Beyond the LHC

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- What is the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking?
- Top and electroweak precision physics: windows to the structure of nature
- Example of TeV-scale physics: Supersymmetry
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Will try to give some answers in the following

On the way to the TeV scale

The LHC will open up the new territory of TeV-scale physics

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1 TeV \approx 1000 \times m_{\text{proton}} \Leftrightarrow 2 \times 10^{-19} \,\mathrm{m}
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TeV-scale:

6 orders of magnitude above typical energy scale of nuclear physics

12 orders of magnitude above typical energy scale of atomic physics

"Extrapolation backwards in time" by 29 orders of magnitude $1 \text{ TeV} \Leftrightarrow 10^{-12} \text{ s}$ after the Big Bang

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- How do elementary particles obtain the property of mass: what is the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking?
- Do all the forces of nature arise from a single fundamental interaction?
- Are there more than three dimensions of space?
- Are space and time embedded into a "superspace"?
- Can dark matter be produced in the laboratory?

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- Higgsless models in extra dimensions: boundary conditions for SM gauge bosons and fermions on Planck and TeV branes in higher-dimensional space
- \Rightarrow New phenomena required at the TeV scale

Electroweak symmetry breaking in the SM

- Electroweak Standard Model (SM): Higgs is last missing ingredient
- Higgs mechanism, spontaneous electroweak symmetry breaking: Scalar field postulated, gauge-invariant mass terms from coupling to Higgs field
- 3 components of Higgs doublet \longrightarrow longitudinal components of W^{\pm} , Z; H: elementary scalar field, Higgs boson

Fermion masses, gauge-boson masses from coupling to Higgs field

⇒ Higgs couplings proportional to masses of the particles

Mass of the Higgs boson: free parameter

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Extra dimensions of space:

Fundamental Planck scale is $\sim {\rm TeV}$ (large extra dimensions), hierarchy of scales is related to a "warp factor" ("Randall–Sundrum" scenarios)

Supersymmetry (SUSY)

Supersymmetry: fermion ←→ boson symmetry, leads to compensation of large quantum corrections





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General parameterisation of possible SUSY-breaking terms \Rightarrow free parameters, no prediction for SUSY mass scale

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Strong phenomenological constraints on flavour off-diagonal SUSY-breaking terms

 \Rightarrow Good phenomenological description for universal SUSY-breaking terms (\approx diagonal in flavour space)

Models with extra dimensions of space





Brane-world Picture

Hierarchy between M_{Planck} and M_{weak} is related to the volume or the geometrical structure of additional dimensions of space \Rightarrow observable effects at the TeV scale

Exploring the TeV scale: the LHC

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

Construction nearing completion, scheduled to take first data this year

Proton–proton scattering at 14 TeV: composite objects of quarks and gluons, bound together by strong interaction



Complicated scattering process 10^9 scattering events/ $s \Rightarrow$ only 1 event in 10^7 will be recorded Beyond the LHC, Georg Weiglein, Durham 01/2008 – p.13 Beyond the LHC, Georg Weiglein, Durham 01/2008 – p.13 SuperLHC (SLHC): upgrade of LHC design luminosity by a factor of 10 to about 10^{35} cm⁻² s⁻¹

- Moderate extension of LHC mass reach
- More precise measurements of processes that are statistically limited
- Extended reach for rare processes

Difficult experimental environment: higher radiation levels in the detectors, increased pile-up background

Upgrades of ATLAS and CMS required

Exploring the TeV scale: the ILC

- The International Linear Collider (ILC)
- world-wide project, RDR (+ costing) issued in 2007, Engineering Design Report in preparation
- Electron–positron scattering at \approx 0.5–1 TeV:
- fundamental particles, point-like, electroweak interaction well-defined initial state, full collision energy usable, tunable





Results are easy to interpret, all events can be recorded \Rightarrow high-precision physics

Physics at the LHC and ILC in a nutshell

LHC: pp scattering at 14 TeV



ILC: e^+e^- scattering at \approx 0.5–1 TeV



Scattering process of proton constituents with energy up to several TeV,

strongly interacting

⇒ huge QCD backgrounds, low signal–to–background ratios Clean exp. environment: well-defined initial state, tunable energy, beam polarization, GigaZ, $\gamma\gamma$, $e\gamma$, e^-e^- options, ... \Rightarrow rel. small backgrounds

LHC / ILC complementarity

The results of LHC and ILC will be highly complementary

LHC: good prospects for producing new heavy states (in particular strongly interacting new particles)

ILC: direct production (in particular colour-neutral new particles)

 high sensitivity to effects of new physics via precision measurements

Circular and linear colliders

LEP (≤ 2000): e^+e^- collider, $E_{\rm CM} \lesssim 206 \ {\rm GeV}$ circular accelerator, $\approx 28 \ {\rm km} \ {\rm long}$





Energy loss due to synchrotron radiation: $\Delta E \sim \frac{E^4}{m^4 r}$

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Synchrotron radiation loss $\Delta E \sim \frac{E^4}{m^4 r}$

⇒ High energy e^+e^- collider can only be realised as Linear Collider (LC): ILC, CLIC

Synchrotron radiation loss smaller for proton by factor $(m_{\rm e}/m_{\rm p})^4 \approx 10^{-13}$

Tevatron, Run II (≥ 2001): circular $p\bar{p}$ collider, $E_{\rm CM} \approx 2 \, {\rm TeV}$

LHC ($\gtrsim 2008$): circular pp collider (in LEP tunnel), $E_{\rm CM} \approx 14 \text{ TeV}$

The ILC: global science collaboration

World-wide consensus (ECFA, ACFA, HEPAP, ICFA, GSF, ...): A linear collider of up to at least 400 (500) GeV, upgradeable to about a TeV, should be the next major project at the high-energy frontier

Original regional designs TESLA, NLC and JLC were based on different linac RF technologies: superconducting cavities (TESLA), room-temperature copper cavities (NLC, JLC)

"International Technology Recommendation Panel" (ITRP), 2003–2004:

Decision for superconducting technology Global Design Effort for the ILC

see www.linearcollider.org

The ILC Global Design Effort

[B. Barish, Lepton–Photon '07]



ILC Baseline Parameters

- Baseline parameters were established by a WWS committee in 2003 and reexamined in 2006
- Maximum energy should be 500 GeV, with energy range for physics between 200 GeV and 500 GeV
 ⇒ energy scans possible at all cms energies
- Luminosity and reliability such that 500 fb⁻¹ can be collected in first four years
- Electron polarisation of at least 80%
"Options" to ILC Baseline

- Energy should be upgradeable to approx. 1 TeV
- Doubling of integrated luminosity to a total of 1 ab⁻¹ within two additional years of running
- Positron polarisation at or above 50% in whole energy range
- Running at Z resonance and WW threshold with high lumi ("GigaZ" running)
- e^-e^- , $e\gamma$, $\gamma\gamma$ collisions

Reexamination of ILC baseline parameters and options

No modification of original baseline parameters necessary

Positron polarisation yields significant physics gain Already in baseline design (undulator-based positron source): $\approx 30\%$ positron polarisation exploitable for physics

Exploring the TeV scale: CLIC, DLHC, VLHC, LHeC and the muon collider

- CLIC: e^+e^- collider, energy up to $\sim 3 \text{ TeV}$
- DLHC: energy doubling of the LHC
- VLHC: energy in 100 TeV range

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- Muon collider: energy in 10 TeV range, s-channel Higgs production
- LHeC: electron-proton collisions in the LHC tunnel

Precision measurements: M_Z , M_W , α_{em} , G_μ , $\sin^2 \theta_{eff}$, $(g-2)_\mu$, $BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$, $BR(B_u \rightarrow \tau \nu_{\tau})$, EDMs, ...

⇒ Sensitivity to indirect effects of TeV-scale physics

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What is the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking?

Standard Model: a single parameter determines the whole Higgs phenomenology: $M_{\rm H}$

Branching ratios of the SM Higgs:



⇒ dominant BRs: $M_{\rm H} \lesssim 140$ GeV: $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ $M_{\rm H} \gtrsim 140$ GeV: $H \rightarrow W^+W^-, ZZ$

SM Higgs: indirect constraints on $M_{\rm H}$ vs. direct search limit



 \Rightarrow Tension between indirect bounds on $M_{\rm H}$ in the SM and direct search limit has increased

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 \Rightarrow Two parameters instead of one: $\tan \beta \equiv \frac{v_u}{v_d}$, M_A (or $M_{H^{\pm}}$)

⇒ Upper bound on lightest Higgs mass, M_h (*FeynHiggs*): [*S. Heinemeyer, W. Hollik, G. W.* '99], [*G. Degrassi, S. Heinemeyer, W. Hollik, P. Slavich, G. W.* '02] $M_h \lesssim 130 \,\text{GeV}$

Very rich phenomenology

Indirect limits on the light Higgs mass in the CMSSM: EWPO + BPO + dark matter constraints

 χ^2 fit for M_h , without imposing direct search limit [O. Buchmueller, R. Cavanaugh, A. De Roeck, S. Heinemeyer, G. Isidori, P. Paradisi, F. Ronga, A. Weber, G. W. '07] SM CMSSM



 \Rightarrow High sensitivity, less tension than in SM

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But there is also the possibility that none of the Higgs bosons is SM-like

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- Scenarios with non SM-type phenomenology:
 - What do we need to be prepared for?
 - Search strategies?
 - How do we identify the underlying physics?

Phenomenology of scenarios with a SM-like Higgs

"Typical" features:

- A light Higgs with SM-like properties, couples with about SM-strength to gauge bosons
- Heavy Higgs states that decouple from the gauge bosons
- For "non-standard" Higgs states:
- \Rightarrow Cannot use ZH, weak-boson fusion channels for production
- $\Rightarrow \text{Possible production channels: } e^+e^- \rightarrow H_1H_2, \ \gamma\gamma \rightarrow H, \\ gg \rightarrow H, \ b\overline{b}H, \ldots$

Cannot use LHC "gold plated" decay mode $H \rightarrow ZZ \rightarrow 4\mu$

Phenomenology of scenarios without a SM-like Higgs

- Higgs may be much lighter than 114 GeV (e.g. SUSY with CP-violation) \Rightarrow no firm experimental lower bound on $M_{\rm H}$
- Significant suppression / enhancement of various couplings possible with respect to the SM Example: large enhancement of Hb̄ coupling ⇒ large suppression of BR(h → γγ), BR(h → WW*), ...
- Higgs decays into non-standard particles Examples: $H \rightarrow$ invisible, $H \rightarrow$ soft jets, ...
- Mixing between different Higgs states, "continuum" Higgs models, mixing with exotic states, …
- ⇒ Higgs phenomenology can drastically differ from SM case Expect at least one Higgs state with significant coupling to gauge bosons

Higgs physics at the ILC

"Golden" production channel: $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$, $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-$, $\mu^+\mu^-$

Higgs discovery possible independently of decay modes (from recoil against Z boson)



 $\Delta \sigma_{\mathrm{HZ}} / \sigma_{\mathrm{HZ}} \approx 2\%$ ($E_{\mathrm{CM}} = 350$ GeV, $\int \mathcal{L} dt = 500$ fb⁻¹)



The ILC will be a "Higgs factory"

Example: $E_{\rm CM} = 800$ GeV, 1000 fb⁻¹, $M_{\rm H} = 120$ GeV:

 $\Rightarrow \approx 160000$ Higgs events in "clean" experimental environment

 ⇒ Precise measurement of Higgs mass and couplings, determination of Higgs spin and quantum numbers,
 Mass determination for a light Higgs:

 $\delta M_{\rm H}^{\rm exp} \approx 0.05 \ {\rm GeV}$

⇒ Verification of Higgs mechanism in model-independent way distinction between different possible manifestations: extended Higgs sector, invisible decays, Higgs-radion mixing, ...

If a Higgs candidate has been detected: experimental questions

- Is it a Higgs boson?
- What are its mass, spin and CP properties?
- What are its couplings to fermions and gauge bosons? Are they really proportional to the masses of the particles?
- What are its self-couplings?
- Are its properties compatible with the SM, the MSSM, the NMSSM, ...?
- Are there indications that there are more than one Higgs bosons?
- Are there indications for other new states that influence Higgs physics?

Example: Higgs coupling determination

LHC: no absolute measurement of total production cross section (no recoil method like LEP, ILC: $e^+e^- \rightarrow ZH$, $Z \rightarrow e^+e^-, \mu^+\mu^-$)

Production × decay at the LHC yields combinations of Higgs couplings ($\Gamma_{\text{prod, decay}} \sim g_{\text{prod, decay}}^2$): $\sigma(H) \times \text{BR}(H \rightarrow a + b) \sim \frac{\Gamma_{\text{prod}}\Gamma_{\text{decay}}}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}},$

Large uncertainty on dominant decay for light Higgs: $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$

 \Rightarrow LHC can directly determine only ratios of couplings, e.g. $g^2_{H\tau\tau}/g^2_{HWW}$

Higgs coupling determination at the LHC

Absolute values of the couplings at the LHC can be obtained with an additional (mild) theory assumption:

[M. Dührssen, S. Heinemeyer, H. Logan, D. Rainwater, G. W., D. Zeppenfeld '04]

$$g_{HVV}^2 \le (g_{HVV}^2)^{\text{SM}}, \quad V = W, Z$$

\Rightarrow Upper bound on Γ_V

Observation of Higgs production

 \Rightarrow Lower bound on production couplings and Γ_{tot}

Observation of $H \rightarrow VV$ in WBF

 \Rightarrow Determines $\Gamma_V^2/\Gamma_{tot} \Rightarrow$ Upper bound on Γ_{tot}

 \Rightarrow Absolute determination of Γ_{tot} and Higgs couplings

Absolute determination of couplings (Z, W, t, b, c, τ) with 1–5% accuracy, no theory assumptions needed

Model-independent measurement of the total width

 $\Gamma_{\gamma\gamma}$: 2% measurement at photon collider option

Higgs coupling determination: LHC vs. ILC

Comparison: LHC (with mild theory assumptions) vs. ILC (model-independent)

[*M. Dührssen, S. Heinemeyer, H. Logan, D. Rainwater, G. W., D. Zeppenfeld '04*] [*K. Desch '06*]



Impact of ILC precision for the Higgs couplings

SM vs. BSM physics:



⇒ Precision measurement of Higgs couplings allows distinction between different models

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 $\Rightarrow \text{Precision Higgs physics needs precision top physics}$ LHC: $\Delta m_{\rm h} \approx 0.2 \text{ GeV}$, $\Delta m_{\rm t} \gtrsim 1 \text{ GeV}$, ILC: $\Delta m_{\rm t} \lesssim 0.1 \text{ GeV}$ Beyond the LHC, Georg Weiglein, Durham 01/2008 - p.42

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Signatures at LHC: new resonances, W', Z', t', KK excitations Under pressure from electroweak precision tests

Effective field-theory description of a composite Higgs

- Agreement with electroweak precision data can be improved if there is a strongly interacting light Higgs, e.g.
- Little Higgs [N. Arkani-Hamed, A. Cohen, E. Katz, A. Nelson '02] Holographic Higgs [R. Contino, Y. Nomura, A. Pomarol '03], [K. Agashe, R. Contino, A. Pomarol '05], ...
- Effective Lagrangian formalism for model-independent analysis of effects of a Strongly-Interacting Light Higgs (SILH) [*G. Giudice, C. Grojean, A. Pomarol, R. Ratazzi '07*]
- ⇒ Specific pattern of modified Higgs couplings Strong WW scattering at high energies despite light Higgs
- ⇒ Need precision measurement of Higgs couplings
 + test of longitudinal gauge-boson scattering

Strongly-Interacting Light Higgs: deviation of $\sigma \times BR$ from the case of a SM Higgs

[G. Giudice, C. Grojean, A. Pomarol, R. Ratazzi '07]



Sensitivity at LHC: 20–40%, ILC: 1% \Rightarrow ILC can test scales up to $\sim 30 \text{ TeV}$

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Strong electroweak symmetry breaking

Sensitivity of LHC and ILC measurements to signals of strong electroweak symmetry breaking:

[American LC WG '01]

Signal significance in σ for various masses M_{ρ} of vector resonance in $W_{\rm L}W_{\rm L}$ scattering:



 $\Rightarrow Strong electroweak symmetry breaking scenarios can be probed in detail at LHC \oplus ILC$ Beyond the LHC, Georg Weiglein, Durham 01/2008 – p.48

Top and electroweak precision physics: windows

to the structure of nature

EW precision data: $M_{\rm Z}, M_{\rm W}, \sin^2 \theta_{\rm eff}^{\rm lept}, \dots$ Theory: SM, MSSM, ...

Test of theory at quantum level: sensitivity to loop corrections



Top-quark physics and eletroweak precision observables: $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}$, M_W , ..., $\sigma(e^+e^- \to f\bar{f})$, ...

 $\sin^2 \theta_{\text{eff}}, M_{\text{W}}, \ldots$: Electroweak precision observables, high sensitivity to effects of new physics

 \Rightarrow test of the theory, discrimination between models

Top quark: By far the largest quark mass, largest mass of all known fundamental particles \Rightarrow window to new physics?

⇒ large coupling to the Higgs boson important for physics of flavour prediction of m_t from underlying theory?

Loop corrections \Rightarrow non-decoupling effects prop. to $m_{\rm t}^2$, $m_{\rm t}^4$

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 - ILC: $\delta m_{\rm t}^{\rm exp} \lesssim 100 \; {\rm MeV}$ (dominated by theory uncertainty)

From running at $t\bar{t}$ threshold and in the continuum:

- Precision measurements of
- top-quark mass
- top couplings to gauge bosons, el. charge, spin
- top Yukawa coupling
- \checkmark $V_{\rm td}$, $V_{\rm ts}$, $V_{\rm tb}$
- total width
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- does every SM particle really have a superpartner?
- do their spins differ by 1/2?
- are their gauge quantum numbers the same?
- are their couplings identical?
- do the SUSY predictions for mass relations hold, ...?

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- is the lightest SUSY particle really the neutralino, or the stau or the sneutrino, or the gravitino or ...?
- is it the MSSM, or the NMSSM, or the mNSSM, or the N²MSSM, or …?
- what are the experimental values of the 105 (or more) SUSY parameters?
- does SUSY give the right amount of dark matter?
- what is the mechanism of SUSY breaking?

We will ask similar questions for other kinds of new physics

Particle spins and CP properties

Determination of spin and CP prop. of observed new states will be crucial for establishing the SUSY nature of the signal

- Spin: establish fermion-boson symmetry, distinguish from universal extra dimensions (can have similar spectrum as in SUSY, but different spins), spin 2 excitations, ...
- CP properties: pseudo-scalar Higgs, mixed states, ...
- CP violation:

Measure CPV effects in CP-conserving observables? Access to CP-violating observables: CP asymmetries, triple products, ...?

 \Rightarrow Very important information, but experimentally challenging at the LHC

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How well can we identify particles in different decay chains? Theory uncertainties? How precisely do we need to know the SUSY parameters?

Dark matter relic density: measurement vs. prediction

Aim:

match the precision of the relic density measurement with the prediction based on collider data

 \Rightarrow sensitive test of SUSY dark matter hypothesis

Relic density measurement:

current (WMAP): $\approx 10\%$

future (Planck): $\approx 2\%$

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- Prediction for "focus point region" depends extremely sensitively on m_t through RGE running: would need m_t with accuracy of $\mathcal{O}(20 \text{ MeV})$

SUSY at the ILC

- ILC: clean signatures, small backgrounds
- ⇒ precise determination of masses, spin, couplings, mixing angles, complex phases ...,
- Good prospects for weakly interacting SUSY particles Precision measurement of mass of lightest SUSY particle (factor 100 improvement)
- ⇒ Information from LHC and ILC will be complementary LHC / ILC interplay ⇒ enhanced physics gain, see LHC / ILC Study Group Report [G. W. et al., hep-ph/0410364, Phys. Rept. 426 (2006) 47] www.ippp.dur.ac.uk/~georg/lhcilc

Production of SUSY particles at the ILC

Tunable energy \Rightarrow can run directly at threshold

Example: Determination of mass and spin of SUSY particle $\tilde{\mu}_R$ from production at threshold: [TESLA TDR '01]

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{\Delta m_{\tilde{\mu}_R}}{m_{\tilde{\mu}_R}} < 1 \times 10^{-3}$$

 \Rightarrow test of J = 0 hypothesis



Determination of chiral quantum numbers

[G. Moortgat-Pick '05]



⇒ Experimental proof of SUSY relations information on SUSY breaking patterns

Prediction of heavier states from measurement of light SUSY particles at ILC(500)



⇒ Indirect determination of sneutrino mass distinction between models: focus point vs. split SUSY

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Unconstrained MSSM:

most of the Lagrangian parameters can hardly be constrained by LHC data alone

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