

# Supersymmetry

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  - No explanation for the origin of electric and color charges (gauge structure of the SM)
  - No explanation for fermion masses and mixings and flavour structure
  - Observation of neutrino oscillations requires mass eigenstates  $\rightarrow$  not predicted in the SM
  - Anomalous magnetic moment of the muon
  - The SM suffers from the **Hierarchy Problem**
  - Hard to reconcile with the theory of General Relativity

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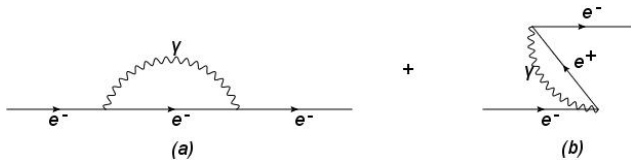
- 4 Experimentally  $R \lesssim 10^{-19} \text{m}$ , which implies that  $\Delta E_{\text{Coulomb}} \gtrsim 8.6 \text{ GeV}$

- 5 Requires an **unnatural** fine cancellation to obtain the observed mass

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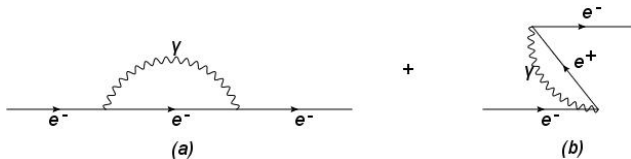
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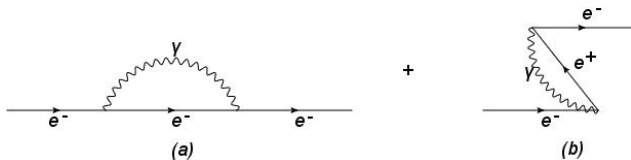


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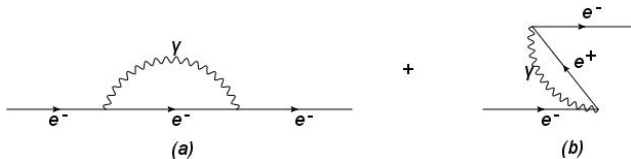
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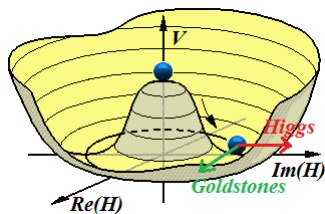
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- 3 This is due to a symmetry of the SM Lagrangian as the fermion masses go to zero called **chiral symmetry**
- 4 Chiral symmetry guarantees that radiative corrections to  $m$  vanish as  $m \rightarrow 0$
- 5 In the same way **gauge symmetry** protects gauge bosons from acquiring **radiatively generated** masses for unbroken gauge theories

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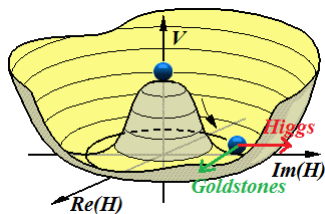


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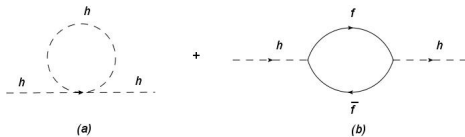
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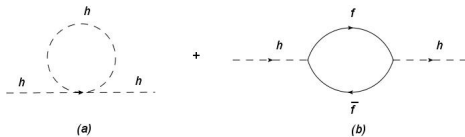
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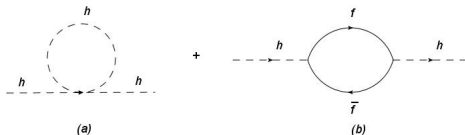
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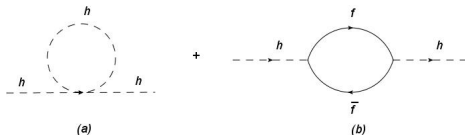
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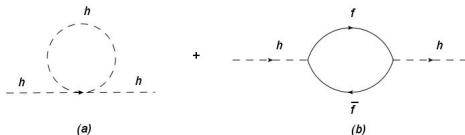
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- The concept of Graded Lie Algebra emerged,  $\mathcal{V}_b \oplus \mathcal{V}_f$ 
  - $\mathcal{V}_b \rightarrow$  bosonic elements related by commutation relations
  - $\mathcal{V}_f \rightarrow$  fermionic elements related by anti-commutation relations

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$$[T^a, Q_\alpha] = [T^a, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}] = 0 \quad (19)$$

$$\sigma^\mu \equiv (\mathbf{1}, \sigma^i),$$

$$\bar{\sigma}^\mu \equiv (\mathbf{1}, -\sigma^i),$$

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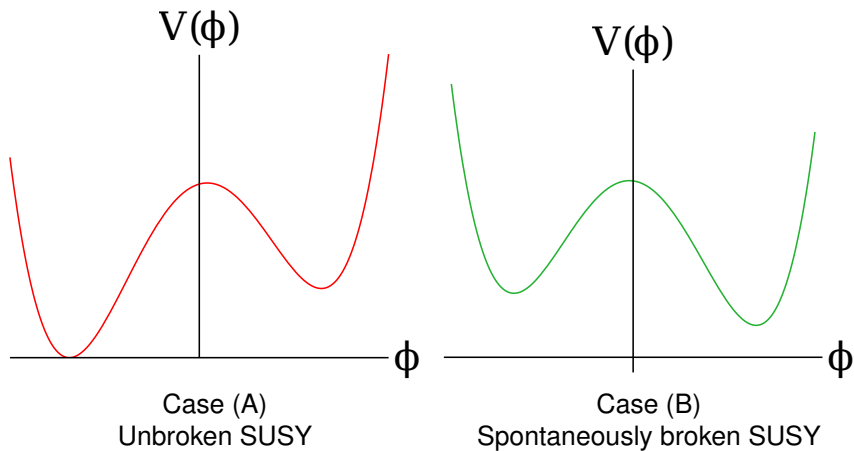
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- The Hamiltonian  $H = P^0$  is positive semi-definite

- (A) The vacuum of a supersymmetric theory has zero energy**  
**(B) If SUSY is spontaneously broken the vacuum has positive energy**



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- Using the EOM for the auxiliary fields, the last term in (36) combined with the  $g (\phi^{*i} T^a \phi_i)$   $\mathcal{D}^a$  terms provides an algebraic expression for  $\mathcal{D}^a$

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_{tot}}{\partial \mathcal{D}^a} = 0 \Rightarrow \mathcal{D}^a = -g (\phi^{*i} T^a \phi_i)$$

# Total SUSY Lagrangian

- The total supersymmetric Lagrangian is given by

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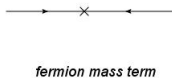
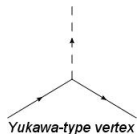
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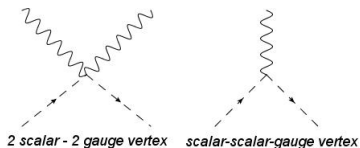
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# SUSY interactions Feynman diagrams

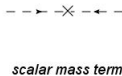
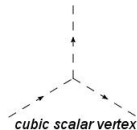
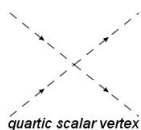
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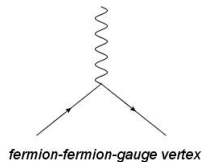
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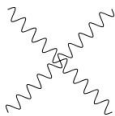
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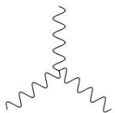
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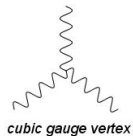
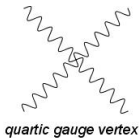


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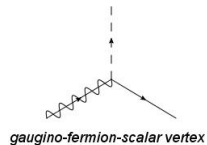
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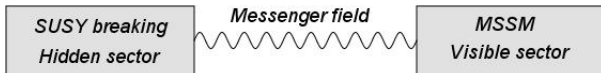
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- **R-parity** for a particle with spin  $S$  is defined by

$$P_R = (-1)^{3(B-L)+2S}$$

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- (B) Analyticity of the superpotential (mathematical)

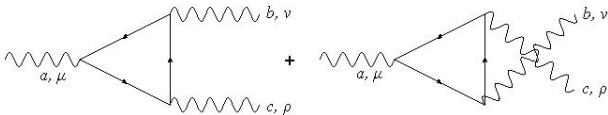
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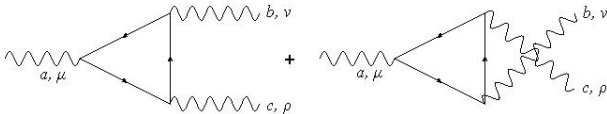


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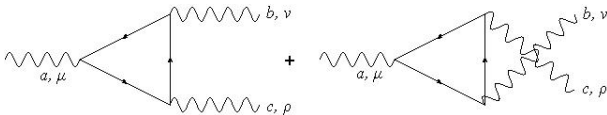
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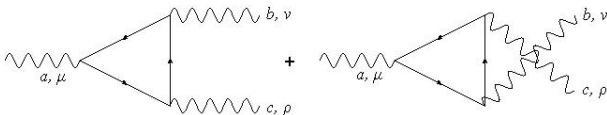
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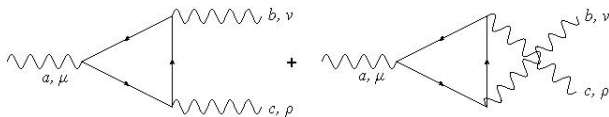
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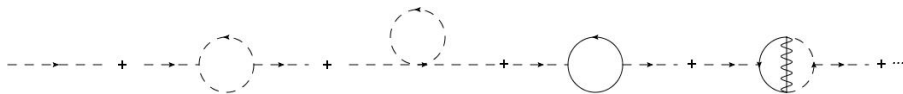
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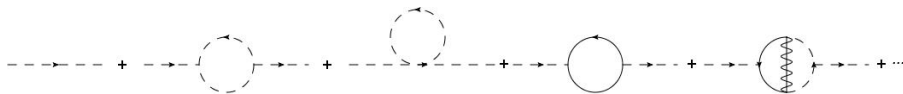
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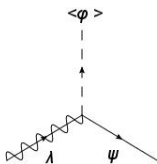
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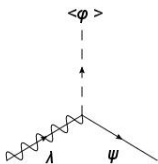
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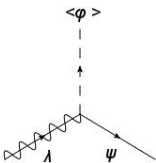
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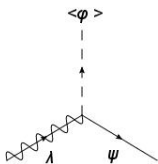
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# Summary of the Particle Spectrum

taken from S. Martin Primer, hep-ph/9709356

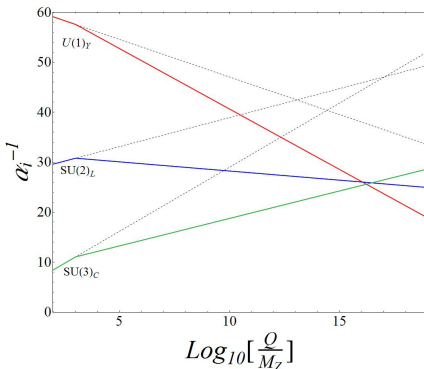
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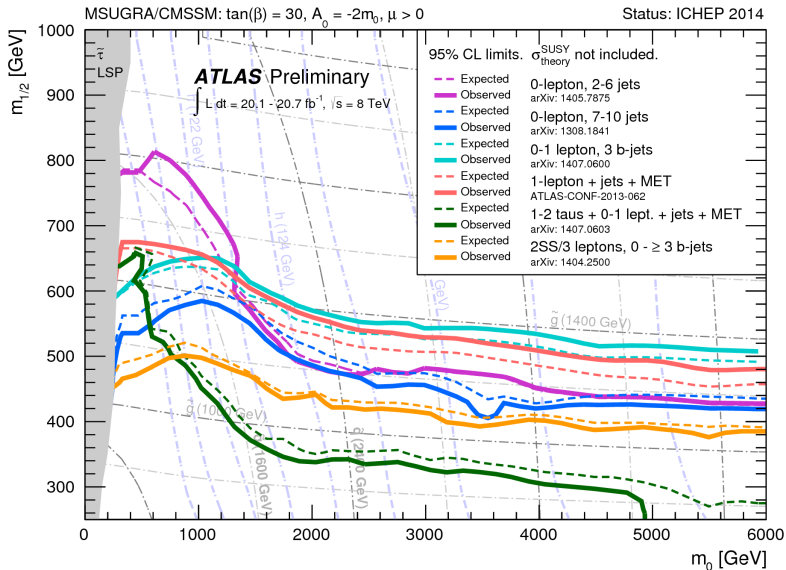
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