Electroweak Contributions to Squark Pair Production at the LHC

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Outline

MSSM particle spectrum

- each SM particle has a superpartner
- add a SU(2)-Higgs doublet with hypercharge $Y = -1$
- SUSY is not exact⇒have to be broken⇒adding soft-terms
- MSSM has 105 extra free parameters
- in mSUGRA 5 free parameters left ($m_0, m_{1/2}, A_0, \tan\beta, \mathrm{sgn}(\mu)$)

Superfield	Boson Fields	Fermionic Partners	$SU(3)_C$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$
$\hat{G}$	g	$\tilde{g}$	8	0	0
$\hat{V}$	W^a	$\tilde{W}^a$	1	3	0
$\hat{V}'$	B	$\tilde{B}$	1	1	0
$\hat{L}$	$\tilde{L}^j = (\tilde{\nu}, \tilde{e})_L$	$(\nu, e)_L$	1	2	-1
$\hat{E}$	$\tilde{E} = \tilde{e}_R^*$	$e_R^\dagger$	1	1	2
$\hat{Q}$	$\tilde{Q}^j = (\tilde{u}, \tilde{d})_L$	$(u, d)_L$	3	2	$\frac{1}{3}$
$\hat{U}$	$\tilde{U} = \tilde{u}_R^*$	$u_R^\dagger$	3^*	1	$-\frac{4}{3}$
$\hat{D}$	$\tilde{D} = \tilde{d}_R^*$	$d_R^\dagger$	3^*	1	$\frac{2}{3}$
$\hat{H}_1 = \hat{H}_d$	H_1^i	$(\tilde{H}_1^0, \tilde{H}_1^-)_L$	1	2	-1
$\hat{H}_2 = \hat{H}_u$	H_2^i	$(\tilde{H}_2^+, \tilde{H}_2^0)_L$	1	2	1

Gaugino Mass Eigenstates

- charginos $\chi_i^\pm$, $i = 1, 2$ are linear combination of charged winos and charged higgsinos
- neutralinos χ_i^0, $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ are linear combinations of neutral wino, bino and neutral higgsinos
- gluinos $\tilde{g}$ are mass eigenstates

Squark Pair Production at the LHC

- TeV scale supersymmetry will be decisively tested at LHC
- cross section is $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s^2)$, e.g.:

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\tilde{q}} &\approx 1000\,\mathrm{GeV} \\ \sigma &\approx 0.5\,\mathrm{pb} \\ \mathcal{L} &\approx 10\,\mathrm{fb}^{-1}\,\mathrm{per\,year} \\ N_{\mathrm{events}} &= \mathcal{L}\,\sigma \end{aligned}$$

- 5000 events are expected at low luminosity

Role of electroweak (EW) contributions

5000 events $\Longrightarrow$

It should be possible to measure the squark pair production cross section with a statistical uncertainty of a few percent.

$\Longrightarrow$

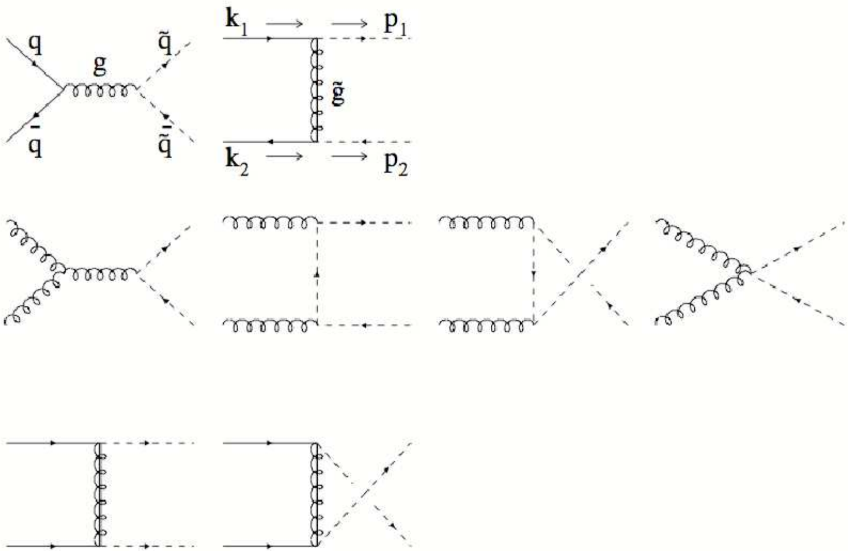
We need accurate theoretical predictions:

- NLO QCD corrections in addition to the LO cross section (NLO: Beenakker, Hopker, Spira and Zerwas, 1995; LO: Harrison and Llewellyn Smith, 1983 & Dawson, Eichten and Quigg 1985)
- remaining uncertanity from yet higher order QCD corrections should be at 10% level

Thus EW corrections at leading order might be important since:

- they can give rise to an increase up to 20% for mSUGRA scenarios and two SU(2) douplet squarks
- they can give rise to an increase up to 50% for scenarios without gaugino mass unification and two SU(2) douplet squarks

QCD: Diagrams for Leading Order Squark Pair Production



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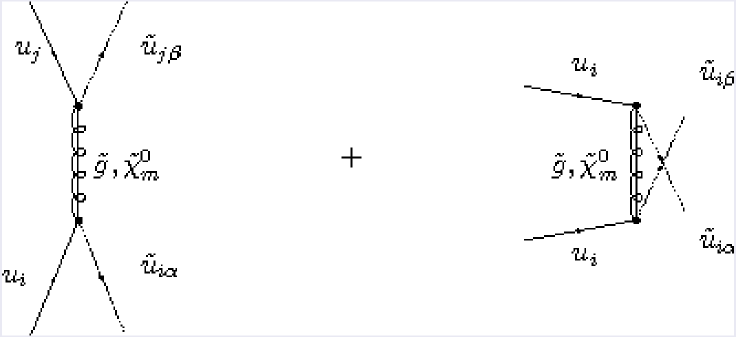


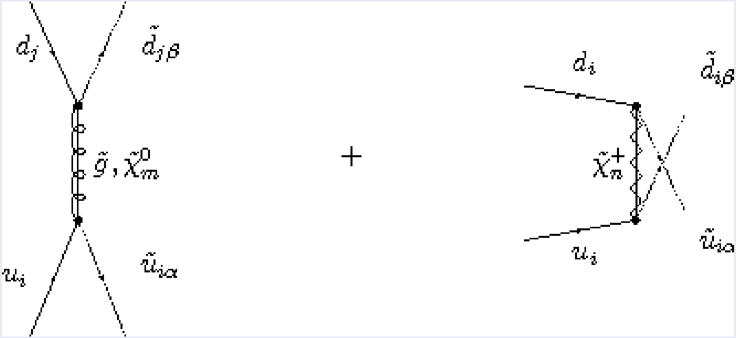
Notation:

- i, j: denotes the generation
- α, β: denotes the chirality (L– and R–type) of the squarks
- m: labels the exchanged neutralino mass eigenstate

Remarks:

- there are no s–channel contributions
- there are t– and u–channel (i=j) diagrams for neutralino exchange

$qq' \to \tilde{q}\tilde{q}'$: t– or u–channel chargino exchange



Remarks:

- there is no gluino u–channel contribution
- u–channel chargino diagrams exist only for $i = j$
- sole chargino t– channel contribution for $u_i d_j \to \tilde{d}_{i\alpha}\tilde{u}_{j\beta}$ and $i \neq j$

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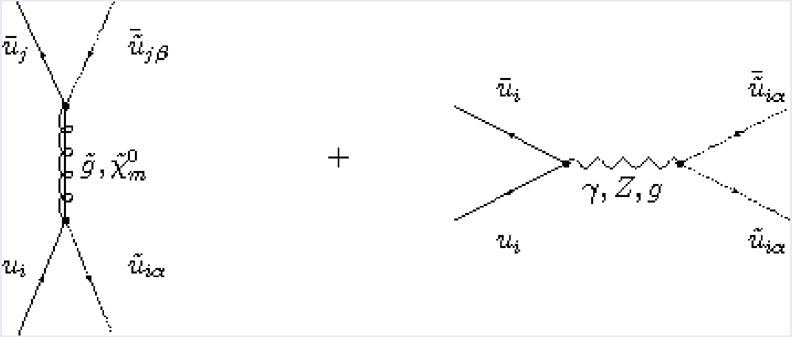

Remarks:

- there are s–channel diagrams for $q\bar{q}'$ initial states
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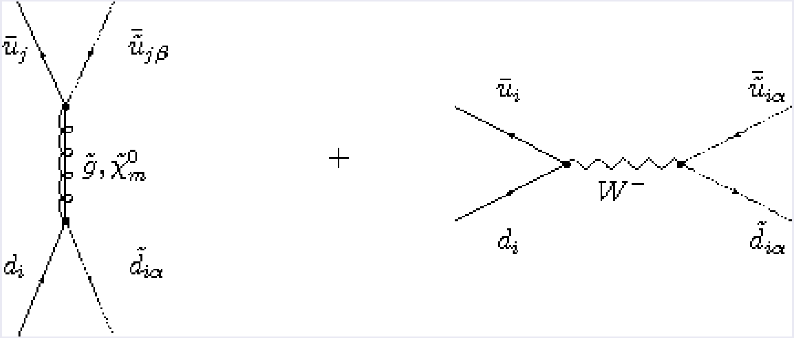
$q\bar{q}' \to \tilde{q}\bar{\tilde{q}}'$: W boson s–channel exchange



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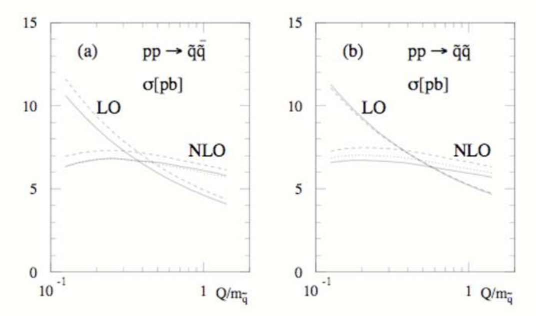
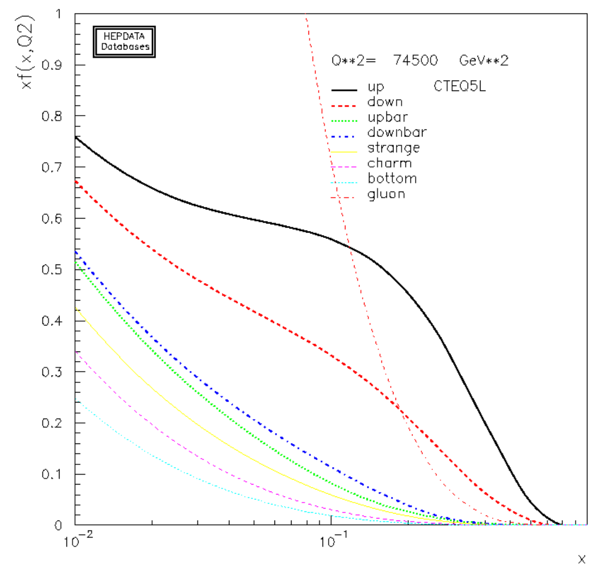
Parameter choice

- we take equal factorization and renormalization scales: $\mu_F = \mu_R = m_{\tilde{q}}/2$
- we do not consider 3. generation squarks (have no mentionable EW contributions)
- we do not consider gluon fusion contributions in the initial states (have no EW contributions in LO)



(Beenakker, Hopker, Spira and Zerwas)

Parton Distribution Functions



(Durham University On–line Plotting and Calculation page)

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Helicity flip and threshold behaviour:

Processes like $u_L u_L \rightarrow \tilde{u}_L \tilde{u}_L$:

- matrix element is proportional to mass of exchanged gaugino (helicity flip)
- both quarks have to be left–handed $\Longrightarrow$ total momentum $J = 0$; squarks are in a s–wave
- $\sigma_{\text{total}} \propto \beta$,

  where $\beta = v = \frac{p}{E} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{\tilde{q}}^2}{\hat{s}}}$

Processes like $u_L u_R \rightarrow \tilde{u}_L \tilde{u}_R$:

- matrix element is NOT proportional to mass of exchanged gaugino (no helicity flip)
- addition of right– and left–handed quark $\Longrightarrow$ total momentum $J = 1$; squarks are in a p–wave
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- possible interference between s– and t–channel diagrams
- nearly all processes have reduction of total cross section due to destructive interference terms between QCD and EW
- all processes have no helictiy flip, so $\sigma \propto \beta^3$
- small size of the cross section due to an anti-quark as initial state

Electroweak Contributions, 3st category:

No.	Process	diagrams QCD	diagrams EW	helicity flip?	thre–shold	cross section [pb] QCD	cross section [pb] QCD + EW	ratio
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16	$ud \to \tilde{u}_R \tilde{d}_L$	t	t	no	β^3	0.477	0.479	1.002
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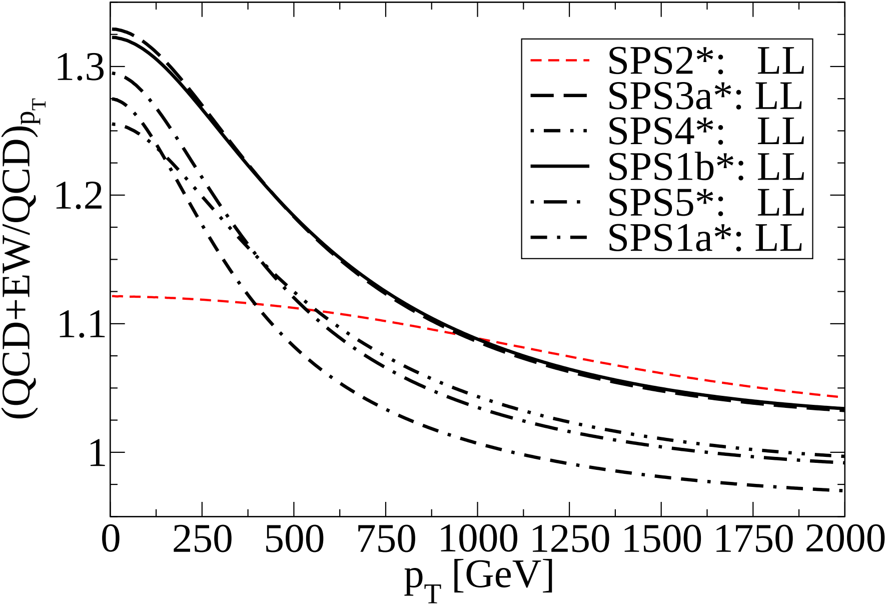

SPS2*: LL
SPS3a*: LL
SPS4*: LL
SPS1b*: LL
SPS5*: LL
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(QCD+EW/QCD)$_{p_T}$
1.3
1.2
1.1
1
0
250
500
750
1000
1250
1500
1750
2000
p_T [GeV]

Dependence on p_T continue

There are three cases of decrease for large p_T; why?!:

- interference terms of category 1:

$$\propto M_{\tilde{g}} M_{\tilde{W}} \quad \text{(helicity flip)},$$

  this has to be compensated by an extra factor of p_T^{-2} for large p_T
- negative interference terms of category 2 (no helicity flip) have suppression for large p_T due to anti-quark in the initial state

$$\hat{s} = 4\left(m_{\tilde{q}}^2 + \frac{p_T^2}{\sin^2\theta}\right), \hat{s} = xs$$

Thus:

- category 1 and 2 have competing suppressions factors
- for the three cases: category 2 dominates slightly
- larger suppression of category 2 for larger squark masses

Dependence on squark mass

Larger squark masses give rise to:

- smaller values of β due to reduction of the phase space

$$\beta = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_{\tilde{q}}^2}{\hat{s}}}$$

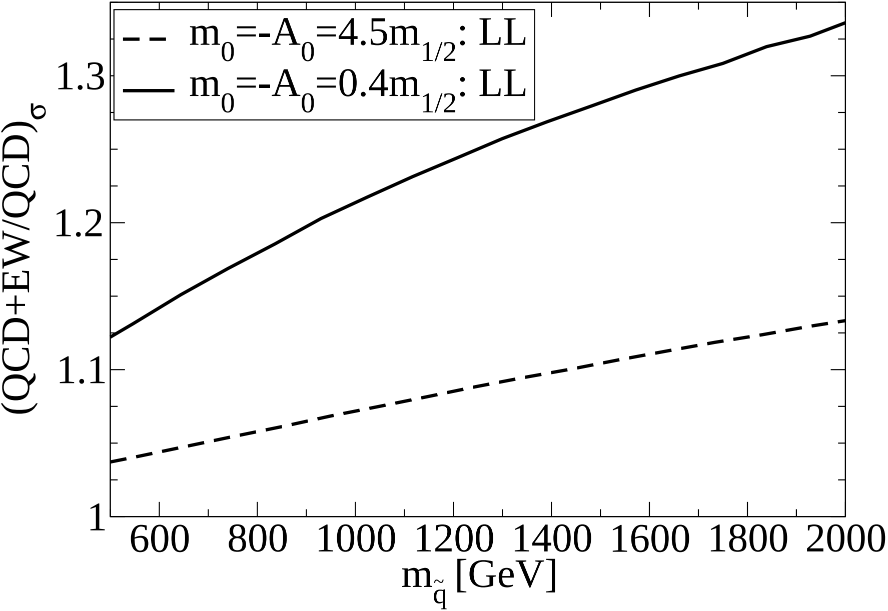
- anti–quarks suffer higher suppression than quarks (Bjorken–x)

$$\hat{s} = 4\left(m_{\tilde{q}}^2 + \frac{p_T^2}{\sin^2\theta}\right)$$

So larger squark masses lead to:

- higher suppression of the destructive interference terms of category 2, which have an anti–quark and $\sigma \propto \beta^3$
- nearly all processes of category 3 have anti–quark or/and $\sigma \propto \beta^3$ suppressions

$\Longrightarrow$ higher weighting of the positive contributions



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m0=-A0=0.4m1/2: LL
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1.2
1.1
1
600
800
1000
1200
1400
1600
1800
2000
m$_{\tilde{q}}$ [GeV]
(QCD+EW/QCD)$_\sigma$

Dependence on squark mass continue

Two further observations:

- increase of the cross section can be much different for a fixed squark mass
- maximal relative size of EW contributions larger than the most favorable single process of category 1

For smaller squark masses (larger β) the weighting of processes with squared t–channel and u–channel propagators is higher:

- t–channel propagator is given by

$$\frac{1}{\hat{t} - M_{\tilde{q}}^2} = \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{q}}^2 - \frac{\hat{s}}{2}(1 - \beta \cos\theta) - M_{\tilde{g}}^2},$$

  $\Longrightarrow$ highest contributions for large $\beta |\cos\theta|$

- pure QCD gives largest contributions to processes with non–mixed propagators (for u–channel replace $\cos\theta \to -\cos\theta$)
- pure QCD interference terms (mixed propagators) are destructive

Dependence on gaugino masses

- category 1 $\propto$ to $M_{\tilde{g}} M_{\tilde{W}}$, so sensitive to ratio of gaugino masses
- in mSUGRA:

$$M_1 : M_2 : M_3 \sim 1 : 2 : 7 \text{ at the weak scale}$$

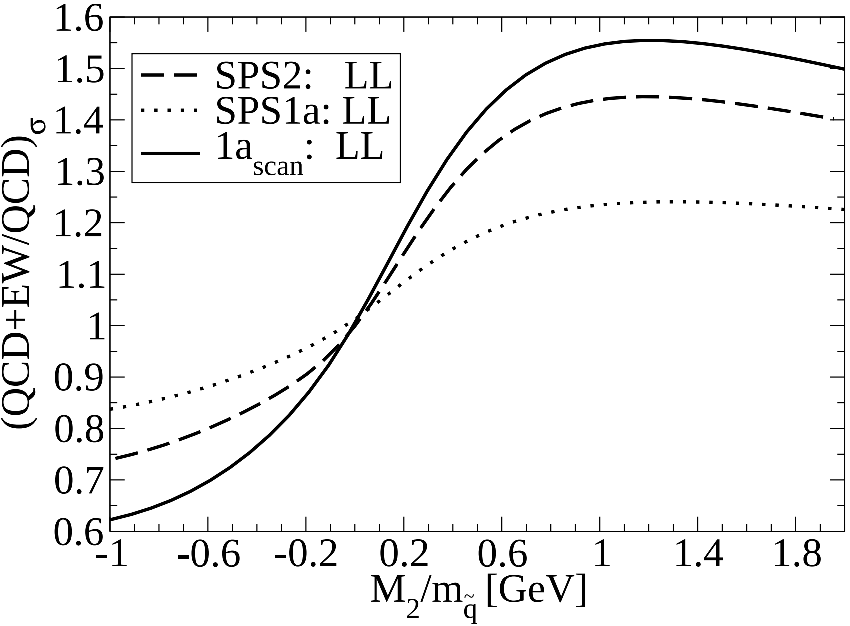
$\Longrightarrow$ larger EW contributions without gaugino mass unification

For example, vary M_2 at the weak scale:

- maximum of curve is at $M_2 = m_{\tilde{q}}$, since it maximizes

$$\frac{M_2}{\hat{t} - M_2^2}$$

- $M_2 < 0$ (keep sign of $M_{\tilde{g}}$) lead to negative EW contributions due to change of the sign of the interference terms of category 1



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SPS1a: LL
1a_scan: LL
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1.5
1.4
1.3
1.2
1.1
1
0.9
0.8
0.7
0.6
-1
-0.6
-0.2
0.2
0.6
1
1.4
1.8
(QCD+EW/QCD)_σ
M_2/m_q̃ [GeV]

Summary

- contribution with interference between t- and u-channel is dominant for SU(2)-doublets
- EW correction increases with the squark mass
- EW effects can reduce or enhance the total cross section by more than a factor of 1.55
- for gaugino mass unification, the enhancement factor is 1.4
- EW contribution might give a new, independent handle on the gaugino mass parameters