ZooFinder at CDF

The CDF II Detector

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Run II of the Fermilab Tevatron

- Proton anti-proton collisions at center of mass energy = 2 TeV
- Two detectors: CDF and D-Zero took data from 1992-1996 (Run I)
 - → Discovery the top quark!
 → Other interesting/unusual hints!
- Run II of the Fermilab Tevatron is currently taking data again
 - → A more sophisticated detector (CDF II)



Need extensive monitoring for CDF II

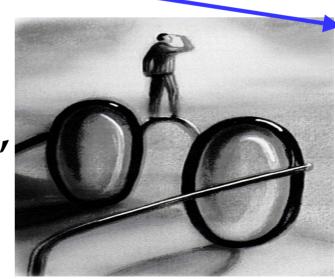
• Detector problems during data taking need to be addressed.

I.e., is anything broken?

- If unusual (bad) things in the detector are happening, we need to know about them immediately.
- Real-time monitoring of the detector for potential problems is crucial to any possible future discovery at the Tevatron.

A new monitoring system at CDF

- ZooFinder : Searches for "unusual" events (anomalous animals!). Finds, categorizes, then puts them into a "Zoo" to be studied.
- Identifies and classifies individual events as "unusual" by looking at the objects in the event.
- ZooFinder runs via a daemon program.
- Looks for "unusual" signature in high energy events.



object: Electron muon tau photon MeT etc.

Why monitor "unusual" events?

- An unusual event could imply detector malfunction(s).
 - e.g. Event with 6 muons at 1 Tev each.
 - => Discovery of non-conservation of energy?
 => Likely a "broken" muon chamber... we
 need to monitor for such events.
- **ZooFinder** may also find unusual events in the absence of detector problems. (anomalous animals!)
 - => Hint of new physics?
 - => Supersymmetry?
- Want this type of information ASAP!

Categorizing Unusual Events

 Unusual event during Run I: Famous eeγγ + Missing Energy candidate (10⁻⁶ background predicted, unexpected!)

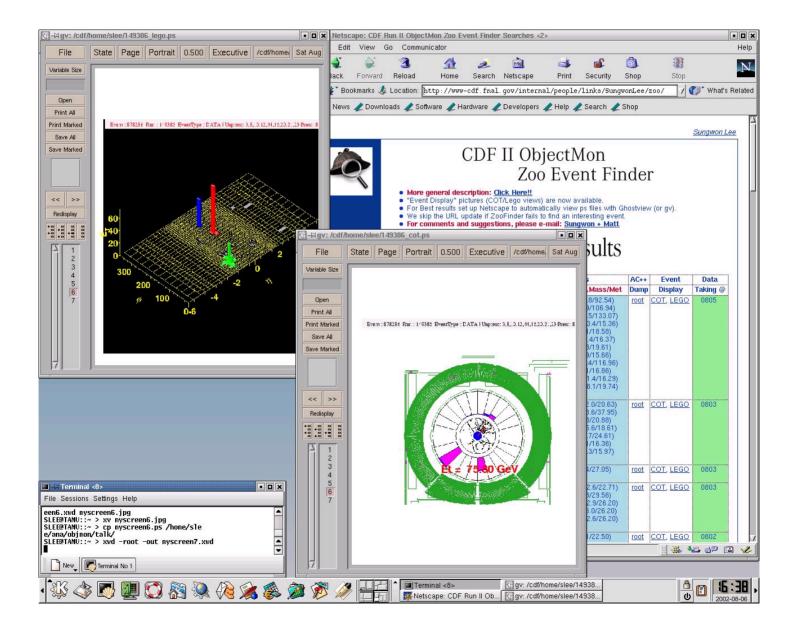
- A systematic approach towards unusual event types, e.g. : Events with high energy/mass.
- - $N_{objects} = 2$; ee, $\mu\mu$, $\tau\tau$, e τ , e γ pairs, etc.
 - $N_{objects}$ = 3 ; eee, $\mu\mu\mu$, $e\mu\tau$, etc.
 - $N_{objects}$ = 4 ; $e\mu\gamma\tau$, etc.
 - $-N_{objects} = \dots$

Detained Information on the Unusual

When an unusual event is found, quickly send email to experts and post it to a web page which provides easy access to the "Zoo" events

- Run Number and Event Number(s)
- Event Type : "eµγ"
- Event Kinematics
- Event Display: "snapshots" → easy, quick inspection of unusual events by eye

ZooFinder Web Page



Summary

- I. ZooFinder is a monitoring system for the CDF detector at the Fermilab Tevatron which works to identify unusual events in real time.
- II. It provides a powerful tool which helps insure robust detector operation, which is imperative for an experiment at the high energy frontier.
- **III. Early warning system of new physics...**