

Measurement and interpretation of moments in Decays $B \rightarrow X_c \ell \nu$

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Semileptonic B decays to $DX_l\nu$ ($l = e$ or μ) are selected by reconstructing $D0l$ and $D+l$ combinations from a sample of 230 million $Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow BB$ decays recorded with the BABAR detector at the PEP-II e^+e^- collider at SLAC. A global fit to these samples in a 3-dimensional space of kinematic variables is used to determine the branching fractions $B(B^- \rightarrow D0 l \nu) = (2.34 \pm 0.03 \pm 0.13)\%$ and $B(B^- \rightarrow D0 l \nu) = (5.40 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.21)\%$ where the errors are statistical and systematic, respectively. The fit also determines form factor parameters in a HQET-based parameterization, resulting in $\rho_{D^0}^2 = 1.20 \pm 0.04 \pm 0.07$ for $B^- \rightarrow D^0 l \nu$ and $\rho_D^2 = 1.22 \pm 0.02 \pm 0.07$ for $B^- \rightarrow D l \nu$. These values are used to obtain the product of the CKM matrix element $|V_{cb}|$ times the form factor at the zero recoil point for both $B^- \rightarrow D l \nu$ decays, $G(1)|V_{cb}| = (43.1 \pm 0.8 \pm 2.3) \cdot 10^{-3}$, and for $B^- \rightarrow D^0 l \nu$ decays, $F(1)|V_{cb}| = (35.9 \pm 0.2 \pm 1.2) \cdot 10^{-3}$.

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