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Loop-induced Single Top Partner Production and Its Exotic Decays

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- The model
- New decays and productions of top partners.
- New search strategies
- Conclusions

Motivation



In a bottom-up approach

- One of the big pictures that we want to understand is the origin of the EWSB.
- The Higgs potential provides a backbone to access to the EWSB.
- And so far only the first term has been probed in a bottom-up approach.

Motivation

$$V_h = \frac{m_h^2}{2}h^2$$

 V_h

- If the SM is a fundamental theory all the way up to the planck scale, then m_h^2 suffers for a radiative instability.
- Historically, this fine-tuning problem has been thought of as a key corridor to understand the next layer of new physics.
- Vector-like top partners (*T*) are postulated to exist on course to solve the problem (e.g. composite Higgs and Little Higgs models).



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Sternberg Museum in Kansas

Current direct searches for T



- Typically the *T* can be produced in pair or in single.
- The vertex responsible to create T in pair is the strong coupling.
- The single production is induced by EW coupings.
- Searches are restricted to T decays to tZ, th and bW.

Current Bounds on *T*

ATLAS, arXiv:1707.03347



- Recent bounds on T from the pair and single productions.
- The bounds keep increasing every year.
- A considerable amount of searches are still going on for various *T* decays to *tZ*, *th* and *bW*.

Absolutely nothing

Theorists?



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Experimentalists

• But, we found absolutely nothing in standard channels.

- Maybe our ideas do not apprear to be the way that a nature works.
- What are we going to do about it?
- How are we going to make a progress to understand the next layer of physics?

Exotic Productions & Decays

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- The null results leaves open possibilities, since *T* can be hiding in exotic places.
- Maybe there are new decay modes we haven't considered.
- Maybe there are new production channels we haven't searched for.
- All of these new questions will chart new phenomenologies for *T*.

A minimal Lagrangian

- We consider a simplified Lagrangian with a $SU(2)_L$ singlet *T* and an additional gauge singlet scalar *S*.
- A minimal set of interactions we identify consists of :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm NP} = \bar{T}i\not{D}T - m_2\bar{T}T + \frac{1}{2}(\partial_{\mu}S)^2 - \frac{1}{2}m_S^2S^2 + \left(-\lambda_2S\bar{T}_LT_R + \text{h.c.}\right)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm mix} = -\left[\lambda_t\bar{Q}_L\tilde{\Phi}T_R\right] + \lambda_1S\bar{T}_Lt_R + \text{h.c.}\right)$$

$$\not{Mixing}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_m = -\left[\bar{t}_L\ \bar{T}_L\right] \begin{bmatrix} \frac{y_tv}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{\lambda_t}{\sqrt{2}v} \\ 0 & m_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_R \\ T_R \end{bmatrix} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\not{D} = \partial - ig'\frac{2}{3}\not{B} - ig_s\not{C}$$

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} -iG_p \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(v+h+iG_0) \end{pmatrix}$$

 $Q_L = \begin{pmatrix} \iota_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}$

• Allowing *T* to mix with a top quark.

Working in the mass eigenbasis

• The amount of mixing is dictated by $\sin \theta_L$ after diagonalizing the mass matrix.

$$\begin{bmatrix} t_L \\ T_L \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_L & -\sin \theta_L \\ \sin \theta_L & \cos \theta_L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_L \\ T_L \end{bmatrix} \qquad M_D = \begin{bmatrix} m_t & 0 \\ 0 & m_T \end{bmatrix} \qquad 173 \text{GeV}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} t_R \\ T_R \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta_R & -\sin \theta_R \\ \sin \theta_R & \cos \theta_R \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_R \\ T_R \end{bmatrix}$$

- The *S* and Higgs can mix as well, but for simplicity we will not introduce a mixing angle for the scalar sector.
- In this simplified model, we have 5 independent parameters.

$$\lambda_1 \quad \lambda_2 \quad \sin \theta_L \quad m_T \quad m_S$$

Exotic T decays



Counter terms External self-energies W and Z bosons loops Goldstone bosons loops

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If $m_T > m_S + m_t$

• The scalar *S* mediates looplevel decays of *T* :

 $T \to t \ g$ $T \to t \ \gamma$

- These decays are allowed when $\sin \theta_L = 0$, because we can freely dial up and down the couplings $\lambda_{1,2}$.
- If the scalar mass is light, there is a new tree-level decay of *T* :

 $T \to t \ S$

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Classic T decay modes

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(survives in the zero-mixing limit)

- All classic tree-level decay modes are controlled by $\sin \theta_L$.
- They all vanish in the limit of $\sin \theta_L \rightarrow 0$.
- Except for the loop-level decay $T \rightarrow t Z$.

Branching ratios $(m_T > m_S + m_t)$



- $T \rightarrow t S$ decay is nearly 100% in the small mixing regime (sin $\theta_L < 0.01$), since other classic tree-level decay modes simply vanish.
- The classic decay modes can be match-fit only if the mixing angle is sizeable.

Branching ratios $(m_T > m_S + m_t)$

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- In the zero-mixing limit, all classic decays are suppressed & vanishing.
- All loop decays $T \rightarrow t g$, $T \rightarrow t \gamma$, $T \rightarrow t Z$ dominate.
- This strongly indicate that T phenomenology will substantially change.

Loop-induced Tt productions





- The scalar S can mediate loop-induced $gg \rightarrow Tt$ productions.
- There are also loop-induced $q \bar{q} \rightarrow T t$ productions.
- Even they are loop-suppressed, we can freely dial up and down the • couplings $\lambda_{1,2}$ to control a total cross section.

Production cross sections



- J. H. Kim, I. M. Lewis [2018] $m_S=200~{
 m GeV}$ $\lambda_1=\lambda_2=3$ $\sin heta_L=0.15$
- Production cross sections as a function of *T* mass.

- The EW single T production dominates if the mixing angle is large.
- The loop-induced *T t* productions stay way below.

Production cross sections



- But the tide changes in the small-mixing regime where the EW single *T* production loses its dominance.
- The loop-induced T t productions become more important.

T searches in the $T\overline{t} + t\overline{T}$ channel



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- Now we talk about a sensitivity of the *T t* production at the LHC.
- *T* decays to *t S* nearly 100 % in the zero mixing case (sin $\theta_L = 0$).
- S exclusively decays into gg nearly 100 % رو gg

- Both tops decay semi-leptonically.
- The production vertex includes all loop contributions.

What's in the loops?



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When $m_{Tt} \sim 2m_T$, the internal top partners in the loop can go on-shell.



- It gives rise to the peaks in m_{Tt} distributions.
- It can significantly alter the final state kinematic distributions (e.g p_T , ΔR ...)

Summary cut-flow table

 $m_T = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$

	$\lambda_{1528} = 2$	0.08%	0.000kg	colines26%	0.0028%	Signi	ficance
$m_T = 1.5 \text{ TeV}, \lambda_{1,2} = 2$	Signal [fb]	$t\bar{t}$ [fb]	Single t [fb]	W [fb]	VV [fb]	σ	
Basic cuts	0.055	$1.3 imes 10^3$	2.8×10^3	$2.7 imes 10^3$	88	0.036	$\rightarrow 21$
$N_{t_{had}}^{1.5} = N_S^{1.5} = 1$	3.2×10^{-3}	1.11	1.6	0.098	2.5×10^{-3}	0.11	
Reconstructed t_{lep}	1.2×10^{-3}	0.073	0.070	4.7×10^{-4}	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	0.17	
$1400~{\rm GeV} < m_T^{reco} < 1550~{\rm GeV}$	9.2 × 10 ⁻⁴	0.015	9.4×10^{-3}	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	0.32	
$2865~{\rm GeV} < m_{Tt}^{reco}$	6.3×10^{-4}	1.5×10^{-3}	7.2×10^{-5}	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	0.81	
$2050 \text{ GeV} < H_T^{\text{reco}}$ $\Delta R_{t_{had}S}^{reco} < 3.41$ $1.62 < \Delta P^{reco}$	$5.8 imes 10^{-4}$	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	$\ll \mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$	5.0	
$1.03 < \Delta R_{t_{lep}S}$							

$$N_{sig} = 1.7 \text{ (for } L = 3 \text{ ab}^{-1}\text{)}$$

- A cut-flow table showing cross sections of each stage in fb.
- It shows that jet substructure analysis can effectively reduce the overall size of backgrounds.
- 5σ significance is achievable for a luminosity of 3 ab^{-1} .

Contours of constant significance



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- Significances are calculated for a luminosity of 3 ab⁻¹.
 - Constraint from the scalar resonant search

 $->5\sigma$ observation

 $\sim > 2\sigma$ observation

• We have a good fraction of parameter space that can be probed by the collider search.

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Constraint from the scalar resonant search $> 1\sigma$ observation

- Probing top partner masses beyond 2 TeV will be challenging.
- We might need a high energy collider with a decent amount of luminosity.

Summary



New productions



Thank you for listening!

Back-up

The SM fine tuning problem.



$$m_{\rm higgs}^2 = m_{\rm bare}^2 + \Delta m_{\rm higgs}^2$$
$$\checkmark$$
$$\mathcal{O}(10^{38}) - \mathcal{O}(10^{38}) \sim 10^4 !?$$

• We should expect to see new physics in the scope of the naturalness paradigm.

e.g. Composite Higgs models

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$$V_h = \frac{m_h^2}{2}h^2$$

 V_h

• e.g. In composite Higgs models, the Higgs potential is radiatively generated by a top and *T'* loops. K. Agashe, R. Contino, A. Pomarol [2005]

$$V(h) = \alpha \cos \frac{h}{f} - \beta \sin^2 \frac{h}{f}$$

• The role of T' is to cut off the quadratic divergence to the Higgs mass in the loop.

$$m_h^2 \sim \frac{N_C}{4\pi^2} m_t^2 \underbrace{m_{T'}^2}_{f^2}$$

How Composite Higgs Models address the hierarchy problem.

• The Higgs potential is **radiatively** generated by the top quark loop in the SM



- $\Lambda_f \sim 1 \text{TeV}$ gives a mild tuning $\Delta \simeq 10$

The scalar resonance production and decays



Limits on the mixing angle



Collider bounds are weak. $\sin \theta_L < 0.3 \sim 0.65$ (for $m_T < 1 \sim 1.6$ TeV) by oblique parameters Chien-Yi Chen, S. Dawson, I. M. Lewis [2014]

J. A. A. Saavedra, R. Benbrik, S. Heinemeyer, M. P. Victoria [2013]

S. Dawson, E. Furlan [2012] H. J. He, N. Polonsky, S.F. Su [2001]

• The strongest limits are obtained by oblique parameters. $\sin \theta_L < 0.11 \sim 0.16 \quad (\text{for } m_T < 1 \sim 2 \text{ TeV})$

Constraints on the Scalar S



- Scalar resonant searches can put significant constraints on λ_2 and m_s .
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• At higher top partner masses, the *T t* productions are kinematically favorable, and can easily beat the QCD pair production in much wider space.

$T\overline{t} + t\overline{T}$ vs EW single



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$$m_S = 200 \text{ GeV}$$

 $m_T = 1.5 \text{ TeV}$

- Comparisons with the EW single production as a function of sin θ_L .
- For $\sin \theta_L < 0.04$, the *T* t productions are main production modes.



- Comparisons with the QCD pair production in the (λ_1, λ_2) plane.
- There is a large parameter space where the *T t* productions outperform the QCD pair production.



- We first generate events based on EFT-type contact interactions using MadGraph.
- We reweight the $|\mathcal{M}|^2$ of the EFT by $|\mathcal{M}|^2$ of the exact loop calculation of the theory on an event-by-event basis.
- The reweighted events are showered and hadronized by Pythia.

Background simulations

1	$\sqrt{s} = 14 \text{ TeV}$				dominant
	Abbreviations	Backgrounds	Matching	$\sigma \cdot BR(fb)$	backgrounds
Ī	$t\overline{t}$	$t\bar{t} + jets$	4-flavor	$2.91 \times 10^3 \text{ fb}$	
Single t	tW + jets	5-flavor	$4.15 \times 10^3 {\rm fb}$		
	tq + jets	4-flavor	77.2 fb		
	W	W + jets	5-flavor	$4.96 \times 10^3 { m fb}$	
VV	WW + jets	4-flavor	111 fb		
	WZ + jets	4-flavor	43.5 fb		

• We performed full background simulations, with generation-level cuts

 $p_T > 30 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta| < 5$ (for partons) $p_T^{\ell} > 30 \text{ GeV}$ and $|\eta^{\ell}| < 2.5$ (for leptons) $H_T > 700 \text{ GeV}$ (scalar sum of p_T of all partons)

Template Overlap Method (TOM)



- **TOM** utilises kinematically constrained three **templates** within a top fat jet.
- Template partons are matched to jet energy distribution.
- Once found a good match it gives
 ``Ov`` score as an output variable.

$$Ov = max \ exp\left[-\sum_{f} \frac{1}{2\sigma_{f}^{2}} \left(\sum_{j} E_{j} - E_{f} F(f, j)\right)^{2}\right]$$
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$$Or_{sub}$$

Reconstructed thad and S



- Reconstructed invariant mass distribution of top-tagged fat jet.
- Reconstructed invariant mass distribution of scalar-tagged fat jet.

t_{lep} Reconstruction



- V. Barger, T. Han, D. G. E. Walker [2008]
- S. Gopalakrishna, T. Han, I. M. Lewis, Z. g. Si, Y. F. Zhou [2010]

• We solve a quadratic equation:

$$m_{\ell\nu}^2 = m_W^2$$
 (with $p_{\nu}^2 = 0$)

• To get two possible solutions for the neutrino longitudinal momentum:

$$p_L^{\nu} = \frac{1}{2 \ (p_T^{\ell})^2} \left(A \ p_L^{\ell} \pm |\vec{p}_{\ell}| \ \sqrt{A^2 - 4 \ (p_T^{\ell})^2} \ \not{\!\!E}_T^2 \right)$$

(where $A = m_W^2 + 2\vec{p}_T^{\ \ell} \cdot \vec{\not{\!\!E}}_T$)

• To break the two fold-ambiguity, we choose the one which minimizes the quantity:

$$|m_{b\ell\nu}^2 - m_t^2|$$

Reconstructed T and T t-system



• Reconstructed invariant mass distribution of *T* displays a sharp peak.

• When $m_{Tt} \sim 2m_T$, the internal top partners can go on-shell, giving rise to the peak in the m_{Tt} distribution. This can be clearly seen even at the detector level, helping to suppress the backgrounds.

Renormalizing the Lagrangian

- Wave function renormalization constants (w.f.c.) for fermions
- $\begin{bmatrix} t_{L0} \\ T'_{L0} \end{bmatrix} \simeq \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{1}{2}\delta Z_{tt}^L & \frac{1}{2}\delta Z_{tT}^L \\ \frac{1}{2}\delta Z_{Tt}^L & 1 + \frac{1}{2}\delta Z_{TT}^L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_L \\ T'_L \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} t_{R0} \\ T'_{R0} \end{bmatrix} \simeq \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{1}{2}\delta Z_{tt}^R & \frac{1}{2}\delta Z_{tT}^R \\ \frac{1}{2}\delta Z_{Tt}^R & 1 + \frac{1}{2}\delta Z_{TT}^R \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} t_R \\ T'_R \end{bmatrix}$ $\begin{bmatrix} \bar{t}_{L0} \\ \bar{t}'_{L0} \end{bmatrix} \simeq \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{1}{2}\delta \bar{Z}_{tt}^L & \frac{1}{2}\delta \bar{Z}_{tT}^L \\ \frac{1}{2}\delta \bar{Z}_{Tt}^L & 1 + \frac{1}{2}\delta \bar{Z}_{TT}^L \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{t}_L \\ \bar{T}'_L \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} \bar{t}_{R0} \\ \bar{T}'_{R0} \end{bmatrix} \simeq \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{1}{2}\delta \bar{Z}_{tt}^R & \frac{1}{2}\delta \bar{Z}_{tT}^R \\ \frac{1}{2}\delta \bar{Z}_{Tt}^R & 1 + \frac{1}{2}\delta \bar{Z}_{TT}^R \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \bar{t}_R \\ \bar{T}'_R \end{bmatrix}$
 - For off-diagonal w.f.c. we use on-shell renormalization conditions:

$$Re\left(\underbrace{t}_{p}, \underbrace{T'}_{p} u(p)\right) = 0 \quad , \quad Re\left(\overline{u}(p), \underbrace{t}_{p}, \underbrace{T'}_{p}\right) = 0$$

• For diagonal w.f.c. use the mass pole and unite residue conditions.

Renormalizing the Lagrangian

• Due to mixing, we can't renormalize the photon and Z boson fields separately.



• Wave function renormalization constants (w.f.c.) for A and Z fields

$$\begin{bmatrix} A_0 \\ Z_0 \end{bmatrix} \simeq \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{Z_\gamma} & -\Delta_Z - \Delta_0 \\ \Delta_0 & \sqrt{Z_Z} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A \\ Z \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\Delta_0 = \frac{\Pi_{\gamma Z}(0)}{M_Z^2} \qquad \Delta_Z = \frac{Re[\Pi_{\gamma Z}(M_Z^2)] - \Pi_{\gamma Z}(0)}{M_Z^2}$$

$T \rightarrow t g$

