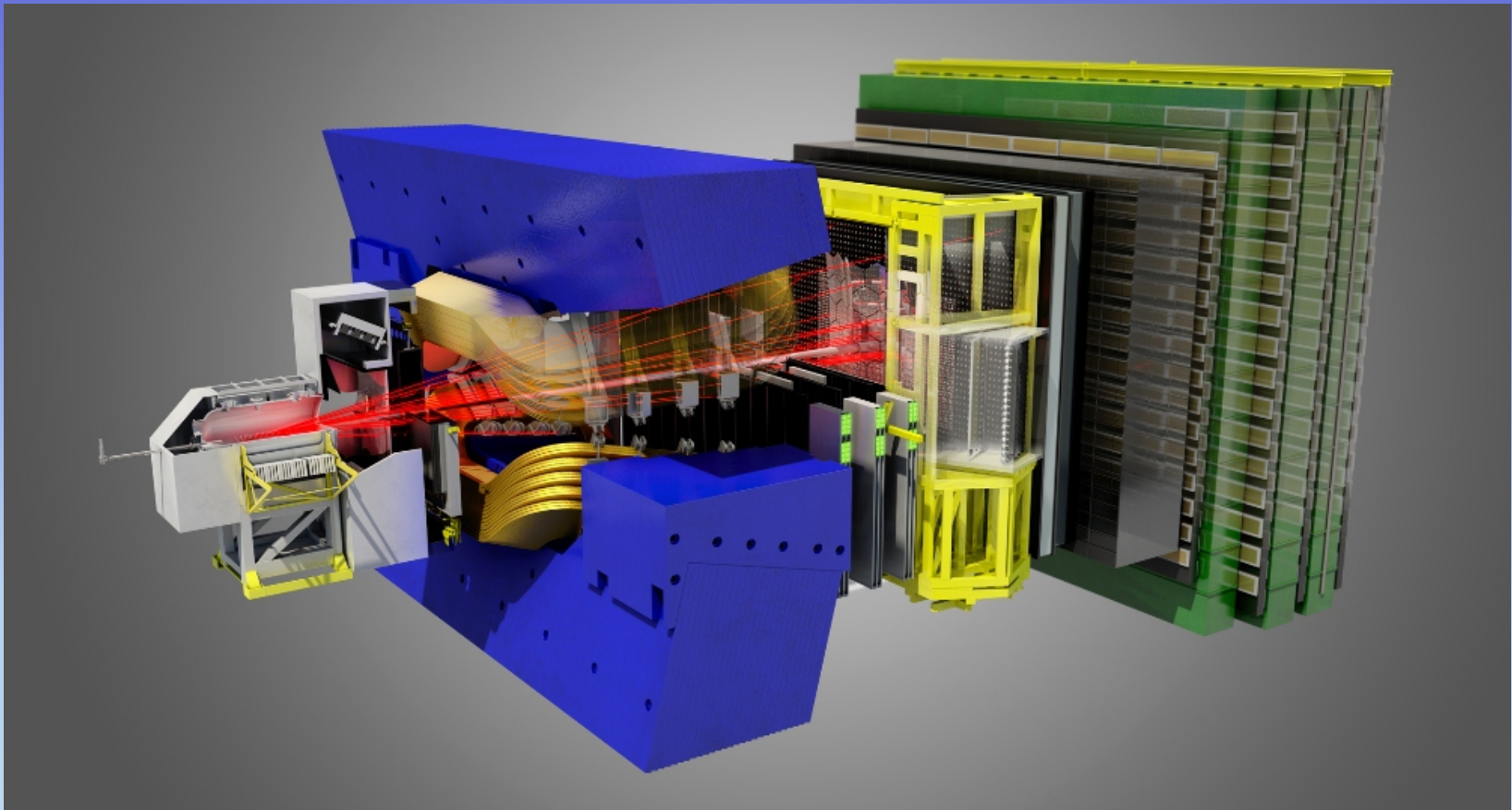


Experimental Flavour Physics





LHCb

ATLAS

CERN Meyrin

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SPS 7 km

ALICE

CMS

LHC 27 km

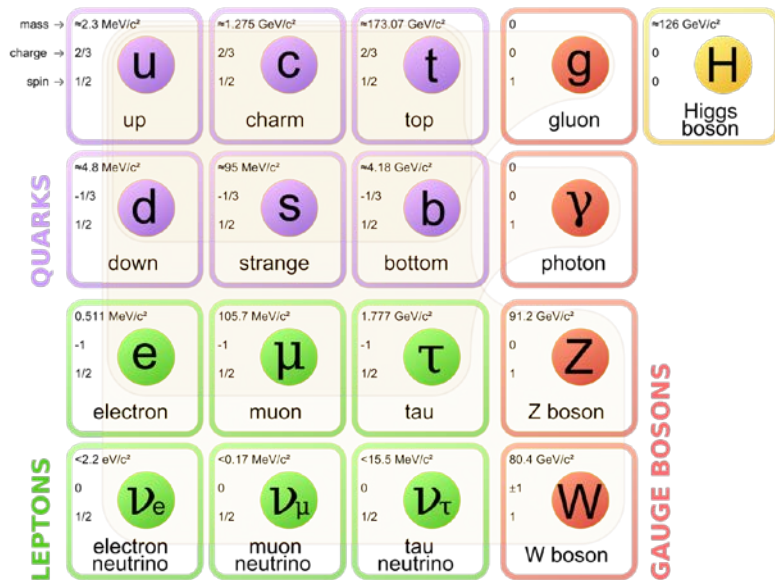
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- Introduction
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- The CKM matrix
- B mixing and CP violation
- Rare decays of B mesons
- Future plans

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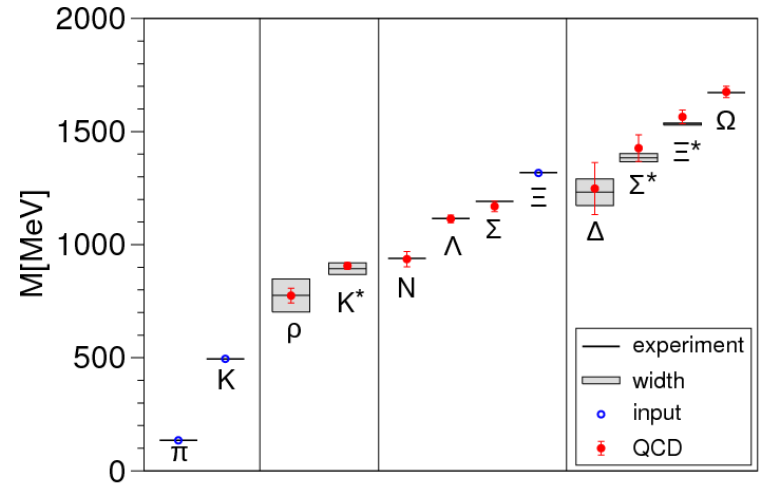
Our Standard Model of Particle Physics:



+ antiparticles



Hadrons:



Particle Data Book (PDG):



1675 pages!!

Citation: K.A. Olive et al. (Particle Data Group), Chin. Phys. C, 38, 090001 (2014) and 2015 update



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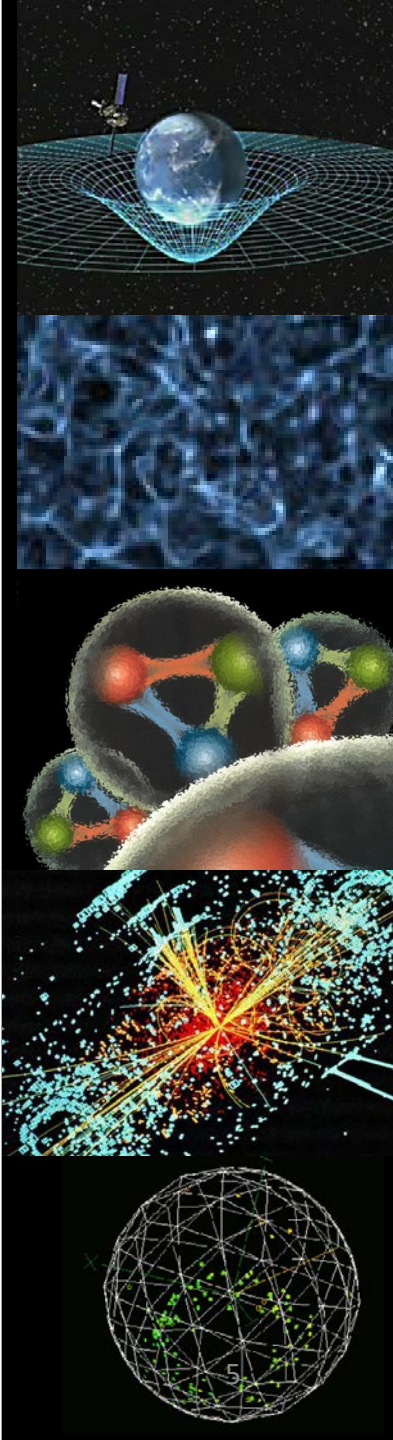
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p MASS (MeV)

Introduction

The problems of our Standard Model ...

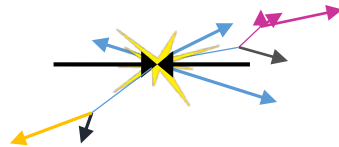
- Quantum Theory of Gravity
- Inflation?
- Quark/lepton generation masses: compositeness?
Substructure? Strings?
Common sub-elements quarks and leptons?
Why three families?
- Matter-Antimatter asymmetry
CPV in SM (K, B) + Big Bang ?
- Cosmological constant (dark energy ...)
- Dark matter
- Higgs & EW symmetry breaking? Forces Unification?
- Neutrinos (mass?, hierarchy?...)



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Looking for New Physics...

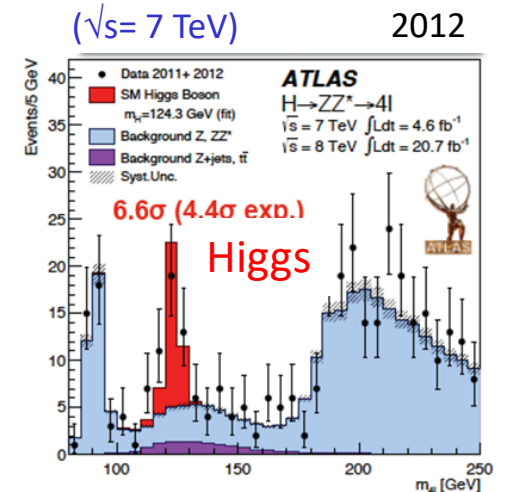
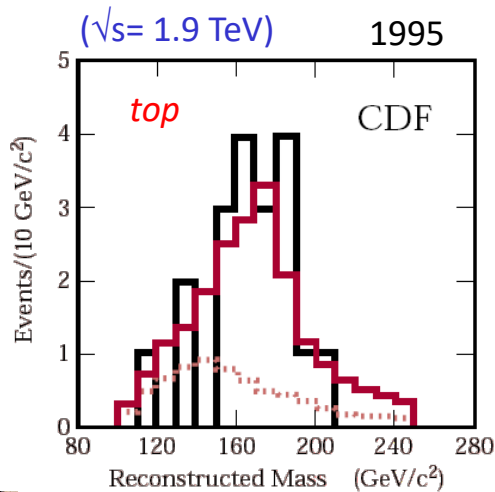
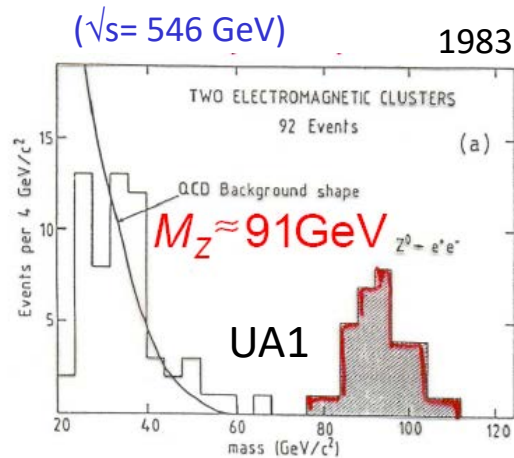
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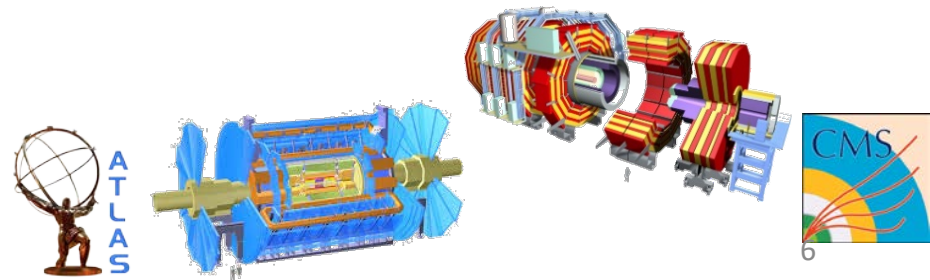
$$E^2 = m^2 c^4 + p^2 c^2$$

High energy

→ particles created *on-shell*: *Evidence in mass plots*



Higgs discovery, 2012



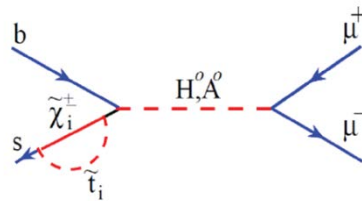
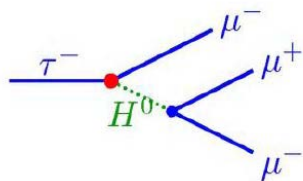
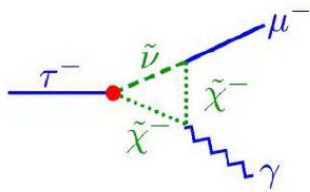
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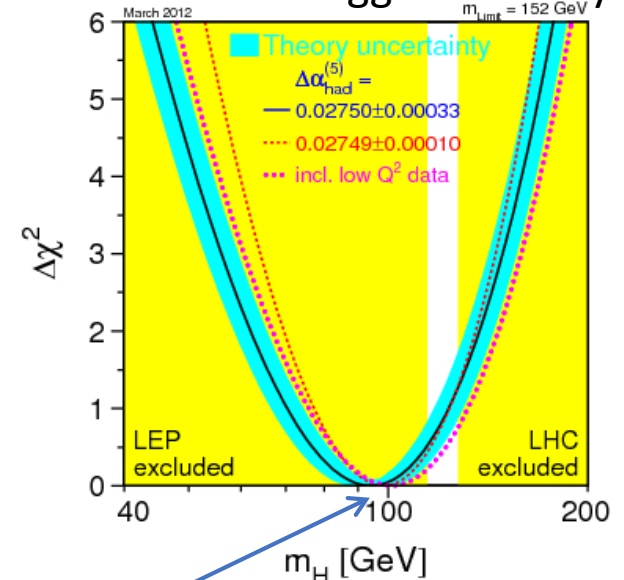
Indirect searches:

High precision

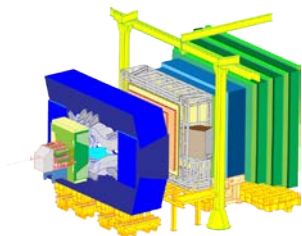
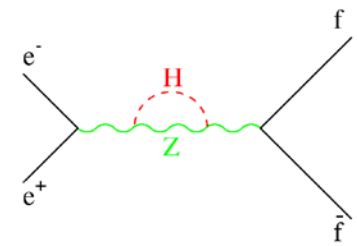
→ particles created *off-Shell*: *Evidence in quantum effects (loops)*
(BR's, asymmetries...)



Before the Higgs Discovery...



Predicted from
electroweak
measurements



Introduction



What we see

What we think it is

What it is

It can be tested by studying quantum effects:



Number of particles produced,
angular distributions,
origin point in
the detector...

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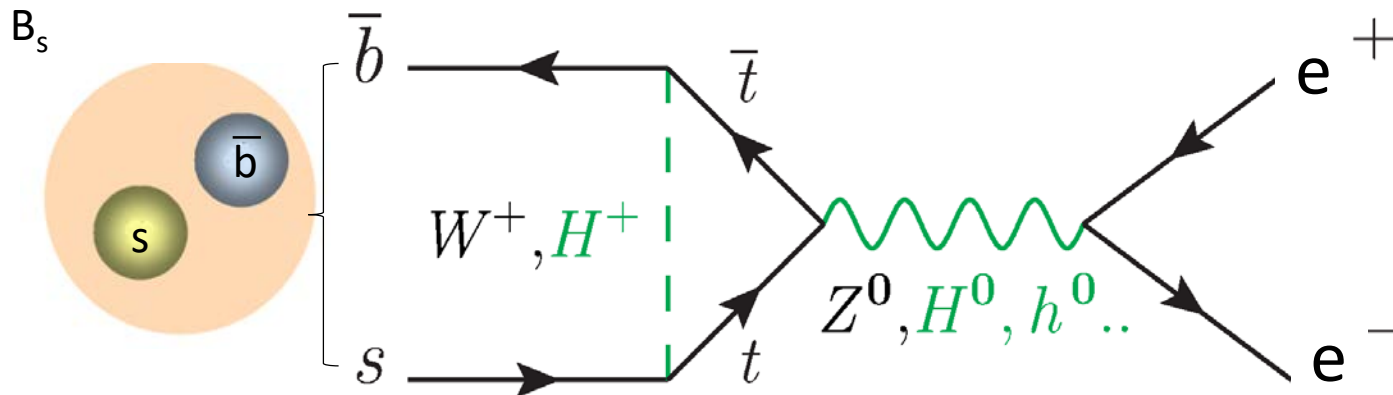


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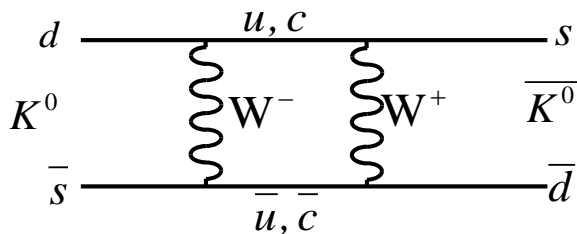
New Particles

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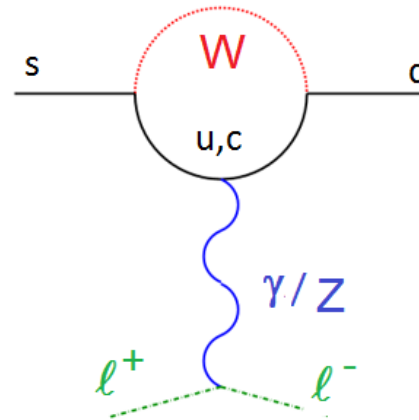
- The GIM mechanism:

In 1970's Glashow, Iliopoulos and Maini described the mechanism by which flavour-changing neutral currents (FCNCs) are suppressed, and predicted the existence of the c quark

- Gaillard, Lee and Rosner :
 $m_c \sim 1.5$ GeV from kaon mixing



$$\Delta m_K = \frac{G_F^2}{4\pi} m_K f_K^2 m_c^2 \cos^2 \theta_c \sin^2 \theta_c$$



- 1974 c quark discovered
(B. Richter at SLAC and S. Ting at BNL)

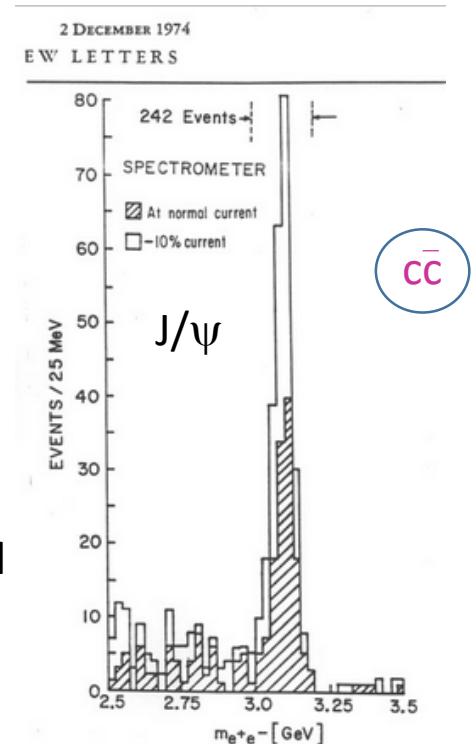
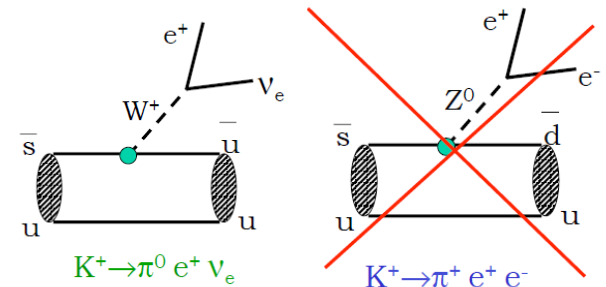


FIG. 2. Mass spectrum showing the existence of J/ψ . Results from two spectrometer settings are plotted showing that the peak is independent of spectrometer currents. The run at reduced current was taken two months later than the normal run.

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- The CKM mechanism:



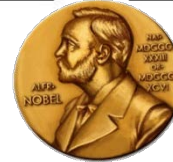
Cabibbo



Kobayashi



Maskawa

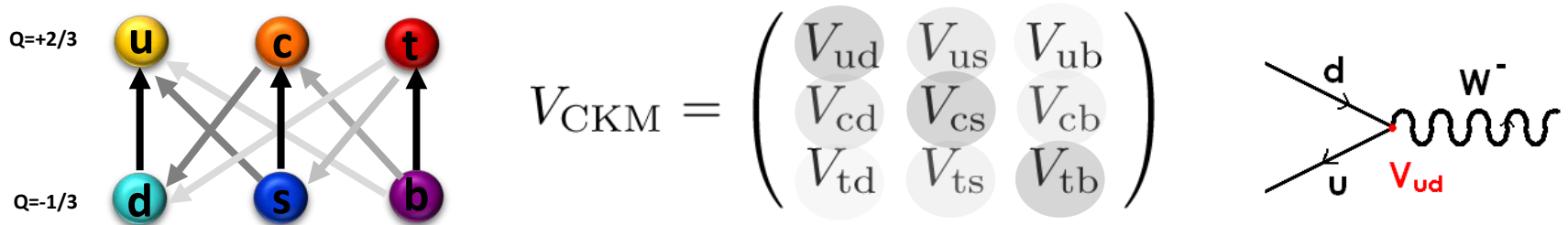


2008

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} & d & s & b \\ u & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \cdot \\ c & \blacksquare & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \\ t & \cdot & \blacksquare & \blacksquare \end{pmatrix}$$

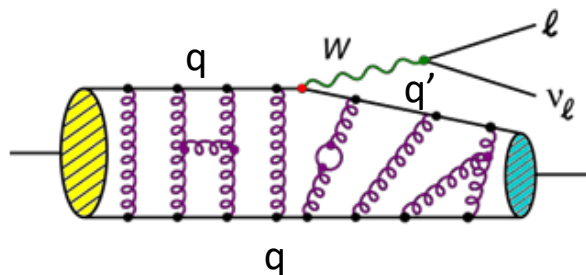
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- In the Standard Model of Particle Physics, transitions between different quarks are governed by the CKM mechanism:



- The amplitude of a hadron decay process can be described using Effective Field Theories: Operator Product Expansion (OPE)

$$A(M \rightarrow F) = \langle F | \mathcal{H}_{eff} | M \rangle = \frac{G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_i V_{CKM}^i C_i(\mu) \langle F | Q_i(\mu) | M \rangle$$

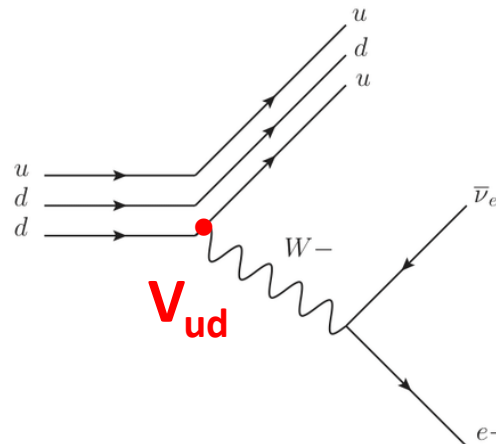
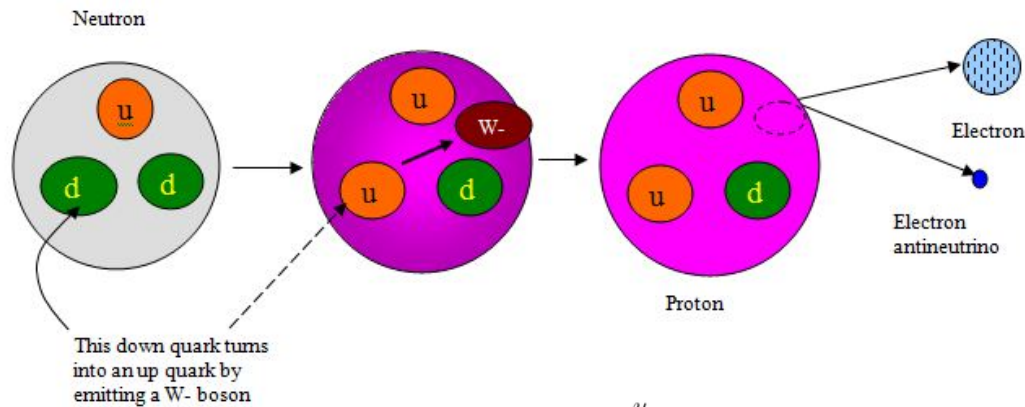
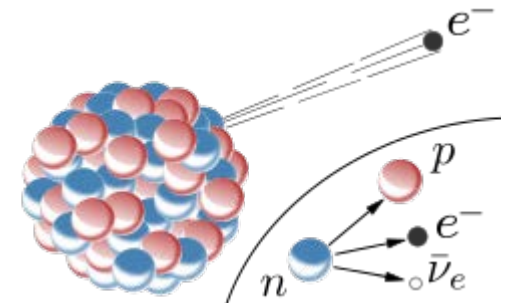
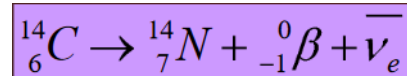


CKM
couplings

Wilson
Coefficients
(μ = scale)

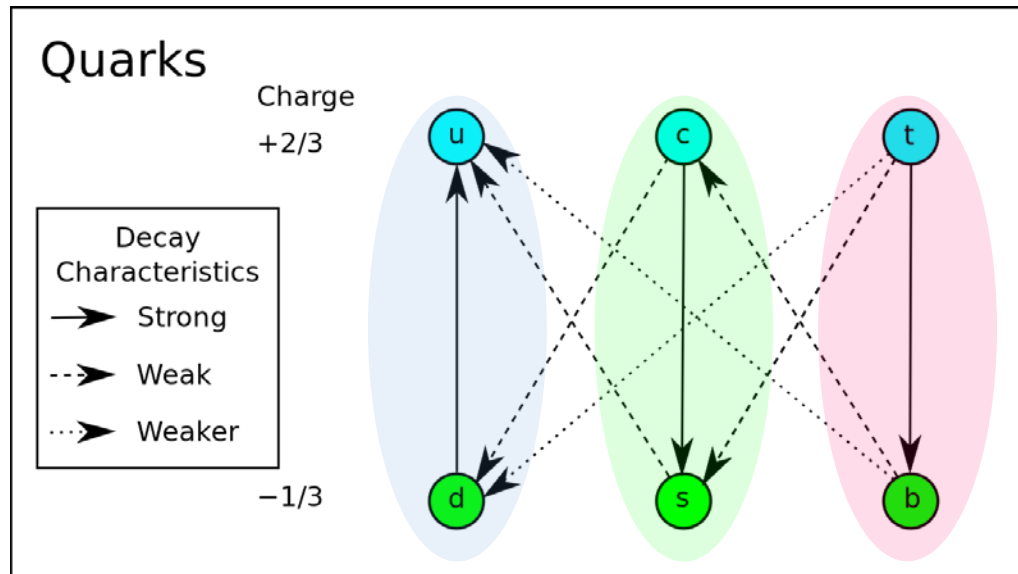
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Example: β -decay (very well known)



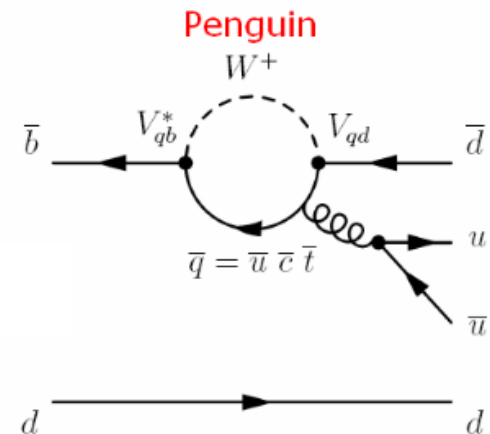
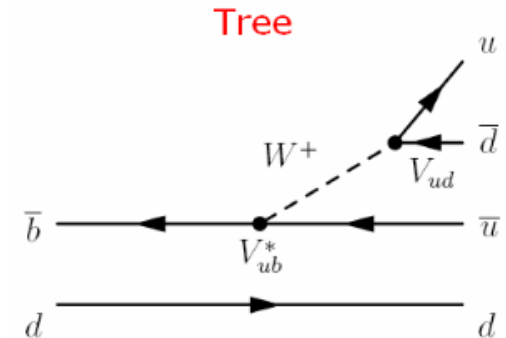
(V_{ud} is large ~ 0.97)

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$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 0.974 & 0.225 & 0.003 \\ 0.225 & 0.973 & 0.041 \\ 0.009 & 0.040 & 0.999 \end{bmatrix},$$

- Transitions between the same family are favored
- Some of them are very rare (ex: V_{ub})
- Need to change charge: FCNC not allowed at tree level, need to proceed via loop diagrams (CKM suppressed)
- If a transition occurs with larger probability than expected
→ **New Particle** (i.e. New Physics)



Introduction

In summary:

- We understand that the Standard Model cannot be the ultimate theory

It should be a low-energy effective theory of a more fundamental theory at a higher energy scale (TeV range), but no new particles have been found so far at LHC by ATLAS and CMS!

- Flavour structure of the SM:
 - provide the suppression mechanism for FCNC processes already observed.
 - need to measure the flavour structure to distinguish between the NP models.
- The physics performed at LHCb (flavour physics) goes hand-in-hand with direct searches (ATLAS and CMS).

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Why the **b** of LHC**b**?

- The b -quark is the heaviest quark forming hadronic bound states ($m \sim 4.7$ GeV)
- Must decay outside the 3rd family
 - Long lifetime (~ 1.6 ps)
 - Many accessible decay channels (small BR's)

Good for experimentalists!



• Type of processes:



Dominant: $b \rightarrow c$ (favoured) and $b \rightarrow u$ (suppressed)

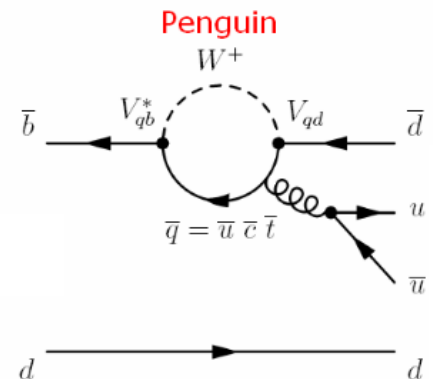


Rare: Flavour Changing Neutral Current (FCNC): $b \rightarrow s, d$



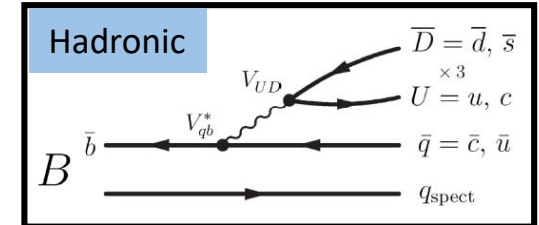
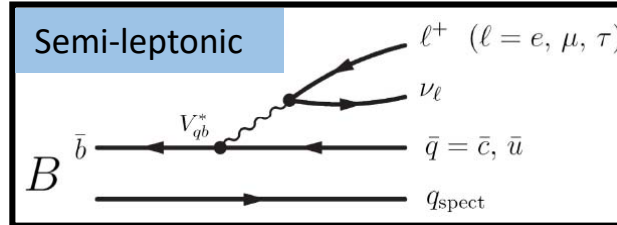
Flavour oscillations and CP violation

Ideal place to probe New Physics effects!

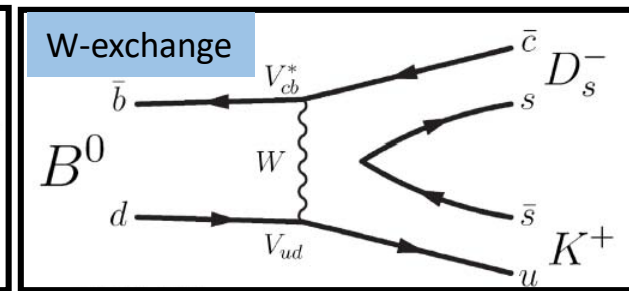
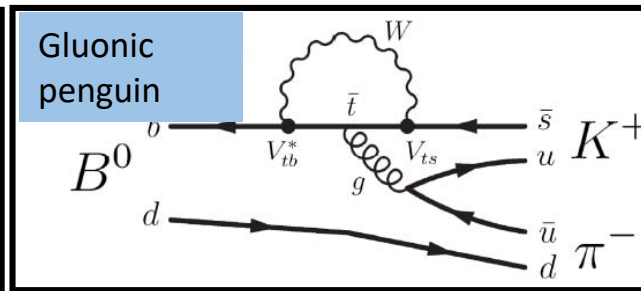
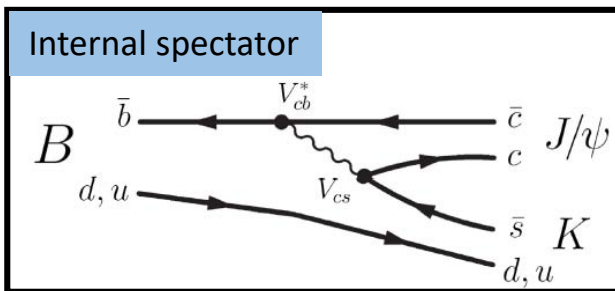


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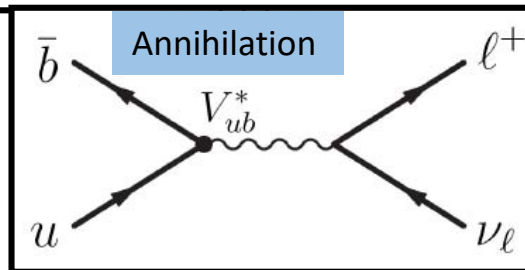
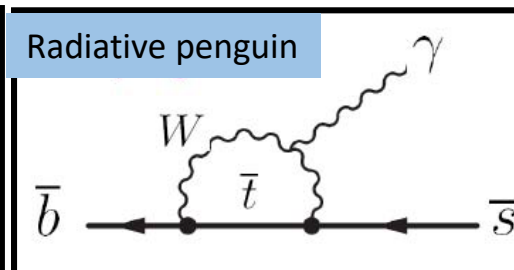
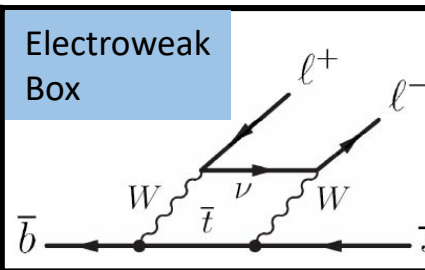
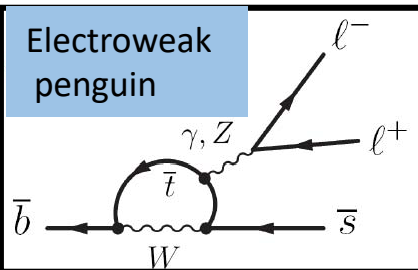
Dominant tree decays:



Rare hadronic decays



Radiative and leptonic decays



(1999 - 2008 / 2010)

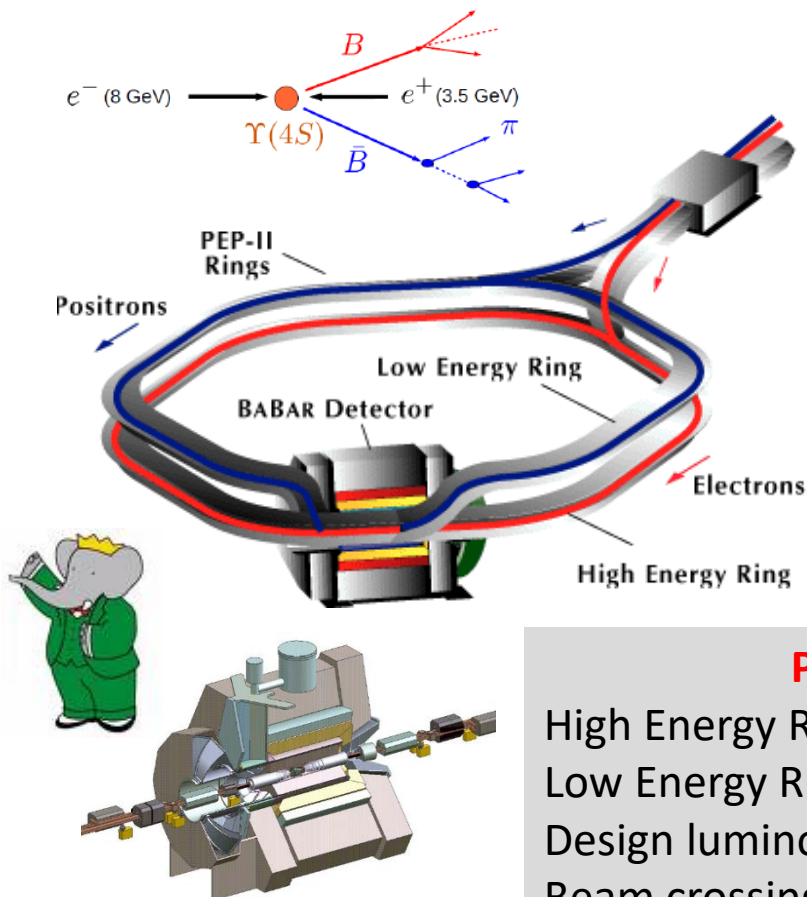
Introduction

- * First measurement of CPV in the B system
- * High precision CKM matrix
- * Discovery of η_b

The precursors of LHCb, key in flavour physics:

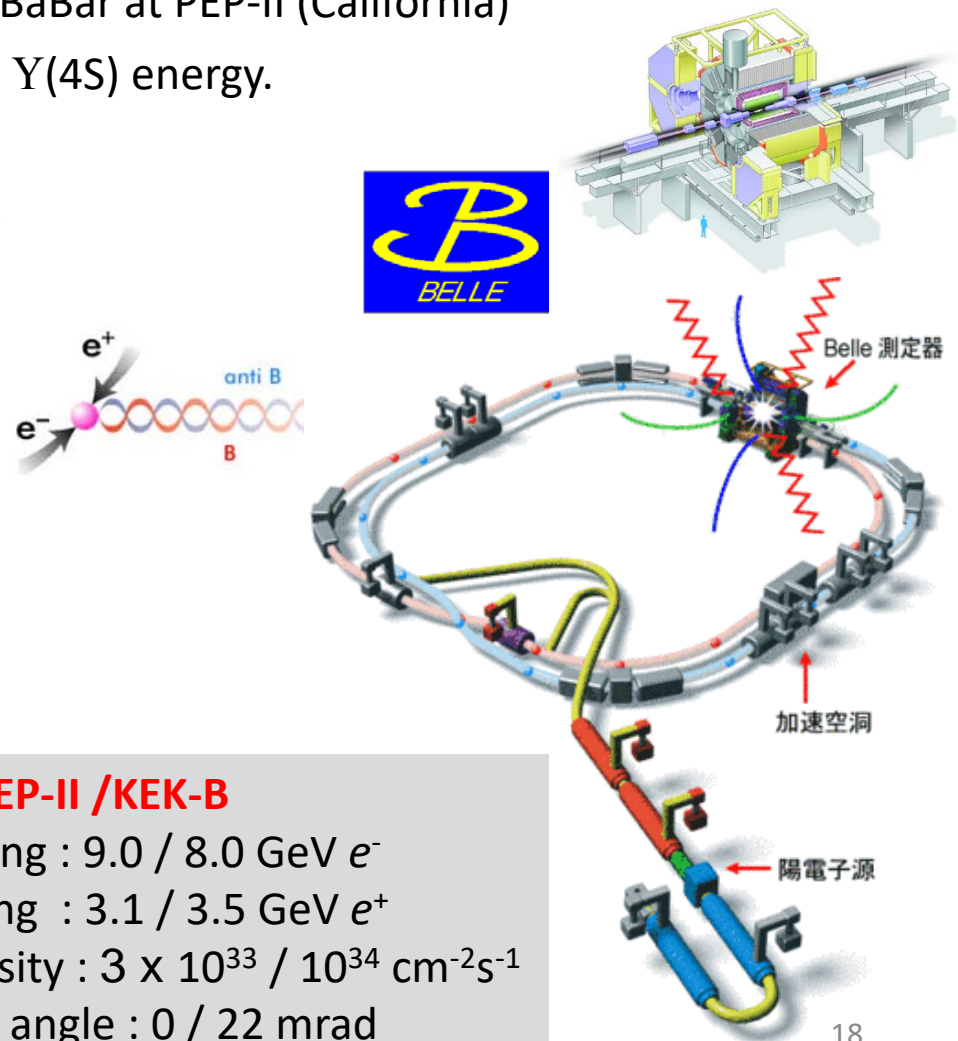
The b-factories: Belle at KEK (Japan) and BaBar at PEP-II (California)

Asymmetric $e^+ e^-$ colliders working at the $\Upsilon(4S)$ energy.



PEP-II / KEK-B

High Energy Ring : 9.0 / 8.0 GeV e^-
Low Energy Ring : 3.1 / 3.5 GeV e^+
Design luminosity : $3 \times 10^{33} / 10^{34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
Beam crossing angle : 0 / 22 mrad



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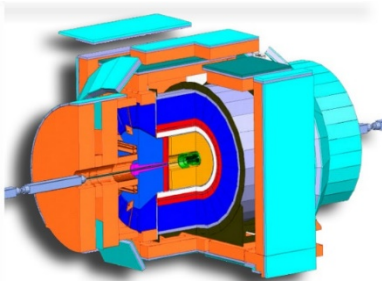
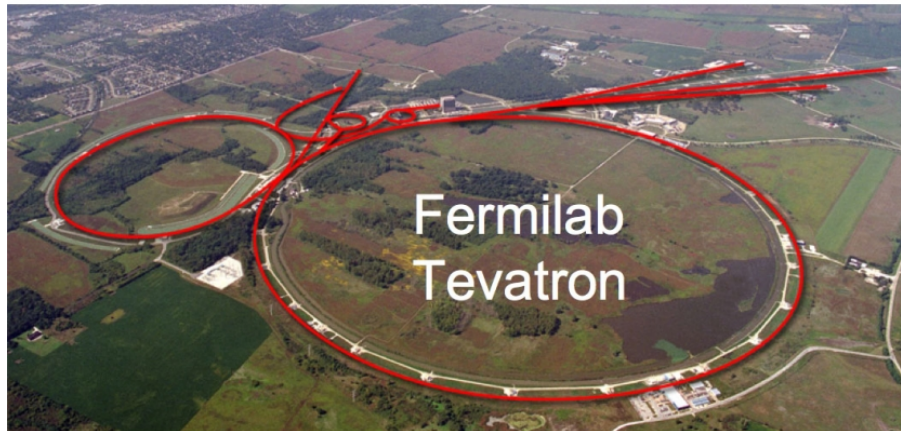
(1987- 2011)

The precesors of LHCb, key in flavour physics

The Tevatron at Fermilab (Illinois): CDF and D0

$p\bar{p}$ collider working at center of mass energy (c.m.) of 1.96 TeV.

- * Discovery of the top quark
- * First measurement of B_s oscillations
- * Discovery of the Ξ_b baryon



TEVATRON

Superconducting $p\bar{p}$ ring

Energy : 1 TeV/beam

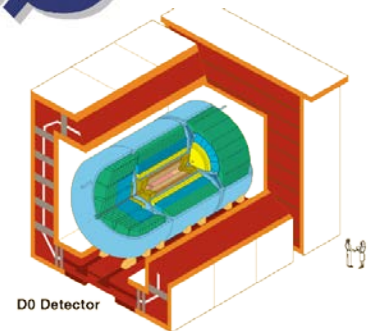
Detectors: CDF, D0

Luminosity: $10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$

Physics: W, Z, Top Production

Higgs searches

B physics

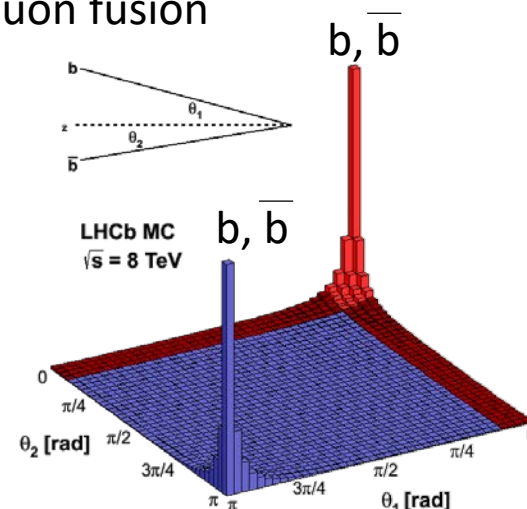
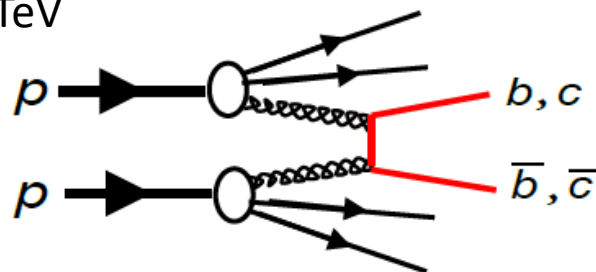


The LHCb experiment



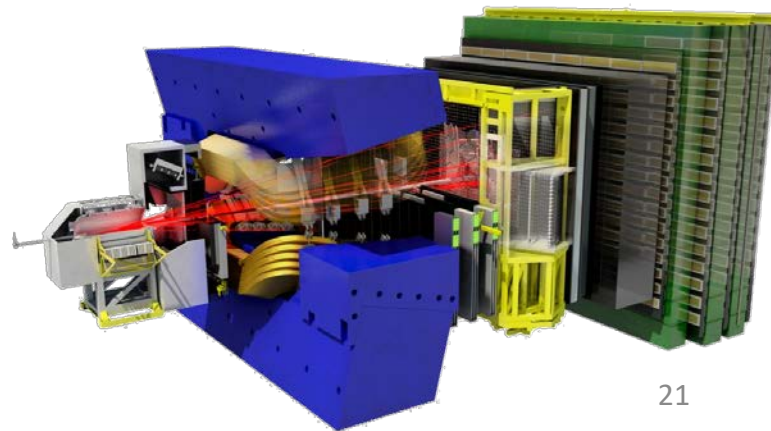
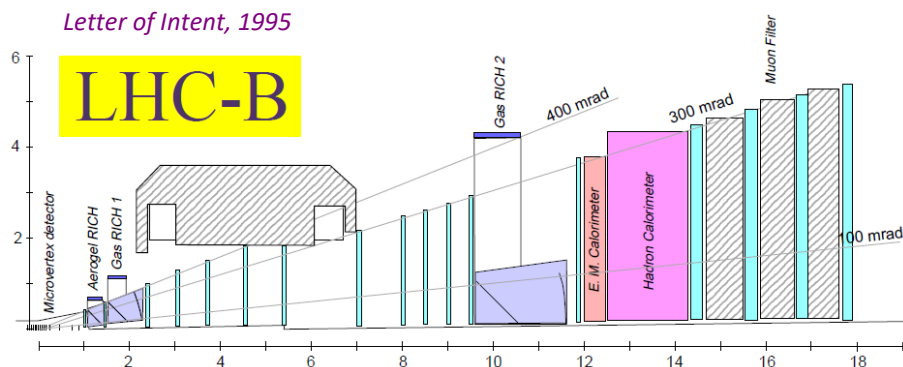
The LHCb experiment

- The $b\bar{b}$ cross section in pp collisions is large, mainly from gluon fusion
 $\sim 250 \mu\text{b}$ @ $\sqrt{s}=7 \text{ TeV}$
 $\sim 500 \mu\text{b}$ @ $\sqrt{s}=14 \text{ TeV}$



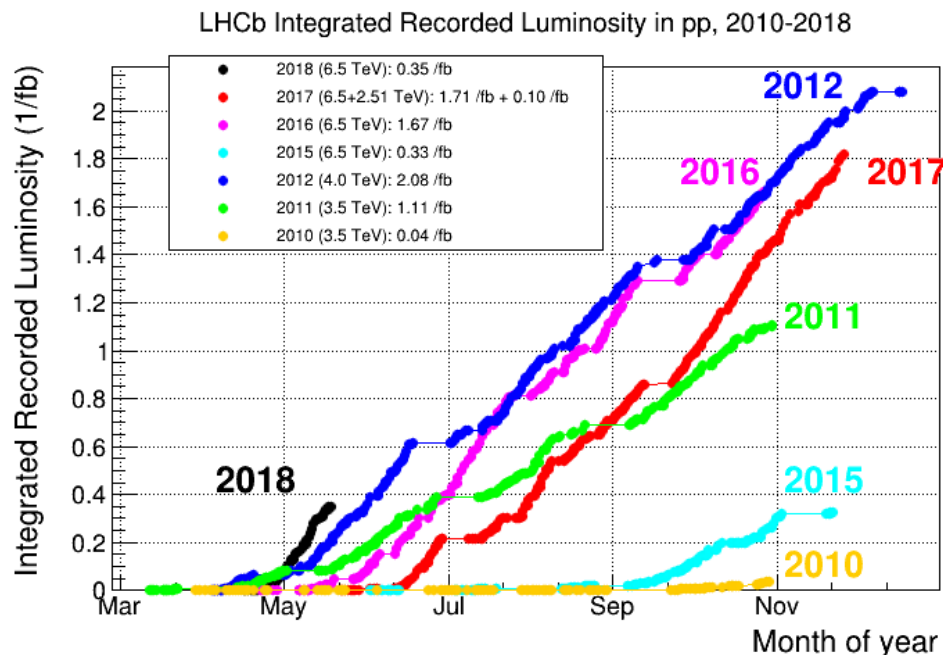
The b quarks hadronize in $B, B_s, B^*_{(s)}$, b -baryons...
 \rightarrow average B meson momentum $\sim 80 \text{ GeV}$

- The LHCb idea: to build a single-arm forward spectrometer:
 $\sim 4\%$ of the solid angle ($2 < \eta < 5$),
 $\sim 30\%$ of the b hadron production



The LHCb experiment

- Very good performance: **3 fb⁻¹** accumulated in Run1 at 7 TeV, working well for Run2 at 13TeV, aiming at **5 fb⁻¹**



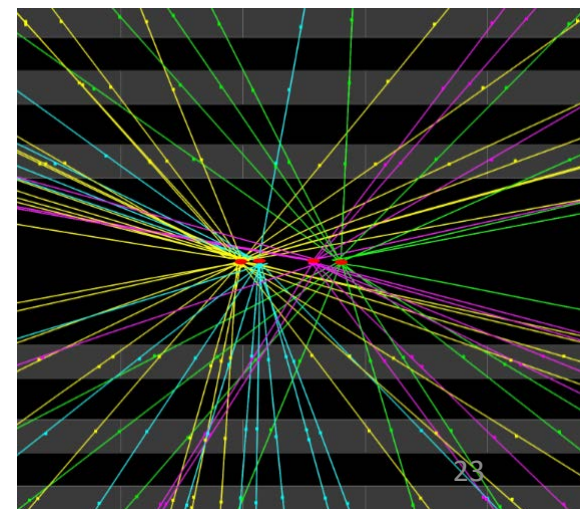
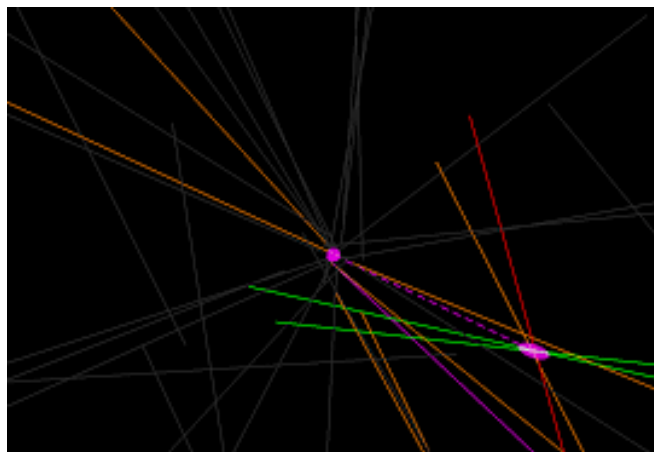
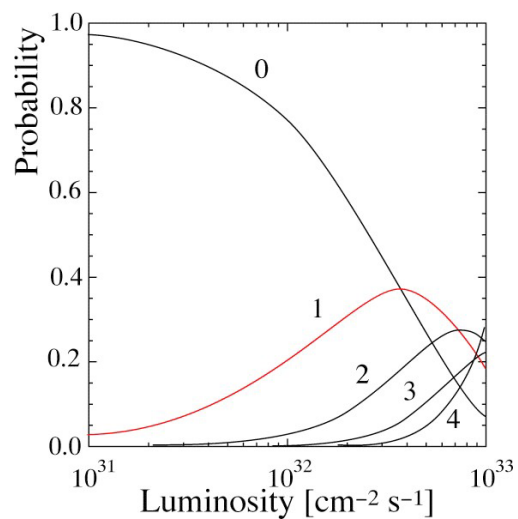
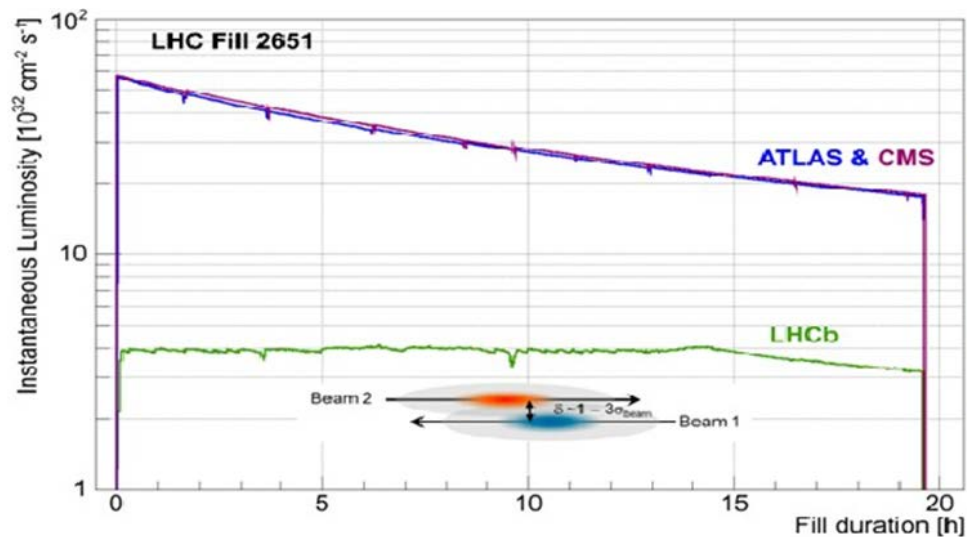
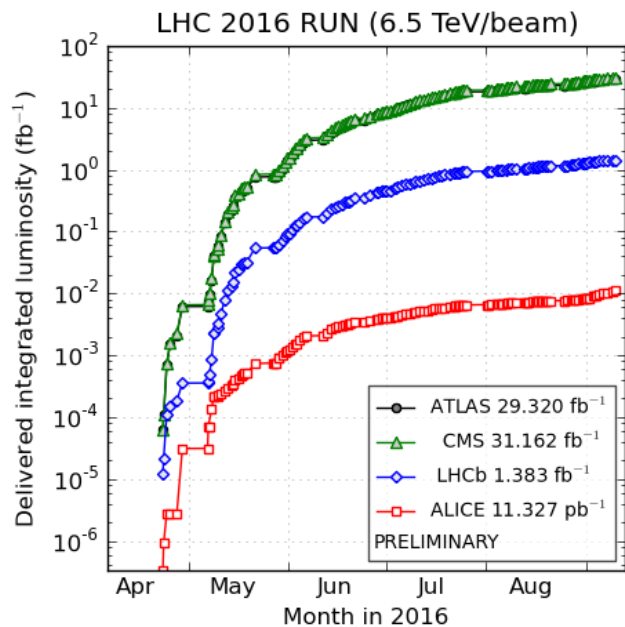
In terms of b-hadrons: $N = \int \mathcal{L} \sigma$

→ $\sigma \sim 500 \mu\text{b}$ at 13TeV, x 30% (due to the acceptance) = $150 \mu\text{b}$

→ $b\bar{b}$ pairs produced in 1 inverse femtobarn (N/fb^{-1}) = $10^{15} * 150 \times 10^{-6}$

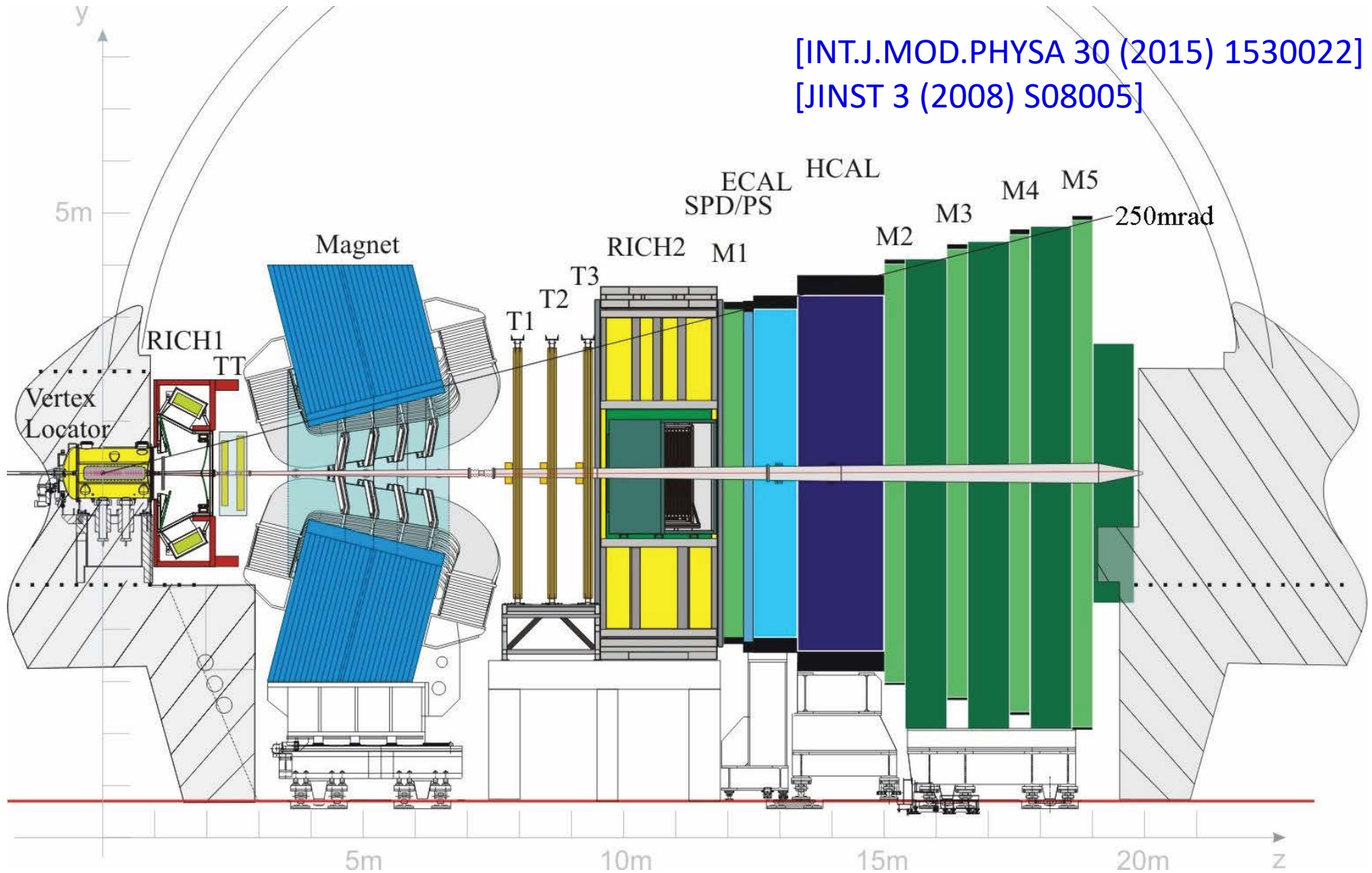
$$\sim 1.5 \times 10^{11}$$

The LHCb experiment



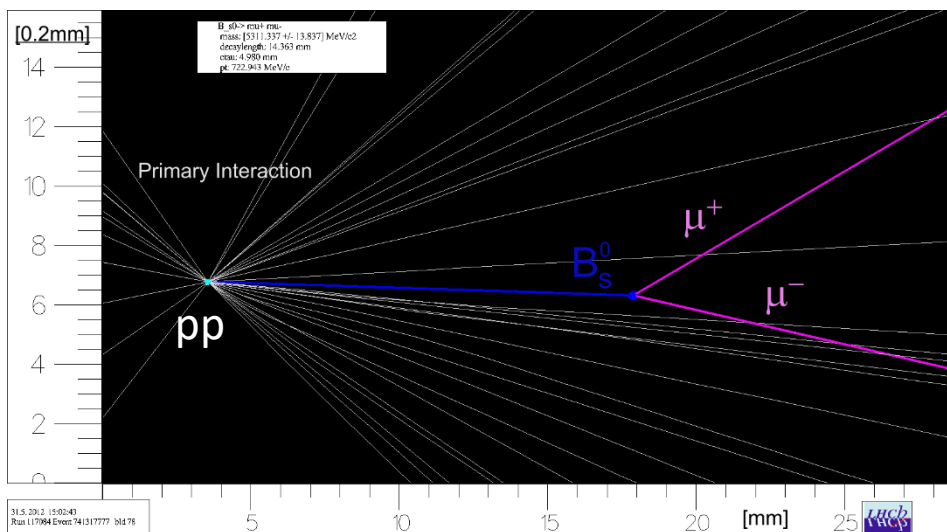
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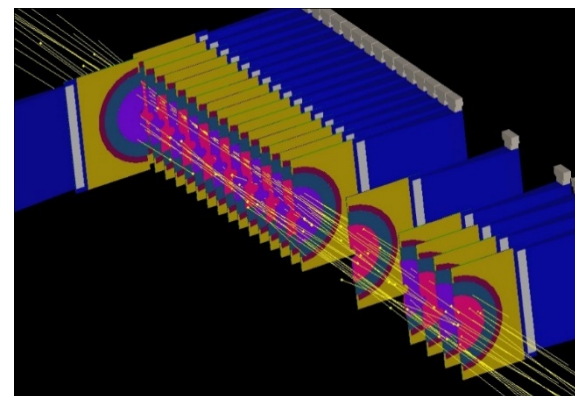
The LHCb experiment

What do we need?



- To reconstruct production and decay vertices
 - Good decay vertex resolution
 - Good impact parameter resolution
- To reconstruct the particle trajectory
 - Good momentum resolution

Vertex detector (VELO)



$$\langle L \rangle = c\tau\beta\gamma$$

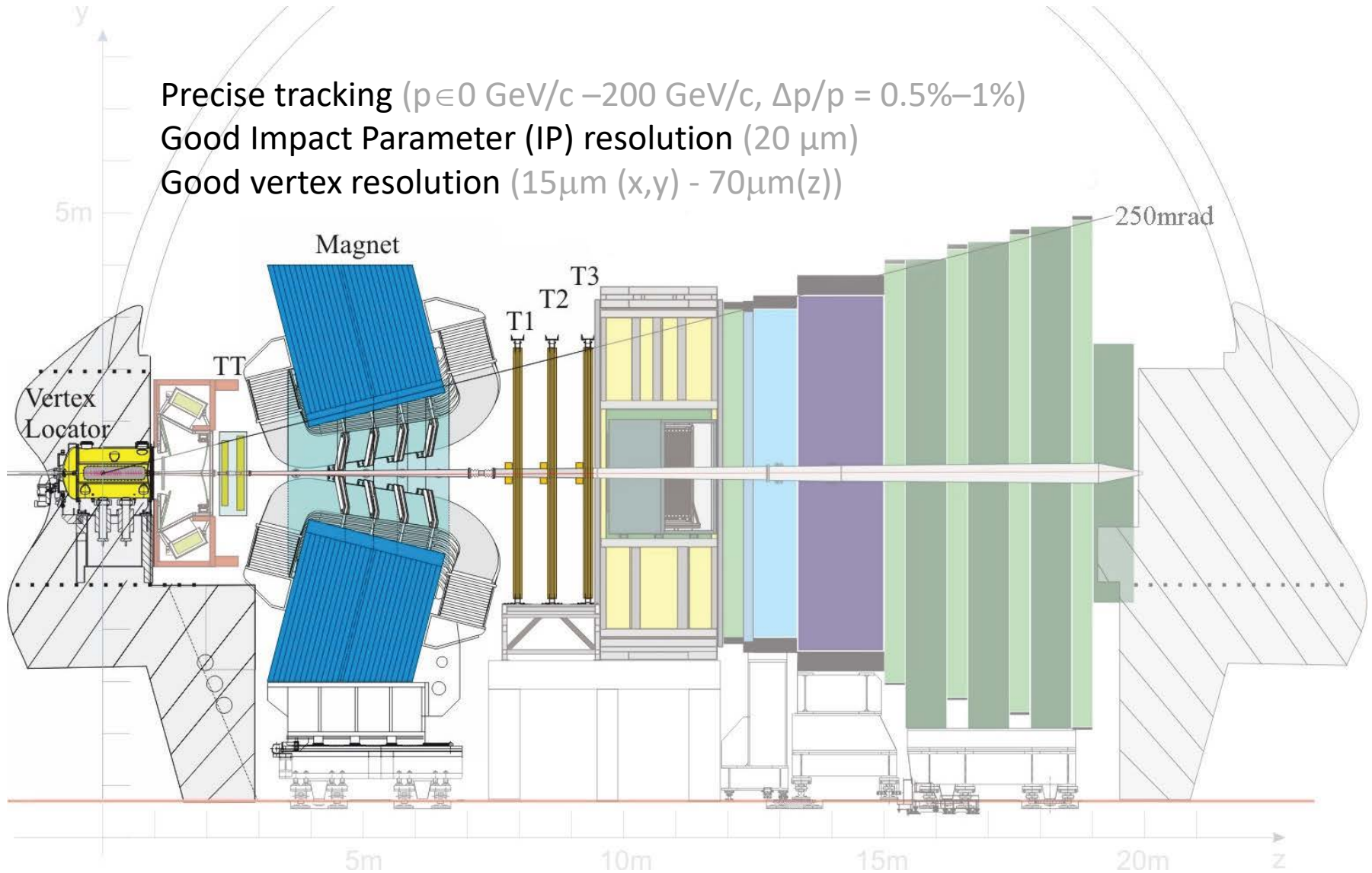
Q : How long will a Λ_b baryon be travelling in the detector before decaying? ($\beta\gamma \sim 100$)

The LHCb experiment

Precise tracking ($p \in 0 \text{ GeV/c} - 200 \text{ GeV/c}$, $\Delta p/p = 0.5\% - 1\%$)

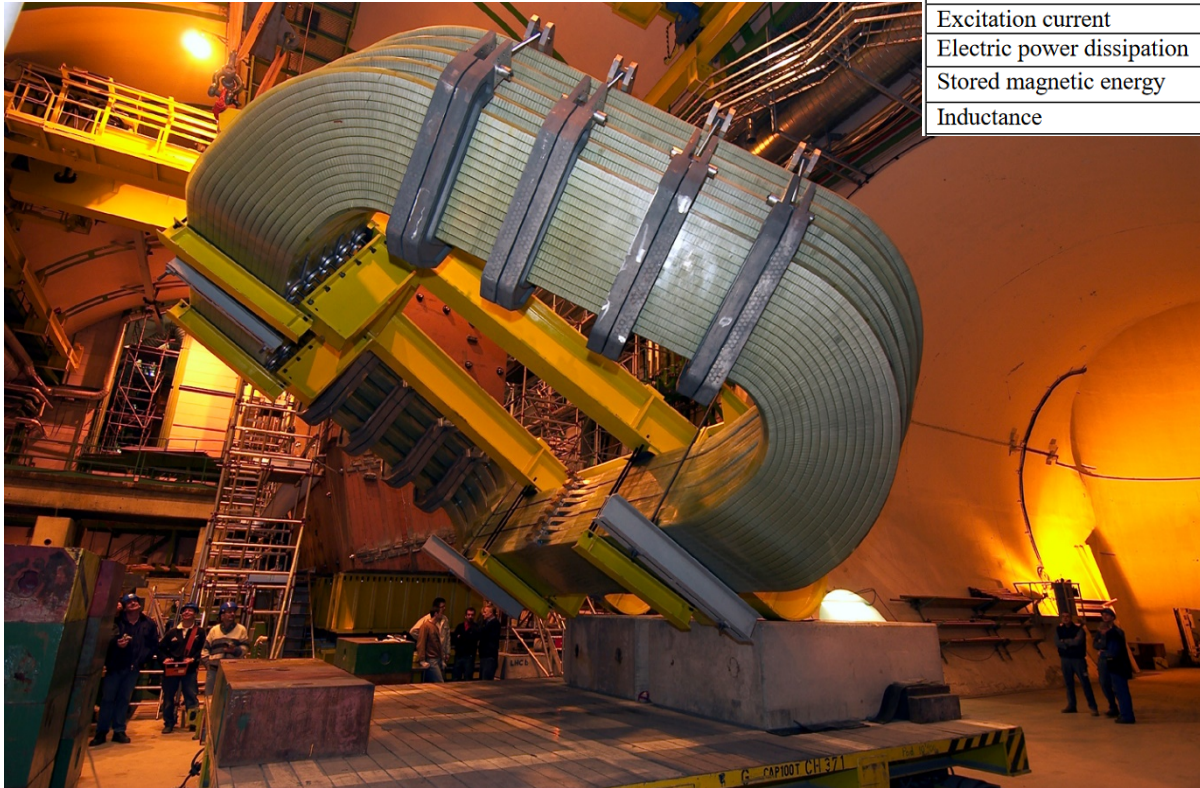
Good Impact Parameter (IP) resolution ($20 \mu\text{m}$)

Good vertex resolution ($15 \mu\text{m} (x,y) - 70 \mu\text{m} (z)$)

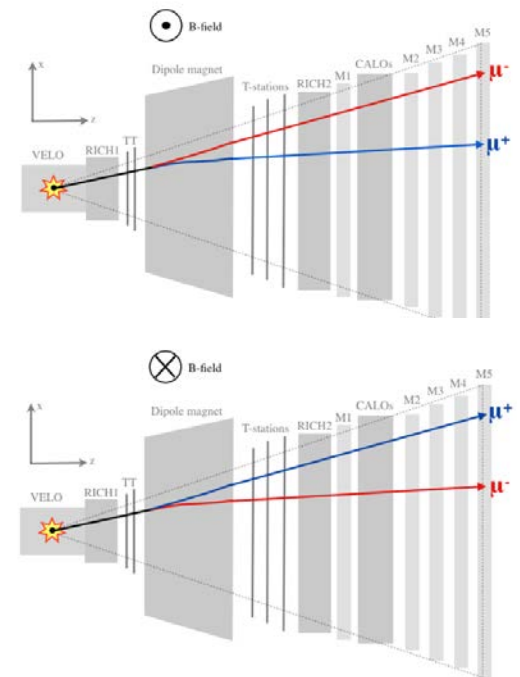


The LHCb experiment

The LHCb magnet:



Magnetic Parameters	
Bending power	$\int B \, dl = 4 \, \text{Tm}$ (10 m track length)
Non-uniformity of $\int B \, dl$	$\leq \pm 5\%$ in acceptance (hor.: $\pm 300 \, \text{mrad}$, vert.: $\pm 250 \, \text{mrad}$)
Excitation current	$NI = 2 \times 1.3 \, \text{MA}$
Electric power dissipation	$P_e = 4.2 \, \text{MW}$
Stored magnetic energy	$W_m \approx 32 \, \text{MJ}$
Inductance	$L \approx 2 \, \text{H}$

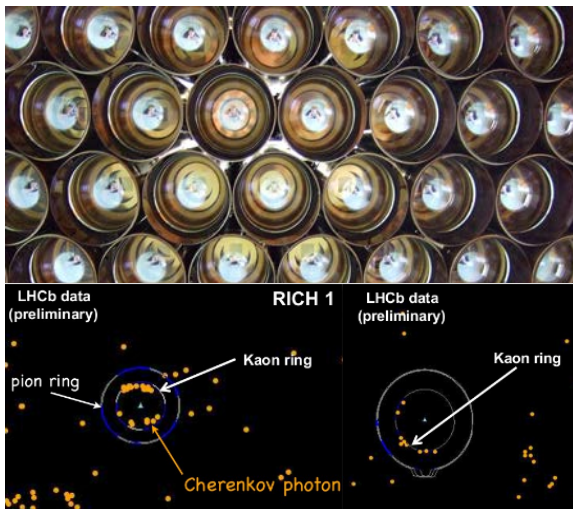


→ Inversion of polarity to study detector asymmetries

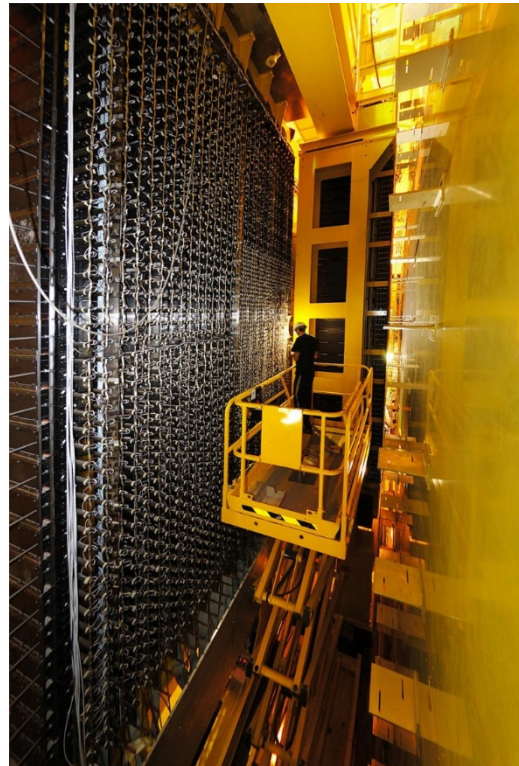
The LHCb experiment

- To recognize the type of particles
 - Good particle identification systems (PID)

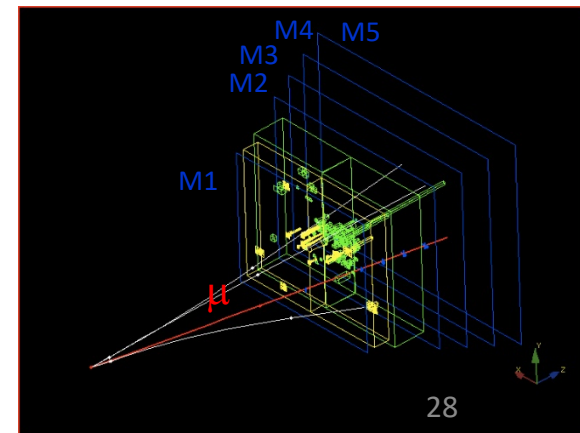
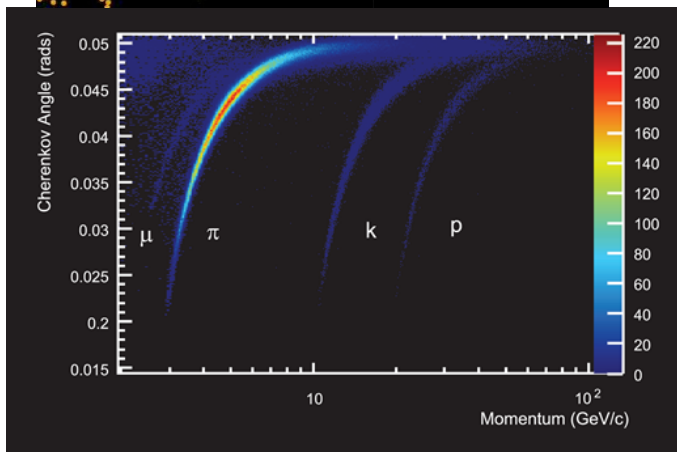
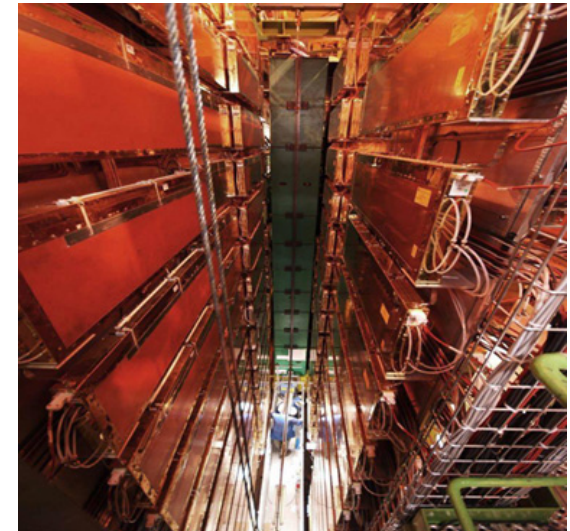
Cherenkov detectors (RICH)



Calorimeters (ECAL, HCAL)



Muon chambers



The LHCb experiment

Excellent particle identification
 π/K separation over 2-100 GeV

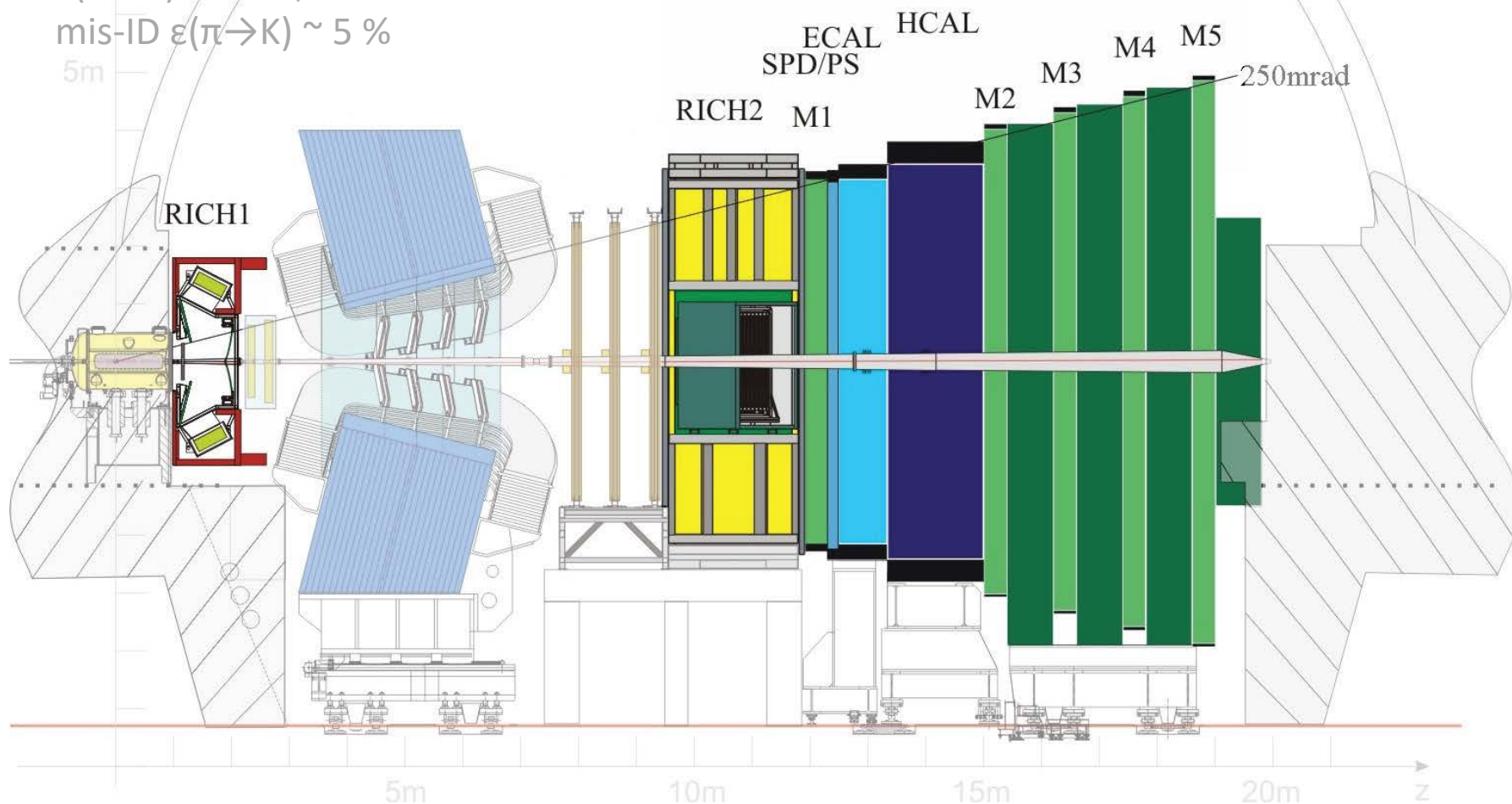
$\epsilon(K \rightarrow \pi) \sim 95\%$,
 mis-ID $\epsilon(\pi \rightarrow K) \sim 5\%$

Calorimeter system

$\Delta E/E = 1\% \oplus 10\%/\sqrt{E}$ (GeV)

Powerful μ identification

$\epsilon(\mu \rightarrow \mu) \sim 97\%$,
 mis-ID $\epsilon(\pi \rightarrow \mu) \sim 1-3\%$

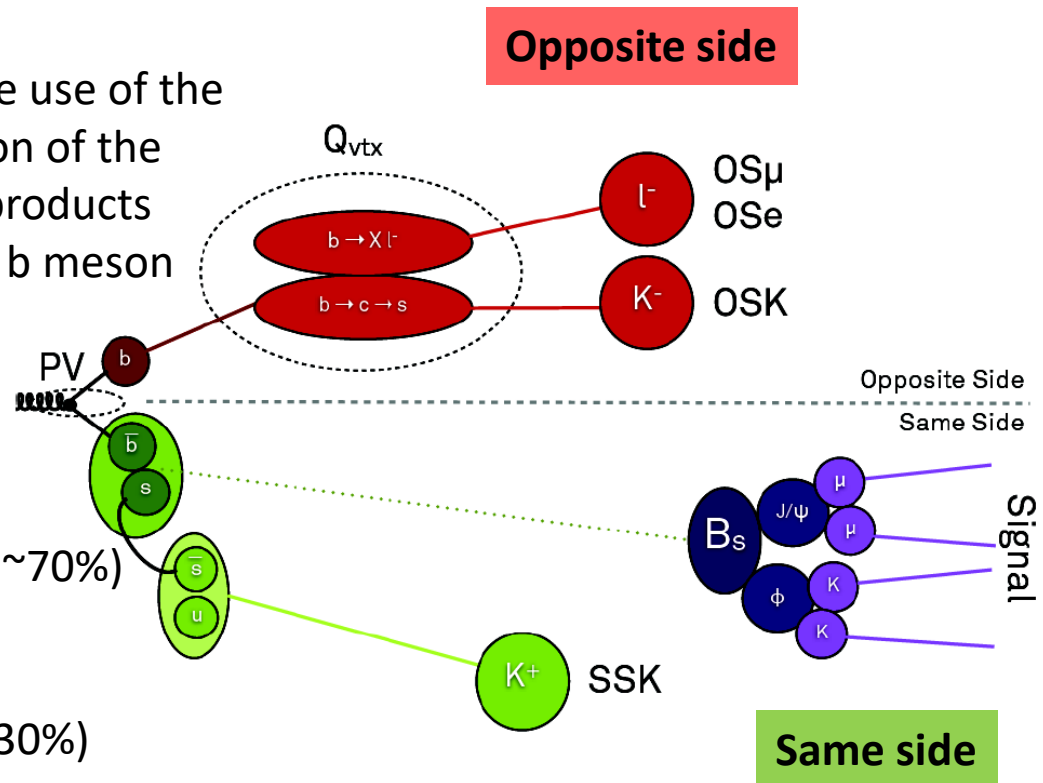


The LHCb experiment

- B mesons oscillates between particle and antiparticle $B^0 \rightarrow \bar{B}^0$
- We need to know the flavour of the particle at the production point

Flavour tagging

Use different algorithms that make use of the characteristics of the fragmentation of the b quark, the charge of the decay products or the charge related to the other b meson produced in $pp \rightarrow X b \bar{b}$



Tagging efficiency ϵ_{tag} : fraction of events with a flavour tag decision ($\sim 70\%$)

Wrong-tag fraction ω : fraction of tagged events for which tagging decision is wrong ($\sim 30\%$)

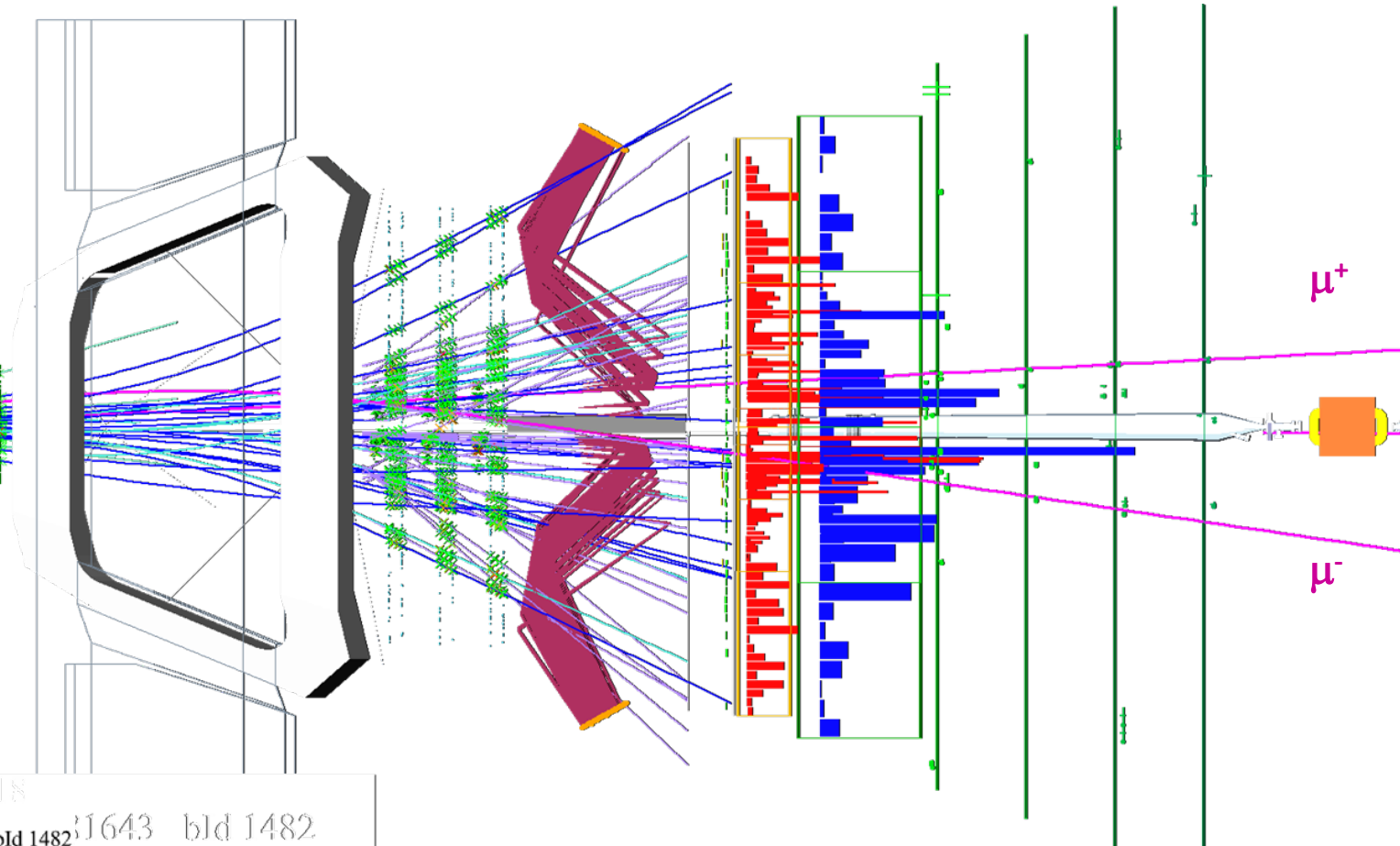
Figure of merit: *effective tagging power*

$$\epsilon_{\text{eff}} = \epsilon_{\text{tag}} D^2 = \epsilon_{\text{tag}} (1 - 2\omega)^2$$

$D^2 \equiv$ dilution factor

The LHCb experiment

$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ event



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The LHCb experiment

- Comparison between facilities:

	$e^+e^- \rightarrow \Upsilon(4S) \rightarrow B\bar{B}$ PEP-II, KEKB	$p\bar{p} \rightarrow b\bar{b}X$ ($\sqrt{s} = 2 \text{ TeV}$) Tevatron	$pp \rightarrow b\bar{b}X$ ($\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$) LHC
Production cross-section	1 nb	$\sim 100 \mu\text{b}$	$\sim 500 \mu\text{b}$
Typical $b\bar{b}$ rate	10 Hz	$\sim 100 \text{ kHz}$	$\sim 500 \text{ kHz}$
Pile-up	0	1.7	0.5–20
b hadron mixture	B^+B^- (50%), $B^0\bar{B}^0$ (50%)	B^+ (40%), B^0 (40%), B_s^0 (10%), Λ_b^0 (10%), others ($< 1\%$)	
b hadron boost	small ($\beta\gamma \sim 0.5$)	large ($\beta\gamma \sim 100$)	
Underlying event	$B\bar{B}$ pair alone	Many additional particles	
Production vertex	Not reconstructed	Reconstructed from many tracks	
$B^0-\bar{B}^0$ pair production	Coherent (from $\Upsilon(4S)$ decay)	Incoherent	
Flavour tagging power	$\epsilon D^2 \sim 30\%$	$\epsilon D^2 \sim 5\%$	

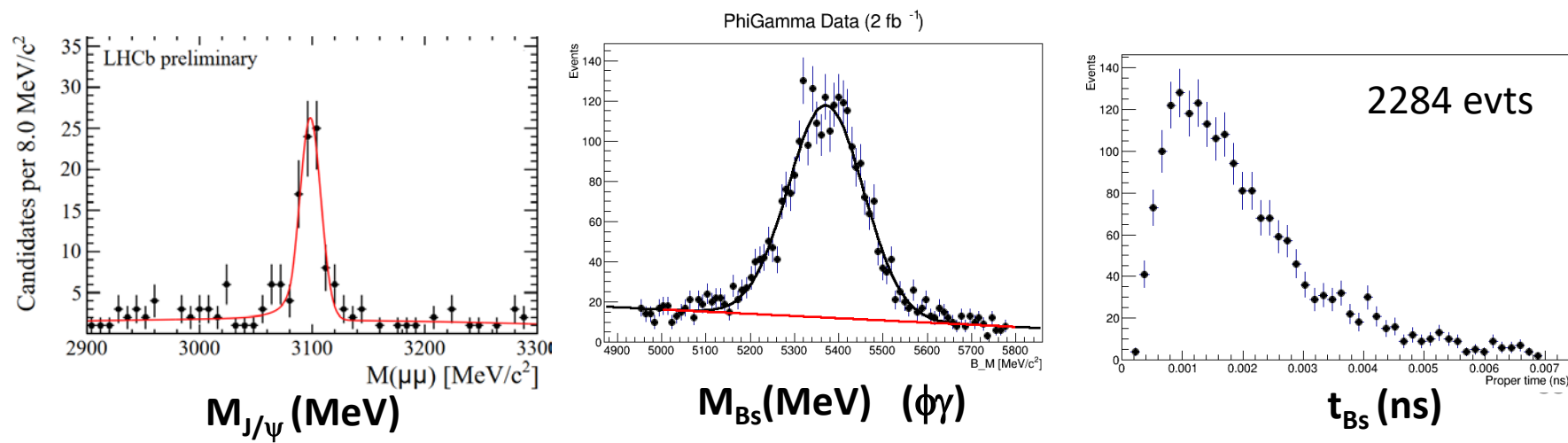
Q : Which is the maximum momentum of the pion in the $B \rightarrow \pi \ell \nu$ decay in the lab frame in BaBar at PEP-II and LHCb at LHC experiments ? Which will be easier to measure?

The LHCb experiment

What do we measure?

Examples of observables:

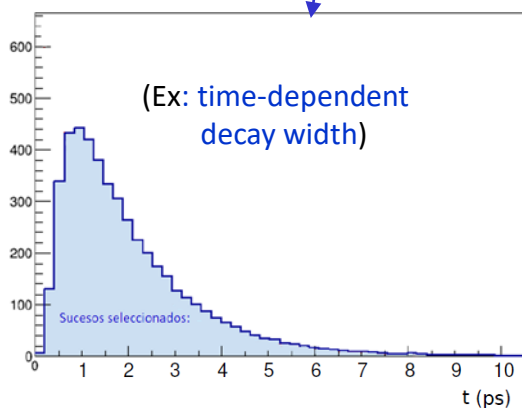
- Invariant masses: from momentum and PID hypothesis of the detected particles
- Decay times: from distance between the origin and decay vertices (and using information of the particle momentum)
- Angular distributions: from directions of the decay products (momentum, vertices)
- Branching fractions: from the mass distributions, counting the number of events
- Time dependent asymmetries (needed flavour tagging!)
- Ratios of observables: cancellation of systematic uncertainties



The LHCb experiment

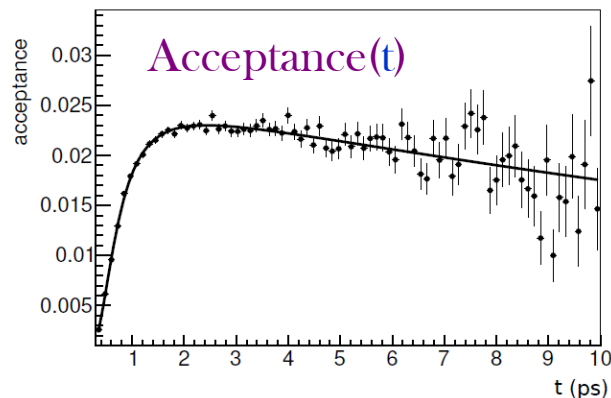
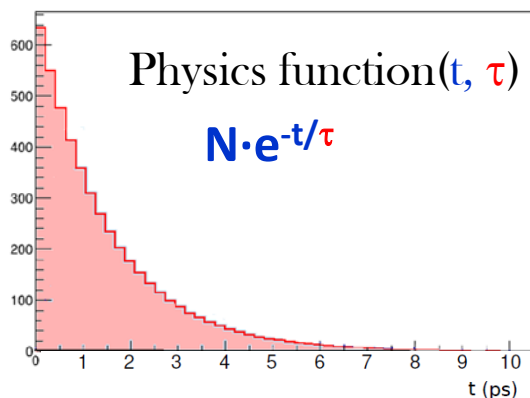
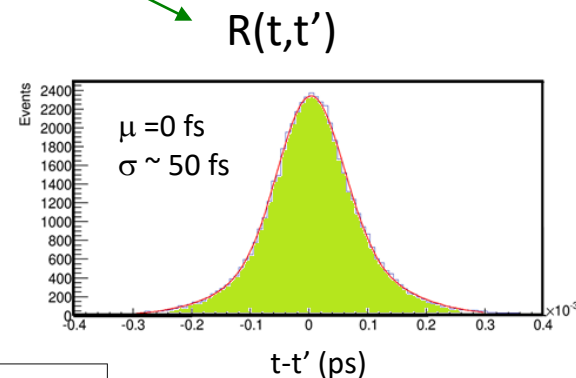
Including experimental effects:

$$\text{Observable}(X') = \text{Physics}(X, P) \cdot \text{Acceptance}(X) \times \text{Resolution}(X, X')$$



Efficiency dependent of X

$$\frac{\# \text{ detected } (X)}{\# \text{ produced } (X)}$$



- One can use MC simulations to study the acceptance and resolution functions
- Better: Use control samples from data (similar to the signal channel) to extract them

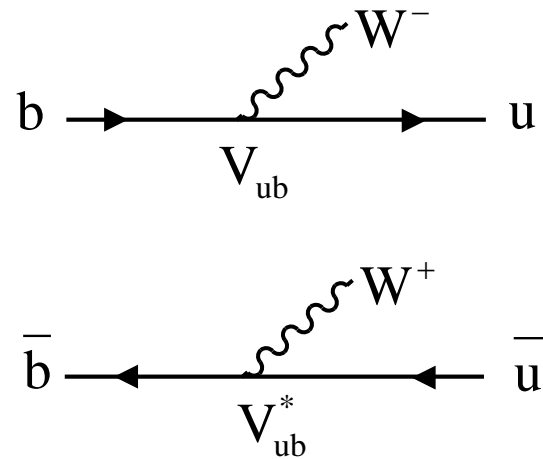
The CKM matrix

The CKM matrix V_{CKM} describes rotation for quarks between the weak eigenstates (d', s', b') and mass eigenstates (d, s, b)

Quarks
$$\begin{pmatrix} d' \\ s' \\ b' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

Antiquarks
$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{d}' \\ \bar{s}' \\ \bar{b}' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud}^* & V_{us}^* & V_{ub}^* \\ V_{cd}^* & V_{cs}^* & V_{cb}^* \\ V_{td}^* & V_{ts}^* & V_{tb}^* \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \bar{d} \\ \bar{s} \\ \bar{b} \end{pmatrix}$$

V_{ij} governs the transition
from quark j to quark i



CP violation due to complex phases of CKM matrix elements

The CKM matrix

- The CKM matrix is complex and unitary $\hat{V}_{CKM}^+ \hat{V}_{CKM} = 1$
- 4 independent parameters
 - **Fundamental constants** of the Standard Model
 - Must be determined from **experiment**

- **Standard parametrization (PDG):**

- 3 angles: $\theta_{12}, \theta_{23}, \theta_{13}$ and 1 phase δ

$$V_{CKM} = R_{23} \times R_{13} \times R_{12}$$

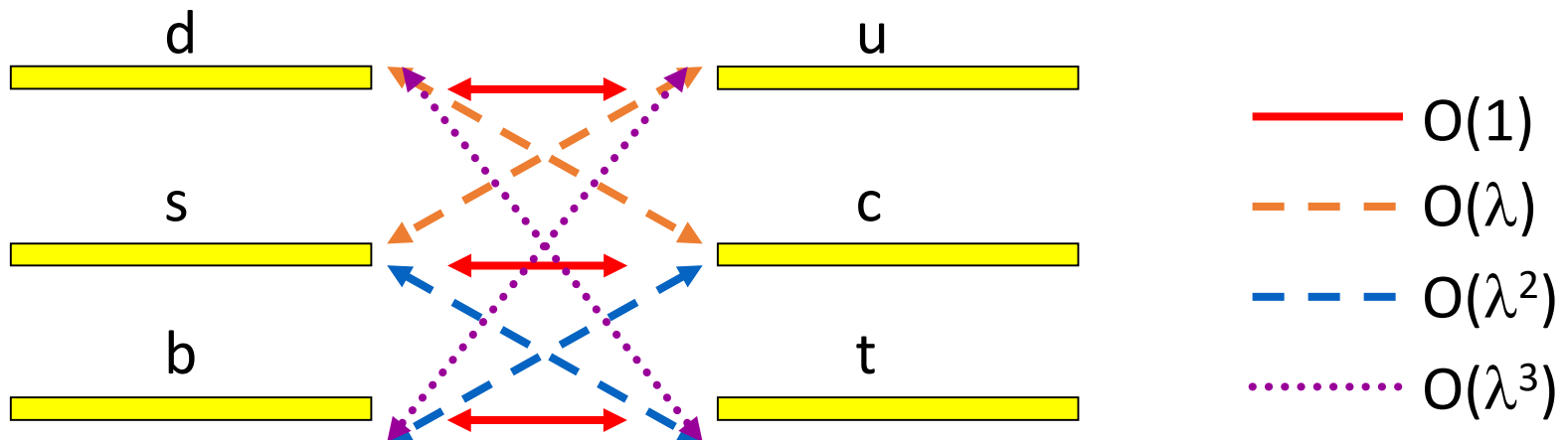
$$R_{12} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{12} & s_{12} & 0 \\ -s_{12} & c_{12} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad R_{23} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & c_{23} & s_{23} \\ 0 & -s_{23} & c_{23} \end{pmatrix} \quad R_{13} = \begin{pmatrix} c_{13} & 0 & s_{13}e^{-i\delta} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -s_{13}e^{i\delta} & 0 & c_{13} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$s_{ij} = \sin \theta_{ij} \quad c_{ij} = \cos \theta_{ij}$$

The CKM matrix

- **Wolfenstein parameterization:** $s_{12} \sim 0.2, s_{23} \sim 0.04, s_{23} \sim 0.004$
- Perturbative, reflects the hierarchy of the matrix elements in terms of λ
 $\lambda = \sin \theta_{12} \approx 0.23$
- The four parameters are defined as:

$$\lambda = s_{12} \quad A = \frac{s_{23}}{s_{12}^2} \quad \rho = \frac{s_{13} \cos \delta}{s_{12} s_{23}} \quad \eta = \frac{s_{13} \sin \delta}{s_{12} s_{23}}$$



The CKM matrix

Wolfenstein parameterization to $O(\lambda^3)$:

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda & 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \rho - i\eta) & -A\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + O(\lambda^4)$$

(but next-to leading order corrections in λ may be important at LHC)

$$V_{CKM} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{\lambda^4}{8} & \lambda & A\lambda^3(\rho - i\eta) \\ -\lambda + A^2\lambda^5\left(\frac{1}{2} - \rho - i\eta\right) & 1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{\lambda^4}{8}(1 + 4A^2) & A\lambda^2 \\ A\lambda^3(1 - \bar{\rho} - i\bar{\eta}) & -A\lambda^2 + A\lambda^4(1/2 - \rho - i\eta) & 1 - A^2\lambda^4/2 \end{pmatrix} + O(\lambda^6)$$

$$(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\eta}) \equiv (1 - \lambda^2/2)(\rho, \eta)$$

The CKM matrix

- CP Violation in the Standard Model:
 - Requirements for CP violation

$$\begin{aligned} & (m_t^2 - m_c^2)(m_t^2 - m_u^2)(m_c^2 - m_u^2) \\ & \times (m_b^2 - m_s^2)(m_b^2 - m_d^2)(m_s^2 - m_d^2) \times J_{CP} \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$J_{CP} = \left| \text{Im} \left\{ V_{i\alpha} V_{j\beta} V_{i\beta}^* V_{j\alpha}^* \right\} \right| \quad (i \neq j, \alpha \neq \beta)$$

- Jarlskog invariant:

$$J_{CP} = s_{12}s_{13}s_{23}c_{12}c_{23}c_{13} \sin \delta = \lambda^6 A^2 \eta = O(10^{-5})$$

→ CP violation is small in the Standard Model

(and cannot explain the observed baryon asymmetry of the Universe)

The CKM matrix

- PDG 2016:

$$0.97434 \pm 0.00012$$

superallowed $0^+ \rightarrow 0^+$ β decays

$$0.22506 \pm 0.00050$$

semileptonic / leptonic kaon decays hadronic
tau decays

$$(3.57 \pm 0.15) \times 10^{-3}$$

semileptonic / leptonic B decays

$$0.22492 \pm 0.00050$$

semileptonic charm decays
charm production in neutrino beams

$$0.97351 \pm 0.00013$$

semileptonic / leptonic charm decays

$$(41.1 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-3}$$

semileptonic B decays

$$(8.75 \pm 0.33) \times 10^{-3}$$

B_d oscillations

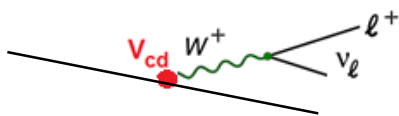
$$(40.3 \pm 1.3) \times 10^{-3}$$

B_s oscillations

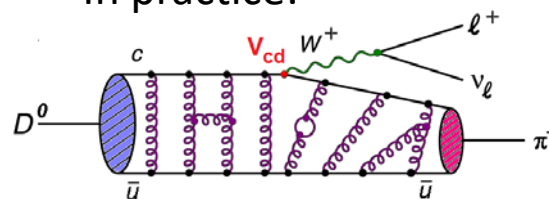
$$0.99915 \pm 0.00005$$

single top production

In theory:



In practice:



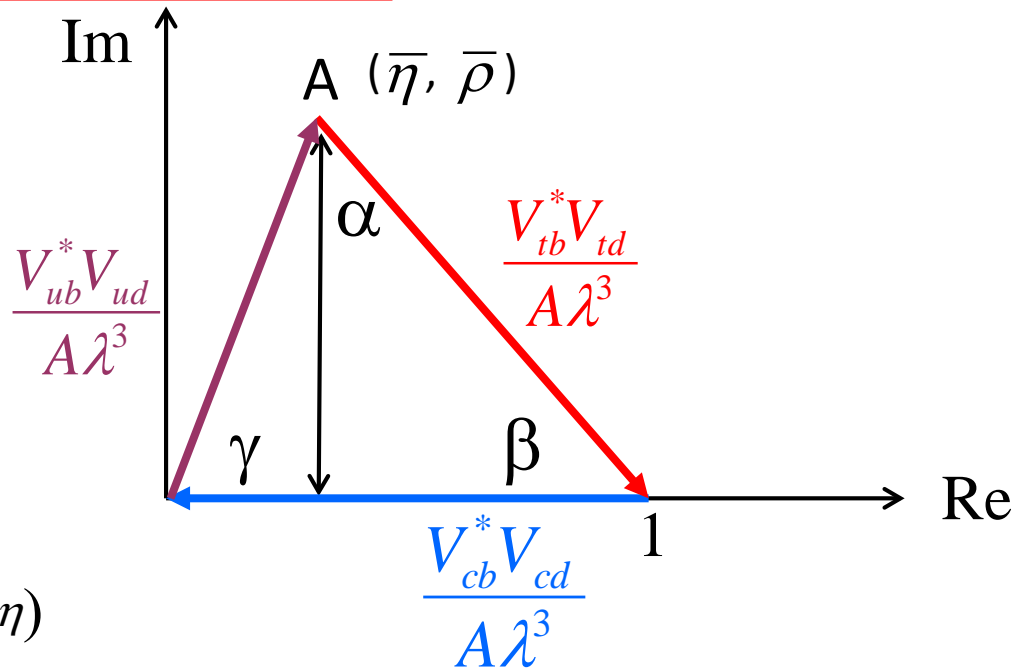
→ Need theory to describe QCD effects (lattice QCD)

The CKM matrix

The Unitarity Triangle → CKM is unitary:

$$V_{ud}V_{ub}^* + V_{cd}V_{cb}^* + V_{td}V_{tb}^* = 0$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & V_{cb} \\ V_{td} & V_{ts} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{cd} & V_{td} \\ V_{us} & V_{cs} & V_{ts} \\ V_{ub} & V_{cb} & V_{tb} \end{pmatrix}^* = \mathbf{I}$$



$$(\bar{\rho}, \bar{\eta}) \equiv (1 - \lambda^2/2)(\rho, \eta)$$

$$\gamma \equiv \arg \left[-\frac{V_{ub}^* V_{ud}}{V_{cb}^* V_{cd}} \right] = \tan^{-1} \frac{\eta}{\rho} \sim 70^\circ$$

$$\beta \equiv \arg \left[-\frac{V_{cb}^* V_{cd}}{V_{tb}^* V_{td}} \right] = \tan^{-1} \frac{\bar{\eta}}{1 - \rho} \sim 21^\circ$$

$$\alpha \equiv \pi - \beta - \gamma$$

The CKM matrix

The Unitarity Triangle

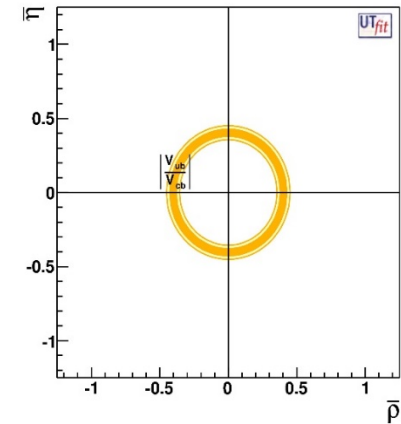
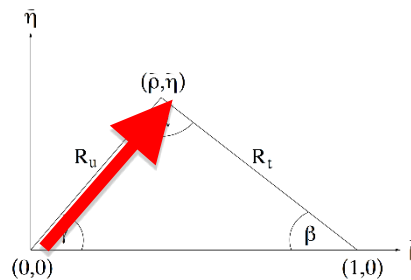
The idea: try to measure as many flavour observables as possible

overconstraint the unitarity triangle

Ex: Measuring the $b \rightarrow u \ell \nu$ vs the $b \rightarrow c \ell \nu$ transition

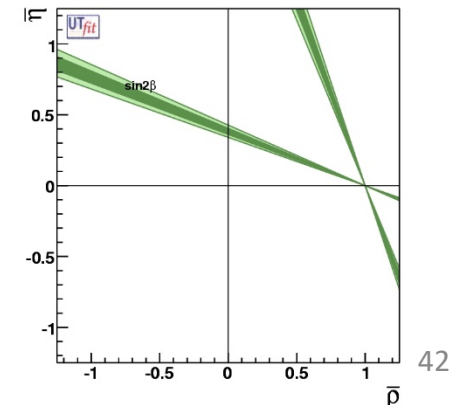
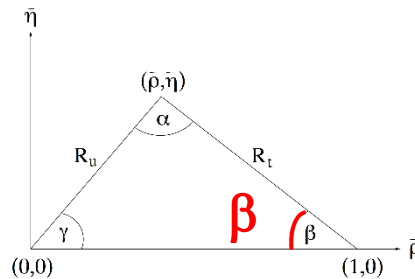
$$\frac{\Gamma(b \rightarrow u \ell \nu)}{\Gamma(b \rightarrow c \ell \nu)} \sim \left| \frac{V_{ub}}{V_{cb}} \right|^2 \sim \frac{1}{50}$$

$$\left| \frac{V_{ub}}{V_{cb}} \right| = \frac{\lambda}{1 - \lambda^2/2} \sqrt{\bar{\rho}^2 + \bar{\eta}^2}$$



Ex: Measuring time-dependent asymmetries in $b \rightarrow c \bar{c} s$ decays
(effect from interference of mixing and decay)

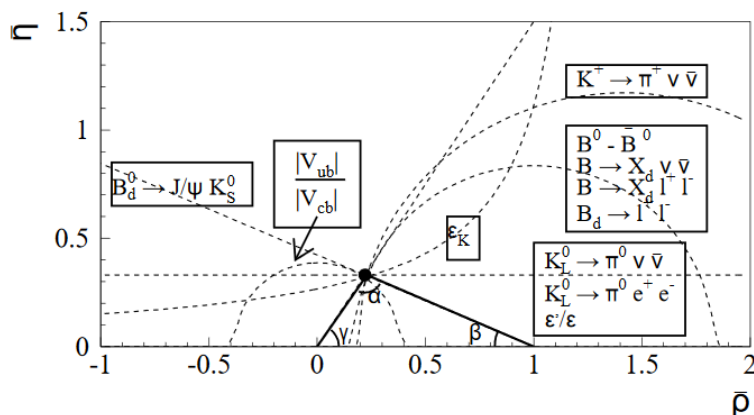
$$\beta = \tan^{-1} \frac{\bar{\eta}}{1 - \bar{\rho}}$$



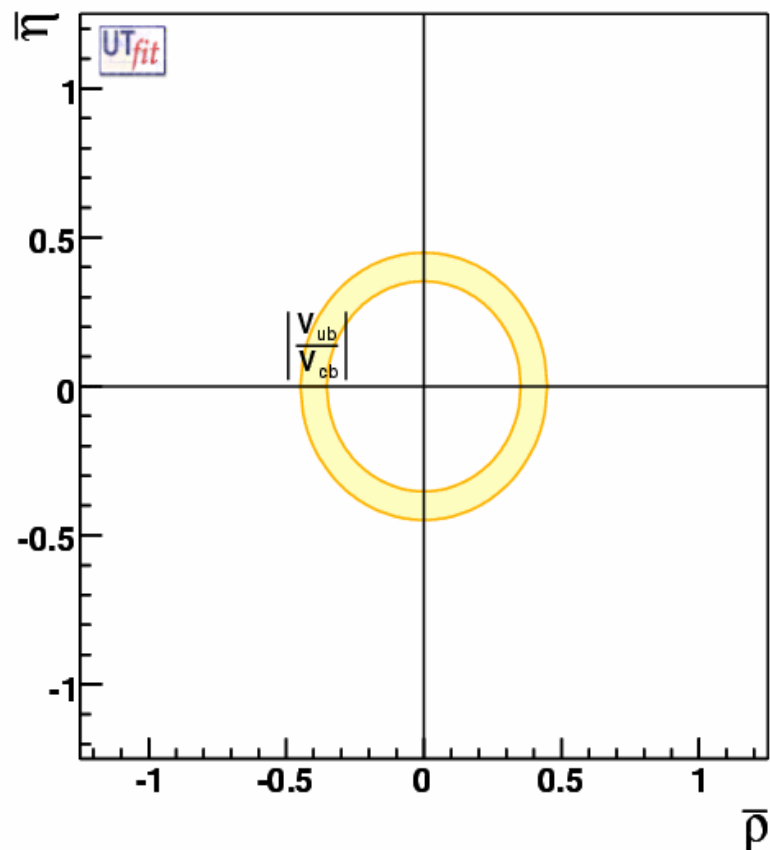
The CKM matrix

The Unitarity Triangle

The idea: try to measure as many flavour observables as possible
overconstrain the unitarity triangle



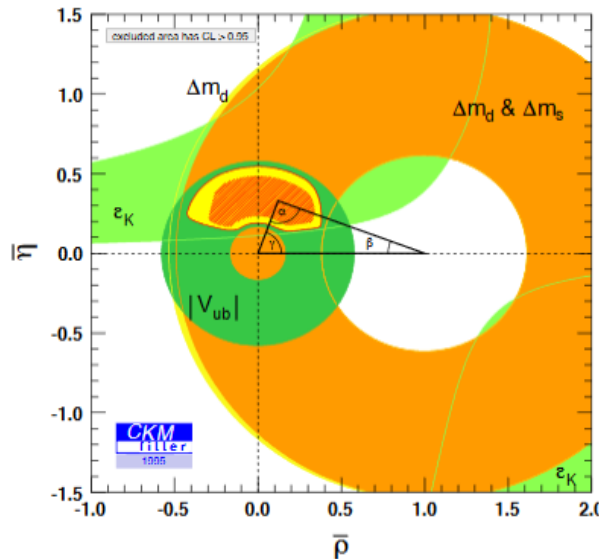
- If all measurements meet in the same apex → good understanding of the flavour structure of the SM
- If not → New Physics



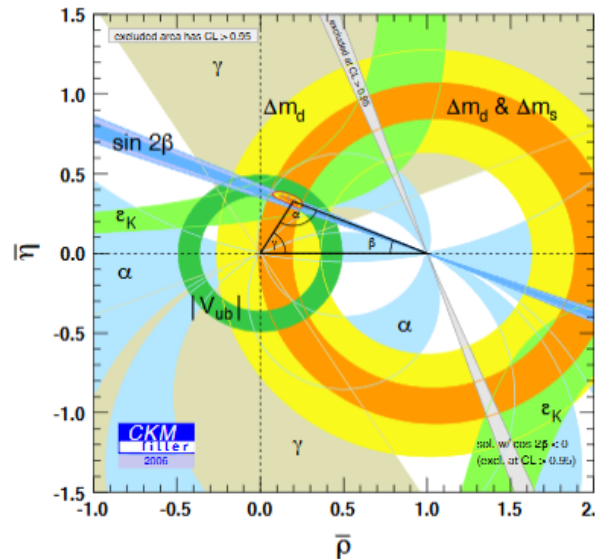
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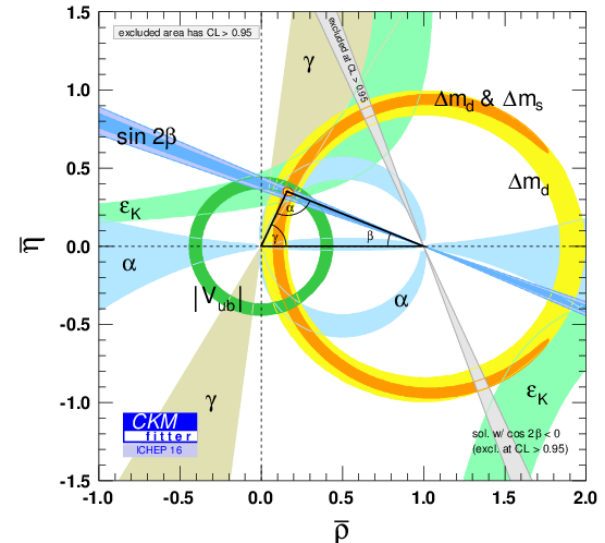
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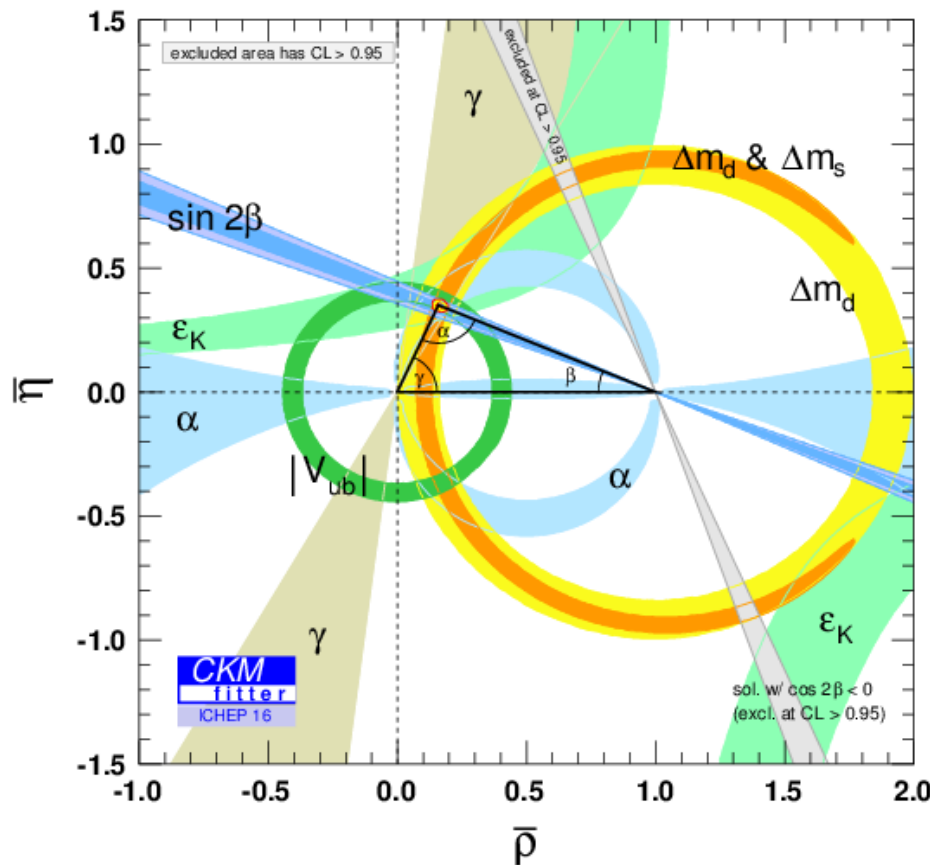


2016



- Precision measurements of CKM elements (fundamental parameters!)
- Measure all angles and sides in many different ways and look for inconsistencies \rightarrow quantum effects from new particles
- Compare tree level processes (new physics is not expected) with loop processes sensitive to new particles
- With more precision the new physics scale has to be higher.

The CKM matrix



- Good agreement between experimental measurements
- Validation of Standard Model in the flavour sector
- Few discrepancies (“tensions”)
- Understanding from QCD is crucial
- Still room for New Physics, need more precision!

$$\bar{\rho} = 0.1598 \pm 0.0076$$

$$\bar{\eta} = 0.3499 \pm 0.0063$$

<http://ckmfitter.in2p3.fr/>

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