$|V_{cb}|$  from inclusive tag  $B \rightarrow D\ell\nu$ 

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Status of  $|V_{cb}|$  and  $|V_{ub}|$ 



 $|V_{cb}|$  and  $|V_{ub}|$  constrain the SM through unitarity triangle

Important input in SM predictions

Semileptonic B decays are studied to measure  $|V_{cb}|$  and  $|V_{ub}|$ 

- Factorizable leptonic and hadronic currents
- Exclusive: Reconstruct specific final states
- i.e.:

$$|V_{cb}|: B \to D^{(*)}\ell\nu$$

 $\blacktriangleright$   $|V_{ub}|: B \to \pi \ell \nu$ 

Theory input: Lattice QCD (LQCD)

**Inclusive**: Measure general  $X\ell\nu$  decay

i.e.:

$$|V_{cb}|: B \to X_c \ell \nu$$
$$|V_{ub}|: B \to X_u \ell \nu$$

 Theory input: Heavy Quark Expansion Theory (HQET) Status of  $|V_{cb}|$  and  $|V_{ub}|$ 



 $\sim 3\sigma$  discrepancy between inclusive and exclusive  $|V_{cb}|$  and  $|V_{ub}|$  measurements Limiting factor in precision flavor physics

### Analysis overview



- Untagged/Inclusive tag analysis of  $B \rightarrow D\ell\nu$  final state
- Extract differential decay rates in bins of w to measure  $V_{cb}$
- Modes:
  - ► Charged B mode  $B^- \to D^0 \ell^- \overline{\nu}_\ell$  with  $D^0 \to K^- \pi^+$
  - ► Neutral B mode  $B^0 \rightarrow D^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell$  with  $D^- \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \pi^-$
- Parameters of interest:
  - > Differential decay rates in bins of momentum transfer  $\Delta\Gamma/\Delta w$
  - Absolute branching ratios  $\mathcal{B}(B \to D \ \ell \ \overline{\nu}_{\ell})$
  - $\triangleright$   $V_{cb}$ , BGL form factor parameters
  - > Lepton universality  $R_{e/\mu}$

#### $|V_{cb}|$ extraction

From measuring signal yields in bins of w, calculate differential decay rates
Differential decay rate:

$$\frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma}{\mathrm{d}w} \left( B \to D\ell\nu_{\ell} \right) = \frac{G_F^2}{48\pi^3} (m_B + m_D)^2 m_D^3 \eta_{EW} |V_{cb}|^2 (w^2 - 1)^{3/2} \mathcal{G}(w)^2$$

- with the form factor  $\mathcal{G}(w)$
- with the kinematic variable  $w = v_B \cdot v_D = \frac{p_B \cdot p_D}{m_B m_D} = \frac{m_B^2 + m_D^2 q^2}{2m_B m_D}$

 $w_{min} = 1$ : zero-recoil point,  $q_{max}^2$ , D at rest in B rest frame



- Analyze  $B^+ \to \overline{D}^0 \ell^+ \nu_\ell$  and  $B^0 \to D^- \ell^+ \nu_\ell$
- Final state particles  $\ell$  and hadrons from  $D^{0(+)} \rightarrow K^- \pi^+(\pi^+)$
- Dominant background from  $B \to D^* \ell \nu$  decays
  - Explicit vetoes
- Vertex fitting full decay chain to suppress combinatorial background

Variable	Charged $B$	Neutral $B$
$KSFW_{hso}^{02}$	[-0.371,0.485]	[-0.361,0.457]
$E_Y^*$ [GeV]	[3.247,5.169]	[3.340, 5.174]
$p^*_{miss}$ [GeV]	[0.698,4.345]	[0.745, 4.389]
$m_{ROE}$ [GeV]	[0.510, 7.967]	[0.756,6.771]
$\cos \theta_{\ell,W}$	[-0.821, 0.553]	[-0.828, 0.866]
$p_{ROE}$ [GeV]	[0.069, 2.858]	[0.091, 2.738]
$\theta_{D,\ell}$	[0.120, 3.137]	[0.339, 3.136]



- Suppress backgrounds by simultaneously optimizing rectangular selections using simulated annealing
- Kinematic variables
- Event shape variables
- rest-of-event variables

# Reconstruction of kinematic variable $q^2$

- $\blacksquare$  How to reconstruct kinematic variable w in untagged approach?
- Need to know direction of signal B meson
- Novel approach : (extension of BaBar's diamond frame [Phys. Rev. D 74, 092004])



- **Calculate**  $\cos \theta_{BY}$  from reconstructed D and  $\ell$
- $B\overline{B}$  production: angularly distributed according to  $\sin^2 \theta_B$
- Sum up left-over tracks and clusters as Rest-of-Event (ROE) and calculate momentum  $p^*_{ROE}$
- Likely direction on  $\cos \theta_{BY}$  cone: Back-to-back with ROE
- Weighted average over 10 uniformly distributed vectors on cone
- Each vector has weight combining ROE and kinematic information:

 $\frac{1}{2}(1-\hat{p}_{\mathsf{ROE}}\cdot\hat{p}_{\mathsf{B}})\sin^2\theta_B$ 

### $\hookrightarrow$ Improved resolution compared to previous methods!

### Corrections to MC

- Use sidebands and control samples to calibrate backgrounds
- Important to have good Data-MC agreement in fitting variable  $\cos heta_{BY}$
- Calibration samples including sideband  $m_D$  sideband, wrong charge combination reconstruction, off-resonance data
- Calibrate correction on sidebands and apply to nominal reconstruction



Additionally correct for known effects:

- ParticleID
- Track momentum scale
- Decay file branching fractions
- >  $D^{(*)}\ell\nu$  form factors
- etc.

# Checking signal distribution with control samples

- To make sure signal distributions are well understood in all selection variables:
  - Reconstruct control samples that look similar to signal and have high purity
- Fully hadronic:
  - $\triangleright$   $B \rightarrow D\pi$ : Treat  $\pi$  as lepton
- Missing energy/momentum through partial reconstruction:
  - ▶  $B \rightarrow [D^* \rightarrow D\pi_{slow}]\pi$ : Treat slow  $\pi$  as missing
  - ►  $B \to [J/\psi \to \ell \ell][K^* \to K^- \pi^+]\pi$ : Treat second  $\ell$  as missing



- Good Data/MC agreement in variables
- Correct for disagreement in vertex fit probability and assign systematic

### Signal extraction

- Simultaneously fit signal yields in 10 windows of w for each of 4 decay modes
- Binned template fit using pyhf
- Fitting variable:  $\cos \theta_{BY}$





- Novel approach: directly unfold migration effects between *w* bins in fit
- Include all systematic uncertainties into the fit as nuisance parameters
  - Directly maps into correlation matrix between signal yields

- From fitted yields we can calculate  $\Delta\Gamma/\Delta w$
- Average over all 4 modes
- Fit form factor to differential decay rates (BGL/BCL parameterization)
- Include data from Lattice QCD in fit as nuisance parameter

$V_{cb,BGL}$	
Stat. Error	0.74%
MC Stat. Error	0.37%
N <sub>bb</sub>	0.77%
$f_{00}/f_{+-}$	0.04%
$B(D \rightarrow K\pi(\pi))$	0.45%
Selection	0.25%
$B(B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu)$	0.16%
LeptonID	0.14%
KaonID	0.45%
Tracking efficiency	0.50%
$B \rightarrow D \ell \nu$ form factor	0.79%
$B \rightarrow D^* \ell \nu$ form factor	0.11%
$\cos \theta_{BY}$ background modelling	0.13%
w background modelling	0.46%
$\tau_{B^{0/\pm}}$	0.10%
Total systematic	1.50%
Theory	1.24%
Total	2.07%



- Currently pre-unblinding
- Estimate impact of systematic uncertainty sources by drawing toys from nuisance parameters
- Estimated ~ 2.1% sensitivity → more sensitive than Belle Dℓν measurement (~ 2.7%)

#### Summary

- Long-standing tension between inclusive and exclusive determinations of V<sub>cb</sub>
- Analysis of untagged  $B^- \to D^0 \ell^- \overline{\nu}_\ell$  events to measure  $V_{cb}$  exclusively
- New analysis techniques to optimize selections and reconstruct kinematic variables
- Define control samples to validate signal and background distributions
- Projected total uncertainty on  $V_{cb}$ : 2%
- Currently in review committee stage

# Thank you!