Sterile neutrino and other long lived particle searches at LHCb

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Outline

- $\Rightarrow$ LHCb detector and operations.
- $\Rightarrow$ Majorana neutrino search.
- $\Rightarrow$ Inflaton search in $B \to K^{*}\chi(\mu\mu)$.
- $\Rightarrow$ Hidden valley searches.

LHCb detector - tracking

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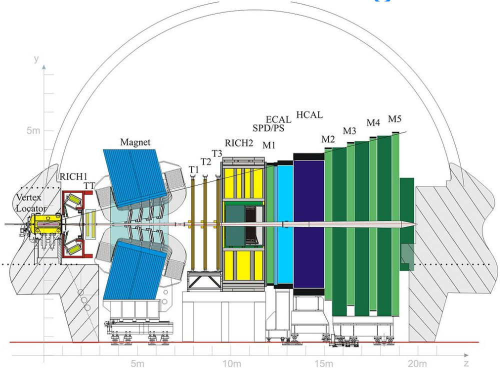

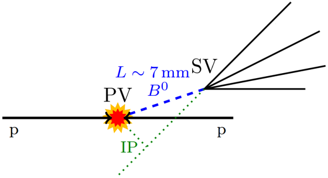

- Excellent Impact Parameter (IP) resolution ($20\ \mu\mathrm{m}$).
  $\Rightarrow$ Identify secondary vertices from heavy flavour decays
- Proper time resolution $\sim\ 40\ \mathrm{fs}$.
  $\Rightarrow$ Good separation of primary and secondary vertices.
- Excellent momentum ($\delta p/p \sim 0.5 - 1.0\%$) and inv. mass resolution.
  $\Rightarrow$ Low combinatorial background.

LHCb detector - PID

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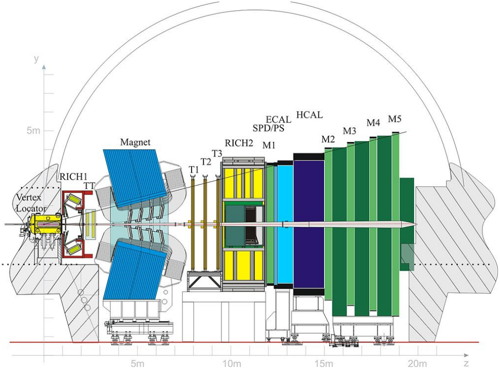
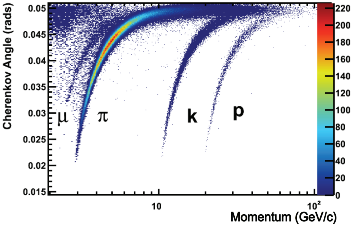
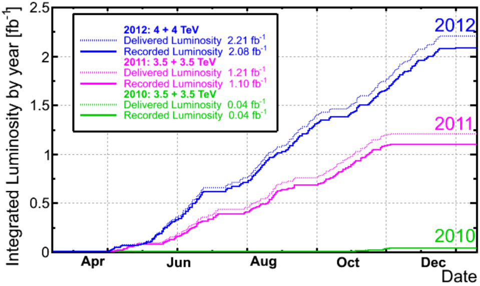
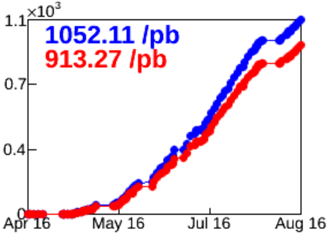




- Excellent Muon identification $\epsilon_{\mu\to\mu} \sim 97\%$, $\epsilon_{\pi\to\mu} \sim 1-3\%$
- Good $K-\pi$ separation via RICH detectors, $\epsilon_{K\to K} \sim 95\%$, $\epsilon_{\pi\to K} \sim 5\%$.
  $\Rightarrow$ Reject peaking backgrounds.
- High trigger efficiencies, low momentum thresholds. Muons: $p_T > 1.76\text{GeV}$ at L0, $p_T > 1.0\text{GeV}$ at HLT1,
  $B \to J/\psi X$: Trigger $\sim 90\%$.

Data taken by LHCb

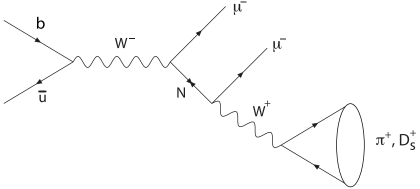




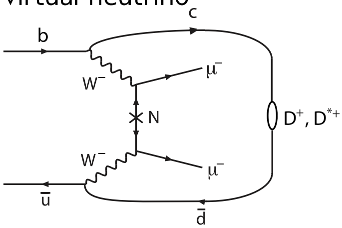
- In 2011 and 2012 LHCb has gathered $3\ \mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ of pp collisions.
- Got $1\ \mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ in 2016 already!
- The cross section are now two times bigger compared to Run1.

Majorana neutrinos in bottom decays

on-shell neutrino



virtual neutrino

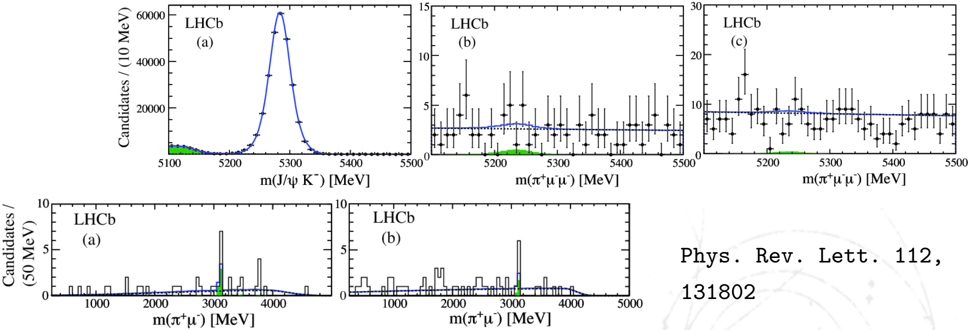


- resonant production in accessible mass range
- rates depend on Majorana neutrino–lepton coupling $|V_{\mu 4}|$ (e.g. arXiv:0901.3589)
- $m_4 = m_{\ell^-,\pi^+}$
- $m_\mu + m_\pi < m_4 < m_B - m_\mu$

Diagram without mass restriction
Cabibbo favoured for $B \to D$
Analogous to double β decay.

On-shell Majorana neutrinos

- $B^- \rightarrow \pi^+\mu^-\mu^-$ searched with full data set $3\ \mathrm{fb}^{-1}$.
- Searches performed for two scenarios:
  - Short life-time neutrinos: $\tau_4 < 1ps$
  - Long life-time neutrinos: $\tau_4 \in (1, 1000)ps$



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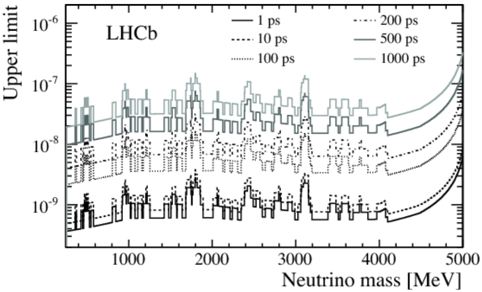
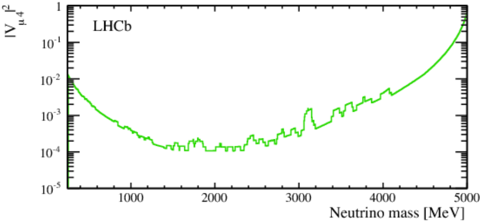




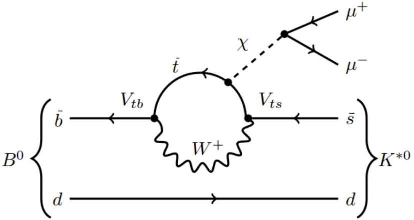
- In absence of signal UL. were set.
- $Br(B^- \to \pi^+\mu^-\mu^-)$ in range 10^{-9}.
- Limits also set for the coupling $|V_{\mu 4}|^2$

$$Br(B^- \to \pi^+\mu^-\mu^-) = \frac{G_f^4 f_B^2 f_\pi^2}{128\pi\hbar}\tau_B m_B^5 |V_{ub}V_{ud}|^2 |V_{\mu 4}|^4 (1 - \frac{m_4^2}{m_B^2})\frac{m_4}{\Gamma_{N_4}}$$

$B \to K^*\chi(\mu\mu)$ search

- Search for displaced di-muon vertex coming form B meson.

$$B^0 \to K^*\chi(\mu^-\mu^+)$$



- If χ mixes with the Higgs and it is light:
  - $\Gamma(K \to \pi\chi) \propto m_t^4 \lambda^5$
  - $\Gamma(D \to \pi\chi) \propto m_b^4 \lambda^5$
  - $\Gamma(B \to K\chi) \propto m_t^4 \lambda^2$
- In addition; $K^* \to K^+\pi^-$ helps in vertex reconstruction.
- High $\mathcal{B}(\chi \to \mu^-\mu^+)$.

$B^0 \to K^{*0}(\chi \to \mu^+\mu^-)$: motivation

Benchmark models:

1. *Inflaton*: arXiv:1403.4638
   - $\tau_\chi = 10^{-8} \div 10^{-10}$ s,
   - $m_\chi < \mathcal{O}$(1 GeV),
   - $\mathcal{B}(B \to K\chi) \sim 10^{-6}$
2. *Axion portal*: Phys.Rev.D81(2010)034001
   - prompt decay are favourite
   - axion decay constant: $f_\chi \sim$ 1 - 3 TeV
   - $\mathcal{B}(\chi \to \mu\mu)$:
     - is dominant for $360 < m_\chi < 800$ MeV
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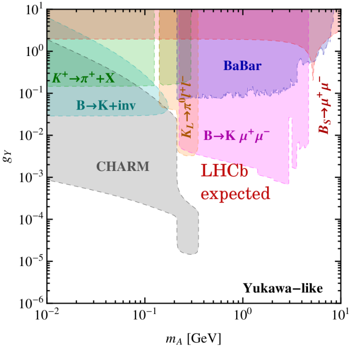
Existing experimental limit



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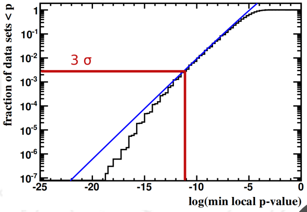
$B^0 \to K^{*0}(\chi \to \mu^+\mu^-)$: strategy of the search

- Looking for di-muon resonance: [JINST 10(2015)P06002]
  - scan in step of $1/2\ \sigma_m(\chi)$
- Definition of search regions:
  - *signal*: $\mid m_{test} - m \mid < 2\sigma_m$
  - *background*: $3\sigma_m < \mid m_{test} - m \mid < (2x+3)\sigma_m$
- Background evaluation assume local linearity:
  - wide resonances are safe (small deviation from local linearity)
  - narrow resonances must be vetoed
  - $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$ deviations are allowed
    - $x = 5$ below the J/ψ mass
    - $x = 1$ above the J/ψ mass
- A global p-value is assigned from the minumum local p-value observed



Selection

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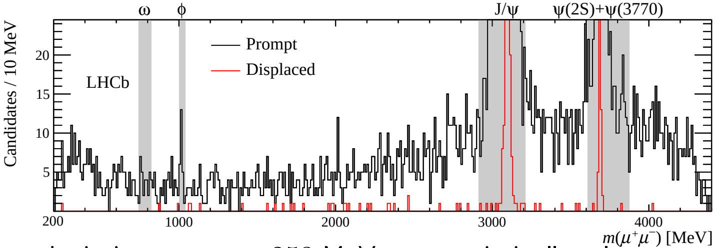
- Trigger on muons.
- Multivariate selection: $\mu\mathrm{BDT}$ JINST 8(2013)
  - $\mu\mathrm{BDT}$ ensures flat efficiency in lifetime of χ.
- Optimized on Punzi figure-of-merit:

$$P_a = \frac{S}{\frac{5}{2} + \sqrt{B}},$$

with S and B are signal and background yields.

- Factorize lifetime into two components: $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{prompt}} \bigotimes \mathcal{L}^{\mathrm{displaced}}$
  - Prompt: $\tau < 3\sigma_{\tau}$
    $\mapsto$ SM background of $B^0 \to K^* \mu^- \mu^+$
  - Displaced: $\tau > 3\sigma_{\tau}$
    $\mapsto$ Almost background free.

Grey regions correspond to narrow SM di-muon resonances and are vetoed in the analysis



Largest deviation at $m_\chi = 253$ MeV, not statistically relevant:

- local p-value = 0.02

Exclusion limit

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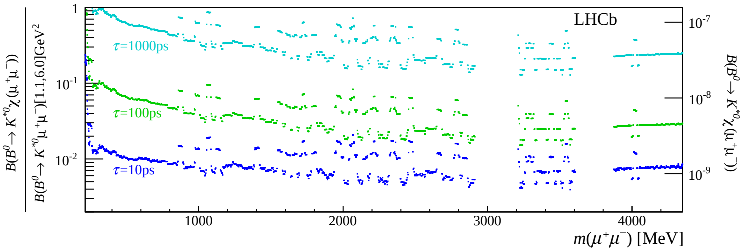
No deviation from the standard model is observed

- We set a 95% CL upper limit as function of mass and lifetime of the new particle (in the LHCb accessible range)
- Lower lifetimes have better limit due to higher reconstruction efficiency
- The new particle is assumed to be a scalar



The two benchmark models

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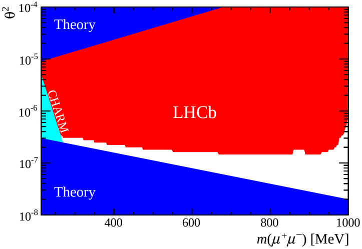
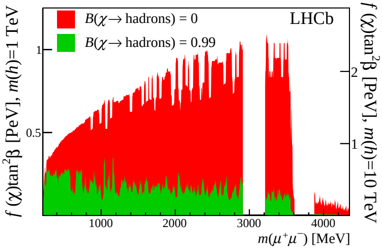
Interpretation of the result in two specific model:

<u>Inflaton model</u>



<u>Axion portal</u>



1. Able to exclude the large part of inflaton parameter space
2. Two exclusion limits are shown in the interpretation of the axion portal
   - χ dominantly decaying into muons
   - $\mathcal{B}(\chi\to\mu\mu)\sim\mathcal{O}(10^{-2})$ (when $\chi\to 3\pi$ becomes dominant)

Hidden valley searches

- A possible extensions of the SM are models where the new particles have a small couplings to the SM particles.
- Such models are:
  - Lightest SUSY
  - B/LNV
  - Gravity mediated SUSY
  - Hidden Valleys
- LHCb have performed a search for π_ν particles that are pair produced from Higgs like SM particle.
- They have a long lifetime and decay to pair of jets.

Analysis strategy

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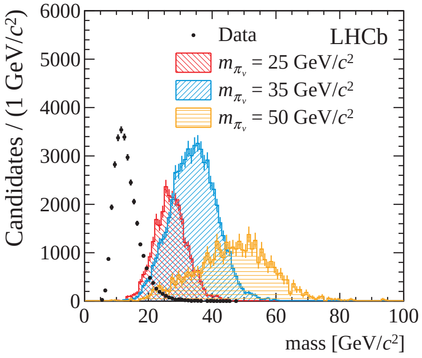
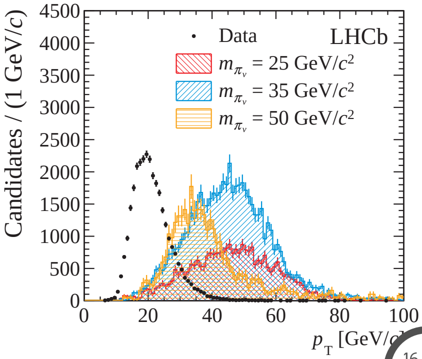
- Efficient trigger for long living particles.
- Reconstruction of two jets.
- MVA used for vertex search.
- Search performed in different regions of displaced vertexes (R_{xy}).
  - $0.4 < R_{xy} < 4$ mm, removes heavy flavour and material interaction backgrounds.





Di-jet distribution

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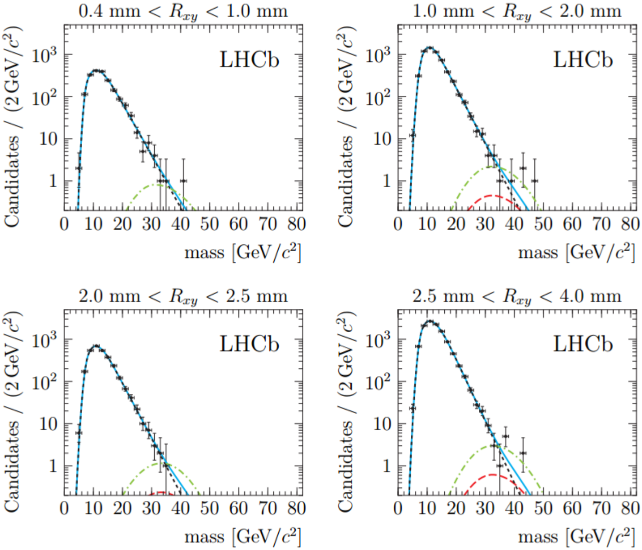

- Signal component fit result, Background component

Results

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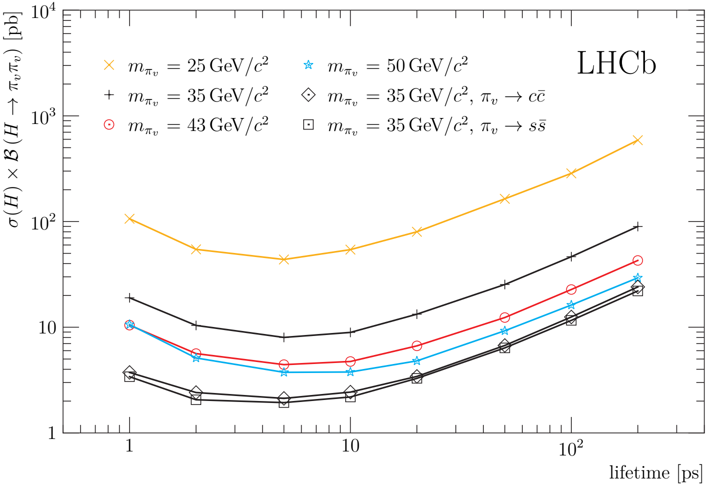
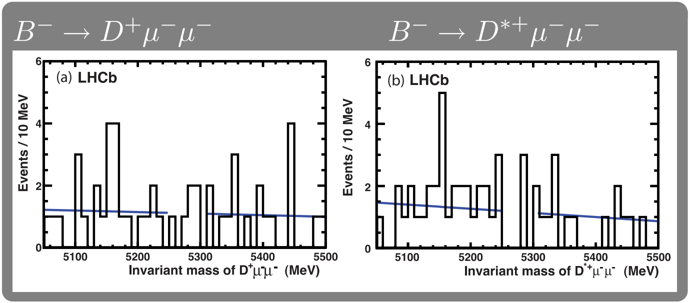


Conclusion

1. Three examples of displaced vertex searches for new physics have been presented, using the Run I LHCb data set
   - very clear new physics signature, SM background highly suppressed
   - more channels are going to be studied
2. Results are the most up-to-date exclusion limit on the processes
3. LHCb is able to exclude almost all the theoretical predicted parameter space of a specific Inflaton model

Backup

Virtual Majorana neutrinos



$\mathcal{B}(B^- \to D^+\mu^-\mu^-) < 6.9 \times 10^{-7}$
@ 95 % CL
Based on $0.41~\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ $7~\mathrm{TeV}$ data.

$\mathcal{B}(B^- \to D^{*+}\mu^-\mu^-) < 2.4 \times 10^{-6}$
@ 95 % CL

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Long living charged particles like $\tilde{\tau}$

$\Rightarrow$ Long living particles can also be produced in the PV.

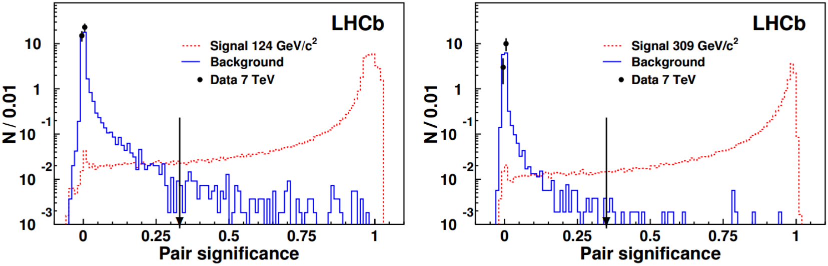
- This kind of particles would be produce in relatively low velocities and could be identified by their time -of-flight, dE/dx or in Cherenkov detectors.

$\Rightarrow$ LHCb performed a search for long living $\tilde{\tau}$ particles.
$\Rightarrow$ $\tilde{\tau}^{+}\tilde{\tau}^{-}$ produced by Drell-Yan process.

$\tilde{\tau}$ analysis strategy

⇛ Search performed $\tilde{\tau}$ in mass range of $124 - 309\ \mathrm{GeV}$.

⇛ After the loose preselection to reduce normal Drell-Yan production.



⇛ After the preselection an Neural Net is trained based on Cherenkov detectors to calculate to further suppress the remaining background.

$\tilde{\tau}$ results

- No significant signal yield has been observed.
- $95\ \%$ upper limit has been set.