

# Lectures on Collider Physics



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1. Overview: collider physics enters an exciting era
2. Basics in collider physics
3. Collider phenomenology on supersymmetry
4. Connection with cosmology

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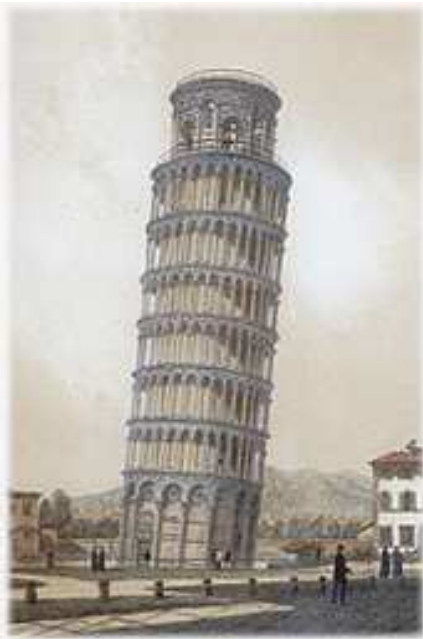


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Galileo and the Leaning Tower of Pisa

## Collider experiments in these three decades

Accelerator	Location	$E_{\text{CM}}$	expts	Major results
SPEAR	SLAC	$e^+e^-$	Mark I	Charm
	(72-90)	3 – 6 GeV	Crystal Ball	$\tau$ , jets
Petra	DESY	$e^+e^-$	JADE	gluon jets
	(78-86)	14 – 46 GeV	Tasso, Argus	$b$ mixing
PEP	SLAC	$e^+e^-$	Mark II, TPC,	$b$ lifetime
	(80-90)	29 GeV	MAC, ASP	
$Spp\bar{p}S$	CERN	$p\bar{p}$	UA1, UA2,	$W, Z$
	(81-90)	540 GeV	UA5	
Tristan	KEK	$e^+e^-$	Amy, Topaz,	top is heavy
	(87-95)	50 – 64 GeV	Venus	
SLC	SLAC	$e^+e^-$	SLC	polarized $Z$ properties
	(90's)	91 GeV		
LEP	CERN	$e^+e^-$	Aleph, Opal,	precision EW
	(89-96)	91 GeV	L3, Delphi	

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HERA	DESY (92-now)	$ep$ $30 \times 900 \text{ GeV}$	ZEUS, H1, Hermes, HeraB	PDF, diffraction
Tevatron I	Fermilab (87-96)	$p\bar{p}$ 1.8 TeV	CDF, DØ	top and W mass
LEP II	CERN (96-00)	$e^+e^-$ 91 – 209 GeV	Aleph, Opal, L3, Delphi	$WW, ZZ$ production
Tevatron II	Fermilab (01-now)	$p\bar{p}$ 1.96 TeV	CDF, DØ	Higgs, EWSB, SUSY?
LHC	CERN (07-?)	$pp$ 14 TeV	Atlas, CMS, LHCb	Higgs, EWSB, DM, SUSY?
ILC	Fermilab? (??)	$e^+e^-$ 0.5 – 1 TeV		

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**We still have 10–20 years of good physics to do**

## Large Hadron Collider (LHC)

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**The LHC is a particle accelerator** which will probe deeper into matter than ever before. Due to switch on in 2007, it will ultimately collide beams of protons at an energy of 14 TeV

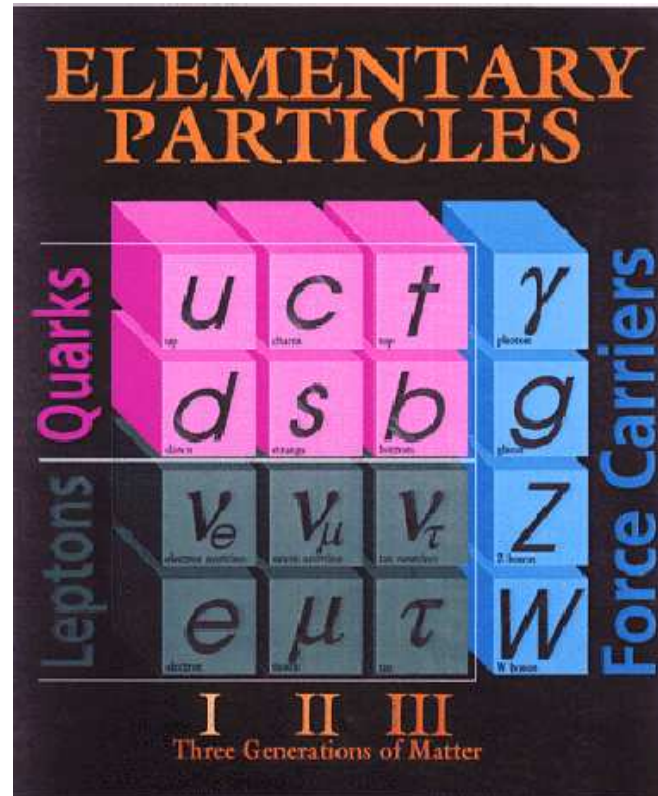
**By accelerating and smashing particles**, physicists can identify their components or create new particles, revealing the nature of the interactions between them.

**The LHC is the next step in a voyage of discovery** which began a century ago. Back then, scientists had just discovered all kinds of mysterious rays, X-rays, cathode rays, alpha and beta rays.

Because our current understanding of the Universe is incomplete! We have seen that the theory we use, the Standard Model, leaves many unsolved questions.

## Questions that the LHC wants to address

- What's the origin of the mass of particles?



The answer may lie within the Standard Model, in an idea called the Higgs mechanism. The Higgs field has at least one new particle associated with it, the Higgs boson. If such particle exists, the LHC will be able to make it detectable.

- **Can the electroweak and the strong forces be unified?**

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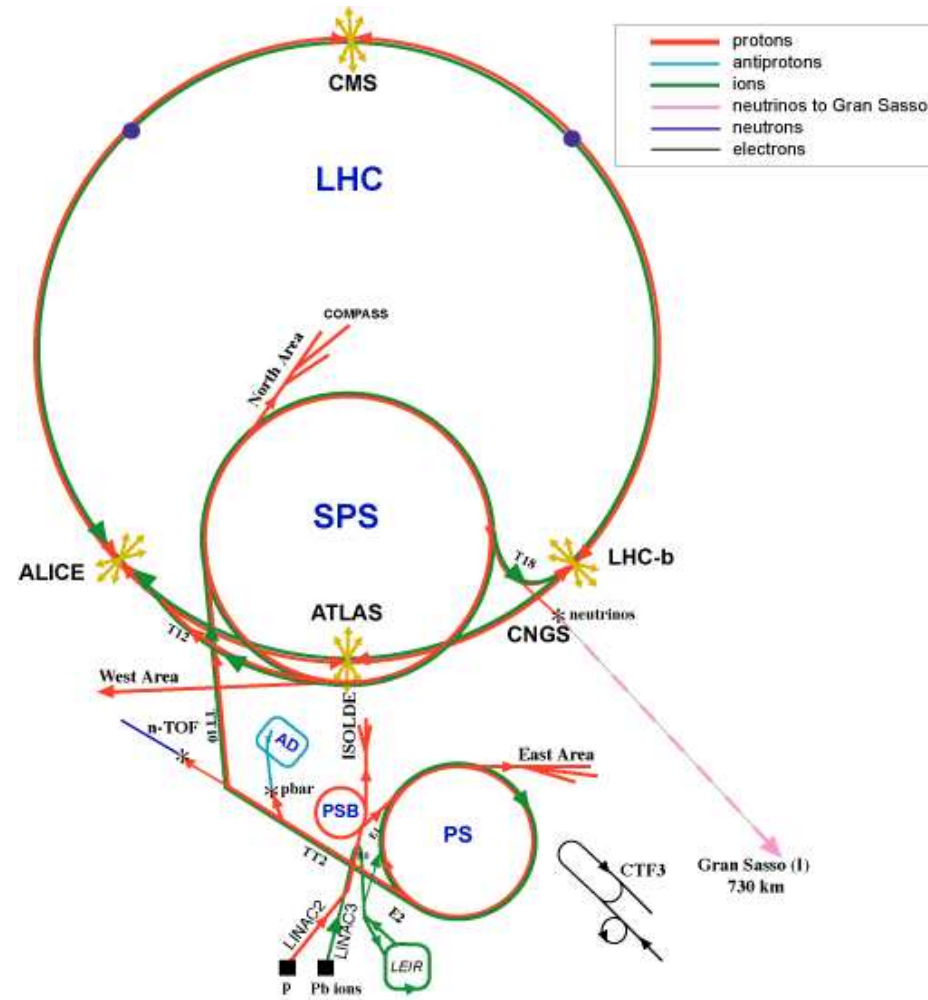
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- **What is “Dark matter” made of?**

Measurements in astronomy imply that up to 90% or more of the Universe is not visible, called dark energy and dark matter. Models predicting dark matter, e.g., the LSP in supersymmetry, also predict testable consequence at colliders.

# Inside the LHC

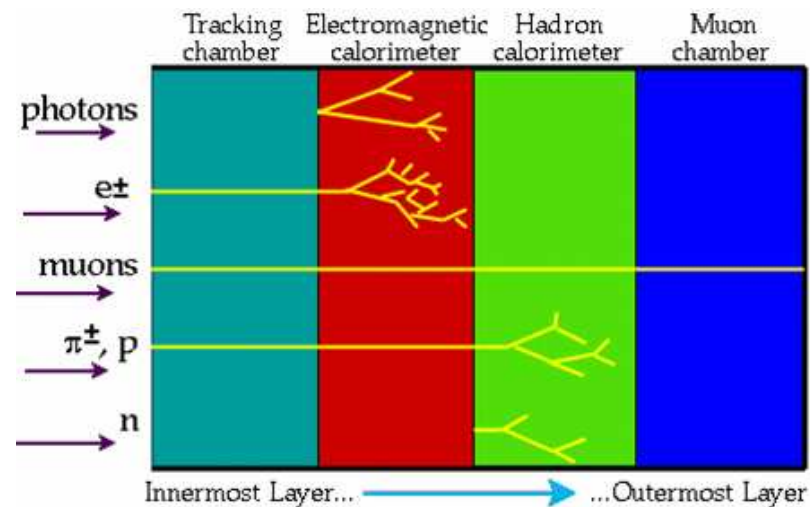


## Collider experiments: ATLAS and CMS

Physicists smash particles into each other with two main objectives:

- to find out what is inside them
- to use the energy available in the collision to “create” new particles.

Physicists need “particle detectors” to see new particles.



A detector consists of tracking systems, calorimeters, muon systems to identify various particles.

In the other lectures, I will discuss

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1. Collider Physics 101
2. Physics beyond the SM, current limits and expectations of
  - SUSY scenarios
  - Extra dimension models (not enough time)
3. Connection with Cosmology



## 1. Collider Physics 101

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- Basics.
- Overview of a collider detector, using CMS as illustration.
- Details of a sample calculation of cross section ( $Z'$  production)
- Kinematics, e.g., in the Higgs search.

## 2. Supersymmetry

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Perhaps, the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) is the most studied model beyond the SM. I remember some peoples in the field regard MSSM as “the SM”.

### Motivations:

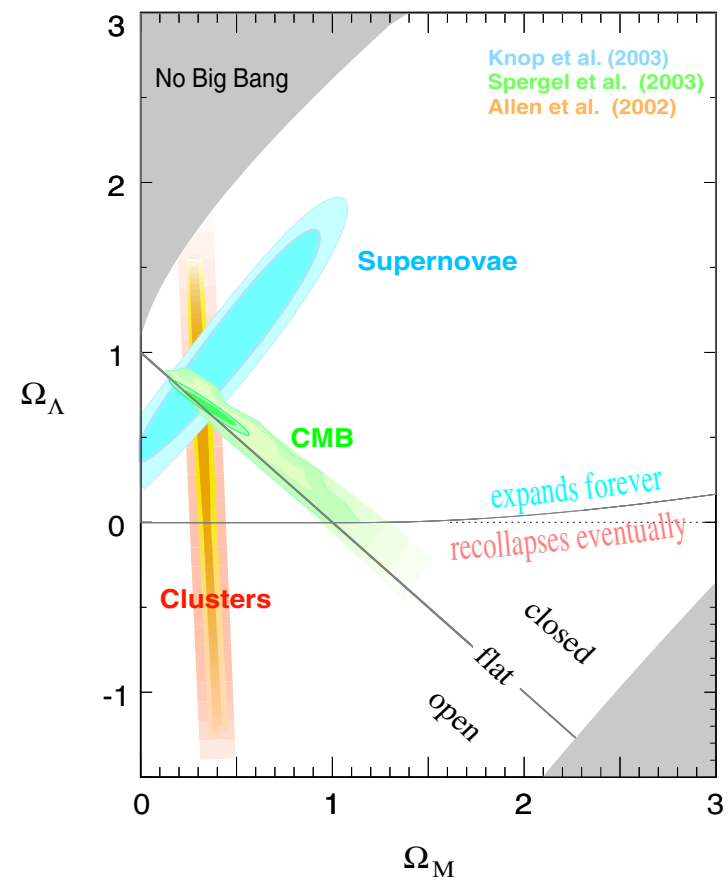
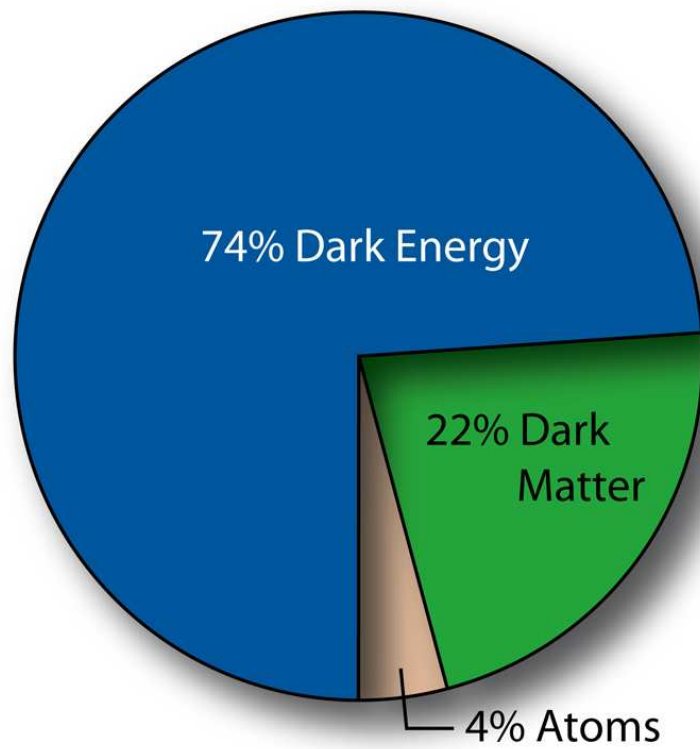
- Dynamical electroweak symmetry breaking
- Provide a natural dark matter candidate

### A few SUSY breaking models or scenarios:

- Gravity-mediated SUSY breaking (SUGRA).
- Gauge-mediated SUSY breaking (GMSB).
- Anomaly-mediated SUSY breaking (AMSB).
- Split supersymmetry.

### Current limits

### 3. Cosmological Connections



## Cosmology Connection with Particle Physics

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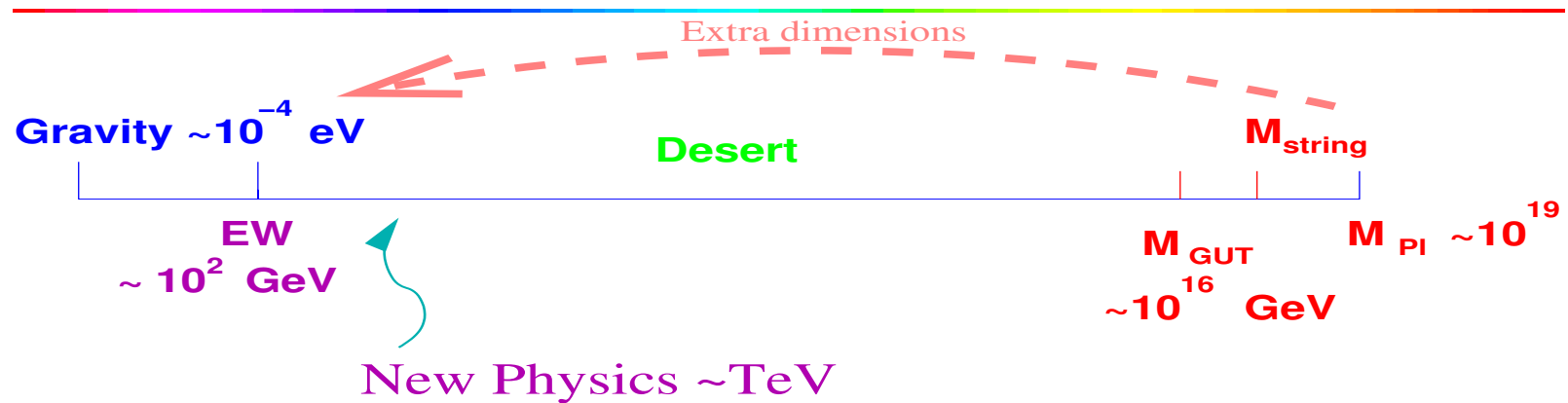
Cosmology needs new physics beyond the standard model (BSM):

- Dark energy.
- Dark matter.
- Baryon asymmetry.

To understand the above problems in the astronomical scales require the fundamental understanding of the micro-physics – Synergy between the studies of the Universe on the smallest and the largest scales.

The LHC will commence in 2007, which targets at TeV scale physics.

#### 4. Extra Dimension models (if time permitted)



New ideas using **extra dimensions** can bring  $M_{\text{Pl}}$  down to TeV.

- Large extra dimension
- Warped extra dimension
- $\text{TeV}^{-1}$  sized extra dimension
- Universal extra dimension
- A 5D SU(5) Supersymmetric GUT in an AdS slice
- A string resonance model

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