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Conapace Muco

Standard Model and Open Questions

After the **Higgs Boson** discovery, the Standard Model is a complete model:

- Particles
- Forces
- Higgs



BUT

- ...still many questions remain unanswered:
 - Hierarchy problem
 - Dark Matter & Dark Energy
 - CP violation
 - Matter-Antimatter asymmetry
 - Neutrino masses



LHC & CMS Experiment

LHC is a proton accelerator:

- Collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 13 \text{ TeV}$
- Protons in bunches containing 10¹¹ particles, colliding every 25 ns (40 million times a second!!)
- About 40 proton-proton collisions for every bunch crossing





CMS is a general purpose experiment, made up of many *sub-detectors*:

- <u>Pixel+Strips</u>: to reconstruct tracks from charged particles
- <u>Superconductive Solenoid</u>: to bend particle tracks and measure their momentum
- <u>ECAL+HCAL</u>: calorimeters to reconstruct the energy of charged and neutral particles
- <u>Muon Chambers</u>: to detect muons
- <u>Trigger</u>: to reduce event rate from 10⁹ to 10² Hz and still keep all the physics interesting events

Physics @ CMS



How an analysis works: $X \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

- The goal is to search new particles decaying in two photons
- Select 2 energetic photons:
 - from which Primary Vertex?
 - are these real photons?
 (or just background?)



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How an analysis works: $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$

- The goal is to reconstruct the Higgs Boson decaying in two tau leptons
- Reconstruction of *tau* leptons

 (τ leptons decay before reaching any sub-detector)
- Creation of m(ττ) spectrum







CMS & Milano-Bicocca: Analyses

Standard Model analyses

Search for the Higgs Boson and measurement of its properties:

- $H \rightarrow \tau \tau$
- $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
- Vector Boson Fusion (VBF)





Beyond Standard Model analyses

Search for new particles (ϕ) indicating the presence of New Physics:

- $\phi \rightarrow HH \rightarrow bb\tau\tau$
- $\phi \rightarrow WW$
- $\phi \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

K∗0

• b-physics (*e.g.* $B_0 \rightarrow K^{0*}\mu\mu$)

CMS & Milano-Bicocca: Hardware



Pixel Tracker

- Study of track reconstruction
- Development of pixel detectors for CMS Upgrade



<u>Electromagnetic</u> <u>Calorimeter</u>

- ECAL calibration
- ECAL barrel upgrade
- Development of fast timing detector for CMS



CMS PhD students at Bicocca involved in several activities:

- Data analysis
- Software & Hardware development
- Collaboration with international laboratories:
 - CERN (Geneva)
 - Fermilab (Chicago)