A Higgs Portal to Vectorlike Fermions

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Motivations

- From a purely theoretical point of view the most natural extensions of the SM are:
 - A sequential fourth generation (now heavily constrained)
 - A second Higgs doublet
 - The Higgs sector is not constrained by any symmetry apart from custodial SU(2). Note though that one doublet implies the CKM.
 - A second doublet is required in any supersymmetry model.
 - Vectorlike fermions which appear in many extensions of the SM.
 - String theories
 - Little Higgs models (heavy partners of SM fermions)
 - Warped extra dimensions (KK excitations)
 - Composite Higgs models (excited Higgs constituent states)
 - Supersymmetric models (improve the little hierarchy problem, modify the Higgs spectrum without affecting EW precision observables)
 - Top see-saw models

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Motivations

- From a phenomenological point of view, vectorlike fermions have been invoked
 - to explain anomalies in Z-pole observables (VLQ)
 - to resolve the muon g-2 anomaly (VLL which mixes with the muon)
 - to understand values of gauge couplings from IR fixed point behavior
 - as an explanation for the (now defunct)
 750 GeV di-gamma resonance
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- We consider simple scenarios in which a 2HDM is supplemented by a SU(2) singlet or doublet vectorlike lepton (VLL) or quark (VLQ)
 - The main appeal of these models is that it is easy to arrange for large branching ratios of a heavy Higgs into a vectorlike fermion plus SM fermion; thus gaining competitive access to large Higgs and vectorlike fermion masses



What are vectorlike fermions?

- Left and Right handed chiral components belong to the same SU(3)xSU(2)xU(1) representation.
 - All anomalies automatically cancel
 - Mass terms do not break gauge invariance, implying that the mass of vectorlike fermions is decoupled from the Higgs sector
- The simplest way to think about vectorlike fermions is to add a pair of left-handed fields transforming under the representations R and \bar{R} (the latter correspond to the right-handed component)
- Models usually considered in the literature consist of
 - Singlets: $T_{L,R}$ and $B_{L,R}$
 - Doublets: $(T B)_{L,R}$, $(X T)_{L,R}$ and $(B Y)_{L,R}$
 - Triplets: $(X T B)_{L,R}$ and $(T B Y)_{L,R}$
- The convention is that the field T and B have charges 2/3 and -1/3, implying that the field X, Y have charges 5/3 and -4/3
- We consider $T_{L,R}$, $B_{L,R}$ and $(T^Q B^Q)_{L,R}$ which transform as t_R , b_R and $(t_L b_L)$

A simple model with a handful of parameters

• The particle content we consider is:



- The Z₂ assignment has been made to guarantee a 2HDM type-II and avoid tree-level flavor changing neutral currents:
 - the SU(2) singlets u_R and $T_{L,R}$ couple only to H_u
 - the SU(2) singlets d_R and $B_{L,R}$ couple only to H_d
- Note that the $Q = (T^Q B^Q)$ and that T^Q and T are different particles!

Vectorlike Quarks

A simple model with a handful of parameters

• The most general Yukawa and Mass terms are:

$$\mathcal{L}_{Mass}^{VLQ} = \begin{bmatrix} -y_d^{ij} \bar{q}_L^i d_R^j H_d \\ -y_u^{ij} \bar{q}_L^i u_R^j H_d \\ -y_u^{ij} \bar{q}_L^i u_R^j H_u \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -\lambda_B^i \bar{q}_L^i B_R H_d & -\lambda_Q^j \bar{Q}_L^i d_R^j H_d \\ -\kappa_T^i \bar{q}_L^i T_R H_u & -\kappa_Q^j \bar{Q}_L^i u_R^j H_u \end{bmatrix}$$

$$LQ \text{ masses}$$

$$LQ \text{ Yukawas} \begin{bmatrix} -M_Q \bar{Q}_L Q_R & -M_T \bar{T}_L T_R & -M_B \bar{B}_L B_R \\ -\lambda \bar{Q}_L B_R H_d & -\bar{\lambda} H_d^\dagger \bar{B}_L Q_R & -\kappa \bar{Q}_L T_R H_u & -\bar{\kappa} H_u^\dagger \bar{T}_L Q_R \end{bmatrix} + \text{h.c}$$

• After EW Symmetry Breaking the mass matrix for the 5 charge 2/3 particles is:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \bar{u}_{L}^{i} & \bar{T}_{L}^{Q} & \bar{T}_{L} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} y_{u}^{ij}v_{u} & 0 & \kappa_{T}^{i}v_{u} \\ \kappa_{Q}^{j}v_{u} & M_{Q} & \kappa v_{u} \\ 0 & \bar{\kappa}v_{u} & M_{T} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_{R}^{j} \\ T_{R}^{Q} \\ T_{R} \end{pmatrix}$$

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A simple model with a handful of parameters

- The vectors κ_T^i and κ_Q^i introduce mixing between the VLQs and the SM fermions
- Strong constraints from atomic parity violation and the R_c measurement at LEP, essentially confines this mixing to the third generation (hence the notation that we adopted)
- The decoupling of the direct contributions to the VLQ masses (M_{T,B,Q}) from the corresponding subleading Yukawa terms, (λ_Q, λ_B)v_d and (κ_Q, κ_T)v_u, allows to evade bounds from Higgs production (that severely constrains a sequential fourth generation)
- The 3x3 mass matrices for up and down type VLQs are:

$$M_{u} = \begin{pmatrix} y_{t}v_{u} & 0 & \kappa_{T}v_{u} \\ \kappa_{Q}v_{u} & M_{Q} & \kappa v_{u} \\ 0 & \bar{\kappa}v_{u} & M_{T} \end{pmatrix} \quad M_{d} = \begin{pmatrix} y_{b}v_{d} & 0 & \lambda_{B}v_{d} \\ \lambda_{Q}v_{d} & M_{Q} & \lambda v_{d} \\ 0 & \bar{\lambda}v_{d} & M_{B} \end{pmatrix}$$



- In our notation the 4 vectorlike mass eigenstates are denoted as $t_{4,5}$ and $b_{4,5}$
- The parameters κ , $\bar{\kappa}$, λ , $\bar{\lambda}$ control the mixing between the VLQ doublet and singlets: the doublet fraction of the lightest VLQ (t_4 in our case) is an important quantity because it controls its coupling to the W boson.

 Before switching on mixing terms (λ and κ terms) gauge interactions are diagonal and controlled by the fermion representations:



 The mixed VLQ-SM Yukawa interactions generate the following mixing:

 v_u^z mix only with right (left) handed quarks $b_L \rightarrow \approx 0$ b_R v_u $T_L \quad t_L$ $=\kappa_T$ T_{R} $B_R \xrightarrow{b_R} \approx 0$

• W-interactions between VLQ and the third generation:



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At large VLQ masses doublets (singlets)

Let's compare the W, Z and h couplings of a doublet/singlet vectorlike top:



- W and Z interactions are responsible for VLQ decays (e.g. $t_4 \rightarrow Wb$ and $t_4 \rightarrow Zt$) and EW single production
- Modification of third generation couplings to W and Z. For instance:



Gauge bosons couplings: CKM

- What about flavor changing interactions?
 - As long as the vectorlike fermions couple to the third generation only, there are no induced FCNC (at tree level) amongst the three SM generations
 - The structure of the CKM is modified by mixing with the VLQ quarks:

$$V_{\rm CKM}^{\rm eff} = \begin{pmatrix} V_{ud} & V_{us} & \alpha_b V_{ub} \\ V_{cd} & V_{cs} & \alpha_b V_{cb} \\ \alpha_t V_{td} & \alpha_t V_{ts} & \alpha_b \alpha_t V_{tb} \end{pmatrix} \text{ where } \begin{cases} \alpha_t = 1 - v_u^2 \frac{\kappa_T^2}{2M_T^2} \\ \alpha_b = 1 - v_d^2 \frac{\lambda_B^2}{2M_B^2} \end{cases}$$

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- Phenomenological implications:
 - No impact on CKM angles α , β and γ
 - Possible constraints from unitarity
 - Possible enhancements in D mixing and decays:

$$\begin{split} A(c \to u) \sim \alpha_d^2 \; V_{cb} V_{ub}^* \; f(\frac{m_b^2}{m_W^2}) + (V_{cs} V_{us}^* + V_{cd} V_{ud}^*) \; f(0) \sim V_{cb} V_{ub}^* \left[\frac{m_b^2}{m_W^2} + (\alpha_d^2 - 1) \right] \\ \sim 4 \; 10^{-3} \; \lesssim 2 \; 10^{-2} \end{split}$$

Effects in B physics are expected to be small

VLQ: Standard production channels

- Pair production: controlled only by the VLQ mass
- Single production: sensitive to mixing with SM fermions. Smaller than pair production but can become dominant (in some scenarios) at large VLQ mass



- CMS inclusive constraints from T and B pair production 8 TeV data
- Independent of any model parameter (as long as there are only three decay modes)!
- Remember that singlet and doublet pair production is identical.



- CMS constraints on single and pair production of VLQs (including 13 TeV data)
- GB equivalence theorem assumptions on BRs and coupling at 0.5.



Vector-like quark pair production



Vector-like quark single production



ATLAS inclusive constraints from T and T^Q pair production - 8 TeV data



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ATLAS inclusive constraints from T and T^Q pair production - 13 TeV data



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Observed 95%

ATLAS constraints on single T and T^Q production (8 and 13 TeV data)



VLQ: Higgs mediated channel

• We consider the following Higgs-mediated single production topologies:





- Details of mixing enter only via the H and t_4 branching ratios
- Dependence of EW and Higgs-mediated single production on the model parameters are different

VLQ: cross sections and backgrounds

- To avoid constraints from the 125GeV Higgs we impose alignment on the 2HDM: $sin(\beta - \alpha) = 1$
- This implies suppressed H couplings to Gauge bosons
- The signal cross section is simply (gg,bb)→H (VBF is suppressed) and has been generated with SuShi and HiGlu
- The range of the signal cross section is due to $tan(\beta)$
- In order to be competitive with pair and EW single production we focus on mass spectra for which the *H*-t₄ splitting is small
- Backgrounds have been estimated using MadGraph 5
- We require only some rough cuts (with signal acceptance larger than 80%):
 - The decay products of the t_4 are required to have $p_T > m_{t4}/2$
 - The reconstructed Higgs mass is required to lie in a 100 GeV window



VLQ: cross sections and backgrounds

- The topology of our signal is very similar to a heavy Z': $pp \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow t_4 t$
- In order to enhance the Z' branching ratio into the VLQ channel, one needs to assume a model in which the Z' is leptophilic and restrict the range of masses in such a way to suppress $Z' \rightarrow t_4 t_4$
- In the first analysis with 2.3 fb⁻¹ the impact of the spin of the intermediate resonance was not found to be large, implying that Z' search strategies can be trivially extended to $H \rightarrow t_4 t$ $= 10^4 = 10^4$
- Present bounds are [CMS 1703.06352]:



Parameter space scan

- The crucial quantities that we need are: $BR(H \rightarrow t_4 t)$ $BR(t_4 \rightarrow W b, Z t, h t)$
- We perform a scan over our model parameter space:
 - $\tan(\beta) \quad \in [0.3, 50]$
 - $M_Q \in [0.9, 6] \text{ TeV}$
 - $M_T \in [0.9, 6] \text{ TeV}$

$$\kappa_Q, \kappa_T, \kappa, \bar{\kappa} \in [-1, 1]$$

$$\sin(\beta - \alpha) = 1$$

 $m_{t_5} > m_H$

- We impose constraints from
 - Direct searches
 - Oblique Corrections (S,T,U)
 - $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
 - $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
 - Z-pole observables (R_b)
 - $H \rightarrow (WW, ZZ)$

Parameter space scan: H production

 The origin of the large spread in H production cross sections can be simply understood by looking at the top and bottom Higgs couplings:

 $tth \sim 1 + \frac{\xi}{\tan(\beta)}$ $bbh \sim 1 - \xi \tan(\beta)$ $ttH \sim -\frac{1}{\tan(\beta)} + \xi$ $bbH \sim \tan(\beta) + \xi$ where we take $\xi = \cos(\beta - \alpha) = 0$



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- We find $H \rightarrow t_4$ t branching ratios up to 40%
- Branching ratios are essentially independent of the H mass



- Dominant parameters are m_{t4} and $tan(\beta)$
- Mixing is required (of course) but it is not responsible for setting the highest possible branching ratios



Parameter space scan: t₄ branching ratios



- Ellipsoidal shape caused the presence of simultaneous Yukawa couplings for iso-doublet vectorlike quarks
- Dominant constraint is from oblique corrections

Parameter space scan: EW vs Higgs production

- The ratio of Ht₄t and Wt₄b couplings ranges over more than two orders of magnitude, implying that, depending on the parameters, we expect regions of EW/Higgs dominance
- Numerical study in progress



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VLQ signatures

- Given the small cross sections it is necessary to avoid the very clean and suppressed Z→II and h→γγ modes, thus focusing on boosted massive jet signatures
- Main properties of the signal are the very large p_T of the vectorlike quark decay products and presence of two resonances.
- The signal that we propose is very similar to production of a single VLQ in the decay of a heavy Z'
- Models with leptophobic Z' which decays dominantly into a VLQ are quite contrived (need to suppress decays to pair of light fermions and need to kinematically forbid decays to VLQ pair).
- Our main points are that
 - the model we propose is well motivated and very reasonable
 - In presence of vectorlike quarks, heavy Higgses might be accessible exclusively via cascade decays

Vectorlike Leptons

Vectorlike leptons

• Present bounds are very weak (few hundred GeV depending on the decay mode)



- To avoid enormous lepton flavor violation (e.g. $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$) we need to preserve generalized lepton number by coupling the VLL to one generation only
- Light VLL (< 200 GeV) allow to resolve the muon g-2 anomaly.



• Most recent flavor anomalies $(b \rightarrow sll, R(K^{(*)}), R(D^{(*)}))$ point quite decisively to lepton universality violation: VLL mixing with the muon could play a role.

Vectorlike leptons

- Collider signatures: VLQ vs VLL
 - Pair production of VLL is much smaller than in the VLQ case (EW suppression)
 - Single EW VLL production is absent
 - Single production in heavy Higgs decays are identical. Weak direct constraints on VLL imply much larger production cross sections which allow for searches based on *h*→*γγ* and leptonic Z and W decays.



Vectorlike leptons: constraints



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Vectorlike leptons: the model

The Lagrangians for VLQ and VLL are identical:

$$\mathcal{L}_{Mass}^{VLL} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathsf{SM} & \text{mixing in Yukawa interactions} \\ -y_{\ell}^{ij} \bar{\ell}_{L}^{i} \ell_{R}^{j} H_{d} & -\lambda_{E}^{i} \bar{\ell}_{L}^{i} E_{R} H_{d} & -\lambda_{L}^{j} \bar{L}_{L}^{i} \ell_{R}^{j} H_{d} \\ -\kappa_{N}^{i} \bar{\ell}_{L}^{i} N_{R} H_{u} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{VLL masses} \quad \begin{bmatrix} -M_{L} L_{L} L_{R} & -M_{N} N_{L} N_{R} & -M_{E} E_{L} E_{R} \\ -\lambda \bar{L}_{L} E_{R} H_{d} & -\bar{\lambda} H_{d}^{\dagger} \bar{E}_{L} L_{R} & -\kappa \bar{L}_{L} N_{R} H_{u} & -\bar{\kappa} H_{u}^{\dagger} \bar{N}_{L} L_{R} \end{bmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$

Mixing patterns in absence of doublet/singlet mixing and right-handed neutrino:



Vectorlike leptons: the model

W interactions between VLL and one generation of SM leptons:



• $e_4 \rightarrow W\nu$ absent for purely doublet VLQ

Vectorlike leptons: constraints and parameter scan

We perform a scan over our model parameter space:

 $\tan(\beta) \in [0.3, 3]$ $M_{L,N,E} \in [100, 500] \text{ GeV}$ $\kappa_N, \kappa, \bar{\kappa} \in [-1, 1]$ $\lambda_L, \lambda_E, \lambda, \bar{\lambda} \in [-1, 1]$ $\sin(\beta - \alpha) = 1$

- We impose constraints from
 - \Rightarrow LEP bound (m_{e4} > 105 GeV)
 - Oblique Corrections (S,T,U)
 - $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$
 - $H \to \gamma \gamma$
 - $H \rightarrow WW$
 - muon lifetime
 - Z-pole observables (partial width to μμ, invisible width, Forwardbackward asymmetry, Left-right asymmetry)
 - Constraints from multilepton searches at LHC

Vectorlike leptons: H branching ratios



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Vectorlike leptons: H branching ratios









Vectorlike leptons: VLL branching ratios

Impact of multilepton constraints





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A case study: $h\mu\mu \rightarrow (\gamma\gamma,bb)\mu\mu$

	Higgs decay mode	final state	σ
$ \begin{array}{c} \mu \\ e_4 \\ h \\ H \\ \mu \end{array} $	$h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$	$b\bar{b}\mu^+\mu^-$	$5.3 \mathrm{~pb}$
	$h \to \tau^+ \tau^-$	$\mid au^+ au^- \mu^+ \mu^-$	$0.58 \mathrm{\ pb}$
	$h \to WW^* \to \ell^+ \ell^- \nu_\ell \bar{\nu}_\ell \ (\ell = e, \ \mu)$	$\ell^+\ell^-\mu^+\mu^- u_\ellar u_\ell$	$97~{ m fb}$
	$h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$	$\mid \gamma\gamma\mu^+\mu^-$	$28~{ m fb}$
	$h \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$	$\mid \mu^+\mu^-\mu^+\mu^-$	$2 \mathrm{fb}$
	$h \to ZZ^* \to 2\ell^+ 2\ell^- \ (\ell = e, \ \mu)$	$\left \ell^+ \ell^- \ell^+ \ell^- \mu^+ \mu^- \right $	1.1 fb

- Cross sections for $m_H = 200 \text{ GeV}, \tan(\beta) = 1, BR(H \rightarrow h\mu\mu) = BR(H \rightarrow e_4\mu \rightarrow h\mu\mu) = 0.5$
- Existing searches require a $Z \rightarrow \mu \mu$:
 - $A \rightarrow hZ \rightarrow bb\mu\mu$ [ATLAS 1503.08089]
 - 𝔅 hlX → γγlX [ATLAS 1407.4222]
 - 𝔅 Zγγ→llγγ [ATLAS 1604.05232]
- Simple improvements can enhance the sensitivity:
 - \Rightarrow off-Z cut, $|m_{\mu\mu} M_Z| > 15 \text{ GeV}$, to suppress Z+jets, ZZ, hZ backgrounds
 - missing energy cut to suppress tt and hit backgrounds

Present searches (not optimized) already constrain the parameter space!



A case study: $h\mu\mu \rightarrow (\gamma\gamma,bb)\mu\mu$

Expected constraints from dedicated reanalysis of existing and future data:



Due to the extremely low background to the di-photon searches, higher luminosity favors the bb channel.

A case study: $h\mu\mu \rightarrow (\gamma\gamma,bb)\mu\mu$ at large m_H



- $\# H \rightarrow tt$ dominates at small $tan(\beta)$
- $H \rightarrow bb$ dominates at large $tan(\beta)$
- $𝔅 H → e_4 μ$ can dominate for 4 < tan(β) < 17

Vectorlike leptons: other signatures



Conclusions

- A second Higgs doublet (with alignment) and vectorlike fermions are amongst the most straightforward extensions of the SM and appear in many BSM models.
- Vectorlike fermions have been invoked to solve several phenomenological issues (unification, muon g-2, flavor anomalies, ...)
- Vectorlike Quarks standard productions mechanisms (QCD pair production and EW single production) are supplemented by production in Higgs decays
- Higgs mediated production cross sections can be large and yields promising channels to discover heavy Higgses and VLQ
- Vectorlike Leptons are allowed to be much lighter, have smaller pair production cross sections and no EW single production: Higgs mediated production is, therefore, extremely advantageous yielding a large number of novel signatures
- For both VLQ and VLL we explored the allowed parameter space and discussed novel signatures