

Research experience and plans

IHEP interview

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About me

Education:

- Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic
- Bachelor and Master's degrees in Nuclear and subnuclear physics
- PhD in Subnuclear physics (Jan 2019), based mostly at CERN

Research experience on ATLAS:

- $B_d \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ angular analysis with 2012 data (PhD thesis)
- $B_s^0 \rightarrow \phi \mu^+ \mu^-$ on simulated dataset (Master's thesis)

Hardware, performance and service:

- detector physics: silicon strip detectors - SCT and ITk strip
- SCT on-call expert (DAQ, DCS and DQ); SCT and Shift Leader shifts
- monitoring of non-collision beam backgrounds

Other work:

- Beamline for Schools 2017 - one of 2 support scientists
- teaching, student supervision and outreach

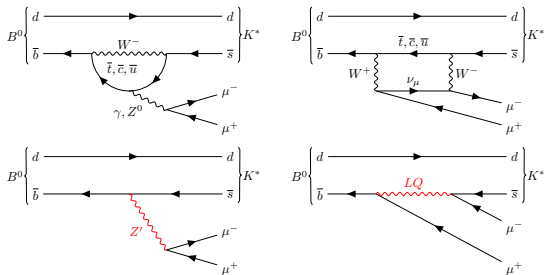
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Angular analysis of $B_d \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ with ATLAS 2012 data

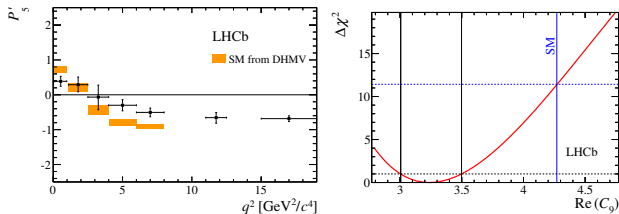
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$B_d \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay in SM

- rare B_d decay (BR $\sim 10^{-6}$) mediated by FCNC penguin and box diagrams
- sensitive to BSM contributions which would alter branching ratio or angular distributions



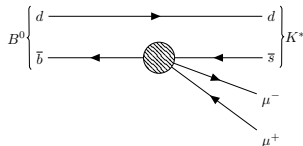
- experimental status after LHC Run 1: LHCb data showed hints for discrepancies from theory



$B_d \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ decay in EFT

Effective field theory Hamiltonian for $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$

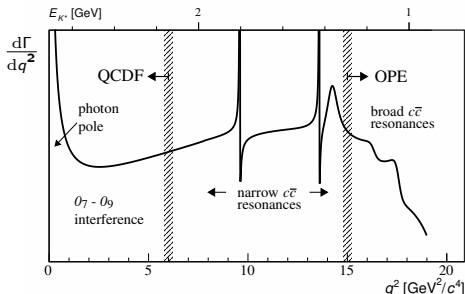
$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{4 G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \sum_i C_i(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i(\mu)$$



Contributing operators

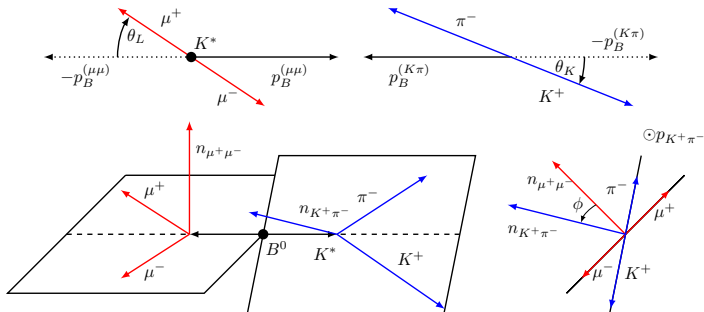
$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_7 &= \frac{m_b}{e} (\bar{s} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_R b) F_{\mu\nu}, & \mathcal{O}'_7 &= \frac{m_b}{e} (\bar{s} \sigma^{\mu\nu} P_L b) F_{\mu\nu}, \\ \mathcal{O}_9 &= (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_L b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell), & \mathcal{O}'_9 &= (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_R b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \ell), \\ \mathcal{O}_{10} &= (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_L b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \ell), & \mathcal{O}'_{10} &= (\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_R b) (\bar{\ell} \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \ell). \end{aligned}$$

Dependence on dimuon invariant mass squared q^2



$B_d \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ observables

- reconstruct final state with $K^* \rightarrow K^+ \pi^-$
- self-tagging decay (B^0 or \bar{B}^0 if $K^+ \pi^-$ or $K^- \pi^+$) - set mass hypotheses (no PID)
- 4 particles \rightarrow 3 helicity angles



Measurements: usually as a function of q^2

- traditional: A_{FB} , F_L , A_I , $R_{K^{(*)}} = d\Gamma(K^* \mu\mu)/d\Gamma(K^* ee)$, BR, zero-crossing points
- optimized: F_L and S_i , F_L and $P_i^{(\prime)}$

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Differential decay rate - 8 parameters

$$\frac{1}{d\Gamma/dq^2} \frac{d^4\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_\ell d \cos \theta_K d\phi dq^2} = \frac{9}{32\pi} \left[\frac{3(1-F_L)}{4} \sin^2 \theta_K + \frac{1-F_L}{4} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \phi + S_5 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \cos \phi + S_6 \sin^2 \theta_K \cos \theta_\ell + S_7 \sin 2\theta_K \sin \theta_\ell \sin \phi + S_8 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \sin \phi + S_9 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \sin 2\phi \right].$$

Small number of events \rightarrow 4 angular transformations (folding) \rightarrow 3 parameters each fit

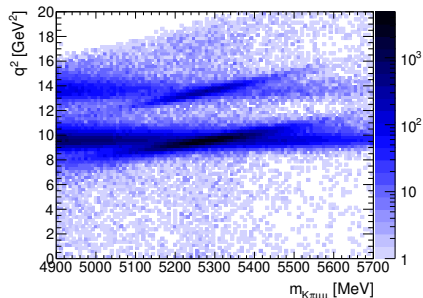
$$\frac{1}{d\Gamma/dq^2} \frac{d^4\Gamma}{d \cos \theta_\ell d \cos \theta_K d\phi dq^2} = \frac{9}{8\pi} \left[\frac{3(1-F_L)}{4} \sin^2 \theta_K + F_L \cos^2 \theta_K + \frac{1-F_L}{4} \sin^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell - F_L \cos^2 \theta_K \cos 2\theta_\ell + S_3 \sin^2 \theta_K \sin^2 \theta_\ell \cos 2\phi + S_4 \sin 2\theta_K \sin 2\theta_\ell \cos \phi \right]$$

Redefine variables (optimized set)

$$P_1 = \frac{2S_3}{(1-F_L)}, \quad P'_{4,5,8} = \frac{S_{4,5,8}}{\sqrt{F_L(1-F_L)}}, \quad P'_6 = \frac{S_7}{\sqrt{F_L(1-F_L)}}$$

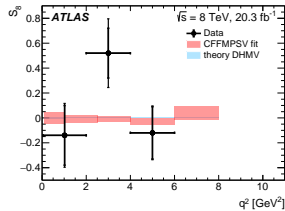
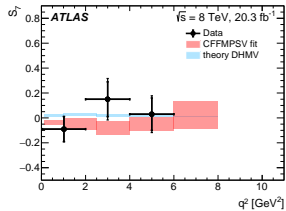
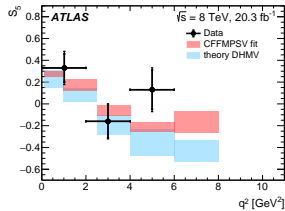
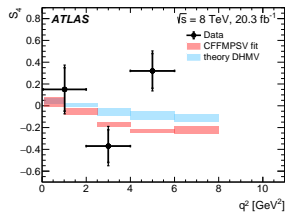
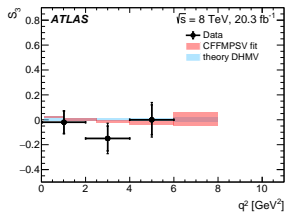
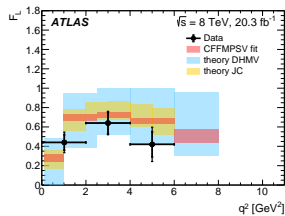
Analysis strategy

- reconstruction and cut-based selection
- divide in q^2 bins:
 - ▶ signal $q^2 = [0.04, 6]$ GeV² except of ϕ region $q^2 = [0.98, 1.1]$ GeV²
 - ▶ control regions: J/ψ $q^2 = [8, 11]$ GeV², $\psi(2S)$ $q^2 = [12, 15]$ GeV²
- angular folding \rightarrow 4 sets of fits
- 4D fit: m_B , $\cos\theta_K$, $\cos\theta_\ell$, ϕ in q^2 bins
- acceptance functions from MC sample generated with flat angular distributions
- nuisance parameters from control regions - m_B, σ_{mB} (Gauss)
- mass prefit - fix number of signal a bkg events

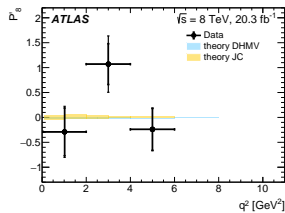
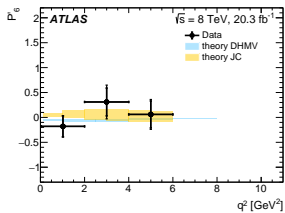
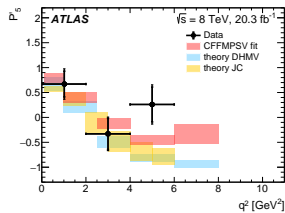
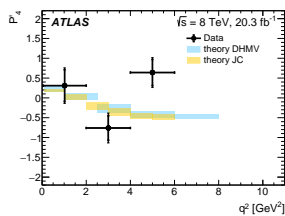
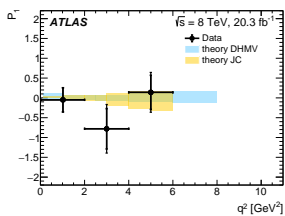
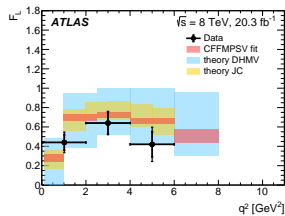


q^2 [GeV ²] bin	n_{signal}	$n_{\text{background}}$
[0.04, 2.0]	128 ± 22	122 ± 22
[2.0, 4.0]	106 ± 23	113 ± 23
[4.0, 6.0]	114 ± 24	204 ± 26
[0.04, 4.0]	236 ± 31	233 ± 32
[1.1, 6.0]	275 ± 35	363 ± 36
[0.04, 6.0]	342 ± 39	445 ± 40

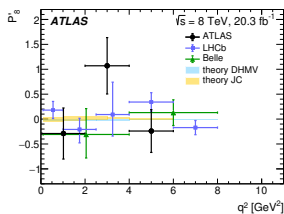
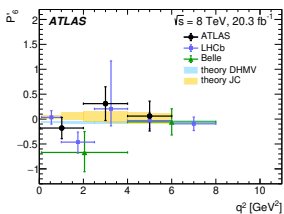
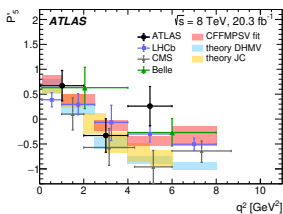
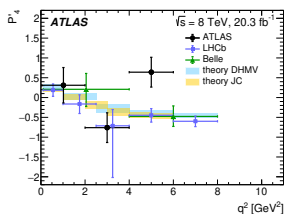
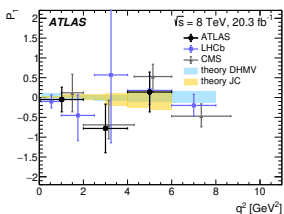
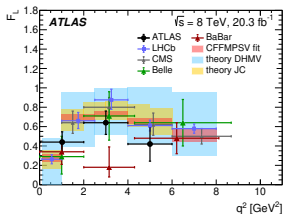
F_L and S_i parameters



P_i parameters



P_i parameters in context

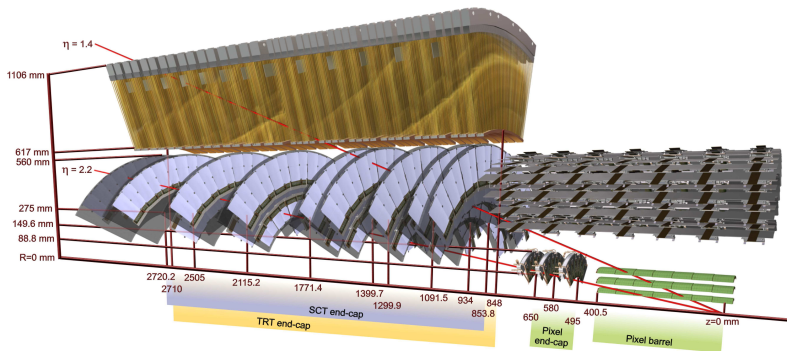


- 2.7σ from DHMV prediction in P_4' and P_5' , 1.9σ in P_8' one bin each
- confirms discrepancy in P_4' observed by LHCb

Silicon strip detectors

ATLAS SemiConductor Tracker

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- p^+ -in-n Hamamatsu and CiS sensors, bias voltage 150 V
- 6.3M channels with binary readout

1. 4 Sensors

280 microns thick p-n
(Hamamatsu)
Strip length 12cm
Pitch $80 \mu\text{m}$
 $V_{\text{max}} = 500\text{V}$

2. 3rd Mounting point

3. Hybrid & Binary Readout chips

Flex circuit with 12 x ABCD
chips.

7. Overlaps

Overlap in $r\phi$ and Z to
adjacent modules

8. Stereo angle

Upper or lower detector pairs
rotated by 40 mRad

4. Be Facing & Central TPG

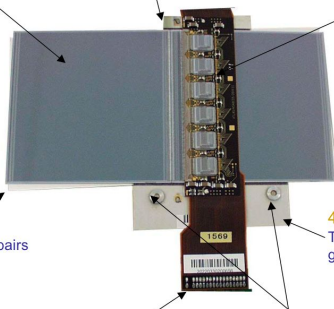
TPG (thermal pyrolytic
graphite) plate for sensor cooling

6. Connector

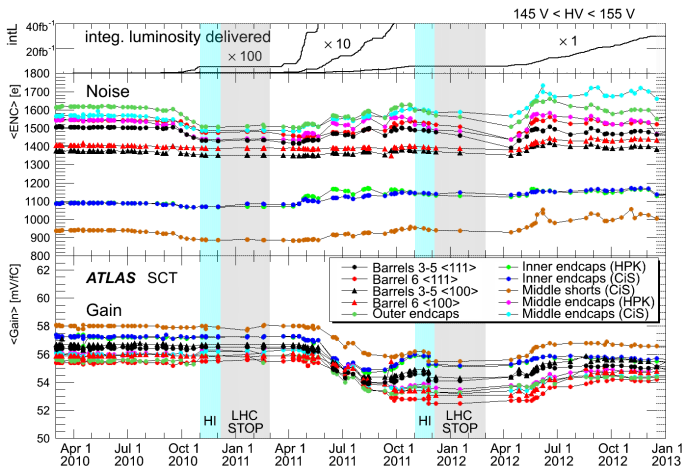
Power & Data

5. Module support & Location Holes

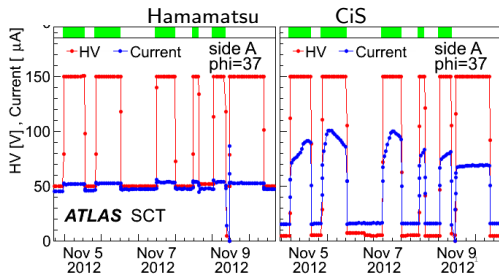
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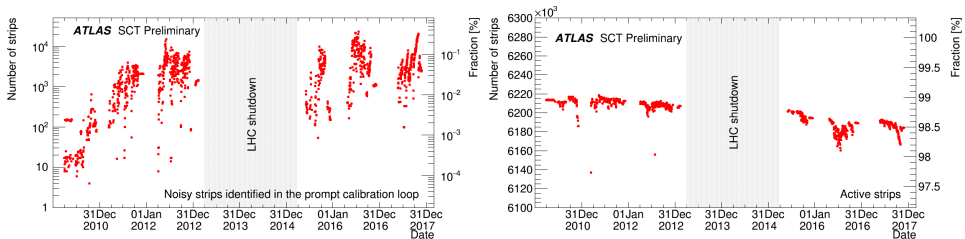
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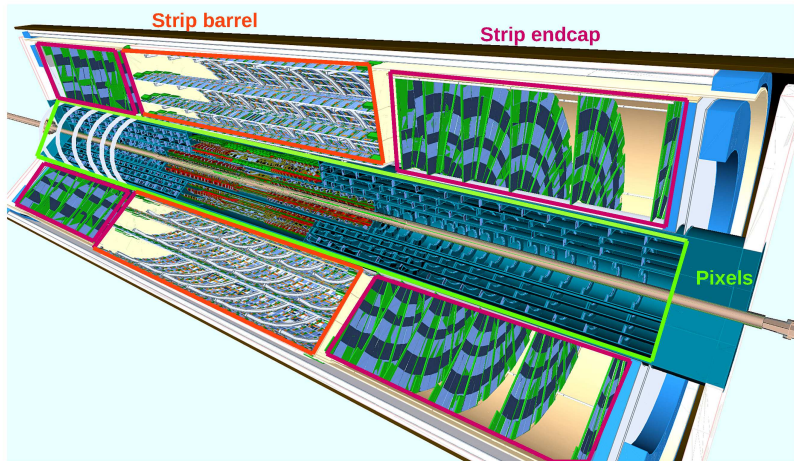


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 - ▶ failures of off-detector optical transmitters (TX VCSEL) due to humidity - twice changed the supplier (True-light → AOC → LightABLE)
 - ▶ high luminosity and trigger rate → high occupancy → problems with DAQ
- continuous improvements
 - ▶ extend readout during LS1 (add off-detector readout cards)
 - ▶ automatise turn on, reconfiguration and recoveries
- performance in Run 2: 99.7% hit efficiency, 99.8% of data good for physics



ATLAS Phase II Upgrade - ITk strip

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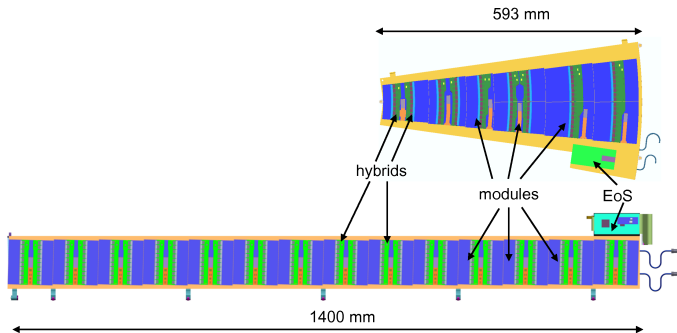


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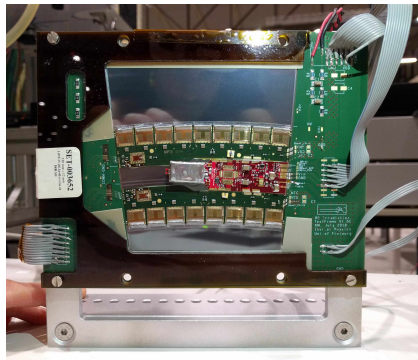
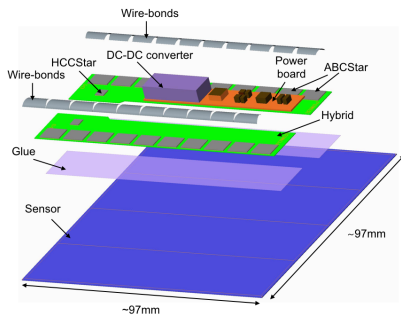
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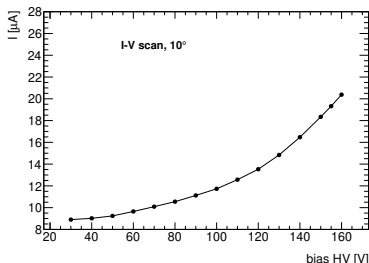
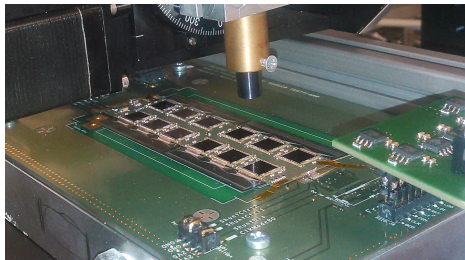


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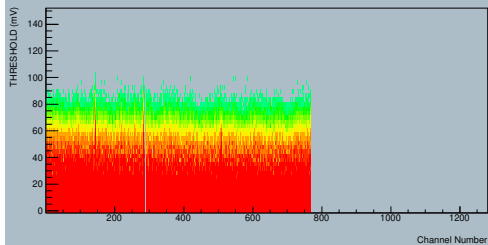
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- 1 + 6 module shapes



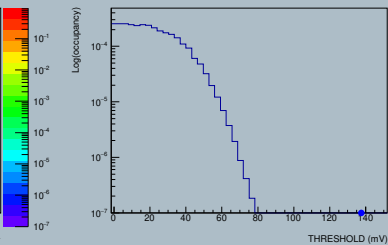
- prototype testing in lab and testbeam



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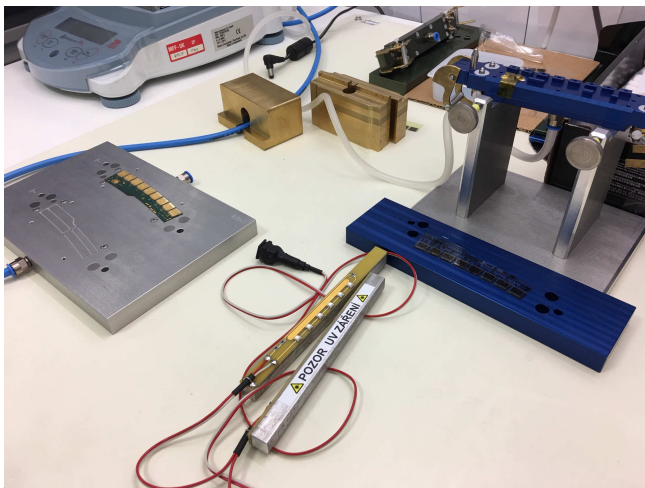


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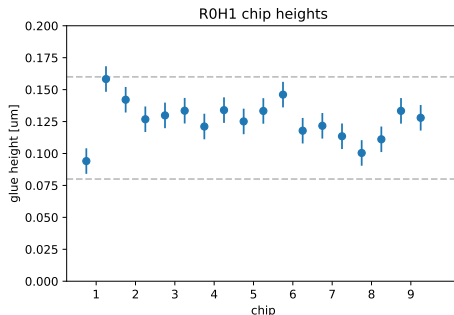
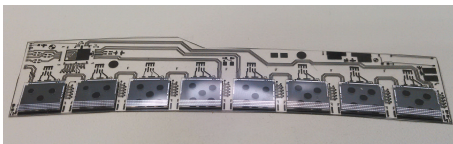
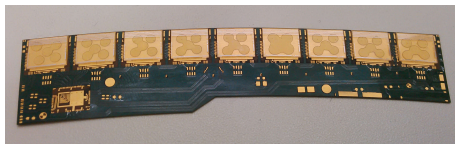
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- metrology, QA/QC



Other work

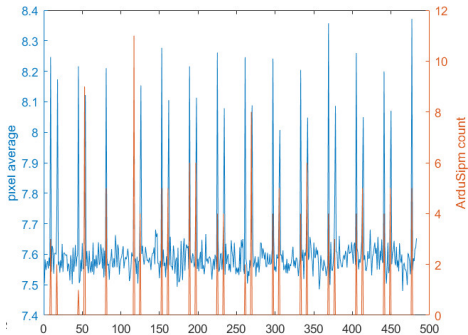
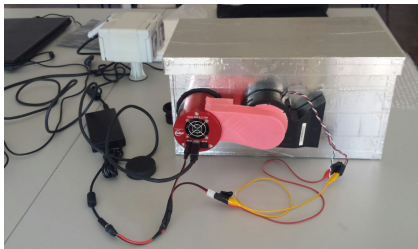
Beamline for Schools 2017 and 2018

Support scientist tasks:

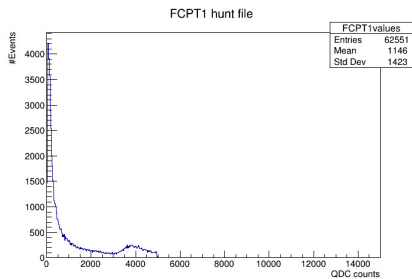
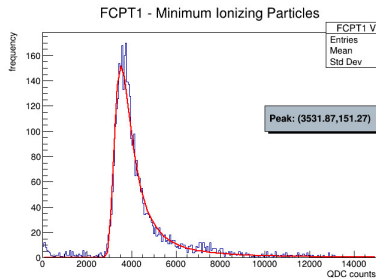
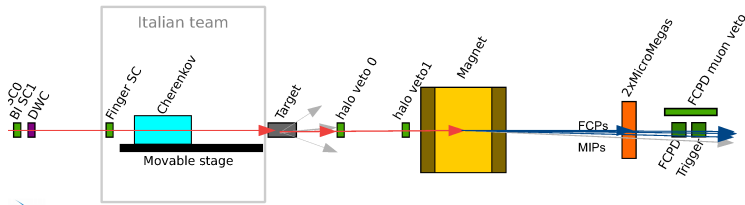
- prepare and calibrate detectors, Micromegas construction in 2017
- select and prepare two experiments proposed by high-school students
- setup: trigger (NIM), readout (ATLAS TDAQ)
- testbeam and data taking (CERN PS T9, mixed beam)
- help students with data analysis and paper writing



2017 experiment: student-built Cherenkov detector



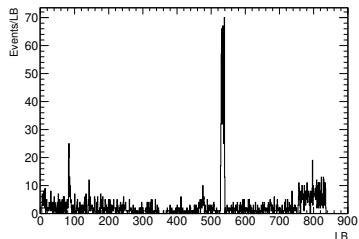
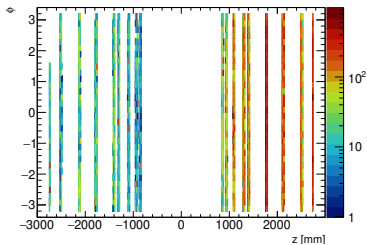
2017 experiment: search for fractionally charged particles



ATLAS beam background monitoring

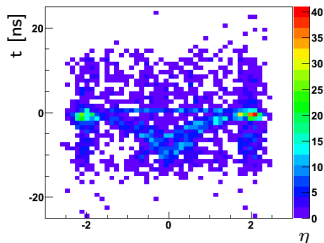
Implementation of online and offline monitoring for beam and cosmic background

- SCT early hits asymmetry



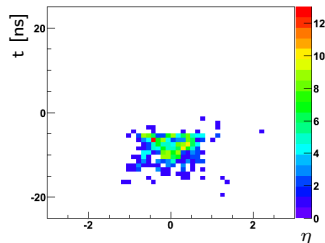
- calorimeter clusters eta-time, fake jets, etc.

Cluster eta-time



Run 213816, 2physics_Background
(GlobalBackground)in_ClusterEtaTime

Fake jet eta-time



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Detector:

- contribute to construction, integration and commissioning of LHCb Upstream Tracker
- learn more about specific readout, experiment control system and trigger
- operation, performance studies, input for tracking etc.

Physics analysis:

- continue in B-physics
- interested in rare decays, search for new exotic hadron states

Other:

- student mentoring and outreach

Backup slides

- preselection: track p_T , ID hits, min. 1 combined muon
- baseline: $|\eta| < 2.5$, $m(K^*) = [846, 946]$ MeV, $m(B) = [5150, 5700]$ MeV
 $p_T(\mu) > 3.5$ GeV, $p_T(\pi, K) > 0.5$ GeV
- final cuts: $\sigma_\tau/\tau > 12.75$, pointing $\cos\theta > 0.999$, $\chi^2/ndf(B) < 2$, $p_T(K^*) > 3$ GeV,
 $|(m(B) - m_{PDG}(B)) - (m(\mu\mu) - m_{PDG}(J/\psi))| < 130$ MeV
- trigger - 15 most frequent triggers
- signal $q^2 = [0.04, 6]$ GeV² except of ϕ region $q^2 = [0.98, 1.1]$ GeV²
- control regions: J/ψ ($q^2 = [8, 11]$ GeV²), $\psi(2S)$ ($q^2 = [12, 15]$ GeV²)
- if > 1 candidate/event: candidate with higher $\sigma_m(K^*)/m(K^*)$

Largest systematic uncertainties across q^2 bins for F_L and S_i

Source	F_L	S_3	S_4	S_5	S_7	S_8
Background peaking in $\cos\theta_K$	0.03	0.03	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.16
Background peaking in $\cos\theta_\ell$	0.11	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.01	0.06
Background from Λ_b , B^+ and B_s^0	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Combinatorial background PDF shape	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.01
Acceptance functions	0.01	0.01	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.01
Mass fit range	0.03	0.05	0.02	0.08	0.05	0.06
Data/MC differences in p_T	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Alignment and tracking (B field)	0.02	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04
Intrinsic fit bias	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.05
Non-resonant $B^0 \rightarrow K^+ \pi^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03
Nuisance parameters	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Wrong flavour tag	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Dilution	—	—	—	< 0.01	—	< 0.01

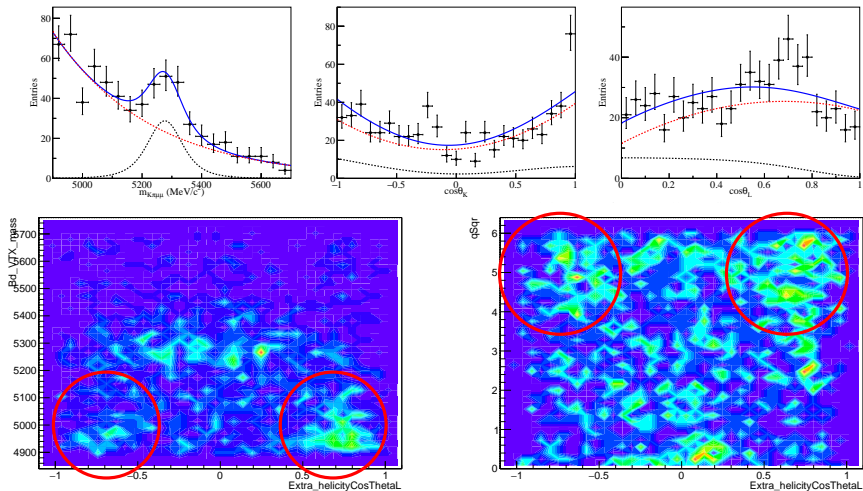
$$B_d \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$$

Proposed improvements for Run2 analysis:

- larger dataset \rightarrow full angular and mass fit (non-sequential)
- improve selection - machine learning
- studies of peaking background
- add background components and S-wave in fit
- extend measurements to $B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-$
- measurement of $R(K^*) = \mathcal{B}(B_d \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-) / \mathcal{B}(B^0 \rightarrow K^* e^+ e^-)$

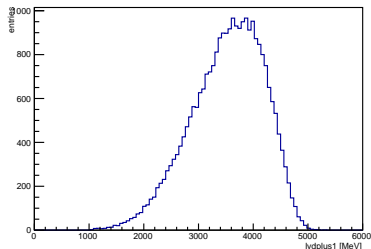
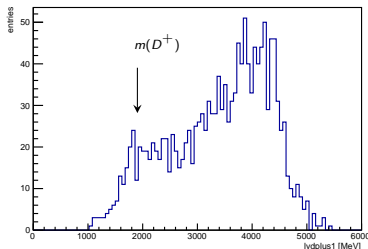
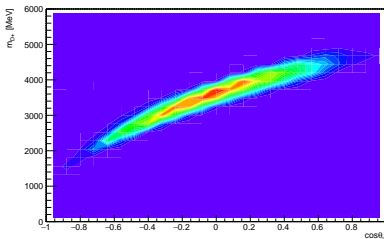
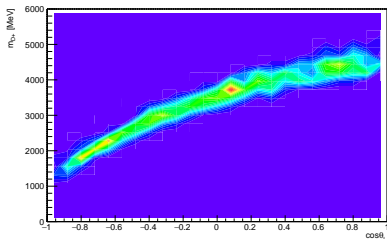
Background

Data $q^2 = [4,6] \text{ GeV}^2$: background peaking in $\cos\theta_K = 1$ and $|\cos\theta_\ell| = 0.7$



Background: partially reconstructed decays $B \rightarrow D \rightarrow X$

Example for $m(D^+) = m(K^+, \pi^-, \mu_{m=\pi^+}^+)$, data vs. $B_d \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-$ signal MC

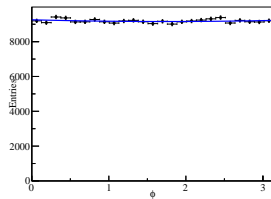
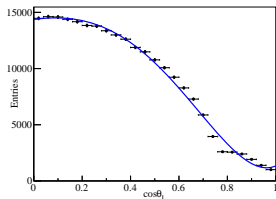
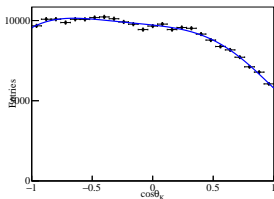


- $D^0 \rightarrow K\pi$, $D^\pm \rightarrow K\pi\pi$, $D_s^\pm \rightarrow KK\pi$, $D_s^{*\pm} \rightarrow KK\pi$
- $B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$, $B^+ \rightarrow \pi^+ \mu^+ \mu^-$

Background

Result:

- apply D veto 30 MeV and B veto 50 MeV around $m(D^{(\pm)})$ or $m(B^{\pm})$
- extract acceptance maps, e.g. $q^2 = [0.04, 6] \text{ GeV}^2$



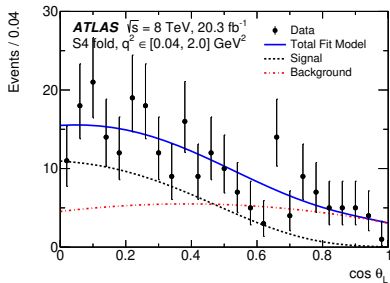
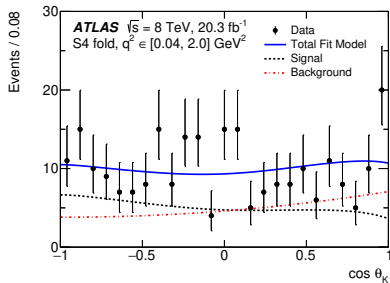
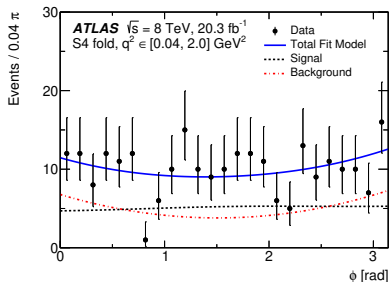
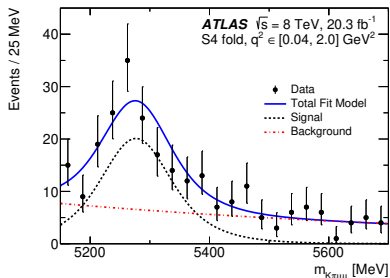
Decision not to use vetoes in nominal fit

- cut off $m(B) = [4900, 5150] \text{ GeV}$
- do all angular fits
- difference of fit wrt. nominal fit = systematics
- inclusive $B \rightarrow D \rightarrow X$ simulated samples needed for Run 2 analysis

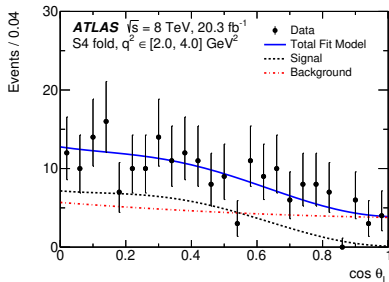
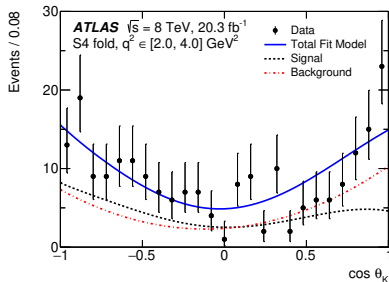
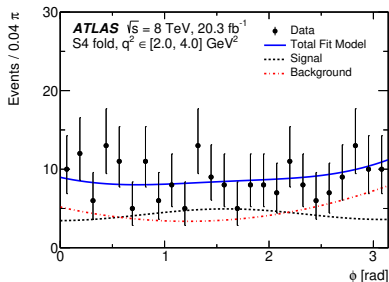
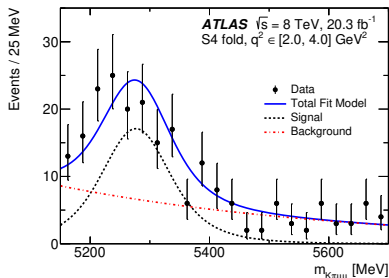
Other checked hypotheses: checked but not found

- $B \rightarrow J/\psi K^*$ (double-swap) - MC shows isotropic angular distributions
- $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \phi$ - only 1 event
- $B^+ \rightarrow K^{*+} \mu \mu$ - MC shows similar angular distributions as signal
- $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p K \mu \mu$ and $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda^*(p K) \mu \mu$
- $D \rightarrow K \pi \mu \nu$ (bez ν) - covered by D vetoes
- $B \rightarrow \Lambda_c^\pm \rightarrow p K \pi$ - covered by D vetoes
- $B \rightarrow \pi \mu \nu$, $B_s \rightarrow K \mu \nu$, $\Lambda_b \rightarrow p \mu \nu$ - only 1 μ in final state

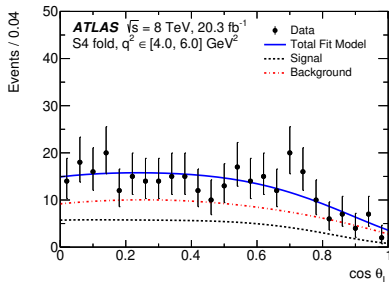
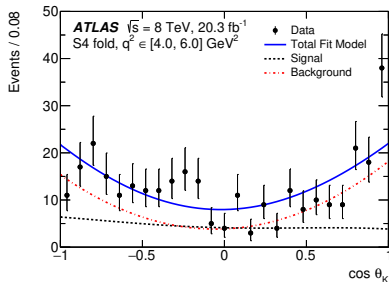
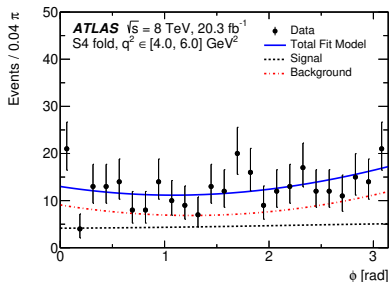
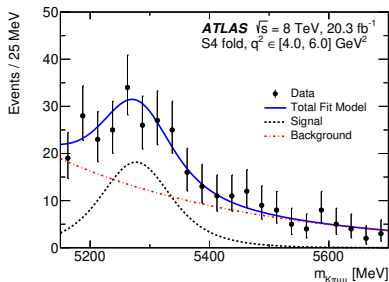
Fit results: S4, bin $q^2 = [0.04, 2] \text{ GeV}^2$



Fit results: S4, bin $q^2 = [2,4] \text{ GeV}^2$



Fit results: S4, bin $q^2 = [4,6] \text{ GeV}^2$



The ATLAS experiment

- Inner Detector: tracking, vertexing and momentum measurement
 - ▶ $|\eta| < 2.5$, $\sigma(d_0) \sim 10 \mu\text{m}$
- Muon Spectrometer: trigger $|\eta| < 2.4$, muon identification $|\eta| < 2.7$

Run1 dataset:
25 fb^{-1} at 7 and 8 TeV

