Consistency of the pion form factor and unpolarized TMDs beyond leading twist in the light-front quark model

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1. Motivation

• Understanding the internal structure of hadron is an important objective in modern nuclear and particle physics.

- Experimental studies (e.g. JLab, COMPASS, EIC, J-PARC, etc.) are aimed at probing the 3D structure of hadrons, particularly focused on Generalized Parton Distributions (GPDs) and Transverse Momentum Dependent Distributions (TMDs).

For precision 3D imaging of hadrons,

it is essential to measure positions and momenta of the partons transverse to the hadron's direction of motion.



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3D hadron structure from 5D tomography

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Study the interplay among the pion's Form Factor, TMDs, and PDFs in the LFQM.

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PDFs
$$f^{(\mu)}(x) = \int d^2 \mathbf{k}_{\perp} f^{(\mu)}(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp})$$

(\mu = +, -) $c.f.$) $\mu = \perp$ case later...

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 \Rightarrow facilitates the <u>partonic interpretation</u> of the amplitude!

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Nonvanishing : LF Zero-Mode !

We developed a "new method" to obtain the form factor

$$F_{\pi}^{(+)}(Q^2) = F_{\pi}^{(\perp)}(Q^2) = F_{\pi}^{(-)}(Q^2)$$

within the valence picture of the LFQM.



 $rac{1}{2}$ We resolved the LF zero mode problems from *J*[−].



Meson state: Noninteracting "on-mass" shell $Q \& \overline{Q}$ representation.

Invariant mass

$$P = (P^+, P^-, \mathbf{P}_{\perp})$$

$$P^{\pm} = P^0 \pm P^3$$

$$p_1 \qquad P^- = p_1^- + p_2^- \rightarrow \qquad \frac{M_0^2 + \mathbf{P}_{\perp}^2}{P^+} = \frac{m_1^2 + \mathbf{p}_{1\perp}^2}{p_1^+} + \frac{m_2^2 + \mathbf{p}_{2\perp}^2}{p_2^+}$$

$$M_0^2 = \frac{m_1^2 + \mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2}{p_1^+} + \frac{m_2^2 + \mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2}{1 - x}$$

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$$\Psi_{\lambda\overline{\lambda}}(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\perp}) = \phi(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\perp}) \mathcal{R}_{\lambda\overline{\lambda}}(x, \boldsymbol{k}_{\perp})$$

Spin-Orbit for PS meson

$$\phi(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp}) = \frac{4\pi^{3/4}}{\beta^{3/2}} \sqrt{\frac{\partial k_z}{\partial x}} \exp(-\frac{\mathbf{k}^2}{2\beta^2})$$

$$\mathcal{R}_{\lambda_q \lambda_{\bar{q}}} = \frac{\bar{u}_{\lambda_q}(p_q) \gamma_5 v_{\lambda_{\bar{q}}}(p_{\bar{q}})}{\sqrt{2}M_0}$$

H.J. Melosh: PRD 9, 1095(1974).

$$\int_0^1 dx \, \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} \left| \phi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) \right|^2 = 1 \qquad \sum_{\lambda' s} \mathcal{R}^\dagger \mathcal{R} = 1.$$



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$$\begin{split} H_{Q\bar{Q}} &= \sqrt{m_Q^2 + \vec{k}^2} + \sqrt{m_{\bar{Q}}^2 + \vec{k}^2} + V_{Q\bar{Q}} \qquad V_{Q\bar{Q}} = a + br(br^2) - \frac{4\kappa}{3r} + \frac{2\vec{S}_Q \cdot \vec{S}_{\bar{Q}}}{3m_Q m_{\bar{Q}}} \nabla^2 V_{\text{Coul}} \\ H_{Q\bar{Q}} \mid \Psi \rangle &= M_{Q\bar{Q}} \mid \Psi \rangle \end{split}$$



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Bakamjian-Thomas(BT) constuction!

Optimized model parameters(in unit of GeV) and 1S state meson mass spectra

Model	m _q	m _s	m _c	m _b	β_{qq}	β_{sq}	β_{ss}	β_{qc}	β_{sc}	β_{cc}	β_{qb}	β_{sb}	β_{cb}	β_{bb}
Linear	0.22	0.45	1.8	5.2	0.366	0.389	0.413	0.468	0.502	0.651	0.527	0.571	0.807	1.145
HO	0.25	0.48	1.8	5.2	0.319	0.342	0.368	0.422	0.469	0.699	0.496	0.574	1.035	1.803



Mass spectroscopy analysis

- PRD59, 074015(99); PLB460, 461(99) by HMC and CRJ
- PRC92, 055203(2015) by HMC, CRJ, Z. Li, and H. Ryu
- PRD 100, 014026(2019) by N. Dhiman, H. Dahiya, HMC, CRJ
- PRD106, 014009(2022) by A. J. Arifi, HMC, CRJ, YO

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Analysis of (1*S*, 2*S*) state heavy meson spectroscopy

PRD106, 014009(2022) by A. J. Arifi, HMC, CRJ, YO



 $\frac{1}{2}$ cot⁻¹ $(2\sqrt{6}) < \theta < \frac{\pi}{4}$ constrained by empirical mass gap: $\Delta M_P > \Delta M_V$

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PRD 89, 033011(14); PRD91, 014018(15); PRD95, 056002(17) by HMC and C.-R. Ji PRD 103, 073004(21); Adv. High Energy Phys., 4277321(21) by HMC PRD 107, 053003(23); PRD108, 013006(23) by A. J. Arifi, HMC and C.-R. Ji

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$$\mathcal{F} = \frac{1}{\mathscr{P}^{\mu}} \langle P' | \bar{q} \Gamma^{\mu} q | P \rangle$$

Fails to show the independency of " μ " due to the LF zero-modes from the "bad" current.

New development of a "self-consistent" LFQM based on the BT construction.

• In our LFQM: Apply BT $(M \rightarrow M_0)$ equally to both sides

$$M \to M_0$$

$$\langle P' | \overline{q} \ \Gamma^{\mu} q | P \rangle = \mathcal{O}^{\mu} \mathcal{F}$$

$$\mathcal{F} = \left\langle P' | \frac{\overline{q} \ \Gamma^{\mu} q}{\mathcal{O}^{\mu}} | P \right\rangle$$

becomes independent of the current components!

General structure for $P(P) \rightarrow P(P')$ transition: PRD 103, 073004(21); Adv. High Energy Phys., 4277321(21) by HMC

$$\langle P' | \bar{q} \ \gamma^{\mu} \ q | P \rangle = \mathscr{D}^{\mu} F(q^2) + q^{\mu} \ \frac{(M^2 - M'^2)}{q^2} H(q^2), \qquad \mathscr{D}^{\mu} = \ (P + P')^{\mu} - q^{\mu} \ \frac{(M^2 - M'^2)}{q^2}$$
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For elastic process, only gauge invariant form factor $F(q^2)$ survives!

$$\langle P'|\bar{q} \ \gamma^{\mu} \ q|P\rangle = \mathscr{P}^{\mu} \ F_{P}(q^{2}) \qquad \mathscr{P} \cdot q = 0$$

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In $q^+ = 0$ frame,

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This leads to $F_{\pi}^{(+)}(Q^2) = F_{\pi}^{(\perp)}(Q^2) \neq F_{\pi}^{(-)}(Q^2)$

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$$\text{Apply } M \rightarrow M_{0} \text{ both to} \quad \text{Our New method, which now resolves the zero-mode.}$$

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Then we get
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$$F_{\pi}^{\text{SLF}(\mu)}(Q^2) = \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_{\perp}}{16\pi^3} \frac{\phi(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp})\phi'(x, \mathbf{k}'_{\perp})}{\sqrt{\mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2 + m^2}\sqrt{\mathbf{k}'_{\perp}^2 + m^2}} O_{\text{LFQM}}^{(\mu)}$$

TABLE II: The operators $O_{\text{LFQM}}^{(\mu)}$ and their helicity contributions to the pion form factor in the standard LFQM.



"The first proof of the pion form factor's independence from current components in the LFQM!"



$$\int \frac{[dz]}{2(2\pi)^3} e^{ip \cdot z} \langle P | \bar{\psi}(0) \gamma^+ \psi(z) | P \rangle |_{z^+=0} = f_1^q(x, p_T),$$

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which are related with the forward matrix elements $\langle P | \bar{q} \gamma^{\mu} q | P \rangle$ as

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$$FDF \qquad TMD$$

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Sum rules : In free quark model: $\int dx \ f_1^q(x) = 1 \qquad x f_3^q(x, p_T) = f_1^q(x, p_T)$

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However...



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 $\langle P' | J^{\mu} | P \rangle = \overline{\wp}^{\mu} F_{\pi}(q^2)$

 $\overline{\wp}^{\mu} = (P + P')^{\mu}$

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This Work

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LF Zero-Mode for twist-4 PDF and its Resolution



Unpolarized TMDs for Pion



Unpolarized PDFs for Pion







4. QCD Evolution of Pion PDFs



Evolved from $\mu_0^2 = 1 \text{ GeV}^2$ to $\mu^2 = 4$ and 27 GeV²

We use the **Higher Order Perturbative Parton Evolution toolkit (HOPPET)** to solve the NNLO DGLAP equation.

Mellin moments:
$$\langle x^n \rangle = \int_0^1 dx \ x^n f(x)$$

TABLE III. Mellin moments of the pion valence PDF, $f_1^q(x)$, evaluated at the scale $\mu^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$.

	$\langle x \rangle_{t2}^{u}$	$\langle x^2 \rangle_{t2}^u$	$\langle x^3 \rangle_{t2}^u$	$\langle x^4 \rangle_{t2}^u$
This work	0.236	0.101	0.055	0.033
[83]	0.2541(26)	0.094(12)	0.057(4)	0.015(12)
[84]	0.2075(106)	0.163(33)		
[56]	0.24(2)	0.098(10)	0.049(7)	• • •
[57]	0.24(2)	0.094(13)	0.047(8)	

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TABLE IV. Mellin moments of the pion valence PDF, $f_1^q(x)$, evaluated at the scale $\mu^2 = 27 \text{ GeV}^2$.

	$\langle x \rangle_{t2}^{u}$	$\langle x^2 \rangle_{t2}^u$	$\langle x^3 \rangle_{t2}^u$	$\langle x^4 \rangle_{t2}^u$
This work	0.182	0.069	0.034	0.019
[85]	0.18(3)	0.064(10)	0.030(5)	• • •
[57]	0.20(2)	0.074(10)	0.035(6)	• • •
[86]	0.184	0.068	0.033	0.018
[21]	0.217(11)	0.087(5)	0.045(3)	•••

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Lowest four moments of pion valence PDF



Adopted from J. Lan et al. (BLFQ Collab.), PRL 122, 172001 (2019)

Mellin moments:
$$\langle x^n \rangle = \int_0^1 dx \ x^n f(x)$$

TABLE V. Mellin moments of the twist-3 pion PDF, $f_3^q(x)$, evaluated at the scales $\mu^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $\mu^2 = 27 \text{ GeV}^2$, respectively.

	$\langle x \rangle_{t3}^{u}$	$\langle x^2 \rangle_{t3}^u$	$\langle x^3 \rangle_{t3}^u$	$\langle x^4 \rangle_{t3}^u$
$\mu^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$	0.471	0.164	0.079	0.045
$\mu^2 = 27 \text{ GeV}^2$	0.365	0.111	0.049	0.026

TABLE VI. Mellin moments of the twist-4 pion PDF, $f_4^q(x)$, evaluated at the scales $\mu^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $\mu^2 = 27 \text{ GeV}^2$, respectively.

	$\langle x \rangle_{t4}^{u}$	$\langle x^2 \rangle_{t4}^u$	$\langle x^3 \rangle_{t4}^u$	$\langle x^4 \rangle^u_{t4}$
$\mu^2 = 4 \text{ GeV}^2$	0.069	0.021	0.009	0.005
$\mu^2 = 27 \text{ GeV}^2$	0.053	0.014	0.006	0.003

5. Conclusions

• We developed a new method for ensuring self-consistency in the LFQM.

Our LFQM: Noninteracting $Q \& \bar{Q}$ representation consistent with the Bakamjian-Thomas(BT) constuction! $P^- = p_{\bar{q}}^- + p_{\bar{q}}^-$, i. e. $M^2 \rightarrow M_0^2$

 $\langle 0 | \bar{q} \Gamma^{\mu} q | P \rangle = \mathfrak{F} \mathfrak{S}^{\mu} \qquad \mathfrak{F}: \text{ physical observables } (\mathfrak{F} = f_{P}, F \cdots)$ $\mathfrak{S}^{\mu}: \text{ Lorentz factors } (\mathfrak{S} = P^{\mu} \cdots)$ $\mathfrak{F} = \langle 0 | \frac{\bar{q} \Gamma^{\mu} q}{\mathfrak{S}^{\mu}} | P \rangle = \iint dx \ d^{2} \mathbf{k}_{\perp} \cdots \left(\frac{\Gamma^{\mu}}{\mathfrak{S}^{\mu}} \right) \cdot \mathbf{k}_{\perp}$ Constrained by BT construction!

This allows one to obtain the physical observables independent of the current components !

Partial Extractions of TMD, PDF, GPD from Pion Form Factor

Form factor:
$$F^{(\mu)}(t) \equiv \iint dx \, dk_{\perp} f^{(\mu)}(x, k_{\perp}, t)$$
 Note) $Q^2 \rightarrow -t$
 $f^{(\mu)}(x, k_{\perp}, t \rightarrow 0)$
TMD $f(x, k_{\perp})$
 $f_1^{(x)}(x, k_{\perp}, 0)$
 $f_1^{(x)}(x, k_{\perp}$

Backup Slides

2. Why Light-Front?

Light-Front Dynamics (LFD) (by Dirac in 1949)





Hamiltonian	P^0	$P^- = P^0 - P^3$
Momentum	$\boldsymbol{P}_{\perp} = (P^1, P^2)$ P^3	$\begin{array}{c} P_{\perp} \\ P^+ = P^0 + P^3 \end{array}$
Energy-Momentum Dispersion Relation	$P^0 = \sqrt{M^2 + \vec{P}^2}$	$P^- = \frac{M^2 + \boldsymbol{P}_\perp^2}{P^+}$
	Irrational	vs. Rational











LF valence

Decay Constant and DAs



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$$f_{\pi} = \sqrt{2N_c} \int_0^1 dx \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_{\perp}}{16\pi^3} \frac{\phi(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp})}{\sqrt{m^2 + \mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2}} (2m)$$
$$\phi_{\pi}(x, \mu_0) = \frac{\sqrt{2N_c}}{f_{\pi}} \int^{\mu_0^2} \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_{\perp}}{16\pi^3} \frac{\phi(x, \mathbf{k}_{\perp})}{\sqrt{m^2 + \mathbf{k}_{\perp}^2}} (2m)$$

independent of " μ "!

Decay Constant and DAs



independent of " μ "!

See PRD 107, 053003(23); PRD108, 013006(23) by A. Arifi, HMC and CRJ for the analysis of higher-twist DAs.