轻赝标介子的形状因子及其 精细结构研究

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Form Factors

"In elementary particle physics and mathematical physics, in particular in effective field theory, a **form factor** is a function that encapsulates the properties of a certain interaction without including all of the underlying physics, but instead, providing the momentum dependence of a suitable matrix elements. Its further measured experimentally in confirmation or specification of a theory."

Momenta Redistribution

 \Downarrow QCD is believed to exhibit confinement

hadron structures \otimes hard scattering

 \Downarrow decoupling of LD and SD interactions

factorisation theorem, EFT; g-2, CKM, B anomalies

Form Factors

PION is the lightest Glodstone boson and one of the most simplest hadrons, hence the ideal probe to extremely rich QCD dynamics.

• (spacelike) electromagnetic form factor

$$\langle \pi^{-}(\boldsymbol{p}_{2}) | J_{\mu}^{\text{em}} | \pi^{-}(\boldsymbol{p}_{1}) \rangle = e_{q} (\boldsymbol{p}_{1} + \boldsymbol{p}_{2})_{\mu} F_{\pi}(\boldsymbol{Q}^{2})$$

- the interaction distance of $J_{\mu}^{\rm em}$ is decided by the external reason Q^2
- Separate the hard partonic physics out of the hadronic physics (soft, nonperturbative objects) in exclusive processes **Factorization**



- The universal nonperturbative objects, studied by QCD-based analytical (QCDSRs, χ PT, DSE, instanton) and numerical approaches (LQCD)
- also by data-driven method, CETQ, CT, MMHT, NNPDF, ABM, JAM, et.al. need precise QCD calculation of T_H as the inputs

The perturbative QCD approach

- i Three-scale factorization
- ii The soft-transversal dynamics

Exclusive Processes in Perturbative Quantum Chromodynamics #1 G.Peter Lepage (Cornell U., LNS), Stanley J. Brodsky (SLAC) (Mar, 1980) Published in: Phys.Rev.D 22 (1980) 2157	
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Factorization and Asymptotical Behavior of Pion F- A.V. Efremov (Dubna, JINR), A.V. Radyushkin (Dubna, JINR) (N Published in: <i>Phys.Lett.B</i> 94 (1980) 245-250	

• the first rigorous pQCD predictions to the entire domain of larger-momentum-transfer exclusive reactions

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi}(\mathbf{Q}^{2}) = \int_{0}^{1} du_{i} \phi(u_{1}, \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{1}) T_{H}(u_{i}, \mathbf{Q}) \phi(u_{2}, \tilde{\mathbf{Q}}_{2})$$

- ‡ amplitudes are dominated by quark and gluon subprocesses at SDs
- ‡ evolution equations for process-independent hadron DAs $\psi(x_i, \tilde{Q})$ finding the constituents with light-cone momentum fraction x_i at small transversal separations
- \ddagger leading twist DAs and α_s order calculation

prevents anomalous contributions from the end-point ${\it x}_i \sim 1$ integration regions

• End-point singularities appear at high twists

$$\ddagger m_{1,2}^2 \ll Q^2$$
, $p_2 = (\frac{Q}{\sqrt{2}}, 0, 0_{\mathrm{T}})$, $p_3 = (0, \frac{Q}{\sqrt{2}}, 0_{\mathrm{T}})$, $k_2 = x_2 p_2$, $\bar{k}_2 = \bar{x}_2 p_2$



 \ddagger pick up k_T in the internal propagators

$$\mathcal{M} \propto \sum_{t=2,3,4} \int du_1 du_2 dk_{1T} dk_{2T} \kappa_t(u_i) \frac{\alpha_s(\mu) \phi_1^t(u_1) \phi_2^t(u_2)}{[u_1 u_2 Q^2 - (\bigtriangleup k_T)^2] (u_2 Q^2 - k_{2T}^2)}$$

 \ddagger end-point singularity at leading and subleading powers

$$\mathcal{H} \propto \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{u_1 u_2 Q^2 - k_T^2} \sim \frac{\alpha_s(\mu)}{u_1 u_2 Q^2} - \alpha_s(\mu) \frac{k_T^2}{(u_1 u_2 Q^2)^2} + \cdots$$

 \ddagger the power suppressed TMD terms becomes important at the end-points



• introduce k_T to regularize the end-point singularity

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi}(Q^2) = \int_{b}^{\bar{b}} du_1 \int_{a/u_1}^{1-a/\bar{u}_1} du_2 \, \phi(u_1, k_{1T}) \, T_{H}(u_i, Q) \phi(u_2, k_{2T})$$

 \ddagger constraints on the integration region $b = \left(1 - \sqrt{1 - 4a}\right)/2$, $a = \langle k_T^2 \rangle/Q^2$, $\langle k_T \rangle \sim 300$ MeV

 \ddagger leading twist DAs within different *b*-dependent models, also at $lpha_s$ order

• k_T varies within three scales [stolen from H.N Li]



- ‡ large single and double logarithms from QCD corrections, ie., $\alpha_s(\mu) \ln^2 \frac{k_T^2}{m_p^2}$
- $\ddagger k_T$ resummation for T to obtain $S(u_i, b_i, Q)$ suppresses the large transversal distances (small k_T) interactions by decreasing q^2 power in denominator
- integrating over k_T , $\ln^2(x_i)$ resides when the internal parton is on shell
- threshold resummation for ψ to obtain $S_t(x_i, Q)$ suppresses the small x_i regions, repairs the self-consistency between $\alpha_s(t)$ and hard log $\ln(u_1 u_2 Q^2/t^2)$



$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi}(Q^{2}) = \psi(u_{1}, \mu_{r_{1}}) T_{H}(u_{i}, b_{i}, Q) S_{t}(u_{i}) e^{-S(u, b, Q)} \psi(u_{2}, \mu_{r_{2}})$$

- threshold-suppressed hard amplitude $T_H S_t$
- sudokov-multiplied light-cone distribution amplitudes ψe^{-S}
- leading twist & QCD leading order & resolution of endpoint singularities

- ‡ H.N. Li, Y.L .Shen, Y.M. Wang and H. Zou, PRD 83.054029 (2011) twist 2@NLO+twist 3@LO
- ‡ SC, Y.Y. Fan and Z.J. Xiao, PRD 89.054015 (2014) twist 2@NLO+twist 3@NLO
- \$ SC, PRD 100.013007 (2019) twist 2@NLO+twist 3@NLO+twist 4@LO, scale revolutions
- ‡ H.N. Li, Y.L. Shen and Y.M. Wang, JHEP 01(2014)004 joint resummation for $ln(x_1x_2Q^2b^2)$ for large b & small $x_1x_2Q^2$
- ‡ H.N. Li and Y.M. Wang, JHEP 06(2015)013 rapidity singularity and pinch singularity, non-dipolar Wilson links for TMDWFs

$$\mathcal{F}_{\pi}(Q^{2}) = \sum_{t_{i}} \psi^{t_{1}}(u_{1}, \mu_{r_{1}}) T_{H}^{t_{i}, \text{LO+NLO}}(u_{i}, b_{i}, Q) S_{t}(u_{i}) e^{-S(u_{i}, b, Q)} \psi^{t_{2}}(u_{2}, \mu_{r_{2}})$$

- high twist contributions and more fruitful hadron structures
- NLO QCD corrections in hard kernel and TMDWFs
- hard scale choice [PMC, Majaza, Brodsky and Wu, PRL 109.042002(2012), 110.192001(2013)]
- N²LO from QCD collinear factorization leading twist [Chen², Feng and Jia, PRL 132. 201901(2024)], [Ji, Shi, Wang³ and Yu, PRL 134. 221901(2025)]

Three-scale Factorization $\mathcal{F}_{\pi}(Q^2)$

$$\int_{0}^{1} du_{i}\phi(u_{1}, \tilde{Q}_{1}) T_{H}(u_{i}, Q)\phi(u_{2}, \tilde{Q}_{2})$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\int_{b}^{\bar{b}} du_{1} \int_{a/u_{1}}^{1-a/\bar{u}_{1}} \phi(u_{1}, k_{1T}) T_{H}(u_{i}, Q)\phi(u_{2}, k_{2T})$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\psi(u_{1}, \mu_{r_{1}}) T_{H}(u_{i}, b_{i}, Q) S_{t}(u_{i}) e^{-S(u_{i}, b_{i}, Q)} \psi(u_{2}, \mu_{r_{2}})$$

$$2000s$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$\sum_{t_{i}} \psi^{t_{1}}(u_{1}, \mu_{r_{1}}) T_{H}^{t_{i}, \text{LO+NLO}}(u_{i}, b_{i}, Q) S_{t}(u_{i}) e^{-S(u_{i}, b, Q)} \psi^{t_{2}}(u_{2}, \mu_{r_{2}})$$

$$2010s$$

- $T_H(u_i, b_i, Q)S_t(x_i, Q)$ threshold-suppressed hard scattering amplitude including both the longitudinal and transversal dynamics
- $e^{-S(u_i, b_i, Q)}\psi(u_i, \mu_r)$ sudokov-multiplied LCDAs wave functions at zero transversal separations $b_i \sim 0$, only the soft longitudinal dynamics, oversight of the soft transversal dynamics (intrinsic transverse momentum distributions) 11

$$\sum_{t_i} \psi^{t_1}(u_1, b_1, \mu_{r_1}) T_H^{t_i, \text{LO+NLO}}(u_i, b_i, Q) S_t(u_i) e^{-S(u_i, b, Q)} \psi^{t_2}(u_2, b_2, \mu_{r_2})$$
 2020s

The soft-transversal dynamics



- ‡ central region of the e.m potential field picks up the hard radiations of partons on the transversal plane
- ‡ outside the scope of hard scattering

energetic pions move fast along the z direction, accompanied by soft bremsstrahlung radiations, absorbed into the effects of high twist LCDAs

‡ in the exterior region, the soft radiations in the transversal plane are notably, but absent from the definition of LCDAs

[J. Chai and SC, PRD 111. L071902]

the soft pion wave function is generally to a product of LCDA and iTMDs

$$\begin{split} &\langle 0|\bar{u}(x)\Gamma[x^{-},x_{\perp};0,0_{\perp}]d(0)|\pi^{-}(p)\rangle \propto \int du dk_{\perp}^{2}e^{iup^{+}x^{-}-ik_{\perp}\cdot x_{\perp}}\psi(u,k_{T}),\\ &\psi(u,k_{T})=\frac{f_{\mathcal{P}}}{2\sqrt{6}}\varphi(u,\mu_{r})\Sigma(u,k_{T}), \quad \int_{0}^{1}du\varphi(u,\mu_{r})=1, \ \int \frac{d^{2}k_{\perp}}{16\pi^{3}}\Sigma(u,k_{T})=1. \end{split}$$

 $\mathcal{F}_{\pi}(\mathbf{Q}^{2}) = \sum_{t_{i}} \psi^{t_{1}}(u_{1}, \mathbf{b}_{1}, \mu_{r_{1}}) T_{H}^{t_{i}, \text{LO+NLO}}(u_{i}, \mathbf{b}_{i}, \mathbf{Q}) S_{t}(u_{i}) e^{-S(u_{i}, \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{Q})} \psi^{t_{2}}(u_{2}, \mathbf{b}_{2}, \mu_{r_{2}})$

The soft-transversal dynamics

• a simple gaussian function with preserving rotational invariance

$$\Sigma(u, k_{T}) = 16\pi^{2} \frac{\beta^{2}}{u(1-u)} e^{-\frac{\beta^{2}k_{T}^{2}}{u(1-u)}} \Rightarrow \hat{\Sigma}(u, b_{T}) = 4\pi e^{-\frac{b_{T}^{2}u(1-u)}{4\beta^{2}}}.$$
 [Jakob, Kroll, PLB 315(1993)463]

iTMDs associated to two-particle twist three LCDAs

$$\begin{split} \psi^{p,\sigma}(u,\mu) &= \int \frac{d^2 k_T}{16\pi^3} \varphi_{2p}^{p,\sigma}(u,\mu) \Sigma(u,k_T) + \int \frac{d^2 k_{1T} d^2 k_{2T}}{64\pi^5} \rho_+ \varphi_{3p}^{p,\sigma}(u,\mu) \int \mathcal{D}\alpha_i \Sigma'(\alpha_i,k_{iT}), \\ \int \frac{d^2 k_{1T} d^2 k_{2T}}{64\pi^5} \int \mathcal{D}\alpha_i \Sigma'(\alpha_i,k_{iT}) = 1, \quad \int_0^1 du \, \varphi_{2p}^{p,\sigma}(u,\mu) = 1, \quad \int_0^1 du \, \varphi_{3p}^{p,\sigma}(u,\mu) = 0, \\ \hat{\Sigma}'(\alpha_i,b_1,b_2) &= 4\pi e^{-\frac{2\alpha_3(b_1^2 + b_2^2) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2)(b_1 - b_2)^2}{16\beta'^2}}. \end{split}$$

- two transversal-size parameters β^2 and β'^2
- $\begin{array}{l} \ddagger \quad \text{asymptotic behavior of } F_{\pi\gamma\gamma^*} \colon \beta_{\pi}^2 = \frac{1}{8\pi^2 t_{\pi}^2 \left(1 + a_{\pi}^2 + a_{\pi}^4 + \cdots\right)} = 0.51 \pm 0.04 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \\ \ddagger \quad \text{corresponds to the mean transversal momentum } \left[\langle k_T^2 \rangle \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \equiv \left[\frac{\int dud^2 k_T k_T^2 |\psi(u,k_T)|^2}{\int dud^2 k_T |\psi(u,k_T)|^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} = 358 \pm 15 \\ \text{MeV, revealing the soft transversal dynamics in the soft wave function.} \end{array}$

$$\ddagger \beta_K^2 = 0.30 \pm 0.05 \text{ GeV}^{-2} \text{ is obtained by fitting to the data of FFs, } \left[\langle k_7^2 \rangle \right]_K^{\frac{1}{2}} = 0.55 \pm 0.07 \text{ MeV}$$

EMFFs and TFFs

Pion electromagnetic form factor



Kinematical clarification of pion electromagnetic form factor

- mismatch between the QCD based calculation and the available data
- could be restored by employing the dispersion relation
- The standard dispersion relation and The modulus representation

$$F_{\pi}(q^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s_0}^{\infty} ds \frac{\mathrm{Im}F_{\pi}(s)}{s - q^2 - i\epsilon}, \quad q^2 < s_0 \quad \Downarrow$$

$$F_{\pi}(q^2) = \exp\left[\frac{q^2\sqrt{s_0 - q^2}}{2\pi} \int\limits_{s_0}^{\infty} \frac{ds \ln|F_{\pi}(s)|^2}{s\sqrt{s - s_0}(s - q^2)}\right] \quad [SC, \text{ Khodjamirian, Rosov, PRD 102.074022 (2020)}]$$

Pion electromagnetic form factor



• take the modular DR to fit chiral mass, obtain $\underline{m_0^{\pi}(1 \text{ GeV}) = 1.84 \pm 0.07 \text{ GeV}}_{\text{larger than the previous pQCD result} \sim 1.37 \text{ GeV}$ [J. Chai, SC and J. Hua, EPJC 83. 556(2023)] consists with the ChPT ~ 1.79 GeV [H. Leutwyler PLB 378(1996)313-318]

a significant decrease of the FF due to the soft transversal dynamics in the small and intermediate q^2 .

• a mean-square transverse charge radius $\langle b_{\pi}^2 \rangle = 0.30 \pm 0.03 \text{ fm}^2$, exhibits excellent agreement with the purelly dimensional relation $\langle b_{\pi}^2 \rangle = 2/3 \langle r_{\pi}^2 \rangle$ $\langle r_{\pi}^2 \rangle = 0.45 \pm 0.01 \text{ fm}^2$ is the mean-square charge radius of the pion [PDG 2024]

Pion transition form factor

- $F_{\pi\gamma\gamma^*}$ is the theoretically most clean observable $\propto a_n^\pi$
- Hadronic light-by-light scattering (HLbL) contribution to $a_{\mu}^{HLbL;\pi^0}$
- In 2009, BaBar collaboration reported the measurement exceeding the asymptotic QCD prediction $Q^2 \mathcal{F}_{\pi\gamma\gamma^*}(Q^2) = \sqrt{2}f_{\pi}$ in $q^2 \leqslant 10 \text{ GeV}^2$
- flat DAs ? fruitful structures (polynomials) in leading twist LCDAs ?
- The attractive pion TFF is heat off with the measurement from Belle collaboration in 2012, which shows a consistent with the asymptotic QCD limit
- settle down the "fat pion" issue at Belle II, BESIII, JLab and future colliders ?



Kaon electromagnetic form factor



• $m_0^{\rm K}(1\,{
m GeV})=1.90\pm0.09$ GeV, CHPT relation without involving light quark masses

- fit the transversal-size parameter $\beta_K^2=0.30\pm0.05~{\rm GeV}^{-2}$ from timelike data settle for the second best and take $\beta_K^2=\beta_K^{\prime 2}$
- $\underline{\langle b_K^2 \rangle} = 0.14 \pm 0.03 \text{ fm}^2$, $\langle b_K^2 \rangle \sim 1/2 \langle r_K^2 \rangle$, $\langle r_K^2 \rangle = 0.31 \pm 0.03 \text{ fm}^2$ [PDG 2024]
- the iTMDs is indispensable to explain the data in the intermediate q^2
- iTMDs-improved pQCD result of spacelike FF is small than the lattice data agrees with results obtained from the DSE approach and the collinear QCD factorization large SU(3) flavor breaking emerges an additional term proportional to m_s in the twist-three LCDAs

η,η' transition form factors



• up to three-particle twist-four accuracy of η_q, η_s, η_c TFFs

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{F}_{\eta\gamma\gamma^*} &= \cos\phi \frac{e_u^2 + e_d^2}{\sqrt{2}} \mathcal{F}_{\eta_q\gamma\gamma^*} - \sin\phi \, e_s^2 \, \mathcal{F}_{\eta_s\gamma\gamma^*} - 0.006 \, e_c^2 \, \mathcal{F}_{\eta_c\gamma\gamma^*} \,, \\ \mathcal{F}_{\eta'\gamma\gamma^*} &= \sin\phi \, \frac{e_u^2 + e_d^2}{\sqrt{2}} \mathcal{F}_{\eta_q\gamma\gamma^*} + \cos\phi \, e_s^2 \, \mathcal{F}_{\eta_s\gamma\gamma^*} - 0.016 \, e_c^2 \, \mathcal{F}_{\eta_c\gamma\gamma^*} \,. \end{split}$$

- predominantly η_q component in $F_{\eta\gamma\gamma^*}$, dominantly η_q and important η_s components in $F_{\eta^*\gamma\gamma^*}$, η_c component contribution is negligible in magnitude
- The iTMD-improved pQCD predictions of η TFF favors the smaller mixing angles $37.7^\circ\pm0.7^\circ$

η,η' transition form factors

•
$$\mathcal{F}_{\eta_q \gamma \gamma^*} = \mathcal{F}_{\eta_s \gamma \gamma^*} = \mathcal{F}_{\eta_c \gamma \gamma^*} = \mathcal{F}_{\pi \gamma \gamma^*}$$
 in the pQCD limit, hence
 $\delta \mathcal{F} \equiv \mathcal{F}_{\eta \gamma \gamma^*} - \mathcal{F}_{\eta' \gamma \gamma^*} \stackrel{Q^2 \to \infty}{\longrightarrow} (0.071 \pm 0.032) \sqrt{2} f_{\pi} = 0.013 \pm 0.006$
errors from $\phi = 39.6^{\circ} \pm 2.6^{\circ}$

• compable with the BABAR measurement at $Q^2 = 112 \,\text{GeV}^2$:

$$\delta \mathcal{F} = 0.25^{+0.02}_{-0.02} - 0.23^{+0.03}_{-0.03} = 0.02 \pm 0.02$$



[J. Chai, SC, JHEP06(2025)229] a larger value $\beta_{\eta_c}^2 = 0.60 \text{ GeV}^{-2}$ along with $\mathcal{F}_{\eta_c\gamma\gamma^*}(0) = 0.092 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ yields $\langle b_{\eta_c}^2 \rangle = 0.058 \text{ fm}^2$ $\sim \langle r_{\eta_c}^2 \rangle$ obtained from the LQCD [J. Delaney et al., 2024]

• the large value of $\mathcal{F}_{\eta_c\gamma\gamma^*}(0) = 0.092 \text{ GeV}^{-1}$ is also confirmed by the recent BESIII measurement of $\Gamma(\eta_c \to \gamma\gamma) = 11.3 \pm 1.47 \text{ keV}$ [PRL 134.181901(2025)] which deviates from the corresponding world-average value by 3.4σ .

Conclusion

- pQCD is a powerful approach to study an exclusive QCD process
- the LCDAs description of hadron oversights the soft transversal dynamics
- the universal soft function is actually a product of LCDAs and iTMDs
- we study the EMFFs and TFFs of light pseudoscalar mesons in the iTMDs-improved pQCD approach
- find the better agreements with the data and improve the prediction power down to a few ${\rm GeV}^2$
- highly precise measurements are highly anticipated to reveal more information

Thank you for your patience.

Backup slides Dispersion relations

- Introducing an auxiliary function $g_{\pi}(q^2)\equiv rac{\ln F_{\pi}(q^2)}{q^2\sqrt{s_0-q^2}}$ [Geshkenbein 1998]
- Cauchy theorem and Schwartz reflection principle

$$g_{\pi}(q^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s_0}^{\infty} ds \frac{\operatorname{Im} g_{\pi}(s)}{s - q^2 - i\epsilon}$$

• At $s>s_0$ on the real axis, the imaginary part of g_π reads as

$$\operatorname{Im} g_{\pi}(s) = \operatorname{Im} \left[\frac{\ln(|F_{\pi}(s)|e^{i\delta_{\pi}(s)})}{-is\sqrt{s-s_0}} \right] = \frac{\ln|F_{\pi}(s)|}{s\sqrt{s-s_0}},$$

- Substituting $g_\pi(q^2)$ and ${
m Im}\,g_\pi(s)$ into the dispersion relation, for $q^2 < s_0$

$$\frac{\ln F_{\pi}(q^2)}{q^2 \sqrt{s_0 - q^2}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{s_0}^{\infty} \frac{ds \ln |F_{\pi}(s)|^2}{s \sqrt{s - s_0} (s - q^2)}$$

The modulus representation [SC, Khodjamirian, Rosov PRD 102.074022 (2020)]

$$F_{\pi}(q^{2} < s_{0}) = \exp\left[\frac{q^{2}\sqrt{s_{0}-q^{2}}}{2\pi}\int_{s_{0}}^{\infty}\frac{ds\ln|F_{\pi}(s)|^{2}}{s\sqrt{s-s_{0}}(s-q^{2})}\right]$$