- ❖ So with the addition of a Higgs boson around 125 GeV particle physics could be "complete"
	- Like Mendeleev's table for chemistry, but not understood. By itself, the Higgs is very unsatisfactory:
		- Why are the couplings to the fermions what they are?
			- ‣ Dumb luck (aka landscape)?
		- What is the link to gravity?
		- What about Dark Matter?
		- Why does the Higgs break the symmetry?
		- Why are there 3....?

Higgs Drawbacks

- Measure particles and their interactions in detail
	- Precision measurements (incl. flavor)
- Observe new particles or interactions
	- Search in new areas in "phase space"
- ❖ Find the underlying pattern(s)
	- Hypothesize, build models
		- Internally consistent? Consistent with data?
		- Suggestions on where to look

Hunting for Answers

❖ Get more information

Experiment TheoryExperiment

Theory

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Physics @ LHC

❖ LHC opened a new era:

- Tevatron was mega-W
- LHC is
	- Giga-W
	- Giga-Z
	- Top factory (~giga-top)
	- Higgs factory (mega-Higgs)
	- New physics factory?

proton - (anti)proton cross sections

Experimental Searches

- ❖ By final state, so main questions are
	- Does the new physics produce dark matter?
		- Something we basically know exists and interacts weakly at best with SM
		- Yes: signatures contain missing transverse energy
		- No: MET not generic signature
	- Are there new interactions?
		- No: we know how to calculate everything
		- Yes: strong (resonances) or very weak (long-lived particles) or...?
- ❖ e.g. SUSY is (Yes,No) if R-parity, technicolor (No,Yes)....

With Dark Matter

(Super)Symmetry Solution

- ❖ If for every fermion there is a partner boson and vice-versa
	- Loops cancel each other
- ❖ Symmetry cannot be exact (no bosonic electron observed)
	- Symmetry breaking leads to "residual" Higgs mass
- **❖ This is supersymmetry**
- **❖ With R-parity, get missing ET**
	- Generic to models with dark matter@LHC

Canonical SUSY

- ❖ Wide range of signatures
	- Strong production… (large cross-section)

- … or weak production

RPV

❖ "Evil" variable: - Σ (everything else)

- Need to understand "everything else"
- Good benchmark: leptonic W boson decays

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❖ Analyses using MET are particularly sensitive

- Requires the full calorimeter to behave, and calorimeter is generally the most sensitive subdetector (analog, \sim 16 bit dynamic range, 12 bit precision)
- Easy: basic DQ (high voltage trip, etc.)
- Hard: low frequency
- Can't spot a 10⁻⁵ Hz (once a day) effect online or in first pass DQ
- But can be biggest part of dataset after cuts!

❖ With "cleaning", QCD evaluated from data,…

❖ Already ~200k clean W → lν events in 2010

- Billions now

 \boldsymbol{q}

 \mathcal{Q}

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SUSY as a Benchmark

 \triangleleft Hadron collider \Rightarrow produce squarks and gluinos decaying to jets + MET

Optimize jet $p_T \& MET$ cuts for different scenarios, since gluinos produce more jets than squarks

 \overline{p}

 \overline{p}

 \tilde{q}

 \tilde{q}

Use M_{eff} to discriminate, measure of event $Q²$

❖ Leptons in decay chains....

All Praise COM Energy!

Tevatron blown away.... 8 (2016) hours of LHC data

We've Found a Higgs!

❖ If new scale, these go to the new scale...

- ❖ To ~cancel these, need to primarily compensate for
- Top
- W/Z
- H
- ➡ **Discovery of the light Higgs refocuses new physics search**

- ❖ For SUSY, 125 GeV is rather heavy!
	- Need light higgsinos, stops, sbottoms... but heavy "light" squarks ok \Rightarrow "natural SUSY"
	- Stop at the forefront!

SUSY and the Higgs

Stop Searching Anatomy

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run out of

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Same-Sign Leptons

- ❖ At hadron colliders, leptons signify something interesting happened
	- E.g. Z production
- ◆ Same-sign leptons even more interesting? Lower background?
	- W^{\pm} W^{\pm}
	- but also B/D meson oscillations
		- mostly low p_T
	- and wrong charge measurement
- ❖ With lower background, access to smaller crosssections, smaller mass gaps
	- At the cost of small branching ratio

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Same Sign Lepton Excesses

It certainly looks like multiple analyses looking at same sign leptons and b-jets see excesses! Could it be SUSY? E.g. $\tilde{t}_R \to t + \tilde{B} \to t + (\tilde{W}^{\pm} + W^{\mp})$

Huang et al, http://arxiv.org/abs/1507.01601

Same Sign Lepton Excesses

The ATLAS analyses are correlated, and same for CMS So, ~2 analyses and excesses are < 3 σ… Worth keeping an eye on? Sure.

Forward-Backward Top Asymmetry, %

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- At Feynman diagram level, NLO effect (Tevatron is proton-anti-proton collider)
- But in real life, already exists at ~LO!
- Shown it is there in Pythia: parton shower, recoils! http://arxiv.org/abs/1205.1466

no BSM physics here: -real life is not LO or NLO but NNN…LO -many scales at work and this measurement crucially depends on multiple very different scales

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	- "Explanation" for low Higgs mass (and sometimes EWSB)
	- Gauge coupling unification (often)
	- Dark matter candidate (if introduce a new parity, natural in UED, ~ad-hoc in SUSY)
	- No new interactions (often)
- ❖ But answering those questions comes at a large cost
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MSSM: Allanach et al., hep-ph/0407067

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"We had a solution to the hierarchy problem, and it failed"

(Guido Altarelli, 2013)

Less Ambitious

Giving up on Dark Matter

- ❖ Electroweak-scale WIMPs fit the data well
	- But maybe hard/impossible to produce at colliders
- ❖ Or dark matter not WIMPs at all
- ❖ Back to problem #1:

- ❖ Vector-like top partners (still fermions) less constrained by flavor....
	- Opens up decay modes
	- Top partner partners:
		- T5/3
	- ...
- **❖ Rich set of signatures**
	- Just no huge MET
	- At least not systematically

Singlets, Doublets, ...

❖ T→Wb with mT ~600 GeV

 \rightarrow W will be boosted, and if decays hadronically \rightarrow single jet

- ❖ T→Wb yields the same final state as t→Wb
	- Need to discriminate, e.g. reconstruct m_T

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 $\sigma = \frac{N_{\text{events}}}{L A \epsilon}$

Systematic Uncertainties

- ❖ Statistical uncertainties are easy: with limited number of events (and experiments), precision on a measurement is limited
- ❖ Systematic uncertainties vastly more complex
	- Example: measure a cross-section:
	- L is the integrated luminosity, A the acceptance, ε the efficiency
		- Statistical uncertainty comes from N_{events}
		- Systematic uncertainties arise from limited knowledge of L, A and ε
			- L is estimated from Van der Meer scans
			- ‣ A typically depends on parton distribution functions
			- ‣ efficiency is a convolution of many experimental uncertainties

- $\triangleleft H$ _T is the sum of scalar energies of jets, leptons,...
	- If the jet energy scale is different between data and MC, comparison is wrong
	- If the jet energy scale dependence on jet energy is wrong, distort shape
	- etc.
- ❖ But how do I determine the jet energy scale uncertainty?
	- testbeams (single pions)
	- dijet balance
	- $y/Z+jet$ balance

- …

- ❖ Systematic uncertainties are propagated through the full analysis chain to the discriminating distribution
	- E.g. we repeat the analysis with jet energy scale shifted up & down by 1σ
	- Some systematic uncertainties affect shape (jet/lepton/photon reconstruction efficiency, energy scale and resolution, p_T distributions, background models), others only normalization (lepton reconstruction efficiencies and momentum calibration, background normalizations, theoretical cross-sections and luminosity)
	- Systematic uncertainties are treated as nuisance parameters when fitting signal+background to the data
		- I.e. modify signal and background shape
		- Can be fixed, or allowed to change

Systematics Profiling

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- ❖ Nuisance parameters tend to be correlated, but not 100%, among backgrounds
	- Can affect rates, shapes, or both (in any distribution), and often asymmetric and non-gaussian

- ❖ Generate pseudo-experiments (events in bins according to poisson), then for each experiment vary nuisance parameters
	- Variations in background (& S+B) prediction
		- Compare results to data using log-likelihood ratio
- ❖ We can maximize likelihood ratio as a function of nuisance parameters → constrain them
	- I.e. use full shape of distribution(s) to see which background uncertainties are over/underestimated
		- Of course limited to size of statistical fluctuations
	- Can remove bins with large S/B if needed
		- Mostly important if uncertainties lead to similar shape distortions
	- Want enough background-rich phase space in fit!
	- Even include control regions

- Data constructed to disagree with background-only hypothesis (wrong estimates for background uncertainties)
- But to agree with background-only better than signal+ background
	- Improvement quite spectacular (by construction in example)

❖ Test example:

ATLAS ttH search: arXiv:1503.05066

Fit Results

- ❖ Need to compare starting point and results
	- Pathologies due to lack of MC stats in some areas, strong correlations, …
- ❖ Crucial to design analysis with good control regions the fit can use to address least understood systematics

All Together Now

- ❖ Scalar and fermionic top partner searches have very similar high mass sensitivity
	- Not surprising: cross-section higher for fermions, but mass limit only moderately sensitive to that
- ❖ What about overlaps?
	- Turns out SUSY searches have good sensitivity to vector-like quarks!
		- SUSY large MET requirement maps to e.g. $Z \rightarrow vv$

Choosing a Topic

TTK-16

leory **pserved Limit** *spected Limit* x pected $\pm 1\sigma$ ϵ pected $\pm 2\sigma$ at 95% CL 10 1200 1300 1400 m_r [GeV]

arXiv:1608.01312

**Complementarity of Resonant Scalar, Vector-Like Quark and Superpartner
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