Heavy-light meson spectrum



- To leading power, bottom and charm spectra are simply shifted by constant amount m_b - m_c =3.4GeV.
 - $M_{B1}-M_B = (455\pm 4) \text{ MeV}, M_{D1}-M_D = (555\pm 1) \text{MeV}$
- "Spin doublets" almost degenerate:
 - e.g. M_{B^*} $M_B = 46 \text{ MeV}$

Extraction of V_{cb} from $B \rightarrow D^* |_V$

• Extrapolation to zero-recoil point



 Plot shows "form factor x |V_{cb}|", which is obtained by measuring dΓ/dw, dividing by phase-space factor and taking the square root.

Extraction of V_{cb} from $B \rightarrow D^* I_V$



Parameter ρ^2 corresponds to F'(w) at w=1.

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Lattice result at zero recoil

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$$\mathcal{F}(1) = 0.921(13)(20)$$
 stat. syst.

• Exp. value $|V_{cb}|\mathcal{F}(1) = (35.9 \pm 0.8) \times 10^{-3}$ and 0.7% e.m. correction then gives

$$|V_{cb}| = (38.7 \pm 0.9_{\text{exp}} \pm 1.0_{\text{theo}}) \times 10^{-3}$$

• 2 σ below value from inclusive decay $|V_{cb}| = (41.6 \pm 0.6) \times 10^{-3}$