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The Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM) TOM BERLIJN, State University of New York at Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY — Matter comes to us in both symmetric and anti-symmetric forms, as bosons and fermions, so why couldn't space-time it self be anti-symmetric? Evidence for the presence of dark matter in our universe is overwhelming, but what does it consist of? The structure of the U(1)xSU(2)xSU(3) gauge group of the standard model appears to be arbitrary, but is it possible to make a unifying theory with one single gauge group?

Supersymmetry certainly seems to be the answer to a lot of fundamental questions in elementary particle physics. Of course there are also some "practical" problems, the biggest probably being, that up to now, a supersymmetric particle has never been detected!

The main part of my talk will be about the MSSM, a theoretical framework in which these supersymmetric particles "live". Furthermore I will discuss supersymmetry signatures for both the huge accelerator experiments like LHC and Tevatron, as well as experiments that search for dark matter, like neutrino telescopes. If time allows, I would also like to present some of my calculations on neutralino annihilations in the sun, which I did for my Master's thesis in Amsterdam.

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