

$\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ at LHCb

Marcin Chrzaszcz

Institute of Nuclear Physics PAN

May 16, 2012



- 1 General review of LHCb
 - First Informations
 - Detector
 - Theoretical and experimental status
- 2 Analysys strategy
 - General informations
 - τ production
 - Binning optimisation
 - MVA parameter space
 - Normalization
- 3 Background
 - SM background
 - SM background
 - Background extraction
 - Results



General Informations

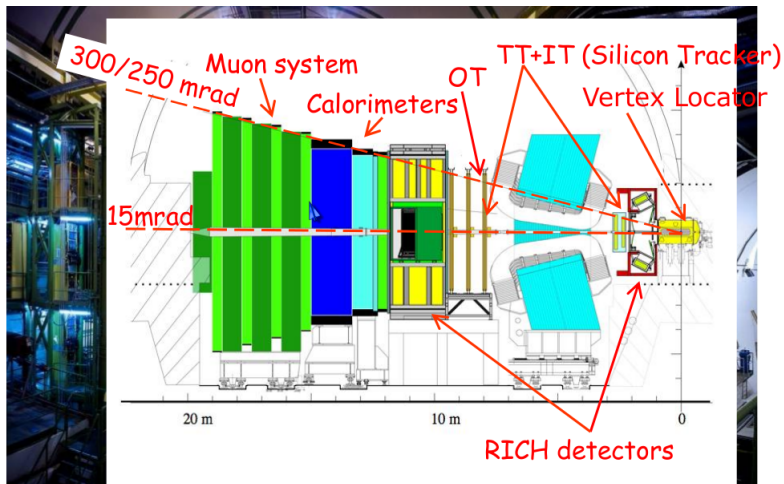
- Fresh analyses! Approved less than 24h ago.
- Permission to only speak generally without going to any details.
- Will try to be close to the boundary of what I can say

Appologyse

All details will be available available on FPCP conference so stay tune!



LHCb detector



LHCb detector

Strong features of LHCb detector:

- Good particle identification due to RICH detectors.
- State of the art strip detector provides good
- High luminosity. Nowadays operating $4 \cdot 10^{32} \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$. We target to get 1.5 fb in 2012.



Theoretical and experimental status

Strong features of LHCb detector:

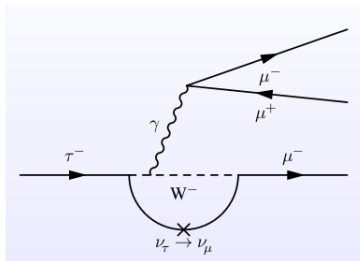
- LFV has been observed in neutrino oscillations.
- Never saw in charge sector.
- Depending on the model $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ can be dominant over $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$

SM prediction: $BR \sim 10^{-54}$

Best limits (90 %CL):

BaBar: 3.3×10^{-8} ($468 fb^{-1}$)

Belle: 2.1×10^{-8} ($782 fb^{-1}$)



General informations

- 1 Three separate Likelihoods to discriminate background
 - Geometry and topology
 - Particle indentyfication
 - Three body invariant mass
- 2 Training done on MC samples:
 - $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$
 - $b\bar{b} \rightarrow \mu\mu X$ and $c\bar{c} \rightarrow \mu\mu X$
- 3 Different input variables, MVA operators and training methods examined, choice: highest performance & simplest



τ production

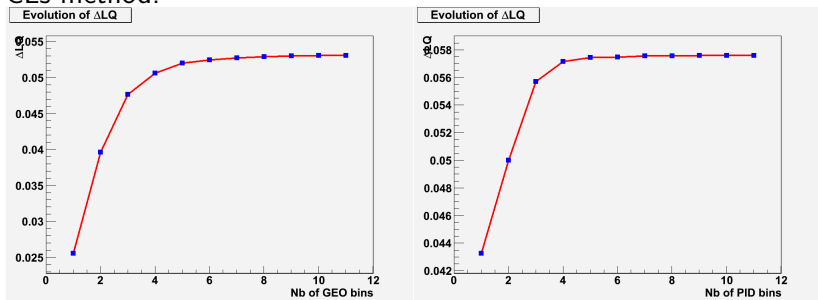
Decay chain	Gauss no DPC (%)	Calc (%)	$w_{MC \rightarrow calc}$
$D_s \rightarrow \tau$	72.3 ± 0.1	77.9 ± 4.7	
$D_s \rightarrow \tau$	62.6 ± 0.2	67.8 ± 4.8	1.08 ± 0.08
$B_x \rightarrow D_s \rightarrow \tau$	9.56 ± 0.07	10.1 ± 2.1	1.1 ± 0.2
$D^- \rightarrow \tau$	2.08 ± 0.03	4.6 ± 4.4	
$D^- \rightarrow \tau$	1.90 ± 0.02	4.4 ± 4.2	2.3 ± 2.2
$B_x \rightarrow D^- \rightarrow \tau$	0.18 ± 0.01	0.3 ± 0.3	1.5 ± 1.5
$B_x \rightarrow \tau$	25.5 ± 0.1	17.5 ± 3.3	0.7 ± 0.1

MC signal sample generated with phase space distribution



Binning optimisation

The mentioned 3D plane (mass, kinematics, and geometry with topology) was divided into bins. The optimisation of that binning was done using CLs method.



$\Delta LQ = 2\ln(Q_{SB}) - 2\ln(Q_B)$ where,

$$Q_{SB} = \prod \frac{P(s_i + b_i, s_i + b_i)}{P(s_i + b_i, b_i)}$$

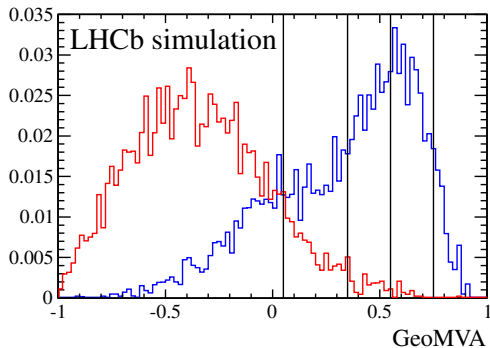
$$Q_B = \prod \frac{P(s_i + b_i, s_i + b_i)}{P(s_i + b_i, b_i)}$$

$P(a, b)$ is the probability that expected number of background a fluctuated (by Poisson distribution) to b , and i is the bin number.



MVA parameter space

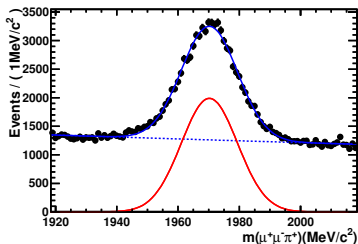
For the geometry and kinematics MVA is calibrated using $D_s \rightarrow \phi(\mu\mu)\pi$.



Normalization

τ BR was normalized to $D_s \rightarrow \phi(\mu\mu)\pi$

$$BR = BR_{D_s \rightarrow \phi\pi} \cdot \frac{f(\tau(D_s))}{BR(D_s \rightarrow \tau X)} \cdot \frac{\epsilon_{cal}^{RecSel} \cdot \epsilon_{cal}^{Trig}}{\epsilon_{Bs}^{RecSel} \cdot \epsilon_{Bs}^{Trig}} \cdot \frac{N_{\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu}}{N_{D_s \rightarrow \phi\pi}} = \alpha \cdot N_{\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu}$$



SM background

LHCb is not a B factory. We have irreducible background! And we have to live with it.

D_s^+ decay	$\mathcal{B}_1^{(*)}$	Secondary decays	\mathcal{B}_2	$\mathcal{B}_{\text{tot}} = \mathcal{B}_1 \times \mathcal{B}_2$	$\sigma(D_s \rightarrow 3\mu X)$
$\eta\mu^+\nu_\mu$	2.67×10^{-2}	$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	5.8×10^{-5}	1.5×10^{-6}	0.3 nb
		$\eta \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	3.1×10^{-4}	8.2×10^{-6}	1.7 nb
		$\eta \rightarrow \pi^0\mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	$< 3 \times 10^{-6}$	$< 8.0 \times 10^{-8}$	< 0.02 nb
$\eta'\mu^+\nu_\mu$	9.9×10^{-3}	$\eta' \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	1.07×10^{-4}	1.1×10^{-6}	0.2 nb
$\phi\mu^+\nu_\mu$	2.49×10^{-2}	$\phi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$	2.87×10^{-4}	7.1×10^{-6}	1.6 nb
		$\phi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\gamma$	1.4×10^{-5}	3.4×10^{-7}	0.07 nb
		$\phi \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\pi^0$	$1.2 \times 10^{-5}(\dagger)$	2.8×10^{-7}	0.06 nb

(*) : given branching ratios are from corresponding $e\nu_e$ decays.

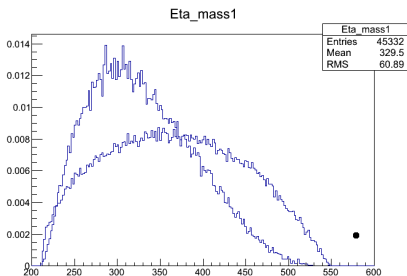
(†) : given branching ratio is from $\phi \rightarrow e^+e^-\pi^0$ decays.



$$D_s \rightarrow (\eta \rightarrow \mu\mu\gamma)\mu\nu$$

This decay was badly simulated in current version of MC. For proper simulation new method in EvtGen was written. It took into account form factors coming from NA60 experiment.

arXiv:1108.0968



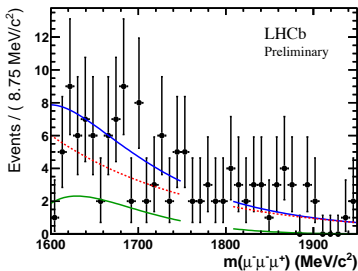
For the purpose of this analyses 5M events were simulated in a private production in IFJ computing cloud. Many thanks to Mariusz Witek for computing resources!



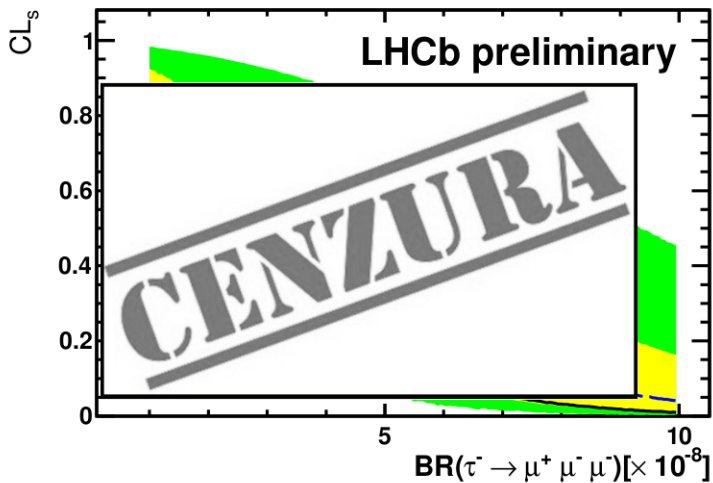
Background extraction

There are 3 possibilities to deal with background.

- Treat it as normal combinatorial background.
- Veto the η .
- Parametrize the η background and fit with combinatorial.



Results



Summary

- LHCb is capable of performing $\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu$ measurements.
- Method is completely different from the one used in B factories. We are cutting the phase space
- Looking for particular model of decay could increase our sensitivity. Need MC generators for that.

Thank you for your attention.

