

# Light meson production in holographic QCD

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# References

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# Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs)

- GPDs are the matrix elements for quark and gluon non-local operators  $\mathcal{O}^{qq/gg}(w_1, w_2)$

$$\langle p_2 | \mathcal{O}^{qq}(-w^-, w^-) | p_1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 dx e^{-ixp^+ w^-} \{ h^+ H^q(x, \eta, \Delta^2) + e^+ E^q(x, \eta, \Delta^2) \}$$

$$\langle p_2 | \tilde{\mathcal{O}}^{qq}(-w^-, w^-) | p_1 \rangle = \int_{-1}^1 dx e^{-ixp^+ w^-} \{ \tilde{h}^+ \tilde{H}^q(x, \eta, \Delta^2) + \tilde{e}^+ \tilde{E}^q(x, \eta, \Delta^2) \}$$

$$\langle p_2 | \mathcal{O}^{gg}(-w^-, w^-) | p_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} p^+ \int_{-1}^1 dx e^{-ixp^+ w^-} \{ h^+ H^g(x, \eta, \Delta^2) + e^+ E^g(x, \eta, \Delta^2) \}$$

$$\langle p_2 | \tilde{\mathcal{O}}^{gg}(-w^-, w^-) | p_1 \rangle = \frac{1}{4} p^+ \int_{-1}^1 dx e^{-ixp^+ w^-} \{ \tilde{h}^+ \tilde{H}^g(x, \eta, \Delta^2) + \tilde{e}^+ \tilde{E}^g(x, \eta, \Delta^2) \}$$

# Conformal (Gegenbauer) Moments of GPDs

- Conformal (Gegenbauer) moments of GPDs are the matrix elements of twist-2 and spin- $j$  quark and gluon local operators  $\mathcal{O}_j^{qq/gg}(w)$

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{F}_{j(\text{valence/singlet})}^q(\eta, t; \mu_0^2) &= \eta^{j-1} \int_0^1 dx C_{j-1}^{3/2} \left( \frac{x}{\eta} \right) H_{\text{valence/singlet}}^q(x, \eta, t; \mu_0^2) \\ &= (p^+)^{-(j-1)-1} \langle p_2 | \mathbb{O}_j^{qq}(0) | p_1 \rangle \\ \mathbb{F}_j^g(\eta, t; \mu_0^2) &= 2\eta^{j-2} \int_0^1 dx C_{j-2}^{5/2} \left( \frac{x}{\eta} \right) H^g(x, \eta, t; \mu_0^2) \\ &= 4(p^+)^{-(j-1)-1} \langle p_2 | \mathbb{O}_j^{gg}(0) | p_1 \rangle\end{aligned}$$

for odd (valence)  $j = 1, 3, \dots$ , and even (singlet or gluon)  $j = 2, 4, \dots$  with

$$H_{\text{valence/singlet}}^q(x, \eta; \mu^2) = H^q(x, \eta; \mu^2) \pm H^q(-x, \eta; \mu^2)$$

# Reconstruction of Quark and Gluon GPDs from their Conformal Moments

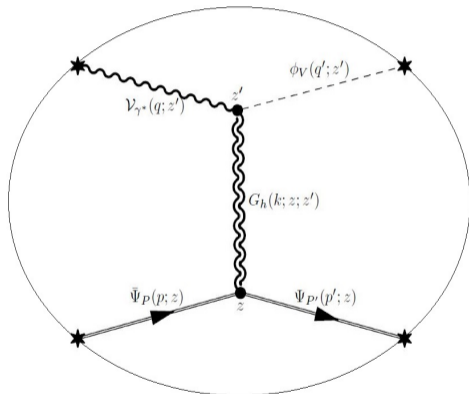
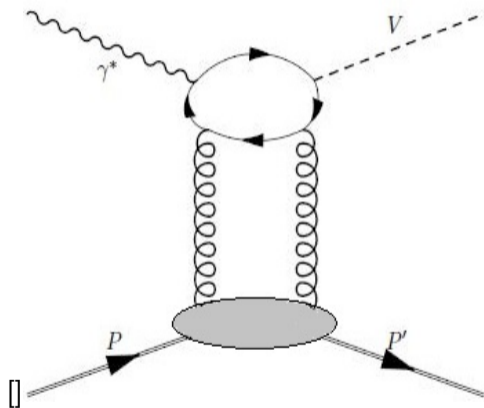
- The quark and gluon GPDs can be reconstructed from their conformal moments as

$$H_{valence/singlet}^q(x, \eta, t; \mu_0^2) = \frac{1}{\eta} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\eta^2}\right) \sum_{j=1 \text{ or } 2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\eta^{j-1}} \frac{1}{N_{j-1}(\frac{3}{2})} C_{j-1}^{3/2} \left(\frac{x}{\eta}\right) \mathbb{F}_{j(valence/singlet)}^q$$
$$H^g(x, \eta, t; \mu_0^2) = \frac{1}{\eta} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{\eta^2}\right)^2 \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\eta^{j-2}} \frac{1}{N_{j-2}(\frac{5}{2})} C_{j-2}^{5/2} \left(\frac{x}{\eta}\right) \times \mathbb{F}_j^g(\eta, t; \mu_0^2)$$

for odd (valence) or even (singlet or gluon)  $j$

# Conformal moments of GPDs from t-channel string exchange in AdS/QCD

- we match t-channel string exchange amplitudes in holographic QCD to electroproduction amplitudes in QCD



electroproduction of a vector meson probing the **gluon GPD**: (a) leading QCD contribution in the Regge limit; (b) leading Witten diagram in the large- $N_c$  limit.

- the QCD amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma^* p \rightarrow V p}^{LL}(s, t, Q_0, \epsilon_L, \epsilon'_L) &\approx e \times \frac{\lambda_s(\mu^2)}{4N_c^2} \frac{1}{Q_0} \left[ \int_0^1 dz \sum_q e_q \frac{\Phi^q(z)}{z(1-z)} \right] \frac{1}{m_N} \times \bar{u}(p_2) u(p_1) \\ &\times \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\xi^j} \frac{1}{N_{j-2}(\frac{5}{2})} \left[ \int_0^\xi \frac{dx}{\xi} \left( 1 - \frac{x^2}{\xi^2} \right) C_{j-2}^{5/2} \left( \frac{x}{\xi} \right) \right] \mathbb{F}_j^g(\xi, t; \mu_0^2) \end{aligned}$$

matches the holographic amplitude

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma^* p \rightarrow V p}^{LL}(s, t, Q_0, \epsilon_L, \epsilon'_L) &\sim e \times \frac{1}{g_5} \times g_5 \times 2\kappa^2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{Q_0} \times [f_V] \times \frac{1}{m_N} \times \bar{u}(p_2) u(p_1) \\ &\times \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\xi^j} \left[ \frac{1}{\Gamma(\Delta_g(j) - 2)} [\mathcal{A}(j, \tau, \Delta_g(j), t) + \mathcal{D}_\eta(j, \tau, \Delta_g(j), t)] \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Conformal moments of GPDs from t-channel string exchange in AdS/QCD

- we extract the conformal (Gegenbauer) moments of the gluon GPDs as

$$\mathbb{F}_j^g(\eta \sim \xi, t; \mu_0^2) \propto \frac{1}{\Gamma(\Delta_g(j) - 2)} \times [\mathcal{A}(j, \tau, \Delta_g(j), t) + \mathcal{D}_\eta(j, \tau, \Delta_g(j), t)]$$

- the skewness or  $\eta$ -dependent spin- $j$   $\mathcal{D}_\eta$ -terms are given by

$$\mathcal{D}_\eta(j, \tau, \Delta_g(j), -t = K^2) = \left( \hat{d}_j(\eta, -K^2) - 1 \right) \times [\mathcal{A}(j, \tau, \Delta_g(j), K, \tilde{\kappa}_T) - \mathcal{A}_S(j, \tau, \Delta_g(j), K, \tilde{\kappa}_S)]$$

where

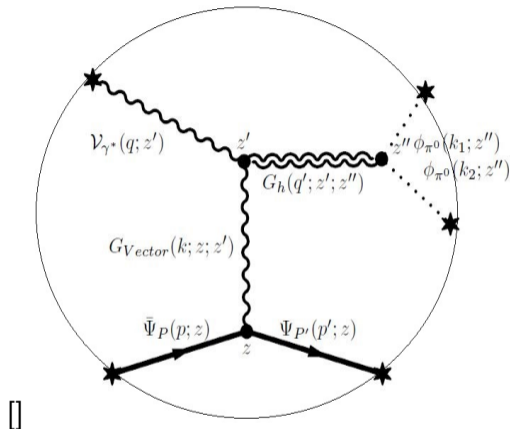
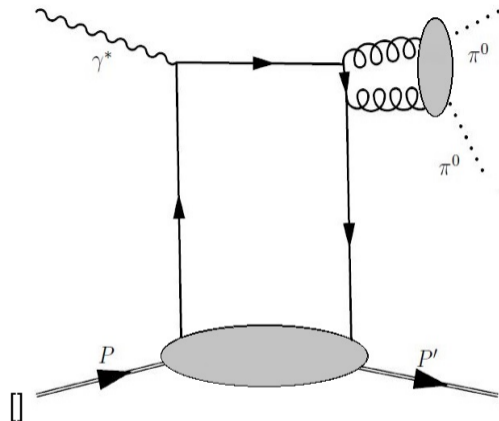
$$\mathcal{A}_S(j, \tau, \Delta_g(j), K, \tilde{\kappa}_S) \equiv \mathcal{A}(j, \tau, \Delta_g(j), K, \tilde{\kappa}_T \rightarrow \tilde{\kappa}_S)$$

and

$$\hat{d}_j(\eta, -K^2) = {}_2F_1 \left( -\frac{j}{2}, \frac{1-j}{2}; \frac{1}{2} - j; \frac{4m_N^2}{K^2} \times \eta^2 \right)$$



# Conformal moments of GPDs from t-channel string exchange in AdS/QCD



electroproduction of double pions probing the **non – singlet (valence) vector quark GPDs** : (a) leading QCD contribution in the Regge limit; (b) leading Witten diagram in the large- $N_c$  limit.

- we identify the conformal moments of valence quark GPDs as

$$\mathbb{F}_{j(\text{valence})}^q(\eta \sim \xi, t; \mu_0^2) \propto \frac{1}{\Gamma(\Delta_q(j) - 2)} \times [\mathcal{F}_1(j, \tau, \Delta_q(j), t) + \mathcal{D}_{q\eta}(j, \tau, \Delta_q(j), t)]$$

with

$$\mathcal{F}_1(j, \tau, \Delta_q(j), -t = K^2) \propto \mathcal{A}(j \rightarrow j + 1, \tau, \Delta_g \rightarrow \Delta_q, t)$$

and the valence quark spin-j skewness dependent  $\mathcal{D}_{q\eta}$ -terms are

$$\mathcal{D}_{q\eta}(j, \tau, \Delta_q(j), t) \propto \mathcal{D}_\eta(j \rightarrow j + 1, \tau, \Delta_g \rightarrow \Delta_q, t; \tilde{\kappa}_T \rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times \tilde{\kappa}_V)$$

# Electroproduction of longitudinal $\rho^0$ meson with evolved singlet quark and gluon GPDs: a comparison to experiment

- the electroproduction of neutral rho meson ( $\rho^0$ ) in terms of singlet quark DAs and quark GPDs is given by [Goeke:2001]

$$\mathcal{A}_{\gamma^* p \rightarrow \rho^0 p}^{LL(\text{quark})}(s, t, Q, \epsilon_L, \epsilon'_L) = -e \times \frac{C_F}{N_c} \times \frac{1}{2} \times (4\pi\alpha_s(\mu^2)) \times \frac{1}{Q} \times \left[ \int_0^1 dz \frac{\Phi_\rho^q(z)}{z} \right] \times \frac{1}{p^+} \{ A_{\rho^0 p} h^+ + B_{\rho^0 p} e^+ \}$$

with and

$$A_{\rho^0 p} = \int_{-1}^1 dx \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( Q_u H^u(x, \eta, t; \mu^2) - Q_d H^d(x, \eta, t; \mu^2) \right) \left\{ \frac{1}{\xi - x - i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{\xi + x - i\epsilon} \right\}$$
$$B_{\rho^0 p} = \int_{-1}^1 dx \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( Q_u E^u(x, \eta, t; \mu^2) - Q_d E^d(x, \eta, t; \mu^2) \right) \left\{ \frac{1}{\xi - x - i\epsilon} - \frac{1}{\xi + x - i\epsilon} \right\}$$

# Electroproduction of longitudinal $\rho^0$ meson with evolved singlet quark and gluon GPDs: a comparison to experiment

- the electroproduction of neutral rho meson ( $\rho^0$ ) in terms of the conformal moments of singlet quark GPDs is

$$\mathcal{A}_{\gamma^* p \rightarrow \rho^0 p}^{LL(\text{quark})}(s, t, Q, \epsilon_L, \epsilon'_L) \approx e \times f_V \times \alpha_s(\mu) \times \frac{1}{Q} \\ \times \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\xi^j} \times \mathcal{N}_q(j) \left( Q_u \mathbb{F}_{j(\text{singlet})}^u(\xi, t; \mu^2) - Q_d \mathbb{F}_{j(\text{singlet})}^d(\xi, t; \mu^2) \right) \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}m_N} \bar{u}(p_2)u(p_1)$$

# Electroproduction of longitudinal $\rho^0$ meson with evolved singlet quark and gluon GPDs: a comparison to experiment

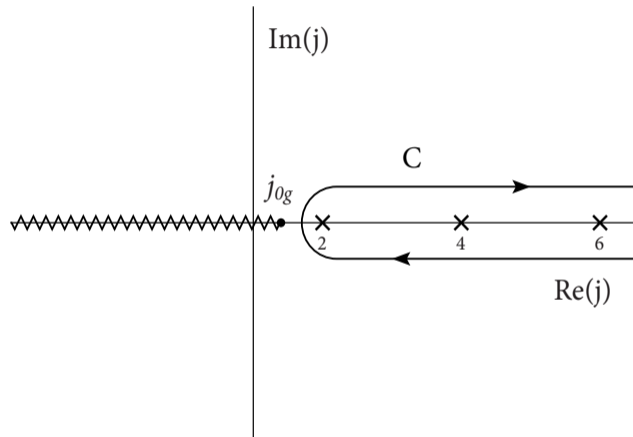


Illustration of the integration contour  $\mathbb{C}$  in the complex  $j$ -plane used for computing the contour integral with a branch cut displayed for  $\text{Re}(j) \leq j_{0g} = 2 - 2/\sqrt{\lambda}$ .

# Electroproduction of longitudinal $\rho^0$ meson with evolved singlet quark and gluon GPDs: a comparison to experiment

- we rewrite the sum over even  $j = 2, 4, \dots$  as a contour integral in the complex  $j$ -plane

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma^* p \rightarrow \rho^0 p}^{LL(\text{quark})}(s, t, Q, \epsilon_L, \epsilon'_L) &\approx - \int_{\mathbb{C}} \frac{dj}{4i} \frac{1 + e^{-i\pi j}}{\sin \pi j} \times \frac{1}{\xi^j} \times \frac{1}{\Gamma(\Delta_g(j) - 2)} \times \mathcal{N}_q(j) \\ &\times \left( Q_u \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{j(\text{singlet})}^u(\xi, t; \mu^2) - Q_d \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{j(\text{singlet})}^d(\xi, t; \mu^2) \right) \\ &\times e \times f_V \times \alpha_s(\mu) \times \frac{1}{Q} \times \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}m_N} \times \bar{u}(p_2)u(p_1) \end{aligned}$$

where the contour  $\mathbb{C}$  is at the right most of the branch point of  $\Delta_g(j) - 2 = \sqrt{j - j_{0g}}$  and enclosing the poles at even  $j = 2, 4, \dots$

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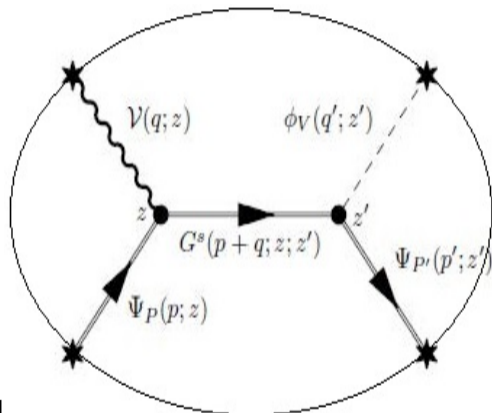
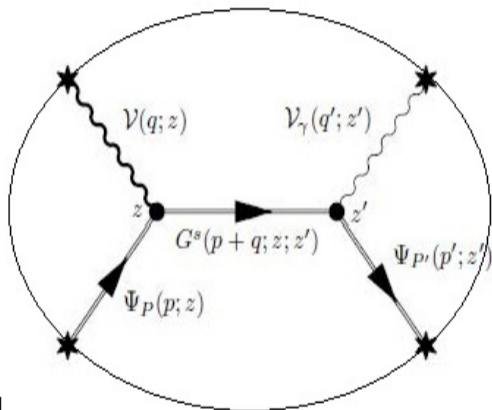
- the singlet quark GPD contribution to the  $\rho^0$  amplitude is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma^* p \rightarrow \rho^0 p}^{LL(\text{quark})}(s, t, Q, \epsilon_L, \epsilon'_L) &\propto \left( Q_u \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{j_{0g}(\text{singlet})}^u(\xi, t; \mu^2) - Q_d \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{j_{0g}(\text{singlet})}^d(\xi, t; \mu^2) \right) \\ &\times f_V \alpha_s(\mu) \frac{1}{Q} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}m_N} \bar{u}(p_2)u(p_1) \times \frac{1}{\xi j_{0g}} \times \left[ (\sqrt{\lambda}/\pi) + i \right] \end{aligned}$$

- we have also found the gluon GPD contribution to the  $\rho^0$  amplitude to be

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma^* p \rightarrow \rho^0 p}^{LL(\text{gluon})}(s, t, Q, \epsilon_L, \epsilon'_L) &\propto \widehat{\mathbb{F}}_{j_{0g}}^g(\xi, t; \mu^2) \times f'_V \alpha_s(\mu) \frac{1}{Q} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}m_N} \bar{u}(p_2)u(p_1) \\ &\times \frac{1}{\xi j_{0g}} \times \left[ (\sqrt{\lambda}/\pi) + i \right] \end{aligned}$$

# Electroproduction of longitudinal $\rho^0$ meson with evolved singlet quark and gluon GPDs: a comparison to experiment



- Holographic **s-channel** contribution to the electroproduction of a photon (**DVCS**). (a)  
 □ Holographic **s-channel** contribution to the electroproduction of a **vector meson**. (b)

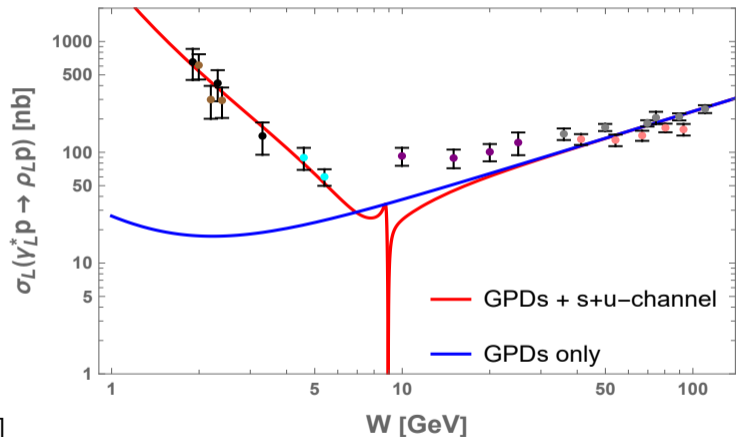


# Electroproduction of longitudinal $\rho^0$ meson with evolved singlet quark and gluon GPDs: a comparison to experiment

- the holographic s+u-channel contribution to the electroproduction of  $\rho^0$  is

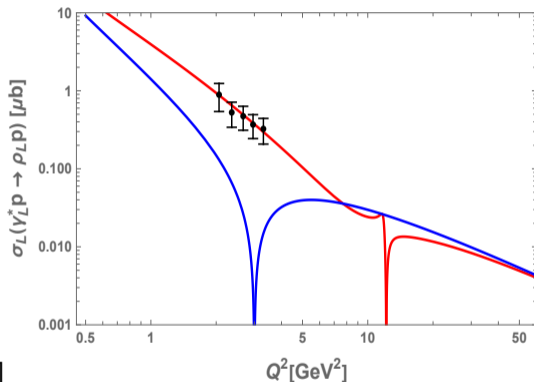
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_{\gamma^* p \rightarrow \rho^0 p}^{LL(s+u\text{-channel})}(s, t, Q, \epsilon_L, \epsilon'_L) &\propto e \times g_5 \times [\epsilon_{L\mu} \epsilon'_{L\nu} T_{s+u}^{\mu\nu}(s, t; Q^2)] \times g_5 \times \frac{f_V}{M_V} \\ &\propto \frac{Q}{M_V} \times F_1^P(Q) \times \frac{f_V}{M_V} \times \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}m_N} \bar{u}(p_2) u(p_1) \times \frac{1}{1-\xi^2} \end{aligned}$$

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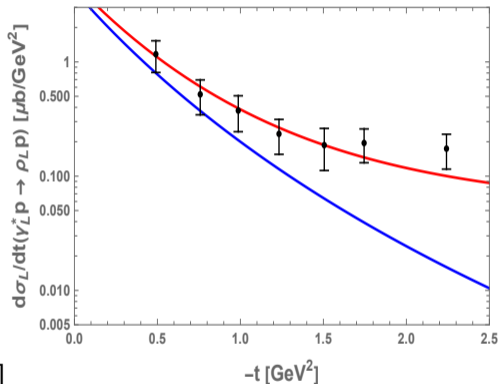
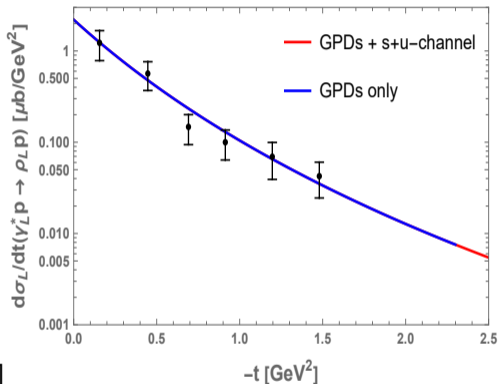
□ Longitudinal cross section for the electroproduction of neutral rho mesons versus  $W = \sqrt{s}$  in GeV, for  $Q^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ .

# Electroproduction of longitudinal $\rho^0$ meson with evolved singlet quark and gluon GPDs: a comparison to experiment



□ Longitudinal cross section for the electroproduction of neutral rho mesons versus  $Q^2$  in  $\text{GeV}^2$ , for Bjorken  $x_B = 0.34 - 0.40$ . The black data points are from 5.754 GeV [CLAS:2008].

# Electroproduction of longitudinal $\rho^0$ meson with evolved singlet quark and gluon GPDs: a comparison to experiment



Longitudinal differential cross section for the electroproduction of neutral rho mesons versus  $-t$  in  $\text{GeV}^2$ , for  $Q^2 = 0 - 1.9 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $x_B = \mathbf{0.16} - \mathbf{0.22}$  (a), and  $Q^2 = 1.9 - 2.2 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $x_B = \mathbf{0.34} - \mathbf{0.40}$  (b). The black data points are from 5.754 GeV [CLAS:2008].

# Electroproduction of longitudinal $\rho^+$ meson with evolved valence quark GPDs: a comparison to experiment

- The electroproduction of longitudinal charged rho meson ( $\rho^+$ ) in terms of quark DAs and quark GPDs is given by [Goeke:2001]

$$\mathcal{A}_{\gamma^* p \rightarrow \rho^+ n}^{LL}(s, t, Q, \epsilon_L, \epsilon'_L) = -e \times \frac{C_F}{N_c} \times \frac{1}{2} \times (4\pi\alpha_s(\mu^2)) \times \frac{1}{Q} \times \left[ \int_0^1 dz \frac{\Phi_{\rho^+}(z)}{z} \right] \times \frac{1}{p^+} \{ A_{\rho^+ n} h^+ + B_{\rho^+ n} e^+ \}$$

where  $\Phi_{\rho^+}(z)$  is the charged rho meson ( $\rho^+$ ) distribution amplitude (DA), and

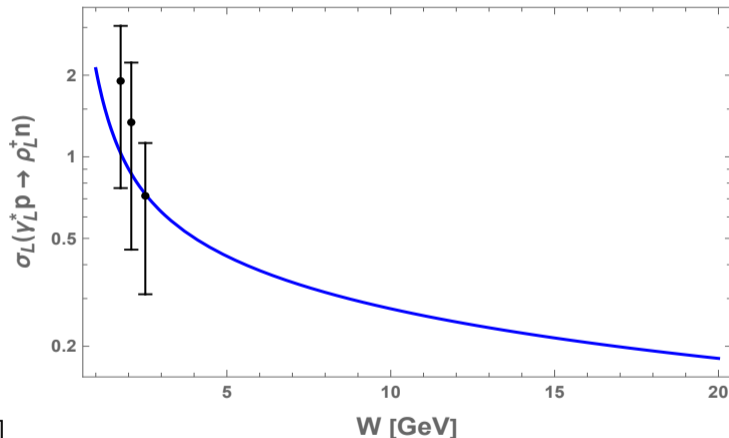
$$A_{\rho^+ n} = \int_{-1}^1 dx \left( H^u(x, \eta, t; \mu^2) - H^d(x, \eta, t; \mu^2) \right) \left\{ \frac{Q_u}{\xi - x - i\epsilon} - \frac{Q_d}{\xi + x - i\epsilon} \right\}$$
$$B_{\rho^+ n} = \int_{-1}^1 dx \left( E^u(x, \eta, t; \mu^2) - E^d(x, \eta, t; \mu^2) \right) \left\{ \frac{Q_u}{\xi - x - i\epsilon} - \frac{Q_d}{\xi + x - i\epsilon} \right\}$$

# Electroproduction of longitudinal $\rho^+$ meson with evolved valence quark GPDs: a comparison to experiment

- the electroproduction of charged rho meson ( $\rho^+$ ) in terms of the conformal moments of valence quark GPDs is

$$\mathcal{A}_{\gamma^* p \rightarrow \rho^+ n}^{LL(\text{valence})}(s, t, Q, \epsilon_L, \epsilon'_L) \approx -e \times f_V^+ \times \alpha_s(\mu) \times \frac{1}{Q} \\ \times \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\xi^j} \times \mathcal{N}_{q(\text{valence})}(j) \times \left( \mathbb{F}_{j(\text{valence})}^u(\xi, t; \mu^2) - \mathbb{F}_{j(\text{valence})}^d(\xi, t; \mu^2) \right) \frac{1}{2m_N} \bar{u}(p_2) u(p_1)$$

# Electroproduction of longitudinal $\rho^+$ meson with evolved valence quark GPDs: a comparison to experiment



□ Longitudinal cross section for the electroproduction of charged rho mesons versus  $W = \sqrt{s}$  in GeV, for  $Q^2 = 3.0 - 3.5$  GeV<sup>2</sup>. The black data points are from 5.776 GeV CLAS [Fradi:2010]

Thank You!