LHCb and CODEX-b: flavor and dark sector efforts in Hungary

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OVERVIEW: ELTE/HUNGARY ENTERING LHCB

- New faculty (Biplab Dey) joined ELTE in January 2021 to establish a new flavor/dark sector group in Hungary.
- Negotiations with the LHCb CB went smoothly. ELTE CMS colleagues and department head participated in meetings with CB.
- ELTE accepted by LHCb as an Associated Member in February 2021. Associated to CERN.
- ELTE signed MOU with CERN in April 2022 for LHCb M&O.
- Strong push from LHCb management to contribute to LHCb Upgrade II.

Group research thrusts: the three legs

- Flavor anomalies in $b \to s$ penguins and exotic hadrons
 - NP searches via LFUV in $b \to s\ell^+\ell^-$ and radiative $b \to s\gamma$ decays.
 - Exotic spectroscopy: pentaquark and tetraquark discoveries.
- LHCb ECal Upgrade for Run4 and Phase-II (\geq Run5).
 - Closely tied to electron/photon reconstruction needs for anomalies.
 - Thrust on timing for pileup. Simulation and ECal lab at ELTE.
- CODEX-b: new LLP (long-lived particle) detector in LHCb
 - High transversity (complementary to FASER). Invisible Higgs (+other heavy objects) decays.
 - ELTE: founding member and key roles in efforts on CODEX- β for Run3.
 - ERC COG'21 w/ ELTE: grade B. Positive but asked to get approval.

Manpower



Biplab Dey (PI)



Amy Schertz (PD)

- Postdoc hired in May 2022. Focusing in LFUV searches in $\Lambda_b \to p K^- \ell^+ \ell^-$ w/ full Run1+Run2, and ECal R&D.
- Obviously not enough for such a large project! No PhD students yet and no other FTE for CODEX-b.

LEADERSHIP AND VISIBILITY OF ELTE GROUP

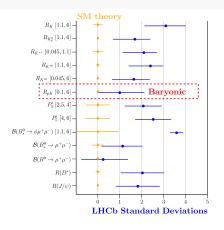
- PI: member of LHCb Editorial Board and core Physics Planning Group (PPG).
- PI: convener of Radiative Rare Decays WG and Amplitude Analysis WG in LHCb.
- PI: organised large workshop on Hadron Spectroscopy at MITP in March'22. Organizing joint LHCb-Belle II Radiative Workshop at CERN in 2023.
- PI: convener of CODEX-b Simulation WG.
- PD: invited to give summary talk on LHCb Anomalies at MITP in Oct'22.

FUNDING PERSPECTIVES

- Significant risk to project if funding not found. Even M&O's for 2 FTE's not guaranteed beyond 2025.
- Inside Hungary, have applied to two starting (OTKA) grants and two advanced grants (Momentum/Forefront). No success as yet.
- Some observations from the review comments:
 - Asks why other Hungarians not in project. Despite repeated explanations that this is a completely new project and CMS people can't be in LHCb.
 - Asks to name the people to be hired, presumably assuming a group already exists. However, the application is to form the group in the first place and PD ads can only be open calls.
- Absence of long-term PP/HEP support from funding agency (like NSF/DOE grants in the US).

Backup

LEPTON FLAVOR UNIVERSALITY VIOLATION



- $R_X \equiv \frac{\mathcal{B}(b \to s \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\mathcal{B}(b \to s e^+ e^-)} \sim 1$ in the SM.
- Global EFT fits on BFs, angular analyses, LFUV $\Rightarrow 4\sigma$ -ish tension.
- Spin-1/2 $\Lambda_{\rm b}^0$: richer set of angular observables than spin-0 B's.
- PI published 1st observation of $\Lambda_{\rm b}^0 \to p K^- \mu^+ \mu^-$ w/ Run1.
- Full Run1+Run2 LFUV angular analysis ongoing.

Towards a complete angular analysis of the electroweak penguin decay $\Lambda_b^0 \to ph^-\ell^-\ell^+$

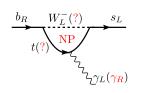
LFUV pheno paper in preparation

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We investigate the rare electroweak penguin transition $b \to s\ell^+\ell^-$ though angular analyses in

RH current searches in $b \to s \gamma$

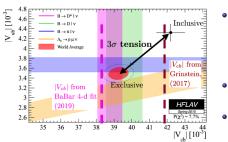


- SM: outgoing photon is is purely LH.
- No TDCPV in $B^0 \to f_{\rm CP} \gamma$, since b and \bar{b} go to different final states and don't mix.
- Excellent null tests for SM. Complementary to high- p_T searches of W_R^{\pm} .
- C.f. Belle (II): LHCb has higher statistics, but lower flavor tagging power. Overall, we're very competitive.
- PI's main thrust: TDCPV of $B^0 \to K_S^0 \pi^+ \pi^- \gamma$ and first observation of $B_s \to K_S^0 K^+ \pi^- \gamma$.
- Major improvements: including neutral cone isolations against peaking $\pi^0/\eta \to \gamma(\gamma)$ backgrounds and neutral PID calibration.
- PI is current convener of Radiative WG.

TENSIONS IN THE SEMI-LEPTONIC SECTOR: BABAR

• PI's 2019 BABAR paper "revived" tension in $|V_{cb}|$. Puzzle continues with new lattice data.

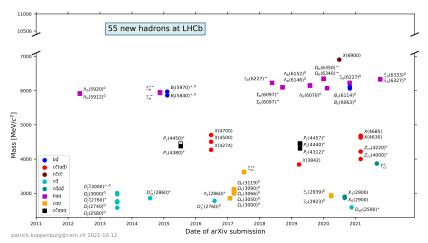
$|V_{ub}|$ - $|V_{cb}|$: TENSIONS IN TWO CRITICAL PARAMETERS



- Circa 2017, Grinstein/ Gambino: $|V_{cb}|$ "resolved" by zero-recoil extrapolation issue?
- 2019: back to the drawing board.
- 2021/22: lattice w > 1 FF's.
- Note: some tension in $|V_{cb}|$ between $B \to D^*$ and $B \to D$.
- Stress-testing HQET and flavor-SU(3) $(B \to D^{(*)} \text{ vs } B_s \to D_s^{(*)})$.
- Implications of the form-factors on SL LFUV.

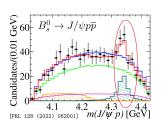
EXOTIC TETRAQUARKS AND PENTAQUARKS

• Long sought after. LHCb: at least one heavy quark needed.



NEW EXOTICS: ONGOING ELTE ANALYSES

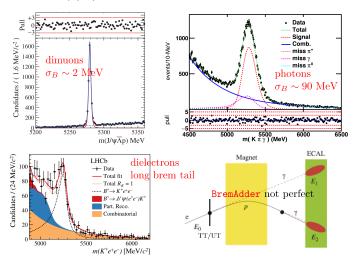
• First LHCb Pentaquark (2015): $\Lambda_{\rm b}^0 \to J/\psi \, pK^-$. New searches in $\Lambda_{\rm b}^0 \to J/\psi \, pK_S^0 \pi^-$.



- Pentaquarks in *B*-meson decays: PI led 1st observation of $B^0_{(s)} \to J/\psi \, p\overline{p}$.
- Full Run1+Run2: "evidence" for pentaquark. PI: improved BDT almost 30% increase in stats. Thrust to move this to "observation".
- New tetraquarks in $B \to J/\psi K\pi\pi$: 7-dimensional phase-space. Exotics seen but very challenging analysis!
- PI is currently the convener of Amplitude Analysis WG

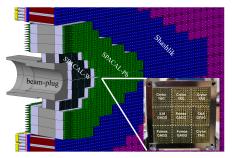
ELECTRONS AND PHOTONS AT LHCB

• Calo objects (e/γ) hard at LHCb: ECal resolutions and brem.

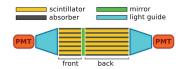


ECAL UPGRADE PHASE-II (U2)

• Unchanged ECal in LS2. Consolidation in LS3 (rad. damage) and full replacement in LS4 with 10-20 ps timing to kill pileup.



- Maintain $\sigma_E/E \sim 10\%/\sqrt{E} \otimes 1\%$ resolution at ×50 higher lumi.
- New radiation-hard, reduced Moliere radius, finer-segmented, fast timing modules (SPACAL)

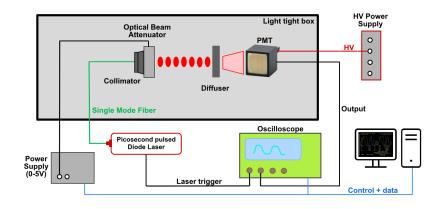


- Two-sided R/O with z-segmentation.
- R&D on Si-W ECal or Si/LAPPD timing layer at the shower max.

ELTE NEAR-TERM PLANS FOR U2 ECAL

- ELTE part of the ECal group in U2 Framework TDR.
- PD previously worked on tracking at GlueX/JLab. Developing brem recovery algorithms for U2 ECal using $\Lambda_{\rm b}^0 \to pK^-e^+e^-$ and $\Lambda_{\rm b}^0 \to pK^-\gamma$.
- PI previously: LHCb Silicon (UT/TT) and fiber (SciFi) trackers.
- Near-term hardware plans: setting up a small lab for PMT testing. Lab space+hardware funding from ELTE.
- Timing performance, wavelength dependence, QE, TTS uniformity, ageing studies. Collaborating with Barcelona/Paris groups.

SCHEME FOR PMT TEST-BENCH SETUP



CONFERENCE ORGANISATIONS

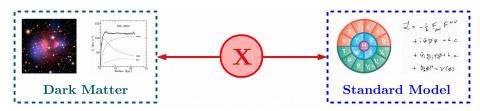
• Very successful pre-Run3 workshop at Mainz.



 Planning joint-LHCb/BelleII Radiative Penguin Workshop early next year: Budapest or CERN. Previous editions at Clermont-Ferrand and Lausanne. Includes ECal Upgrade discussions.

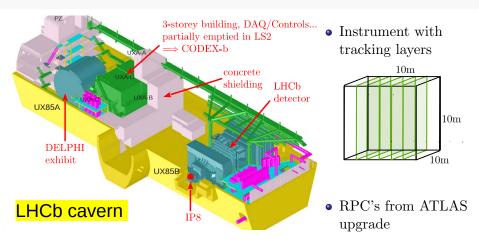
DARK SECTOR SEARCHES AT HL-LHC

• Dark/hidden sector: SM gauge singlets



- SM particles can (feebly) interact with DM via mediators/portals
 - Scalar portal \rightarrow Dark Higgs/scalars
 - Neutrino portal \rightarrow Heavy Neutral Leptons
 - ullet Pseudoscalar portal o Axion-like particles
 - Vector portal \rightarrow Dark photon
- Feebly interacting \Rightarrow long lived particles (LLP).

CODEX-B: DEDICATED LLP DETECTOR IN LHCB



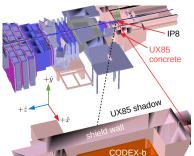
- Shielded, underground, $10 \times 10 \times 10$ m³ vol, ~ 25 m from IP8. Novel Joint LHCb-CODEX-b triggers.
- Excellent sensitivity/\$ for all four portals (see EOI).

LEADERSHIP ROLES

- PI first proposed and coordinated plans to use ATLAS RPCs
- Led background measurements inside LHCb cavern in 2018 with CERN summer student.

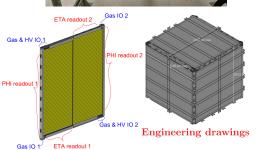


• Simulation convener



CODEX- β Demonstrator





- $2 \times 2 \times 2$ m³ prototype using 14 RPC chambers from ATLAS upgrade
- Integrable with LHCb online in Run 3
- Construction ongoing and discussions with LHCb management and TB.
- Installation document in preparation.

CODEX- β installation

CODEX-8 Installation Plan

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