

Theory of charged current decays

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Introduction

Interaction basis

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yukawa}} = Y_d^{ij} \bar{Q}_L^i H d_R^j + Y_u^{ij} \bar{Q}_L^i \tilde{H} u_R^j + \text{h.c.}$$

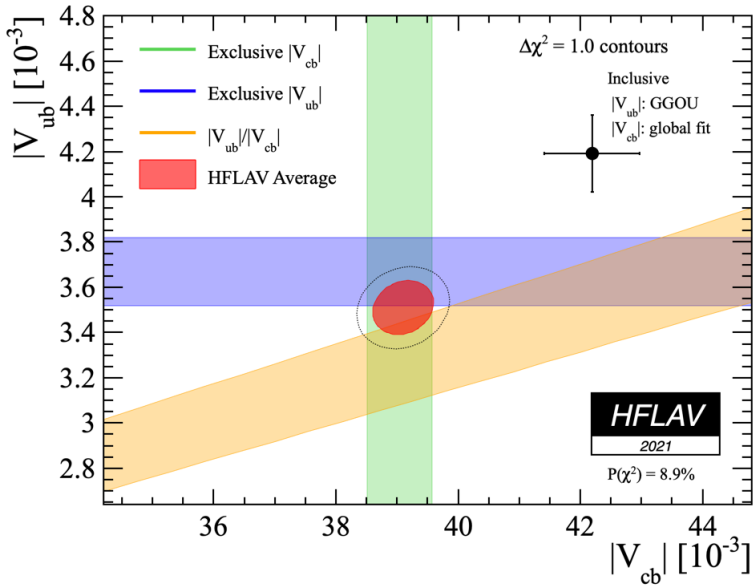
$$Y_q \sim \begin{pmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ & \cdot & \cdot \\ & & \bullet \end{pmatrix}$$

- Strong hierarchy between families
- Many free parameters

Mass basis

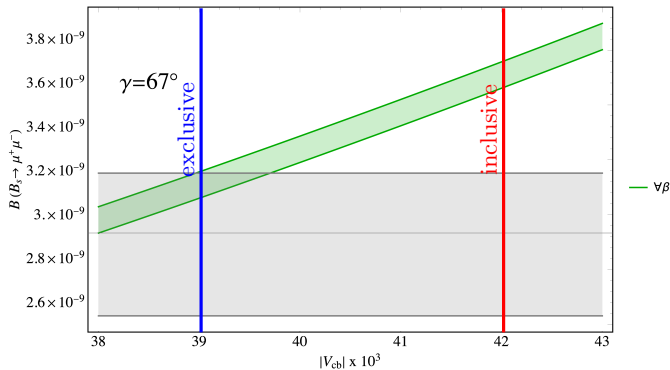
$$\mathcal{L}_{cc} \propto \bar{u}_L^i \gamma^\mu b_L^j W_\mu^+ V_{ij}$$

- Remnant of the change of basis is the CKM matrix
- The CKM is a unitary matrix



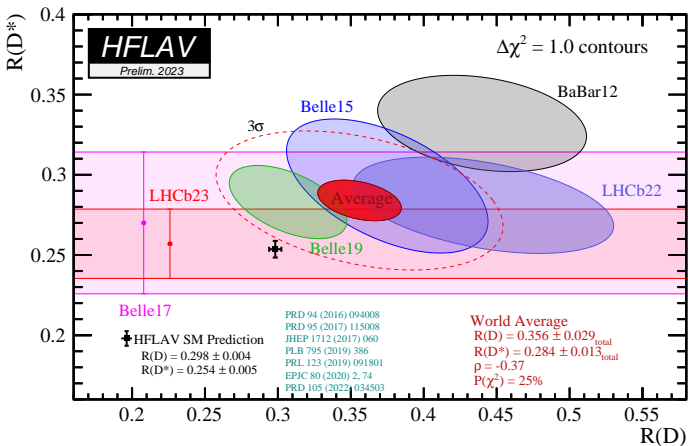
Why is V_{cb} important?

[Buras, Venturini, '21]



$$B(\bar{B}_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \sim |V_{tb} V_{ts}^*|^2 \sim |V_{cb}|^2 [1 + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^2)]$$

Lepton Flavour Universality tests

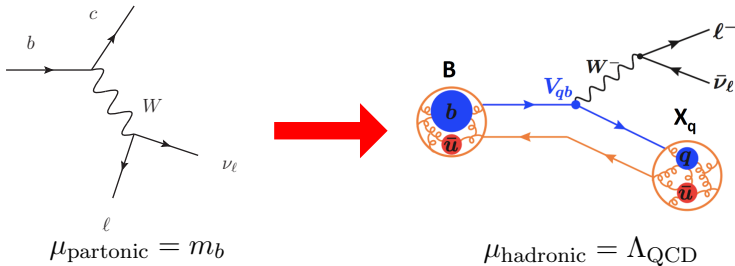


$$R_{D^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau \bar{\nu})}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell \bar{\nu})} \sim 3.2\sigma$$



Other modes ($R_{J/\psi}$, R_{Λ_c})
are less significant

Partonic vs Hadronic



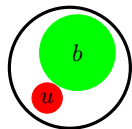
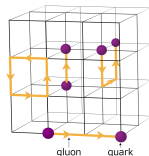
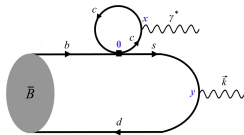
**Fundamental challenge to match
partonic and hadronic descriptions**

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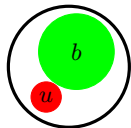
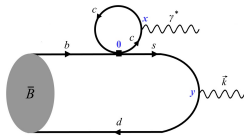
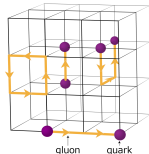
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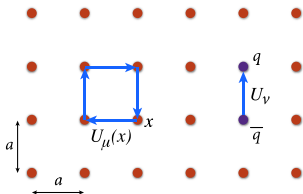
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Lattice QCD

- Lattice QCD does not rely on perturbative expansion to perform calculations \Rightarrow perfect environment to calculate non-perturbative quantities
- Lattice QCD uses a discretised space-time, with lattice spacing denoted as a



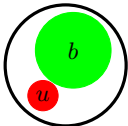
- fermions occupy sites on the lattice
- gauge fields are links between sites

- the lattice spacing a acts as a regulator \Rightarrow QFT built on lattice is finite
- physical results are obtained taking the continuum limit $a \rightarrow 0$
- in practice, lattice QCD calculations are limited only by computational resources and efficiency of the implementation \Rightarrow leads to statistical and systematic uncertainties

Lattice QCD: uncertainties

- Continuum Limit: controlling the discretisation errors
- Infinite Volume limit: finite space-time might induce shifts of physical quantities from the measured ones
- Chiral extrapolation: extrapolation of m_u and m_d (or equivalently m_π)
- Heavy quark mass extrapolation to the physical limit
- Operator matching: matching of operators on the lattice with lattice regularisation scheme onto the continuum

Heavy Quark Effective Theory

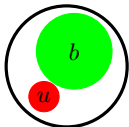


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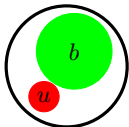
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1. At leading power, all heavy quarks are the same
2. Intrinsic spin-flavour symmetry relates the various form factors

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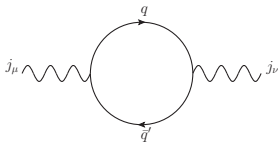
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Apart from the zero-recoil point, parameters in the Heavy Quark Expansion are unknown a priori, and have to be determined from other dynamical sources

Sum rules



$$\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q^2) = i \int d^4x e^{iqx} \langle 0 | T \{ J^\mu(x), J^{\nu,\dagger}(x) \} | 0 \rangle$$

- In the region $\text{Re}(q^2) < 0$: the correlation function $\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q^2)$ is analytic
- For $-q^2 \ll \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}^2$: quarks propagate at short distances


If both conditions are fulfilled, $\Pi_{\mu\nu}(q^2)$ can be expanded in a local OPE

$$\Pi(q^2) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_{s_{th}}^{\infty} ds \frac{\text{Im}\Pi(s)}{s - q^2}$$

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$$2 \text{Im} (\Pi)_{\mu\nu} = \sum_n \langle 0 | j_\mu | n \rangle \langle n | j_\nu | 0 \rangle d\tau_n (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(q - p_n)$$

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contain hadronic parameters

The exclusive form factors

- Non perturbative methods evaluate the form factors in precise kinematic points
- The kinematic dependence must be inferred
- The most used ones are:
 - ⇒ BGL parametrisation [Boyd, Grinstein, Lebed, '95]
 - ⇒ CLN parametrisation + updates [Caprini, Lellouch, Neubert, '95]
 - ⇒ Dispersive Matrix [Martinelli, Simula, Vittorio, '21]

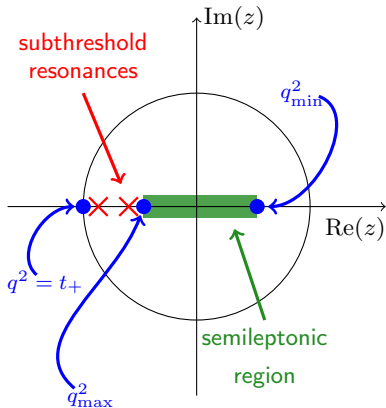
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$$q^2 \mapsto z(q^2) = \frac{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} - \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} + \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}$$

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The z -expansion



- in the complex plane form factors are real analytic functions
- q^2 is mapped onto the conformal complex variable z

$$z(q^2, t_0) = \frac{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} - \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}{\sqrt{t_+ - q^2} + \sqrt{t_+ - t_0}}$$

$t_+ = (m_{H_{\text{in}}} + m_{H_{\text{fin}}})^2$ and t_0 can be chosen to minimise z_{max}

- q^2 is mapped onto a disk in the complex z plane, where $|z(q^2, t_0)| < 1$
- being z small, we can expand any form factor in z and truncate the series at relatively low orders

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- $|z| \ll 1$, for $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}$: $|z_{\max}| = 6\%$
- We can expand as

$$F_i = \frac{1}{P_i(z)\phi_i(z)} \sum_{k=0}^{n_i} a_k^i z^k \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=0}^{n_i} |a_k^i|^2 < 1$$

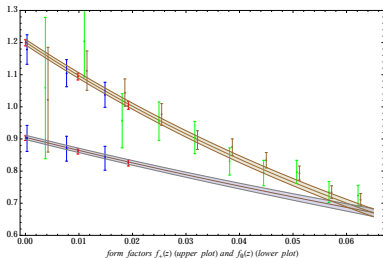
P_i : Blaschke factors, ϕ_i : outer functions \Rightarrow known quantities

- Bounds + $|z_{\max}| \Rightarrow$ **expect rapid convergence**
- a_k^i need to be determined (from data, lattice, sum rules, etc.)

- The “easy” case:
 - ⇒ only two form factors
 - ⇒ the D is “stable” on the lattice
- Two datasets available, in excellent agreement
- Two lattice determinations available, in excellent agreement

BGL Fit lattice + data

$$|V_{cb}^D| = (40.5 \pm 1.0) \times 10^{-3} \quad R_D = 0.299 \pm 0.003$$

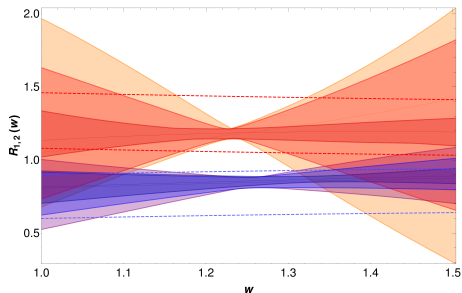


Inputs:

- FNAL/MILC'15
- HPQCD'16
- Babar'09
- Belle'16

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- Belle '18 differential distribution in the 4 kinematical variables
- LCSR at $q^2 = 0$
- Unitarity constraints on the form factors parameters
- Lattice points at $q^2 = q_{\max}^2$
- Form factors expanded up to z^2



$$|V_{cb}^{D^*}| = (39.2_{-1.2}^{+1.4}) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$R_{D^*} = 0.253_{-0.006}^{+0.007}$$

CLN

- CLN uses Heavy Quark Effective Theory at $1/m_b$
- Use ansatz at $\mathcal{O}(1/m_b)$ and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$

$$F_i = F_i(q^2 = q_{\max}^2) \times \left[\left(a_i + b_i \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) \xi + \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{2m_b} \sum_j c_{ij} \xi_{\text{SSL}}^j + \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{2m_c} \sum_j d_{ij} \xi_{\text{SSL}}^j \right]$$

- Only **1** leading and **3** sub-leading Isgur Wise function contribute but they are not known a priori
- The form factors in $B^{(*)} \rightarrow D^{(*)}$ are **correlated**

CLN ansatz is inconsistent:

- Use $F_i(q^2 = q_{\max}^2)$ from other source (e.g. Lattice) to properly normalize form factors
- Use QCDSR for **sub-leading IW functions** w/o error estimates
- No proper inclusion of errors from **higher orders**

Note: when CLN was introduced these assumptions were justified as experimental sensitivity was low and allowed fits with a small set of parameters

HQET with $1/m_c^2$

- With the current precision can go beyond CLN and include higher order corrections

At order $1/m$, α_s , $1/m_c^2$:

$$F_i = \left(a_i + b_i \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right) \xi + \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{2m_b} \sum_j c_{ij} \xi_{\text{SSL}}^j + \frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{2m_c} \sum_j d_{ij} \xi_{\text{SSL}}^j + \left(\frac{\Lambda_{\text{QCD}}}{2m_c} \right)^2 \sum_j g_{ij} \xi_{\text{SSL}}^j$$

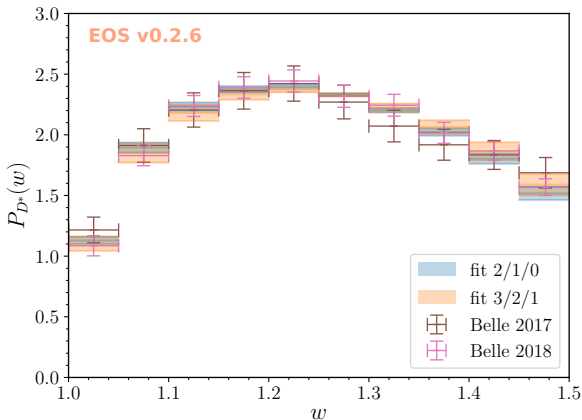
- More conservative use of QCDSR (including uncertainties)
- Can leverage new theory inputs like LCSR and Lattice beyond zero recoil.
- Inclusion of $1/m_c^2$ corrections highly motivated because they are naively of the same size of $1/m_b$, α_s , and α_s/m_c corrections
- data independent determination of the IW functions are possible

[1703.05330,1801.01112,1908.09398,1912.09335,2206.11281]

$B \rightarrow D^{(*)}$ at $1/m_c^2$

[MB, Jung, van Dyk '19]
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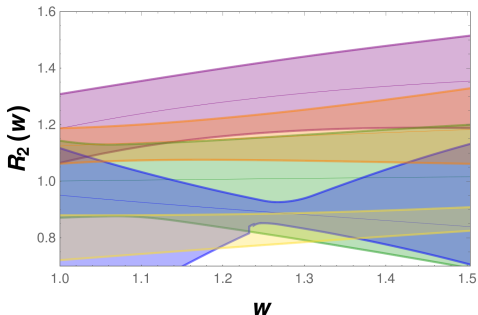
- QCD Sum Rules, LCSR, Lattice at $q^2 = q_{\max}^2$ for $B \rightarrow D^*$, Lattice for $B \rightarrow D$



$$|V_{cb}^D| = (40.7 \pm 1.1) \times 10^{-3}$$

$$|V_{cb}^{D^*}| = (38.8 \pm 1.4) \times 10^{-3}$$

Lattice calculations at $q^2 \neq q_{\max}^2$

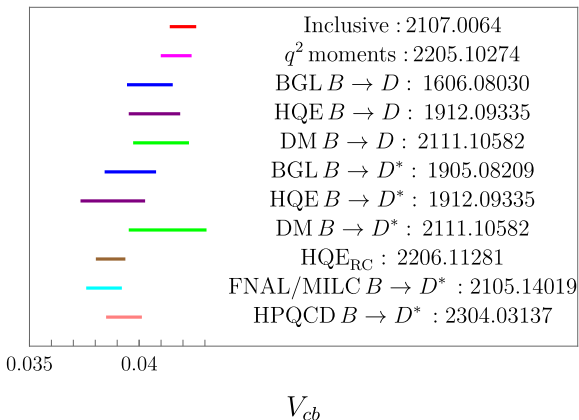


- FNAL/MILC '21
- HQE@1/ m_c^2
- Exp data (BGL)
- JLQCD
- HPQCD '23

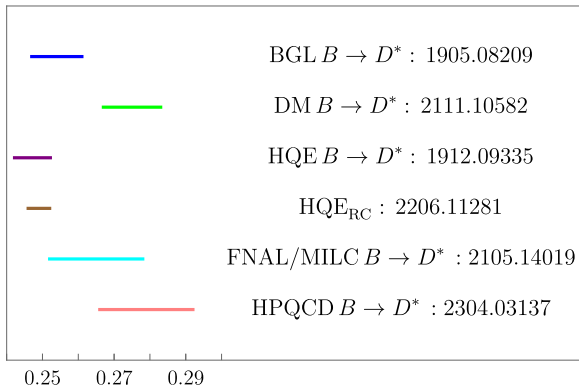
- Tensions between different lattice determinations, experimental data and non-lattice theory determination
- No consensus yet, ongoing checks
- Lattice calculations drift R_{D^*} to higher values
- New Belle analysis available

Summary

The V_{cb} puzzle



- There is a **spread** between inclusive and exclusive determinations of V_{cb}
- Discussion going on different inputs both from experimental and theoretical point of view
- New Belle analysis data are just out, stay tuned for the results!

R_{D^*}  R_{D^*}

- Spread between lattice-based and non-lattice based calculations
- Lattice-based determinations are not yet included in HFLAV

Summary

- Charged current decays provide the means to probe the Standard Model at high accuracy
- This requires a high control of hadronic matrix elements
- A lot of work has been done in recent years both from theoretical and experimental points of view
 - ⇒ The V_{cb} puzzle is far from being resolved!
 - ⇒ Personal opinion: this is one of the biggest problem in flavour physics nowadays
 - ⇒ New Lattice results are impressive, but they need further investigation
 - ⇒ New experimental analyses are out, results are yet to come, but all data are welcome!

Appendix

Theory framework

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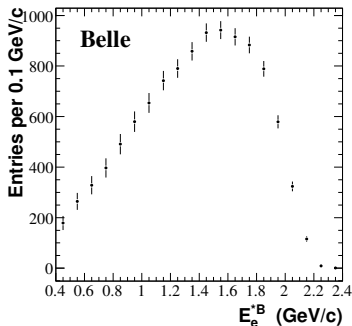
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How do we constrain the OPE parameters?



- Lepton energy and hadronic invariant mass distributions can be used to extract non perturbative information
- Moments of the kinematic distributions

$$\langle E_\ell^n \rangle = \frac{\int_{E_\ell > E_{\ell, \text{cut}}} dE_\ell E_\ell^n \frac{d\Gamma}{dE_\ell}}{\Gamma_{E_\ell > E_{\ell, \text{cut}}}}$$

$$R^* = \frac{\int_{E_\ell > E_{\ell, \text{cut}}} dE_\ell \frac{d\Gamma}{dE_\ell}}{\int dE_\ell \frac{d\Gamma}{dE_\ell}}$$

- Similar definition for hadronic mass moments

- The moments give access to the distribution, but not to the normalisation

- They admit an HQE as the rate

⇒ No $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ terms are known yet

Scheme conventions

The semileptonic width has a strong dependence on m_b : $\Gamma_0 \sim m_b^5$

Suitable choice for the mass scheme is needed:

- Pole mass scheme
 - ⇒ Renormalon ambiguity
 - ⇒ Perturbative series is factorially divergent

$$\Gamma_{sl} \sim \sum_k k! \left(\frac{\beta_0}{2} \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \right)^k$$

- We choose to use the b -quark mass and the non perturbative parameters in the kinetic scheme

[Bigi, Shifman, Uraltsev, Vainshtein]

$$m_b^{kin}(\mu) = m_b^{OS} - [\bar{\Lambda}(\mu)]_{\text{pert}} - \frac{[\mu_\pi^2(\mu)]_{\text{pert}}}{2m_b^{kin}(\mu)}$$

$$\mu_\pi^2(0) = \mu_\pi^2(\mu) - [\mu_\pi^2(\mu)]_{\text{pert}}$$

$$\rho_D^3(0) = \rho_D^3(\mu) - [\rho_D^3(\mu)]_{\text{pert}}$$

- ⇒ Wilsonian cutoff $\mu = 1 \text{ GeV}$
- ⇒ Kinetic scheme tailored on the HQE
- We express the charm mass in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme

	experiment	values of E_{cut} (GeV)	Ref.
R^*	BaBar	0.6, 1.2, 1.5	[26, 27]
ℓ_1	BaBar	0.6, 0.8, 1, 1.2, 1.5	[26, 27]
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h_1	BaBar	0.9, 1.1, 1.3, 1.5	[26]
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Inclusion of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^3)$ results

[Fael, Schönwald, Steinhauser, '20]

b-quark mass:

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↑
50% reduction!

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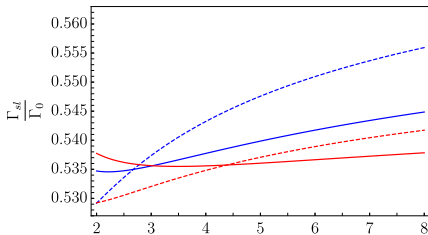
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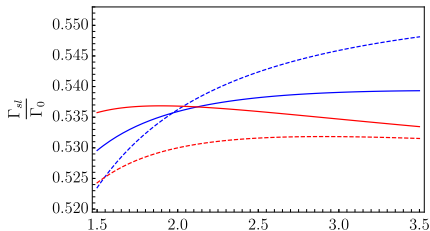
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[MB, Capdevila, Gambino, '21]



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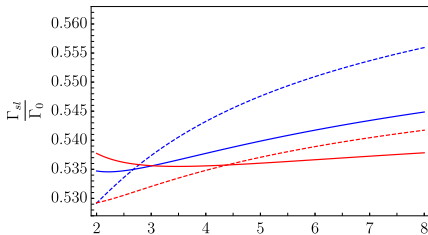
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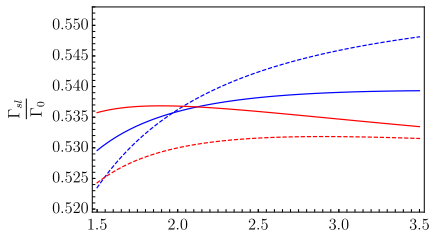
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What about New Physics?

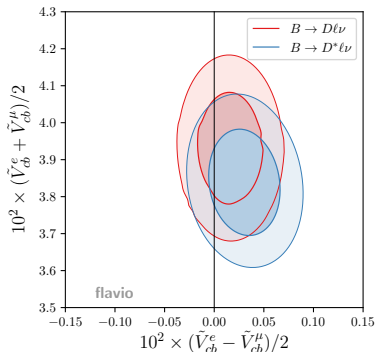
[Jung, Straub 2018]

- If we allow LFUV between μ and electrons

$$\tilde{V}_{cb}^{\ell} = V_{cb}(1 + C_{V_L}^{\ell})$$

- Fitting data from Babar and Belle

$$\frac{\tilde{V}_{cb}^e}{\tilde{V}_{cb}^{\mu}} = 1.011 \pm 0.012$$



$$\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{V}_{cb}^e + \tilde{V}_{cb}^{\mu}) = (3.87 \pm 0.09)\%$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\tilde{V}_{cb}^e - \tilde{V}_{cb}^{\mu}) = (0.022 \pm 0.023)\%$$

An alternative for the inclusive determination

- q^2 moments

$$R^* = \frac{\int_{q^2 > q_{\text{cut}}^2} dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2}}{\int_0 dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2}} \quad \langle (q^2)^n \rangle = \frac{\int_{q^2 > q_{\text{cut}}^2} dq^2 (q^2)^n \frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2}}{\int_0 dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2}}$$

- Exploits HQE to reduce numbers of higher dimensional operators [Fael, Mannel, Vos, '18]
- Preliminary result:

$$|V_{cb}| = (41.69 \pm 0.63) \times 10^{-3}$$

What's the issue with the previous determination?

- The q^2 moments require a measurement of the branching ratio with a cut in q^2 which is not available yet
- By extrapolating from the current available measurements, the branching ratio is lower than what used
- If the same branching ratios is used, the two methods give the **same** result

The results for inclusive V_{cb} are stable

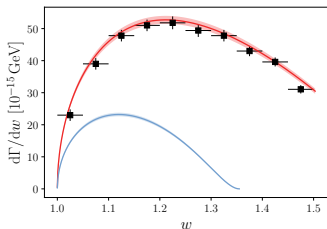
Comparison with Bernlochner et al '22

Differences:

- Different power counting in the HQET expansion
⇒ Less freedom in higher-order corrections
- Avoid the use of LCSR results
- Partial α_s^2 corrections
- Partial inclusion of the latest FNAL/MILC results

Observations:

- $1/m_c^2$ corrections are necessary
- Uncertainties are overall small

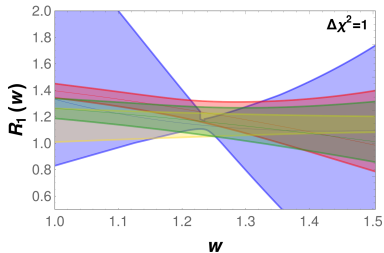


$$R_D = 0.288(4)$$

$$R_{D^*} = 0.249(3)$$

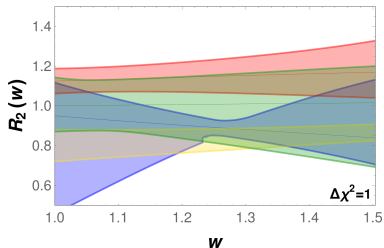
$$|V_{cb}| = 38.7(6) \times 10^{-3}$$

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- FNAL/MILC 21
- HQET@1/ m_c^2
- BGL w/ exp data
- JLQCD

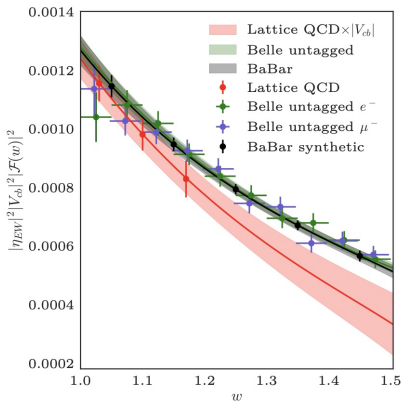
Good compatibility



- Differences with other theory determinations
- Differences with experimental data
 - \Rightarrow Soften with new Belle 23 analysis, but still there
- JLQCD has better agreement with all determinations

Further investigation is needed

- FNAL/MILC released Lattice QCD data for the whole q^2 region
- First data set for lattice-only driven determination of $B \rightarrow D^*$ form factors



- Combined fit with data has $\chi^2/\text{dof} > 1$
- Poor compatibility with current experimental dataset
- $|V_{cb}|$ is rather low

$$|V_{cb}| = (38.40 \pm 0.74) \times 10^{-3}$$

- Soon results from HPQCD and JLQCD