Semileptonic decays of D mesons at CLEO

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Content of the talk

• Report on two recent measurements with the CLEO-c detector:
  – Improved measurements of D meson semileptonic decays to $\pi$ and K mesons [arXiv:0906.2983]
  – Study of semileptonic decay $D_s \rightarrow f_0(980)e^+\nu$ and implications for $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi f_0$ [preliminary].

• Data collected at charm threshold:
  – $e^+e^- \rightarrow \psi(3770) \rightarrow D\bar{D}$
  – $e^+e^- \rightarrow D_s^*\bar{D}_s$ at 4170 MeV

• CLEO-c detector:
  – Charged particle detection (1T): $\sigma_p/p=0.6\%$ at 1 GeV
  – Photon detection: $\sigma_E/E=4.8\%$ at 100 MeV, 2.2\% at 1 GeV
  – Hadron ID: dE/dX+RICH (fake rates at a few \% level)
Motivation for $D \rightarrow K/\pi \, e^+\nu$ Measurements

- Direct determination of $|V_{cs (cd)}|$. 
- Theoretical (Lattice QCD) errors on the form-factor predictions dominate. 
- Taking $|V_{cs (cd)}|=|V_{ud (us)}|$ can turn data into form-factor measurements (normalization and $q^2$ dependence) to test/develop LQCD. 
- Potentially, leads to improved predictions for the form-factors in semileptonic $b$ decays and improved determination of $|V_{ub}|$. 
- Only one form-factor in decays to pseudoscalar mesons – easiest to deal with theoretically.
Tagging technique

- **Very effective at threshold**: $e^+e^- \rightarrow D\bar{D}$:
  - No fragmentation particles produced
- **Reconstruct one D (tag)** in several clean hadronic decay modes:
  - Cut on $\Delta E = E_D - E_{\text{beam}}$
  - Fit $M_{bc} = \sqrt{E_{\text{beam}}^2 - p_D^2}$ to determine $N_{\text{tag}}$
  - The tag determines momentum of the other D: $p_{D\text{ signal}} = - p_{D\text{ tag}}$
- **Find subsample** in which the rest of reconstructed particles consists of an electron (e) and desired hadron (h) from semileptonic D-decay.
  - Calculate missing (i.e. neutrino) energy ($E_{\text{miss}} = E_{\text{beam}} - E_e - E_h$) and momentum ($p_{\text{miss}} = - p_{D\text{ tag}} - p_e - p_h$).
  - Fit $U_{\text{miss}} = E_{\text{miss}} - |p_{\text{miss}}|$ to extract $N_{\text{signal}}$.
  - $\text{BR} = \left( \frac{N_{\text{signal}}}{\epsilon_{\text{signal}}} \right) / \left( \frac{N_{\text{tag}}}{\epsilon_{\text{tag}}} \right)$
  - Also determine differential rates in $q^2 = (E_{\text{beam}} - E_h)^2 - \left( - p_{D\text{ tag}} - p_h \right)^2$
• CLEO-c reconstructs a tag in about $\sim 20\%$ of all $D\bar{D}$ events
• Compared to $\sim 0.1\%$ tagging efficiency for $Y(4S) \to B\bar{B}$
Signal – $\pi$, K (tagged)

- Cabibbo suppressed
  - $D^0 \rightarrow \pi^- e^+ \nu$
  - $D^0 \rightarrow \rho^- e^+ \nu$
  - $D^0 \rightarrow K^- e^+ \nu$

- Cabibbo favored
  - $D^0 \rightarrow K^- e^+ \nu$

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$U_{\text{miss}} = E_{\text{mis}} - |p_{\text{mis}}|$ (GeV)

- Excellent background suppression. Small feed-across due to threshold kinematics.
Branching Ratio Results - Comparison

- Significant improvement in precision by recent BaBar/Belle/CLEO-c measurements (CLEO-c most precise).
Form factors

- Form factors are related to probability of forming final state hadron at given $q^2$.
- Theoretical predictions for form factors needed to turn the measured rates into $V_{cs}$ ($V_{cd}$) determinations.
- Theory often calculates this probability at fixed $q^2$ and uses parameterizations to extrapolate to full $q^2$ range.
- Theoretical approaches include phenomenological models, QCD sum rules, LQCD.
- Only the latter is systematically improvable.

\[ H^\mu = f_+(q^2)(P_D + P_h)^\mu \quad \text{(for } m_l=0) \]

- **h – pseudoscalar:**

- **h – vector:**

\[
H^\mu = \frac{2i\varepsilon}{{m_D + m_h}} e_v^* P_{h\alpha} P_{D\beta} V(q^2) - (m_D + m_h) e^* A_1(q^2) + \frac{e^* q_\alpha}{{m_D + m_h}} (P_D + P_h)^\mu A_2(q^2)
\]

Simplicity favors pseudoscalar decay modes.
Pseudoscalar Form Factors

\[
\frac{d\Gamma}{dq^2} = \frac{G_F}{24\pi^3} P_{K(\pi)}^3 \left| V_{cs(cd)} \right|^2 \left| f_+(q^2) \right|^2
\]

- Much of the visible variation is due to the phase-space factor \( (P^3) \).

Fits to Becher-Hill Series (isospin constrained)
Comparison to LQCD

Modified Pole Model fit to FNAL-MILC lattice calculations

\[ f_+ (q^2) = \frac{f_+ (0)}{1 - \frac{q^2}{M_{pole}^2}} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{1 - \frac{q^2}{M_{pole}^2}} \right) \]

- Good agreement between the data and LQCD on \( f_+ (0) \)
- Shape of \( q^2 \) dependence also consistent, though data prefer lower \( \alpha \).
- Lattice calculation errors (10%) much bigger than the experimental errors (2.9%, 1.2%)
CKM results

Combine measured $|V_{cx}|f_+(0)$ values (fit of Hill&Becher f.f. parameterization) with FNAL-MILC calculations for $f_+(0)$

| $|V_{cs}|$ | $|V_{cd}|$ |
| --- | --- |
| $0.985 \pm 0.009 \pm 0.006 \pm 0.103$ | $0.234 \pm 0.007 \pm 0.002 \pm 0.025$ |

- Improvements in LQCD calculations are needed
Motivation for $D_s \rightarrow f_0$ e$^+\nu$ Measurement

- CP violating phase of $B_s$-$\bar{B}_s$ oscillations ($\phi_s$) is very small in SM. Sensitive to NP contributions.

- Present approach (CDF+D0) is to use $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$:
  - Simultaneous fit of CP asymmetry to time and angular distributions (to disentangle CP-odd and -even amplitudes)
  - CDF+D0 results $\sim 2.2\sigma$ away from the SM prediction!

- Stone&Zhang [PRD79,074024] suggested $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi f_0$ as useful alternative:
  - CP-eigenstate. No angular analysis is needed.
  - BR not known at present. Can be predicted from $D_s \rightarrow f_0$ e$^+\nu$ rate at $q^2=0$.

$$\frac{\Gamma(B_s \rightarrow J/\psi f_0(980), f_0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}{\Gamma(B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi, \phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-)} \approx \frac{\Gamma(D_s \rightarrow e^+\nu f_0(980), f_0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}{\Gamma(D_s \rightarrow e^+\nu \phi, \phi \rightarrow K^+ K^-)} \bigg|_{q^2=0}$$

- Can study properties of $f_0$ (poorly known!) in clean environment.
• Additional step needed due to presence of photon from $D_s^* \rightarrow \gamma D_s$

\[ MM^{*2} = (E_{CM} - E_{D_s} - E_{\gamma})^2 - (\vec{p}_{CM} - \vec{p}_{D_s} - \vec{p}_{\gamma})^2 \]
Signal events

\[ D_s \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-e^+\nu \]

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\[ D_s \rightarrow K^+K^-e^+\nu \]

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\[ MM^2 = (E_{CM} - E_{D_s} - E_{\gamma} - E_{e} - E_{\pi^+} - E_{\pi^-})^2 \]

\[ - (p_{CM} - p_{D_s} - p_{\gamma} - p_{e} - p_{\pi^+} - p_{\pi^-})^2 \]

\[ f_0 \]

\[ M_{f_0} = (977^{+11}_{-9} \pm 1) \text{ MeV} \]

\[ \Gamma_0 = (91^{+30}_{-22} \pm 3) \text{ MeV} \]
Form factors and BR

- **Fit** $M(h^+h^-)$ in $q^2$ bins

\[
 f_+(q^2) = \frac{f_+(0)}{1 - \frac{q^2}{M_{pole}^2}}
\]

From the sum of efficiency corrected yield in all $q^2$ bins:

\[
 BR(D_s \rightarrow f_0(980)e^+\nu, f_0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-) = (0.20 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.01)\%
\]

\[
 BR(D_s \rightarrow \phi e^+\nu) = (2.36 \pm 0.23 \pm 0.13)\%
\]
From fits of $f_+(0)$

\[ R_{f/\phi} = \left. \frac{\Gamma(D_s \to e^+ \nu f_0(980), f_0 \to \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\Gamma(D_s \to e^+ \nu \phi, \phi \to K^+ K^-)} \right|_{q^2=0} = (42 \pm 11)\% \]

- Assuming

\[ R_{f/\phi} = \frac{\Gamma(B_s \to J/\psi f_0(980), f_0 \to \pi^+ \pi^-)}{\Gamma(B_s \to J/\psi \phi, \phi \to K^+ K^-)} \]

- Since no angular analysis needed expect $B_s \to J/\psi f_0$ to provide a complementary way to $B_s \to J/\psi \phi$ of measuring CP-violating phase $\phi_s$

- Need explicit measurement of BR for $B_s \to J/\psi f_0$ to confirm
Summary

• Our knowledge of semileptonic D-decays and related parameters has been significantly improved thanks to high luminosities at B-factories (BaBar, Belle) and data taken at the charm threshold (CLEO-c). CLEO-c most precise.
  – \( \text{BR}(D \rightarrow K e \nu) \) 6% error \( \rightarrow 1.4\% \)
  – combined with LQCD calculations (10% errors) leads to best direct determination of \( V_{cs} \)
  – \( \text{BR}(D \rightarrow \pi e \nu) \) 45% error \( \rightarrow 3\% \)
  – Potential for best direct determination of \( V_{cd} \) if LQCD errors are improved

• From preliminary result

\[
R_{f/\phi} = \frac{\Gamma(D_s \rightarrow e^+\nu f_0(980), f_0 \rightarrow \pi^+\pi^-)}{\Gamma(D_s \rightarrow e^+\nu \phi, \phi \rightarrow K^+K^-)}\bigg|_{q^2=0} = (42 \pm 11)\%
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predict \( B_s \rightarrow J/\psi f_0 \) can provide a complementary way to \( B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi \) of measuring CP-violating phase \( \phi_s \)