

# Understanding the TeV Scale at the LHC

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# Outline

New physics at the LHC

Weak boson fusion and unitarity

Gluinos or else?

UV-complete extra dimensions

Final goal: Underlying theory

# Standard–Model effective theory

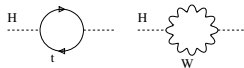
## Remember the Standard Model

- gauge theory  $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$
  - massless  $SU(3)$  and  $U(1)$  gauge bosons
  - massive  $SU(2)$  gauge bosons [spontaneous symmetry breaking]
  - massive Dirac fermions [via Yukawas]
  - perturbatively renormalizable Lagrangian [no effective theory]
  - one missing piece: Higgs [fundamental? minimal? mass?]
- ⇒ defined by particle content, interactions, renormalizability
- ⇒ **truly fundamental theory at high energies**

## How complete experimentally?

- dark matter? [solid evidence! — for weak–scale new physics?]
  - $(g - 2)_\mu$ ? [possible evidence for weak–scale new physics?]
  - quark mixing — flavor physics? [new operators above  $10^4$  GeV?]
  - neutrino masses and mixing? [see-saw at  $10^{11}$  GeV?]
  - matter–antimatter asymmetry? [universe mostly matter]
  - gauge–coupling unification? [almost perfect, but proton stable]
  - gravity? [mostly negligible but perturbatively non-renormalizable]
- ⇒ **cut-off scale unavoidable: SM effective theory**

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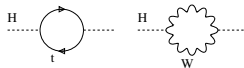
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– discrete symmetry for e-w precision constraints, proton decay

– stable lightest new particle: dark matter [weakly coupled, TeV range]

– skipping all introductions into models here

⇒ general: TeV–scale models in baroque state

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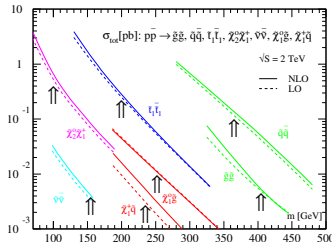
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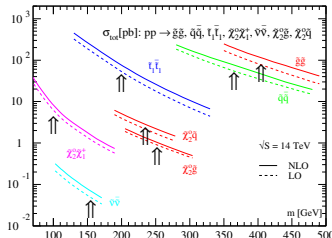
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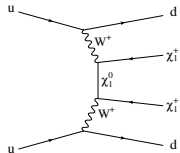
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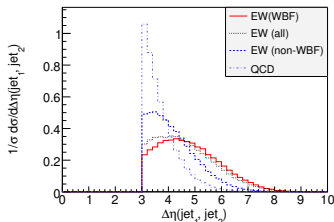
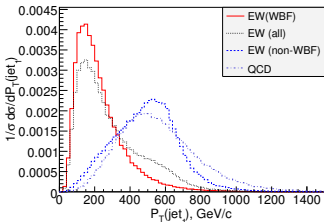
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## Illustrating testable hypotheses: spin of LSP [Alwall, TP, Rainwater (2007)]

- Majorana LSP with like-sign charginos?
  - hypotheses: like-sign charginos (SUSY)
    - like-sign scalars (scalar dark matter)
    - like-sign vector bosons (little-Higgs inspired)
  - chargino decay/kinematics not used
- ⇒ WBF : two key distributions  $\Delta\phi_{jj}, p_{T,j}$  [like  $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\mu$  or WBF-Higgs]



- distinct WBF signal? [ask Karl;  $p_{T,j} \sim m_W$ , forward jets]
- visible over backgrounds? [SUSY-QCD backgrounds dominant]
- toy model, but not swamped by SUSY-QCD





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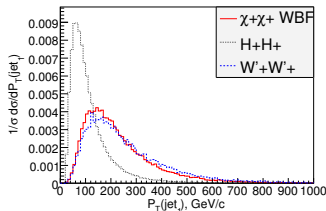
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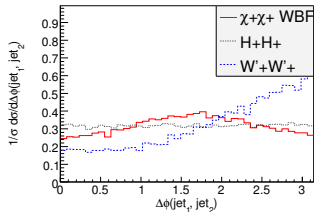
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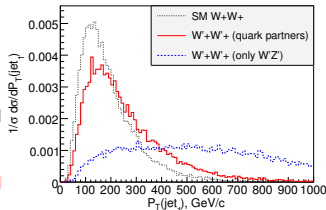
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## Heavy fermions in little-Higgs models

- part of unitary UV completion [Englert, Zeppenfeld]
- huge effects on distributions [at low scales]

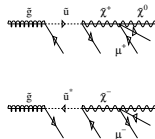
⇒ look-alike of strongly interacting  $Ws$  [Reuter,...]



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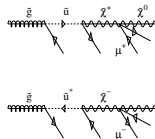
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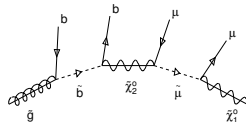
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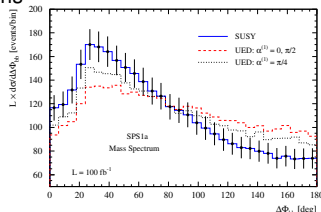
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## – ‘gluino’ as a boson: universal extra dimensions

[spectra degenerate, cross sections, higher KK states — ignore]

- simple distributions [3-body decays: Csaki,...]
- threshold behavior? [under study]

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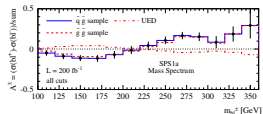
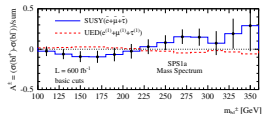
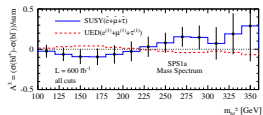
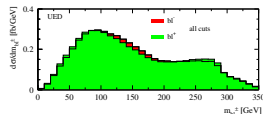
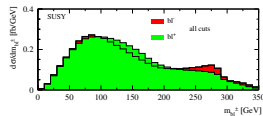
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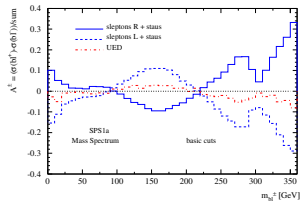
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  - positive: use information [Hagiwara, Kim, Mawatari, Zerwas]
- ⇒ **LHC only as good as understood hypotheses**





# UV-complete extra dimensions

## Elegant solution to hierarchy problem [Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos, Dvali]

- highest scale: Planck scale  $G_N \sim 1/M_{\text{Planck}}^2$  [ $M_{\text{Planck}} \sim 10^{19}$  GeV]
- Einstein–Hilbert action in  $4 + n$  dimensions [on torus — periodic boundaries]

$$\int d^4x \sqrt{|g|} M_{\text{Planck}}^2 R \rightarrow \int d^{4+n}x \sqrt{|g|} M_D^{2+n} R = (2\pi r)^n \int d^4x \sqrt{|g|} M_D^{2+n} R$$

$$M_{\text{Planck}} = M_D (2\pi r M_D)^{n/2} \gg M_D \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$$

- to get numbers right:  $r = 10^{12}, 10^{-3}, \dots, 10^{-11}$  m for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, 6$
- ⇒ **fundamental Planck scale at TeV**

## Kaluza–Klein gravitons

- periodic boundaries: Fourier–transform in extra dimensions [QCD massless]

$$(\square + m_k^2) G_{\mu\nu}^{(k)} = -\frac{T_{\mu\nu}}{M_{\text{Planck}}} \quad \delta m \sim \frac{1}{r} = 2\pi M_D \left( \frac{M_D}{M_{\text{Planck}}} \right)^{2/n} \lesssim 0.05 \text{ GeV}$$

- KK tower of single gravitons, each coupled as  $1/M_{\text{Planck}}$  [Giudice, Ratazzi, Wells]
  - constraints from supernova cooling only on IR spectrum
  - LHC effects from TeV–scale UV spectrum [Giudice, Strumia, TP (2005); cosmic rays]
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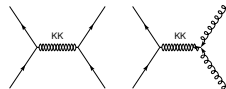
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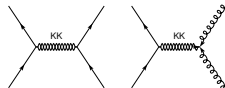
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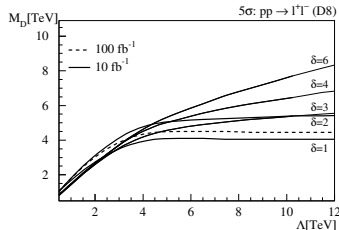
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## Virtual gravitons at LHC [e.g. Giudice, TP, Strumia (2005)]

- s-channel  $gg \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$
- LHC rates (or reach) dependent on cut-off  $\Lambda$

⇒ **effective theory poor at LHC**



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### UV-safe gravity [Weinberg (1979)]

- gravity non–fundamental effective theory  $G \propto 1/M_D^{2+n}?$
- 't Hooft's perturbative renormalizability: finite number of counter terms
- Wilson's (weaker) renormalizability: no unphysical UV divergences
- consistent theory beyond perturbation theory [no ghosts: Weinberg & Gomez]
- fixed point likely to  $\sqrt{|g|} R^8$  and including matter [no proof; not perturbative series]
- great idea for gravity — great for LHC

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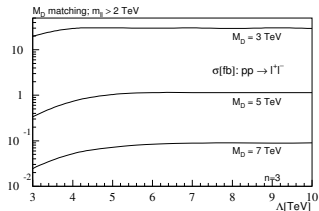
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### String theory as UV completion [e.g. Cullen, Perelstein, Peskin]

– Veneziano form factor

$$\frac{\Gamma(1 - \alpha' s) \Gamma(1 - \alpha' t)}{\Gamma(1 - \alpha' (s + t))} = \frac{\Gamma(1 - s/M_S^2) \Gamma(1 - t/M_S^2)}{\Gamma(1 - (s + t)/M_S^2)} = 1 - \frac{\pi^2}{6} \frac{st}{M_S^4} + \mathcal{O}(M_S^{-6})$$

– string resonances in UV:  $\sqrt{n} M_S$

⇒ **quantum gravity testable at LHC**

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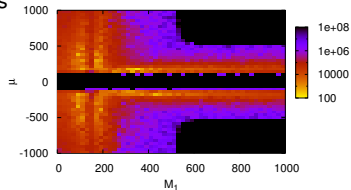
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[SFitter (2008)]

	LHC		LHC $\otimes (g - 2)$		SPS1a
$\tan \beta$	<b>10.0</b> ±	<b>4.5</b>	<b>10.3</b> ±	<b>2.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>
$M_1$	102.1±	7.8	102.7±	5.9	103.1
$M_2$	193.3±	7.8	193.2±	5.8	192.9
$M_3$	577.2±	14.5	578.2±	12.1	577.9
$M_{\tilde{\mu}_L}$	193.2±	8.8	194.0±	6.8	194.4
$M_{\tilde{\mu}_R}$	135.0±	8.3	135.6±	6.3	135.8
$M_{\tilde{q}_L}$	481.4±	22.0	485.6±	22.4	480.8
$M_{\tilde{b}_R}$	501.7±	17.9	499.2±	19.3	502.9
$M_{\tilde{q}_L}$	524.6±	14.5	525.5±	10.6	526.6
$M_{\tilde{q}_R}$	507.3±	17.5	507.6±	15.8	508.1
$A_\tau$	fixed 0		fixed 0		-249.4
$A_t$	-509.1±	86.7	-530.6±	116.6	-490.9
$A_b$	fixed 0		fixed 0		-763.4
$m_A$	406.3±	$\mathcal{O}(10^3)$	411.1±	$\mathcal{O}(10^2)$	394.9
$\mu$	350.5±	14.5	352.5±	10.8	353.7

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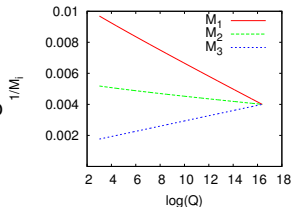
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### Fundamental theory [SFitter + Kneur (2007+)]

- SUSY breaking?
  - unification, GUT?
  - scale-invariant sum rules? [Cohen, Schmalz]
  - new & crucial: renormalization group bottom-up
- ⇒ **solidly infer models from weak scale**



# New physics in LHC era

## TeV-scale physics understood

- find Higgs sector
- confirm BSM physics
- solve hierarchy problem
- explain dark matter
  
- test testable hypotheses
- determine fundamental theory
- never fly through Heathrow
  
- LHC more than discovery machine
- **LHC physics is fun physics, even on Saturday afternoon!**



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New Physics

WBF & unitarity

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