

## Spatial and Transverse structure of Heavy B- and D-mesons

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We have investigated the unpolarized valence quark generalized parton distribution functions (GPDs) and parton distribution functions (PDFs) for heavy spin-0, *B*- and *D*-mesons in the light-front quark model (LFQM). PDFs have been extracted from unpolarized  $f_1(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)$  transverse momentum-dependent parton distribution functions (TMDs). We have solved the quark-quark correlation function to have an unpolarized  $H(x, \zeta, t)$  GPD. The unpolarized GPDs at zero skewness ( $\zeta = 0$ ) lead to describing the electromagnetic form factors (EMFFs) ( $F_M(t)$ ) and gravitational form factors (GFFs) ( $A_M(t)$ ) of the mesons.

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## 1. Introduction

Distribution functions (DFs) [1] have been widely used to describe the multidimensional structure of the elementary particles. In this context, TMDs [2] and GPDs [3] play an important role to understand the distributions of constituents inside the mesons. The GPDs provides the information about spatial structure ( $\zeta, t$ ) and longitudinal momentum fraction ( $x$ ), while the TMDs carry the information about transverse momenta ( $\mathbf{k}_\perp$ ) of the quark along with  $x$ . GPDs are accessed through the deeply virtual compton scattering (DVCS) and deeply virtual meson production (DVMP) processes. TMDs can be extracted from the deep inelastic scattering (DIS) processes, Drell-Yan processes and semi-inclusive deep inelastic scattering (SIDIS) processes. In this present work, we have discussed the unpolarized TMD and GPD for heavy mesons using the light-front quark model.

## 2. Light-Front Quark Model

The light-front (LF) minimal Fock-state representation for mesons with momentum  $P$  is

$$|M(P, S_Z)\rangle = \sum_{\lambda_i, \lambda_j} \int \frac{dx d^2\mathbf{k}_\perp}{\sqrt{x(1-x)} 16\pi^3} \Psi_{S_Z}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \lambda_i, \lambda_j) |x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \lambda_i, \lambda_j\rangle. \quad (1)$$

Here  $x = \frac{k^+}{P^+}$  and  $\mathbf{k}_\perp$  are the longitudinal momentum fraction and transverse momentum of the active quark respectively.  $\Psi_{S_Z}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \lambda_i, \lambda_j)$  is the LF meson wave function with different spin and helicity projections  $\lambda$ . It can be expressed as

$$\Psi_{S_z}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \lambda_i, \lambda_j) = J_{S_z}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \lambda_i, \lambda_j) \psi^M(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp). \quad (2)$$

Here  $J_{S_z}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \lambda_i, \lambda_j)$  and  $\psi^M(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp)$  are the spin and momentum space wave functions of the mesons respectively. The momentum space wave function in Eq. 2 can be expressed using Brodsky-Huang-Lepage (BHL) [4] as

$$\psi^M(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp) = A \exp \left[ -\frac{\frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 + m_q^2}{x} + \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 + m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x}}{8\beta^2} - \frac{(m_q^2 - m_{\bar{q}}^2)^2}{8\beta^2 \left( \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 + m_q^2}{x} + \frac{\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 + m_{\bar{q}}^2}{1-x} \right)} \right], \quad (3)$$

where  $m_q(\bar{q})$  is the masses of quark (anti-quark) of the meson.  $A$  and  $\beta$  are the normalization constant and harmonic scale parameter of the respective mesons respectively. The input parameters have been taken from Ref. [5].

The spin wave function for pseudoscalar mesons ( $S_z = 0$ ) with different helicities is expressed as [4]

$$\begin{cases} J_P^{(S_z=0)}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \uparrow, \uparrow) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \omega^{-1}(-k^L)(M + m_q + m_{\bar{q}}), \\ J_P^{(S_z=0)}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \uparrow, \downarrow) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \omega^{-1}((1-x)m_q + xm_{\bar{q}})(M + m_q + m_{\bar{q}}), \\ J_P^{(S_z=0)}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \downarrow, \uparrow) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \omega^{-1}(-(1-x)m_q - xm_{\bar{q}})(M + m_q + m_{\bar{q}}), \\ J_P^{(S_z=0)}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \downarrow, \downarrow) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \omega^{-1}(-k^R)(M + m_q + m_{\bar{q}}), \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

with  $\omega = (M + m_q + m_{\bar{q}}) \sqrt{x(1-x)[M^2 - (m_q - m_{\bar{q}})^2]}$  and  $k^{L(R)} = k_x \pm k_y$ .  $M$  is the mass of hadrons expressed as

$$M^2 = \frac{m_q^2 + \mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{x} + \frac{m_{\bar{q}}^2 + \mathbf{k}_\perp^2}{1-x}. \quad (5)$$

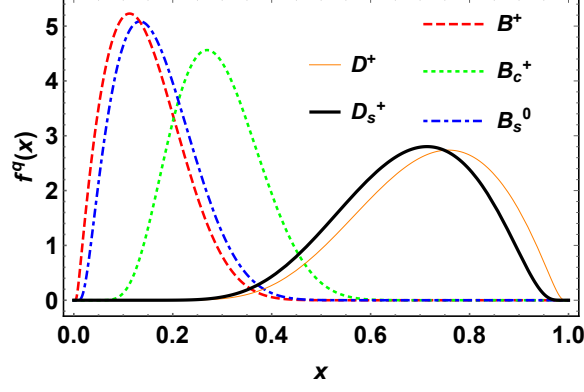


Figure 1: Comparison of PDFs for B- and D-mesons.

### 3. Transverse momentum-dependent parton distributions

In case of the pseudo-scalar mesons, the leading twist unpolarized TMD is expressed through the quark-quark correlation function is defined as [3]

$$f_1^{q[+]}(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{dz^- d^2 z_\perp}{2(2\pi)^3} e^{i\mathbf{k}_\perp \cdot \mathbf{z}_\perp} \langle M | \bar{\Psi}(0) \gamma^+ \mathcal{W}(0, z) \Psi(z) | M \rangle |_{z^+=0}. \quad (6)$$

The unpolarized  $f_1^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2)$  TMD in the form of wave function is found to be

$$f_1^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2) = \frac{1}{16\pi^3} [ |\psi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \uparrow, \uparrow)|^2 + |\psi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \downarrow, \downarrow)|^2 + |\psi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \downarrow, \uparrow)|^2 + |\psi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp, \uparrow, \downarrow)|^2 ]. \quad (7)$$

The unpolarized PDF is given by

$$f^q(x) = \int_0^\infty d\mathbf{k}_\perp^2 f_1^q(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp^2). \quad (8)$$

All the PDFs obey the sum rule

$$\int_0^1 dx f^q(x) = 1. \quad (9)$$

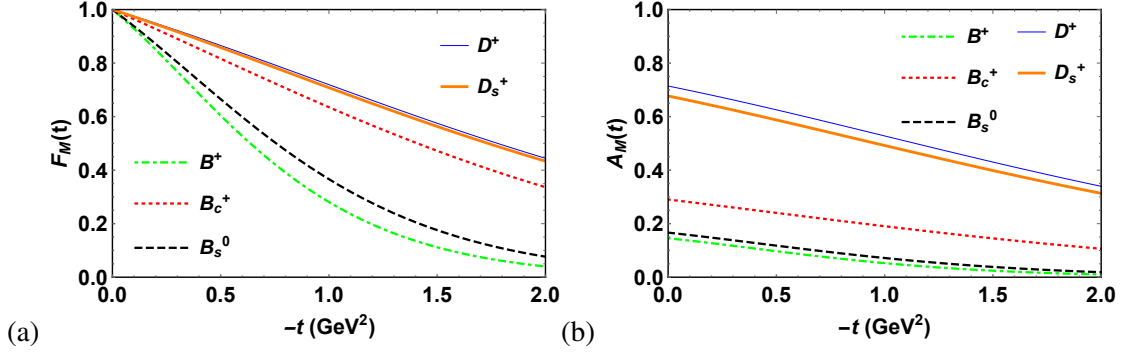
### 4. Generalized Parton Distributions

The unpolarized GPD correlation function at leading twist with initial momentum  $P''$  and final momentum  $P'$  is expressed as [3]

$$H(x, \zeta, t) = \int \frac{dz^-}{4\pi} e^{ik^+ z^- / 2} \langle M(P'') | \bar{\Psi}(0) \gamma^+ \Psi(z) | M(P') \rangle |_{z^+=z_\perp=0}. \quad (10)$$

At  $\zeta = 0$ ,  $H(x, 0, t)$  is found to be

$$H(x, 0, t) = \int \frac{d^2 \mathbf{k}_\perp}{16\pi^3} [ \psi^*(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp'', \uparrow, \uparrow) \psi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp', \uparrow, \uparrow) + \psi^*(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp'', \uparrow, \downarrow) \psi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp', \uparrow, \downarrow) + \psi^*(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp'', \downarrow, \uparrow) \psi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp', \downarrow, \uparrow) + \psi^*(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp'', \downarrow, \downarrow) \psi(x, \mathbf{k}_\perp', \downarrow, \downarrow) ], \quad (11)$$



**Figure 2:** Comparison of electromagnetic and gravitational form factors for B- and D-mesons

with quark final and initial momenta,

$$\mathbf{k}'_{\perp} = \mathbf{k}_{\perp} - (1-x)\frac{\Delta_{\perp}}{2}, \mathbf{k}'_{\perp} = \mathbf{k}_{\perp} + (1-x)\frac{\Delta_{\perp}}{2}, \quad (12)$$

where  $t = \sqrt{-\Delta_{\perp}^2}$ . The electromagnetic form factors  $F_M(t)$  and the gravitational form factors  $A_M(t)$  are expressed in the form of GPD as [6]

$$F_M(t) = \int_0^1 dx H(x, 0, t), \quad A_M(t) = \int_0^1 dx x H(x, 0, t). \quad (13)$$

## 5. Conclusion

We have solved the quark-quark correlation function to get the unpolarized GPD and TMD for spin-0 heavy mesons. The TMDs provide the information about PDFs, which have been plotted for different particles in Fig. 1. The EMFFs and GFFs are extracted from  $H(x, 0, t)$  GPD. The EMFFs and GFFs have been plotted with transverse momentum differences  $t$  in Fig. 2.

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