(t_{\pi}), p'(s', t')|J^{\mu}_{\alpha}(q)|p(s, t)\rangle$  is the  $a + N \rightarrow \pi + N$  amplitude with  $a = \gamma$ , *W*, *Z* for  $\alpha = \text{em}$ , cc, and nc, respectively. In the dynamical approach of Refs. [1–3], the current matrix element Eq. (25) has the form of Eq. (16), consisting of a nonresonant term and a resonant term.

From Eqs. (19) and (23), one can derive the expressions for calculating the structure functions  $W_1$ ,  $W_2$ , and  $W_3$  from the current matrix elements defined by Eq. (25). It is convenient to calculate these structure functions in the c.m. frame of the initial aN and final  $\pi N$  systems. The direction of the momentum transfer is chosen to be the quantization *z* direction: i.e.,  $q = (\omega_c, 0, 0, |\mathbf{q}_c|)$  for the exchanged boson, and  $p = (E_N, 0, 0, -|\mathbf{q}_c|)$  for the initial nucleon. We then have for the

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contribution from current  $j_{\alpha}$  with  $\alpha = em, cc, nc,$ 

$$W_{1} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha} \left[ |\langle f | J_{\alpha}^{x} | i \rangle|^{2} + |\langle f | J_{\alpha}^{y} | i \rangle|^{2} \right],$$
(26)

$$W_{2} = \frac{\mathcal{Q}}{\mathbf{q}^{2}} \sum_{\alpha} \left[ \frac{1}{2} \left( |\langle f | J_{\alpha}^{x} | i \rangle|^{2} + |\langle f | J_{\alpha}^{y} | i \rangle|^{2} \right) + \frac{\mathcal{Q}^{2}}{2} |\langle f | \bar{I}_{\alpha} | i \rangle|^{2} \right]$$

$$(27)$$

$$+\frac{1}{\mathbf{q}_{c}^{2}}\left[\left(J\left|J_{\alpha}\right|I\right)\right],$$

$$2m_{N}\sum_{i}\left[\left(J\left|J_{\alpha}\right|I\right)\right],$$

$$(27)$$

$$W_{3} = -\frac{2m_{N}}{|\mathbf{q}|} \sum \mathrm{Im}[\langle f | J_{\alpha}^{x} | i \rangle \langle f | J_{\alpha}^{y} | i \rangle^{*}], \qquad (28)$$

where  $\bar{J}_{\alpha} = J_{\alpha}^{0} + \frac{\omega_{c}}{Q^{2}}J_{\alpha} \cdot q$ , and **q** is three-momentum transfer in the laboratory frame [i.e.,  $q = (\omega, \mathbf{q})$ ]. In practice, the calculation of any term of the structure functions defined by Eqs. (26)–(28) can be obtained from appropriate combinations of the following integrations

$$\begin{split} I_{\alpha,\beta}^{\mu\nu} &= \sum \left[ \langle f | J_{\alpha}^{\mu} | i \rangle \langle f | J_{\beta}^{\nu} | i \rangle^* \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \sum_{s,s',t',t_{\pi}} \int d\Omega_{\pi} \frac{|\mathbf{k}_c|m_N}{16\pi^3 W} \langle k(t_{\pi}) p'(s',t') | J_{\alpha}^{\mu}(q) | p(s,t) \rangle \\ &\times \langle k(t_{\pi}) p'(s',t') | J_{\beta}^{\nu}(q) | p(s,t) \rangle^*, \end{split}$$

were  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  = em, cc, nc, and  $\mathbf{k}_c$  is final pion momentum in the final  $\pi N$  c.m. system.

We will also examine the spin-dependent structure functions of (e, e'). They are defined [41] by writing the hadron tensor for a polarized target with spin vector  $S^{\mu}$  ( $S^2 = -1$ ,  $p \cdot S = 0$ ) as

$$W^{\mu\nu} = W^{\mu\nu}_S + W^{\mu\nu}_A, \tag{30}$$

where

$$W_{S}^{\mu\nu} = W_{1} \left( -g^{\mu\nu} + \frac{q^{\mu}q^{\nu}}{q^{2}} \right) + \frac{W_{2}}{M^{2}} \left( p^{\mu} - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^{2}} q^{\mu} \right) \\ \times \left( p^{\nu} - \frac{p \cdot q}{q^{2}} q^{\nu} \right),$$
(31)

$$W_A^{\mu\nu} = i \frac{\epsilon^{\mu\nu\alpha\beta}q_\alpha}{p \cdot q} \left[ g_1 S_\beta + g_2 \left( S_\beta - \frac{S \cdot q}{p \cdot q} p_\beta \right) \right].$$
(32)

With some derivations, one can show that

$$g_1 = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{Q^2}{\omega^2}} \left[ \frac{Q^2}{\omega^2} X^{y0} + X^{xy} \right],$$
 (33)

$$g_2 = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{\varrho^2}{\omega^2}} [X^{y0} - X^{xy}], \tag{34}$$

with

$$X^{y0} = -m_N \frac{\omega}{|\mathbf{q}|} \mathrm{Im} \big[ I_{\mathrm{em,em}}^{y0} \big|_{s=S(x)} \big], \tag{35}$$

$$X^{xy} = -m_N \mathrm{Im} \left[ I^{xy}_{\mathrm{em,em}} \Big|_{s=S(z)} \right], \tag{36}$$

where  $I_{\text{em},\text{em}}^{\mu\nu}|_{s=S(i)}$  is the same as that defined in Eq. (29) except that the initial nucleon projection *s* is not summed over but is fixed in the chosen direction defined by S(i). S(x) [S(z)] means that the initial nucleon spin is polarized in the direction perpendicular (parallel) to the incident electron direction.

For investigating quark-hadron duality, we would like to compare the structure functions calculated from using the above formula for hadronic models with those calculated from the quark currents Eqs. (2)-(4) in the deeply inelastic region. With the standard definitions

$$F_1(x, Q^2) = m_N W_1(x, Q^2),$$
  

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = \omega W_2(x, Q^2),$$
  

$$F_3(x, Q^2) = \omega W_3(x, Q^2),$$
  
(37)

where  $x = Q^2/(2p \cdot q) = Q^2/(2m_N\omega)$ , the parton model gives [41] (keeping only the contributions from the *u* and *d* quarks in the considered  $\Delta$  region).

A. 
$$p(e, e')$$
  
 $F_2(x, Q^2) = x \{ \frac{4}{9} [u(x, Q^2) + \bar{u}(x, Q^2)] + \frac{1}{9} [d(x, Q^2) + \bar{d}(x, Q^2)] \},$ 
(38)

$$F_1(x, Q^2) = F_2(x, Q^2)/2x,$$
(39)

$$g_{1}(x, Q^{2}) = \frac{4}{18} [u^{\uparrow}(x, Q^{2}) - u^{\downarrow}(x, Q^{2}) + \bar{u}^{\uparrow}(x, Q^{2}) - \bar{u}^{\downarrow}(x, Q^{2})] + \frac{1}{18} [d^{\uparrow}(x, Q^{2}) - d^{\downarrow}(x, Q^{2}) + \bar{d}^{\uparrow}(x, Q^{2}) - \bar{d}^{\downarrow}(x, Q^{2})].$$
(40)

## **B.** $p(v, e^{-})$

$$F_2(x, Q^2) = 2x F_1(x, Q^2) = 2x [d(x, Q^2) + \bar{u}(x, Q^2)], \quad (41)$$
  

$$F_3(x, Q^2) = 2[d(x, Q^2) - \bar{u}(x, Q^2)]. \quad (42)$$

## C. p(v, v')

$$F_{2}(x, Q^{2}) = 2xF_{1}(x, Q^{2}) = x\left[\frac{1}{4} + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4}\sin^{2}\theta_{W}\right)^{2}\right]\left[u(x, Q^{2}) + \bar{u}(x, Q^{2})\right] + x\left[\frac{1}{4} + \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3}\sin^{2}\theta_{W}\right)^{2}\right] \times \left[d(x, Q^{2}) + \bar{d}(x, Q^{2})\right],$$
(43)

$$F_{3}(x, Q^{2}) = \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{4}{3}\sin^{2}\theta_{W}\right] [u(x, Q^{2}) - \bar{u}(x, Q^{2})] \\ + \left[\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3}\sin^{2}\theta_{W}\right] [d(x, Q^{2}) - \bar{d}(x, Q^{2})].$$
(44)

Here  $q(x, Q^2)$ ,  $\bar{q}(x, Q^2)$  with q = u, d are the parton distribution functions. Determined from fitting the data in the deeply inelastic region. In Eq. (40),  $q^{\uparrow\downarrow}(x, Q^2)$  are the spin-dependent parton distribution functions. The structure functions for the neutron target can be obtained from Eqs. (38)–(44) by interchanging the *u* and *d* parton distribution functions. In actual calculations, the strange quark and sea quark contributions are included but found to be very small in the considered  $\Delta$  region. Thus our results presented below are from Eqs. (38)–(44). This is consistent with the considered hadronic SL model, which also neglects any possible reaction mechanisms involving intermediate strange hadrons.

## **IV. QUARK-HADRON DUALITY**

We now turn to exploring the quark-hadron duality in the  $\Delta$  excitation region, by comparing the structure functions



calculated from Eqs. (38)-(44) using the CTEQ6 parton distribution functions [45] with those from Eqs. (26)-(28) and (33)-(36) using the hadronic SL model described in Sec. II. It is well known [13,46,47] that more quantitative tests of quark-hadron duality need to include target mass corrections. Furthermore, the role of the higher twist effects must be better understood. For simplicity, we will not take such a more involved procedure and will only compare all results from the SL model with the parton model predictions at  $Q^2 = 10 \, (\text{GeV}/c)^2$ . Thus our goal here is more qualitative. We will focus on exploring whether the neutrino-induced reactions show the similar quark-hadron duality observed in (e, e'). Furthermore, we will also consider the spin-dependent structure functions and parity violating asymmetry of  $p(\vec{e}, e)$  to which the procedures for including the target mass corrections have not been developed. We follow the usual criterion [4,8,13] that the local quark-hadron duality is seen if the predictions from our hadronic model are "oscillating" around the predictions from the parton model such that their averaged values could be very close after target mass corrections are included.

Following the previous works, as reviewed in Ref. [8], we present the calculated structure functions as functions of the Nachtmann scaling variable defined by

$$\xi = \frac{2x}{1 + \left(1 + 4x^2 m_N^2 / Q^2\right)^{1/2}},\tag{45}$$

where  $x = Q^2/2p \cdot q = Q^2/2m_N\omega$  is the Bjorken scaling variable. One can show [13] that  $\xi = p_q^+/p^+$  is the fraction of the plus light-front momentum of the nucleon carried by the struck quark in the infinite momentum frame. The use of this variable includes some of the target mass corrections, as discussed in Ref. [13]. We note here that in the  $\xi <$  about 0.7 region, the parton model results at  $Q^2 = 10$  (GeV/*c*)<sup>2</sup> will correspond to W > about 2 GeV, which is much larger than the considered  $\Delta$  region (1.1  $\leq W \leq$  1.4 GeV). For example, for  $Q^2 = 1.5$  (GeV)<sup>2</sup>, the  $\Delta$  peak (W = 1.232 GeV) FIG. 3. Structure functions  $F_1$  (left) and  $F_2$  (right) of (e, e') for the proton target at  $Q^2 = 1.5$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>. Dashed curves are calculated by using the CTEQ6 parton distribution functions at  $Q^2 = 10$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>. Solid curves in the region near  $\xi \sim 0.6$  are calculated from the SL model. Data are from Liang *et al.* [10].

occurs at  $\xi = 0.57$ , which corresponds to W = 2.8 GeV at  $Q^2 = 10$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>.

First we consider the p(e, e') processes. As reported in Refs. [9,10], the recent data of structure functions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  from JLab have further established the quark-hadron duality in the entire resonant region. This is illustrated in Fig. 3 along with the results calculated from the SL model (solid curves near  $\xi \sim 0.6$ ) in the  $\Delta$  region. From now on, we will only consider the data in the  $\Delta$  region. In Fig. 4, we compare our hadronic model calculations at  $Q^2 = 0.7, 1.5, 2.5, 3.5$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (solid curves, from left to right) with these data. Each solid curve covers the same  $\Delta$  region with  $1.1 \leq W \leq 1.4$  GeV. We see that the predictions from the employed hadronic model (solid curves) agree well with the data and oscillate around the parton model predictions (dashed curve).

To pursue further, it is natural to ask, from the point of view of the standard model, whether the quark-hadron duality observed in p(e, e') should also be seen in neutrino-induced processes. Experimental data for such investigations are still absent but could be obtained at new neutrino facilities in the near future. To facilitate these developments, we here present predictions for  $p(v, e^-)$  and p(v, v') processes. Since our model allows us to also predict the structure functions for the neutron target, we will also provide predictions of  $F_{i,I=0} = (F_{i,p} + F_{i,n})/2$  for the isospin I = 0 deuteronlike target. Calculations for general nuclear targets, such as those considered in Ref. [48], are beyond the scope of this work.

Our predictions for structure functions are shown in Fig. 5 for (e, e'), Fig. 6 for  $(v, e^{-})$ , and Fig. 7 for (v, v'). Clearly all cases exhibit the similar feature of quark-hadron duality. Experimental confirmations of our predictions (solid curves) shown in Figs. 5–7 will be useful for making further progress. If they are confirmed, our next step is to examine the local quark-hadron duality *quantitatively* by including the target mass corrections [12,46,47] and considering the available information about the role of the higher twist effects.



FIG. 4. Structure functions  $F_1$  (left) and  $F_2$  (right) of (e, e') for the proton target. Dashed curves are calculated from using the CTEQ6 parton distribution functions at  $Q^2 = 10$  (GeV/*c*)<sup>2</sup>. Solid curves are the results at  $Q^2 = 0.7, 1.5, 2.5, 3.5$  (GeV/*c*)<sup>2</sup> (from left to right) calculated from the SL model. Data are from Liang *et al.* [10].



FIG. 6. Structure functions  $xF_1$  (left),  $F_2$  (center), and  $xF_3$  (right) of (v, e) for the proton (top) and an I = 0 deuteron like target (bottom). The dashed curves are calculated from using the CTEQ6 parton distribution functions at  $Q^2 = 10$  (GeV/*c*)<sup>2</sup>. The solid curves are the results at  $Q^2 = 0.4, 1, 2, 4$  (GeV/*c*)<sup>2</sup> (from left to right) calculated from the SL model.



FIG. 7. Structure functions  $xF_1$  (left),  $F_2$  (center), and  $xF_3$  (right) of (v, v') for the proton (top) and an I = 0 deuteron like target (bottom). The dashed curves are calculated from using the CTEQ6 parton distribution functions at  $Q^2 = 10$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>. The solid curves are the results at  $Q^2 = 0.4, 1, 2, 4$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (from left to right) calculated from the extended SL model described in this work.



FIG. 8. Solid curves are the structure functions  $F_2$  of p(e, e') as a function of the scaling variable  $\xi$  calculated at  $Q^2 = 10, 15, 20 \text{ (GeV/}c)^2$  (from left to right) from the SL model. The dashed curve is calculated by using the CTEQ6 parton distributions at  $Q^2 = 20 \text{ (GeV/}c)^2$ .

As reviewed in Ref. [8], another criterion of the quarkhadron duality is that the structure functions in the resonance region should slide along the parton model predictions as  $Q^2$  increases. This is clearly the case in Figs. 5–7 for  $Q^2 <$ 4 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>. In Fig. 8, we further show within the employed SL hadronic model that this should also be the case up to rather high  $Q^2 = 20$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> where high-precision data for the  $\Delta$ region could be obtained from experiments with the 12-GeV



FIG. 9. Beam asymmetry  $A_{LT'}$  (defined in Ref. [22]) vs  $\phi_{\pi}^*$  of  $p(e, e'\pi^+)n$  reaction at  $Q^2 = 0.4$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> and W = 1.22 GeV predicted by the SL model compared with the data of Joo *et al.* [22].  $(\theta_{\pi}^*, \phi_{\pi}^*)$  are the pion angles in the center of mass frame of the final  $\pi N$  system.



FIG. 10. Transverse-longitudinal interference term  $\sigma_{LT'}$  (defined in Ref. [22]) vs cos  $\theta^*$  for  $p(e, e'\pi^0)p$  (top) and  $p(e, e'\pi^+)n$  (bottom) at W = 1.22 GeV predicted by the SL model compared with the data of Joo *et al.* [22].  $\theta^*_{\pi}$  is the pion scattering angle in the center of mass frame of the final  $\pi N$  system.

upgrade of JLab. The existing SLAC data [49,50] do not have high enough accuracy for investigating the  $\Delta$  at  $Q^2 \ge$  about 6 (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup>.

We now turn to discussing the spin-dependent structure functions  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ . We first note from Eqs. (33)–(36) that these functions depend on the interference terms  $I_{em,em}^{y0} \propto J_{em}^y J_{em}^0$  and  $I_{em,em}^{xy} \propto J_{em}^x J_{em}^y$ . Such terms also determine various polarization observables of the exclusive  $p(\vec{e}, e'\pi)$  and  $\vec{p}(\vec{e}, e'\pi)$  processes, as discussed in, for example, Ref. [51]. It is therefore important to test the SL model predictions against the recent data from such polarization measurements [21,22]. It is clear from Figs. 9–12 that the SL model can describe the JLab data very well and it certainly can be used here to investigate the spin-dependent structure functions. The details of these comparisons can be found in Refs. [21,22] and in the captions of Figs. 9–12.

Our results for  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  of p(e, e') are shown in Fig. 13. In the left side of Fig. 13, we again see that our predictions for  $g_1$  (solid curves) agree reasonably well with the data [23]. (Note that the determination of these  $g_1$  data from the polarization data of Ref. [23] involved some model-dependent input [52].) To get the parton model predictions using Eq. (40), we need to known the spin-dependent parton distribution functions. However the determination of such information in the considered large *x* region is still under development and therefore no attempt is made here to do calculations using Eq. (40). Instead, we assume that the parton model predictions can be identified with the dashed curve obtained from fitting the data of  $g_1$  measured in deeply inelastic scattering [53]. The left side of Fig. 13 then indicates that  $g_1$  clearly does not exhibit the local quark-hadron duality. Such a disagreement was in



FIG. 11. Beam-target asymmetries  $A_t$  (upper half) and  $A_{et}$  (lower half) (as defined in Ref. [21]) of  $p(e, e'\pi^0)p$  reaction as a function of  $\cos \theta^*$  integrated over  $\phi^*$  at W = 1.22 GeV and  $0.5 < Q^2 < 0.9$  (GeV/*c*)<sup>2</sup> (left),  $0.9 < Q^2 < 1.5$  (GeV/*c*)<sup>2</sup> (right). ( $\theta^*, \phi^*$ ) are the pion angles in the center of mass frame of the final  $\pi N$  system. Solid curves are the predictions of the SL model. Data are from Biselli *et al.* [21].

fact expected [54] by considering the constraints imposed by the Ellis-Jaffe integral [55] and Drell-Hearn-Gerasimov sum rule [56]. It is known [41] that the naive parton model considered here cannot predict  $g_2$ . There are, however, some  $g_2$  data [57] from deeply inelastic scattering which can be described well



FIG. 12. Beam-target asymmetries  $A_t$  (upper half) and  $A_{et}$  (lower half) (as defined in Ref. [21]) of  $p(e, e'\pi^0)p$  reaction as a function of  $\phi^*$  integrated over  $\cos \theta^*$  at W = 1.22 GeV and  $0.5 < Q^2 < 0.9$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (left),  $0.9 < Q^2 < 1.5$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (right). ( $\theta^*, \phi^*$ ) are the pion angles in the center of mass frame of the final  $\pi N$  system. Solid curves are the predictions of the SL model. Data are from Biselli *et al.* [21].



by using the Wandzura-Wilczek formula [25]

$$g_2^{WW}(x, Q^2) = \left[\int_x^1 \frac{dy}{y} g_1(y, Q^2)\right] - g_1(x, Q^2).$$
 (46)

The dashed curve in the right side of Fig. 13 is obtained from the above formula using the dashed curve for  $g_1$  in the left as the input. Clearly it disagrees with the predictions (solid curves) from the considered hadronic SL model. Unlike the result for  $g_1$ , there is no simple explanation of such a similar breakdown of local quark-hadron duality.

The quark-hadron duality for the spin-dependent structure functions of p(v, e) and p(v, v') are not investigated here since there are no corresponding PQCD calculations or data from deeply inelastic scattering data to compare with.

#### V. PARITY VIOLATING ASYMMETRY

The formula for calculating parity violating asymmetry A of  $N(\vec{e}, e')$  reactions has been given in the literatures [32]. For our purposes, we write it in terms of structure functions defined in Sec. III. With some straightforward derivations, we have

$$A = \frac{d\sigma(h_e = +1) - d\sigma(h_e = -1)}{d\sigma(h_e = +1) + d\sigma(h_e = -1)} = -\frac{Q^2 G_F}{\sqrt{2}(4\pi\alpha)} \frac{N}{D},$$
(47)

with

$$N = \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} W_2^{\text{em-nc}} + 2\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} W_1^{\text{em-nc}} + \sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} (1 - 4\sin^2 \theta_W) \frac{E + E'}{M} W_3^{\text{em-nc}}, \quad (48)$$

$$D = \cos^{2} \frac{\theta}{2} W_{2}^{\text{em-em}} + 2\sin^{2} \frac{\theta}{2} W_{1}^{\text{em-em}}.$$
 (49)

Here the electromagnetic structure functions  $W_i^{\text{em-em}}$  are calculated from Eqs. (26)–(27) with  $\alpha = \text{em}$ . The interference term  $W_i^{\text{em-nc}}$  between the electromagnetic and neutral currents can also be calculated from Eqs. (26)–(28) with the following replacements

$$\left| \langle f | J_{\alpha}^{i} | i \rangle \right|^{2} \rightarrow \langle f | J_{em}^{i} | i \rangle \langle f | J_{nc}^{i} | i \rangle^{*} + \langle f | J_{nc}^{i} | i \rangle \langle f | J_{em}^{i} | i \rangle^{*},$$
  
$$\langle f | J_{\alpha}^{x} | \rangle \langle f | J_{\alpha}^{y} | i \rangle^{*} \rightarrow \langle f | J_{em}^{x} | i \rangle \langle f | J_{nc}^{y} | i \rangle^{*} + \langle f | J_{nc}^{x} | i \rangle \langle f | J_{em}^{y} | i \rangle^{*}.$$

Obviously, these quantities can also be calculated from the integration  $I^{\mu\nu}_{\alpha,\beta}$  defined in Eq. (29).

FIG. 13. Spin-dependent structure functions  $g_1$  (left) and  $g_2$  (right) for the proton target. Dashed curves are from the fits to the deeply inelastic scattering data as explained in the text. Solid curves are the results at  $Q^2 =$ 0.21, 0.35, 0.62, 0.92, 1.37 (GeV/*c*)<sup>2</sup> (from left to right) calculated from the SL model. Data for  $g_1$  are from Fatemi *et al.* [23].

We next focus on the first two terms of N of Eq. (48) which depend on  $W_{1,2}^{\text{em-nc}}$ . Here we note that  $W_{1,2}^{\text{em-nc}}$  is the symmetric part of the hadron tensor defined in Eq. (19). Hence they can only have the contributions from the vector parts of neutral currents because of the vector structure Eq. (5) of the electromagnetic current. To see this more clearly, we use Eq. (8) to write the neutral current as

$$J_{\rm nc}^{\mu} = V_{\rm nc}^{\mu} - A_3^{\mu}, \qquad (50)$$

with

$$V_{\rm nc}^{\mu} = (1 - 2\sin^2\theta_W) J_{\rm em}^{\mu} - V_{\rm isoscalar}^{\mu}.$$
 (51)

Obviously, the  $[-A_3^{\mu}]$  part of Eq. (50) will not contribute to  $W_{1,2}^{\text{em-nc}}$  and hence the first two terms of *N* of Eq. (48) can then be written as

$$\cos^{2} \frac{\theta}{2} W_{2}^{\text{em-nc}} + 2 \sin^{2} \frac{\theta}{2} W_{1}^{\text{em-nc}}$$

$$= (1 - 2 \sin^{2} \theta_{W}) \left( \cos^{2} \frac{\theta}{2} W_{2}^{\text{em-em}} + 2 \sin^{2} \frac{\theta}{2} W_{1}^{\text{em-em}} \right)$$

$$+ \left( \cos^{2} \frac{\theta}{2} W_{2}^{\text{em-is}} + 2 \sin^{2} \frac{\theta}{2} W_{1}^{\text{em-is}} \right)$$

$$= (1 - 2 \sin^{2} \theta_{W}) D + \left( \cos^{2} \frac{\theta}{2} W_{2}^{\text{em-is}} + 2 \sin^{2} \frac{\theta}{2} W_{1}^{\text{em-is}} \right),$$

where *D* is defined in Eq. (49) and  $W_i^{\text{em-is}}$  is the same as  $W_i^{\text{em-nc}}$  with  $J_{\text{nc}}^{\mu}$  replaced by the isoscalar vector current  $[-V_{\text{isoscalar}}^{\mu}]$  defined in Eq. (51). Thus only the nonresonant isospin  $I = 1/2 \pi N$  state contributes to  $W_i^{\text{em-is}}$ . With the above relation, Eq. (47) for the asymmetry can then be written as

$$A = -\frac{Q^2 G_F}{\sqrt{24\pi\alpha}} [2 - 4\sin^2\theta_W + \Delta_V + \Delta_A]$$
  
=  $-Q^2 [8.99 \times 10^{-5}] (1.075 + \Delta_V + \Delta_A),$  (52)

where  $Q^2$  is in units of  $(\text{GeV}/c)^2$  and

$$\Delta_V = \frac{\cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} W_2^{\text{em-is}} + 2\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} W_1^{\text{em-is}}}{D},$$
(53)

$$\Delta_A = \frac{\sin^2 \frac{\theta}{2} (1 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) \frac{E + E'}{M} W_3^{\text{em-nc}}}{D}.$$
 (54)

In Eq. (52) we have evaluated  $(2 - 4 \sin^2 \theta_W) \sim 1.075$ , which is a model-independent constant and the main contribution to



FIG. 14. Parity violating aymmetry terms  $\Delta_A$ (solid curve) and  $-\Delta_V$ (dotted curve) [defined in Eqs. (53)–(54)] of  $p(\vec{e}, e')$  as a function of invariant mass *W* calculated by the extended SL model described in this work. Results are for incident electron energy E = 1 GeV and scattering angle  $\theta = 110^\circ$ .

the asymmetry. This term was identified by Cahn and Gilman [32] and later investigators [33–40].

We now note that the term  $\Delta_A$  defined by (54) depends only on  $W_3^{\text{em-nc}}$ , which is antisymmetric as defined in Eq. (19). Because of the vector structure of electromagnetic current Eq. (5),  $W_3^{\text{em-nc}}$  can only have the contributions from the axial vector parts of neutral currents. Clearly, the information about the axial vector N- $\Delta$  form factor, which is the quantity we hope to learn about as discussed in Sec. I, is isolated in  $\Delta_A$ through its dependence on  $W_3^{\text{em-nc}}$ . Therefore, it is important to identify the region where  $\Delta_A$  is much larger than  $\Delta_V$ such that the extracted axial N- $\Delta$  form factor has less model dependence.

As mentioned above, only the nonresonant isospin  $I = 1/2 \pi N$  final state contributes to  $W_i^{\text{em-is}}$ . Thus we expect that  $\Delta_V$  is weaker than  $\Delta_A$  near the  $\Delta$  resonance. This is illustrated in Fig. 14 for incident electron energy E = 1 GeV. We see that  $\Delta_A$  (solid curve) is indeed much larger than  $\Delta_V$  at energies near W = 1.232 GeV of the  $\Delta$  position. This is also the case for other typical electron kinematics which can be conducted at JLab, as illustrated in Fig. 15. The contribution from  $\Delta_A$  (solid curves) are clearly much larger than  $\Delta_V$  (dashed curves). Therefore, the asymmetry data at



FIG. 16. Parity violating asymmetry term  $\Delta_A$  [defined in Eq. (54)] of  $p(\vec{e}, e')$  as a function of  $Q^2$  evaluated with an invariant mass W = 1.232 GeV and electron scattering angle  $\theta = 110^{\circ}$ . Solid curve is from the extended SL model described in this work. Dashed curve is from turning off the pion cloud effect on the axial N- $\Delta$  transition. Dotted curve near the bottom is from keeping only the nonresonant amplitude in the calculation.

resonance position W = 1.232 GeV can be used to extract the contributions from the axial vector currents.

We now focus on examining how  $\Delta_A$  depends on the axial N- $\Delta$  form factor. Recalling Eqs. (16)–(18) for the current matrix elements,  $\Delta_A$ , like other observables, contains contributions from the resonant and nonresonant amplitudes. As seen in Fig. 16, the nonresonant contribution (dotted curve near the bottom) is very small compared with the full model prediction (solid curve). This agrees with previous investigations [35,38-40], although those earlier works neglected the unitary condition as discussed in Sec. I. The large difference between the solid and dotted curves in Fig. 16 indicates that  $\Delta_A$  is a useful quantity for extracting the dressed axial N- $\Delta$ form factor defined by Eq. (18). When the pion cloud effects [second term of Eq. (18)] on the N- $\Delta$  transition are turned off, we obtain the dashed curves. This is consistent with our previous findings in Refs. [1–3] that pion cloud effects on the  $N-\Delta$  transition are significant.

We present in Fig. 17 our predictions of asymmetry A for several incident electron energies E = 0.8, 1.5, 2, 4 GeV and at the  $\Delta$  peak. Here we note that our result for E = 0.8 GeV is about 10% larger than that shown in Fig. 6 of Ref. [38].



FIG. 15. Parity violating asymmetry terms  $\Delta_A$ (solid curves) and  $\Delta_V$ (dotted curves) [defined in Eqs. (53)–(54)] of  $p(\vec{e}, e')$  as a function of the incident electron energy  $E_e$ calculated by the extended SL model described in this work. Results are for invariant mass W = 1.232 GeV and electron scattering angles  $\theta = 60^{\circ}$  (left) and  $\theta = 110^{\circ}$  (right).



FIG. 17.  $Q^2$  dependence of the scaled parity violating asymmetry  $A/Q^2$  of  $p(\vec{e}, e')$  calculated from the extended SL model described in this work. Results are for W = 1.232 GeV and incident electron energy E = 0.8 (solid curve), 1.5 (dotted), 2.0 (dashed), and 4.0 (dash-dotted).

Furthermore, their A decreases with  $Q^2$  in striking difference with our predictions. This is perhaps mainly due to the use of different N- $\Delta$  form factor, but the differences in treating the nonresonant amplitudes, which interfere with the dominant N- $\Delta$  transition amplitude, also play some roles. Experimental tests of our predictions in Fig. 17 will be useful in examining the extent to which the axial N- $\Delta$  form factor Eq. (15), which was determined in our study [3] of the  $(\nu_{\mu}, \mu^{-}\pi)$  reaction, is valid.

As pointed out in Ref. [3], the form factor Eq. (15) is rather different from the form  $G^A_{N,\Delta}(Q^2) = [1 - \alpha Q^2/(\beta + Q^2)]G_A(Q^2)$  with  $\alpha = 1.21$  and  $\beta = 2$  (GeV/*c*)<sup>2</sup>, which was determined in earlier works [27]. It is therefore interesting to





FIG. 18. Scaled parity violating asymmetry  $A/Q^2$  of  $p(\vec{e}, e')$  calculated from the extended SL model described in this work. Solid (dashed) curve is from using the axial N- $\Delta$  form factor  $G_{N,\Delta}^A$  of Ref. [3] (Refs. [27]). Results are for invariant W = 1.232 GeV and electron angle  $\theta = 110^\circ$ .

see how these two form factors can be distinguished by the parity violation asymmetry of  $p(\vec{e}, e')$ . This is illustrated in Fig. 18. An experimental test of our prediction shown in Fig. 18 will help distinguish these two axial  $N-\Delta$  form factors.

To end this section, we return briefly to the investigation of quark-hadron duality presented in Sec. IV. It is also interesting to explore [7] whether the quark-hadron duality also exists in the parity violating asymmetry A. This can be done here by comparing the predictions of our hadronic model with those of the parton model. The formula for calculating A within the parton model was derived in Ref. [32]. Keeping only the u and d quarks in the considered large x region, one finds for a proton target

$$A = \frac{3G_F Q^2}{\pi \alpha 2\sqrt{2}} \frac{2C_{1u}[u(x) + \bar{u}(x)] - C_{1d}[d(x) + \bar{d}(x)] + Y\{2C_{2u}[u(x) - \bar{u}(x)] - C_{2d}[d(x) + \bar{d}(x)]\}}{4[u(x) + \bar{u}(x)] + [d(x) + \bar{d}(x)]},$$
(55)

where

$$Y = \frac{1 - (1 - y)^2}{1 + (1 - y)^2 - y^2 R / (1 + R)},$$
(56)

$$y = \frac{\omega}{E},\tag{57}$$

$$R = \frac{\sigma_L}{\sigma_T}.$$
(58)

Note that *R* is the ratio between the longitudinal and transverse total cross sections. We use the values of *R* calculated from the SL model. The variable *y* depends on incident electron energy *E* and the energy transfer  $\omega$ . The other coefficients in Eq. (55) depend on the electroweak coupling constants for leptons and

quarks

$$C_{1u} = g_A^e g_V^u = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{4}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W,$$
  

$$C_{1d} = g_A^e g_V^d = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{3} \sin^2 \theta_W,$$
  

$$C_{2u} = g_V^e g_A^u = -\frac{1}{2} + 2 \sin^2 \theta_W,$$
  

$$C_{2d} = g_V^e g_A^d = \frac{1}{2} - 2 \sin^2 \theta_W.$$
  
(59)

When the radiative corrections within the standard model are included [7,58],  $C_{1u} \sim -0.1886$ ,  $C_{1d} \sim 0.3414$ ,  $C_{2u} \sim -0.0359$ , and  $C_{2d} \sim 0.0265$ . These values are only slightly different from those calculated from Eq. (59).

The asymmetry of  $p(\vec{e}, e')$  predicted by our hadronic model (solid curves) and parton model (dashed curves) for several typical electron kinematics are compared in Fig. 19. If our hadronic model results (solid curves) are confirmed



FIG. 19. Scaled parity violating asymmetry  $A/Q^2$  of  $p(\vec{e}, e')$  as a function of the scaling variable  $\xi$  predicted by the extended SL model described in this work (solid curves) compared with that calculated from Eqs. (55)–(59) using the CTEQ6 parton distribution functions (dashed curves). Results are for E = 4 GeV,  $Q^2 = 0.5$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (top left), E = 6 GeV,  $Q^2 = 1$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (top right), E = 8 GeV,  $Q^2 = 5$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (bottom left), and E = 12 GeV,  $Q^2 = 10$  (GeV/c)<sup>2</sup> (bottom right).

experimentally, the parity violating asymmetry in the  $\Delta$  region obviously does not show local quark-hadron duality. The situation is similar to the results for the spin-dependent structure functions shown in Fig. 14.

### VI. SUMMARY

The dynamical model developed in Refs. [1–3] (the SL model) has been extended to include the weak neutral current contributions for investigating all possible electroweak pion production reactions in the region near the  $\Delta$  excitation. The main purpose is to examine the quark-hadron duality in the neutrino-induced reactions and to explore how the axial  $N-\Delta$  transition form factor can be determined by using the parity violating asymmetry of  $p(\vec{e}, e')$ . The experimental data for testing our predictions can be obtained at JLab and new neutrino facilities.

We have found that the (e, e') structure functions  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  predicted by the SL model are in good agreement with the recent data [9,10] which had verified more quantitatively the quark-hadron duality first observed by Bloom and Gilman [4]. The predicted structure functions for (v, e) and (v, v') processes also show quark-hadron duality to the extent similar to what has been observed in (e, e'). Furthermore, we also predict that quark-hadron duality should also be seen in all electroweak reactions on the neutron or equivalently on the isospin I = 0 deuteronlike target. These results suggest that the SL model can be a candidate hadronic model for developing a theoretical understanding of quark-hadron duality within the standard model. For example, it will be interesting to explore which parts of the predictions from the SL model can be related

to the predictions from the parton model. This is clearly a difficult question to answer and is beyond the scope of this paper.

We have also investigated the spin-dependent structure functions  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  of (e, e'). It is found that the quark-hadron duality is not seen in the calculated  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ , while our results for  $g_1$  and some polarization observables associated with the exclusive  $p(\vec{e}, e'\pi)$  and  $\vec{p}(\vec{e}, e'\pi)$  reactions are in good agreement with the recent data. Experimental data for  $g_2$  in the  $\Delta$  region are clearly needed. If our predictions are confirmed, we perhaps have more complete information for exploring why the quark-hadron duality breaks down in the spin-dependent structure functions.

We should also emphasize that our investigations of quarkhadron duality are rather qualitative since they are based on the naive parton model. To test local quark-hadron duality *quantitatively*, we need to include target mass corrections [12, 47] and consider the roles of higher twist effects. In particular, the procedures for including these effects in the calculations of spin-dependent structure functions  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  and parity violating asymmetry A must also be developed.

In the investigation of parity violating asymmetry A of the inclusive  $p(\vec{e}, e')$ , we have shown that the nonresonant contribution is small at the W = 1.232 GeV  $\Delta$  peak, and hence a precise measurement of A can be used to improve the determination of the axial N- $\Delta$  transition form factor. We have also predicted that the parity violating asymmetry A, like the spin-dependent structure functions  $g_1$  and  $g_2$ , does not exhibit quark-hadron duality. Predictions have been given for experiments that can be conducted at JLab.

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