

Measurement of MDM/EDM of Λ baryons at LHCb

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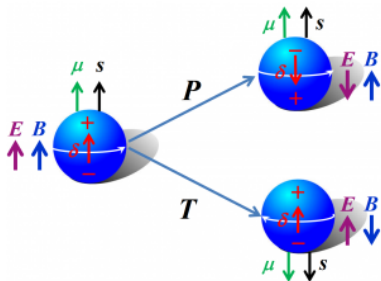
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Electric and Magnetic Dipole Moments of spin-1/2 particles

$$\delta = d\mu_N \frac{\mathbf{S}}{2}, \quad \mu = g\mu_N \frac{\mathbf{S}}{2}.$$

$\mu_N = e\hbar/(2mc)$ is the particle magneton, d the gyroelectric factor and g the gyromagnetic factor.



$$H = -\delta \cdot \mathbf{E} - \mu \cdot \mathbf{B} \xrightarrow{P, T} H = +\delta \cdot \mathbf{E} - \mu \cdot \mathbf{B}.$$

- ▶ A non-zero value of the EDM violates T and P symmetries
 → **Test of CP violation.**

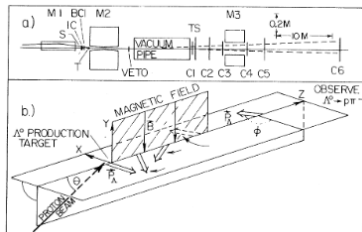
- ▶ Also implies an upper bound on $\theta_0 \lesssim 10^{-10}$.
→ **Strong CP problem.**
- ▶ Measurement of the MDM of particle and anti-particle constitute a test of the **CPT theorem.**
- ▶ First studies on electric dipole moments date from the 50's.
 - *E. M. Purcell and N. F. Ramsey Phys. Rev. 78, 807 - 1950*
 - *J. H. Smith, E. M. Purcell, and N. F. Ramsey Phys. Rev. 108, 120 - 1957.*
- ▶ Experimental efforts have been able to put limits on the EDM of leptons, neutrons, heavy atoms and Λ baryons.
- ▶ Limit on the neutron EDM

$$|d_n| < 1.8 \times 10^{-26} e \text{ cm},$$

implies that for the Λ

$$|d_\Lambda| \lesssim 10^{-23} e \text{ cm}.$$

[*Phys. Rev. Lett. 124 - 2020*]



- ▶ Fixed target p-Be experiment at Fermilab.
- ▶ Proton beam of 300 GeV.
- ▶ $\sim 3 \times 10^6$ Λ events.
- ▶ Strong Λ production with $\sim 8\%$ polarization but no $\bar{\Lambda}$ polarization.

- ▶ Measurement of the MDM of the Λ baryon.

$$\mu = (0.6138 \pm 0.04) \mu_N.$$

- ▶ Upper bound on the EDM of the Λ

$$|d_\Lambda| < 1.6 \times 10^{-16} e \text{ cm}.$$

[PRD 23, 814 (1981) and PRL 41, 1348 (1978)]

Spin-polarization vector \mathbf{s} of Λ can be analysed through the angular distribution of the decay $\Lambda \rightarrow p\pi^-$

$$\frac{dN}{d\Omega'} = 1 + \alpha \mathbf{s} \cdot \mathbf{k}$$

$\alpha = 0.642 \pm 0.013$ is the decay asymmetry parameter.

Dynamics of the spin in an external magnetic field is given by the T-BMT equation.

For a Λ baryon flying with an initial longitudinal polarization $\mathbf{s}_0 = (0, 0, s_0)$ on a magnetic field $\mathbf{B} = (0, B_y, 0)$

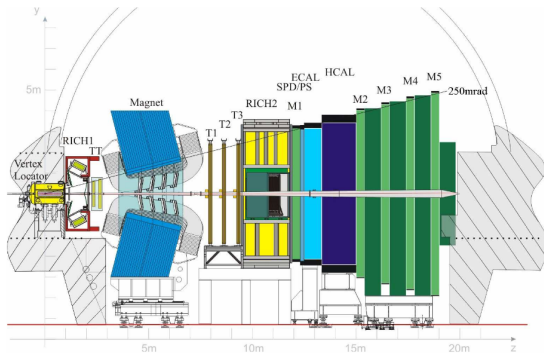
$$\mathbf{s} = \begin{cases} s_x = -s_0 \sin \phi \\ s_y = -s_0 \frac{d\beta}{g} \sin \phi \\ s_z = s_0 \cos \phi \end{cases}$$

where ϕ is the precession angle.

Interaction of EDMs and MDMs with an external electromagnetic field produces a spin precession.

Three elements are necessary for the measurement of this effect

- ▶ Source of polarized particles whose direction and polarization degree are known.
- ▶ Intense electromagnetic field able to induce a sizable spin precession angle.
- ▶ A detector to measure the final polarization vector by analysing the angular distribution of the particle decays.

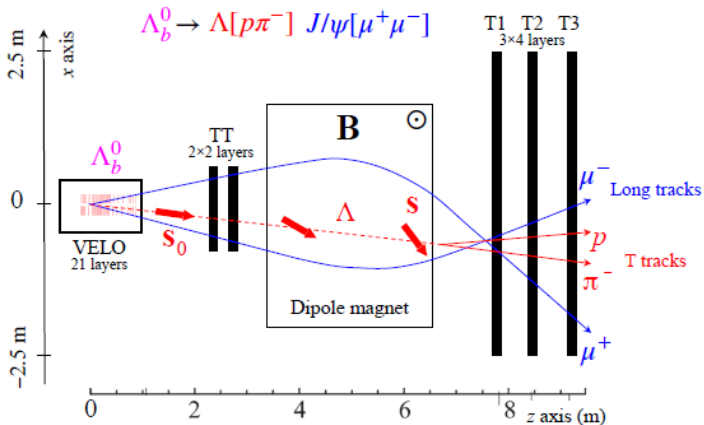


- ▶ Weak decays of heavy baryons produce a large number of highly polarized Λ baryons, e.g. $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda J/\psi$ with $\sim 100\%$ longitudinal polarization.
- ▶ Measurement using prompt Λ s produced at LHC is not possible since they are not polarized. [PRD 91, (2015)]

Measurement of Λ EDM/MDM at LHCb

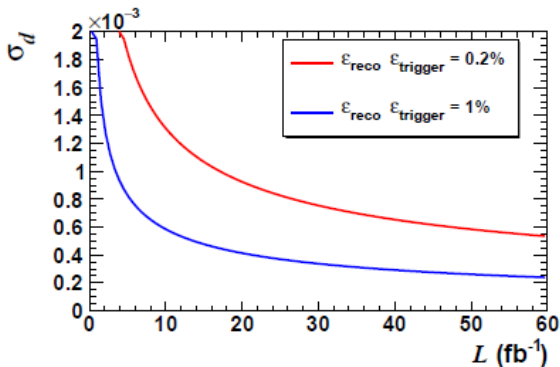
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Spin precession of Λ baryons at the LHCb magnet



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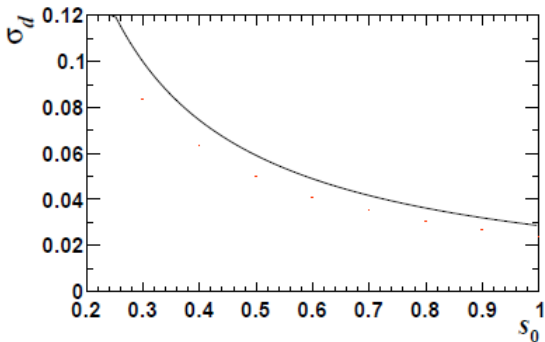
Dependence of d uncertainty with the integrated luminosity for a reconstruction efficiency of 0.2% and 1%.



At $L \sim 50\text{fb}^{-1} \rightarrow \sigma_d \approx 1.3 \times 10^{-18} e \text{ cm}$.

\rightarrow Improved limit on the MDM of $\approx 10^{-4} \mu_N$.

[EPJC 77, 181, 2017]



A source of initially polarized Λ is needed to achieve a higher sensitivity.
 $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda J/\psi$ offers $\sim 100\%$ initial Λ polarization.
[JHEP, 2020, 110]

SL events	$N_{\Lambda}/\text{fb}^{-1} (\times 10^{10})$	LL events, $\Xi^- \rightarrow \Lambda\pi^-$	$N_{\Lambda}/\text{fb}^{-1} (\times 10^{10})$
$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^- \pi^+$	7.7	$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	23.6
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+ \pi^+ \pi^-$	3.3	$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+$	7.1
$\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda K^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	2.0	$\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$	6.1
$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^+$	1.3	$\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- K^+ \pi^+$	0.6
$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^+ K^-$ (no ϕ)	0.2	$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- K^+$	0.2
$\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda \phi (K^+ K^-)$	0.1	Prompt Ξ^-	$0.13 \times \sigma_{pp \rightarrow \Xi^-}$ [μb]

Ongoing polarization studies

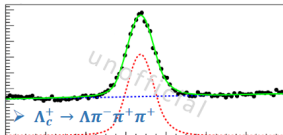
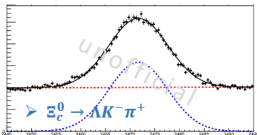
► $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Lambda K^- \pi^+$

► $\Lambda_c^+ \rightarrow \Lambda \pi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$

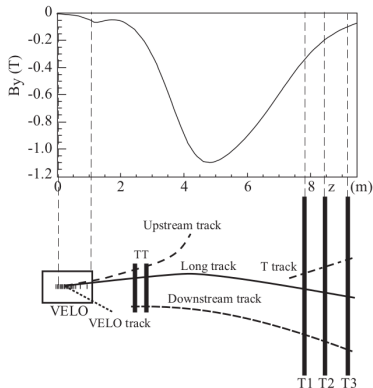
More on this on Z. Wang talk.

► $\Xi_c^0 \rightarrow \Xi^- (\rightarrow \Lambda \pi^-) \pi^-$

► $\Xi_c^+ \rightarrow \Xi^- \pi^+ \pi^+$



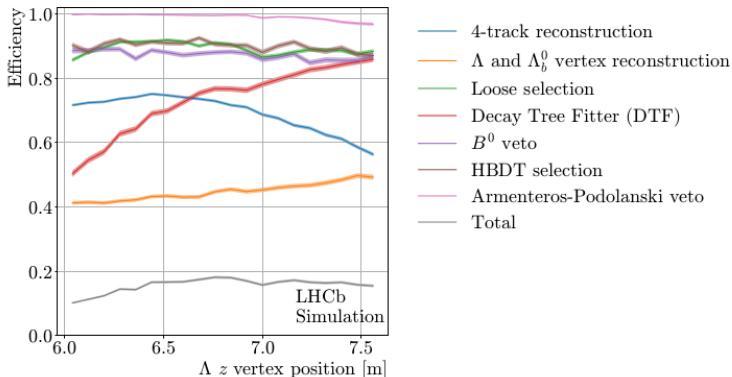
Tracks that leave only hits after the magnet have never been used for physics analysis at LHCb.



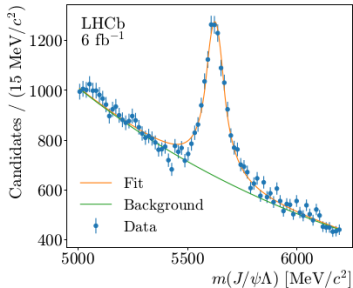
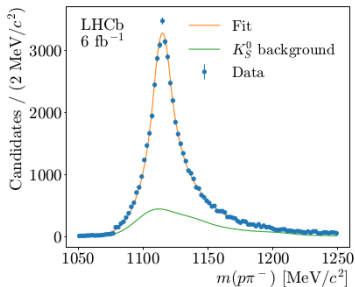
- ▶ Poor momentum resolution
→ 20 – 30%, for Long tracks
~ 0.1%.
- ▶ Long propagation distances in the magnet region make track extrapolation more difficult.
- ▶ Low vertex reconstruction efficiencies and resolution.
- ▶ Lack of RICH2 for TTracks in Run 1 - 2 makes background distinction harder. [See M. Wang talk.](#)

Feasibility study using $\Lambda_b \rightarrow \Lambda J/\psi$ to explore the reconstruction using TTracks.

Relative efficiencies on the selection process



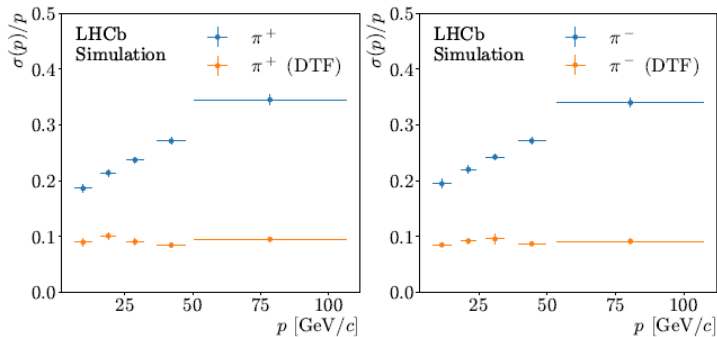
→ Λ vertex reconstruction presents the lowest efficiency, efforts to improve it are on progress. See G. Tonani talk.



~ 6140 signal events with a core mass resolution of $(7.7 \pm 0.4)\text{MeV}/c^2$ and $(41 \pm 2)\text{MeV}/c^2$ for the Λ and Λ_b respectively.

- ▶ A wide physics program is being proposed for the study of the EDM and MDM of charm and strange baryons, where the LHCb will play a central role at improving the precision on the Λ .
- ▶ Prospect to improve the current bound on the Λ EDM by two orders of magnitude.
- ▶ Study of particles that decay in the magnet region for Run 1-2 is feasible, although there is still room for improvement.
- ▶ Work being done on the implementation of Trigger lines for Run 3, on the new fully software-based trigger.
- ▶ Possibility to expand the sensitivity to BSM Long-Lived Particles at LHCb.

Backup



Variable	Units	Minimum	Maximum
$p(\pi)$	MeV/c	20 00	500 000
$p(p)$	MeV/c	10 000	500 000
$p_T(p)$	MeV/c	400	—
$m(p\pi)$	MeV/c ²	600	1 500
z_{vtx}^A	mm	5 500	8 500
$\cos \xi_p(\Lambda)$		0.9999	—
$\chi_{\text{IP}}^2(\Lambda)$		—	200
$\chi_{\text{dist}}^2(\Lambda)$		—	$2 \cdot 10^7$
$\chi_{\text{vtx}}^2(\Lambda)$		—	750
$ m(\mu^- \mu^+) - m(J/\psi) $	MeV/c ²	—	90
$p_T(\Lambda)$	MeV/c	450	—
$m(J/\psi \Lambda)$	MeV/c ²	4 700	8 500
$ \cos \xi_p(\Lambda_b^0) $		0.99	—
$\chi_{\text{IP}}^2(\Lambda_b^0)$		—	1 750
$\chi_{\text{vtx}}^2(\Lambda_b^0)$		—	150

