## BAM Masterclass for LLFQNI 2021



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 Pixel

 Tracker

 ECAL

 HCAL

 Muons

 Solenoid coil



hands on particle physics











#### The LHC and the new physics

# The LHC is buried ~100 m below the surface near the Swiss-French border.

beams accelerated in large rings (27 km circumference at CERN)

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particle source (injector) Experiments where beams cross and some particles collide

#### The LHC and the new physics



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Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN – inside the tunnel.

# QuarkNet Protons collide inside CMS

The LHC accelerates protons to as much as 6500 times the energy equivalent of their mass. The protons circulate in opposite directions and collide in the center of CMS.

But protons are not just particles: they are more like bags of quarks and gluons. When they collide, *anything* can happen. And we are looking something specific.



#### **Two-muon events**

The Z boson is a neutral cousin of the W. It enables the "weak neutral current".

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It decays into two leptons of the same type but opposite charge – electron and positron or muon and antimuon. We are only looking for muon-antimuon pairs. We will call these twomuon events.



### **Four-muon events**

The Higgs boson is an expression of the field that gives other particles mass.

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One decay mode of the Higgs is into two Z bosons, which themselves promptly decay. Thus we can get 2 muons and 2 electrons *or* 4 muons *or* 4 electrons. We will only seek 4 muon events.









https://www.i2u2.org/elab/cms/ispy-webgl/

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## 2 or 4 muons?

#### Which of these events has muons? Is it a 2- or a 4-muon event?



CMS Experiment at the LHC, CERN Data recorded: 2012-Aug-21 05:09:49.690167 GMT Run / Event / LS: 201278 / 2073195431 / 2000



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### **Results**

# Enter data on each event.

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- If 1 muon, enter charge
- If **2** or **4** muons, enter mass
- In the right box!
- Then choose Submit.
- Next event!

Results go to a Google sheet to show ratio and mass plots.

#### LLFQNI-BAM2021 Data Form

Please enter the mass from each viable 2-muon or 4-muon event

Q1. If the event is 2-muon, what is the calculated mass in GeV? Please give a pure number only with no text. (Example: 22.41)

Your answer

Q2. If the event is 4-muon, what is the calculated mass in GeV? Please give a pure number only with no text. (Example: 79.22)

Your answer

Submit

https://forms.gle/5uNzA8u2kYXvZ4y8A

**Decay summary** 

The neutral particles we hope to measure cannot be detected directly because they decay less than a nanometer from where they are created in the LHC.

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CMS sees the decay products, which live longer and make it into the detector. Muons are the easiest to measure.

All else is treated as background.



