#### B Physics Results from the Tevatron: Lifetimes and Rare Decays

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#### B Hadrons: A Window on New Physics

- System of one heavy and one light quark
  - Accessible from theory
    - Heavy Quark Effective Theory (HQET)
      - Light degrees of freedom decouple from heavy-quark processes
      - Can avoid stepping in the brown muck that binds hadrons
    - Spectator decays dominate
  - Predictions of lifetimes and decay rates
    - Shorter lifetimes indicate additional (non-SM?) decay processes
    - Higher rates than expected from SM in rare modes indicates new physics
      - No tree-level diagram in SM

#### Lifetime Expectations

- Spectator diagrams dominant
- Non-spectator
  contributions to B<sup>0</sup> and B<sub>s</sub>
  - $\tau(B^+) = (1.06 \pm 0.02) \cdot \tau(B^0)$
  - $\tau(B_s) = (1.00 \pm 0.01) \cdot \tau(B^0)$
- Helicity suppression removed for baryons
  - $\tau(\Lambda_b) = (0.88 \pm 0.05) \cdot \tau(B^0)$

Values: C. Tarantino *et al.,* hep-ph/0310241

#### Measuring Lifetimes at the Tevatron

- Large signals, but large background
  - 50 mb hadronic cross section; 5 μb B cross section
- Trigger is key
  - Dimuon
    - Very clean but low yields (Product branching ratios  $\sim 10^{-5}$ )
  - Single lepton
    - Large yield, but also large backgrounds
    - Precision suffers from missing neutrino
  - Displaced tracks (CDF's SVT)
    - Large yields and full reconstruction
    - Decay length distribution sculpted by trigger

• Focus on  $B_s$ ,  $\Lambda_b$ ,  $B_c$  -- Not accessible at e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup> factories

## $\Lambda_{\rm b}$ Lifetime

- Hadronic Decays
  - $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow \Lambda_c^+ \pi^-$
  - $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow pK^-\pi^+$
- Two-track trigger
  - Two tracks
    100μm<d<sub>0</sub><1mm</li>
  - $L_{xy} < 200 \mu m$
  - 2°<∆φ<90°</li>
  - Kinematic cuts depend on running conditions



- Extensive tuning of Monte Carlo
  - Trigger performance
  - Match kinematics in data

## $\Lambda_b$ Candidates

- Sample composition fixed from mass distribution
- Signal: 2927±58



## Lifetime Fit

- PDF is convolution of
  - Exponential
  - ct resolution PDF
  - Trigger efficiency
- Result
  - $c\tau = 422.8 \pm 13.3 \pm 8.8 \ \mu m$ 
    - Systematic dominated by trigger modeling



## Comparisons



Measurement as good as prior world average

- Discrepancy between
  CDF's prior measurement and earlier results remains
- New result consistent with both and expectation

 $\tau(\Lambda_{\rm b})/\tau({\rm B}^0) = 0.922 \pm 0.039$ 

# B<sub>s</sub> Lifetime (CDF)



• 2200 events



$$c\tau = 419.1 \pm 13.2 \pm {}^{8.4}_{7.5} \,\mu m$$

K factor

# $B_s$ Lifetime: $J/\psi \phi$

- Use angular information to measure three polarization amplitudes
- Extract lifetimes for CP-odd (heavy) and CP-even (light) eigenstates
- Mean lifetime: D0:  $c\tau$ =445.8±18.0±8.4 µm CDF:  $c\tau$ =459±12±3 µm
  - Results are mean of heavy and light states.
  - Difference from flavor specific measurement smaller than error given limits on  $\Gamma_s$



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# B<sub>s</sub> Lifetime: Summary

- Both newer measurements greater than earlier average
  - Strongly weighted by semileptonic channel from DØ
- Still have  $\sim 2\sigma$ discrepancy between data and expectation  $\tau(B_s) \approx \tau(B^0)$





# Rare Decays: $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

- FCNC forbidden at tree level in Standard Model
  - Expect 3.5±0.5×10<sup>-9</sup>
  - BR(B<sub>d</sub> $\rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-) \sim 10^{-10}$ 
    - Suppressed by  $|V_{td}/V_{ts}|^2$
- Two experiments use similar methods
  - Multivariate selection
    - Kinematic, vertex and candidate isolation quantities
    - DØ likelihood ratio, CDF neural net
  - Normalize to  $B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi K^+$

 $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ : Results (2 fb<sup>-1</sup>)

DØ: <9.3×10<sup>-8</sup> (95% CL)

#### CDF: <5.8×10<sup>-8</sup> (95% CL)



Lifetimes and Rare Decays

# $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ : Significance & Outlook



- Expect sensitivity to get better
  - DØ: detector and analysis improvements
  - CDF: tighter rejection possible with more data
- Expect combined limit
  O(10<sup>-8</sup>) by end of Run II
  - Significant constraints on New Physics

# CDF: $B_{d,s} \rightarrow e^+ \mu^-, e^+ e^-$

- $B_{d,s} \rightarrow e^+ \mu^-$  essentially forbidden in SM
  - Possible with SUSY, ED, or lepto-quarks
- BR(B $\rightarrow$ e<sup>+</sup>e<sup>-</sup>)~10<sup>-15</sup> expected in SM
  - relative to  $B \rightarrow K\pi$  in displaced track sample





 $\Lambda_{\rm b}^{0} \rightarrow pK^{-}, p\pi^{-}$ 

- Displaced track sample
- Use mass and particle ID (dE/dx) in likelihood fit
- Normalize to  $B^0 \rightarrow K\pi$
- Use  $\pi\pi$  mass to for consistent treatment across modes



- BR( $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^-$ )= 3.1±0.6±0.7×10<sup>-6</sup> BR( $\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p\pi^-$ )= 5.0±0.7±1.0×10<sup>-6</sup>
  - Factor 2 smaller with CDF value of  $f_{\Lambda}/f_b$
  - Inconsistent with R-parity violating MSSM at O(10<sup>-4</sup>)
- $A_{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow pK^-) = 0.37 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.03$  $A_{CP}(\Lambda_b^0 \rightarrow p\pi^-) = 0.03 \pm 0.17 \pm 0.05$ 
  - Consistent with SM expectation of ~0.3

### Conclusions

- The study of bottom hadrons continues to put physics beyond the Standard Model in a box
- That box will get smaller soon
  - Today's results are 1-2 fb<sup>-1</sup>
  - 5 fb<sup>-1</sup> on tape and colleting ~50 pb<sup>-1</sup>/week