News from the Microscopic Universe and the Energy Frontier

(with a look at how art & science imitate one another)

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Cosmic Context



Now (15 billion yrs)
Stars form (1 billion yrs)

Atoms form (300,000 yrs)

Nuclei form (180 seconds)

Protons and neutrons (10⁻¹⁰ s)

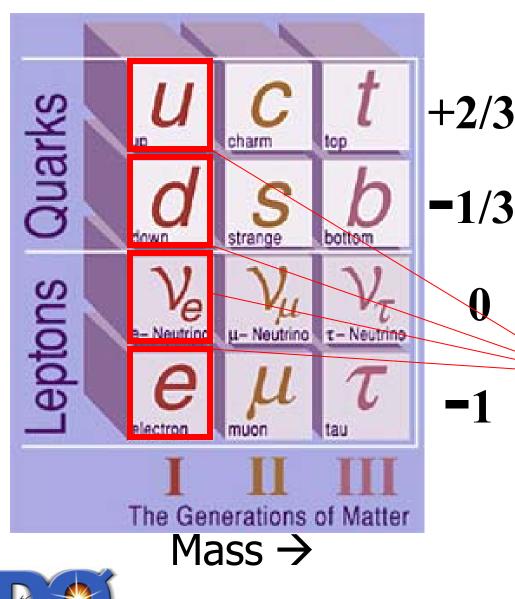
Domain of current accelerators ~10⁻¹² seconds

The Universe at 10⁻¹² s → The Standard Model

- The essence: Bits of matter stick together by exchanging stuff.
- The great achievement of particle physics is a model that describes all particles and particle interactions. The model includes:
 - 6 quarks (the particles in the nucleus) and their antiparticles.
 - 6 leptons (of which the electron is an example) and their antiparticles
 - 4 force carrier particles
- Precisely: "All known matter is composed of composites of quarks and leptons which interact by exchanging force carriers."



The Bits: Periodic Table of Fundamental Particles



All point-like (down to 10⁻¹⁸ m) spin-1/2 **Fermions**

Families reflect increasing mass and a theoretical organization

u, d, n, e are "normal matter"

These all interact by exchanging spin 1

The Stuff: Standard Model Interactions Mediated by Boson Exchange

Unification

| | Gravity | Weak (Electro | Electromagnetic weak) | Strong |
|---------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--|----------------------|
| Carried By | Graviton (not yet observed) | w * w ~ z º | Photon | Gluon |
| Acts on | AII | Quarks and Leptons | Quarks and Charged Leptons and W W | Quarks and Gluons |
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10⁻³⁷ weaker than EM, not explained

Explained by Standard Model

We could stop here but.....



Compelling Questions That Can Be Addressed by Particle Physics

(there are many others)

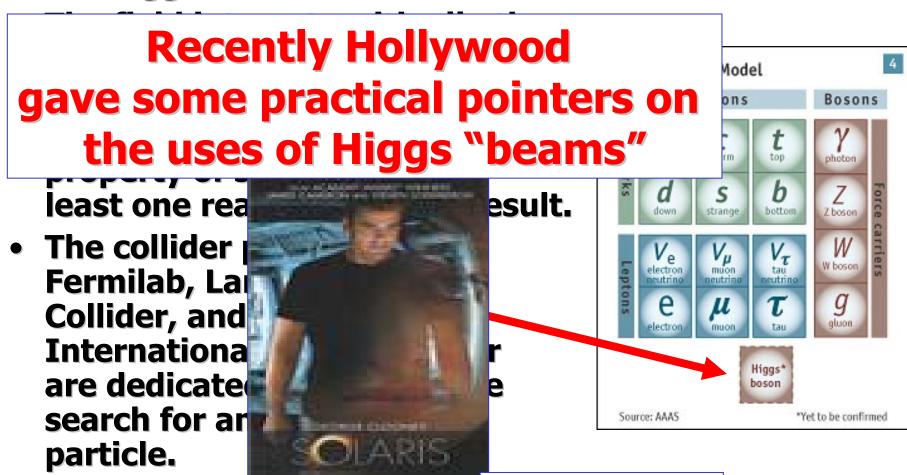
- How do particles get mass?
- Are there higher symmetries manifesting, themselves as new particles and forces?
- Are there hidden dimensions (perhaps explaining the weakness of gravity)?

All properties of the submicroscopic world!



Mass: The Higgs Particle

 Electroweak unification postulates the existence of the Higgs field.



Solaris - 2002

Beyond That?

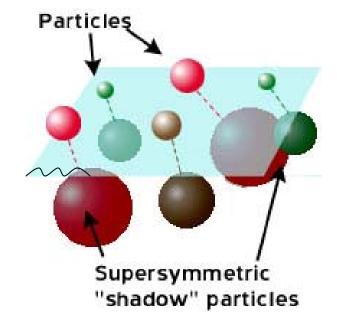
- Even with the Higgs, the Standard Model requires fine tuning of parameters to avoid infinite Higgs masses from quantum corrections – the theory is "ugly."
- This and other theoretical thoughts lead to strong belief that the SM is merely a low energy or effective theory valid up to some scale.
- At this higher energy scale additional physics may (will?) appear.
- Supersymmetry or SUSY is one of the most popular theoretical options.



SUSY

- In SUSY every particle and force carrier has a massive partner: Squarks, slectrons, gluinos...
- Since they are massive they've not been produced in current machines.
- The discovery requires more energetic

accelerators – something which is being enthusiastically pursued.





Or...Extra Dimensions!?

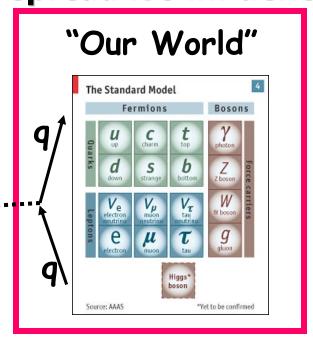
 Amazingly enough, a higher dimensional world (time, 3-D, plus "n" additional dimensions) can accommodate a theory with all four forces.

 Only gravity can communicate with/to other dimensions, it's "strength" is diluted in ours. That is, or gravity carrier can spread it's influence

spatial dimensions.

are underway searching for signals of these dimensions.

graviton



The Adventures Of Buckeroo Banzai Across The Eighth Dimension - 1984

How do we test these theories?

The Two Basic Ideas:

- Find a source of particles with high kinetic energy.
- Study the debris resulting from collisions inside detectors.

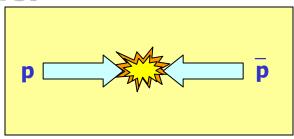
The Sources:

- Cosmic Rays
- Accelerators
- The higher the energy the more numerous the number and types of particles.

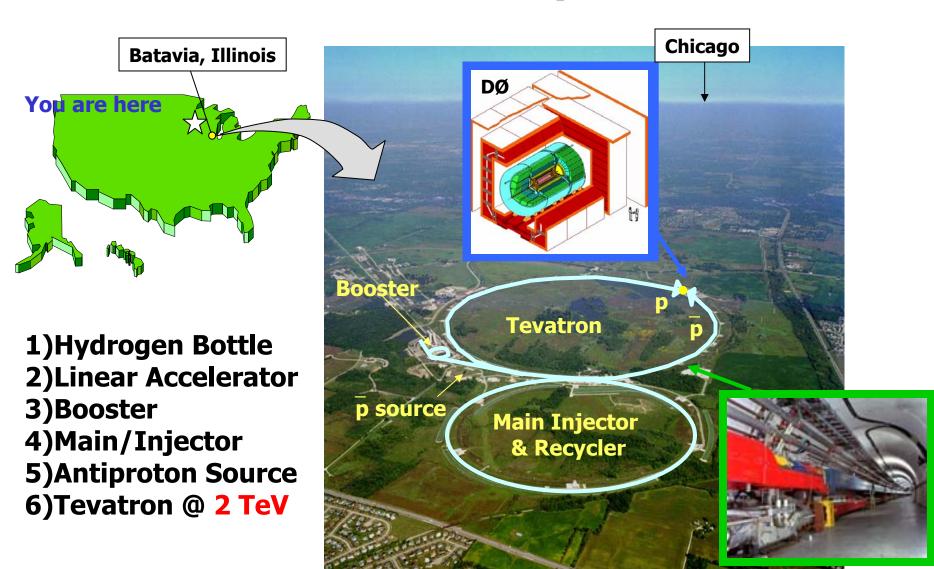
The Detectors:

 A series of special purpose devices that track and identify collision products



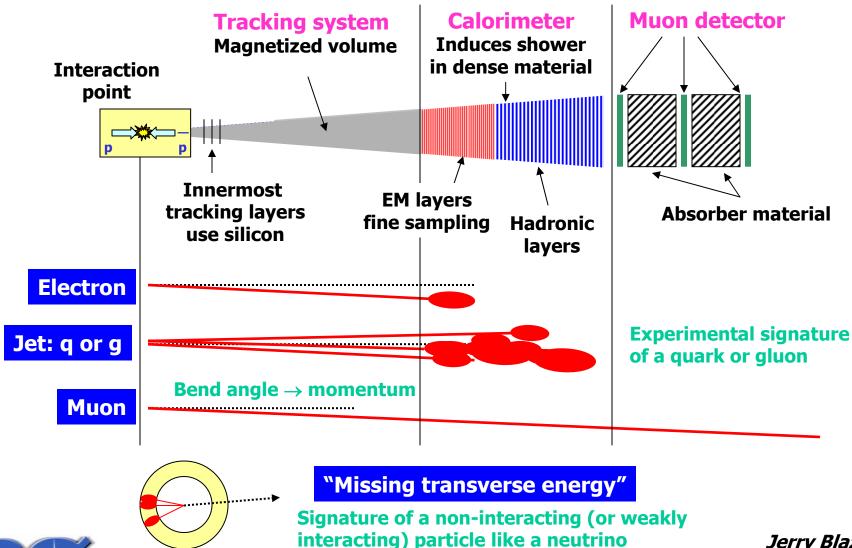


Fermilab Proton-Antiproton Collider

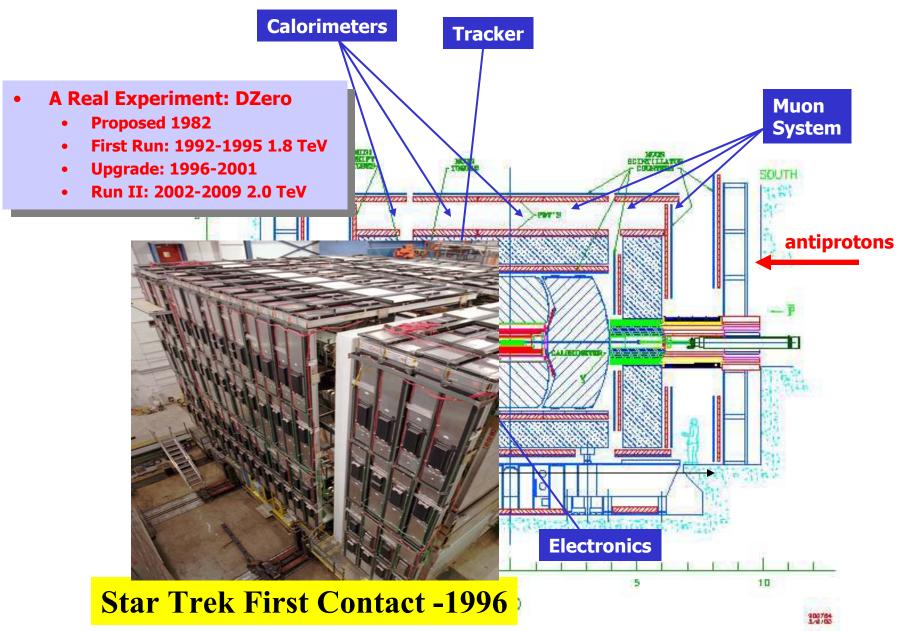




A Schematic detector



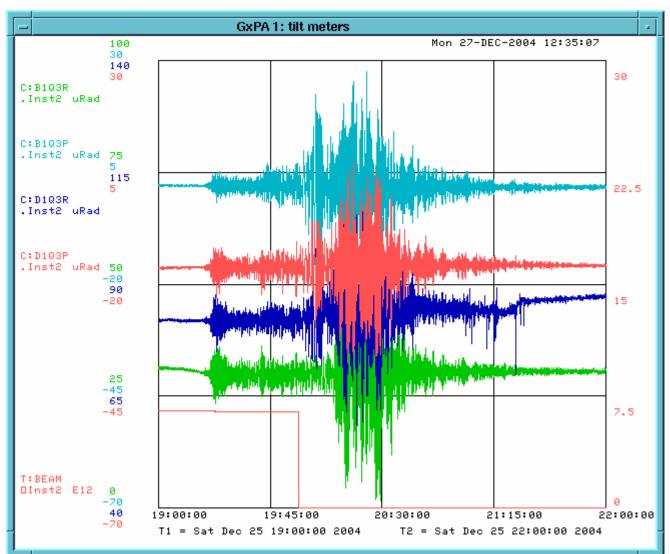






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Earthquake: Low β **Quad Tiltmeters**





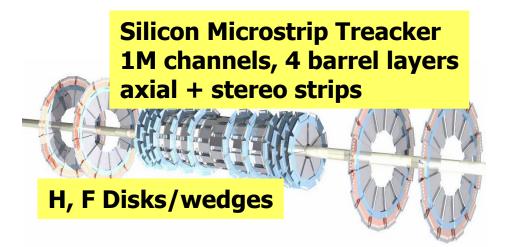
International





- 19 countries
- 80 institutions
- 650+ physicists

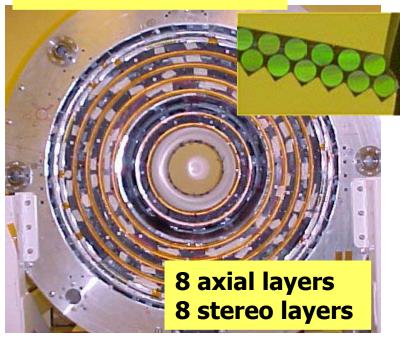


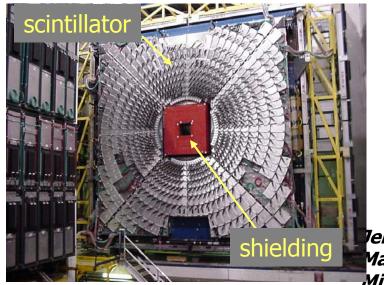


Calorimeter, 50k Channels Liquid argon calorimeter with uranium absorber

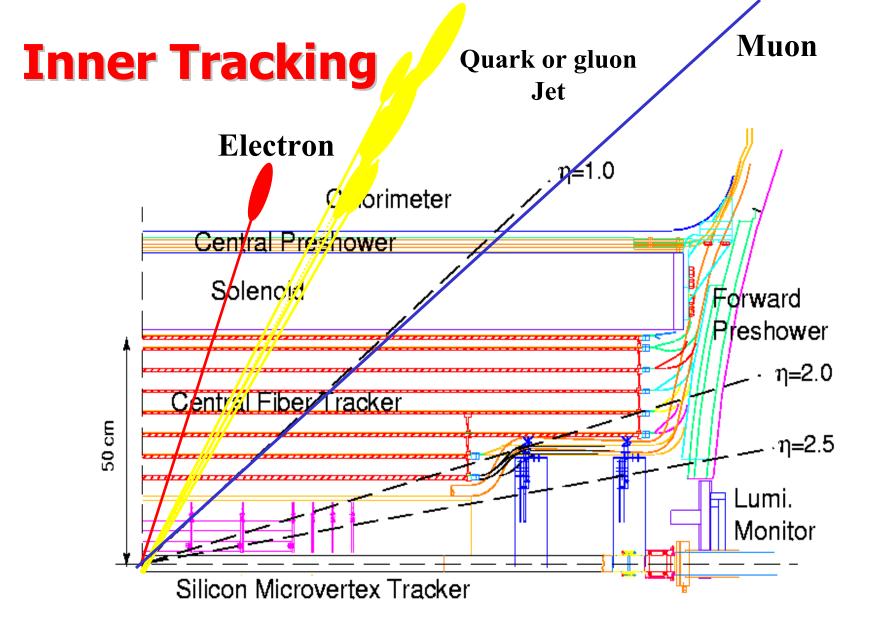


Central Fiber Tracker 80k Channels





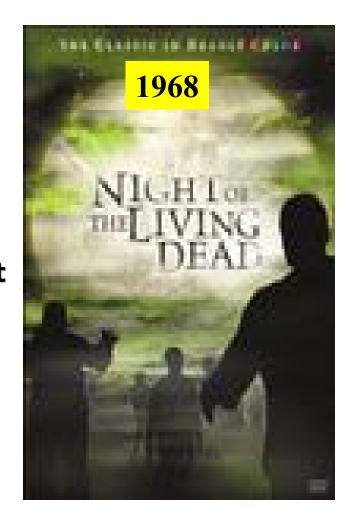






Run II: 24/7 Event Collection

- Proton-antiprotons collide at 7MHz or seven million times per second
- Tiered electronics pick successively more interesting events
 - Level 1 2 kHz
 - Level 2 1 kHz
- About 100 crates of electronics readout the detectors and send data to a Level 3 farm of 100+ CPUs that reconstruct the data
- Level 3: 50 events or 12.5 Mbytes of data to tape per second
- Per year: 500 million events



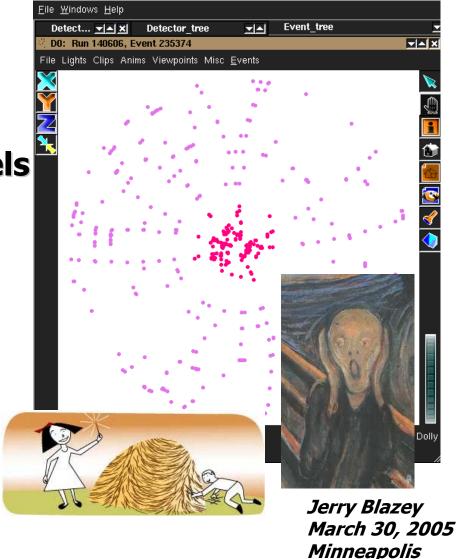


Physics: Event Analysis

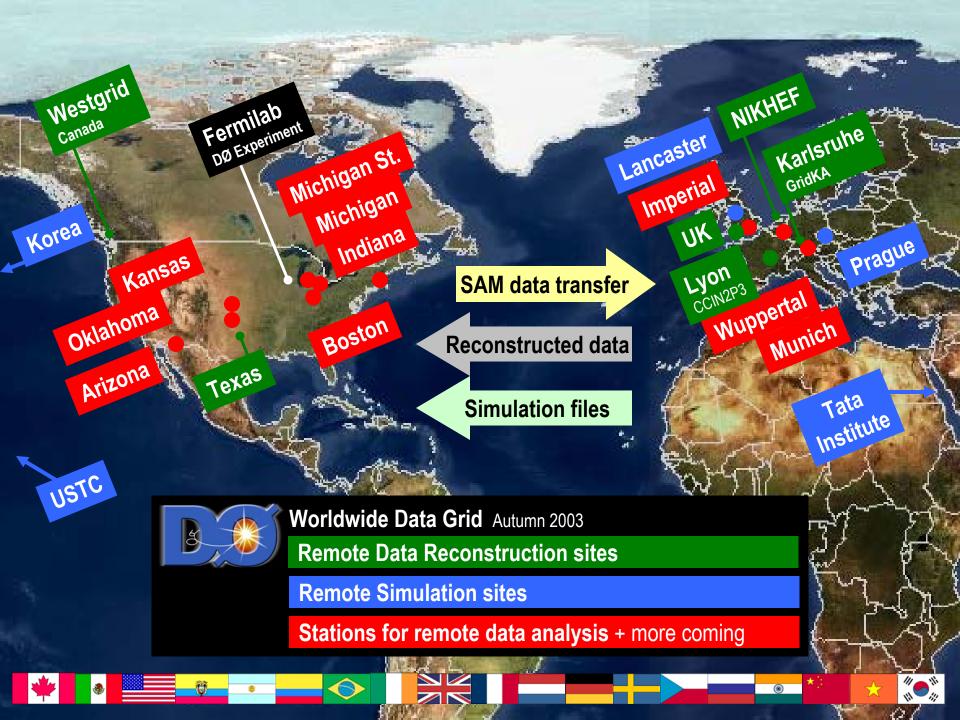
 Events are "reconstructed" offline by farms of ~100 CPUs.

 Each detector samples position, energy, or momentum, 1M+ channels

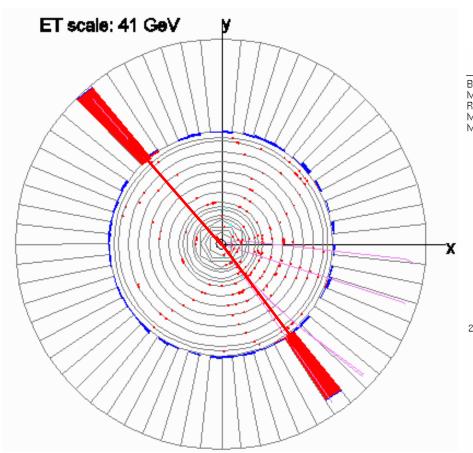
- Then computers build or reconstruct full event characteristics based upon these samples
- Interesting events or signals are culled from the background usually 100's out of millions.

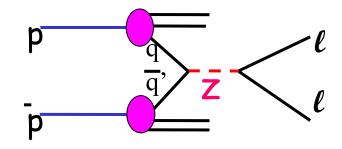




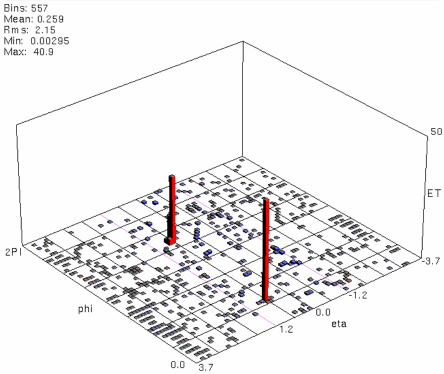


A Sample Event: Z→e+e-





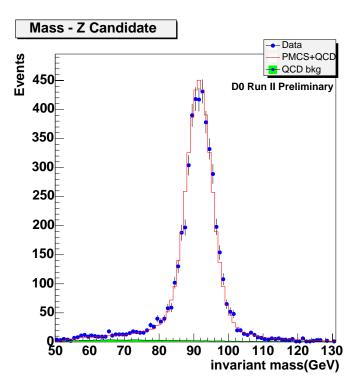
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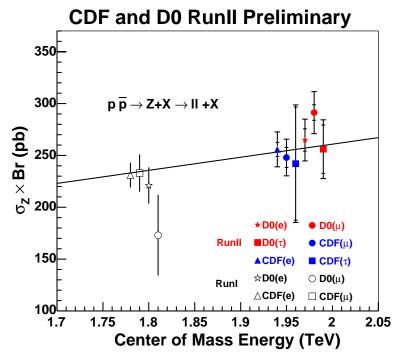




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Sample Distribution: Z mass





- Collect events and calculate mass for each event, then plot distributions
- Extract or measure properties such as mass or production rate as a function of beam brightness or luminosity.
- For example 1pb⁻¹ of luminosity means 1 event will be produced for a process of 1pb cross section.

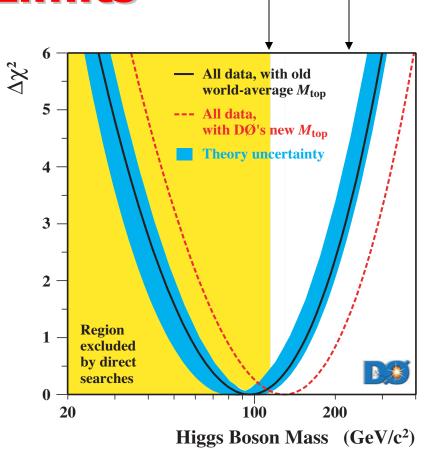


Now back to our three scheduled questions!



Past Higgs Searches and Current Limits

- Over the last decade or so, experiments at LEP or the European e⁺e⁻ collider have been searching for the Higgs.
- Direct searches for Higgs production, similar to our Z mass measurement exclude $m_{\rm H} < 114$ GeV.
- Precision measurements of electroweak parameters combined with DZero's newest Run I top quark mass measurement, favor $m_H = 117$ GeV with an upper limit of $m_H = 251$ GeV.

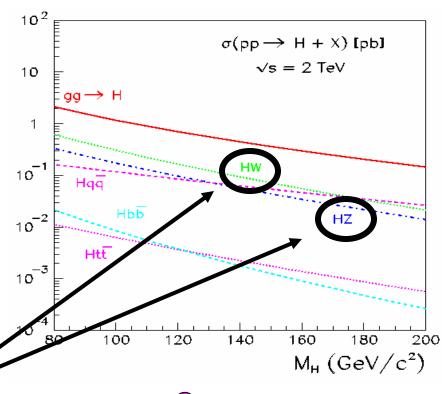


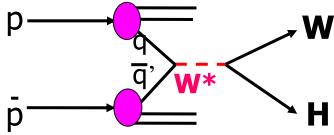
* Nature 10 June 2004



A current Tevatron Search

- For any given Higgs mass, the production cross section, decays are calculable within the Standard Model
- There are a number of ongoing searches in a number of production and decay channels
- In the ~120 GeV region a good bet would be to look for Higgs and associated W or Z production
 - − Cross section ~ 0.1-0.2 pb
 - e or μ decays of W/Z help distinguish the signal



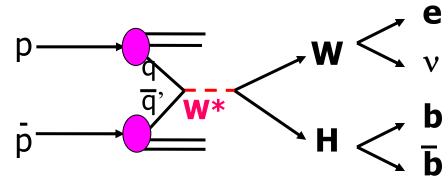




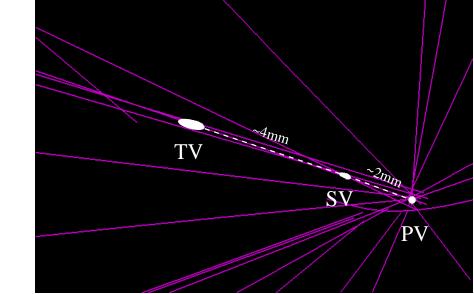


Search for HW production

One very striking and distinctive signature



- an electron = track + EM calorimeter energy
- neutrino= missing transverse energy
- two b quarks =
 two jets each with a secondary vertex from the long lived quarks.



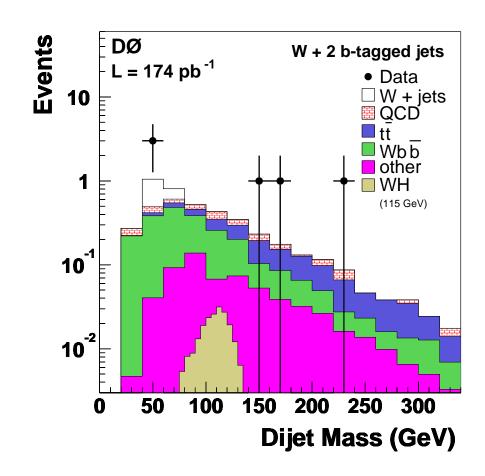


Look for

The bb jet mass distribution

Details:

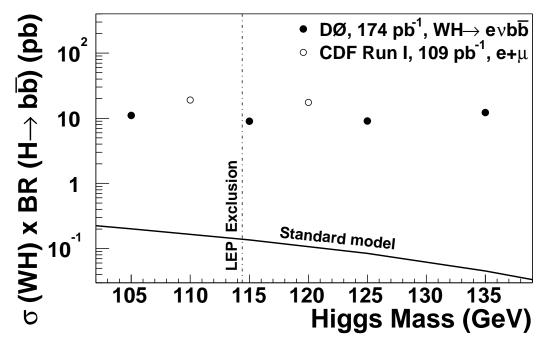
- W selection:
 - Isolated, central electron, pt>20 GeV
 - Missing transverse energy >25 GeV
- Two Jet Selection:
 - Et>20 GeV
 - Two tracks
 - Large impact parameter
- Efficiency about 1%
- Expect: 4.4 +/- 1.2
- Observe: 6





Limits

- Mass distribution consistent with Standard Model Wbb, t, W, Z production
- 9 pb upper cross section limit at m_H=115 GeV for pp→WH and H→bb.

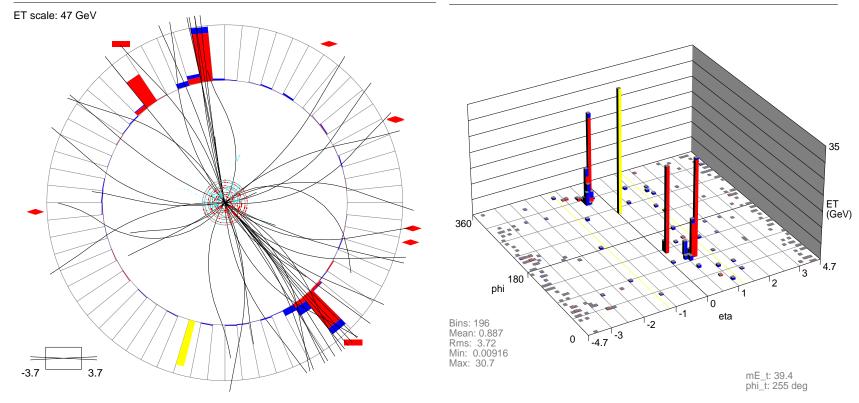


 In the mass window 85-135 still factor of 20 from expectation, but by the end of Run II and combining all channels, we should have sensitivity to ~130 GeV.

A candidate

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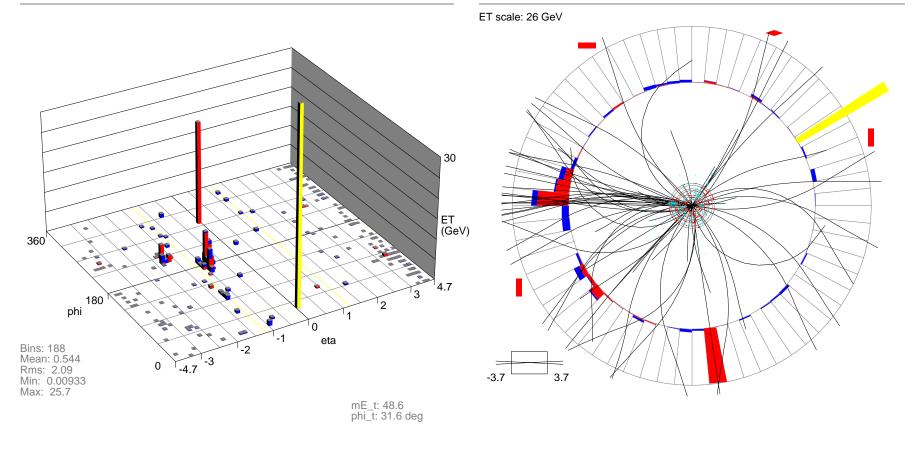




A second candidate

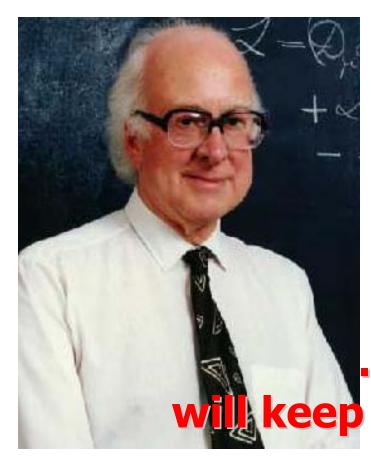
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Well actually... there's at least one Higgs, in Scotland



will keep looking for more!



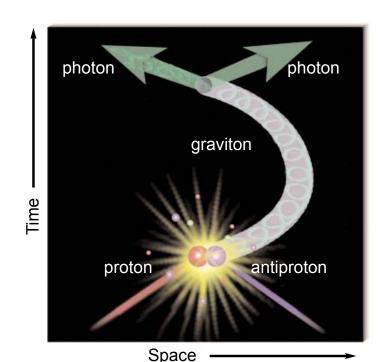
The Search for Extra Dimensions

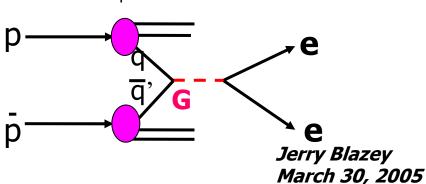
- The strengths of the electromagnetic, strong, and weak forces change with energy, suggesting grand unification of these forces.
- It is believed that gravity becomes as strong as the other forces and unifies with them at the energy known as the Planck scale.
- Difficult to find a natural way to make gravity much weaker than other forces at lower energy scales
- It has been suggested that there are extra, compact, spatial dimensions, in which only gravity can propagate, and which are therefore hidden from our everyday experience.
- Gravity would therefore be as strong as other forces, but appears diluted and weak from our four spacetime dimensional viewpoint in which we are "confined"...but once again...



A Model with "n" Dimensions.

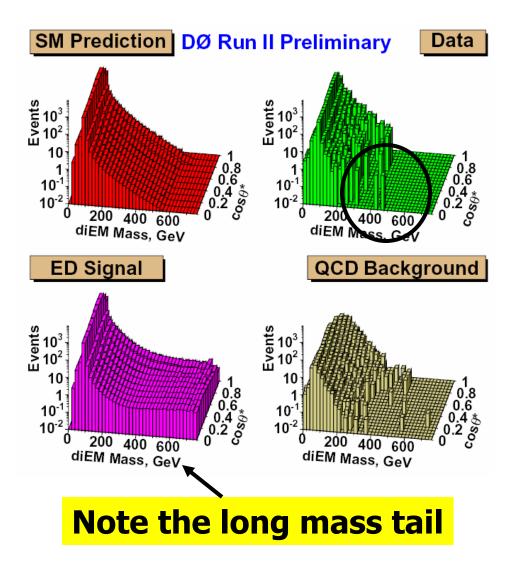
- Gravity communicating with these extra dimensions could produce an unexpectedly large number of electron or photon pairs.
- Thus, analysis of the production rate of electrons and photon provides sensitivity to these extra dimensions.
- Large energies are required to produce such pairs.





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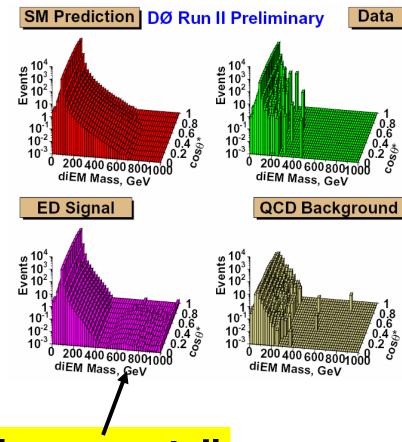


- Di-electrogmagnetic objects (>25 GeV) are collected an the mass calculated (just as in our Z plot a few minutes ago).
- The observed mass spectrum is compared to a linear combination of
 - SM signals
 - Instrumental backgrounds
 - Extra Dimension Signals
- No evidence is found for hidden dimensions, @ 95%CL
 - $n = 2, 170 \mu m$
 - n = 3, 1.5 nm
 - n = 4, 5.7 pm
 - n = 5, 0.2 pm
 - n = 6, 21 fm
 - -n=7,4.2 fm



Or a Single TeV⁻¹ size Extra Dimension

- Another idea introduces a single dimension of the size of ~10⁻¹⁹ m (or ~1 TeV⁻¹ in "natural" units), where the carriers of the electroweak and strong force (photons, W and Z particles, and gluons) can propagate.
- We also see no evidence for a single extra dimension of ~1 TeV⁻¹ size
- At 95% CL size limit
 1.75x10⁻¹⁹ m



Note the long mass tail

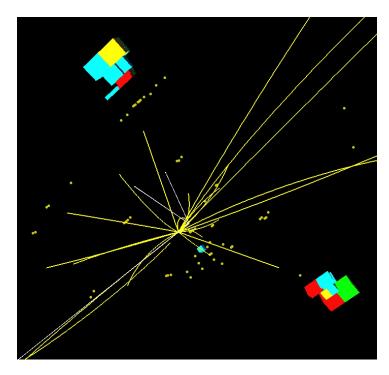


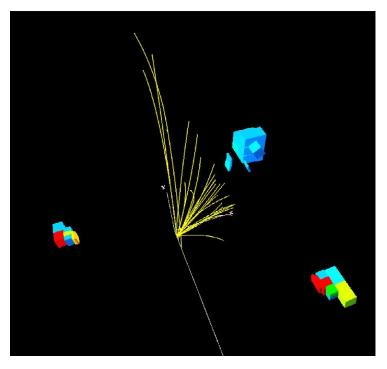
Once again there are interesting events!

(way out on the mass tail.)

ee pair

γγ pair







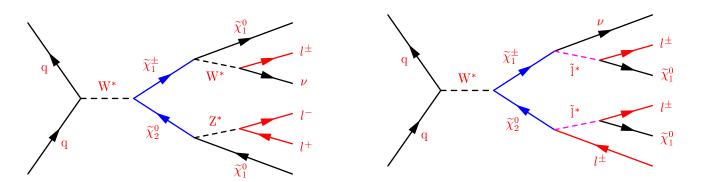
Supersymmetry

- Reminder: Postulates a symmetry between bosons and fermions such that all the presently observed particles have new, more massive super-partners.
- Theoretically attractive:
 - Additional particles cancel divergences in m_H
 - SUSY closely approximates the standard model at low energies
 - Allows unification of forces at much higher energies
 - Provides a path to the incorporation of gravity and string theory: Local Supersymmetry = Supergravity
 - Lightest stable particle cosmic dark matter candidate
- Masses depend on unknown parameters, but expected to be 100 GeV - 1 TeV



The Golden Tri-lepton Supersymmetry Signature

- In one popular model the charged and neutral partners of the gauge and Higgs bosons, the charginos and neutralinos, are produced in pairs
- Decay into fermions and the Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (LSP), a candidate for dark matter.



- The signature is particularly striking:
 - Three leptons = track + EM calorimeter energy or tracks + muon tracks (could be eee, eeμ, eμμ, μμμ, eeτ, etc...).
 - neutrino= missing transverse energy



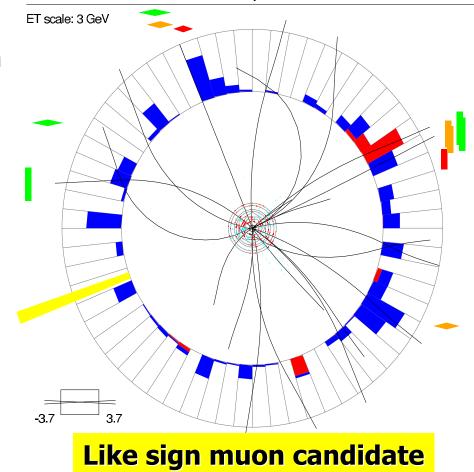
Trilepton Search Results

Four tri-lepton channels

- Electron, electron, lepton
- Muon, muon, lepton
- Electron, muon, lepton
- Like sign muon-muon

Cuts

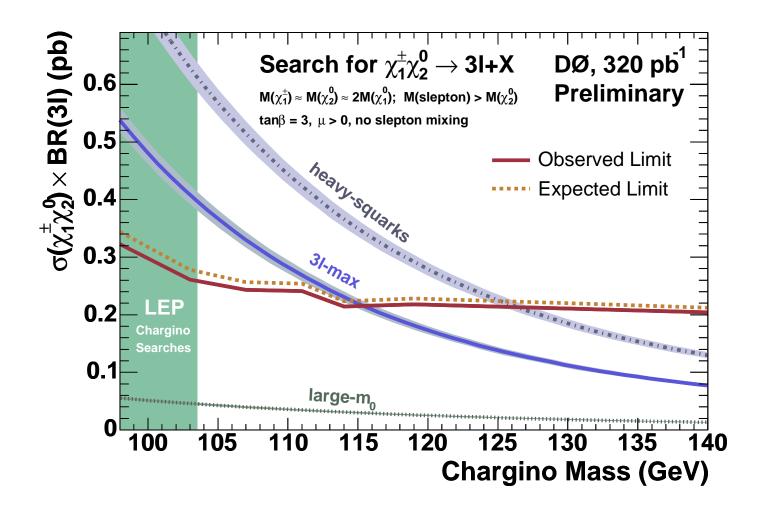
- Two leptons
- Pt > 5-12 GeV
- Missing Et > 22 GeV
- Track above 3 GeV
- About 320 pb⁻¹
- Expected: 2.9 +/- 0.8
- Observe: 3 events



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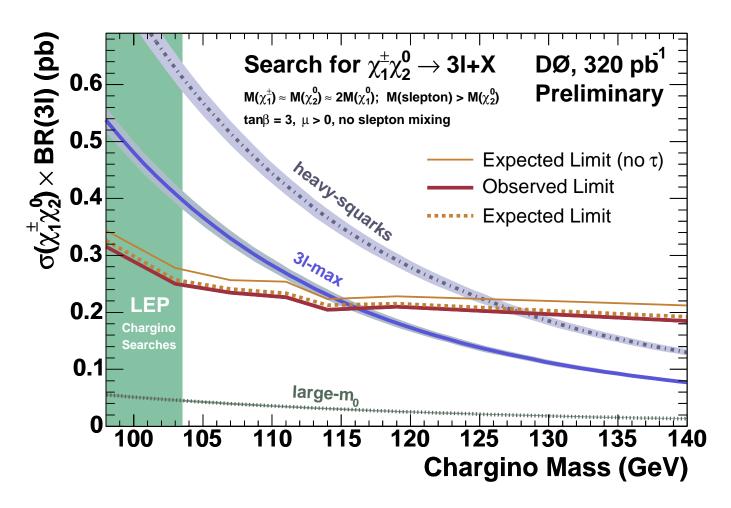


Interesting events do turn up...but we are now severely constraining the allowed SUSY parameter space





Adding $e+\tau+lepton$ and $\mu+\tau+lepton$





epton event

ET scale: 29 GeV

E scale: 25 GeV



tentacle demon tries to kill her!!!!!

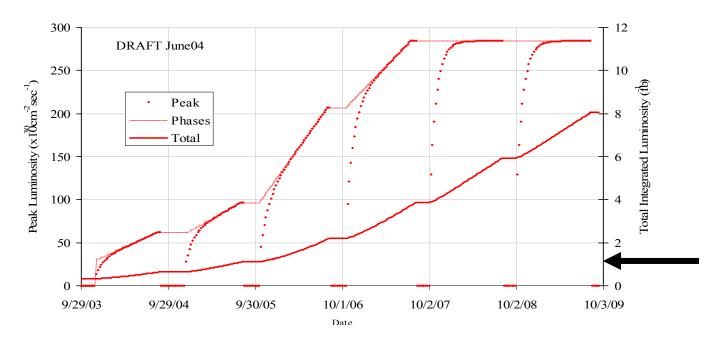
More than just interesting events...
SUSY provides an attractive plot device for the fourth season of Angel, 2002. Consider this synopsis: While Fred [lead female] is speaking [at a conference about her article on SUSY], a portal opens above her head and a



Don't you sometimes wish!?

The Future: A Huge Data Set to Explore

- These analyses ~400 pb⁻¹, have already logged 0.6 fb⁻¹
- Expect to see 8 fb⁻¹ this run.



These hints and events should become even more interesting...



Prospects

- The Tevatron is stretching the boundaries of the observed universe:
 - Constrain the SM and place limits on the Higgs mass or
 - Better yet: observe/discover the Higgs
 - Discover new physics ... SUSY
 - Communicate with extra dimensions....
- A thoroughly exciting challenge to answer the most basic questions...
 - What is the history of the universe?
 - What is the composition of the universe?
 - What is the structure of the universe?
 - It seems some answers are already in Holly To the

Toy Story - 1995

"To the [Microscopic] Universe.... and Beyond!"





