

Search for SUSY at the LHC

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Outline

- Problems of the Standard Model
- Supersymmetry (SUSY): a solution for all?
- Searching for SUSY phenomena
- Natural SUSY: finished?
- Status and prospects

Best introduction to SUSY:

A Supersymmetry Primer

by Stephen P. Martin

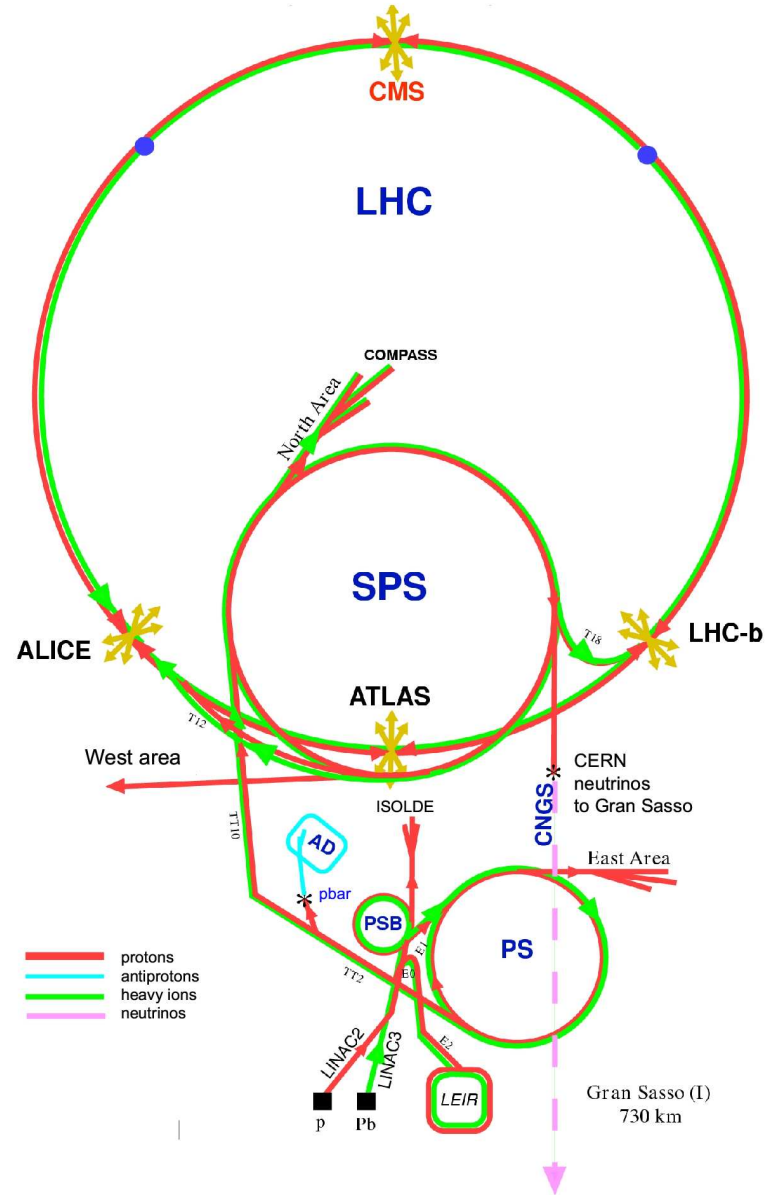
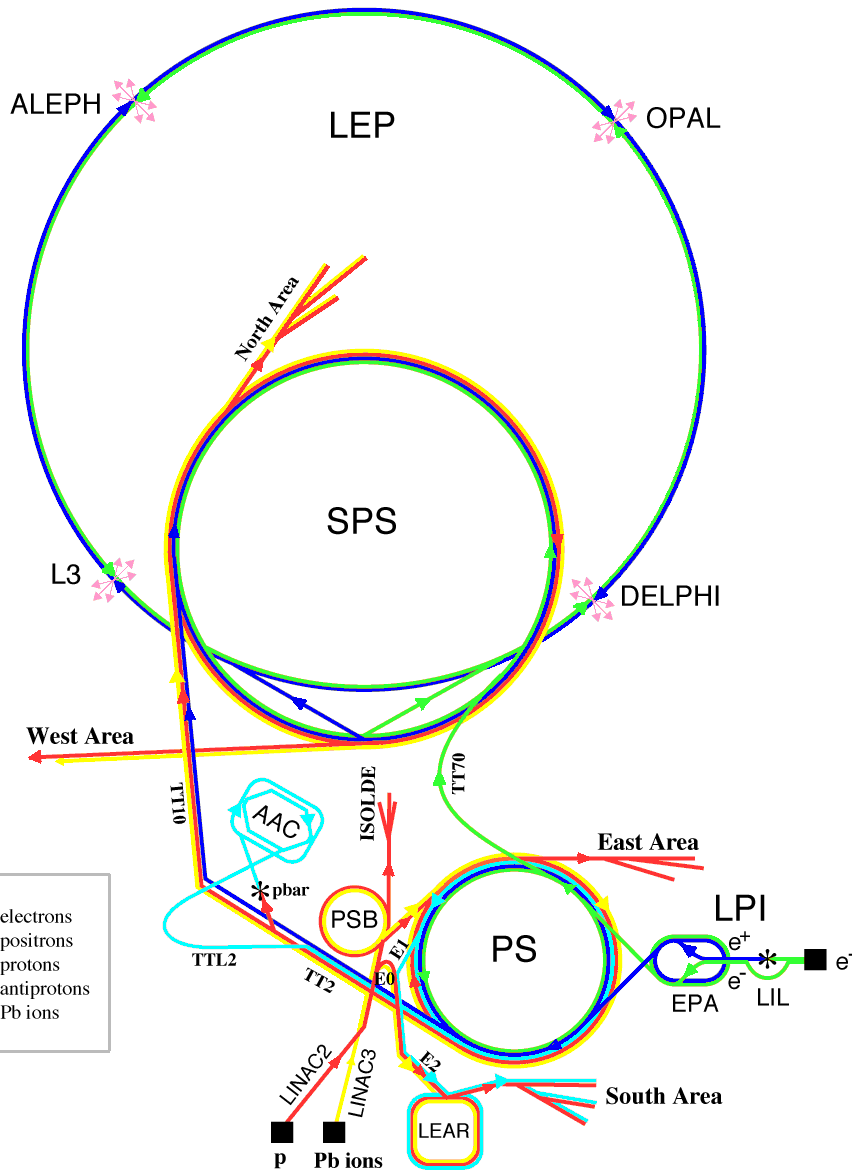
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(last revised in 2016)

Accelerators at CERN

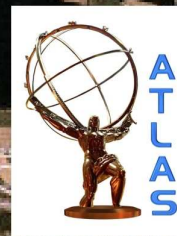
1989–2000

2009–2025??



CERN

p $\overline{14\text{ TeV}}$ p



SM: parameter fitting, 2018

Expt – theory
uncertainty

Measurements by
all experiments

Left: global EW fit

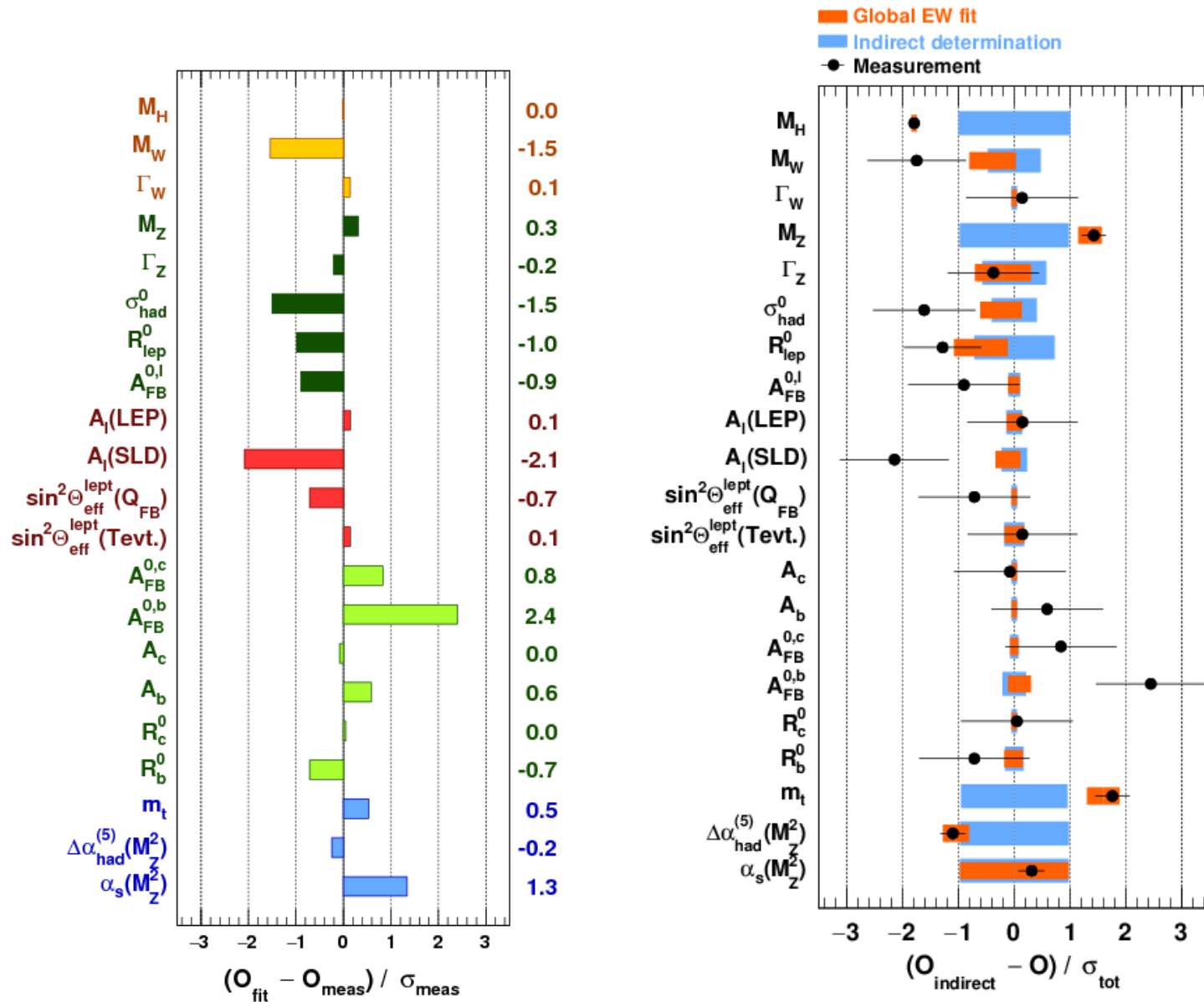
Right: fit w/o

measured value of
given parameter

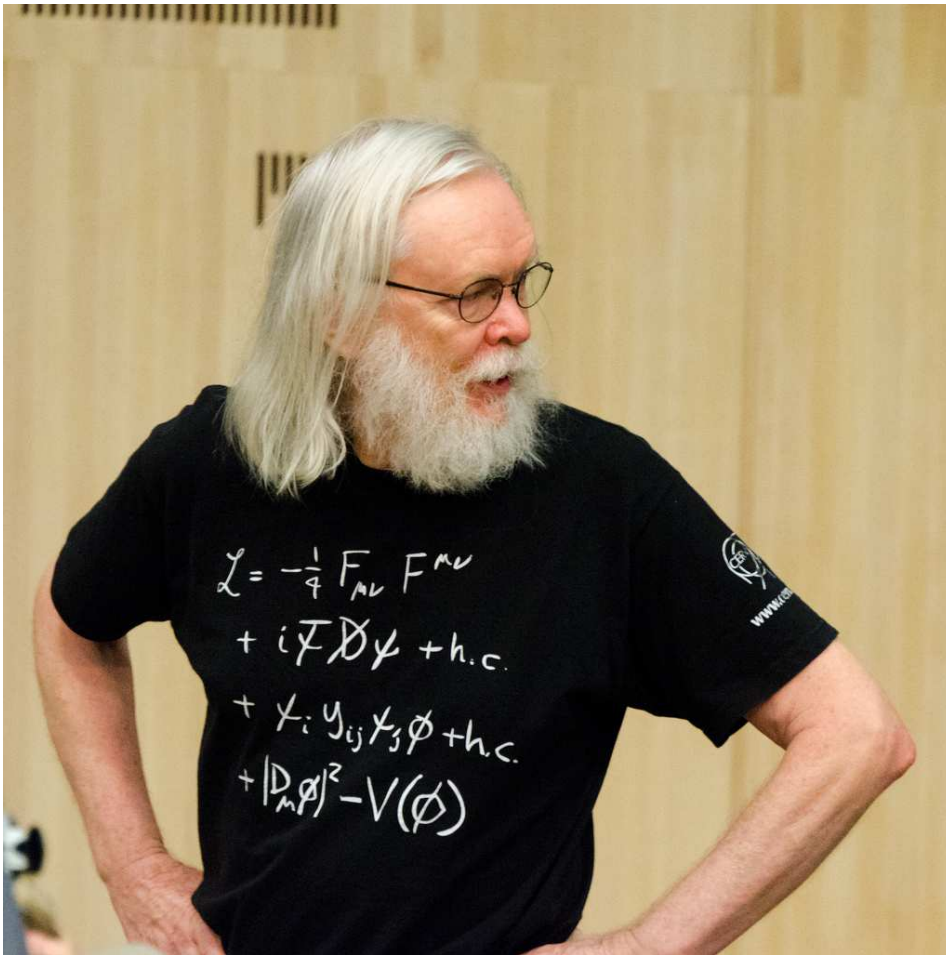
All within statistics

J. Haller et al,

arXiv:1803.01853

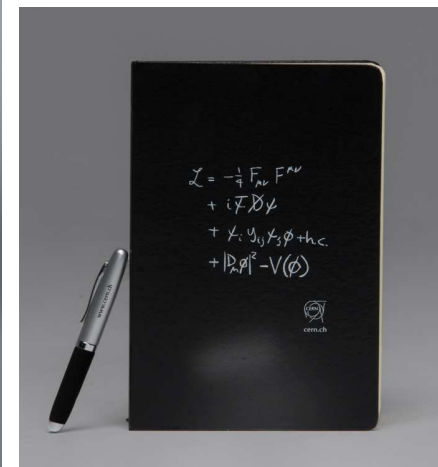
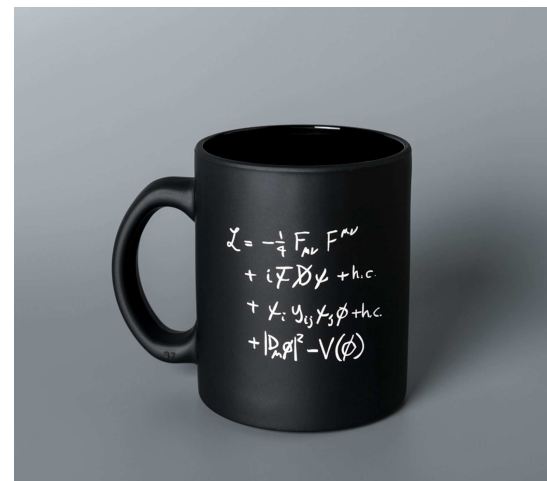
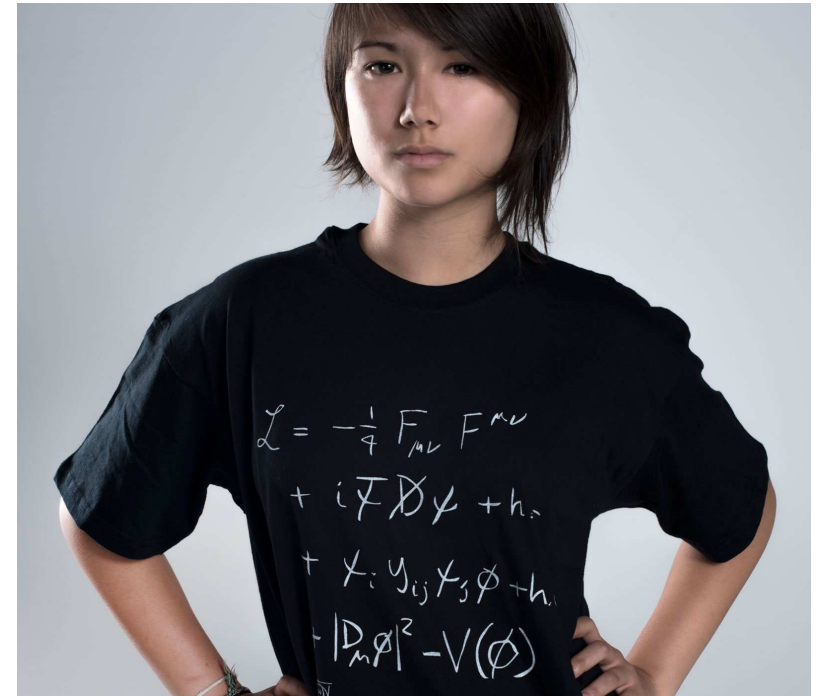


SM at CERN's souvenir shop

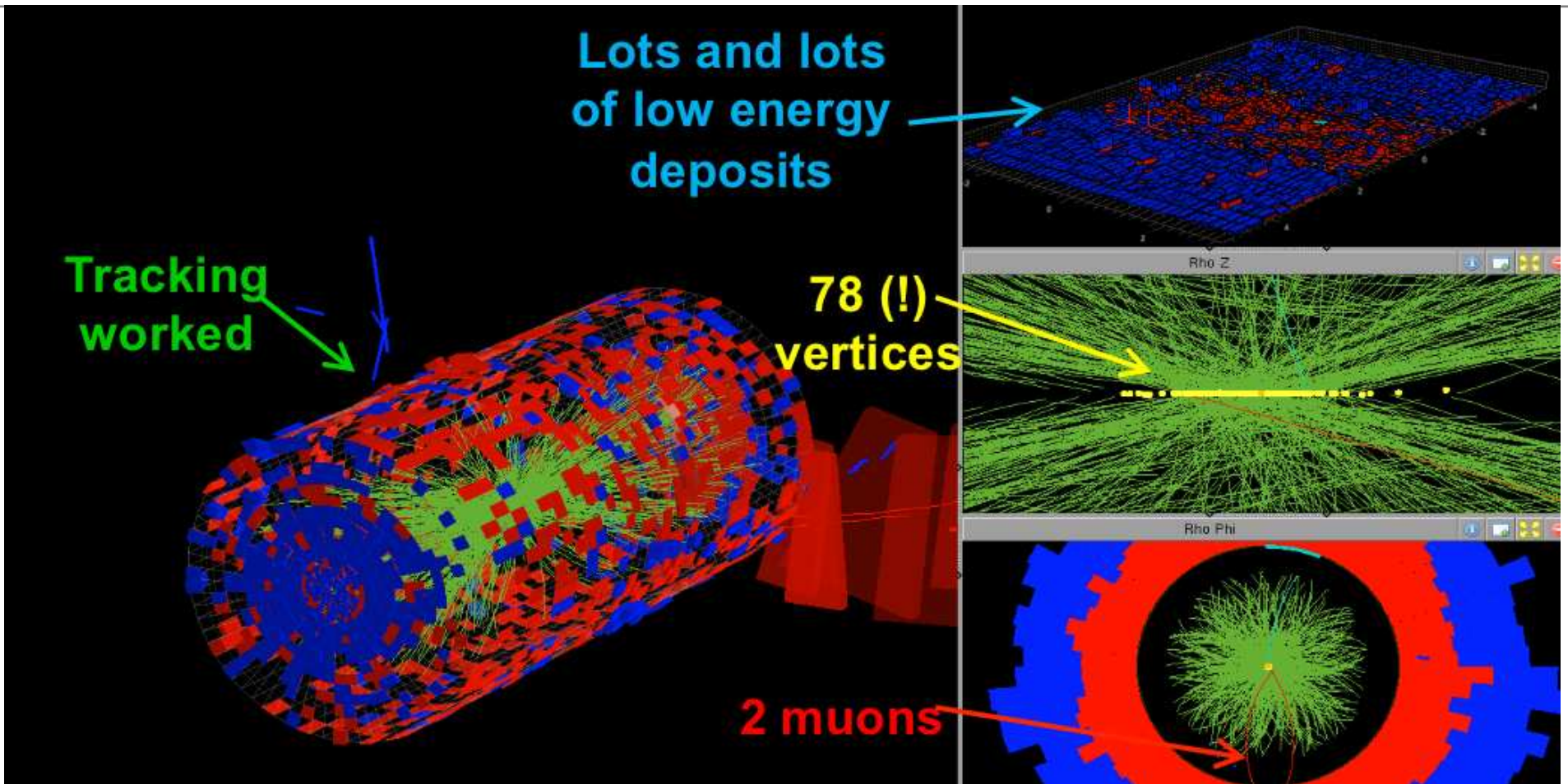


John Ellis, the creator

h.c. = Herm. conj. or hot coffee?



CMS: 78 p-p collisions in one event!



An event (i.e. bunch crossing) can have many p-p collisions. This increases the statistics and complicates the analysis.

ATLAS vs. CMS

Both optimized to detect (and study!) the production and decay of Higgs-bosons. Very different detectors giving very similar results.

	ATLAS	CMS
Magnet	toroid + <i>small(?)</i> 2 T solenoid	large 3.8 T solenoid
Tracker	semiconductor + TRD	semiconductor
E-m calorimeter	LAr with steel and Pb	PbWO ₄ scint.
Hadron cal.-m.	steel + scint. tiles	brass + scint. tiles
Far forward h-cal	LAr with Cu and W	steel with quartz Cher.
Muon detector	chambers (4 types)	chambers (3 types)
Size	∅25 m × 46 m (23000 m ³)	∅15 m × 21.6 m (3800 m ³)
Trigger	3-level	2-level
Weight	7000 t	14000 t
Participants (sci)	3000	2300

CMS & ATLAS, signal strengths

So how Higgs study can help to find new physics?

Compare precise measurements with SM predictions

Production rate (cross section) ratios:

$$\mu_i = \sigma_i / (\sigma_i)_{\text{SM}} \quad (i = \text{ggF, VBF, WH, ZH, ttH})$$

Relative decay rates (ratios of branching fractions):

$$\mu^f = B^f / (B^f)_{\text{SM}} \quad (f = \text{ZZ, WW, } \gamma\gamma, \tau\tau, \text{bb, } \mu\mu)$$

Production and decay cannot be separated, what is really measured:

$$\mu_i^f = \frac{\sigma_i B^f}{(\sigma_i)_{\text{SM}} (B^f)_{\text{SM}}} = \mu_i \mu^f$$

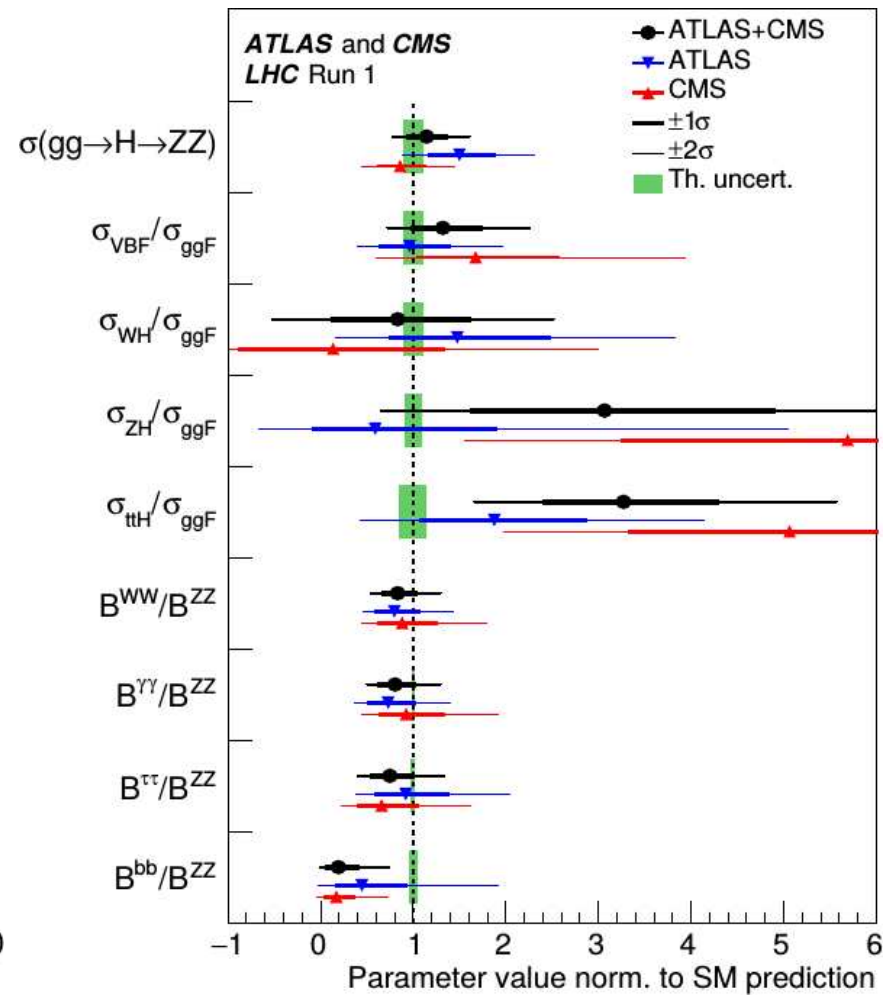
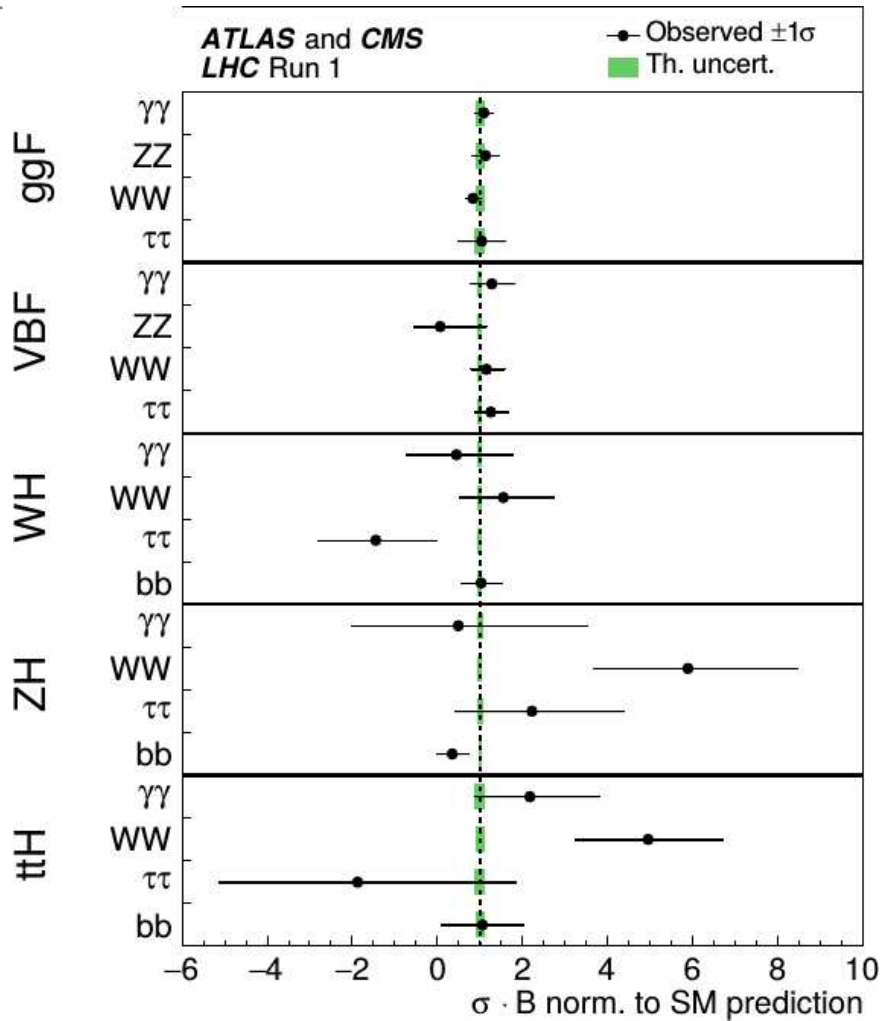
Allowing for BSM interpretation: $\sigma_i B^f = \sigma_i(\underline{\kappa}) \cdot \Gamma^f(\underline{\kappa}) / \Gamma_H$

Γ_H, Γ^f : total and frac. decay widths,

Coupling modifiers: $\kappa_j^2 = \sigma_j / \sigma_j^{\text{SM}}$ (prod.); $\kappa_j^2 = \Gamma^j / \Gamma_{\text{SM}}^j$ (decay)

[ATLAS and CMS Collaborations], JHEP 1608 (2016) 045.

CMS & ATLAS, signal strengths, Run 1



$$\mu = 1.09 \pm 0.07(\text{stat}) \pm 0.04(\text{expt}) \pm 0.03(\text{thbgd}) \left\{ \begin{matrix} +0.07 \\ -0.06 \end{matrix} \right\} (\text{thsig})$$

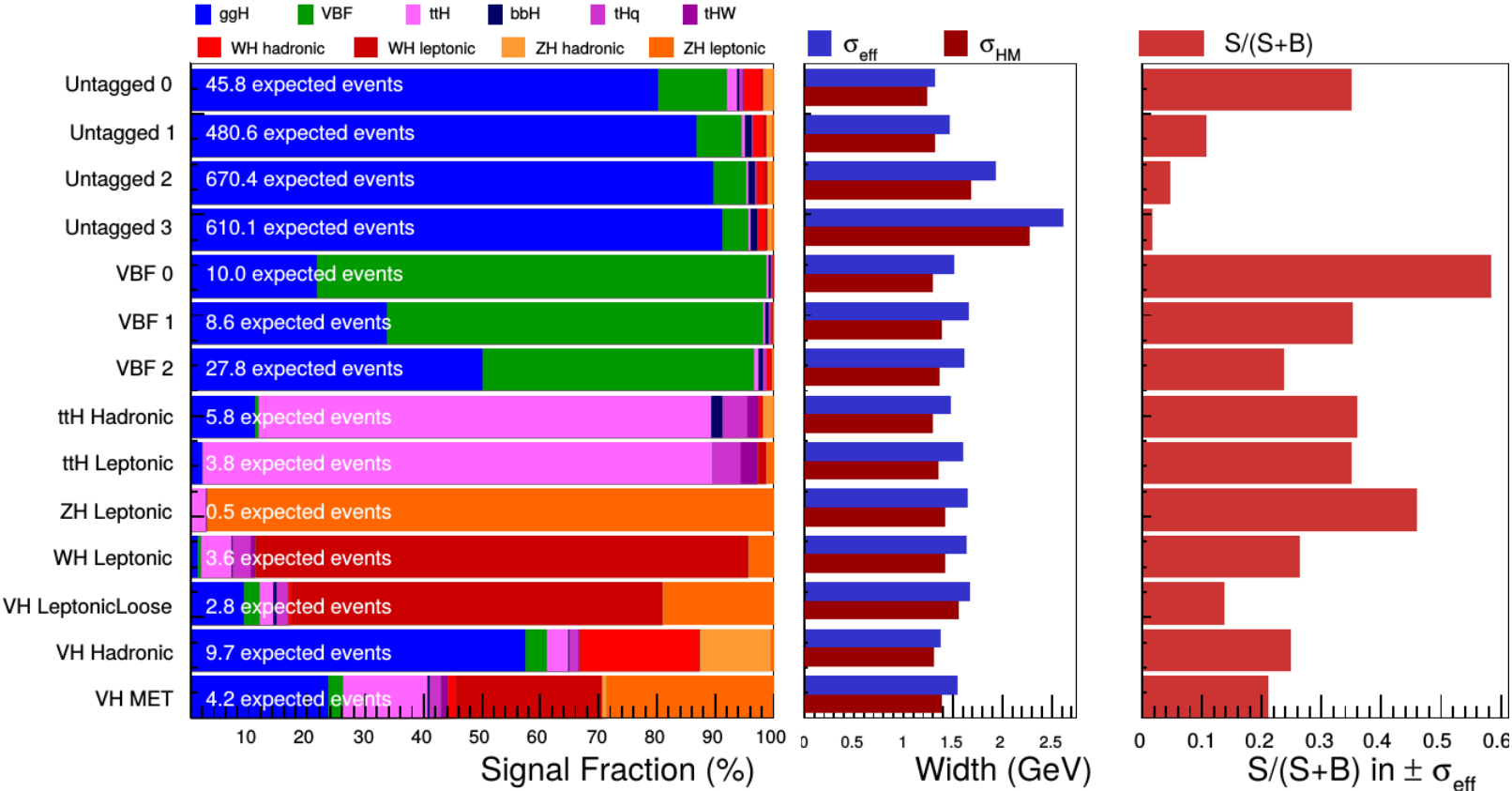
[ATLAS and CMS Collaborations], JHEP 1608 (2016) 045.

$\uparrow \sigma(\text{ggF})!$

Production channels: CMS, $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

CMS Preliminary $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

35.9 fb⁻¹ (13 TeV)



σ_{eff} :
68.3%

σ_{HM} :
FWHM/2.35

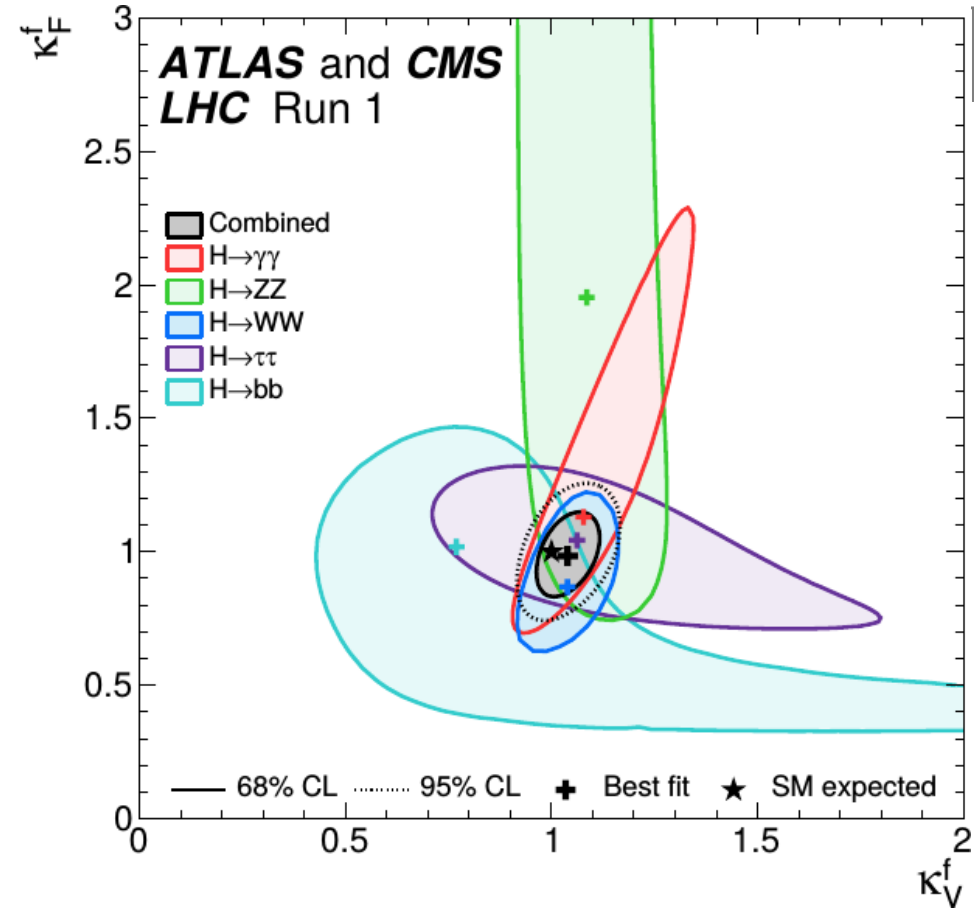
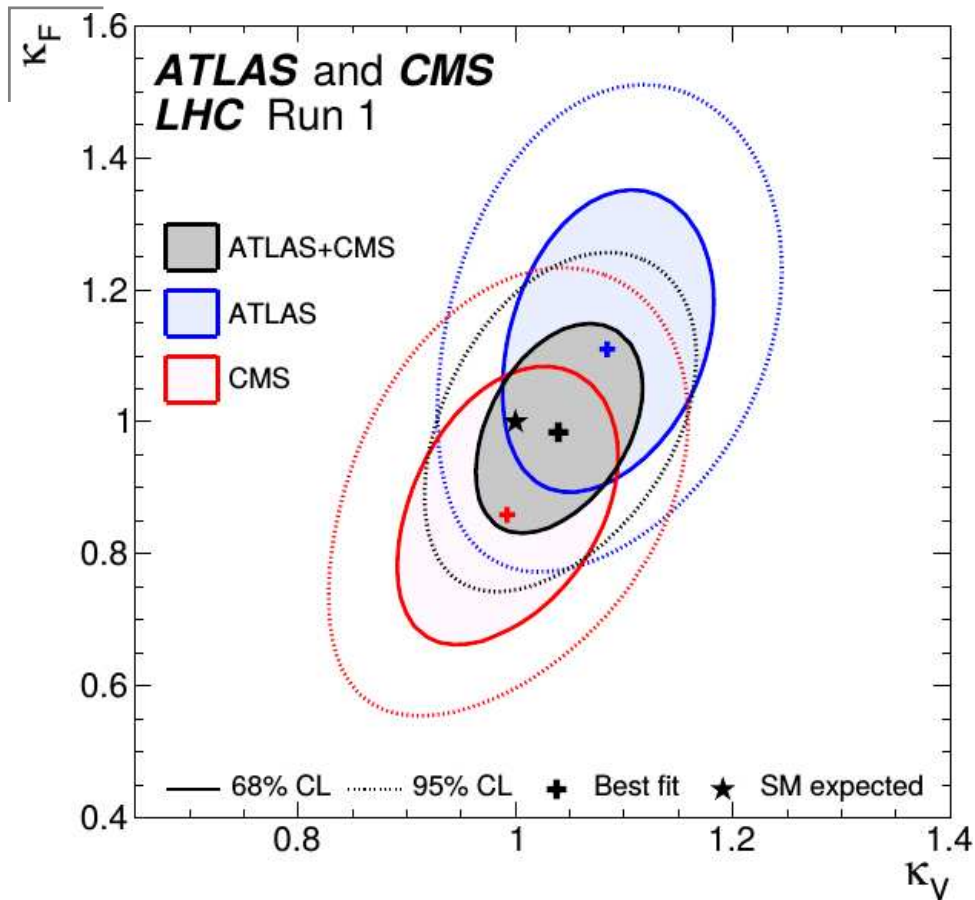
Best-fit average signal strength (at a floating H mass):

$$\mu = (\sigma \times \text{BR})_{\text{meas}} / (\sigma \times \text{BR})_{\text{SM}} =$$

$$1.18 \left\{ \begin{matrix} +0.12 \\ -0.11 \end{matrix} \right\} (\text{stat.}) \left\{ \begin{matrix} +0.09 \\ -0.07 \end{matrix} \right\} (\text{syst.}) \left\{ \begin{matrix} +0.07 \\ -0.06 \end{matrix} \right\} (\text{theo.})$$

CMS, arXiv:1804.02716, 2018

ATLAS & CMS: coupling mod's, Run 1



Coupling to fermions & bosons: per expt. and average per decay mode

[ATLAS and CMS Collaborations], JHEP 1608 (2016) 045.

Problems of the Standard Model – 1

- Gravity? $S = 2$ graviton?
- Asymmetries: right \Leftrightarrow left World \Leftrightarrow Antiworld
- Artificial mass creation: Higgs-field *ad hoc*
- Charge quantization: $Q_e = Q_p$, $Q_d = Q_e/3$
- Why the 3 fermion families?
- Nucleon spin: how $1/2$ produced?
- 19 free parameters (too many ??):
 - 3 couplings: α , Θ_W , Λ_{QCD} ; 2 Higgs: M_H , λ
 - 9 fermion masses: $3 \times M_\ell$, $6 \times M_q$
 - 4 parameters of the CKM matrix: Θ_1 , Θ_2 , Θ_3 , δ
 - QCD-vacuum: Θ

Problems of the Standard Model – 2

● Neutrino mysteries

- $M_\nu > 0 \Rightarrow +3$ masses, $+4$ mixing matrix

The SM does not like them...

- Are ν_R , $\bar{\nu}_L$ sterile with no interaction?
- What makes them oscillate (extra interaction)?
- Are they Majorana particles $\bar{\nu} \equiv \nu$?

● Gravitational mass of the Universe:

- 4% ordinary matter (H, He, stars, gas, dust, ν)
- 23% invisible *dark matter* (out of SM!)
- 73% mysterious *dark energy*

● Naturalness (hierarchy):

The mass of the Higgs boson quadratically diverges due to radiative corrections. Cancelled if fermions and bosons exist in pairs!

Hierarchy problem

BEH potential: $V = -m_H^2 \Phi^2 + \lambda \Phi^4$ $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$

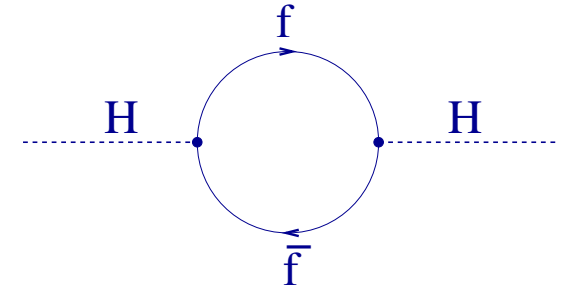
Corrections to the mass of the Higgs boson:

Fermion loop:

$$\Delta m_H^2 = \frac{|\lambda_f|^2}{8\pi^2} \left[-\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2 + 6m_f^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}}{m_f} + \dots \right]$$

For the top quark $\lambda_t \approx 1$

UV cutoff: $\Lambda_{\text{UV}} > 10^{14} \text{ GeV!}$



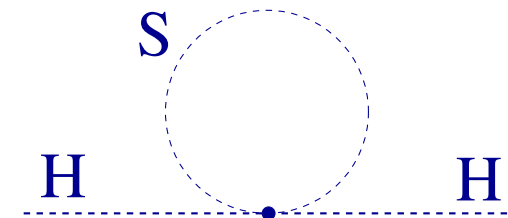
Tuning of the BEH parameters with the precision of 10^{-12} !

If there were two heavy scalar particles:

$$f \leftrightarrow S_1, S_2: \lambda_S = \lambda_f^2; \quad m_S = m_f$$

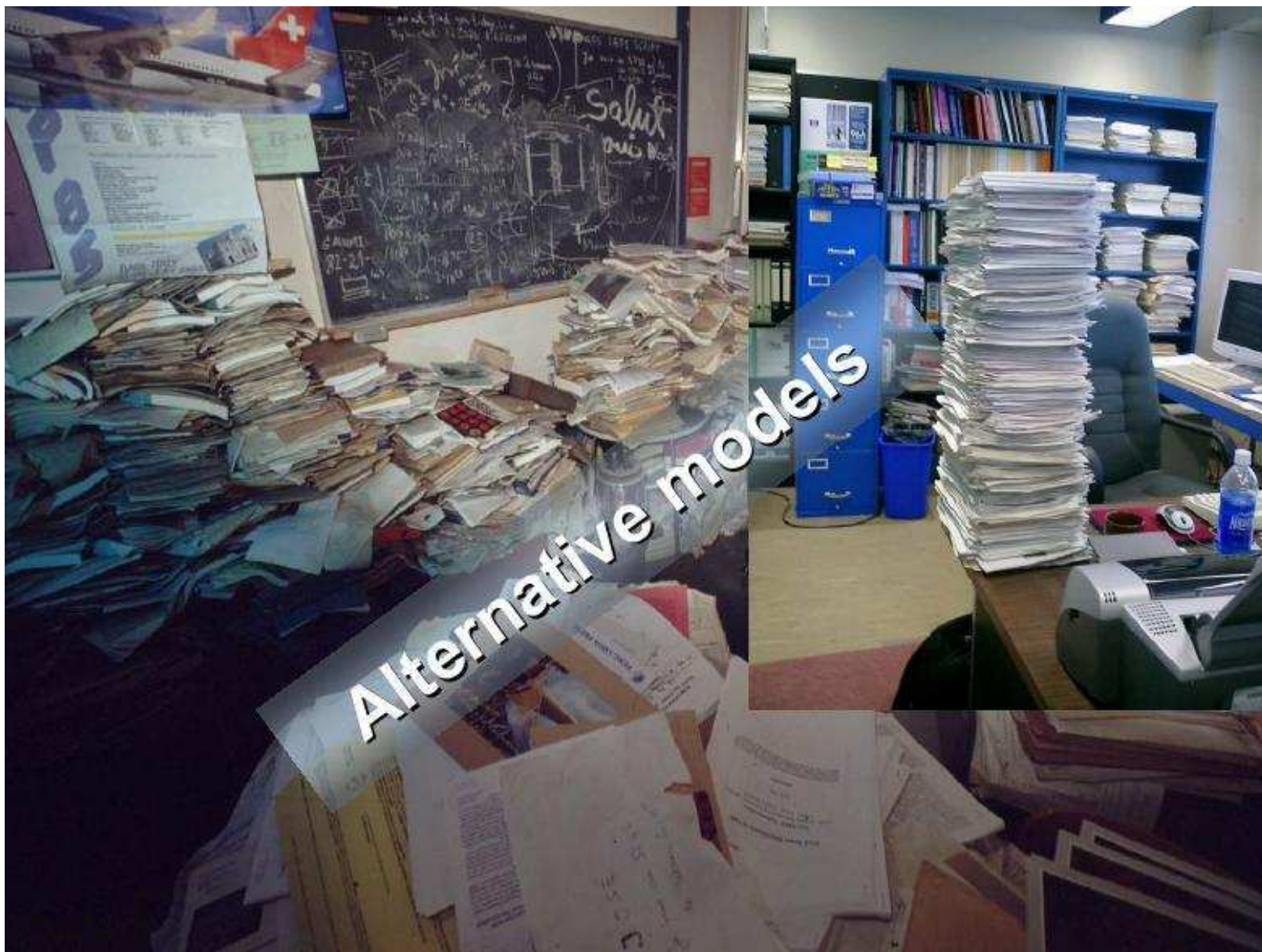
$$\Delta m_H^2 = \frac{\lambda_S}{16\pi^2} \left[+\Lambda_{\text{UV}}^2 - 2m_S^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda_{\text{UV}}}{m_S} + \dots \right]$$

Λ^2 corrections would cancel out

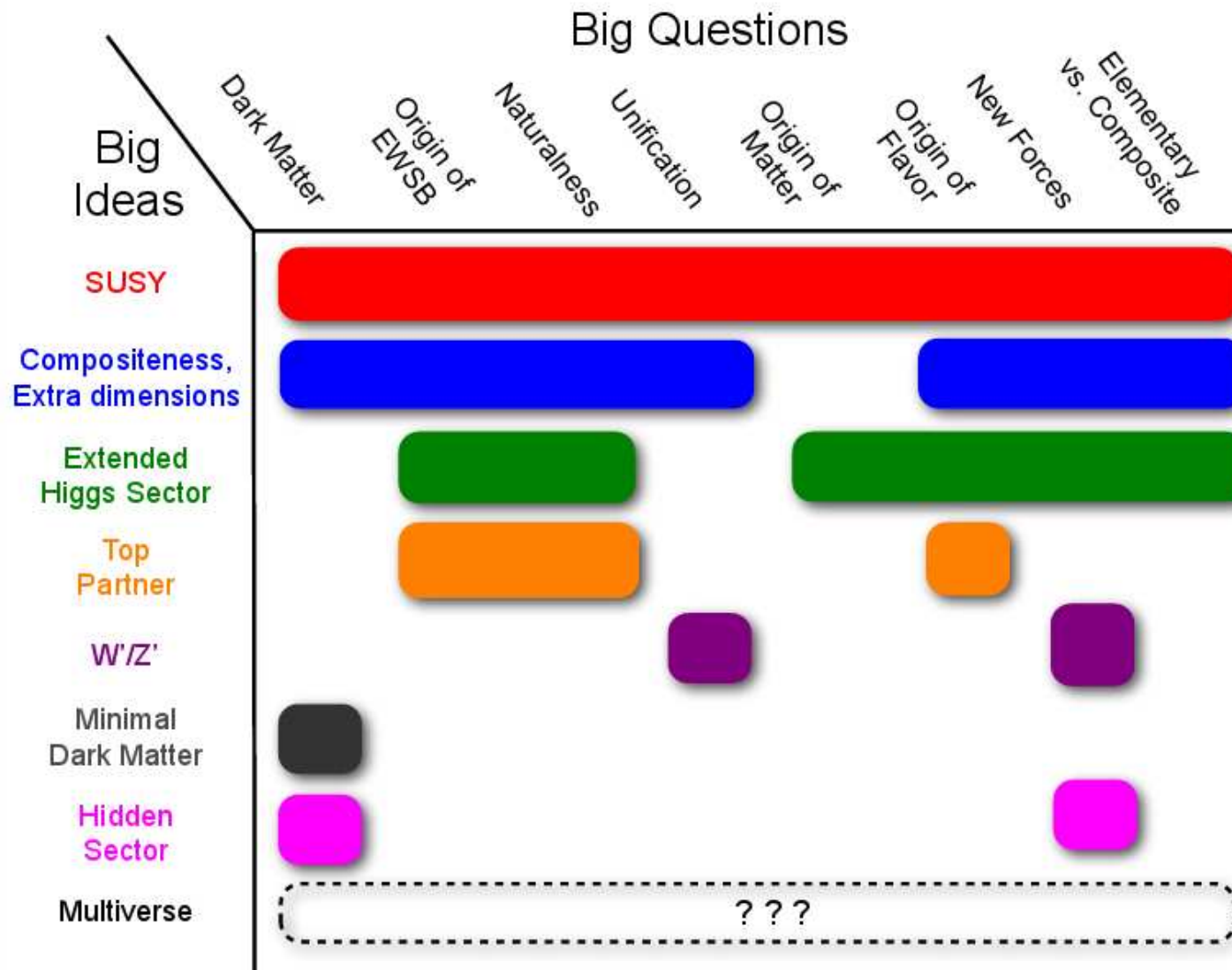


Question: Why do we need two scalars for one fermion?

Many-many different models



Beyond the Standard Model



Y. Gershtein *et al.*, „Working Group Report: New Particles, Forces, and Dimensions,”

arXiv:1311.0299.

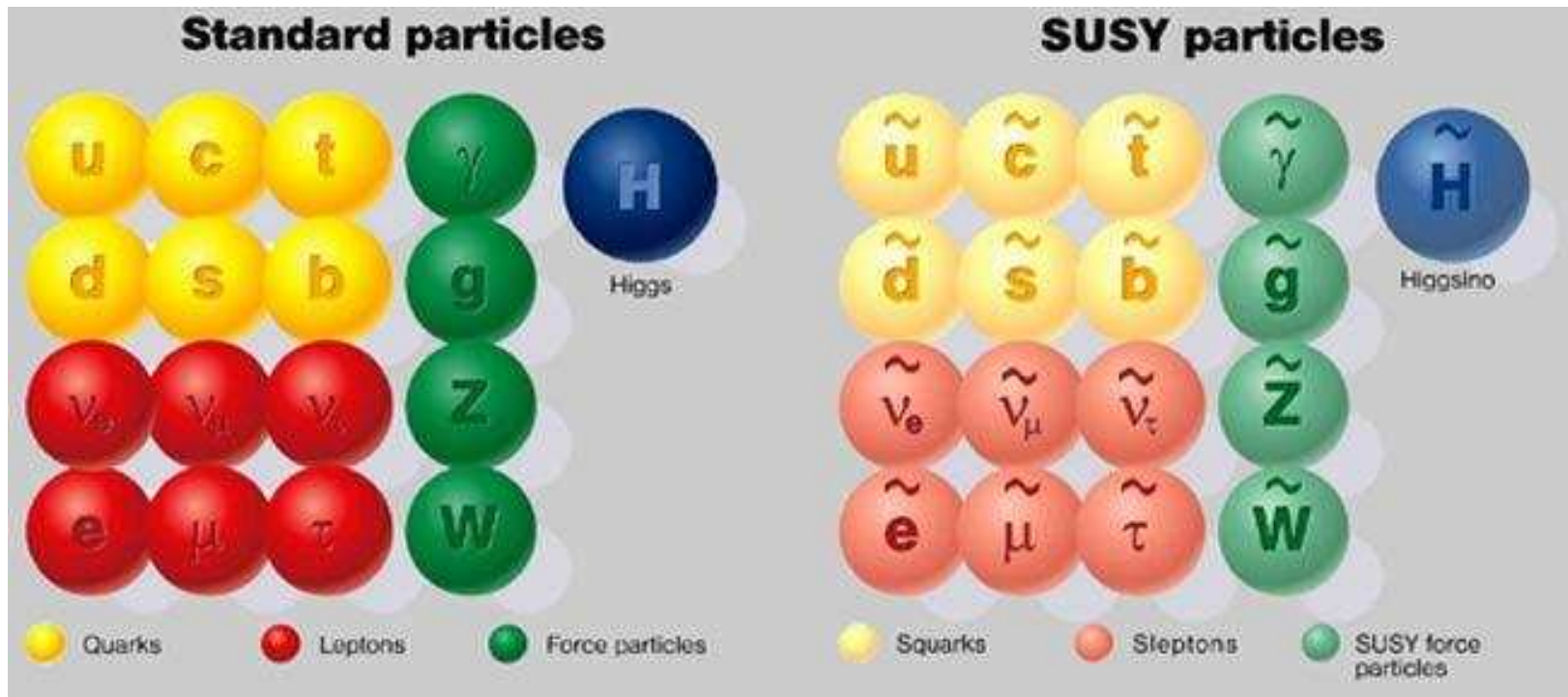
Supersymmetry (SUSY)

Hypothesis: Fermions and bosons exist in pairs:

$$Q|F\rangle = |B\rangle; \quad Q|B\rangle = |F\rangle \quad m_B = m_F$$

Identical particles, just spins different

Broken at low energy, partners: much larger mass?



SUSY should solve many problems



SUSY: Higgs sector

2 Higgs doublets \Rightarrow masses to upper and lower fermions

Extended left–right asymmetry:

$$m_L = m_R, \text{ but } \tilde{m}_L \neq \tilde{m}_R$$

Question: Why should the scalar SUSY partners of the left- and right-polarized SM fermions be distinctly different particles with different masses?

8 Higgs fields \Rightarrow 5 Higgs bosons: h^0, H^0, A^0, H^\pm

Higgs parameters: $\tan\beta = v_1/v_2$, masses

Question: How can the two Higgs (BEH) doublet fields result in five Higgs-bosons? Why do the 5 Higgs bosons have four higgsino partners (and not five) in the SUSY space?

LSP = dark matter?

SUSY's quantum number: R parity $R = (-1)^{3B-L+2S}$

(B : baryon charge, L : lepton charge, S : spin)

$R = +1$ particle, $R = -1$ SUSY partner

Parity-like: $R^2 = +1$

If R conserved, lightest SUSY particle (LSP) is stable

R parity may not be much violated: we would detect LSP decays

Neutral LSP: excellent dark matter candidate

Minimal Supersymmetric SM

Electroweak symmetry breaking \Rightarrow

MSSM-fermions mix into mass eigenstates

{Electroweak gauginos + higgsinos} \Rightarrow {charginos and neutralinos }

$$\left\{ \tilde{B}(= \tilde{\gamma}), \tilde{W}^{\pm}, \tilde{W}^0(= \tilde{Z}); \tilde{h}^0, \tilde{H}^0, \tilde{H}^{\pm} \right\} \Rightarrow \left\{ \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}, \tilde{\chi}_2^{\pm}; \tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_3^0, \tilde{\chi}_4^0 \right\}$$

(mass grows with index)

Question: gluinos do not mix?

Lightest SUSY particle (LSP) depends on model, e.g. $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$

SUSY breaking (how?) \Rightarrow many (> 100) new parameters
masses, couplings, mixing angles

Lots of model variants, huge parameter space, different constraints.

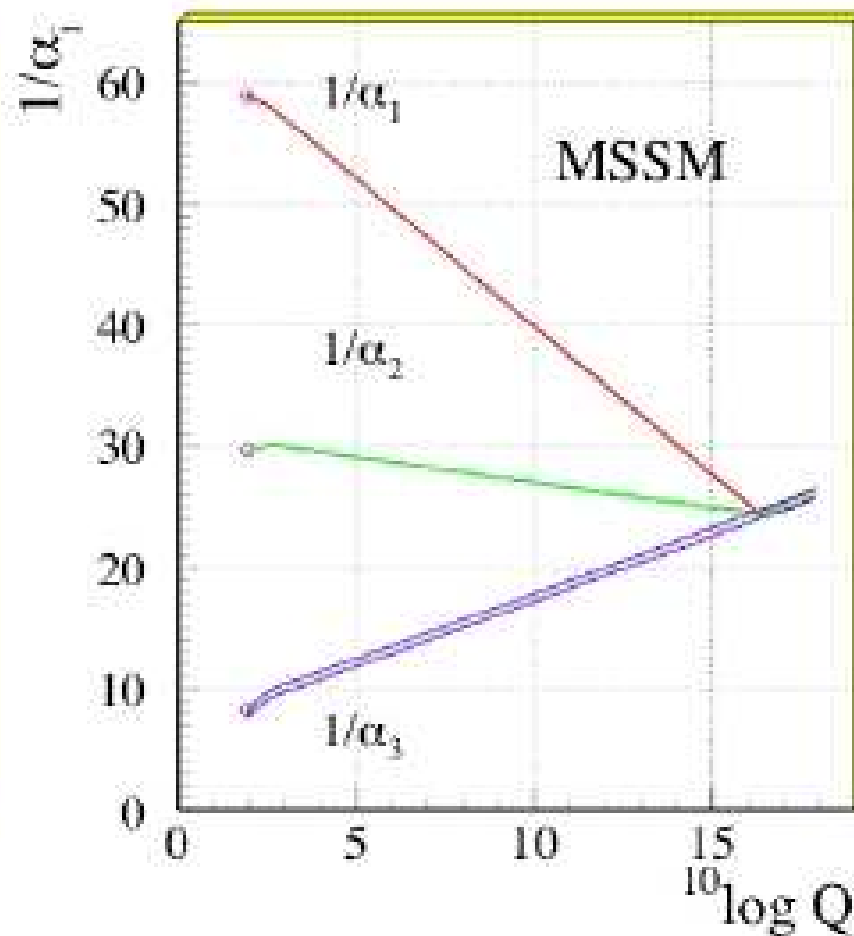
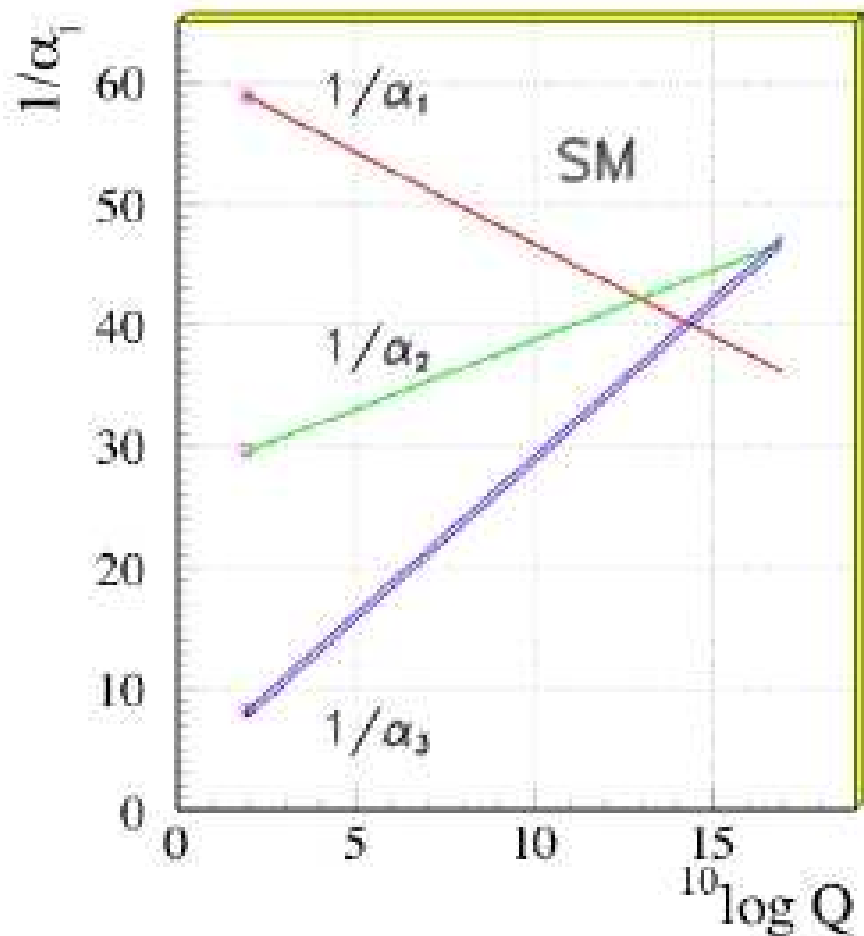
hMSSM: $m(h) = 125$ GeV (with corrections!)

Questions: Why should neutralinos be Majorana particles (their own antiparticles)? What should prevent the LSP as dark matter to make dark galaxies and black holes?

The missing MSSM menagerie

Kind	spin	R parity	gauge eigenstate	mass eigenstate
Higgs bosons	0	+1	$H_1^0, H_2^0, H_1^+, H_2^-$	h^0, H^0, A^0, H^\pm
squark	0	-1	$\tilde{u}_L, \tilde{u}_R, \tilde{d}_L, \tilde{d}_R$	same
			$\tilde{s}_L, \tilde{s}_R, \tilde{c}_L, \tilde{c}_R$	same
			$\tilde{t}_L, \tilde{t}_R, \tilde{b}_L, \tilde{b}_R$	$\tilde{t}_1, \tilde{t}_2, \tilde{b}_1, \tilde{b}_2$
slepton	0	-1	$\tilde{e}_L, \tilde{e}_R, \tilde{\nu}_e$	same
			$\tilde{\mu}_L, \tilde{\mu}_R, \tilde{\nu}_\mu$	same
			$\tilde{\tau}_L, \tilde{\tau}_R, \tilde{\nu}_\tau$	$\tilde{\tau}_1, \tilde{\tau}_2, \tilde{\nu}_\tau$
neutralino	1/2	-1	$\tilde{B}^0, \tilde{W}^0, \tilde{H}_1^0, \tilde{H}_2^0$	$\tilde{\chi}_1^0, \tilde{\chi}_2^0, \tilde{\chi}_3^0, \tilde{\chi}_4^0$
chargino	1/2	-1	$\tilde{W}^\pm, \tilde{H}_1^\pm, \tilde{H}_2^\pm$	$\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm, \tilde{\chi}_2^\pm$
gluino	1/2	-1	\tilde{g}	same
goldstino	1/2	-1	\tilde{G}	same
gravitino	3/2			

SUSY: coupling constants



Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model: Unification!
Bend at low energies: SUSY enters with many new particles \Rightarrow more loop corrections

MSSM mass spectrum: preconceptions

Even if we remain sceptic it is worthwhile to know what do most of the model constructors think (after S.P. Martin)

- R parity is barely violated
- LSP: $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ or gravitino
- Gluino mass $M_3 \equiv m(\tilde{g}) \gg m(\tilde{\chi}_1^0), m(\tilde{\chi}_2^0), m(\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm)$
- $m(\tilde{u}_i) \sim m(\tilde{d}_i) \sim m(\tilde{c}_i) \sim m(\tilde{s}_i) \gg m(\tilde{\ell}_i)$
- $m(\tilde{u}_i) \sim m(\tilde{d}_i) \sim m(\tilde{c}_i) \sim m(\tilde{s}_i) > (0, 6_{\text{MSUGRA}} \dots 0, 8_{\text{GMSB}})m(\tilde{g})$
- $m(\tilde{u}_L) \geq m(\tilde{u}_R) \dots m(\tilde{s}_L) \geq m(\tilde{s}_R)$ and
 $m(\tilde{e}_L) \geq m(\tilde{e}_R), m(\tilde{\mu}_L) \geq m(\tilde{\mu}_R)$ as $M_L^2 \sim M_R^2 + 0, 5m_{1/2}^2$.
- \tilde{t}_1, \tilde{b}_1 lightest squarks and $\tilde{\tau}_1$ lightest charged slepton (mixing, Higgs coupling)
- $m(h^0) \lesssim 150 \text{ GeV} \ll m(A), m(H^\pm), m(H^0)$

SUSY search

Production in pairs, decay to other SUSY particle
(if R conserved)

Lightest (LSP) stable, neutral, not observable

Signal: missing energy

Hypothetical SUSY decays (LSP = $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$):

- squark: $\tilde{q} \rightarrow q + \tilde{g}; \quad q + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$
- slepton: $\tilde{l} \rightarrow l + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$
- gluino: $\tilde{g} \rightarrow q + \bar{q} + \tilde{\chi}_1^0; \quad g + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$
- wino: $\tilde{W} \rightarrow e + \nu_e + \tilde{\chi}_1^0$

Simplified Models

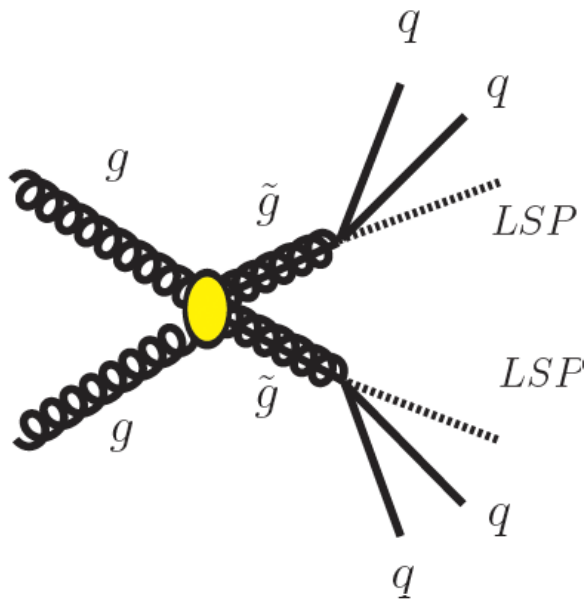
Few on-shell particles, simple topology and decays
Not model-independent, but possibly associated with several models.
Possible new physics on well understood SM-base

What can we learn of such analysis?

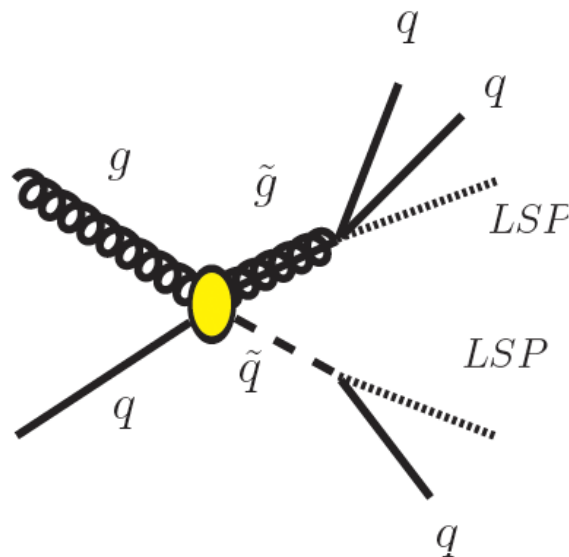
- Boundaries of search sensitivity, both for data analysis and for new theories.
- Characterizing new physics signals: what models can be associated?
- Limits on more general models: from possible cross-sections.

Simplified models for SUSY searches

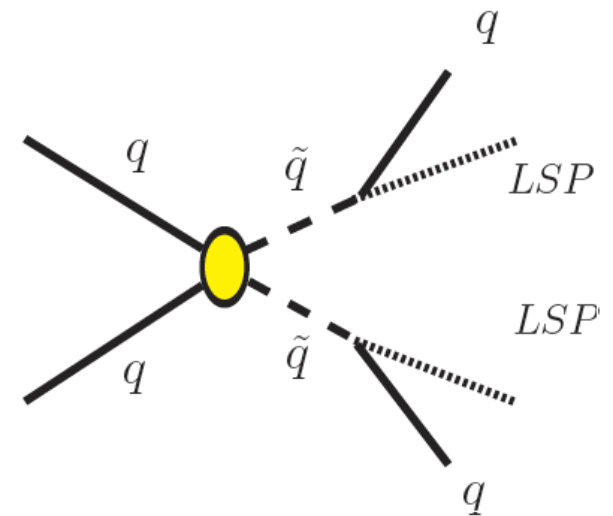
Basic topologies with no lepton and missing energy
(signal of Lightest SUSY Particle, LSP):



$$gg \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g} \\ \rightarrow 2(qq + \text{LSP})$$



$$qg \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{g} \\ \rightarrow qq + \tilde{q}\tilde{g} \\ \rightarrow qq + 2 \text{LSP})$$



$$qq \rightarrow \tilde{q}\tilde{g} \\ \rightarrow qq + 2 \text{LSP})$$

and we can add one or more leptons.

Negative search results confirm the SM

Search methods: examples

- α_T search for early discovery in (forced) 2-jet events ($E_T(J_1) > E_T(J_2)$):

$$\text{Cut } \alpha_T = \frac{E_T(J_2)}{M_T(J_1, J_2)}$$

$$= \frac{E_T(J_2)}{\sqrt{(E_T(J_1) + E_T(J_2))^2 - (p_x(J_1) + p_x(J_2))^2 - (p_y(J_1) + p_y(J_2))^2}}$$

Exclusive 2-jet, inclusive 3-jet search

- Jets + \cancel{H}_T for > 2 jets, inclusive
Scalar mom. sum: $H_T = \sum_i |\underline{p}_T(J_i)|$;

Missing transverse mom.:

$$MHT = \cancel{H}_T = | - \sum_i \underline{p}_T(J_i) |$$

- Razor search: test kinematic consistency for pair production of heavy particles

Two jets (inv. mass M_R) + 0 or 1 lepton

Experimental limits, constraints

No SUSY phenomenon observed, the data limit the parameter space

- LEP, Tevatron, LHC: Higgs sector
 - Mass of SM Higgs from direct searches
 $M_H = 125 \text{ GeV}; H \sim h^0$
 - Fitting electroweak data
 - Search for neutral Higgs bosons (h and A)
- $BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$ measurements at B-factories
- Anomalous magnetic moment of the muon (BNL)
- Satellite expts WMAP and Planck:
density of dark matter (DM), indirect
- Direct searches for DM with ν -detectors and AMS2

Natural SUSY?

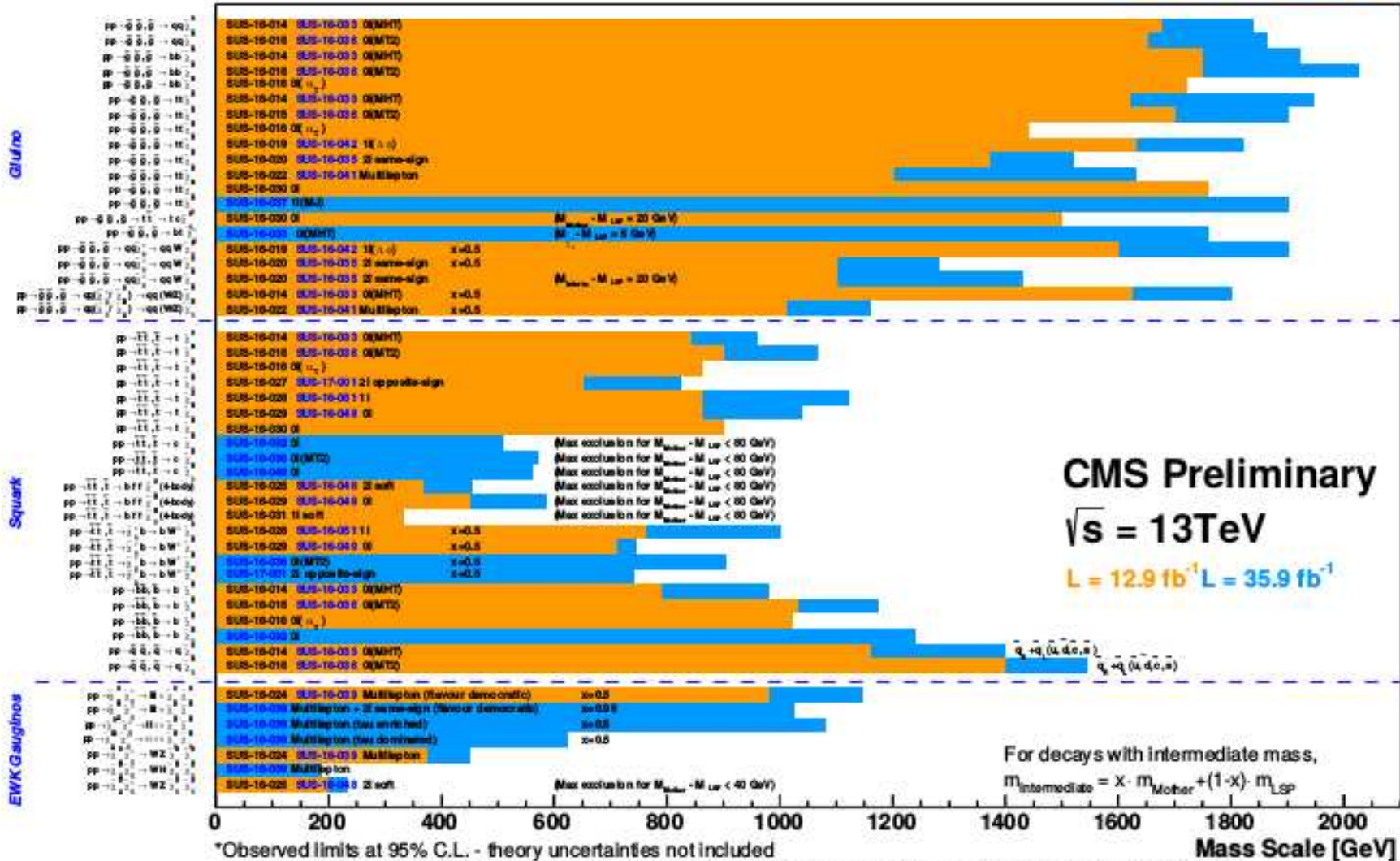
- Light (~ 1 TeV) SUSY particles help to eliminate the hierarchy problem and keep the lightest Higgs-boson light ($\tilde{h}_{\text{MSSM}}^0 = H_{\text{SM}}$).
- Heavy SUSY particles add huge 2nd-order (log) corrections, ruining the hierarchy elimination.
- Unfortunately, naturalness is less and less probable as the lower limits on SUSY masses grow.

E.g., \tilde{t} is assumed to be the lightest squark, now having $m(\tilde{t}) \gtrsim 1$ TeV, and a possible decay of the gluino is to $t\tilde{t}$...

CMS SUSY summary plot, 2017

Selected CMS SUSY Results* - SMS Interpretation

ICHEP '16 - Moriond '17

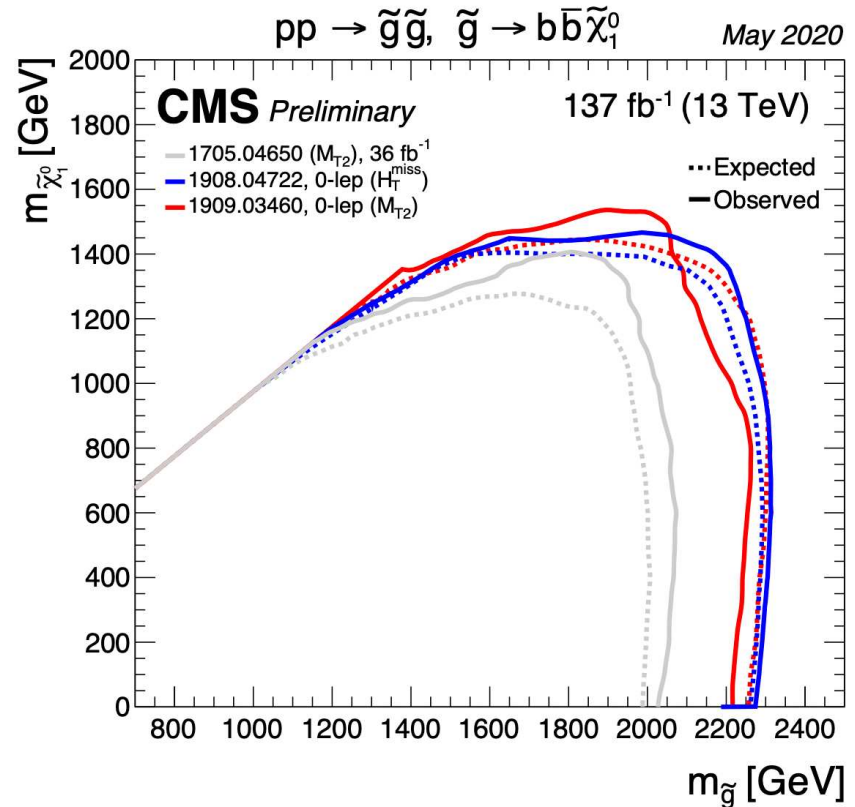
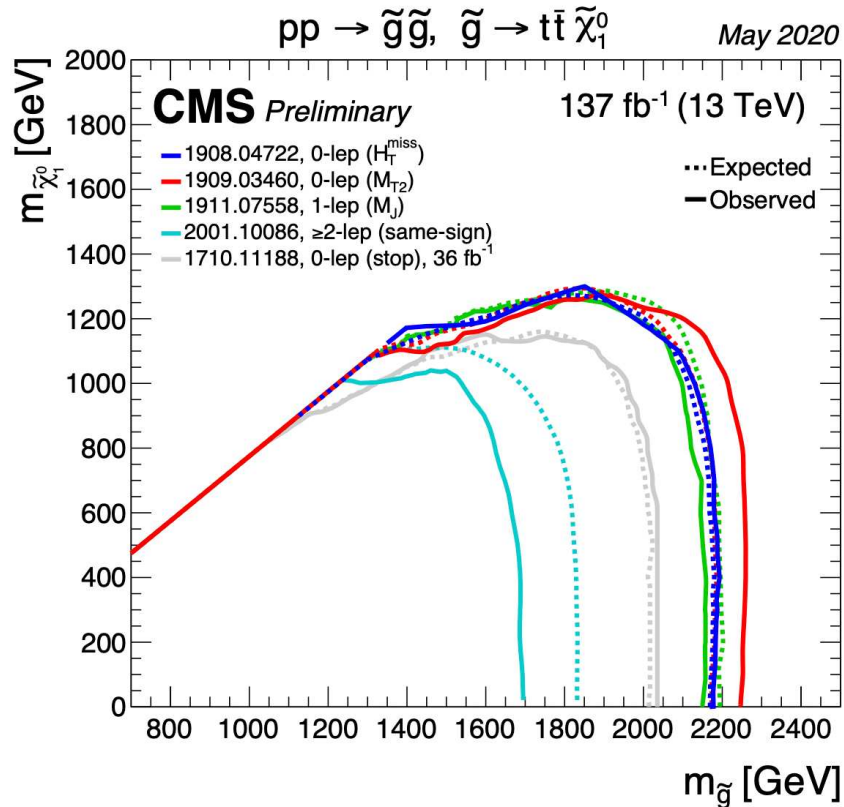


*Observed limits at 95% C.L. - theory uncertainties not included

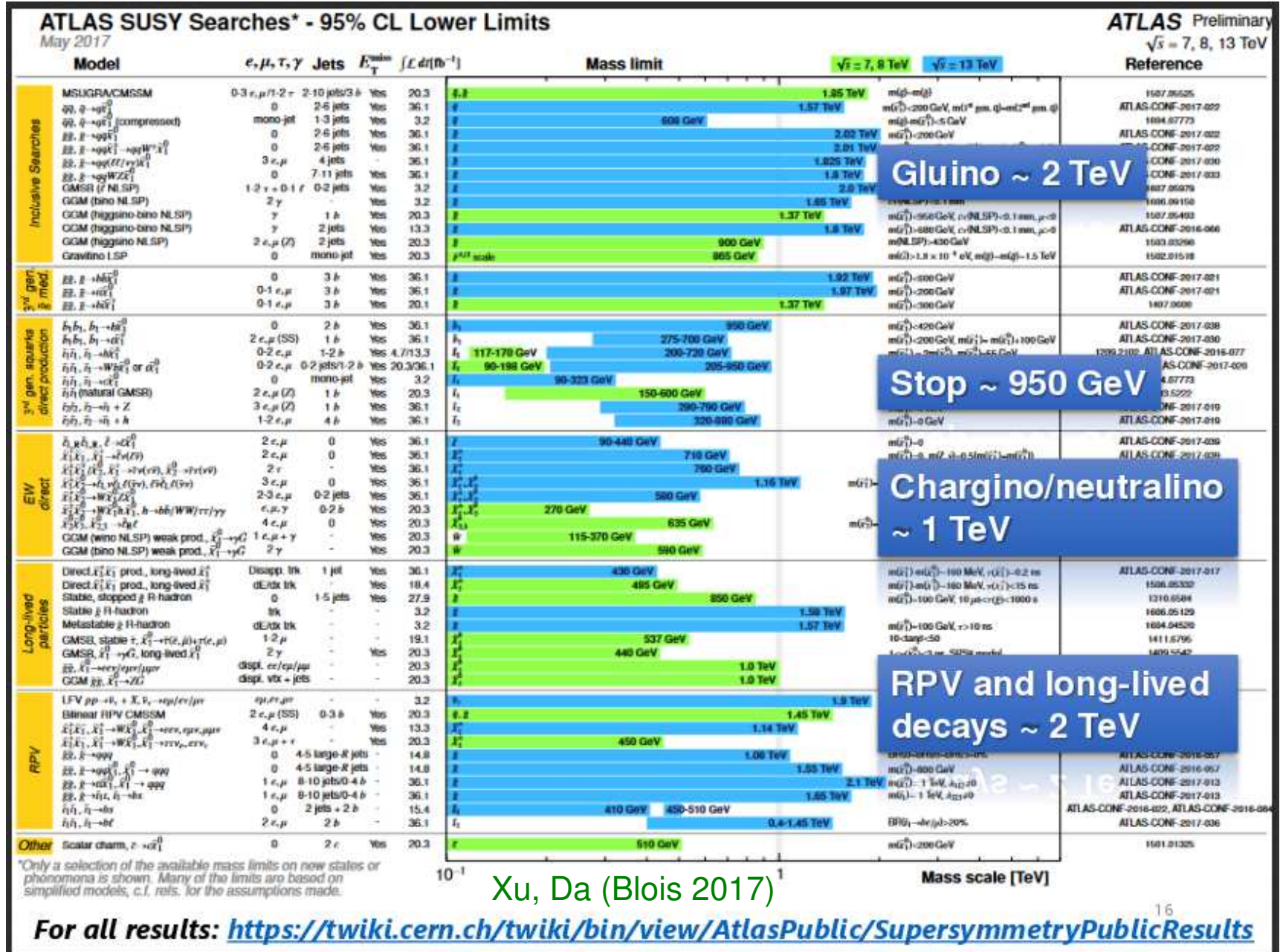
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Simplified Model Spectrum (SMS) topologies

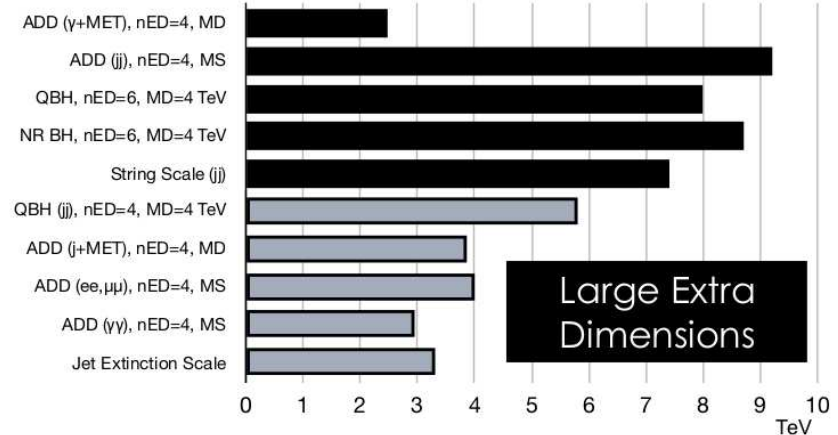
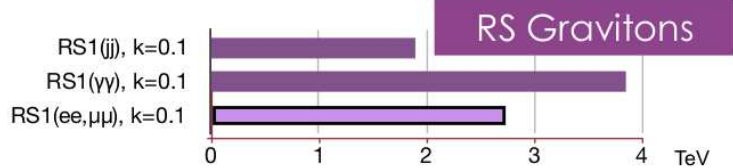
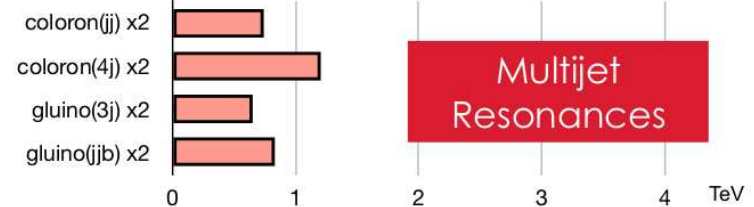
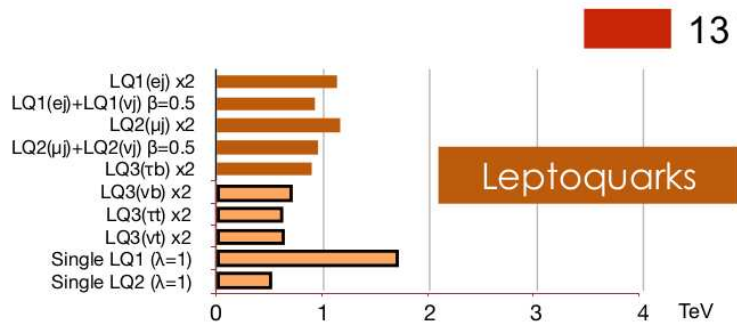
CMS limits, 2020: gluino pairs



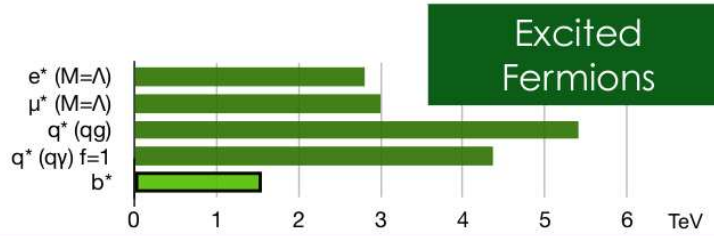
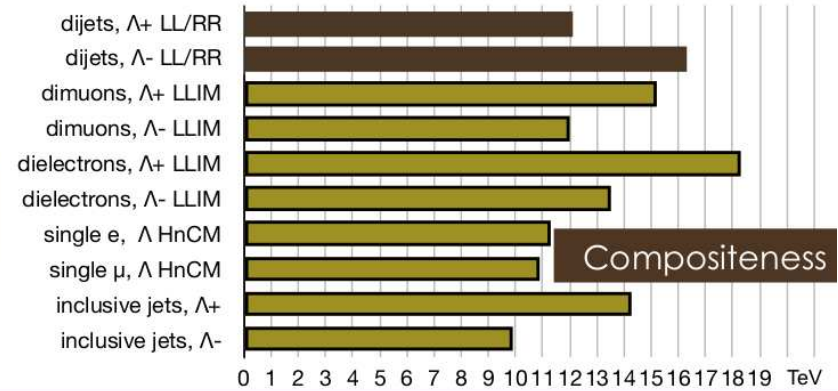
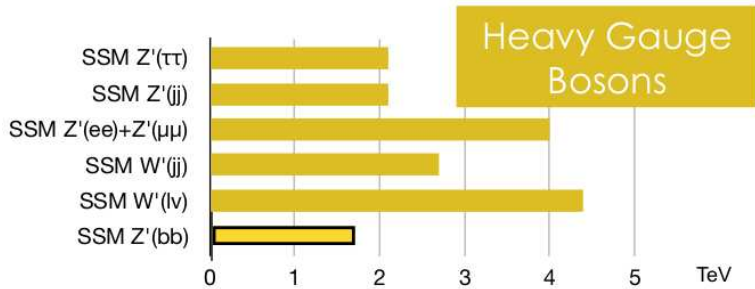
ATLAS SUSY summary plot, 2017



CMS: search for exotica



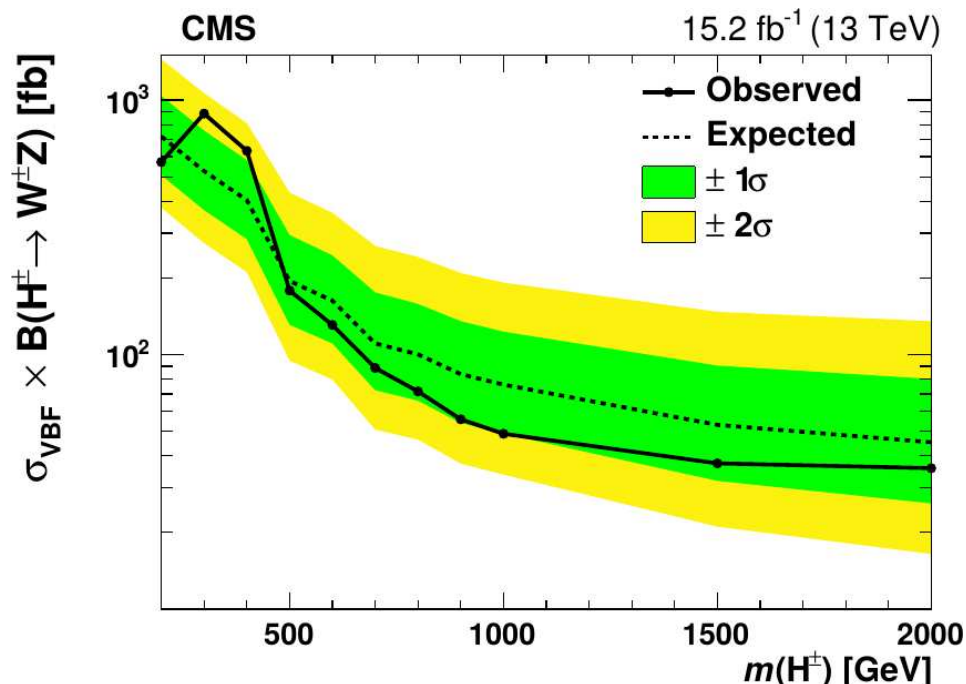
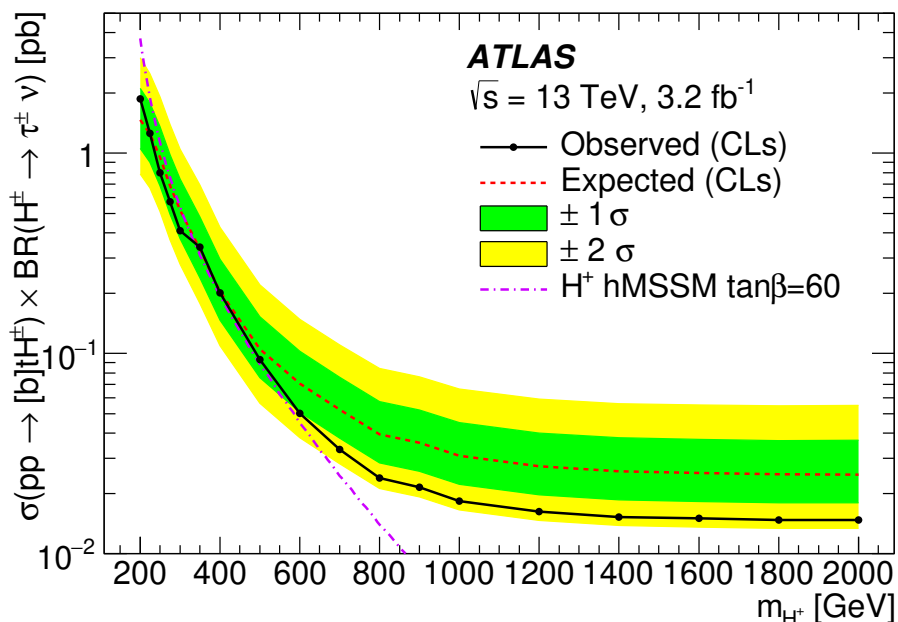
CMS Preliminary



CMS Exotica Physics Group Summary – ICHEP, 2016

Search for charged Higgs bosons

Just two examples from the 13 TeV exclusion plots



M. Aaboud *et al.* [ATLAS Collaboration], *Search for charged Higgs bosons produced in association with a top quark and decaying via $H^\pm \rightarrow \tau\nu$ using pp collision data recorded at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$ by the ATLAS detector*, Phys. Lett. B 759 (2016) 555

A. M. Sirunyan *et al.* [CMS Collaboration], *Search for charged Higgs bosons produced in vector boson fusion processes and decaying into a pair of W and Z bosons using proton-proton collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$* , arXiv:1705.02942 [hep-ex].

$b \rightarrow s\gamma$: FCNC decay

Flavour-changing neutral current, forbidden in SM

Pure loop effect

New physics could affect
CLEO, BELLE, BABAR:

$$\frac{\Gamma(b \rightarrow s\gamma)}{\Gamma(b \rightarrow X e \nu)} =$$

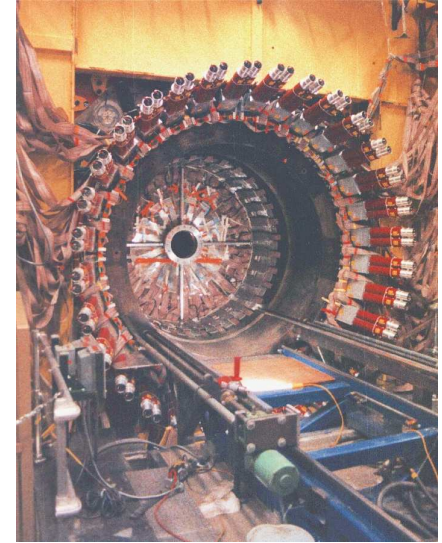
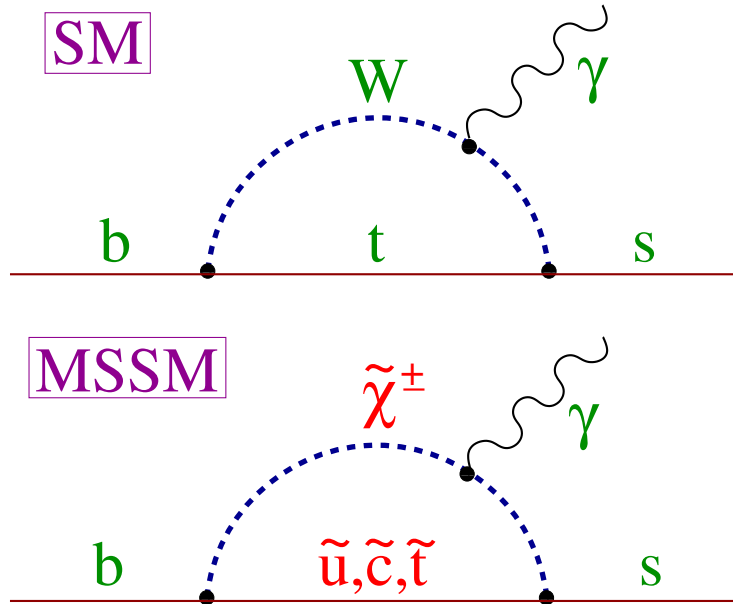
$$\begin{pmatrix} 3, 35 & +0, 50 \\ & -0, 44 \end{pmatrix} \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\text{SM: } (3, 22 \pm 0, 09) \times 10^{-3}$$

Agrees with SM



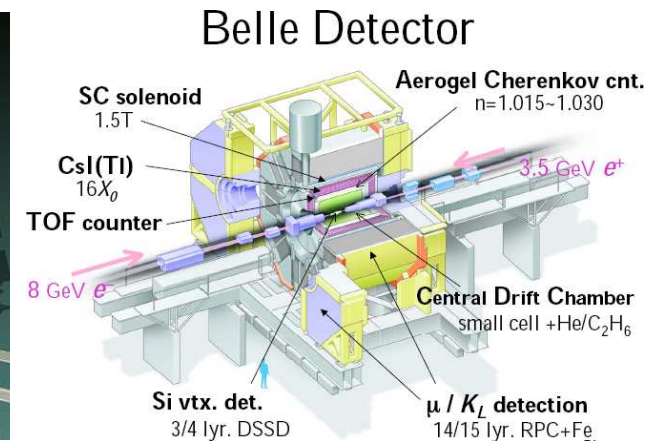
limits MSSM



CLEO, Cornell



BABAR, Stanford



BELLE, Tsukuba

CMS $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$ in *The Big Bang Theory*



It would be nice if in the (not too distant) future we could see an observed SUSY event in a popular TV show!

Conclusion

- We have observed **the Standard Model Higgs boson** or (unfortunately, much less probably) a Higgs boson of a more general model.
- All measured properties are consistent with the predictions for the SM Higgs-boson with a mass of 125 GeV.
- Let us hope for **some deviation** from the Standard Model (although none seen yet).
- **The simplest SUSY models do not seem to be supported by experimental data (g-2, LEP, WMAP, LHC, ...)**
- We are looking for and hoping to find new physics (SUSY, Dark Matter, extra Higgs bosons, ...) at the LHC.

Thanks for your attention!