

# Reconstructing sleptons in cascade decays at the FLC

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- Background, ISR, beam-strahlung, sensitivity to input assumptions.
- SPS3.
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# The kinematics of cascade decays

Lets look at  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ , with  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{l} \rightarrow ll\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  (or eg.  $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_3^0\tilde{\chi}_3^0$ , with  $\tilde{\chi}_3^0 \rightarrow Z\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow ZZ\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ )

Assume  $M_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}$  are known to some extent. Count unknowns and equations:

- Two  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  four-momenta = 8 unknowns
- E &  $\vec{p}$  conservation + four mass-relations = 8 constraints.

Hence, it should be possible to fully reconstruct the four-momenta, and since the SM particles are ( $Z, \ell$ ) are observed and measured in the detector the

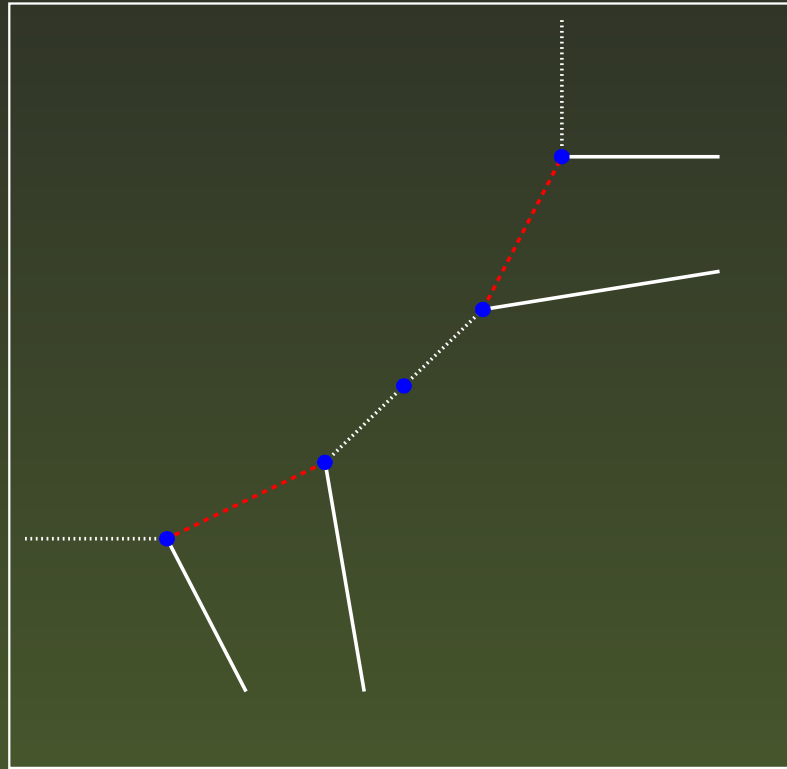
**Four-momentum of the intermediate SUSY particle is measurable in each event**

There was no need to assume any value of the mass of this particle. The reconstruction is hence a **direct measurement of the sparticle mass**.

Note that this is no rare process: As soon as pair-production threshold of the NNLSP is passed, the NLSP can be reconstructed.

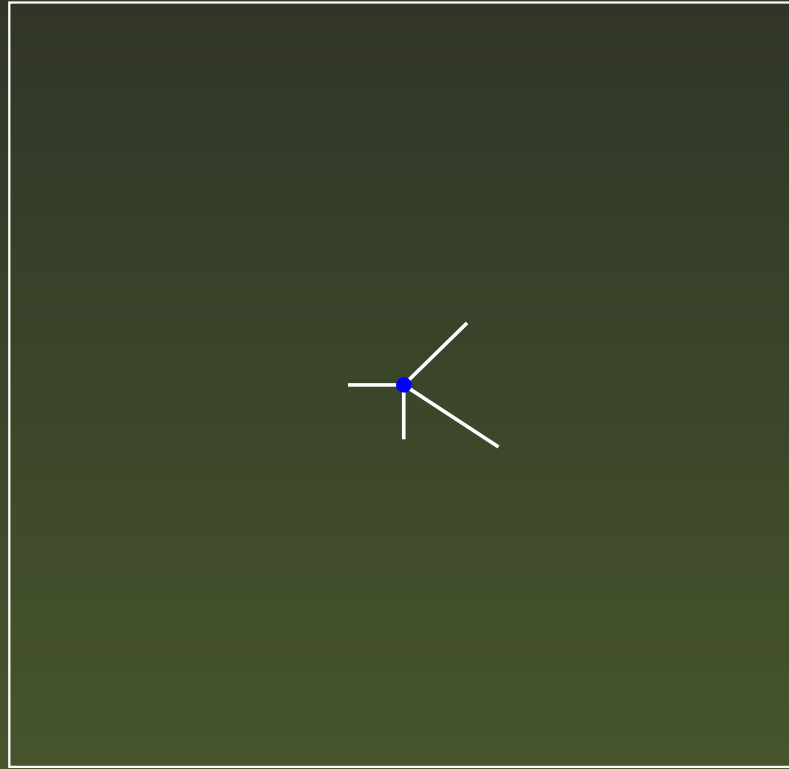
In eg, SPS1a, there are more  $\tilde{\tau}$ :s produced in  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  decays, than in direct  $\tilde{\tau}$ -pair production!

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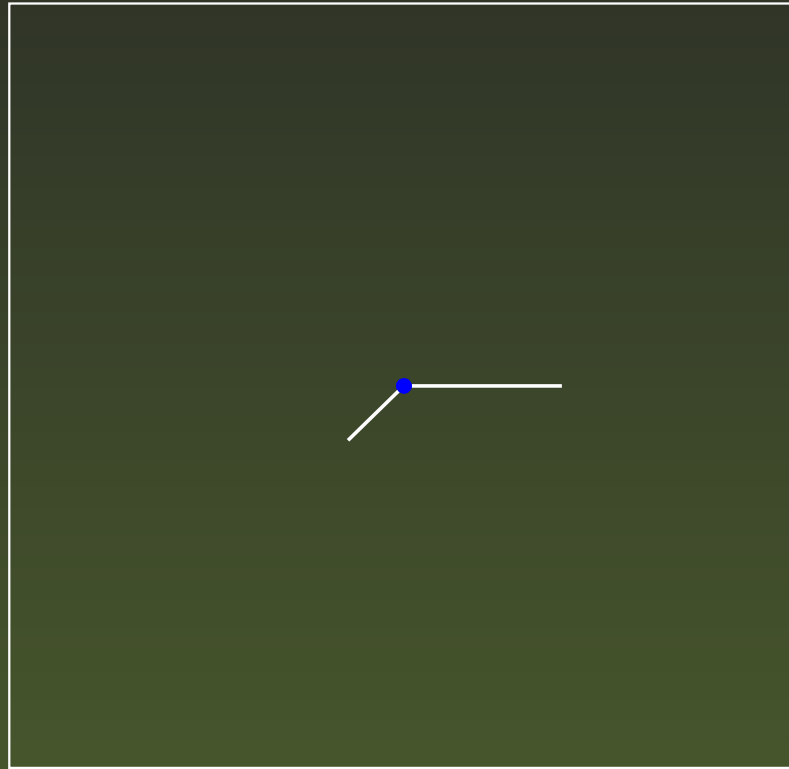
Schematic view of the event. It's the **red** particles we want to reconstruct.

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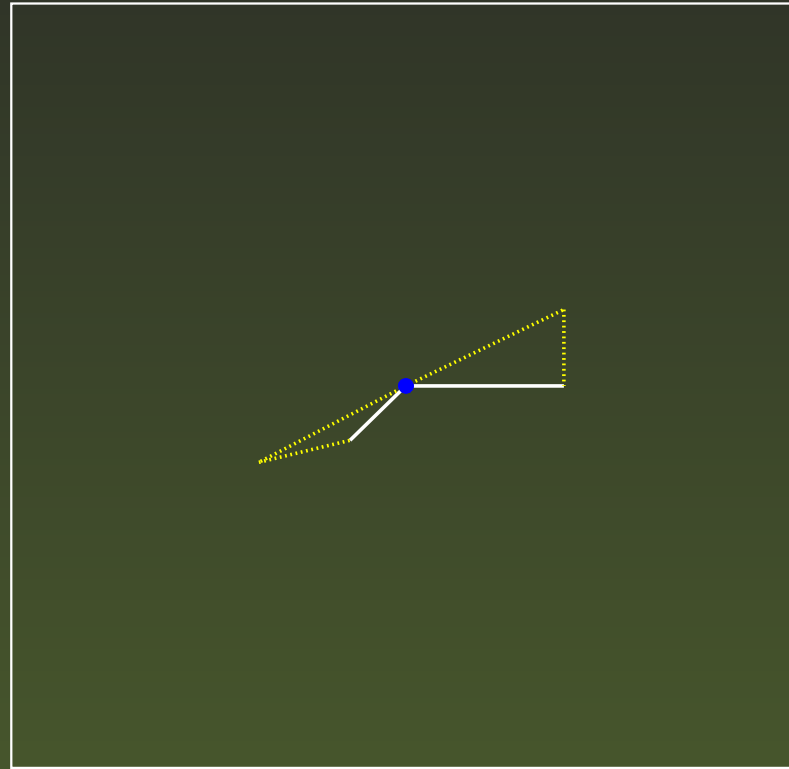
Actually, this is what the event looks like: Four leptons, missing energy and momentum, and nothing else.

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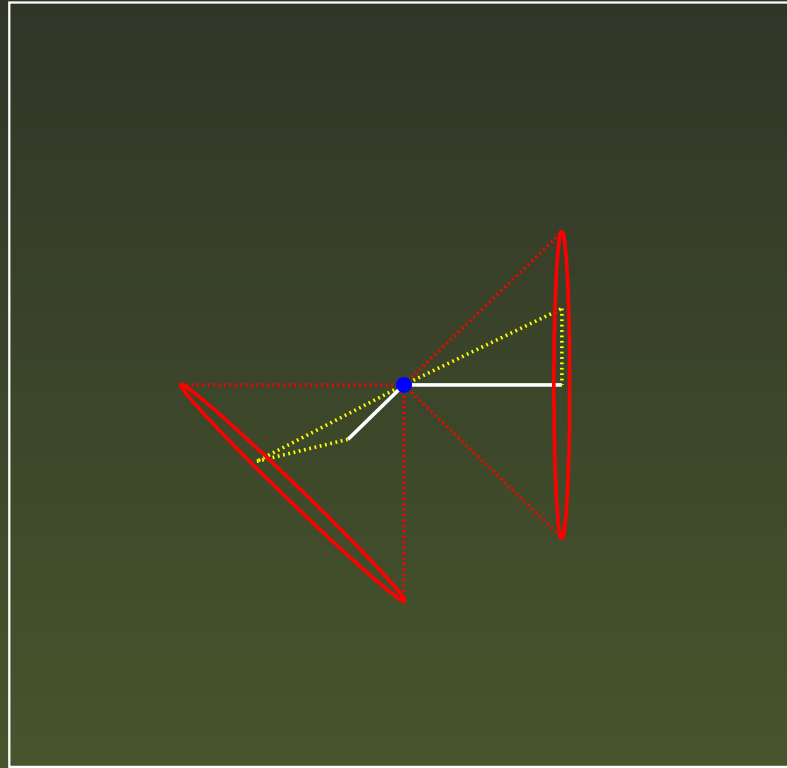
First, sum the opposite charged leptons.

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Because  $M_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$  and  $E_{be}^{am}$  are known,  $|p_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}|$  and  $E_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$  are as well.  $P_l^l$  is measured and  $M_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  is known, ie. also  $|p_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}|$  and  $E_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  are known.

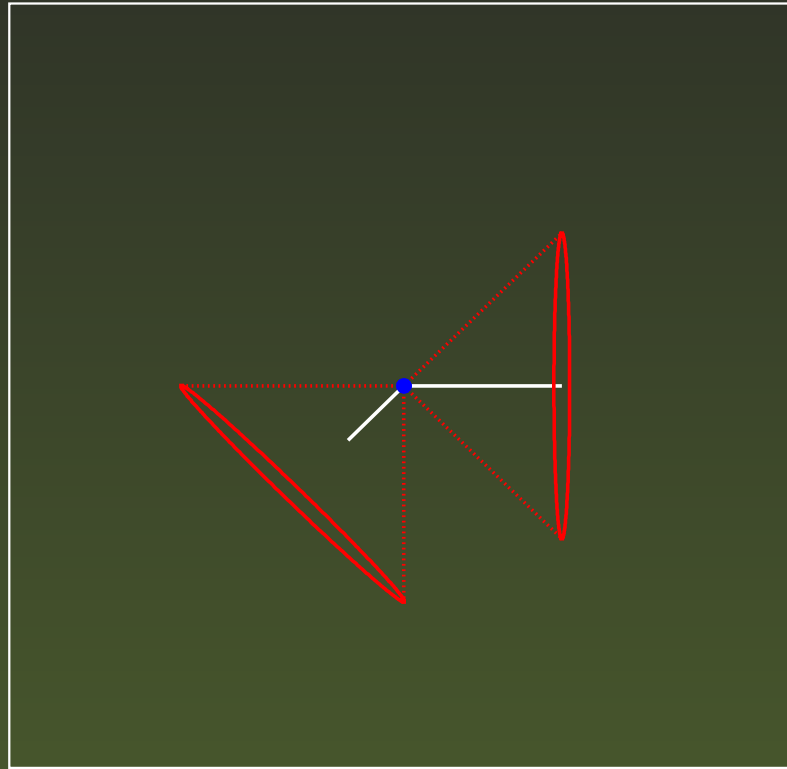
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The azimuthal angle is not, so  $\vec{p}_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$  is free to vary on cones around the lepton systems.

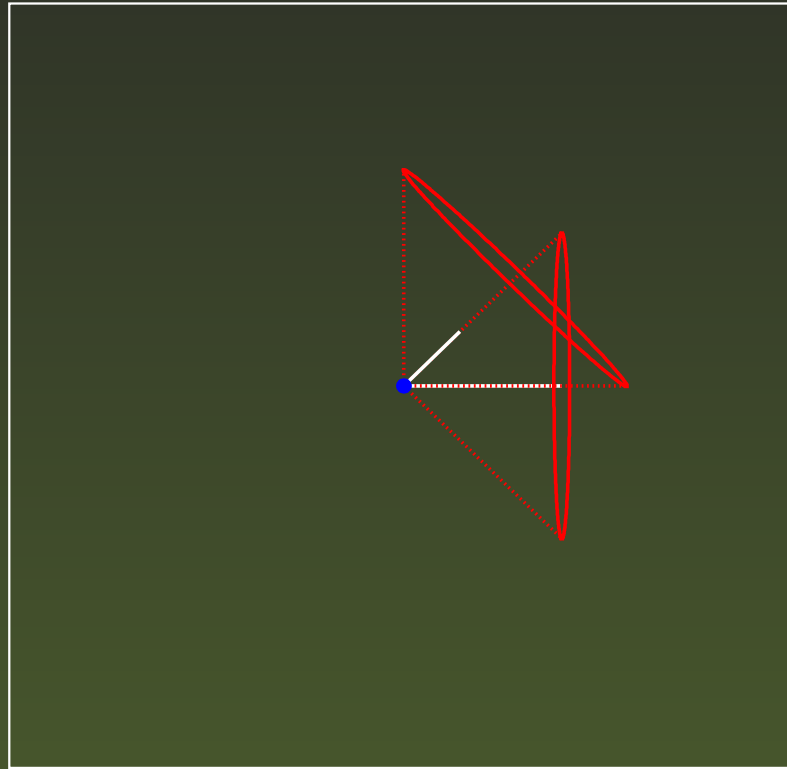


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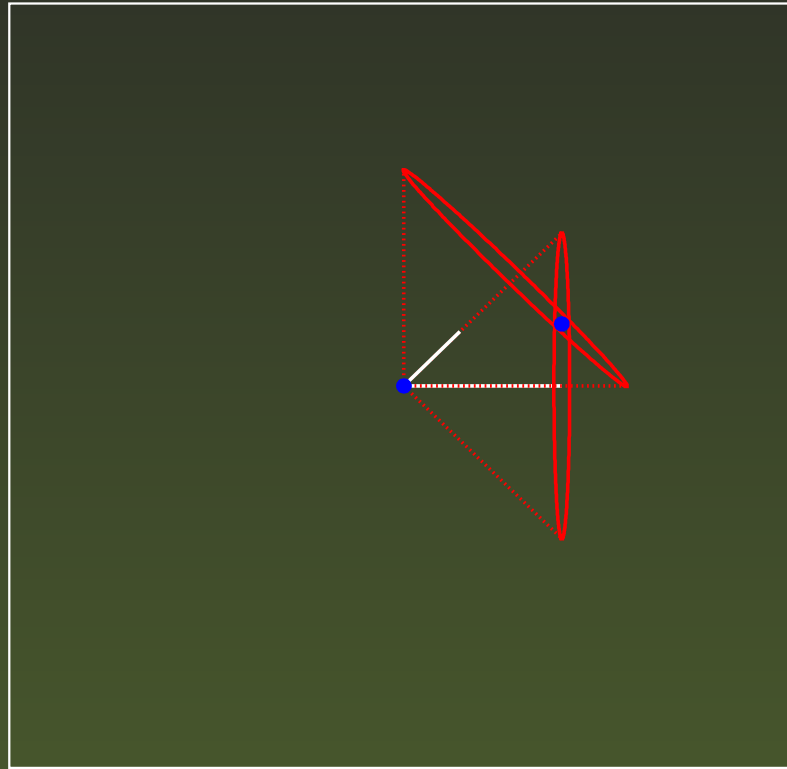
But: we do know the  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ :s are back-to-back.

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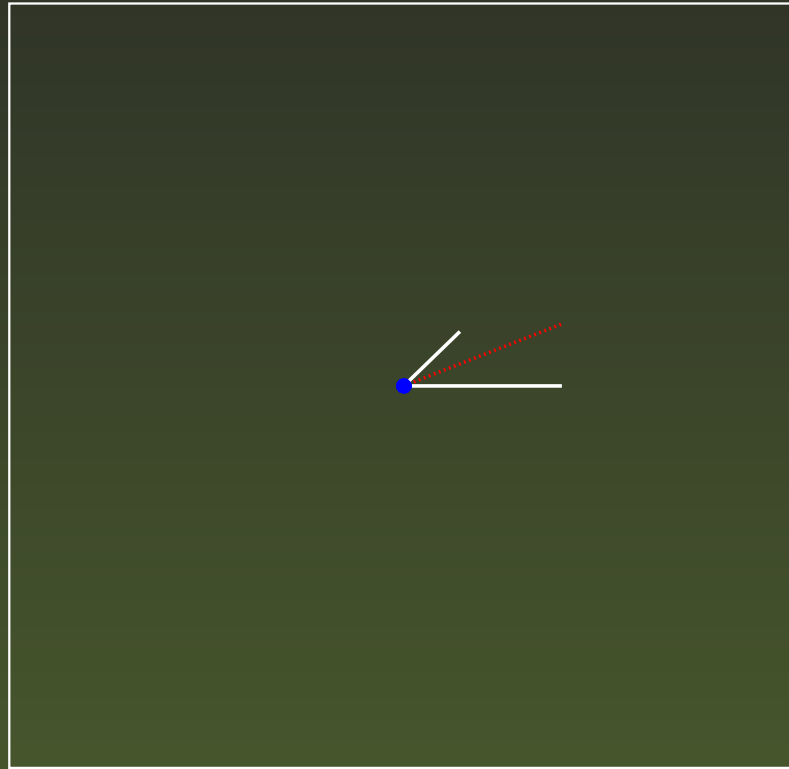
So, we flip one of the cones over...

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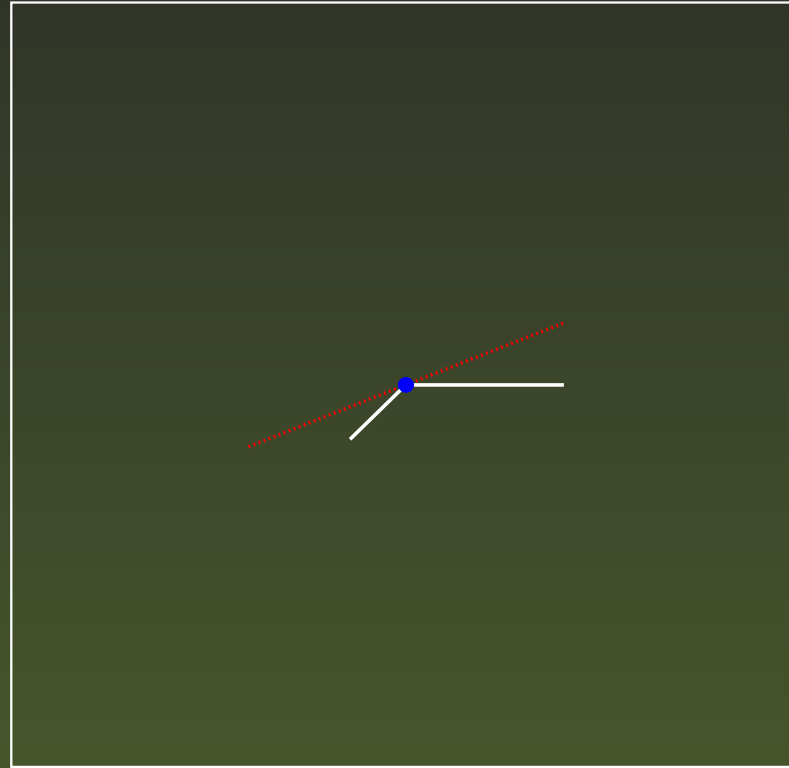
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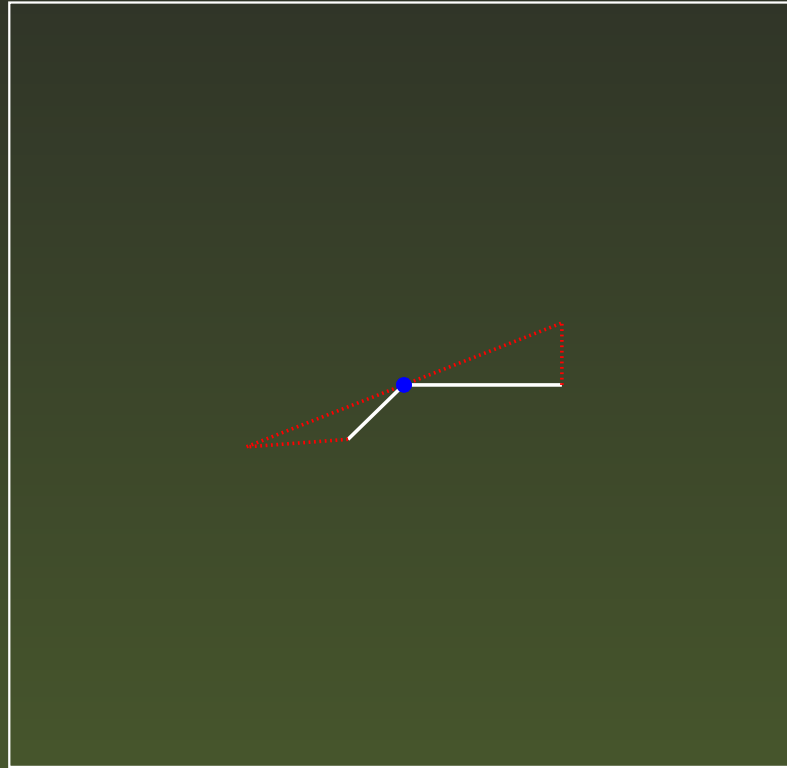
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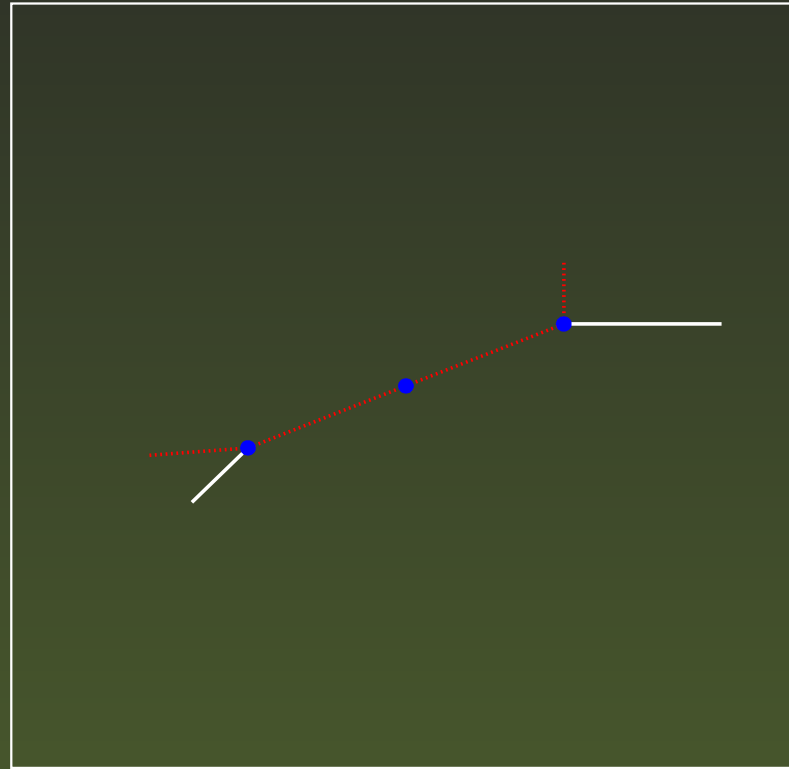
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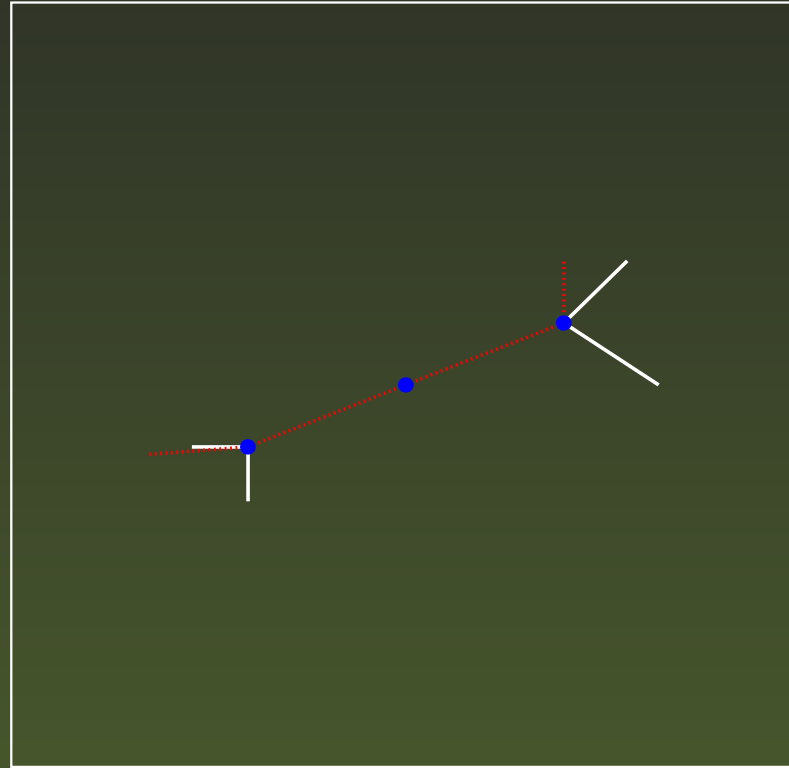
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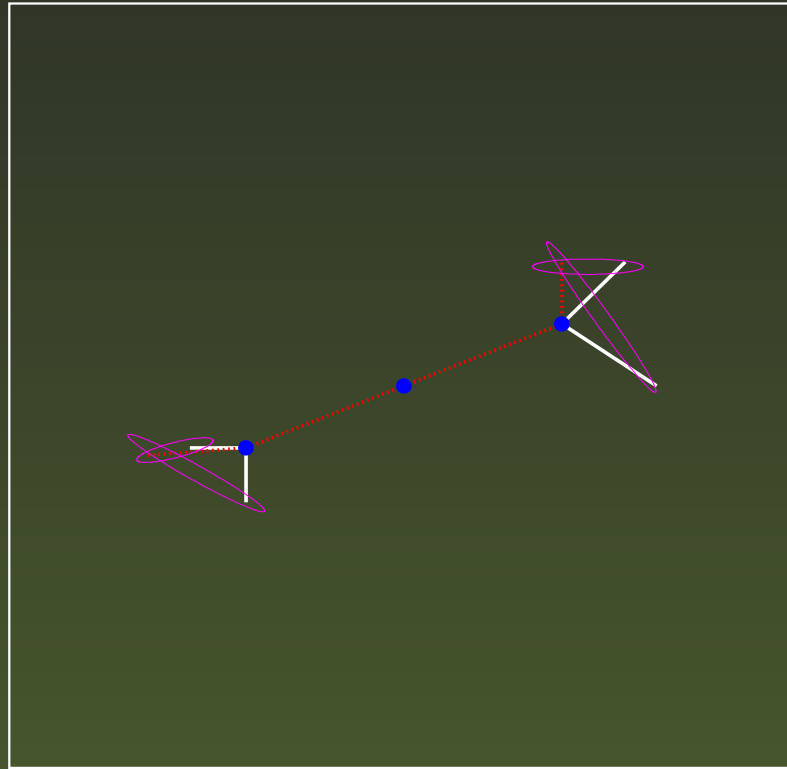
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... and expand the lepton systems.



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Finally: Add  $P_l$  to  $P_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$  to get  $P_{\tilde{\ell}}$ .

# Programs used

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In the plots following, these programs have been used to generate signal and background, simulate the detector, and to analyse the generated sample.

**SUSY spectrum:** SUSPECT.

**Generators:** SUSYGEN 3.0 and PYTHIA 6.205

**ISR:** PHOTOS

**Beam-strahlung:** CIRCE

**$\tau$ -decays:** TAUOLA

**Detector simulation:** SGV 2.32 $\beta$ , which includes full covariance matrix, brems and  $\gamma$ -conversions, shower/track confusion.

**Analysis:** SGV native and TSTTAU (the DELPHI  $\tau$ -finder for SUSY searches)

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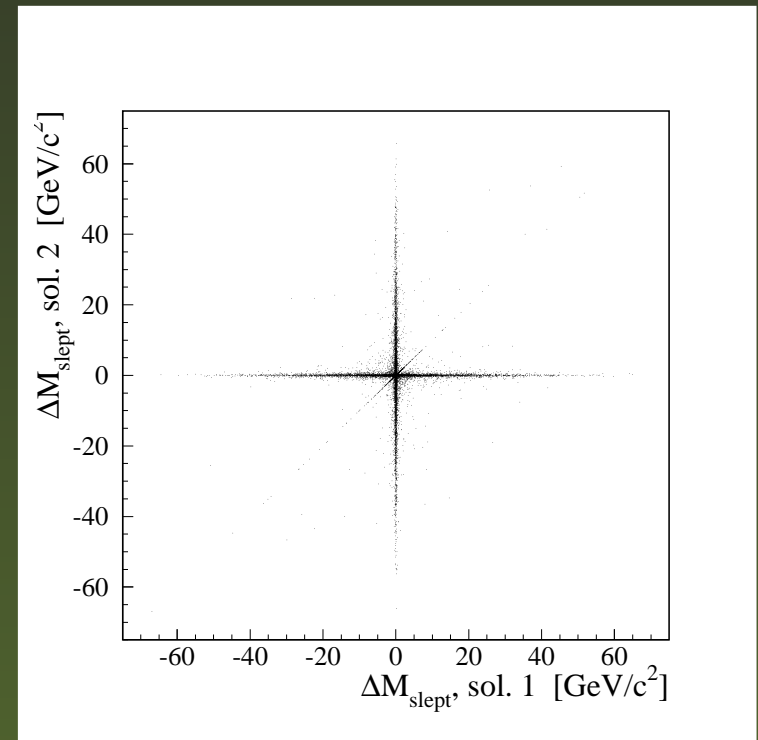
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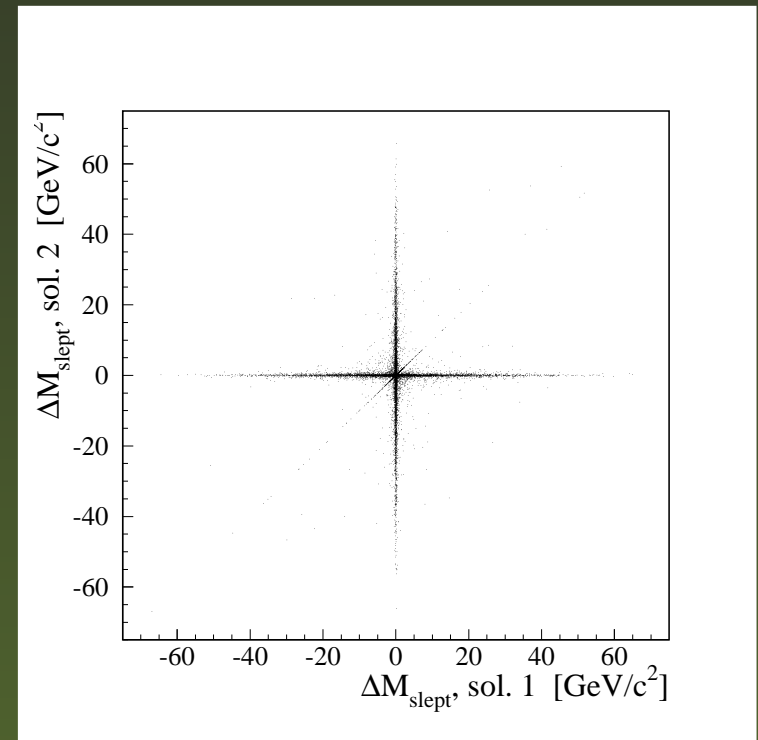
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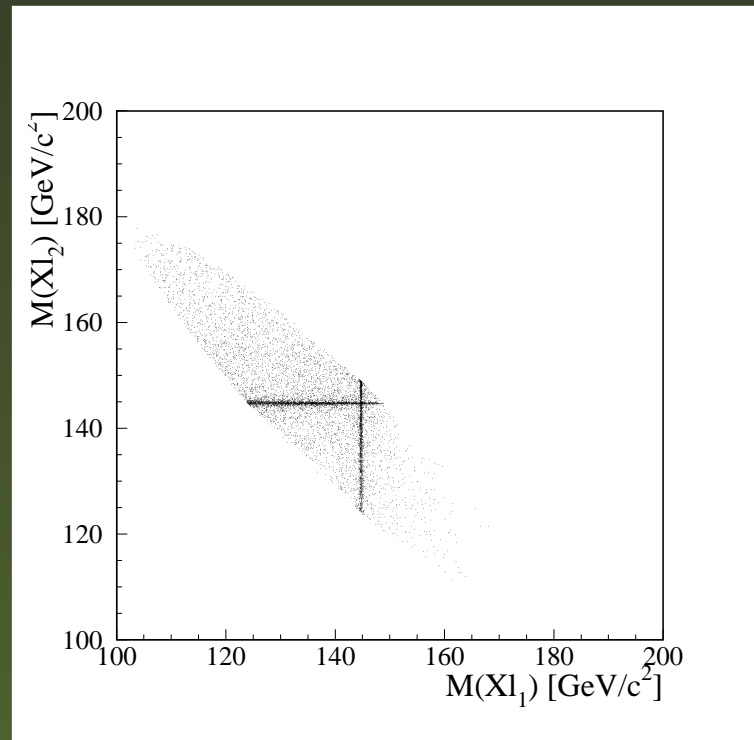
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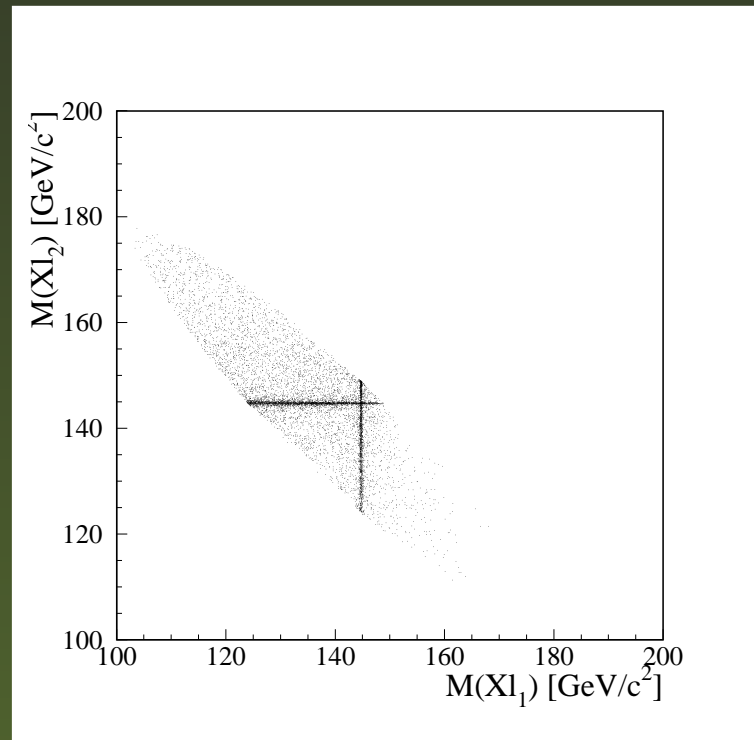
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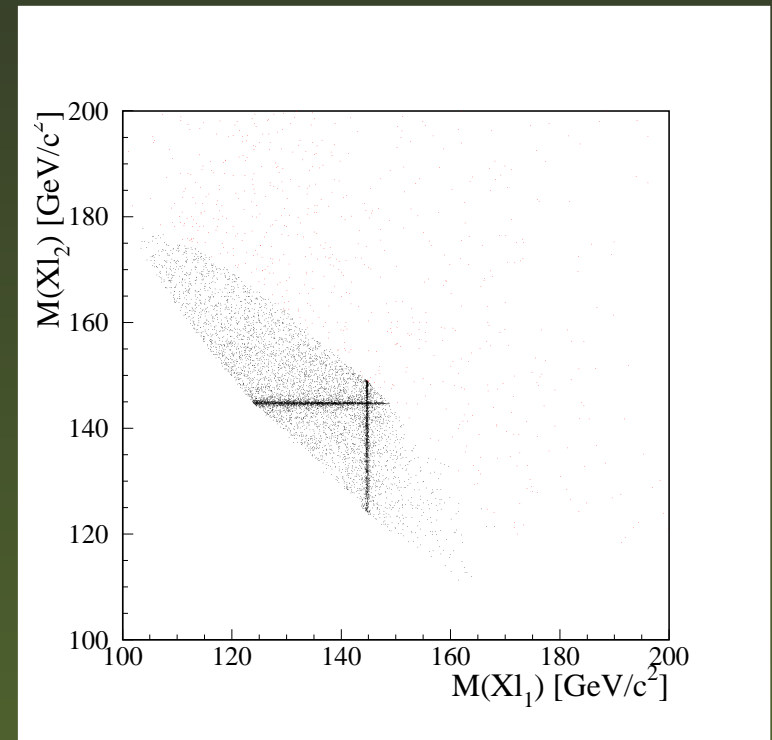




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- Two sides ... no problem if one side has a  $\tilde{\mu}$ , the other a  $\tilde{e}$ . If all are the same: No reason that a combination with a lepton from the wrong  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ -decay should fall in the Dalitz-triangle.



# Smuons and selectrons in SPS1a

In SPS1a:

- $M_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$  is 183 GeV/ $c^2$
- $M_{\tilde{\mu}} = M_{\tilde{e}} = 144.73$  GeV/ $c^2$

SUSPECT gives

- $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0\tilde{\chi}_2^0) = 82$  fb.
- $BR(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}\ell) = 14\%$  ( $\tilde{\ell} \neq \tilde{\tau}$ )
- No other cascades open at 500 GeV

→ 41000  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  events for  $\mathcal{L} = 500$  fb $^{-1}$ , 800 with both  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  to  $\tilde{\ell}\ell$ .

The total SUSY cross-section is 2015 fb, ie. 1 007 500 events. This was the size of the sample generated

# Smuons and selectrons in SPS1a

Select events by

- Four charged leptons as only seen charged tracks.
- $p_t^{\cancel{\nu}} > 10 \text{ GeV}/c$
- Visible mass between 100 and 300  $\text{GeV}/c^2$ .
- Seen energy  $< 300 \text{ GeV}$ .
- Seen neutral energy  $< 150 \text{ GeV}$ .
- Thrust axis above 0.3 Rad.
- Calorimetric energy below 30deg  $< 150 \text{ GeV}$ .

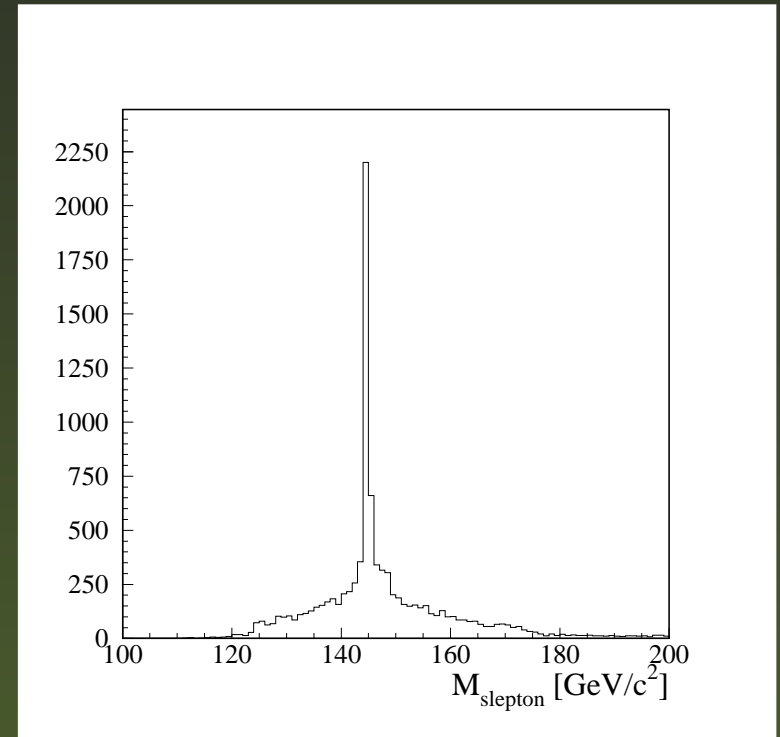
$\approx$  **NO** Standard Model background !

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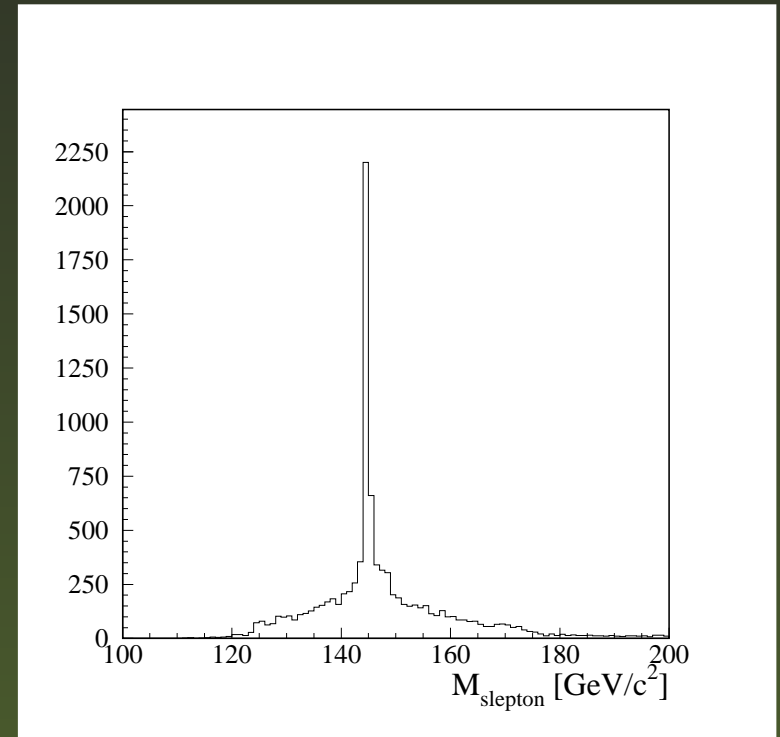
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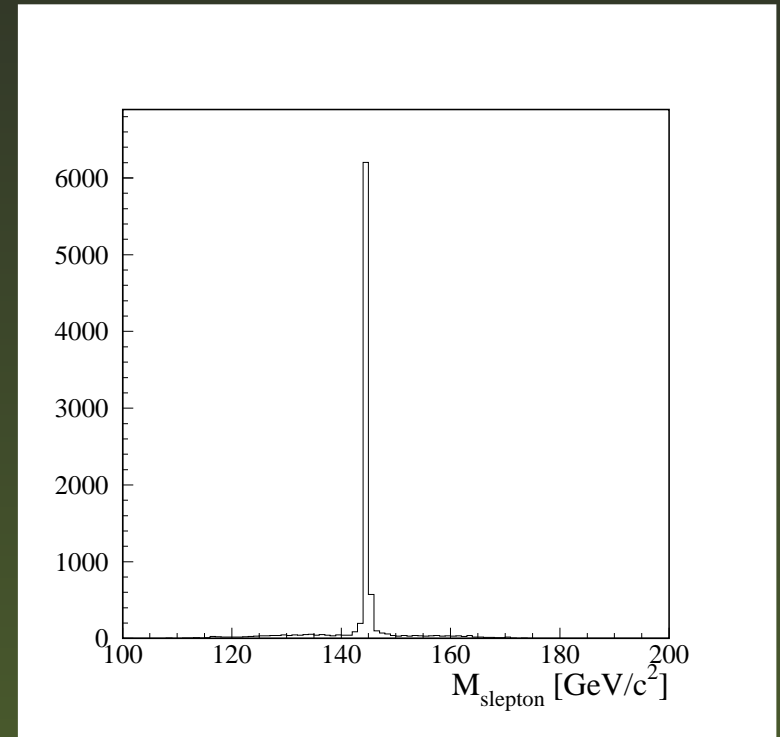
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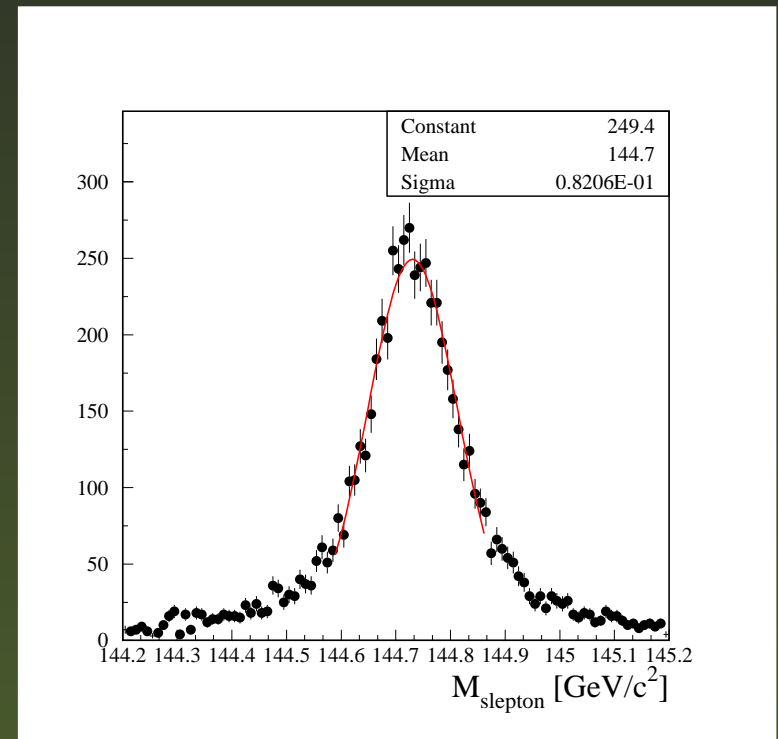


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Efficiency = 33 %.





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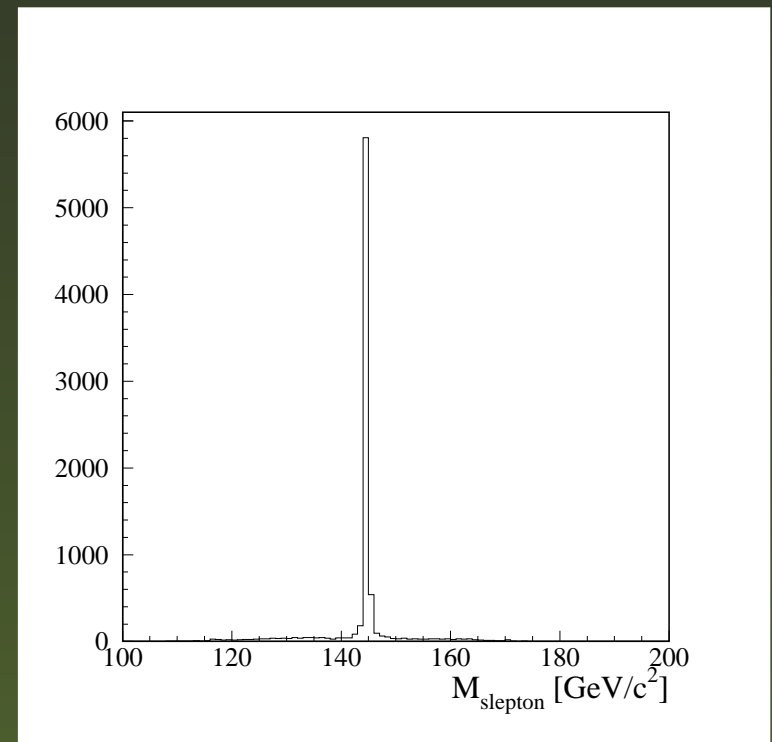
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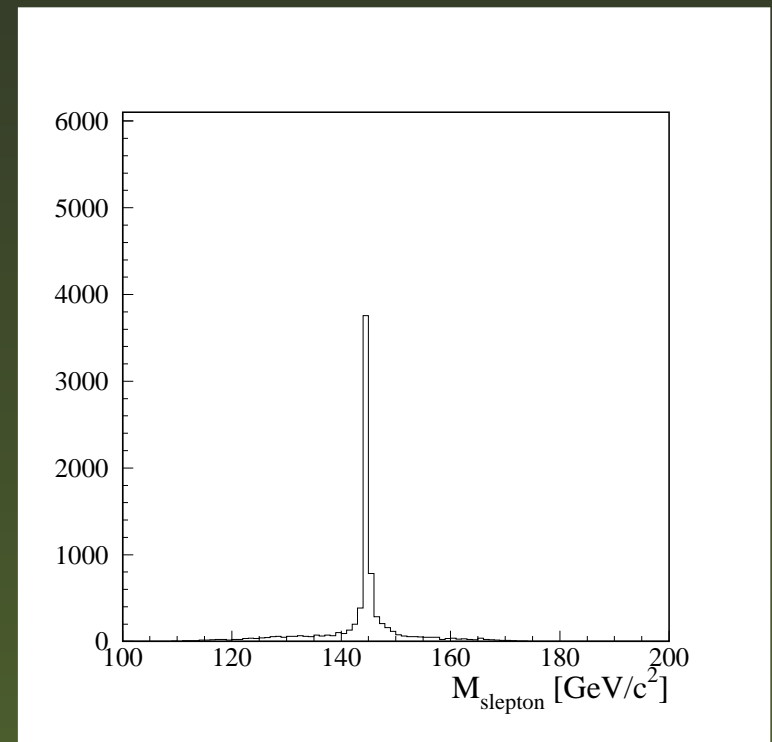
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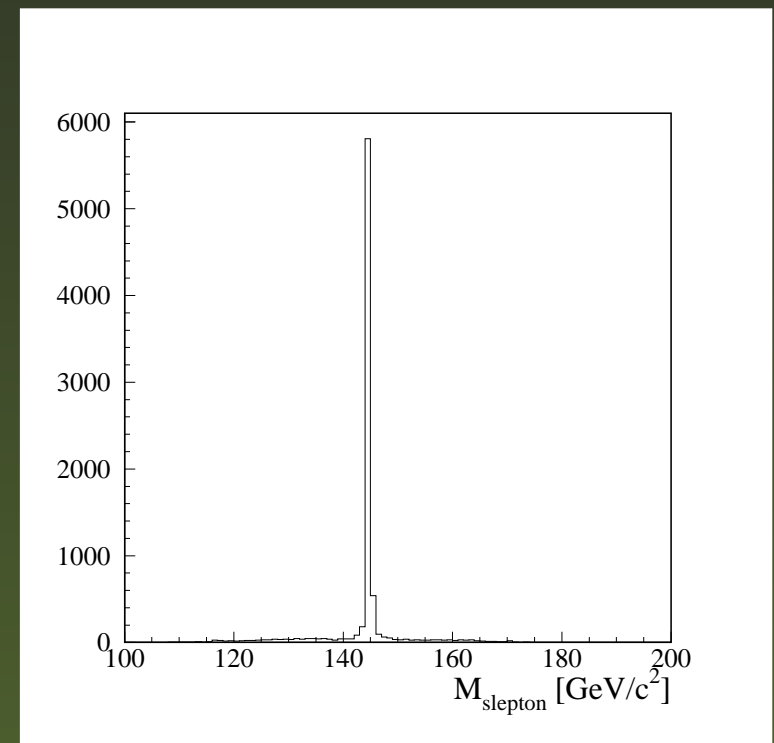
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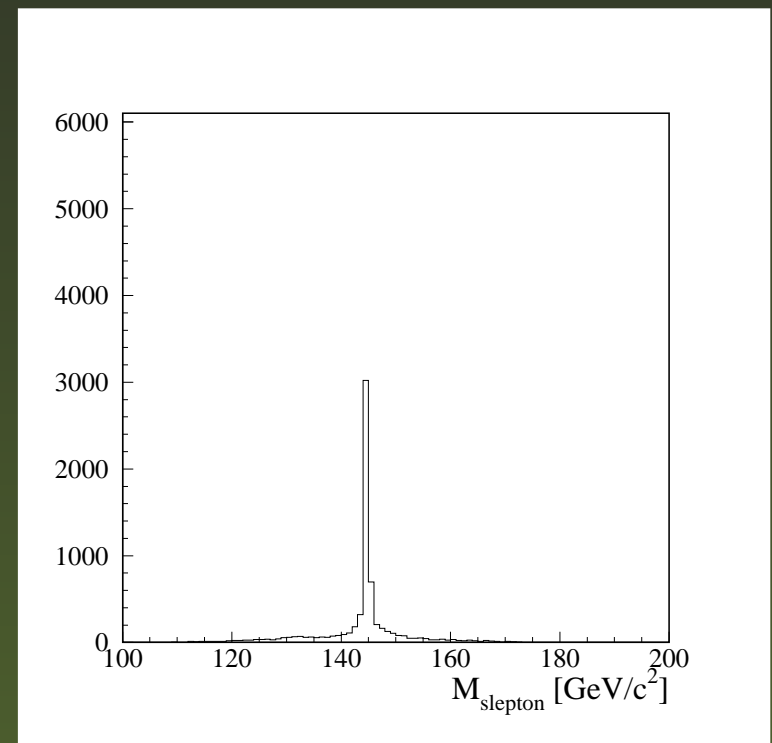
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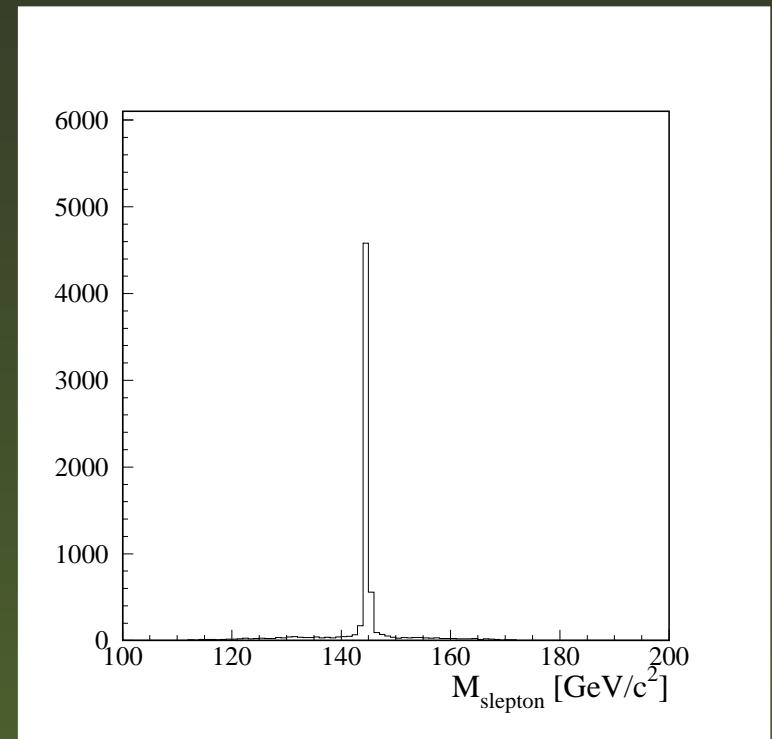
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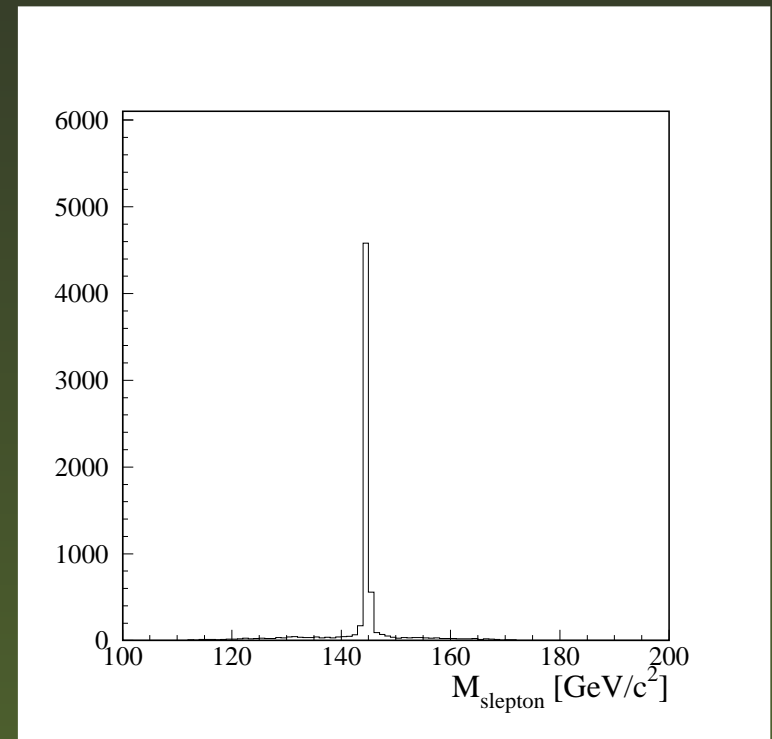
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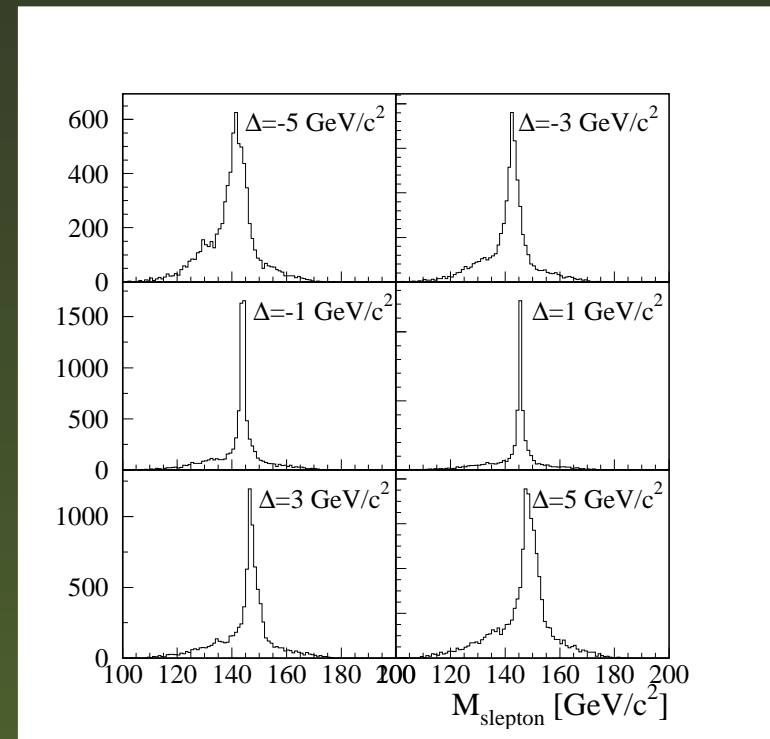




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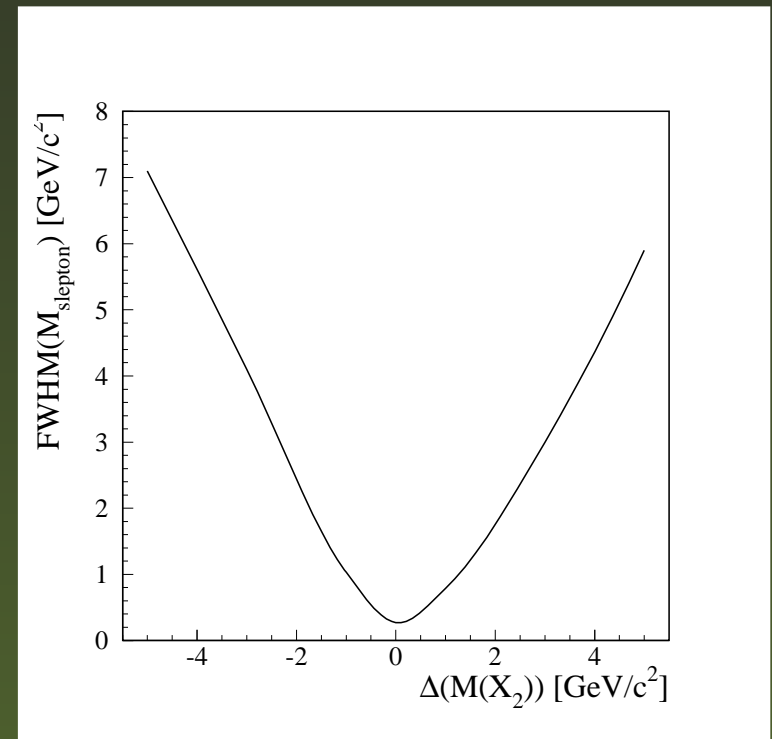
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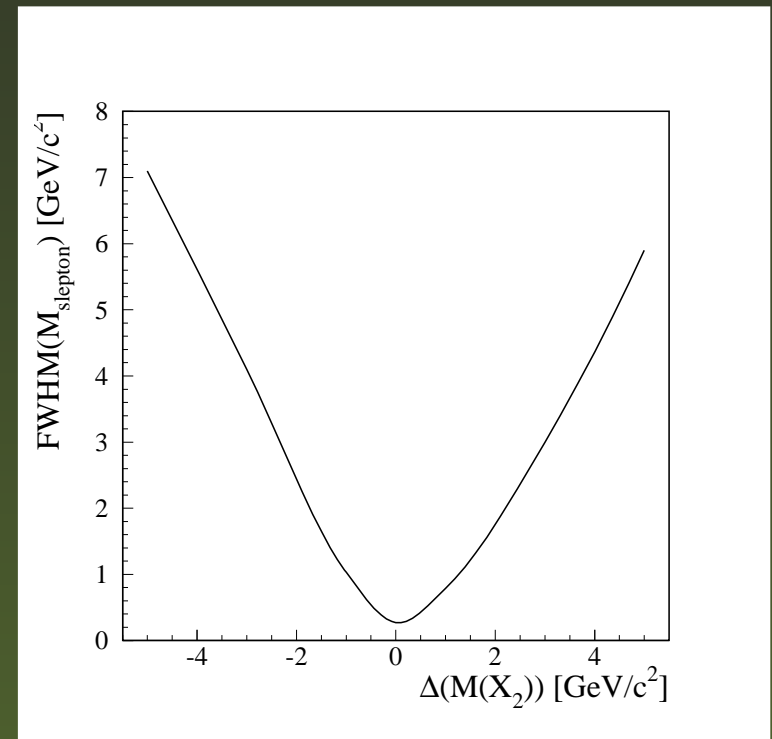
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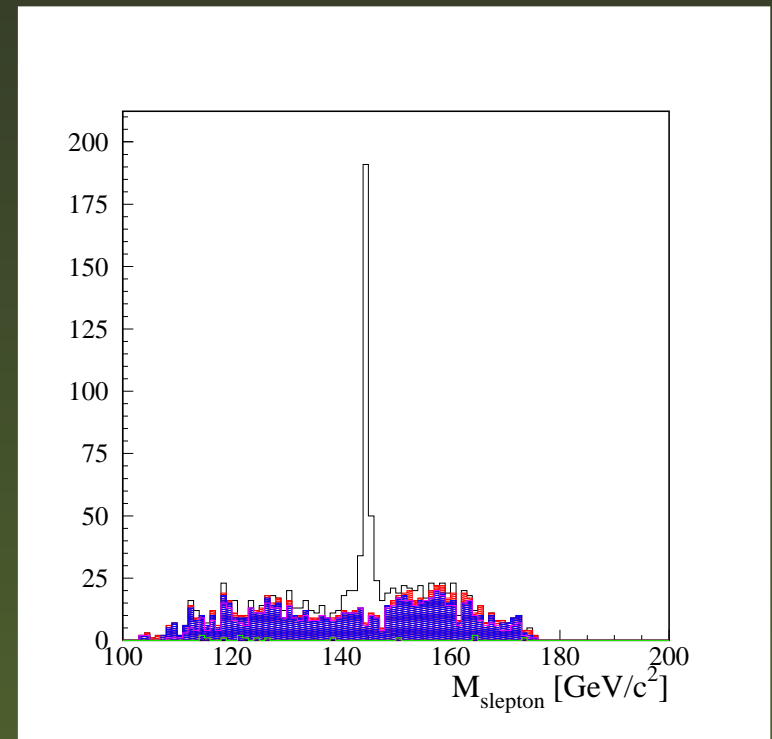
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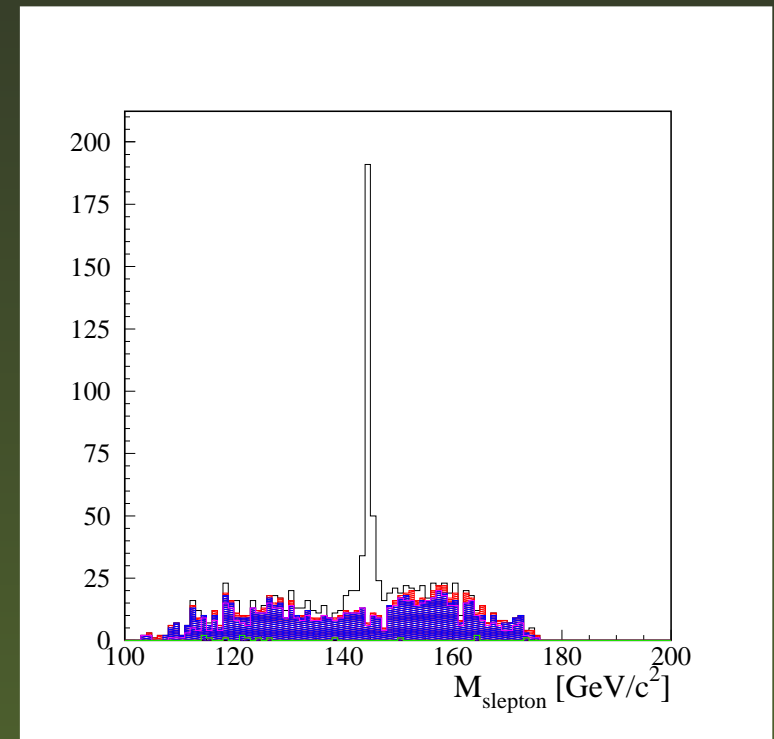


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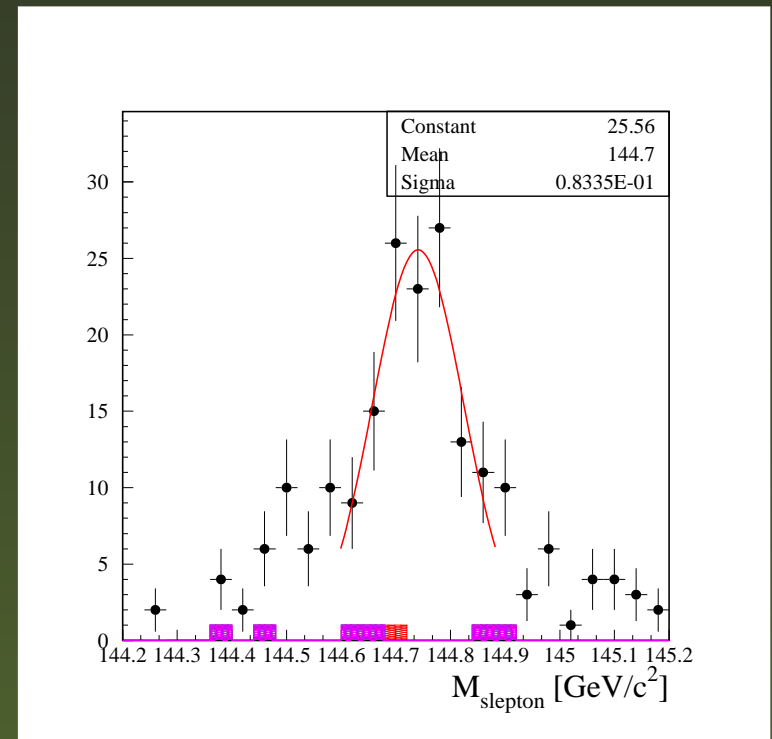
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$$\sigma = 83 \text{ MeV}/c^2$$

90 events in the peak (11 % efficiency).

$$\rightarrow \delta(M_{\tilde{\ell}}) = \frac{\sigma}{\sqrt{N}} = 8.7 \text{ MeV}/c^2.$$

Fitted mass =  $174.74 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  (input was  $174.73 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ ).



# SPS3 : More than one cascade

In SPS 3

- $M_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$  is 308 GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- $M_{\tilde{\mu}_L} = M_{\tilde{e}_L} = 289.96$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>
- $M_{\tilde{\mu}_R} = M_{\tilde{e}_R} = 181.83$  GeV/c<sup>2</sup>

SUSPECT gives

- $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_2^0\tilde{\chi}_2^0) = 21$  fb.
- $BR(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}_L\ell) = 16\%$  ( $\tilde{\ell} \neq \tilde{\tau}$ )
- $BR(\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\ell}_R\ell) = 2\%$  ( $\tilde{\ell} \neq \tilde{\tau}$ )
- No other cascades open at 800 GeV

→ 10500  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  events for  $\mathcal{L} = 500$  fb<sup>-1</sup>, 340 with both  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  to  $\tilde{\ell}\ell$ .

The total SUSY cross-section is 593 fb, ie. 269 500 events, which was generated.

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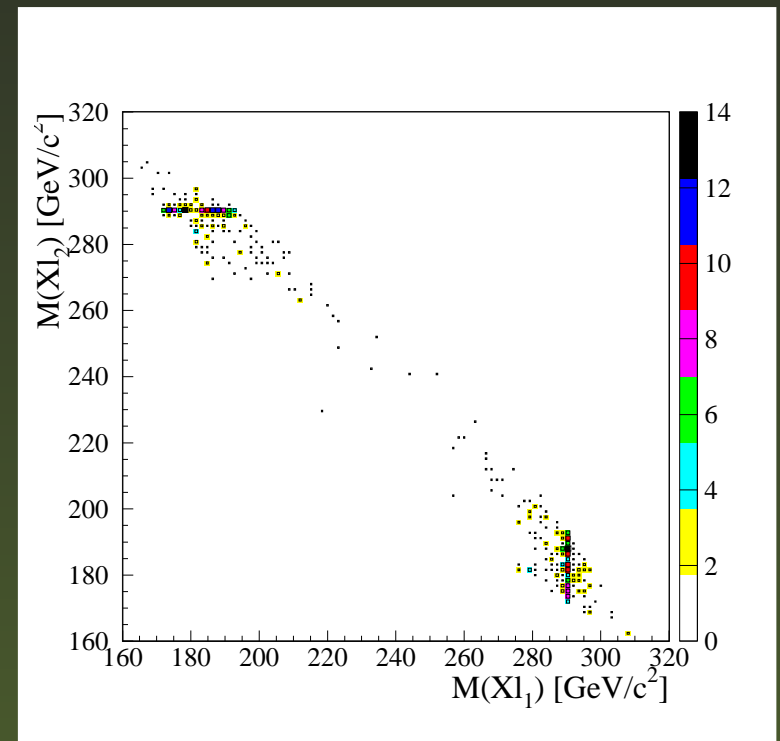
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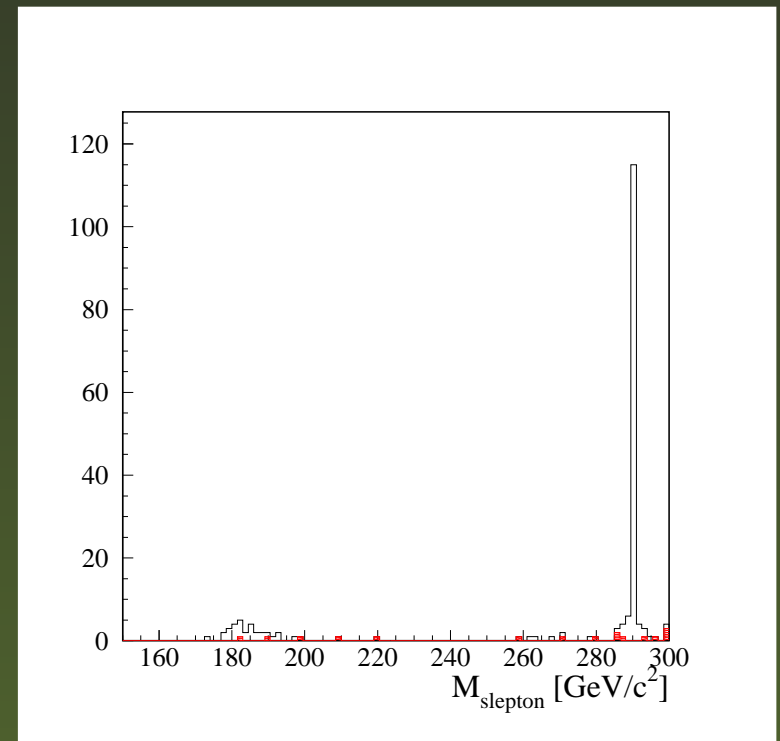
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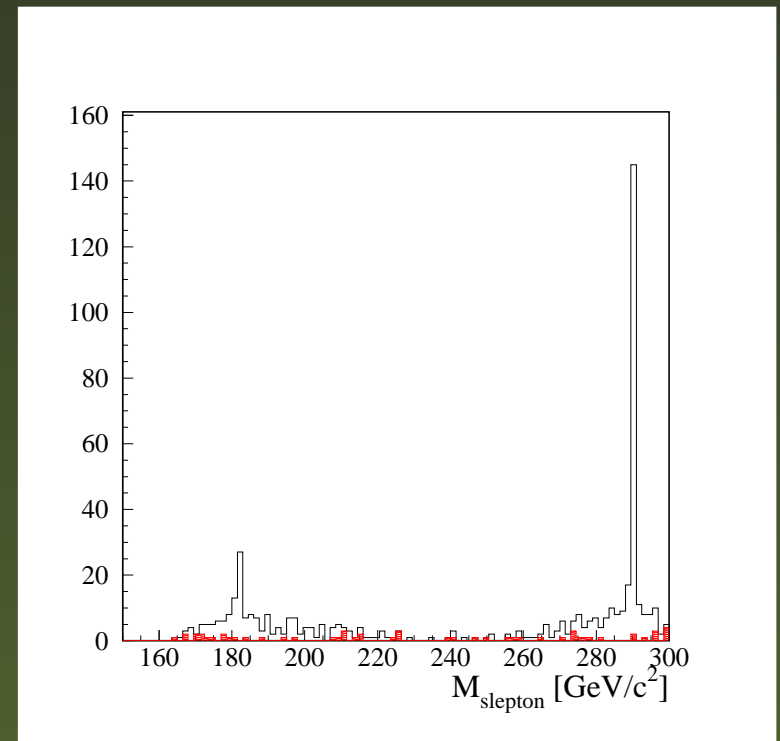
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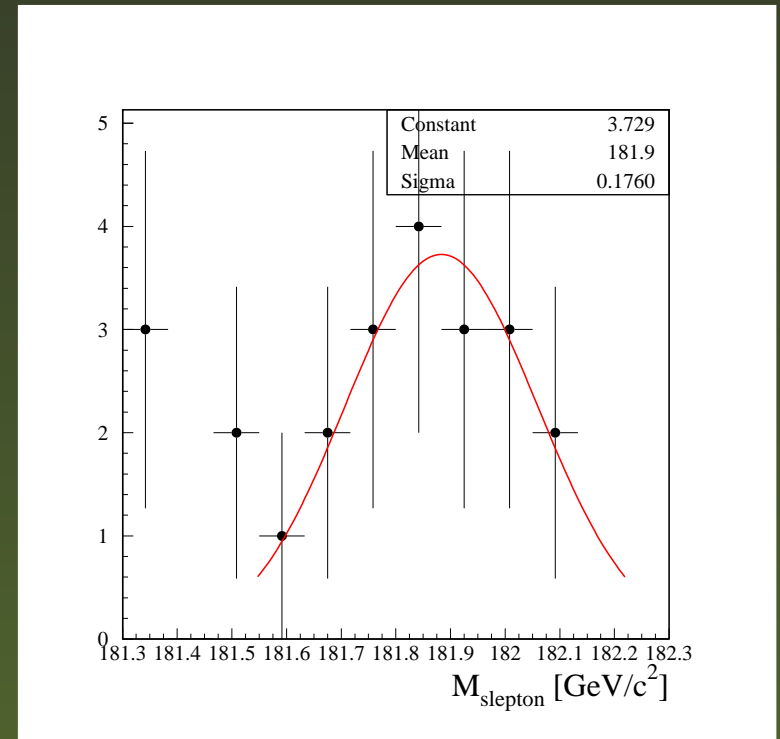
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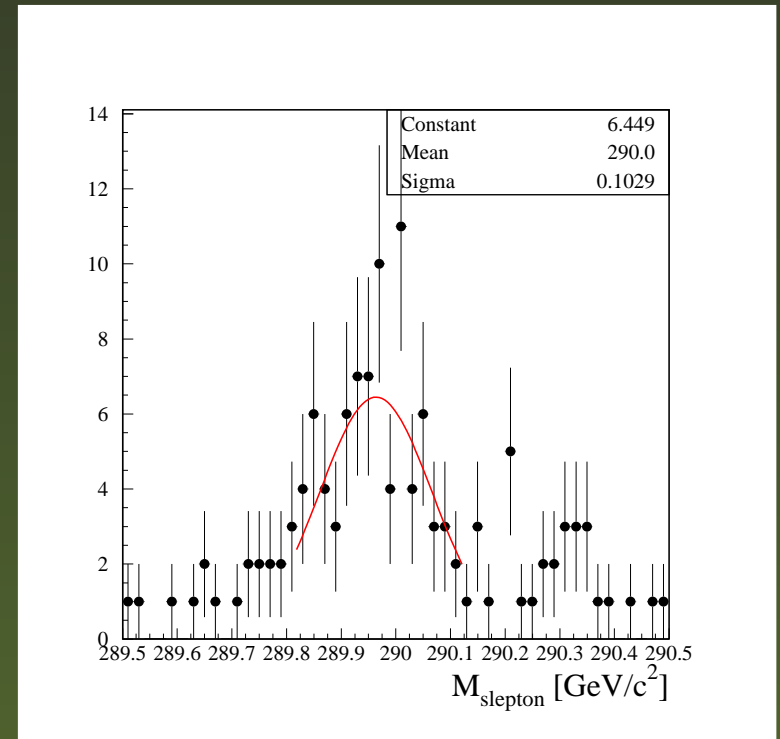
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$$\sigma_{L(R)} = 103 (176) \text{MeV}/c^2$$

50 (18) events in the peak

$$\rightarrow \delta(M_{\tilde{\ell}_{LR}}) = 14.5 (41.5) \text{MeV}/c^2.$$

Fitted mass = **290.0 (181.9) GeV/c<sup>2</sup>** (input was **289.96 (181.83) GeV/c<sup>2</sup>**).



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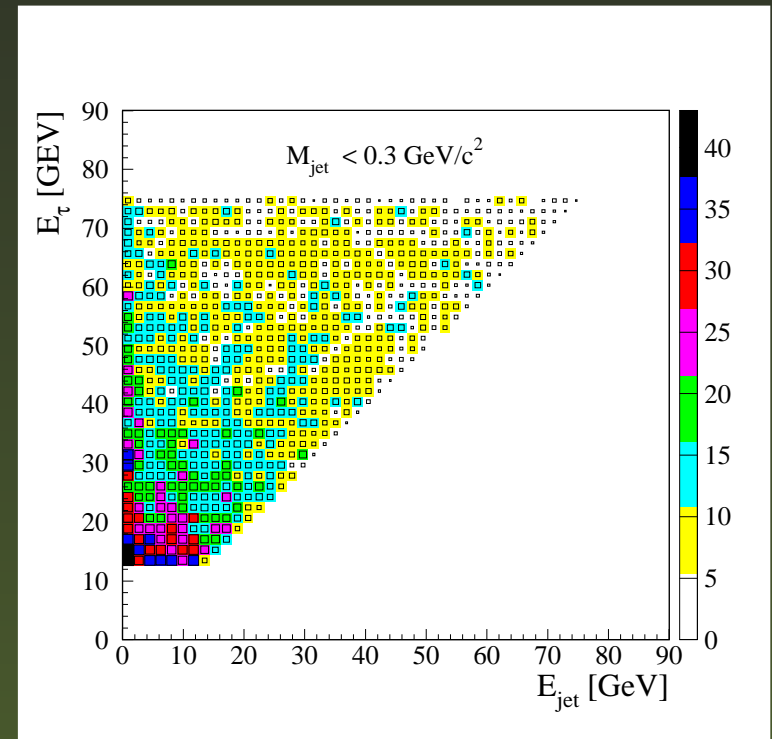
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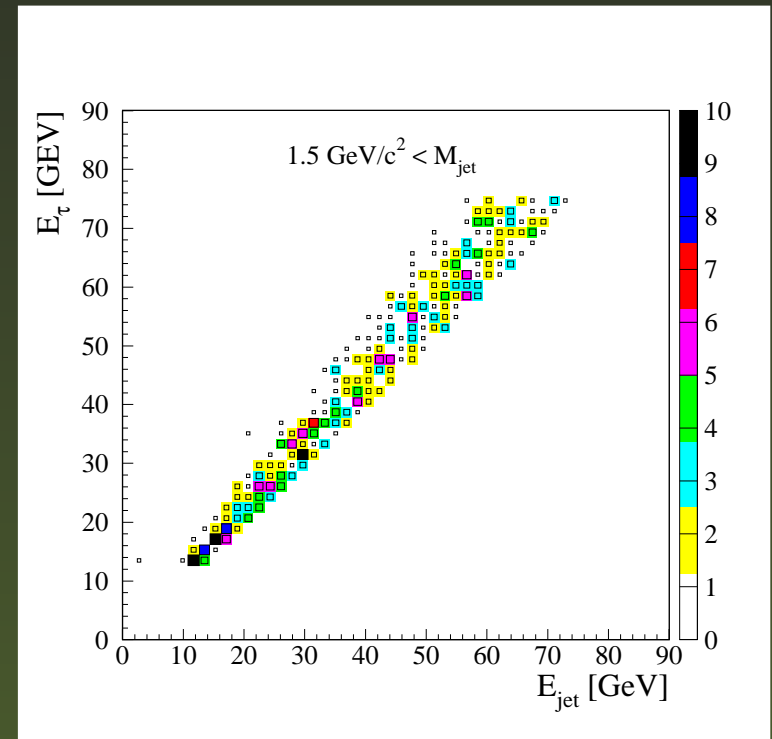
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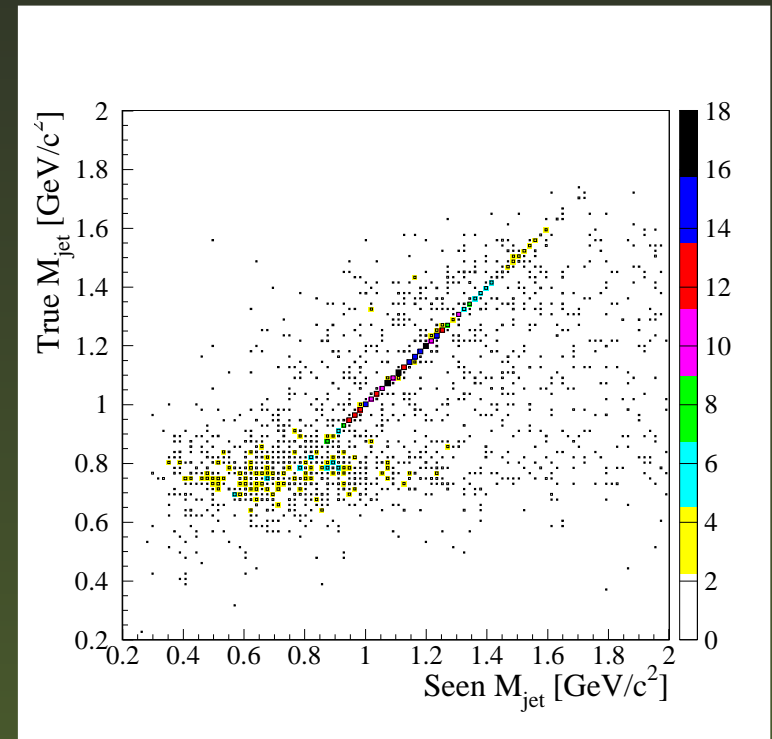
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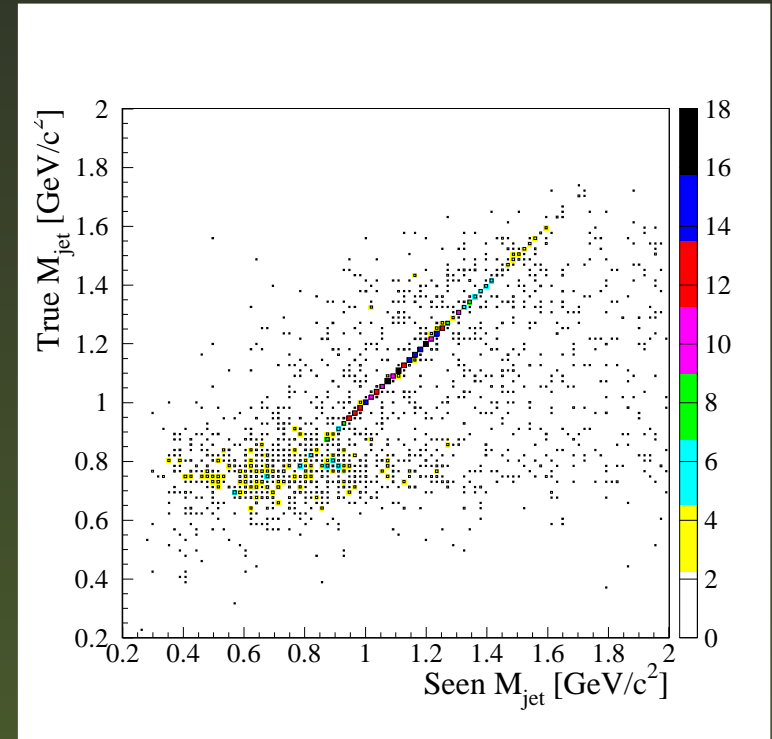
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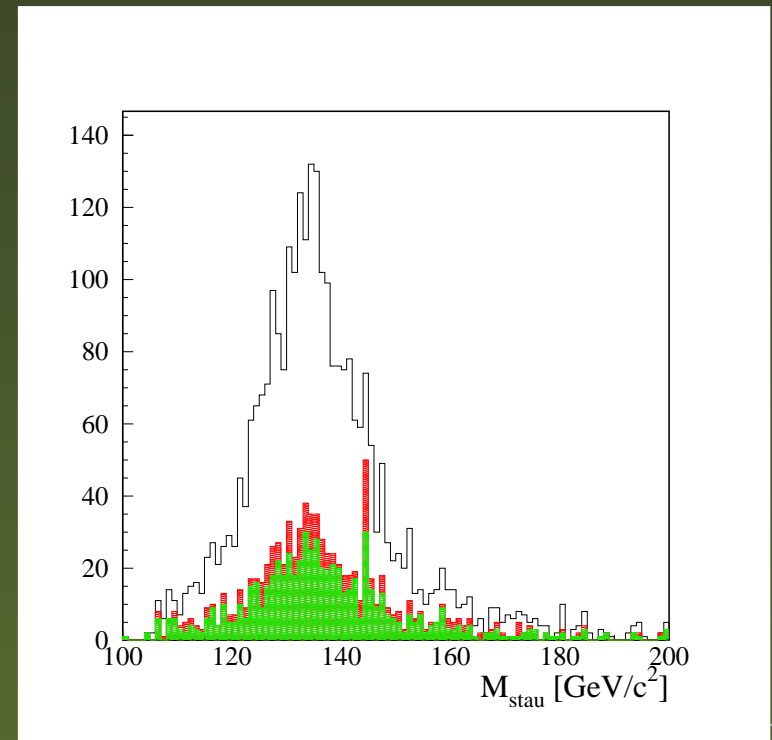
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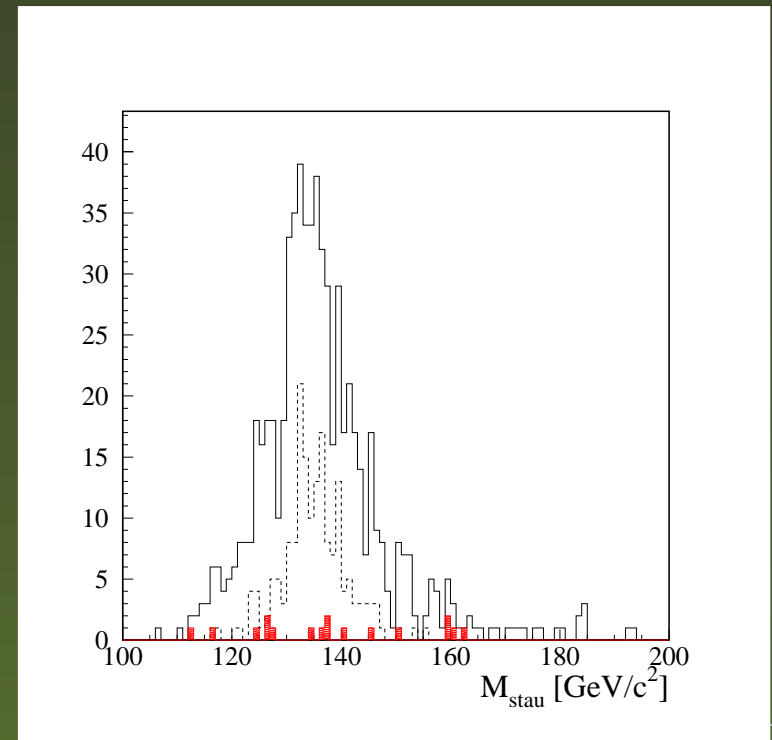
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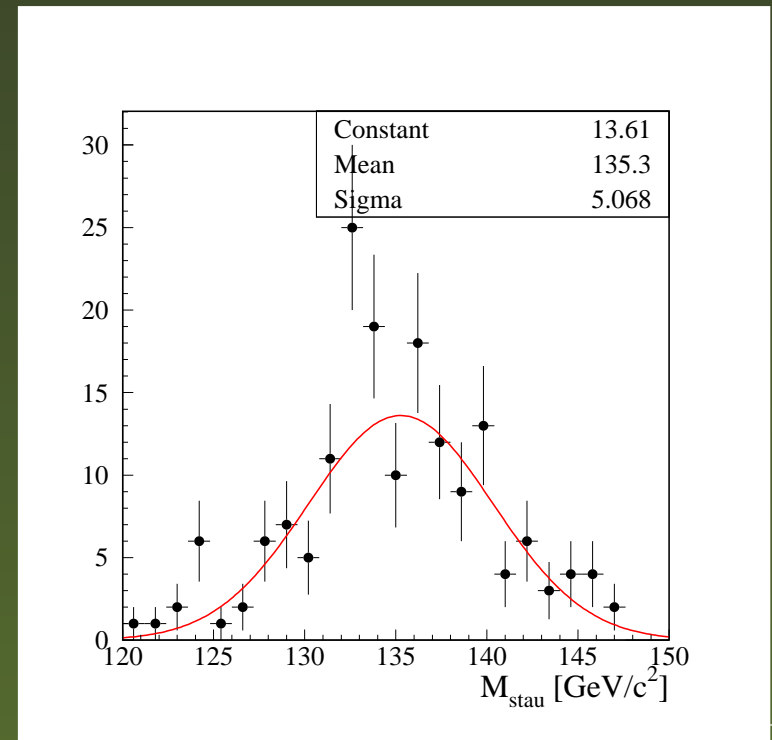
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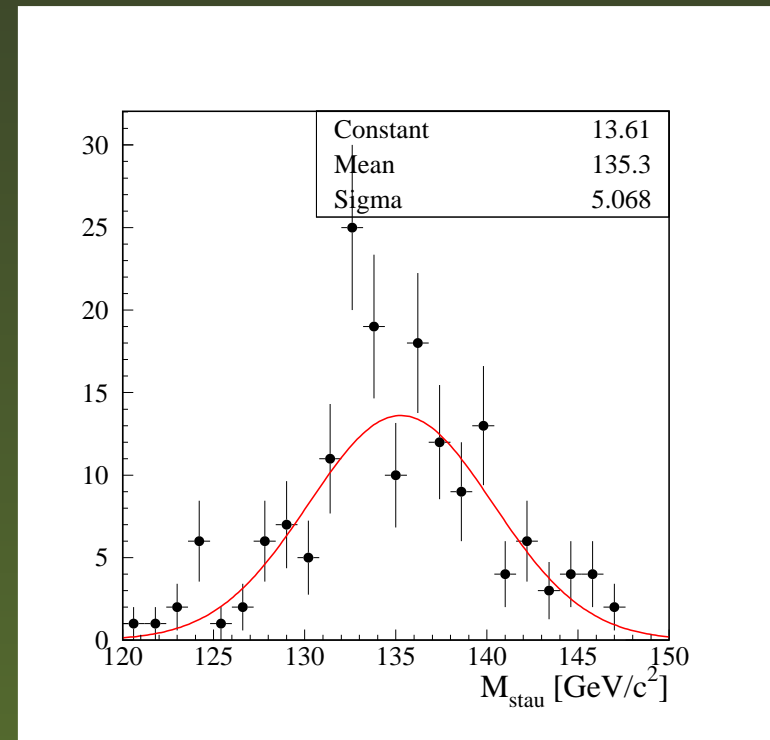
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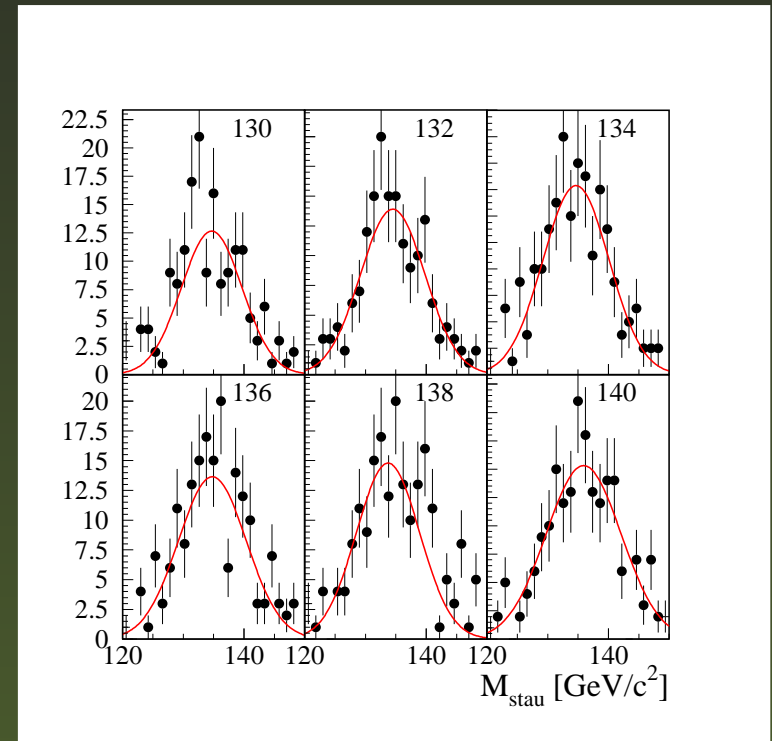
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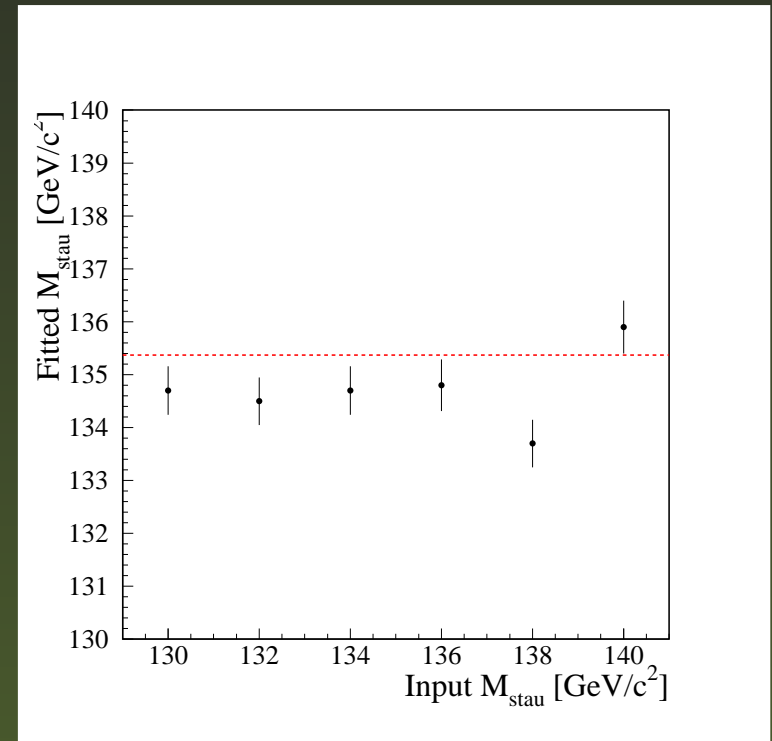
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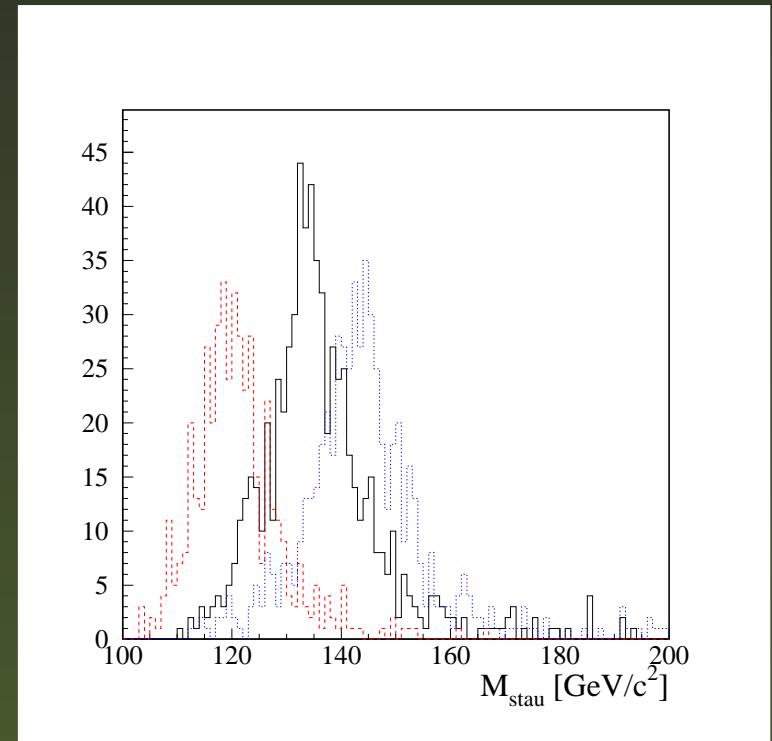
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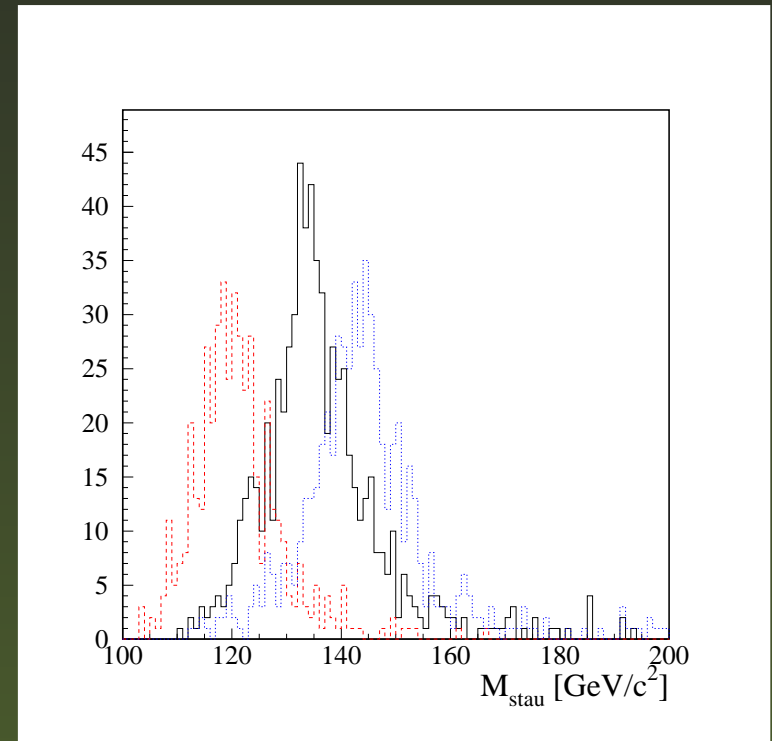
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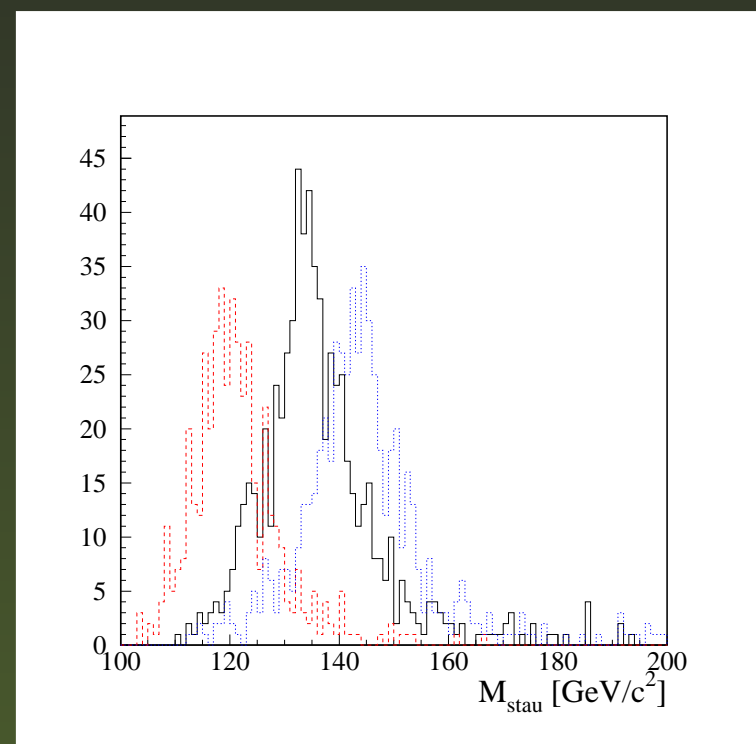
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