

# Application : Supersymmetry and Searches at Colliders

Supersymmetry (SUSY) was (is) a popular model for physics beyond the Standard Model (BSM).

This proposal introduces partners for every particle in the SM through symmetry between bosons (integer spin) and fermions ( $\frac{1}{2}$ -integer spin).

It may seem a fairly innocuous extension but the underlying principle is a unique extension of the

Poincaré group for spacetime.

Poincaré algebra in  $SO(1,3)$

$P^\mu$  - translations

$M^{\mu\nu}$  - Lorentz boosts + rotations

satisfy:

$$[P^\mu, P^\nu] = 0$$

$$-i [M_{\mu\nu}, P_\rho] = g_{\mu\nu} P_\rho - g_{\nu\rho} P_\mu$$

$$\begin{aligned} -i [M_{\mu\nu}, M_{\rho\sigma}] &= g_{\mu\rho} M_{\nu\sigma} - g_{\nu\rho} M_{\mu\sigma} \\ &\quad + g_{\nu\sigma} M_{\mu\rho} - g_{\mu\sigma} M_{\nu\rho} \end{aligned}$$

Supersymmetry is represented by an operators  $Q, \bar{Q}$  that relate particles differing by  $\frac{1}{2}$  integer spin.  $Q$  and  $\bar{Q}$  are Weyl spinors and the central objects in the anti-commutation relations

involving the (extended) Pauli matrices  $\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\mu}$

$$\{Q_{\alpha}, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}\} = 2\sigma_{\alpha\dot{\alpha}}^{\mu} p_{\mu}$$

In addition

$$[M^{\mu\nu}, Q_{\alpha}] = \sigma_{\alpha}^{\mu\nu\beta} Q_{\beta}$$

$$[M^{\mu\nu}, \bar{Q}_{\dot{\alpha}}] = (\bar{\sigma}^{\mu\nu})_{\dot{\alpha}}^{\dot{\beta}} Q^{\dot{\beta}}$$

where  $\sigma_{\alpha}^{\mu\nu\beta} = \frac{i}{4} (\sigma^{\mu}\bar{\sigma}^{\nu} - \sigma^{\nu}\bar{\sigma}^{\mu})_{\alpha}^{\beta}$

and

$$[Q_{\alpha}, P^{\mu}] = 0$$

$$\{Q_{\alpha}, Q_{\beta}\} = 0$$

We can then set up models in

which  $[Q_{\alpha}, \phi(x)] = \psi_{\alpha}(x)$

$\uparrow$   
scalar field

$\nwarrow$  fermion field

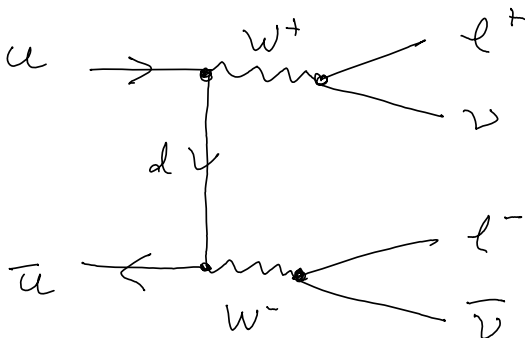
## SUSY in reality

⊛ In unbroken SUSY, all super-partners have the same mass. The symmetry must break to match the observation that there is no SUSY below currently accessible energies.

- SUSY breaking can happen in a variety of scenarios all with different parameters, particle spectra, mass hierarchies.

- supersymmetric particles can decay to standard model partners or into light states decoupled from the standard model (c.f. Neutinos).

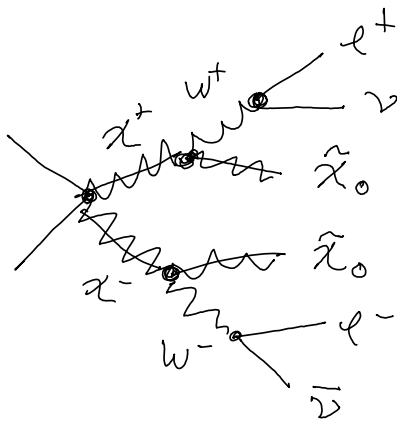
For this reason we may have  
 SUSY (or indeed any BSM / New  
 physics process) affecting the production  
 of the same final state possible  
 in the SM, e.g.



final state

$2\ell + \text{MET}$

missing transverse  
energy



Final state

$2\ell + \text{MET}$

( $\chi^\pm, \chi^0$  SUSY  
 particles)

Try to use simulated data to generate training data for classifier that takes final state information and predicts if process looks like SUSY or not.

⊛ NB : SUSY has almost entirely been ruled out in scenarios where SUSY breaking scale  $\sim$  EW scale ...

[10-20 years ago MSSM (minimal supersym. standard model) considered (by many) to be a serious candidate for a theory BSM]

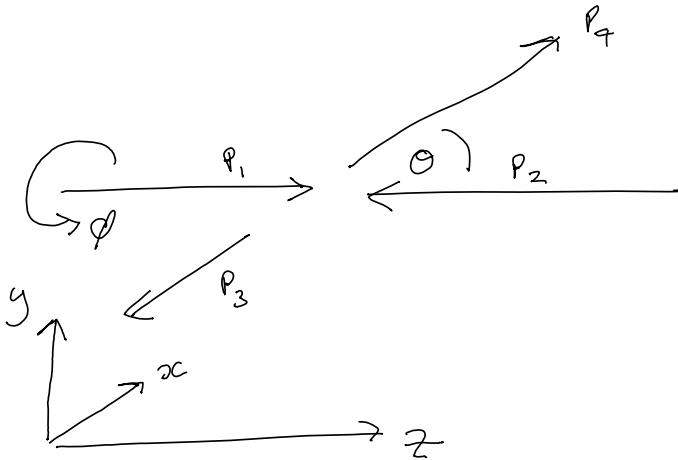
In this example we can use it as an application in which we have :

- 1) many input "features" describing detector level observables
- 2) Simulated events for two theoretical models ("SM" or "SUSY").

we will use to investigate

- a) processing a large dataset (54 exab)
- b) loss function regularisation methods
- c) difference between linear and non-linear classifiers.

# Kinematic variables



e.g.  $2 \rightarrow 2$

$$p = (E, p_x, p_y, p_z)$$

$$= (m_T \cosh(y), p_T \cos \phi, p_T \sin \phi, m_T \sinh(y))$$

where  $p_T$  = transverse momentum

$E_T$  = transverse energy

$y$  = rapidity

$\phi$  = azimuthal angle



if particle is massless (e.g. photon)

$$p \stackrel{m=0}{=} p_T \left( \cosh(y), \cos(\phi), \sin(\phi), \sinh(y) \right)$$

The rapidity

$$y = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{E + p_z}{E - p_z} \right)$$

$$\approx -\log \left( \tan \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right) =: \eta$$

$\eta$  - pseudo rapidity.

## Analyzing classifier performance :

Receiver Operating Characteristics (ROC)

and Area under the Curve (AUC)

We consider a binary classifier as before where the sigmoid function

$$\sigma(\underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{input}}}{z(x)}) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-z(x)}} = P(x | y=1)$$

is taken for the classifier output representing the probability the outcome is 1

Take the predicted value to be 1 if the probability is  $>$  threshold,  $T$  (50% would be obvious choice)  $\hat{y}(x, T) = \Theta(P(x|y=1) - T)$

Let's plot against unseen test data  $(x_i, y_i)$ . We can compute

$$\hat{y}(x_i, T) - y_i$$

which for a given value of  $T$  will be either

$\hat{y}$	$y$	$\hat{y} - y$	
1	1	0	True Positive
1	0	1	False Positive
0	1	-1	False Negative
0	0	0	True Negative

Aside Confusion Matrix		
$\hat{y} \backslash y$	1	0
1	"TP"	"FP"
0	"FN"	"TN"

For a given test set the probability distribution we may define

TP , the number of true positives

TN , the number of true negatives

SP , the number of positive values  
in the "signal" data set (i.e.  
 $y_i$  test data)

SN , # of -ve values in  $y_i$

N , the number of test samples

FP , the number of false positives

FN , the number of false negatives

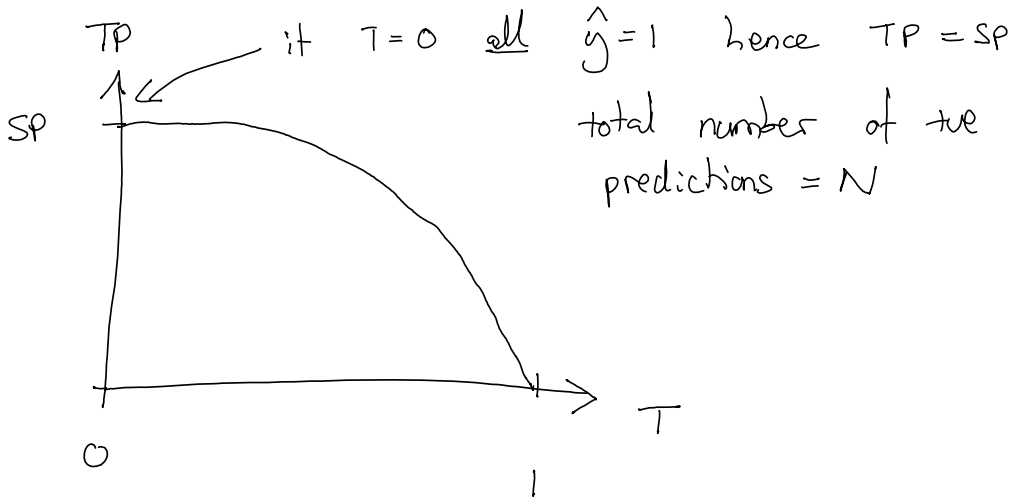
which satisfy :

$$SP + SN = N$$

$$TP + FN = SP$$

$$TN + FP = SN$$

We may then plot TP as a function of the threshold  $T$ , (e.g.)



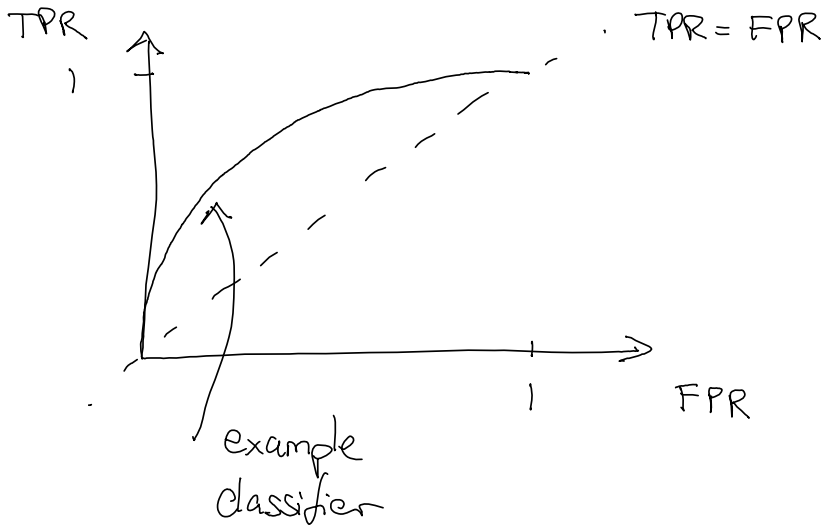
The True Positive Rate is

$$TPR = \frac{TP}{TP + FN} = \frac{TP}{SP}$$

and False Positive Rate

$$FPR = \frac{FP}{FP + TN} = \frac{FP}{SN}$$

The ROC curve is FPR vs TPR and will take the form



A perfect classifier will always have  $TPR = 1$  while a worst case classifier will have  $TPR = FPR$  (50:50 chance...)

# Problems with this analysis

- 1) Input data is simply labelled "SUSY"  
— clearly this is insufficient to describe the particular SUSY model (breaking scenario ... setting of free parameters ...)  
or the details of the simulation (Leading order, parton shower? ...)

NB: MSSM can have  $\sim 100$  free params compared to  $\sim 18$  for SM.

- 2) Large amount of data not really needed

- 3) No attempt to understand why certain values lead to better classification