Discovering New Physics with Early LHC Data

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Outline

- Astro-Particle Physics
- The Standard Model
- Beyond the Standard Model
- The Machine, the Detectors
- Searches for New Physics with early LHC Data*
- Conclusions

*) Chose to focus on a few characteristic examples, rather than being too inclusive

Astro-Particle Physics

- Last decade emphasized remarkable connection between the astrophysics and particle physics:
 - Searches for dark matter
 - QFT connections to early universe and inflation
 - Black hole thermodynamics
 - The "landscape" of string theory
- The more we study these seemingly different subjects, the more connections we discover
 - Physics at the very large distances may be inherently connected to the physics at the shortest ones
- More similarities:
 - Microscopes vs. telescopes
 - Large international collaborations
 - Complicated detectors
- We are (hopefully!) doing the things via two complementary















Unification

- Physics is about <u>unification</u> of seemingly different phenomena:
 - XVIIth century Newton: Force that makes an apple to fall from the tree is the same force that keeps the Moon orbiting around the Earth
 - XIXth century Faraday & Maxwell: Electricity and Magnetism are two manifestations of the common electromagnetic (EM) force
 - XXth century Glashow, Salam, Weinberg: EM and weak force are two manifestations of the common electroweak force
 - XXIth century Grand Unification of all Forces?
- Unification is the key to the scientific method reductionism

The Standard Model

- 1960-ies: Glashow, Salam, Weinberg, t'Hooft, ...
 - EM interactions (Faraday, Maxwell, Feynman, …)
 - Weak interactions (Fermi, Cabibbo, ...)
 - Unified electroweak interaction: $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{EM}$
 - Symmetry is spontaneously broken to give mass to W/Z and leave photons massless
 - Particles acquire masses by interacting with the Higgs field





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Self-coupling of the Higgs:



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Standard Model Components

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_i \\ l_i^- \end{pmatrix}_L \begin{pmatrix} u_i \\ d_i' \end{pmatrix}_L \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{v}_i \end{pmatrix}_R \begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{v}_i)_R \\ (l_i)_R \end{pmatrix}_R \begin{pmatrix} u_i \end{pmatrix}_R$$

Left-handed fields are SU(2) doublets; right-handed fields are SU(2) singlets. Hence: C, P violation

Bosons:

Fermions:

$$\vec{A} = \begin{pmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad B, \quad \begin{cases} Z = -B\sin\theta_W + A_3\cos\theta_W \\ \gamma = B\cos\theta_W + A_3\sin\theta_W \end{cases} \quad M_W = \frac{1}{2}\frac{ev}{\sin\theta_W} \quad Weinberg \text{ angle} \\ W^{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(A_1 \pm iA_2) \qquad M_Z = M_W/\cos\theta_W \end{cases}$$

Standard Model Parameters:

Fine structure constant $\alpha = e^2/4\pi = 1/137.03599911(46)$ [QHE] (at Z-pole $\alpha \approx 1/128$ and depends on the renormalization scheme) Fermi constant $G_F = 1.16637(1) \times 10^{-5}$ GeV⁻² [muon lifetime]

M_z = 91.1876(21) GeV [LEP 1 Z line-shape measurements]

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A lot of dark energy...

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Puzzle: Mass and Gravity

 Isaac Newton: the force that makes the apple fall is the same force that keeps the moon going around the Earth!

 $F = G_{N} \frac{Mm}{R^{2}}$



Charles Coulomb: opposite electric charges attract!



- Mass is analogous to electric charge?!

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Beauty...

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Physics beyond the SM may get rid of the beast while preserving SM's natural beauty!

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 Higgs mass receives corrections from fermion loops:



 The size of corrections is ~ to the UV cutoff (Λ) squared:

$$\Delta M_H^2 = \frac{\lambda_f^2}{4\pi^2} (\Lambda^2 + M_H^2) + \dots$$

- In order for the Higgs mass to be finite, a fine tuning (cancellation) of various loops is required to a precision $\sim (M_H/\Lambda)^2 \sim 10^{-34}$ for $\Lambda \sim M_{Pl}$
- Higgs mass can't be too light or the potential won't have a Mexican hat shape and will turn negative at large values
- For the SM to be valid up to Planck scale, M_H > 135 GeV

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- Triviality: if the Higgs mass is too large, the Higgs self-coupling drives the mass to infinity above certain scale
- If one wants the SM to be correct all the way up to Planck scale, 135 < M_H
 - < 175 GeV is required



Large Hierarchies Tend to Collapse...



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Collapse of the Soviet Union



The nineties...

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Gravitational Hierarchy Collapse

With thanks to Chris Quigg and the B44 restaurant in San Francisco



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Irprisingly Stable...











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Data





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 - Is it time to give up science for philosophy? So far reductionist method worked very well!

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Beyond the Standard Model

•Apart from the hierarchy problem:

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Logical conclusion:

-Standard model is an effective theory – a low-energy approximation of a more complete theory, which ultimately explains the above phenomena -This new theory must take off at a scale of ~1 TeV to avoid significant amount of fine tuning

-Three classes of solutions:

- •Ensure automatic cancellation of divergencies (SUSY/Little Higgs)
- •Eliminate fundamental scalar and/or introduce intermediate scale $\Lambda \sim 1$ TeV (Technicolor/Higgsless models)
- •Reduce the highest physics scale to ~1 TeV (Extra Dimensions)

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SuperSymmetry (SUSY)

- Observation: loop corrections change sign when a fermion is replaced with a boson
 - Solution to the hierarchy problem: for each fermion, introduce a boson with the same Yukawa coupling to the Higgs field and vice versa!
 - Loops cancel and thus quadratic divergencies are (nearly) cured:

$$\overset{H}{\longrightarrow} \overset{f}{\longrightarrow} \overset{H}{\longrightarrow} + \overset{H}{\longrightarrow} \overset{f}{\longrightarrow} \overset{H}{\longrightarrow} \rightarrow \Delta M_{H}^{2} = \sum_{f} \frac{\lambda_{f}^{2}}{4\pi^{2}} (M_{f}^{2} - M_{\tilde{f}}^{2}) + \dots$$

- High price to pay: double the number of known particles
- SUSY is clearly broken; masses of superpartners can't be more than ~ 1 TeV
- Also need more than one Higgs doublet to cancel anomalies



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SUSY: Gauge Sector

- Higgses: two complex doublets (8 d.o.f.)
 - One gives masses to down-type, and another one – to up-type quarks
 - Ratio of vacuum expectation values is conventionally called $tan\beta$
 - 3 d.o.f. are "eaten" by massive Z, W[±]
 - 5 remaining d.o.f. become physical states: h⁰, H⁰, H[±], A⁰
 - M_H > M_h by definition; M_h < 135 GeV
 - A is a CP-odd Higgs
 - Supersymmetric partners of the two Higgs doublets mix with the partners of SM EWK gauge bosons to give four neutral (neutralinos) and two pairs of charged (charginos) gauginos
 - Gluino remains unmixed



 $\chi_1^{\pm}, \chi_2^{\pm}$

 $\widetilde{\mathsf{Z}}^{0}, \widetilde{\gamma}, \widetilde{\mathsf{h}}_{1}^{0}, \widetilde{\mathsf{h}}_{2}^{0}$

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SUSY: Even More Complex

- To describe SUSY breaking, explicit ("soft") terms are added to the Lagrangian: >100 parameters!
- Typically, reduce number of parameters by introducing phenomenological constraints (e.g., no FCNC) and often requiring R-parity conservation

$$\mathsf{R}_{\mathsf{p}} = (-1)^{3\mathsf{B}+\mathsf{L}+2\mathsf{S}}$$

Originated in footnote^{±7} of classical Farrar-Fayet paper [PL **76B** (1978) 575]

B, L – baryon and lepton numbers; S – spin



P-parity? - Was taken!; Q-parity? - Pardon my French!; hence - R-parity

- R_p-conservation implies that SUSY particles are produced in pairs
- Consequently, the LSP is stable and serves as an excellent dark matter candidate (and also escapes at colliders)
- Cosmology: LSP is neutral and weakly interacting

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Large Extra Dimensions

- But: what if there is no other scale, and SM model is correct up to M_{Pl}?
 - Give up naturalness: inevitably leads to anthropic reasoning
 - Radically new approach Arkani-Hamed, Dimopoulos, Dvali (ADD, 1998): maybe the fundamental Planck scale is only ~ 1 TeV?!!
- Gravity is made strong at a TeV scale due to existence of <u>large</u> (r ~ 1mm – 1fm) extra spatial dimensions:
 - -SM particles are confined to a 3D "brane"

-Gravity is the only force that permeates "bulk" space

• What about Newton's law?

$$V(\rho) = \frac{1}{M_{\rm Pl}^2} \frac{m_1 m_2}{\rho^{n+1}} \to \frac{1}{\left(M_{\rm Pl}^{[3+n]}\right)^{n+2}} \frac{m_1 m_2}{\rho^{n+1}}$$

• Ruled out for infinite ED, but does not apply for compact ones:

$$V(\rho) \approx \frac{1}{\left(M_{\rm Pl}^{[3+n]}\right)^{n+2}} \frac{m_1 m_2}{r^n \rho}, \text{for} \rho \gg r$$



• Gravity is fundamentally strong force, but we do not feel that as it is diluted by the large volume of the bulk space $G'_N = 1/(M_{\rm Pl}^{[3+n]})^2 = 1/M_D^2$; $M_D \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$

$$M_D^{n+2} \sim M_{\rm Pl}^2 / r^n$$

• More precisely, from Gauss's law:

$$r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4\pi}M_D} \left(\frac{M_{\rm Pl}}{M_D}\right)^{2/4}$$

 $\sim \begin{cases} 8 \times 10^{12} m, & n = 1 \\ 0.7 m m, & n = 2 \\ 3 n m, & n = 3 \\ 6 \times 10^{-12} m, & n = 4 \end{cases}$

- Amazing as it is, but as of 1998 no one has tested Newton's law to distances less than ~ 1mm!
- Thus, the fundamental Planck scale could be as low as 1 TeV for n > 1

TeV⁻¹ Extra Dimensions



- Simultaneously, another idea has appeared:
 - Explore modification of force behavior in (3+n)-dimensions to achieve low-energy grand unification: Dienes, Dudas, Gherghetta [PL B436, 55 (1998)]

To achieve that, allow other force carriers (g, γ, W, and Z) to propagate in an extra dimension, which is "longitudinal" to the SM brane and compactified on a "natural" EW scale:

• r ~ 1 TeV⁻¹ ~ 10⁻¹⁹ m

Randall-Sundrum Model

 Randall-Sundrum (RS) model [PRL 83, 3370 (1999); PRL 83, 4690 (1999)]

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Anti-deSitter space-time metric:



$$ds^{2} = e^{-2kr|\phi|}\eta_{\mu\nu}dx^{\mu}dx^{\nu} - r^{2}d\phi^{2}$$

$$\Lambda_{\pi} = \overline{M}_{\rm Pl} e^{-kr\tau}$$

Reduced Planck mass:

$$\overline{M}_{\rm Pl} \equiv M_{\rm Pl}/\sqrt{8\pi}$$



The Machine

The LHC









LHC: facts

- Energy: 7 x 7 TeV (will start at 5 x 5 TeV), i.e. 7 times more powerful than the existing machines
- Circumference: 26.7 km
- Number of proton bunches: 2808 x 2808
- Number of protons per bunch: 1.15 x 10¹¹
- Magnetic field: 8.3 T
- Luminosity: 10^{34} cm⁻²s⁻¹ = 10^{-2} pb⁻¹s⁻¹ = 7 top pairs/s = 100 W(ev)/s
- Energy stored in magnets: 10 GJ = A380 at a cruise speed of 700 km/s. Can heat and melt 12 tons of copper!



 Energy stored in a single beam: 360MJ = 90 kg of TNT = 8 liters of gas = 15 kg of chocolate







Cooldown Schedule





The Detectors

















• Nearly 4π , hermetic, redundant, Russian-doll design



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Why ME_T is Tough?

- Fake ME_T appears naturally in multijet events, which have enormous rate at the LHC
- Jets tend to fluctuate wildly:
 - Large shower fluctuation
 - Fluctuations in the e/h energy ratio
 - Non-linear calorimeter response
 - Non-compensation (i.e., $e/h \neq 1$)
- Instrumental effects:
 - Dead or "hot" calorimeter cells
 - Cosmic ray bremsstrahlung
 - Poorly instrumented area of the detector
- Consequently, it will be a challenge to use in early LHC running
- Nevertheless, MET is one of the most prominent signatures for new physics and thus must be pursued

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Raw ME_{T} spectrum at the Tevatron and that after thorough clean-up



Triggering at Hadron Colliders

- e⁺e⁻ colliders: low total cross section, low rates
 - Trigger pretty much on everything, perhaps with the exception of very forward processes (low-angle Bhabha)
- Hadron colliders: enormous cross section, unattainable rates
 - Trigger is very selective
 - Only small fraction of collisions is written to tape
 - Additional complications due to pileup
- LHC:
 - σ_{tot} = 110 mb, σ_{in} ~ 70 mb
 - L = 10³⁴ cm⁻²s⁻¹ = 10 nb⁻¹s⁻¹
 - 25 ns bunch crossing
 - Total rate: ~10⁹ s⁻¹ or ~20/crossing
- Tevatron:
 - 1.5 smaller cross section; 50 times lower luminosity; 16 times longer crossing time: ~4/crossing

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 σ and R in e^+e^- Collisions 10 [PDG] 10 Ĩ 10 10 10 10 1 10' 120 data 110 pbar-p data LHC: $\sigma_{tot} = 107.3 \pm 1.2 \text{ mb}$ 100 90 pbar p, log 2(v/m), o men from F.E.S.R. 80 σ, in mb. 70 60 50 40 Block, Halzen, hep-ph/0510238 10 100 10000 a) √s, in GeV

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Trigger Architecture

- Must reduce 2.5-40 MHz of input interactions to 50-100 Hz
 - Do it in steps/successive approximations: "Trigger Levels"



Example 1: SUSY in Jets + ME_T





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OCD Background Rejection

- The dominant background is QCD multijet production with fake ME_T
- Can be effectively reduced by requiring the minimum angular separation between the ME_T vector and the direction of jet 1 (leading) or jet 2 (subleading)
- Use extrapolation from low MET region to estimate residual background (a la DØ)



Z(vv) + Jets: Estimate from Data

- Use Z(ee) and Z(μμ) + jets for normalization; acceptance corrections via MC
- Necessary since the signal and background shapes are similar



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Other SUSY Channels

- Clearly, a number of channels will be investigated in parallel, including lepton+jets, like- and opposite-sign dileptons, channels with tau's, and MSSM Higgs searches
- Sensitivity in all these channels is being reevaluated using most realistic simulation available
- Previous studies suggest that the best reach is achieved in inclusive channels



(More) Exotic Models



Example 2: Extra Dimensions in Space



Extra Dimensions: a Brief Summary

ADD Paradigm:

- Pro: "Eliminates" the hierarchy problem by stating that physics ends at a TeV scale
- Only gravity lives in the "bulk" space
- Size of ED's (n=2-7) between ~100 μm and ~1 fm
- Black holes at the LHC and in the UHE cosmic rays
- Con: Doesn't explain why ED are so large

TeV⁻¹ Scenario:

- Pro: Lowers GUT scale by changing the running of couplings
- Only gauge bosons (g/γ/W/Z) "live" in ED's
- Size of ED's ~1 TeV⁻¹ or ~10⁻¹⁹ m – i.e., natural EWSB size
- Con: Gravity is not in the picture



RS Model:

- Pro: A rigorous solution to the hierarchy problem via localization of gravity
- Gravitons (and possibly other particles) propagate in a single ED, with special metric
- Black holes at the LHC and in UHE cosmic rays
- Con: Somewhat disfavored by precision EW fits



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ED: Kaluza-Klein Spectrum

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M_c

~M_{GUT}

ADD Paradigm:

- Winding modes with energy spacing ~1/r, i.e. 1 meV – 100 MeV
- Experimentally can't resolve these modes – they appear as continuous spectrum
- Coupling: G_N per mode; compensated by large number of modes



TeV⁻¹ Scenario:

- Winding modes with nearly equal energy spacing ~1/r, i.e. ~ 1 TeV
- Can excite individual modes at colliders or look for indirect effects
- Coupling: ~g_w per mode

$$M_i = \sqrt{M_0^2 + i^2/r^2}$$



- "Particle in a box" with special AdS metric
- Energy eigenvalues are given by the zeroes of Bessel function J₁
- Light modes might be accessible at colliders
- Coupling: G_N for the zero mode; $1/\Lambda_{\pi}^2$ for the others



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Virtual Graviton Effects Fermion or VB pairs at hadron or e⁺e⁻ colliders



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Looking for ED at Colliders



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EXPERIMENTAL OBSERVATION OF EVENTS WITH LARGE MISSING TRANSVERSE ENERGY

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Monojets from Z Decay without Extra Neutrinos or Higgs Particles

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The recent discovery of monojets by Arnison *et al.*¹ at the CERN $p\overline{p}$ collider has caused ripples of excitement throughout the particle physics world, since they cannot be explained by the minimal standard model.²





•These monojets turned out to be due to unaccounted background

•The signature was deemed doomed and nearly forgotten

•It took many years for successful monojet analyses at a hadron collider to be completed (CDF/DØ)



Expectations at the LHC

Monojets are tough; what about monophotons?

-CMS simulations only done for 30 fb⁻¹ so far, but the luminosity dependence is weak ($\sim L^{1/4}$)



7.0

6.0

 ~ 4.5

 ~ 5

- Virtual graviton exchange offers clean signature, with a huge potential of a quick discovery in dimuon, dielectron, and diphoton channels:
 - Factor of ~3 gain over the Tevatron/ Cosmic Ray limits in just 100 pb⁻¹
 - Will also probe compositeness models with similar increase in sensitivity compared to the existing limits



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6.2

5.2

3

4





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Black Holes on Demand

Scientists are exploring the possibility of producing miniature black holes on demand by smashing particles together. Their plans hinge on the theory that the universe contains more than the three dimensions of everyday life. Here's the idea:



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Black Holes on Demand

The New York Simes

Black Hole Events

- Detailed studies already started in ATLAS and CMS

 ATLAS –CHARYBDIS (HERWIG-based generator with an elaborated decay model by Harris/Richardson/Webber)
 CMS TRUENOIR, GL/CHARYBDIS/CATFISH (OleMiss)
- The hunt is going on!



Simulated black hole event in the ATLAS detector, from ATLAS-Japan Group

Simulated black hole event in the CMS detector, A. de Roeck & S. Wynhoff

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Example 3: Kaluza-Klein Resonances/Z'

Found in RS, TeV⁻¹ models and in various Z' models



Randall-Sundrum Model Observables

- Need only two parameters to define the model: k and r
- Equivalent set of parameters:
 - The mass of the first KK mode, M_1
 - -Dimensionless coupling $k/\overline{M}_{\rm Pl}$, which determines the graviton width
- To avoid fine-tuning and nonperturbative regime, coupling can't be too large or too small
- $0.01 \le k/\overline{M}_{\text{Pl}} \le 0.10$ is the expected range
- Gravitons are narrow
- Similar observables for Z_{KK}/g_{KK} in TeV-1 models


Dielectrons: Discovery Channel

- Excellent resolution 5-10%/sqrt(E, GeV) (calorimeter based) and detection efficiency
- Low background above ~1 TeV

	KK Z		G, c = 0.01	G, c = 0.1	SSM Z'	
M	4.0	6.0	1.5	3.5	1.0	5.0
$M_{\rm w}$	3.5-4.5	5.0-6.7	1.47-1.52	3.30-3.65	0.92-1.07	4.18-5.81
N_{s}	50.6	1.05	18.8	7.30	72020	0.58
$N_{\rm b}$	0.13	0.005	4.16	0.121	85.5	0.025
S	22.5	3.0	6.39	6.83	225	1.63

 Z_{KK} production

CMS, 30 fb⁻¹





Significantly worse momentum resolution than for electrons



 Nevertheless: generally lower instrumental background may make dimuons a discovery channel along with dielectrons

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KK Excitations of the Z Boson





• Dramatic reach even with ~1 fb⁻¹



Example 4: The Higgs

The race of two machines







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- Challenge: commissioning detectors simultaneously with search for Higgs
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Challenges

There will be surprises on the way!



Before One Can Succeed in Searches

- Proper detector calibration, alignment, and detailed simulation is required
- Taunting task, which easily takes several years
- Searches typically look for one event in a million; that means that the detector often has to be understood to the 10⁻⁶ level!
- Use calibration samples of well understood nature:
 - Test beams (initial calibration)
 - Cosmic runs (alignment, efficiency)
 - Minbias data (channel-by-channel calibration)
 - "Standard candles" Z, W, top (efficiency, non-Gaussian tails in resolution, btagging)
 - Z(ee) and γ + jets (jet energy calibration and resolution)
 - High- p_T dijets (saturation, ME_T resolution and tails)
- Easily a subject for several dedicated lectures; not covered here in detail:
 - See 2006, 2007 Hadron Collider Physics Summer School proceedings for dedicated talks
- Note: while a few spectacular discoveries may happen as early as 2008, most would require two-three years of accelerator running and operating the detectors!
 - Gear up for a long(er) ride!

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Early Discovery Menu from Chez LHC

	Model	Mass reach	Luminosity (fb ⁻¹)	Early Systematic Challenges
	Contact Interaction	∧ < 2.8 TeV	0.01	Jet Eff., Energy Scale
	Ζ'			Alignment
	ALRM	M ~ 1 TeV	0.01	
	SSM	M ~ 1 TeV	0.02	
	LRM	M ~ 1 TeV	0.03	
	E6, SO(10)	M ~ 1 TeV	0.03 – 0.1	
	Excited Quark	M ~0.7 – 3.6 TeV	0.1	Jet Energy Scale
	Axigluon or Colouron	M ~0.7 – 3.5 TeV	0.1	Jet Energy Scale
	E6 diquarks	M ~0.7 – 4.0 TeV	0.1	Jet Energy Scale
	Technirho	M ~0.7 – 2.4 TeV	0.1	Jet Energy Scale
	ADD Virtual G _{KK}	M _D ~ 4.3 - 3 TeV, n = 3-6	0.1	Alignment
		M _D ~ 5 - 4 TeV, n = 3-6	1	
	ADD Direct G _{KK}	M _D ~ 1.5-1.0 TeV, n = 3-6	0.1	MET, Jet/photon Scale
	SUSY	M ~1.5 – 1.8 TeV	1	MET, Jet Energy Scale, Multi-Jet backgrounds, Standard Model backgrounds
	Jet+MET+0 lepton	M ~0.5 TeV	0.01	
	Jet+MET+1 lepton	M ~0.5 TeV	0.1	
	Jet+MET+2 leptons	M ~0.5 TeV	0.1	
	mUED	M ~0.3 TeV	0.01	ibid
		M ~ 0.6 TeV	1	
	TeV ⁻¹ (Z _{KK} ⁽¹⁾)	M _{z1} < 5 TeV	1	
	RS1			
	di-jets	M _{G1} ~0.7- 0.8 IeV, C=0.1	0.1	Jet Energy Scale
- 6 -	di-muons	M _{G1} ~0.8- 2.3 TeV, c=0.01-0.1	1	Alignment
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LHC Discovery Roadmap



Conclusions

It's Fun to be a Theorist Today

- Enormous landscape of models
 - Peaks, deserts, valleys, some of which may be hidden!
- Emerging connection of physics at the smallest and largest distances
- Wild West of models; some are pretty imaginative
 - New particles
 - New dimensions
 - New geometries and topologies
- State of the art high-precision calculations at NLO and NNLO
- Improved QCD calculation precision:
 - Important insights from string theory methods (twistor space, AdS/CFT)
 - Greatly improved lattice QCD
- Very powerful MC generators
- Good understanding of PDF and uncertainties
- Interesting attempts to reverse-engineer experimental data

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- We are destined to find unknown, perhaps of a much more puzzling type than any of us could now imagine!

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