

# SPICE

## Simulation Package for Including Flavor in Collider Events

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# Outline

- Generation Dependence in SUSY.
- SPICE – Sneak Peek.
- When Looking at Flavor.
- Motivation – Supersymmetric flavor violating models.
- SPICE – Structure and Interfaces.
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- Conclusions.

# Generation Dependence in SUSY

Usually, we look at models with [degenerate scalar masses](#):

GMSB

mSUGRA

(AMSB)

For these, the only source of generational mixings comes from the [Yukawa](#) matrices:

Minimal Flavor Violation (MFV)

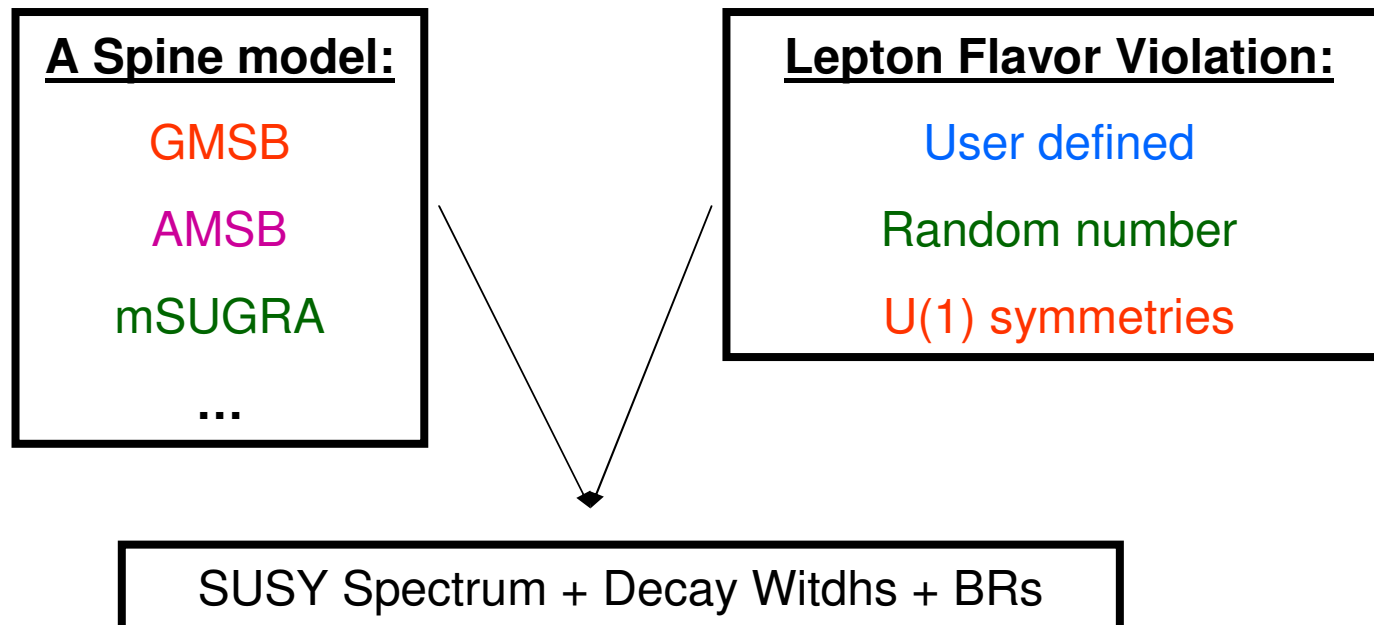
# BUT !

There is room for flavor dependence beyond MFV

# SPICE – Sneak Peek

SPICE is general tool designed to enable **lepton flavor violation** (LFV) searches with event generators.

Defining SUSY models at a high energy scale, SPICE combines:



# When Looking at Flavor ...

When we look at models with intergenerational interactions we need to take into account:

## 1. Decay Modes:

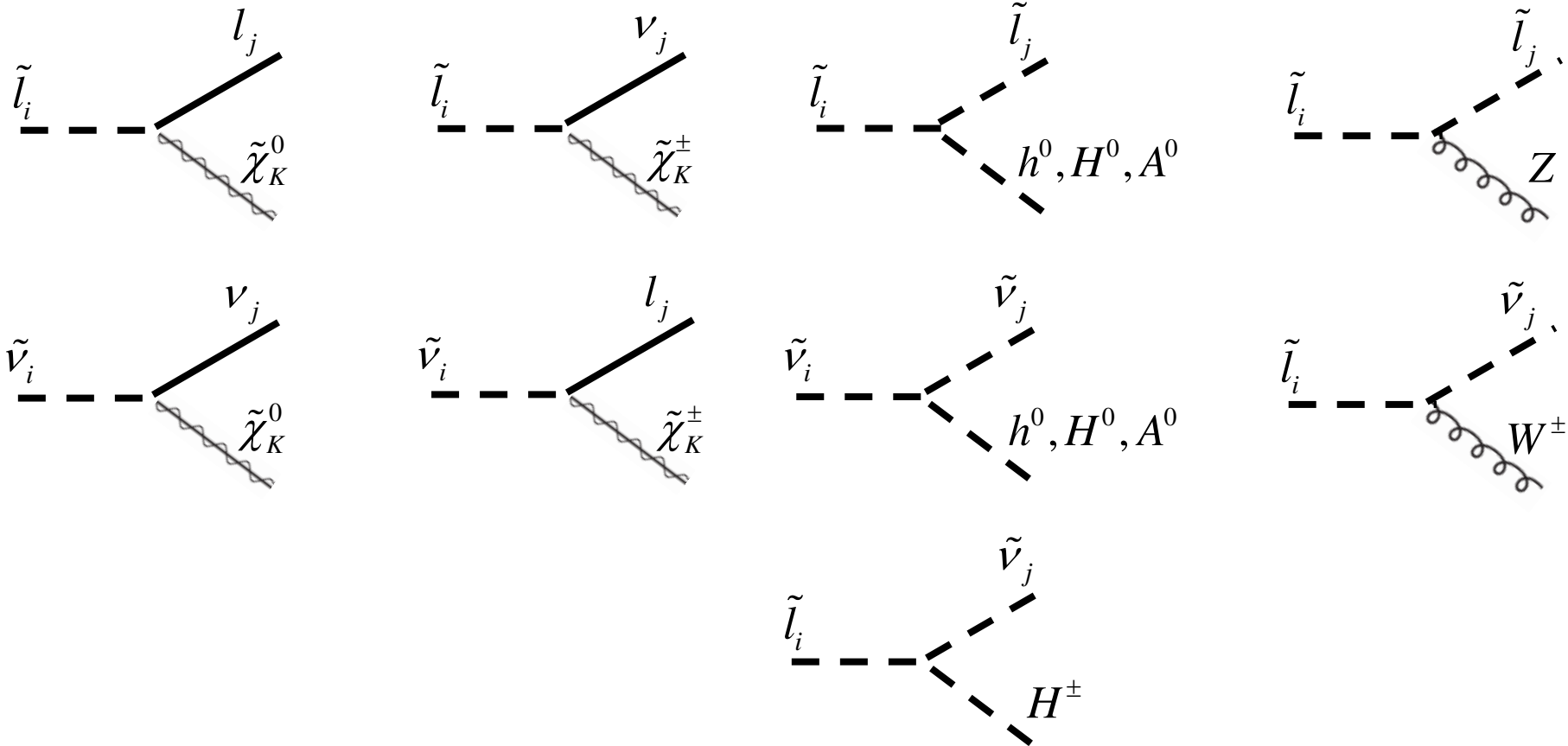
- a. generalizations of existing ones.
- b. inherently new decay modes.

## 2. Spectrum Calculation:

adjust the boundary conditions for calculators .

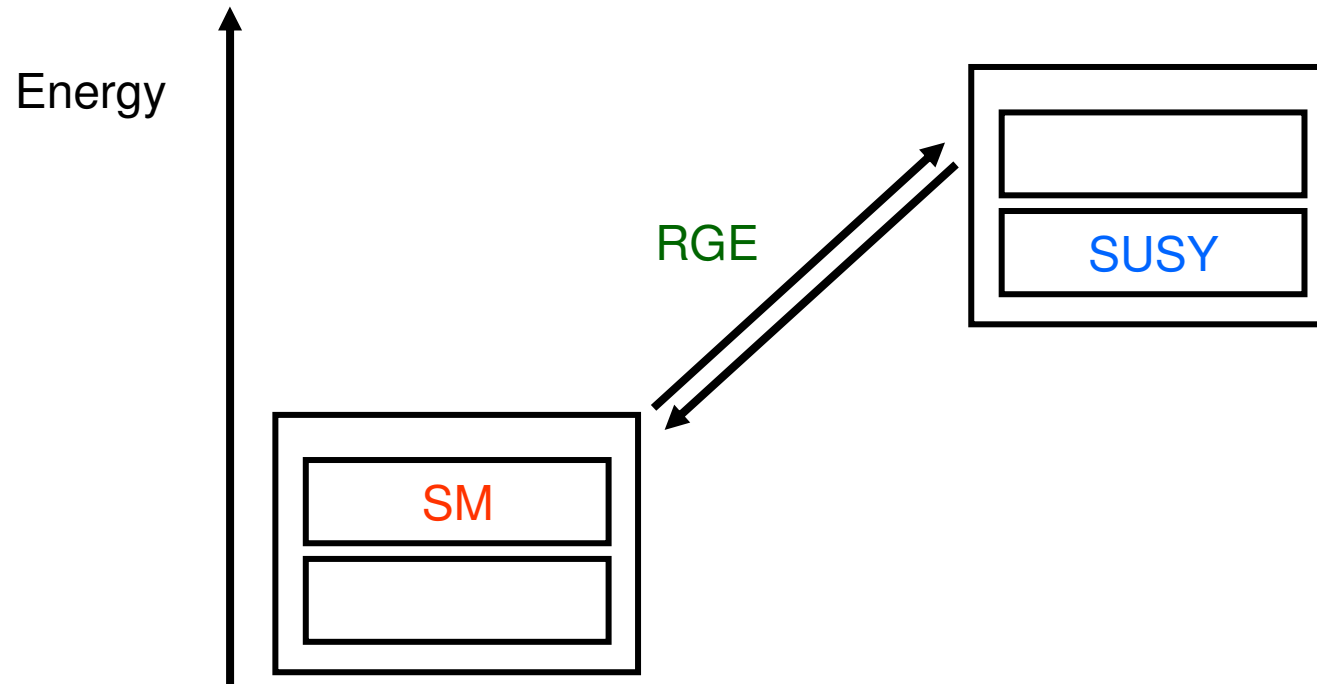
# Decay Modes in LFV models

What are the signatures of the **new flavor interactions**:



# Spectrum Calculation in LFV models

Spectrum calculators iteratively solve the following problem:



**Problem:** Matching of boundary conditions needs to be changed.

# Motivation - Supersymmetric Lepton Flavor Violating Models

[SUSY Gauge – Gravity hybrid models](#) (Feng, Lester, Nir & Shadmi arXiv:0712.0674 )

$$\tilde{M}_{\tilde{L}_L}^2 = \tilde{m}_L^2 \mathbf{1}_{3 \times 3} + m_E m_E^\dagger + x \tilde{m}_L^2 X_L$$

$$\tilde{M}_{\tilde{E}_R}^2 = \tilde{m}_R^2 \mathbf{1}_{3 \times 3} + m_E m_E^\dagger + x \tilde{m}_R^2 X_R$$

Here

$$x \sim \frac{1}{N_{mess}} \left( \frac{\pi}{\alpha_2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{M_{mess}}{M_{Plank}} \right)^2$$

from Planck  
suppressed  
operators.  
Arbitrary  
structure

is the ratio of gravity to gauge contributions.



# SUSY LFV Models

- The gravity contributions can generally have an arbitrary structure.
- To maintain experimental constraints, a flavor symmetry is imposed.
- When the symmetry breaks ([Froggatt-Nielsen](#)) the entries of the mass matrices are parametrically suppressed.
- For **U(1) symmetries**:

$$\begin{cases} L_1(Q_{L_1,1}, Q_{L_1,2}, \dots) \\ L_2(Q_{L_2,1}, Q_{L_2,2}, \dots) \\ L_3(Q_{L_3,1}, Q_{L_3,2}, \dots) \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} \bar{E}_1(Q_{E_1,1}, Q_{E_1,2}, \dots) \\ \bar{E}_2(Q_{E_2,1}, Q_{E_2,2}, \dots) \\ \bar{E}_3(Q_{E_3,1}, Q_{E_3,2}, \dots) \end{cases}$$

- One finds **up to O(1) coefficients**:

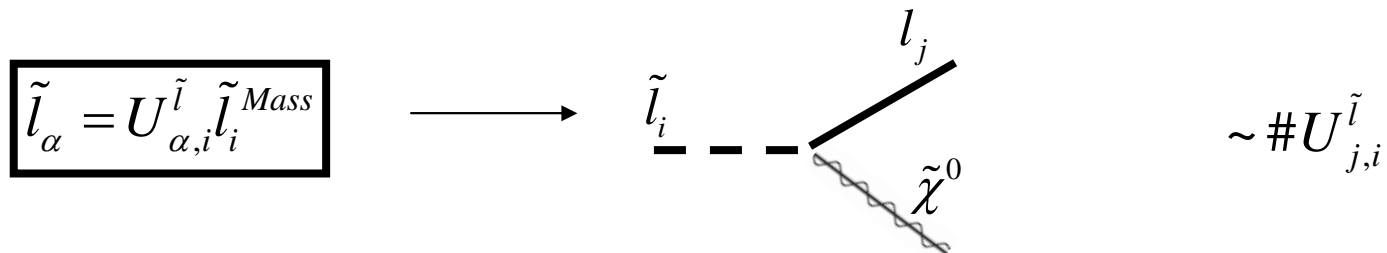
$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{M}_{L_L}^2)_{i,j} &= C_{i,j}^{(L_L)} \lambda^{Q_{L_L i} - Q_{L_L j}} \\ (\tilde{M}_{E_R}^2)_{i,j} &= C_{i,j}^{(E_R)} \lambda^{Q_{E_R i} - Q_{E_R j}} && \lambda \sim 0.2 \\ (M)_{i,j} &= C_{i,j} \lambda^{Q_{L_L i} + Q_{E_R j}} \end{aligned}$$

# SUSY LFV Models

The mass squared matrices (in the fermion mass basis) are

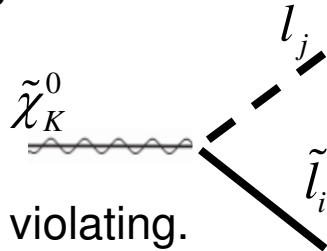
$$L_{mass} = (\tilde{e}_L^*, \tilde{\mu}_L^*, \tilde{\tau}_L^*, \tilde{e}_R^*, \tilde{\mu}_R^*, \tilde{\tau}_R^*) \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{M}_{LL}^2 & \tilde{M}_{LR}^2 \\ \tilde{M}_{RL}^2 & \tilde{M}_{RR}^2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{e}_L \\ \tilde{\mu}_L \\ \tilde{\tau}_L \\ \tilde{e}_R \\ \tilde{\mu}_R \\ \tilde{\tau}_R \end{pmatrix}$$

The combination of **Degeneracy** and **Alignment**, yields a **non trivial flavor structure**:

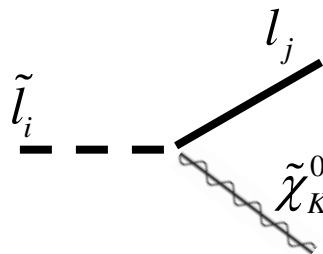


# SUSY LFV Models - Phenomenology

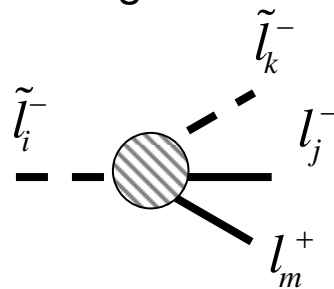
1. Chargino and Neutralino decays can now be flavor violating.



2. Slepton decays are now flavor violating.



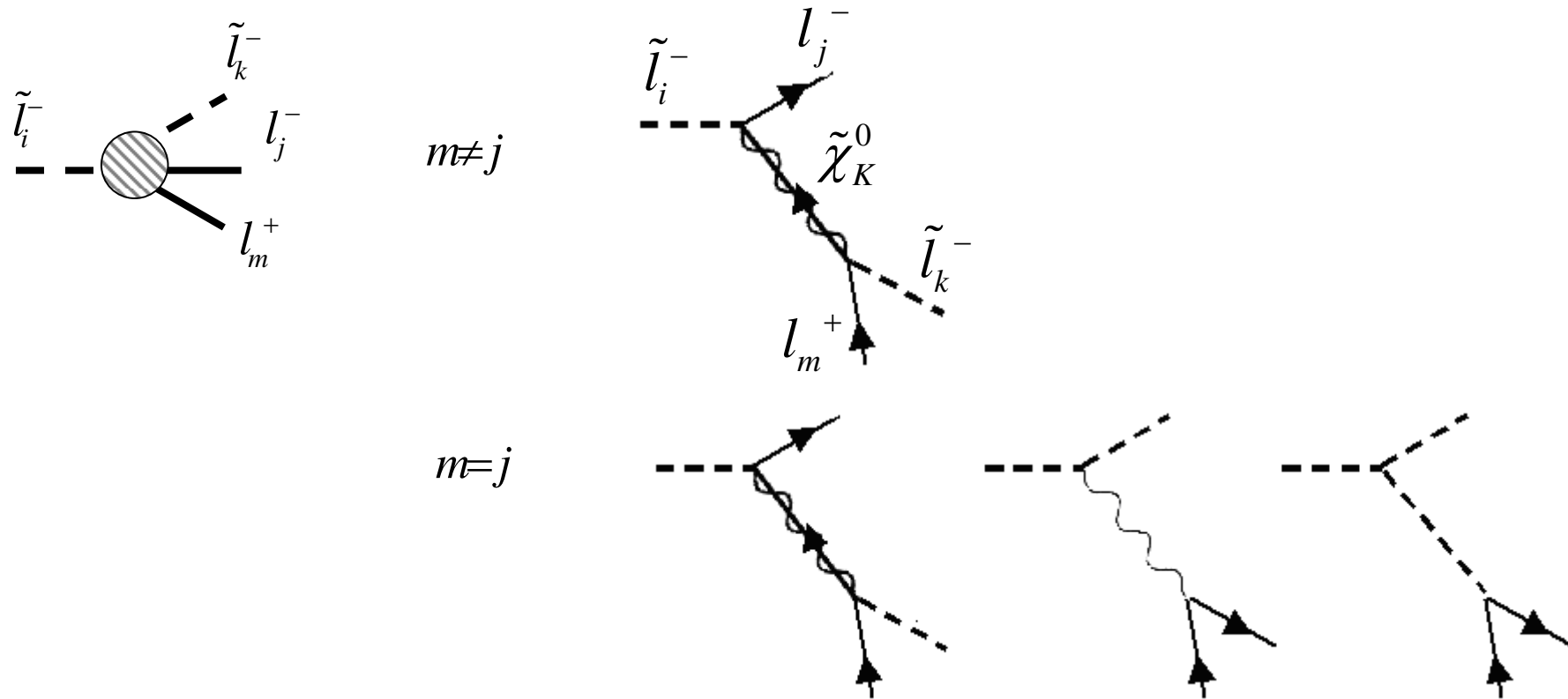
3. In GMSB models the slepton(s) can be the NLSP. Only 3-body slepton decays are available which are now flavor violating.



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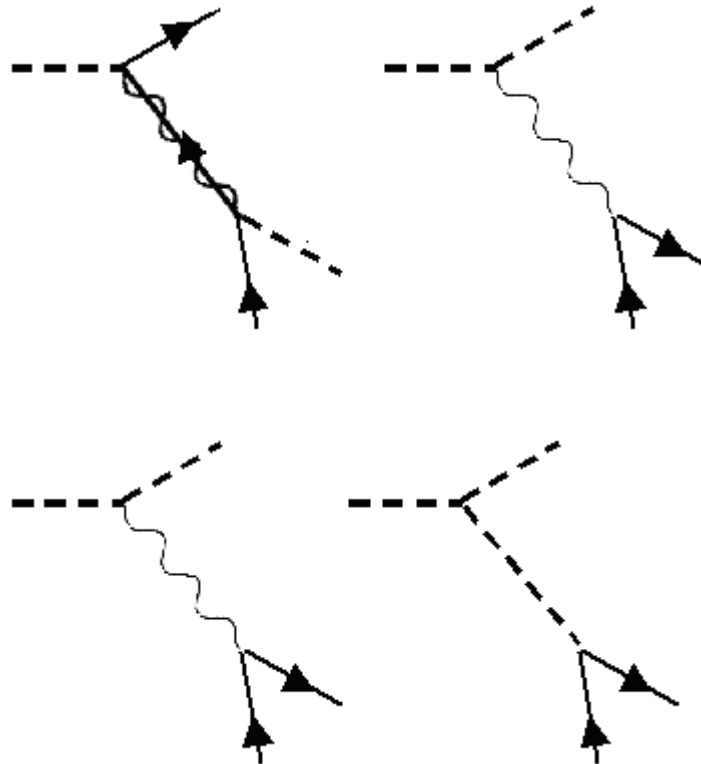
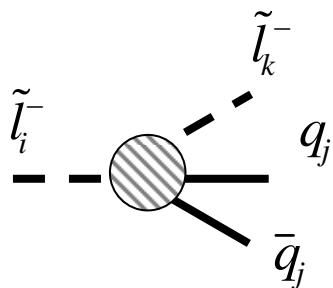
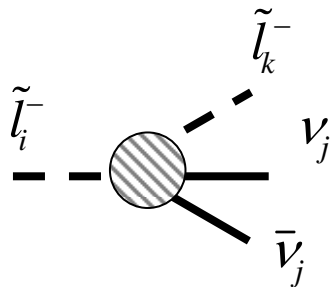
The only possible decay modes for the light sleptons are **3 body decay** modes:

Feng, IG, Sanford, Shadmi & Yu, [arXiv:0904.1416v1](https://arxiv.org/abs/0904.1416v1) [hep-ph]. :



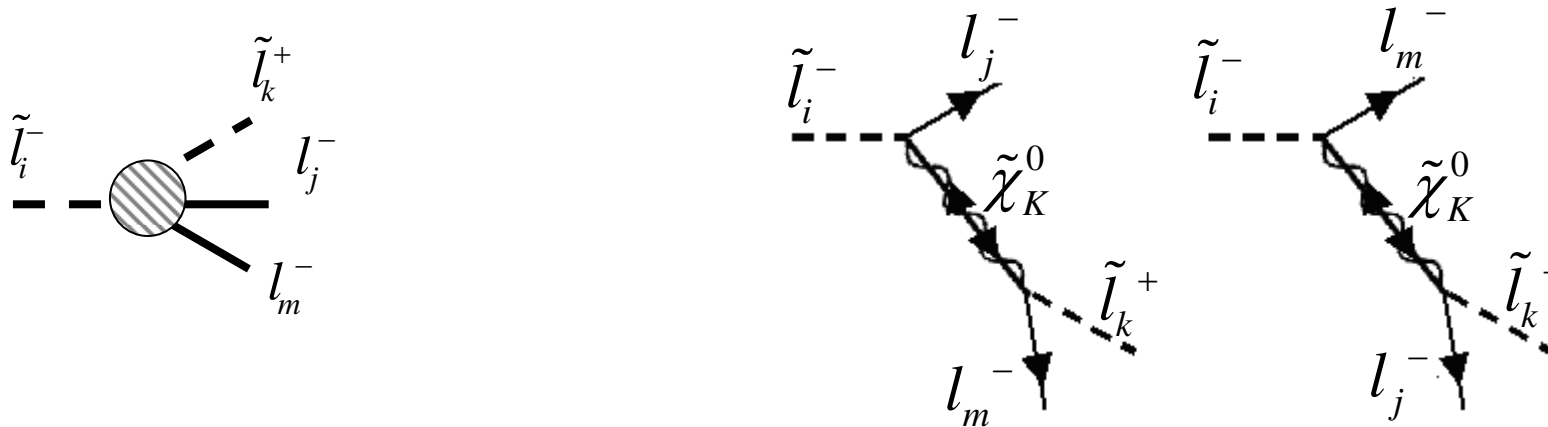
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And, generically [new phenomena](#):

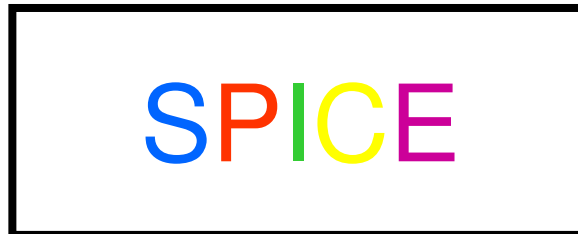


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And charge flip modes

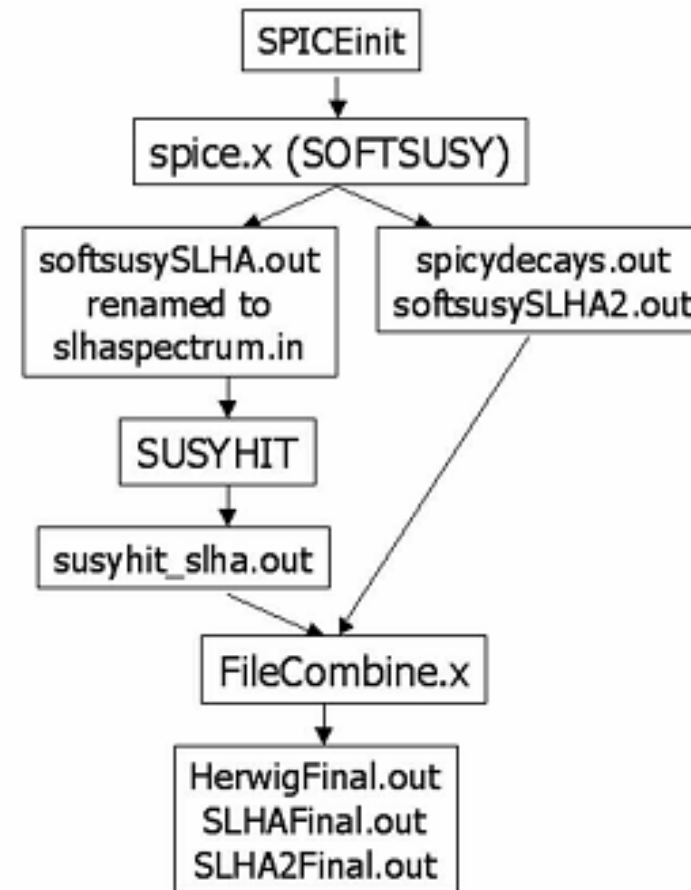


# HOW TO IMPLEMENT ?



# SPICE – General Structure

1. User-supplied SPICEinit file is read by spice.x.
2. spice.x uses SOFTSUSY to generate the mass spectrum and calculates lepton flavor-violating decay widths.
3. SUSYHIT uses output from spice.x and calculates flavor-conserving decay widths.
4. FileCombine.x combines the output from spice.x and SUSYHIT to create HerwigFinal.out, SLHAFinal.out, and SLHA2Final.out, which can be used to generate collider events.





# Interface with SoftSUSY – Calculating the Spectrum

SPICE provides a simple interface for spectrum calculation via SoftSusy.

The model parameters are specified in an input file *SPICEInit*. in the following form:

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SUSY Breaking Parameters (**GMSB**, **mSUGRA**, **AMSB**):  
**N5**, **Mmsg**,  **$\Lambda$** , **Cgrav**,  **$\tan(\beta)$** , **sgn( $\mu$ )**

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Relative Gravity to Gauge contribution

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Froggat-Nielsen small parameter

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Number of U(1) flavor symmetries

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Charges for each lepton superfield

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O(1) coefficients

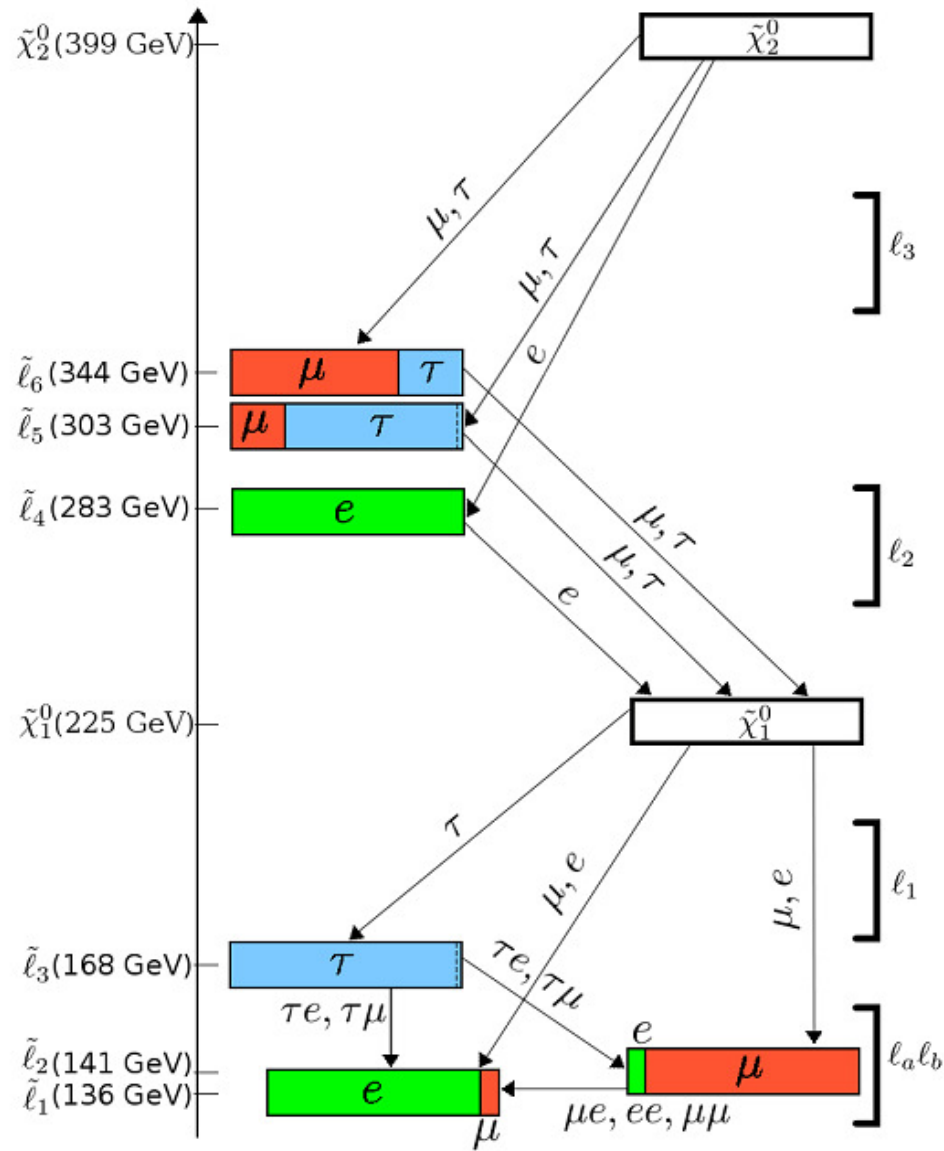
# Example Model

As a first stage for LHC signatures the choice was to focus on:

- R-parity conserving models.
- Slepton NLSP (with Gravitino LSP) scenario.

The implications:

- A metastable charged particle leaving a track in the detector.
- Low SUSY background.
- No 2-Body Decay Modes for sleptons lighter than Neutralino1 – Only 3-Body



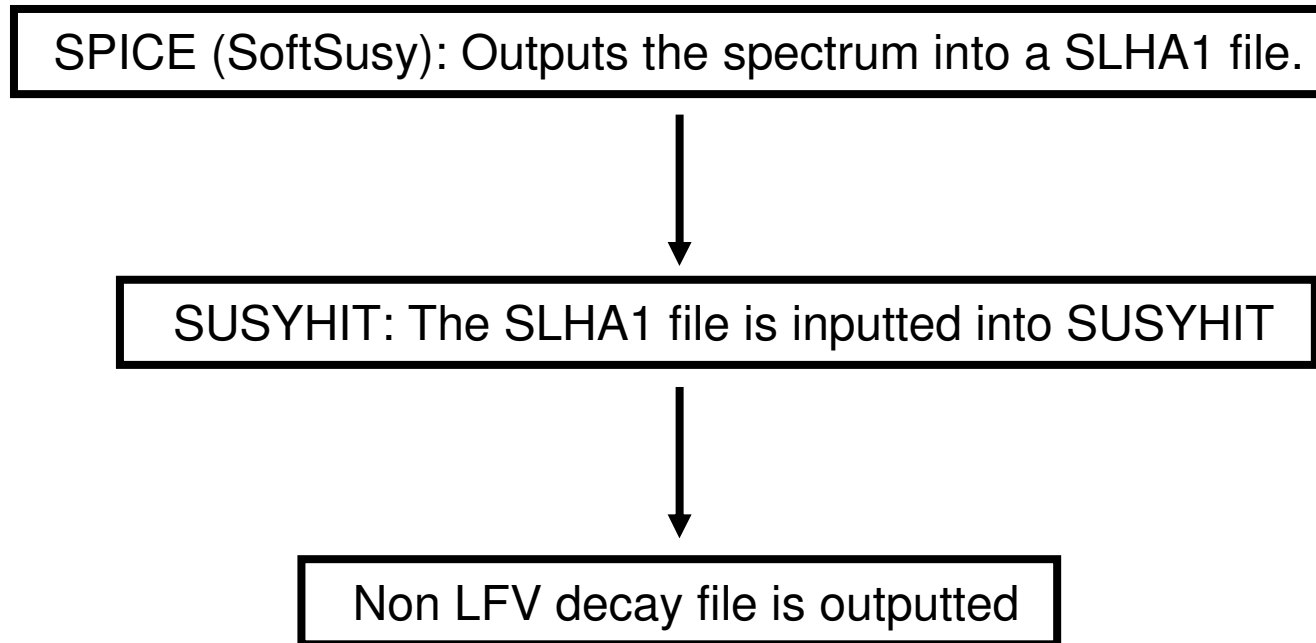


# SPICE – Calculating the LFV Branching Ratios

Once a spectrum is obtained, SPICE calculates the relevant decays widths:

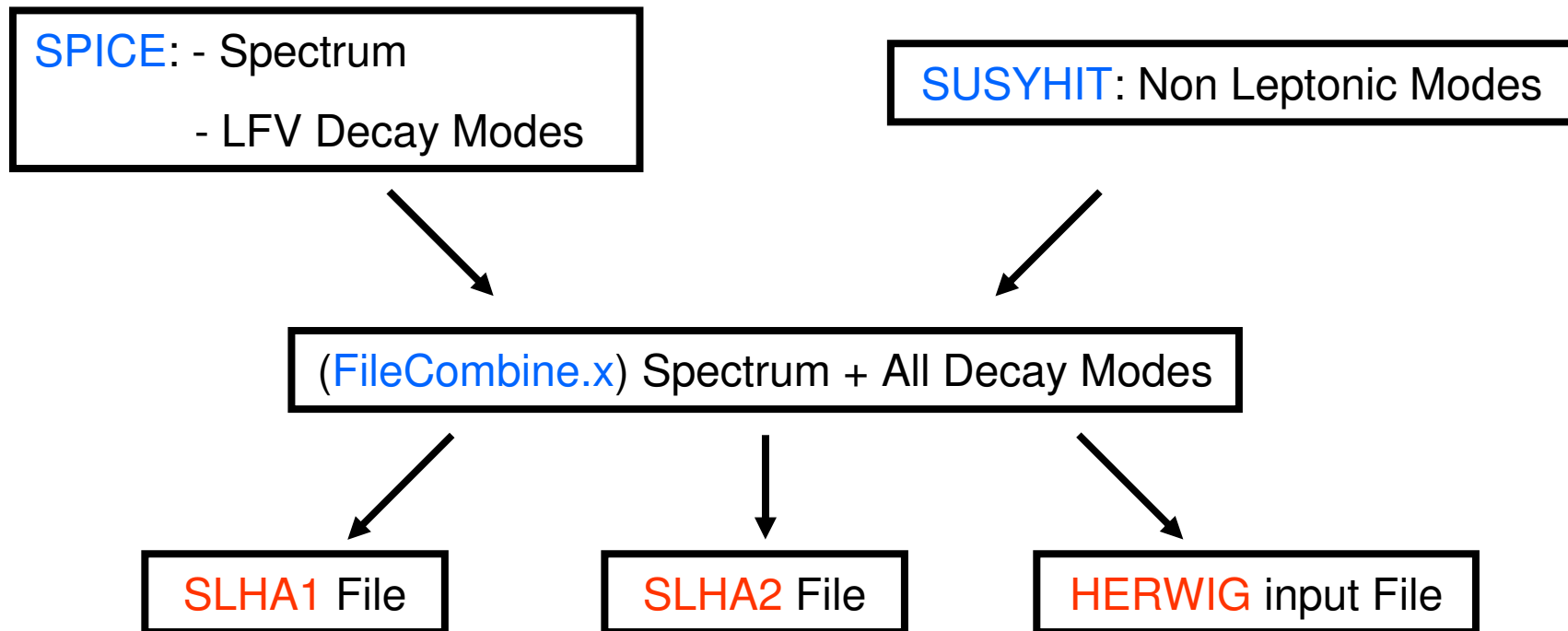
- All [leptonic flavor general](#) supersymmetric decays modes.
- No [CPV](#) is taken into account.
- A [temporary file](#) is created containing the data

# Interface with SUSYHIT – Calculating the Branching Ratios



# Output

SPICE combines its temporary file with the SUSYHIT output:



# Example: Part of an SLHA file with flavor violating interaction

#	PDG	Width			
DECAY	1000013	4.65952678e-11			
#	BR	NDA	ID1	ID2	ID3
1.66677764e-02	3	1000011	11	-11	
3.93419480e-10	3	1000011	12	-12	
1.15723769e-03	3	1000011	11	-13	
5.06943552e-17	3	1000011	12	-14	
2.02559118e-07	3	1000011	11	-15	
7.84485998e-18	3	1000011	12	-16	
8.86470670e-02	3	-1000011	11	11	
5.49643900e-01	3	-1000011	11	13	
1.81001882e-04	3	-1000011	11	15	
1.99477024e-09	3	1000011	2	-2	
2.58421060e-09	3	1000011	1	-1	
2.38827791e-01	3	1000011	13	-11	
1.04231543e-14	3	1000011	14	-12	
1.65816726e-02	3	1000011	13	-13	

$$\tilde{l}_2 \approx 0.97 \tilde{e}_R + 0.03 \tilde{\mu}_R$$

Note the flavor violation  
And charge flip modes

One of the leading modes

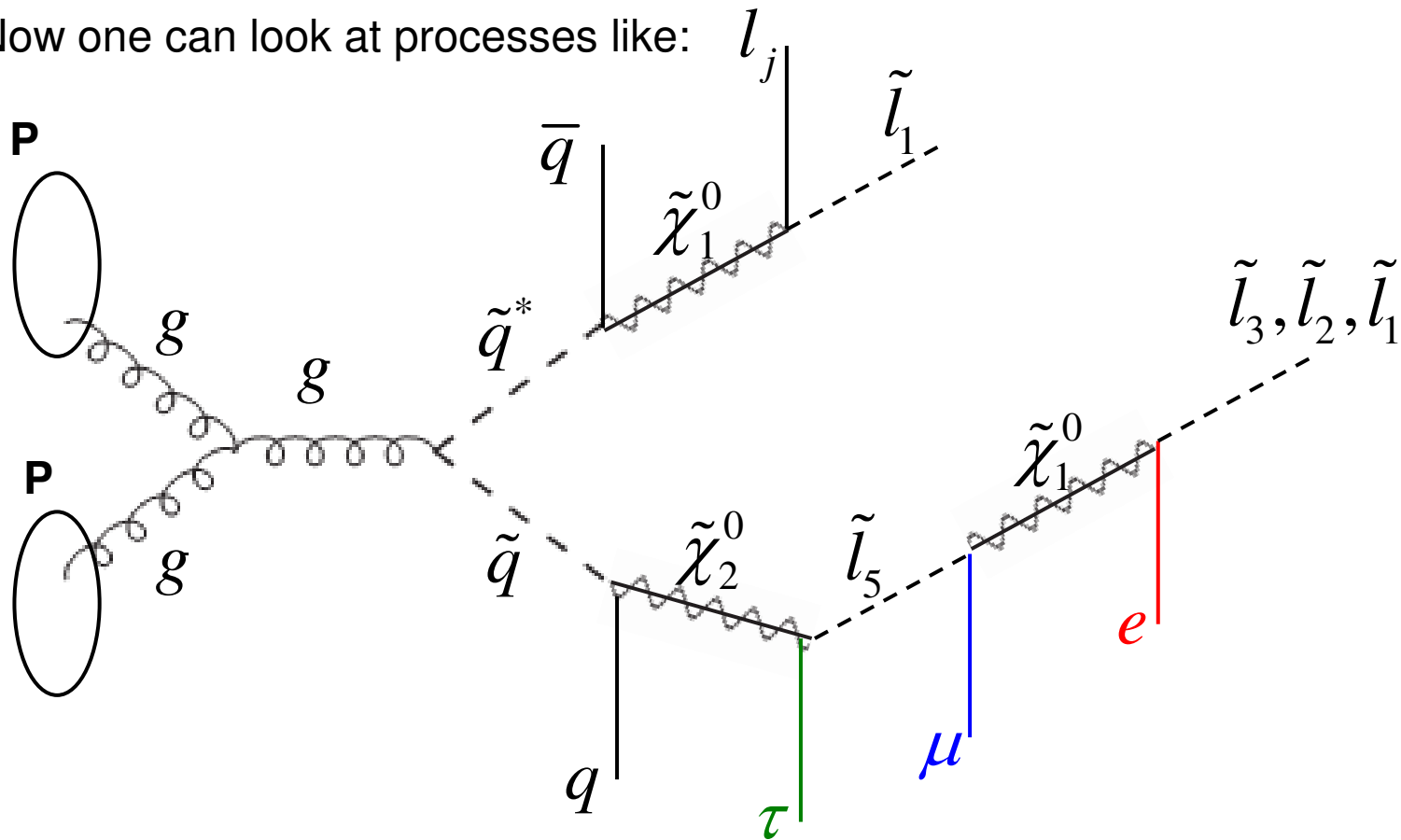
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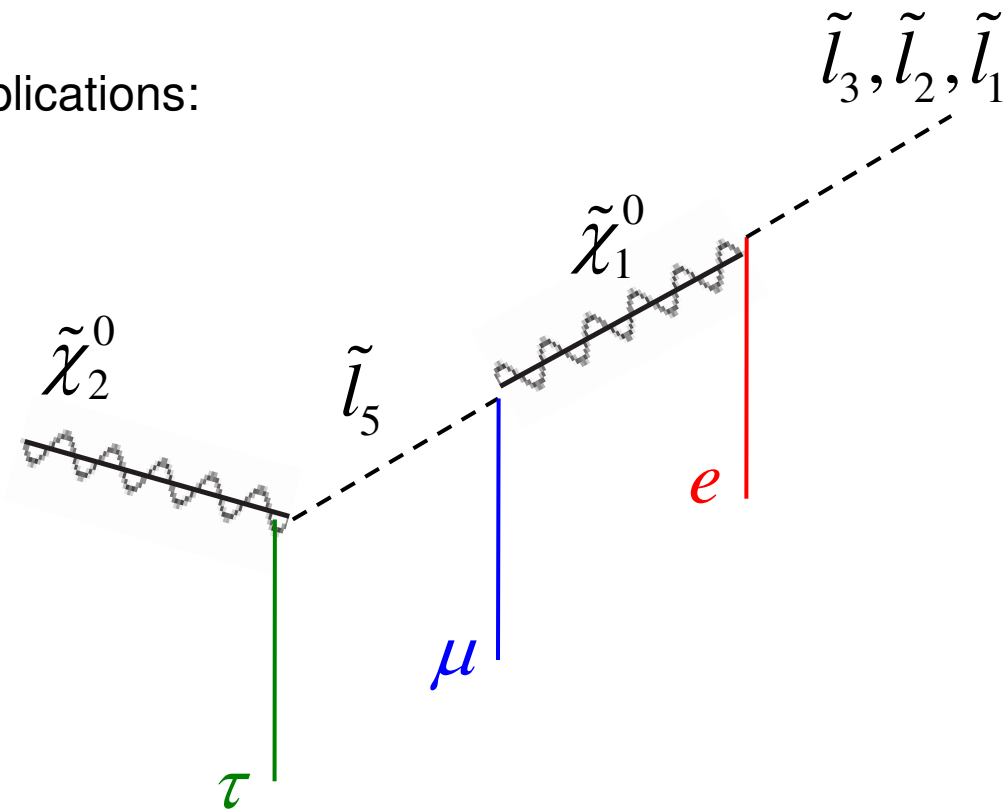
# Applications

Now one can look at processes like:



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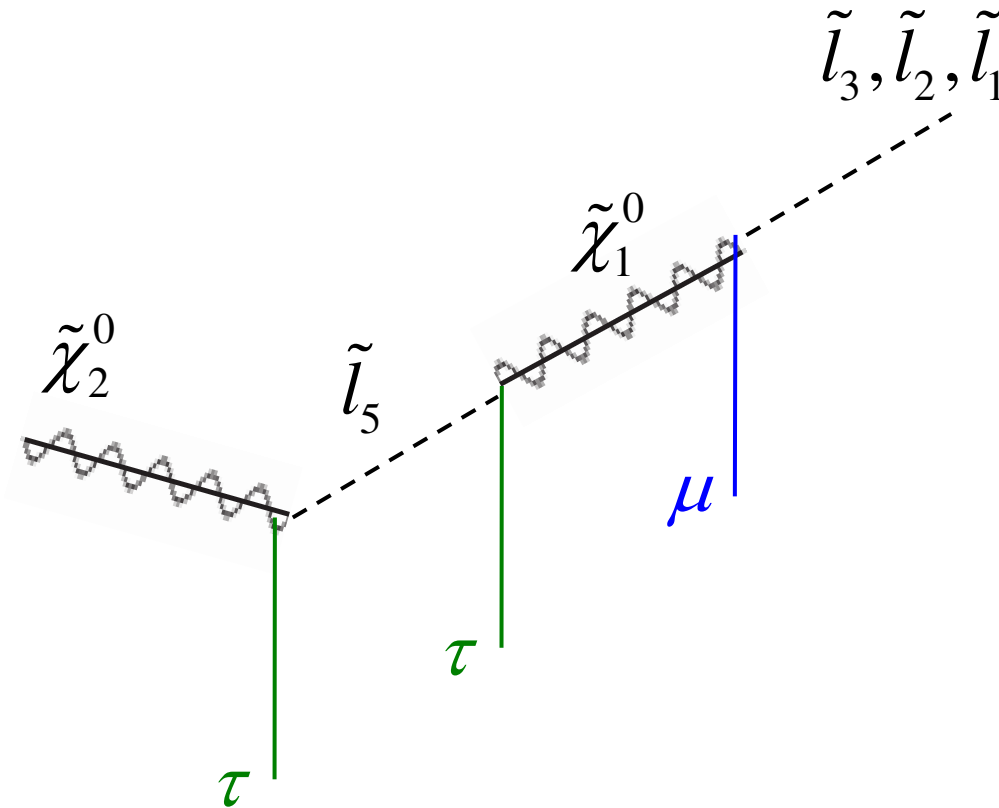
Focusing on LFV implications:



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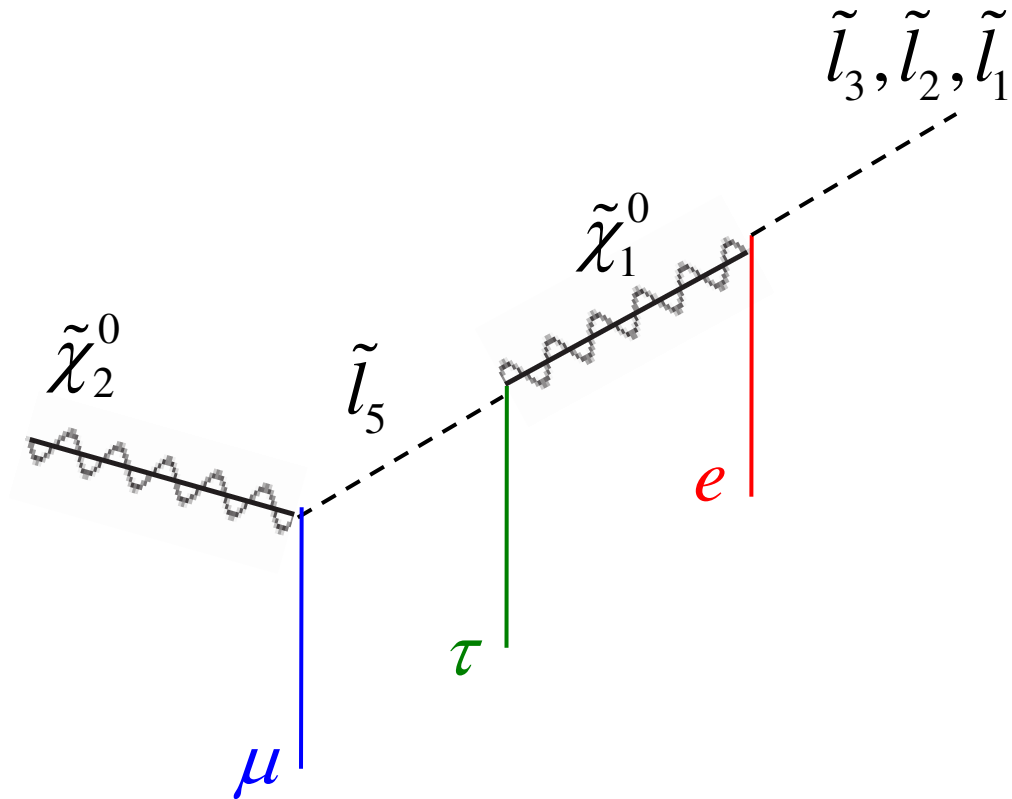
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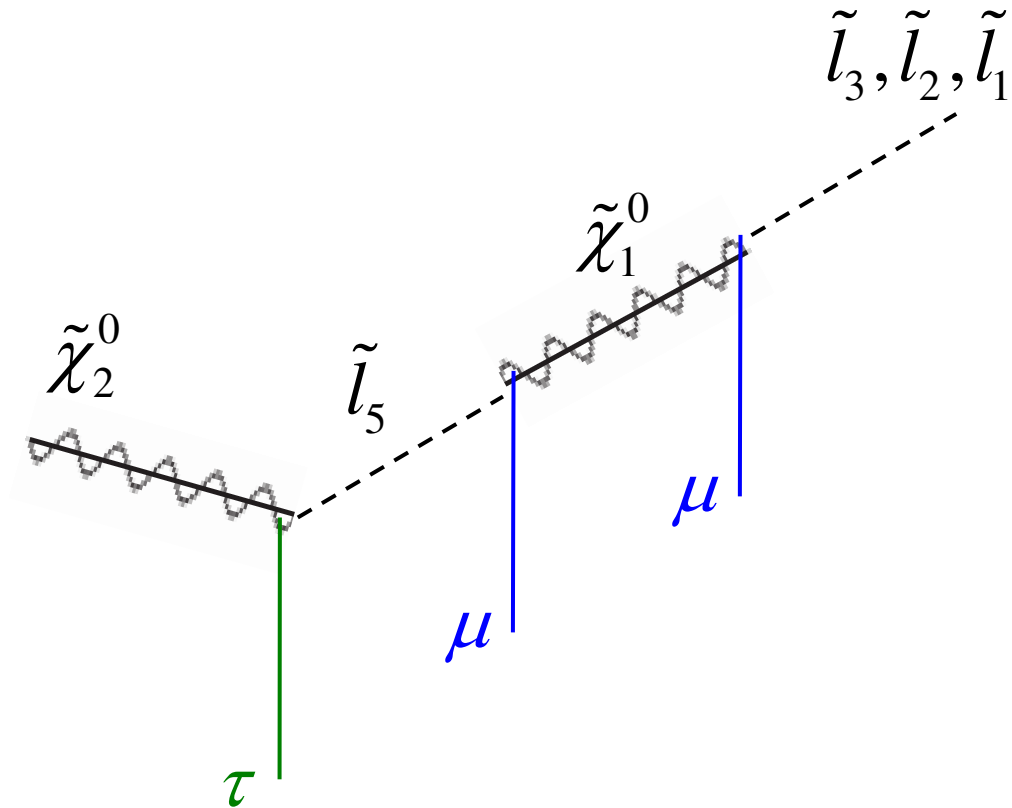


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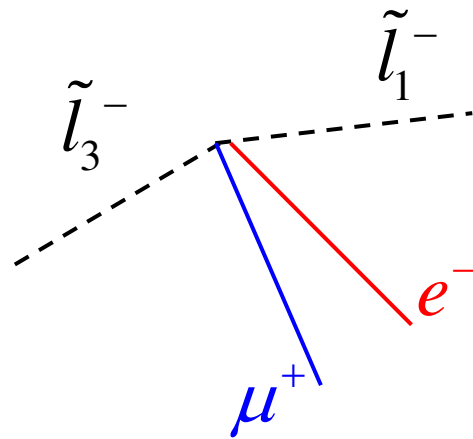
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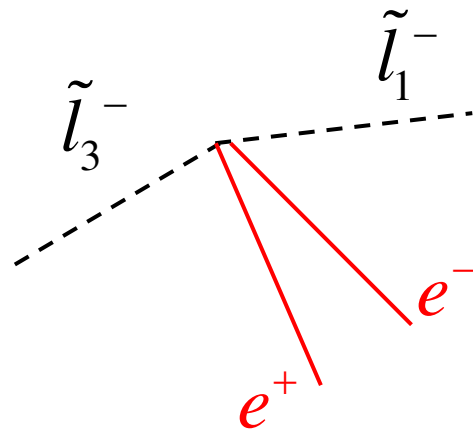
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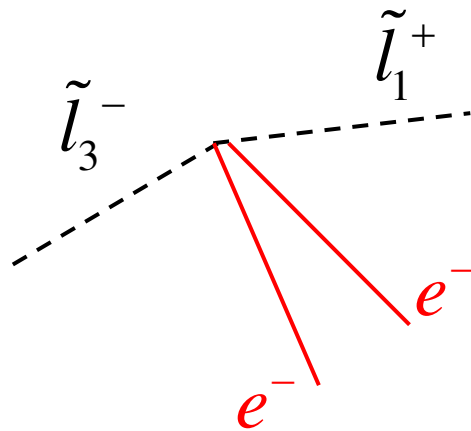
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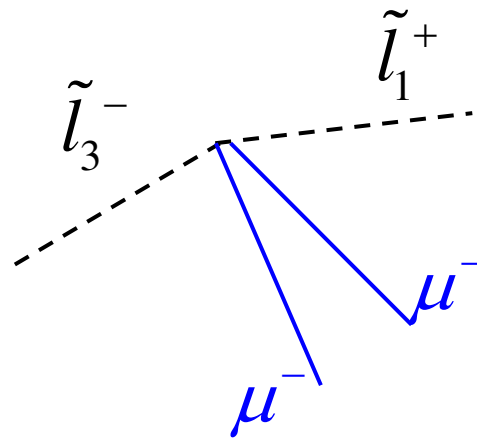
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# Conclusions

- FV can lead to interesting signatures at the LHC.
- SPICE – A general tool designed to incorporate lepton flavor violation in SUSY searches.
- SPICE – Generates spectrum and decay widths (SLHA, HERWIG output files).
- SPICE is publically available at:  
<http://hep.ps.uci.edu/~spice/>
- SPICE can add flavor to any SUSY model (mSUGRA, GMSB, ...)

# The End

# Auxiliary Slides



# Spectrum For Example Model

# MW	24	80.387
# h0	25	111.497
# H0	35	560.809
# A0	36	560.413
# H+	37	566.345
# ~g	1000021	1225.739
# ~neutralino(1)	1000022	224.825
# ~neutralino(2)	1000023	398.869
# ~chargino(1)	1000024	399.531
# ~neutralino(3)	1000025	-470.727
# ~neutralino(4)	1000035	521.280
# ~chargino(2)	1000037	522.023
# ~gravitino	1000039	3.70668000e-08
# ~e_1	1000011	135.832
# ~e_2	1000013	140.780
# ~e_3	1000015	168.295
# ~e_4	2000011	282.863
# ~e_5	2000013	303.410
# ~e_6	2000015	343.529

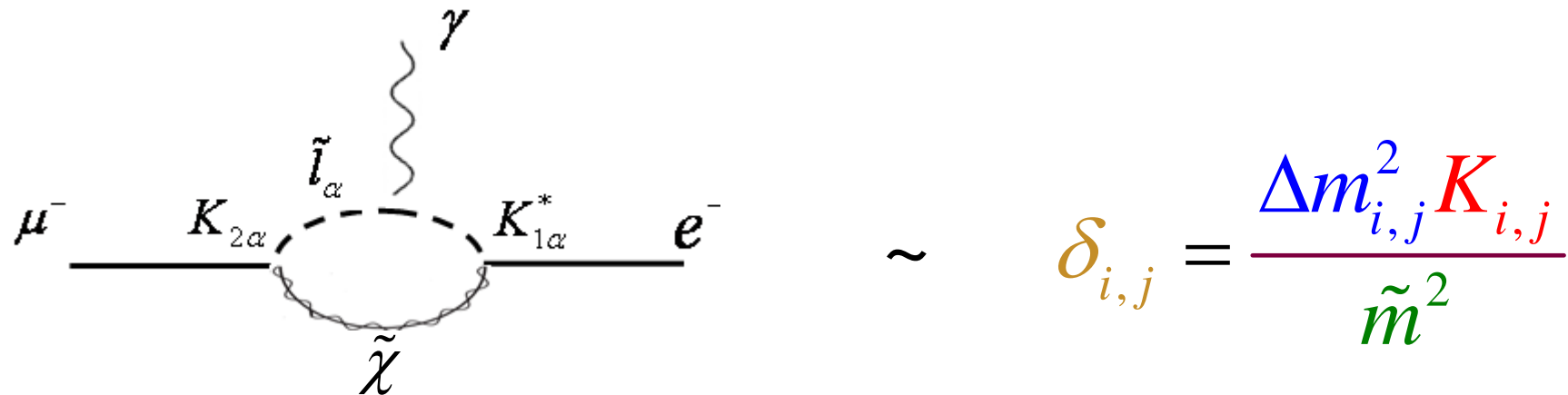
# ~d_1	1000001	1039.563
# ~d_2	1000003	1050.826
# ~d_3	1000005	1050.827
# ~d_4	2000001	1050.922
# ~d_5	2000003	1093.584
# ~d_6	2000005	1093.585
# ~u_1	1000002	944.883
# ~u_2	1000004	1053.100
# ~u_3	1000006	1053.102
# ~u_4	2000002	1061.506
# ~u_5	2000004	1090.843
# ~u_6	2000006	1090.844
# ~nu_1	1000012	271.399
# ~nu_2	1000014	334.461
# ~nu_3	1000016	293.848

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# The SUSY Flavor Problem

Is the new SUSY theory consistent with the bounds on flavor changing processes ?



Process	Bound
BR( $\mu \rightarrow e \gamma$ )	$1.2 \times 10^{-11}$
BR( $\mu \rightarrow e e e$ )	$1.1 \times 10^{-12}$
BR( $\mu \rightarrow e$ in Nuclei (Ti))	$1.1 \times 10^{-12}$

# The SUSY Flavor Problem

The constrained quantity is  $\delta_{i,j}$  :

- **Decoupling** – slepton average mass scale very high.

$$\tilde{m}^2 \text{ very large}$$

- **Alignment** – slepton and lepton mass bases are simultaneously diagonal.

$$K = \left( U^{slepton} \right)^\dagger U^{lepton} \sim 1_{3 \times 3}$$

- **Degeneracy** – slepton mass squared matrix  $\sim$  Identity.

$$\tilde{M}_{LL}^2 \sim \tilde{m}_L^2 1_{3 \times 3} \quad \tilde{M}_{RR}^2 \sim \tilde{m}_R^2 1_{3 \times 3} \quad \longrightarrow$$

<b>MFV:</b> GMSB, AMSB, mSUGRA
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# Experimental Bounds on LFV

	Mass (MeV)	$(g-2)/2$	$d$ ( $10^{(-26)}$ e cm)
e	0.5	$1.159 \times 10^{(-3)}$	$(0.07 \pm 0.07)$
$\mu$	105	$1.165 \times 10^{(-3)}$	$(3.7 \pm 3.4) \times 10^{(7)}$
$\tau$	1776	$> -0.052$ and $< 0.013$	$\text{Re}(d\tau) = -0.22$ to $0.45 \times 10^{(7)}$ $\text{Im}(d\tau) = -0.25$ to $0.008 \times 10^{(7)}$

Process	Bound
$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma)$	$1.2 \times 10^{(-11)}$
$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow eee)$	$1.1 \times 10^{(-12)}$
$\text{BR}(\mu \rightarrow e$ in Nuclei (Ti))	$1.1 \times 10^{(-12)}$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow e\gamma)$	$1.1 \times 10^{(-7)}$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow eee)$	$2.7 \times 10^{(-7)}$

Process	Bound
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow e\mu\mu)$	$2 \times 10^{(-7)}$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma)$	$6.8 \times 10^{(-8)}$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu\mu\mu)$	$2 \times 10^{(-7)}$
$\text{BR}(\tau \rightarrow \mu ee)$	$2.4 \times 10^{(-7)}$

# Version Consistency

1. SoftSusy – 3.0.16
2. SusyHit – 1.3
3. HERWIG – 6.5

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