New Physics at the LHC

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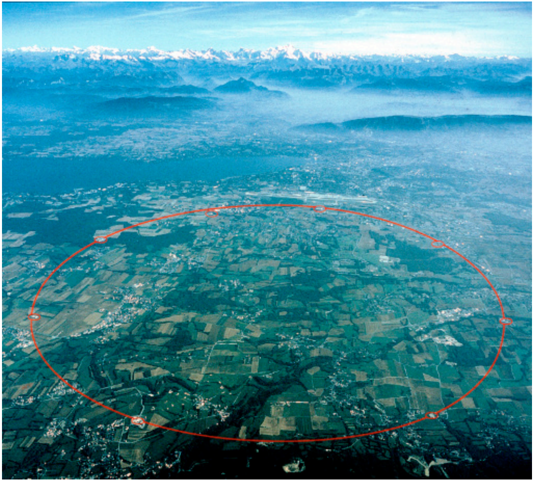

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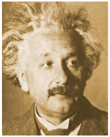

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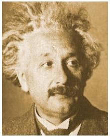

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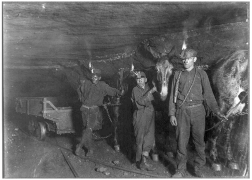

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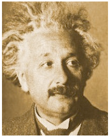

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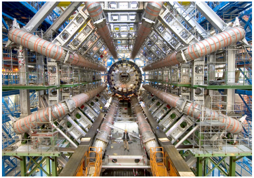

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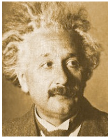

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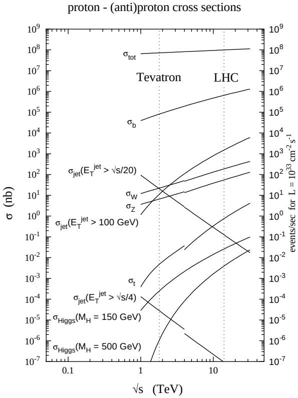
Everything you always wanted to know...

- Atlas/CMS: measure anything flying around
- signal: everything new, exciting and rare
  background: yesterday's signal
- Standard Model: theory of background
  QCD: evil background theory trying to kill us
- $N_{\text{events}} = \sigma \cdot \mathcal{L}$ ['cross section times luminosity']
- trigger: soft jets — not on tape
- jet: everything except for leptons/photons
  crucial: what is inside a jet [q, g, b, τ tagged?]
- discovery $N_S/\sqrt{N_B} > 5$



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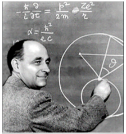

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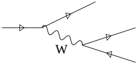

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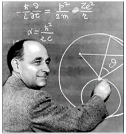

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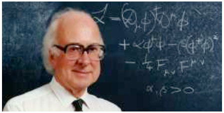

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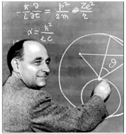

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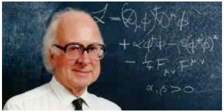

- ’t Hooft & Veltman 1971: renormalizability
  beware of $1/M$ couplings
  gauge theories without cut-off
  truly fundamental theory

$\Rightarrow$ 35 years later — no sign of weakness...

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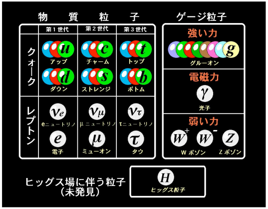

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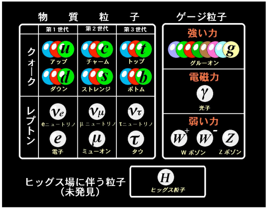

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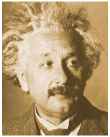

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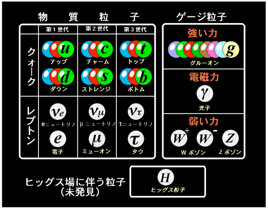

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And how complete experimentally?

– dark matter? [solid evidence for low–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 real?

– gravity missing? [mostly negligible but definitely unrenormalizaby]

$\Rightarrow$ physical cut-off unavoidable, size negotiable, renormalizability desirable

$\Rightarrow$ who the hell cares???

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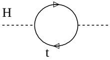

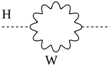

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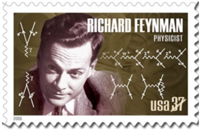

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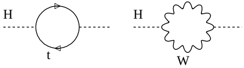

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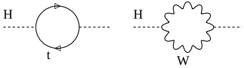

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Starting from data which...

...indicates a light Higgs [e-w precision data]
...indicates higher–scale physics

– easy solution: counter term — but gauge theories don't do tuning

– or new physics at TeV scale: supersymmetry
extra dimensions
little Higgs
composite Higgs, TopColor [wish they were gone...]
YourFavoriteNewPhysics...

⇒ typically cancellation by new particles or discussing away high scale

⇒ beautiful concepts, but problematic in reality

⇒ TeV–scale models in baroque state

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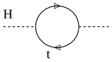

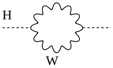

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Expectations from the LHC

– find light Higgs?

– find new physics stabilizing Higgs mass?

– see dark–matter candidate?

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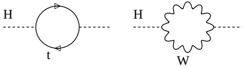

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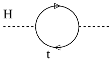

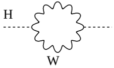

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LHC searches: MSSM

– conjugate Higgs field not allowed
→ give mass to t and b?
→ five Higgs bosons
– SUSY–Higgs alone interesting
⇒ would be another talk...
⇒ list of SUSY partners

		spin	d.o.f.	
fermion	f_L, f_R	1/2	1+1	
→ sfermion	$\tilde{f}_L$, $\tilde{f}_R$	0	1+1	
gluon	G_μ	1	n-2	
→ gluino	$\tilde{g}$	1/2	2	Majorana
gauge bosons	γ, Z	1	2+3	
Higgs bosons	h^o, H^o, A^o	0	3	
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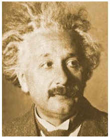

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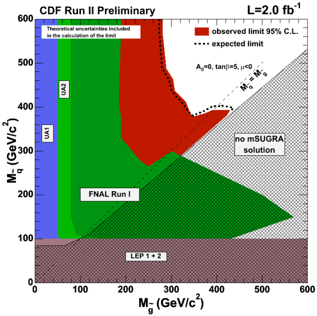

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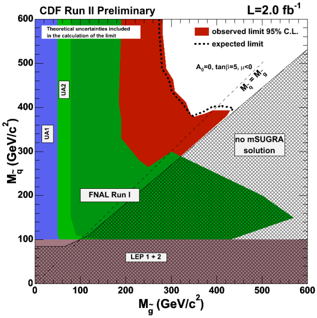

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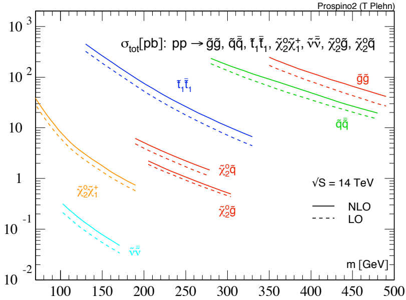

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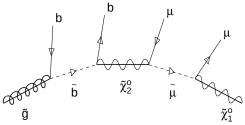

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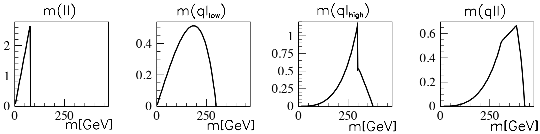

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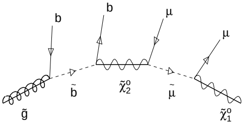

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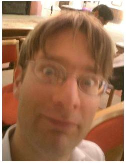

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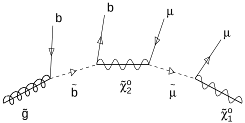

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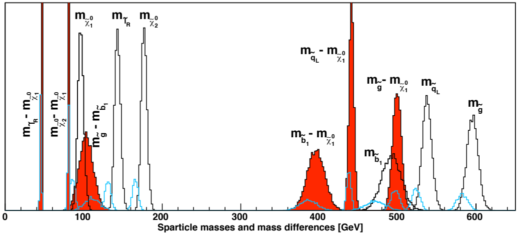
Cascade masses from kinematics

– all decay jets b quarks [otherwise dead by QCD]

– gluino mass to $\sim 1\%$

⇒ what's more in m_{ij}?



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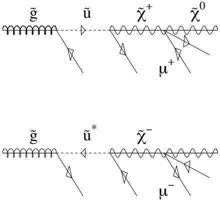

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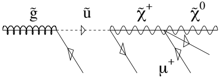

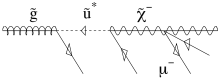

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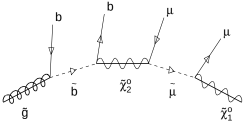
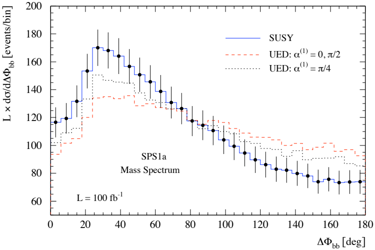


All new physics is hypothesis testing

- loop hole: 'gluino is Majorana if it is a fermion'
- assume gluino cascade observed
- straw-man model where 'gluino' is a boson: universal extra dimensions

  [spectra degenerate — ignore; cross section larger — ignore]

⇒ compare angular correlations



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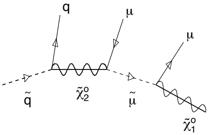

- shorter sqark decay chain
- shape between endpoints: $\hat{m} = m_{q\mu}/m_{q\mu}^{\max} \sim \sin\theta/2$
- dominant $pp \to \tilde{q}\tilde{g}$ with $\tilde{q} : \tilde{q}^* \sim 2:1$
- production asymmetry with reduced errors

$$\mathcal{A}(m_{\mu j}) = \frac{\sigma(j\mu^+) - \sigma(j\mu^-)}{\sigma(j\mu^+) + \sigma(j\mu^-)}$$

- kind of similar for gluino decay

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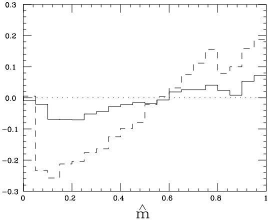

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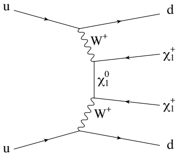

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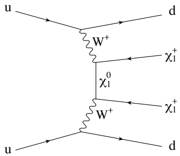

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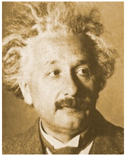

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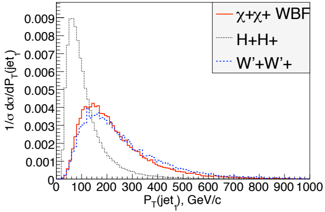

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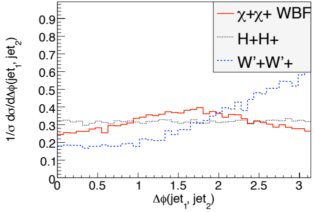

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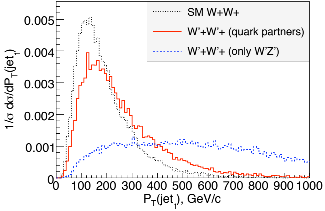

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From kinematics to weak–scale parameters

– parameters: weak-scale Lagrangian

– measurements: better edges than masses,
branching fractions, rates,...
flavor, dark matter, electroweak constraints,...

– errors: general correlation, statistics & systematics & theory

– problem in grid: huge phase space, no local maximum?
problem in fit: domain walls, no global maximum?
problem in interpretation: bad observables, secondary maxima?

Probability maps of new physics

– want probability of model being true $p(m|d)$
have exclusive likelihood map $p(d|m)$ over m

– Bayesian: $p(m|d) \sim p(d|m)\, p(m)$ with theorists' bias $p(m)$ [cosmology, BSM]
frequentist: best–fitting point $\max_m p(d|m)$ [flavor]

– getting rid of parameters: integration vs projection

– LHC era: (1) compute high-dimensional map $p(d|m)$
(2) find and rank local best-fitting points
(3) predict additional observables

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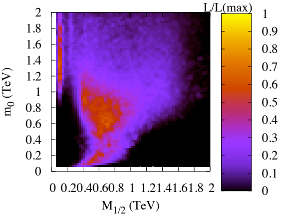
– ‘Which is the most likely parameter point?’

– ‘How does dark matter annihilate/couple?’



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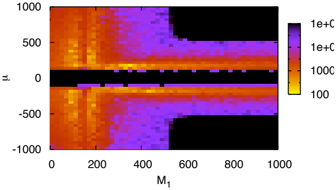

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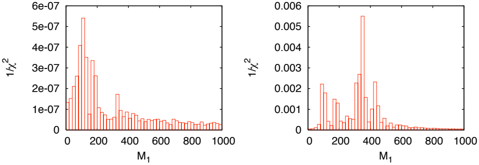

– quality of fit not useful: all the same...

	$\mu < 0$				$\mu > 0$			
M_1	96.6	175.1	103.5	365.8	98.3	176.4	105.9	365.3
M_2	181.2	98.4	350.0	130.9	187.5	103.9	348.4	137.8
μ	-354.1	-357.6	-177.7	-159.9	347.8	352.6	178.0	161.5
$\tan\beta$	14.6	14.5	29.1	32.1	15.0	14.8	29.2	32.1
M_3	583.2	583.3	583.3	583.5	583.1	583.1	583.3	583.4
$M_{\tilde{\mu}_L}$	192.7	192.7	192.7	192.9	192.6	192.6	192.7	192.8
$M_{\tilde{\mu}_R}$	131.1	131.1	131.1	131.3	131.0	131.0	131.1	131.2
$A_t\ (-)$	-252.3	-348.4	-477.1	-259.0	-470.0	-484.3	-243.4	-465.7
$A_t\ (+)$	384.9	481.8	641.5	432.5	739.2	774.7	440.5	656.9
m_A	350.3	725.8	263.1	1020.0	171.6	156.5	897.6	256.1
m_t	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4	171.4

$\Rightarrow$ let's try to not miss too many particles...

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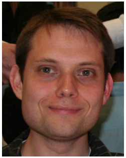

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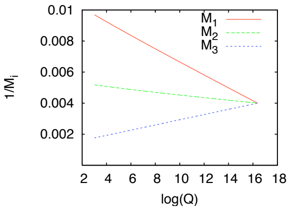

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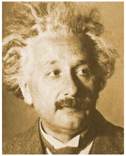

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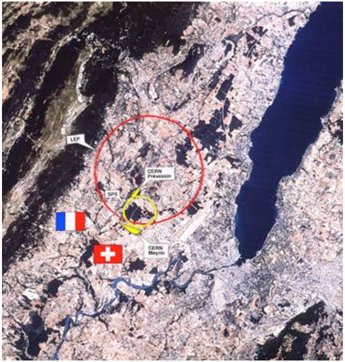

Need for new physics

- there is physics beyond Standard Model
- Higgs and new physics the same question
- LHC should find and study it

Supersymmetry one well-studied example

- solves the hierarchy problem
- easily explains dark matter
- cascade decays rule
- LHC to determine underlying model

LHC not only the biggest, but also the coolest machine!