# Physics goals at the LHC: Looking forward and beyond opportunities with the LIP-CMS group

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## LHC: from searches to precision

- A hadron collider at full steam
  - Reaching the energy limit
  - In Run3, collisions at 14(?) TeV
  - Large datasets
- Perform precise measurements and study rare processes
- Preparing for HL-LHC (2026 and beyond) with improved detectors
  - Several technological challenges ahead as complexity increases

# Mapping the SM

Many measurements during the first years of the LHC tested the SM to an incredible precision over several orders of magnitude!



#### SM is not complete: there are many unanswered questions

### A significant discovery

#### Discovery of the Higgs boson: guided by clues of SM measurements



### After the Higgs...

#### ...we are in uncharted territory

Data analysis
Tests of the SM, Higgs boson studies, searches for New Physics
R&D and detector upgrades
PPS and Timing detector
Involvement in running of the experiment
understanding, operation, direct involvement

⇒ There is a lot to learn

#### Tests of the Standard Model

M. Araújo, P. Bargassa, D. Bastos, R. Bugalho, P. Faccioli, L. Ferramacho, M. Gallinaro, J. Hollar, N. Leonardo, B. Lopes, T. Niknejad, M. Pisano, K. Shchelina, J. Seixas, J. Silva, P. Silva, R. Silva, M. Silveira, G. Strong, O. Toldaiev, J. Varela

At the LHC we will continue testing the SM through precise measurements and rare decays studies:

- Lepton Flavor Universality: top- and b-quark physics JHEP 02 (2020) 191
- Forward physics w/ proton tagging: excl. processes JHEP 07(2018)153, MSc thesis, IST, Dec.2019



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- Heavy ion collisions: heavy flavor MSc thesis, IST, Nov. 2019
- Rare decays: B→μμ, B→K<sup>\*</sup>μμ
   JHEP 04 (2020) 188, arXiv:1812.07638
- Quarkonia: polarization studies PRL 124 (2020) 16, 162002

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## The Higgs boson and beyond

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The Higgs boson was discovered in 2012 and it is still a largely unknown particle. A detailed study of its properties may provide hints to the EWSB mechanism and possibly to New Physics.

Our studies in this area cover:

- Higgs discovery & couplings: diphoton final state PLB 716(2012)30, JHEP 08(2016)045
- Charged Higgs: if present, it would be inequivocal presence of BSM physics JHEP 07(2012)143, JHEP 11(2015)018
- Higgs Pairs: allows measurement of self-coupling parameters ( $k_{\lambda}$ ) with Machine Learning tools PLB 778(2018)101, arXiv:1902.00134, CMS-TDR-020
- Higgs rare decays: couplings to light generations



### Beyond the SM

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The SM has no apparent major problem. However, there are compelling reasons to believe the SM is an incomplete theory of Nature.

- Supersymmetry: exploring a compressed spectrum where mass difference btw stop and LSP is smaller than W boson mass JHEP 09 (2018) 065

- Dark Matter: produced in association with the Higgs boson, only a few events, large MET

JHEP 03 (2020) 025



## **Detector Upgrades**

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The HL-LHC will provide an integrated luminosity of 3000 fb<sup>-1</sup> over 10 years of operation. It will present many technological challenges. We are preparing by developing new detectors and by upgrading the current ones.

#### **LIP Contributes to**





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Precision Proton Spectrometer Detector design and physics prospects

### **Recent MSc and PhD theses**





Measurement of b-quark fragmentation fraction ratios at the CMS experiment: a key ingredient for the  $B_s^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-$  rare decay analysis

#### CERN-THESIS-2018-274, May 2018

Bruno Afonso Fontana Santos Alves



Probing the quark gluon plasma medium through B meson production measurements in PbPb collisions at the LHC

CERN-THESIS-2019-256, Oct. 2019

Júlia Manuela Cardoso Silva



Search for exclusively produced top quark pairs at the LHC CERN-THESIS-2019-280, Dec. 2020

**Beatriz Ribeiro Lopes** 



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DEEP LEARNING METHODS APPLIED TO HIGGS PHYSICS AT THE LHC

Giles Chatham Strong

arXiv:1902.00134, Mach. Learn. Sci. Techn.1 045006, soon in 2020



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Top quark physics and search for physics beyond the Standard Model at the Large Hadron Collider

> JHEP 02 (2020) 191, soon in 2020 Author: Oleksii Toldaiev

## **Opportunities & Challenges**

#### Plenty of opportunities ahead, both in technology and data science

- Will offer good jobs, either Academia or elsewhere

Challenges:

• Difficult challenges due to difficult problems

 $\Rightarrow$  Active participation, dedication, and keen curiosity

# Thank you!

- Interesting analysis topics available
- Strong involvement of students
- Master and PhD thesis projects



#### ⇒ Join, your contribution will make the difference!