(What We Can Learn from) Top at Future Colliders olliders

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Introduction: Top in the SM

• Top is 10 years old!!

(pause to reflect on passage of time, mortality, etc…)

- Is it Standard Model top?
	- $q = +2/3$ **e spin** $= 1/2$ \mathbf{i} **sospin =** 1/2
 color triplet
 V_{tb} \leq 1 **color** triplet
 SM gauge couplings to γ , **Z**, **W**, **g CKM** mixing **SM gauge couplings to** γ, **Z**, **W**, **g**

- …we hope not entirely!
- Huge mass = 175 GeV **Life as a quark: decays before hadronizing Yukawa coupling** λ**^t ~ 1: Coincidence ?!**

t t Production

• Hadron colliders: strong production

Lepton colliders (ILC): electroweak production

tγ, tZ couplings

Single Top Production

- Hadron colliders: electroweak production
	- Three modes:
		- T-channel: $q b \rightarrow q' t$
		- S-channel: q q' \rightarrow t \overline{b}
		- Associated: g b → t W[−]

Sensitive to tWb coupling $(|V_{tb}|)$

Top Decay

• SM: BR into W⁺b \sim 100%

sensitive to coupling to Wb

- Γ_t = 1.4 GeV >> Λ_{QCD} . So top decays before hadronizing and spin info gets passed to decay products.
- Total width << exp'tal resolution; hard to measure (but see e+e- threshold)

 \rightarrow can't measure magnitude of Wtb coupling

- Decay measures structure of Wtb coupling (V-A)
- Top kinematic reconstruction measures m_t
- Other decays CKM or loop suppressed

Other SM top Processes

• $t\bar{t}$ H production (LHC, ILC)

ttγ, ttZ couplings

Electroweak Symmetry Breaking in the SM

• Higgs mechanism breaks EW symmetry and gives mass to fermions via Yukawa interaction.

And why do we think top is special?

Higgs couples to fermions according to $(v = Higgs vev = 246 GeV)$

 $\lambda_f = m_f \sqrt{2}/v$ \rightarrow $\lambda_t \sim 1$

• Hierarchy problem: Higgs mass gets quadratically divergent corrections:

• Λ is momentum cutoff in loop integral; in SM, cutoff is where gravity becomes strong: $\Lambda \sim M_{Pl} \sim 10^{19}$ GeV. But we expect $m_h \sim$ weak scale ~ 10² GeV.

> This hierarchy in scales leads to fine tuning over 17 orders of magnitude in energy. Unnatural!

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Solutions to the Hierarchy Problem

Good news: many candidate solutions. They come in roughly 3 classes:

1. Weakly coupled: introduce new particles to cancel SM divergences

- Cancellation requires new particles to be related to SM particles via symmetries (hence "partners")
- If we require $\leq 10\%$ fine tuning, must have scale for top partners $\leq \sim 2$ TeV
- All other SM particles allow higher scales **first TeV-scale new physics likely associated with top!**
- Examples: SUSY, Little Higgs

2. Strongly coupled: new strong dynamics enters at TeV scale

- New dynamics gives physical TeV-scale cutoff
- Higgs is composite; not fundamental degree of freedom above Λ
- Top typically enters uniquely due to its large mass
- Examples: Technicolor and its descendents

Solutions to the Hierarchy Problem, cont.

- 3. **Modified spacetime:** introduce extra spacetime dimensions to lower Λ
	- Extra space dimensions lower effective M_{Pl} :

 Λ is still M_{grav}, but M_{grav} ~ TeV

- No fine tuning after all!
- Examples: ADD, RS, UED, Higgsless

… and of course, you may mix and match solutions!

Each of these solutions:

- typically gives rise to new TeV-scale physical degrees of freedom which can potentially be produced at the LHC and/or ILC
- affects top phenomenology
- Has to contend with the astounding success of the SM, especially in precision electroweak measurements

Supersymmetry

Features:

- Two Higgs doublets (5 physical Higgses: $\,$ hº, Hº, H $^+$, Aº)
- Each SM particle gets a partner with opposite spin-statistics (squarks, sleptons, gauginos, higgsinos): no fine-tuning
- Heavy top gives EWSB automatically
- Gauge coupling unification possible
- String theory wants (high energy) SUSY
- Stop is typically lightest squark
- Discrete symmetry R-parity in some models (including MSSM)
	- SUSY partners must be pair produced
	- Lightest partner (LSP) is stable and therefore dark matter candidate
- Many parameters (~100) but predictive
- \cdot m_t < 160 GeV rules out MSSM

Supersymmetry, cont.

Impact on top phenomenology:

• M_h increases with m_t

- Modification (suppression) of Top Yukawa coupling; measure in ttH at LHC, ILC
- Also: Look for top in decays of heavy partners

Coupling to $H⁺b$: look for $t\rightarrow H⁺b$ decays

• Curves of constant BR; shaded area excluded at TeVatron

Little Higgs Models

Features:

- Higgs field is Nambu-Goldstone boson resulting from breaking of continuous global symmetry
- Special symmetry breaking structure ensures cancellation of quadratic divergences in m_H without SUSY
- Higgs divergences cancelled by particles with same spin-statistics as in SM
- Littlest Higgs: simplest version; new TeV-scale particles:
	- Vector-like top partner \overline{T} , 1-2 TeV
	- EW Gauge boson partners
	- Weak triplet scalar field
- Model-dependent: Symmetry group, exact new particle content
- Discrete symmetry T-parity introduced in some models to solve `little hierarchy'' (1-2 TeV scale for new physics vs. > 5-7 TeV from precision EW)
	- New particles must be pair produced (no tree-level exchange)
	- Lightest partner (LTP) is stable and therefore dark matter candidate
- T, W', Z' (and other new particles, if they exist) should be produced at LHC , ILC (pairs only if T-parity conserved)

Little Higgs, cont.

Impact on top phenomenology:

- Vector-like T mixes with t_L , modifying couplings to W, Z (magnitude, structure)
- New gauge bosons also mix (but not in T-parity conserving models), also modify t couplings to W, Z

• Models predict relation between masses, couplings, symmetry breaking scale

Technicolor and its descendents, cont.

Impact on top phenomenology:

• Resonant top-antitop production via new gauge bosons: look at tt

Future EW Physics at the Tevatron, TeV-2000 Study Group

LHC reach $~24-5$ TeV

• Toppions in single top production

• Topflavor W' in single top production

Modified Spacetime

Features:

- Large extra space dimension(s) reduce effective gravity scale to \neg TeV
	- $-$ Large means compared to M_{Pl}^{-1}
- String theory wants extra dimensions
- Models characterized by:
	- extra dimensions warped or flat
	- where SM particles live
- Common feature: Fourier modes of bosonic fields \rightarrow Kaluza-Klein excitations of gravitons (and sometimes gauge bosons)
- Phenomenology model dependent
	- **ADD**: Flat extra dim's; SM particles confined to usual 3+1 D ("brane"); gravitons propagate in all dimensions ("bulk"), making gravity look weak (effective M_{Pl} reduced to order TeV). Details depend on size and number of extra dimensions. Gravitons escaping into bulk give missing energy signal
	- **RS**: Warped extra dim's;

Modified Spacetime, cont.

- **ADD**: $D = 4 + \delta$ δ extra space dimensions
	- SM particles confined to usual 3+1 D ("brane")
	- Gravitons propagate in extra dimensions ("bulk"), making gravity look weak:
		- M²_{grav} = M_{PI}/(2 π R)^{δ}
		- R = compactification radius (size of extra dimension)
		- E.g. for M_{grav} = 1 TeV and δ = 4, R⁻¹ = 20 keV
	- Gravitons escaping into bulk give missing energy signal
- **RS**: Warped extra dimensions
	- Hierarchy explained in analogy with gravitational redshift in curved space
	- 2 branes connected by 1 extra dimension
	- SM particles on one brane, graviton wave function peaked on the other; small overlap with SM brane makes gravity look weak
- **UED**: All SM particles propagate uniformly in the bulk (flat ED)
	- Momentum conservation in extra dimensions
	- Discrete symmetry: KK parity
		- KK particles produced only in pairs
		- Lightest KK stable \rightarrow dark matter candidate
		- Gauge unification
- **Others:** SM fields in warped ED, Higgsless, SUSY in ED, …

Modified Spacetime, cont.

Impact on top phenomenology:

- Top is not so special here
- Top pheno: pair production via s-channel KK production
- Other collider signatures:
	- (ADD):
		- pp $\rightarrow \gamma$ E_{miss}, jet E_{miss}
		- e+e- $\rightarrow \gamma$ E_{miss}, Z _{Emiss}
		- "graviscalars" mix with Higgs, modify SM invisible decay width
	- (RS):
		- Resonant KK production: peaks in dilepton, diphoton inv. mass spectra
		- Effective contact interactions
		- Other details very model dependent
		- Probe up to 1.5 GeV at LHC
	- (UED): pair production of KK modes;

probe up to ~500 GeV

• RS matter in bulk \Rightarrow mostly t_R shift

Top at LHC: Summary

Plus: Single top Associated production

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σ**s -**σ**^t Plane**

Top at ILC: Summary

Plus: Single top

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ttV Production: Comparison to e⁺e⁻

Conclusions

- Top is unique as a laboratory for EWSB and fermion masses.
- Its huge mass may be a clue that it is special, and it plays an important role in the SM and beyond.
- We have many candidates for new physics signals at the LHC and ILC, and many things to study
- But we also need to keep our eyes open for the unexpected, which may be more interesting still!