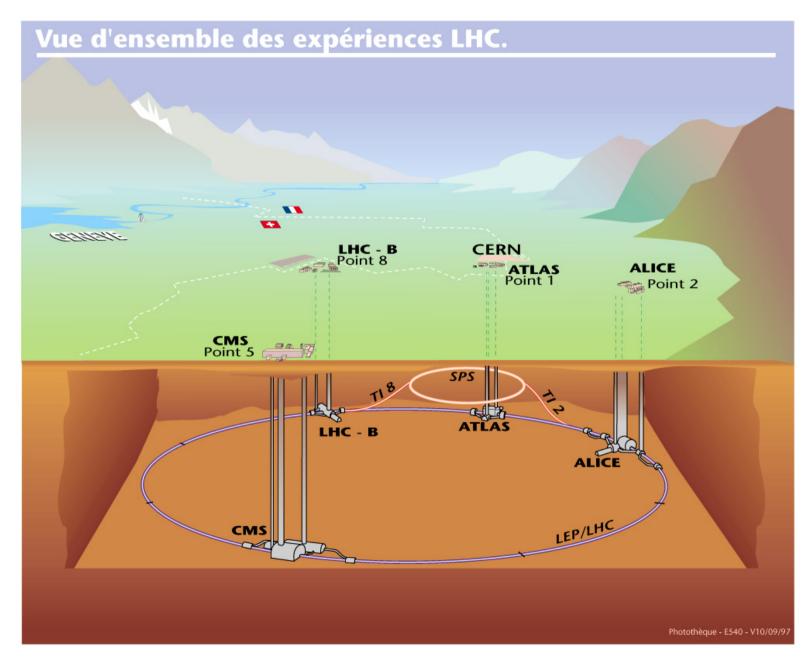




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The LHC experiments



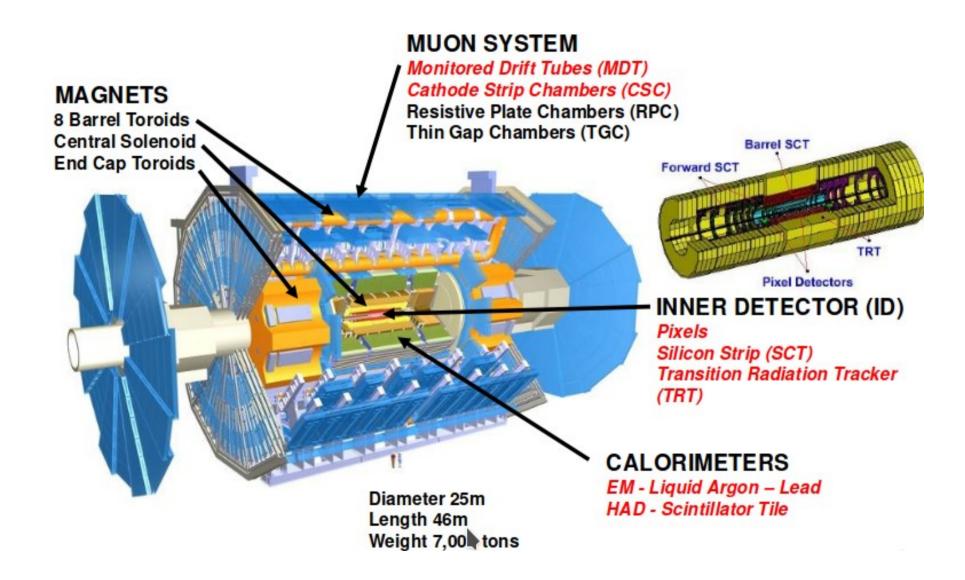
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The scientific excitement at CERN

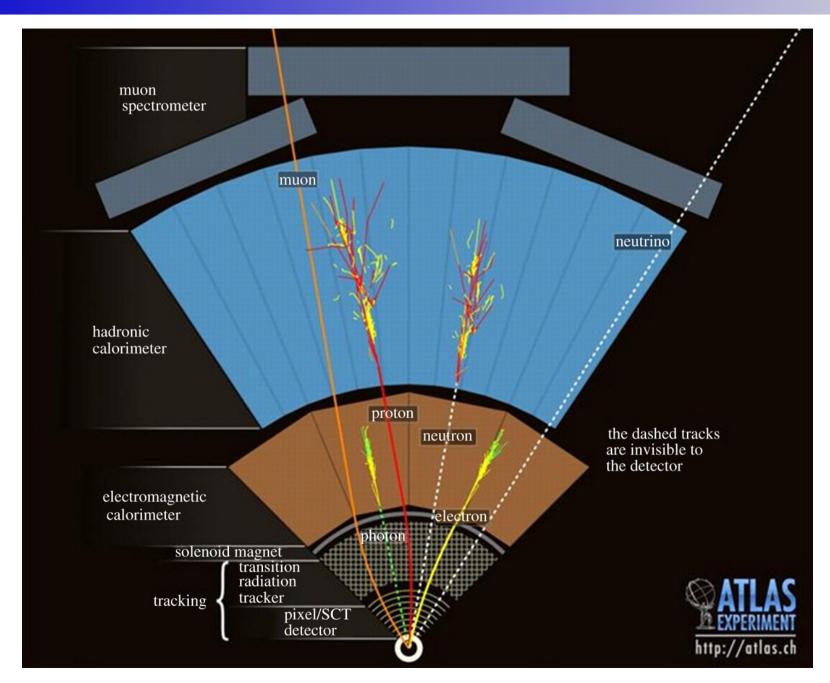
- We are at the threshold of a new era in fundamental science with the turn-on of the CERN Large Hadron Collider.
- Experiments have been built to probe some of the most puzzling questions about nature:
 - Testing speculations about the origin of mass
 - Identifying the character of dark matter
 - Searching for dimensions in space beyond those we observe in our 4-dimensional world
 - Exploring mechanisms for producing a matter-dominated universe

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The ATLAS detector



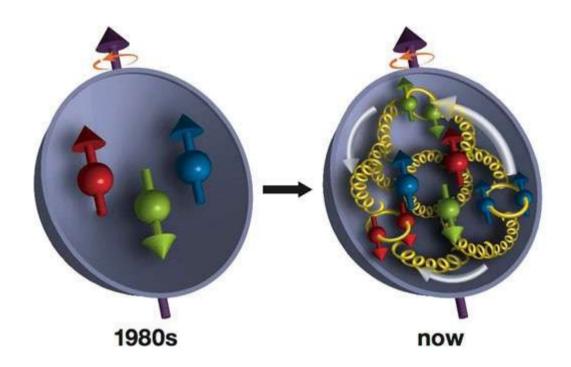
Particle detection in ATLAS



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pp colisions

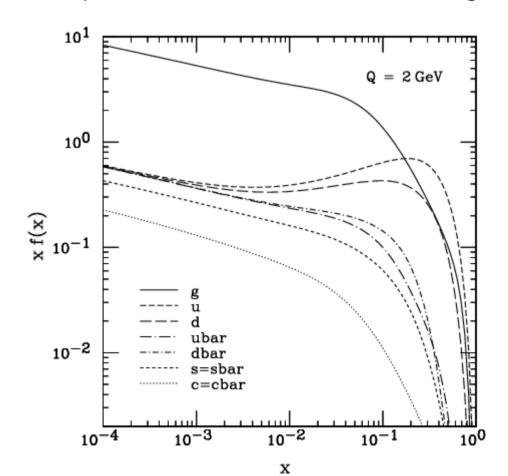
- The proton consists of three (valence) quarks bound together by the strong force
- These valence quarks are two up-quarks and one down-quark, giving the proton a total electric charge of +1
- But along with the valence quarks that contribute to their quantum numbers, they also contain virtual quark-antiquark pairs known as sea quarks. Sea quarks form when a gluon of the hadron's color field splits



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pp colisions – parton distribution

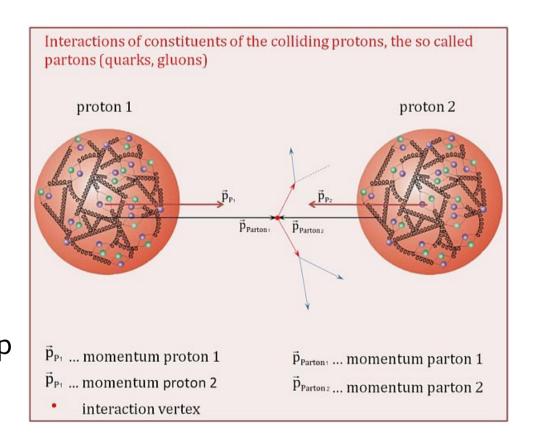
- The parton distribution functions (PDFs) describe how often the various proton constituents will go into a hard scattering with a given momentum fraction x (the fraction of the proton momentum carried by the constituent)
- They summarize the proton structure as seen on a given energy scale



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pp colisions - hard scattering

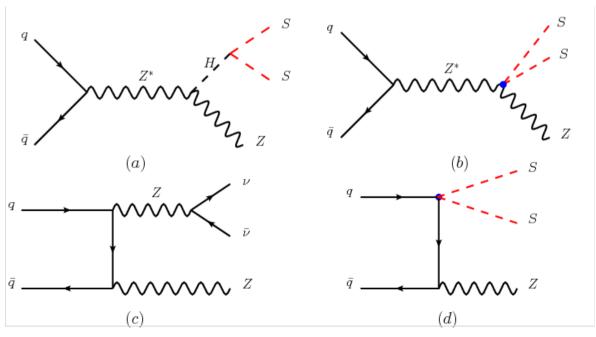
- In high energy collisions, such as at the LHC, we observe collisions between individual quarks, antiquarks, and gluons from within the proton
- Such a collision is referred to as a hard scattering
- The individual particles that make up the proton only have a fraction of this energy. New particles made in the collision always have a mass smaller than that energy.



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Z boson

- The W and Z bosons are the massive mediators of the weak force in the Standard Model
- The Z boson is its own antiparticle. Thus, all of its flavour quantum numbers and charges are zero.
- The exchange of a Z boson between particles, called a <u>neutral</u> <u>current interaction</u>, therefore leaves the interacting particles unaffected, except for a transfer of momentum.



Z boson properties:

Mass: 91.1876±0.0021 GeV/c²

Lifetime: $\sim 3 \times 10^{-25}$ s

Decay width: 2.4952±0.0023 GeV/c²

Spin: 1

Charges: 0

Discovery of neutral currents

 Charged current interactions is capable of changing the flavour of quarks: $d \rightarrow u + W^-$

Neutral currents leave flavour unchanged

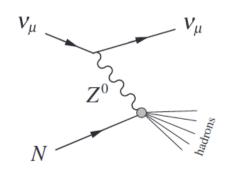
- $e^- \to e^- + Z^0$
- Until 1973 all observed weak interactions were consistent with only a charged boson.
- CERN, 1973: first neutral current interaction observed:

$$v_{\mu} + N \rightarrow v_{\mu} + X$$



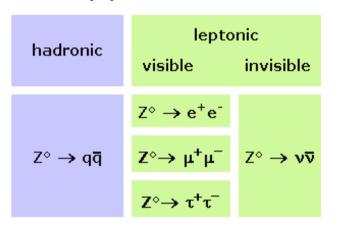
The Gargamelle detector

Mechanism for neutral current reactions:

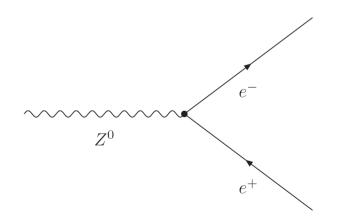


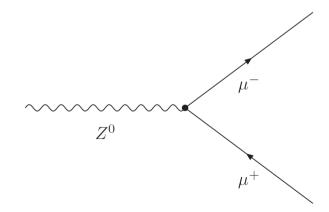
Discovery of the Z boson

- The Z boson was discovered at CERN in 1983 (UA1 and UA2 experiments)
- Z boson has 24 differnet decay possibilities:



Z decays to charged leptons are easiest to detect





Invariant mass technique

- The Einstein equation:
- Invariant mass:
- The energy of Z:
- The momentum of Z:

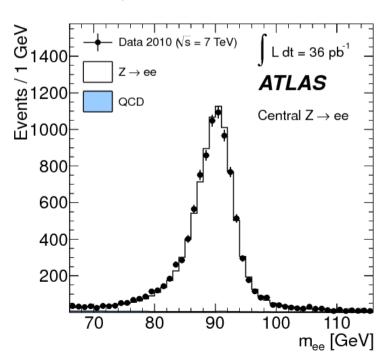
$$E = \sqrt{(\vec{p} \cdot c)^2 + (m_0 \cdot c^2)^2}$$

$$m_0 = \sqrt{\left(\frac{E}{c^2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\vec{p}}{c}\right)^2}$$

$$E_Z=E_{e^-}+E_{e^+}$$

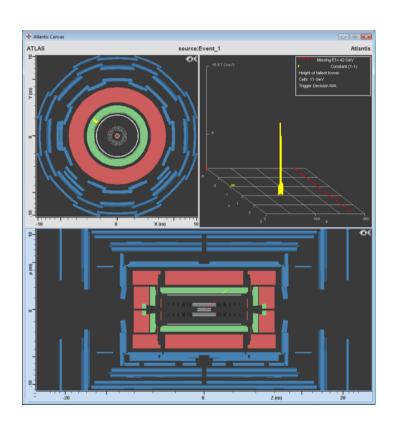
$$\vec{p}_Z = \vec{p}_e - + \vec{p}_e +$$

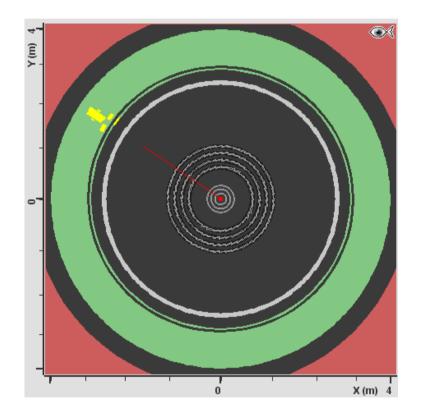
$$m_0^{(Z)} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{(E_{e^-} + E_{e^+})}{c^2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{\vec{p}_{e^-} + \vec{p}_{e^+}}{c}\right)^2}$$



Particle footprint - Electrons

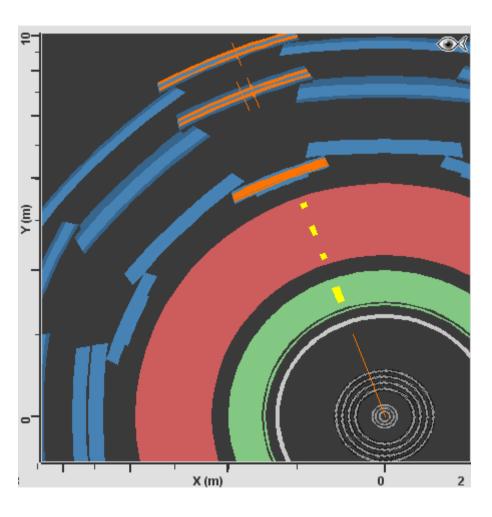
Electrons should have significant energy depositions in EM calorimeter and visible track in Inner Detector pointing at them

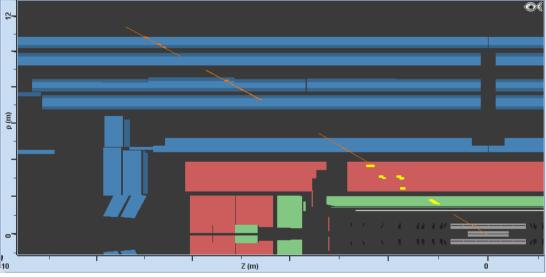




Particle footprint - Muons

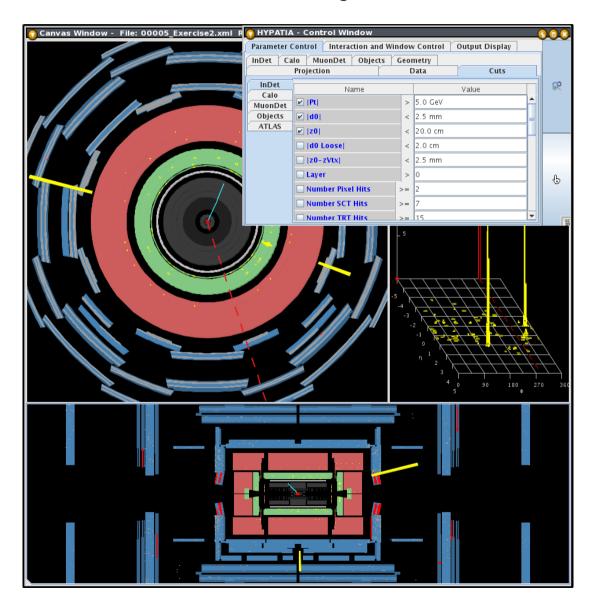
Muons go through the whole detector and thereby leaves signals in all shells.





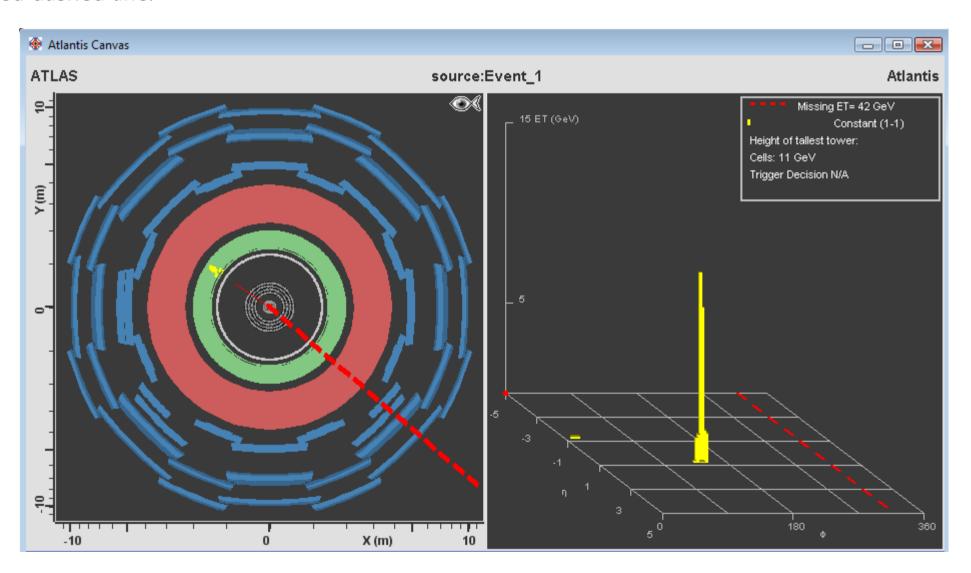
Particle footprint - Photons

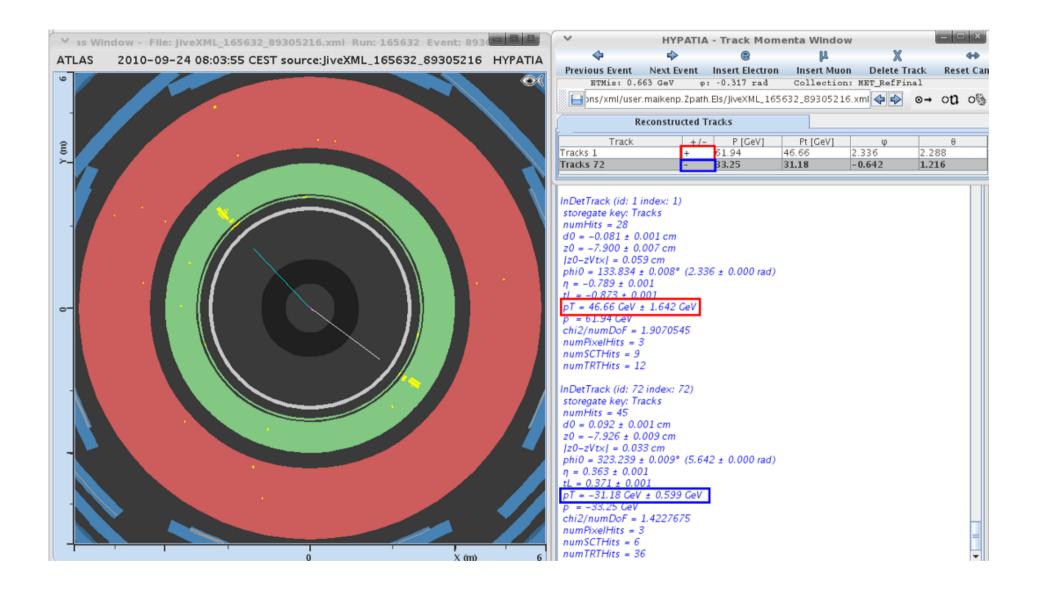
Photons deposit energy in EM calorimeter without leaving tracks in Inner Detector

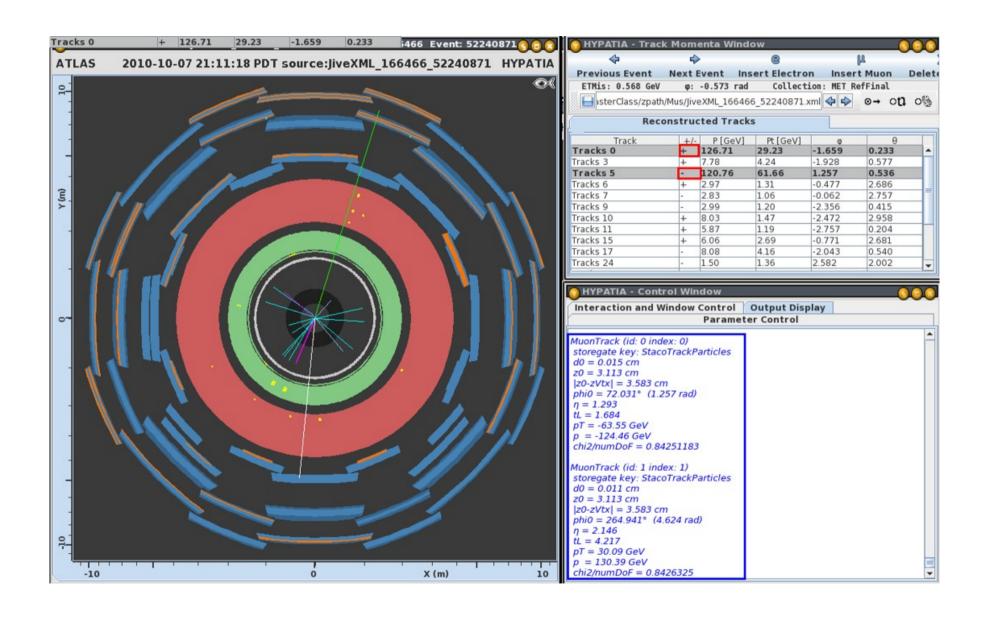


Particle footprint - Neutrinos

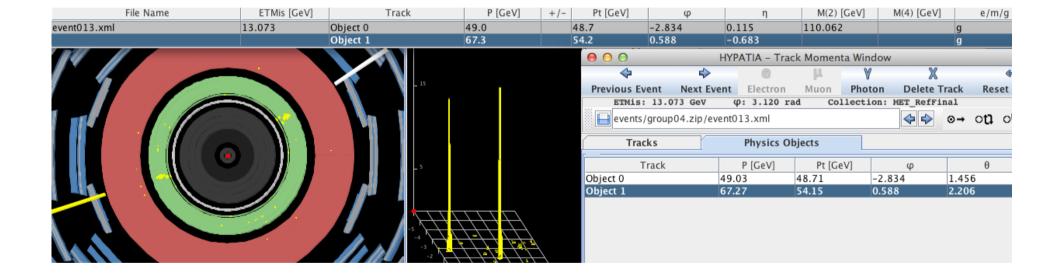
Neutrinos don't leave any track at all. Missing $E_{\scriptscriptstyle T}$ is being measured and indicated as a red dashed line:

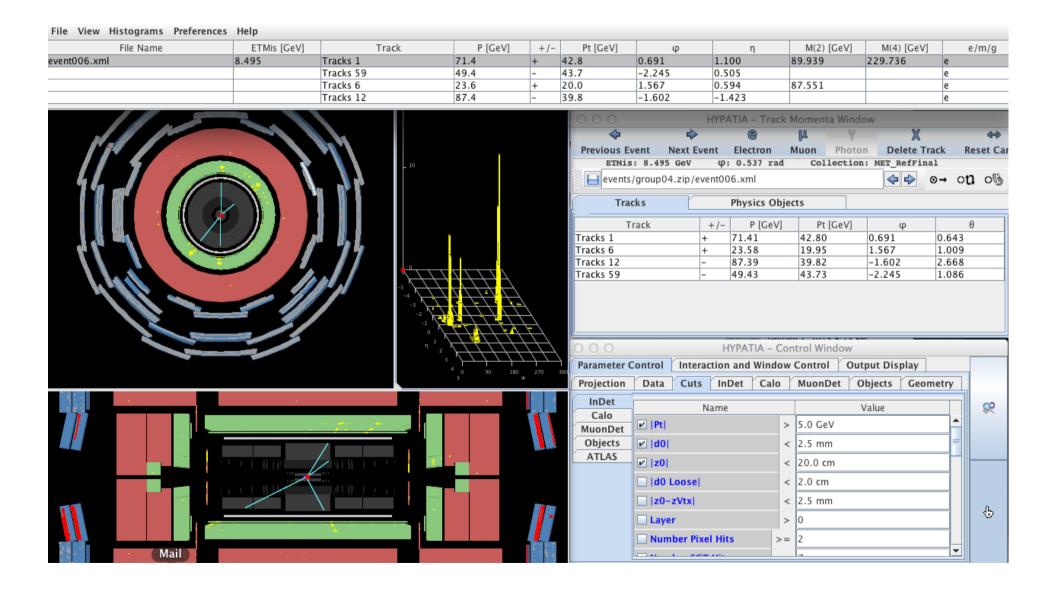




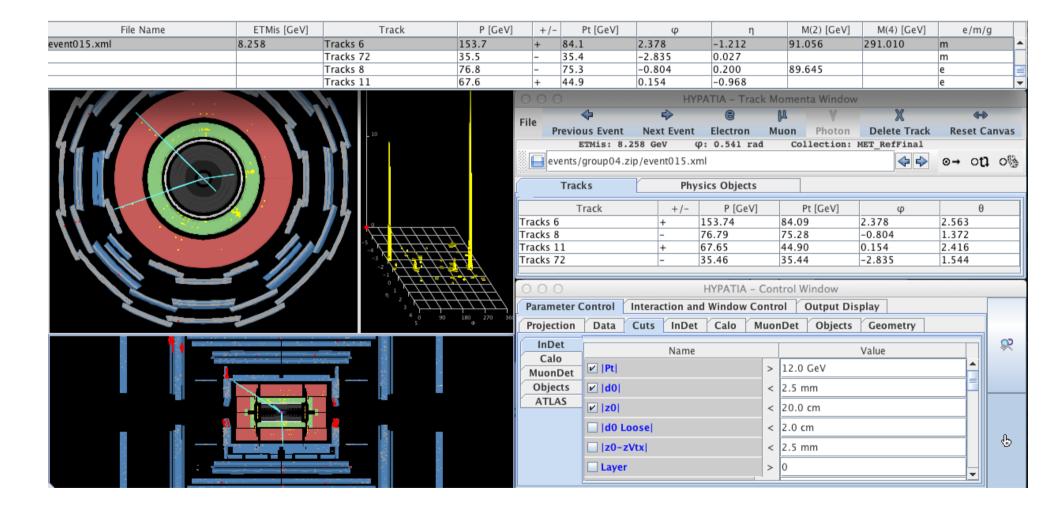


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What to do

- All of you will have dataset with 50 events to work with
- Look at all the events in HYPATHIA
- You are hunting for:
 - Z boson by hunting for an electron-positron pair or a muon-antimuon pair
 - a Higgs boson by hunting for a photon-photon pair
 - a Higgs boson by hunting for 2 lepton-pairs (e+e-e+e-, e+e- μ + μ -, μ + μ - μ + μ -)
 - Maybe you will discover something new too...
- If you believe you see the decay-products of one of the particles above, pick the corresponding tracks or objects and insert them into the HYPATIA invariant mass table.
- If you believe the collision resulted in a background event (no pair of leptons with opposite electric charges and nor pairs of photons), ignore the event and proceed to the next one.
- After analyzing all events, Export the Invariant Mass Table from HYPATIA: File-> Export
 Invariant Masses. The file is called Invariant_Masses.txt by default (do not change it).
 Place the file on your Desktop so you can easily find it.
- Feel free to ask as many questions as you want!
- Once you are done call the supervisor.

Thanks for attention

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