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Status and open questions in physics beyond the standard model

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Introduction

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Experimental point of view





The story of collider physics in the last 60 years is marked by the accelerators eras and punctuated by key discoveries





Experimental point of view



Theorist's point of view





The story of collider physics in the last 60 years is the slow yet steady turning of the Standard Model into a Standard Theory for Strong and EW interactions.



Theorist's point of view

Standard Model into a Standard Theory for Strong and EW interactions.







Renormalizable field theory:

- • $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ gauge symmetries
- Matter is organised in chiral multiplets
- •The SU(2) x U(1) symmetry is spontaneously broken to $U(1)_{EM}$
- •Yukawa interactions \Rightarrow fermion masses, mixing and CP violation
- Matter+gauge group \Rightarrow Anomaly free
- •Neutrino masses can be accommodated in a natural way

$$_{j}\bar{\psi}_{L}^{i}\phi\psi_{R}^{j}$$
 + h.c.) + $|D_{\mu}\phi|^{2} - V(\phi)$

1 scalar force





Where do we stand? $\mathscr{L}_{SM}^{(4)} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{\mu\nu} F_{\mu\nu} + \bar{\psi} \partial \psi + (y_{ij} \bar{\psi}_L^i \phi \psi_R^j + h.c.) + |D_{\mu} \phi|^2 - V(\phi)$ MF, CPV, Flavour EWSB/EWBG Custodial, MV



Apparently accidental, but key aspects for successful phenomenology:

- •Lepton and Baryon number conservation
- Custodial symmetry
- Absence of FCN interactions
- Small and hierarchical mixing among quarks
- Collective suppression of CP violation
- •IR values of the parameters do not indicate any problem at high scales, including vacuum stability

These are not only difficult to explain in one go, but are also typically not respected by extensions of the SM.



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$$\overline{\psi}_{L}^{i} \phi \psi_{R}^{j} + \text{h.c.} + |D_{\mu} \phi|^{2} - V(\phi)$$

Yet many aspects of the SM are problematic vis-à-vis phenomenology:

- •EWBG difficult because of smallness of CPV and no strong first order transition (SFOPT)
- Nature of Dark Matter
- Unnaturally small Higgs mass and its origin
- Unnaturally small strong CP violation
- Fermion mass hierarchy and origin of CP violation

Beyond SM theories typically address one (or two) of the above problems at the time. We don't have a precise idea of where the scale of NP might reside.

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Λ is high **Effective Field Theory**

When the energies probed by the experiment are lower than Λ , it is possible to encompass all possible UV theories into a universal \mathscr{L}_{EFT} including all possible deformations of the SM.

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 $m_v = 0$

 $U(1)_L^3 \times U(1)_B$

GIM

 $Y_{u}, Y_{d}, Y_{l} \Rightarrow \text{Flayfor \& } \mathcal{F}$ $- \Rightarrow \checkmark \qquad \checkmark$







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The master equation of an EFT approach has three key elements:

$$\Delta Obs_n = Obs_n^{\mathsf{EXP}} - Obs_n^{\mathsf{SM}} = \frac{1}{\Lambda^2} \sum_i a_{n,i}^{(6)}(\mu) c_i^{(6)}(\mu) + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{1}{\Lambda^4}\right)$$

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Λ_{BSM} is high **Scales and energy**

Linking observables at different scales

An EFT allows to connect measurements at different scales without needing to know the UV. See later for an example in Flavour.

E=100 GeV, while δ =1% is enough at 10 TeV (for $c_i \Delta_i \sim 1$).

The Higgs future

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Λ_{BSM} is high Naturalness

This term is responsible for the so called hierarchy problem. It's the only dimensional parameter of the SM Lagrangian, and should be order of Λ^2 .

$$\delta g_H/g_H^{\rm SM} \sim c \, \varepsilon \qquad \varepsilon \equiv m_H^2/\Delta m_H^2$$

Consider the case of New Physics due to the presence of a top partner.

Different models can be realised, which in ABSENCE of tuning, give:

1]
$$\Delta m_H^2 \sim m_T^2 \sim$$

2]
$$\Delta m_H^2 \sim \frac{3y_t^2}{4\pi^2} n$$

3]
$$\Delta m_H^2 \sim \frac{3\lambda_h}{16\pi^2}$$

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- $m_H^2 \Rightarrow \epsilon \sim 1$: Usual Soft SUSY
- $n_T^2 \Rightarrow \epsilon \sim 1/20$: Super Soft SUSY and CH
- $-m_T^2 \Rightarrow \epsilon \sim 1/100$: Natural Naturalness

Imagine a vector-like heavy quark exists at 4 TeV. This is currently not excluded by the direct searches at the LHC and will not at the end of HL-LHC.

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Now just illustrative. It could be interesting to study this and other cases.

Is the SM vacuum stable or metastable? \checkmark

Is the Higgs potential compatible with a SFOPT? \checkmark

Can we exclude a strong 1st order phase transition within a model? \checkmark

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Can we observe EW restoration at the LHC? \checkmark

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Mandate & inputs

The mandate of the BSM working group is to collect the information from the input to the strategy and explore the potential of on-going and future experiments to answer questions related to the existence of physics beyond the standard model.

Our group naturally overlaps with the activities of the WGs on Flavour, Electroweak, and Neutrino physics and cosmic messengers and DM and Dark sectors.

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			Roberto &	Roberto &		Tim &		Nathaniel/Tim &	
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Choosing the focus

Even with the above scheme clear in mind, there could be many possibilities of summarising the BSM input:

- 1. By New Physics models
- 2. By showcasing specifically the strengths of each accelerator project
- 3. By focusing on specific signatures
- 4. By open fundamental questions
- 5. ...

Our focus

We have chosen to focus on:

Specific questions that can be addressed through **new physics scenarios** which can be constrained or discovered at present and future experiments, also through multipronged approaches, putting together collider data in combination with different experiments or observations possibly at different scales.

In a few instances we have literally updated scenarios of the 2020 strategy.

(Open) Methodology

14 repositories
HeavyDM Private
SUSY Private Jupyter Notebook ・
EWBG Private Jupyter Notebook ・
Yprime Private ● Jupyter Notebook ・ 양 0 ・ ☆ 0 ・ ⊙ 0 ・ \$\$ 0 ・ Updated yesterday
Flavor Private ● Mathematica ・ ♀ 0 ・ ☆ 0 ・ ☆ 0 ・ ┆ 0 ・ Updated yesterday
DMDS-Plots Private Jupyter Notebook ・ 양 0 ・ ☆ 0 ・ ⊙ 0 ・ \$ 0 ・ Updated 2 days ago
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In order to compile the comparison plots we have collected the input data, the python notebook, and a description in GitHub repository to be made public.

Great collaboration with DMDS/Neutrino/EW/ Flavour WGs

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plt.xlabel(r"m(\tilde{g}) [TeV]", fontsize=20)
plt.yticks(y_pos, methods, fontsize=20)
plt.xticks(fontsize=20)
plt.grid(axis='x', linestyle="--", alpha=0.7)
first = plt.legend(handles=top_handles, loc='upper center', bbox_to_anchor=(0.5, -0.18), ncol=3, frameon=False,
second = plt.legend(handles=bottom_handles, loc='upper center', bbox_to_anchor=(0.5, -0.28), ncol=2, frameon=Fal
plt.gca().add_artist(first)
#Not needed for Venice
# Add the image as an inset
#img = mpimg.imread('espp_logo.png')
# Get the current axes object
ax = plt.gca()
# The arguments to inset_axes are [x, y, width, height] in fractions of the parent axes.
#ax_inset = ax.inset_axes([0.76, -0.03, 0.3, 0.3]) # Adjust position and size as needed
#ax_inset.imshow(img)
#ax_inset.axis('off') # Hide axes for the inset image
ax.set xlim(0, 20)
# Add the diagonal text with gray color and transparency
plt.text(10, 1.5, 'ESPP 2026: Preliminary', fontsize=40, color=(0.5, 0.5, 0.5, 0.4), # Gray color with alpha for
         rotation=27, ha='center', va='center')
plt.tight_layout()
plt.savefig('SUSY_gluino.png', dpi=300, bbox_inches='tight')
plt.show()
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Benchmarks

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#	Question	Model	Method
1	Are there new gauge forces?	Z'	Direct and indire
2	Are the heaviest particles of the SM elementary?	SILH	Indirect
3	Can we understand the EW phase transition?	Singlet and simplified models	Direct and indire
4	Can we discover a WIMP?	Minimal DM	Direct and indire
5	Are solutions to the flavour problem visible at high-Q2?	Leptoquarks, top FCNC	Direct and indire
6	Do symmetries exist that protect the Higgs?	SUSY	Direct
7	Is the SM alone in the Universe?	Simplified model	Energy and Intens

#	Question
1	Are there new gauge forces?

- Important benchmark: origin of v masses in B-L, DM portal, typically very interesting experimental signatures.
- It links to the dark photon portal signatures.
- Probe of the interplay between direct and indirect searches We received input for a limited number of scenarios often not overlapping.

Model	Method
Ζ'	Direct and indire

#	Question
2	Are the heaviest particles of the SM eler

Quintessential indirect approach

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- searched directly.
- •New scenarios considered, including RG running effects.

	Model	Method
nentary?	SILH	Indirect

•Results given in a plane (M^*, g^*) . These models predict new resonances that can be also

#	Question	Model	Method
3	Can we understand the EW phase transition?	Singlet and simplified models	Direct and indire

- The problem of EWBG in the standard model. Tied to accurate measurement of the Higgs-self coupling.
- Discussed in all collider inputs.
- New physics model realisations that can be constrained also by direct measurements.
- We choose a simple, yet sufficiently rich, scenario to perform a study of the various constraints, including the HL-LHC.

$$V(\Phi,S) = -\mu_H^2 |\Phi|^2 + \lambda_H |\Phi|^4 + b_1 S - \frac{\mu_S^2}{2} S^2 + \frac{b_4}{4} S^4 + \frac{a_2}{2} |\Phi|^2 S^2 + \frac{b_3}{3} S^3 + \frac{a_1}{2} |\Phi|^2 S \left| \frac{b_3}{4} S^4 + \frac{a_2}{4} |\Phi|^2 S^4 + \frac{b_3}{3} S^3 + \frac{a_1}{2} |\Phi|^2 S \right|.$$

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4	Can we discover a WIMP?	Minimal DM	Direct and indire

- •In collaboration with the DMDS WG
- Minimal DM
- A variety of signatures at colliders

#	Question	Model	Method
5	Are solutions to flavour problem directly accessible at high Q2?	Leptoquarks, top FCNC	Direct and indire

•In collaboration with the flavour WG • Unique probe of the interplay between flavour, **EWPO** and direct searches

#	Question	Model	Method
6	Do symmetries exist that protect the Higgs?	SUSY and CH	Direct

- In connection with the naturalness proble
- SUSY is still the best TH framework for UV model building exploration
- SUSY has also been used as a signal generator
- Other symmetries

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disappearing tracks

- R-hadrons
- HSCPs
- displaced photons

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7	Is the SM alone in the Universe?	Simplified model	Energy and Intens

[ID250 : Rich sectors]

Note that in realistic BSM extensions, more than one portal is activated and the phenomenology becomes more intricate (rich!)

The current approach is to simplify the matters and consider one portal at the time.

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7	FF portal: search for dark photons	Simplified model	Energy and Intens
8	phi.phi portal: search for dark scalars	Simplified model	Energy and Intens
9	PQ-inspired states: reach for a ALP scalar	Simplified model	Energy and Intens
10	L.phi portal: reach for a HNL	Simplified model	Energy and Intens

Summary

- The search for phenomena that go beyond the SM is one of the main drivers of the field of HEP.
- •We do not have a clear indication or rock-solid theoretical argument on where new physics necessary to address open fundamental issues demands lies.
- •As we will see, already for a limited number of questions the number of signatures and possibilities is very rich.
- •A future collider programme is needed that can fully leverage on precision and energy, covering the widest range of observables at different scales, (below, at and above the weak scale), and that can significantly sharpen our knowledge of SM phenomena.

