

# From the LHC to the Future

## - theoretical perspective

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Initial title

≈ Particle Physics:

The next 50 years!

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This is a day to start  
celebrating the recent decision  
expressed in the

## European Strategy for Particle Physics

which will contribute to keep  
the European leadership in  
Particle Physics in the next  
decades.

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In my talk, I will often refer  
to "Our Group". This means

Group of Particle Physicists working  
in Portugal

(GPPWP)

Our Group = GPPWP

- Why do we need to have a Higgs factory and the **FCC** with at least **100 TeV?**

- The Standard Model (SM) is one of the greatest scientific achievements of the XX century  
But it cannot be the final theory:  
Many fundamental questions are left **Open**

Some of the Fundamental questions

- The Flavour Problem:  
How to understand the replication of Families and the pattern of quarks and lepton masses and mixing
- How to generate the Baryon Asymmetry of the Universe (BAU)  
Extra sources of CP violations  
are needed !!

- How to solve the Strong CP problem?  
Is there a credible alternative to  
the **Peceli - Quinn proposal**?
- What are the couplings of the  
**Higgs particle** to elementary fermions?

$H\bar{e}e$ ,  $H\bar{\mu}\mu$ ,  $H\bar{\Sigma}\Sigma$

$H\bar{\tau}\tau$

$H\bar{d}d$ ,  $H\bar{s}s$ ,  $H\bar{b}b$

$H\bar{\mu}\mu$

$H\bar{\tau}\tau$ ,  $H\bar{c}c$ ,  $H\bar{t}t$

$H\bar{e}e$

?

Higgs factory is needed!!!

- Are there more Higgs?  
eg.  $2+n$  doublets  $n=0, 1, \dots$
- What is the origin of CP violation  
explicit or spontaneous?
- What is Dark Matter?
- Neutrino Masses:  
The first clear evidence of Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) Physics

It is easy to construct extensions of the SM where neutrino masses are generated

- Seesaw mechanism to generate naturally small neutrino mass? If so what is the scale of  $M_R$ ? Can  $\nu_R$  be discovered at FCC?

- Leptogenesis?
- What about SUSY?
  - The search should continue, but it may happen that **Nature** does not choose SUSY, at least at low energies!

- Vector-like fermions?  
Very simple extension of the SM.  
VLQ are "cousins" of YR  
etc. etc. Nature likes simplicity
- The groups of physicists working  
in Portugal have worked with  
**great success** (e.g. high impact in  
the literature) in most of the  
open questions listed above.

About the Flavour Problem,  
let us recall a Poem by Feynman:

Do you want to be famous?

Do you want to be a King?

Do you want more than a Nobel Prize?

Then, solve the Mass Problem!

Question: Are we going to get  
some progress on this Problem in  
the next 50 years?

As you know, I have only mentioned our Group and not individual names. I will now make an exception and mention two young colleagues from CFTP who have done exceptional work on Flavour:

Ivo Vazielas and João Penedo

Let us go back to the initial title:

Particle Physics : the next 50 years

Can one make some educated guesses?

Let us ask ourselves the following related question : If 50 years ago (in 1970) we had asked the same question to the most prominent physicists at the time, what answer would <sup>we</sup> have received?

It is instructive to look at the proceedings of ICHEP 1968, a most extraordinary Conference  $\pi\pi$

In ICHEP 1968, among the participants there were 20 physicists who had already received or received later the Nobel Prize!

If you look at the Proceedings you find out that at the time "nobody" was working in unified gauge theories !!

Question : How many portuguese physicists attended ICHEP 1968?

Answer : 0 !!

How did we get a copy?  
of the Proceedings

Gu's discovery  
at CERN !!

# Conclusion

It was not easy in 1970 to guess what the next 50 years would bring to Particle Physics.

Today, it is not different : it is not possible to predict what the next 50 years will bring to Particle Physics. But this is the most exciting feature of our field of research!

## Message to young people

From a scientific point of view,  
Portugal is today a very different  
country, compared to what it was in 1970

Today, if you to pursue a research  
career in Particle Physics <sup>you</sup> will find  
many competent researchers / Professors  
able to supervise your research work  
at the highest level.