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- NB: Except DM all of them (naturalness, flavor, flatness problem, matter-antimatter,...) can just be related to initial conditions.

Flavor



"Opportunities in Flavour Physics at the HL-LHC and HE-LHC", A. Cerri et al., arXiv: 1812.07638

Lepton universality





G. Caria @ Moriond EW 2019 (arXiv:1904.0879)

SM predictions/deviations



The SMEFT: Global fits

arXiv:1910.14012



Neutrinos

- We need to know the hierarchy
- We need to know the nature (majorana vs Dirac)
- We need to know if there are sterile neutrinos



Cosmology



- There are several open problems in cosmology.
- Is ACDM enough?
- Inflation?
- Structure formation?
- matter-antimatter
- CP?

Gravitational Waves



- Apart from being a new way of 'seeing' the universe which can change the astrophysics
- eLisa could be sensitive to an stochastic background of GW coming from phase transitions in the early universe

Open problems in theory:

- Amplitudes.....
- Strong CP-problem
- Quantum Gravity: WGC, Swampland

Theory input for new colliders

- Precision calculations
- MC generators
- Parton showering
- Detector simulation

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- Any theory that address naturalness requires new particles that necessarily will modify Higgs couplings.....another argument to measure with precision!!!!!!





- But there are several alternative to susy or strongly coupled higgses without color partners
- We need to be prepared to look for the unexpected
- specially for long lived particles



Dark Matter

- Dark matter is the most stablished reason for physics beyond the SM
- We have evidence in several cosmological scales.









But we have no idea what it is:



Dark Sector Candidates, Anomalies, and Search Techniques

And a thermal relic is in somewhat trouble



- There are several wimp scenarios where DD is reduced:
 - Blind spots
 - Pure Higgisino
 - Gravitino
 - sterile neutrino

- There are several scenarios very different:
 - axions
 - fuzzy DM
 - Dark photons or dark sectors.....
 - primordial black holes??

Conclusions

- There are lots of open questions in theory, but the most important thing is to be open minded
- There are a lot of regions of parameters space unexplored by the LHC, DM searches or cosmological probes
- The Higgs was already an achievement

The best Is yet To come