

Measurement of the Moments of the Hadronic Invariant Mass Distribution in Semileptonic B Decays

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Using 180 pb^{-1} of data collected with the CDF II detector at the Tevatron, we measure the first two moments of the hadronic invariant mass-squared distribution in charmed semileptonic B decays. From these we determine the non-perturbative Heavy Quark Effective Theory parameters Λ and λ_1 used to relate the B meson semileptonic branching ratio to the CKM matrix element $|V_{cb}|$. For a minimum lepton momentum of $0.7 \text{ GeV}/c$ in the B rest frame we measure the first two moments of the $D^{**} \rightarrow D^{(*)}\pi$ component to be $\langle m_{D^{**}}^2 \rangle = (5.83 \pm 0.16_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.08_{\text{syst}}) \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ and $\langle (m_{D^{**}}^2 - \langle m_{D^{**}}^2 \rangle)^2 \rangle = (1.30 \pm 0.69_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.22_{\text{syst}}) \text{ GeV}^4/c^8$. Combining these with the discrete mass terms from the D and D^* mesons, we find the total moments to be $\langle M_{X_c}^2 \rangle - \overline{m}_D^2 = (0.467 \pm 0.038_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.068_{\text{syst}}) \text{ GeV}^2/c^4$ and $\langle (M_{X_c}^2 - \langle M_{X_c}^2 \rangle)^2 \rangle = (1.05 \pm 0.26_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.13_{\text{syst}}) \text{ GeV}^4/c^8$, where $\overline{m}_D$ is the spin-averaged D mass. The systematic error is dominated by the uncertainties in the

world-average branching ratios used to combine the D , D^* , and D^{**} contributions. The analysis makes no assumptions about the shape or resonant structure of the $D^{**} \rightarrow D^{(*)}\pi$ invariant mass distribution.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In order to constrain the length of the side opposite the angle β in the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) unitarity triangle, a precise measurement of the ratio $|V_{ub}|/|V_{cb}|$ is needed. The matrix element $|V_{cb}|$ is generally extracted from semileptonic B decays. Currently, the most precise method is based on the measurement of the inclusive semileptonic partial width into charm, $\Gamma_{sl} = \Gamma(B \rightarrow X_c l \nu_l)$. The Operator Product Expansion (OPE) applied to Heavy Quark Effective Theory (HQET) relates the experimental determination of Γ_{sl} to $|V_{cb}|$ [1, 2]. The relationship takes the form of an expansion in inverse powers of the B mass, m_B . At each order in the expansion, new free non-perturbative parameters enter: one (Λ) at order $1/m_B$, two (λ_1 and λ_2) at order $1/m_B^2$, six at order $1/m_B^3$, etc. In order to extract $|V_{cb}|$ from Γ_{sl} some external information on these parameters is needed.

The same theoretical framework that predicts the value of Γ_{sl} predicts the value of any weighted integral of the differential rate $d\Gamma_{sl}/ds_H$, provided the weight is a smooth function of $s_H \equiv M_{X_c}^2$. Using weight functions $(s_H - \overline{m}_D^2)$ and $(s_H - \langle s_H \rangle)^2$, with $\overline{m}_D = 0.25m_D + 0.75m_{D^*}$, one can define the first two moments of the hadronic mass distribution:

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &= \int_{s_H^{min}}^{s_H^{max}} ds_H (s_H - \overline{m}_D^2) \frac{1}{\Gamma_{sl}} \frac{d\Gamma_{sl}}{ds_H}, \\ M_2 &= \int_{s_H^{min}}^{s_H^{max}} ds_H (s_H - \langle s_H \rangle)^2 \frac{1}{\Gamma_{sl}} \frac{d\Gamma_{sl}}{ds_H}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

which are simply the shifted mean and variance of the $M_{X_c}^2$ distribution in semileptonic charmed decays of B mesons. The moments are not sensitive to $|V_{cb}|$, but they are more sensitive to the non-perturbative parameters of HQET than Γ_{sl} itself is. Therefore, measuring the moments provides a useful constraint on the HQET parameters which improves the overall precision on $|V_{cb}|$ as determined from Γ_{sl} . This is the purpose of this analysis. Since λ_2 is well determined from the values of the hyperfine mass splittings in the B and D meson systems [2], only Λ and λ_1 are studied here.

The s_H distribution in $B^- \rightarrow X_c^0 l^- \overline{\nu}_l$ decays can be split into three contributions corresponding to $X_c^0 = D^0, D^{*0}, D^{**0}$. Here D^{**0} stands for any neutral charmed state, resonant or not, other than D^0, D^{*0} . The differ-

ential mass-squared spectrum can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\Gamma_{sl}} \frac{d\Gamma_{sl}}{ds_H} &= \frac{\Gamma_0}{\Gamma_{sl}} \cdot \delta(s_H - m_{D^0}^2) + \frac{\Gamma_*}{\Gamma_{sl}} \cdot \delta(s_H - m_{D^{*0}}^2) \\ &+ \left(1 - \frac{\Gamma_0}{\Gamma_{sl}} - \frac{\Gamma_*}{\Gamma_{sl}}\right) \cdot f^{**}(s_H), \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

where Γ_{sl} is now the inclusive B^- semileptonic width, Γ_0 and Γ_* are the exclusive B^- partial widths to $D^0 l^- \overline{\nu}_l$ and $D^{*0} l^- \overline{\nu}_l$ respectively, and $f^{**}(s_H)$ is the normalized hadronic invariant mass-squared distribution in the D^{**0} channel. We use world-average values of Γ_0/Γ_{sl} , Γ_*/Γ_{sl} , m_{D^0} and $m_{D^{*0}}$ from the Particle Data Group [3] and concentrate on measuring $f^{**}(s_H)$. In this way, we have only to measure the invariant mass distribution for the D^{**0} component without having to determine the D^0, D^{*0} components or the relative normalizations between those and the D^{**0} channel. The D^{**0} spectrum is not well known, and includes, at least, two narrow and two wide states, together with a possible non-resonant $D^{(*)}\pi$ contribution. The measurement of the D^{**0} spectrum is the main task of this analysis. We assume that the $D^{(*)}\pi l^- \overline{\nu}_l$ decays of B^- saturate the difference between its inclusive semileptonic decay rate and the sum of its exclusive decay rates to $D^0 l^- \overline{\nu}_l$ and $D^{*0} l^- \overline{\nu}_l$. We neglect all modes with additional pions in the final state, as well as $D^{**0} \rightarrow D_s^{(*)+} K^-$.

Only $D^{(*)+}\pi^-$ decays (charge conjugated channels are implicitly included throughout the paper) are reconstructed. Contributions to the s_H distribution from decays with neutral particles are included by applying isospin factors to the charged modes. Feed-down from one channel to another due to unmeasured neutral particles is subtracted statistically using the data themselves and isospin relations, as explained in Section III.

II. DATA ANALYSIS

The analysis uses a data sample of $\overline{p}p$ collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 1.96$ TeV with an integrated luminosity of about 180 pb^{-1} , collected between February 2002 and August 2003 with the upgraded Collider Detector at the Fermilab Tevatron (CDF II). A description of the detector can be found in [4]. The relevant components for this analysis include a tracking system composed of a silicon strip vertex detector (SVX II) surrounded by an open cell drift chamber system (COT). The SVX II detector comprises five concentric layers of double-sided sensors located at radii between 2.5 and 10.6 cm, while the COT provides 96 measurements (including axial and stereo) out to a radius of 132 cm. The central tracking system is immersed in a 1.4 T solenoidal magnetic field.

Two sampling calorimeters surround the magnetic coil. A set of proportional chambers inside the electromagnetic calorimeter provides information on the shower profile for use in electron identification. Muon candidates are identified with two sets of multi-layer drift chambers, one located outside the calorimeters and the other behind an additional 60 cm-thick iron shield.

Decays $B \rightarrow D^{(*)+}\pi^-l^-X$, where l stands for electron or muon, were recorded using a trigger that requires a lepton l and a track displaced from the interaction point [5]. The lepton and the displaced track must have transverse momentum p_T in excess of 4 GeV/ c and 2 GeV/ c respectively. The displaced track's impact parameter with respect to the beamline has to exceed 120 μm and be below 1 mm. Events which pass the trigger are recorded for further analysis. Only well-reconstructed tracks with $p_T \geq 0.4$ GeV/ c are retained. Track parameters are corrected for the ionization energy loss appropriate to the mass hypothesis under consideration. A Monte Carlo sample of $B \rightarrow D^{**}l\nu_l$ events based on the ISGW2 [6] and Goity-Roberts [7] matrix elements and including a detailed simulation of the CDF II detector based on the GEANT [8] package has been used throughout the analysis. In accordance with our assumption, only $D^{**} \rightarrow D^{(*)}\pi$ decays are generated.

Events with $D^{*+}(\rightarrow D^0\pi^*)l^-$ and D^+l^- combinations are reconstructed in the decay channels $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+$, $K^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$, $K^-\pi^+\pi^0$ and $D^+ \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^+$. Tracks with the appropriate charge combination are required to be consistent with a common vertex in three dimensions. One of the tracks in the vertex must fulfill the displaced trigger requirements. Suitable ranges are selected in the D^0 (1.84–1.89 GeV/ c^2) and D^+ (1.84–1.89 GeV/ c^2) mass distributions. For the D^{*+} channel, an additional charged track (π^+) is required, such that the $M(D^0\pi^+) - M(D^0)$ mass difference lies between 0.142 and 0.147 GeV/ c^2 . The $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^0$ channel is reconstructed from the satellite peak in the $K^-\pi^+$ mass distribution (1.50–1.70 GeV/ c^2). In this case the $M(K^-\pi^+\pi^+) - M(K^-\pi^+)$ mass difference is required to be between 0.142 and 0.155 GeV/ c^2 . Duplicate removal is performed in the $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$ channel: when two D^{*+} candidates share all five tracks, differing only in the kaon mass assignment, the candidate with the $K^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$ mass closer to the nominal D^0 mass is retained. No attempt has been made to further identify kaons and pions.

After the selection of $D^{*+}l^-$ and D^+l^- combinations, we obtain 3890 ± 63 , 2994 ± 57 , 6638 ± 98 and 14416 ± 202 signal events in the $K^-\pi^+$, $K^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$, $K^-\pi^+\pi^0$ and $K^-\pi^+\pi^+$ channels, respectively. Combinatorial backgrounds, estimated from sidebands of the $M(D^+)$ and $M(D^0\pi^+) - M(D^0)$ distributions, have been subtracted. The quoted yield in the D^+ channel has been rescaled by a factor 0.96 to account for the background from $D_s^+ \rightarrow K^+K^-\pi^+$ decays where the K^+ is assigned the pion mass. Figure 1 shows on the left the $M(D^0\pi^+) - M(D^0)$ distributions for D^0 decaying into

either $K^-\pi^+$ or $K^-\pi^+\pi^-\pi^+$, and for $D^0 \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^0$, while the $D^+ \rightarrow K^-\pi^+\pi^+$ mass distribution is plotted on the right.

The $D^{(*)+}l^-$ vertex (the B vertex) is reconstructed in three dimensions and required to be at least 500 μm away from the beam line. An additional pion (π_{**}^-) is then added to create full $D^{(*)}\pi^-l^-$ candidates. The π_{**}^- 's trajectory is required to be at most 2.5 standard deviations away from the B vertex, and at least three standard deviations away from the beam line. These cuts were optimized using the $B \rightarrow D^{**}l\nu_l$ Monte Carlo for the signal, and wrong-sign $\pi_{**}^+l^-$ combinations in data for the background. The measured mass distributions in the $D^{*+}\pi_{**}$ and $D^+\pi_{**}$ channels are shown in Fig. 2.

III. BACKGROUND AND EFFICIENCY CORRECTIONS

The most important background sources are combinatorial background under the D^+ and D^* mass peaks, prompt tracks (from fragmentation or the underlying event) that fake π_{**} candidates, and feed-down from $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^+\pi^0$ decays into the D^+ channel. Data sidebands are used to assess combinatorial background under the D^+ mass and $D^{*+}-D^0$ mass-difference peaks, and wrong-sign $\pi_{**}^+l^-$ combinations in data to characterize the prompt background to the π_{**} candidates. The wrong-sign pion-lepton sample is subtracted from the right-sign sample, after performing side-band subtraction in both. A possible difference between the rate of prompt background with the right and the wrong π_{**} charge has been studied with a sample of fully reconstructed B decays ($B^- \rightarrow J/\Psi K^-$, $B^0 \rightarrow D^{(*)-}\pi^+$, $B^- \rightarrow D^0\pi^-$) and found to be at most 4%. This has been included in the systematic error. The bias in the background subtraction introduced by using the same wrong-sign sample for both the optimization of the selection and the final background subtraction has been studied using bootstrap [9] copies of the data and found to be smaller than 15% of the statistical error on the moments. This upper bound on the bias has been added as an additional systematical error.

Since we do not reconstruct neutral particles, events with a decay $B^- \rightarrow D^{*+}\pi_{**}^-l^-\bar{\nu}_l$ with the D^{*+} decaying into $D^+\pi^0$ constitute an irreducible background to the signal channel $B^- \rightarrow D^+\pi_{**}^-l^-\bar{\nu}_l$. Using isospin symmetry, the background rate and $D^+\pi_{**}^-$ invariant mass can be obtained from the $D^0\pi_{**}^-$ invariant mass in $B^- \rightarrow D^{*+}\pi_{**}^-l^-\bar{\nu}_l$ decays with $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0\pi^+$, which we fully reconstruct, after correcting for the relative efficiency using Monte Carlo. A small physics background (around 1% in rate), coming mostly from $B \rightarrow D_s^{(*)}D^{(*)}$ decays with the $D_s^{(*)}$ decaying semileptonically, is subtracted using Monte Carlo predictions. Background from tracks faking a lepton has been studied by looking at wrong-sign $D^{(*)+}l^+$ combinations. It has been found that the background subtraction procedure outlined above

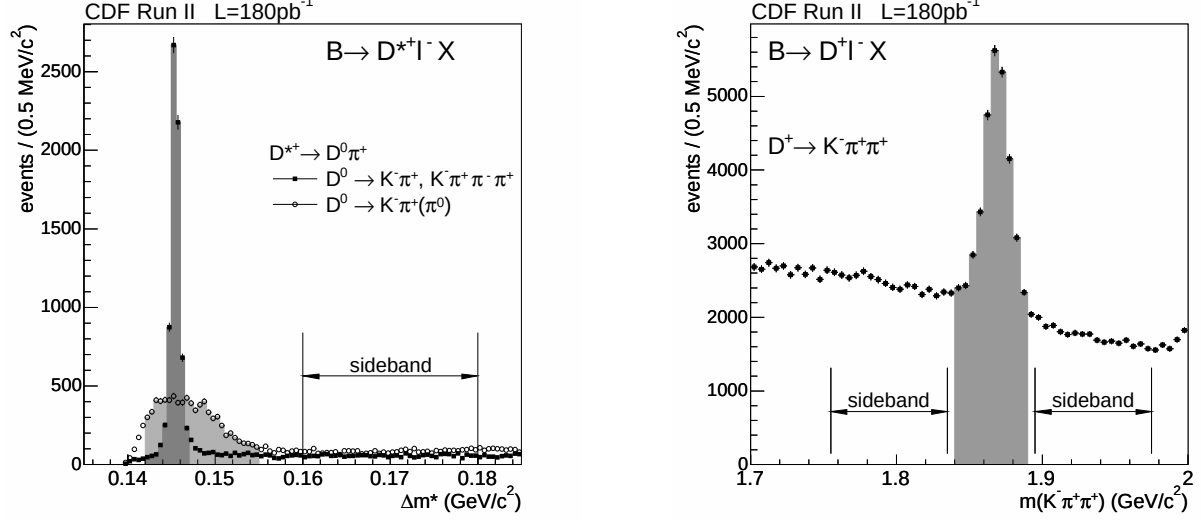


FIG. 1: Left: Mass difference $\Delta m^* = M(D^0 \pi^+) - M(D^0)$ in the $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$ and $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$ channels (narrow peak) and $\Delta m^* = M(K^- \pi^+ \pi_*) - M(K^- \pi^+)$ in the $D^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^0$ channel (broad peak). Right: Mass distribution for the $D^+ \rightarrow K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$ channel. The signal areas are shaded; sideband regions are also indicated.

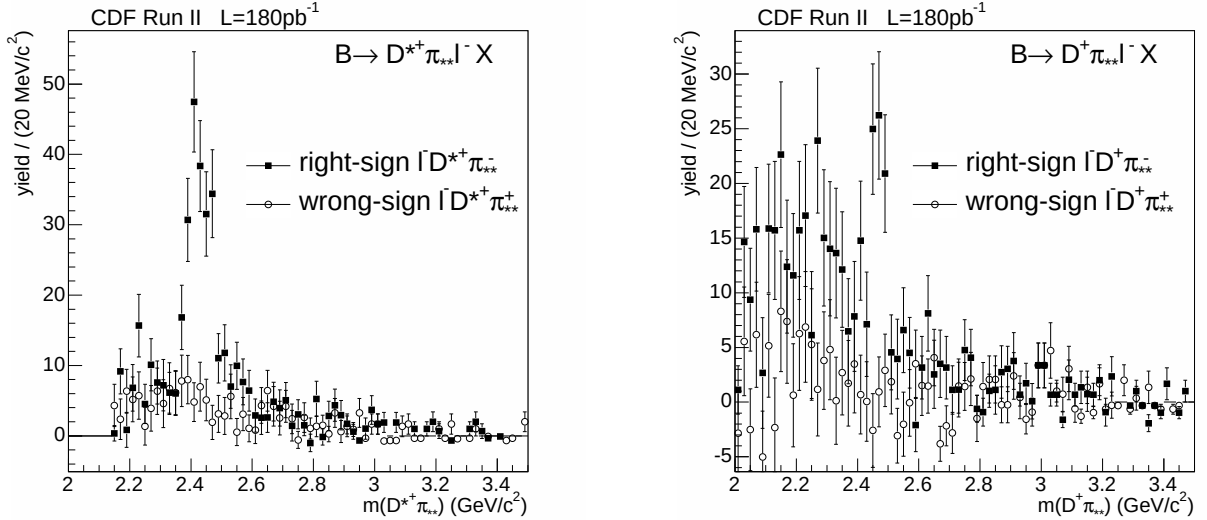


FIG. 2: Sideband-subtracted invariant mass distribution for the $D^{*+} \pi_{**}$ channels (left) and for the $D^+ \pi_{**}$ channel (right). The mass regions shown are limited at $3.5 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ for illustration only. No explicit mass cut is applied in the analysis.

effectively removes any such background. Finally, the background from $B \rightarrow D^{(*)} \pi \tau \nu_\tau$ decays has been studied with Monte Carlo and found to have a negligible effect on the determination of the moments.

Since only the shape of the mass-squared distribution for the D^{**} component ($f^{**}(s_H)$ in Eq. (2)) is being measured, the relevant efficiency corrections are those that can bias the mass-squared distribution, along with the relative efficiency for the D^{*+} and D^+ components of the D^{**} piece. Both efficiencies are obtained, as a function of the mass $M(D^{**})$, from the Monte Carlo simulation. We have checked the Monte Carlo relative efficiency

predictions as a function of the π_{**} transverse momentum by applying the π_{**} selection cuts to decay tracks from D and D^* mesons. The efficiency variation in the data agrees well with the simulation. Where small differences have been found, corrections have been derived from these Monte Carlo–data comparisons.

To compare the moments with theoretical predictions, they must be measured with a well defined cut on p_l^* , the lepton momentum in the B rest frame. Since we do not attempt to measure the boost of the B , we cannot access p_l^* directly in data. Instead, acceptance corrections are derived from Monte Carlo that turn our gradual trigger

turn-on as a function of p_l^* into a sharp threshold at $p_l^* = 0.7$ GeV/ c , thereby correcting our measurement of the moments to a cut $p_l^* > 0.7$ GeV/ c . The value 0.7 GeV/ c was chosen in order to minimize the correction. Because of the negative correlation between lepton momentum in the B rest frame and D^{**} mass, the correction itself can depend on the detailed D^{**} mass spectrum in Monte Carlo. In order to assess the possible systematic error, the default B decay model has been compared to a naïve phase-space B semileptonic decay model. The differences in the ensuing correction factors as a function of $M(D^{**})$ are considered as systematic errors.

IV. RESULTS

The $D^{(*)+}\pi^-$ mass distribution is shown in Fig. 3 after background subtraction and efficiency and acceptance corrections. The first and second moments of the D^{**}

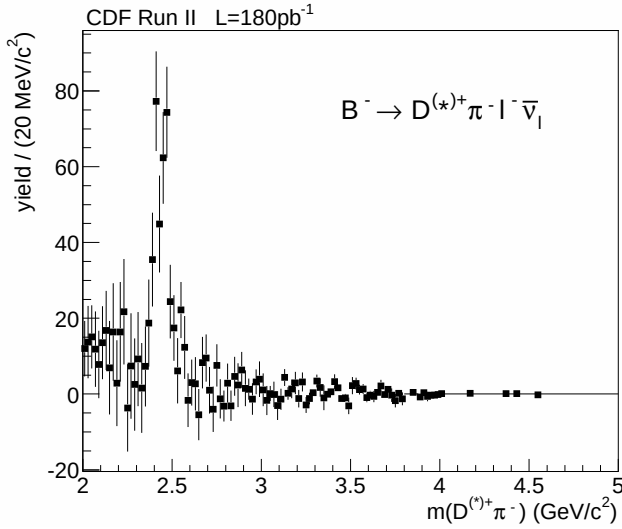


FIG. 3: Fully corrected invariant mass distribution $m(D^{(*)+}\pi^-)$. The number of events in each bin has been background subtracted and corrected for mass-dependent and D^*/D^+ relative efficiency corrections. The plotted errors take into account all corrections and subtractions.

component of the mass-squared distribution, m_1 and m_2 , are determined by simply computing the mean and variance of the distribution shown in Fig. 3, without any assumption about the shape or rate of its several components:

$$\begin{aligned} m_1 &\equiv \langle m_{D^{**}}^2 \rangle = (5.83 \pm 0.16_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.08_{\text{syst}}) \text{ GeV}^2/c^4 \\ m_2 &\equiv \langle (m_{D^{**}}^2 - \langle m_{D^{**}}^2 \rangle)^2 \rangle = \\ &\quad (1.30 \pm 0.69_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.22_{\text{syst}}) \text{ GeV}^4/c^8, \end{aligned}$$

with a 61% positive correlation. The full moments of the hadronic mass-squared distribution, M_1 and M_2 , are determined by combining m_1 and m_2 with the D and D^*

pieces, obtained from world-average values [3]:

$$\begin{aligned} M_1 &\equiv \langle M_{X_c}^2 \rangle - \overline{m}_D^2 = \\ &\quad (0.467 \pm 0.038_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.019_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.065_{\text{BR}}) \text{ GeV}^2/c^4 \\ M_2 &\equiv \langle (M_{X_c}^2 - \langle M_{X_c}^2 \rangle)^2 \rangle = \\ &\quad (1.05 \pm 0.26_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.08_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.10_{\text{BR}}) \text{ GeV}^4/c^8, \end{aligned}$$

with a 69% positive correlation between M_1 and M_2 . Here “BR” refers to the uncertainty coming from the branching ratios needed for the combination of the D , D^* and D^{**} pieces. For the exclusive branching ratios to D and D^* , all available information [3] coming from charged and neutral B decays has been combined using isospin invariance, leading to $\Gamma_0/\Gamma_{sl} = 0.203 \pm 0.015$ and $\Gamma_*/\Gamma_{sl} = 0.550 \pm 0.026$ with about 30% positive correlation. The isospin-related partial widths (not the branching ratios) of B^+ and B^0 are assumed to be identical.

Finally, using the predictions in [2], the HQET parameters Λ and λ_1 are determined. After applying constraints on the other HQET parameters coming from the known B and D hyperfine mass splittings we find, in the pole scheme: $\overline{\Lambda} \equiv \Lambda^{\text{pole}} = (0.397 \pm 0.078_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.027_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.064_{\text{BR}} \pm 0.058_{\text{theo}}) \text{ GeV}$ and $\lambda_1^{\text{pole}} = (-0.184 \pm 0.057_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.017_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.022_{\text{BR}} \pm 0.077_{\text{theo}}) \text{ GeV}^2$, with a 79% negative correlation. Similarly, we extract the equivalent HQET parameters in the 1S scheme: $m_b^{1S} \equiv M_T/2 - \Lambda^{1S} = (4.654 \pm 0.078_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.027_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.064_{\text{BR}} \pm 0.089_{\text{theo}}) \text{ GeV}$ and $\lambda_1^{1S} = (-0.277 \pm 0.049_{\text{stat}} \pm 0.017_{\text{exp}} \pm 0.022_{\text{BR}} \pm 0.094_{\text{theo}}) \text{ GeV}^2$, with a 77% positive correlation.

The statistical and systematic errors in the extraction of the D^{**} moments, the full moments, and the HQET parameters in the pole-mass scheme are presented in Table I. Statistical errors dominate the measurements of m_1 and m_2 while experimental systematic errors are all smaller. The main experimental systematics are computed from the differences in the results when we apply or omit a correction for the ~ 60 MeV/ c^2 mass resolution in the $K^-\pi^+\pi^0$ channel or the $M(D^{**})$ -dependent efficiency correction from data. Similarly, we considered the difference in results obtained using Monte Carlo efficiency and acceptance corrections calculated with ISGW2 and Goity-Roberts matrix elements or phase space as a systematic error. Other experimental systematics include uncertainties on the level of the prompt background (studied with a fully reconstructed B sample), a possible bias due to having used the same data sample to model the background in the optimization process and to subtract the background from the data (studied by repeating the optimization on bootstrap copies of the data), and uncertainties on D branching fractions used in the analysis.

Uncertainties in the inclusive and exclusive semileptonic B branching ratios become important when combining m_1 and m_2 with the D^0 and D^{*0} pieces to obtain M_1 and M_2 , the moments of the entire charm mass distribution. Theoretical uncertainties become dominant in the extraction of the HQET parameters Λ and λ_1 . The

Error	Δm_1 (GeV ² /c ⁴)	Δm_2 (GeV ⁴ /c ⁸)	ΔM_1 (GeV ² /c ⁴)	ΔM_2 (GeV ⁴ /c ⁸)	$\Delta \bar{\Lambda}$ (GeV)	$\Delta \lambda_1$ (GeV ²)
Statistical	0.16	0.69	0.038	0.26	0.078	0.057
Total systematic	0.08	0.22	0.068	0.13	0.091	0.082
Mass resolution	0.02	0.13	0.005	0.04	0.012	0.009
Efficiency (data)	0.03	0.13	0.006	0.05	0.014	0.011
Efficiency and acceptance (MC)	0.06	0.05	0.016	0.03	0.017	0.006
Background scale	0.01	0.03	0.002	0.01	0.003	0.002
Background bias	0.02	0.10	0.004	0.03	0.006	0.006
Physics background	0.01	0.02	0.002	0.01	0.004	0.002
D^+/D^{*+} branching ratios	0.01	0.02	0.002	0.01	0.004	0.002
D^+/D^{*+} efficiency	0.02	0.03	0.004	0.01	0.005	0.002
B semileptonic branching ratios	—	—	0.065	0.10	0.064	0.022
ρ_1	—	—	—	—	0.041	0.069
T_i	—	—	—	—	0.032	0.031
α_s	—	—	—	—	0.018	0.007
m_b, m_c	—	—	—	—	0.001	0.008
Choice of p_l^* cut	—	—	—	—	0.019	0.009

TABLE I: Statistical and systematic uncertainties in the measurements of the D^{**} and full moments and in the extraction of $\bar{\Lambda}$ and λ_1 in the pole scheme.

largest contribution to the theoretical systematic error is that estimated by varying the unknown third order HQET parameters in the ranges $\rho_1 = \frac{1}{2}(0.5 \text{ GeV})^3 \pm \frac{1}{2}(0.5 \text{ GeV})^3$, $T_i = (0.0 \text{ GeV})^3 \pm (0.5 \text{ GeV})^3$. Finally, acceptance corrections have been computed for two alternative p_l^* cuts, 0.5 and 0.9 GeV/c. The moments obtained this way are different physical quantities and numerically different from those obtained for the default p_l^* cut at 0.7 GeV/c. However, if HQET describes the data, they should all lead to compatible values of the HQET parameters. The three sets of parameters are found to be equal within errors. Differences between them have been considered as additional systematic uncertainties.

In summary, we have presented a measurement of the first two moments of the hadronic mass-squared distribution in semileptonic B decays to charm by combining our measurement of the $D^{(*)+}\pi^-$ mass spectrum with the known masses and branching ratios to $Dl\nu$ and $D^*\nu$ taken from the Particle Data Group compilation [3]. These channels together are assumed to fully account for the inclusive semileptonic decay width of B mesons to charm. The moments are then used to extract the two leading Heavy Quark Effective Theory parameters, Λ and λ_1 , in both the pole mass and the 1S mass schemes. Within HQET the results are in agreement with previous determinations at e^+e^- machines [10], mostly at higher values of p_l^* , and our precision in the moments is comparable or slightly better. The experimental techniques and systematic uncertainties are very different from those at electron-positron colliders. Our measurements, when combined with moments of the lepton energy in semilep-

tonic B decays [11] and photon energy in $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ transitions [12] measured elsewhere, will help pinpoint the values of the non-perturbative HQET parameters [13]. This will sharpen the experimental determination of $|V_{cb}|$ and allow tests of the underlying assumptions of the theoretical framework, such as quark-hadron duality.

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