

Early SUSY Studies by Laurie

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Large BNL physics effort for Snowmass 1982 to review ISABELLE, 800 GeV pp collider in RHIC tunnel. Also first discussion of 40 TeV collider (“Desertron”).

Laurie led SUSY effort: *Detecting Supersymmetric Hadrons*[Aronson, Littenberg, Paige, Stumer, Weygand] and *Phenomenological Consequences of Supersymmetry*[Hinchliffe, Littenberg].

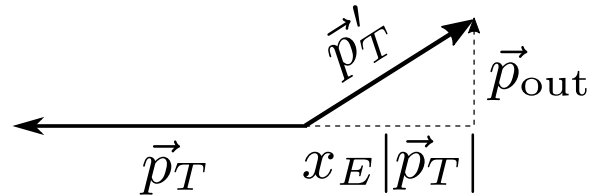
Inspire finds just 346 “supersymmetry” papers before 1982, but SUSY GUT unification and naturalness were being discussed. Growing interest....

Laurie et al. among first to study hadronic production signatures based on multi-body decays with large \cancel{E}_T .

With R parity SUSY particles produced in pairs with $p_T \sim M$ and decay into (multiple) SM particles plus lightest SUSY particle (LSP), which escapes. Basic idea still used in most current searches.

Concentrated on $gg \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{g}$ production[Kane,Leveille] with $\tilde{g} \rightarrow q\bar{q}\tilde{\gamma}$ decay (phase space with light $\tilde{\gamma}$). Events generated with ISAJET, and particles smeared with toy calorimeter for $|y| < 3$.

Divided event into two halves \vec{p} and \vec{p}' using major axis of transverse sphericity tensor:

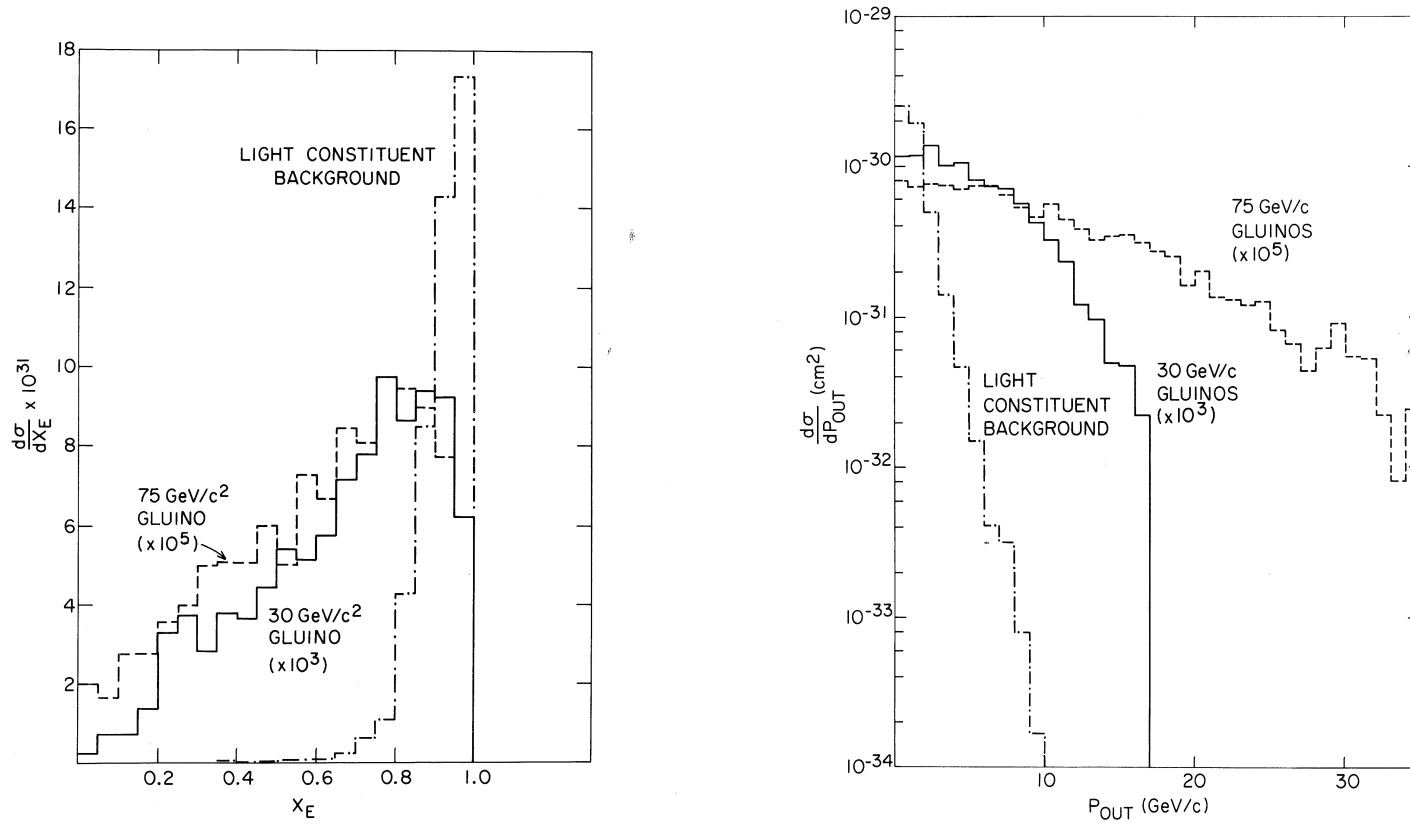


Then (correcting typo)

$$x_E = -\frac{\vec{p}_T \cdot \vec{p}'_T}{|\vec{p}_T|^2}, \quad |\vec{p}_{\text{out}}| = \sqrt{|\vec{p}'_T|^2 - x_E^2 |\vec{p}_T|^2}$$

Light jet background peaks at $x_E = 1$ and $\vec{p}_{\text{out}} = 0$. Used 20 GeV for top mass[sic].

Distributions of x_E and $|\vec{p}_{\text{out}}|$ for signals and background from light, c , b , and t jets at $\sqrt{s} = 800$ GeV:



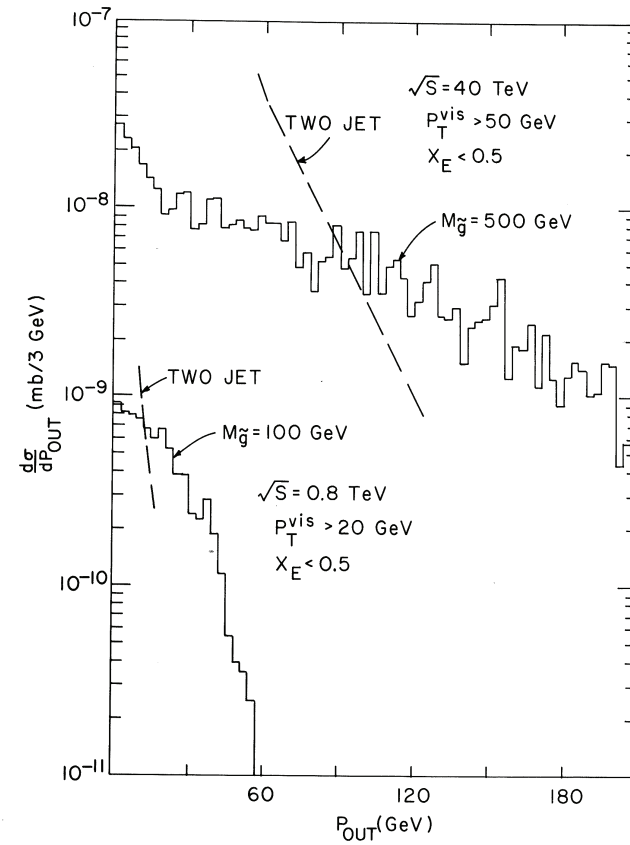
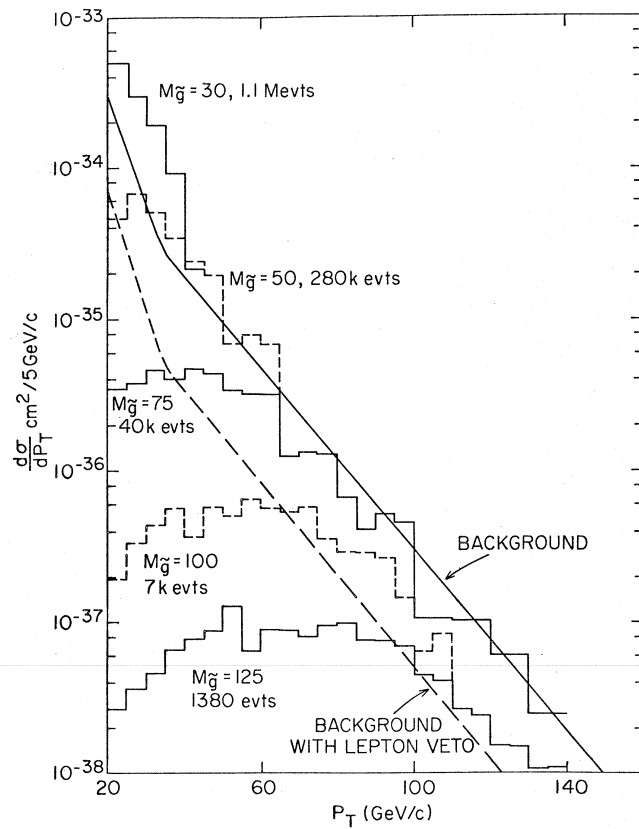
Background after cuts $x_E < 0.5$, $\vec{p}_{\text{out}} > 5 \text{ GeV}$ dominated by light (g, u, d, s) jet events rather than $c\bar{c}, b\bar{b}, t\bar{t}$.

Examining individual events produced surprise: main background from g jets with $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}$ branching and semi-leptonic decay of resulting hadron, $c, b \rightarrow \ell \nu X$.

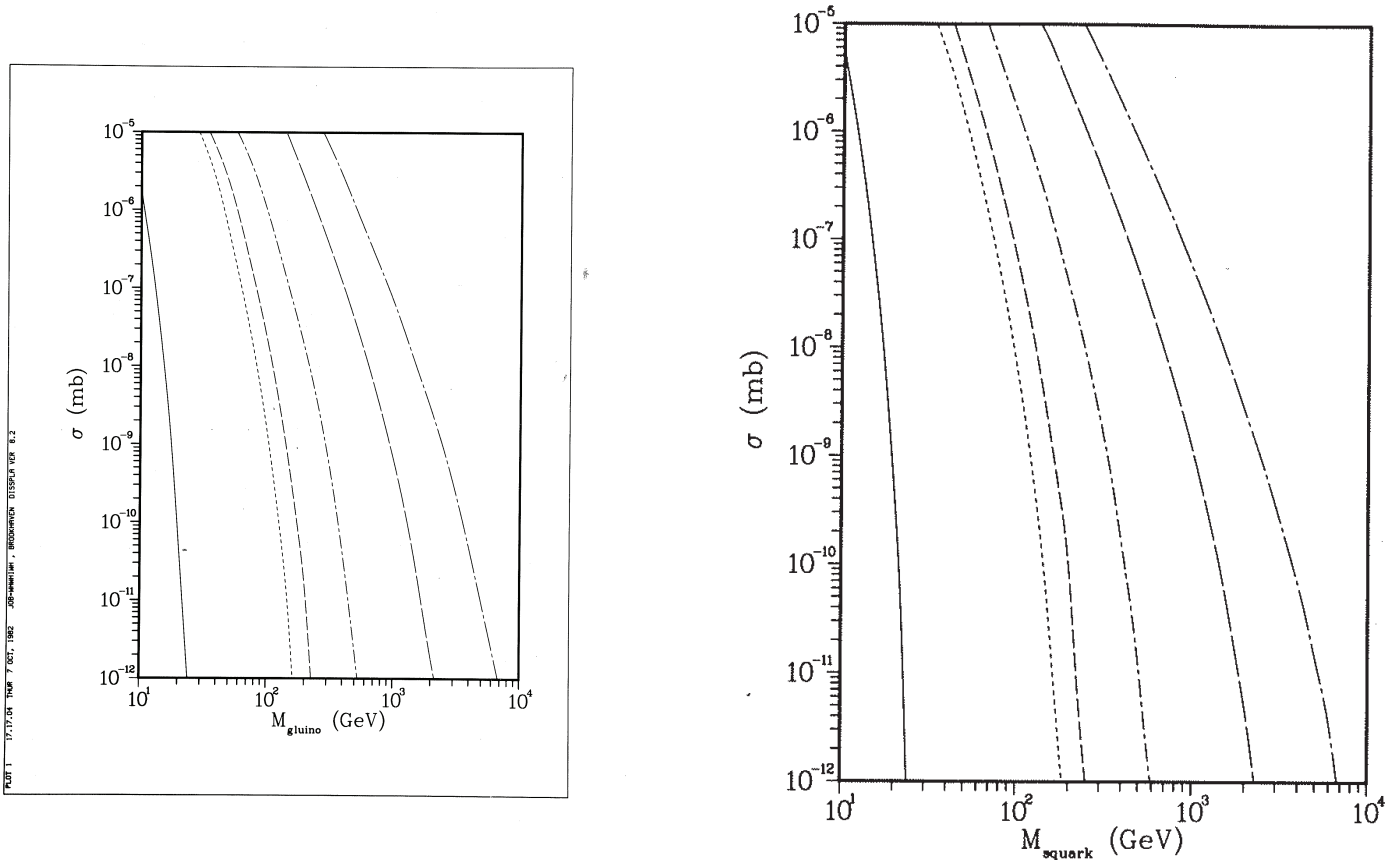
Such events have both real \cancel{E}_T and multi-jet structure.

Many details wrong with these early simulations, but importance of $g \rightarrow b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}$ was correct. Heavy flavor occurs in $\mathcal{O}(1\%)$ of gluons jets, and no way to force it. Need brute force.

Hence lepton veto [details?] suppresses background (right plot made after Snowmass):

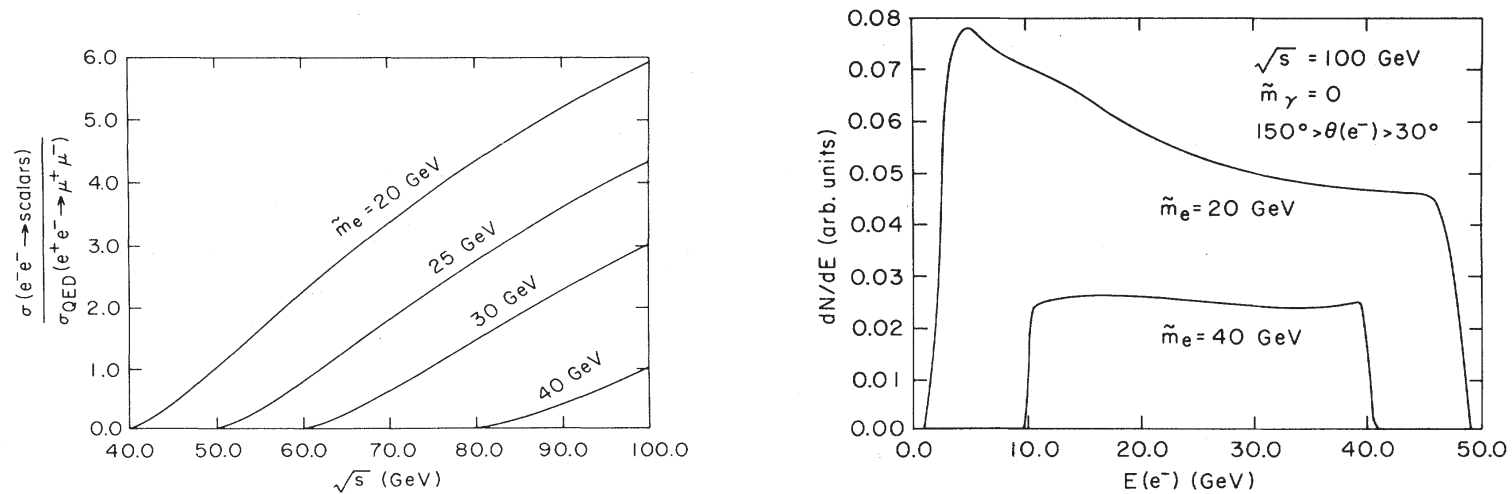


Rate for $\tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*$ small by spin and color factors, $\sigma(\tilde{q}\tilde{q}^*) \sim \frac{1}{50}\sigma(\tilde{g}\tilde{g})$.
 Laurie suggested $gq \rightarrow \tilde{g}\tilde{q}$. Cross sections[Leveille] for $\tilde{g}\tilde{g}$ (left) and $\tilde{g}\tilde{q}$ with $M_{\tilde{g}} = M_{\tilde{q}}$ (right) for $\sqrt{s} = .06, .54, .80, 2, 10, 40$ TeV:



For equal masses $\sigma(\tilde{g}\tilde{q}) \sim \sigma(\tilde{g}\tilde{g})$.

Laurie and HET postdoc also proposed $e^-e^- \rightarrow \tilde{e}^-\tilde{e}^-$ via (Majorana) photino exchange[Keung,Littenberg]. Cross sections for light $\tilde{\gamma}$ (left) and resulting E_e distributions (right):



Given \sqrt{s} , endpoints determine masses. Only have Bhabha and two-photon SM processes.

Became a popular topic at ILC meetings....

Many improvements in SUSY analyses since 1982:

- Better understanding of SUSY models \Rightarrow many signatures.
- New analysis variables to separate signal and background.
- NLO cross sections.
- Better event generation including multileg and/or NLO.
- Full Geant detector simulation for $\gtrsim 10^9$ events.
- Evaluation of systematics with data/MC.

But first effort led by Laurie got a lot right.

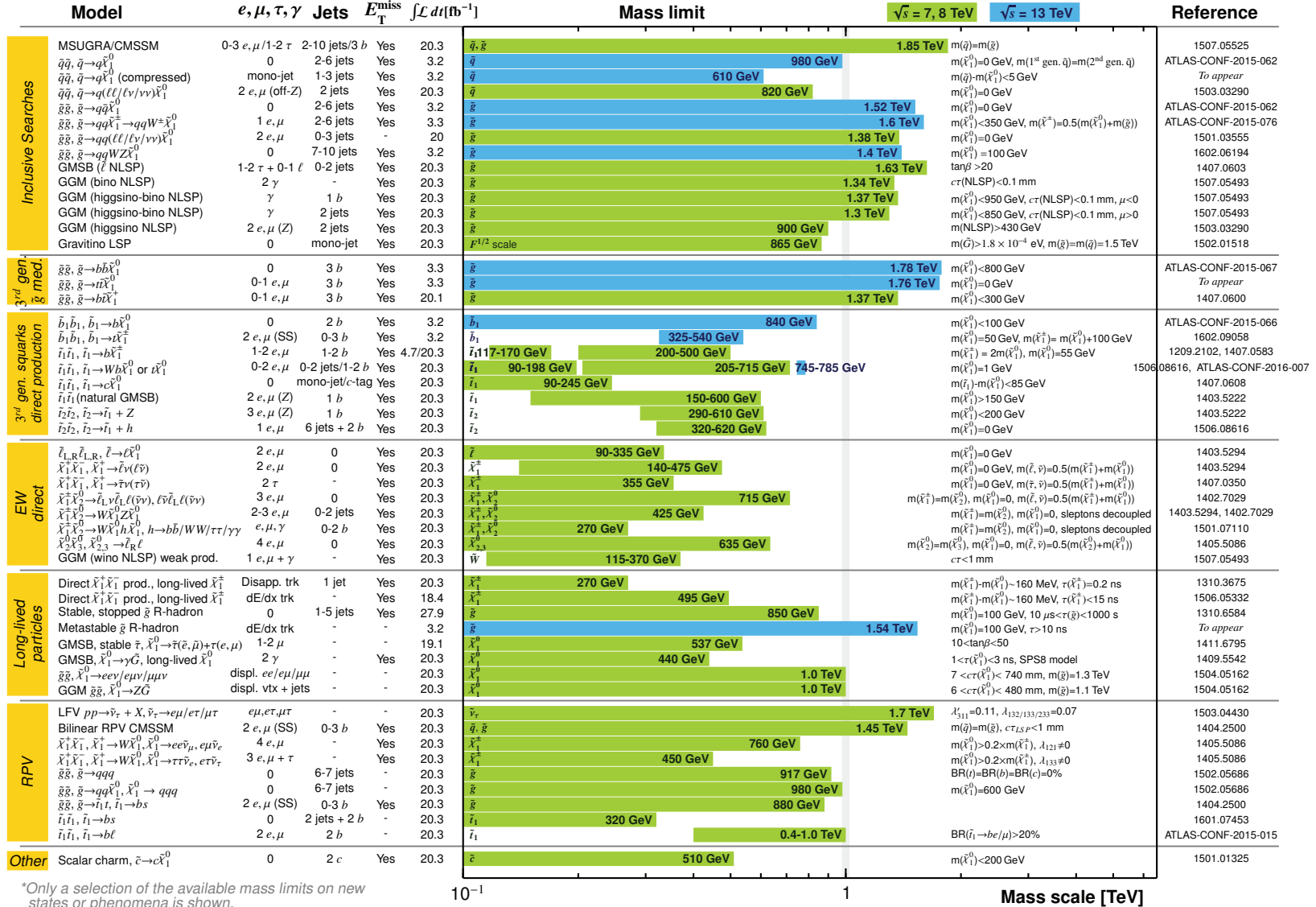
Current (MSUGRA) mass limit is $M_{\tilde{g}} = M_{\tilde{q}} > 1.85 \text{ TeV}$, and many channels give $M \gtrsim 0.5 \text{ TeV}$. Searches continue at LHC....

ATLAS SUSY Searches* - 95% CL Lower Limits

Status: March 2016

ATLAS Preliminary

$\sqrt{s} = 7, 8, 13$ TeV



*Only a selection of the available mass limits on new states or phenomena is shown.

10⁻¹ 1 Mass scale [TeV]

Some wise person said of SUSY:

*Never before in the history of physics have so many done
so much for so little.*

Laurie made nice contributions to the beginnings of “so much” —
and then had the good judgement to go on to other things.