## (Towards) First Physics with LHCb



Introduction

- Detector overview and performance
- **Extracting physics from (very) first data**

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## LHCb is a heavy flavour precision experiment searching for new physics in CP-Violation and Rare Decays

New Physics models introduce new particles, dynamics and/or symmetries at a higher energy scale (expected in the TeV region) with <u>virtual particles</u> that appear e.g. in <u>loop mediated processes</u>



B-physics measurements probe New Physics and are complementary to direct searches
will allow to understand the nature and flavour structure of possible New Physics





# **Search for New Physics**

> are New physics already around the corner?



➢ SM consistency at 7% level

### LHCb key measurements

### In CP-violation:

- $> B_{s} \overline{B}_{s} \text{ mixing angle } \phi_{s}$
- $\blacktriangleright$  weak phase  $\gamma$  in trees
- $\blacktriangleright$  weak phase  $\gamma$  in loops

### In Rare Decays:

- ▶ branching ratio of B<sub>s</sub> → μµ
- ➢ forward-backward asymmetry in B → K\*µµ
- polarization of photon in radiative penguin decays
- → see talks by Andrei Golutvin, Alessia Satta, Val Gibson, William Robert Reece and poster by Lesya Shchutska and Bogdan Popovici



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# **B production in LHCb**

- $\checkmark$  bb pair production correlated and sharply peaked forward-backward
  - Single-arm forward spectrometer :  $\theta \sim 15-300 \text{ mrad}$  (rapidity range: 4.9> $\eta > 1.9$ )
  - > Cross section of  $b\overline{b}$  production in LHCb acceptance:  $\sigma_{bb} \sim 230 \ \mu b$
  - >  $B^+$  (40%),  $B^0$  (40%),  $B_s$  (10%), b-baryons (10%),  $B_c$  (< 0.1%)
- ✓ LHCb limits luminosity to few  $10^{32}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup> instead of  $10^{34}$  cm<sup>-2</sup>s<sup>-1</sup>
  - by not focusing the beam as much as ATLAS and CMS
    - maximizes probability of a single interaction per crossing
    - design luminosity soon after start-up



### **Detector overview and performance**







## **B-Vertex Measurement**



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### **Momentum and Mass measurement**



## **Particle Identification**



### **Particle identification and L0 trigger**



### **Particle identification and L0 trigger**





## **Status of LHCb**

#### $(\rightarrow$ see talk by Olivier Callot)

- > LHCb detector fully installed and commissioned (except M1), including L0 trigger
- All sub-detectors have undergone the first time and space alignment with cosmics & LHC beam induced particles







# Extracting physics from (very) first data

Exploit minimum bias data





# **Exploiting minimum bias data**

#### in 10<sup>8</sup> minimum bias events

✓ plenty of K<sub>s</sub>→ππ and Λ→pπ
✓ 95% purity with kinematical and vertex cuts only
→ clean & unbiased sample for PID studies
> study hadron identification performance

✓ collect 1400 J/ψ→μμ
✓ use triggered J/ψ data with p<sub>t</sub>-cut on single muon
→ second muon unbiased for PID studies

- study muon identification performance
- ✓ search for D→K $\pi$ , K $\pi\pi\pi$ , K $^{0}{}_{S}\pi\pi$ , K $\pi\pi^{0}$
- → assess background levels, resolutions & relative efficiencies
- demonstrate capability to reconstruct first final states



~ 40 mins @  $10^{31}$  cm<sup>-2</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>



# Exploiting first muon trigger data

applying J/ $\psi$  trigger with p<sub>t</sub>-cut on single muon  $\rightarrow$  expect ~10<sup>6</sup> J/ $\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  with 1 pb<sup>-1</sup>

- ► Reconstruct  $J/\psi \rightarrow \mu\mu$  and disentangle fraction of prompt and detached  $J/\psi$ 's
- ➤ discriminating variable:

$$t = \frac{dz}{p_z} \times M^{J/\psi} \approx \frac{d}{p} \times M^{J/\psi} = c\tau$$



 $\succ$  study proper time resolution with prompt component



➤ Measure prompt J/ψ and bb cross section in a region not accessible to other collider experiments

 $\mu^+$ 

 $\mu^{-}$ 





PV

dz

# Exploiting ~5 pb<sup>-1</sup> of data with full trigger

✓ 23k  $B^0 \rightarrow D^*\mu\nu$ 

### (~days of data taking)

LHCb THCp

Bd mass, GeV

 $B \rightarrow K^* \gamma$ 

- ➤ tagging studies with flavour specific modes
- ✓ 3.2k B<sup>+</sup>→J/ $\psi$ K<sup>+</sup>
  - > selection does not require lifetime cut
  - $\succ$  unbiased lifetime distribution to determine resolution
- ✓ 4.3k  $B^0 \rightarrow D^-(K^- \pi^+ \pi^-) \pi^+$ 
  - $\succ$  measure B<sup>0</sup> lifetime
  - $\blacktriangleright$  reach current precision (0.009 ps) with 60k events



### reference channel for all radiative loop decays

- ✓ 2.3k  $B \rightarrow J/\psi K^*$ 
  - $\blacktriangleright$  exercise fit machinery for analysis of B<sub>s</sub> $\rightarrow$ J/ $\psi\phi$



#### ✓ Select first 285 $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$





# Exploiting ~0.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data with full trigger

#### (1/4 of a nominal year)

#### ≻ measure $B_s - \overline{B_s}$ mixing phase $\phi_s$ in $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu)\phi$

- ✓ Sensitive to New Physics effects in mixing
  - $\flat \phi_{s} = \phi_{s}(SM) + \phi_{s}(NP)$



→ in SM:  $\phi_s = -2\beta_s = -\arg(V_{ts}^2) \sim -0.04$ 

- ✓ J/ $\psi \phi$  is not a pure CP eigenstate (2 CP even, 1 CP odd amplitude)
  - need to fit angular distributions of decay final states as function of proper time
- ✓ with 28'500 reconstructed  $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu\mu)\phi$  signal events (before tagging)

 $\rightarrow \sigma_{stat}(\phi_s) \sim 0.06 \text{ with } 0.5 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ 

$$\begin{split} A_{CP}(t) &= \frac{\Gamma[\overline{B}_s(t) \to f] - \Gamma[B_s(t) \to f]}{\Gamma[\overline{B}_s(t) \to f] + \Gamma[B_s(t) \to f]} \\ A_{CP}(t) &= \frac{\eta_f \sin\phi_s \sin(\Delta m_s) t}{\cosh(\Delta \Gamma_s t/2) - \eta_f \cos\phi_s \sinh(\Delta \Gamma_s t/2)} \end{split}$$

#### $\eta_f = +, -1$ CP eigenstates





# Exploiting ~0.5 fb<sup>-1</sup> of data with full trigger

### $\succ$ measure BR of rare decay $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$



#### (1/4 of a nominal year)





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3σ

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Integrated Luminosity (fb-1)

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LHCD THCD

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## Conclusion

LHCb is a heavy flavour precision experiment searching for New Physics in CP-violation and rare decays The experiment is ready for data taking with first collisions Very first data can be exploited to validate the expected detector performance With fraction of a 1 years nominal data set LHCb can already perform important key measurments probing New Physic



