

LHCb STATUS AND SELECTED PHYSICS RESULTS

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Introduction to the LHCb experiment

- Some selected physics results
- Prospects
- Conclusions

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- LHCb: an experiment at LHC searching for NP beyond the SM through the study of very rare decays of b and c-flavoured hadrons and precision measurements of CP-violating observables.
- First results from LHCb have already made a significant impact on flavour physics and proved the concept of a dedicated experiment in the forward region at a hadron collider.



Measure processes that are strongly suppressed in the SM and poorly constrained by existing data, but that have sensitivity to new particles at high mass scales via their virtual effects in loop diagrams (complementary approach to direct searches):



- Search for possible inconsistencies in measurements of angles and sides of unitarity triangles: compare results from decays dominated by tree-level diagrams with those that start at loop level to probe validity of SM
- The precise study of b and c decays, the observation of very rare decay modes, and the accurate measurement of CP violation asymmetries is an essential tool for the identification of New Physics.



Heavy quarks have a short lifetime t:

$$\begin{split} \tau_{charm} &\sim 10^{-12} \text{ s} \\ \tau_{beauty} &\sim 1.5 \ 10^{-12} \text{ s} \\ \tau_{top} &\sim 5 \ 10^{-25} \text{ s} \end{split} \qquad \begin{array}{l} \tau &\sim 1/(m^5 \ |V_{CKM}|^2) \\ \end{array} \end{split}$$

While the t quark lifetime is too short, the b and c quarks live long enough so that we can study their production and decay sequence in detail.

- □ The b quark is ideal for experimental study of V_{CKM} and CP violation:
 - relatively long lifetime
 - high mass (many possible decay final states)
 - "A 'b' is the elephant of the particle zoo: it is very heavy and lives a long time" (T.Schietinger).
 - larger CP asymmetries than for s and c
 - theoretical predictions can be precisely compared with experimental results



The b lifetime is long enough for it to propagate an observable distance D when produced at the LHC: $D = \beta \gamma c \tau$ $\tau_{\text{beauty}} \sim 1.5 \ 10^{-12} \text{ s}$

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At the LHC:

\beta = V/C \sim 1

\gamma = E/mc^2 \sim 20

(E: b energy)

D = 20.3.10<sup>10</sup>.1.5.10<sup>-12</sup>~ 1cm
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Advantages of beauty physics at hadron colliders:

- High value of beauty cross section at LHC:
 - σ_{bb} ~ 250-500 µb @ \sqrt{s} =7-14 TeV (σ_{bb} @Y(4s) ~1 nb → >10⁵ factor)
 - Measured at 7 TeV ~ 280 µb (~70 µb in LHCb acceptance)
 - σ_{cc} is 20 times larger!
- ~10¹¹ b decays (1 fb⁻¹)
 - ~10¹² c decays in LHCb acceptance
- Access to all b-hadrons: B[±], B⁰, B_s, B_c, b-baryons
 - In particular can study the B_s (bs) system, not studied at the B factories, but measured by CDF/D0

□ The challenges

- **Rate of background events:** σ_{inel} ~ 60 mb @ \sqrt{s} =7 TeV
 - \rightarrow Trigger is essential!



- **Detector designed to maximize b acceptance** (in $\cos\theta$)
- b-hadrons produced at low angle
 - Forward spectrometer 2<η<5</p>
 - Single arm OK as b quarks are produced in same forward or backward cone
- Rely on much softer, lower P_T triggers than ATLAS/
 CMS, efficient also for purely hadronic decays
- □ ATLAS/CMS: |η|<2.5
 - \blacksquare Will do B-physics using high P_T μ triggers, mostly with modes involving di- μ
 - \blacksquare Purely hadronic modes triggered by tagging μ



LHCb Detector Requirements

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Key features:

- Highly efficient trigger for both hadronic and leptonic final states to enable high statistics data collection
- Vertexing for secondary vertex identification, capability to resolve fast B_s oscillations (B_s oscillation period ~350 fs)
- Mass resolution to reduce background









□ As seen by the colliding protons...









□ Allows strong suppression of combinatorial background in hadronic decays e.g. $\phi \rightarrow K^+K^-$





- Using the PID capability of LHCb, can isolate clean samples in 2-body B→h⁺h⁻ decays (h=π,K,p)
- $\hfill\square B^0 \to K^+\pi^-$: direct CP violation (in decay) clearly visible in raw distributions



 \square Adjusting the selection to enhance the $B_s \to \pi^+ \, K^-$ contribution



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□ $A_{CP}(B_s \rightarrow \pi^+ K^-) = 0.27 \pm 0.08 \pm 0.02$

 \square \rightarrow First 3 σ evidence of CP asymmetry in B_s decays!

Very rare topologies in $B \rightarrow h^+h^-$

LHCb



$$BR(B^{0} \to K^{+}K^{-}) = (0.13^{+0.06}_{-0.05} \pm 0.07) \cdot 10^{-6}$$
$$BR(B^{0}_{S} \to \pi^{+}\pi^{-}) = (0.98^{+0.23}_{-0.19} \pm 0.11) \cdot 10^{-6}$$

 \Box First observation of $B_S \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ with 5.3 σ significance



Trigger is crucial as σ_{bb} is less than 1% of total inelastic cross section and B decays of interest typically have BR < 10⁻⁵

- \square b hadrons are long-lived \rightarrow
 - Well separated primary and secondary vertices
- \square Have a ~large mass \rightarrow
 - Decay products with large p_T



LHCb Trigger



Hardware level (L0) 40 MHz of bunch crossing \rightarrow 1MHz

- **□** High-p_T μ , e, γ, hadron candidates (ECAL, HCAL, Muon)
 - CALO P_T>3.5 GeV, MUON P_T>1.4 GeV
 - New data every 25 ns, decision latency ~µs

Software level (High Level Trigger, HLT)

- Access all detector data
- Farm with ~1500 PCs (29000 logical cores)
- HLT1: Add Impact Parameter cuts
- HLT2: Global event reconstruction tuned for HLT time constraints (20-30 ms)→ ~4.5 kHz

HLT needs operational flexibility to adapt to the level of pile-up

 Trigger setting configuration distributed simultaneously to 29000 logical cores



LHCb Trigger

□ Trigger efficiency:

D B decays with $\mu\mu$	^ε (L0 x HLT) ~ 70-90 %	
B decays with hadrons	ε (L0 x HLT) ~ 20-50 %	
Charm decays :	ε (L0 x HLT) ~ 10-20 % →	LHC is a charm factory !

- In 2012 increase (+10%) in no. of CPU installed + "deferred HLT trigger" implemented
 - Exploit the idle time between "fills" (the periods when there are protons colliding in the LHC), which typically last between two and three hours, where no collisions take place and no computing power is required.
 - "Deferred triggering": storing events that cannot be processed online on the local disks of the servers, and later, when the fill is over, processing them on the now idle servers → +20% in CPU



LHCb running conditions

1600

1400

1200

1000

800

600 400

200 0

22h

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in 2012 -1:10 wrt ATLAS/CMS (L_{int})

Fill 2010 (2011/08/08)

ATLAS

CMS

LHCb

- □ LHCb is running at ~4 10³² cm⁻² s⁻¹ (i.e. a factor of 2 above design value)
 - Mean number of interactions/bunch crossing~2, while for ATLAS/CMS >30
- Luminosity is leveled through automatic adjustment of offset of colliding beams– operation in harmony with higher luminosity for ATLAS/CMS



In 2012 beam optics changed to decouple crossing angle from LHC (V) and spectrometer magnet (H). This minimizes systematic effects when we flip magnet polarity.

04h

07h

10h

13h

16h

19h



VELO rz view



□ 20 MHz of bunch crossing (in 2012, with 50 ns bunch spacing) with an average of 2 p-p interactions per bunch crossing → this level of pileup not an issue for LHCb







Accumulated statistics and data-taking efficiency

LHCb Integrated Luminosity in 2011 and 2012



□ Target of >~2.2/fb on tape in 2012 (including p-p run extension)



LHCb shift



Two shifters and many experts on call

The LHCB Control System: On The Path To Full Automation

Some examples:

■ High Level Trigger Control (~1500 PCs)

 Automatically excludes misbehaving PCs (within limits) and (re)include them

Run Control

- Automatically detects and recovers SubDetector desynchronizations
- Can Reset SDs when problems detected by monitoring

Autopilot

Knows how to start and keep a run going from any state

BigBrother

Based on the LHC state, controls SD Voltages, VELO Closure, RunControl

The LHCB Control System: On The Path To Full Automation



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Rare B decays

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- B decays to Charmonium B mixing parameters, CPV
- □ B decays to Open Charm CKM γ angle from B→DK, B to double charm
- Charmless B decays
- Semileptonic B decays
- $B \rightarrow hh, B \rightarrow hhh, ..$
- CPV, V_{ub}, cross-sections & b-fractions

Radiative, leptonic, electroweak, hadronic

- Charm physics Production & spectroscopy, CPV&mixing, rare charm decays
- B hadron and Quarkonia Production & spectroscopy
- QCD, EW and exotica Soft & hard QCD processes, particle production (incl. EW bosons), PDFs, exotic long-lived particles, pA collisions

Rare Decays: Search for NP in $B_{s(d)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



Search for NP in $B_{s(d)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

■ Highly suppressed in SM - FCNC plus helicity $(m_{\mu}/M_{B})^{2}$ - and well predicted ■ BR(B_s→ $\mu^{+}\mu^{-}$)= 3.2±0.03 10⁻⁹ ■ BR(B_d→ $\mu^{+}\mu^{-}$)= 0.11±0.01 10⁻⁹ ■ A.J.Buras et al: arXiv: 1208.0934

□ Sensitive to NP
 □ Could be strongly enhanced in SUSY
 □ In MSSM scales like ~tan⁶β →

□ Limit or measurement of $B_{s,d} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^$ will strongly constraint parameter space







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- Main issue is rejection of background, dominated by $B \rightarrow \mu^+ X$, $B \rightarrow \mu^- X$ decays
- Good mass resolution crucial
- Analysis performed in 2D : Multivariate estimator (BDT) combining vertex LHCb geometrical information vs dimuon mass m_{uu} フ INFN **THCP** a show a slight excess over background-only hypothesis consis with presence of a SM signal









□ LHCb's world's best limits with 1 fb⁻¹ @ 95% CL □ BR($B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$) < 4.5 10⁻⁹ □ BR($B_d \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$) < 1.0 10⁻⁹

Large enhancement of BR relative to SM expectation is ruled out



Impact of $B_{s(d)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ on SUSY

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 Constraints from flavour observables in SUSY models with few free parameters, such as CMSSM (used here for purely illustrative purpose, as almost excluded by M_H=125 GeV)

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LHCb limit strongly constrains the CMSSM with large tan β
 Constraints are superior to those from direct searches

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□ Constraints from flavour observables in SUSY models with few free parameters, such as CMSSM (used here for purely illustrative purpose, as almost excluded by M_H=125 GeV)

□ At low tan β , constraints from $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ lose importance wrt direct searches

$B_{s(d)} \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$: summary of exp results

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- ATLAS/CMS/LHCb combined @95%CL **BR(B**_s $\rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-}$) < 4.2 10⁻⁹
 - Slight excess of events over background, compatible with a SM signal within 1σ

D BR(B_d $\rightarrow \mu^{+}\mu^{-}) < 8.1 \ 10^{-10}$

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B⁺→ $\pi^+\mu^+\mu^-$: Rarest B decay ever observed!

LHCb-CONF-2012-006

- □ $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$ forbidden at tree level in SM → FCNC : Z/γ penguin or box
- □ SM prediction: (1.96 ± 0.21)10⁻⁸
- Observed for the first time with 5σ significance (with 1/fb)
- □ BR (B⁺ $\rightarrow \pi^{+}\mu^{+}\mu^{-}$) = (2.4±0.6±0.2) 10⁻⁸

CPV phase ϕ_s in B_s mixingdecay interference

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■ Measurement of $B_s - \overline{B}_s$ mixing phase ϕ_s in $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ sensitive to NP effects in mixing

 The phase arises from interference between B⁰_S decays with and without mixing

Amplitude with direct decay

• ϕ_{s} is small in SM: $\phi_{s}^{SM} = \phi_{s}^{M} - 2\phi_{s}^{D} \simeq -2\beta_{s} = -2\arg\left(-\underbrace{\bigvee_{ts}V_{tb}^{*}}_{V_{cs}V_{cb}^{*}}\right) = -(2.1 \pm 0.1)^{\circ}$ • NP can add large phases: $\phi_{s} = \phi_{s}^{SM} + \phi_{s}^{NP}$

LHCb CPV phase ϕ_s in B_s mixing-decay interference

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12 ps⁻¹ 1.3% Interesting Tevatron results with early data and intriguing with analysed sample

Results are consistent, both ~1σ away from SM What about LHCb?

$\frac{HCD}{HCP}$ Golden channel: $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+\mu^-) \phi(K^+K^-)$

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- Theoretically and experimentally clean
 - b→ccs tree dominance leads to precise prediction of ϕ_s in SM
 - Relatively large branching ratio and clean topology
 - Easy to trigger on μ from J/ $\psi \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
- Needs flavour-tagged, time-dependent angular analysis to disentangle CP-even and CP-odd components
 - P→VV decay:
 - B_s pseudoscalar (spin=0), J/ ψ and Φ vectors mesons (J^{PC}=1⁻⁻)
 - Total angular momentum conservation implies &=0,1,2
 - CP|J/ $\psi \phi >= (-1)^{\ell} |J/\psi \phi > \rightarrow$
 - Mixture of CP-even (*l*=0,2) and CP odd (*l*=1) final states
 - Need to fit angular distributions of decay final states as function of proper time
- 6 observables (invariant mass m_B , proper time, 3 angles of the decay products, B_s flavour) → ϕ_s , $\Delta\Gamma_s$, Δm_s , 3 amplitude ratios, 3 strong phase differences

LHCD $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$: key experimental ingredients

positive lepton taggers from b→c→l cascade

(e, µ) from b-quark

$B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$: fit projections

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 Maximum likelihood fit using angular information used to statistically separate different CP eigenstates

Summary of ϕ_s results (ICHEP 2012)

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Dimuon charge asymmetry Another anomaly....?

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LHCb: Dimuon charge asymmetry

 $\Box \text{ Use } B_s \rightarrow D_s(\phi \pi) \mu \upsilon X$

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• Measure time-integrated asymmetry: $A_{meas} = \frac{\Gamma(D_s^- \mu^+) - \Gamma(D_s^+ \mu^-)}{\Gamma(D_s^- \mu^-)}$

$$T_{as} = \frac{1}{\Gamma(D_s^- \mu^+) + \Gamma(D_s^+ \mu^-)}$$

- Detector asymmetries between $D_s^+\mu^$ and $D_s^-\mu^+$ addressed by
 - MAGNET UP and MAGNET DOWN samples of almost equal size
 - Calibration samples used to measure experimental biases
- □ Effect of B_s/\overline{B}_s production asymmetry suppressed by fast B_s oscillations

LHCb: $a_{sl}^{s} = (-0.24 \pm 0.54 \pm 0.33)\%$ LHCb-CONF-2012-022 Results consistent with SM, but more precision needed to conclude on this

Search for direct CPV in charm decays

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LHCD Search for direct CPV in SCS charm decays

- Direct CPV : amplitudes for a process and its conjugate differ
- Expected small in SM

Negligible in Cabibbo favoured modes

 Singly Cabibbo Suppressed decays are an interesting sector to look for CPV as interference between tree and penguin diagrams gives sensitivity to NP

$$c \rightarrow s\overline{s}u, c \rightarrow d\overline{d}u$$

e.g. $D^0 \rightarrow K^+K^-, \pi^+\pi$

- □ LHCb has very large samples (1.4M tagged D⁰→K⁺K⁻ and 0.4M D⁰→π⁺π⁻, i.e. statistics in D⁰→hh for 2011 data alone are order of magnitude higher than total B-factory yields)
- Clear opportunity for NP search!

LHCD CPV in time-integrated $D^{\circ} \rightarrow h^+h^$ decay rates

□ Select $D^{*+} \rightarrow D^0 \pi^+$ and charge conjugate decay

□ Charge of slow π tags the initial flavour of D⁰ or \overline{D}^0

$$A_{raw}(f) = \frac{N(D^{*+} \rightarrow D^{0}(f)\pi_{s}^{+}) - N(D^{*-} \rightarrow \overline{D}^{0}(\overline{f})\pi_{s}^{-})}{N(D^{*+} \rightarrow D^{0}(f)\pi_{s}^{+}) + N(D^{*-} \rightarrow \overline{D}^{0}(\overline{f})\pi_{s}^{-})}$$

$$D^{*+} - vertex$$

□ Raw asymmetry for tagged D⁰ to final state $f(\pi^+\pi^- \text{ or } K^+K^-)$:

$$A_{CP}^{RAW}(KK) = A_{CP}(KK) + A_{D}(\pi_{S}) + A_{P}(D^{*})$$
$$A_{CP}^{RAW}(\pi\pi) = A_{CP}(\pi\pi) + A_{D}(\pi_{S}) + A_{P}(D^{*})$$

2 observables 2 CP 1 detection 1 production asymmetries asymmetry asymmetry

□ Difference ΔA_{CP} is a good observable!!!

$$\Delta A_{CP} = A_{CP}(KK) - A_{CP}(\pi\pi) = A_{CP}^{RAW}(KK) - A_{CP}^{RAW}(\pi\pi)$$

(Note also recent preliminary CDF result: [-0.62 +- 0.21 +- 0.10]% [CDF note 10784])

Evidence of CPV in timeintegrated $D^{\circ} \rightarrow h^{+}h^{-}$ decay rates

□ Prospects

- Analysis of remainder of 2011 data is ongoing (~0.4/fb)
- Published analysis selects prompt charm → only ~3% of total yield is charm from B
- Alternative analysis ongoing in which D⁰ flavour is tagged using charge of µ in semileptonic B decays → completely different systematics, interesting experimental cross-check
- Precision study of other SCS modes (e.g. D+→K⁻K⁺ π^+ , $\pi^-\pi^+\pi^+$, ...)

THCP Upgrade of the LHCb Detector

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- □ By the end of $2017 \sim 7/\text{fb}$ collected
- Reaching ultimate theory precision in flavour variables will need more statistics
- Current LHCb limitation is in Hardware Trigger (< 1 MHz) that does not allow us to profit from an increase in L
- Upgrade plans:
 - **Remove Harware Trigger, readout LHCb at 40 MHz crossing rate**
 - **Full Software Trigger in CPU farm**
 - □ Increase in yields by factor 10–20 at 1–2 × 10³³ cm⁻² s⁻¹ (no need for High Luminosity LHC)
- Framework Technical Design Report submitted to LHCC (June 2012) with first evaluation of upgrade cost (~ 55 MSF) and of time schedule

Conclusions

- Wealth of LHCb results with the first 1/fb collected in 2001 at "CERN's flavour factory"
 - Everything works (LHC, luminosity leveling, detector, trigger, collaboration, data analysis, ..)
 - World record results on B_s→ J/Ψφ , B_s→ μμ, charm.... For some topics we are moving from exploration to precision measurements.
 - Many other analyses ongoing (not only in b and c physics)
- Some new territory already explored but SM still depressingly uncracked
- □ We'll keep on looking....
- □ More than double the statistics in 2012
- □ Working hard to prepare for the future (LHCb Upgrade)