#### **Let's Interfere with New Physics**

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### Introduction

- The top quark is an interesting window on new physics
- Main production mode is initiated by gluons,  $gg \to t\bar{t}$
- All experimental searches interpreted as  $\sigma_{\text{signal}} \times BR$  so far
- But interferences could be huge and looking at it could shed light on new physics through non-trivial lineshape effects
- Most of the extensions of the SM require additional scalar bosons, need to go beyond the usual  $5\sigma\,$  bump discovery.

When  $(a+b)^2$  is not  $a^2+b^2$ 



- In BSM analyses interferences are usually neglected
- They affect or not the total cross section
- But they always affect the invariant mass differential distribution





• Interferences are sensible to New Physics through many ways!

#### Interference lineshapes



 $d\sigma/dm_{t\bar{t}}$ 



imagine the result with two (non) degenerate resonances as in the (2HDM) MSSM for example...

 $m_{t\bar{t}}$ 



Application: width measurements of the SM Higgs



- Large interference effects, O(10%)
- + LHC Run 1 data yields a Higgs width constraint of  $~~ {\Gamma_H \over \Gamma_H^{SM}} \lesssim 5$

Bigger effect with BSM resonances in  $gg \to \Phi \to tt$ 

#### BSM generic model



$$\mathcal{L}_{top} = y_t t t S + i \tilde{y}_t t \gamma_5 t S$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{top}^{\text{loop-induced}} = -g_{sgg}(\hat{s})G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}S - i\tilde{g}_{sgg}(\hat{s})\tilde{G}_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}S$$

$$g_{sgg}(\hat{s}) = \frac{\alpha_s}{\#} \frac{y_t}{m_t} A_{1/2}(\tau) \qquad \qquad \tilde{g}_{sgg}(\hat{s}) = \frac{\alpha_s}{\#} \frac{y_t}{m_t} \tilde{A}_{1/2}(\tau) A_{1/2}(\tau) = 2 \left[ \tau + (\tau - 1)f(\tau) \right] \tau^{-2} \qquad \qquad \tilde{A}_{1/2}(\tau) = 2\tau^{-1} f(\tau)$$

$$f(\tau) = \begin{cases} \operatorname{arcsin}^2 \sqrt{\tau} & \text{for } \tau \leq 1, \\ -\frac{1}{4} \left[ \log \frac{1 + \sqrt{1 - \tau^{-1}}}{1 - \sqrt{1 - \tau^{-1}}} - i \pi \right]^2 & \text{for } \tau > 1 \end{cases} \qquad \left[ \tau = \frac{\hat{s}}{4m_t^2} \right]$$

### The form factors



• In the SM, any heavy chiral fermion does not decouple :  $g_{hgg}(\hat{s}) = \frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi v} + O(\tau)$ 

- $\phi$  growth quickly and is large  $\sim \pi/2 \Rightarrow$  particular BSM phenomenology
- $\phi = \pi/4$  :  $Re(A_{1/2}) = Im(A_{1/2}), M_S = 550$  GeV and  $M_{PS} = 450$  GeV
- $\phi = \pi/2$  :  $Re(A_{1/2}) = 0, M_S = 1.2$  TeV and  $M_{PS} = 850$  GeV

#### New scalar with the top in the loop



John Ellis

## What else is there?

# Supersymmetry

- Successful prediction for Higgs mass
   Should be < 130 GeV in simple models</li>
- Successful predictions for Higgs couplings
   Should be within few % of SM values
- Could explain the dark matter
- Naturalness, GUTs, string, ... (???)

### The MSSM

In the MSSM: two Higgs doublets:  $H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} H_1^0 \\ H_1^- \end{pmatrix}$  and  $H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H_2^+ \\ H_2^0 \end{pmatrix}$ 

After EWSB (which can be made radiative: more elegant than in the SM):

Three d.o.f. to make  $W_L^{\pm}, Z_L \Rightarrow 5$  physical states left out:  $h, H, A, H^{\pm}$ 

Only two free parameters at tree-level:  $\tan \beta$ ,  $M_A$  but important rad. corr. :  $M_h \xrightarrow{M_A \gg M_Z} M_Z |\cos 2\beta| + \frac{3\bar{m}_t^4}{2\pi^2 v^2 \sin^2 \beta} \left[ \ln \frac{M_S^2}{\bar{m}_t^2} + \frac{X_t^2}{2M_c^2} \left( 1 - \frac{X_t^2}{6M_c^2} \right) \right]$ 

[Okada+Yamaguchi+Yanagida, Ellis+Ridolfi+Zwirner, Haber+Hempfling (1991)] depending on tan  $\beta$ ,  $M_S = \sqrt{\tilde{m}_{t_1}\tilde{m}_{t_2}}$ ,  $X_t = A_t - \frac{\mu}{\tan\beta}$ :  $M_h^{max} \rightarrow M_Z + 30 - 50$  GeV

For low  $\tan\beta$ : H, A couplings to top quark enhanced:

$$\begin{array}{lll}
\Phi & g_{\Phi \bar{u}u} & g_{\Phi \bar{d}d} & g_{\Phi VV} \\
h & \frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \beta} \rightarrow 1 & \frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \beta} \rightarrow 1 & \sin(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 1 \\
H & \frac{\sin \alpha}{\sin \beta} \rightarrow 1/\tan \beta & \frac{\cos \alpha}{\cos \beta} \rightarrow \tan \beta & \cos(\beta - \alpha) \rightarrow 0 \\
A & 1/\tan \beta & \tan \beta & 0
\end{array}$$

In the decoupling limit: MSSM reduces to SM but with a light SM Higgs

#### Constraints on the MSSM heavy Higgs bosons



### N=2 SUSY?

the MSSM is the « easiest » realization of SUSY, what if SUSY is non minimal?



the N=2 scalar potential is modified at tree-level

 $m_A$  (GeV)

theory realizes automatically the alignment limit: h is SM-like &

SUSY Higgs as light as 200 GeV are allowed

H doesn't couple to W/Z

 $H, A \rightarrow t\bar{t}$ : the channel to test directly the low  $\tan\beta$  region!

#### If the resonances are the heavy Higgs of the MSSM



- In the high mass region, the two resonances would mimic a single broad resonance
- In a 2HDM, the signal could be anything (including nothing due to cancelation)

### Constraints from LHC run I



#### Fully covering the MSSM Higgs sector up to the TeV



### Towards interferences at NLO



- Virtual NLO corrections to signal in the initial and final states are well know.
- But the corrections connecting initial and final states are NOT know.
   ->Impossible to have the full NLO interferences
   ->use LO interferences scaled by K-factors

$$\sigma_{NLO} = \sigma_{NLO}^{back} + \sigma_{NLO}^{signal} + \sigma_{LO}^{inter} \sqrt{K_S K_B}$$

Interferences still important at « NLO »

For SM: Czakon, Heymes, Mitov arXiv: 1608.00765

•  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  spectra, computed at NNLO QCD, have small associated theoretical error and should be used as an efficient tool for bump-hunting in  $t\bar{t}$  events

### If the stops are also in the loop



### Vector Like Fermions

#### What are Vector-Like fermions?

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Why are they called « vector-like »?  $\mathcal{L}_W = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (J^{\mu +} W^+_{\mu} + J^{\mu -} W^-_{\mu}) \qquad \text{Charged current}$ 

- SM chiral quarks: only left-handed charged currents  $J^{\mu+} = J_L^{\mu+} + J_R^{\mu+} \quad \text{with } \begin{cases} J_L^{\mu+} = \bar{u}_L \gamma^{\mu} d_L = \bar{u} \gamma^{\mu} (1 - \gamma^5) d = V - A \\ J_R^{\mu+} = 0 \end{cases}$
- Vector-Like quarks: both left-handed and right-handed charged currents  $J^{\mu+} = J_L^{\mu+} + J_R^{\mu+} = \bar{u}_L \gamma^\mu d_L + \bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu d_R = \bar{u} \gamma^\mu d = V$

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### If VLQ are also in the loop

The top quark and VLQ induce the gluon width :

$$\Gamma(\Phi \to gg) = \frac{G_{\mu}\alpha_s^2 M_{\Phi}^3}{64\sqrt{2}\pi^3} \left| \sum_Q \hat{g}_{\Phi QQ} A_{1/2}^{\Phi}(\tau_Q) \right|^2 \quad \text{with} \quad \hat{g}_{\Phi QQ} = \frac{v}{m_Q} \hat{y}_Q$$

note that heavy VLQ decouple eq heavy chiral fermion regarding  $\Gamma(h_{
m SM} o gg)$ 



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### Challenging the SM background

- First challenge: search for non-conventional peak-dip, dip-peak, dip structures
- By mis-reconstruction: events in the peak could populate the dip (& vice versa)
   smearing effect reduces the significance of the lineshape analysis
- statistical uncertainty << systematic uncertainty (key point to achieve sensitivity in this channel)
  - ----- Thanks to the large data set one can afford a lower signal efficiency with higher quality in  $m_{t\bar{t}}$  reconstruction accuracies?
- changing the binning is important in order to optimize the effect



### Conclusions

- Searching for a top quark pair resonance is promising for new physics
- Interference effects are crucial: need to go beyond a parametrization in terms of the total rate
- Interference effects contain information on new resonances and also new particles in the loop inducing coupling to gluons
- Develop procedure to analyse carefully lineshapes looking for bump, peak-dip,dip-peak and simple deep
- Important challenge concerning the systematic uncertainty of the  $t\bar{t}$  SM background
- the  $gg \to t\bar{t}$  process will allow us to test the low  $\tan\beta$  region of the MSSM Higgs sector

Thank You!

### Projected constraints 1



#### The hMSSM

In the basis  $(H_d, H_u)$ , the CP-even Higgs mass matrix can be written as:

$$M_{S}^{2} = M_{Z}^{2} \begin{pmatrix} c_{\beta}^{2} & -s_{\beta}c_{\beta} \\ -s_{\beta}c_{\beta} & s_{\beta}^{2} \end{pmatrix} + M_{A}^{2} \begin{pmatrix} s_{\beta}^{2} & -s_{\beta}c_{\beta} \\ -s_{\beta}c_{\beta} & c_{\beta}^{2} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \Delta \mathcal{M}_{11}^{2} & \Delta \mathcal{M}_{12}^{2} \\ \Delta \mathcal{M}_{12}^{2} & \Delta \mathcal{M}_{22}^{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

 $\Delta \mathcal{M}_{ij}^2$ : radiative corrections One derives the neutral CP-even Higgs boson masses and the mixing angle  $\alpha$ :

> $M_{h/H}^{2} = f_{h/H}(M_{A}, \tan\beta, \Delta \mathcal{M}_{11}, \Delta \mathcal{M}_{12}, \Delta \mathcal{M}_{22})$  $\tan \alpha = f_{\alpha}(M_{A}, \tan\beta, \Delta \mathcal{M}_{11}, \Delta \mathcal{M}_{12}, \Delta \mathcal{M}_{22})$

 $M_h$  should be an input now...

The post-Higgs MSSM scenario:

- $\circ$  observation of the lighter *h* boson at a mass of pprox 125 GeV
- non-observation of superparticles at the LHC

MSSM  $\Rightarrow$  SUSY-breaking scale rather high,  $M_S \gtrsim 1$  TeV.

 $\Delta M_{22}^2$  involves the by far dominant stop-top sector correction:  $\Delta M_{22}^2 \gg \Delta M_{11}^2, \Delta M_{12}^2$   $\rightarrow$  One can trade  $\Delta M_{22}^2$  ( $M_S$ ) for the by now known  $M_h$ In this case, one can simply describe the Higgs sector in terms of  $M_A$ , tan  $\beta$  and  $M_h$ :

$$\text{hMSSM:} \qquad \begin{aligned} M_H^2 &= \frac{(M_A^2 + M_Z^2 - M_h^2)(M_Z^2 c_\beta^2 + M_A^2 s_\beta^2) - M_A^2 M_Z^2 c_{2\beta}^2}{M_Z^2 c_\beta^2 + M_A^2 s_\beta^2 - M_h^2} \\ \alpha &= -\arctan\left(\frac{(M_Z^2 + M_A^2) c_\beta s_\beta}{M_Z^2 c_\beta^2 + M_A^2 s_\beta^2 - M_h^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

#### The definition of the hMSSM



Djouadi, Maiani, Polosa, JQ, Riquer, arXiv:1502.05653

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# Indirect Constraints on Stops



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Coeff.	Experimental constraints		95~% CL limit	$\begin{array}{l} \text{deg.} \ m_{\tilde{t}_1}, \\ X_t = 0 \end{array}$
$\bar{c}_g$	LHC	marginalized	$[-4.5, 2.2] \times 10^{-5}$	$\sim 410~{\rm GeV}$
		individual	$[-3.0, 2.5] \times 10^{-5}$	$\sim 390~{\rm GeV}$
$\bar{c}_{\gamma}$	LHC	marginalized	$[-6.5, 2.7] \times 10^{-4}$	$\sim 215 { m ~GeV}$
		individual	$[-4.0, 2.3] \times 10^{-4}$	$\sim 230~{\rm GeV}$
$\bar{c}_T$	LEP	marginalized	$[-10, 10] \times 10^{-4}$	$\sim 290 { m ~GeV}$
		individual	$[-5,5]\times10^{-4}$	$\sim 380~{\rm GeV}$
$\bar{c}_W + \bar{c}_B$	LEP	marginalized	$[-7,7] \times 10^{-4}$	$\sim 185~{\rm GeV}$
		individual	$[-5,5]\times 10^{-4}$	$\sim 195~{\rm GeV}$

![](_page_30_Figure_4.jpeg)

![](_page_30_Figure_5.jpeg)

# Indirect Constraints on Stops

![](_page_31_Figure_1.jpeg)

The current sensitivity is already comparable to that of direct LHC searches 32