

# Searches for Heavy Long Lived Particles at Tevatron

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# *In This Talk ...*

- **Massive Long Lived Particles**

*some theories and signatures*

- **Timing Detectors**

*Time-of-Flight (TOF), Track Timing (COT), EMTiming*

- **Charged Massive Particles (a.k.a. CHAMPs)**

*result from CDF with 1 fb<sup>-1</sup>*

- **Neutral Massive Particles (a.k.a. delayed photons)**

*result from CDF with 600 pb<sup>-1</sup>*

- ***Search for Stopped Gluinos***

*result from D0 with 410 pb<sup>-1</sup>*

- **Where we would like to go**

*future searches*

# *Dark Matter*

Want to find those particles



Many different theories.  
Which direction to go?



Should look everywhere: the answer  
might be in an unexpected place  
➤signature based searches

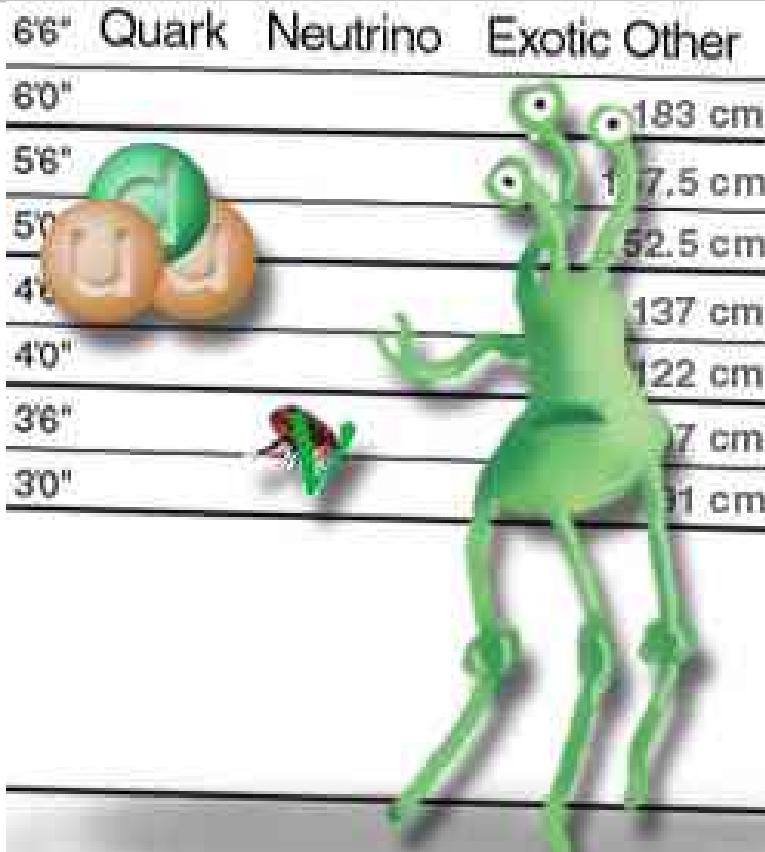
# *Stable Massive Particles*

Standard Model extensions predict new massive particles.

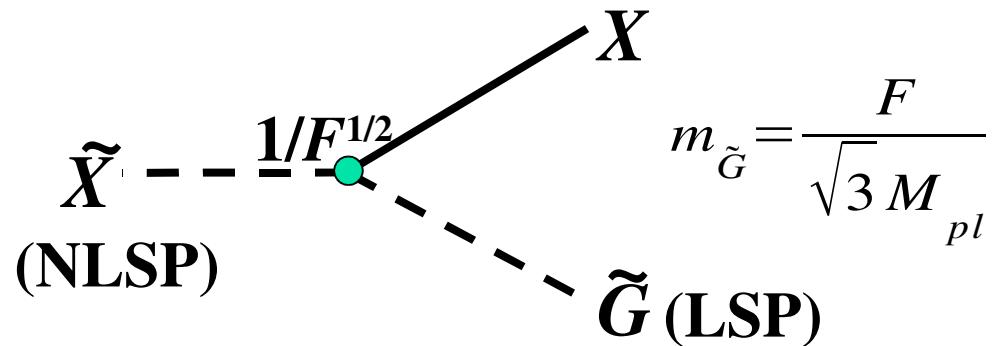
Long Lifetime arises from various cosmological observations.

- ▶ Most searches assume particles decay promptly
- ▶ Long-lived particles would evade these searches
  - In perfect life all Standard Model backgrounds are zero
  - Often need to develop new tools
  - All backgrounds are estimated from data
  - Blind analysis (learn how to estimate backgrounds, then look at the data in the signal region)
  - Model-independent results (but also set limits)

# *Massive and Long-Lived*



"All right... which of you punks is responsible for dark matter?"



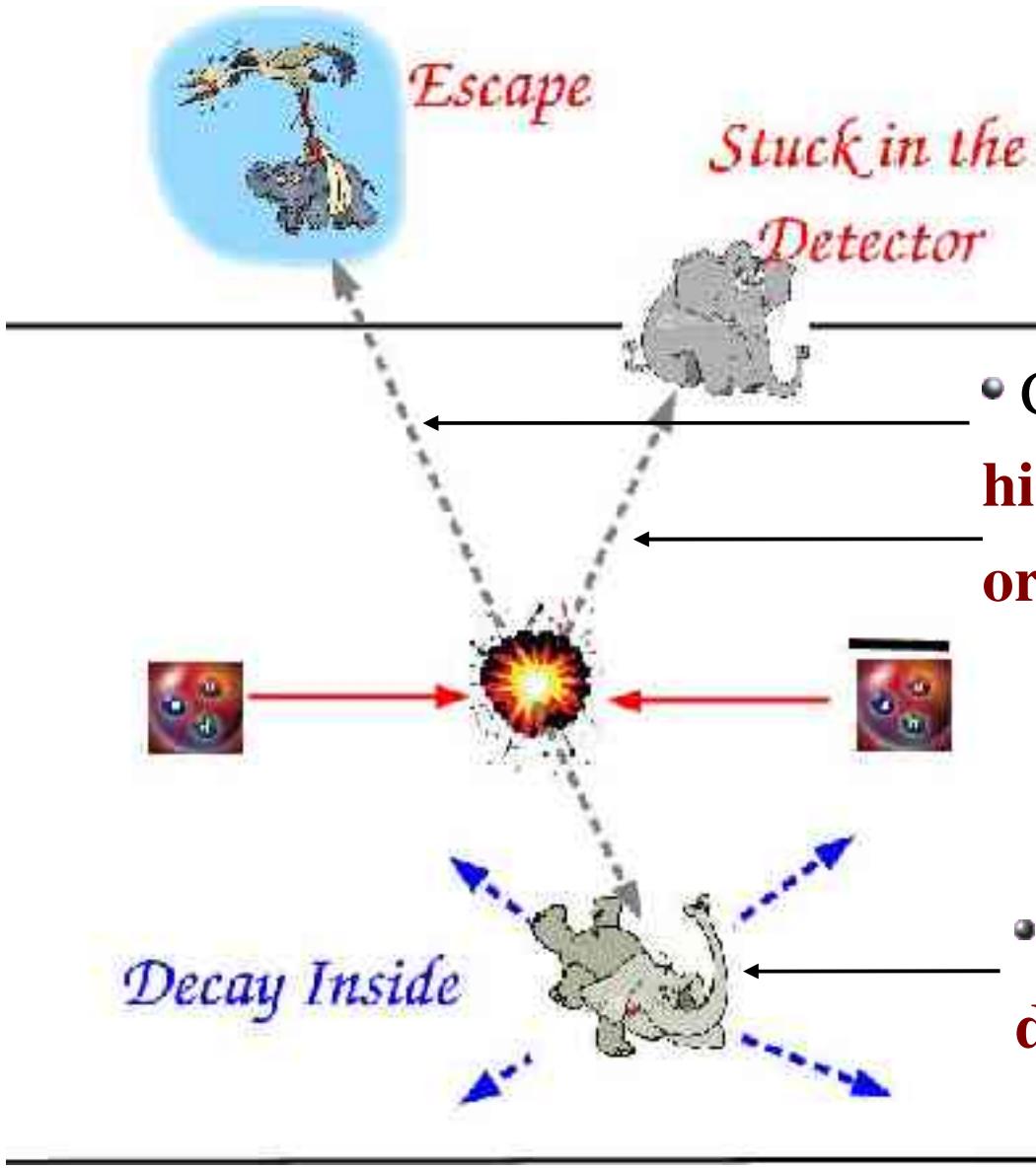
Wide variety of models:

- ›  $m(G) \sim 100\text{-}200 \text{ GeV}$
- ›  $G$  is good dark matter candidate
- › small  $\Delta m = m(\tilde{X}) - m(\tilde{G}) \Rightarrow$  large lifetime

SUSY (GMSB) model:

- › neutralino – NLSP,  $m(G) \sim 10 \text{ KeV}$
- › neutralino life-time is unconstrained

# Possible Signatures

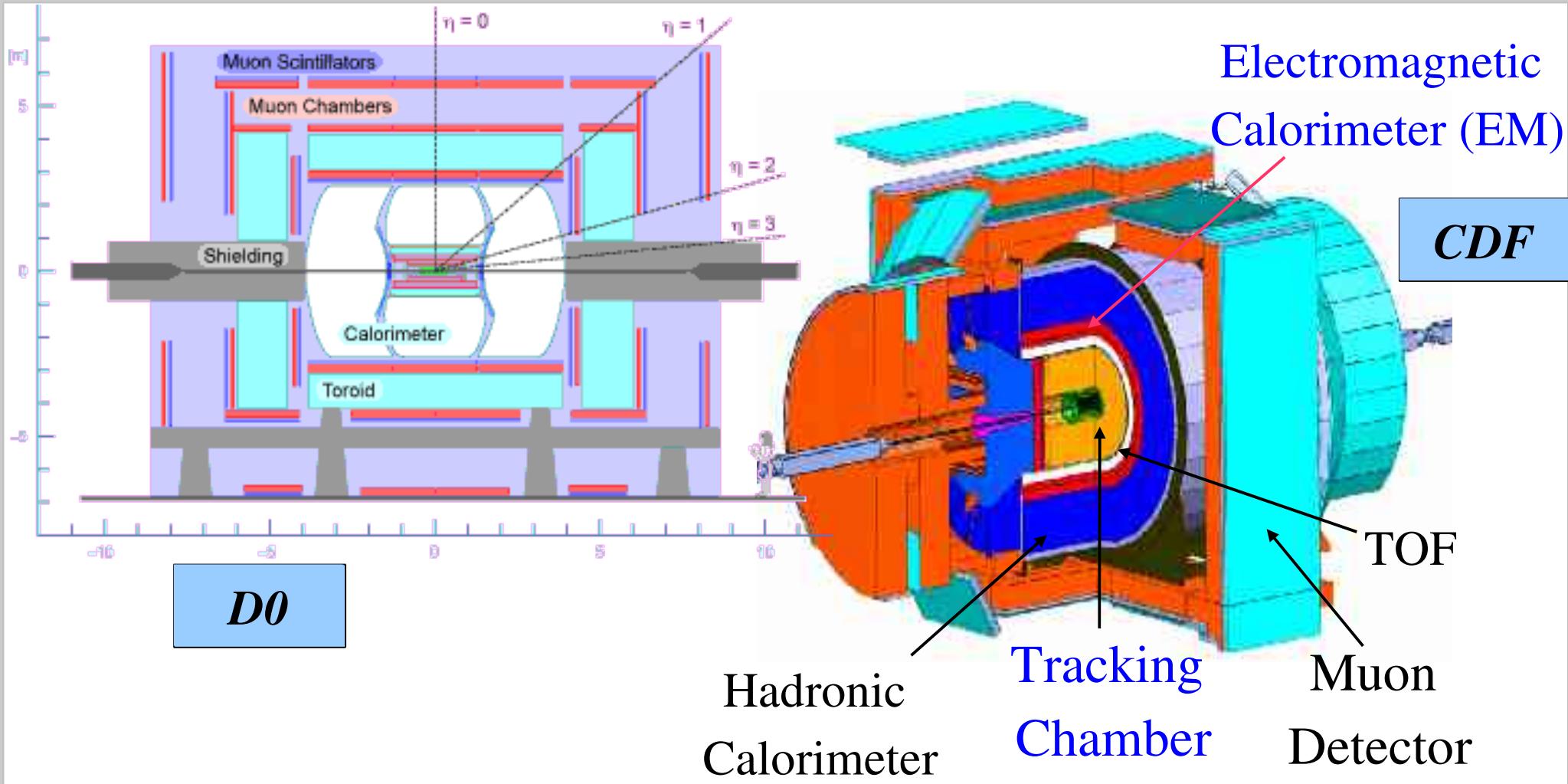


- CHAMP – charged massive particle  
**highly ionizing/late track**  
**or something stuck in the detector**

- $\chi^0$  decaying inside the detector:  
**delayed photons**

**signatures should be spectacular**

# *CDF Detector*



CHAMPs – tracking, calorimeters, TOF, muon

Delayed Photons – tracking, EM calorimeter

Stopped Gluino – calorimeter, muon system

# *Timing Detectors*

Time Of Flight (TOF at CDF) – scintillators wrapped around tracking chamber (COT at CDF) at a 1.45 m. Resolution  $\sim 100$  ps.

CHAMP – track with  $\beta < 1$      $\beta \equiv v/c$

- candidate TOF arrival time
- independent event  $T_0$
- path length

Drift chamber (COT at CDF) is also a timing device

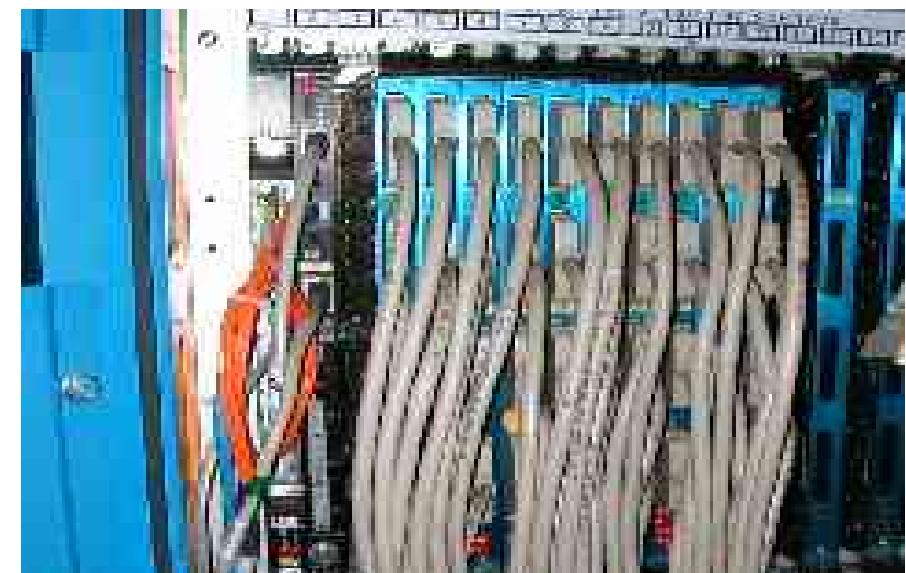
Each track produces up to 96 hits

Each hit has timing information

- resolution  $\sim 200$  ps
- measure track without event  $T_0$
- measure event  $T_0$
- Gaussian tails

# *New Tool - EMTiming*

- Part of Run IIb upgrade
- Analog pulse 2000  
phototubes → TBoard → discriminator  
→ TDC in 1ns bins
  - Cover most EM cal ( $|\eta| < 2$ )
  - for CEM use passive inductive pick-off  
(a.k.a. **splitter**) to get PMT pulse
- ~100% Efficient above thresholds
  - CEM-5 GeV, PEM-2.5 GeV
- System resolution ~0.6 ns
- Very uniform, Negligible Noise
- Finished installation October 2004.
  - Begin data-taking in Nov. 04
  - Commissioned in 1 week
- By now have ~ 2  $\text{fb}^{-1}$  w EMTiming



# *CHAMP Signature*

*Champs give a unique signature in the detector*

- CHAMPs are heavy
  - ➔ Slow       $\beta \equiv v/c < 1$
  - ➔ Hard to stop
- CHAMPs are slow
  - ➔ Large  $dE/dx$  (*mostly through ionization*)    $dE/dX \sim 1/\beta^2$
  - ➔ ***Long time-of-flight***
- Look for high transverse momentum ( $P_T$ ) penetrating objects (looks like muon) that are slow (long time-of- flight)

# *CHAMP Signal Isolation*

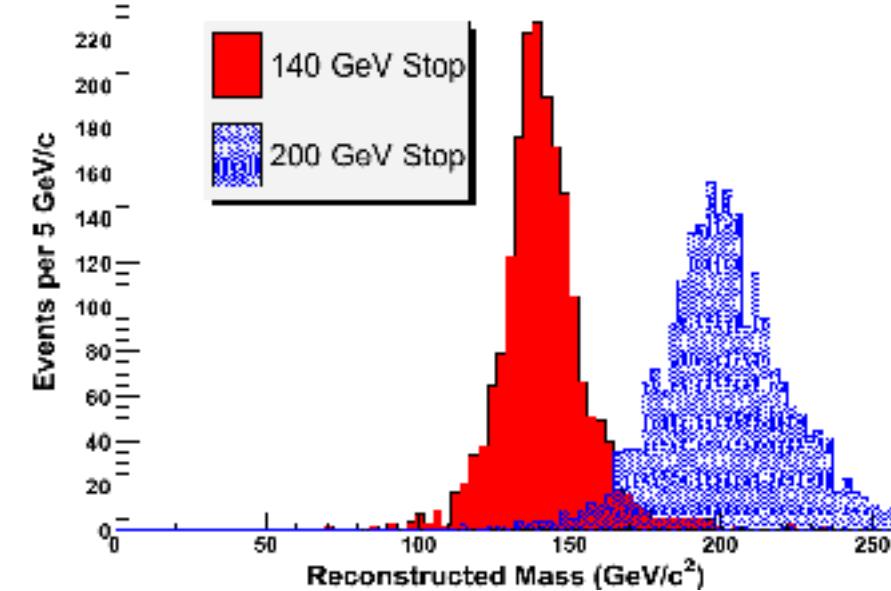
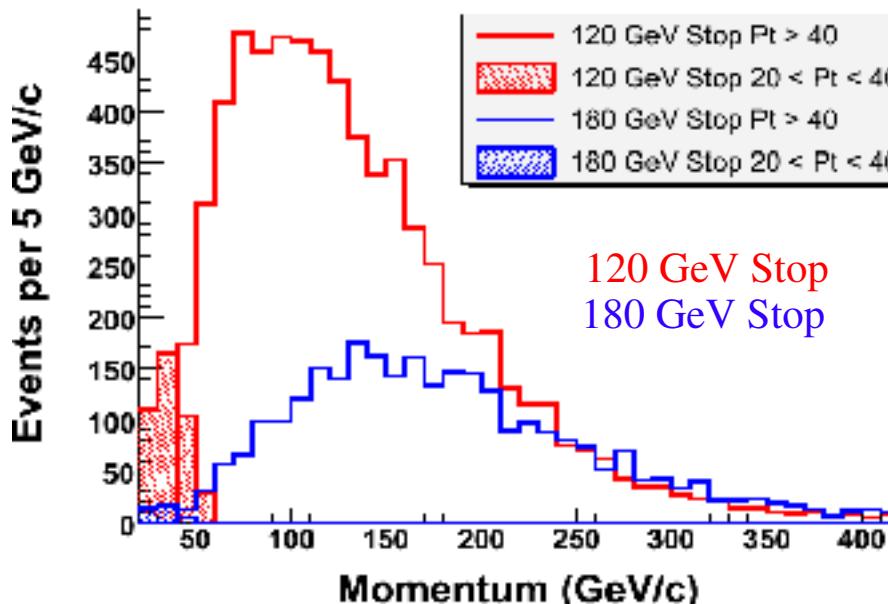
Use track momentum and velocity measurements to calculate mass

$$m = p \sqrt{1/\beta^2 - 1}$$

- correlated for signal, uncorrelated for background

Signal events will have large momentum

- signal region  $P_T > 40 \text{ GeV}/c$
- control region  $20 \text{ GeV}/c < P_T < 40 \text{ GeV}/c$
- use control region to predict background shape



# *Analysis Strategy*

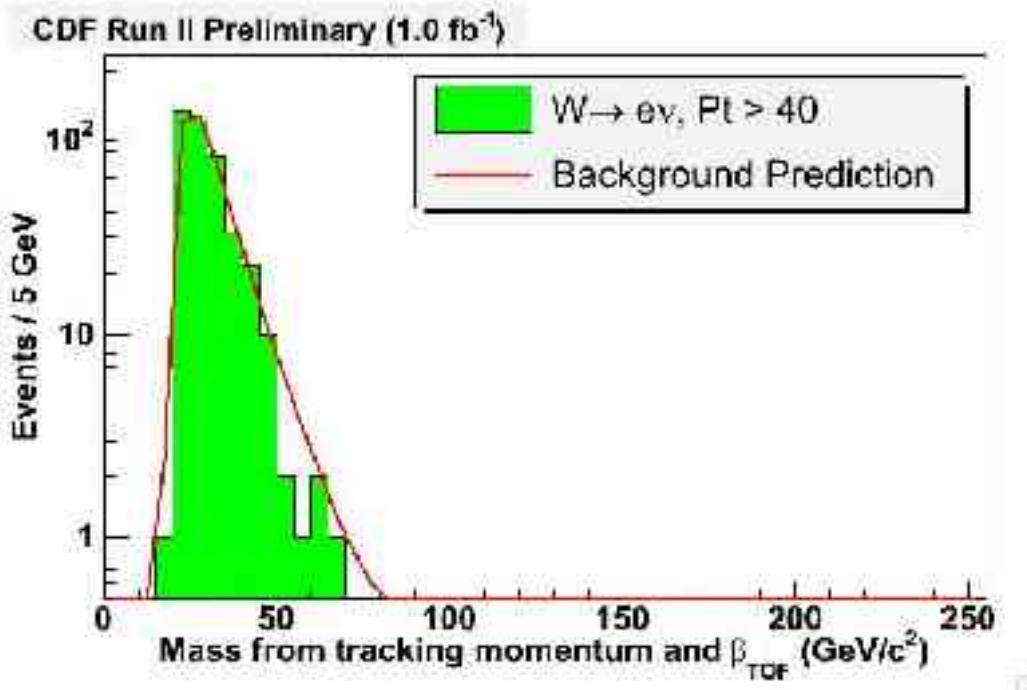
It is the mass of the muons we are after

- use beta shape in the control region as a shape
- convolute it with the momentum

$$m = p \sqrt{1/\beta^2 - 1}$$

Show this works for electrons from Ws

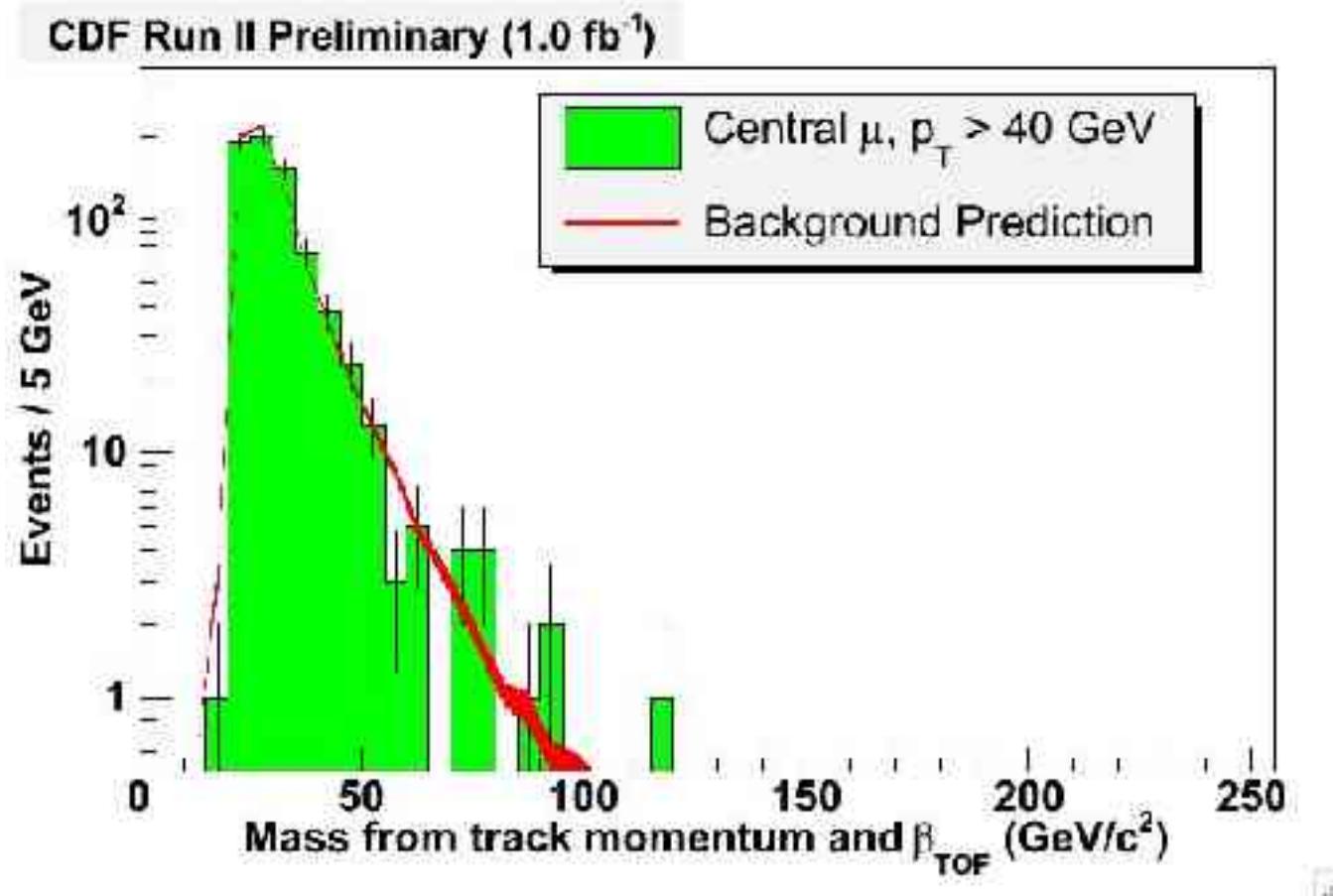
- sanity check take electrons with  $P_T < 40 \text{ GeV}$
- beta shape + momentum histogram = background prediction
- Show we can predict electrons with  $P_T > 40 \text{ GeV}$



*Repeat for muons*



# *CHAMPs – Signal Region*



No CHAMP candidates above  $120 \text{ GeV}/c^2$ . Signal-region events consistent with background prediction

# *Model Independent Limits*

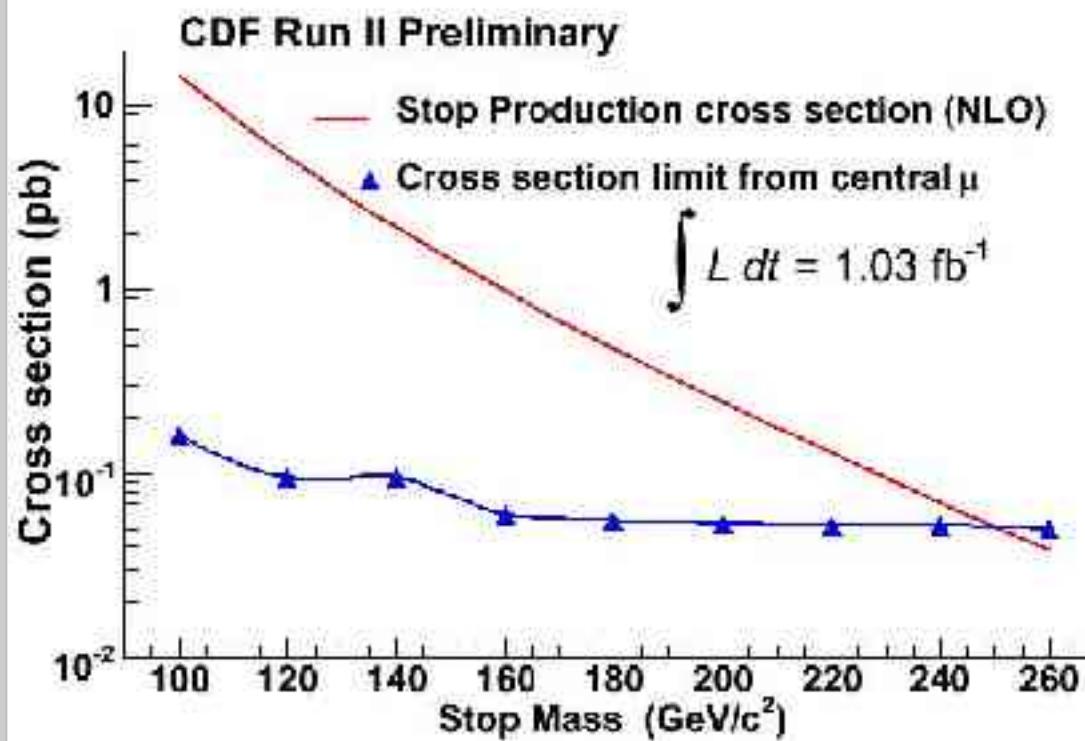
For model independence, find cross section limit for  
*CHAMPs fiducial to Central Muon Detectors* with  $0.4 < \beta < 0.9$  and  $Pt > 40$  GeV

- strongly interacting (stable stop)
  - efficiency  $4.6 \pm 0.5\%$
  - 95% confidence limit:  $\sigma < 41$  fb
- weakly interacting (sleptons, charginos)
  - efficiency  $20.0 \pm 0.6\%$
  - 95% confidence limit:  $\sigma < 9.4$  fb

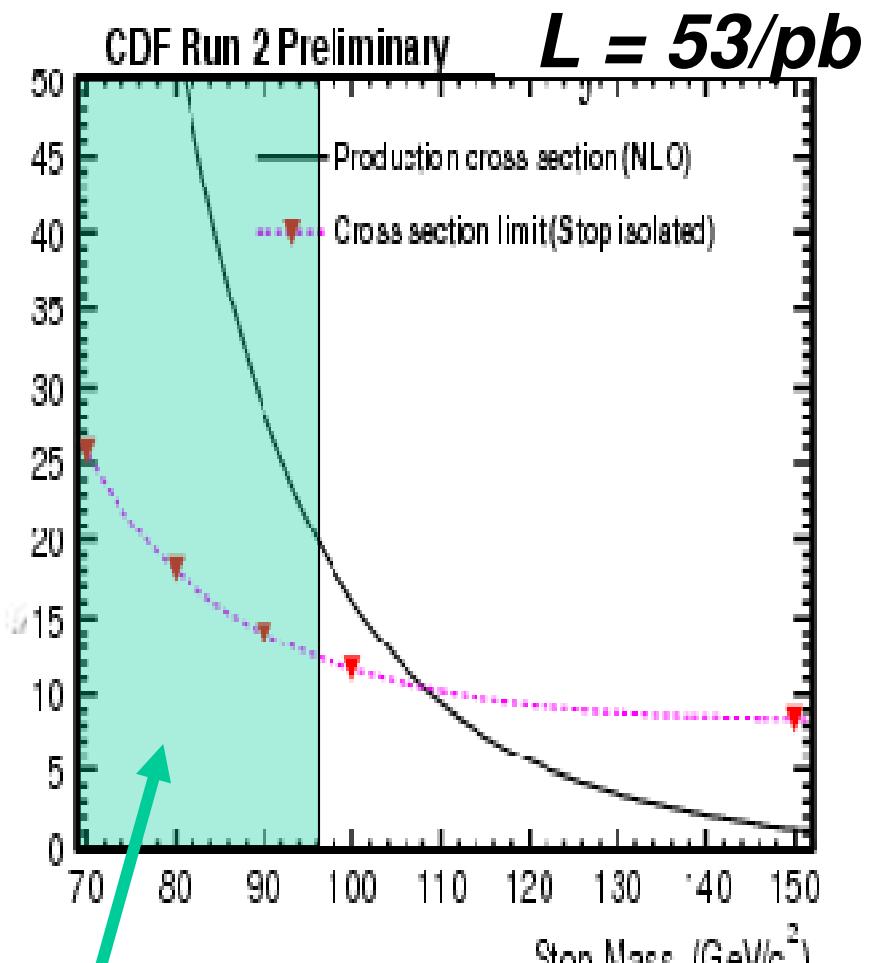
Model-dependent factors are

- $\beta$  and momentum distributions
- geometric acceptance

# New Stable Stop Limits



Exclude Stable Stop with mass  
below  $250 \text{ GeV}/c^2$  (95% C.L.)



Excluded by ALEPH

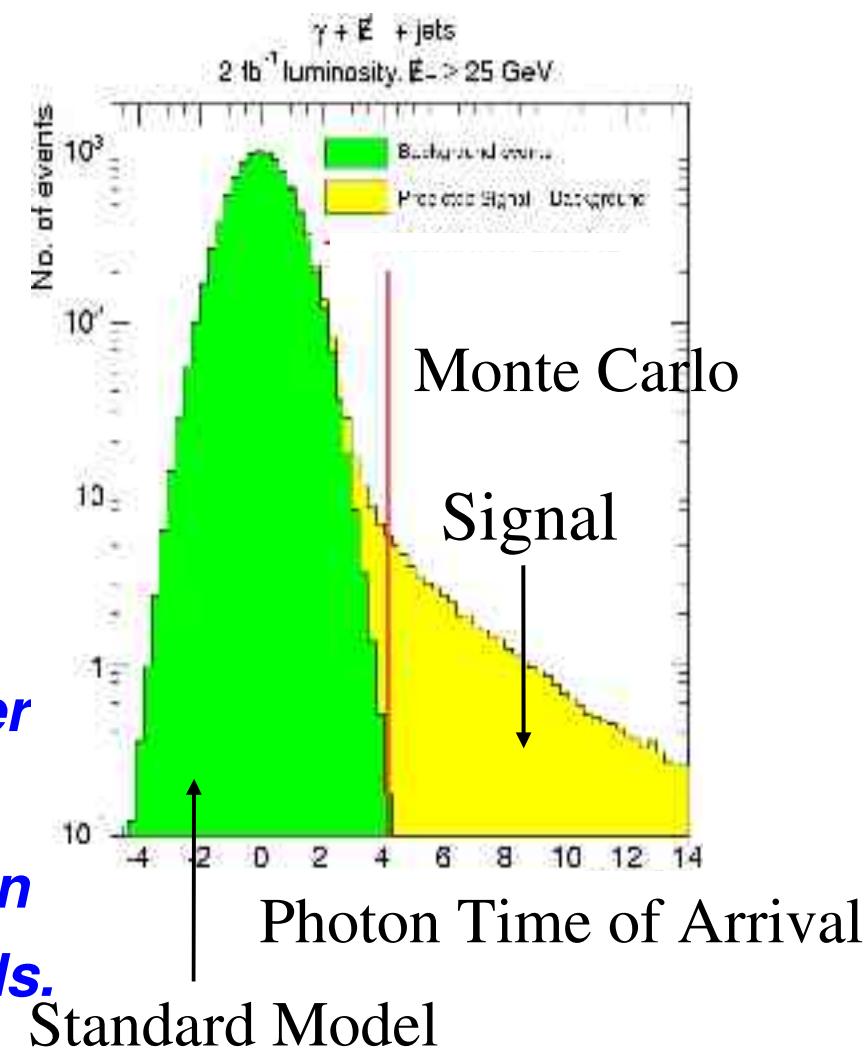
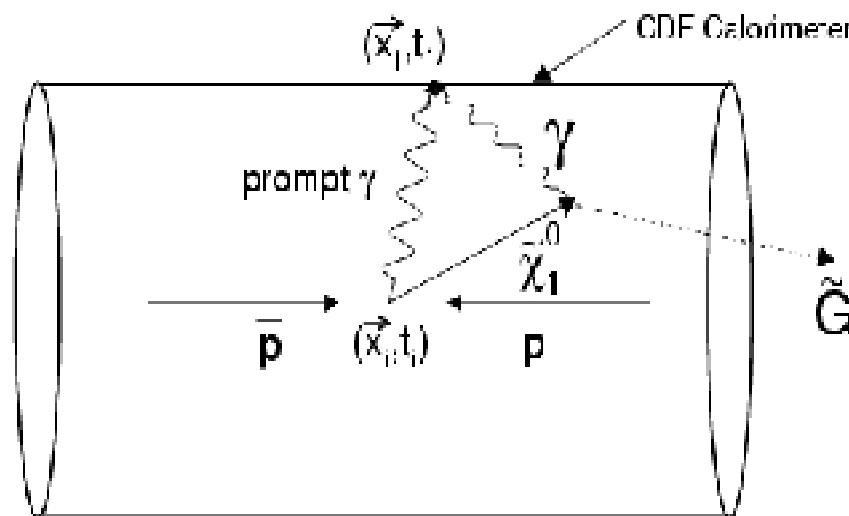
# *When We Find CHAMPs*

If a mass peak is observed in the CHAMP search, we have many additional handles to prove these are slow particles:

- Calorimeter timing
- Muon timing
- $dE/dx$

# Delayed Photons

$\gamma + \text{Jet} + \text{MET}$

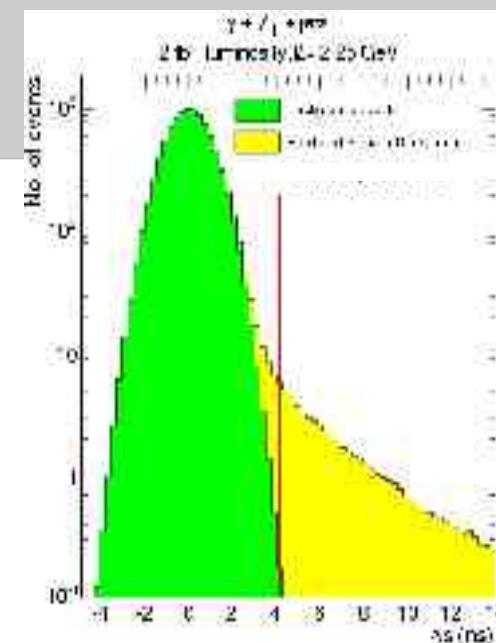
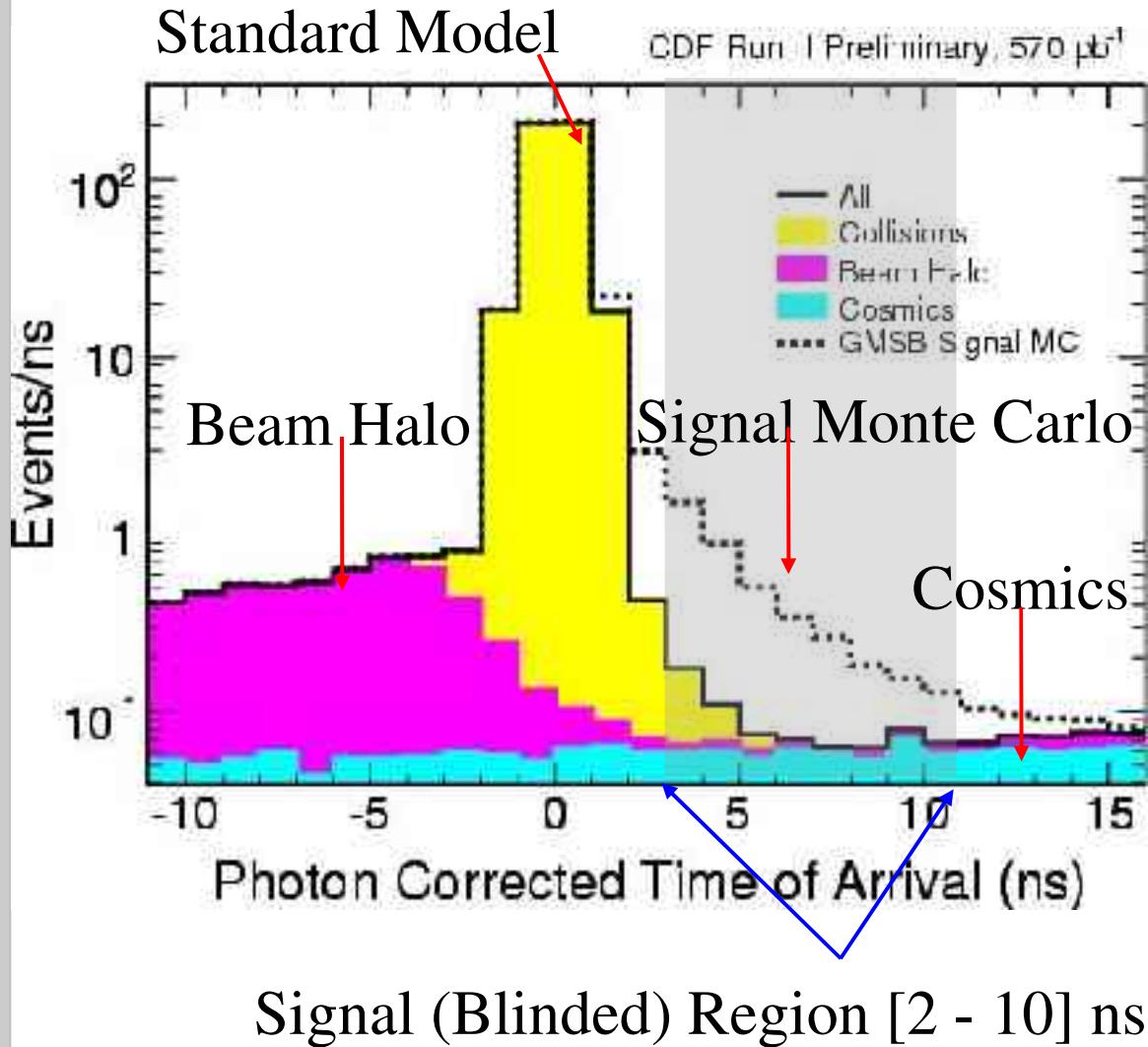


**Look for non-prompt  $\gamma$ 's that take longer to reach calorimeter.**

**If the  $\chi^0$  has a significant lifetime, we can separate the signal from the backgrounds.**

- Not just for photons
  - delayed electron would look the same (track too displaced)

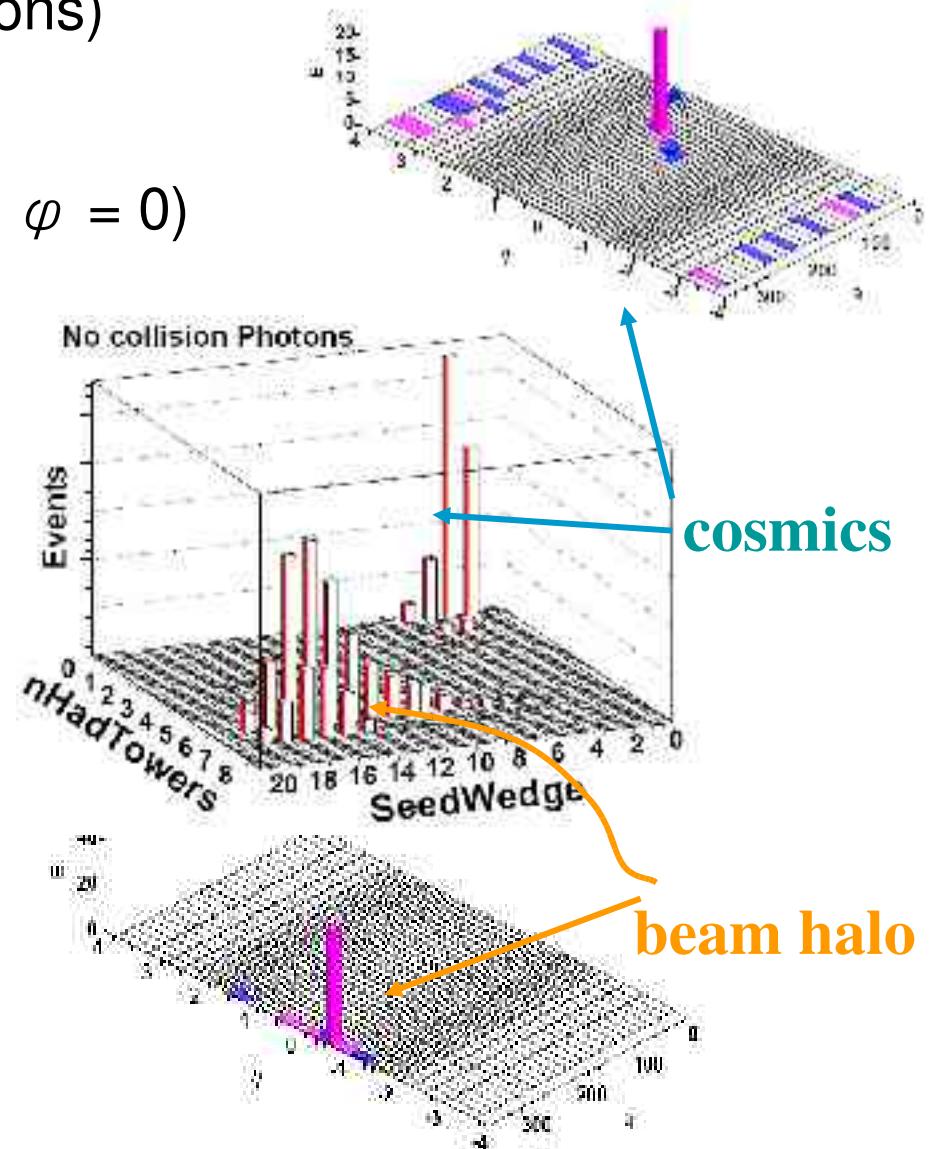
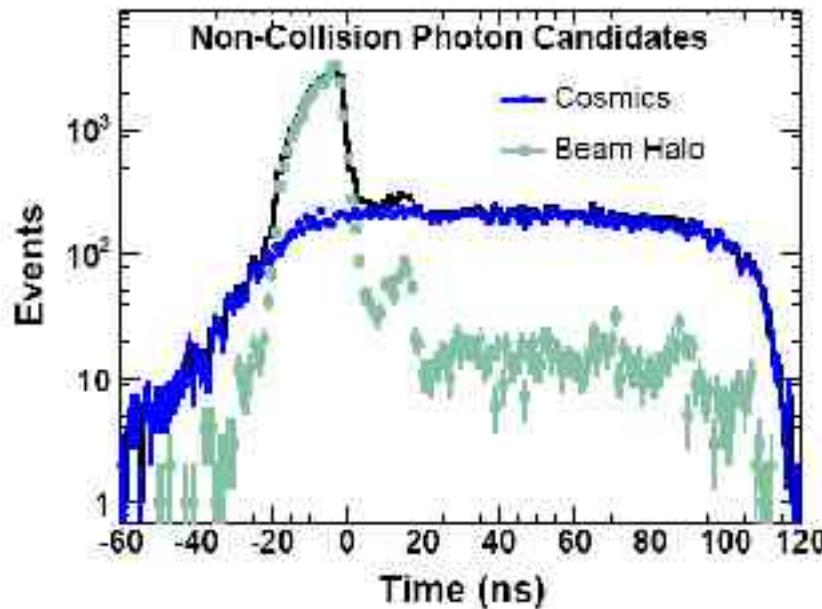
# Delayed Photons



- Four Background Sources**
- Non-collision “look-like photons”
- Cosmics
  - Beam Halo
- Collision photons from Standard Model
- Right vertex
  - Wrong vertex

# Non-Collision Background

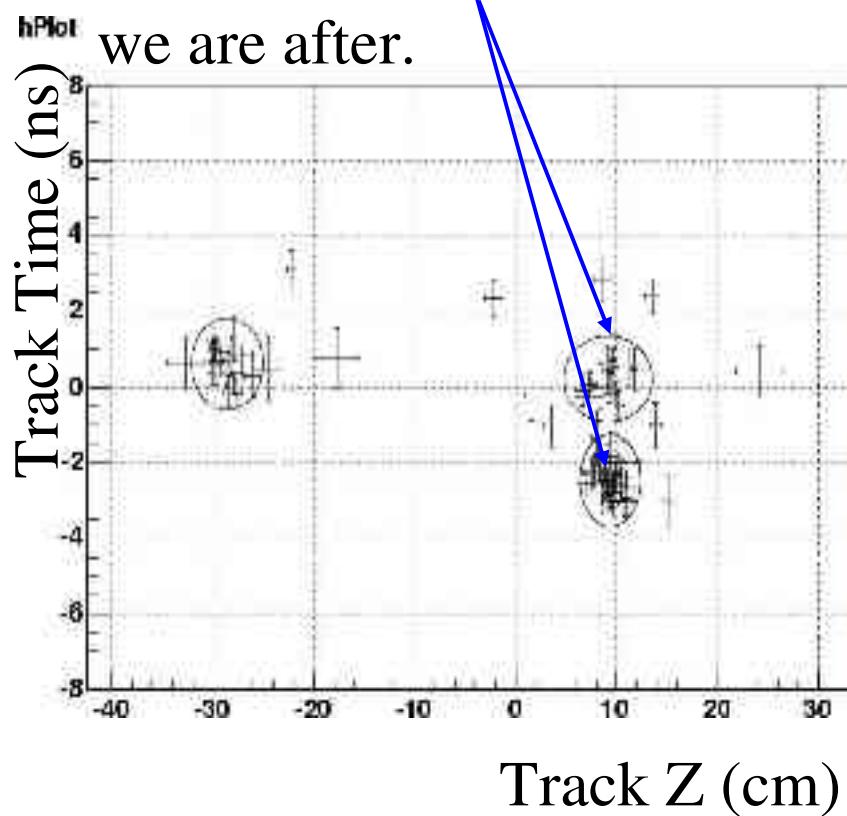
- From the beam – beam halo (muons)
- From outer space – cosmic (muons)
- Look different in cal
  - long traces for BH (mostly at  $\varphi = 0$ )
  - a few towers for Cosmics
- Separate and get the shapes



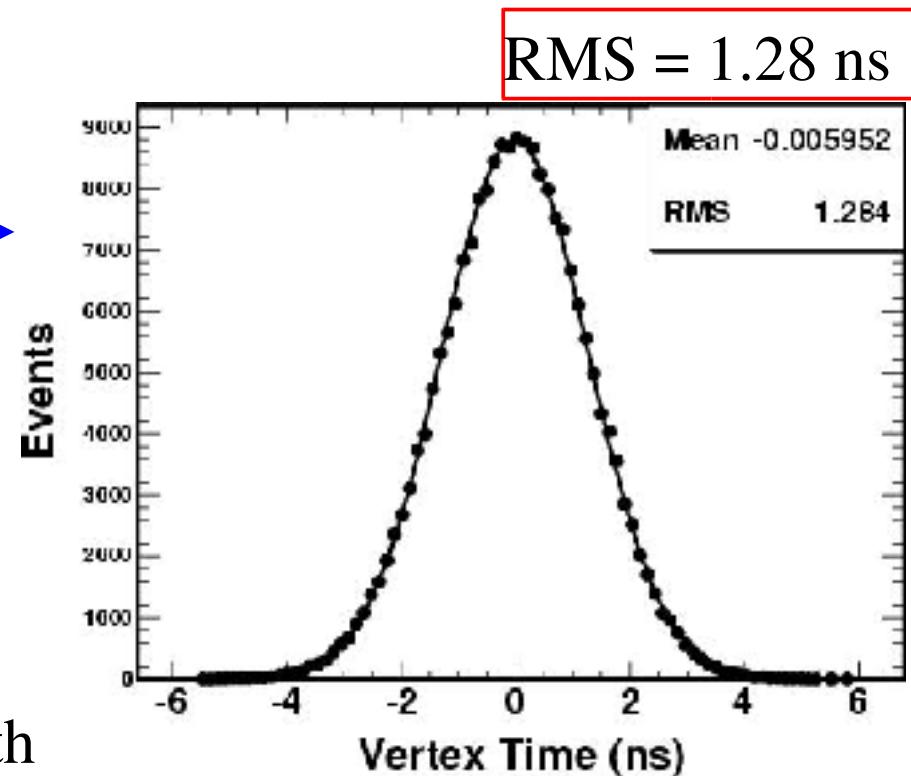
# *Multiple Interactions*

For tracks we reconstruct Z position along the beamline and time as measured by the tracking drift chamber (COT):

Separating those two is what  
we are after.



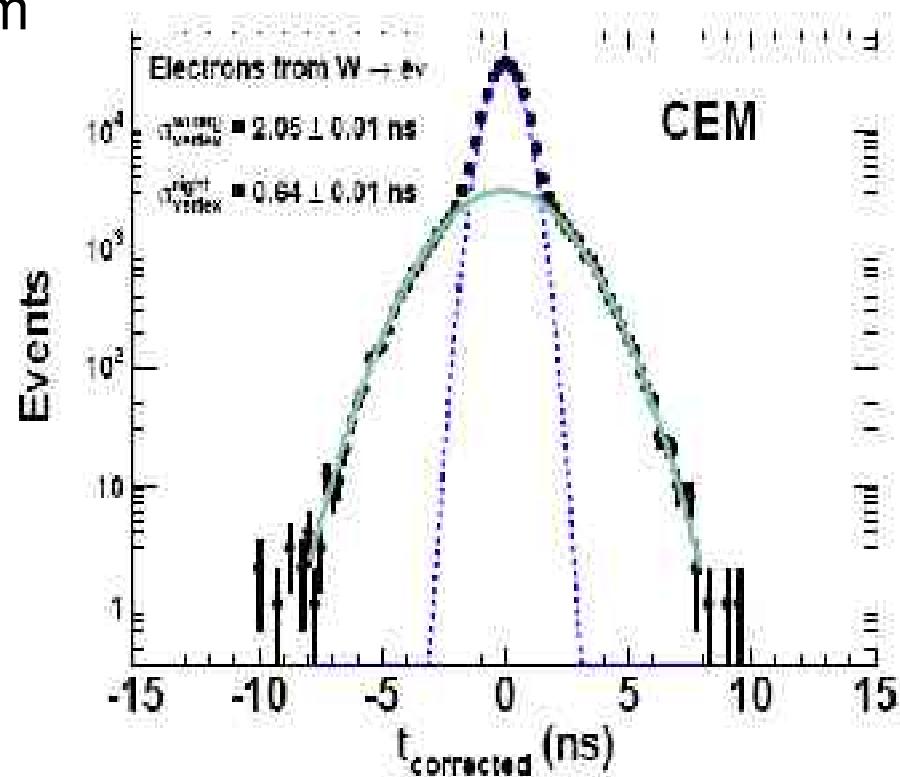
- plot all tracks on Z-Time plane
- do clustering



Employ Expectation Maximization with  
Gaussian Mixtures

# Prompt Background

- Multiple collisions are an issue
  - don't know where  $\gamma$  is coming from
  - assume it's the max sumPt vertex
    - not always right ☹
- Use  $W \rightarrow e \nu$  sample
  - hide e-track  $\rightarrow \gamma + \text{MET}$  sample
  - one Gaussian for right vtx
    - $\sigma = 0.64 \text{ ns}$
  - one Gaussian for wrong vtx
    - $\sigma = 2.05 \text{ ns}$
  - let them float in the signal shape fit



e track removed to mimic photon

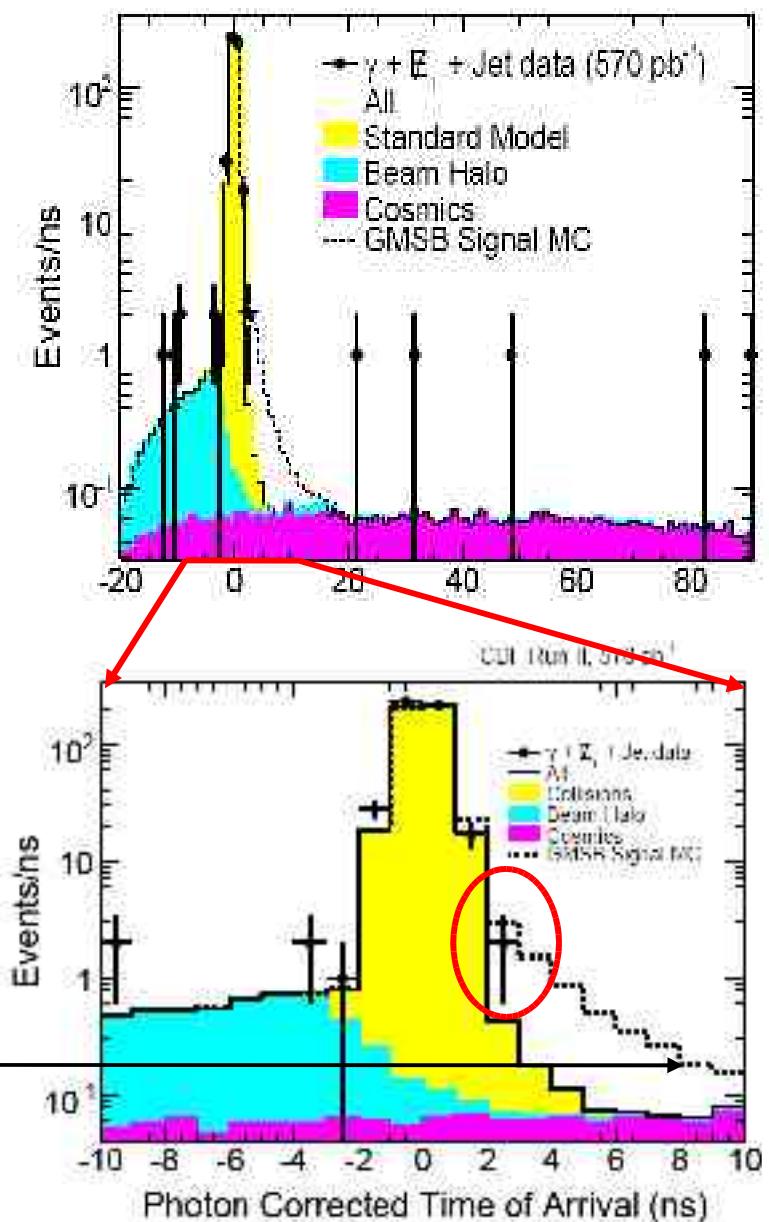
# Putting It All Together

- With optimal cuts

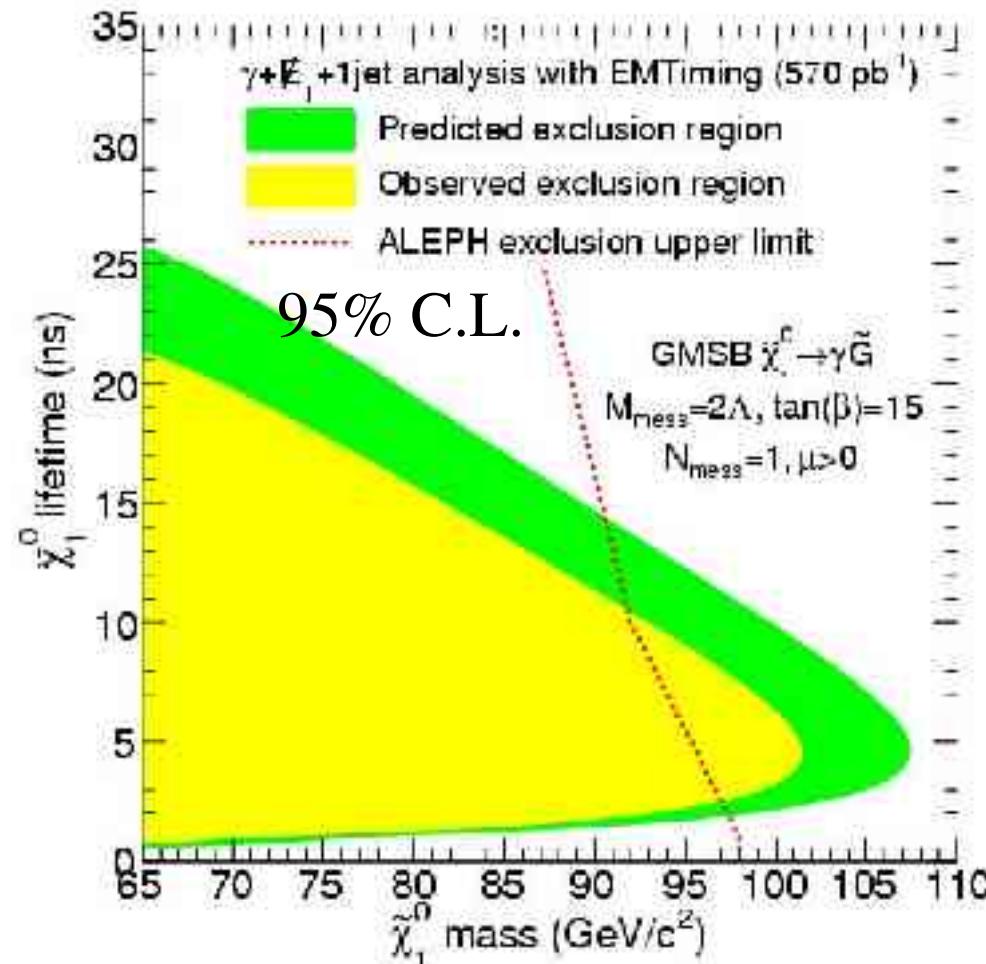
$$\begin{aligned}E_T &> 40 \text{ GeV}, E_T^{\text{jet}} > 35 \text{ GeV} \\ \Delta\phi(E_T, \text{jet}) &> 1 \text{ rad} \\ 2 \text{ ns} < t_\gamma &< 10 \text{ ns}\end{aligned}$$

- Expect
  - $1.3 \pm 0.7$  bgd events
    - $0.7 \pm 0.6$  collision-SM
    - $0.5 \pm 0.3$  cosmics
    - $0.1 \pm 0.1$  beam halo

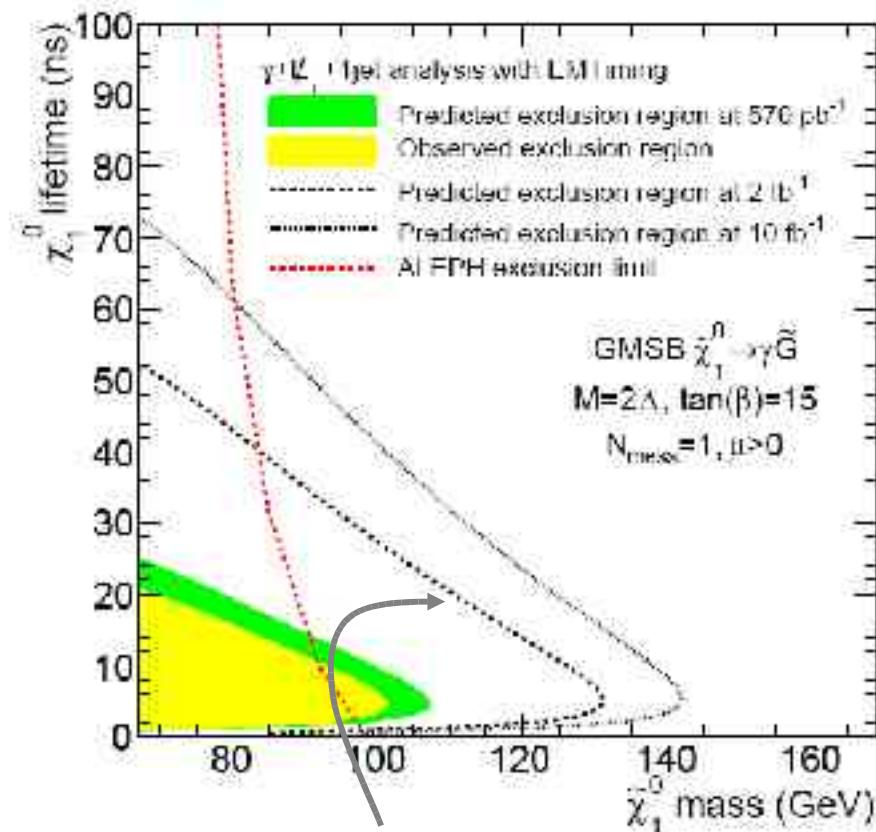
- Observe
    - 2 events
- Would be +6 event  
for GMSB point:  
 $m(\chi) = 100 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\tau(\chi) = 5 \text{ ns}$



# Delayed Photons?



Did not find anything, but have the highest sensitivity at  $\sim 5$  ns



Can be here by the end of the year

# *Split-Susy*



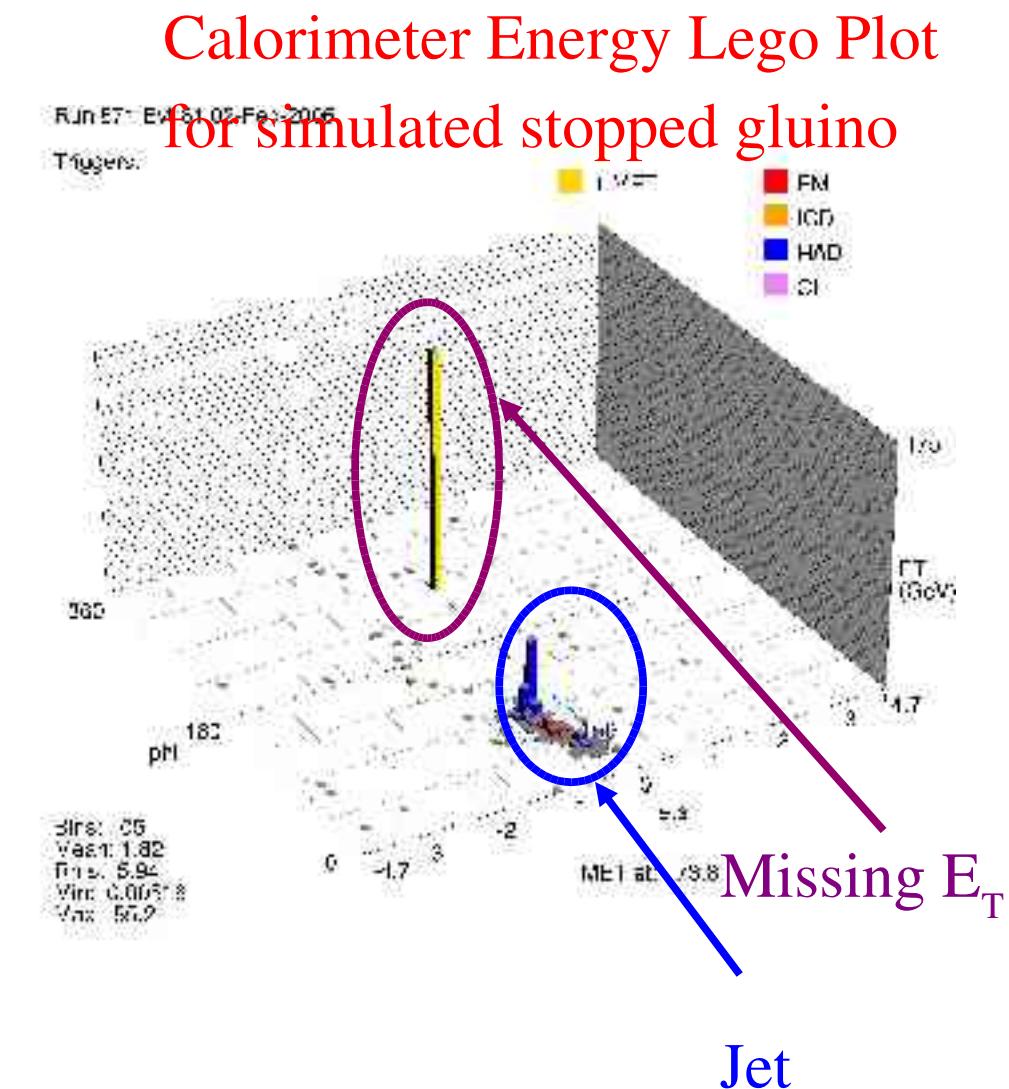
- Another type of SUSY model is known as split-SUSY
- In split-SUSY, all scalar supersymmetric particles are heavy ( $> 1 \text{ TeV}$ )

The gluino is the only weak-scale colored supersymmetric particle.

Its decays to a gluon and a neutralino are suppressed, resulting in a long gluino lifetime (from nanoseconds to hours)

# Stopped Gluino

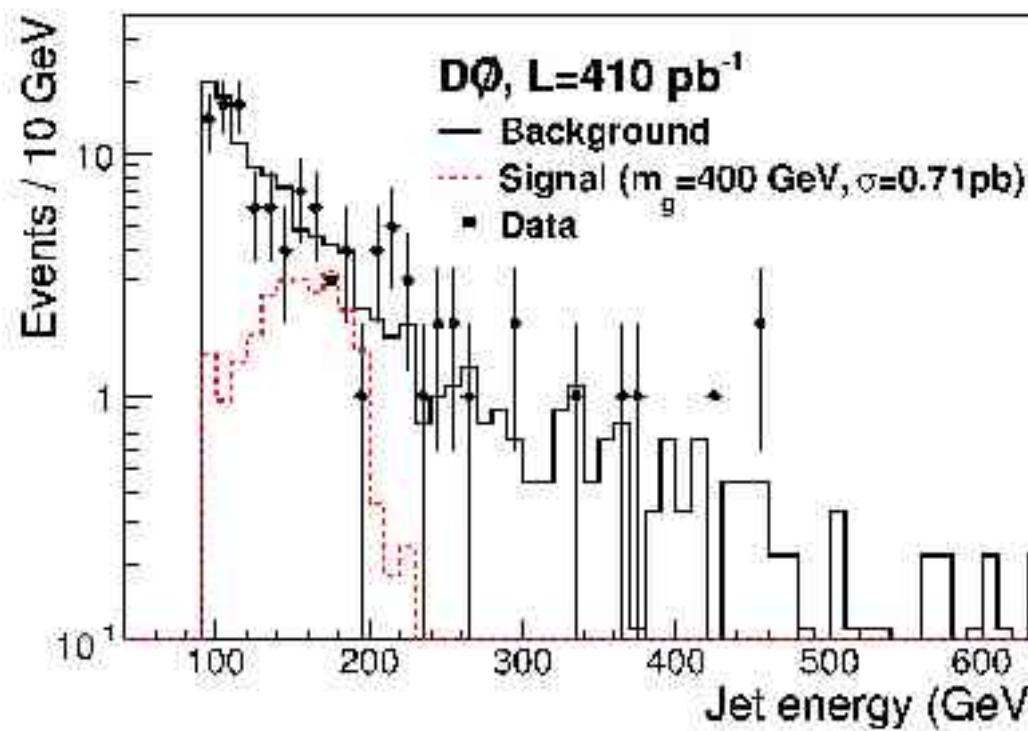
- A gluino is produced and hadronizes, coming to rest in the calorimeter
- Some time later (in another bunch crossing), it decays to a gluon jet (and a neutralino)



Look for wide jet, missing energy, and veto interaction

# Stopped Gluinos: Data

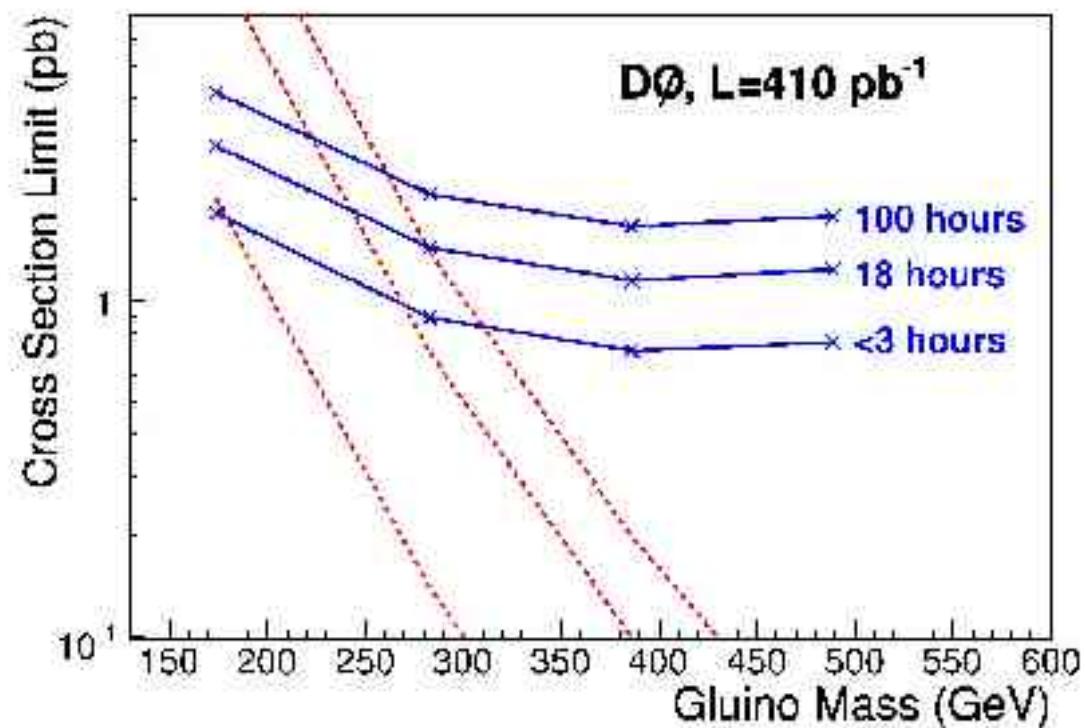
Background – cosmic rays  
# wide jets (with muon stub) x muon efficiency  
Muon efficiency : use narrow jets



# Limits

- No excess of events is observed
- Limits are set on the gluino production cross section

Jet R Range (GeV)	Data	Bgnd.	Signal Efficiency
94.6-111.6	46	48.18	0.05
126.8-171.8	32	37.84	0.10
169.3-233.8	27	21.56	0.11
214.2-286.6	14	9.57	0.10



# What is Next?



CHAMPs  $\beta > 0.4$   
Late Tracks

Delayed Photons

Track Timing  
Calorimeter Timing  
Non-Collision Rejection

Champs  $\beta < 0.4$   
Delayed Jets

Exclusive  $\gamma + \text{MET}$   
(KK states ...)

Displaced Vertex  
(Hidden Valley ...)

Highly Displaced Vertex  
(Hidden Valley ...)

Let's catch it !



# *Backup Slides*

# *Reasons to live*

→ Particles can be long-lived if they have:

- weak coupling constants
- limited phase space
- a conserved quantity
- “hidden valley” (potential barrier)

# Papers

## ➤ Supersymmetry:

- stable stop squark (We use this as our reference model)
  - R. Barbieri, L.J. Hall and Y. Nomura PRD **63**, 105007 (2001)
- NLSP stau in gauge-mediated SUSY breaking
  - J.L. Feng, T. Moroi, Phys.Rev. D58 (1998) 035001
- Light strange-beauty squarks
  - K. Cheung and W-S. Hou, Phys.Rev. D70 (2004) 035009

## ➔ Light strange-beauty squarks

- Matthew Strassler, HEP-ph/0607160

## ➤ Universal Extra Dimensions (UXDs)

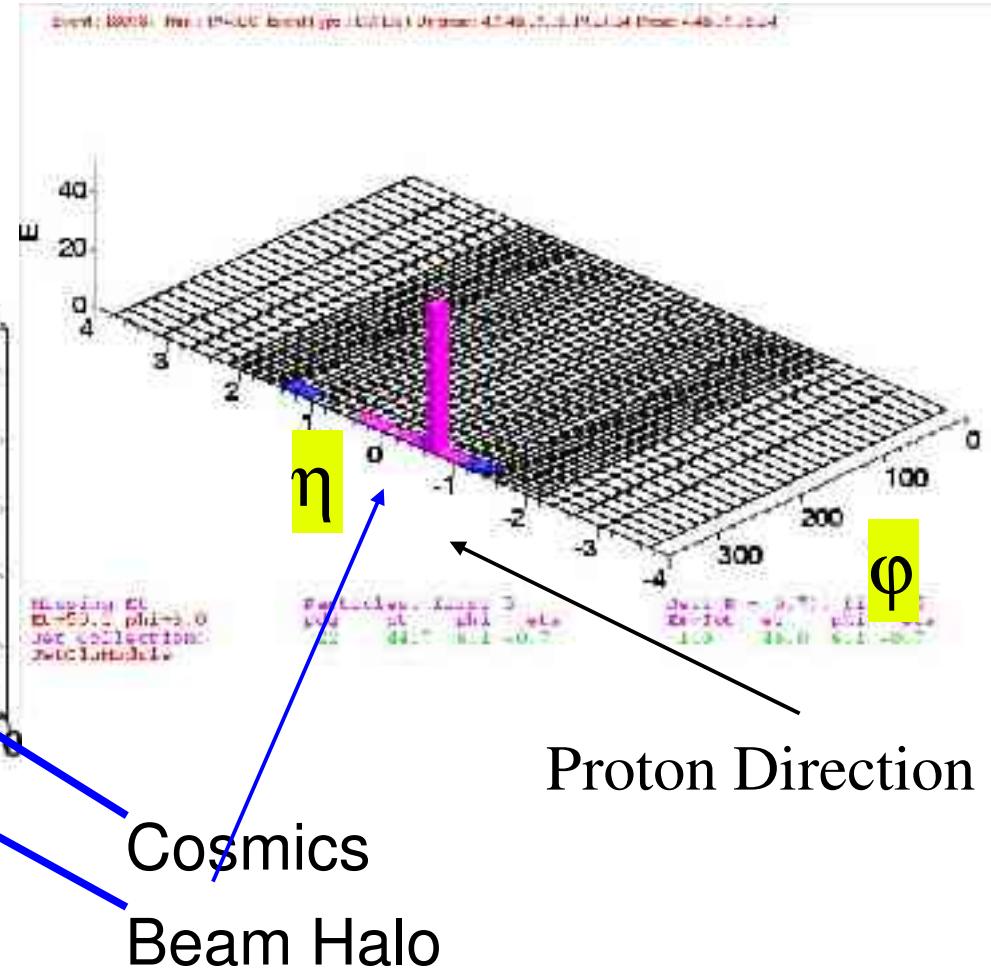
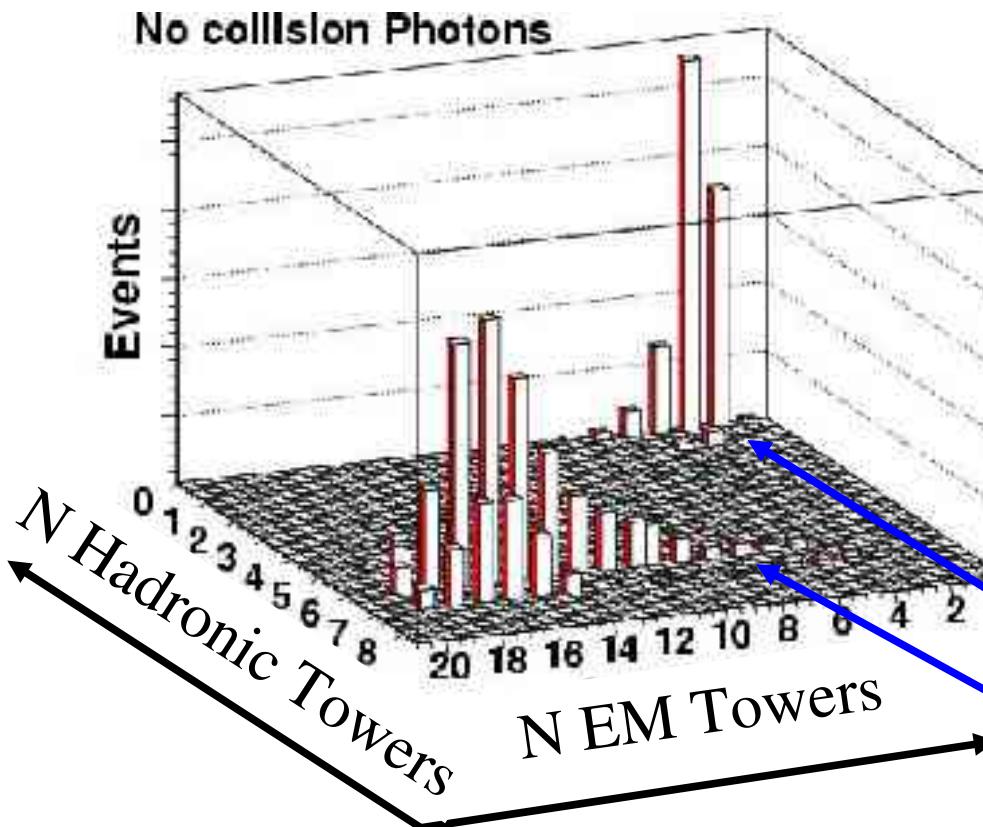
- Kaluza-Klein modes of SM particles
  - T. Appelquist, H-C. Cheng, B.A. Dobrescu, PRD 64 (2001) 035002

## ➤ Long-lived 4<sup>th</sup> generation quarks

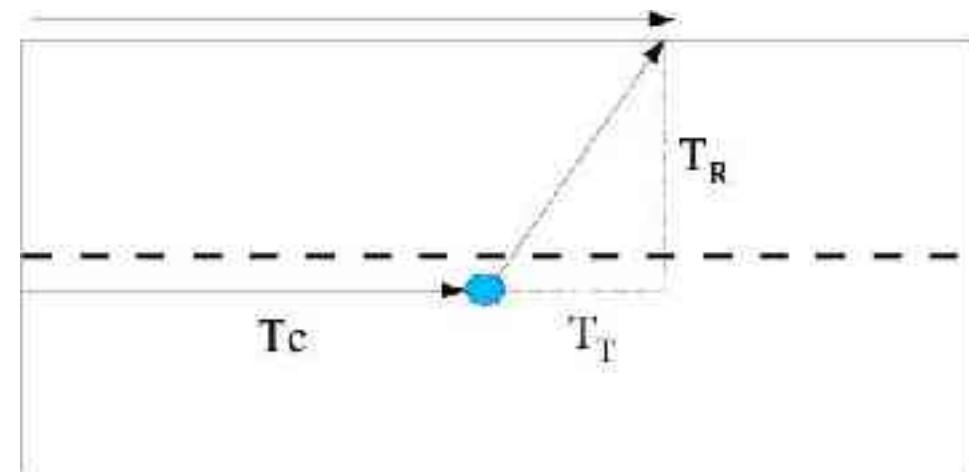
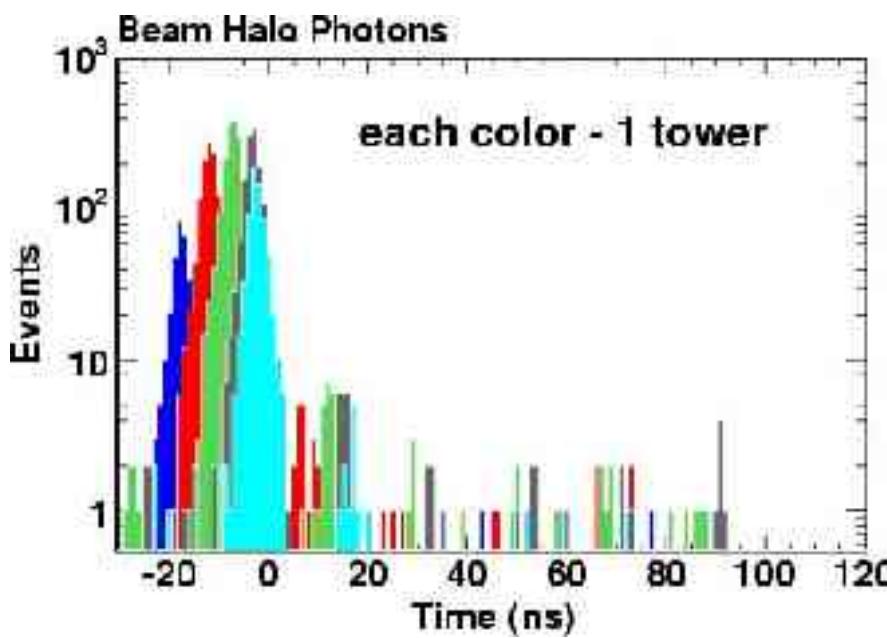
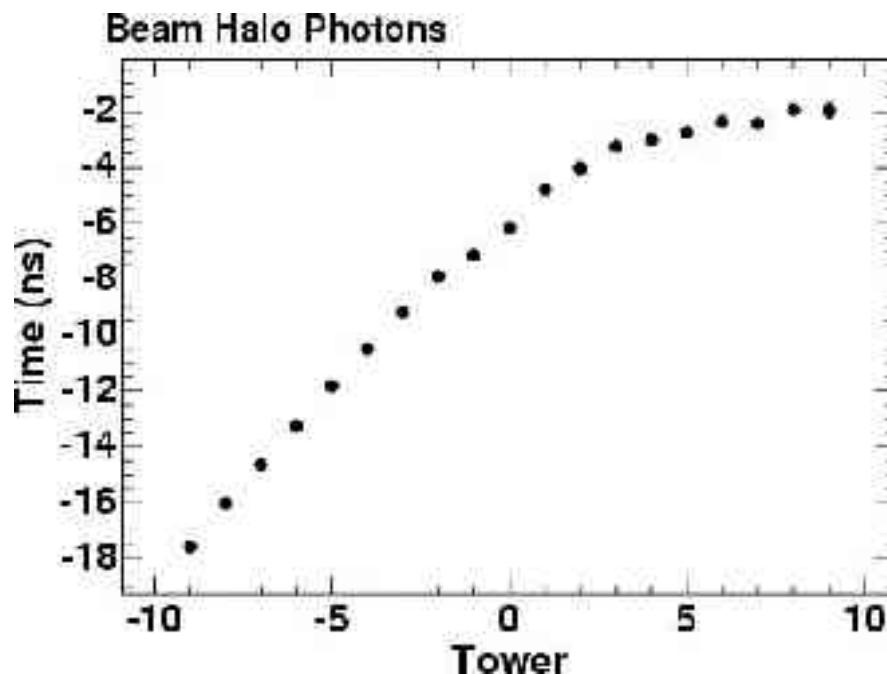
- P.H. Frampton, P.Q. Hung, M. Sher, Phys. Rep. 330 (2000) 263-348.

# Cosmics vs Beam Halo

Tracks  $\Sigma P_T < 1 \text{ GeV}$



# Beam Halo Time Shape



$$t(\text{collision}) = T_C + \sqrt{(T_T^2 + T_R^2)}$$

$$t(\text{halo}) = T_C + T_T$$

$$\delta t = T_T - \sqrt{(T_T^2 + T_R^2)}$$

Tower -9:  $\delta t \approx -2T_T$

Center:  $\delta t \approx -T_R + T_T$

Tower 9:  $\delta t \approx -\frac{T_R^2}{2T_T}$

# *Break*



*'If it's what I think it is, we've got some work ahead of us.'*

Moving into neutral heavy long-lived particles