

$A_{\text{FB}}^{t\bar{t}}$ and composite t' triplets from QCD-like flavor dynamics

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Plan

- Flavor and $A_{\text{FB}}^{t\bar{t}}$
 - flavor symmetric vectors B. Grinstein, A.K., M. Trott, J. Zupan
- Strong interaction realizations with J. Brod, J. Zupan, in progress
 - composite (u', c', t') weak singlet vectorlike up quarks, flavor nonet vectors,...

Flavor symmetry and $A_{\text{FB}}^{t\bar{t}}$

The situation

For $M_{t\bar{t}} > 450$ GeV CDF measures:

$$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}} = \frac{\sigma_F^{SM} + \sigma_F^{NP} - \sigma_B^{SM} - \sigma_B^{NP}}{\sigma_F^{SM} + \sigma_F^{NP} + \sigma_B^{SM} + \sigma_B^{NP}} = 0.475 \pm 0.114$$

$$\sigma^{t\bar{t}} = 1.9 \pm 0.5 \text{ pb}$$

SM theory predictions for $M_{t\bar{t}} > 450$ GeV:

$$A_{\text{NLO}}^{t\bar{t}} = 0.088 \pm 0.013 \quad 3.4\sigma \text{ discrepancy?}$$

$$\sigma_{\text{NLO+NNLL}}^{t\bar{t}} = 2.26 \pm 0.18 \text{ pb} \quad \text{Ahrens et al}$$

For $M_{t\bar{t}} < 450$ GeV CDF measures:

$$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}} = -0.116 \pm 0.153 \quad \text{consistent with SM}$$

D0 does not see a significant $M_{t\bar{t}}$ dependence (not unfolded)

Inclusive $A_{FB}^{\bar{t}t}$ measurements:

CDF:

$$A_{FB}^{\bar{t}t} = 0.417 \pm 0.16 \text{ (dilepton)}, \quad 0.158 \pm 0.074 \text{ (lepton + jet)}$$

D0:

$$A_{FB}^{\bar{t}t} = 0.196 \pm 0.06_{-0.026}^{+0.018} \text{ (lepton + jet)}$$

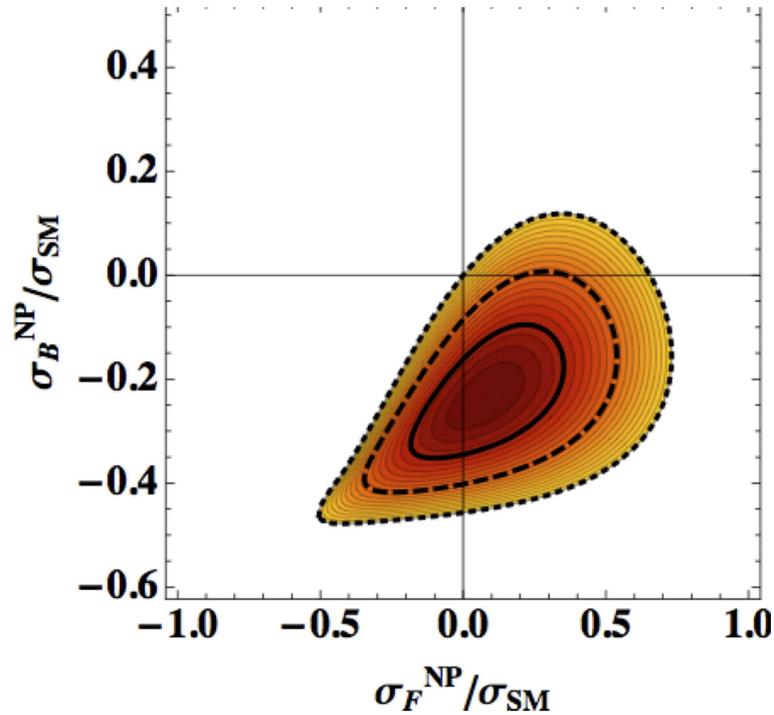
Inclusive average

$$A_{FB}^{\bar{t}t} \text{ (avg)} = 0.200 \pm 0.047 \text{ vs. } A_{FB}^{\bar{t}t} \text{ (SM)} = 0.09 \pm 0.01 \text{ Hollik, Pagani}$$

D0 inclusive leptonic asymmetry:

$$A_{FB}^l = 0.152 \pm 0.038_{-0.013}^{+0.01} \text{ vs. } A_{FB}^l \text{ (SM MC@NLO)} = 0.021 \pm 0.001$$

$\sigma_B^{NP}/\sigma^{SM}$ vs. $\sigma_F^{NP}/\sigma^{SM}$ for $M_{t\bar{t}} > 450$ GeV [Grinstein et al.](#)



$\sigma_B^{NP} < 0$ region \Rightarrow NP interferes with SM

For NP interference with the SM

- s-channel: color octet vector
- t-channel: color singlet, or colored resonances

Low mass t-channel explanations have appealing features:

- vectors, e.g., Z' or W' with masses of a few hundred GeV yield large $A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$, increases with $M_{t\bar{t}}$, as observed Jung, Murayama, Pierce, Wells '10
- simultaneously, good agreement with measured spectrum at large $M_{t\bar{t}}$ Gresham, Kim, Zurek '11; Jung, Pierce, Wells '11
 - for large $M_{t\bar{t}}$, NP t-channel top production more forward
 - but CDF's acceptance decreases rapidly at large rapidity

Low mass Z' , W' have some problems

- Z' : same sign top production $uu \rightarrow tt$
- W' : single top production
- large $Z' - u - t$ or $W' - d - t$ couplings \Rightarrow FCNC's are an issue
 - why are other couplings, e.g., $Z' - u - c$ (danger for $D - \bar{D}$ mixing), much smaller?
- contribution to $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ at LHC via single light mediator decay, e.g. [Gresham, Kim, Zurek](#)

$$gq \rightarrow t + (Z' \rightarrow \bar{t}q)$$

Flavor Symmetric Models

- Weak scale NP models are in MFV class if invariant under

$$G_F = U(3)_Q \times U(3)_u \times U(3)_d$$

- Yukawas and new flavor diagonal phases only source of FCNCs
- relaxes tensions between FCNC's and weak scale NP

- NP that is invariant under the flavor subgroup

$$H_F = U(2)_Q \times U(2)_u \times U(2)_d \times U(1)_3$$

is also appealing for relaxation of FCNC constraints

To address the problems mentioned above consider models for $A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$ that

- do not contain additional breaking of G_F or the alternative H_F , beyond the SM Yukawas
- contain new fields in non-trivial representations of G_F or H_F
- have $O(1)$ couplings to the top and light quarks

Flavor symmetry \Rightarrow no like sign top or single top production;
negligible FCNC's, e.g., $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$ mixing

- impact of single mediator decay on $\sigma_{t\bar{t}}$ (LHC) suppressed if its branching ratio to quark pairs is suppressed; also favored by dijet constraints

Flavor symmetric vector models

- Simplest possibilities are the $U(3)_{U_R}$ flavor octet color octet or color singlet vectors coupling only to RH up quarks

$$\mathcal{L} = \lambda \bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu V_\mu^{o,s} u_R + \text{MFV corrections}$$

- color octet: $V_\mu^o = V_\mu^{A,B} \mathcal{T}^A T^B$

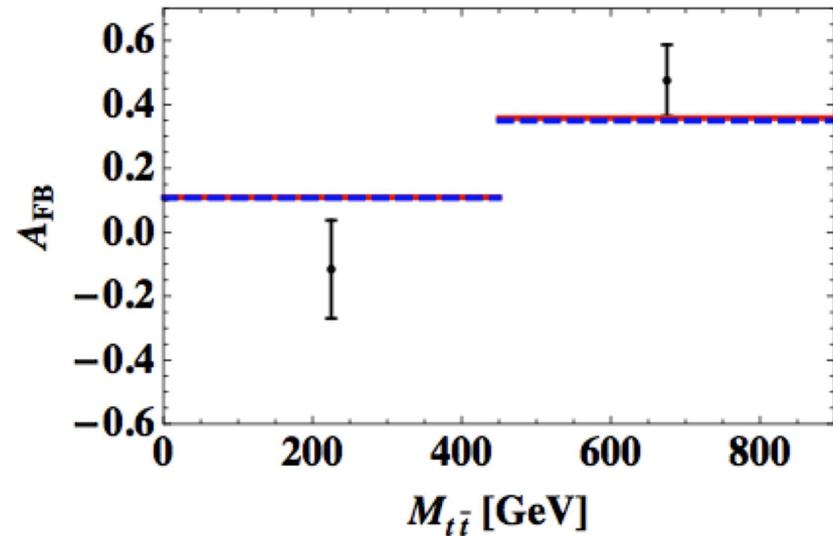
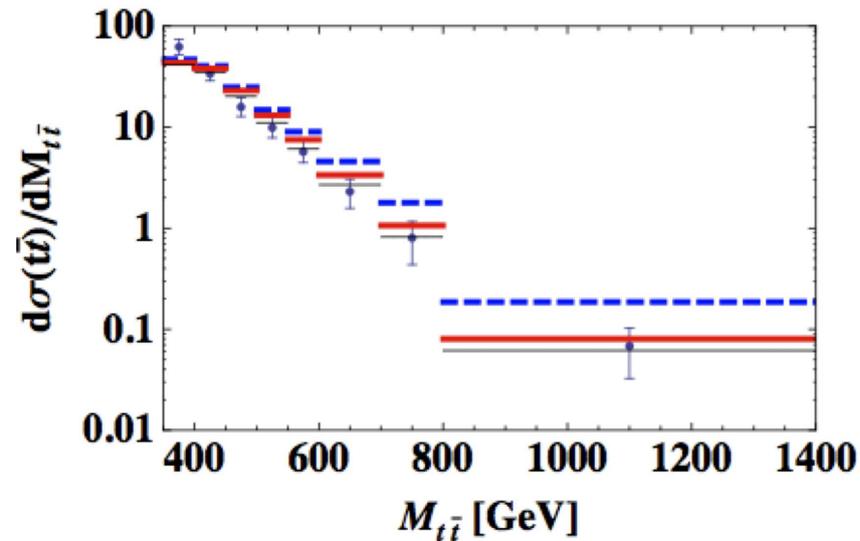
- color singlet: $V_\mu^s = V_\mu^A T^A$

t – channel $(V_\mu^4 - iV_\mu^5)(\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu u_R) + \dots$

s – channel $V_\mu^8 (\bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu u_R + \bar{c}_R \gamma^\mu c_R - 2\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu t_R)$

- $t\bar{t}$ production t-channel dominated
- MFV corrections split $t\bar{t}$, $\bar{t}q$, and $\bar{q}q$ couplings, preserve $SU(2)_{U_R}$ symmetry
- or could have $[SU(2) \times U(1)]_{U_R}$ symmetry from the start

Ex: $A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$ and $d\sigma/dM_{t\bar{t}}$ for the octet of color and flavor



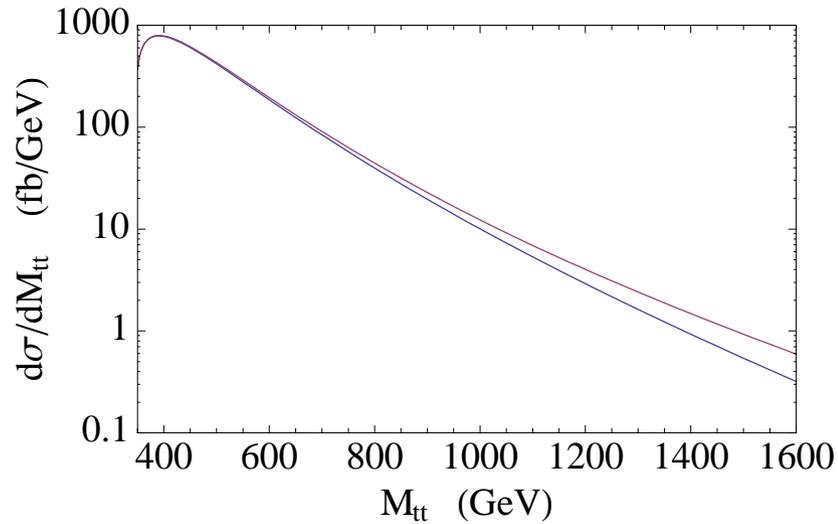
- $A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$ and $d\sigma(t\bar{t})/dM_{t\bar{t}}$, for two different values of $(m_V, \sqrt{\lambda_{qq}\lambda_{33}}, \lambda_{q3}, \Gamma_V/m_V)$:
solid red (300 GeV, 1, 1.33, 0.08); dashed blue (1200 GeV, 2.2, 4.88, 0.5).
 Inclusive $A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}} = 0.17$ in both cases

- CDF rapidity acceptance corrections included

- For light vectors with O(10%) widths, the Tevatron and LHC dijet constraints on the smaller s-channel exchange can be satisfied with little or no flavor symmetry breaking in the quark couplings, $\lambda_{ij} \approx \lambda_{33} \approx \lambda_{i3}$

LHC $M_{t\bar{t}}$ spectrum

The $M_V = 300$ GeV color octet example:



For $M_{t\bar{t}} \in [1400, 1600]$ GeV, $\frac{\sigma_{NP}}{\sigma_{SM}} \approx 1.7$, $\sigma_{NP} \approx 80$ fb

- below the $O(200)$ fb sensitivity of a recent CMS “bump hunting” search at 4.6 fb^{-1}

CMS PAS-EXO-11-006

Strong interaction realization

The set-up

- can we build models with composite flavor octet vector mesons?
- can they **naturally** only couple to right-handed up quarks?
- QCD provides the prototype for flavor octet (nonet) composite vector mesons
- add asymptotically free $SU(N)_{HC}$ "hypercolor" gauge interaction, with strong interaction scale $\Lambda_{HC} \sim 1/2 - 1$ TeV
- Minimal model: add $SU(2)_L$ singlet, vectorlike $SU(3)_{UR}$ or $[SU(2) \times U(1)]_{UR}$ "flavor triplet" of hypercolor quarks $(\omega_{L_i}, \omega_{R_i})$ ($i = 1, 2, 3$); and a new "flavor singlet" hypercolor scalar \mathcal{S}

Hypercolor matter transforms under $SU(N)_{HC} \times SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ as

$$\omega_{L_i, R_i}(N, 1, 1, a), \quad \mathcal{S}(\bar{N}, 3, 1, b), \quad a + b = 2/3$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{NP} = \mathbf{h}_{ij} \bar{u}_{Ri} \omega_{Lj} \mathcal{S} + h.c. + \mathbf{m}_{\omega ij} \bar{\omega}_i \omega_j + m_s^2 |\mathcal{S}|^2$$

u_R is the usual **flavor triplet** of RH up quarks (u_R, c_R, t_R) ,
the ω_i are in a **flavor triplet** of up quark flavors $(\omega_u, \omega_c, \omega_t)$

- imposing MFV $\Rightarrow \mathbf{h}_{ij} = h \delta_{ij}, \quad \mathbf{m}_{\omega ij} = m_\omega \delta_{ij}$
- imposing $[SU(2) \times U(1)]_{U_R}$, or taking into account MFV corrections
 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{h} = \text{diag}(h_1, h_1, h_3), \quad \mathbf{m}_\omega = \text{diag}(\mu_1, \mu_1, \mu_3)$
- will take $m_\omega \ll \Lambda$, like u, d, s in QCD
- could "supersymmetrize" in order to protect scalar mass; or could imagine that the scalar is composite

- variation on \mathcal{L}_{NP} : add gauge **singlet scalar**, \mathcal{N} ,

$$\mathcal{L}_{NP} = \mathbf{h} \bar{u}_R \omega_L \mathcal{S} + h.c. + \eta \mathcal{N} \bar{\omega} \omega + \mu_s \mathcal{N} \mathcal{S}^* \mathcal{S} + m_s^2 |\mathcal{S}|^2 + m_N^2 |\mathcal{N}|^2 + \dots$$

- dynamically generate ω current masses via $SU(N)_{HC}$ condensates,

$$\langle \bar{\omega} \omega \rangle, \langle \mathcal{S}^* \mathcal{S} \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow \langle \mathcal{N} \rangle \neq 0 \Rightarrow m_\omega \neq 0$$

- $SU(3)_c$ breaking alignment of condensates can be avoided via the new terms

$$\eta \mathcal{N} \bar{\omega} \omega + \mu_s \mathcal{N} \mathcal{S}^* \mathcal{S}$$

- hypercolor sector **only couples** to the right-handed up quarks
 - due to choice of representations for ω , \mathcal{S} (hypercharge assignments)
 - Therefore, $SU(3)_{U_R}$ or $[SU(2) \times U(1)]_{U_R}$ symmetry of \mathcal{L}_{NP} could be an **accidental consequence** of an $SU(3)_H$ or $[SU(2) \times U(1)]_H$ horizontal gauge symmetry, **under which all quarks transform**
 - Spontaneous breaking of $SU(3)_H$ or $[SU(2) \times U(1)]_H$ in the UV could generate the quark mass and mixing hierarchies via a Froggatt-Nielsen type mechanism
 - At the weak scale could have the SM (or MSSM) + a new flavor symmetric hypercolor sector
- Flavor structure of the resonances could hint at a horizontal symmetry solution to the quark mass hierarchy problem

Hypercolor resonances and $A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$

- the lowest vector meson flavor 8+1 "nonets" (a=1,...,9):

$\rho_{HC}^a[\bar{\omega}\omega]$ **vectors**; $a_{1HC}^a[\bar{\omega}\omega]$ **axial-vectors**

- $\langle \bar{\omega}\omega \rangle \neq 0$ breaks global chiral symmetry

$$SU(3)_L \times SU(3)_R \rightarrow SU(3)_V$$

\Rightarrow flavor octet of pions π_{HC}^a , heavier η'_{HC}

- mass scales: scale up from QCD

$$\frac{f_{\pi}^{HC}}{f_{\pi}} \sim \frac{f_{\rho}^{HC}}{f_{\rho}} \sim \frac{m_{\rho HC}}{m_{\rho}} \sqrt{\frac{N_{HC}}{3}}, \quad \frac{f_{\rho}^{HC}}{m_{\rho}^{HC}} \approx 0.2 \sqrt{\frac{N_{HC}}{3}}$$

Motivated by vector flavor/color octet analysis of $A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$

- $m_{\rho}^{HC} \sim 300 - 600 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow f_{\pi}^{HC} \sim 35 - 70 \text{ GeV} (N_{HC} = 3)$

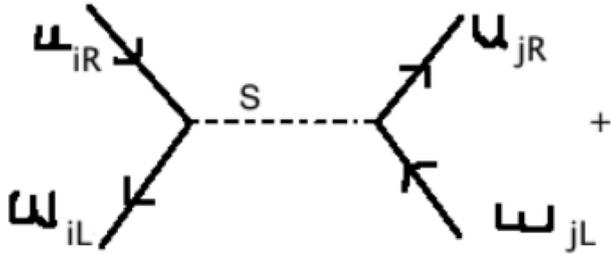
- $\Lambda_{HC}^{\chi SB} \sim 4\pi f_{\pi}^{HC} \sim 450 - 900 \text{ GeV}$

- $m_{\pi}^2 \approx 8\pi f_{\pi}^{HC} m_{\omega}$

$$m_{\omega} \sim 10 \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow m_{\pi}^{HC} = O(100) \text{ GeV}$$

$$\text{VMD or scaling from QCD} \Rightarrow \frac{\Gamma(\rho_{HC} \rightarrow \pi_{HC} \pi_{HC})}{m_{\rho}^{HC}} = O(10\%)$$

vector meson - quark couplings



$$\langle \rho^a | \bar{\omega} \gamma^\mu T^a \omega | 0 \rangle \sim f_\rho m_\rho \epsilon^\mu \Rightarrow$$

ρ, a_1 couplings to up quarks: $\lambda^V \rho_\mu^a \bar{u} T^a \gamma^\mu u + \lambda^A a_1^a \bar{u} T^a \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u,$

$$m_S \gg \Lambda \Rightarrow \lambda^V \sim h^2 \frac{f_\rho m_\rho}{m_S^2}, \quad \lambda^A \sim h^2 \frac{f_{a_1} m_{a_1}}{m_S^2}$$

● observed $A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}} \Rightarrow \rho - u - t$ coupling $\lambda = O(1)$

● but want perturbative $h \Rightarrow m_S < \Lambda$

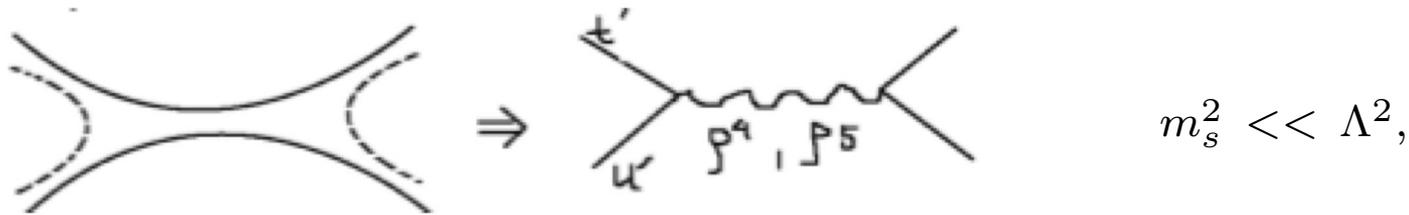
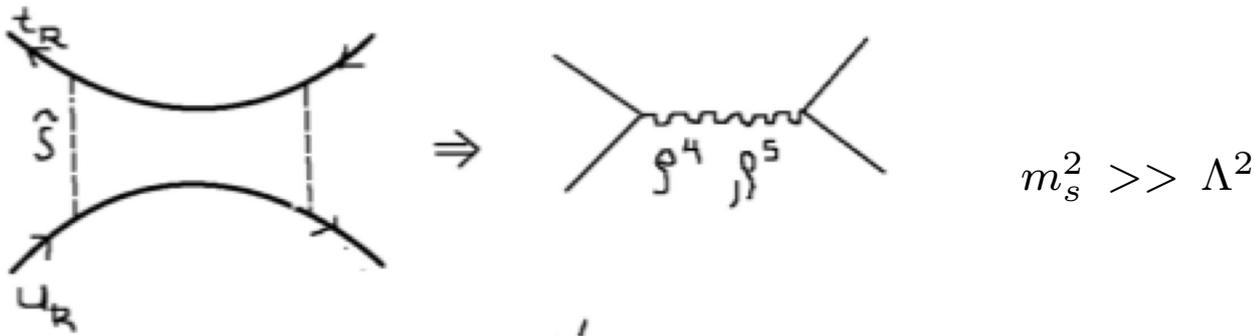
Naive dimensional analysis (NDA) then implies

$$\lambda \sim h^2 \frac{f_\rho}{\Lambda} \quad \text{or} \quad h = O(\text{few})$$

- $m_S < \Lambda$, e.g. $O(100)$ GeV \Rightarrow modified resonance picture, includes $SU(3)_{U_R}$ **flavor triplet** of weak singlet **vectorlike up quarks**, with masses of $O(m_\rho)$ or $O(1/2 \text{ TeV})$

$$u'[\mathcal{S}\omega_u], \quad c'[\mathcal{S}\omega_c], \quad t'[\mathcal{S}\omega_t]$$

- $t\bar{t}$ production via exchange of ρ^a, a_1^a and large $u'_{R_i} - u_{R_i}$ mixing



$$\Rightarrow m \bar{u}_{R_i} u'_{L_i} \text{ via } \langle u'_i | \bar{\omega}_i \mathcal{S}^* | 0 \rangle = \sqrt{2} f'_u \bar{u}'_i$$

$\rho^a - u_i - u_j$ couplings via exchange of composite u' 's

up quark mass matrix of form:

$$M_{RL} = \begin{pmatrix} m_u & \sqrt{2}h f_{u'} \\ 0 & M_{u'} \end{pmatrix}$$

m_{u_i} are ordinary up quark masses, $M_{u'_i}$ are composite up quark masses

● $\langle u'_i | \bar{\omega}_i \mathcal{S}^* | 0 \rangle = \sqrt{2} f_{u_i} \bar{u}'_i$, with $f'_u \sim f_\rho \Rightarrow$

$$|u_{R_i(L_i)}\rangle^{\text{phys}} = \cos \theta_{R_i(L_i)} |u_{R_i(L_i)}\rangle - \sin \theta_{R_i(L_i)} |u'_{R_i(L_i)}\rangle$$

$$\sin \theta_{R_i} \approx \sqrt{2} h_i \frac{f'_{u_i}}{M_{u'_i}}, \quad \sin \theta_{L_i} \approx \sqrt{2} h_i \frac{f'_{u_i} m_{u_i}}{M_{u'_i}^2}$$

- use Vector Meson Dominance (VMD) to estimate the $\rho^a - u'_i - u'_j$ and $a_1^a - u'_i - u'_j$ couplings

$$g_V \rho_\mu^a \bar{u}' T^a \gamma^\mu u' + g_A a_{1\mu}^a \bar{u}' T^a \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 u' \Rightarrow g_V \approx \frac{m_\rho}{f_\rho}, \quad g_A \approx \frac{m_{a_1}}{f_{a_1}}$$

- $\rho^a - u_i - u_j$ and $a_1^a - u_i - u_j$ couplings follow from $u' - u$ mixing:

$$\lambda_{ij}^{V_a} \approx g_V \sin^2 \theta_R = \mathcal{O} \left(2h^2 \frac{f_\rho}{m_\rho} \right) \sim 0.4 h^2, \quad \frac{\lambda^A}{\lambda^V} \sim \frac{m_{a_1} f_{a_1}}{m_\rho f_\rho}$$

$$\lambda^V \sim 1 \Rightarrow h \sim \sqrt{2}$$

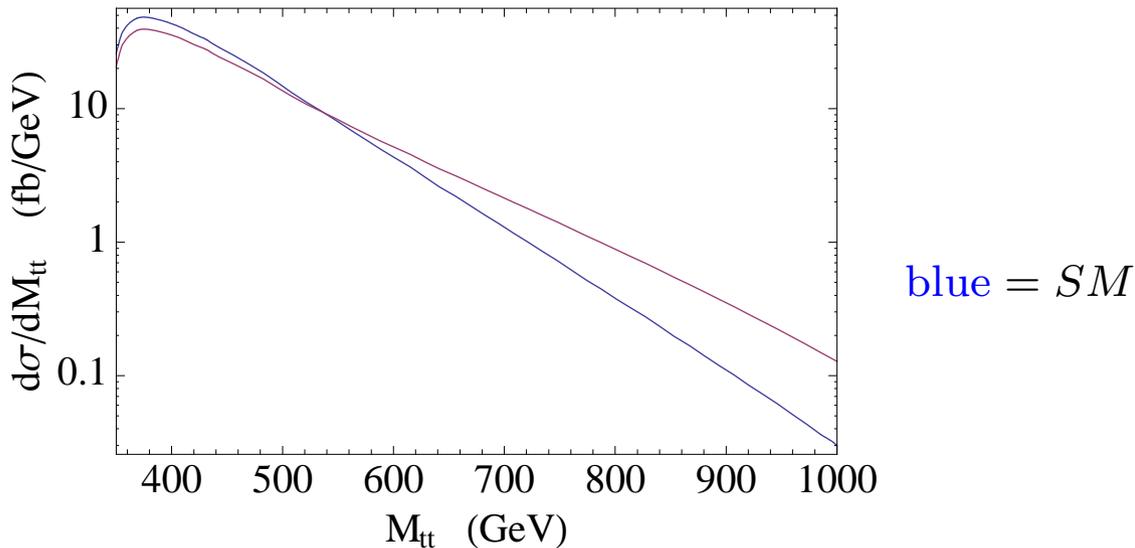
- partially composite RH up quarks with $\sin \theta_{R_i} \sim 1/3$,
and LH top with $\sin \theta_L^t \sim 1/3 \times m_t/M_{t'}$

$A_{FB}^{t\bar{t}}$ and $d\sigma/dM_{t\bar{t}}$ from the flavor nonets ρ^a, a_1^a

- for simplicity, consider $SU(3)_{U_R}$ limit (rather than $SU(2) \times U(1)$) :
- degenerate nonets $m_{\rho^a} = m_\rho, \quad m_{a_1^a} = m_{a_1}$
- degenerate couplings for λ^V and λ^A
- in $SU(3)_{U_R}$ limit no s-channel contribution: no " $\omega - \phi$ " mixing

- example: exchange of ρ^a flavor nonet vector mesons ($m_\rho = 300$ GeV; $m_{a_1} = 450$ GeV; $\lambda^V = 0.8$; $\lambda^A = \lambda^V m_{a_1}/m_\rho$, $\Gamma_\rho/m_\rho = \Gamma_{a_1}/m_{a_1} = 10\%$):

- $M_{\bar{t}t}$ spectrum:



- $A_{FB}^{\bar{t}t}(M > 450 \text{ GeV}) = 0.37$, $A_{FB}^{\bar{t}t}(M < 450 \text{ GeV}) = 0.02$
 $A_{FB}^{\bar{t}t}(\text{inclusive}) = 0.11$

- CDF rapidity acceptance correction not included - should bring the true excess at large $M_{\bar{t}t}$ into better agreement with data
- preliminary: ρ, a_1 exchange satisfies Tevatron dijet constraints for $\frac{\Gamma_{\rho \rightarrow \pi\pi}}{m_\rho} = O(10\%)$

● could also have s -channel exchange of a P -wave vector meson bound states of the scalars, $V^\mu [S^* S]$,

● a flavor singlet color octet $V^{[8]}$, and flavor singlet color singlet $V^{[1]}$,

$$\langle V^a | S^* T^a \partial_\mu S - (\partial_\mu S^*) T^a S | 0 \rangle \sim f_V m_V \epsilon_\mu$$

● can gain insight on masses, decay constants from QCD tensor mesons $f_2(1270)$, $f'_2(1525)$

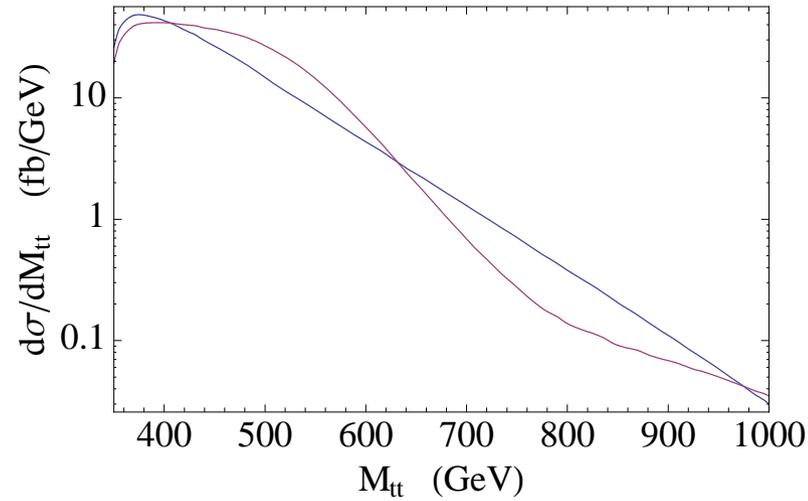
● however, V expected to be very broad, e.g. $\Gamma/M = O(1)$, follows from NDA estimates of $V \rightarrow \bar{u}'_i u_i$

● P -wave resonance picture likely to break down

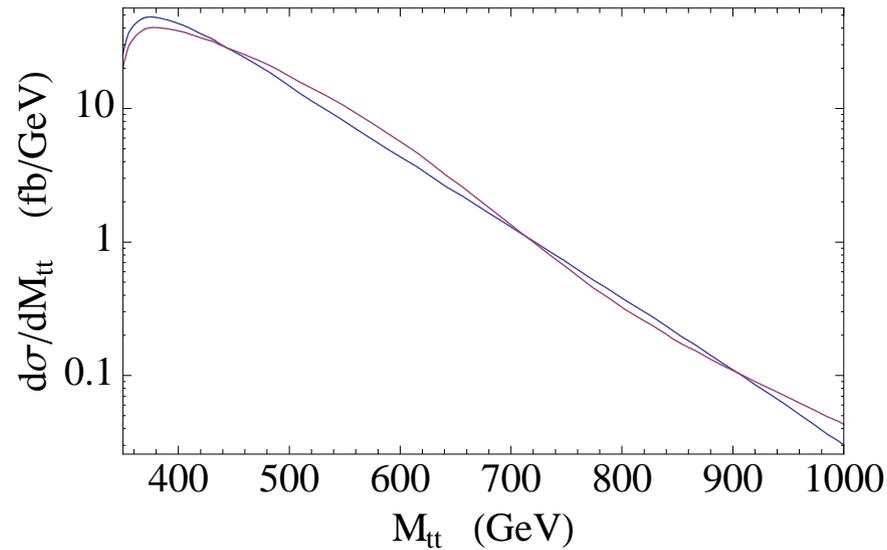
● nevertheless proceed, to gauge possible impact on the $M_{t\bar{t}}$ spectrum and A_{FB} of " s -channel exchanges"

Add exchange of color octet V^a ($m_V = 500$ GeV, $\lambda^V = 1.0$): Tevatron $M_{t\bar{t}}$ spectrum

● $\Gamma_V/m_V = 50\%$,



● $\Gamma_V/m_V = 100\%$,

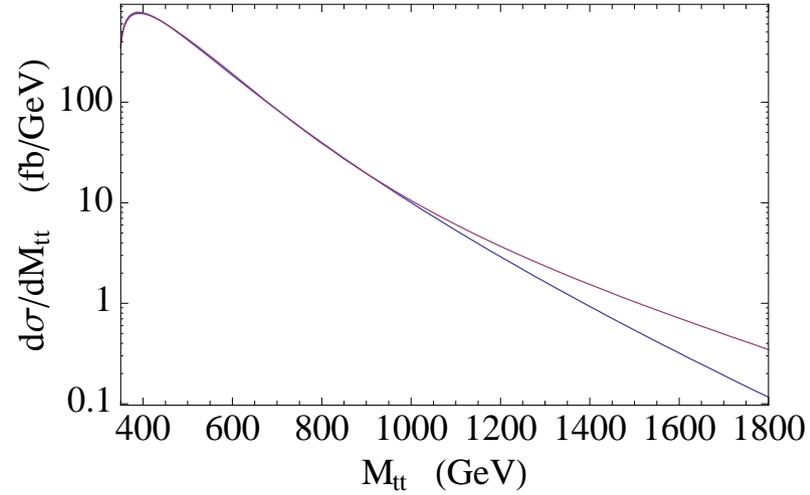


$$A_{FB}^{\bar{t}t}(M > 450 \text{ GeV}) = 0.36, \quad A_{FB}^{\bar{t}t}(M < 450 \text{ GeV}) = 0.13,$$

$$A_{FB}^{\bar{t}t}(\text{inclusive}) = 0.18$$

LHC $M_{t\bar{t}}$ spectrum

● $\Gamma_V/m_V = 100\%$,



$$\frac{\sigma_{NP}}{\sigma_{SM}} \approx 1.9 \quad (M_{t\bar{t}} \in [1400, 1600] \text{ GeV}), \quad \frac{\sigma_{NP}}{\sigma_{SM}} \approx 2.5 \quad (M_{t\bar{t}} \in [1600, 1800] \text{ GeV})$$

On the composite u' 's

- They can be quite broad! Due to decays to ordinary RH up quarks and HC pions, π^a , e.g.,

$$u'_i \rightarrow \pi^a + t$$

- the couplings of π^a to the u' 's (similar to $\pi - N$ coupling)

$$\sim \frac{2}{f_\pi} \bar{u}' \gamma_5 T^b \gamma^\mu \partial_\mu \pi^b u' \Rightarrow \Gamma_{u'}/M_{u'} = \mathcal{O}(10\%),$$

compared with $\approx 1\%$ for the top quark

- composite quark masses $\sim 1/2$ TeV, depending on scalar mass m_S

- detection at LHC via $u'_i \rightarrow t + \pi^a$
- π^a are color singlets, decay via $\pi^a \rightarrow \bar{u}u, \bar{c}c$, or $\pi^a \rightarrow \bar{t}^{(*)}u, \bar{t}^{(*)}c$
- final states with two tops: $\bar{u}'_i u'_i \rightarrow \bar{t} t \bar{q} q \bar{q} q$,
 $\bar{u}'_i u_i \rightarrow \bar{t} t \bar{u}_i u_i$ (suppressed)
- final states with 4 tops: $\bar{u}' u' \rightarrow \bar{t} t \bar{t} t \bar{q} q$
- Production mechanism:
 - $\bar{u}'_i u'_i$: via QCD and $\rho^a, a_1^a, V^{[8],[1]}$ exchange
 - $\bar{u}'_i u_i$ (single u' production): via $\rho^a, a_1^a, V^{[8],[1]}$ exchange

In progress

- Hypercolor
 - coding everything in madgraph: detailed study of phenomenology, including LHC $t\bar{t}$ charge asymmetry A_C
 - non-relativistic quark model for dependence of vector and axial vector nonet mass spectra on m_{ω_i}
 - include resulting “ $\omega - \phi$ mixing” contributions to s -channel $t\bar{t}$ and dijet production
 - phenomenology of flavorful HC $[\omega\omega\omega]$ baryons, DM implications
- exploring connection to low scale bosonic technicolor with a light Higgs
 - $\Lambda_{\text{HC}} \sim 1/2$ TeV suggests a low scale for Λ_{TC}
 - identification of HC with TC disfavored: sufficient asymptotic freedom for $N_{\text{TC}} = 2$ is problematic
 - studying an $SU(3)_{\text{HC}} \times SU(2)_{\text{TC}}$ model in which $\Lambda_{\text{TC}} > \Lambda_{\text{HC}}$, and the two scales are linked