LHCb Run 3 operational challenges and first results

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Outline

• The LHCb experiment and Run 2 highlights

- The LHCb upgrade:
 - Detector
 - DAQ & Trigger



• First data and physics prospects

The LHCb experiment at the LHC



LHCb: Large Hadron Collider Beauty experiment



- Much more: spectroscopy, QCD, heavy ions...

Distribution of produced b-quarks



INST 3 (2008) S08005

LHCb: Large Hadron Collider Beauty experiment







All b-hadron species! [PRD100(2019)031102]

$$ullet \quad \Lambda_{ ext{b}} \colon \quad rac{f_{\Lambda_b}}{f_d+f_u} = 0.259 \pm 0.018$$

and more: $\Xi_{b'} \Omega_{b'} B_{c'} B^* ...$

Total recorded luminosity ~9 fb⁻¹:

- Run 1 (2010-2012) ~ 3 fb⁻¹
- Run 2 (2015-2018) ~ 6 fb⁻¹

x2 b-quark production from 7 to 13 TeV pp collisions \rightarrow around x4 b-hadrons in Run 2

Experimental setup



Tracking system

Reconstruct trajectories of charged particles

Identify pp and b-decay vertex

Measure particle momentum from bending in magnetic field



Particle identification system

- Cherenkov detectors: identify π^{\pm} , K^{\pm} , p
- Calorimeters: identify γ , π^0 , e^{\pm}
- Muon chambers: identify μ^{\pm}



Electromagnetic calorimeter





Muon chambers

LHCb highlights



Spectroscopy



Intriguing deviations in rare B decays



Lepton Universality tests

Leptons of different species couple identically to electroweak bosons in SM \rightarrow Lepton Universality (LU)

Measure ratio of same $b \rightarrow sll$ process with muons and electrons in final state:



Hadronic uncertainties cancel in ratio \rightarrow very clean theory prediction

How do we measure LU?

Observable:

$$R_H \equiv \frac{\int \frac{d\Gamma(B \to H\mu^+\mu^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}{\int \frac{d\Gamma(B \to He^+e^-)}{dq^2} dq^2}$$

Experimentally:



Challenge:

- e and µ efficiencies are very different
- hard to estimate absolute efficiencies

Challenges: hardware trigger

ECAL occupancy > Muon one

 \Rightarrow tighter thresholds for electrons:

- **e p**_T > 2700/2400 MeV in 2012/2016
- µp_T > 1700/1800 MeV in 2012/2016 [LHCb-PUB-2014-046, 2019 JINST 14 P04013]



Mitigation:

- events triggered independently of the signal (TIS)
- (hadron trigger)



Challenges: material interaction

Electrons radiate much more Bremsstrahlung → recovery procedure:

Limitations:

- miss some photons and add fake ones
- ECAL resolution worse than tracking
- \rightarrow worse mass resolution for electron modes
- \rightarrow larger backgrounds
- \rightarrow more complicated mass fit



How do we control the efficiencies?

Exploit J/ ψ modes to build double ratio to cancel systematic effects

$$R_{H} = rac{N(B
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LU well tested in J/ ψ modes \rightarrow stringent cross-check

$$r_{J/\psi} = rac{N(B
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R_K with full LHCb data

Measurement in 1.1 < q^2 < 6.0 GeV² with Run 1+2 datasets R_K from simultaneous fit to B⁺ \rightarrow K⁺ $\mu^+\mu^-$ and B⁺ \rightarrow K⁺ e^+e^- candidates



LFU in $\Lambda_{b} \rightarrow pKll (R_{pK})$

Mass degradation for electrons \rightarrow larger backgrounds



Overview of LHCb LFU measurements

Working on final results with full Run 2 data

Unified analysis of $\rm R_{\rm K}$ and $\rm R_{\rm K^{\star}}$ ongoing

- Final Run 1 + 2 results
- Deeper understanding LFU
- High priority for collaboration

Updates and new measurements:

- R_{pK} full Run 1+2 (UB)
- R_{ϕ} , $R_{K\pi\pi}$, etc.



Coherent set of anomalies

Among measurements



Among pheno groups







LHCb Upgrade: a quasi-new detector





LHCb Upgrade



CERN-LHCC-2014-001





CERN-LHCC-2013-022

A trigger-less readout

- Instantaneous Lumi: 2 × 10³³ cm⁻²s⁻¹
 was 4 × 10³² in Run 2
- Hardware trigger rate limit (1 MHz) saturates fully hadronic modes

⇒ read full detector at 30 MHz and apply selections in software J. Phys.: Conf. Ser. 878 012012





LHCb Run 2 Trigger Diagram





DAQ architecture

Hybrid architecture:

• HLT1: **GPUs** installed in EB servers

• HLT2: **CPUs** in Event Filter Farm



HLT1

Core based on tracking:

- VELO: tracking, vertex reconstruction
- UT: tracking, p estimate, fake rejection
- SciFi: track reconstruction, momentum measurement

PID from muon stations & Calo (new!)

Highly parallel tasks \rightarrow exploit GPUs: Nvidia RTX A5000



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HLT1 performance: tracking

Same performance at x5 luminosity: high efficiency, good δp , low fake rate



HLT2

Full reconstruction of tracks and neutrals, and PID with offline-quality





Full reconstruction of tracks and neutrals, and PID with offline-quality



HLT2: turbo model

Flexible persistence model:

• Turbo (35 kB): signal only

• **Full** (70 kB): all reco'ed objects

• **Selective**: signal + selection of reconstructed objects and raw banks



Commissioning and first data



First Run 3 data











First Run 3 data



M2 Station

SIDE A

SIDE C

10.0 1.0 0.1 0.01

HLT1 commissioning

- LHCb DAQ running in parallel to detector commissioning since July
- ~200 GPUs installed and HLT1 running in global partition
- Triggering on ECAL clusters @20 MHz! <
- Next: include trackers when ready

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Physics prospects

Prospects for LU tests in b \rightarrow **clv decays**



R(D)-R(D^{*}) ongoing with current dataset

Also measurements with other b hadrons:

- $\sigma_{R(Ds)} < 6\%$ (2.5%) and $R(D^{*(*)}_{s})$
- $\sigma_{R(\Lambda c)} < 4\%$ (2.5%) and R(pp) (b \rightarrow ulv)



Prospects for Rare Decays

- updated and completely new LFU and angular observables
 - access electron modes in several $b \rightarrow sll$ decays
 - \circ access b \rightarrow dll decays too!

| | | Run 3 | Run 4 | Upgrade II |
|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| R_X precision | $9\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ | $23 \mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ | $50 {\rm fb}^{-1}$ | $300 {\rm fb}^{-1}$ |
| R_K | 0.043 | 0.025 | 0.017 | 0.007 |
| $R_{K^{*0}}$ | 0.052 | 0.031 | 0.020 | 0.008 |
| R_{ϕ} | 0.130 | 0.076 | 0.050 | 0.020 |
| R_{pK} | 0.105 | 0.061 | 0.041 | 0.016 |
| R_{π} | 0.302 | 0.176 | 0.117 | 0.047 |



Prospects for CKM measurements

| Observable | Current LHCb | LHCb 2025 | Belle II | Upgrade II | ATLAS & CMS |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| γ , with $B_s^0 \to D_s^+ K^-$ | $(^{+17}_{-22})^{\circ}$ [136] | 4° | _ | 1° | _ |
| γ , all modes | $(^{+5.0}_{-5.8})^{\circ}$ [167] | 1.5° | 1.5° | 0.35° | - |
| $\sin 2\beta$, with $B^0 \to J/\psi K_{\rm s}^0$ | 0.04 [609] | 0.011 | 0.005 | 0.003 | |
| ϕ_s , with $B_s^0 \to J/\psi \phi$ | 49 mrad 44 | $14 \mathrm{mrad}$ | _ | $4 \mathrm{mrad}$ | 22 mrad [610] |
| ϕ_s , with $B_s^0 \to D_s^+ D_s^-$ | 170 mrad 49 | $35 \mathrm{\ mrad}$ | _ | $9 \mathrm{mrad}$ | |
| $\phi_s^{s\bar{s}s}$, with $B_s^0 \to \phi\phi$ | $154 \mathrm{mrad} [94]$ | 39 mrad | _ | $11 \mathrm{mrad}$ | Under study [611] |
| $a_{ m sl}^s$ | 33×10^{-4} [211] | 10×10^{-4} | _ | 3×10^{-4} | |
| $\left V_{ub} ight /\left V_{cb} ight $ | 6% [201] | 3% | 1% | 1% | - |
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Conclusions

Wide range of physics at LHCb, with intriguing anomalies in rare b-decays

Upgraded detector and trigger-less readout open doors to even more physics:

- hadronic final states
- electron final states
- long-lived particles

Strong progress with commissioning but it is a new detector so it takes time!



Stayed tuned!

Thanks for the attention







Consistent within 1 σ with R(Λ_c)_{SM}= 0.324 \pm 0.004

Branching ratios

Trend: $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ BR systematically than SM predictions





GPU choice

C. Agapopoulou @ICHEP 22



LHCb-FIGURE-2020-014

HLT1 performance: Velo

Same performance at x5 luminosity: high efficiency, good δp , low fake rate



HLT1 performance

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HLT1 without UT

Same signal efficiency but larger fake rate



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The $K\pi$ puzzle in $B \to K\pi$ decays

Direct CPV measured in whole family of $B \rightarrow K\pi$ decays, with amplitudes related by isospin symmetry in SM: $B^0 \rightarrow K^+\pi^-$, $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0$, $B^0 \rightarrow K^0\pi^0$ and $B^+ \rightarrow K^0\pi^+$

However:

$$\left. egin{aligned} A_{CP}(B^0 o K^+ \pi^-) &= -0.084 \pm 0.004 \ A_{CP}(B^+ o K^+ \pi^0) &= -0.044 \pm 0.021 \end{aligned}
ight\}$$
 not equal at 5.50

Limited by precision on $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0 \rightarrow$ measure it at LHCb

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Limited by precision on $B^+ \rightarrow K^+\pi^0 \rightarrow$ measure it at LHCb

Challenge: B⁺ decay vertex cannot be reconstructed in this decay



Only 1 charged particle in the decay \rightarrow cannot find B decay vertex (no direction from $\pi^0)$

CPV in $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \pi^0$

Use 2016 - 2018 LHCb sample and highly optimised selection (multivariate algorithms) to fight large backgrounds

