

# Probing the Supersymmetric Grand Unified Theories at the Future Proton-Proton Colliders and Hyper-Kamiokande Experiment

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**The scientist does not study nature because it is useful; he studies it because he delights in it, and he delights in it because it is beautiful.**

**If nature were not beautiful, it would not be worth knowing, and if nature were not worth knowing, life would not be worth living.**

**Jules H. Poincare**

**The particle physics Standard Model (SM) is a model that describes the elementary particles in the nature and the fundamental interactions between them.**

# Fundamental Interactions

Interactions	Invariant	Symmetry	Fields	Spin
Gravity	Diffeomorphism		Graviton	2
Strong	Gauge	$SU(3)_C$	Gluon	1
Weak	Gauge	$SU(2)_L$	$W^\pm, W^0$	1
Hypercharge	Gauge	$U(1)_Y$	$B^0$	1

- ▶ Three families of SM fermions:

$$\text{Quarks : } Q_1 = \begin{pmatrix} U & U & U \\ D & D & D \end{pmatrix}_L, (U \ U \ U)_R, (D \ D \ D)_R .$$

$$\text{Leptons : } L_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ E \end{pmatrix}_L, E_R .$$

- ▶ One Higgs doublet

Breaking  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  down to the  $U(1)_{EM}$ .

$$H = \begin{pmatrix} H^0 \\ H^- \end{pmatrix} .$$

# The convincing evidence for new physics beyond the SM:

- ▶ Dark energy
- ▶ Dark matter
- ▶ Neutrino masses and mixings
- ▶ Baryon asymmetry
- ▶ Inflation

**The SM is incomplete!**

# Major Theoretical Problems in the SM

- ▶ **Fine-tuning problems**

Cosmological constant problem, gauge hierarchy problem, strong CP problem, and the SM fermion mass hierarchies.

- ▶ **Aesthetic problems:**

Interaction unification, fermion unification, charge quantization, gauge coupling unification.

- ▶ **Stability problem.**

**The aesthetic problems can be solved in the Grand Unified Theories (GUTs) if the SM gauge couplings are unified.**

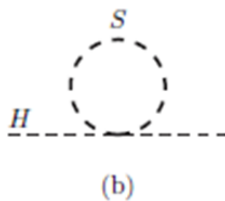
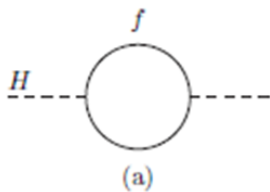
# Gauge Hierarchy Problem

$$-\mathcal{L} = \lambda_f H \bar{f} f + \lambda_S |H|^2 |S|^2 .$$

$$\Delta m_H^2 = -\frac{|\lambda_f|^2}{8\pi^2} \Lambda_{UV}^2 + \frac{\lambda_S}{16\pi^2} \Lambda_{UV}^2 .$$



# Gauge Hierarchy Problem



# Supersymmetry

- ▶ A supersymmetry is a space-time symmetry, which turns a bosonic state into a fermionic state, and vice versa.

$$Q|\text{Boson}\rangle = |\text{Fermion}\rangle, \quad Q|\text{Fermion}\rangle = |\text{Boson}\rangle.$$

- ▶ Algebra: supersymmetry generator  $Q$  is a fermionic operator with spin-1/2.

$$\begin{aligned}\{Q, Q^\dagger\} &= P^\mu, \\ \{Q, Q\} &= \{Q^\dagger, Q^\dagger\} = 0, \\ [P^\mu, Q] &= [P^\mu, Q^\dagger] = 0.\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Each supermultiplet contains an equal number of fermion and boson degrees of freedom.

# The Supersymmetry Standard Model

- ▶ Four-dimensional  $N = 1$  supersymmetry: Kähler potential, superpotential, gauge kinetic function.
- ▶ A chiral SM fermion has a complex scalar partner.
- ▶ Gauge bosons and Higgs fields have a spin 1/2 partner.
- ▶ Graviton has a spin 3/2 partner.

# The Minimal Supersymmetry Standard Model (MSSM)

- ▶ Two Higgs doublets  $H_u$  and  $H_d$ : holomorphic superpotential and anomaly cancellation.
- ▶ Unlike the SM, proton can decay at the renormalizable level in the SSMs. To forbid the proton decay operators, we introduce a  $Z_2$   $R$  symmetry:  $R = (-1)^{3B-L+2s}$ .
- ▶ The SM particles are even while the supersymmetric particles are odd.
- ▶ Dark matter: neutralino, sneutrino, gravitino, etc.

Names		spin 0	spin 1/2	$SU(3)_C, SU(2)_L, U(1)_Y$
squarks	$Q$	$(\tilde{u}_L \ \tilde{d}_L)$	$(u_L \ d_L)$	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}, \frac{1}{6})$
quarks	$\bar{u}$	$\tilde{u}_R^*$	$u_R^\dagger$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, -\frac{2}{3})$
	$\bar{d}$	$\tilde{d}_R^*$	$d_R^\dagger$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}, \frac{1}{3})$
sleptons	$L$	$(\tilde{\nu} \ \tilde{e}_L)$	$(\nu \ e_L)$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$
leptons	$\bar{e}$	$\tilde{e}_R^*$	$e_R^\dagger$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 1)$
Higgs	$H_u$	$(H_u^+ \ H_u^0)$	$(\tilde{H}_u^+ \ \tilde{H}_u^0)$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, +\frac{1}{2})$
Higgsinos	$H_d$	$(H_d^0 \ H_d^-)$	$(\tilde{H}_d^0 \ \tilde{H}_d^-)$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$

**Table :** Chiral supermultiplets in the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model. The spin-0 fields are complex scalars, and the spin-1/2 fields are left-handed two-component Weyl fermions.

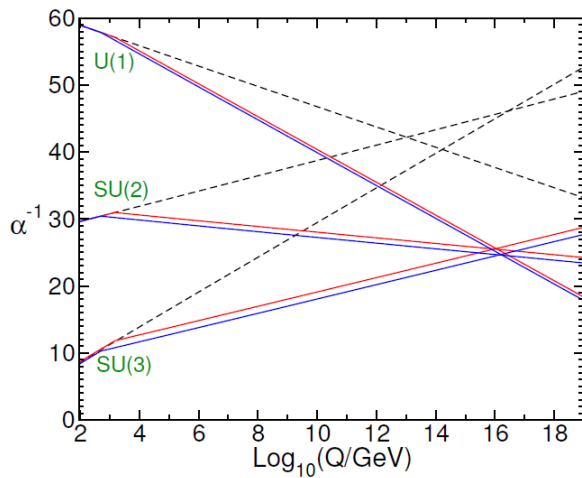
Names	spin 1/2	spin 1	$SU(3)_C, SU(2)_L, U(1)_Y$
gluino, gluon	$\tilde{g}$	$g$	$(\mathbf{8}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$
Winos, W bosons	$\tilde{W}^\pm \tilde{W}^0$	$W^\pm W^0$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, 0)$
Bino, B boson	$\tilde{B}^0$	$B^0$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, 0)$

**Table :** Gauge supermultiplets in the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model.

Neutralinos: neutral Higgsinos, Wino and Bino.

Chargino: charged Higgsinos and Wino.

# Gauge Coupling Unification for the SM and MSSM



# The Supersymmetric Standard Models

- ▶ A natural solution to the gauge hierarchy problem in the SM.
- ▶ Gauge coupling unification can be achieved.
- ▶ The Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (LSP) such as the LSP neutralino etc can be a dark matter candidate.
- ▶ The electroweak gauge symmetry can be broken radiatively due to the large top quark Yukawa coupling.
- ▶ Generating baryon asymmetry via the electroweak baryogenesis.
- ▶ Electroweak precision: R parity.



# Problems in the MSSM

- ▶  $\mu$  problem:  $\mu H_u H_d$
- ▶ Little hierarchy problem
- ▶ CP violation and EDMs
- ▶ FCNC
- ▶ Dimension-5 proton decays

# Supersymmetry Breakings and Mediations

- ▶ The supersymmetry breaking is broken in the hidden sector via  $F$ -term and/or  $D$ -term.
- ▶ The supersymmetry breaking mediations: gravity mediation, gauge mediation, and anomaly mediation, etc.

# The Grand Unified Theories

- ▶ The Unification Conjecture: all the fundamental interactions have the same origin!!!
- ▶ Gauge coupling unification in the SSMs strongly suggests the GUTs.

# The Road to the Unification

## ▶ The First Unification by Newton

The Celestial and Terrestrial Gravity are the same!

## ▶ The Second Unification by James C. Maxwell:

The Electricity and Magnetism are different manifestations of the same phenomenon!

## ▶ The Kaluza-Klein Theory

The unification of gravity and  $U(1)_{EM}$ !

## ▶ The Third Unification by Glashow, Salam, and Weinberg

The Electroweak Theory for the Weak and Electromagnetic Interaction.

## ▶ What is/are the next unification(s)?

Grand Unified Theory (GUT) and/or String Theory.

# The Grand Unified Theories: $SU(5)$ and $SO(10)$

- ▶ Gauge interaction unification.
- ▶ In  $SO(10)$  model, one family of the SM fermion forms a spinor **16** representation.
- ▶ Yukawa coupling unification.
- ▶ Charge quantization.
- ▶ Weak mixing angle at weak scale  $M_Z$ .
- ▶ Neutrino masses and mixings by seesaw mechanism.
- ▶ Prediction: dimension-six proton decay via heavy gauge boson exchange.

- ▶ Gauge symmetry breaking
- ▶ Doublet-triplet splitting problem
- ▶ Proton decay problem
- ▶ Fermion mass problem

The wrong prediction on the fermion mass ratios:  $m_e/m_\mu = m_d/m_s$ .

- ▶ Calabi-Yau compactification of heterotic string theory
- ▶ Orbifold compactification of heterotic string theory

Grand Unified Theory (GUT) can be realized naturally through the elegant  $E_8$  breaking chain:

$$E_8 \supset E_6 \supset SO(10) \supset SU(5)$$

- ▶ D-brane models on Type II orientifolds

$N$  stacks of D-branes gives us  $U(N)$  gauge symmetry: Pati-Salam Models

- ▶ Free fermionic string model building

Realistic models with clean particle spectra can only be constructed at the Kac-Moody level one: the Standard-like models, Pati-Salam models, and flipped  $SU(5)$  models.

# $\mathcal{F}$ -Theory Model Building

- ▶ The models are constructed locally, and then the gravity should decouple, *i.e.*,  $M_{\text{GUT}}/M_{\text{Pl}}$  is a small number.
- ▶ The  $SU(5)$  and  $SO(10)$  gauge symmetries can be broken by the  $U(1)_Y$  and  $U(1)_X/U(1)_{B-L}$  fluxes.
- ▶ Gauge mediated supersymmetry breaking can be realized via instanton effects. Gravity mediated supersymmetry breaking predicts the gaugino mass relation.
- ▶ All the SM fermion Yukawa couplings can be generated in the  $SU(5)$  and  $SO(10)$  models.
- ▶ The doublet-triplet splitting problem, proton decay problem,  $\mu$  problem as well as the SM fermion masses and mixing problem can be solved.



- ▶ The most promising new physics beyond the Standard Model.
- ▶ Gauge coupling unification strongly suggests the Grand Unified Theories (GUTs), and the SUSY GUTs can be constructed from superstring theory.

**Supersymmetry is a bridge between the low energy phenomenology and high-energy fundamental physics.**

# Particle Physics Paradigm

String Theory  $\rightarrow$  String Models  $\rightarrow$  GUTs  $\rightarrow$  SSMs  $\rightarrow$  SM

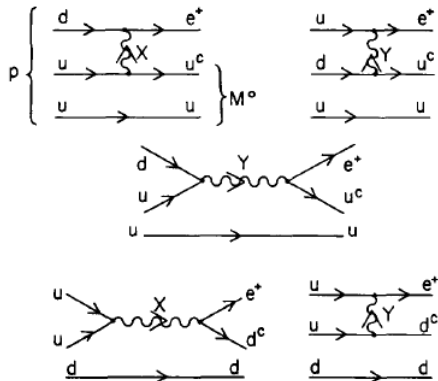
# The Predictions of the GUTs: Proton Decays

- ▶ The dimension-6 proton decay via superheavy  $(X_\mu, Y_\mu)$  gauge boson exchanges

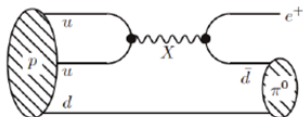
$$SU(5) = \left( \begin{array}{cc} SU(3)_C & (\bar{X}_\mu, \bar{Y}_\mu) \\ (X_\mu, Y_\mu) & SU(2)_L \end{array} \right) .$$

- ▶ The dimension-5 proton decay via colored Higgsino exchanges in the supersymmetric GUTs.

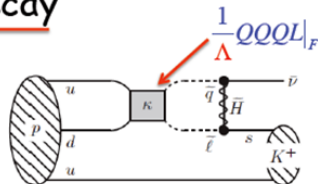
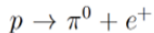
# The Dimension-Six Proton Decay via $(X_\mu, Y_\mu)$ Exchanges



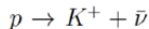
## SUSY GUTS - Nucleon decay



(a) Dimension 6.



(b) Dimension 5.



- ▶ The current bounds from Super-Kamiokande (SK)

$$\tau_{p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0} \geq 1.6 \times 10^{34} \text{ yrs} , \quad \tau_{p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} K^+} \geq 5.9 \times 10^{33} \text{ yrs} .$$

- ▶ The expected bounds from Hyper-Kamiokande (HK)

$$\tau_{p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0} \geq 1.0 \times 10^{35} \text{ yrs} , \quad \tau_{p \rightarrow \bar{\nu} K^+} \geq 2.5 \times 10^{34} \text{ yrs} .$$

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<sup>1</sup>K. Abe *et al.* [Super-Kamiokande], Phys. Rev. D **95**, no.1, 012004 (2017) [arXiv:1610.03597 [hep-ex]]; M. Yokoyama [Hyper-Kamiokande Proto Collaboration], arXiv:1705.00306 [hep-ex]; K. Abe *et al.* [Hyper-Kamiokande], [arXiv:1805.04163 [physics.ins-det]].

# The LHC Supersymmetry Search Constraints

- ▶ The first two-generation squark mass low bounds are around 1.6 (1.75) TeV.
- ▶ The gluino mass low bound is around 2.25 (2.46) TeV.
- ▶ The stop and sbottom mass low bounds are around 1.16 (1.3) and 1.35 (1.45) TeV, respectively.

**The SSMs are fine-tuned!!!**

# Supersymmetry at the Current and Future Colliders

- ▶ The wrong impression is that supersymmetry was excluded at the LHC?
- ▶ Can we rule out supersymmetry at the LHC, VLHC, FCC<sub>hh</sub> and SppC?  
**No! No!! No!!!**
- ▶ Points: supersymmetry breaking soft mass scale can be pushed to be much higher than 1 TeV, while gauge coupling unification can still be realized due to the logarithmic RGE running and threshold corrections around the GUT scale.
- ▶ Conclusion: supersymmetry will definitely not die in the near future!!!



**The interesting question: can we rule out the natural supersymmetry at the FCC<sub>hh</sub> and SppC? Or can we solve the supersymmetry electroweak fine-tuning problem naturally?**

# Fine-Tuning Definition

- ▶ Fine-tuning Definition <sup>2</sup>: the quantitative measure  $\Delta_{\text{FT}}^{\text{EENZ-BG}}$  for fine-tuning is the maximum of the logarithmic derivative of  $M_Z$  with respect to all the fundamental parameters  $a_i$  at the GUT scale

$$\Delta_{\text{FT}}^{\text{EENZ-BG}} = \text{Max}\{\Delta_i^{\text{GUT}}\}, \quad \Delta_i^{\text{GUT}} = \left| \frac{\partial \ln(M_Z)}{\partial \ln(a_i^{\text{GUT}})} \right|.$$

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<sup>2</sup>J. R. Ellis, K. Enqvist, D. V. Nanopoulos and F. Zwirner, Mod. Phys. Lett. A **1**, 57 (1986); R. Barbieri and G. F. Giudice, Nucl. Phys. B **306**, 63 (1988).

# Question: Super-Natural Supersymmetry

Can we propose a supersymmetry scenario whose the EENZ-BG fine-tuning measure is automatically 1 or order 1 ( $\mathcal{O}(1)$ )?

Fundamental physics principles: simplicity and naturalness.

- ▶ **Fine-Tuning Definition:**

$$\Delta_{\text{FT}} = \text{Max}\{\Delta_i^{\text{GUT}}\}, \quad \Delta_i^{\text{GUT}} = \left| \frac{\partial \ln(M_Z)}{\partial \ln(a_i^{\text{GUT}})} \right|.$$

- ▶ **Natural Solution:**

$$M_Z^n = f_n \left( \frac{M_Z}{M_*} \right) M_*^n.$$

$$\frac{\partial \ln(M_Z^n)}{\partial \ln(M_*^n)} \simeq \frac{M_*^n}{M_Z^n} \frac{\partial M_Z^n}{\partial M_*^n} \simeq \frac{1}{f_n} \simeq \mathcal{O}(1).$$

- ▶ **For no-scale supergravity and M-theory on  $S^1/Z_2$ , we have  $M_* = M_{1/2}$  and  $M_* = M_{3/2}$ , respectively.**

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<sup>3</sup>T. Leggett, T. Li, J. A. Maxin, D. V. Nanopoulos and J. W. Walker, arXiv:1403.3099 [hep-ph]; Phys. Lett. B **740**, 66 (2015) [arXiv:1408.4459 [hep-ph]]; G. Du, T. Li, D. V. Nanopoulos and S. Raza, Phys. Rev. D **92**, no. 2, 025038 (2015) [arXiv:1502.06893 [hep-ph]]; T. Li, S. Raza and X. C. Wang, Phys. Rev. D **93**, no. 11, 115014 (2016) [arXiv:1510.06851 [hep-ph]].

# The Interesting Questions?

- ▶ The SUSY electroweak fine-tuning problem can be solved by the super-natural supersymmetry.
- ▶ Can we probe supersymmetry at the future pp colliders? No?
- ▶ Can we probe the supersymmetric GUTs at the future pp colliders? Yes!!! <sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup>W. Ahmed, T. Li, S. Raza and F. Z. Xu, [arXiv:2007.15059 [hep-ph]].

- ▶ Lepton colliders: CEPC, CLIC,  $FCC_{ee}$ , and ILC.
- ▶ Hadron colliders: HL-LHC, HE-LHC,  $FCC_{hh}$ , SppC, and VLHC.

**To probe the new physics beyond the SM, we do need future proton-proton colliders.**

# Future Proton-Proton Colliders

- ▶ Question: what is the concrete scientific goal for the future pp colliders?
- ▶ Question: what is the center-of-mass energy needed for this scientific goal?

# The Scientific Goal for the Future PP Colliders

- ▶ Supersymmetry cannot be the scientific goal since the particles can be very heavy and then we cannot probe supersymmetry.
- ▶ The supersymmetric GUTs with grand desert hypothesis can be the scientific goal <sup>5</sup>.

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<sup>5</sup> Waqas Ahmed, TL, Shabbar Raza and Fang-Zhou Xu, Phys. Lett. B **819**, 136378 (2021) [arXiv:2007.15059 [hep-ph]]; in preparation.



# The Proof

- ▶ Grand desert hypothesis: no new physics between the sparticle mass scale and the GUT scale.
- ▶ For the GUTs with the GUT scale  $M_{GUT} \leq 1.2 \times 10^{16}$  GeV, we can probe the dimension-six proton decay via heavy gauge boson exchange at the Hyper-Kamiokande experiment.
- ▶ For the GUTs with  $M_{GUT} \geq 1.2 \times 10^{16}$  GeV, we can probe the gluino and/or squarks at the future pp colliders.
- ▶ Providing the “Concrete Scientific Goal” for the future pp colliders and Hyper-Kamiokande experiment.

# The First Part of the Proof


**For the GUTs with the GUT scale  $M_{GUT} \leq 1.2 \times 10^{16}$  GeV, we can probe the dimension-six proton decay via heavy gauge boson exchange at the Hyper-Kamiokande experiment.**

# The GUTs with $M_{GUT} \leq 1.2 \times 10^{16}$ GeV

- ▶ The proton lifetime from the dimension-six proton decay  $p \rightarrow e^+ \pi^0$  via heavy gauge boson exchange is

$$\tau_p \simeq 1.0 \times 10^{35} \times \left( \frac{2.5}{A_R} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{0.04}{\alpha_{GUT}} \right)^2 \\ \times \left( \frac{M_{GUT}}{1.0 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}} \right)^4 \text{ years} .$$

- ▶ At the future Hyper-Kamiokande experiment with 186 kt water, we can probe the GUTs with proton lifetime via dimension-6 proton decay at least above  $1.0 \times 10^{35}$  years<sup>6</sup>. The original Hyper-Kamiokande experimental proposal has 1,000 kt water, therefore, we can probe the GUTs with proton lifetime via dimension-6 proton decay at least above  $5.37634 \times 10^{35}$  years.

<sup>6</sup>K. Abe *et al.* [Hyper-Kamiokande], [arXiv:1805.04163 [physics.ins-det]], 

# The GUTs with $M_{GUT} \leq 1.2 \times 10^{16}$ GeV

- ▶ For the original Hyper-Kamiokande experimental proposal, we can probe the GUTs with GUT scale up to  $1.46726 \times 10^{16}$  GeV.
- ▶ Therefore, we can probe the GUTs with GUT scale up to  $1.2 \times 10^{16}$  GeV.

# The GUTs with $M_{GUT} \geq 1.2 \times 10^{16}$ GeV

- ▶ Gravity mediated supersymmetry breaking.
- ▶ Anomaly mediated supersymmetry breaking.
- ▶ Gauge mediated supersymmetry breaking.

# The Supersymmetry Searches at the Future pp Colliders

- ▶ For the 100 TeV pp Colliders such as FCC<sub>hh</sub> and SppC, gluino  $\tilde{g}$  via heavy flavor decay, gluino via light flavor decay, and the first-two generation squarks  $\tilde{q}$  can be discovered for their masses up to about 11 TeV, 17 TeV, and 14 TeV, respectively. If the gluino and first-two generation squark masses are similar, they can be probed up to 20 TeV.
- ▶ To probe the gluino  $\tilde{g}$  via heavy flavor decay with mass around 15 TeV, we need the 160 TeV pp collider such as the VLHC.

# Gravity Mediated Supersymmetry Breaking

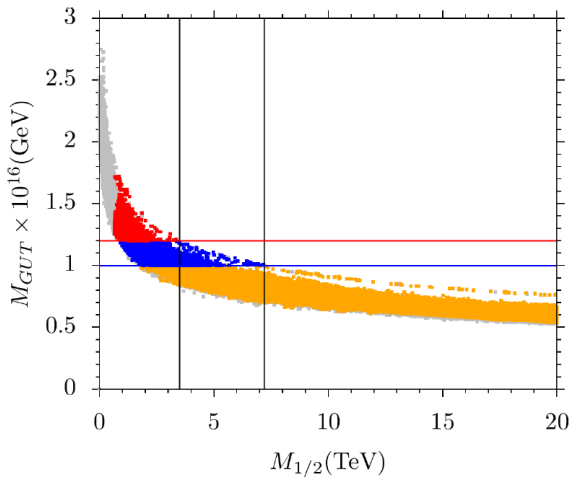
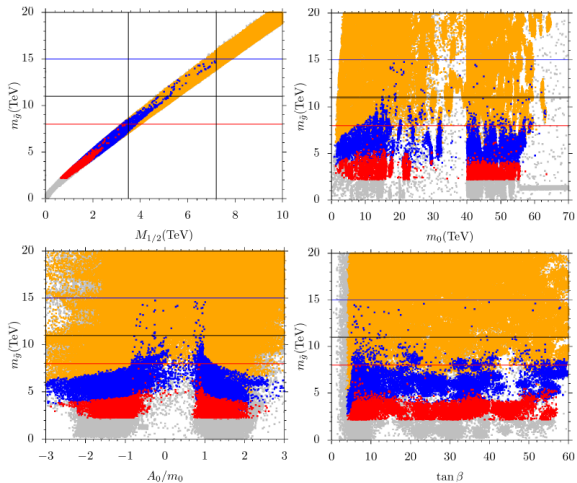


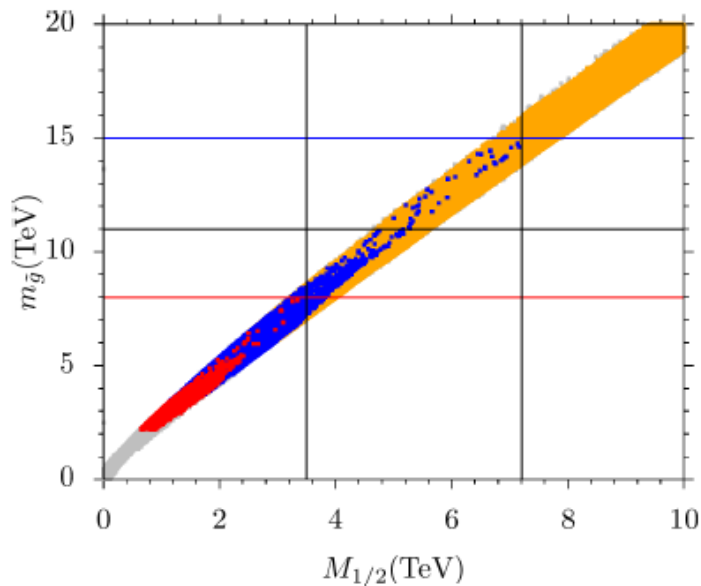
FIG. 1. Plot in  $M_{1/2} - M_{GUT}$  plane. Gray points are consistent with REWSB and LSP neutralino. Orange points satisfy the mass bounds including  $m_h = 125 \pm 3$  GeV and the constraints from rare  $B$ -meson decays. Blue points form a subset of orange points and satisfy  $1 \lesssim M_{GUT} \lesssim 1 \times 10^{16}$  GeV, while red points form a subset of orange points and satisfy  $M_{GUT} \gtrsim 1.2 \times 10^{16}$  GeV. Two horizontal blue and red lines represent  $M_{GUT} = 1 \times 10^{16}$  GeV and  $M_{GUT} = 1.2 \times 10^{16}$  GeV, respectively. The first vertical line shows the upper bound on  $M_{1/2}$  for red points ( $M_{1/2} = 3.5$  TeV), and the second vertical line shows the upper bound on  $M_{1/2}$  for blue points ( $M_{1/2} = 7.2$  TeV).

# Gravity Mediated Supersymmetry Breaking

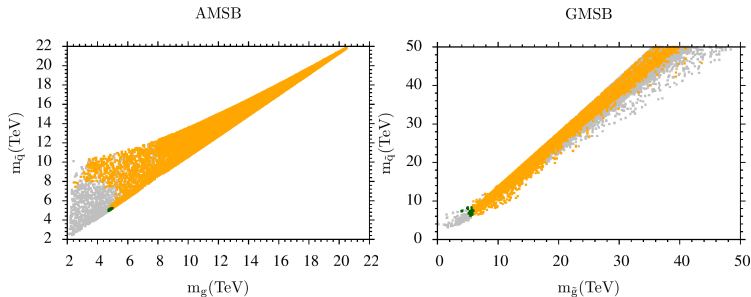




# Gravity Mediated Supersymmetry Breaking



# Anomaly and Gauge Mediated Supersymmetry Breakings



For anomaly and gauge mediated supersymmetry breakings, the GUTs with  $M_{GUT} \geq 1.0 \times 10^{16}$  GeV are well within the reaches of the future 100 TeV pp colliders such as the FCC<sub>hh</sub> and SppC.

# Summary

- ▶ Supersymmetry is a bridge between the low energy phenomenology and high-energy fundamental physics, and thus is the promising new physics beyond the SM.
- ▶ Gauge coupling unification in the supersymmetric SM strongly implies the GUTs.
- ▶ With the grand desert hypothesis, we show that the supersymmetric GUTs can be probed at the future pp colliders and Hyper-Kamiokande experiment.

Thank You Very Much  
for Your Attention!