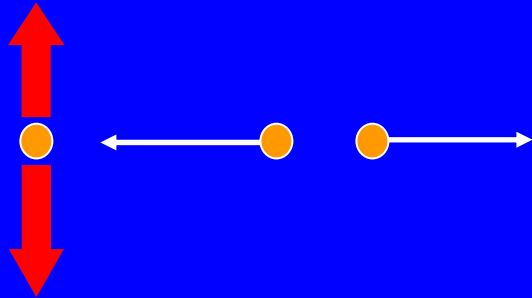


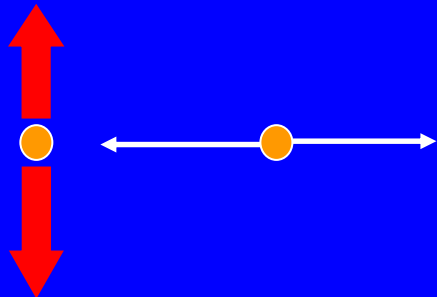
# QUARTIC Background Rejection (UTA)

- 1) 2 single diffractive protons overlaid with a hard scatter (1% of interactions have a proton at 420m)



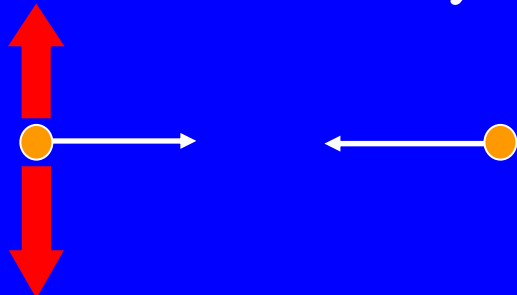
97.4% of events primary vertex and fake vertex from combining proton times more than 2.1mm ( $1\sigma$ ) apart ; 94.8% if 20 psec

- 2) double pomeron overlaid with a hard scatter



97.8% of time vertices more than 2.1mm apart; 95.6% if 20 psec

- 3) hard SD overlaid with a soft SD



95.5% of time primary vertex and fake vertex more than 2.1mm apart; 91.0% if 20 psec

# Background Rejection

- Big issue is fake background, not multiple proton background, we (I) do not know absolute magnitudes
- What I think is needed: generate inclusive SD +DPE (Phojet, other), Hard SD (Pomwig/other), inclusive Higgs (no protons Herwig/Pythia), SD Higgs (Pomwig/other)
- Track protons to 420m
- Apply kinematic constraints, comparison of missing mass to central mass, apply additional constraints from timing and see to what luminosity FP420 is feasible

**This could be showstopper, needs concerted effort/task force**