

# Inclusive electron scattering in the resonance region at high $Q^2$

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Using Thomas Jefferson's National Accelerator Facility's 10.6 GeV beam and the CLAS12 large solid angle spectrometer, inclusive electron proton cross sections were measured over a wide kinematic range from the pion threshold up to an invariant mass  $W$  of 2.55 GeV, for ten  $Q^2$  bins between 2.5 and 10.4 GeV<sup>2</sup>. These results were validated against existing world data set in the overlap region and compared with the resonant contributions deduced from exclusive meson electroproduction data measured with the CLAS at  $Q^2 < 5.0$  GeV<sup>2</sup>. Resonance-like structures are seen in the range of  $Q^2 < 10$  GeV<sup>2</sup> in the CLAS12 inclusive electroproduction data.

This new data set indicates the opportunity to extend the information on the  $Q^2$  evolution of the nucleon electroexcitation amplitudes to  $Q^2 \sim 10$  GeV<sup>2</sup> and, looking forward to the JLab energy upgrade, even towards larger values of  $Q^2$ .

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