Quasielastic production of polarized hyperons in antineutrino–nucleon reactions

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We have studied the differential cross section as well as the longitudinal and perpendicular components of polarization of final hyperon(Λ,Σ) produced in the antineutrino induced quasielastic charged current reactions on nucleon and nuclear targets. The nucleon-hyperon transition form factors are determined from the experimental data on quasielastic (∆S = 0) charged current (anti)neutrino–nucleon scattering and the semileptonic decay of neutron and hyperons assuming G–invariance, T–invariance and SU(3) symmetry. The vector transition form factors are obtained in terms of nucleon electromagnetic form factors for which various parameterizations available in literature have been used. A dipole parameterization for the axial vector form factor and the pseudoscalar transition form factor derived in terms of axial vector form factor assuming PCAC and GT relation extended to strangeness sector have been used in numerical evaluations. The flux averaged cross section and polarization observables corresponding to CERN Gargamelle experiment have been calculated for quasielastic hyperon production and found to be in reasonable agreement with the experimental observations. The numerical results for the flux averaged differential cross section $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$ and longitudinal(perpendicular) polarization $P_L(Q^2)(P_P(Q^2))$ relevant for the antineutrino fluxes of MINERνA, MicroBooNE, and T2K experiments have been presented. This will be useful in interpreting future experimental results on production cross sections and polarization observables from the experiments on the quasielastic production of hyperons induced by antineutrinos and explore the possibility of determining the axial vector and pseudoscalar form factors in the strangeness sector.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Our knowledge of the transition form factors in the antineutrino induced quasielastic process of hyperon production \( (△S = 1) \) is far from satisfactory. Recently, with the development of high intensity (anti)neutrino beams in the few GeV region, considerable interest has developed in understanding these weak transition form factors specially in the axial vector sector. These form factors have been determined experimentally and theoretically using Cabibbo theory assuming SU(3) symmetry and other symmetries of weak hadronic currents in the Standard Model. Most of these form factors are determined from the analysis of semileptonic decay of hyperons and neutron which are limited to very low momentum transfer. These form factors are found to be consistent with SU(3) symmetry which relates them to the form factors in \( △S = 0 \) sector of (anti)neutrino–nucleon scattering and to the various couplings in semileptonic hyperon decays. However, the status of G–invariance, conservation of vector current(CVC), partial conservation of axial current(PCAC), etc. which seem to work quite well in the nucleon sector are not well understood when extended to octet of baryons using SU(3) symmetry which is known to be an approximate symmetry. Even though, the vast amount of data available on semileptonic decay of hyperons is consistent with the assumption of SU(3) symmetry, the violation of G–invariance and SU(3) symmetry is not ruled out [1]. There is no unambiguous way to implement SU(3) symmetry as far as CVC and PCAC are concerned but the prescriptions which have been used in literature to implement the symmetry, seem to work well [1–3].

The charged current quasielastic production of hyperons by antineutrinos (charged current quasielastic production induced by neutrinos is prohibited by \( ΔS = ΔQ \) rule while any neutral current production induced by \( ν \) and \( ¯ν \) is prohibited by the absence of Flavor Changing Neutral Current(FCNC) in the Standard Model) is the most appropriate place to study the nucleon-hyperon transition form factors which enables us to extend the study of form factors to higher \( Q^2 \) beyond the \( Q^2 \) values accessible in semileptonic hyperon decays. There are some experimental studies performed to determine these form factors from the cross section measurements done for these processes at CERN [4–6], BNL [7], FNAL [8, 9] and Serpukhov [10] which are limited by low statistics. Theoretically, these reactions have been studied for more than 50 years [11–21] but recently there has been renewed interest in studying these reactions [22–27] due to the feasibility of doing experiments with the availability of high intensity antineutrino beams [28–33]. Most of the theoretical calculations have been done only for the production cross section but there exist some calculations also for the polarization of the produced hyperons [13–18]. There is only one experiment done at CERN which has reported the results for the polarization observables for \( Λ \) hyperon produced in the quasielastic \( ¯ν_μp \rightarrow μ^+Λ \) reaction [6].

Experimentally, there is now possibility to study the production cross section of hyperons and other strange particles as well as polarization of hyperons at present facilities at Fermilab [28] and J-PARC [29] where high intensity beams of (anti)neutrino are available. The experiments planned with liquid argon TPC (LArTPC) detectors at MicroBooNE [30] and ArgoNeuT [31], and the proposed DUNE [32] and LAr1-ND, ICARUS-T600 [34] experiments at Fermilab will be able to see charged hadrons in coincidence, thus making it possible to measure polarization in addition to the cross section measurements being done at MINERνA [33]. It is, therefore, most appropriate time to theoretically perform the calculations for the polarization observables in addition to the differential cross sections in the Standard Model using Cabibbo theory and/or quark models, using the present state of knowledge about the symmetry of weak hadronic currents and the properties of transition form factors associated with the matrix element between the hadronic states. Since these experiments are planned to be performed using nuclear targets, it is important that we understand the implications of nuclear medium effects in the interpretation of the experimental results. This will facilitate the analysis of experimental results when they become available. We propose to study theoretically the production and polarization of hyperons produced in the following reactions:

\[
\begin{align*}
\bar{ν}_μ + p &→ μ^+ + Λ \\
\bar{ν}_μ + p &→ μ^+ + Σ^0 \\
\bar{ν}_μ + n &→ μ^+ + Σ^-, 
\end{align*}
\]

on nucleons and nuclear targets using Cabibbo theory in the Standard Model with GIM mechanism for extension to strangeness sector. We also assume the T–invariance and the absence of second class currents which forbid the existence of hyperon polarization perpendicular to the reaction plane.

In section-II we describe in brief the formalism for calculating the cross section and polarization of hyperons produced in the quasielastic antineutrino reactions on free and bound nucleons. The effect of nuclear medium arising due to Fermi motion and Pauli blocking of initial nucleon states are also considered. We have in this paper not taken into account the final state interaction effect of outgoing polarized hyperons, the work for which is in progress and will be reported elsewhere. In section-III we present the results and discussion, and give summary and conclusions in section-IV.
In the above expression, assumptions about the vector and axial vector currents in weak interactions:

\[ Q \]

where

\[ \theta \]

is the Cabibbo angle.

\[ m \]

is the hadronic current operator given by

\[ J_\mu = V_\mu - A_\mu \]

and

\[ I_\mu \]

is the leptonic current given by

\[ I_\mu = \bar{u}(k') \gamma^\mu (1 + \gamma_5) u(k), \]

and

\[ J_\mu \]

is the hadronic current operator given by

\[ J_\mu = V_\mu - A_\mu \]

where

\[ V_\mu = \frac{\gamma_\mu f_{2}^{N}(Q^2) + i \sigma_{\mu \nu} q^\nu}{m_N + m_Y} \]

and

\[ A_\mu = \frac{\gamma_\mu \gamma_5 g_1^{N}(Q^2) + i \sigma_{\mu \nu} q^\nu}{m_N + m_Y} \]

\[ q_{\mu}(= p_{\mu} - p_{\mu})\]

is the four momentum transfer with \( Q^2 = -q^2, \quad Q^2 \geq 0 \). The six form factors \( f_1^{N}(Q^2) \) and \( g_1^{N}(Q^2) \) are determined using following assumptions about the vector and axial vector currents in weak interactions:

(a) The assumptions of T–invariance, G–invariance and SU(3) symmetry have been used to determine all the form factors \( f_1^{N}(Q^2) \) and \( g_1^{N}(Q^2) \) defined in Eqs. 5 and 6 respectively.

(b) For the determination of vector form factors we have assumed CVC which leads to \( f_3^{N}(Q^2) = 0 \). The remaining two vector form factors \( f_1^{N}(Q^2) \) and \( f_2^{N}(Q^2) \) are determined in terms of the electromagnetic form factors of nucleon i.e. \( f_1^{N}(Q^2) \) and \( f_2^{N}(Q^2) \) and are tabulated in Table II for different processes given in Eq. 1. The electromagnetic form factors of nucleon i.e. \( f_1^{N}(Q^2) \) and \( f_2^{N}(Q^2) \) are in turn written in terms of Sach’s electric\((G_E^{p,n}(Q^2))\) and magnetic\((G_M^{p,n}(Q^2))\) form factors. The details are given in Ref. 27.

There are various parameterizations for the vector form factors given in literature 33–42. We use the parameterization given by Bradford et al. 35 known as BBBA05 in all the numerical calculations presented here except in the case of \( \bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^- \), where sensitivity of our results to the charge form factor of neutron \( G_E^{p}(Q^2) \) is discussed, and parameterizations of \( G_E^{p}(Q^2) \) due to Galster et al. 36, 37 and Kelly 38 have also been considered.

II. FORMALISM

A. Matrix element and transition form factors

The transition matrix element for the process \( \bar{\nu}_\mu (k) + N(p) \rightarrow \mu^+(k') + Y(p') \), where \( N \) and \( Y \) stand for initial nucleon and final hyperon, respectively. The quantities in the bracket represent four momentum of the corresponding particles.

\[ \mathcal{M} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta_c \, I_\mu \, [\bar{u}_Y(p') J_\mu u_N(p)]. \]

In the above expression, \( G_F \) is the Fermi coupling constant and \( \theta_c \) is the Cabibbo angle. \( I_\mu \) is the leptonic current given by

\[ \mathcal{M} = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \theta_c \, I_\mu \, [\bar{u}_Y(p') J_\mu u_N(p)]. \]

FIG. 1. Feynman diagram for the process \( \bar{\nu}_\mu (k) + N(p) \rightarrow \mu^+(k') + Y(p') \), where \( N \) and \( Y \) stand for initial nucleon and final hyperon, respectively. The quantities in the bracket represent four momentum of the corresponding particles.
(c) In the axial vector sector, the form factor $g_3^{NY}(Q^2)$ vanishes due to G–invariance, T–invariance and SU(3) symmetry, and the axial vector form factor $g_1^{NY}(Q^2)$ is given in terms of the axial form factor $g_A(Q^2)$ corresponding to $n \rightarrow p$ transitions. $x$ is a parameter which describes the ratio of symmetric and antisymmetric coupling in the analysis of hyperon semileptonic decays(HSD) and is determined phenomenologically from the experimental data [1]. For each reaction considered in this work(Eq. 1), the form factor $g_1^{NY}(Q^2)$ is given in Table-I.

A dipole parameterization for $g_A(Q^2)$ has been used with axial dipole mass $M_A$ i.e.

$$g_A(Q^2) = g_A(0) \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_A^2}\right)^{-2},$$  \hspace{1cm} (7)$$

with $g_A(0) = 1.2723$ determined from data on the $\beta$ decay of neutron [43]. The numerical value of dipole mass $M_A$ used in this work is discussed in section II(f) below.

(d) The pseudoscalar form factor $g_3^{NY}(Q^2)$ is obtained in terms of axial vector form factor $g_1^{NY}(Q^2)$ assuming PCAC and Goldberger–Treiman (GT) relation extended to strangeness sector. We use expressions given by Marshak et al. [17] and Nambu [44] where further details can be found. Explicitly, in our numerical calculations we use the following expressions for the pseudoscalar form factor $g_3^{NY}(Q^2)$,

(i) Marshak et al. [17]:

$$g_3^{NY}(Q^2) = \frac{(m_N + m_Y)^2}{Q^2} \left(\frac{g_1^{NY}(Q^2)(m_K^2 + Q^2) - m_K^2 g_1^{NY}(0)}{m_K^2 + Q^2}\right).$$  \hspace{1cm} (8)$$

(ii) Nambu [44]:

$$g_3^{NY}(Q^2) = \frac{(m_N + m_Y)^2}{(m_K^2 + Q^2)} g_1^{NY}(Q^2),$$  \hspace{1cm} (9)$$

with $m_K$ being mass of kaon and $g_1^{NY}(Q^2)$ for different $NY$ transitions is given in terms of $g_A(Q^2)$ defined in Eq. 7.

(e) We see from Table-I that SU(3) symmetry predicts a simple relation between the vector and axial vector form factors for reactions $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^0$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^-$, which implies that

$$\left[\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}\right]_{\bar{\nu}_\mu\rightarrow\mu^+\Sigma^0} = \frac{1}{2} \left[\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}\right]_{\bar{\nu}_\mu\rightarrow\mu^+\Sigma^-}$$  \hspace{1cm} (10)$$

and

$$[P_L, p]_{\bar{\nu}_\mu\rightarrow\mu^+\Sigma^0} = [P_L, p]_{\bar{\nu}_\mu\rightarrow\mu^+\Sigma^-}. $$  \hspace{1cm} (11)$$

It should be emphasized that these relations and other implications of SU(3) symmetry and G–invariance can be tested in strangeness sector with the availability of precise data on weak hyperon production induced by antineutrinos.

(f) The numerical value of axial dipole mass($M_A$) to be used in the calculations of neutrino–nucleus cross section is a subject of intense discussion in the neutrino physics community and a wide range of $M_A$ has been recently discussed in literature [45–47]. The old data available on (anti)neutrino scattering on hydrogen and deuterium targets [48–50] reanalyzed by Bodek et al. [51] gives a value of $M_A = 1.014 \pm 0.014$ GeV, while a recent analysis of the same data by Meyer et al. [52] gives a value in the range of 1.02–1.17 GeV depending upon which data of ANL [48], BNL [49] and FNAL [50] experiments are considered. Sometimes back, all the world data on quasielastic (anti)neutrino scattering from nuclear targets were analyzed by Bernard et al. [53] to yield $M_A = 1.026 \pm 0.021$ GeV.

In recent years, high statistics data on quasielastic neutrino–nucleus scattering have been obtained and analyzed from neutrino and antineutrino scattering on nuclear targets both at low and intermediate energies. The data from NOMAD [54], MINERνA [55] favor a lower value of $M_A$ around 1.03 GeV, while the data from MiniBooNE [56], MINOS [57], K2K [58], T2K [58] and SciBooNE [59, 60] favor a higher value of $M_A$ which lies in the range of 1.2–1.35 GeV. It is argued that at lower energies corresponding to these experiments, the (anti)neutrino quasielastic scattering from nuclear targets like $^{12}$C and $^{16}$O are substantially affected by the
nuclear medium effects arising due to meson exchange currents (MEC), multinucleon correlations leading to 2p-2h and higher excitations in the nuclear medium. If these effects are adequately taken into account, the low energy data can also be explained by the lower value of \( M_A \) around 1.03 GeV \[47, 47\]. Recently, an analysis of the MiniBooNE \[53\] and MINER\(\nu\)A \[33\] data has been done by Wilkinson et al. \[61\] which concludes that these two experimental results can be explained with the inclusion of nuclear medium effects using a value of \( M_A \) lying between 1.07–1.33 GeV. Furthermore, in a recent study Ankowski et al. \[62\], have analyzed experimental data from accelerator neutrinos on neutrino induced reaction cross section on several nuclear targets by considering a relativistic spectral function with 2p-2h effects and found that with \( M_A \approx 1.2 \) GeV, the data on differential scattering cross section can be well explained. More recently the data on quasielastic cross section from MiniBooNE and MINER\(\nu\)A have been analyzed by Stowell et al. \[63\] using NEUT and NuWro CCQE+2p2h models and it has been inferred that \( M_A \approx 1.15 \) GeV can explain these experimental data.

Keeping in view this scenario regarding the numerical values of \( M_A \) to be needed to explain the quasielastic cross sections in \( \Delta S = 0 \) (anti)neutrino–nucleus scattering, we have varied the value of \( M_A \) between 1.026–1.2 GeV in this paper to study the \( |\Delta S| = 1 \) quasielastic antineutrino reactions on nuclear targets. A priori, there is no reason to assume the same value of \( M_A \) for antineutrino quasielastic reactions in \( \Delta S = 0 \) and \( |\Delta S| = 1 \) sectors as argued by Gaillard and Sauvage \[2\] and supported by Cabibbo et al. \[1\]. However, this range of \( M_A \) also accommodates the suggestion of Gaillard and Sauvage \[2\] that the value of \( M_A \) to be used in \( |\Delta S| = 1 \) quasielastic reactions should be rescaled upwards by a factor \( \frac{m_K}{m_{\rho}} \) (\( m_K \) and \( m_{\rho} \) be the masses of \( K^* \) and \( \rho \) mesons) over the \( M_A \) used in \( \Delta S = 0 \) reactions if effects of minimal SU(3) breaking are to be simulated by taking realistic hyperons and other masses in the theory of HSD.

| \( \bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda \) | \( \bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^- \) | \( \bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^0 \) |
| --- | --- | --- |
| \( -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} f_1^P(Q^2) \) | \( -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} f_2^P(Q^2) \) | \( -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} f_2^P(Q^2) \) |
| \( -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} f_1^P(Q^2) \) | \( -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} f_2^P(Q^2) \) | \( -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} f_2^P(Q^2) \) |
| \( -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} f_1^P(Q^2) \) | \( -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} f_2^P(Q^2) \) | \( -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} f_2^P(Q^2) \) |

TABLE I. Vector and axial vector from factors for \( \bar{\nu}_\mu (k) + N(p) \rightarrow \mu^+(k') + Y(p') \) processes.

### B. Cross section

The differential cross section corresponding to the processes given in Eq. 1 may be written as

\[
\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{4E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} m_N} \delta^4(k + p - k' - p') d^3k' d^3p' \sum |\mathcal{M}|^2, \tag{12}
\]

where \( \mathcal{M} \) is the transition matrix element, square of which may be written in terms of hadronic and leptonic tensors as

\[
|\mathcal{M}|^2 = \frac{G_F^2}{2} \sin^2 \theta_W \mathcal{J}^{\alpha\beta} \mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta}. \tag{13}
\]

The hadronic and leptonic tensors are given by

\[
\mathcal{J}^{\alpha\beta} = \text{Tr} \left[ \Lambda(p') J^\alpha \Lambda(p) \tilde{J}^\beta \right],
\]

\[
\mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta} = \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\alpha (1 + \gamma_5) \gamma_\beta (1 + \gamma_5) (\not{k} + m_\mu) \right], \tag{14}
\]

with \( \tilde{J}_\beta = \gamma^0 J^\beta \gamma^0 \) and \( \Lambda(p) = \not{p} + m_N \). Using the above definitions, the \( Q^2 \) distribution is written as

\[
\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} = \frac{G_F^2}{8\pi m_N E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}^2} N(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}), \tag{15}
\]

where the expression of \( N(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}) \) is given in the appendix.

When the reactions shown in Eq. 1 take place on nucleons which are bound in the nucleus, the neutrons and protons are not free and their momenta \( p_{n,p}(r) \) at \( r \) are constrained to satisfy the Pauli principle, i.e., \( p_{n,p}(r) < p_{F_{n,p}}(r) \), where
$p_{F_n}(r)$ and $p_{F_p}(r)$ are the local Fermi momenta of neutrons and protons at the interaction point in the nucleus and are given by $p_{F_n}(r) = \left[3\pi^2 \rho_n(r)\right]^{1/3}$ and $p_{F_p}(r) = \left[3\pi^2 \rho_p(r)\right]^{1/3}$, $\rho_n(r)$ and $\rho_p(r)$ are the neutron and proton nuclear densities given by $\rho_n(r) = \frac{(A-Z)}{A}\rho(r)$ and $\rho_p(r) = \frac{2}{A}\rho(r)$, $\rho(r)$ is the nuclear density which is determined from electron-nucleus scattering experiments.

The differential scattering cross section for the scattering of antineutrinos from nucleons in the nucleus is then given as

$$\frac{d^2\sigma}{dE_t d\Omega} = 2 \int_{r_{\text{min}}}^{r_{\text{max}}} d^3r \int_0^{p_{F_n}(r)} \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} n_N(p, r) \left[ \frac{d^2\sigma}{dE_t d\Omega}\right]_\nu\bar{\nu},$$

where $n_N(p, r)$ is local occupation number of the initial nucleon of momentum $p$ at a radius $r$ in the nucleus, which is 1 for $p < p_{F_n}(r)$ and 0 otherwise, and $n_N(p, r)$ is related to the density as:

$$\rho = \frac{N}{V} = 2 \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} n_N(p, r).$$

In the next section, we discuss briefly the construction of polarization vector for the final hyperon.

C. Polarization of hyperons

Using the covariant density matrix formalism, polarization 4-vector ($\xi^\tau$) of the final hyperon produced in reaction \(2\) is written as [64]:

$$\xi^\tau = \frac{\text{Tr}[\gamma^\tau \gamma_5 \rho_f(p')]}{\text{Tr}[\rho_f(p')]},$$

where the final spin density matrix $\rho_f(p')$ is given by

$$\rho_f(p') = \mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta} \Lambda(p') J_\alpha \Lambda(p) \bar{J}_\beta \Lambda(p').$$

Using the following relations [65, 66]

$$\Lambda(p') \gamma^\tau \gamma_5 \Lambda(p') = 2m_Y \left( g^{\tau\sigma} \frac{p'^\tau p'^\sigma}{m_Y^2} \right) \Lambda(p') \gamma_5 \gamma_\sigma,$$

and

$$\Lambda(p') \Lambda(p') = 2m_Y \Lambda(p'),$$

$\xi^\tau$ defined in Eq. [18] may be rewritten as:

$$\xi^\tau = \left( g^{\tau\sigma} - \frac{p'^\tau p'^\sigma}{m_Y^2} \right) \frac{\mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta} \text{Tr} \left[ \gamma_\sigma \gamma_5 \Lambda(p') J_\alpha \Lambda(p) \bar{J}_\beta \right]}{\mathcal{L}^{\alpha\beta} \text{Tr} \left[ \Lambda(p') J_\alpha \Lambda(p) \bar{J}_\beta \right]}.$$

Note that in Eq. [22], $\xi^\tau$ is manifestly orthogonal to $p'^\tau$ i.e. $p' \cdot \xi = 0$. Moreover, the denominator is directly related to the differential cross section given in Eq. [15].

With $\mathcal{J}^{\alpha\beta}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\alpha\beta}$ given in Eq. [14] an expression for $\xi^\tau$ is obtained. In the lab frame where the initial nucleon is at rest, the polarization vector $\xi$ is calculated to be

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \xi = \frac{G^2_F}{8\pi m_N m_Y E_{\nu}^2} \left[ (\vec{k} + \vec{k'}) m_Y \mathcal{A}(Q^2, E_{\nu}) + (\vec{k} - \vec{k'}) \mathcal{B}(Q^2, E_{\nu}) \right],$$

where the expressions of $\mathcal{A}(Q^2, E_{\nu})$ and $\mathcal{B}(Q^2, E_{\nu})$ are given in the appendix.

From Eq. [23] it follows that the polarization lies in scattering plane defined by $\vec{k}$ and $\vec{k'}$, and there is no component of polarization in a direction orthogonal to the scattering plane. This is a consequence of T-invariance which makes the transverse polarization in a direction perpendicular to the reaction plane to vanish [16, 18]. We now expand the
polarization vector $\vec{\xi}$ along two orthogonal directions, $\vec{e}_L$ and $\vec{e}_P$ in the reaction plane corresponding to parallel and perpendicular directions to the momentum of hyperon\cite{65} i.e.

$$\vec{e}_L = \frac{\vec{p}}{|\vec{p}|} = \frac{\vec{q}}{|\vec{q}|}, \quad \vec{e}_P = \vec{e}_L \times \vec{e}_T, \quad \vec{e}_T = \frac{\vec{k} \times \vec{k}'}{|k \times k'|},$$  

(24)

and write

$$\vec{\xi} = \xi_P \vec{e}_P + \xi_L \vec{e}_L,$$  

(25)

such that the longitudinal and perpendicular components of polarization vector($\vec{\xi}$) in the lab frame are given by

$$\xi_L(Q^2) = \vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{e}_L, \quad \xi_P(Q^2) = \vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{e}_P.$$  

(26)

From Eq. \ref{26} the longitudinal and perpendicular components of polarization vector $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_P(Q^2)$ defined in the rest frame of recoil nucleon are given by \cite{63}:

$$P_L(Q^2) = \frac{m_Y}{E_{p'}} \xi_L(Q^2), \quad P_P(Q^2) = \xi_P(Q^2),$$  

(27)

where $\frac{m_Y}{E_{p'}}$ is the Lorentz boost factor along $\vec{p}'$. With the help of Eqs. \ref{23} \ref{24} \ref{26} and \ref{27} the longitudinal component $P_L(Q^2)$ is calculated to be

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} P_L(Q^2) = \frac{G_F^2 \sin^2 \theta_c}{8\pi |q| E_{p'} m_N E_{\nu}^2} \left[ (E_{\nu}^2 - E_{\mu}^2 + m_{\mu}^2) m_Y A(Q^2, E_{\nu}) + |q|^2 B(Q^2, E_{\nu}) \right],$$  

(28)

where in the lab frame $E_{p'} = \sqrt{|q|^2 + m_Y^2}$. Similarly, the perpendicular component $P_P(Q^2)$ of the polarization 3-vector is given as

$$\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} P_P(Q^2) = -\frac{G_F^2 \sin^2 \theta_c}{4\pi} \frac{\tilde{k}' |A(Q^2, E_{\nu})\sin \theta|}{m_N E_{\nu}} ,$$  

(29)

where $\theta$ is the scattering angle in the lab frame.

Inside the nucleus, target nucleon is not at rest but moves with Fermi momentum, i.e. $\vec{p} \neq 0$. Because of this the polarization components of the final hyperon get modified to:

$$[P_L,p(Q^2)]_{\nu,A} = 2 \int d^3r \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} n_N(p, r) [P_L,p(Q^2, \vec{p})]_{\nu,A},$$  

(30)

with longitudinal component:

$$P_L(Q^2, \vec{p}) = \frac{m_Y}{E_{p'}} \frac{G_F^2 \sin^2 \theta_c}{2} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \frac{1}{|\vec{p} + \vec{q}|} \left[ \alpha(Q^2, \vec{p}) (\tilde{k} \cdot \vec{p} + E_{\nu}^2 - \tilde{k} \cdot \tilde{k}') + \beta(Q^2, \vec{p}) (\tilde{k} \cdot \tilde{p} + \tilde{k} \cdot \tilde{k} - |\tilde{k}'|^2) + \eta(Q^2, \vec{p}) (|\vec{p}'|^2 + \vec{p} \cdot \vec{q}) \right],$$  

(31)

and perpendicular component,

$$P_P(Q^2, \vec{p}) = \frac{G_F^2 \sin^2 \theta_c}{2} \frac{1}{|\mathcal{M}|^2} \frac{1}{|\vec{p}' + \vec{q}|} \left[ |\tilde{k}'|^2 \left( \alpha(Q^2, \vec{p}) E_{\nu}^2 + \beta(Q^2, \vec{p}) \tilde{k}' \cdot \tilde{k}' \right)
+ \eta(Q^2, \vec{p}) \tilde{k}' \cdot \tilde{p} \right] \left[ \alpha(Q^2, \vec{p}) \tilde{k}' \cdot \tilde{k}' + \beta(Q^2, \vec{p}) |\tilde{k}'|^2 + \eta(Q^2, \vec{p}) \tilde{k}' \cdot \tilde{p} \right].$$  

(32)

The expressions of $\alpha(Q^2, \vec{p})$, $\beta(Q^2, \vec{p})$ and $\eta(Q^2, \vec{p})$ are given in the appendix.

\footnote{It should be noted that our $\vec{e}_P$ is defined as in Bilenko and Christova \cite{66} and is opposite to the sign used by Erriquez et al. \cite{4}.}
III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. Differential cross section \( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \) and polarization components \( P_L(Q^2) \) and \( P_T(Q^2) \) for nucleon target

We have used Eqs. (15), (28) and (29) to numerically evaluate the differential cross section \( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \) and longitudinal \( P_L(Q^2) \) and perpendicular \( P_T(Q^2) \) components of the polarization of hyperons in the quasielastic antineutrino reactions given in Eq. (1). For the vector and axial vector form factors we have used the expressions of \( f^{1/N}(Q^2) \) \((i = 1, 2)\) and \( g^{1/N}(Q^2) \) given in Table (1) along with the pseudoscalar form factor \( g_0^{1/N}(Q^2) \) given in Eqs. (8) and (9). The \( Q^2 \) dependence of the nucleon form factors \( f^{1/N}(Q^2) \) and \( g^{1/N}(Q^2) \) used in the parameterization of BBBA05 [35]. A dipole parameterization for the axial vector form factor \( g_A(Q^2) \) given in Eq. (7) has been used for \( g_A(Q^2) \) with \( g_A(0) = 1.2723 \times 10^{-1} \), \( x = 0.364 \) [1] and axial dipole mass \( M_A = 1.026 \) GeV, 1.1 GeV and 1.2 GeV as mentioned in each figure.

In Fig. 2 we present the results of \( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \), \( P_L(Q^2) \) and \( P_T(Q^2) \) for the reaction \( \bar{\nu}_\mu p \to \mu^+ \Lambda \) at \( E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} = 1 \) GeV and in Fig. 3 at \( E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} = 3 \) GeV. We see that while there is very little sensitivity of \( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \) to the variation of \( M_A \), the components of polarization \( P_L(Q^2) \) and \( P_T(Q^2) \) are quite sensitive to the value of \( M_A \) specially in the region \( Q^2 > 0.4 \) GeV. It should, therefore, possible to independently determine the value of \( M_A \) from the polarization measurements. However, the present available data on the total cross section for the single hyperon production are consistent with \( M_A = 1.026 \) GeV [27]. At higher values of \( Q^2 \), the sensitivity of \( P_L(Q^2) \) and \( P_T(Q^2) \) to \( M_A \) increases.
compared to literature [35–42]. It is found that at $E_{\bar{\nu}} = 1$ GeV but quantitatively, the cross section decreases, making the number of events quite small and the measurement of polarization observables becomes difficult. We have also studied the sensitivity of our results for $d\sigma/dQ^2$ to the choice of other parameterizations of vector form factors in the case of $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+\Sigma^-$ as the cross section for this process is larger by a factor of 2 as compared to $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+\Sigma^0$. However, the differential cross sections are smaller and the components of the hyperon polarization are of the same order as in reaction $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+\Lambda$ but slightly higher in magnitude. We have chosen to show the results for $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+\Sigma^-$ as the cross section for this process is larger by a factor of 2 as compared to $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+\Sigma^0$. While there is very little sensitivity of $d\sigma/dQ^2$, $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_T(Q^2)$ to the vector form factors in the case of $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+\Lambda$, this is not the case for $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+\Sigma^-$. In the case of $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+\Sigma^-$ process, the results for differential cross section $d\sigma/dQ^2$ and polarization components $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_T(Q^2)$ are found to be sensitive to the vector form factors specially to the neutron form factors $f_{1,2}^n(Q^2)$ occurring in the expressions of $f_{1,2}^{1,2}(Q^2)$ (see Table I). This arises mainly due to the presence of charge form factor of neutron $G_E^n(Q^2)$ in the definition of $f_{1,2}^{1,2}(Q^2)$. We have, therefore, studied the sensitivity of our results to various parameterizations of charge form factor of neutron available

\begin{equation}
\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}, \quad P_L(Q^2) \quad \text{and} \quad P_T(Q^2) \quad \text{vs} \quad Q^2 \quad \text{for the process} \quad \bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+\Sigma^- \quad \text{at} \quad E_{\bar{\nu}} = 1 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{for different values of} \quad M_A \quad \text{in} \quad g_1^{1,2}(Q^2). \quad \text{Lines and points have the same meaning as in Fig. 2.}
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}, \quad P_L(Q^2) \quad \text{and} \quad P_T(Q^2) \quad \text{vs} \quad Q^2 \quad \text{for the process} \quad \bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+\Sigma^- \quad \text{at} \quad E_{\bar{\nu}} = 3 \text{ GeV} \quad \text{for different values of} \quad M_A \quad \text{in} \quad g_1^{1,2}(Q^2). \quad \text{Lines and points have the same meaning as in Fig. 2.}
\end{equation}
in literature. Some of the different parameterizations for $G_E^n(Q^2)$ being used recently in the literature are $^{35}$ $^{38}$:

- Bradford et al. (BBBA05) $^{35}$:

\[
G_E^n(Q^2) = \frac{a_1 \tau + a_2 \tau^2}{1 + b_1 \tau + b_2 \tau^2 + b_3 \tau^3},
\]

with $a_1 = 1.25$, $a_2 = 1.30$, $b_1 = -9.86$, $b_2 = 305.0$ and $b_3 = 7.54$.

- Galster et al. $^{36}$:

\[
G_E^n(Q^2) = -\frac{\mu_n \tau}{1 + 5.6 \tau} G_D(Q^2),
\]

with $\mu_n = -1.913$, $\tau = \frac{Q^2}{4m_n^2}$, $G_D(Q^2) = \left(1 + \frac{Q^2}{M_V^2}\right)^{-2}$; $M_V = 0.84$ GeV.

- Modified form of $G_E^n(Q^2)$ in Galster et al. parameterization $^{37}$:

\[
G_E^n(Q^2) = -\frac{a_1 \mu_n \tau}{1 + b \tau} G_D(Q^2),
\]

with $a = 1.51$ and $b = 8.4$.

- Modified form of $G_E^n(Q^2)$ in Kelly parameterization $^{38}$:

\[
G_E^n(Q^2) = \frac{G_M^n(Q^2)}{\mu_n} \frac{a_1 \tau}{1 + a_2 \sqrt{\tau} + a_3 \tau},
\]

with $a_1 = 2.6316$, $a_2 = 4.118$ and $a_3 = 0.29516$.

We show in Figs. 6 ($E_{\nu\mu} = 1$ GeV) and 7 ($E_{\nu\mu} = 3$ GeV), the dependence of $\frac{d \sigma}{d Q^2}$, $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_P(Q^2)$ on the different parameterization of $G_E^n(Q^2)$. It is seen that the polarization observables are quite sensitive to the neutron charge form factor in $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^-$ specially at $E_{\nu\mu} = 3$ GeV and it should be possible to determine, in principle, the charge form factor of neutron from the observation of $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_P(Q^2)$ using this process.

We have made an attempt to explore the possibility of determining the pseudoscalar form factor $g_{3}^{NY}(Q^2)$ in $|\Delta S| = 1$ sector by including two models for $g_{3}^{NY}(Q^2)$ based on PCAC and the corresponding Goldberger–Treiman relation in the strangeness sector using the parameterizations given in Eqs. $^{17}$ (Marshak et al. $^{17}$) and $^{44}$ (Nambu $^{44}$). In Figs. 8 and 9 we show the effect of $g_{3}^{NY}(Q^2)$ on $\frac{d \sigma}{d Q^2}$, $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_P(Q^2)$ calculated for the processes $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^-$, respectively, at $E_{\nu\mu} = 1$ GeV. We see from Figs. 8 and 9 that at $E_{\nu\mu} = 1$ GeV, sensitivity of
the cross section $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$, or the polarization observables $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_T(Q^2)$ to the pseudoscalar form factor, $g_3^{\Lambda N}(Q^2)$ is quite small. However, at smaller antineutrino energies like $E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} = 0.5$ GeV, the polarization components $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_T(Q^2)$ are quite sensitive to the value of the pseudoscalar form factor as shown in Figs. [10] and [11]. It seems, therefore, possible in principle, to determine the pseudoscalar form factor in the hyperon polarization measurements at lower energies relevant for the MicroBooNE [30] and T2K [38] flux of antineutrinos.

B. Differential cross section $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$ and polarization components $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_T(Q^2)$ for nuclear target

In Figs. [12] [13] [14] and [15] we present the results in nuclei for differential cross section $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$, longitudinal ($P_L(Q^2)$) and perpendicular ($P_T(Q^2)$) components of $\Lambda$ and $\Sigma$ polarization at $E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} = 1$ and 3 GeV for various nuclei like $^{12}$C, $^{40}$Ar, $^{56}$Fe, and $^{208}$Pb using Eqs. [10] [31] and [32]. The results are compared with the results for the free nucleon case. We find that at $E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} = 1$ GeV, the differential cross section $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$ hardly changes with the inclusion of nuclear medium effects. This is in contrast to the quasielastic reaction $\nu_l(n) + p(n) \rightarrow l^- + p(n) + n(n)$. This is due to the lack of any Pauli blocking of the momentum of the final hyperon which has its own Fermi sea. The polarization observables $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_T(Q^2)$ show some dependence on nuclear medium effects. The nature of this dependence is different for

![Diagram](image-url)
FIG. 9. $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$, $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_T(Q^2)$ vs $Q^2$ at $E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} = 1$ GeV for $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^-$ process. Lines and points have the same meaning as in Fig. 8.

FIG. 10. $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$, $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_T(Q^2)$ vs $Q^2$ for the process $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda$ at $E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} = 0.5$ GeV. Lines and points have the same meaning as in Fig. 8.

FIG. 11. $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$, $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_T(Q^2)$ vs $Q^2$ for the process $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^-$ at $E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} = 0.5$ GeV. Lines and points have the same meaning as in Fig. 8.
For the purpose of analyzing these experiments, we have convoluted the measurement of the asymmetry in the angular distribution of pions to give information about the hyperon ($\Lambda$, $\Sigma$) interactions \cite{31, 33, 58}. The LArTPC detector proposed for MicroBooNE \cite{30}, ArgoNeUT \cite{31}, LAr1-ND, ICARUS-T600 \cite{34} and DUNE \cite{32} may be able to measure the tracks corresponding to nucleon and pion coming from $\Lambda$ decay. A measurement of the asymmetry in the angular distribution of pions will give information about the hyperon ($\Lambda$, $\Sigma^-$) polarization. For the purpose of analyzing these experiments, we have convoluted $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$ and $P_L, P_T(Q^2)$ distributions to give information about the hyperon ($\Lambda$, $\Sigma^-$) polarization.

**C. Flux averaged differential cross section and polarization components**

Currently, there are some neutrino experiments which are making measurements on neutrino–nucleus cross sections \cite{31, 33, 58}. The LArTPC detector proposed for MicroBooNE \cite{30}, ArgoNeUT \cite{31}, LAr1-ND, ICARUS-T600 \cite{34} and DUNE \cite{32} may be able to measure the tracks corresponding to nucleon and pion coming from $\Lambda$ decay. A measurement of the asymmetry in the angular distribution of pions will give information about the hyperon ($\Lambda$, $\Sigma^-$) polarization. For the purpose of analyzing these experiments, we have convoluted $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$ and $P_L, P_T(Q^2)$ distributions.
over the flux $\Phi(E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu})$ available for different experiments using the expression given by,

$$\langle F(Q^2) \rangle = \frac{\int_{E_{\text{min}}}^{E_{\text{max}}} F(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}) \Phi(E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}) dE_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}}{\int_{E_{\text{min}}}^{E_{\text{max}}} \Phi(E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}) dE_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}}, \quad \tag{37}$$

where the function $F(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu})$ represents $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu})$, $P_L(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu})$ and $P_P(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu})$ given in Eqs. [16], [31] and [32] respectively. $E_{\text{th}}$, $E_{\text{min}}$, $E_{\text{max}}$ are the threshold energy and the minimum and maximum energies of the antineutrino fluxes corresponding to these experiments. In Figs. [16] and [17] we have shown the flux averaged $\langle \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \rangle$, $\langle P_L(Q^2) \rangle$ and $\langle P_P(Q^2) \rangle$ for reactions $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^-$, respectively, corresponding to the MicroBooNE [30] antineutrino experiment in $^{40}$Ar using $M_A=1.026$ GeV and $g_{V}^{N}(Q^2) \neq 0$.

We have also shown in Figs. [18] and [19] the flux averaged results of $\langle \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \rangle$, $\langle P_L(Q^2) \rangle$ and $\langle P_P(Q^2) \rangle$ for reactions $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^-$ respectively, for $^{12}$C target corresponding to the T2K [58] antineutrino spectrum. Similar results are presented for these reactions corresponding to MINERvA [33] experiment in $^{208}$Pb target for the antineutrino beam with average energy of 3.6 GeV in Figs. [20] and [21]. It may be observed from these figures that polarization measurements on $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda$ and $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^-$ in all these experiments will enable us to independently determine the value of axial vector form factor in the strangeness sector.

Moreover, at lower $\bar{\nu}_\mu$ energies relevant to MicroBooNE [30] and T2K [58] experiments, it is also possible to determine the pseudoscalar from factors and test the hypothesis of PCAC in the strangeness sector.
D. Energy dependence of total cross section and average polarizations

We have calculated the total cross section $\sigma(E_{\nu})$ as a function of energy, given as:

$$\sigma(E_{\nu}) = \int_{Q^2_{\min}}^{Q^2_{\max}} \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}(Q^2, E_{\nu}) dQ^2$$

(38)

for $\nu_{\mu} p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda$ and $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^0$ reactions. We show the results for $\sigma(E_{\nu})$ in Fig. 22 where a comparison is made with available experimental results from CERN [4], BNL [7], FNAL [8, 9] and Serpukhov [10] experiments. A reasonable agreement with the experimental results can be seen. We also show in Fig. 23 the energy dependence of averaged polarization components $P_L(E_{\nu})$ and $P_P(E_{\nu})$ for completeness which are defined as [67]:

$$\langle P_{L,P}(E_{\nu}) \rangle = \frac{\int_{Q^2_{\min}}^{Q^2_{\max}} P_{L,P}(Q^2, E_{\nu}) \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} dQ^2}{\int_{Q^2_{\min}}^{Q^2_{\max}} \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} dQ^2},$$

(39)

for the processes $\nu_{\mu} p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda$ and $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} n \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^-$. It may be observed from Fig. 24 that for the process $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda$, the polarization components $P_L(E_{\nu})$ and $P_P(E_{\nu})$ decrease with the increase in energy while for the process $\bar{\nu}_{\mu} n \rightarrow
FIG. 18. $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$, $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_T(Q^2)$ vs $Q^2$ for the process $\bar{\nu}_e p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda$ ($^{12}$C target) averaged over T2K [58] spectrum, using $f_2^{X\Lambda}(Q^2)$, $g_2^{X\Lambda}(Q^2)$, $g_1^{X\Lambda}(Q^2)$ and Table I and the BBBA05 parameterization [33] for the nucleon form factors with $m_\mu = 0$ and $M_A = 1.026$ GeV(dashed line), $m_\mu = 0$ and $M_A = 1.2$ GeV(dashed-dotted line) and $m_\mu \neq 0$, $M_A = 1.026$ GeV with $g_2^{X\Lambda}(Q^2)$ from Marshak et al. [17](solid line).

FIG. 19. $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$, $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_T(Q^2)$ vs $Q^2$ for the process $\bar{\nu}_e n \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^-$ ($^{12}$C target) averaged over T2K [58] spectrum. Lines and points have the same meaning as in Fig. 18.

FIG. 20. $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$, $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_T(Q^2)$ vs $Q^2$ for the process $\bar{\nu}_e p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda$ ($^{208}$Pb target) averaged over MINER$\nu$A [33] spectrum. Lines and points have the same meaning as in Fig. 18.
FIG. 22. Theoretical curves for total cross section $\langle \sigma \rangle$ vs $E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}$ corresponding to the processes $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda$ (solid line) in the left panel and $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^0$ (dashed line) in the right panel using $f_2^{N\Lambda} (Q^2)$, $f_2^{NV} (Q^2)$, $g_1^{NV} (Q^2)$ from Table I, $g_0^{N\Lambda} (Q^2)$ from Marshak et al., and $g_1^{N\Sigma} (Q^2)$ from Eichten et al., $f_0^{2\Sigma^0}$ given in Eq. (3) with $M_A = 1.026$ GeV. Experimental results for the process $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Lambda$ (triangle right [5], triangle up [4], square [6], triangle down [4], solid line) and for the process $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^0$ (diamond [4]) are shown with error bars.

$\mu^+ \Sigma^-$, these polarization components increase with the energy initially and then become almost constant.

E. Total cross section and polarizations

We have integrated the differential cross section $\frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2}$ and polarization observables $P_L(Q^2)$ and $P_P(Q^2)$ over $E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}$ and $Q^2$ distributions to obtain the total cross section $\langle \sigma \rangle$ defined as:

$$\langle \sigma \rangle = \frac{\int_{E_{\bar{\nu}_{\mu}}}^{E_{\text{max}}} \int_{Q_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}}}^{Q_{\text{max}}^{\text{max}}} d\sigma \Phi(E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}) dE_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}}{\int_{E_{\text{min}}}^{E_{\text{max}}} \Phi(E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}) dE_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}}$$

(40)

and components of hyperon polarization $\langle P_{L,P} \rangle$ defined as:

$$\langle P_{L,P} \rangle = \frac{1}{\langle \sigma \rangle} \int_{E_{\text{min}}}^{E_{\text{max}}} \int_{Q_{\text{min}}^{\text{max}}}^{Q_{\text{max}}^{\text{max}}} P_{L,P}(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}) \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} dQ^2 \Phi(E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}) dE_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}.$$ 

(41)
FIG. 23. Polarization components $P_L(E_{\bar{\nu}})$ and $P_P(E_{\bar{\nu}})$ vs $E_{\bar{\nu}}$ using Eq. 39 for the processes $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \to \mu^+ \Lambda$ (solid line) and $\bar{\nu}_\mu n \to \mu^+ \Sigma^-$ (dashed line) using $f_{NY}^1(Q^2)$, $f_{NY}^2(Q^2)$, $g_{NY}^1(Q^2)$ from Table I and $g_{NY}^3(Q^2)$ from Marshak et al. [17] with $M_A = 1.026$ GeV.

| Experiments                      | $\langle P_L \rangle$ | $\langle P_P \rangle$ | $\langle \sigma \rangle \times (10^{-40} \text{ cm}^2)$ |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Erriquez et al. [6]              | -0.06 $\pm$ 0.44       | 1.05 $\pm$ 0.30        | 2.07 $\pm$ 0.75                                       |
| Erriquez et al. [4]              | –                      | –                      | 1.40 $\pm$ 0.41                                        |
| Eichten et al. [5]               | –                      | –                      | 1.3 $\pm$ 0.2                                          |
| Present work ($M_A = 0.84$ GeV)  | 0.10                   | -0.75                  | 2.00                                                  |
| ($M_A = 1.026$ GeV)              | 0.05                   | -0.85                  | 2.15                                                  |
| ($M_A = 1.2$ GeV)                | 0.03                   | -0.89                  | 2.31                                                  |
| Erriquez et al. [6] ($M_A = 0.84$ GeV) | 0.14               | 0.73                   | 2.07                                                  |

$^a$ One may note that, for present work we have considered the sign convention for perpendicular polarization which is opposite to that of used by Erriquez et al. [6].

In order to compare with the experimental results of CERN experiment [6], we have performed the numerical calculations for the flux averaged cross section $\langle \sigma \rangle$, longitudinal $\langle P_L \rangle$ and perpendicular $\langle P_P \rangle$ polarization components relevant for the antineutrino flux of SPS antineutrino beam of Gargamelle experiment at CERN [68] and present our results in Table III. The results are compared with the available experimental results from CERN [4, 6] experiment and the theoretical results quoted by Erriquez et al. [6]. For reference we also show in Table III our results for $\langle \sigma \rangle$, $\langle P_L \rangle$ and $\langle P_P \rangle$ relevant for MicroBooNE [30], MINERνA [33] and T2K [58] experiments, which may be useful in the interpretation of the results from these experiments, whenever they become available.

| Spectrum                  | $<\sigma> \times 10^{-40} \text{ cm}^2$ | $<P_L>$ | $<P_P>$ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| $\Sigma^-$                | 0.31                                   | 0.76    | -0.43   | 0.39    | 0.37    | -0.78   |
| $\Lambda$                 | 1.17                                   | 2.35    | -0.42   | -0.03   | 0.43    | -0.85   |
| $\Sigma^+$                | 0.27                                   | 0.74    | -0.44   | 0.43    | 0.37    | -0.75   |

TABLE II. Flux averaged cross section $\langle \sigma \rangle$ (using Eq. 40), longitudinal $\langle P_L \rangle$ and perpendicular $\langle P_P \rangle$ components of polarization (using Eq. 41) are given for the process $\bar{\nu}_\mu p \to \mu^+ \Lambda$.

TABLE III. Total cross section using Eq. 40 longitudinal and perpendicular components of polarization using Eq. 41 are integrated over various fluxes for $\bar{\nu}_\mu(k) + N(p) \to \mu^+(k') + Y(p')$ process using $f_{NY}^1(Q^2)$, $f_{NY}^2(Q^2)$, $g_{NY}^1(Q^2)$ from Table I and $g_{NY}^3(Q^2)$ from Eq. 8 with $m_\mu \neq 0$ and $M_A = 1.026$ GeV.
IV. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

We have in this work studied the differential cross section \( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \) as well as longitudinal \( P_L(Q^2) \) and perpendicular \( P_P(Q^2) \) components of polarization of \( \Lambda \) and \( \Sigma \) hyperons produced in the quasielastic reactions of antineutrinos on free and bound nucleons. The effect of nuclear medium arising due to Fermi motion and Pauli blocking for initial nucleon have been included. The transition form factors for the nucleon-hyperon transition have been obtained using Cabibbo theory assuming SU(3) invariance and the absence of second class currents. The sensitivity of \( Q^2 \) dependence on \( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \), \( P_L(Q^2) \) and \( P_P(Q^2) \) due to the variation in \( M_A \) has been studied. The possibility of determining the pseudoscalar form factor in |\( \Delta S \)| = 1 sector has also been explored. The theoretical results have been compared with the available experimental results on the energy dependence of the total cross sections from CERN \[4–6\] and other experiments performed at BNL \[7\], FNAL \[8, 9\] and Serpukhov \[10\]. A comparison of our theoretical results with the experimental results on the flux averaged total cross section and averaged polarization components for CERN \[6\] experiment has also been made. Predictions for the flux averaged cross section and polarization components have been made for the future experiments being done on nuclear targets with antineutrino beams at MicroBooNE \[30\], MINER\( \nu \)A \[33\] and T2K \[58\].

To summarize our results we find that:

1. The theoretical results for the total cross section as a function of energy i.e. \( \sigma(E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu}) \) is found to be in satisfactory agreement with the earlier experimental results available from CERN, BNL and Serpukhov laboratories with an axial mass of \( M_A = 1.026 \) GeV, the world average value obtained from \( \Delta S = 0 \) experiments.

2. The longitudinal and perpendicular components of polarization \( P_L(Q^2) \) and \( P_P(Q^2) \) are sensitive to the value of axial dipole mass \( M_A \). Therefore, it is possible to determine the value of \( M_A \) independent of the cross section measurements for the single hyperon production.

3. The \( Q^2 \) dependence of the cross section \( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \) and polarization components \( P_L, P_P(Q^2) \) are found to be sensitive to the neutron charge form factor in the case of \( \bar{\nu}_\mu n \rightarrow \mu^+ \Sigma^- \) process, specially for \( Q^2 > 0.2 \) GeV\(^2\).

4. At lower antineutrino energies \( E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} \sim 0.5 \) GeV, the differential cross section \( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \) and the polarization components \( P_L, P_P(Q^2) \) are sensitive to the value of pseudoscalar form factor. It should be possible to test PCAC and GT relation in the strangeness sector, from the quasielastic production of hyperons at lower energies relevant to MicroBooNE and T2K experiments. At antineutrino energies \( E_{\bar{\nu}_\mu} \geq 1 \) GeV, the differential cross section \( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \) and the polarization components are not found to be sensitive to the pseudoscalar form factor.

5. The effect of nuclear medium on \( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \), \( P_L(Q^2) \) and \( P_P(Q^2) \) arising due to Fermi motion and Pauli blocking of initial nucleon are studied quantitatively. They are found to be quite small and negligible for \( \frac{d\sigma}{dQ^2} \). However, these effects are found to be non-negligible but small for \( P_L(Q^2) \) and \( P_P(Q^2) \) and show no appreciable dependence on the nucleon number \( A \).

It should be emphasized that we have assumed in our present work the absence of second class currents. If such currents are present, the results are expected to get modified. Moreover, the presence of second class currents will also give rise to T–violating effects in quasielastic hyperon production induced by antineutrinos. This work is in progress and will be reported in future.
The expressions for \( \mathcal{N}(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}}) \), \( \mathcal{A}(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}}) \) and \( \mathcal{B}(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}}) \) are given as:

\[
\mathcal{N}(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}}) = f_1^2(2E_{\bar{\nu}}(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' + 2m_N E_\mu - m_\mu^2) - 2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}'(m_Y + E_\mu)) + \frac{f_2^2}{(m_N + m_Y)^2}((\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}')^2(m_Y + E_\mu - E_{\bar{\nu}}) + \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}'(m_N(4E_\mu^2 + E_{\bar{\nu}}^2) - m_\mu^2) - 3m_\mu^2(m_Y + E_\mu - E_{\bar{\nu}})) - 4m_N m_\mu^2 E_{\bar{\nu}}^2 + g_1^2(2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}'(m_Y - E_\mu + E_{\bar{\nu}}) - E_{\bar{\nu}}(m_\mu^2 - 2m_N E_\mu)) + g_2^2((\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}')^2 m_\mu^2(m_N - m_Y - E_\mu + E_{\bar{\nu}})) + \frac{f_1 f_2}{m_N + m_Y}(8(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}')^2 + \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}'(4(m_N - m_Y)(E_\mu - E_{\bar{\nu}}) - 6m_\mu^2) + 2m_\mu^2 E_{\bar{\nu}}(m_N - m_Y)) + f_1 g_1(-4(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}'(E_\mu + E_{\bar{\nu}}) - m_\mu^2 E_{\bar{\nu}})) + \frac{f_2 g_1}{m_N + m_Y}(-4(m_N + m_Y)(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}'(E_\mu + E_{\bar{\nu}}) - m_\mu^2 E_{\bar{\nu}})) + g_1 g_3(-2m_\mu^2(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' + E_{\bar{\nu}}(m_Y - m_N)) \tag{42}
\]

\[
\mathcal{A}(Q^2, E_{\bar{\nu}}) = f_1^2(-2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' - (m_N - m_Y)(E_\mu - E_{\bar{\nu}}) + m_\mu^2) + \frac{f_2^2}{(m_N + m_Y)^2}((2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' - m_\mu^2)(2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' + (m_N - m_Y)(E_\mu - E_{\bar{\nu}}) - m_\mu^2)) + g_1^2(2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' + (m_N + m_Y)(E_\mu - E_{\bar{\nu}}) - m_\mu^2) + \frac{f_1 f_2}{m_N + m_Y}(-2(2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}'(m_Y + E_\mu - E_{\bar{\nu}}) + m_N(E_\mu - E_{\bar{\nu}})^2 + m_\mu^2(-(m_Y + E_\mu - E_{\bar{\nu})})) + f_1 g_1(2m_Y(E_\mu + E_{\bar{\nu}})) + f_1 g_3(m_\mu^2(-m_N + m_Y + E_\mu - E_{\bar{\nu}})) + \frac{f_2 g_1}{m_N + m_Y}(-4\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}'(E_\mu + E_{\bar{\nu}}) + m_N(m_\mu^2 - 2E_{\bar{\nu}}^2 + 2E_{\bar{\nu}}^2) + m_\mu^2(m_Y + E_\mu + 3E_{\bar{\nu}})) + \frac{f_2 g_3}{m_N + m_Y}(m_\mu^2(-2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' - (m_N - m_Y)(E_\mu - E_{\bar{\nu}}) + m_\mu^2)) \tag{43}
\]
\[ B(Q^2, E_{\nu}) = f_1^2(E_{\mu} + E_{\bar{\nu}})(2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' + m_Y(m_Y - m_N)) + m_\mu^2(m_Y - 2E_{\bar{\nu}}) + \] 
\[ \frac{f_2^2}{(m_N + m_Y)^2} (4(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k})^2(E_{\mu} + E_{\bar{\nu}}) + 2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}'((E_{\mu} + E_{\bar{\nu}})(m_N(m_Y + 2E_{\mu} - 2E_{\bar{\nu}}) + m_\mu^2(m_Y + 2E_{\bar{\nu}}) + m_\mu^2(E_{\mu} - E_{\bar{\nu}})) + m_\mu^2(m_Y + 2E_{\bar{\nu}}) + m_Y(E_{\mu} - 3E_{\bar{\nu}})) + \] 
\[ g_1^2(E_{\mu} + E_{\bar{\nu}})(2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' + m_Y(m_N + m_Y)) - m_\mu^2(m_Y + 2E_{\bar{\nu}}) + \] 
\[ \frac{f_1 f_2}{m_N + m_Y} (2(m_N(E_{\mu} + E_{\bar{\nu}})(2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' + m_Y(E_{\bar{\nu}} - E_{\mu})) + m_\mu^2(m_Y + E_{\mu}) - E_{\bar{\nu}}(2m_N + m_Y))) + \] 
\[ f_1 g_1(2E_{\mu}(2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' + m_\mu^2) - 2E_{\bar{\nu}}(2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' + 4m_NE_{\mu} - 2m_\mu^2 + m_\mu^2)) + \] 
\[ f_1 g_3(m_\mu^2(2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' - m_N(m_Y + 2E_{\bar{\nu}}) + m_Y(m_Y + E_{\mu} - E_{\bar{\nu}})) + \] 
\[ \frac{f_2 g_1}{m_N + m_Y} (-8(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k})^2 + \vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}'(6m_\mu^2 - 4(m_NE_{\mu} - m_NE_{\bar{\nu}} + m_\mu^2)) + m_N(m_\mu^2(m_Y - 2E_{\bar{\nu}}) - 2m_Y(E_{\mu} + E_{\bar{\nu}})^2) + m_\mu^2m_Y(m_Y + E_{\mu} + 3E_{\bar{\nu}})) + \] 
\[ \frac{f_2 g_3}{m_N + m_Y} (m_\mu^2((E_{\mu} + E_{\bar{\nu}})(2\vec{k} \cdot \vec{k}' + m_Y(m_Y - m_N)) + m_\mu^2(m_Y - 2E_{\bar{\nu}}))). \]  
(44)
\[
\beta(Q^2, \bar{p}) = \frac{64}{m_Y} f^2_1 \left( k \cdot p (m_Y(m_N - m_Y) + m^2_\mu) - k \cdot k' (k \cdot p + k' \cdot p + m_N m_Y) \right) \\
- \frac{f^2_2}{(m_N + m_Y)^2} \left( -2k \cdot k' (k \cdot p + k' \cdot p - m_N m_Y) + k \cdot k' (2k \cdot p^2 - m_N m_Y (2k \cdot p + m_\mu^2) \right) \\
+ 3k \cdot p m^2_\mu - 2k' \cdot p^2 + k \cdot p m^2_\mu - 2k' \cdot p m^2_Y + k \cdot p m^2_\mu (-2k \cdot p + 2k' \cdot p + m_N (m_N + m_Y) - m^2_\mu) \right) \\
g^1_1 (k \cdot p (m^2_\mu - m_Y(m_N + m_Y)) - k \cdot k' (k \cdot p + k' \cdot p - m_N m_Y)) \\
- \frac{f^1 f^2}{m_N + m_Y} (2k \cdot k' (k \cdot p - k' \cdot p) + k \cdot p (2k' \cdot p - m^2_\mu + m^2_Y)) \\
f^1 g^1 (m_N m^2_\mu (k \cdot p - k' \cdot p) ) \\
f^2 g^1 (m_N (4k \cdot k^2 + k \cdot k' (-2k \cdot p + 2k' \cdot p - 3m^2_\mu) + k \cdot p m^2_\mu) \\
- 2m_Y (k \cdot k' - k \cdot p) (k \cdot p + k' \cdot p) + 2k \cdot k' m_N m^2_\mu) \\
- \frac{f^2 g^3}{m_N + m_Y} (m^2_\mu (k \cdot p (m_Y(m_N - m_Y) + m^2_\mu) - k \cdot k' (k \cdot p + k' \cdot p + m_N m_Y))) \right) \\
\]
(46)

\[
\eta(Q^2, \bar{p}) = \frac{64}{m_Y} f^2_1 \left( k \cdot k' (k \cdot p + k' \cdot p) - k \cdot p m^2_\mu \right) \\
- \frac{f^2_2}{(m_N + m_Y)^2} \left( (2 (k \cdot k' - k \cdot p + k' \cdot p) - m^2_\mu) (k \cdot k' (k \cdot p + k' \cdot p) - k \cdot p m^2_\mu) \right) \\
g^1_1 (k \cdot k' (k \cdot p + k' \cdot p) - k \cdot p m^2_\mu) \\
- \frac{f^1 f^2}{m_N + m_Y} (2m_N (k \cdot k' (k \cdot p + k' \cdot p) - k \cdot p m^2_\mu) \\
f^1 g^1 (2k \cdot k' (k \cdot p - k' \cdot p) + 2k \cdot p (m^2_\mu - 2k' \cdot p)) \\
f^1 g^3 (m^2_\mu (k \cdot k' - k \cdot p) (m_N - m_Y)) \\
f^2 g^1 \left( -4k \cdot k' m_N + k \cdot k' (2k \cdot p m_N - 2k' \cdot p m_N + m^2_\mu (3m_N + m_Y)) - k \cdot p m^2_\mu (m_N + m_Y)) \right) \\
f^2 g^3 \left( k \cdot k' m^2_\mu (k \cdot p + k' \cdot p) - k \cdot p m^4_\mu \right) \right) \\
\]
(47)

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