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The expected LHCb Physics Performance

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Monte-Carlo

- Detailed simulation of the detector:
 - ➔ Event generation with PYTHIA 6.2 tuned to $\sqrt{s}=14\text{ TeV}$;
 - ➔ Tracking of the particle through the detector with GEANT;
 - ➔ Simulation of the detector response including spillover and pile-up;
 - ➔ Simulation of the trigger decision.
- Object oriented software processes simulated events as real data:
 - ➔ Track finding;
 - ➔ Particle identification;
 - ➔ Selection of B-meson final states.
- Data samples end '03:
 - ➔ GEANT 3
 - ➔ 32×10^6 minimum bias;
 - ➔ 11×10^6 inclusive $b\bar{b}$ events
 - ➔ Many specific signal B decays: 50k to 200k per decay channel.
- Data samples end '04:
 - ➔ GEANT 4;
 - ➔ 110×10^6 minimum bias;
 - ➔ 61×10^6 inclusive $b\bar{b}$ events;
 - ➔ Many specific signal B decays.

All results quoted in this talk
are based on 2003 samples

b hadrons production at LHC

- All b hadrons species are produced in proton-proton collisions at 14 TeV:

$B_{d'}, B_{s'}, B_{c'}, B^\pm, \Lambda_{b'}, \dots$:

27×10^3 B_d per second
7×10^3 B_s per second

in the LHCb acceptance;

- $B/S \sim 160$.
- The huge statistics of B_s meson opens new approaches to study the CP symmetry in the beauty sector.

B_s system

- Mass and lifetime:

$$m_{B_s} = 5369.6 \pm 2.4 \text{ MeV} \quad \tau_s = 1.461 \pm 0.057 \text{ ps}$$

- Most of observables are not yet measured:

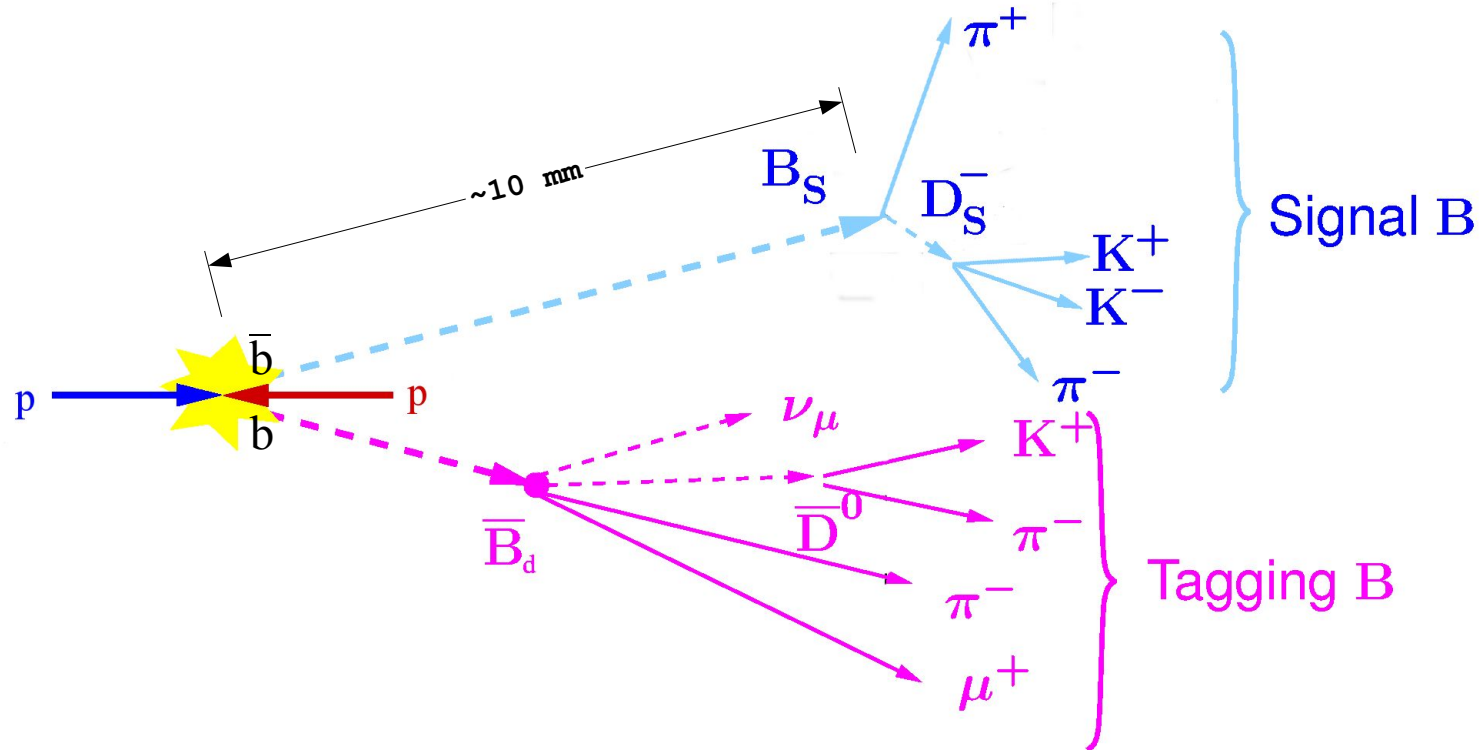
		<i>SM Expectation</i>
Oscillation frequency	Δm_s	$\sim 20 \text{ ps}^{-1}$
Weak mixing phase	Φ_s	$-2\lambda^2\eta \sim -0.04$
Relative decay width difference	$\Delta\Gamma_s/\Gamma_s$	~ 0.1

- Time dependent decay rate asymmetries:

$$A_f^{CP}(t) = \frac{R_{\bar{B}_s \rightarrow f}(t) - R_{B_s \rightarrow f}(t)}{R_{\bar{B}_s \rightarrow f}(t) + R_{B_s \rightarrow f}(t)} = \frac{A_f^{\text{dir}} \cos(\Delta m_s t) + A_f^{\text{mix}} \sin(\Delta m_s t)}{\cosh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s}{2} t\right) - A_f^\Delta \sinh\left(\frac{\Delta\Gamma_s}{2} t\right)}$$

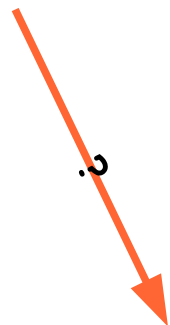
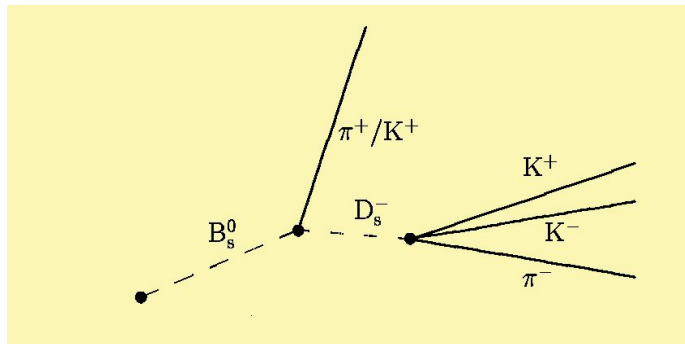
$$\text{where: } \lambda_f = \frac{q}{p} \frac{\bar{A}_f}{A_f} \quad A_f^{\text{dir}} = -\frac{1 - |\lambda_f|^2}{1 + |\lambda_f|^2} \quad A_f^{\text{mix}} = \frac{2 \text{Im}(\lambda_f)}{1 + |\lambda_f|^2} \quad A_f^\Delta = \frac{2 \text{Re}(\lambda_f)}{1 + |\lambda_f|^2}$$

Time dependent asymmetry at LHCb



- The proper time of the signal B decay is measured via:
 - the position of the primary and secondary vertexes;
 - the momentum of the signal B state from its decay products.

Event selection: $B_s \rightarrow D_s^\pm K^\mp \rightarrow (K^+ K^- \pi^\pm) K^\mp$ (1)

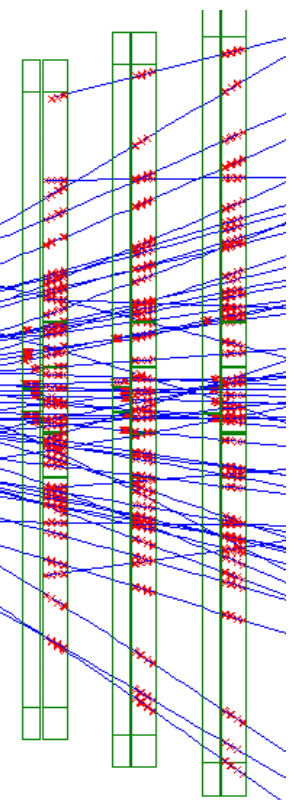


**Vertex
Locator**

Trigger Tracker



T1 T2 T3



Reconstructed event: ~72 tracks

Event selection: $B_s \rightarrow D_s^\pm K^\mp \rightarrow (K^+ K^- \pi^\pm) K^\mp$ (2)

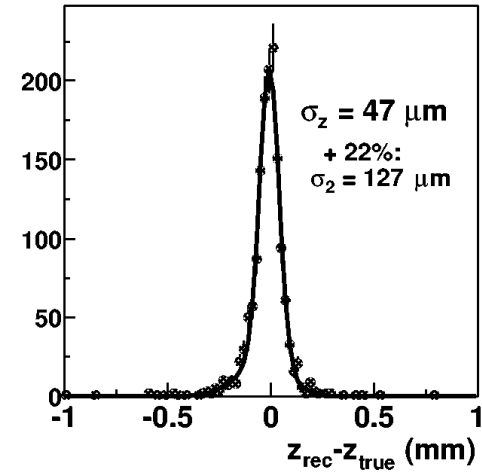
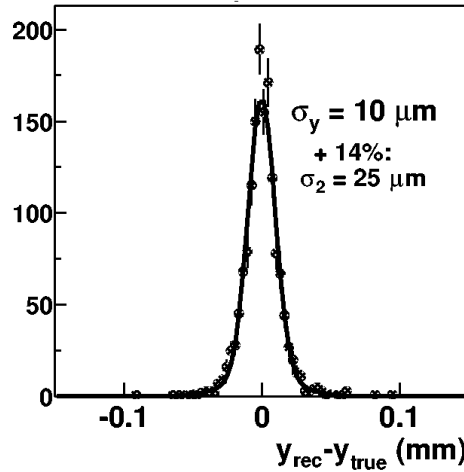
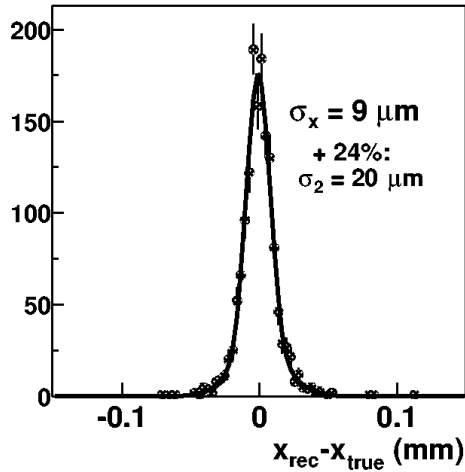
- 1) Primary vertex.
- 2) D_s meson by using identified kaon and pion and a vertex constrained to the D_s mass.
- 3) B_s meson by combining a D_s with a kaon forming a vertex (no mass constraint).
- 4) Select B_s with an impact parameter ~ 0 and an invariant mass in the window $m_{B_s} \pm 50 \text{ MeV}/c^2$

Summary of the cuts.

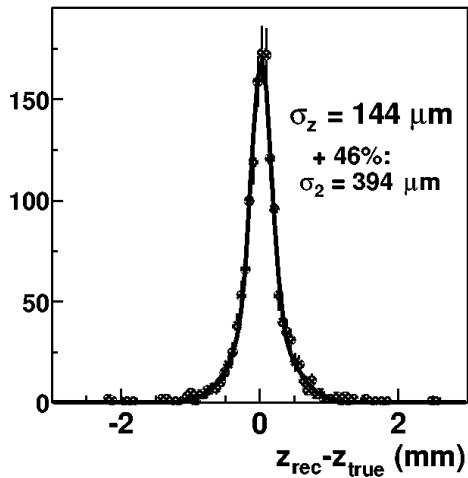
Selection requirements	$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- h^+$
All products p	2 GeV/c
D_s product p_t	300 MeV/c
D_s product $\sum p_t$	2200 MeV/c
bachelor K/π p_t	700 MeV/c
pions: $\Delta\mathcal{L}_{\pi K}$	>-5
kaons: $\Delta\mathcal{L}_{K\pi}$	>-5
χ^2/NDF	< 4
Constrained D_s vertex χ^2	<10
D_s mass window	15 MeV/c ²
$S_{\text{IP}}(D_s \text{ prod})$	>1
$S_{\text{IP}}(D_s)$	>2
$S_z(D_s, PV)$	>4.5
Unconstrained B_s vertex χ^2	<3
$S_{\text{IP}}(h)m$	>4
$S_{\text{IP}}(B_s)$	<3
$\cos(\theta)$	0.99997
$z_{B_s} - z_{D_s}$	>0 μm
B_s mass window (B-inclusive)	± 50 (500) MeV/c ²
specific $B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\pm K^\mp$ selection criteria	
bachelor K: $\Delta\mathcal{L}_{K\pi}$	>2
bachelor K: $\Delta\mathcal{L}_{Ke}$	>2

Resolution: $B_s \rightarrow D_s^\pm K^\mp \rightarrow (K^+ K^- \pi^\pm) K^\mp$

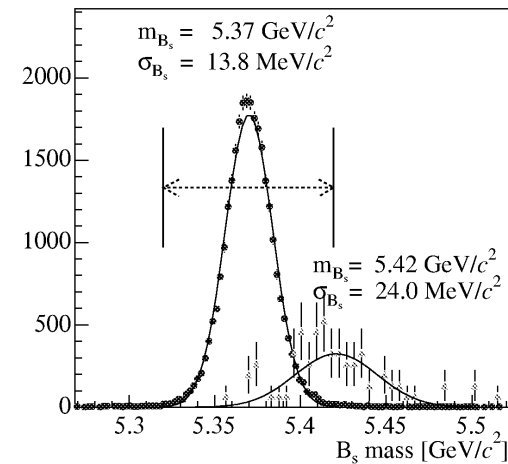
Primary vertex: 47 μ m



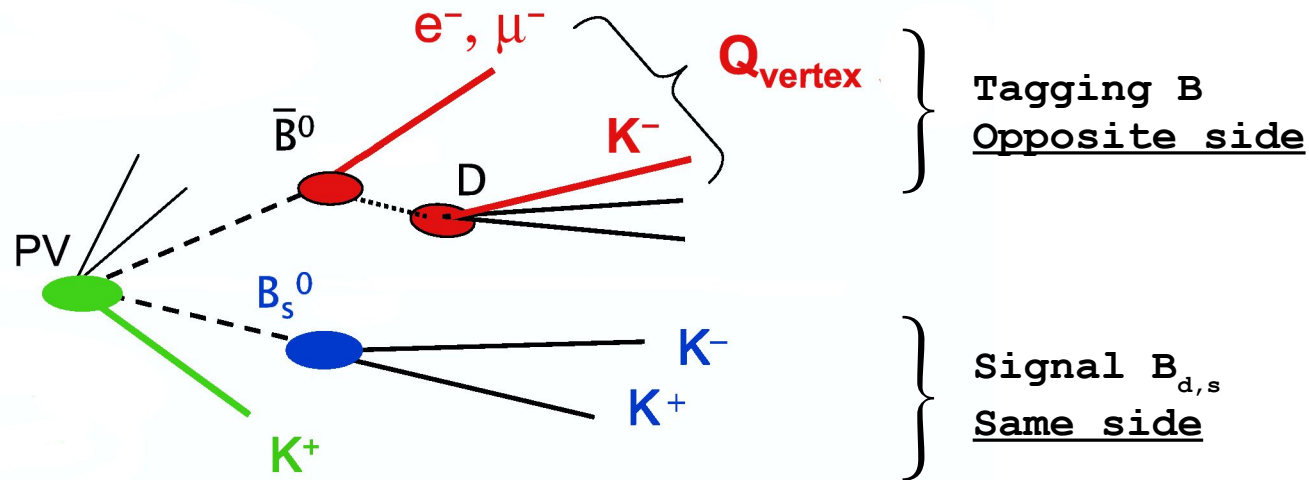
Bs vertex: 144 μ m



Bs mass: 14 MeV/c²



Flavour Tagging



- Several algorithms to determine the flavour of the signal B meson at production:

- ➔ **Opposite side:**

- e, μ from semileptonic b decays;
- K^\pm from b decays chain;
- Inclusive vertex charge.

- ➔ **Same side:**

- K^\pm from fragmentation accompanying B_s meson.

Performance of Flavour Tagging

- After passing trigger and offline cuts

Channel	ϵ_{tag} (%)	w (%)	ϵ_{eff} (%)
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	41.8 ± 0.7	34.9 ± 1.1	3.8 ± 0.5
$B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$	43.2 ± 1.4	33.3 ± 2.1	4.8 ± 1.0
$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi (\mu\mu) K_S^0$	45.1 ± 1.3	36.7 ± 1.9	3.2 ± 0.8
$B^0 \rightarrow J/\psi (\mu\mu) K^{*0}$	41.9 ± 0.5	34.3 ± 0.7	4.1 ± 0.3
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$	49.8 ± 0.5	33.0 ± 0.8	5.8 ± 0.5
$B_s^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ K^-$	49.5 ± 1.8	30.4 ± 2.6	7.6 ± 1.7
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$	54.6 ± 1.2	30.0 ± 1.6	8.7 ± 1.2
$B_s^0 \rightarrow D_s^\mp K^\pm$	54.2 ± 0.6	33.4 ± 0.8	6.0 ± 0.5
$B_s^0 \rightarrow J/\psi (\mu\mu) \phi$	50.4 ± 0.3	33.4 ± 0.4	5.5 ± 0.3

Breakdown for $B_{d,s} \rightarrow h^+ h^-$

Tag	ϵ_{tag} (%)	w (%)	ϵ_{eff} (%)
μ	11.1 ± 0.3	35.3 ± 1.1	1.0 ± 0.2
e	5.2 ± 0.2	35.6 ± 1.7	0.4 ± 0.1
K_{opp}	16.6 ± 0.3	31.2 ± 0.9	2.4 ± 0.2
Q_{vtx}	24.3 ± 0.6	39.9 ± 0.8	1.0 ± 0.2
Combined (B^0)	40.9 ± 0.4	34.6 ± 0.7	3.9 ± 0.3
K_{same}	17.5 ± 0.4	32.8 ± 1.2	2.1 ± 0.3
Combined (B_s^0)	49.8 ± 0.5	32.8 ± 0.8	5.9 ± 0.5

where:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \epsilon_{\text{tag}} = \frac{R+W}{R+W+U} \\ \omega = \frac{W}{R+W} \\ \epsilon_{\text{eff}} = \epsilon_{\text{tag}} (1 - 2\omega)^2 \end{array} \right.$$

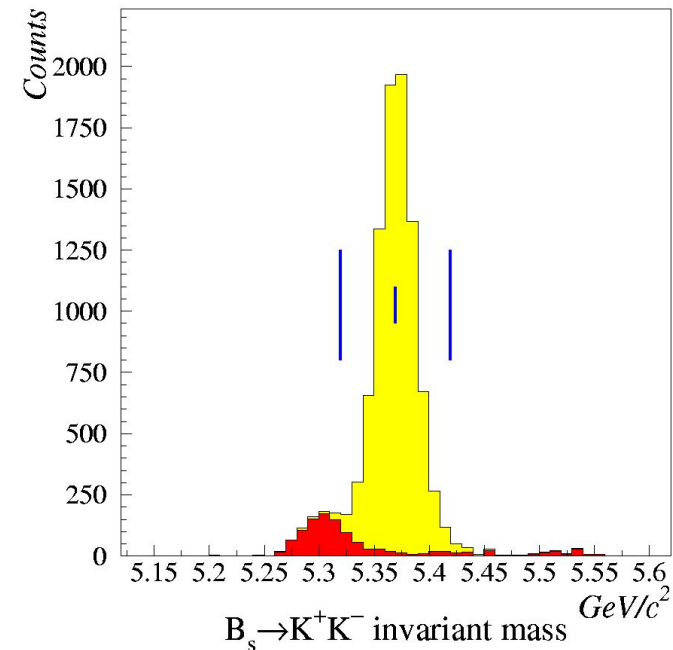
- Effective tagging efficiencies vary between 3 and 9% depending on the final state.
- In real physics analysis, the wrong tag fraction will be measured using control channels with similar topology, e.g. $B_d \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$ for $B_d \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$

Estimation of Background

- Sources of background:
 - ➔ Exclusive B-decays mimicking the signal decay;
 - ➔ Combinatorial background in $b\bar{b}$ inclusive events.
- Difficult to estimate the combinatorial contribution since the available statistics of $b\bar{b}$ events is limited.

Method:

- ➔ Open the $B_{d,s}$ mass window ($\pm 500 \text{ MeV}/c^2$)
- ➔ Scale down the obtained number to the tight mass window ($\pm 50 \text{ MeV}/c^2$) using linear extrapolation.



Event type	$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$
$B^0 \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	45
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^+ K^-$	36505
$B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$	904
$B_s^0 \rightarrow K^- \pi^+$	160
$\Lambda_b \rightarrow p \pi^-$	0
$\Lambda_b \rightarrow p K^-$	182

$$\begin{cases} B_{\text{Exclusive}}/S & = 0.04 \\ B_{\text{Comb.}}/S & < 0.51 \end{cases}$$

Evaluation of Sensitivity

- Sensitivities to CP violating observables are determined with a toy Monte-Carlo.

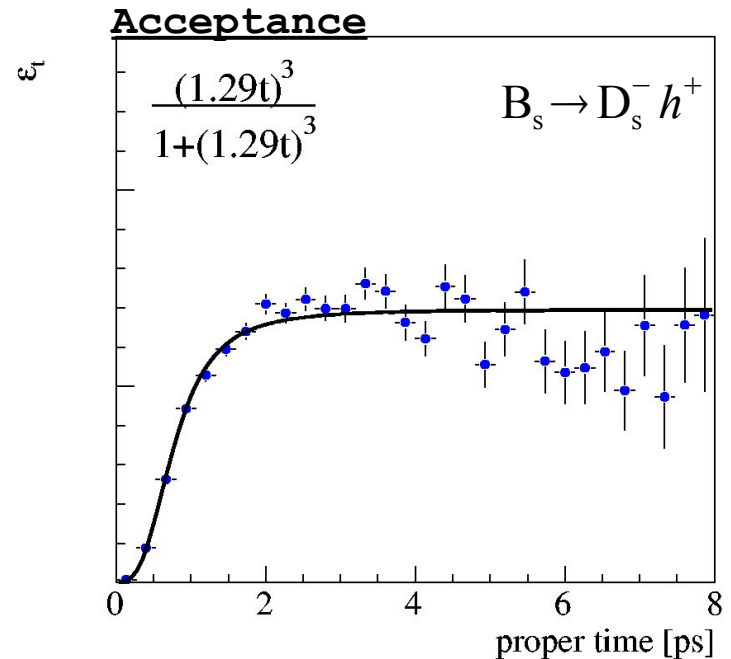
Inputs come from the full simulation:

- Number of signals/background events after trigger, off-line selection and tagging;
- Wrong tag fraction;
- Acceptances as a function of proper time;
- Resolutions.

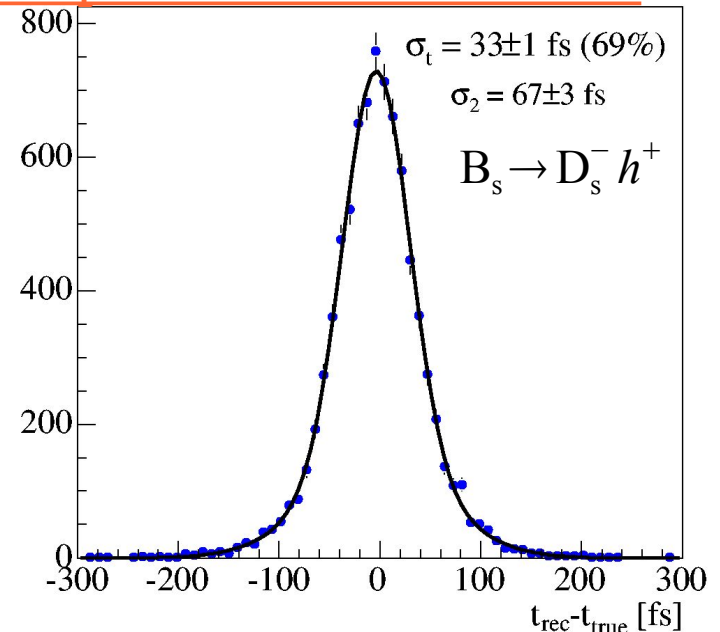
- Many sets of events are generated.

For each of them, decay rates are fitted with an unbinned likelihood where

$\text{Re}(\lambda_f), \text{Im}(\lambda_f), \Delta m_{d,s}, \Delta \Gamma_{d,s}, \Gamma_{d,s}, \omega_f$
are free parameters. The fit also takes into account backgrounds and resolution.



Proper time resolution: 33fs



Branching Ratio

- Performances were evaluated through few benchmark channels.

	Visible Branching ratio
$B_d \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) K_S(\pi^+ \pi^-)$	1.98×10^{-5}
$B_s \rightarrow D_s^-(K^+ K^- \pi^-) \pi^+$	1.2×10^{-4}
$B_s \rightarrow J/\psi(\mu^+ \mu^-) \phi(K^+ K^-)$	3.1×10^{-5}
$B_d \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$	4.8×10^{-6}
$B_s \rightarrow K^+ K^-$	1.85×10^{-5}
$B_s \rightarrow D_s^\pm(K^\pm K^- \pi^+) K^\mp$	1.0×10^{-5}
$B_d \rightarrow \bar{D}^0(K^+ \pi^-) K^{*0}(K^+ \pi^-)$	1.2×10^{-6}
$B_d \rightarrow D_{CP}^0(K^+ K^-) K^{*0}(K^+ \pi^-)$	1.9×10^{-7}
$B_d \rightarrow \rho \pi$	2×10^{-5}

The phase β (Φ_1)...

The phase β in $B_d \rightarrow J/\psi (\mu^+ \mu^-) K_S (\pi^+ \pi^-)$

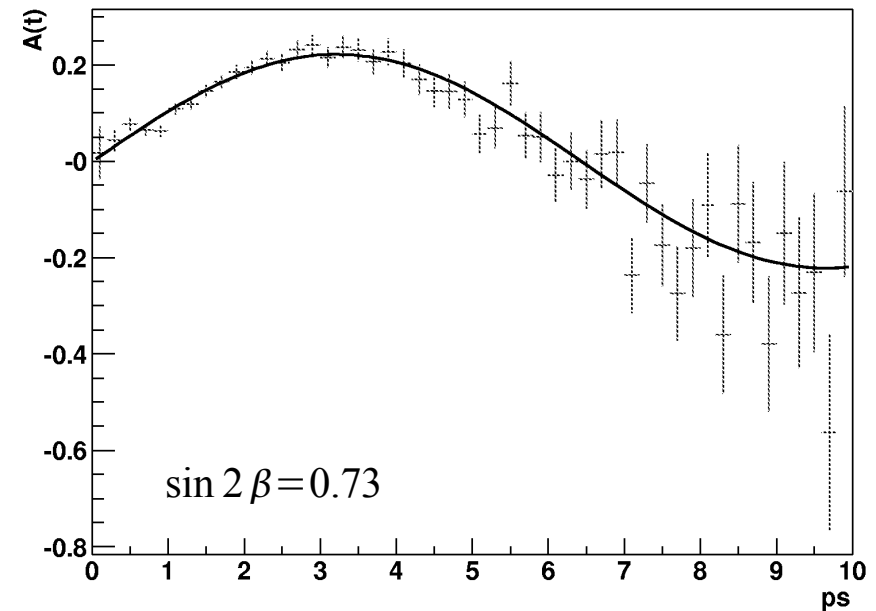
- Decay is dominated by a tree amplitude

$$A_{CP}(t) = -(1 - 2\omega) \left\{ \frac{(1 - |\lambda|^2)}{(1 + |\lambda|^2)} \cos(\Delta m t) - \frac{2 \operatorname{Im}(\lambda)}{(1 + |\lambda|^2)} \sin(\Delta m t) \right\}$$

where $\operatorname{Im}(\lambda) = \sin 2\beta$

- The wrong tag fraction ω is determined with the self-tagging mode $B_d \rightarrow J/\psi K^{*0}$
- Sensitivity for 2 fb^{-1} :

N_{tagged}	91×10^3
B/S	0.69 ± 0.11
$\sigma_{\text{stat}}(\sin 2\beta)$	0.02



The B_s system...

- Δm_s in $B_s \rightarrow D_s^- \pi^+$
- $\Delta \Gamma_s$ and ϕ_s in $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$

Oscillation frequency Δm_s in $B_s \rightarrow D_s^- (K^+ K^- \pi^-) \pi^+$

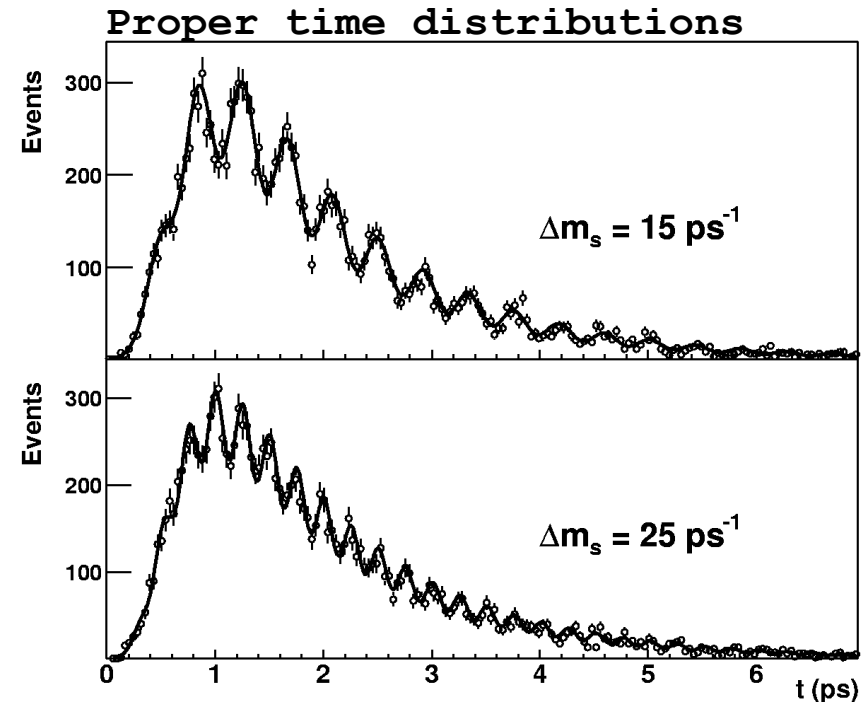
- Flavour-specific B decay:

$$A_{\Delta m_s}(t) = -(1 - 2\omega) \frac{\cos(\Delta m_s t)}{\cosh(\Delta \Gamma_s t)}$$

- Sensitivity for 2 fb^{-1} :

N_{tagged}	43×10^3
B/S	0.3 ± 0.1
$\sigma_{\text{stat}}(\Delta m_s)$	0.011

- ➔ Highest Δm_s measurable = 68 ps^{-1}
(statistical significance of at least 5σ)

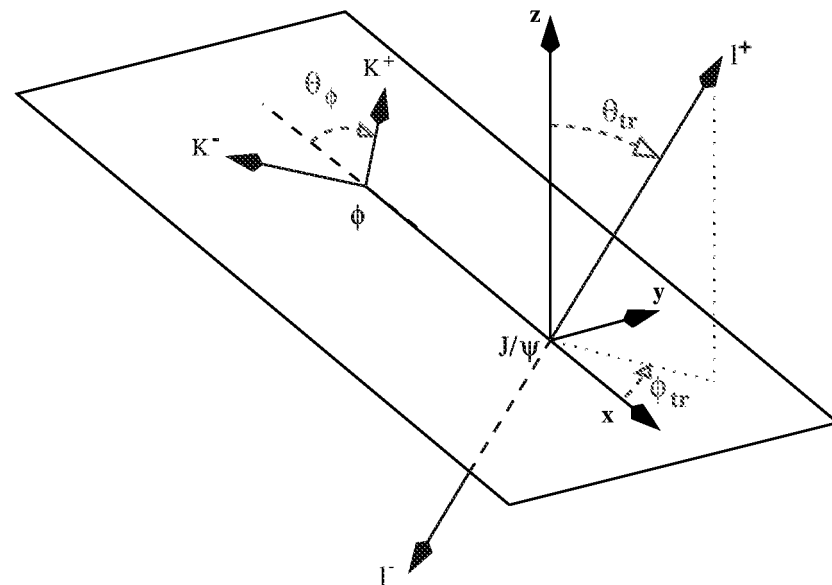


Δm_s	15	20	25	30
$\sigma(\Delta m_s)$	0.009	0.011	0.013	0.016

The phase Φ_s and $\Delta\Gamma_s$ in $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi (\mu^+ \mu^-) \phi (K^+ K^-)$

- Counterpart of $B_d \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$
Mixture of different CP eigenstates:

$$A_{CP}(t) = -(1-2\omega) \frac{1-R_t}{e^{\frac{-\Delta\Gamma_s t}{2}} + R_t e^{\frac{-\Delta\Gamma_s t}{2}}} \sin(\Delta m_s t) \phi_s$$



- Δm_s and the wrong tag fraction ω are determined in $B_s \rightarrow D_s \pi$ events.

- Sensitivity for 2 fb^{-1} :

N_{tagged}	50×10^3
B/S	< 0.3 (90% CL)
$\sigma_{\text{stat}}(\phi_s)$	0.064
$\sigma_{\text{stat}}(\Delta\Gamma_s/\Gamma_s)$	0.018

Δm_s in ps^{-1}	15	20	25	30
$\sigma(\phi_s)$	0.057	0.064	0.075	0.088
$\sigma(\Delta\Gamma/\bar{\Gamma})$	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018

$\Delta\Gamma/\Gamma$	0	0.1	0.2
$\sigma(\phi_s)$	0.059	0.064	0.070
$\sigma(\Delta\Gamma/\bar{\Gamma})$	0.015	0.018	0.019

ϕ_s	0	0.04	0.1	0.2
$\sigma(\phi_s)$	0.064	0.064	0.064	0.066
$\sigma(\Delta\Gamma/\bar{\Gamma})$	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018

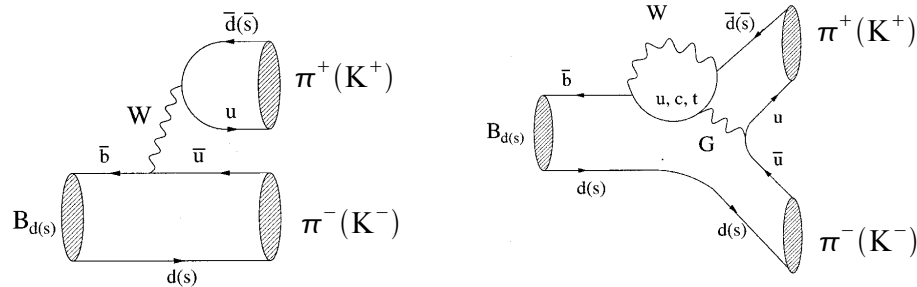
R_t	0.1	0.2	0.3
$\sigma(\phi_s)$	0.050	0.064	0.084
$\sigma(\Delta\Gamma/\bar{\Gamma})$	0.015	0.018	0.019

The phase γ (Φ_3)...

- $B_s \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ and $B_d \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$
- $B_s \rightarrow D_s^\pm K^\mp$
- $B_d \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 K^{*0}, D^0 K^{*0}$
- ...

The phase γ in $B_s \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ and $B_d \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ (1)

- Tree and penguins amplitudes:



- By exchanging all $d(\bar{d})$ in $s(\bar{s})$ the $B_d \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ becomes $B_s \rightarrow K^+ K^-$

$$\begin{cases} A_{\pi\pi}^{dir} = f^{dir}(d, \vartheta, \gamma) \\ A_{\pi\pi}^{mix} = f^{mix}(d, \vartheta, \gamma, \beta) \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} A_{KK}^{dir} = f^{dir}(d', \vartheta', \gamma) \\ A_{KK}^{mix} = f^{mix}(d', \vartheta', \gamma, \phi_s) \end{cases}$$

$$d e^{i\vartheta} = \left. \frac{\text{penguins}}{\text{tree}} \right|_{B_d \rightarrow \pi\pi}$$

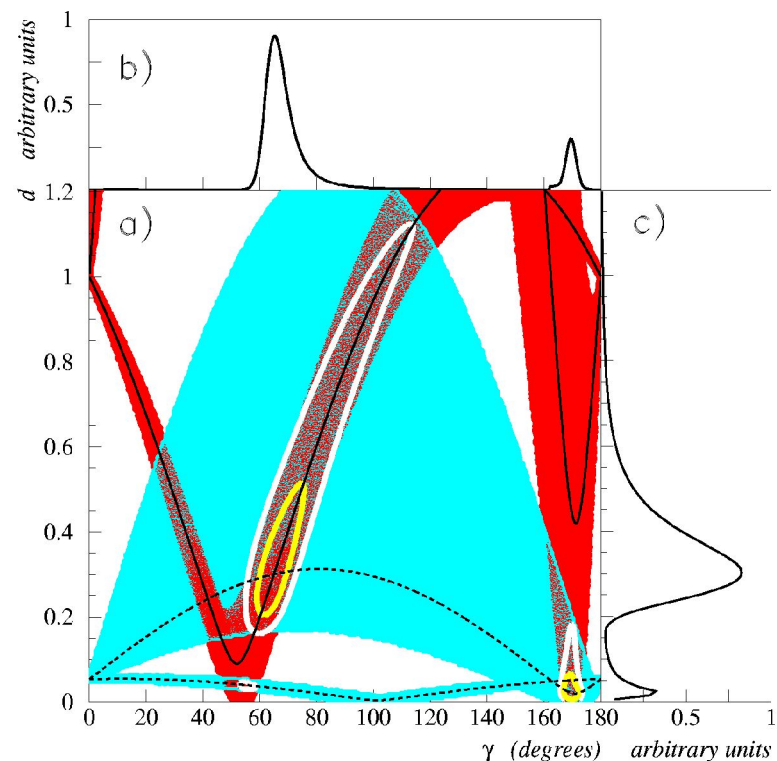
$$d' e^{i\vartheta'} = \left. \frac{\text{penguins}}{\text{tree}} \right|_{B_d \rightarrow KK}$$

- SU(3) symmetry** $d=d'$ and $\vartheta=\vartheta'$
if β and ϕ_s are known, four observables to determine d, ϑ and γ

The phase γ in $B_s \rightarrow K^+ K^-$ and $B_d \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$ (2)

- The wrong tag fraction ω_d (ω_s) are determined $B_d \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$ ($B_s \rightarrow \pi^+ K^-$)
- The phase β (Φ_s) comes from $B_d \rightarrow J/\psi K_S$ ($B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$) decays.
- Sensitivity for 2 fb^{-1} :

$N_{\text{tagged}}(\pi\pi)$	11×10^3
B/S	< 0.7 (90% CL)
$N_{\text{tagged}}(KK)$	18×10^3
B/S	0.3 ± 0.1
$\sigma_{\text{stat}}(\gamma)$	4.9°



$\Delta\Gamma_s/\Gamma_s$	0	(0.1)	0.2			
$\sigma(\gamma)$	5.2°	4.9°	4.5°			
$\Delta m_s [\text{ps}^{-1}]$	15	(20)	25	30		
$\sigma(\gamma)$	4.0°	4.9°	5.9°	8.5°		
d	0.1	0.2	(0.3)	0.4		
$\sigma(\gamma)$	1.8°	2.7°	4.9°	9.0°		
ϑ	120°	140°	(160°)	180°	200°	
$\sigma(\gamma)$	3.8°	3.8°	4.9°	6.7°	5.2°	
γ	55°	(65°)	75°	85°	95°	105°
$\sigma(\gamma)$	5.8°	4.9°	4.3°	4.7°	4.7°	4.7°
$\phi_s [\text{rad}]$	0	(-0.04)	-0.1	-0.2		
$\sigma(\gamma)$	4.9°	4.9°	4.9°	5.4°		

The phase γ in $B_s \rightarrow D_s^\pm (K^+ K^- \pi^\pm) K^\mp$

- Two trees diagrams contribute to the decay.

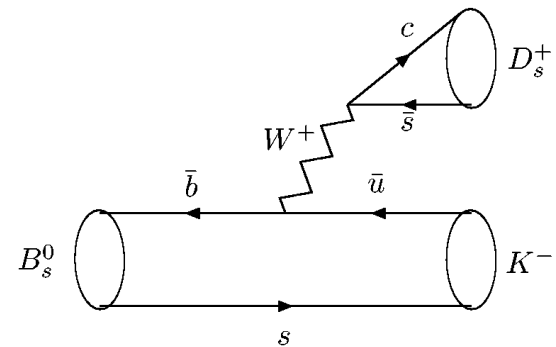
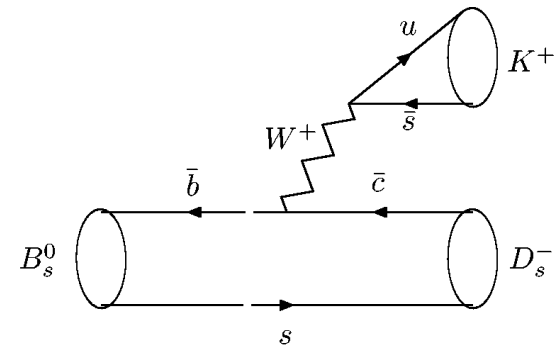
- From four decays rate:

$$\begin{cases} \gamma + \phi_s = \frac{1}{2} \{ \arg(\lambda) - \arg(\bar{\lambda}) \} \\ \Delta_{T_1/T_2} = \frac{1}{2} \{ \arg(\lambda) + \arg(\bar{\lambda}) \} \end{cases}$$

- Δm_s and the wrong tag fraction ω come from the $B_s \rightarrow D_s \pi$ decay.

- Sensitivity for 2 fb^{-1} :

N_{tagged}	2.9×10^3
B/S	< 1 (90% CL)
$\sigma_{\text{stat}}(\gamma + \phi_s)$	14.2°



Δm_s	15	20	25	30
$\sigma(\gamma + \phi_s)$	12.1	14.2	16.2	18.3

$\Delta \Gamma_s / \Gamma_s$	0	0.1	0.2
$\sigma(\gamma + \phi_s)$	14.7	14.2	12.9

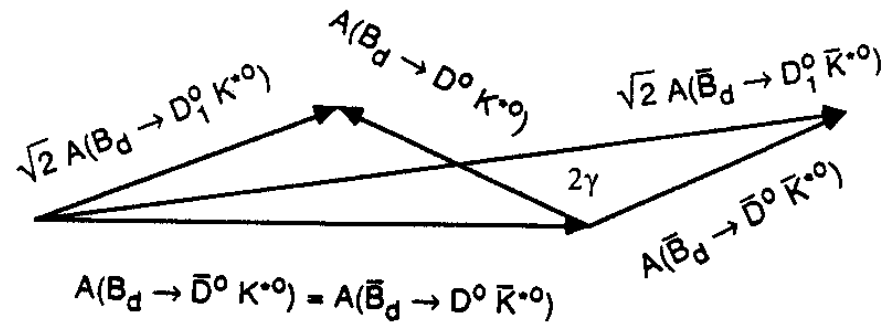
$\gamma + \phi_s$	55	65	75	85	95	105
$\sigma(\gamma + \phi_s)$	14.5	14.2	15.0	15.0	15.1	15.2

Δ_{T_1/T_2}	-20	-10	0	+10	+20
$\sigma(\gamma + \phi_s)$	13.9	14.1	14.2	14.5	14.6

The phase γ in $B_d \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 K^{*0}, D^0 K^{*0}$

- Method from Gronau-Wyler adapted to $D^0 K^{*0}$ by Dunietz.
- Measurement of six decay rates:

$B_d \rightarrow D^0(K^- \pi^+)$	$K^{*0}(K^+ \pi^-)$
$B_d \rightarrow \bar{D}^0(K^+ \pi^-)$	$K^{*0}(K^+ \pi^-)$
$B_d \rightarrow D_{CP}^0(K^+ K^-)$	$K^{*0}(K^+ \pi^-)$
$\bar{B}_d \rightarrow D^0(K^- \pi^+)$	$\bar{K}^{*0}(K^- \pi^+)$
$\bar{B}_d \rightarrow \bar{D}^0(K^+ \pi^-)$	$\bar{K}^{*0}(K^- \pi^+)$
$\bar{B}_d \rightarrow D_{CP}^0(K^+ K^-)$	$\bar{K}^{*0}(K^- \pi^+)$



- Sensitivity for 2 fb^{-1} :

	Yield	B/S
$B_d \rightarrow \bar{D}^0 K^{*0} + \text{c.c.}$	3.4×10^3	0.3
$B_d \rightarrow D^0 K^{*0} + \text{c.c.}$	0.49×10^3	1.8
$B_d \rightarrow D_{CP}^0 K^{*0} + \text{c.c.}$	0.59×10^3	1.4

$\sigma_{\text{stat}}(\gamma)$	8.2°
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γ	55°	65°	75°	85°	95°	105°
$\sigma(\gamma)$	9.0°	8.2°	7.6°	7.1°	7.0°	7.0°
Fail	3%	0.5%	0%	0%	0%	0%

The sum $(\beta+\gamma)\dots$

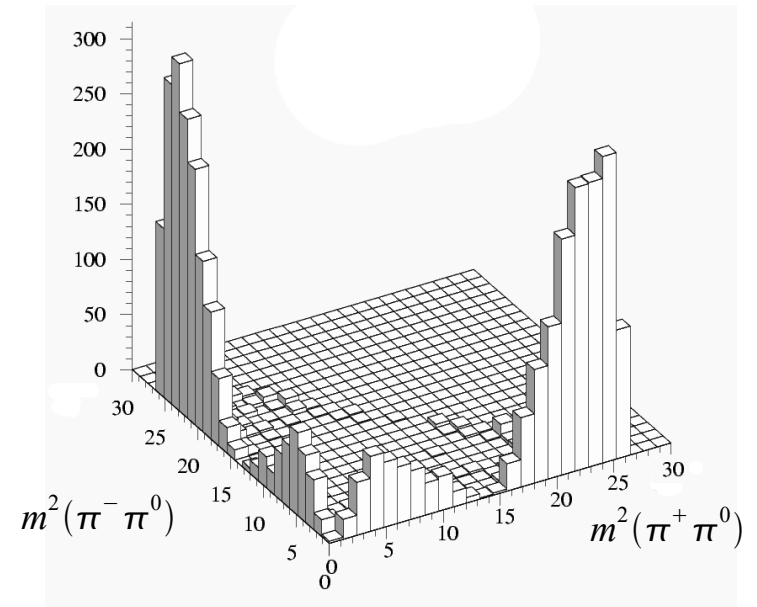
The sum $(\beta+\gamma)$ in $B_d \rightarrow \rho \pi \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0$

- Analysis of time dependent, tagged, Dalitz plot distributions:

$$\begin{cases} B_d \rightarrow \omega M_{B_d}^{3\pi}(m^2(\pi^+ \pi^0), m^2(\pi^- \pi^0), t, \vec{\alpha}) \\ \bar{B}_d \rightarrow \omega M_{\bar{B}_d}^{3\pi}(m^2(\pi^+ \pi^0), m^2(\pi^- \pi^0), t, \vec{\alpha}) \end{cases}$$

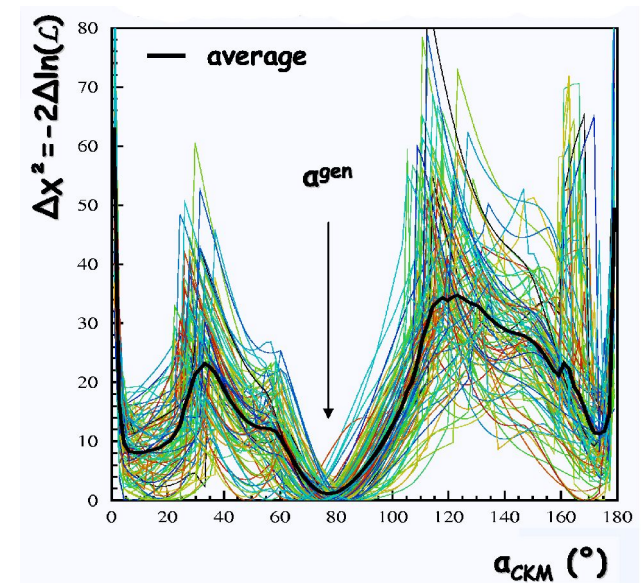
where

$$\vec{\alpha} = (\beta + \gamma, T^{--}, \phi^{-+}, T^{00}, \phi^{00}, P^{-+}, \delta^{-+}, P^{+-}, \delta^{+-})$$



- Sensitivity for 2 fb^{-1} :

N_{evts}	14×10^3
B/S	< 3 (90% CL)
$\sigma_{\text{stat}}(\beta + \gamma)$	8°



Penguin and box decays...

→ Radiative penguin decays:

$$B_d \rightarrow K^{*0} \gamma$$

$$B_s \rightarrow \phi \gamma$$

$$B_d \rightarrow \omega \gamma$$

→ Electroweak penguin decay:

$$B_d \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$$

→ Gluonic penguin decays:

$$B_s \rightarrow \phi \phi$$

$$B_d \rightarrow \phi K_S$$

→ Rare box diagram decay:

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

Events yield

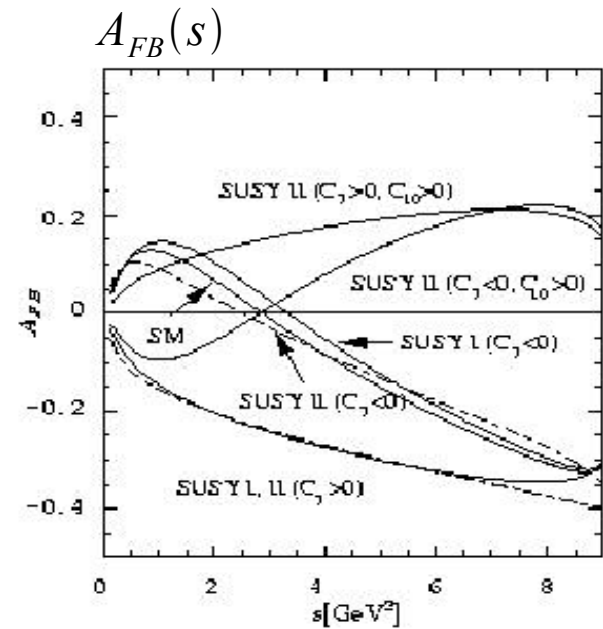
- For 2 fb^{-1} , after trigger and offline selection:

Channel	B.R.	Yield	B/S (90%CL)
$B_d \rightarrow K^{*0}(K^+ \pi^-) \gamma$	2.9×10^{-5}	3.5×10^4	< 0.7
$B_s \rightarrow \phi(K^+ K^-) \gamma$	2.1×10^{-5}	9.3×10^3	< 2.4
$B_d \rightarrow \omega(\pi^+ \pi^- \pi^0) \gamma$		40	< 3.5
$B_d \rightarrow K^{*0}(K^+ \pi^-) \mu^+ \mu^-$	8×10^{-7}	4.4×10^3	< 2.0
$B_d \rightarrow \phi(K^+ K^-) K_S(\pi^+ \pi^-)$	1.4×10^{-6}	0.8×10^3	< 0.2
$B_s \rightarrow \phi(K^+ K^-) \phi(K^+ K^-)$	1.3×10^{-6}	1.2×10^3	< 1.1
$B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	3.5×10^{-9}	17	< 5.7

- Promising physics potential to study numerous loop-induced rare decays.
Still room to adjust trigger in order to increase the rate for channels of topical interest

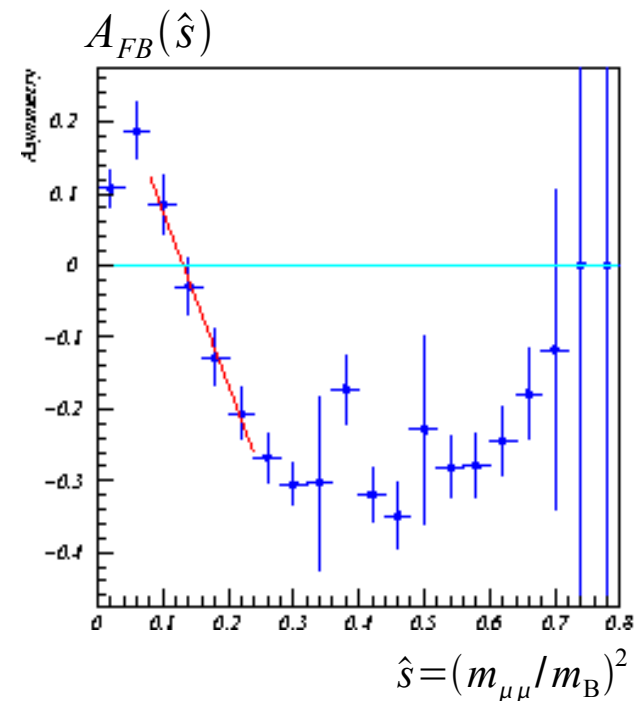
$$B^0 \rightarrow K^{*0} \mu^+ \mu^-$$

- Forward-backward asymmetry in the $\mu\mu$ rest frame $A_{FB}(s)$ is sensitive probe of new physics [Ali et al]



- Sensitivity for 2 fb^{-1} :

N_{evts}	4.4×10^3
B/S	< 2 (90% CL)
Zero point located	± 0.04



Systematics

- Some potential sources of systematic uncertainty:
 - ➔ B/\bar{B} production asymmetry;
 - ➔ Charge dependent detection efficiencies;
 - ➔ Background asymmetries;
 - ➔ Trigger bias (eg for flavour tag, proper time acceptance)
- Some experimental handles available:
 - ➔ Control channels (eg $J/\psi K^*$ for $J/\psi K_S$)
 - ➔ Regular reversal of spectrometer B field
 - ➔ Simultaneous fit of signal and background (eg $D_S K/D_S \pi$)
 - ➔ Analysis of tagging performance in separate categories (eg triggered on B signal/triggered on other tracks)
- High trigger rate provided unbiased samples to study systematics using data.

Conclusions

- The installation of LHCb is progressing well. We will be ready in 2007.
- Expected performance will improve:
 - more decays channels: e.g. $B_d \rightarrow \rho \rho$.
 - better trigger and tagging algorithms;
 - new methods: e.g. γ in $B_s \rightarrow D_s K$ and $B_d \rightarrow D^{(*)} \pi$
- Many complementary ways to reveal physics beyond the standard model and to pin down its nature:
 - Δm_s
 - $A_{B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi}^{CP}(t)$
 - $BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$
 - γ in $B_s \rightarrow D_s K$ versus $B_s \rightarrow K^+ K^- + B_d \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$
 - ϕ_s in $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ versus $B_s \rightarrow \phi \phi$
 - ...