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### Motivation

Overconstraining the CKM matrix is the principal goal of Heavy Flavor Physics.

- Inconsistencies would suggest New Physics in *CP* violation.
- Nonperturbative QCD parameters are required to extract  $|V_{ub}|$ ,  $|V_{td}|$ , and  $|V_{ts}|$  from measurements in the beauty sector.
  - Lattice QCD (LQCD) can provide these parameters.
    - Experimental validation of LQCD is essential to ensure reliability.
    - Precision charm sector measurements can challenge LQCD calculations.

Providing precise charm data to motivate and validate theoretical progress in nonperturbative heavy quark physics is a major focus of the CLEO-c program.



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## Example: Determining $V_{td}$ from $B^0 \overline{B}^0$ Mixing

The measured mass difference due to  $B^0 \overline{B}{}^0$  mixing is related to  $V_{td}$  by:

$$\Delta m_d = rac{G_F^2}{6\pi^2} \; \eta_{QCD} \; M_B \; f_B^2 B_B \; m_t^2 \; F(rac{m_t^2}{m_W^2}) \; rac{V_{td}^2}{V_{tb}^2} \; V_{tb}^2$$

- Everything in this expression is quite well known, except the decay constant  $f_B$  and the bag constant  $B_B$ .
- Theoretical uncertainties in  $f_B^2 B_B$  determine the width of the region in the  $\rho$ - $\eta$  plane allowed by measurements of  $\Delta m_d$ .
- $f_B$  could be measured in  $B^- \to \ell^- \bar{\nu}$  decay, but due to Cabibbo suppression the branching fraction is very small for  $\mu$  or  $\tau$  and reconstructing  $B^- \to \tau^- \bar{\nu}$  is very difficult.
- Analogous parameters  $f_D$   $(f_{D_s})$  can be measured much more easily in  $D^+ \to \ell^+ \nu \ (D_s \to \ell^+ \nu)$  decay, which are less seriously (not) Cabibbo suppressed
  - Measurements of  $f_D$  ( $f_{D_s}$ ) constrain or validate LQCD calculations of  $f_B$ .

Furthermore, measurements of form factors  $f_{+}(0)$  for semileptonic D and  $D_s$  decay check or validate theoretical calculations of the form factor  $f_{+}(0)$  required to determine  $V_{ub}$  from measurements of semileptonic B decay.

#### The CLEO-c Detector

- Excellent Particle Identification (dE/dx and RICH): 0
- Tracking Resolution:  $\sigma_p/p = 0.6\%$  at  $p = 1~{
  m GeV}/c$
- CsI Calorimeter Resolution:  $\sigma_E/E = 5\%$  at  $E_{\gamma} = 100$  MeV and 2.2% at 1 GeV
- Hermetic Tracking and Calorimetry: 93% of  $4\pi$
- Acceptance, Resolution, and Particle Identification: Well-Understood

#### These qualities enable accurate reconstruction of missing $\nu$ s in semileptonic decays!



### **Double Tag Technique**

Many CLEO-c  $D \& D_s$  measurements use Double Tags

- Simple  $D\bar{D}$  states
  - $e^+e^- 
    ightarrow \psi(3770) 
    ightarrow D^0 ar{D}^0 ext{ or } D^+D^-$
  - $e^+e^- 
    ightarrow \psi(4170) 
    ightarrow D_s \bar{D}_s^* 
    ightarrow D_s^+ D_s^- \gamma$
- Reconstruct one  $\bar{D}_{(s)}$  to get a clean tagged sample of  $D_{(s)}$  signal decays
- Reconstruct the  $D_{(s)}$  in a signal mode *e.g.*, leptonic or semileptonic
- Enables accurate measurements of absolute branching fractions (pioneered by MARK III)
- Very clean events and tags

#### (Square root plots make backgrounds visible)







The factor  $f_{D_q}V_{cq}$  occurs in the decay amplitude for the  $c\bar{q}W$  vertex

• The decay widths for leptonic  $D^+$  and  $D_s^+$  decays are:

$$\Gamma(D_q^+ o \ell^+ 
u_\ell) = rac{1}{8\pi} G_F^2 M_{D_q} \; m_\ell^2 \left( 1 - rac{m_\ell^2}{M_{D_q}^2} 
ight) rac{|f_{D_q} V_{cq}|^2}{|f_{D_q} V_{cq}|^2}$$

- Measurements of  $\mathcal{B}(D^+ \to \ell^+ \nu_\ell)$  and  $\mathcal{B}(D_s^+ \to \ell^+ \nu_\ell)$ Determine  $f_{D^+}V_{cd}$  and  $f_{D_s}V_{cs}$
- We measure  $f_{D_q}V_{cq}$  and use PDG values of  $V_{cq}$  to get  $f_{D_q}$ 
  - Eventually get  $V_{cd}$  and  $V_{cs}$  from semileptonic D decays and QCD form factors
- $f_{D^+}$  and  $f_{D_s}$  measurements constrain or validate LQCD calculations of  $f_B$  and  $f_{B_s}$

Start with a hadronic  $D^+$  or  $D_s^+$  tag

- The  $\gamma$  from  $D_s \bar{D}_s^* \to D_s^+ D_s^- \gamma$  is a nuisance
  - Find the  $\gamma$  and include it in reconstruction or
  - ignore it and include it in the extra calorimetry energy

#### $D^+$ and $D_s$ Leptonic Decay Signals



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## $f_{D^+} \& f_{D_s}$ Results and LQCD



- Agreement of the  $f_{D^+}$  result with LQCD is excellent
- Agreement of  $f_{D_s}$  results with LQCD is less certain
- CLEO-c results dominated by statistical errors
  - Excellent opportunity for BESIII to contribute with larger data samples
    - Would challenge LQCD at a new level of precision

#### Exclusive Semileptonic D Decays



- Exclusive semileptonic decays depend on the mass-squared  $(q^2)$  of the virtual W through form factors  $f(q^2)$
- Decay to a pseudoscalar meson  $P_{qs}$  involves only one form factor

$$rac{\Gamma(D_q o P_{qs}\,\ell^+ 
u_\ell)}{dq^2} = rac{G_F^2 p^3}{24\pi^3} \; rac{|V_{cs}\;f^{qs}_+(q^2)|^2}{|V_{cs}\;f^{qs}_+(q^2)|^2} \quad ( ext{also}\;s o d)$$

- CLEO-c measures  $|V_{cs}f^{qs}_+(q^2)|$  and  $|V_{cd}f^{qd}_+(q^2)|$  to test QCD theories of  $f(q^2)$ 
  - Goal is to validate theories of  $f_+(q^2)$  for application in the *B* meson sector
  - Most important for  $V_{ub}$  from  $b \rightarrow u$  transitions where HQET does not apply
- Decay to a vector meson (V) involves 3 form factors and a more complicated expression involving 3 decay angles (or 3 other variables) in addition to  $q^2$

## $D^0$ and $D^+$ Semileptonic Decays

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 $D^0 o K^- e^+ 
u$ 



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### Technique

- Find a fully reconstructed hadronic decay tag
- Find a semileptonic candidate in the event
- Determine  $E_{\text{miss}} \& P_{\text{miss}}$ from detector hermiticity
- Fit the  $U \equiv E_{\text{miss}} cP_{\text{miss}}$ distribution for the signal
- Extremely clean signals in Cabibbo-favored  $D \rightarrow Ke\nu$  modes

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# $D^0$ and $D^+$ Semileptonic Decays



- Clean and robust signals in Cabibbo-suppressed  $D \rightarrow \pi e \nu$  modes
- Excellent isospin agreement for branching fractions and form factors

- Determine  $f_+(0)$  from fits of  $d\Gamma/dq^2$  distributions to the parametrization of T. Becher and R. J. Hill
- Determine branching fractions from integration of the fits over  $q^2$

 $D^0$  and  $D^+$  Semileptonic Form Factors



# $f_+(0)$ for $D^0$ and $D^+$ Semileptonic Decays

## **Results averaged over isospins**



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# $D^0$ and $D^+$ Semileptonic Branching Fractions

**Results averaged over isospins** 



Measurements of  $|V_{cd}|$  and  $|V_{cs}|$ 

- Require values of  $f_+(0)$  from LQCD
- Inner error bars are combined experimental statistical and systematic uncertainties
- Outer error bars include  $f_+(0)$  uncertainties from LQCD
- LQCD uncertainties dominate
  - Serious challenge for LQCD



# Conclusions

Reported leptonic and semileptonic results from the the full  $\psi(3770)$  and  $\psi(4170)$  data samples

- $f_{D^+}$  and  $f_{D_s}$  results are statistics limited
  - Agreement of the  $f_{D^+}$  result with LQCD is excellent
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  - CLEO-c results dominated by statistical errors
    - Excellent opportunity for BESIII to contribute with larger data samples
    - Would challenge LQCD at a new level of precision
- Precision measurements of  $D \to Ke\nu$  and  $D \to \pi e\nu$ branching fractions and form factors
  - Branching fraction results agree with earlier measurements
  - Form factor agreement with LQCD good at low  $q^2$
  - Form factor agreement with LQCD less good at high  $q^2$
  - LQCD uncertainties dominate measurements of  $|V_{cd}|$  and  $|V_{cs}|$ 
    - Significant challenge for LQCD