



Introduction to Hadron Collider Physics

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INTRODUCTION

Ingredients of the
Standard Model

Length, energy...

$$\text{Energy, } E \quad \xleftrightarrow[E=\hbar\omega]{\hbar} \quad \text{Pulsation, } \omega \sim \frac{1}{T}$$

$$c \quad \updownarrow \quad E = pc$$

$$\text{Momentum, } p \quad \xleftrightarrow[p=\frac{\hbar}{\lambda}]{\hbar} \quad \text{Wave length, } \lambda$$

Quantum mechanics : Energy and 1/Time are equivalent

Special relativity : Time and space are equivalent

c and \hbar are only conversion factor due to our definition of units in the international system (Joule, meter, second,...)

$\hbar = c = 1$, dimensionless

... and elementarity

Compton wavelength : $E = \frac{hc}{\lambda}$

Length scale \leftrightarrow Energy scale

To probe a system a size L ,

if $\lambda \gg L$: system looks punctual = elementary particle

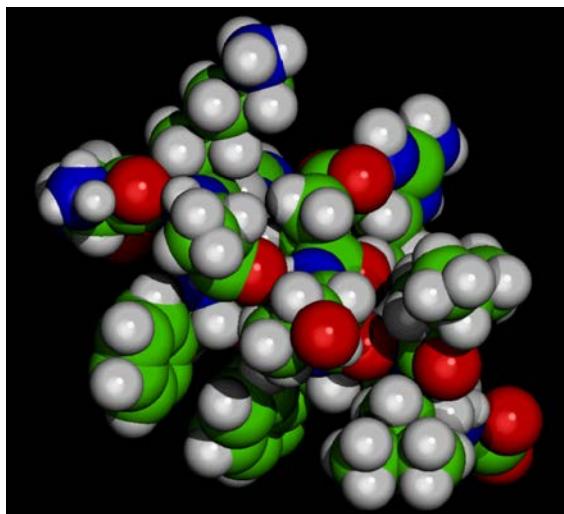
if $\lambda \ll L$: may be sensitive to substructure

Smaller scales \leftrightarrow Greater energies

Nucleon size : $\lambda \sim \text{fm} (10^{-15}\text{m}) \rightarrow E \sim 100 \text{ MeV (QCD scale)}$

Tevatron/LHC : $E \sim 1-10 \text{ TeV} \rightarrow \lambda \sim 10^{-18} - 10^{-19} \text{ m}$

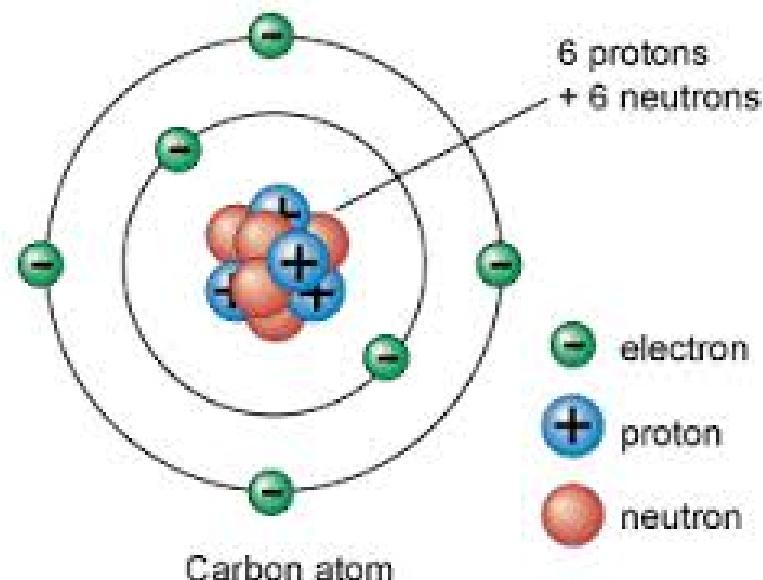
Ordinary matter



Electron

Nucleus

Electromagnetism : photons



Condensed matter physics,
statistical physics and
thermodynamics, chemistry

Nuclear forces

Nucleus is composed of

protons (EM charge +1)

neutrons (neutral)

Unstable under electrostatic interaction (Coulomb repulsion)

Need an **extra interaction to glue the nucleons together**

Strong interaction

Nucleons can **change into one another** : beta decay

$$n \rightarrow p e^- \nu_e \quad \text{and} \quad p \rightarrow n e^+ \nu_e$$

This require an additional fermion : neutrino

Weak interaction

NO LARGE SCALE EFFECTS : SHORT RANGE INTERACTION

Relativistic equation

Classical quantum equation (“Schrödinger equation”):

$$E = \frac{p^2}{2m} \quad \xrightleftharpoons[\substack{E \rightarrow i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \vec{p} \rightarrow i\hbar \vec{\nabla}}]{\text{quantization}} \quad i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t} \varphi = -\frac{\hbar^2}{2m} \vec{\nabla}^2 \varphi$$

Relativistic quantum equation (“Klein-Gordon equation”):

$$E^2 = p^2 c^2 + m^2 c^4 \quad \xrightleftharpoons[\substack{E \rightarrow i\hbar \frac{\partial}{\partial t}, \vec{p} \rightarrow i\hbar \vec{\nabla}}]{} \quad \square \psi + \frac{m^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} \psi = 0$$

For a static charge :

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 \psi + \frac{m^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} \psi = 0$$

Yukawa potential

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 \psi + \frac{m^2 c^2}{\hbar^2} \psi = 0$$

Massless particle : Laplace equation

In electrostatic as the equation for the potential

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 V = 0 \implies V = \frac{g}{r}$$

The photon is **massless** : infinite range

If **massive vector** :

$$\vec{\nabla}^2 U = \frac{mc^2}{\hbar} U \implies \frac{1}{r^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left(r \frac{\partial U}{\partial r} \right) = \frac{mc^2}{\hbar} U \implies U(r) = \frac{g}{r} e^{-r/R}$$

Yukawa potential : finite range $R = \frac{\hbar}{mc}$

Interactions

energy/momentum exchange via a mediator particle

Electromagnetism :

infinite range, massless particle : the PHOTON

Weak interaction :

finite range << nuclear radius, massive vectors

W^+ , W^- , Z masses ~ 100 GeV, range $\sim 10^{-18}$ m

typical interaction times : 10^{-12} s

Strong interaction (nuclear)

finite range \sim fm (nucleus size) : massive pions (140 MeV)

Rem : nuclear interactions are only an effective interaction resulting from strong interaction between quarks

Standard model particles

Model interaction
between fermions
quarks
leptons

Through boson
exchange

EM : γ

weak : W^+ , W^- , Z
strong : gluons

Extra stuff :
Higgs boson

fermions (3 générations de la matière)				bosons (forces)
Quarks	I	II	III	
masse →	2.4 MeV	1.27 GeV	171.2 GeV	0
charge →	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	0
spin →	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
nom →	u up	c charm	t top	γ photon
	d down	s strange	b bottom	g gluon
	<2.2 eV	<0.17 MeV	<15.5 MeV	91.2 GeV
	0	0	0	0
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1
	ν_e neutrino électronique	ν_μ neutrino muonique	ν_τ neutrino tauique	Z° boson Z°
Leptons	e électron	μ muon	τ tau	W^\pm boson W^\pm
	0.511 MeV	105.7 MeV	1.777 GeV	$\sim 126 \text{ GeV}$
	-1	-1	-1	0
	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
	Higgs			

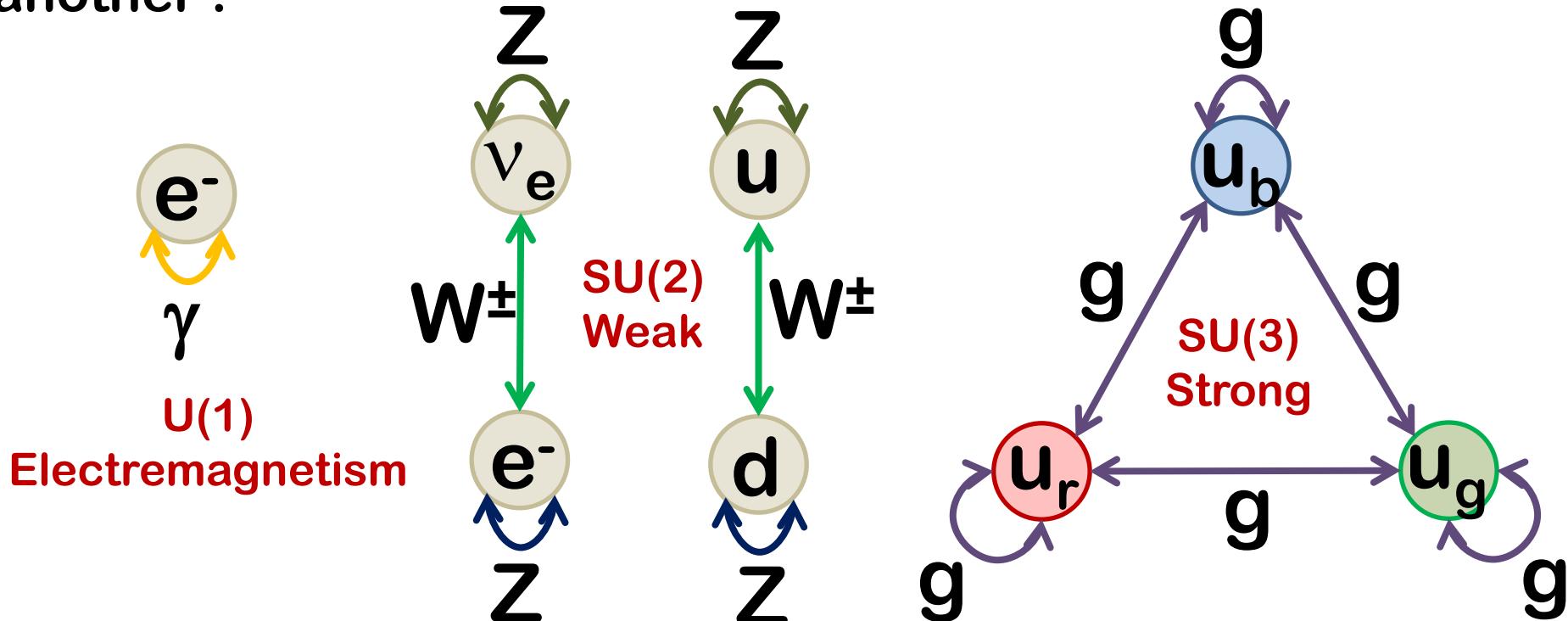
Gauge theories

Regroup particles into **multiplets**

Particle from a same multiplet behave identically with respect of an interaction :

different states of a same object

Interaction modify objects within the multiplet into one another :



Hidden behind this : Lie group theory and representations 11

The strong interaction

Main differences with respect to electromagnetism

- * 3 charges (red, blue, green) instead of 1
- * 8 bosons (gluons) instead of 1
- * gluons carry color charge : self interactions

Coupling goes up at low energy

→ **Confinement** : only (color)neutral bound states can exist the hadrons

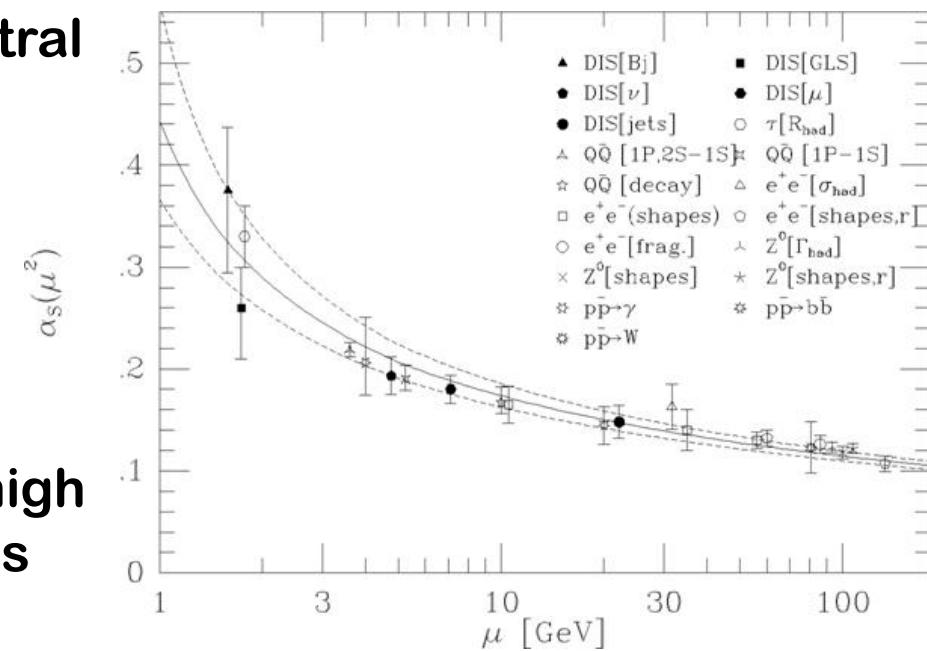
Baryons : 3 quarks (all 3 colors)

neutron, proton,...

Mesons : quark-antiquark
pions, kaons...

→ **Asymptotic freedom** : at very high energy, quarks behaves as electrons

→ **Perturbative calculation** possible
only at high energies



The weak interaction

Electroweak interaction : (formal) unification of electromagnetic and weak interactions

Neutral currents : Z boson exchange

Charged currents : W^+ / W^- exchange

only SM interaction that can **change flavour**

within $SU(2)$ multiplets : $e \leftrightarrow \nu_e$, $\mu \leftrightarrow \nu_\mu$, $\tau \leftrightarrow \nu_\tau$
 $d \leftrightarrow u$, $s \leftrightarrow c$, $b \leftrightarrow t$

between families of quarks (flavour mixing)

Broken symmetry : particles in the multiplets are clearly not the same (different masses !)

Solved by **Higgs mechanism**

19 Free parameters

Model parameters : unpredicted by theory, need measure

Gauge theory (interactions)

Interaction intensity or coupling : 3 interactions

α_{Strong} , α_{EM} , α_{Weak}

Masses of the fermions :

Yukawa couplings to the Higgs field : 9(+3) massive fermions

$m_u, m_d, m_s, m_c, m_b, m_t, m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau, (m_{\nu e}, m_{\nu \mu}, m_{\nu \tau})$

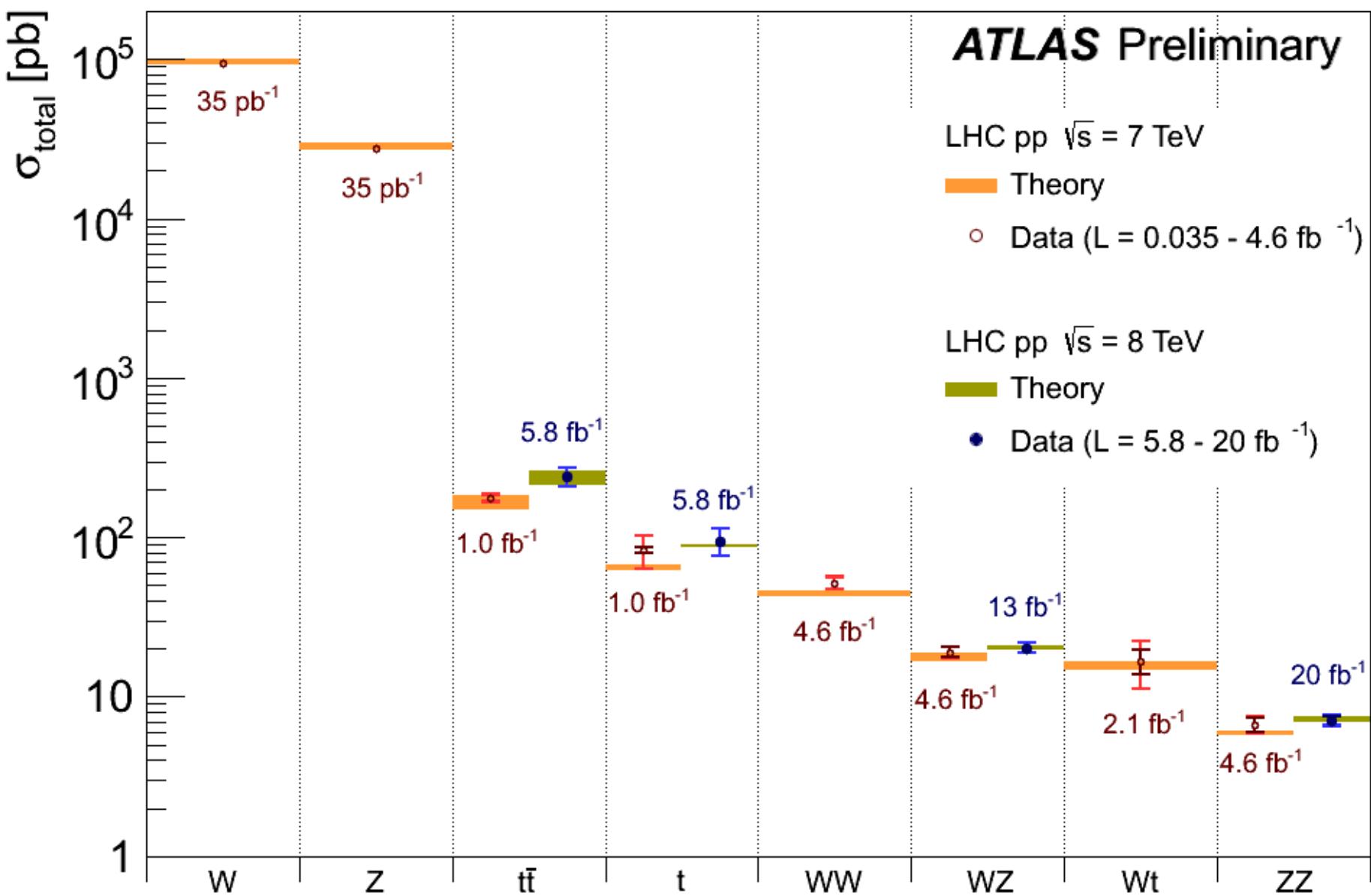
Masses of weak bosons and Higgs mechanism :

2 parameters : Higgs mass m_H and self-coupling λ

Quarks flavour mixing : 3 angles +1 phase

Strong CP violation : 1 phase (=0 ?)

Standard model observables

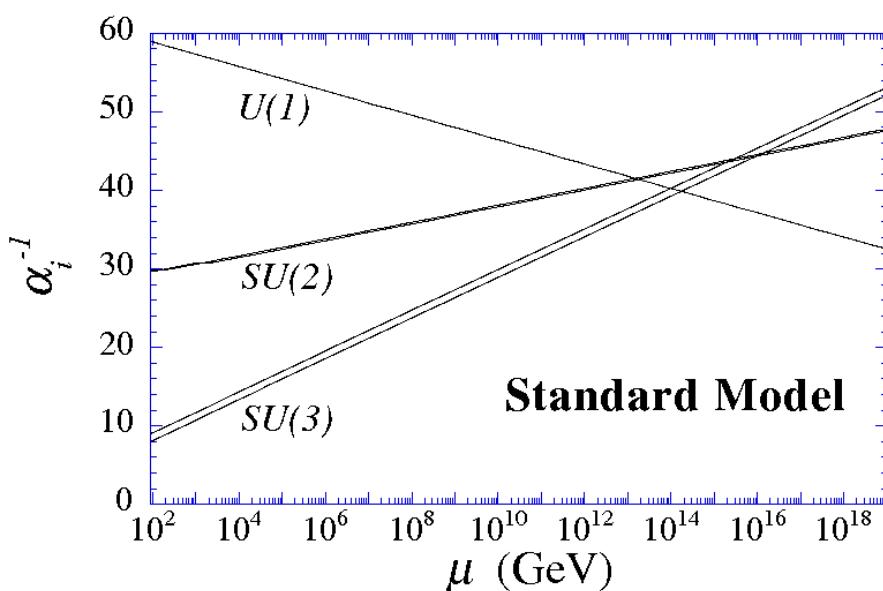


SM limitations

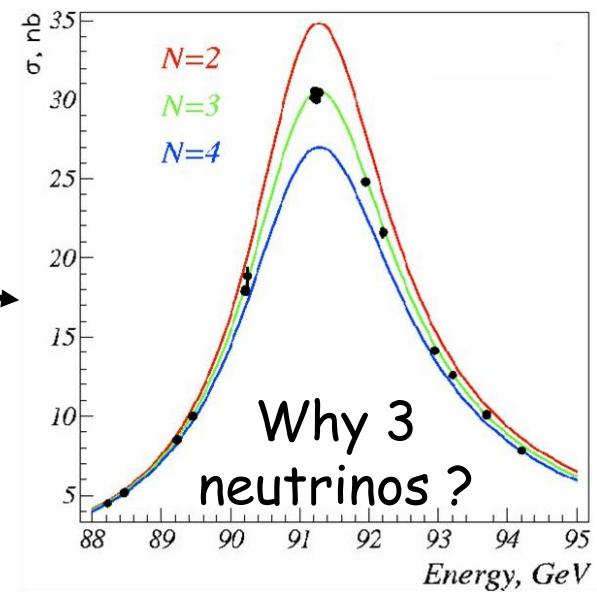
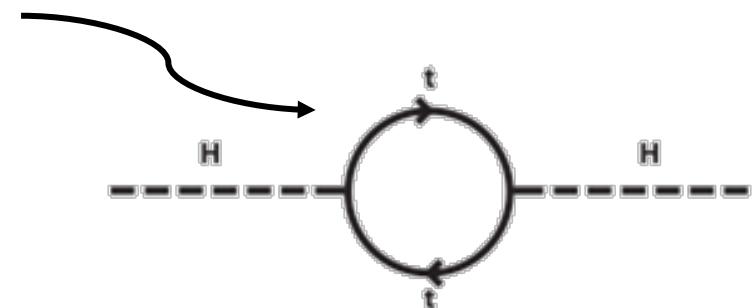
- Too many unpredicted quantities (masses...)
- No neutrino masses → needed to explain neutrino oscillations
- Quadratic divergences to loop corrections to the Higgs mass : hierarchy problem : → need some fine tuning to cancell huge quantities

- Why only 3 families ?
- No coupling unification
- No gravitation

...



Standard Model



Why 3
neutrinos ?

Effective model up to the TeV scale

Supersymmetry

New symmetry (\neq gauge symmetries) :
Boson \leftrightarrow Fermion

Each SM particle get a supersymmetric partner :

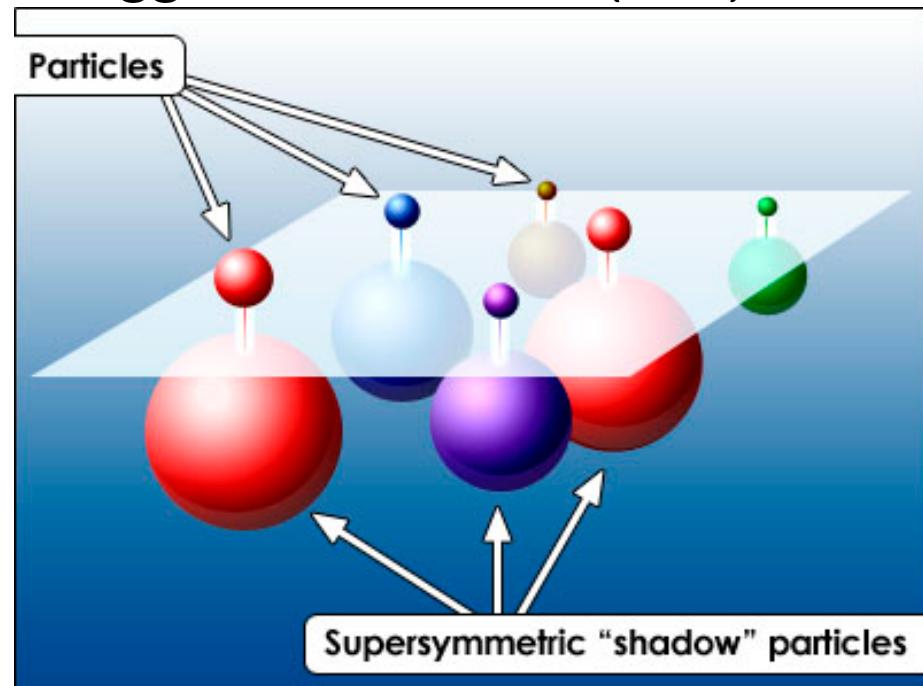
Quarks, leptons : fermions ($s=1/2$) → Squarks, Slepton : bosons ($s=0$)
Gauge bosons : bosons ($s=1$) → Jauginos : fermions ($s=1/2$)
Higgs bosons : bosons ($s=0$) → Higgsinos : fermions ($s=1/2$)

Higgs sector

5 physical states instead of 1 h^0 ,
 H^0, A^0, H^+, H^-

Higgsinos/ EW Jauginos mixing
(Photino, Wino, Zino)

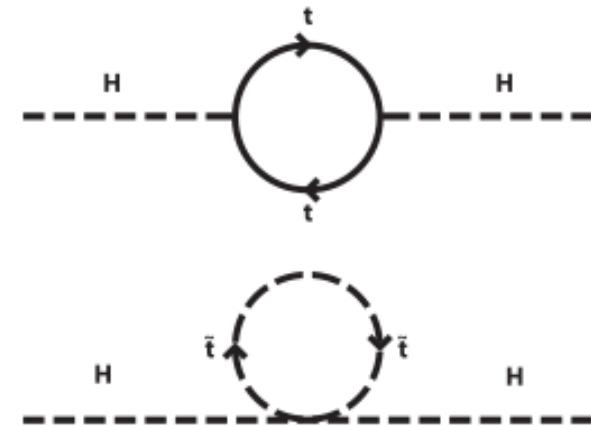
→ 4 charginos $\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}_{1,2}$
→ 4 neutralinos : $\tilde{\chi}^0_{1,2,3,4}$



Supersymmetry

Cancel (mostly) quadratic divergences

Boson loops cancel fermion loops



Unification at high energy

Only one interaction ?

Dark matter candidate

Depending on model and parameters the
lightest SUSY particle (LSP) is stable (and
neutral and weakly interacting...)

Broken symmetry

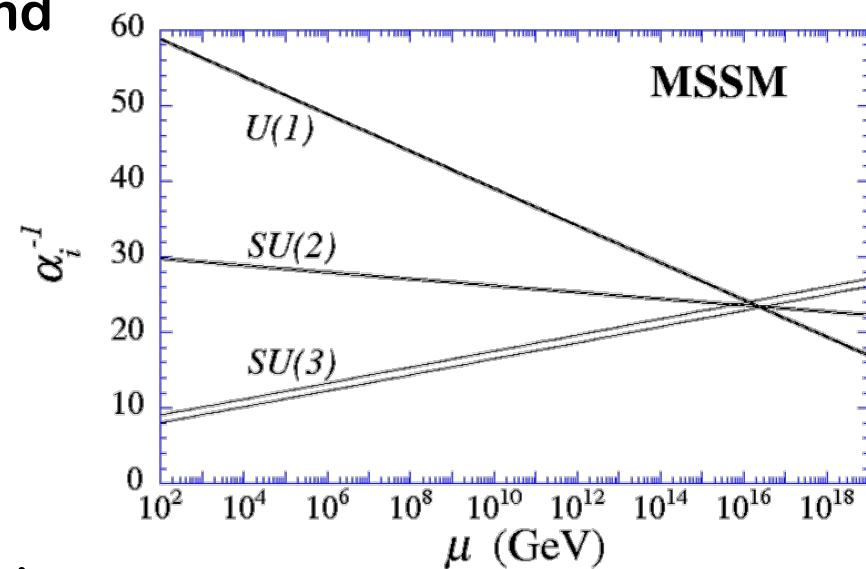
no SUSY particles observed yet :

$$m_{\text{SUSY}} \neq m_{\text{MS}}$$

Breaking mechanism ???

+more 120 free parameters

Reduced to 5 to 20 depending on several
hypotheses : MSSM, NMSSM, MFV, GMSB...



GUT : Grand Unified Theories

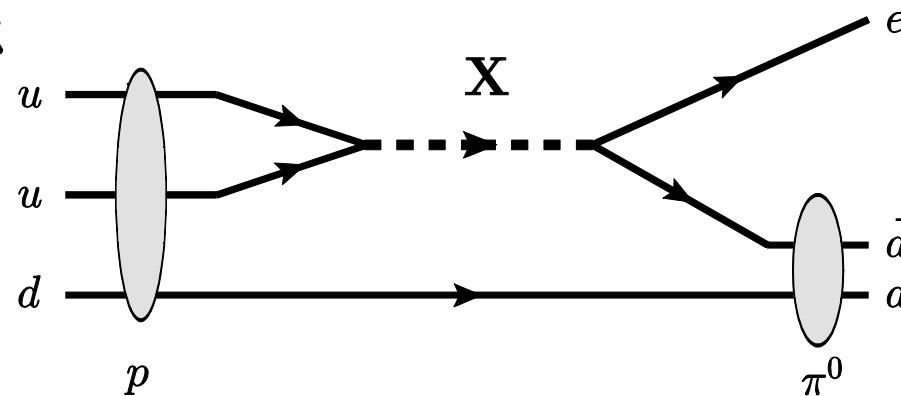
Try to include the SM gauge symmetry into a larger group

$$U(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \subset G_{\text{GUT}}$$

- One single coupling constant
- Induce couplings between quarks and fermions : proton becomes unstable constrains the mass of the new gauge bosons to be really heavy (10^{14-15} GeV).

Broken symmetry

- Extra « Higgs-like » bosons
- New massive gauge bosons similar to EW : Z' , W'
- New type of gauge bosons coupling quarks and leptons : LeptoQuark



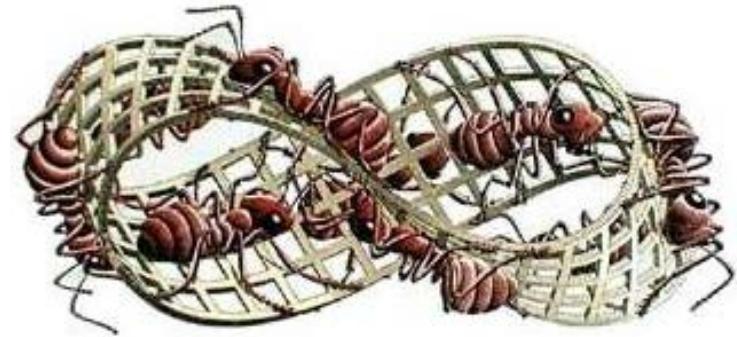
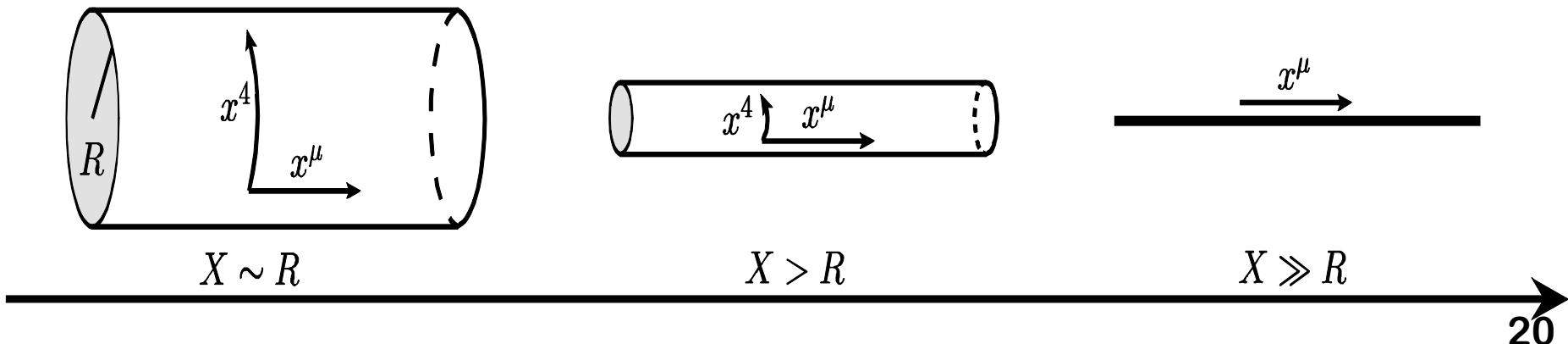
Extra dimensions

Add extra space-like dimensions

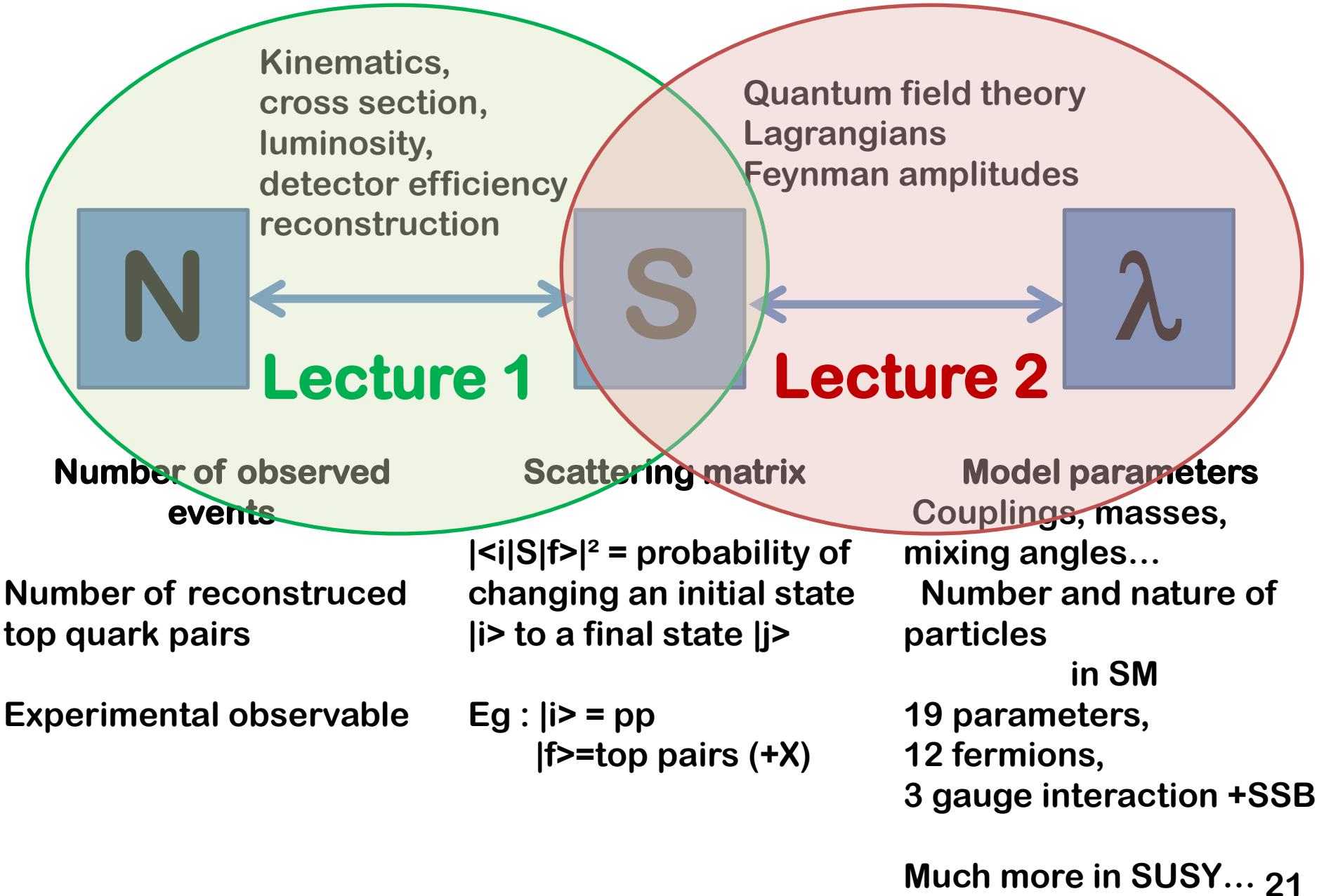
- compactified dimensions : no macroscopic effects

- depending on model only some particles can propagate into these dimensions (for example, for the graviton it will « dilute » the gravitational constant)

- predicts new resonances/particles (Kaluza-Klein towers)



General overview



PART I

From event counting to
cross-section

Allowed processes

Is it kinematically allowed ?

E/P conservation : $\mathbf{p}_{\text{tot}} = \sum \mathbf{p}_i = \sum \mathbf{p}_f$

Lorentz invariance $|\mathbf{p}_{\text{tot}}|^2 = s$, same in all referentials
in system restframe : $s = |\mathbf{p}_{\text{tot}}|^2 = |\mathbf{E}_{\text{tot}}|^2$

\sqrt{s} is the center of mass energy

in final state restframe,

if all particles are at rest $s = |\sum \mathbf{p}_f|^2 = |\sum m_f|^2$ $\sqrt{s} = \sum m_f$

in general $\sqrt{s} > \sum m_f$

Is it dynamically allowed ? (does the interaction exist)

Lagrangian and Feynman diagrams

Quantum number conservations (spin, charges, ...)

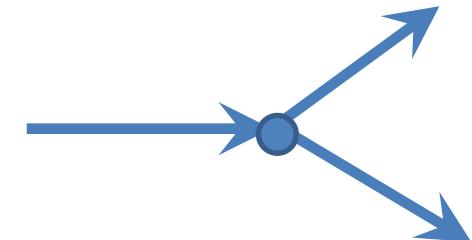
eg : electron can change into a neutrino, with a W boson emission

Kinematics

Focus on 2 kind of processes :

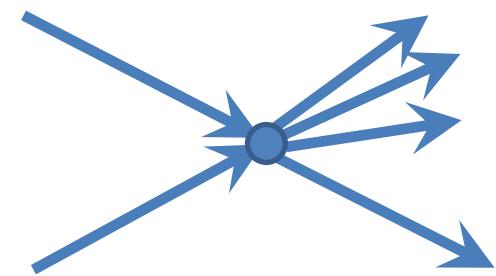
$1 \rightarrow N$: Decay of one particle into many

$\sqrt{s} = M > \sum m_k$ heavy \rightarrow light
Lighter particles are stable



$2 \rightarrow N$: Scattering of 2 particles

$$\sqrt{s} = p + \sqrt{p^2 + m_1^2 + m_2^2} > m_1 + m_2$$

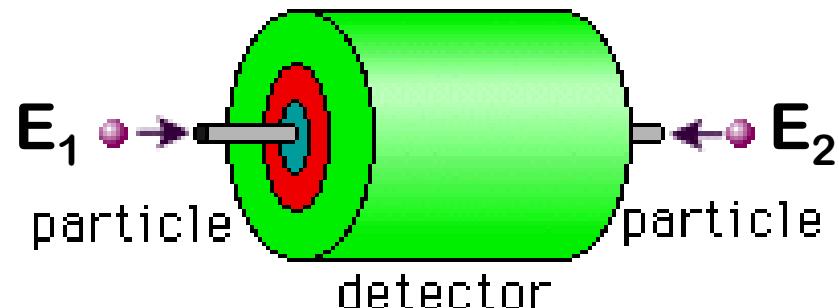
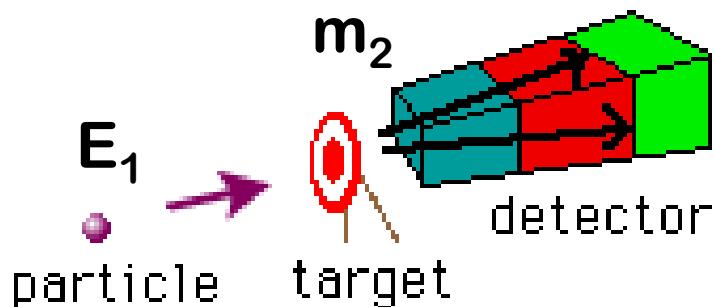


Can convert kinetic energy into mass

Produce high mass particles from high energy
low mass particles

That's why we build colliders

Why colliding hadrons



$$\sqrt{s} \approx \sqrt{2 E_1 m_2}$$

$$\sqrt{s} = \sqrt{4 E_1 E_2} = 2 E_{\text{beam}}$$

(if $E_1 = E_2$)

c.m. frame = lab frame

- ⇒ If $E > m$: Much more efficient to collide to attain higher energy in c.m. with same beam energy
- ⇒ But less matter density, less collisions, more difficult to study rare processes

Why colliding hadrons

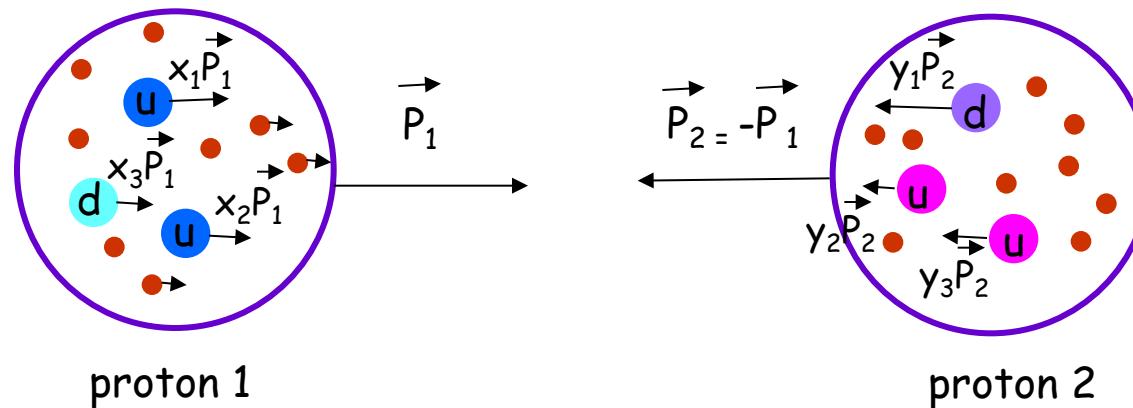
For large energies (Tevatron, LHC), collisions happen between the substructure of the hadrons : **partons**

- Valence quarks (u,d)
- Sea quarks (u,d,s,c,b,t) (QCD quantum fluctuations)
- Gluons (QCD quantum fluctuations)

Each parton carries a fraction x of the proton momentum

😊 Covers a wide range of center of mass energy : good to look at new particles through resonances.

😢 Total energy collision and partons energies remains unknown



From partons to hadrons

Factorisation theorem : decouple perturbative and non perturbative effect

$$\sigma_{p\bar{p} \rightarrow x} = \sum_{\text{partons : } i,j} \int_0^1 \int_0^1 f_i^p(x_1) f_j^{\bar{p}}(x_2) \hat{\sigma}_{ij \rightarrow x} dx_1 dx_2$$

Parton density function

Non perturbative QCD : can only be measured

$f_p(x, Q^2)$ = Prob to find a given parton p (u,d,s,c,b,t or gluon) with momentum fraction x , at energy (or length) scale Q in a proton.

Partonic cross-sections

Hard scattering between two partons

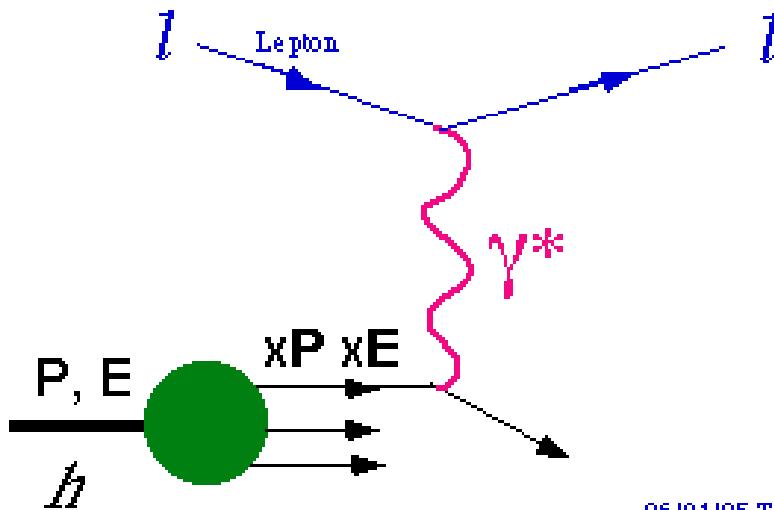
Perturbative QCD : can be computed through Feynman diagrams

PDFs : Parton density function

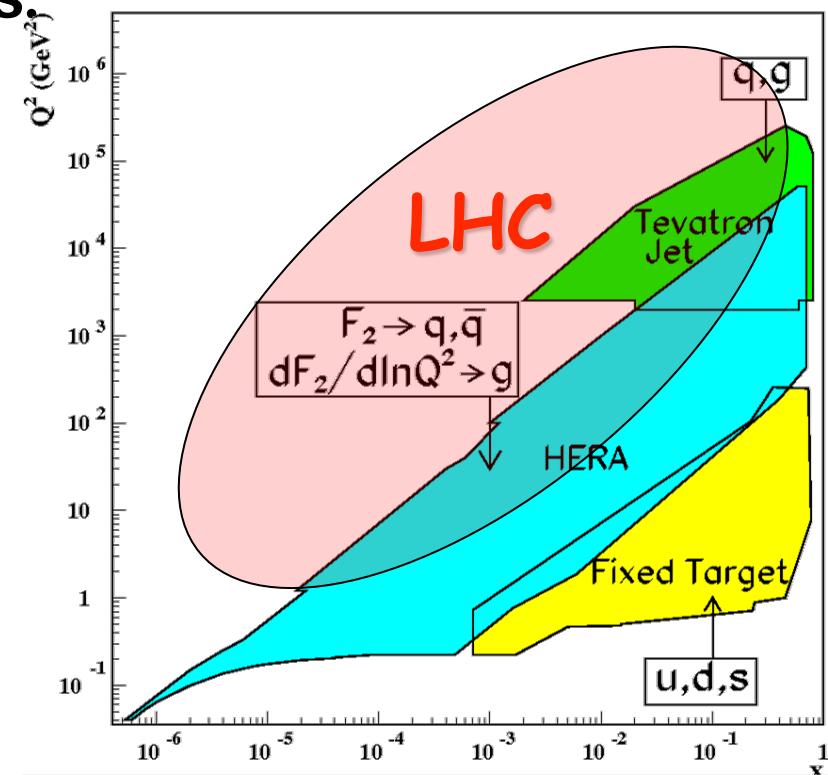
Measured in **Deep Inelastic Scattering** of electron (punctual probe of fixed energy) on protons.

Deep Inelastic Scattering

in Parton Model



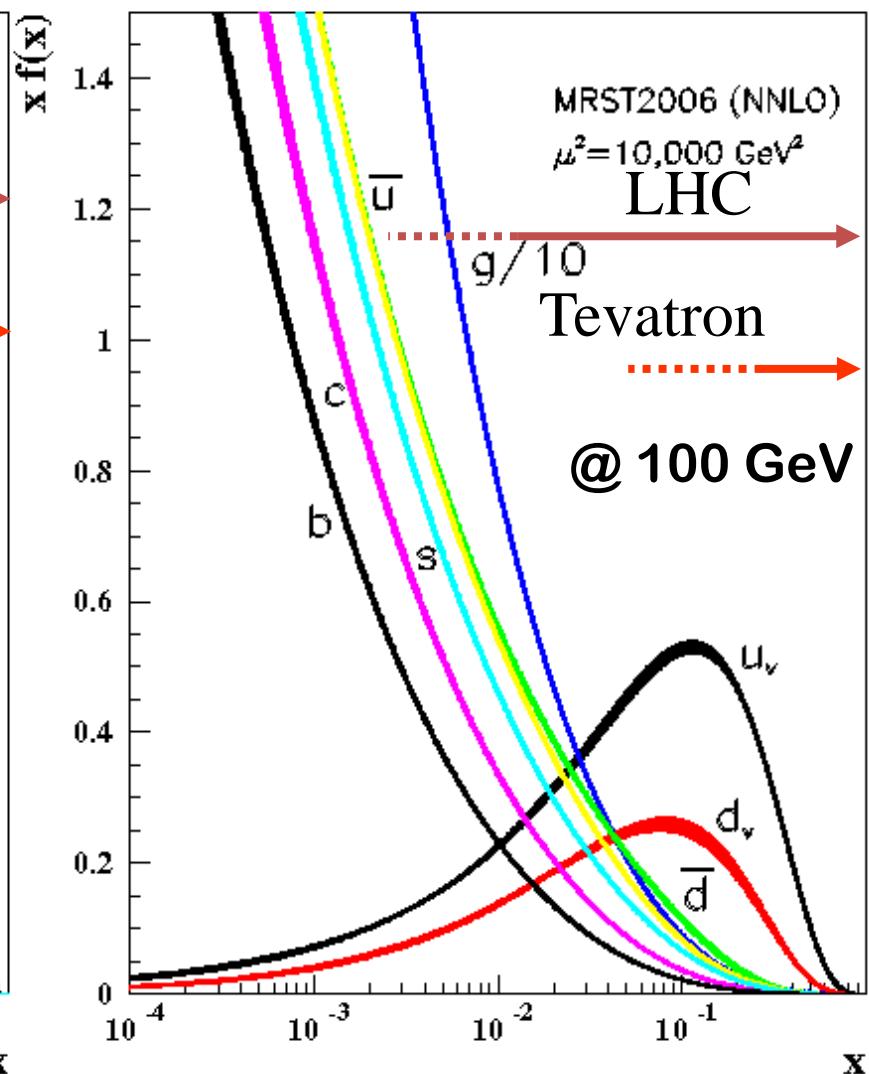
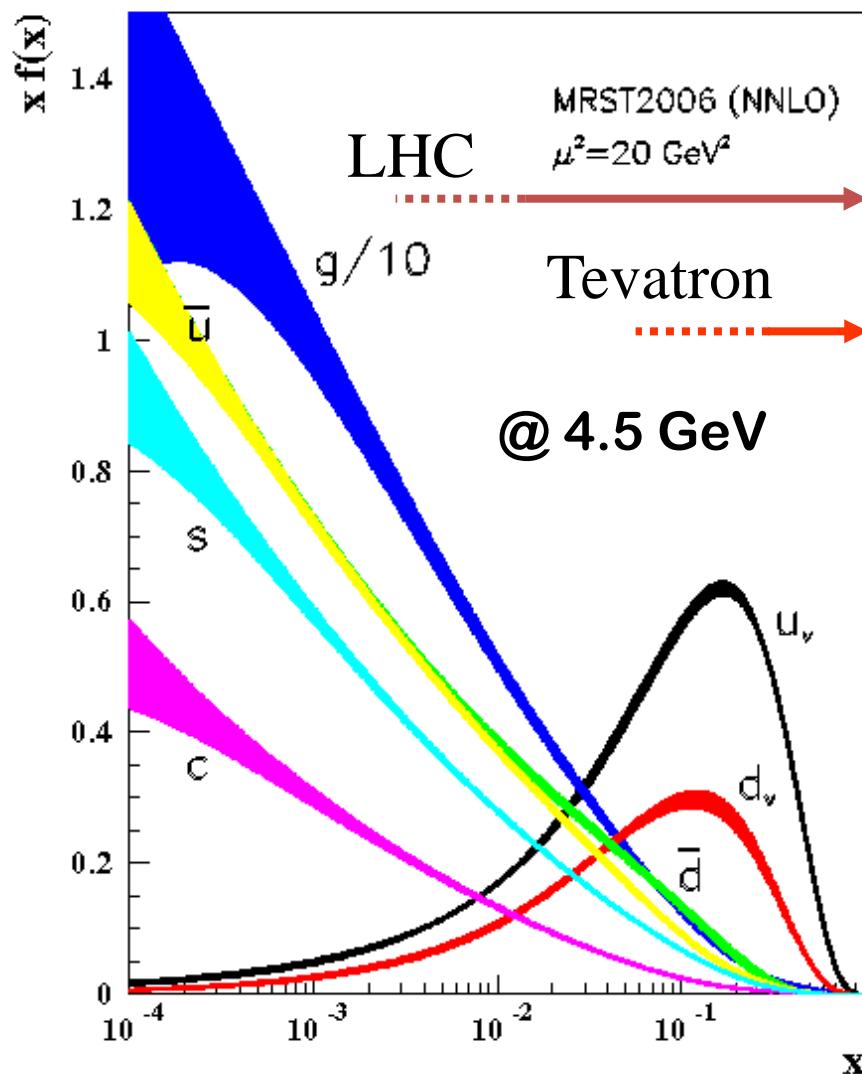
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Collider experiments : HERA (Desy, Hamburg) + Fixed targets

- Measured at “low” Q^2
- Evolution as function of Q^2 theoretically known : DGLAP equations.

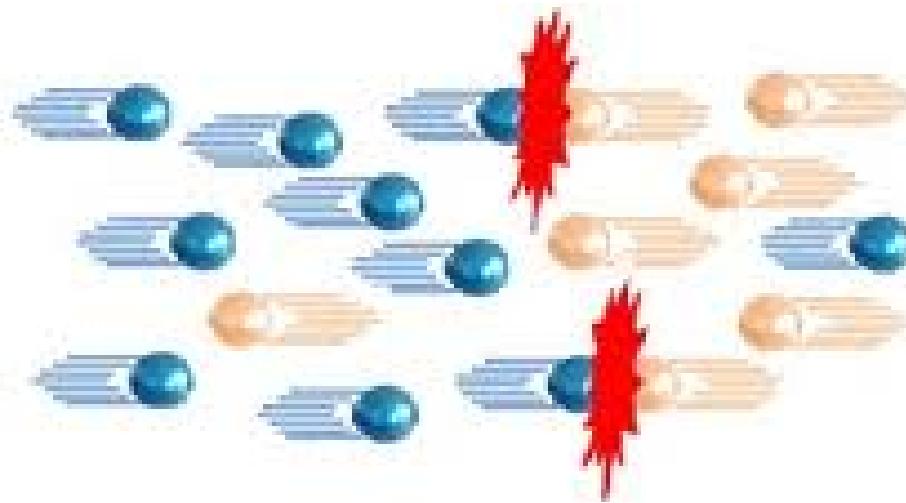
PDFs : Parton density function



Colliding protons : an event

In a collider hadrons are grouped by bunches :

10^{12-13} for protons, 10^{9-11} for antiprotons



When 2 bunches collide, this makes an **EVENT**

bunch crossing time :

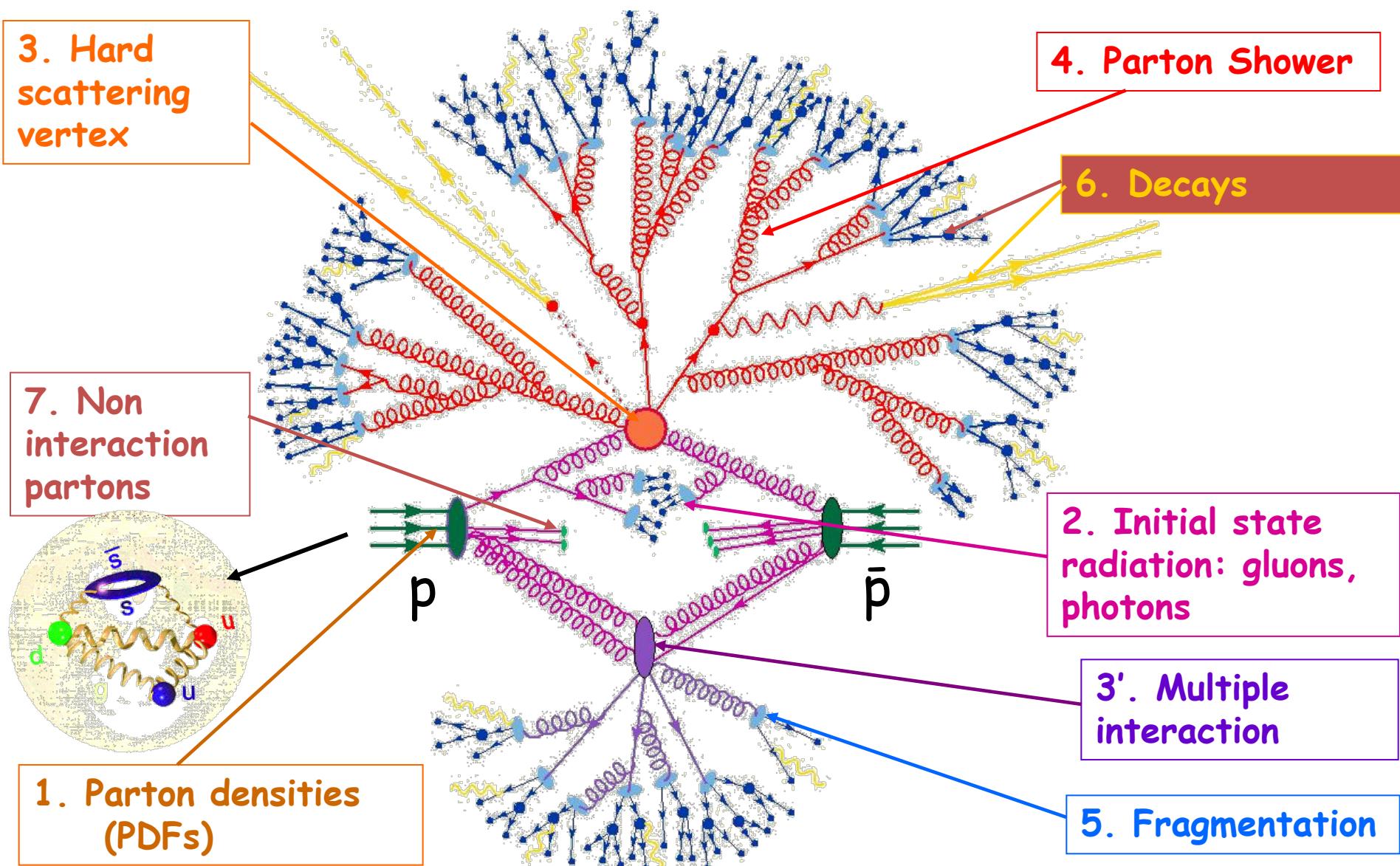
@ LCH : 50/25 ns

event rate : 20-40 MHz

@ Tevatron : 496 ns

event rate : 2 MHz

(simplified) Hadronic collision



What to detect (1)

Particle lifetime τ_0 : number of surviving particles at time t

$$N(t) = N_0 \exp(-t / \tau_0)$$

With time measured in the particle restframe.

In another frame, apply Lorentz boost :

→ time dilatation, longer apparent lifetime

$$\tau = \gamma \tau_0 \quad \text{with } \gamma = (1 - v^2/c^2)^{-1/2} \text{ (Lorentz factor)}$$

Average flight length in the detector:

$$L = v t = \beta c t = \beta \gamma c \tau_0 = p c \tau_0 / m$$

Only particles with $L >$ detector size can be directly detected.

Other particles will decay before entering the detector

What to detect (2)

Stable particles

electrons

protons

photons

neutrinos (but don't interact)

Unstable particles

muons μ^\pm , $c\tau = 6.59 \times 10^4$ cm

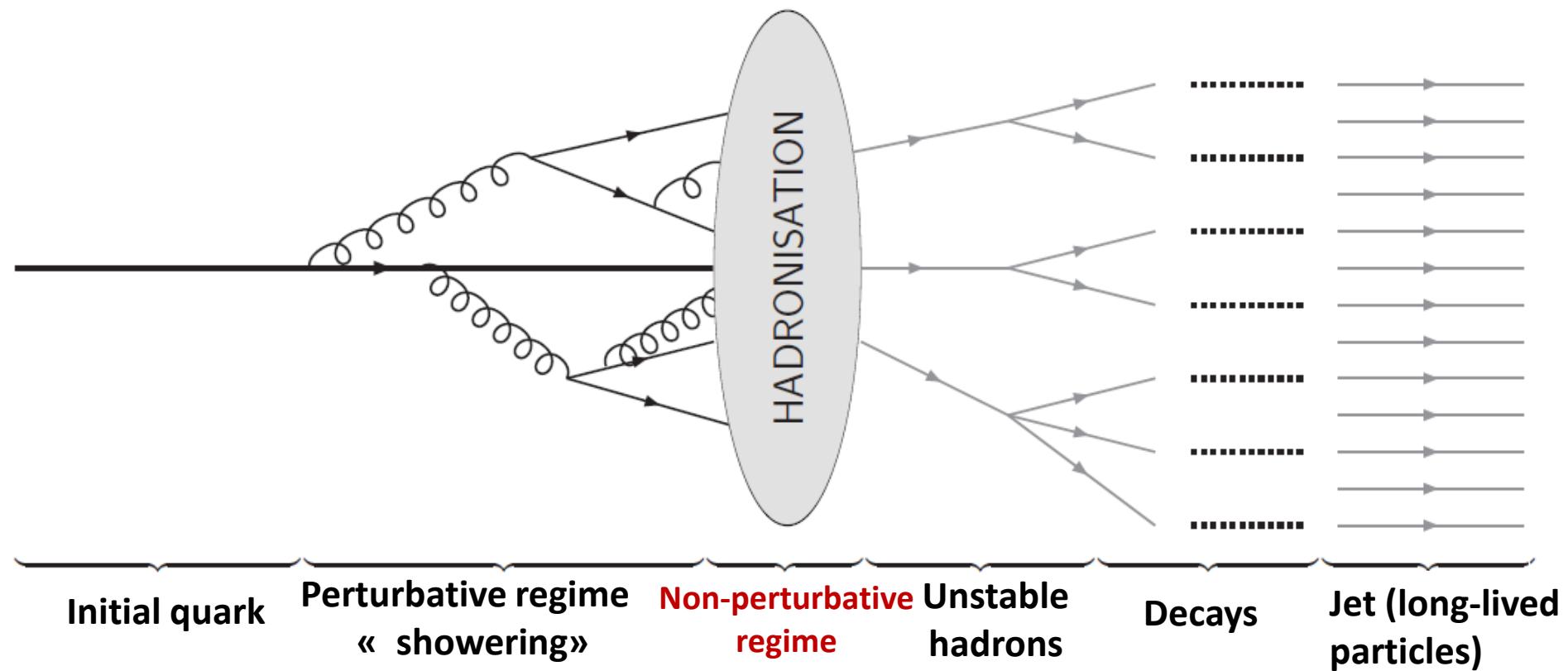
charge pions π^\pm , $c\tau = 780.4$ cm

charged kaons K^\pm $c\tau = 370.9$ cm

neutral kaons K^0 $c\tau = 1554$ cm

neutrons $c\tau = 2.7 \times 10^{13}$ cm

Jets



Final states quarks and gluons are colored particles

High energy : gluon radiation (brehmstrallung)

until reach non perturbative regime : confinement kicks in

Jet : bunch of collimated particles (mostly hadrons), sharing the momentum of the initial parton

Typical SM signature

Neutral pion

$\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ Two, highly collimated photons

τ lepton

$\tau \rightarrow e \nu, \mu \nu$: 1 electron/muon, $p_T \sim 0.5 p_{T\tau}$

$\tau \rightarrow$ pions (π^\pm, π^0): small jet (a few pions)

W boson

$W^+ \rightarrow e^+ \nu, \mu^+ \nu$: 1 electron/muon ($p_T \sim 40$ GeV), missing energy

$W^+ \rightarrow q\bar{q}$: 2 jets ($p_T \sim 40$ GeV), invariant mass ~ 80 GeV

Z boson

$Z \rightarrow ee, \mu^+\mu^-, q\bar{q}$: 2 electrons/muon/jets

$p_T \sim 40$ GeV, invariant mass ~ 91 GeV

Top quark

$t \rightarrow bW$: 1 b-jet ($p_T \sim 70$ GeV), 1 W boson (see above)

Luminosity and Cross section

The number of events is given by a simple formula

$$N = L \cdot \sigma$$



Describe the number of effective pp collisions

Describe the processes
 $pp \rightarrow X$

Luminosity

Instantaneous luminosity : $dN/dt = \Lambda(t)$

Number of collisions :

proportional to

number of particles per bunch : n_1, n_2

frequency of collisions : f

inversely proportional to the beam size : $\sigma_x \cdot \sigma_y$

σ_x and σ_y are the transverse dispersion of the beam

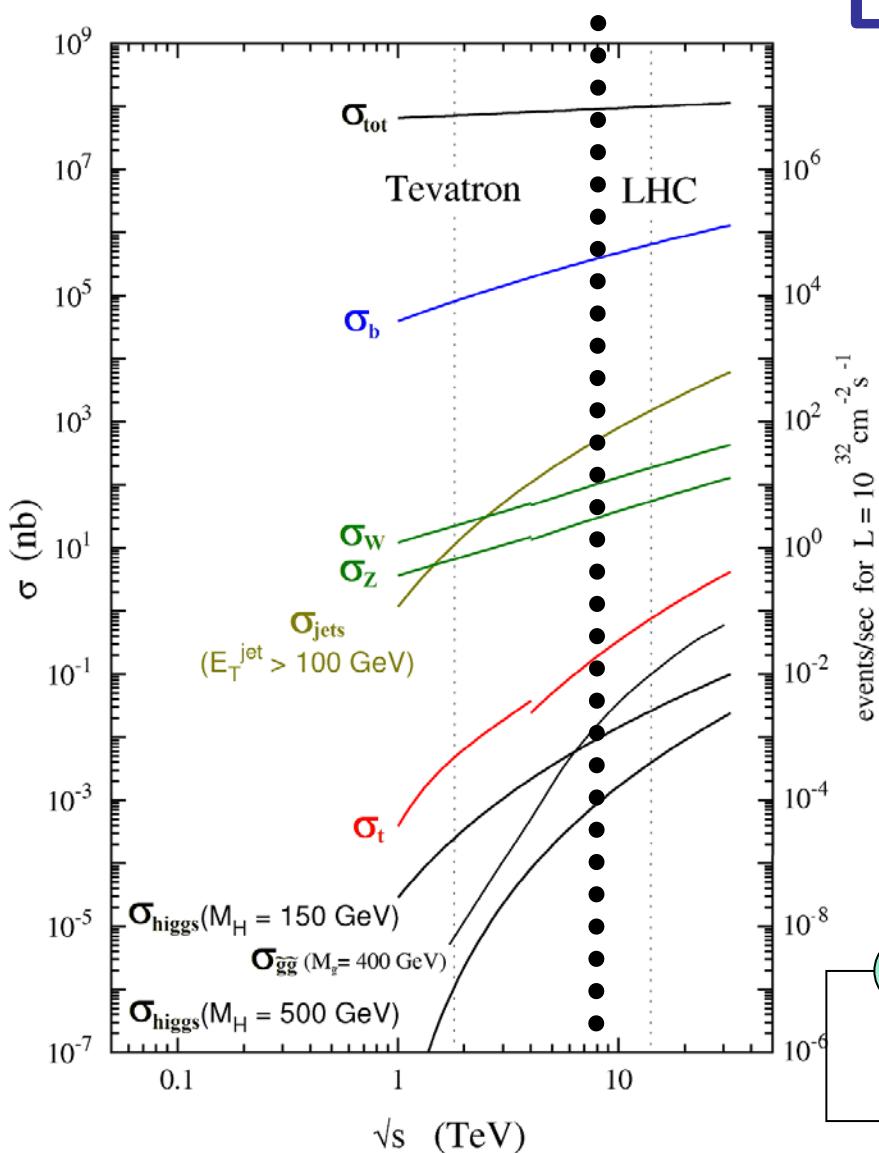
$$\Lambda = \frac{f \cdot n_1 \cdot n_2}{4\pi \cdot \sigma_x \cdot \sigma_y}$$

Instantaneous luminosity: in $\text{cm}^{-2} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$

Integrated luminosity : $L = \int \Lambda(t) dt$ in pb^{-1} or fb^{-1}

Triggering

proton - (anti)proton cross sections



$L=5 \cdot 10^{33} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$ @ LHC 8TeV

$\sim 500 \cdot 10^6$ events / s

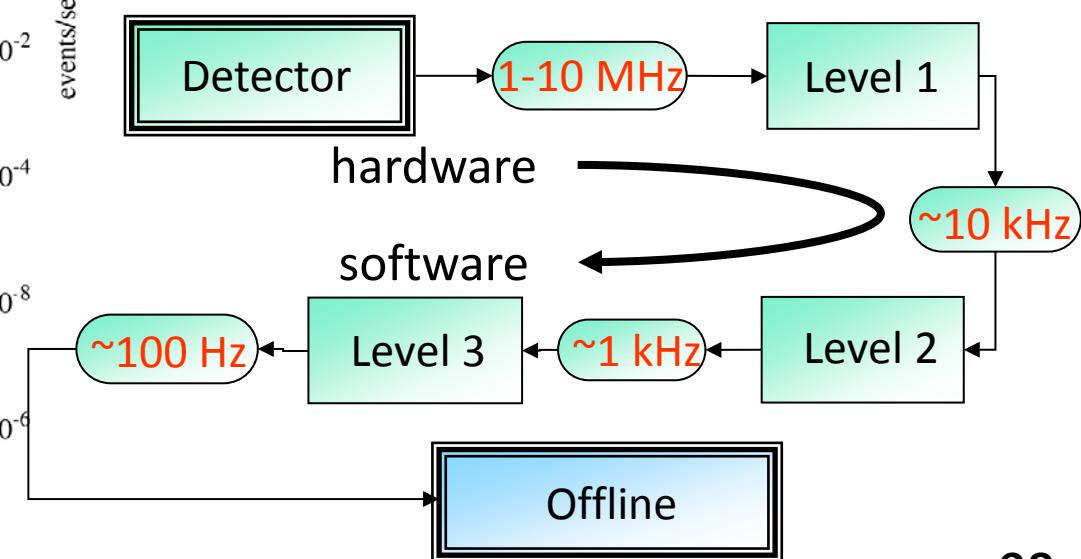
$\sim 2 \cdot 10^6$ $b\bar{b}$ pairs / s

~ 500 W bosons / s

~ 50 Z bosons / s

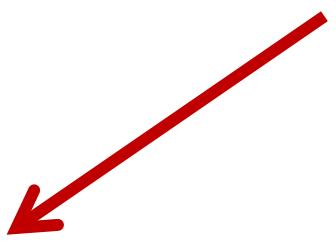
~ 2 $t\bar{t}$ pairs / s

~ 0.2 Higgs bosons / s



Number of detected events

$$N = L \cdot \varepsilon \cdot \sigma + b$$



ε : Efficiency

Trigger efficiency

Detector geometric
acceptance

Reconstruction efficiency

Selection efficiency



b : Backgrounds

Misidentified objects
Miscalibrated objects

Geometry and kinematics

3 coordinates systems are used (and mixed !!!)

- cartésian : $\mathbf{P} = (P_x, P_y, P_z)$

- sphérical: $\mathbf{P} = (P, \theta, \varphi)$

- modified spherical : $\mathbf{P} = (P_T, \eta, \varphi)$

z = beam axis (x,y) = transverse plane

θ = azimuthal angle (relative to z) $\rightarrow [0, \pi[$

φ = polar angle (in transverse plane) $\rightarrow [0, 2\pi[$

P = momentum ($P^2 = P_x^2 + P_y^2 + P_z^2$)

P_T = transverse momentum ($P_T^2 = P_x^2 + P_y^2$)

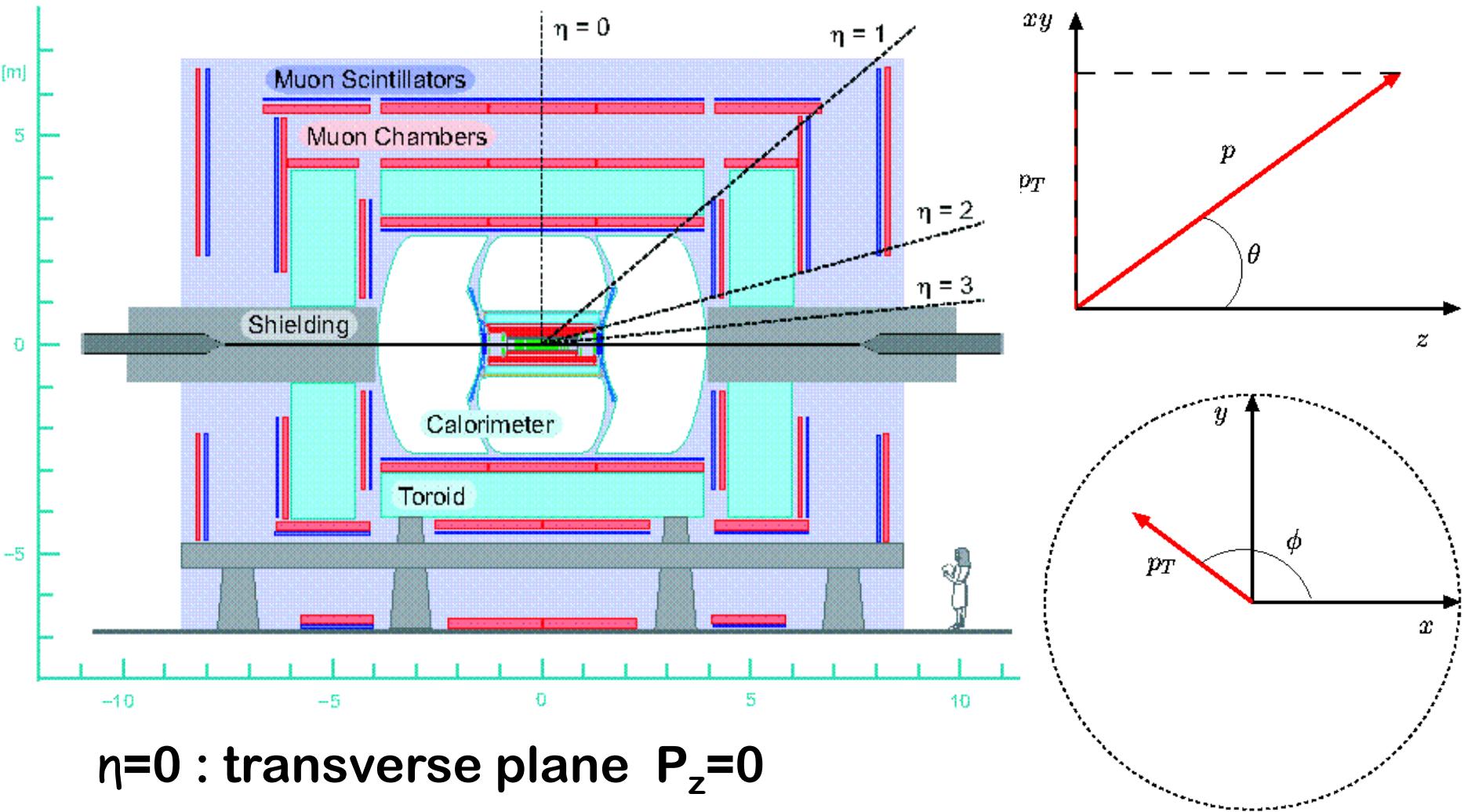
η = pseudorapidity $\square = -\ln\left(\tan\frac{\square}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{\mathbf{P} + \mathbf{P}_z}{\mathbf{P} - \mathbf{P}_z}\right)$ \rightarrow geometry

Massless/relativistic particle :

$P = E$ and $\eta = y$ (rapidity) $\square = \frac{1}{2}\ln\left(\frac{\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{P}_z}{\mathbf{E} - \mathbf{P}_z}\right) = y$

Rapidity intervals are Lorentz invariant

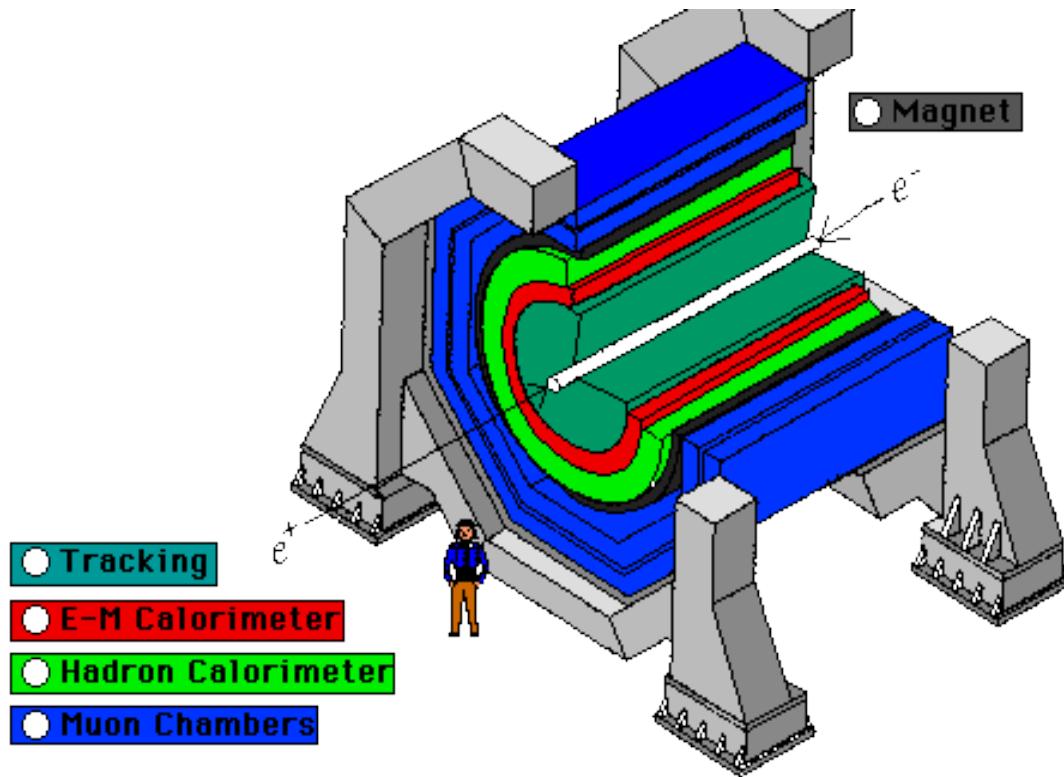
Detector geometry



$\eta=0$: transverse plane $P_z=0$

$\eta=\infty$: beam axis $P_x=P_y=0$

Generic detector



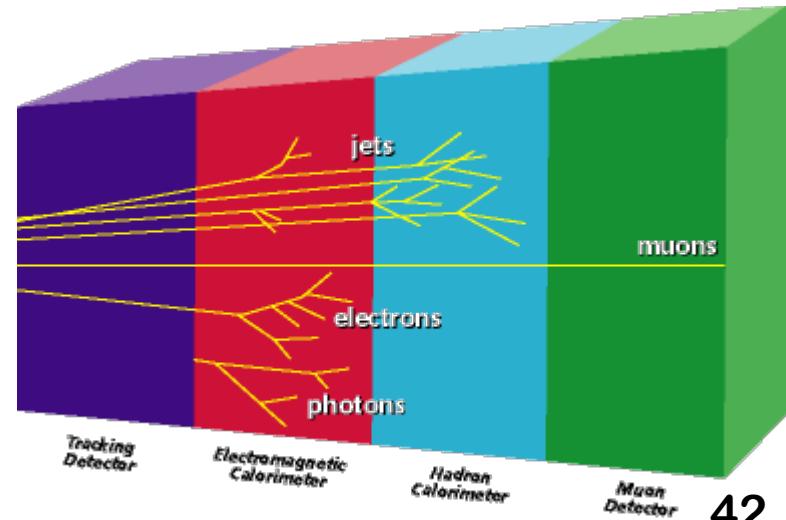
Subdetectors

Tracker : charged particles

EM Calorimeter: electrons, photons, jets

HAD Calorimeter : jets

Muon system : muons



Reconstruction

Two kind of detectors

- Trakers :

trajectory of charged particles, very low energy deposit
use B field to determine momentum

- Calorimeters :

destructive measurement : particles are stopped
energy measurement
segmented detectors : momentum direction

Detector output

- hits in tracker : points along trajectory
- energy deposit in calorimeters cells

Physical objects to identify

- | | |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- tracks- electrons and photons- hadronic jets- tau leptons | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- vertices (interaction points)- muons- b-quark jets- missing energy |
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Reconstruction = determine the 4-momentum of each particles.

4 or 3 parameters per object (at high energy $m \approx 0$, $E = p$)

Reconstruction

Reconstruction algorithms:

- Clustering hits / cells from a same object.
- Determine the 4-momentum of the object
- Many events, many read-out channels : fast algorithms

Characterising the algorithm

- Algorithm efficiency: How many objects are missed ?
- Misidentification : How many object are wrongly identified?

Compromise to find :

- very good identification but low efficiency
- very good efficiency but low purity

Calibration of algorithms:

- Correct from measured value to true value
- Estimation of the precision/resolution on energy/momenta

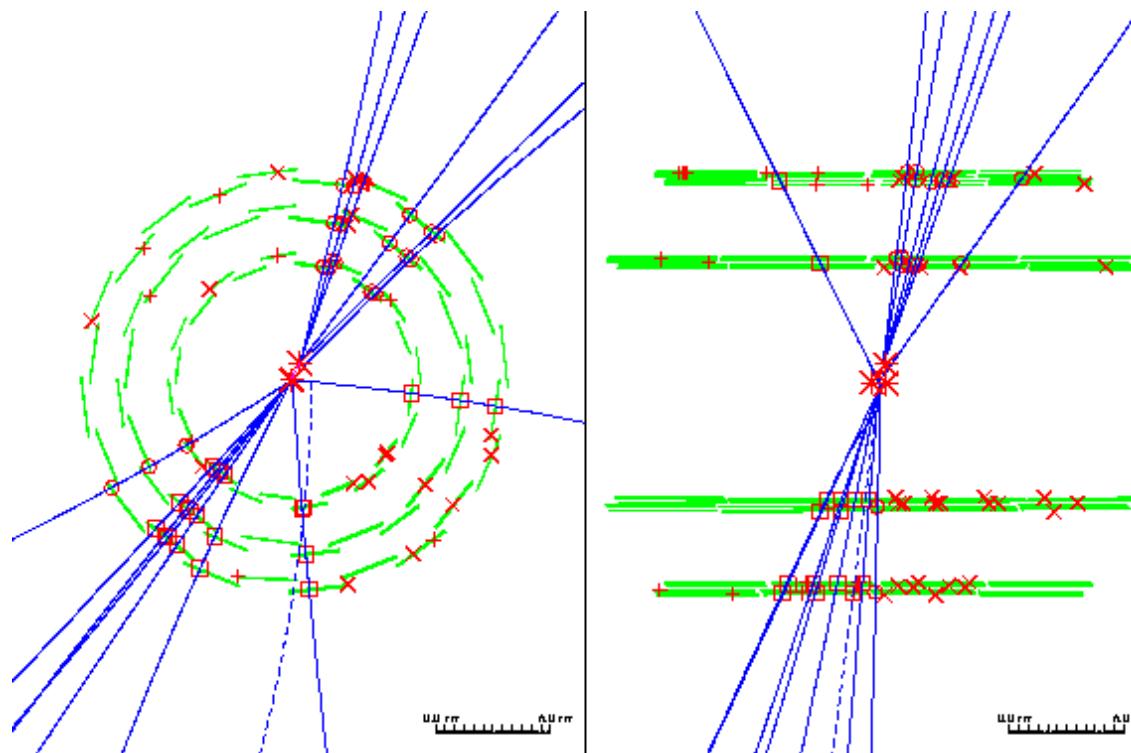
Tracking and vertexing

Heavy Khi-square fits : **Kalman filters**

- fit helicoidal trajectory to hits : **track**
- fit convergence of tracks : **vertex**

Main collision vertex : primary vertex

Long lived particles (B hadrons) : secondary vertices

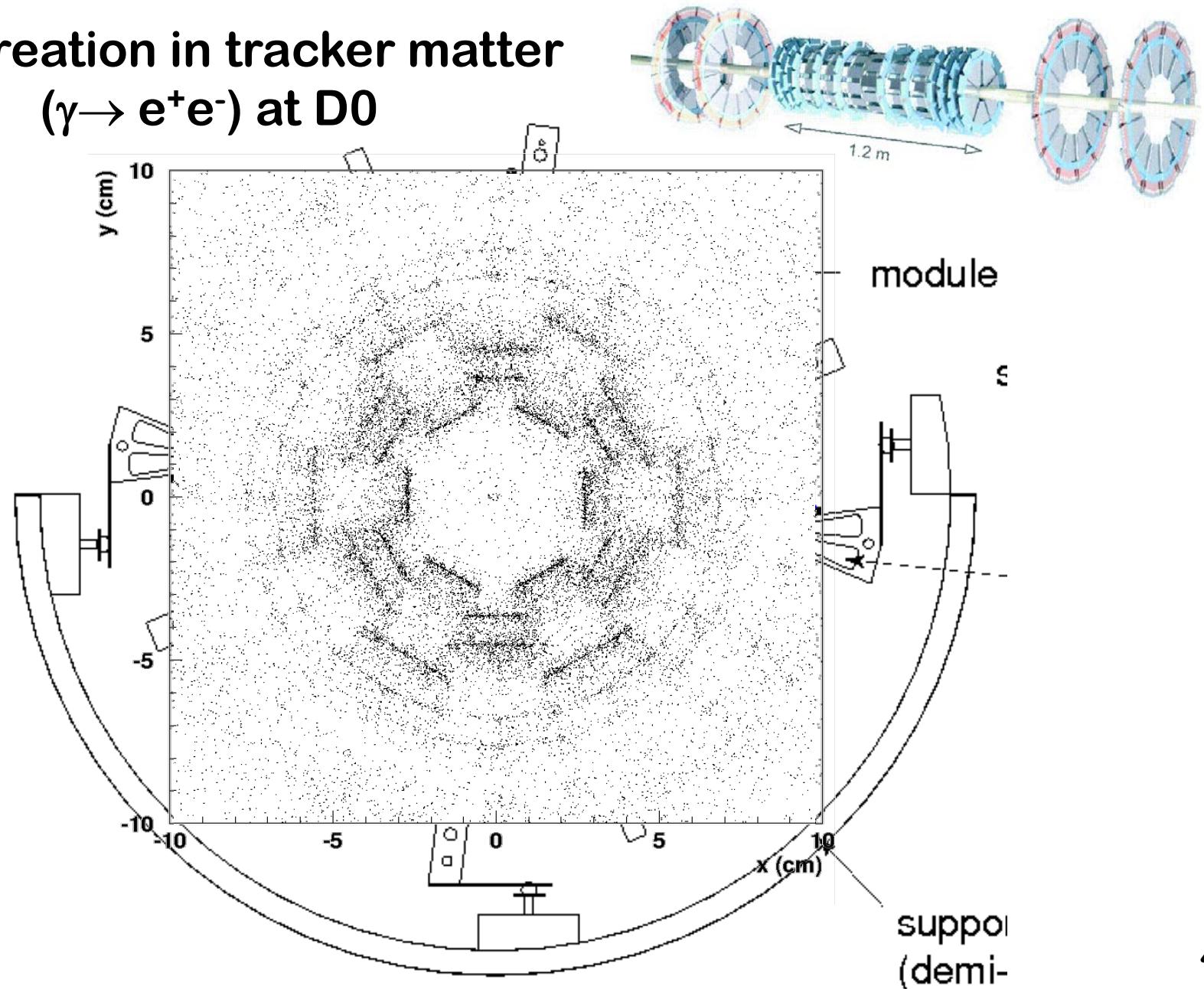




Check of the reconstruction

Pair creation in tracker matter

$(\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-)$ at D0



Showers

Electromagnetic : photon/electrons

High energy particles

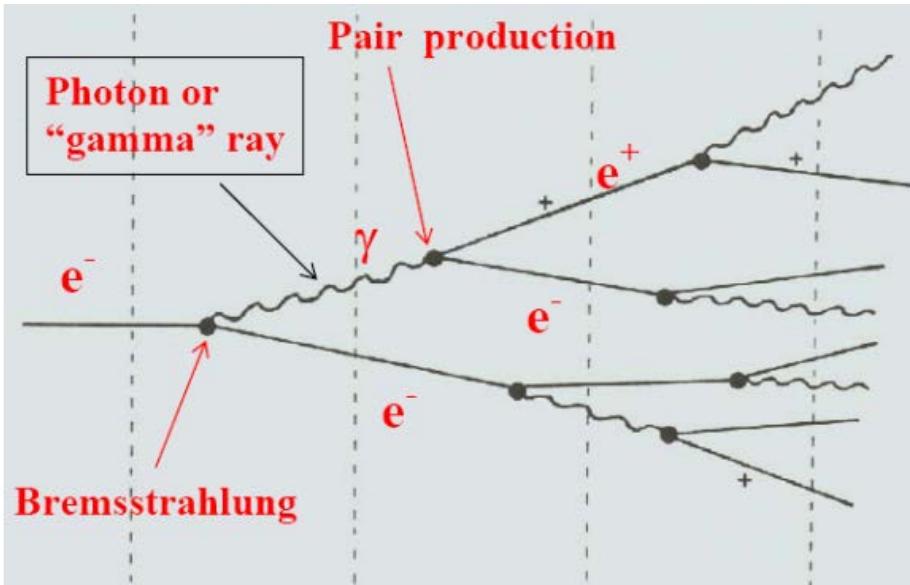
$e \rightarrow e\gamma$ Bremsstrallung

$\gamma \rightarrow e^+e^-$ Pair creation

→ Shower

Low energy : compton, photoelectric, positron annihilation, ionisation...

→ Particles are stopped/absorbed



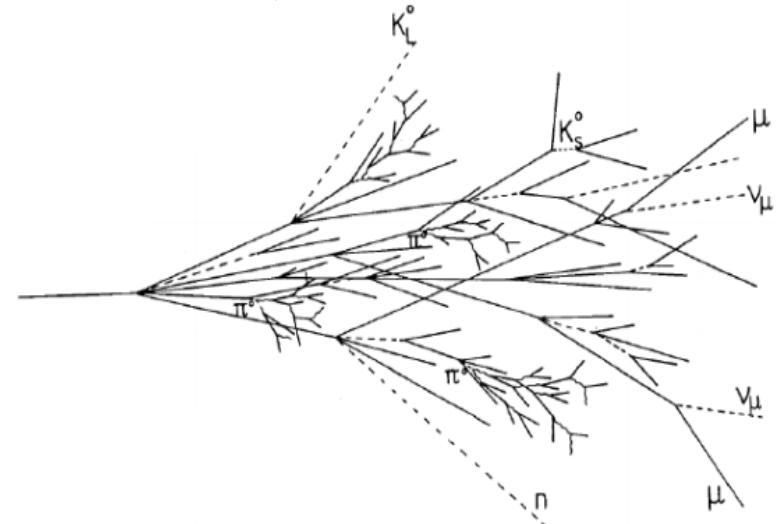
Hadronic

Inelastic collisions induce fission

Production of secondary hadrons

Jet : many hadrons, superposition of shower

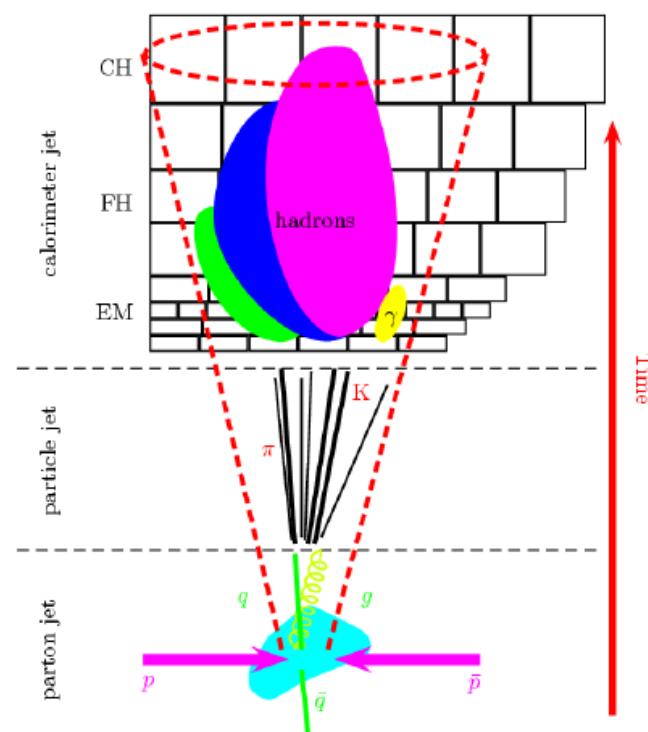
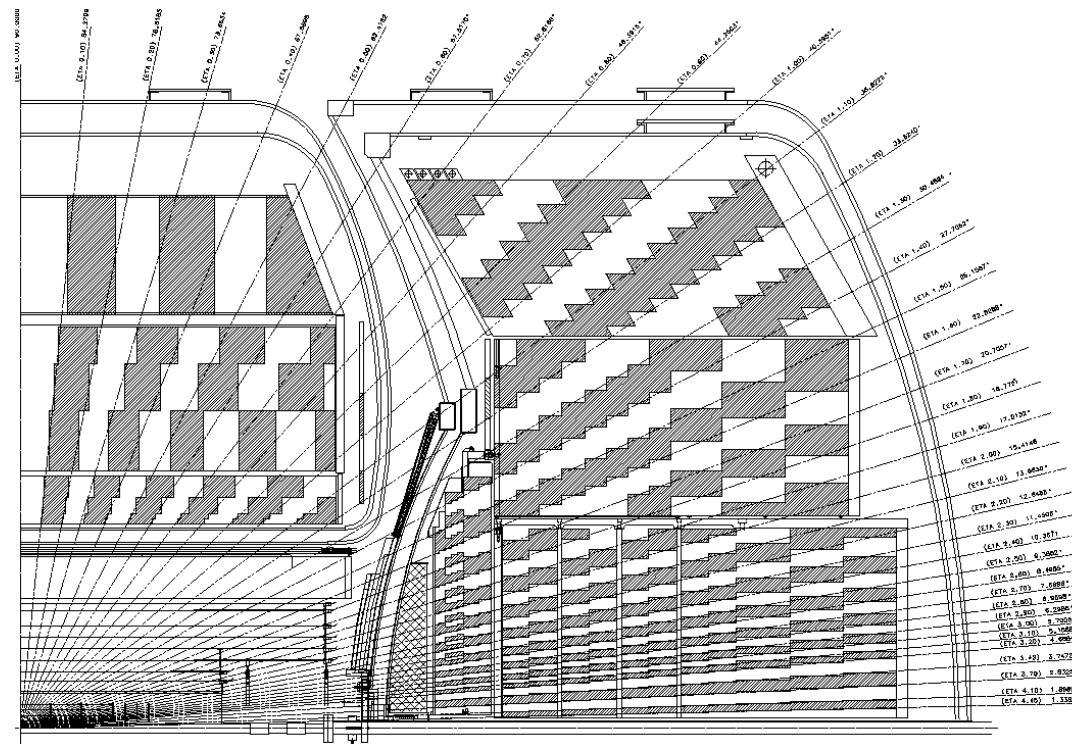
Wider than EM showers





Calorimetry : jets, electrons, photons

Calorimeter structure : pseudoprojective towers of cells (η, φ constant)



Jets and electrons are build clustering neighbouring cells and towers

- start point : towers with high energy deposit (several GeV)
- add closest towers within a given range : need to define distance

p.e (η, φ) space distance $\Delta R^2 = \Delta\eta^2 + \Delta\varphi^2$

$\Delta R < r_0$: circle in (η, φ) space , « cone » in physical space

Fixed cone algorithm (simplest one, many others : seedless cone, kT...)



Calorimetry : jets, electrons, photons

Electron/jet separation

Shower shape

Calorimeter structure

(EM/Had)

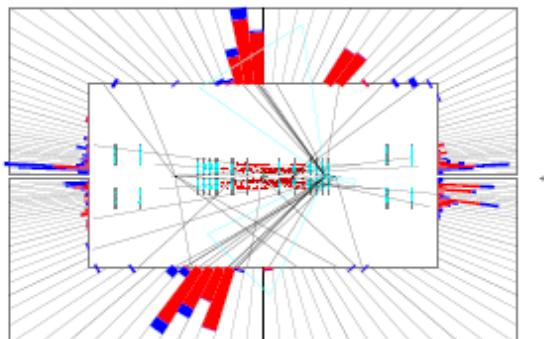
Electron/photon separation

Match to charge particle

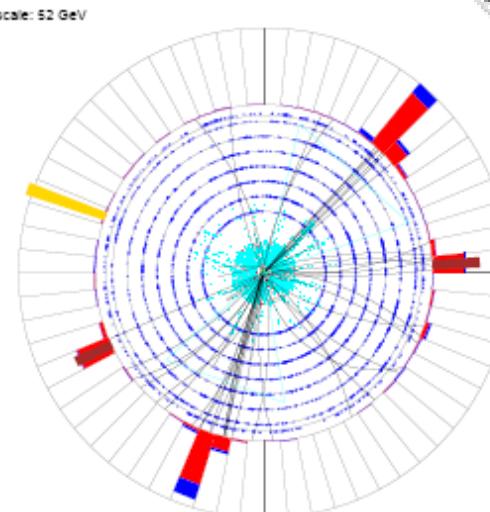
track

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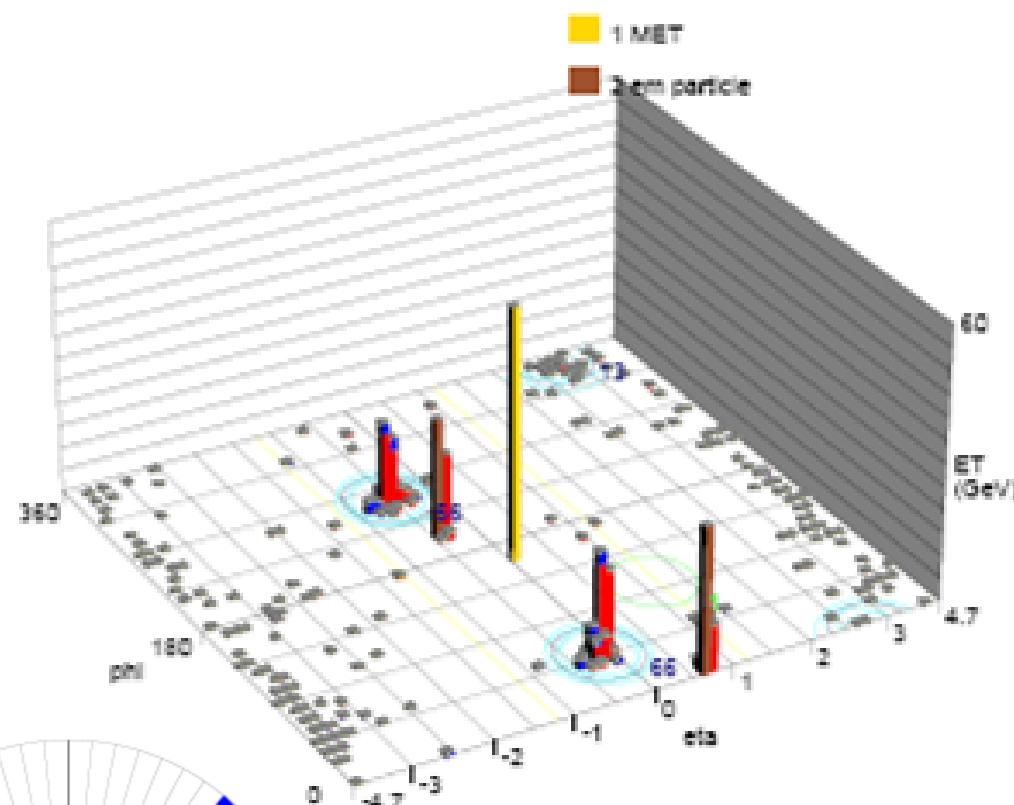
E scale: 30 GeV



(a) Vue en coupe RZ.



(b) Vue en projection XY.



Blue : Hadronic
calorimeter energy

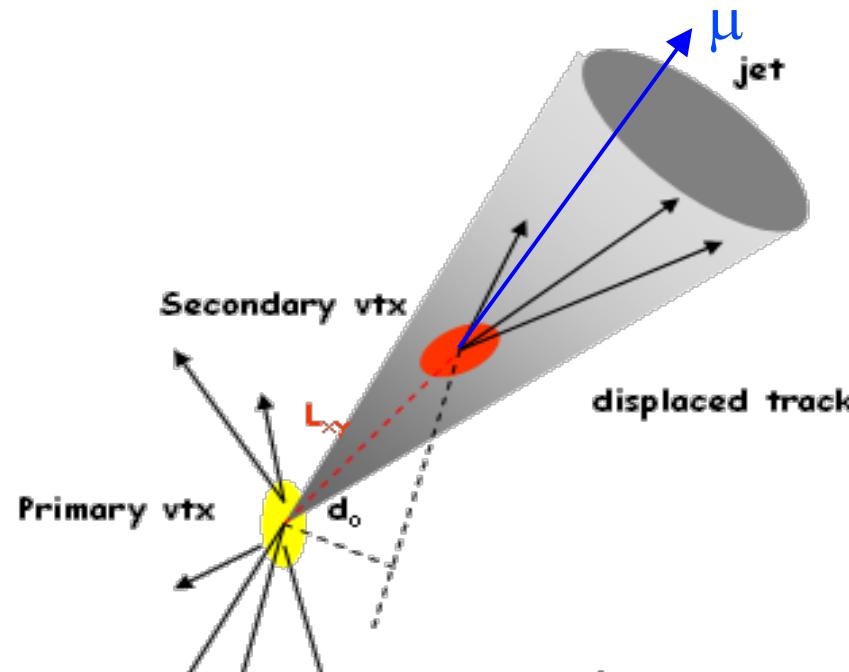
Red :
Electromagnetic
calorimeter energy

Jets from b quarks

B-quark hadrons decays

Weak interaction : large lifetime ($\sim 10^{-12}$ s) : displaced secondary vertex

Large fraction of semi-leptonic decays (~20%) : muons or electrons within th jet cone



Identification techniques

match tracks to calorimeter jets

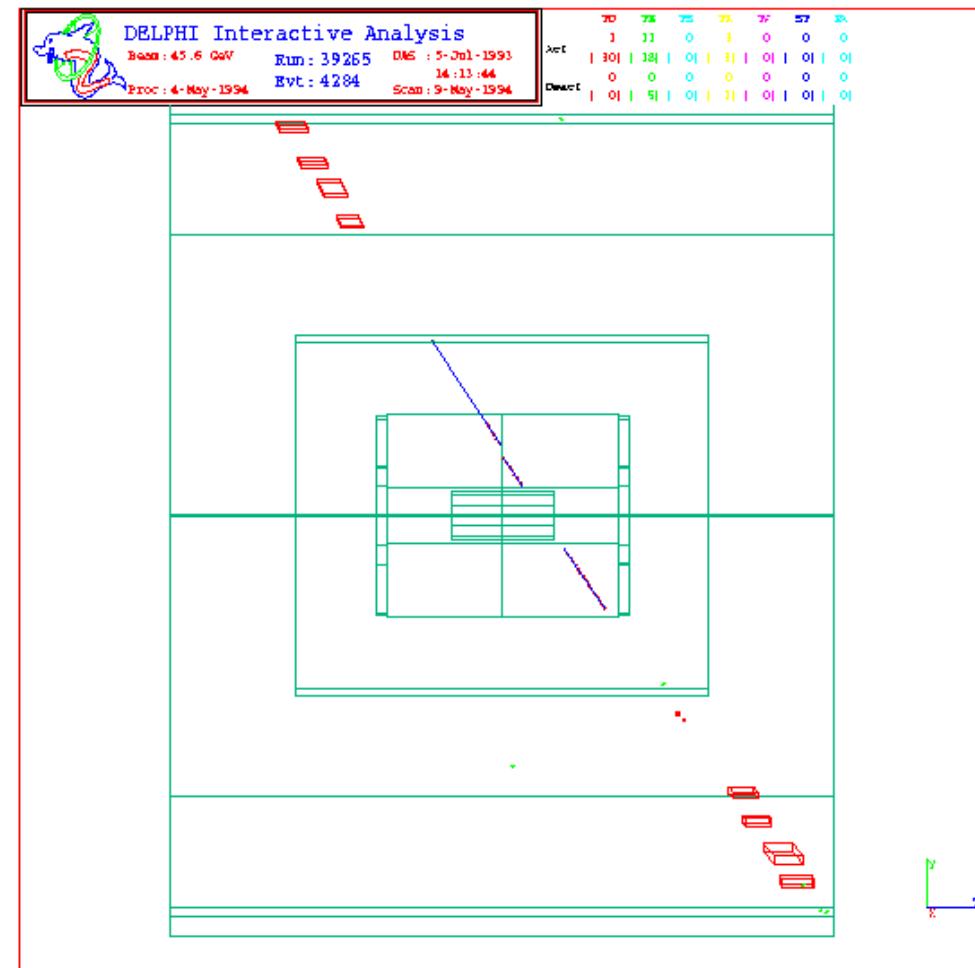
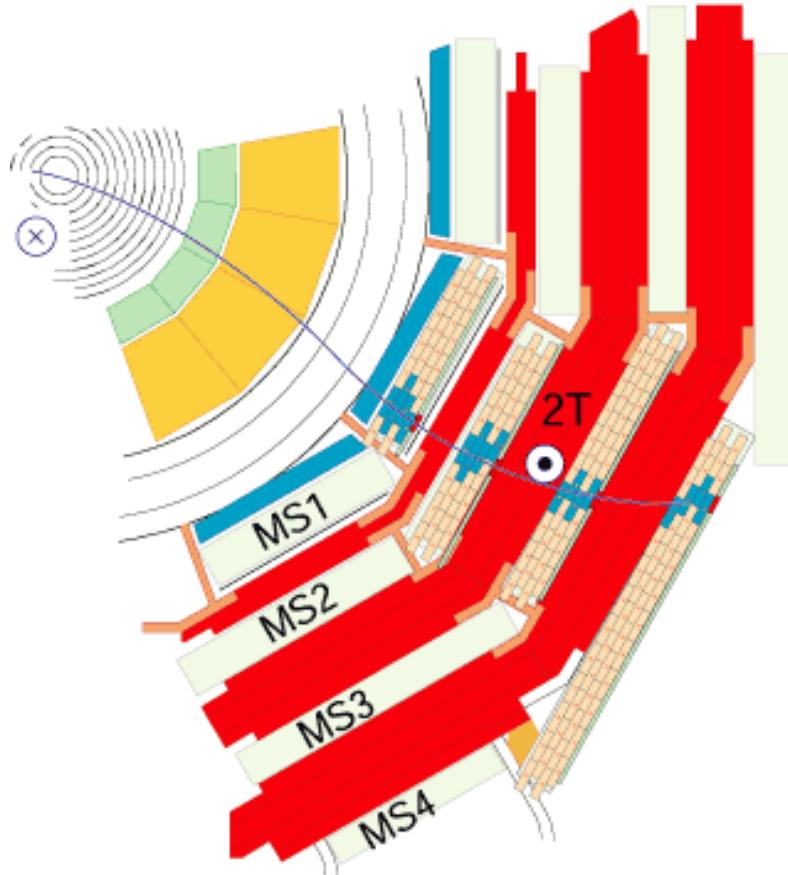
look for secondary vertices build upon those track

muon / jet matching

Complex identification : efficiency = 50% , mistag=0.1%

Muons

Muons are the only particles that go out of the calorimeter
External tracking system with independent B field
Match to internal tracker for better momentum resolution



Missing transverse energy

Momentum conservation

$$\sum p_x^{\text{final}} = \sum p_x^{\text{init}} = 0$$

$$\sum p_y^{\text{final}} = \sum p_y^{\text{init}} = 0$$

$$\sum p_z^{\text{final}} = \sum p_z^{\text{init}} = ??? \text{ Because of parton density}$$

If one measure all transverse momenta of final particles

$$0 = \sum p_x^{\text{final}} = \sum p_x^{\text{detected}} + \sum p_x^{\text{undetected}} \quad \sum p_x^{\text{undetected}} = E_{Tx}$$

Same for y axis.

$$\text{Finally } E_T : \sqrt{E_{Tx}^2 + E_{Ty}^2}$$

Interpretation of the imbalance :

neutrino, if only one $E_T = p_T$

neutralino, other new physics with no interaction

instrumental noise, miscalibration : sensitive to all resolution effects on all objects (jets, electron, muons...)

Physics analysis

Search for new particle

Cross-section measurement

Particle property (mass, spin...) measurement

Step 1 : process and signature

identify pertinent process(es) (Feynman diagrams)

determine final state(s) (eg: 2 electrons, 1 muon, 3 jet and missing energy...)

identify processes with similar signatures (backgrounds)

In hadron collisions, many jets are produced
one will always try to find non fully hadronic final states

- containing leptons (e ou mu)
- containing photons
- containing high- p_T jets

Physics analysis

Step 2 : event selection

apply selection cuts to isolate the wanted signature.

estimate the signal selection efficiency

estimate the background contributions

Monte Carlo simulations

theoretical calculation of cross-section.

data-driven methods

Step 3 : extract final result from selected data

It is never possible to identify the process creating an event

Only **statistical analysis** :

compute average number of expected events

use Poisson statistic

Monte Carlo simulation

Use MC Simulation to mimic the physical processes

① Hard scatter process : use differentiation cross section as pdf
softwares : [ALPGEN](#), [MadEvent](#), [MC@NLO](#), [POWHEG](#)

② Showering, Hadronization; Multiple interaction : empirical models
(non perturbative QCD)
softwares : [Pythia](#), [Herwig/Jimmy](#)

③ Detector material : energy deposit in matter (Bethe-Bloch,...)
software : [GEANT 4](#)

④ Detector response (electronics) : digitization

At the end simulated data have the same format as raw data out of the detector.

One can use the same reconstruction and analysis cuts

Exemple : Higgs search

Main production mode: gluon fusion $gg \rightarrow H$

- need leptons/photons in final states

$H \rightarrow WW, H \rightarrow ZZ$: at least one $W/Z \rightarrow$ leptons

$H \rightarrow \tau\tau$ (need tau-id ?)

$H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ (very clean but low BR)

Other modes : $WH, ZH, ttH(->WbWbH)$ (10 to 100 times less)

- leptonic decay of Z/W .

- $H \rightarrow bb$ needs b-tagging.

Exemple : $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4$ leptons

Selection :

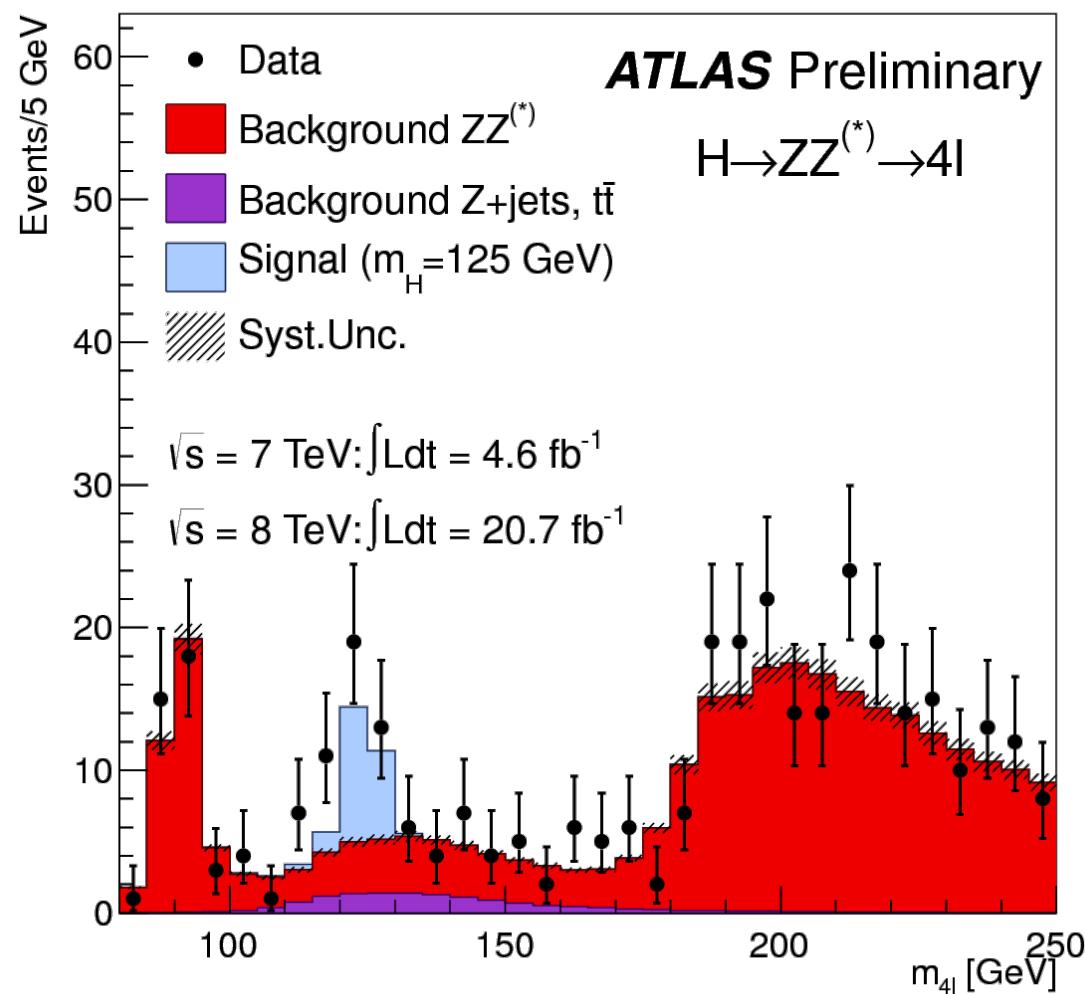
4 muons, 4 electrons or 2 muons and 2 electrons with high p_T (> 25 GeV)

Invariant mass of 2 identical leptons compatible with m_Z

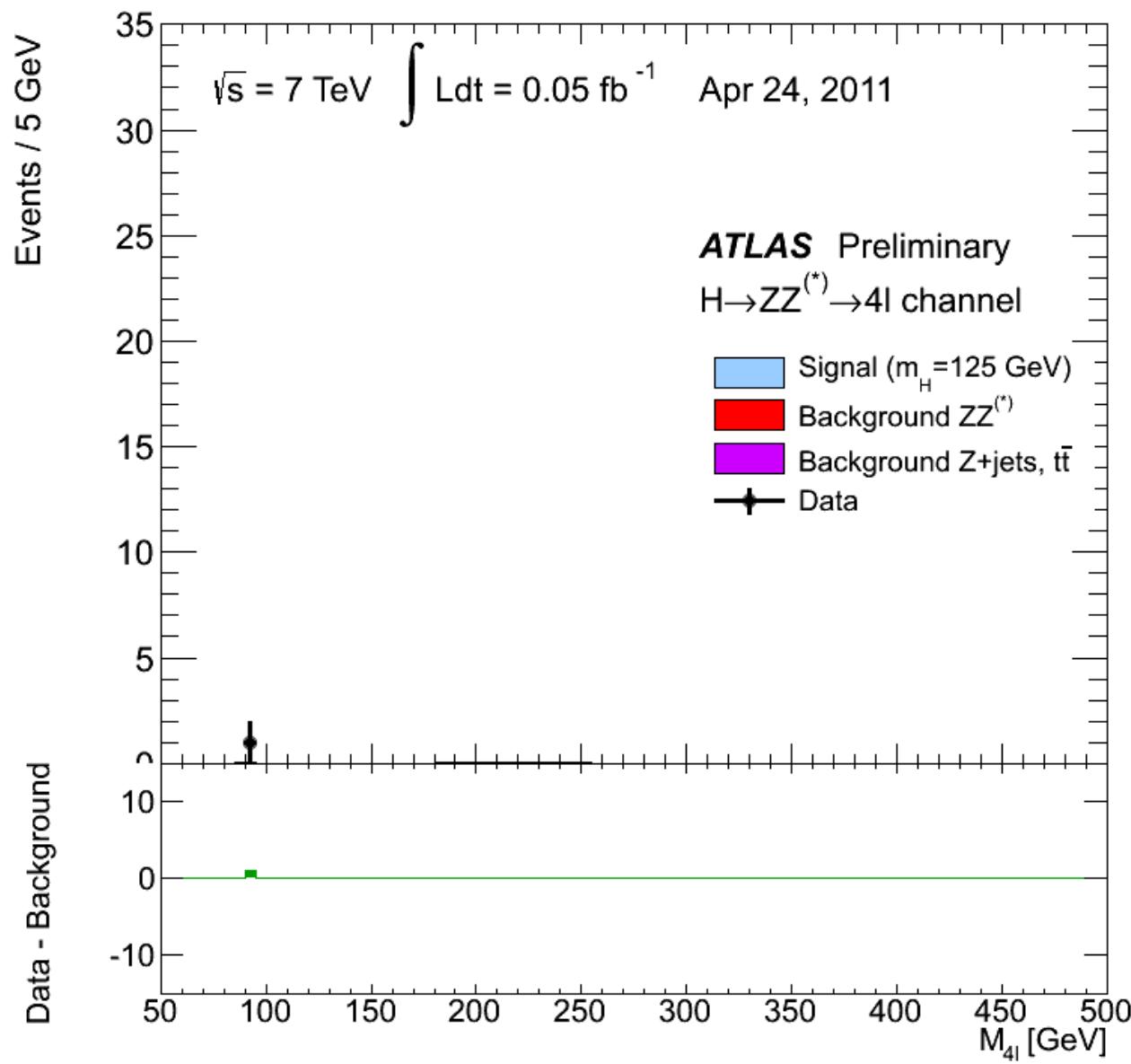
Main backgrounds :

- Physical : ZZ , ZZ^*
 $q\bar{q} \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4$ leptons
- Instrumental : $Z+jets$

Use the invariant mass of the 4 lepton as discriminating variable.



Exemple : $H \rightarrow ZZ^* \rightarrow 4$ leptons



Exemple : $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Selection: 2 clearly identified photons with high p_T (> 25 GeV)

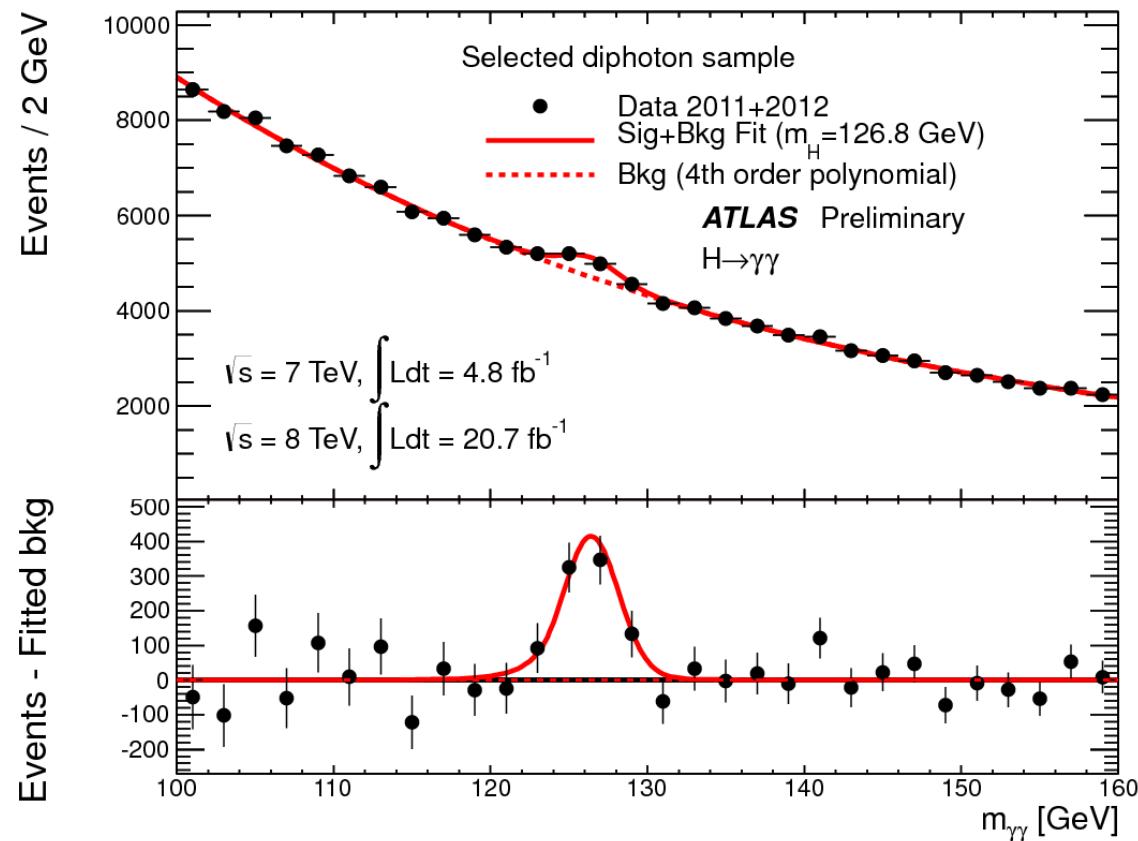
Main backgrounds :

- physical di-photon : $q\bar{q} \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$
- di-electron (Z) and di-jets (qq , gg) events with 2 mis-identifications

Discriminating variables:

Invariant mass of the photons system

Required good resolution on 4-momenta : E , η , φ



Exemple : $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

