# The Physics Case for TESLA

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- Electroweak Symmetry Breaking: The Higgs
- Standard Model Physics
- Physics beyond the Standard Model



#### **TESLA** Parameters



## **EW Symmetry Breaking**

- central question for the next generation of colliders:
  - understand the nature of the electroweak symmetry breaking mechanism (EWSB)
  - currently three main routes to EWSB are discussed:



## The Case for an Elementary Higgs

If the Higgs is elementary:



development of limits over time: 800 600 95% limit LEPEW fit Higgs mass [GeV] 400 200 direct search 1993 1994 1995 1996 2000 2001 year • light elementary Higgs very much favoured • other (theoretical) constraints validity of perturbation theory: < 500 GeV GUT constraints (naive) <180 GeV SUSY models < 205 GeV

## Possible Discovery of the Higgs



Tevatron reach for run II:



LHC: convincing signals after approx. 3 years if the Higgs is light faster, if the Higgs is heavy Either Tevatron or LHC will likely find the Higgs if it is there, and if LEP has not already found it

## **Higgs Properties**

#### "Is it or is it not?"

Once "signals" are found:

- determine mass and width
- measure quantum numbers J<sup>PC</sup>
- determine the couplings to fermions (mass)
- measure Higgs self-coupling, determine the potential
- separate SM Higgs from SUSY Higgs or other models

Need whole series of measurement to fully establish nature of Higgs mechanism



LEP data from September 2000: some excess observed (< 3 sigma) at M(higgs) = 115 GeV

#### Higgs Parameters: Mass, Width

determination of mass of Higgs: direct reconstruction of Higgs in a number of decay channels possible, most favourable ee  $\rightarrow$  Z  $\rightarrow$  HZ



Clear signals in many channels:

mass		width:
M(Higgs)	dM	
120 GeV	40 MeV	to 5–10%
150 GeV	70 MeV	10 5 1070
180 GeV	90 MeV	

## **Beyond a Discovery**



- complete test of our understanding of mass
  - can the Higgs explain the Z-mass? is the existence of the Higgs enough?



## "GIGA Z"

• if light Higgs is not found: return to lower energies as a first step!

GIGA Z: operate TESLA at 91 GeV very high luminosity 1 billion Z bosons possible

improve the precision electroweak measurement from LEP



- redo the indirect Higgs "limits" using GIGA Z:
  - get much more stringent information
  - if there is an inconsistency somewhere, it will show up here



## The Higgs does not exist...

• if no Higgs is found at LEP, Tevatron, LHC, LC:

- very fundamental arguments require: something must happen on the TeV scale
- one possibility: a new strong interaction (WW rescattering) plays the role of the Higgs there are no fundamental scalars in nature, "fermioncentric" world, either no Higgs exists, or the Higgs is composite



main access: study of WW scattering
effects already visible at "low" energies
consistent models for this type are difficult



## Substructure

- is there a structure below the known one
  - new heavy Z-like bosons
  - Leptoquarks?
  - exotic spin 2 exchange particles?
  - ...
- best studied in the reaction:  $e^+e^- \rightarrow f \bar{f}$

the scale of substructure can be probed well beyond the energy of the collider





## Physics beyond the Standard Model

• "there must be something more than just the Standard Model..." **SUPERSYMMETRY?** 



just one possible model of many but experimental signatures are similar

SUSY: fundamental symmetry between fermions and bosons doubles number of particles particles must be heavy, since no observation so far SUSY must be "broken"

SUSY helps in unifying forces at large energies



- Supersymmetry extends the SM, does not replace it (example: quantum mechanics extends classical mechanics, does not replace it)
- so far no experimental evidence for SUSY

## Supersymmetry

- key to Supersymmetry:
  - discovery
  - spectroscopy to select the correct model
- in "all" models: expect at least some of the SUSY partners at few 100 GeV ("no loose theorem", nearly model-independent)





spectacular signals for SUSY partners if in the kinematic reach at LC

TESLA will be able to contribute significantly to the knowledge about SUSY, if SUSY exists

## A Detector for TESLA

view of a proposed detector for TESLA



ECFA–DESY linear collider study

## **TOP Physics**



## Physics Summary

- a linear collider with E=500 to 800 GeV offers many possibilities
- EWSB: major insights expected
  - Higgs precision measurements
  - SUSY (or similar) precision study
  - model independent search for alternative scenarios
- many precision measurements to significantly extend our present knowledge
  - electroweak precision measurements
  - W mass measurement
  - top mass and properties
  - QCD physics
  - ....
- a linear collider will also search for the totally unexpected
  - substructure?
  - completely new physics: extra dimensions?
  - ...
- the linear collider will complement the physics program of the LHC. Only together can we hope to understand the fundamental problem of electroweak symmetry breaking!

results feed back into EWSB understanding

very strong hints for physics

at a few 100 GeV!