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Non-Perturbative Bounds for Semileptonic Decays in Lattice QCD

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We present a new method aiming at a non-perturbative, model-independent determination of the momentum dependence of the form factors entering hadronic semileptonic decays using unitarity and analyticity constraints. We extend the original proposal of Ref. [1] and, using suitable two-point functions computed non-perturbatively, we determine the form factors at low-momentum transfer q^2 from those computed explicitly on the lattice at large q^2 , without making any assumption about their q^2 dependence. As a training ground we apply the new method to the analysis of the lattice data of the semileptonic $D \rightarrow K\ell\nu_\ell$ decays obtained in Ref. [2] both at finite values of the lattice spacing and at the physical pion point in the continuum limit. We show that, starting from a limited set of data at large q^2 it is possible to determine quite precisely the form factors in a model independent way in the full kinematical range, obtaining a remarkable agreement with the direct calculation of the form factors of Ref. [2]. This finding opens the possibility to obtain non-perturbatively the form factors entering the semileptonic B decays in their full kinematical range.

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