

Furlough Information

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Calendar

Thursday, May 22
11 a.m.

[Special Accelerator Physics and Technology Seminar](#) -

Curia II (NOTE TIME & LOCATION)

Speaker: A. Poklonskiy, Michigan State University

Title: Evolutionary Optimization Methods for Accelerator Design
1 p.m.

Physics and Detector Seminar - West Wing WH-10NW

Speaker: K. Moffeit, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center

Title: Report on Workshop on Polarized Positrons for Linear Colliders (Posipol 2008)
3:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S COFFEE
BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over

4 p.m.

[Accelerator Physics and Technology Seminar](#) - One

West

Speaker: M. Conde, Argonne National Laboratory

Title: High Gradients and RF Power Generation at the Argonne Wakefield Accelerator Facility

Friday, May 23

3:30 p.m.

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4 p.m.

[Joint Experimental-Theoretical](#)

Special Announcement

All-hands meetings Friday (Note new time)

Fermilab Director Pier Oddone will hold all-hands meetings on Friday, May 23, in Ramsey Auditorium. Oddone will meet with employees from the Accelerator Division, Technical Division, Accelerator Physics Center, Facilities Engineering Section, Finance Section and Directorate at 11:30 a.m.; and with employees from the Particle Physics Division, Computing Division, CMS Center, Work Force Development Section, Business Services Section, ES&H Section, and Center for Particle Astrophysics at 1 p.m. The sessions will be videotaped and posted to the Fermilab Web site after the meetings.

Feature

Faraday Cup Award given for wire sensor technology



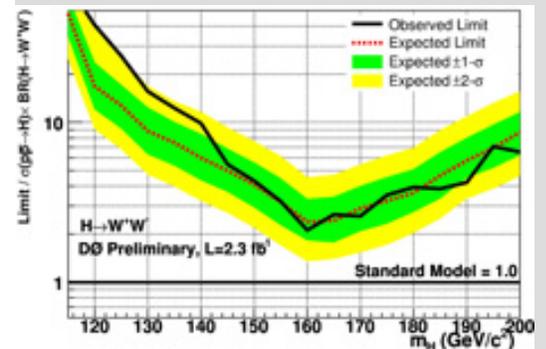
From left to right: Julien Bergoz, award sponsor, Suren Arutunian, award recipient, and Fernando Sannibale, BIW08 chairman.

Historically, beam instrumentation stays in the shadows if an accelerator functions well. But with the new generation of machines using charged particle beams at power intensities never seen before, the spotlight is shifting toward those who work behind the scenes to control beams.

"At the LHC, this is the first time where a beam could rip a machine apart in one pulse. And many future accelerators will be like this," said AD's Ralph Pasquinelli, a member of the program committee for the international Beam Instrumentation Workshop.

Fermilab Result of the Week

CSI: DZero



This figure shows DZero's 95 percent confidence level upper limits on Higgs bosons decaying to two W bosons in terms of the ratio to the expected cross section. When the excluded regions reach a value of 1.0, the theoretical predictions can be excluded.

Members of the DZero collaboration are hunting for a fugitive. Their quarry has not committed any crimes, but holds the key to a decades-old investigation. The search is difficult. No one knows for sure where to find this suspect, what it looks like or its habits. They only have a name. If found, this fugitive would yield the answer to the origin of mass of all the particles in our universe. This reward is great, and these physicists are keen to find their target: the Higgs boson.

Though we've never seen the Higgs boson, theories bring together a composite sketch of this particle. Scientists believe the Higgs has a mass within the reach of the Tevatron: evidence suggests a mass range of $114 < m_H < 200 \text{ GeV}/c^2$. Also, scientists suspect the Higgs associates with the heaviest of particles. If its mass is larger than $140 \text{ GeV}/c^2$, it would likely decay to two W bosons. Using these tips, DZero physicists canvassed their data looking for likely signs of the Higgs. By looking for both W bosons decaying to a lepton and a neutrino, they can narrow their list of suspects considerably. Using sophisticated pattern recognition algorithms, scientists can "interview" each Higgs candidate event. By comparing each event's experimental signature (or fingerprint) to a database of signatures, they classify each event on a scale of how Higgs-like it is. After interviewing all likely events in this two-lepton neighborhood, scientists can determine if they're seeing signs

[Physics Seminar](#) - One West
Speaker: P. Jonsson, Imperial
College

Title: Searches for MSSM
Higgs Bosons with DZero
5-7 p.m.

[Art Gallery Reception](#) - Art
Gallery

Exhibit Title: Earth Works:
Gary Schirmer and Philip
Schroeder

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a weekly calendar with links
to additional information.

Weather

 Partly Cloudy 64°/46°

[Extended Forecast](#)

[Weather at Fermilab](#)

Current Security Status

[Secon Level 3](#)

Wilson Hall Cafe

Thursday, May 22

- Santa Fe black bean
- Sloppy Joe
- Chicken cordon blue
- Smart cuisine: Spinach
enchiladas
- Baked ham & Swiss on a
Ciabatta roll
- Assorted slice pizza
- Crispy fried chicken ranch
salad

***Carb restricted alternative**

[Wilson Hall Cafe menu](#)

Chez Leon

Thursday, May 22

Dinner

- Cabbage & bacon calzone
- Caesar salad
- Espresso mousse

Wednesday, May 28

Lunch

- Asian grilled beef salad
- Coconut cake

[Chez Leon menu](#)

Call x4598 to make your
reservation.

The workshop provides a forum to compare and discuss instrumentation techniques for measuring charged particle beams in accelerators. At the bi-annual workshop, the Faraday Cup Award is given to the innovator of newest and best idea in beam instrumentation technology that goes beyond theory with proven functionality in an accelerator.

This year, the award went to Suren Arutunian, of the Yerevan Physics Institute in Armenia, for designing vibrating wire sensors (VWS) to measure a beam halo. Essentially, the wire's extreme sensitivity to temperature variations causes its vibration frequency to change with varying amounts of intercepted beam. This ability to measure beam halos could have widespread potential in accelerators of the future.

"His particular entry was a novel approach, and the hardware is not too complicated so it's cost effective," Pasquinelli said.

VWS technology works with a wide variety of accelerator diagnostic applications for electron, proton, ion and photon beam monitoring. First experiments for its use with hard X-ray beams in vacuum and air have been promising. Projects in Armenia and APS at Argonne use the technology, which has long-term stability, high precision and resolution.

View previous Faraday Cup Award winners [here](#).

Learn about VWS [here](#) and [here](#).

-- Tona Kunz

Announcement

Gardeners wanted

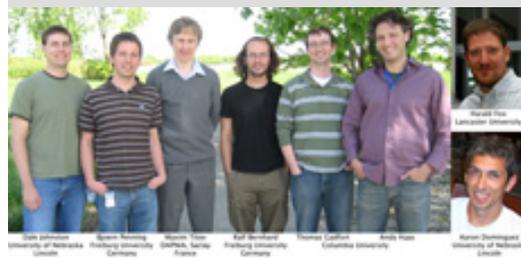
The [Fermilab Natural Areas](#) group will sponsor a volunteer planting event Thursday, May 22, from 3:30 until 6 p.m. Join Roads and Grounds staff along the south shore of Swan Lake. The live plants will help to create a more natural shoreline that will resist erosion and provide texture and color. Volunteers should wear boots and prepare to plant in wet and sloppy conditions. For more information call Roads and Grounds at x3303.

In the News

of the Higgs.

Using roughly 2.3 inverse femtobarns of data, DZero physicists found no significant sign of the Higgs boson decaying to two W bosons. But, this allows them to place the tightest limits on this Higgs boson production mechanism from a single experiment.

Detectives know that this lack of evidence -- like any fugitive search -- doesn't necessarily mean the Higgs isn't out there. In fact, theories predict that the Higgs is just around the corner if its mass is near 160 GeV/c². With the additional luminosity expected from the Tevatron in the next two years, scientists could easily bring the Higgs in for questioning and get to the bottom of this mystery.



A team of DZero collaborators made primary contributions to this analysis.

DZero's electron identification group conveners coordinate a group of top-notch scientists who ensure the highest quality of electron selection. Their efforts are crucial for analyses such as the one shown here.



Result of the Week Archive

Accelerator Update

May 19-20

- Three stores provided 39 hours and 1 minute of luminosity
- Store 6150 aborted due to a power supply problem
- On Thursday, May 22, we will shut down everything except the TeV and Pbar Rings for maintenance

[Read the Current Accelerator Update](#)

[Read the Early Bird Report](#)

[View the Tevatron Luminosity Charts](#)

Announcements

Archives

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Info

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is online at:

www.fnal.gov/today/

Send comments and suggestions to:

today@fnal.gov**Bike commuters spread the word**

WBBM news radio interviewed Fermilab Bicycle Commuters Dave Peterson, Jim Budlong and Dave McGinnis about how the 100-member group started as an outgrowth of a DOE fuel conservation effort, how they save \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year in gasoline and vehicle maintenance and what it's like to find a safe route to work in the congested suburbs. [Listen](#) to the full 15-minute interview.

In the News

Bottling the big bangFrom *the Engineer Online*, May 19, 2008

The air of anticipation around CERN, the European Organisation for Nuclear Research near Geneva, is palpable. In a matter of weeks, the world's most powerful particle accelerator, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC), will start operating, hurling subatomic particles around its 27km circumference at almost the speed of light. Two months later, the two contra-rotating beams will be squeezed, focused and aimed at each other to collide with colossal force, creating conditions that existed millionths of a second after the Big Bang.

The physics goals of the LHC are mind-boggling. Discovering the Higgs boson, the particle that explains the origins of mass; explaining why the universe is made of matter not anti-matter; freeing the constituent parts of the particles that make up the nuclei of atoms; possibly making minute black holes which, in passing, would indicate that alternate dimensions exist. But in order to answer these questions, equally mind-blowing engineering has been brought into play, 100m below the ground in the tunnels and caverns that make up the LHC complex.

[Read more](#)[Have a safe day!](#)**Users' meeting today about pool closing**

Users interested in discussing the closing of the Fermilab pool are encouraged to attend an open meeting with Fermilab Director Pier Oddone and COO Bruce Chrisman today, May 22, at 4 p.m. in Curia II.

June 6 deadline for The University of Chicago tuition remission program

The deadline for applying for the tuition remission program at The University of Chicago for the Summer 2008 quarter is June 6. For more information and enrollment forms, contact Nicole Gee at x3697 or visit the [Web site](#).

Weekly Time Sheets due tomorrow

Due to the upcoming Memorial Day Holiday, weekly time sheets are due in Payroll by 10 a.m. on Friday, May 23.

Users' meeting June 4, 5

Fermilab will host the annual Users' meeting on Wednesday, June 4, and Thursday, June 5. For more information or to register, visit the [Users' Meeting Web site](#).

Project X workshop June 5-6

Following the Users' Meeting June 5, Fermilab and the UEC will hold the third Workshop on Physics with a high-intensity proton source. The workshop begins with a town meeting in One West on the evening of Thursday, June 5, and continues the next day. A preliminary program and registration are [here](#).

International Folk Dancing May 22

International Folk Dancing will take place in Kuhn Barn this Thursday, May 22. Dancing begins at 7:30 p.m. with teaching and children's dances followed by request dancing. Newcomers are welcome. You do not need to come with a partner. On May 29, the group will hold a workshop on Bulgarian dance with internationally famous teacher Jaap Leegwater from the Netherlands. Information at (630) 584-0825 or (630) 840-8194 or folkdance@fnal.gov.

[Additional Activities](#)