

Light-Cone Model of Transition Form-Factors in Heavy Meson Decay

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Light-Front

Overview of the Light-Front

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Elastic Process: Electromagnetic Form Factors

Inelastic Process: Decays

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Light-Front Coordinates

Four-Vector $\implies x^\mu = (x^0, x^1, x^2, x^3) = (x^+, x^-, x_\perp)$

$x^+ = t + z$ $x^+ = x^0 + x^3 \implies$ **Time**

$x^- = t - z$ $x^- = x^0 - x^3 \implies$ **Position**

Metric Tensor and Scalar product

$$x \cdot y = x^\mu y_\mu = x^+ y_+ + x^- y_- + x^1 y_1 + x^2 y_2 = \frac{x^+ y^- + x^- y^+}{2} - \vec{x}_\perp \vec{y}_\perp$$

$$p^+ = p^0 + p^3$$

$$p^- = p^0 - p^3$$

$$p^\perp = (p^1, p^2)$$

Dirac Matrix and Electromagnetic Current

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma^+ &= \gamma^0 + \gamma^3 \implies \text{Electr. Current} & J^+ &= J^0 + J^3 \\ \gamma^- &= \gamma^0 - \gamma^3 \implies \text{Electr. Current} & J^- &= J^0 - J^3 \\ \gamma^\perp &= (\gamma^1, \gamma^2) \implies \text{Electr. Current} & J^\perp &= (J^1, J^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$p^\mu x_\mu = \frac{p^+ x^- + p^- x^+}{2} - \vec{p}_\perp \vec{x}_\perp$$

$$x^+, x^-, \vec{x}_\perp \implies p^+, p^-, \vec{p}_\perp$$

$$p^- \implies \text{Light-Front Energy}$$

$$p^2 = p^+ p^- - (\vec{p}_\perp)^2 \implies p^- = \frac{(\vec{p}_\perp)^2 + m^2}{p^+} \quad \text{On-shell}$$

$$\text{Bosons} \implies S_F(p) = \frac{1}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon}$$

$$\text{Fermions} \implies S_F(p) = \frac{\not{p} + m}{p^2 - m^2 + i\epsilon} + \frac{\gamma^+}{2p^+}$$

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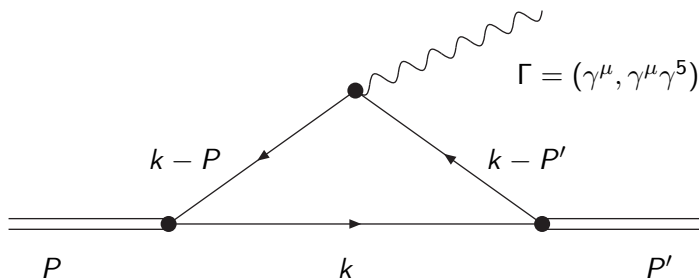
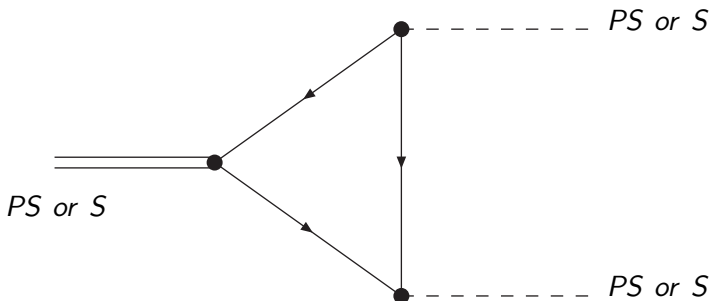


Figure: $P (\pi, K, B, D) \longrightarrow P (\pi, K, D, B)$



• **Possible Decays**

$$D \longrightarrow \pi l \nu \text{ or } K l \nu$$

$$B, D \longrightarrow \pi \pi \text{ or } K K; f_0 \longrightarrow \pi \pi \text{ or } K K$$

Bethe-Salpeter Vertex

$$\Lambda_M(k, p) = \frac{(k^2 - m_1^2) \Gamma_M \left((p - k)^2 - m_2^2 \right)}{(k^2 - \lambda_M^2 + i\varepsilon)^n \left((p - k)^2 - \lambda_M^2 + i\varepsilon \right)^n}$$

$$\Psi(k, p) = S(k) \Lambda(k, p) S(k - P)$$

- λ_M : Scale Associate with the Meson Light-Front Valence Wave Function
- The Factors in the Numerator: Avoids the Cuts due $q\bar{q}$ scattering if $m_1 + m_2 < \text{Meson Mass}$
- In order to confine the quarks: $2 \lambda_M > \text{Meson Mass}$

• **Three-point Function** \Rightarrow **The General Matrix Element**

$$\langle p' | J_q^\mu (q^2) | p \rangle = \frac{N_c}{(2\pi)^4} \int d^4 k \text{Tr} [\Lambda_{M'} (k, p') S_F (k - p') J_q^\mu S(k - p) \Lambda_M (k, p) S_F (k)]$$

- **PS - $q\bar{q}$ Vertex:** γ^5
- **Fermi Propagator** $\Rightarrow S_F (p) = \frac{i}{\not{p} - m_i + i\epsilon}$

• **The Integration:** **Light-Front and Wick Rotation**

$$\begin{aligned}q^+ &= -q^- = \sqrt{-q^2} \sin \alpha \\q_x &= \sqrt{-q^2} \cos \alpha, \quad q_y = 0 \\q^2 &= q^+ q^- - (q_\perp)^2.\end{aligned}$$

Breit Frame ($\alpha = 0$) $\implies q^+ \rightarrow 0, q^- = 0; \vec{q} \neq 0$

$J_\pi^+ = J^0 + J^3 \implies$ **No Pair Term Contribution**

$J_\pi^- = J^0 - J^3 \implies$ **Pair Term Contribution**

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Electromagnetic Form Factor and Pseudoscalar Constant

$$\langle p' | J_q^\mu(q^2) | p \rangle = (p + p')^\mu F_{PS}^{em}(q^2).$$

- Weak Decay Constant of the Pseudoscalar Mesons**

$$\langle 0 | A^\mu(0) | p \rangle = i\sqrt{2}f_{ps}p^\mu$$

$$\implies A^\mu = \bar{q}(x)\gamma^\mu\gamma^5\frac{\tau}{2}q(x)$$

- The Final expression for Decay Constant**

$$i p^\mu f_\pi = \frac{m}{f_\pi} N_c \int \frac{dk^4}{(2\pi)^4} \text{Tr} [\gamma^\mu \gamma^5 S(k) \gamma^5 S(k-p)] \Lambda_M(k, p)$$

- Plus component E.M. Current:** $\gamma^+ = \gamma^0 + \gamma^3$

$$k^- \implies k^- e^{i\theta}; \quad 0^0 \leq \theta \leq 90^0$$

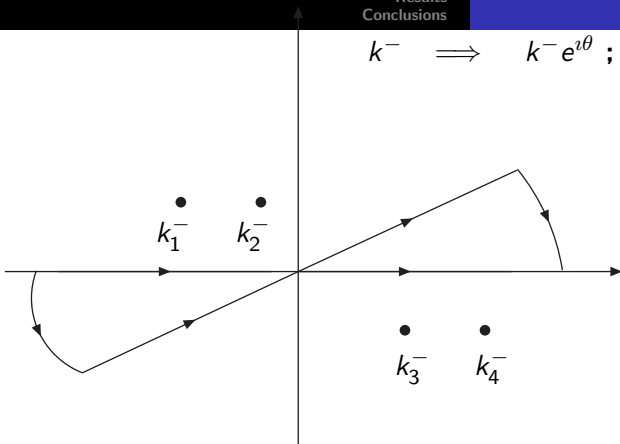


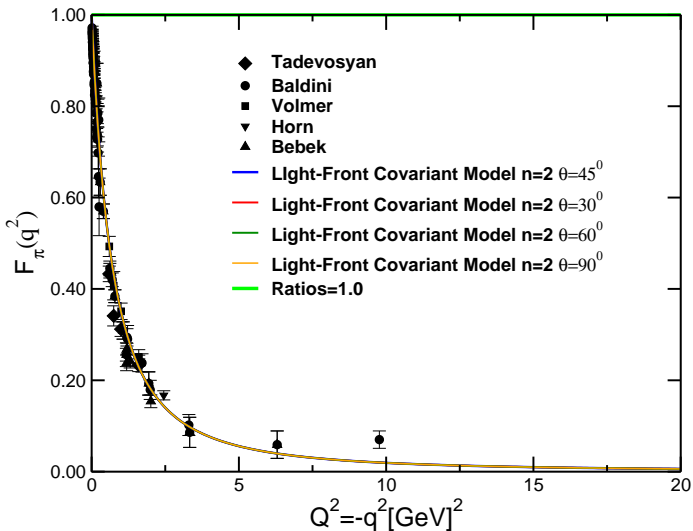
Figure: Wick rotation in the minus momentum component.

Testing Wick Rotation

- Integration in k^- for $n=2$

$$\frac{F_\pi(q^2, \theta)}{F_\pi(q^2, \alpha)} = 1$$

- **Angles** $\implies \begin{cases} \theta = 30^\circ, 45^\circ, 60^\circ \text{ and } 90^\circ \\ \alpha = 30^\circ, 45^\circ, 60^\circ \text{ and } 90^\circ \\ \theta \neq \alpha \end{cases}$
- $r_\pi \cdot f_\pi = 0.270$



- **Motivation:**

- **Why are Semileptonic Decays Important**

- **Pseudoscalar D Semileptonic Decays:**

- i) $\implies D \Rightarrow K \ell \nu$

- ii) $\implies D \Rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$

- **Rare Semileptonic Decays**

- i) $D^0 \implies K^- \pi^+ \pi^- e^+ \nu_e$

- ii) $D^+ \implies \eta e^+ \nu$

Motivation

- Goal::** Precision measurements of CKM matrix elements via semileptonic decays
- **Problem:** Form factors parameterizing strong effects require input from theory
 - **Nonperturbative New techniques:** Lattice QCD, LQCD
 - **Promise more accuracy:** Idea use measurements in 2 charm sector to verify techniques to be used in B sector.

Transition Form Factors: Semileptonic Decays

- **Two Transition Form Factors:** $f_+(q^2)$ and $f_-(q^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle (K, \pi) | J^\mu | D \rangle &= (P_1 + P_2)^\mu f_+(q^2) + f_-(q^2)(P_2 - P_1)^\mu \\
 &= f_+(q^2) \left[(P_2 + P_1)^\mu - \frac{M_1^2 - M_2^2}{q^2} q^\mu \right] \\
 &\quad + f_0(q^2) \frac{M_1^2 - M_2^2}{q^2} q^\mu,
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f_+(0) = f_0(0),$$

$$f_0(q^2) = f_+(q^2) + \frac{q^2}{M_1^2 - M_{ps}^2} f_-(q^2),$$

Frames: The Kinematics of the Model

- $q^+ > 0$ (**Lev-Pace-Salmé Frame**)^{*}
- **Elastic Form Factors:** **Eletromagnetic Processes**

$$P_2^+ = P_1^+ + q^+; \quad q^+ \geq 0$$

$$\vec{P}_1 = \vec{P}_2 = 0; \quad (P_1^\mu)^2 = (P_2^\mu)^2 = M_{meson}^2$$

- **Transition Form Factors:** **Decay Processes**

$$P_1^+ = P_2^+ - q^+$$

$$\vec{P}_1 = \vec{P}_2 = 0; \quad q^+ < 0$$

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	n	$r_{PS}(fm)$	$f_{PS}(MeV)$	λ_M	m_q	m_Q
Pion (140) $m_u = 220$ $m_d = 220$	2	0.576	92.4	542	0.220	
	3	0.494	92.4	926	0.220	
	4	0.456	92.4	1255	0.220	
	10	0.392	92.4	2666.3	0.220	
	12	0.384	92.4	3023.4	0.220	
Exp.(Pion)		0.672	92.42			
Kaon (494)	2	0.474	113	648	0.220	0.508
	3	0.453	113	933	0.220	0.508
	4	0.450	113	1156	0.220	0.508
	10	0.417	113	2478.3	0.220	0.344
	12	0.412	113	2778.8	0.220	0.344
Exp.(Kaon)		0.560	113			

n	m_U	m_S	$\langle r \rangle / K^+$ (fm)	$\langle r \rangle / \pi^+$ (fm)
2	0.220	0.344	0.513	0.576
3	0.220	0.344	0.468	0.494
4	0.220	0.344	0.449	0.456
5	0.220	0.344	0.438	0.437
6	0.220	0.344	0.431	0.421
10	0.220	0.344	0.417	0.344

• $D \Rightarrow \pi ll$

	$f_+(0)$	n	r_{ps}	f'_{ps}	λ_M	m_q	m_Q
Pion	0.9371	10	0.344	0.0924	2.665	0.220	0.220
Pion (exp.)			0.672	0.0924			
D^+	0.9371	10	0.346	0.145	2.1385	0.220	1.458
Exp. D^+				0.1445			
Exp.(CLEO)	0.665						

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	$f_+(0)$	n	r_{ps}	f'_{ps}	λ_M	m_q	m_Q
Kaon	0.04	10	0.153	0.113	7.8711	0.185	0.309
	0.230	10	0.227	0.113	4.6724	0.190	0.314
	0.632	10	0.324	0.113	3.2519	0.200	0.324
	0.697	10	0.338	0.113	3.115	0.202	0.326
	0.729	10	0.344	0.113	3.0564	0.203	0.327
	0.757	10	0.346	0.113	3.002	0.204	0.328
	0.913	10	0.380	0.113	2.7444	0.210	0.334
	1.100	10	0.417	0.113	2.4783	0.220	0.344
			0.480	0.113	2.0764	0.260	0.384
			0.489	0.113	2.0053	0.280	0.404
			0.492	0.113	1.9822	0.290	0.414
			0.493	0.113	1.9650	0.300	0.424
0.560			0.113				
Exp.(Kaon)							
D^+	0.04	10	0.337	0.145	2.1884	0.185	1.424
	0.230	10	0.337	0.1445	2.814	0.190	1.429
	0.632	10	0.340	0.145	2.1674	0.200	1.439
	0.729	10	0.341	0.145	2.1633	0.203	1.442
	0.697	10	0.342	0.145	2.1647	0.202	1.441
	0.757	10	0.343	0.145	2.162	0.204	1.443
	0.913	10	0.344	0.145	2.1532	0.210	1.449
	1.1006	10	0.346	0.145	2.1385	0.220	1.459
Ex. D^+				0.145			
Exp.(BaBar)	0.727						

Lattice QCD and Experimental Values

	$f_+^K(0)$	$f_+^\pi(0)$
LQCD [1]	0.664	0.576
LQCD [2]	0.733	0.643
Belle [3]	0.695	0.624
BaBar [4]	0.728	
CLEO-c [5]	0.763	0.628
CLEO (2009) [6]	0.739	0.665

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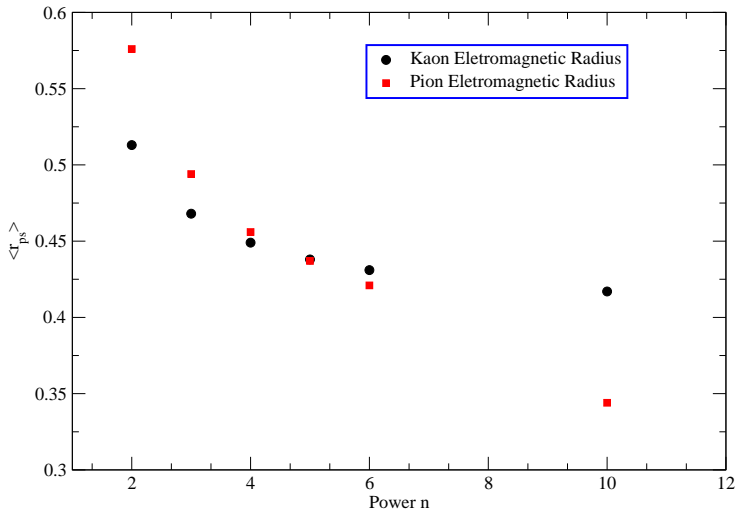
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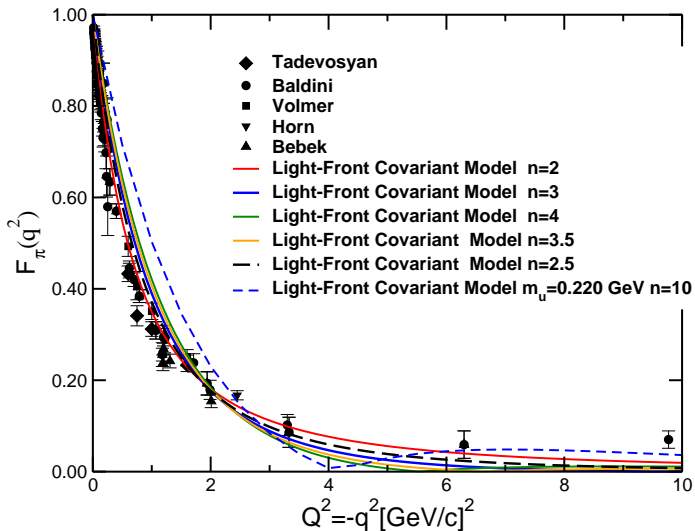
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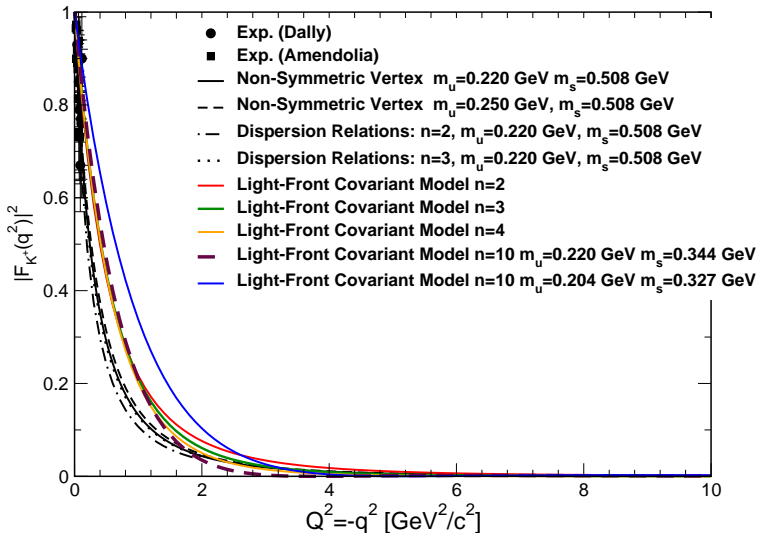
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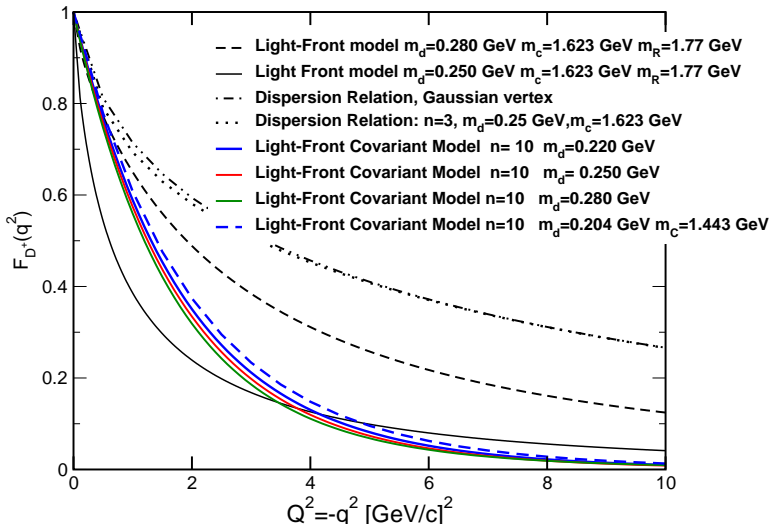
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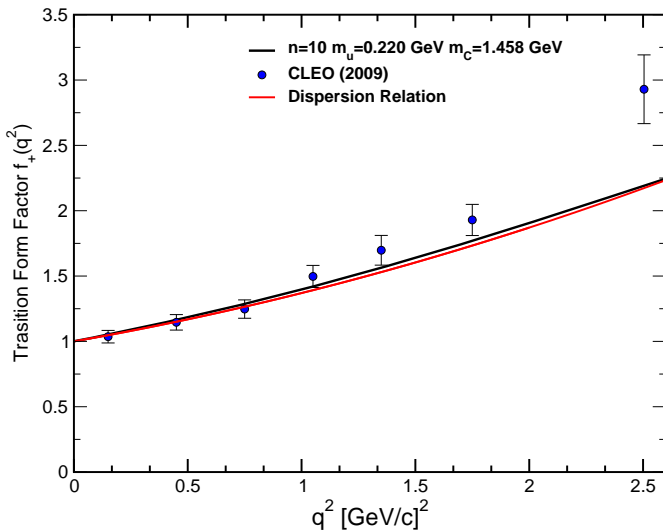




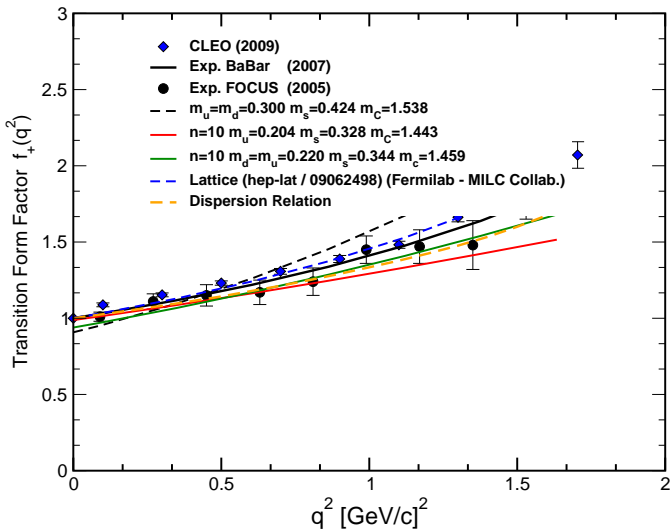
D^+ Electromagnetic Form Factor



D \rightarrow π lepton lepton



$D \rightarrow Kl$



Final Remarks

- Analytical Power Law Vertex Model for Pseudoscalar Mesons
- Simple Computation of Form-Factors and Decay Constants
- Wick Rotation: Covariant Calculation $\implies q^+ > 0$
- Triangle plus Z Diagram : Poles Separated
- Easy to Test Different Analytical Models
 - \implies Asymptotic Form of Form-Factors
 - \implies Mesons Decays - PS to PS
- Next
 - Vector Mesons Decays
 - Rare Semileptonic Decays