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Status of the LHCb detector

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On behalf of the LHCb collaboration



- LHCb is the dedicated B physics experiment at the LHC devoted to the precision study of CP violation and rare decays
- Collaboration of more than 600 people from 48 institutes and 14 countries





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Precision study of CP violation in the b-quark sector

- Measurement of neutral meson oscillations:
 - \Rightarrow Frequency (Δ M) and CP-violating phase ($ø_s$)
 - □ Example: $B_s \rightarrow J/\psi \Phi$



 Measurement of quark mixing phases (β,γ,β_s) with improved precision arising from fermion mass mechanisms and test CKM matrix

□ Examples: $B_s \rightarrow D_s^+ K^-$; $B^0, B_s \rightarrow K^+ K^-, K^+ \pi^-, \pi^+ \pi^-$; $B_s \rightarrow \Phi \Phi$

- Study of rare B mesons decays
 - Testing Flavour-Changing Neutral Currents (b \rightarrow s)
 - ⇒ Suppressed in the Standard Model, New Physics?
 - Experimental observables: ratios, asymmetries, branching ratios to leptons
 ⇒ b→sµµ
 - □ Example: B_s→µ⁺µ⁻
 - ⇒ b→sγ Radiative decays
 - □ Example: B_s→Φγ
 - ⇔ b→sll
 - □ Example: B→K*µµ











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Sampling @ 40MHz → LO-Trigger (hardware) @ 1MHz → HLT (software) @ 2KHz





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VELO

- 21 stations equipped with R- and Ømeasuring silicon sensors
- Primary vertex resolution
 - 10µm (R-axis), 50µm (Z-axis)
- Silicon sensors sit in secondary vacuum
- Detector installed and participating in global commissioning

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- 4 layers at 0°,±5° with 200µm pitch silicon sensors
- Single hit resolution

50µm

Support installed, modules in Feb-March

21 stations of one half of the VELO







- 3 tracking stations equipped with silicon sensors in the inner part (IT) and drift time tubes in the outer part (OT)
- 4 layers at 0°,±5°
- IT boxes around the beam pipe covers ~2% of acceptance with ~20% of tracks
- Pitch ~200µm for IT, ~3mm for OT
- Supports installed
- Modules installed for OT, IT finish in March
- Commissioning OT with cosmics

One half of IT1 (2 boxes)

One half of OT1,OT2,OT3



- Provide K,π separation
 - Cherenkov angle resolution 1.66 mrad
- RICH1 indentifies particles ~1-60 GeV
 - Upstream of magnet
 - Radiators: aerogel + C₄F₁₀
- RICH2 indentifies particles ~15 to 100 GeV
 - Downstream of magnet
 - Radiator: CF₄
- Hybrid Photo Detectors (HPD)
 - Pixel readout



- RICH1, structure and mirrors installed, HPDs in March
- RICH2 completely installed and participating in the global commissioning



RICH1: spherical & flat mirrors



- Provide particle indentification
- Select high E_T hadron, electron and photon candidates for LOtrigger
- SPD/PS + ECAL + HCAL
- Scintillation light is transmitted to a PMT by wavelength-shifting (WLS) fibers
- All installed and cabled
- ECAL, HCAL being commissioned
 - Using cosmics & LED





- 5 stations provide fast information for the high p_T for LO trigger and muon indentification for High Level Trigger and offline
- Readout technology
 - Multi Wire Proportional Chamber
 - Triple-GEM for M1-R1
 - All produced; some 3-GEM services ready by April
- M1 station structure to be installed in May
- M2-5 completed and participating in the global commissioning



LHCb upgrade

- LHCb is designed to run at an average luminosity of 2×10^{32} cm⁻²s⁻¹
 - After 5 years of data taking a data sample of 10 fb⁻¹ will be collected
 - \Rightarrow Enough to make a first observation of rare decays $B_s \! \rightarrow \! \mu^{\scriptscriptstyle +} \mu^{\scriptscriptstyle -}$ down to SM prediction and improve CKM angle γ by a factor 5
 - To continue will not be very profitable as statistical precision increases very slowly
- An upgraded LHCb running at $\sim 2 \times 10^{33}$ cm⁻²s⁻¹ would collect ~ 100 fb⁻¹
 - Does not require SuperLHC but it is compatible with it
- A Working Group has been created to investigate the LHCb upgrading option
 - Expression of Interest for an LHCb upgrade is in preparation
 - R&D program to evaluate the required technologies
 - \Rightarrow Trigger decision in the farm
 - \Rightarrow All detectors to be readout @ 40MHz
 - \Rightarrow New FEE design
 - Profit from common LHC development
 - \Rightarrow Only Si detectors need be replaced



- Installation of LHCb is almost complete
 - Structures are in place
 - Remaining sensitive elements and services to be finished by March
- Most of detectors are being commissioned
 - Using cosmics where possible, otherwise LED or test pulses
 - Global data taking started
- After 13 years of work ... the experiment will be ready for first LHC beam