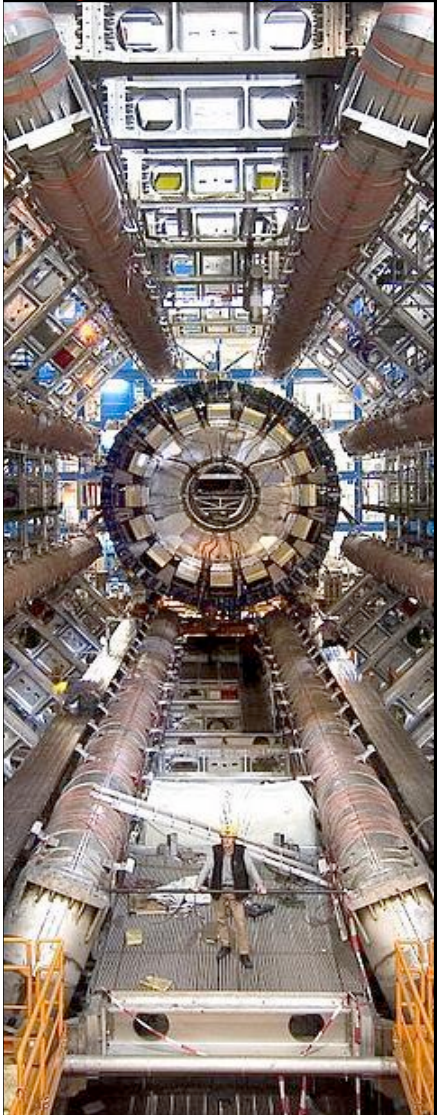


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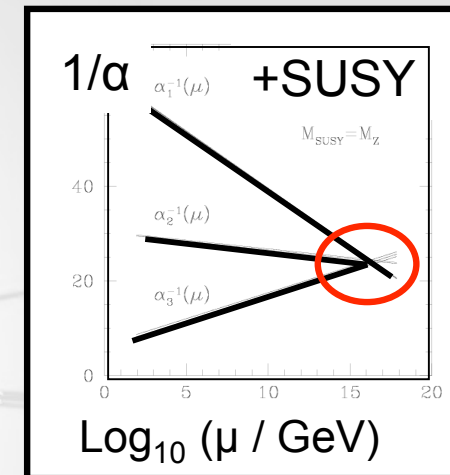
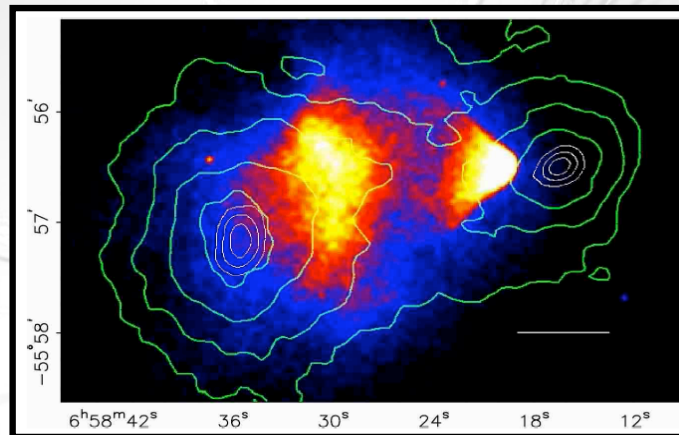
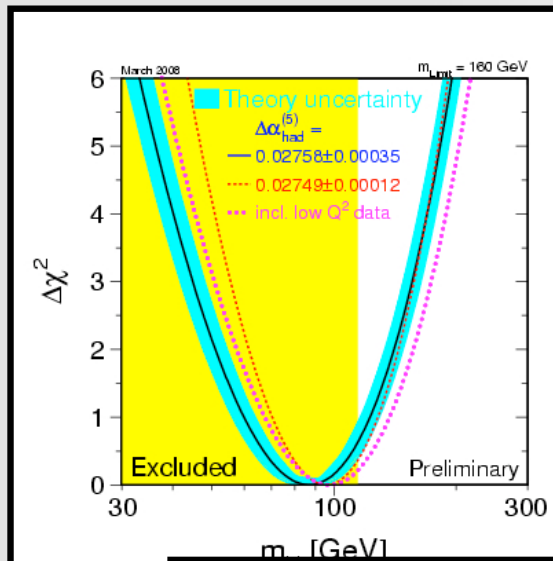
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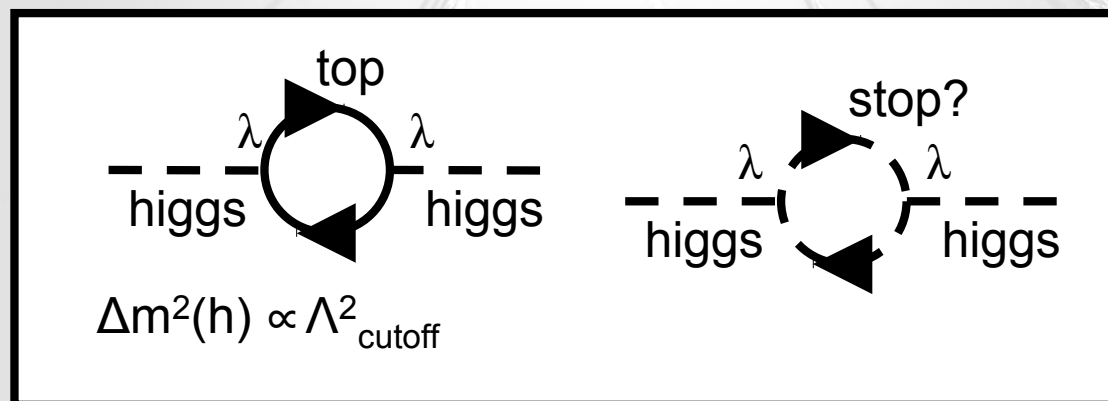
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Motivational arguments



Lots of interesting physics at ~ 1 TeV



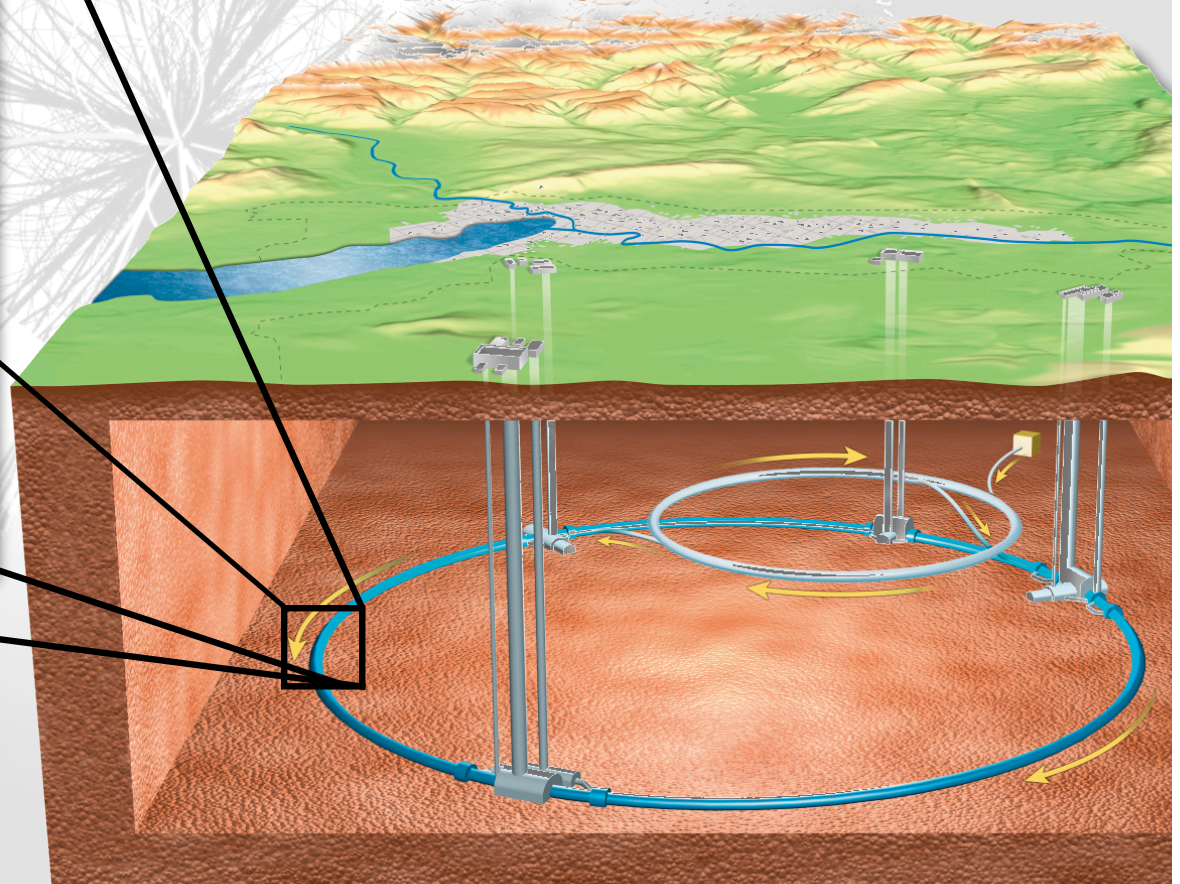
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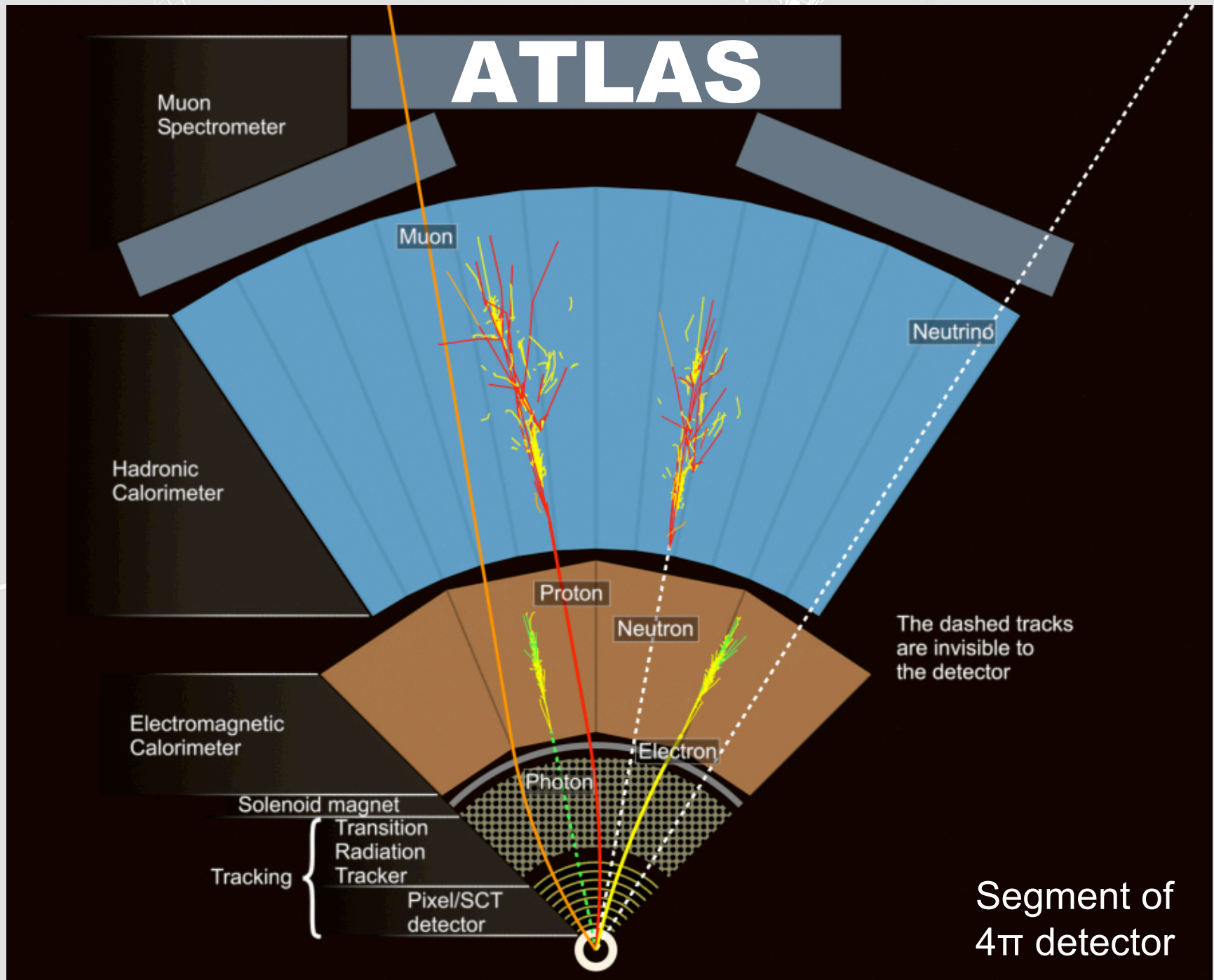
- controlled environment
- 14 TeV
- 10^9 collisions/s
- ~decade operation



26.659 km circumference
9300 magnets
Four experiments



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Muon Spectrometer

Muon

Neutrino

Hadronic Calorimeter

Proton

Neutron

The dashed tracks are invisible to the detector

Electromagnetic Calorimeter

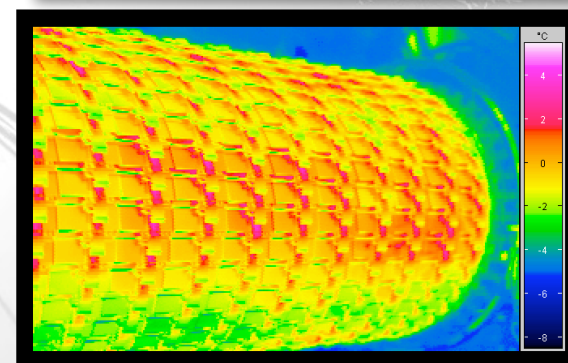
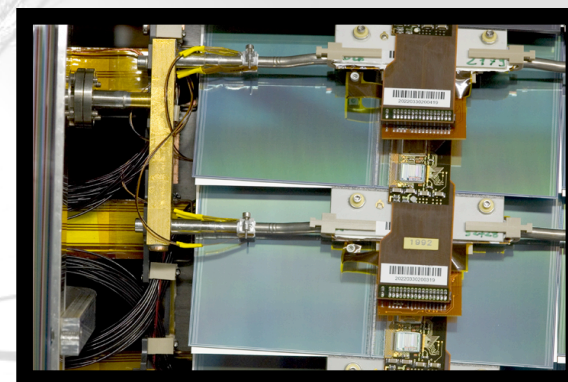
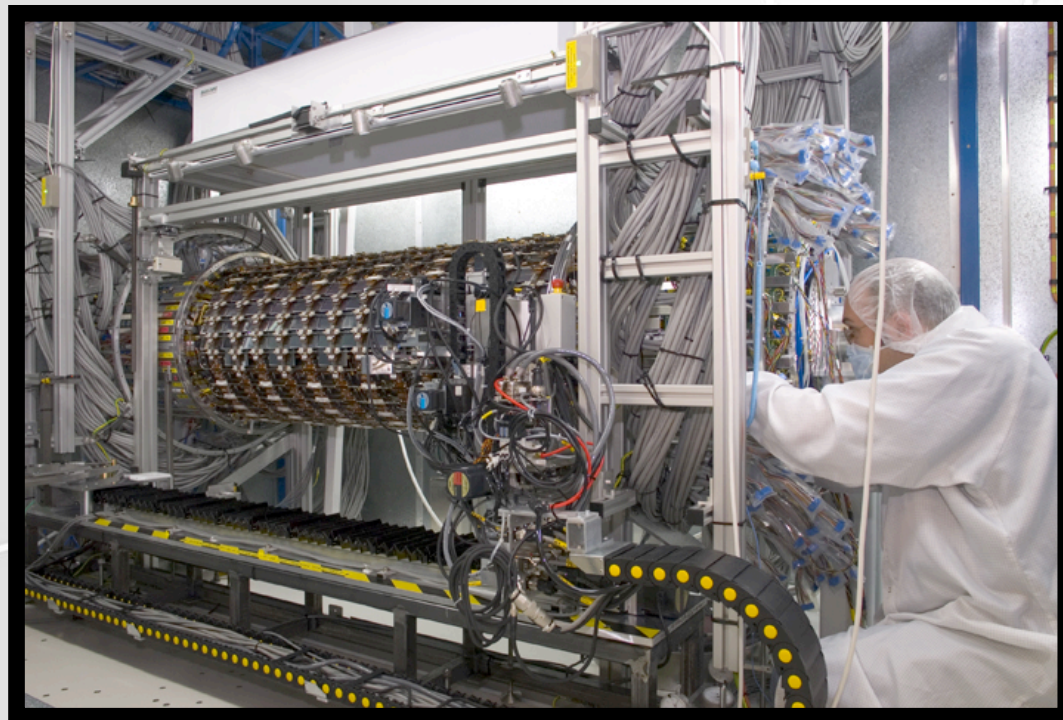
Electron

Photon

Solenoid magnet
Tracking { Transition Radiation Tracker
Pixel/SCT detector

Segment of 4π detector

Local interest ...

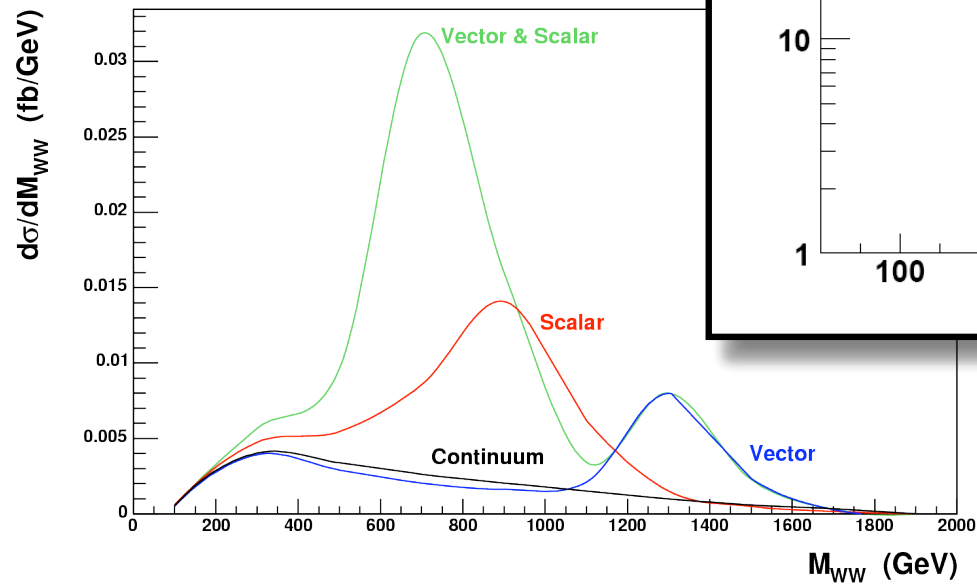
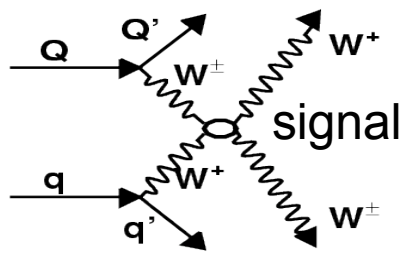
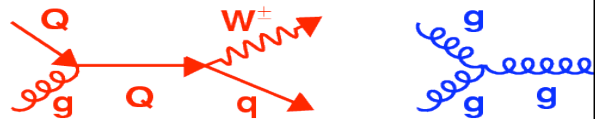


Robotic assembly of precision silicon tracker

Summer 2004 to Summer 2005

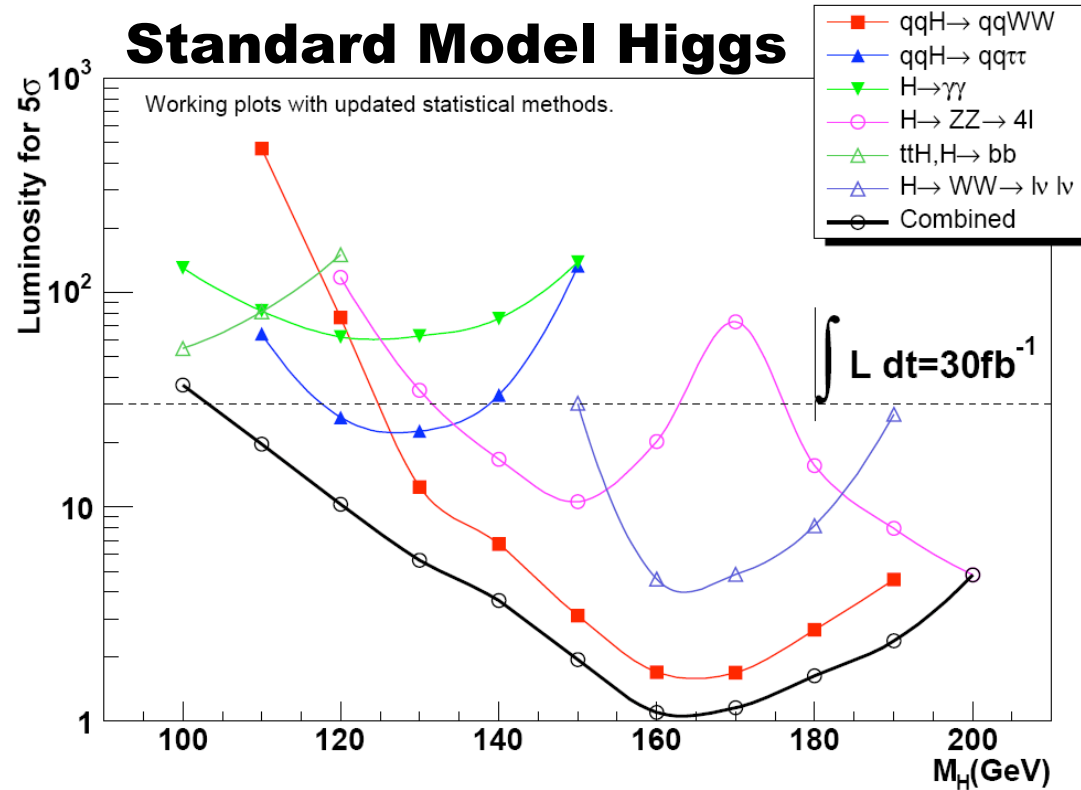
Electroweak symmetry breaking

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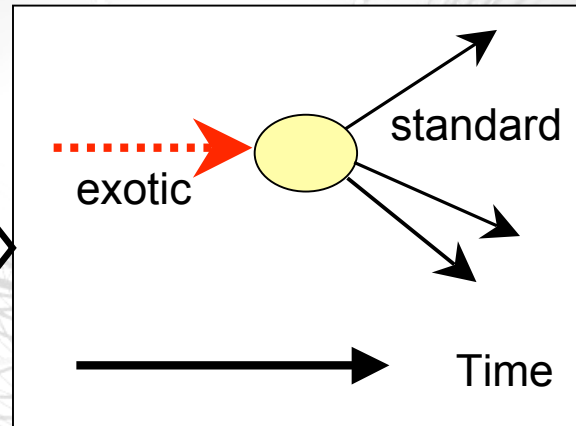
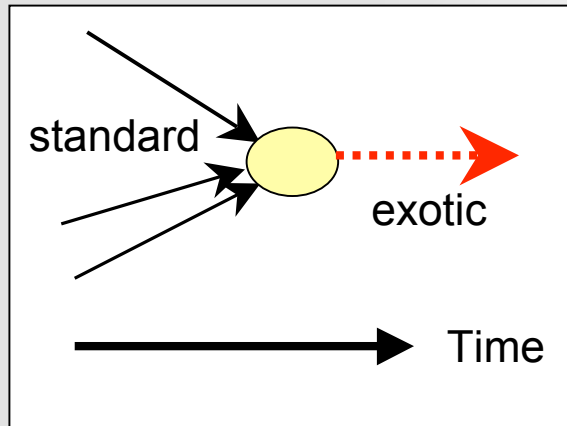
Standard Model Higgs

Working plots with updated statistical methods.



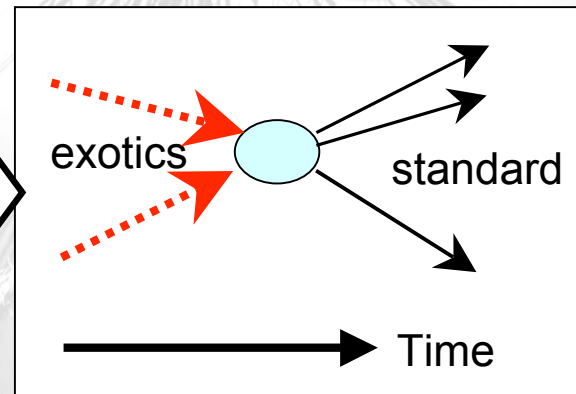
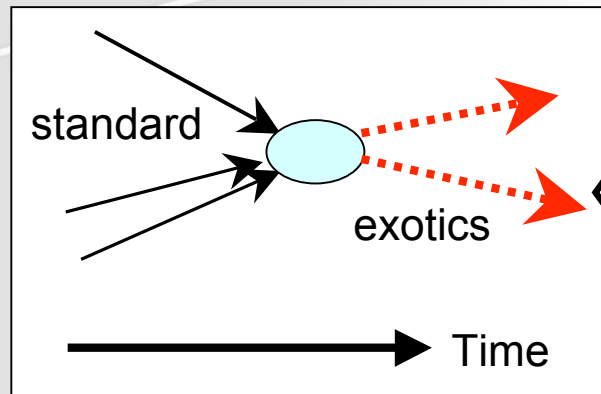
- $qqH \rightarrow qqWW$
- ▲ $qqH \rightarrow qq\tau\tau$
- ▼ $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4l$
- △ $ttH, H \rightarrow bb$
- △ $H \rightarrow WW \rightarrow lv lv$
- Combined

Producing WIMPs?



If exotics can be produced *singly* they can decay

•No good for Dark Matter candidate



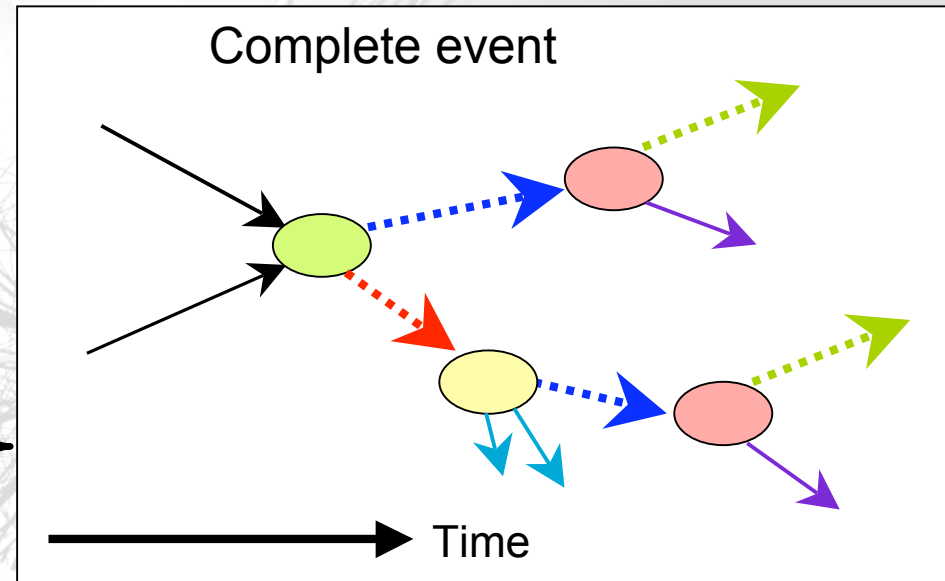
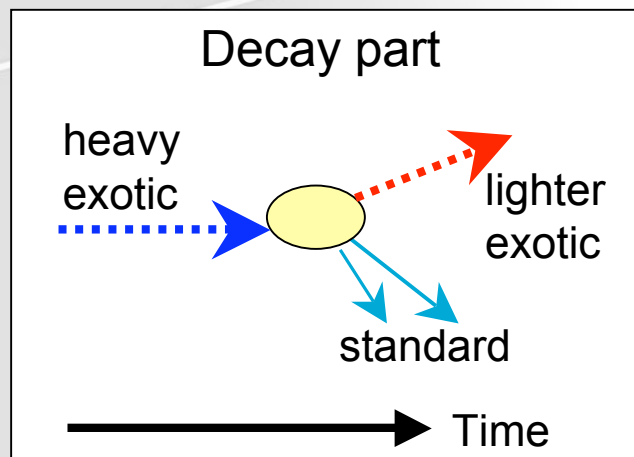
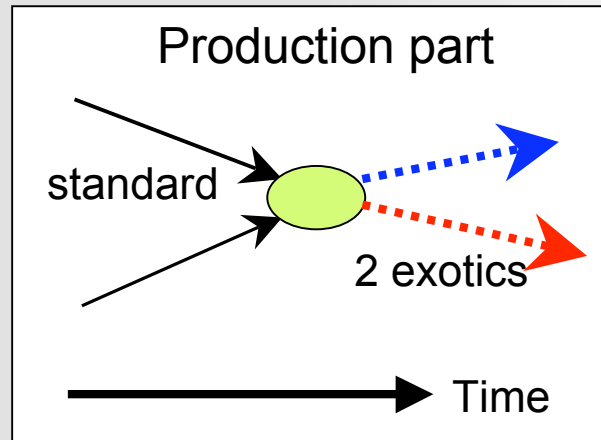
If they can only be *pair*-produced they are stable

•Only disappear on collision (rare)

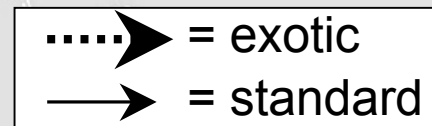


Require an even number of exotic legs to/from blobs
(Conserved multiplicative quantum number)

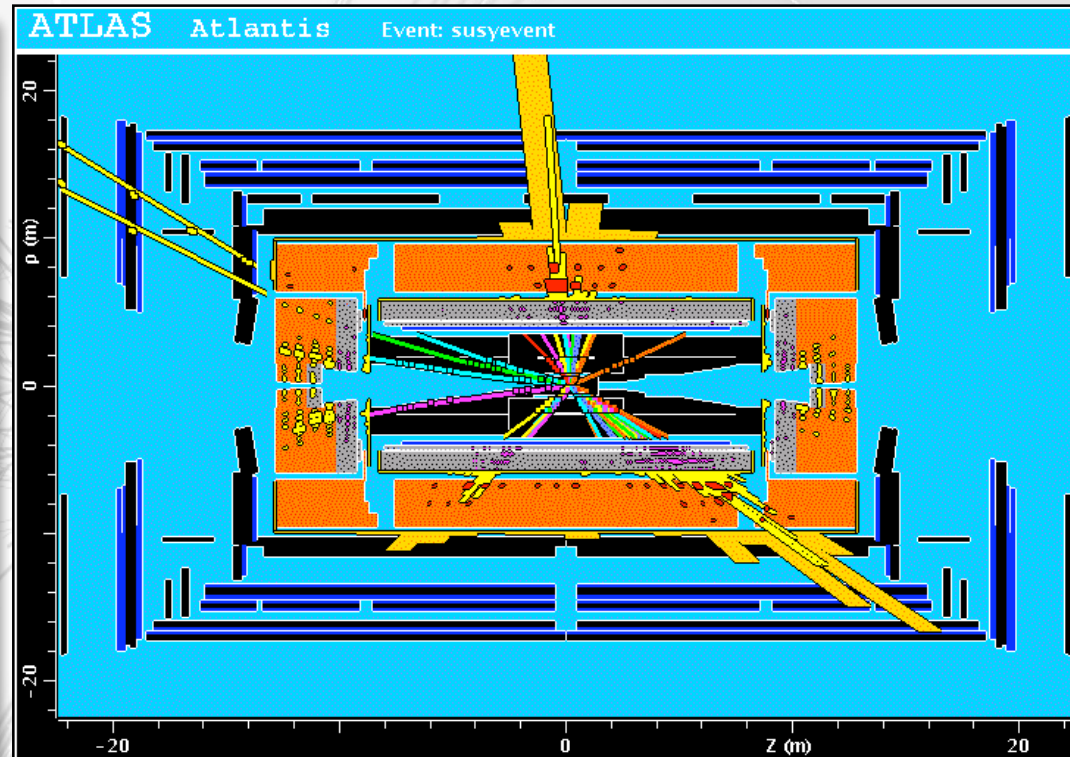
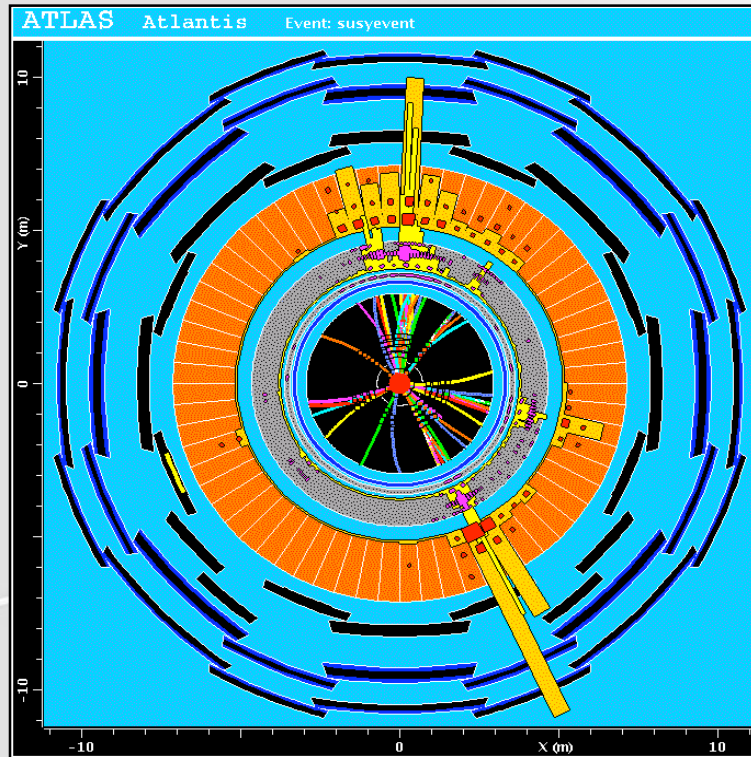
“Seeing” WIMPs at the LHC



Events build from blobs with 2 “exotic legs”
A pair of cascade decays results
Complicated end result



Simulated SUSY event



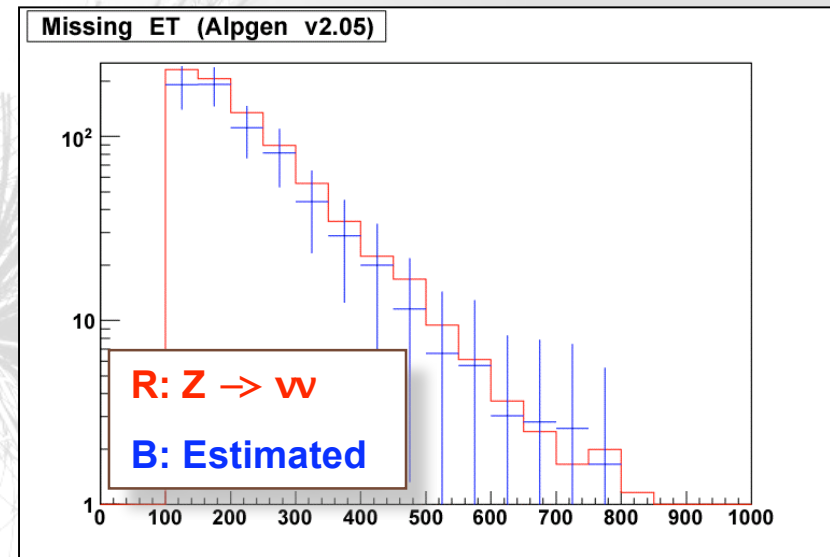
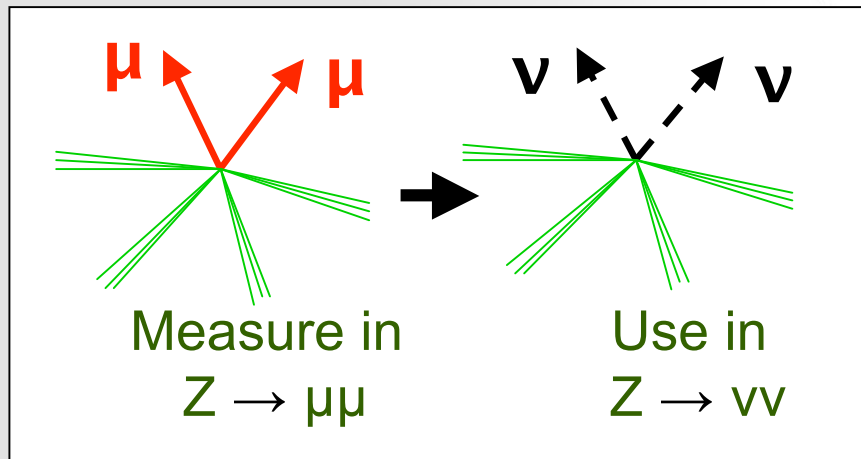
Missing transverse momentum

Jets

Leptons

Heavy quarks

Measuring backgrounds



Example: SUSY BG

- Missing energy + jets from Z^0 to neutrinos
- Measure in $Z \rightarrow \mu\mu$
- Use for $Z \rightarrow \nu\nu$

Good match

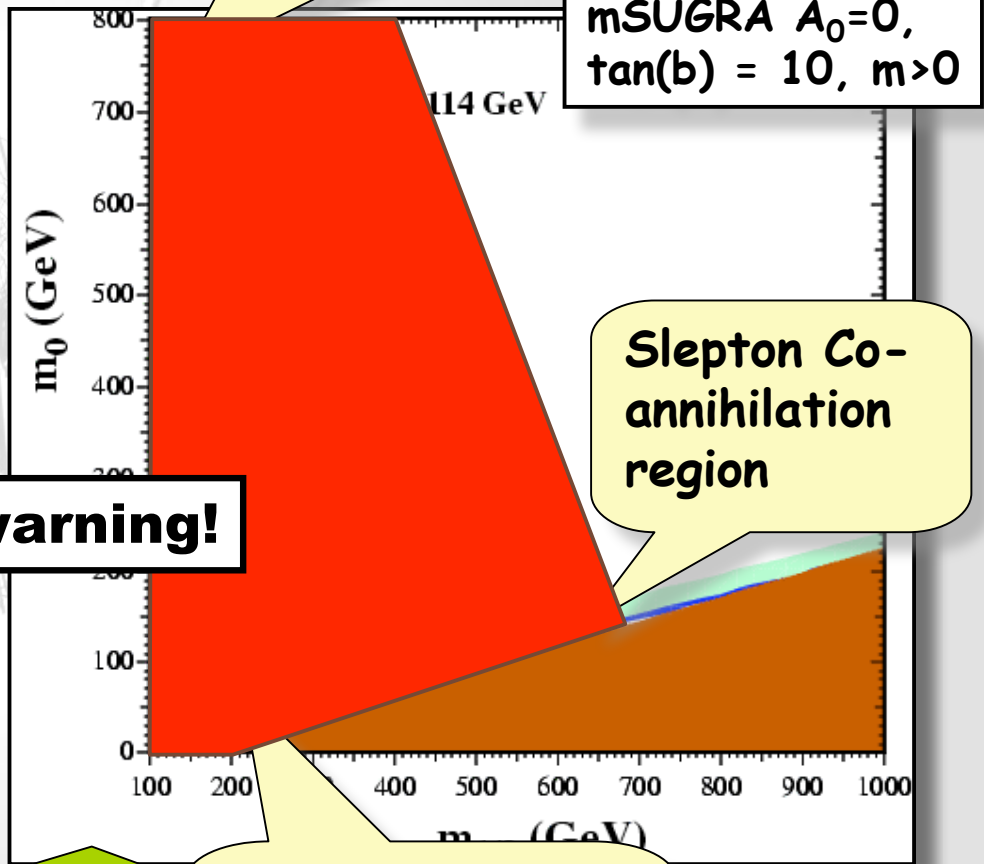
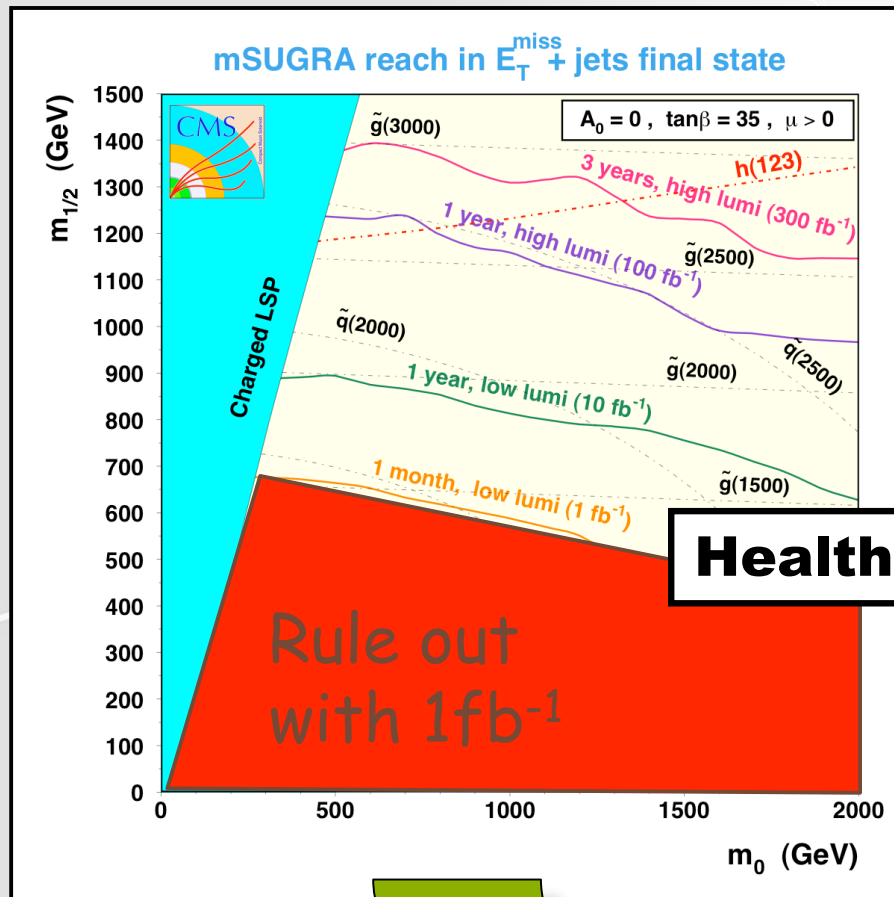
- Useful technique

Statistics limited

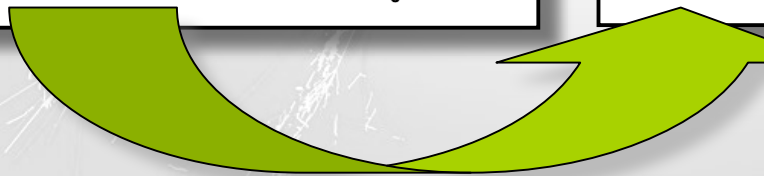
- Go on to use $W \rightarrow \mu\nu$ to improve

Very many other cross-checks will also be made

Reach in cMSSM?



Health warning!



WMAP constraints

Mapping out the new world

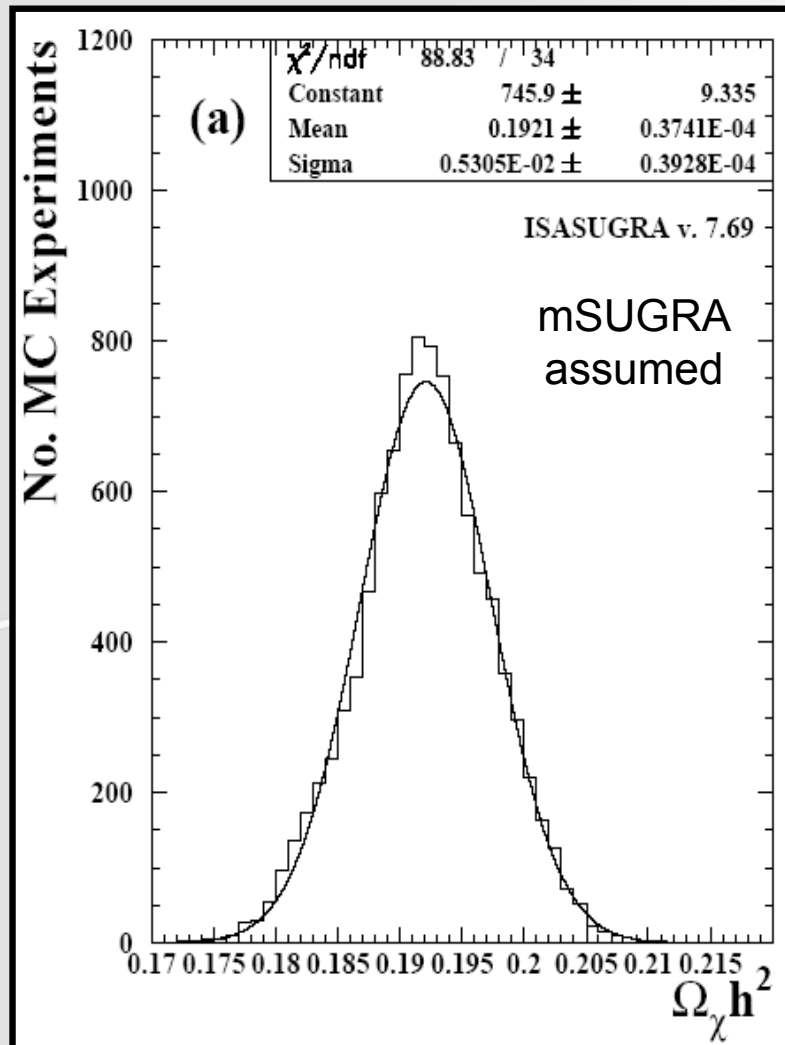
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LHC Measurement	SUSY	Extra Dimensions
Masses	Breaking mechanism	Geometry & scale
Spins	Distinguish from Extra Dim.	Distinguish from SUSY
Mixings, Lifetimes	Gauge unification? Dark matter candidate?	

Some measurements make high demands on:

- **Statistics (→ time)**
- **Understanding of detector**
- **Clever experimental techniques**

'Measure' relic density?



Use LHC measurements to “predict” **relic density** of observed LSPs

Caveats:

- Cant tell about lifetimes beyond detector (need **direct search**)
- Studies done so far in optimistic case (light sparticles)

To remove mSUGRA assumption need **extra constraints**:

1. All neutralino masses
 - Use as inputs to gaugino & higgsino content of LSP
2. Lightest stau mass
 - Is stau-coannihilation important?
3. Heavy Higgs boson mass
 - Is Higgs co-annihilation important?

More work is in progress

- Probably not all achievable at LHC
- **ILC** would help lots (if in reach)

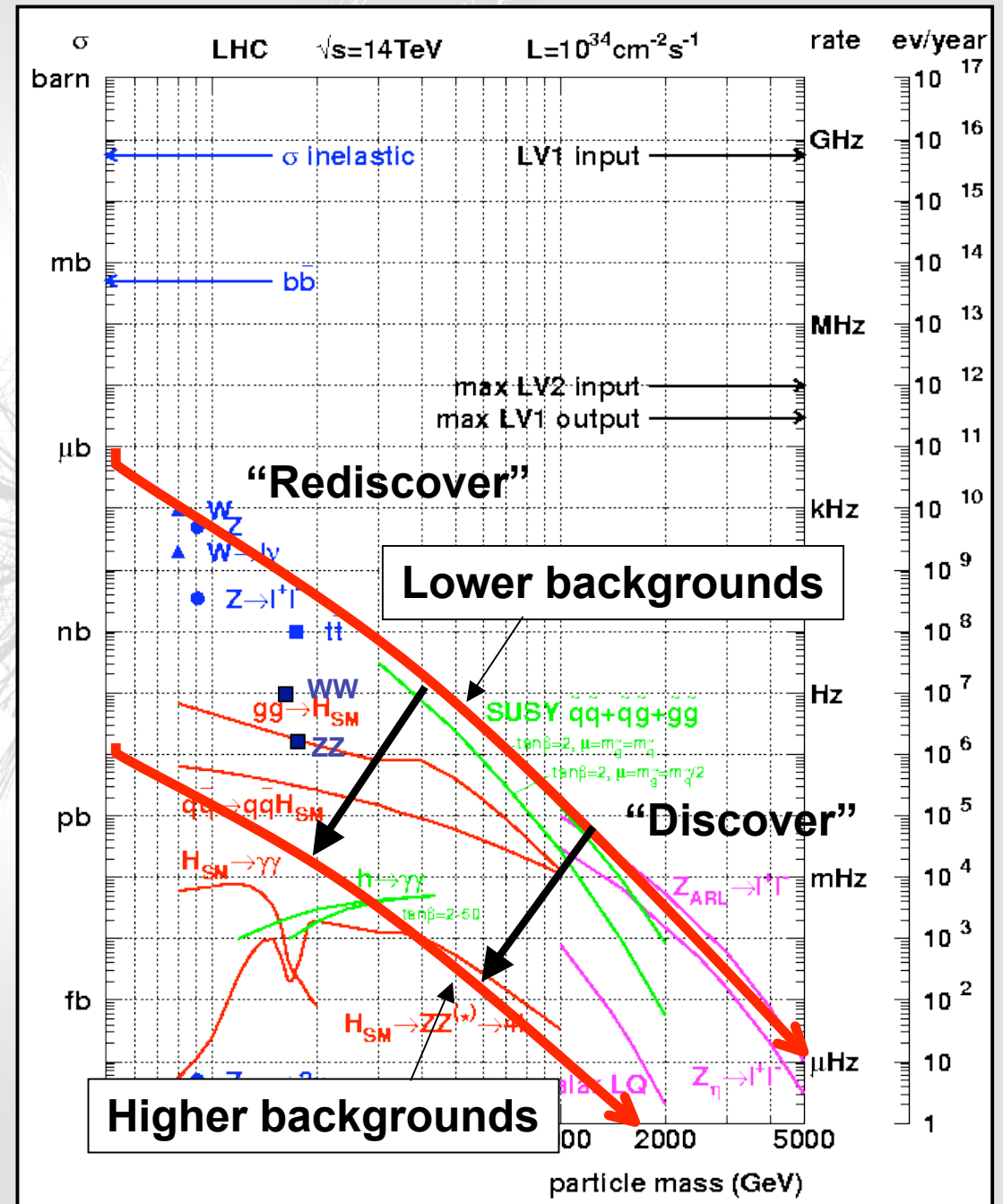
Discoveries?

What can we find “rapidly”?

- Reasonable cross-section
- Low backgrounds
- Easily reconstructed
- Limited detector understanding?

Some things will stick out

Most need more careful analysis



Media interest?

THE Sun
Wednesday, September 10, 2008

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End of the world due in nine days

World beater or planet eater? ... experiment will cause black holes some fear could destroy the planet

By PAUL SUTHERLAND
Sun Spaceman

Published: 01 Sep 2008

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SCIENTISTS are trying to stop the most powerful experiment ever – saying the black holes it will create could destroy the world.

Dubbed by some the Doomsday test, it will be carried out next week in the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), located 300ft underground near the French-Swiss border.

The machine is 17 miles long and cost £4.4billion to create.

When its switch is pulled on September 10, this atom-smasher will become a virtual time machine, revealing what happened when the universe came into existence 14 billion years ago.

New particles of matter are expected to be discovered, new dimensions found beyond the four known, as scientists re-create conditions in the first **BILLIONTHS** of a second after the Big Bang.

Don't panic, there's time to try out every position in the Kama Sutra

WITH just nine days to go until the end of the world, here's what you could get up to before it's too late ...

1. Eat 27 Big Mac meals. Who's counting the calories?
2. Visit all seven continents.
3. Try out all 64 Kama Sutra positions.
4. Watch the entire box sets of Lost, Heroes and Prison Break.
5. Cruise the River Nile.
6. Drive to Switzerland for a ringside seat of doomsday.

Understated commentary continued in popular press...

THE Sun



10th September

> 300 journalists on site

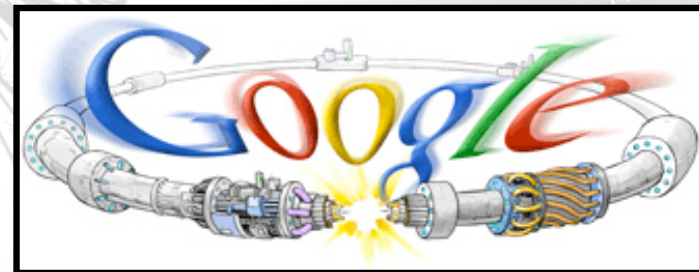
> 3500 press cuttings

LHC on the Google logo

450 television stations picked up broadcast

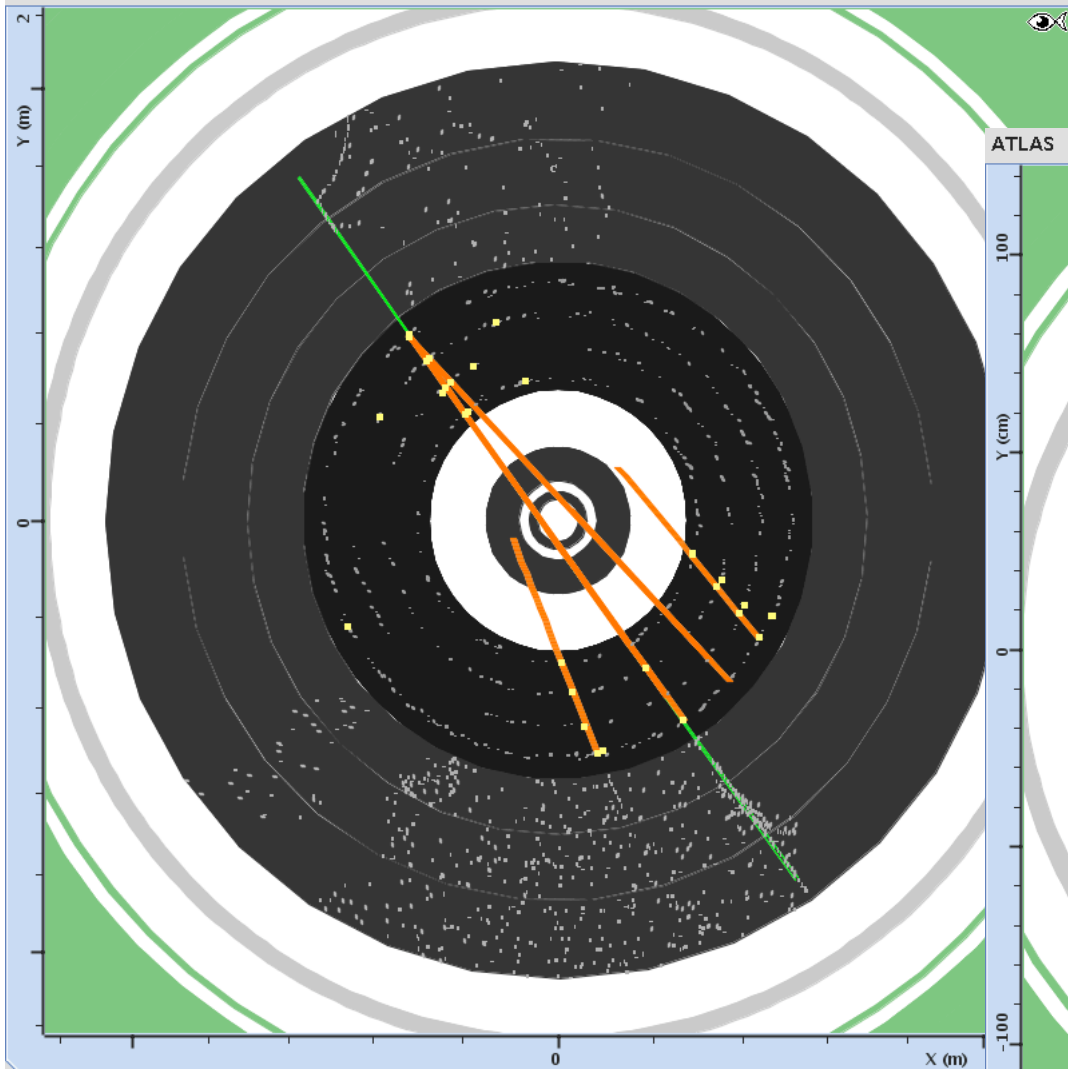
100 million website hits

Lead news story on television news across the world

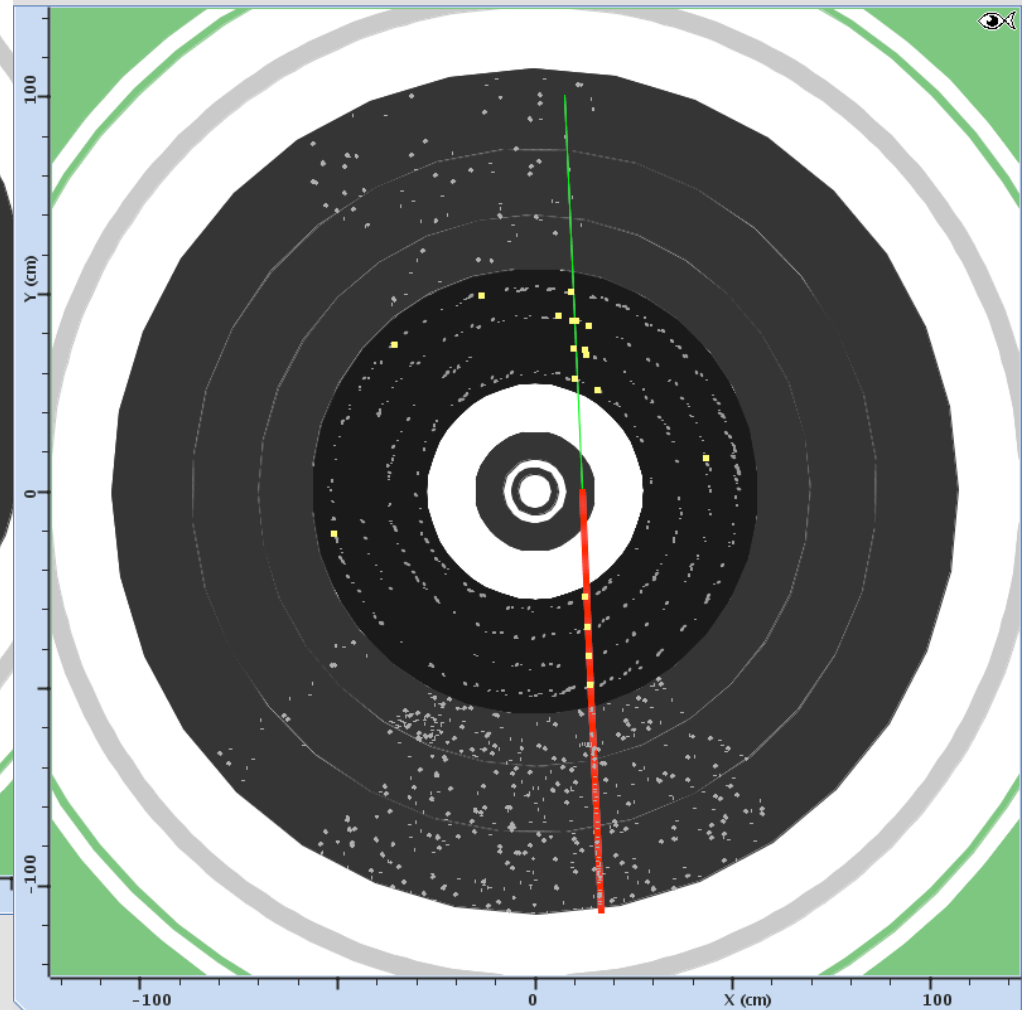


No beam: cosmic rays

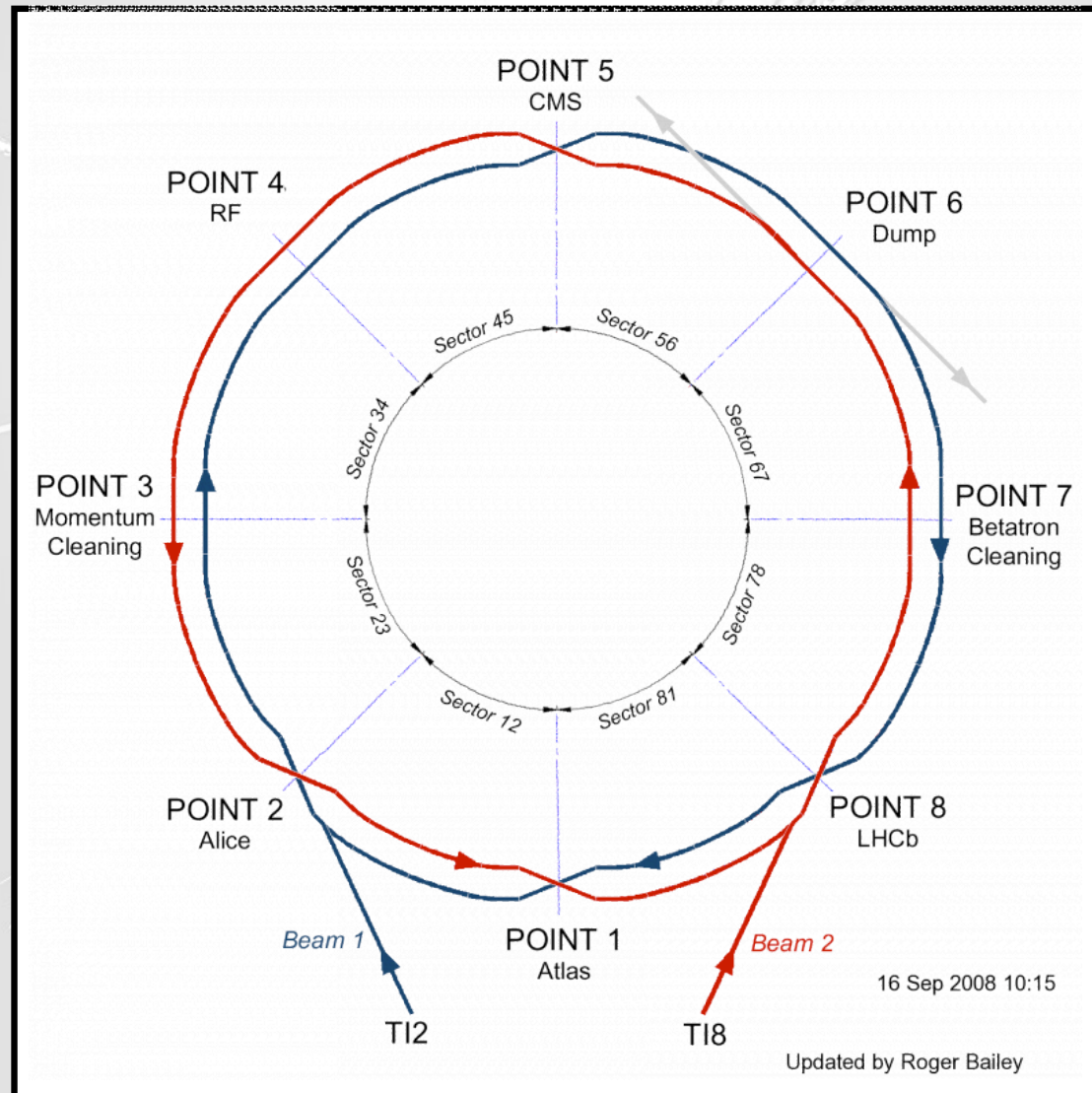
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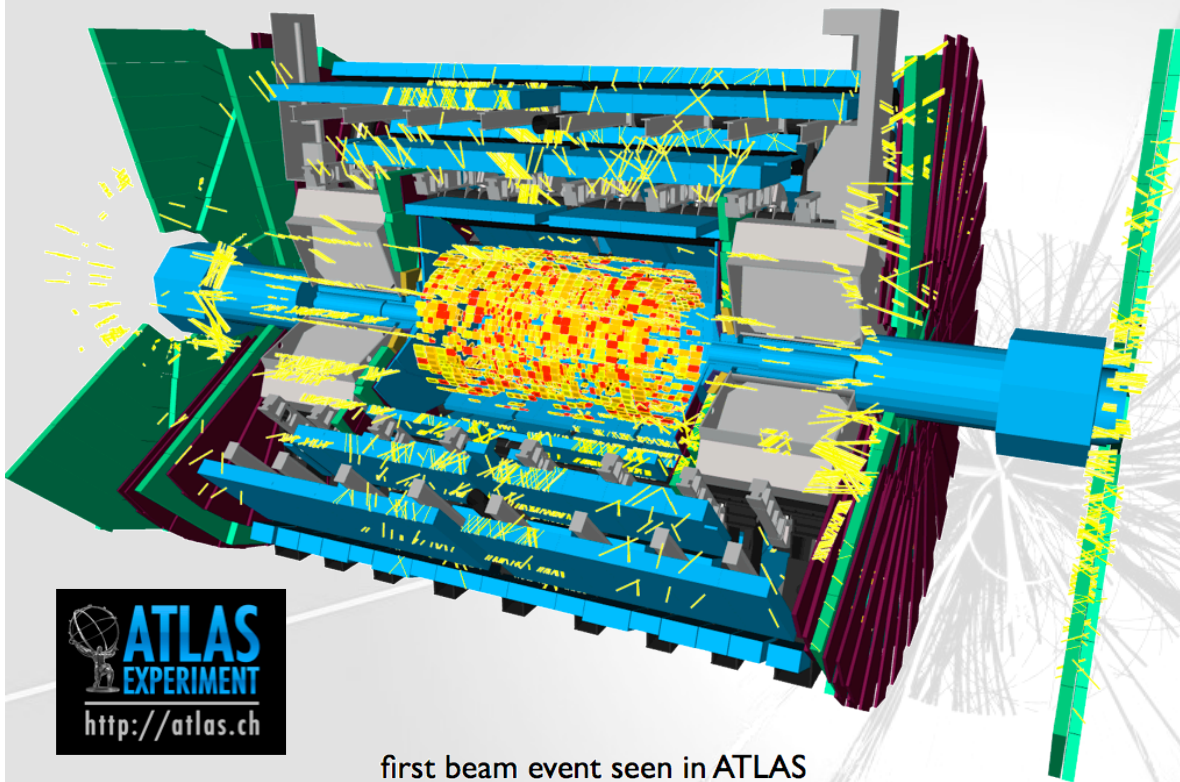
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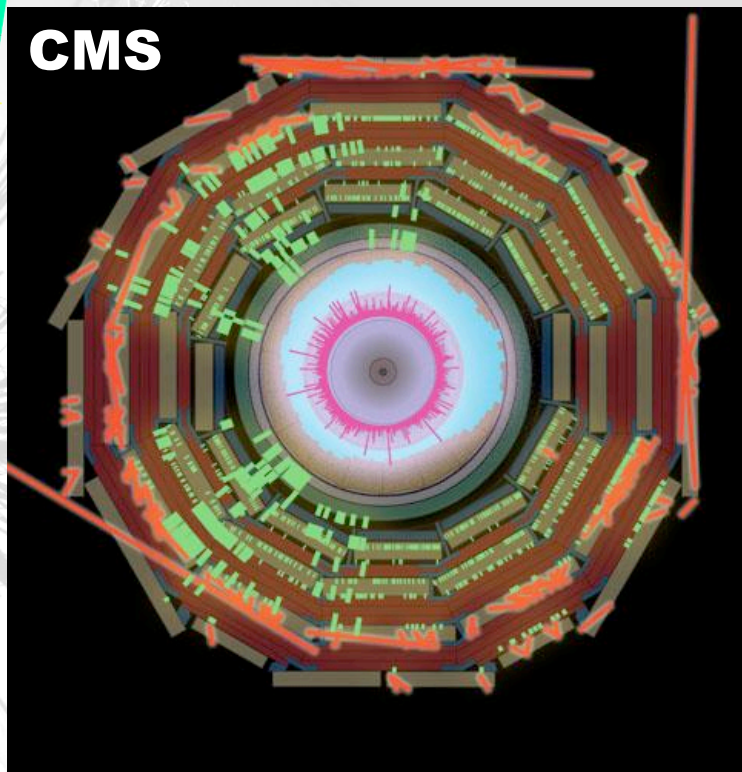
First beam: 10th September 2008



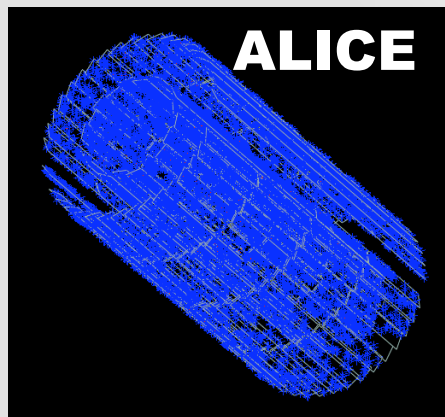
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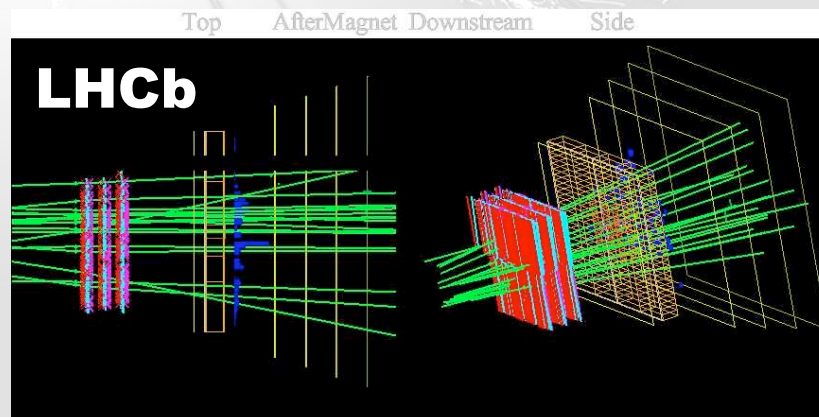
first beam event seen in ATLAS



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LHCb

Celebrations Over £5bn Big Bang

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Big Bang: Fight Bird Flu? >



1:29

Recreating Dawn Of Time >



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Wolff Explains Big Bang >



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1:09am UK, Thursday September 11, 2008

Scientists are celebrating the start of an experiment to re-create the big bang by smashing space and time into being 13.7bn years ago.



Scientists watch their computers as the first proton beam is fired.

Protons will be fired through a 17-mile tunnel and be made to smash into each other.

The first beam has completed its maiden journey at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) without incident.

The flashing of two white dots on a computer screen indicated that the protons had reached the final point of the largest particle accelerator.

This prompted a cheer and the popping of champagne corks - but there was still a long way to go.

Scientists fired up the second beam of protons - one of the building blocks of atoms - several hours later.

Its journey, which runs in the opposite direction to the first beam, also went off without a hitch.

The experiment is aiming to capture an image of the conditions that existed a billionth of a second after the Big Bang.

Physicist Dr Alan Barr, who is also in Geneva working on the project, told Sky News: "The atmosphere is absolutely electric. Things have gone really smoothly."

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19th Sept

“Teething troubles at the start-up phase are always possible...”

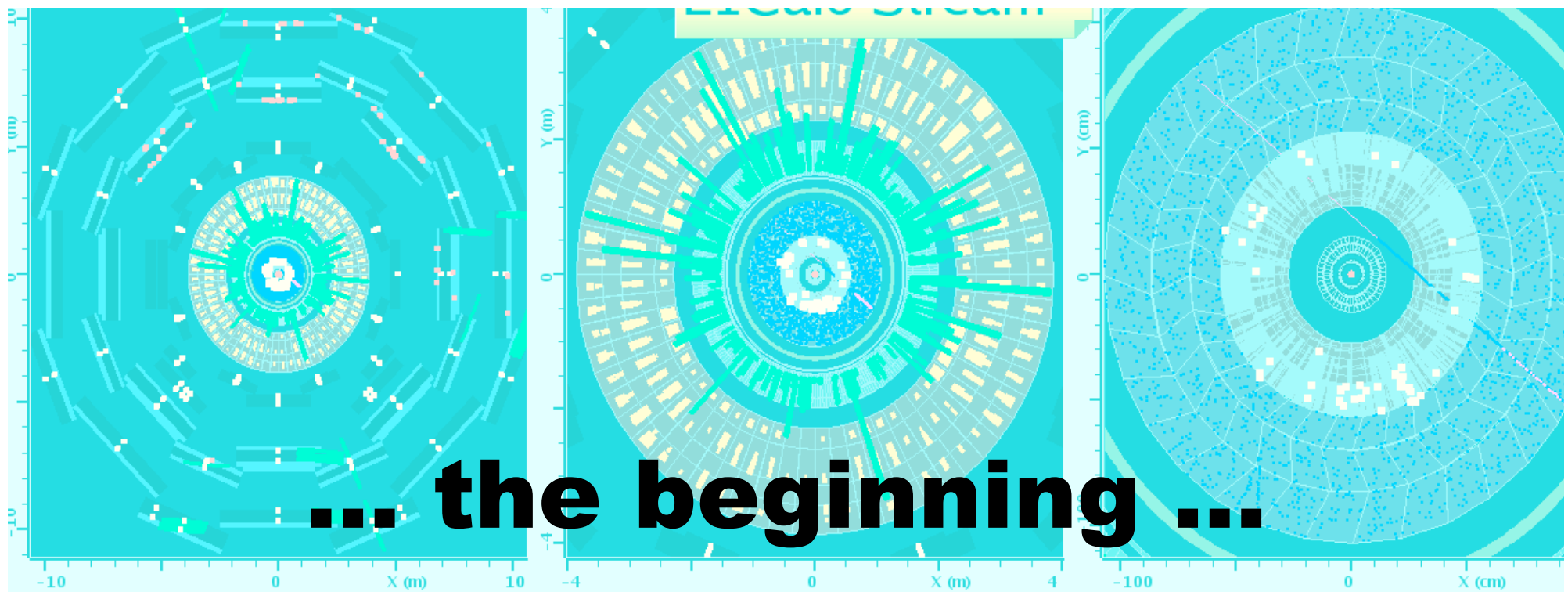
LHC re-start scheduled for 2009

PR10.08
23.09.2008

Geneva, 23 September 2008. Investigations at CERN¹ following a large helium leak into sector 3-4 of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) tunnel have indicated that the most likely cause of the incident was a faulty electrical connection between two of the accelerator's magnets. Before a full understanding of the incident can be established, however, the sector has to be brought to room temperature and the magnets involved opened up for inspection. This will take three to four weeks. Full details of this investigation will be made available once it is complete.

**Warm-up, fix and cool-down needed
Experiments will make the most of it**

- **make hardware fixes**
- **finish commissioning with cosmics**

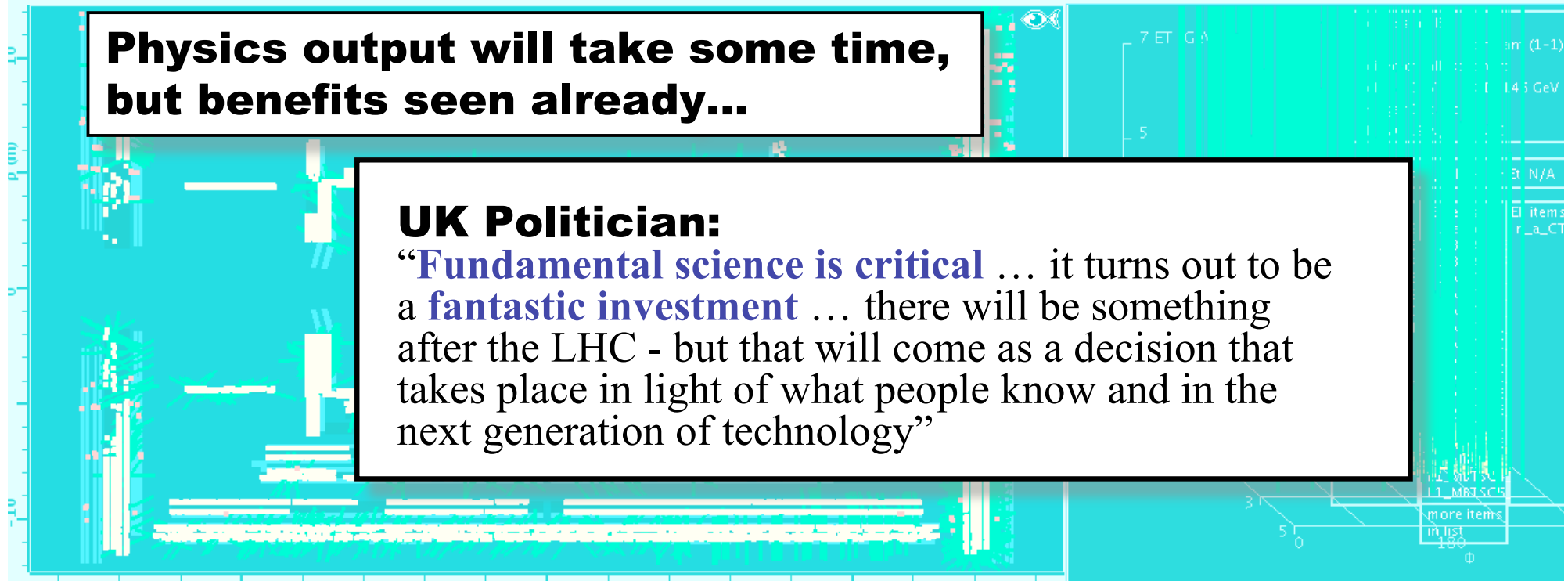


... the beginning ...

Physics output will take some time,
but benefits seen already...

UK Politician:

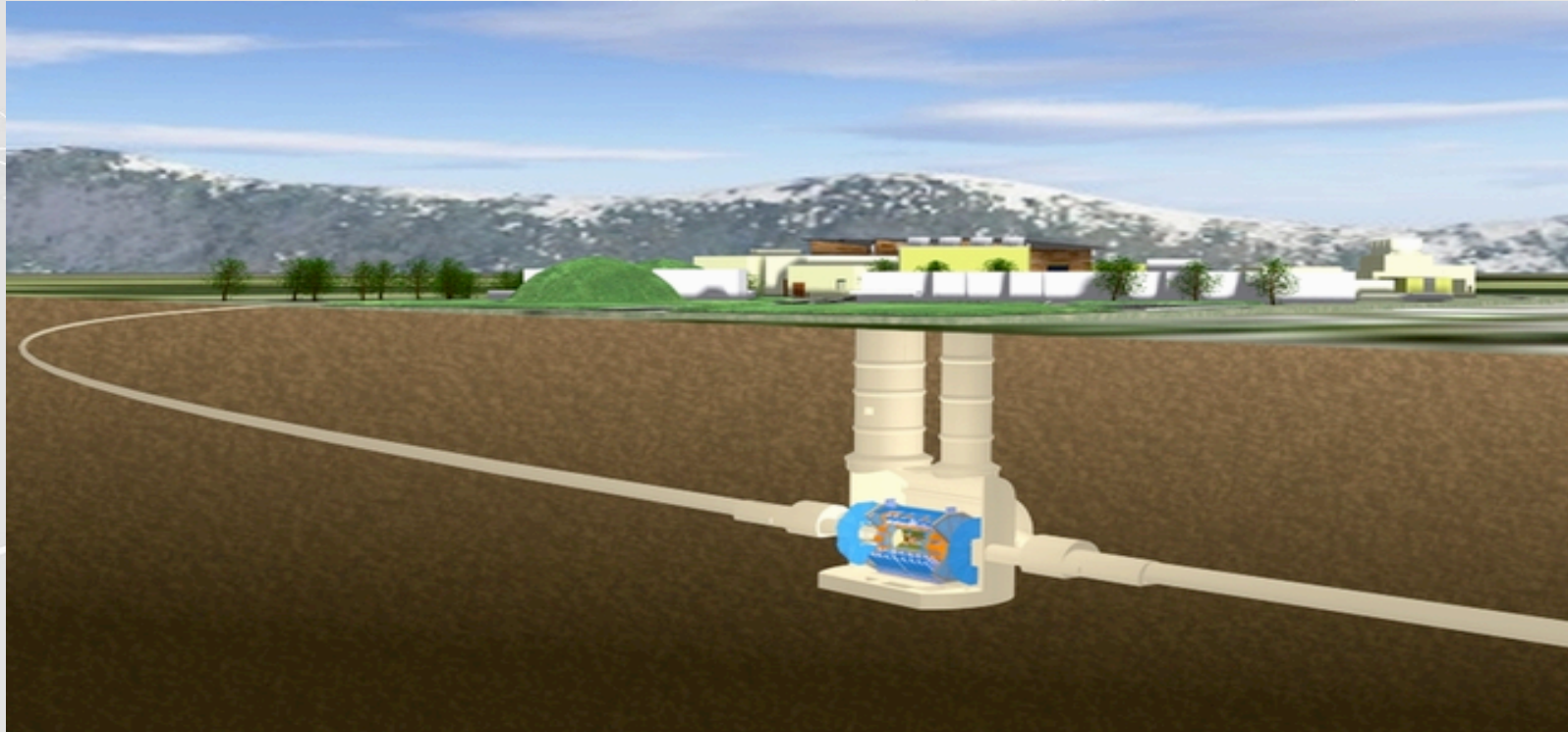
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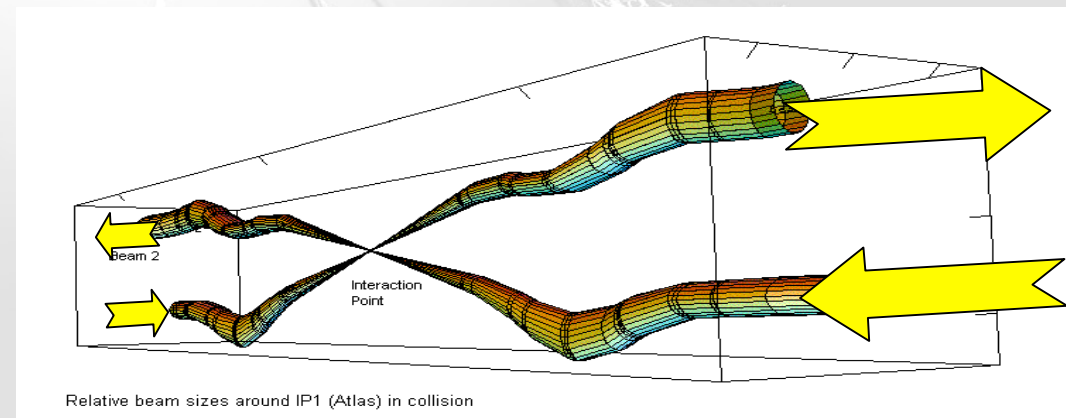
A black and white photograph of a dandelion seed head, viewed from a low angle looking up. The seed head is in the center, with many seeds blowing away from it, creating a sense of movement. The background is a bright, hazy sky. The word "Extras" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font across the middle of the seed head.

Extras

Collision points



At four places the beams intersect





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18.09.2008

LHC progress report, week 1

Geneva, 18 September 2008. After a spectacular start on 10 September, the commissioning with beam. To get beams around the ring in both directions of expectations, and the success continued through the night, with several hundred

“The LHC is on course for first [900 GeV] collisions in a matter of weeks.”

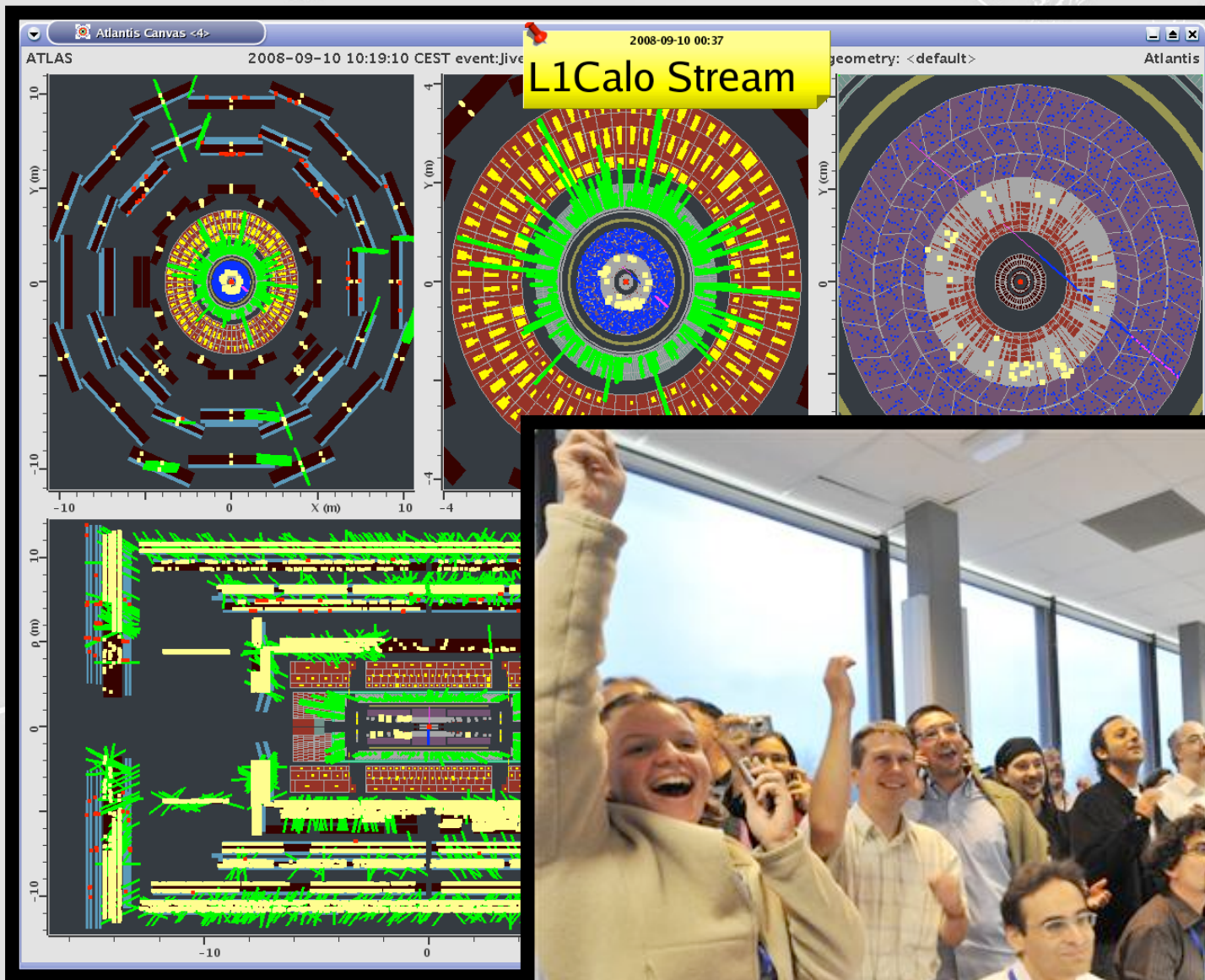
The next step in the commissioning process is to bring in the radio-frequency buncher, rather than spreading out around the ring, and will eventually accelerate them to 7 TeV. The RF system works by ‘capturing’ the beam, speeding up the slower moving particles and slowing down the faster ones so that the beam remains bunched into fine threads about 11 cm long. Without it, the beam quickly dissipates and cannot be used for physics.

On Thursday night, 11 September, beam two, the anti-clockwise beam, was captured and circled the ring for an hour before being safely extracted from the LHC. The next step is to repeat the process for beam one that is set to begin this week.

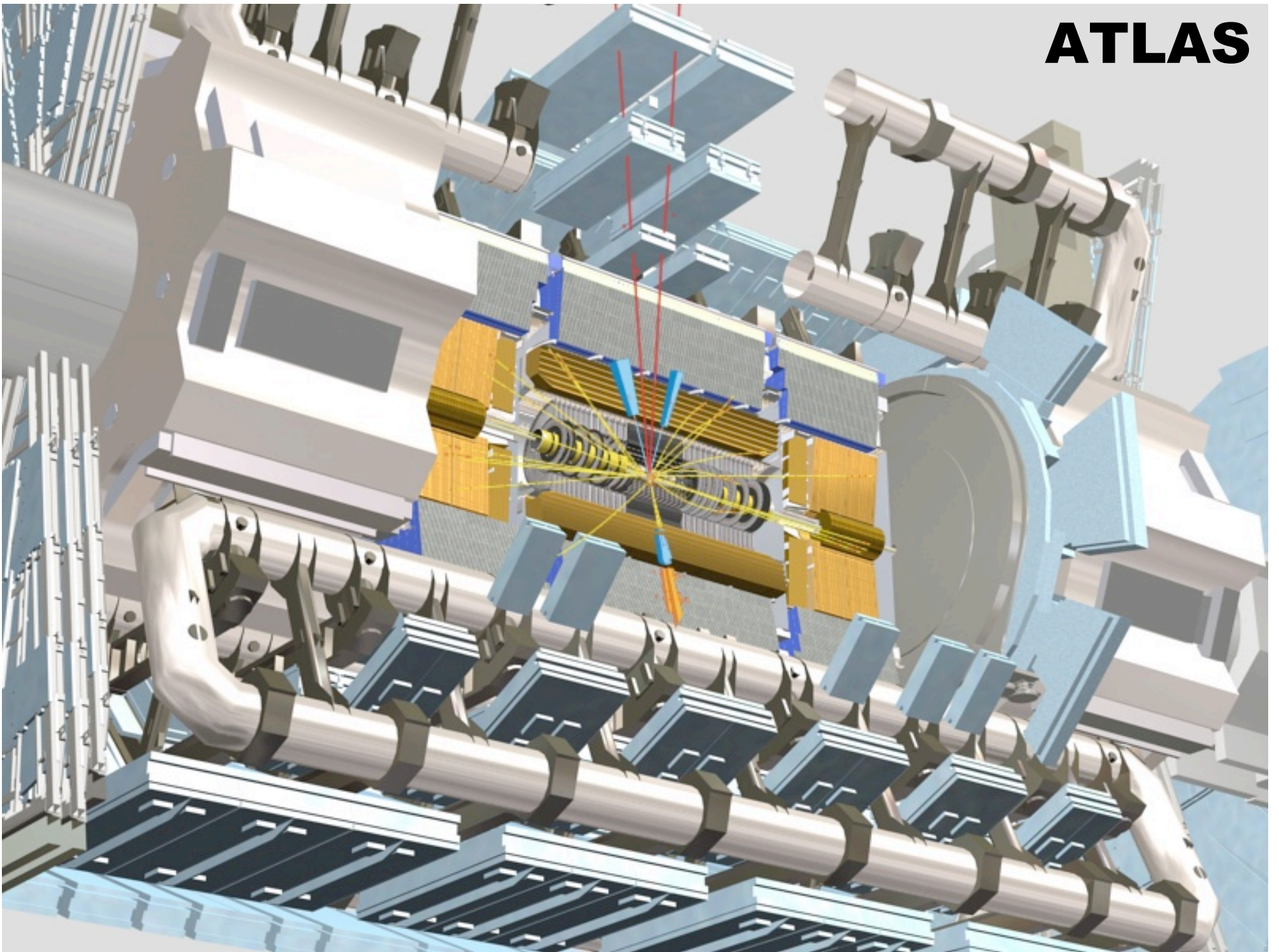
However...

The intervening time has been spent recovering cryogenic conditions after the failure of a power transformer on one of the surface points of the LHC switched off the main compressors of the cryogenics for two sectors of the machine. The transformer, weighing 30 tonnes and with a rating of 12 MVA, was exchanged over the weekend. During this process, the cryogenics system was put into a standby mode with the two sectors kept at around 4.5 K. Since the beginning of the week the cryogenics team have been busy re-cooling the magnets and preparing for operation with beam, which is currently forecast for today. The next stage of the commissioning will be single turn studies using beam one, followed by RF capture and circulating beam in both rings.

The LHC is on course for first collisions in a matter of weeks. Next update 24 September at the latest.



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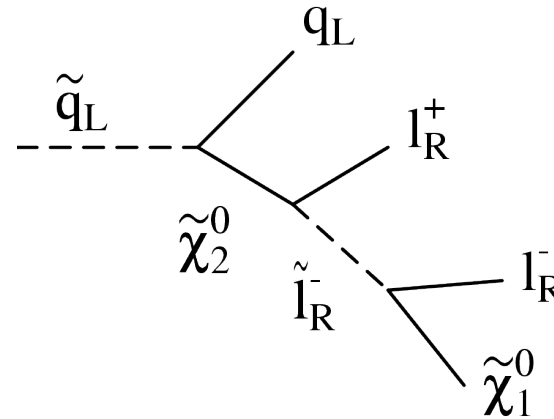
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Science as a whole benefits

Constraining masses

Mass constraints Invariant masses in pairs

- **Missing energy**
- **Kinematic edges**



Frequently-studied decay chain

Observable: Depends on:

$$m^2(l_1 l_2) = \frac{(m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}^2 - m_{\tilde{l}}^2)(m_{\tilde{l}}^2 - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}^2)}{m_{\tilde{l}}^2} \frac{1 - \cos \theta_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}}{2}$$

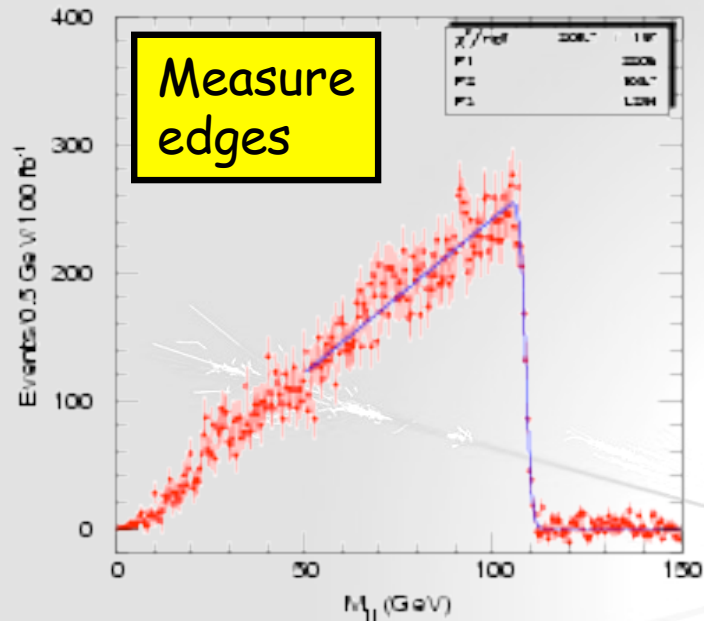
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$$m^2(q l_2) = \frac{1}{4} \frac{(m_{\tilde{q}}^2 - m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}^2)(m_{\tilde{l}}^2 - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}^2)}{m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}^2 m_{\tilde{l}}^2}$$

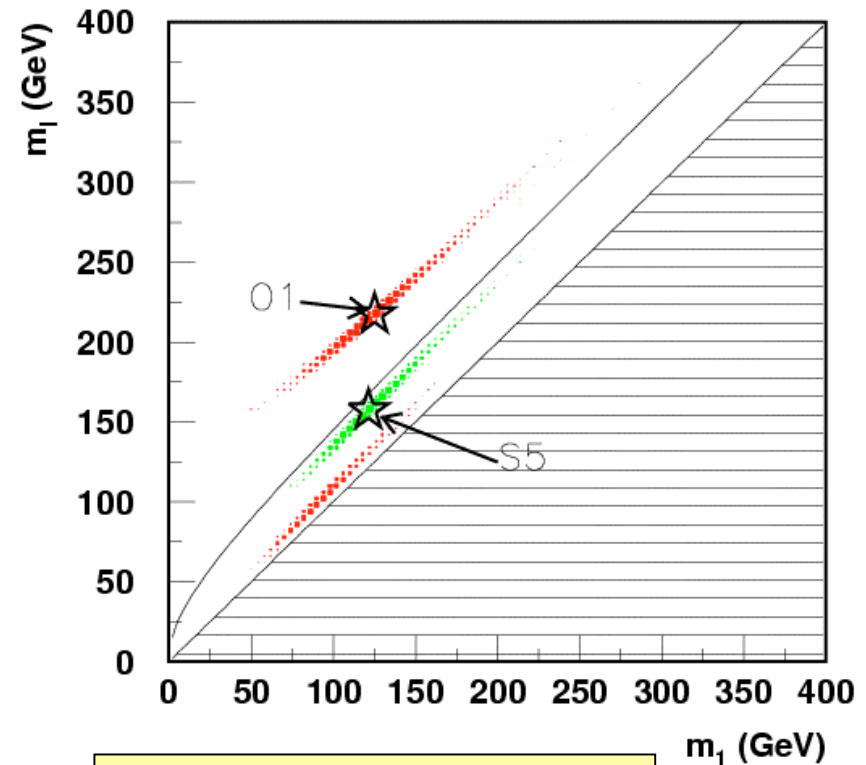
$$\times \left[m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}^2 (1 + \cos \theta_{\tilde{l}})(1 - \cos \theta_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}) + m_{\tilde{l}}^2 (1 - \cos \theta_{\tilde{l}})(1 + \cos \theta_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}) + 2m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} m_{\tilde{l}} \sin \theta_{\tilde{l}} \sin \theta_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \cos \phi_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \right].$$

Limits depend on angles between sparticle decays

Mass determination



Try various masses in equations



Variety of edges/variables

Basic technique

- Measure edges
- Try with different SUSY points
- Find likelihood of fitting data

Event-by-event likelihood

- In progress

- Narrow bands in ΔM
- Wider in mass scale
- Improve using cross-section information

SUSY mass measurements:

LHC clearly cannot fully constrain all parameters of mSUGRA

- **However it makes good constraints**
 - **Particularly good at mass differences [$O(1\%)$]**
 - **Not so good at mass scale**
 - **[$O(10\%)$ from direct measurements]**
 - **Mass scale possibly best “measured” from cross-sections**
- **Often have >1 interpretation**
 - **What solution to end-point formula is relevant?**
 - **Which neutralino was in this decay chain?**
 - **What was the “chirality” of the slepton “ “ “ ?**
 - **Was it a 2-body or 3-body decay?**

SUSY spin measurements

**The defining property
of supersymmetry**

- **Distinguish from e.g.
similar-looking Universal
Extra Dimensions**

**Difficult to measure @
LHC**

- **No polarised beams**
- **Missing energy**
- **Indeterminate initial
state from pp collision**

**Nevertheless, we have
some very good
chances...**



Universal Extra Dimensions

TeV-scale universal extra dimension model

Kaluza-Klein states of SM particles

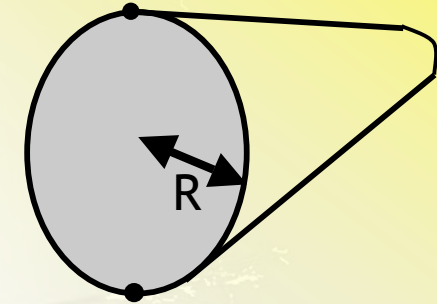
▪ **same QN's as SM**

▪ $m_n^2 \approx m_0^2 + n^2/R^2$
[+ boundary terms]

▪ **KK parity:**

- **From P conservation in extra dimension**
- **1st KK mode pair-produced**
- **Lightest KK state stable, and weakly interacting**

KK tower of masses $n=0,1,\dots$



Radius of extra dimension $\sim \text{TeV}^{-1}$
 S_1/Z_2

First KK level looks a *lot* like SUSY

BUT same spin as SM

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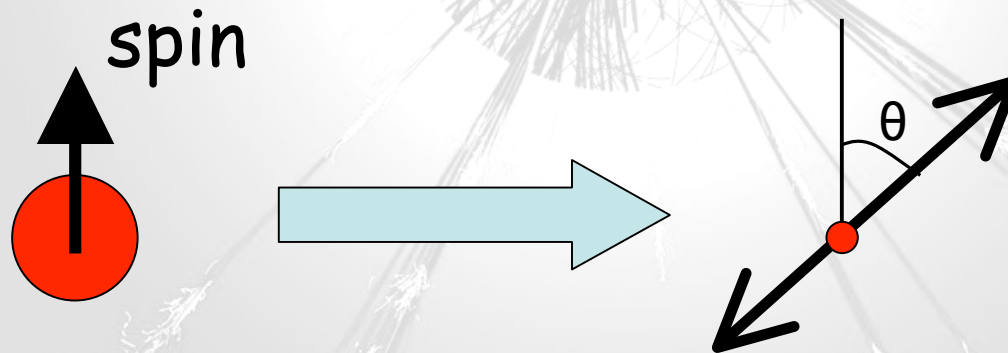
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Dubbed "Bosonic Supersymmetry"

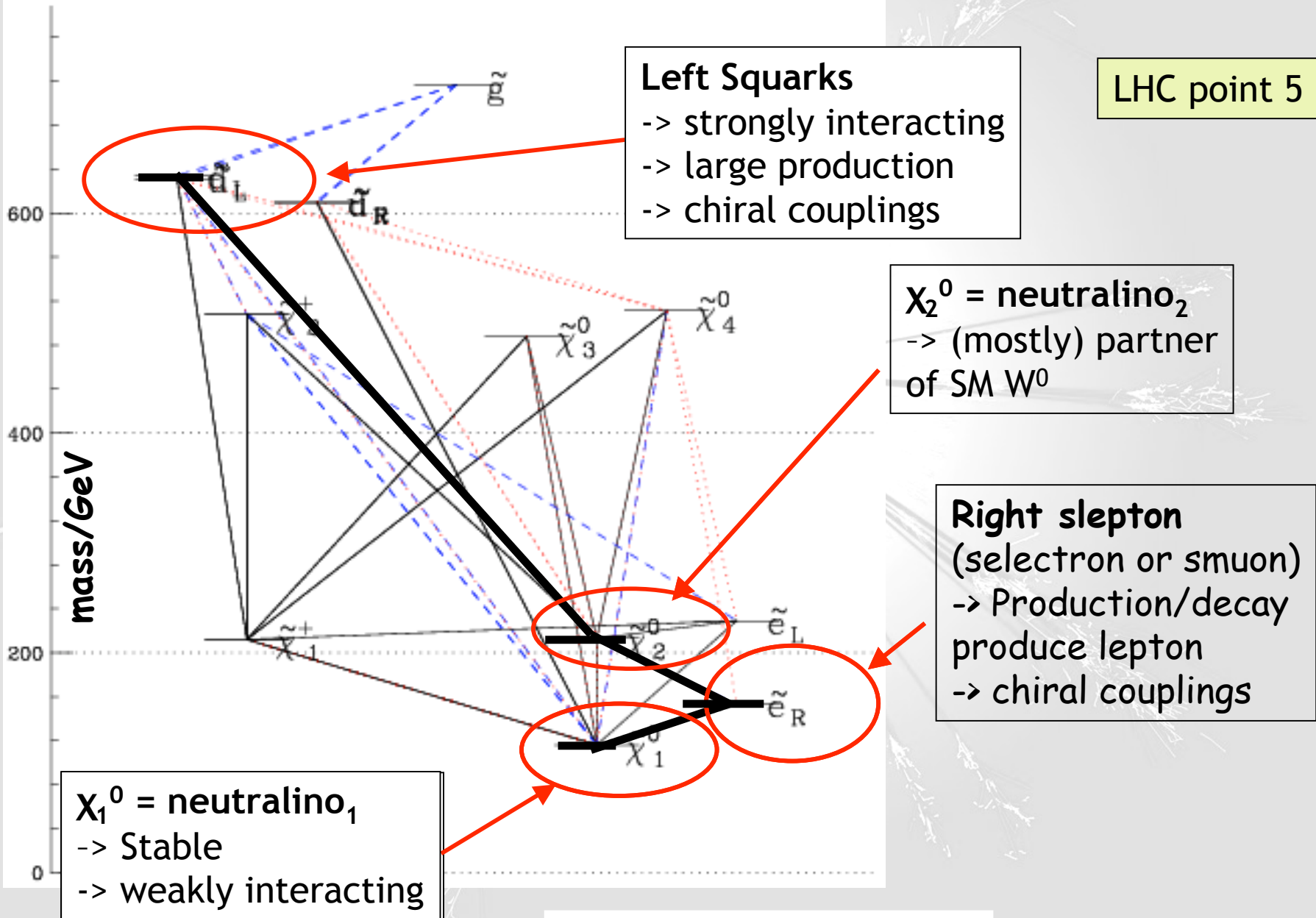
Measuring spins of particles

Basic recipe:

- Produce polarised particle
- Look at angular distributions in its decay

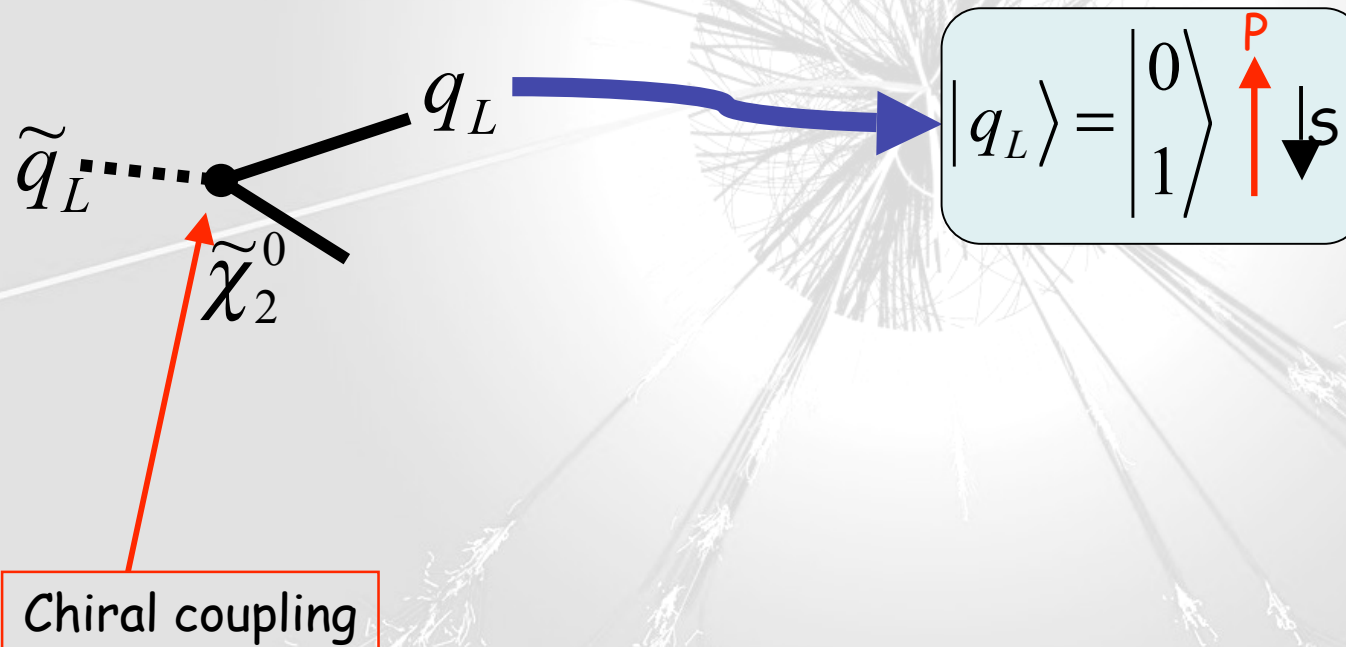


Revisit "Typical" sparticle spectrum



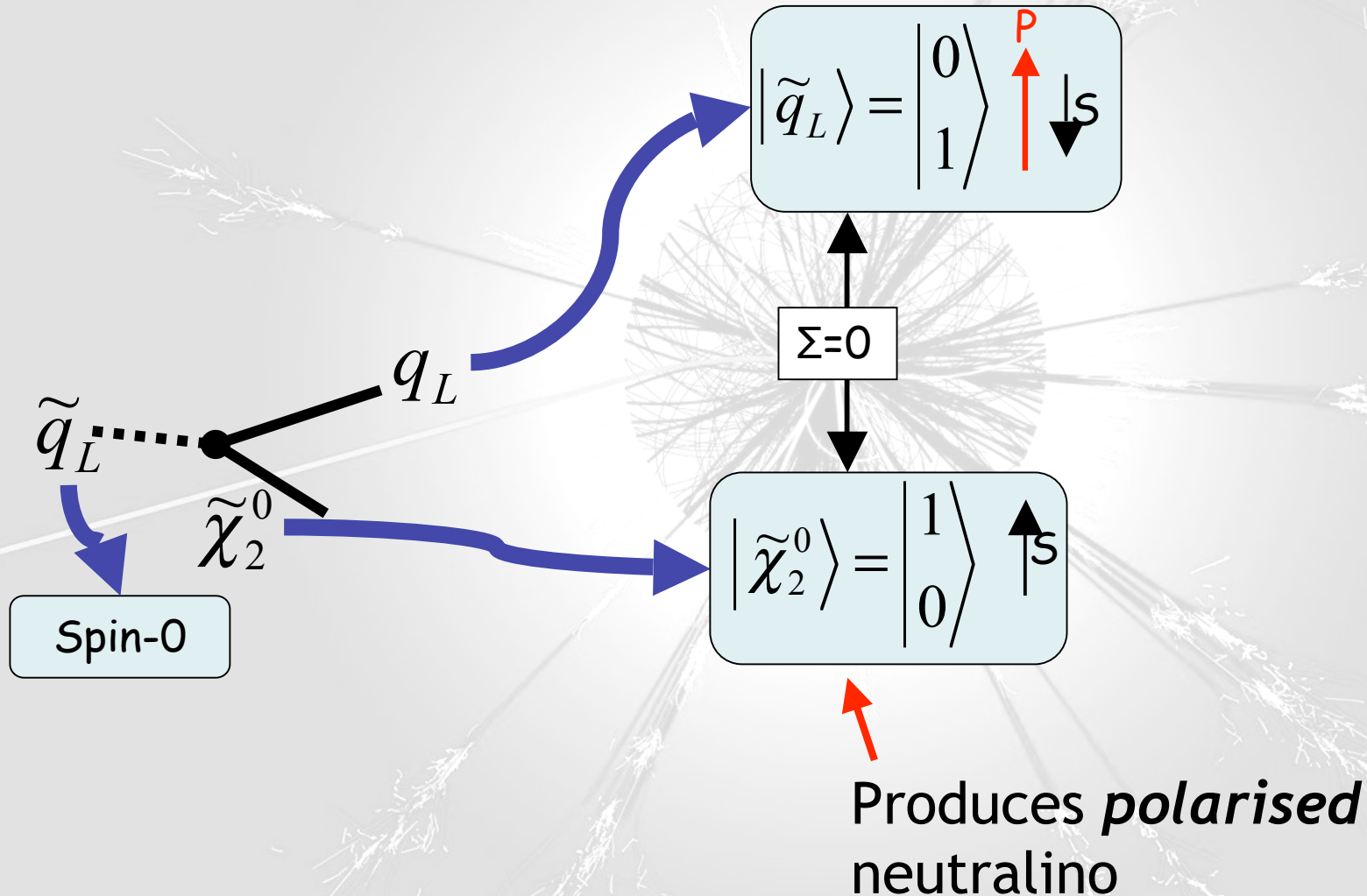
Some sparticles omitted

Spin projection factors



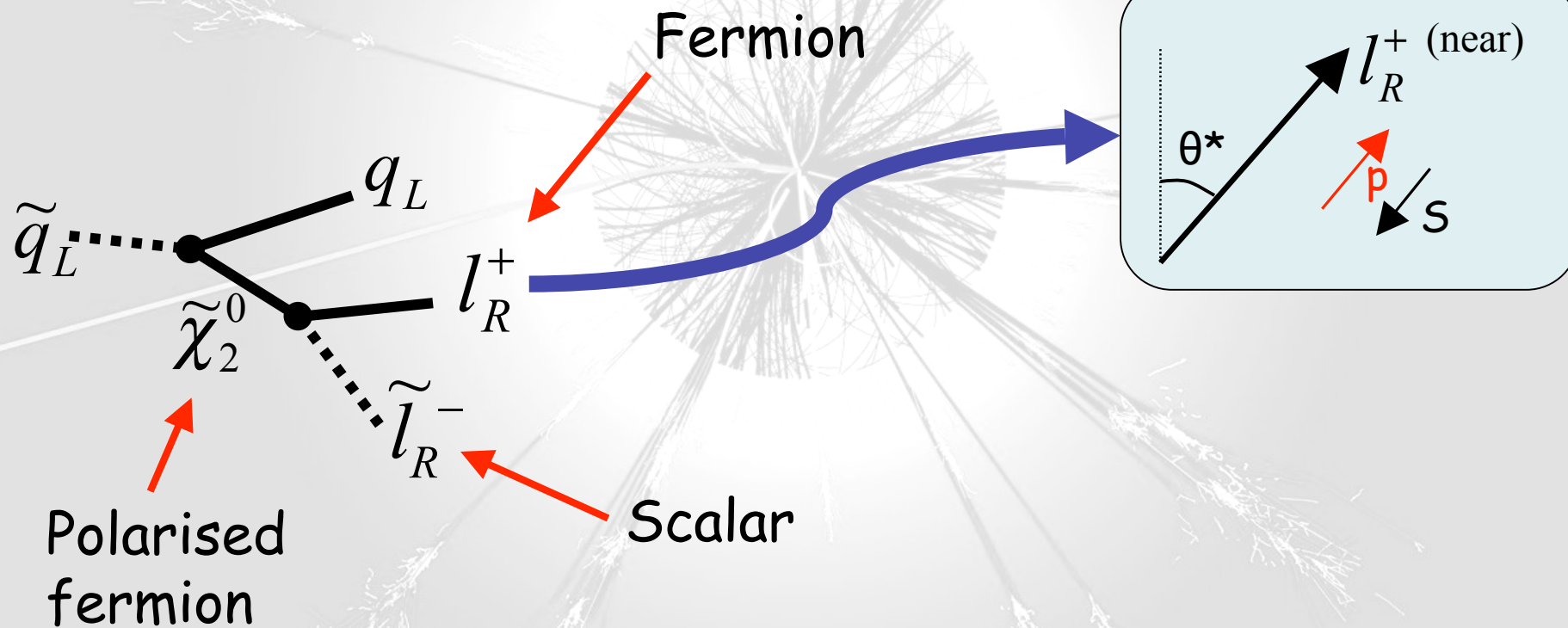
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Spin projection factors



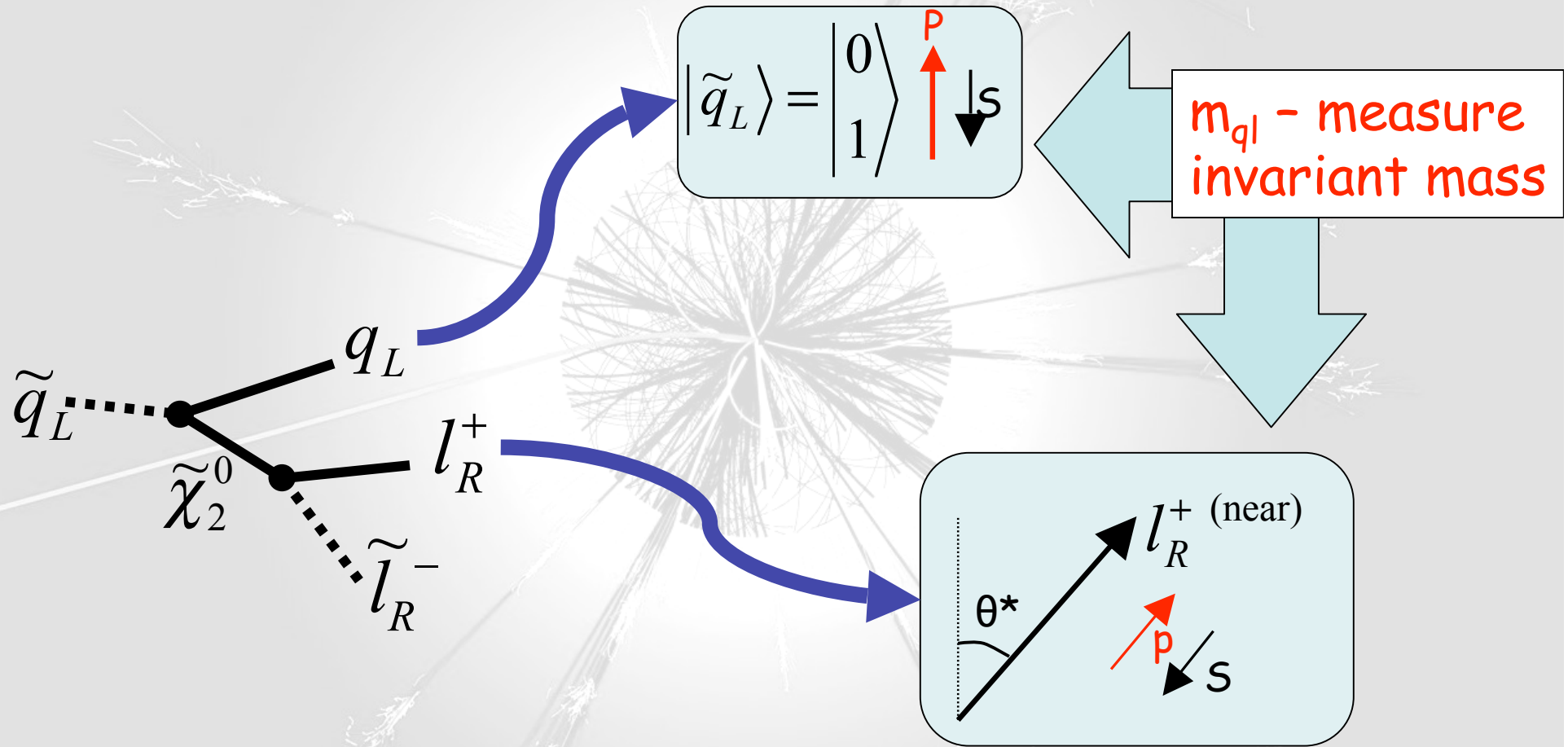
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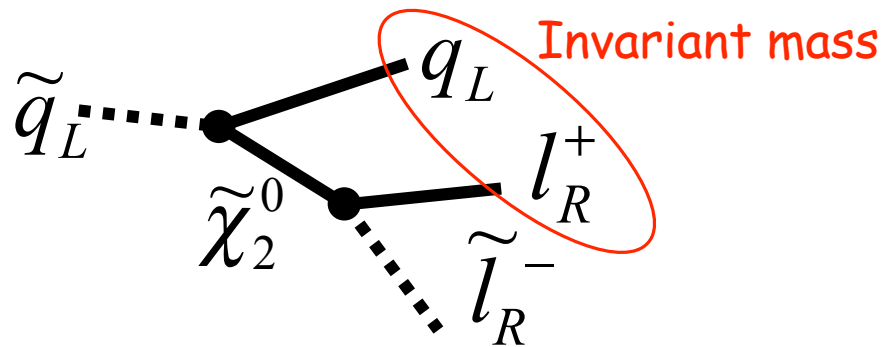
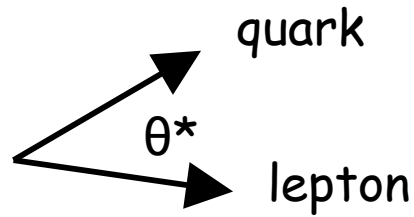
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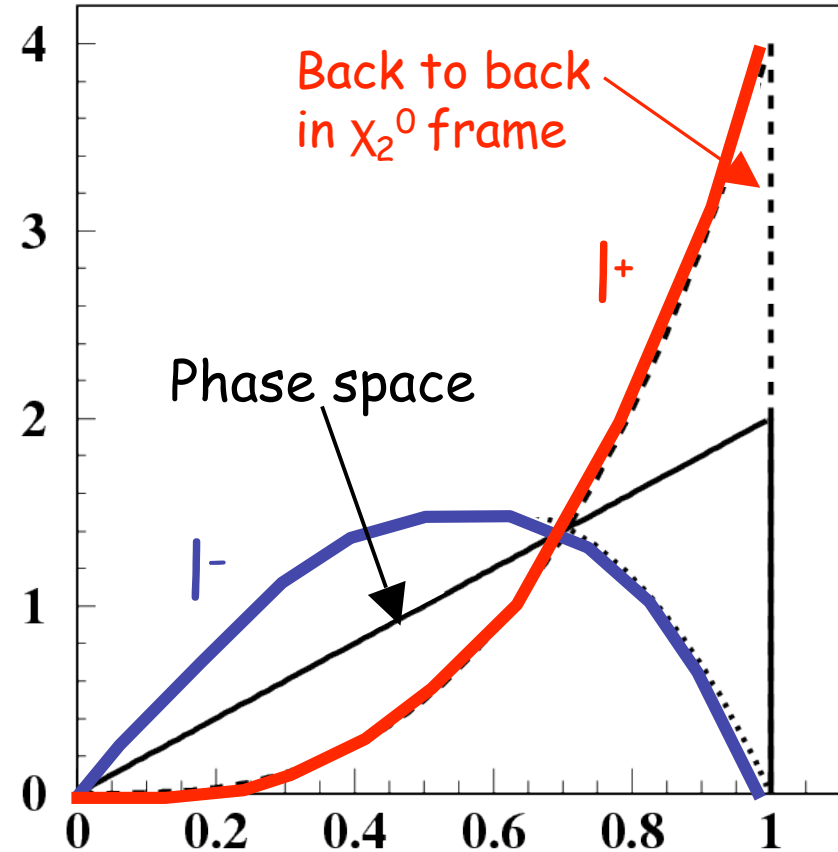


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Invariant mass



Probability



$$m/m_{\max} = \sin \frac{1}{2} \theta^*$$

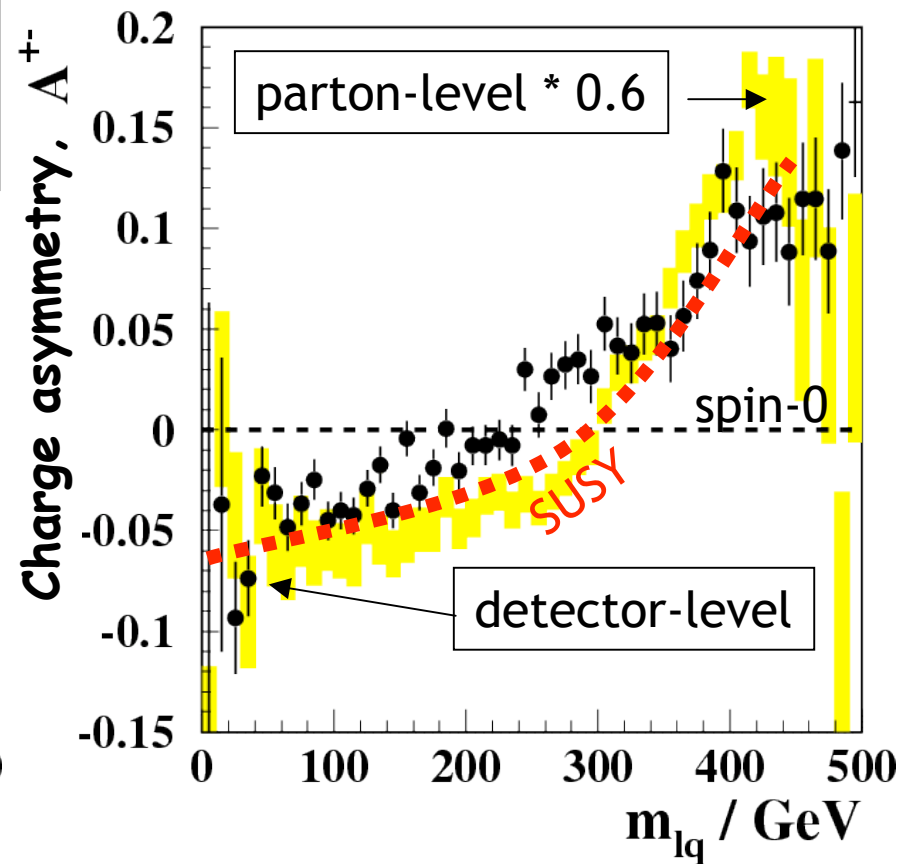
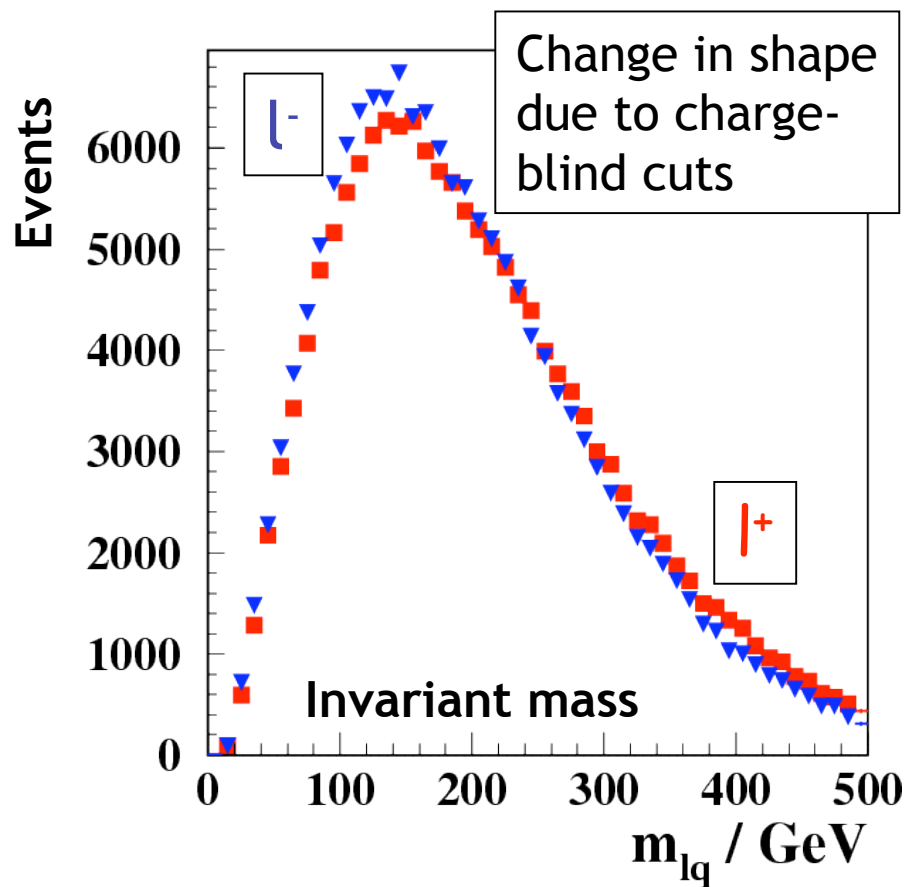
Phase space \rightarrow factor of $\sin \frac{1}{2} \theta^*$

Spin projection factor in $|M|^2$:

$$l^+q \rightarrow \sin^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta^*$$

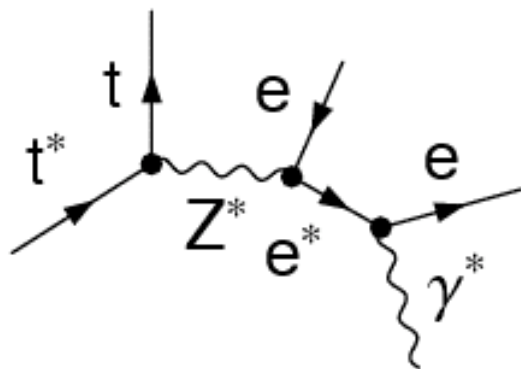
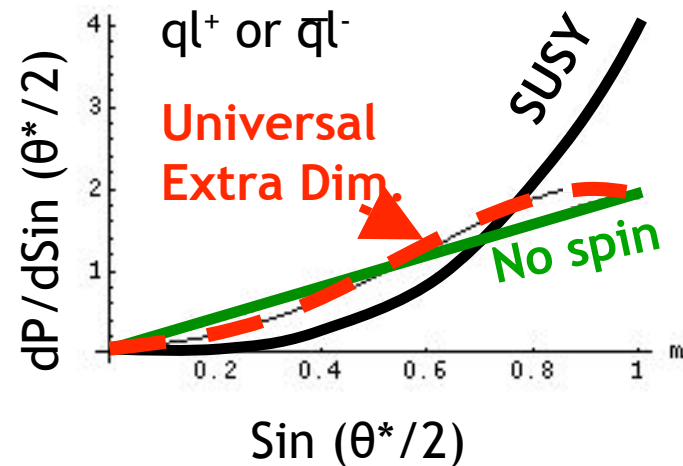
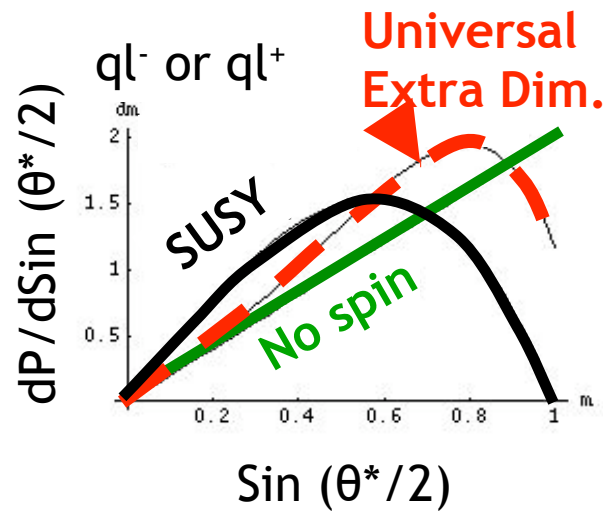
$$l^-q \rightarrow \cos^2 \frac{1}{2} \theta^*$$

After detector simulation



- > Charge asymmetry survives detector simulation
- > Same shape as parton level (but with BG and smearing)

Distinguishing between models



As expected, UED differs from all-scalar (no-spin) and from SUSY

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