# Top Partners

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## Motivation

- The electroweak naturalness problem goes hand-in-hand with the large top-quark Yukawa coupling
- New physics related to top sector very well motivated
  - SUSY: stops
  - Little Higgs: vector-like SU(2) singlet T'
  - Randall-Sundrum: Top KK-modes
  - Composite Higgs: higher reps for improved EWP fits
  - UV completions of RPV MFV SUSY

# Phenomenology

- R-parity conserving SUSY stops create MET-type topologies
- Not generic many models with exotic quarks involve pure SM final states:
  - pair or single production decays to Wb, Zt, Ht, Wt
  - also potentially flavor non-conserving
- There are a few existing studies that probe one or more of these topologies
- May affect Higgs physics (e.g. enhance di-photon rate)

## Chiral 4th generation $T' \rightarrow Wb$

Straightforward SM extension - excluded by Higgs production rate/EWP



## Vector-like T' quarks

Well motivated - KK quarks in Randall Sundrum models, Little Higgs, MFV SUSY

Generally, multiple decay modes open - parameter space not yet fully explored experimentally



Chiral T' limits in 100% Wb final state also apply through recast

## "Triangulating" T' quarks

Many cases: total BF to bW, tZ, tH make up 100% of decays

Pair production rate set by QCD

Limits can be put in plane spanned by 2 BF's:

Whiteson and Rao 1204.4504



## Common features

Certain regions are more generic Models with T'-t mixing - Little Higgs T', KK-tops, etc. Class of T' models follow trajectory in BF triangle



High mass behavior fixed by Goldstone's theorem: Br(Wb)=2Br(Zt)=2BR(Ht)=.5

## "Tetrahedronalizing" T's

T' quarks may have substantial BF's to other final states (i.e. exotica)

Reduces sensitivity in individual Wb, Zt, Ht channels

#### LHT: additional stop-like topology

 $T' \rightarrow A_H A_H t$ MET

Stop searches provide complimentary coverage (similar bounds ~400 GeV)

#### Littlest Higgs w/T-parity



Extra dimensional models with SUSY: top KK modes may have addn'l stop+LSP final state

### **Other constraints** SU(2)<sub>L</sub> singlet T' (Little Higgs-like)

#### **EWP** constraints



Berger et. al. 1205.0013

3 plots demonstrate sensitivity to other new physics contributions

Flavor physics do not yet give competitive limits



## Charge +5/3 T'

Predicted in composite Higgs/Randall sundrum models which address large corrections to Zbb vertex

Part of complete representation of custodial SU(2) symmetry

ρ-parameter and Zbb protected <u>MZ+</u> same sign di-leptons aid in ttbar

 $T'_{5/3} \to Wt$ 



Similar to b' topology

background rejection



Flavor changing decays can reduce limits: Cacciapaglia et. al. 1211.4034

## Other quarks in SU(2)c reps

AY\_4/3 quark accompanies T5/3 in same multiplet  $Y_{-4/3} \to W^- b$ 

b-quark jet charge difficult to measure constrained by chiral 4th generation search mass limit m<sub>Y</sub> ≥ 685 GeV

Larger reps can have even more exotic charges (8/3, -7/3)

# Single production

For larger masses kinematics rapidly cuts off pair production rate Single production is in general more model dependent but can provide coverage in high mass regime

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Little Higgs-like T': As mixing between top and heavy partner is varied, obtain wide range of SP rates



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Can be providing complementary constraints

# Single production of other Top partners



## Future Directions

- Current searches are piecemeal and are not optimized for many well-motivated scenarios
  - 100% Wb, 100% Zt,  $T_{5/3} \rightarrow$  Wt only direct searches
- Some T' quarks involve a stop-like MET topology
  - Little Higgs with T-parity, Randall-Sundrum SUSY
  - overlap with stop group similar bounds go beyond the triangle?
- Further exploration of single production channel limits