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Study of the very rare decay $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ at the LHCb Experiment



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- Some fun with 2010 Data
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Introduction



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Motivation for New Physics Beyond the Standard Model

Experiment	Neutrino flavor oscillations \rightarrow Neutrino massive? From astronomical observations \rightarrow Dark Matter
Theory	Large number of free parameters → Effective Low Energy Theory No explanation for the Number of Fermion Families Gravity is not included in the SM Fine Tuning and Hierarchy Problem

New Physics Scenarios

Two Higgs Doublet Models (2HDM), Minimal Flavor Violation, Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM) – and constrained versions - , Extra Dimensions, Technicolor Models, Little Higgs Models



$$B(B_q \to \ell^+ \ell^-)_{\rm SUSY} \propto \frac{m_b^2 m_\ell^2 \tan^6 \beta}{M_{A^0}^4}$$

(Could exceed SM result by a factor 10³)

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 $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ could show a clear indication of NP

The Accelerator and the Experiment



The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

- 27 km circular accelerator at CERN
- Proton-Proton collisions at 14 TeV (CM)
- _ 1.15·10¹¹ particles/bunch
- Crossing frequency: 40 MHz
- _ Maximum Luminosity: 10⁻³⁴ cm-² s⁻¹



The Accelerator and the Experiment



The Large Hadron Collider Beauty (LHCb)

- Designed for precise study of B decays.Forward geometry.
- Covering region: 300 mrad (XZ plane) and 250 mrad (YZ plane).
- _ Running Luminosity: ~ 10 $^{-3.2}$ cm $^{-2}$ s⁻¹

The Trigger System:

At 2x10 ^{-3 2} cm-² s⁻¹ $\rightarrow \sim 40$ Mhz event rate Trigger \rightarrow Down to 2 kHz



L0 Trigger High Level Trigger (HLT)

Most Relevant for $B_s \rightarrow \mu + \mu$ -: Vertex Locator (VELO) Muon Chambers

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

To extract BR($B_{s} \rightarrow \mu^{+} \mu^{-}$):

- 1. Reconstruction of all µµ combinations
- 2. Selection of $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ candidates according preselection cuts.
- 3. Classification of each event according to:
 - _ Geometry Likelihood (GL): based on a discriminant method that uses the geometry
 - of the event.
 - Particle Identification Likelihood (PID): probability that the muons are indeed
 - muons.

_ Invariant Mass Likelihood (µµ)

4. Normalization

$$BR = \frac{BR_{cai} \cdot \varepsilon_{cai}^{REC} \varepsilon_{cai}^{SEL \, | \, REC} \varepsilon_{cai}^{TRIG \, | \, SEL}}{\varepsilon_{sig}^{REC} \varepsilon_{sig}^{SEL \, | \, REC} \varepsilon_{sig}^{TRIG \, | \, SEL}} \cdot \frac{f_{cai}}{f_{Bs}} \cdot \frac{N_{sig}}{N_{cai}}$$

Possible channels: $B^+ \rightarrow J / \psi K^+$, $B_{s,d} \rightarrow h^+ h^-$, ...

The Geometry Likelihood

Geometry Likelihood: variable that contains most of the information related to the geometry of the event.



MC/Data Comparison using $K_s \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$

* Reasonable because $\rm K_{_S}$ and $\rm B_{_S}$ are both V0's

Isolation not used



Mass plot distributions obtained from Minimun bias events

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"Training":



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"Training" for Data:



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MC/Data Comparison using $K_s \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$



Remarkable good agreement between Data/MC distributions for signal events

Lower contribution in Data for GL values close to 1 (Signal)

MC/Data Comparison using $K_s \rightarrow \pi^+ \pi^-$



* Important Data/MC Impact Parameter difference.

MC/Data Comparison using $D_0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$



MC/Data Comparison using $D_0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$



MC/Data Comparison using $D_{n} \rightarrow K^{+} \pi^{-}$



Conclusions and Prospects

• An overview of the motivations to study $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ it has been presented.

• I briefly introduced the analysis strategy.

• It has been discussed one of the key points of the Analysis Strategy which is the Geometry Likelihood.

• First tests of the GL machinery using 2010 Data.

•These tests have shown the 'good shape' of our GL and moreover have pointed out some problems of tracking being studied by the collaboration.

•One of our goals is to try and get a Geometry Likelihood that relies as little as possible on MC, using pdfs for signal derived from Data control samples.

•Going through all the Analysis steps will be my main objective during the near future.



• Other leptonic very rare B decays:

(in the SM)

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