Shedding light on the Higgs' identity through subleading production channels

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arXiv:1206.7120 (JHEP), with Gillioz, Gröber, Grojean and Mühlleitner

2012 is annus mirabilis of particle physics





... celebrations still going on!

Course de la Marmite, Genève, December 1st

Introduction

- After discovery, determining the couplings of the new resonance is a crucial task: any deviations from the standard values would signal new physics.
- So far, most information comes from processes that proceed at loop level



- tree-level Higgs couplings not unambiguously identified.
- Important to investigate other channels, in particular those with real tops in final state: $t\bar{t}h$ is the main example.
- Here I am going to discuss another, subleading, process of this kind: single top + Higgs associated production, which can resolve the current ambiguity in the sign of the top Yukawa (potentially already with 2012 data).
- Also important to identify processes that are indirectly sensitive to new physics: in the second part of the talk I discuss $gg \rightarrow hh$, which is strongly affected by non-linear Higgs couplings typical of strongly coupled EWSB. This process is also sensitive to light (< TeV) fermionic resonances, expected from naturalness arguments. 3

Part I

th production as a probe of the sign of the top Yukawa

(arXiv:1211.3736)

Ambiguity in the sign of the top Yukawa



- Current data show an ambiguity in the sign of c_F . Exact degeneracy $c_F \to -c_F$ broken only by $h \to \gamma \gamma$, where W and top loops interfere.
- Looking only at $\gamma\gamma$, if a 'true' signal (c_V^t, c_F^t) is assumed, then in addition to $(c_V, c_F) = (c_V^t, c_F^t)$ there is another point giving the same event yields: $c_V = c_V^t \left| \frac{1.26c_V^t - 0.26c_F^t}{1.26c_V^t + 0.26c_F^t} \right|, \quad c_F = -c_F^t \left| \frac{1.26c_V^t - 0.26c_F^t}{1.26c_V^t + 0.26c_F^t} \right|$

Injecting the SM as true signal, one gets $(c_V, c_F) = (0.66, -0.66)$

Including all other channels and real data, obtain plot as the one shown above.

A closer look at the degeneracy

- How do we get the solution with negative c_F for the $\gamma\gamma$ rates?
- Defining

$$\mu = \frac{\sigma \times BR}{[\sigma \times BR]_{SM}}$$

then for the inclusive, VBF and associated production one has

 $\mu_{incl} \sim (1.26c_V - 0.26c_F)^2, \qquad \mu_{VBF} \sim \mu_{ass\,prod} \sim c_V^2 \frac{(1.26c_V - 0.26c_F)^2}{c_F^2}$ which admit the 2 solutions written before.

Recall

$$\Gamma(h \to \gamma \gamma) / \Gamma(h \to \gamma \gamma)_{\rm SM} \simeq (1.26c_V - 0.26c_F)^2$$

How to break the degeneracy?

Azatov et al., 1204.4817

Combine $\gamma\gamma$ and $ZZ \rightarrow 4\ell$ channels, but not easy: with full 2012 data, ATLAS + CMS, solution with $c_F < 0$ can be disfavored but not excluded need larger luminosity and/or new ingredients in existing analyses. This motivates looking for other processes.

(*t*-channel) single top and Higgs associated production



- In the SM, almost exact cancellation of the two (large) pieces, *s* and *t*-channel for non-standard (c_V, c_F) , enhancement of the cross section
- At LHC, initial W is spacelike. But at high energies, 'effective W approximation': factorize process in emission of on-shell W and subsequent hard scattering with bottom → study Wb → th with on-shell W to get a qualitative understanding

Tait and Yuan, hep-ph/0007298 Maltoni et al., hep-ph/0106293 Barger et al., 0911.1556

$Wb \rightarrow th$ scattering

• In the hard-scattering regime $s, -t, -u \gg m_t^2, m_W^2, m_h^2$ the amplitude is

$$\mathcal{A} \sim \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} \left[(-c_F + c_V) \frac{m_t \sqrt{s}}{m_W v} e^{i\varphi} \sqrt{-t/s} + \text{finite terms} \right] \,,$$

where 'finite' = not growing with s .

Thus when $c_V \neq c_F$ the amplitude grows with energy like \sqrt{s} , and the cross section is **enhanced** compared to the SM



Perturbative unitarity breakdown

• Amplitude growing with energy perturbative unitarity is lost at some UV scale Λ . Find *s*-wave amplitude

$$a_0 = \frac{1}{24\sqrt{2}\pi} (c_V - c_F) \frac{gm_t \sqrt{s}}{m_W v} e^{i\varphi}$$

$$\stackrel{|a_0|<1}{\Longrightarrow} \quad \Lambda \simeq 12\sqrt{2\pi} \frac{v^2}{m_t |c_F - c_V|}$$

- For $c_V = -c_F = 1$, the cutoff is 9.3 TeV. Should we worry about sensitivity to UV physics?
- Look at distribution of th invariant mass in LHC events (after convolution with PDFs):



Contribution of region $\sqrt{\hat{s}} > 1 \,\mathrm{TeV}$ is negligible, so our **perturbative computations can be safely trusted**.

Also, relative contribution from large $\sqrt{\hat{s}}$ is *larger* in the SM (see behavior of $Wb \rightarrow th$ cross section)

Single top + Higgs at the LHC

| inclusive | q' q' h h $ b$ t | | | g cococc | ZW O | q' h t b | extra <i>b</i> in tagging region |
|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 5-flavor scheme | 8 TeV | $\sigma(pp \rightarrow c_F = 1$ 17.4 | $c_F = -1$ 252.7 | $\sigma(pp \rightarrow c_F = 1$ 5.4 | $thjb) [fb]$ $c_F = -1$ 79.2 | $(p_T^b >$ | $\cdot 25 \mathrm{GeV}, \ \left \eta^{b}\right < 2.5)$ |
| pp- | 14 TeV →thj (L) | 80.4 HC 14 Te | 1042 eV) | 26.9 | 363.5 | ~ 1 | |



 c_F

 Enhancement for flipped top Yukawa is 13 ÷ 15!



detailed pheno analysis.

Parton-level analysis

• Consider decay $h \rightarrow b\overline{b}$: final states

for $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$, see Biswas et al., 1211.0499

 $pp \rightarrow thj \rightarrow 3b + 1$ forward jet $+ \ell + E_T^{miss}$ $pp \rightarrow thjb \rightarrow 4b + 1$ forward jet $+ \ell + E_T^{miss}$

are similar to those already studied by ATLAS and CMS in $t\bar{t}h$ searches.

full exp. analysis should be possible in very near future

• Use MadGraph 5, jets defined at parton level with smearing of p_T following

$$\frac{\sigma(p_T)}{p_T} = \frac{a}{p_T} \oplus \frac{b}{\sqrt{p_T}} \oplus C, \qquad a = 2, b = 0.7, c = 0.06$$

(roughly compatible with ATLAS jet energy res).

• Acceptance cuts (no cut on missing energy):

| Cut | $p_T^b >$ | $p_T^\ell >$ | $p_T^j >$ | $ \eta^{b,\ell} <$ | $ \eta^j <$ | $\Delta R_{ij} >$ |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Value | $25~{\rm GeV}$ | $25~{\rm GeV}$ | $30~{\rm GeV}$ | 2.5 | 5 | 0.4 |

• Assume *b*-tagging performance: $\epsilon_b = 0.7, \epsilon_c = 0.2, \epsilon_j \approx 0.008$ (cuts and *b*-tag numbers follow those of ATLAS $t\bar{t}h$ analysis)

ATLAS-CONF-2012-135

CMS PAS HIG-12-025

3 b final state

- Signature: $pp \to thj \to 3b + 1$ forward jet $+ \ell + E_T^{miss}$
- Main backgrounds are
 - $t\bar{t}, \ \bar{t} \rightarrow bcs$ with c mistagged as b
 - $t\bar{t}j, \ \bar{t} \rightarrow bcs$ with c mistagged as b and s missed
- Cuts:

m(bbj) > 270 GeV kills tt̄ (for which bbj all come from a hadronic top)
 NB: we assume 100% efficiency for reconstruction of semileptonic top, in all signal and backgrounds. So b from its decay always identified.
 |η^j| > 1.7 reduces tt̄j a bit.

| | | Si | gnal | Backgrounds | | | | |
|-------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Cuts | $c_F = 1$ | $c_F = -1$ | Total | tZj | $tb\overline{b}j$ | $t\overline{t}$ | $t\overline{t}j$ |
| 8 TeV | Acceptance Cuts + ϵ $ m_{bb} - m_h < 15 \text{ GeV}$ $m_{bbj} > 270 \text{ GeV}$ $ \eta^j > 1.7$ | $0.18 \\ 0.15 \\ 0.10 \\ 0.08$ | 2.88 2.55 2.02 1.70 | 600.81 245.95 31.78 17.98 | $0.61 \\ 0.02 \\ 0.01 \\ 0.01$ | $1.01 \\ 0.11 \\ 0.08 \\ 0.06$ | 456.40 184.2 0. 0. | 142.80 61.65 30.68 17.24 |
| | Events at $25\mathrm{fb}^{-1}$ | 1.9 | 42.5 | 449.4 | | | | |

• Exclusion at 25 fb⁻¹, $c_F = -1$: ~2.2 σ at 8 TeV, ~4 σ at 14 TeV.

4 b final state

• Requiring an extra *b* helps suppressing the backgrounds: signature

$$pp \rightarrow thjb \rightarrow 4b + 1$$
 forward jet $+ \ell + E_T^{miss}$

- Main backgrounds:
 - $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}, \ \bar{t} \rightarrow bjj$ where one jet is missed
 - $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}, \ \bar{t} \rightarrow bcs$ where the *c* is mistagged and one physical *b* missed
 - $t\bar{t}j, \ \bar{t} \rightarrow bcs$ with both *c* and *s* mistagged
- Cuts:
 - $\circ ~\min m(bb) > 110\,{\rm GeV}$ kills $t\bar{t}j$, where mistagged ~c+s come from W
 - $\circ \min m(bj) > 180 \,{
 m GeV}$ suppresses $t \bar{t} b \bar{b}$, for which one *b+j* pair

comes from top decay

$$m(bj) < \sqrt{m_t^2 - m_W^2} \sim 150 \,\mathrm{GeV}$$

| | | Signal | | Backgrounds | | | | | |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| | Cuts | $c_F = 1$ | $c_F = -1$ | Total | $tZ\bar{b}j$ | $tb\bar{b}\bar{b}j$ | $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}$ | $t\bar{t}b\bar{b}~(mis)$ | $t\bar{t}j$ |
| 8 TeV | Acceptance Cuts + ϵ | 0.043 | 0.63 | 7.81 | 0.11 | 0.26 | 2.66 | 2.25 | 2.54 |
| | $ m_{bb} - m_h < 15 \text{ GeV}$ | 0.039 | 0.58 | 4.06 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.94 | 1.29 | 1.71 |
| | min $m_{bb} > 110 \text{ GeV}$ | 0.023 | 0.30 | 0.67 | 0.002 | 0.015 | 0.20 | 0.44 | 0. |
| | min $m_{bj} > 180 \text{ GeV}$ | 0.008 | 0.15 | 0.014 | 0. | 0.007 | 0.002 | 0.004 | 0. |
| | Events at 25fb^{-1} | 0.2 | 3.8 | 0.4 | | | | | |

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Implications on Higgs couplings

• Compare reach of our analysis (3*b* and 4*b* combined) to results of Higgs searches in 'standard' channels: assuming **universal** rescaling of Higgs couplings to fermions, $c_F = c_t = c_b = c_\tau = c_c$



- Solid and dashed lines are for 25 fb⁻¹ and 50 fb⁻¹.
 Higgs data after ICHEP 2012 (*only illustrative!*)
- Interesting sensitivity already with ~25 fb⁻¹ at 8 TeV
- Degeneracy removed completely with ~50 fb⁻¹ at 14 TeV.

Implications on Higgs couplings/2

• Now assuming only c_t is rescaled, while $c_b = c_{\tau} = c_c = 1$







- Solid and dashed lines are for 25 fb⁻¹ and 50 fb⁻¹.
 Higgs data after ICHEP 2012 (*only illustrative!*)
- Much better reach, because ${
 m BR}(h o b \bar{b})$ is always sizable

can exclude completely negative c_t region with 25 fb⁻¹ at 8 TeV

Summary of Part I

- Single top + Higgs associated production can lift the current degeneracy in the sign of the top Yukawa: very large (>10) enhancement of rate for 'flipped' sign.
- $\circ~$ For nonstandard couplings amplitude grows with energy, but cutoff is ~10 TeV



- perturbative computation fully trustable.
- \circ Selecting decay of the Higgs into $b\overline{b}$, final states

$$pp \rightarrow thj \rightarrow 3b + 1$$
 forward jet $+ \ell + E_T^{miss}$
 $pp \rightarrow thjb \rightarrow 4b + 1$ forward jet $+ \ell + E_T^{miss}$

similar to those of $t\bar{t}h$ analysis already done by ATLAS and CMS.

- We find interesting sensitivity already at 8 TeV. O(30) fb⁻¹ at 14 TeV can lift the degeneracy completely.
- We think the full experimental analysis can be done very soon!

Part II

$gg \to hh$ in Composite Higgs models

(arXiv:1206.7120, JHEP)

Introduction: why is $gg \rightarrow hh$ interesting?

- Gluon fusion $gg \rightarrow h, hh$ is the dominant mechanism for Higgs production at LHC.
- In the SM, amplitudes mediated by top loops.

Measurement of Higgs self-coupling, long history of studies (still ongoing).



• Experimentally very challenging signal for $m_h = 125 \text{ GeV}$: best final state $hh \to \gamma \gamma b \overline{b}$, **at least O(100)** fb⁻¹ **at LHC14 needed** to probe it in BSM with enhanced cross section (in the SM, even larger luminosity).

> Baur et al., hep-ph/0310056 Groeber et al., 1012.1562

$gg \rightarrow hh$ in Composite Higgs models

• If the Higgs is composite, its couplings are modified from the standard ones: effective chiral Lagrangian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \frac{1}{2} (\partial_{\mu} h)^{2} - V(h) + \frac{v^{2}}{4} \operatorname{Tr} \left[(D_{\mu} \Sigma)^{\dagger} D^{\mu} \Sigma \right] \left(1 + 2 c_{V} \frac{h}{v} + \ldots \right) \\ &- \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\bar{u}_{L}^{i} \bar{d}_{L}^{i} \right) \Sigma \left[1 + c_{F} \frac{h}{v} + c_{2F} \frac{h^{2}}{v^{2}} + \ldots \right] \left(\begin{array}{c} y_{ij}^{u} u_{R}^{j} \\ y_{ij}^{d} d_{R}^{j} \end{array} \right) + \text{h.c.} + \mathcal{L}^{(4)}, \quad \text{with} \end{aligned}$$

$$V(h) &= \frac{1}{2} m_{h}^{2} h^{2} + d_{3} \left(\frac{m_{h}^{2}}{2v} \right) h^{3} + \ldots, \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{(4)} &= \frac{g_{s}^{2}}{48\pi^{2}} G^{\mu\nu \, a} G_{\mu\nu}^{a} \left(k_{g} \frac{h}{v} + \frac{1}{2} k_{2g} \frac{h^{2}}{v^{2}} + \ldots \right) + \frac{e^{2}}{32\pi^{2}} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \left(k_{\gamma} \frac{h}{v} + \ldots \right), \end{aligned}$$

• Parameter c_{2F} controls nonlinear $t\bar{t}hh$ interaction, which vanishes in the SM



this new diagram can lead to a **large enhancement** of the $gg \rightarrow hh$ rate!

Groeber et al., 1012.1562

$gg \rightarrow hh$ in Composite Higgs models/2



• Large enhancement possible, in particular for $c_{2F} < 0$

- Interestingly, in the simple minimal model 'MCHM 5' this is realized: one has $c_{2F} = -2\xi = -2(v^2/f^2)$ and a sizable enhancement of the cross section!
- For $\xi \leq 0.25$, model can be compatible with EW data and direct searches



Including the effect of fermionic resonances

- In composite Higgs models, fermionic resonances are expected ('top partners')
- Their masses are related to the Higgs mass (Higgs potential generated at loop level) from naturalness can obtain *upper bound* on the mass of the lightest resonance, e.g. $m_T \lesssim 700 \,\mathrm{GeV} \left(\frac{f}{500 \,\mathrm{GeV}}\right) \left(\frac{m_h}{125 \,\mathrm{GeV}}\right)$
- **Must be light**, their effects in loop-induced processes could be sizable
- Look at $gg \rightarrow h, hh$ as ways to obtain indirect information on resonances, in addition to direct searches.
- Single production most relevant, but in most known models $\sigma(gg \rightarrow h)$ only depends on the overall scale of the strong sector, and **not on the masses** of resonances.
- Nontrivial result (not true e.g. in SUSY!), follows from a cancellation between correction to top Yukawa and loops of resonances:

Falkowski, 0711.0828 Azatov et al., 1110.5646

Effects of resonances in $gg \rightarrow hh$

look at $gg \to hh$

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- Thus $gg \rightarrow h$ is not sensitive to resonances
- Simplest way to compute it, in any model, is via the Higgs Low-Energy Theorem. Find insensitivity to resonances.

- However, LET is only a first approximation in double Higgs production, and corrections are sizable in general.
- Choose a specific, simple model: MCHM5, where $gg \rightarrow hh$ is enhanced (seen before).
- Full 1-loop computation with top + 3 resonances in the loops



Double Higgs production in MCHM



• We find some sensitivity to the masses of resonances,

cross section is less enhanced for very light top partner.

could get indirect information on top partners from measurement of double Higgs production.

Double Higgs production in MCHM (2)



- Best final state for Higgs pair production at LHC, for a light Higgs, is $\, hh o b ar{b} \gamma \gamma$
- We follow the analysis of **Baur et al.**, hep-ph/0310056

roughly estimate the number of events at LHC14 by computing

 $\sigma(pp \to hh) \times BR(hh \to b\bar{b}\gamma\gamma)$ and multiplying times the efficiency of cuts for the SM ($\epsilon \simeq 7\%$)

- QCD K-factor is 1.9; require 1 b-tag
- Take background estimate of Baur et al. (likely conservative): 3σ evidence at LHC for $\xi=0.25$, 5σ discovery at SuperLHC even for $\xi=0.1$

see also Contino et al., 1205.5444

Summary of Part II

- Double Higgs production in gluon fusion is sensitive to the non-linear Higgs coupling $t\bar{t}hh$, which is present if the Higgs is a composite state.
- A sizable enhancement of the cross section (up to more than factor 3)
 can be obtained in a simple, minimal CH model better prospects at LHC14
- Higgs production in gluon fusion is a priori sensitive to new colored resonances (top partners). However, due to a cancellation, in single production the sensitivity is negligible.
- We performed for the first time a full computation of gg → hh including resonances, and found some sensitivity to their spectrum
 ▶ hope to get indirect information on the new states from measurement of hh production.



Strongly Interacting Light Higgs (SILH) Lagrangian Giudice et al., hep-ph/0703164

- Higgs doublet H results from a new strong interaction broadly described by the mass of composite states m_{ρ} and their self-coupling g_{ρ} .
- At scales $\,E \ll m_
 ho$, deviations from the SM described by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SILH}} = \frac{c_H}{2f^2} \partial^{\mu} (H^{\dagger} H) \partial_{\mu} (H^{\dagger} H) + \frac{c_r}{2f^2} H^{\dagger} H (D_{\mu} H)^{\dagger} (D^{\mu} H) - \frac{c_6 \lambda}{f^2} (H^{\dagger} H)^3 + \left(\frac{c_y y_f}{f^2} H^{\dagger} H \bar{f}_L H f_R + \text{h.c.} \right) + c_g \frac{g_s^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{y_f^2}{m_{\rho}^2} H^{\dagger} H G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{a\,\mu\nu} + \frac{c_T}{2f^2} \left(H^{\dagger} \overleftrightarrow{D^{\mu}} H \right)^2 + \dots$$

• Operator $\propto c_r$ can be eliminated at order $1/f^2$ by field redefinition

 $H \to H + a(H^{\dagger}H)H$

 $c_H \to c_H + 2a$, $c_r \to c_r + 4a$, $c_6 \to c_6 + 4a$, $c_y \to c_y - a$

(choose $a = -c_r/4$). Instead we keep it ("natural" basis for nlom has $c_r \neq 0$).

• Operator $\propto c_T$ shifts mass of the *Z*, breaking custodial symmetry:

$$\hat{T} = c_T v^2 / f^2 \qquad (\rho = 1 + \hat{T})$$

but does not contribute to processes discussed in this talk.

 $(f \equiv m_{\rho}/g_{\rho})$

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• From now on, we work in unitary gauge: $H \to \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ H/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$ • c_r corrects the mass of the W:

$$\mathcal{L}_{W\,mass} = \frac{g^2 \langle H \rangle^2}{4} \left(1 + \frac{c_r}{4} \frac{\langle H \rangle^2}{f^2} \right) W^+ W^- \quad \Longrightarrow \quad v^2 = \langle H \rangle^2 \left(1 + \frac{c_r}{4} \frac{\langle H \rangle^2}{f^2} \right)$$

• Non-canonical kinetic term for the Higgs (including derivative interactions):

$$\Delta \mathcal{L}_{h\,kin} = \frac{1}{2f^2} \left(c_H + \frac{c_r}{4} \right) \left(\langle H \rangle + h \right)^2 \partial_\mu h \partial^\mu h \,,$$

eliminated by non-linear rescaling

$$h \to h - \frac{1}{2} \frac{v^2}{f^2} \left(c_H + \frac{c_r}{4} \right) \left(h + \frac{h^2}{v} + \frac{h^3}{3v^2} \right)$$
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 $(f \equiv m_{\rho}/g_{\rho})$

Higgs couplings to gluons via the
low-energy theoremEllis et al., NPB 1976
Shifman et al., SJNP 1979

- Heavy colored particle getting some of its mass from EWSB, m(H)
- For $m_h \ll m$, can integrate the particle out and write effective Lagrangian: leading term in 1/m will read $F(H)G^a_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu\,a}$.
- Fix the function F(H): treat H as background field, then m(H) is a threshold for the running of QCD gauge coupling

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = -\frac{1}{4g_{eff}^2(\mu,H)} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{a\ \mu\nu}, \qquad \frac{1}{g_{eff}^2(\mu,H)} = \frac{1}{g_s^2(\Lambda)} - \frac{b_{UV}}{8\pi^2} \log \frac{\Lambda}{\mu} - \delta b \frac{1}{8\pi^2} \log \frac{m(H)}{\mu}$$
P For Dirac fermions $\delta b = 2/3$

$$\overset{}{\longrightarrow}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \sum_{f} \frac{g_s^2}{96\pi^2} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{a\ \mu\nu} \log m_f^2(H)$$
field-dependent mass of fermion f

$$\mathcal{L}_{h^{n}gg} = \frac{g_{s}^{2}}{96\pi^{2}} G_{\mu\nu}^{a} G^{a\,\mu\nu} \left[A_{1}h + \frac{1}{2}A_{2}h^{2} + \dots \right]$$

$$A_{n} \equiv \left(\frac{\partial^{n}}{\partial H^{n}} \log \det \mathcal{M}^{\dagger}(H) \mathcal{M}(H) \right)_{\langle H \rangle} \qquad \text{heavy fermion}$$

mass matrix

hgg coupling

• Linear term in h

$$\mathcal{L}_{hgg} = \frac{g_s^2}{48\pi^2} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{a\,\mu\nu} \frac{h}{\langle H \rangle} \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \log H} \log \det \mathcal{M}^{\dagger}(H) \mathcal{M}(H) \right)_{\langle H \rangle}$$

• Now taking into account that $v^2 = \langle H \rangle^2 \left(1 + c_r v^2 / 4f^2 \right)$

and the (nonlinear) rescaling needed to make the Higgs kin term canonical

$$h \to h\left(1 - \frac{v^2}{2f^2}\left(c_H + \frac{c_r}{4}\right)\right) + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{hgg} = \frac{g_s^2}{48\pi^2} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{a\,\mu\nu} \frac{h}{v} \left[\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \log H} \log \det \mathcal{M}^{\dagger}(H) \mathcal{M}(H) \right)_{H=v}}_{= 1 - c_y \frac{v^2}{f^2} + 3c_g y_t^2 \frac{v^2}{f^2}} \right]$$
Note that

Low, Rattazzi and Vichi, 0907.5413 Low and Vichi, 1010.2753

• SM: only top loop
$$m_t(H) = \frac{y_t H}{\sqrt{2}} \Longrightarrow \mathcal{L}_{h^n gg} = \frac{g_s^2}{48\pi^2} G^a_{\mu\nu} G^{a\,\mu\nu} \log\left(1 + \frac{h}{v}\right)$$

In composite Higgs models, typically one or more top partners are present

hgg coupling in specific models

- In many popular models (both composite and Little Higgs), the gluon fusion cross section depends only on $\xi \equiv v^2/f^2$, and is **independent** of the couplings and masses of the heavy fermions
- Remarkable result (not true in other cases, e.g. SUSY), it happens because the determinant of fermion mass matrix has the form $\begin{array}{l} \text{Azatov and Galloway,} \\ \det \mathcal{M}^{\dagger}(H)\mathcal{M}(H) = F(H/f) \times P(\lambda_i, M_i, f) \end{array}$

independent of ${\boldsymbol{H}}$

so taking $\frac{\partial}{\partial H} \log \left[F(H/f) \times P \right]$ the dependence on P cancels!

• Example: SO(5)/SO(4) with composite fermions in a 5 (fundamental)

$$\det \mathcal{M}^{\dagger}(H)\mathcal{M}(H) = \sin^2\left(2H/f\right) \times P(y, M_0, f, \ldots)$$

Independence of spectrum is exactly true in the infinite fermion mass approximation
 → low-energy theorem. Corrections due to higher orders in 1/m_f ?
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Finite fermion mass corrections

• Simple case: one top partner. Parameterize mass eigenvalues as



Low-energy theorem gives the leading coupling:

$$\lambda_{hgg} / \lambda_{hgg}^{SM} = 1 + (a_T - c_y) \frac{v^2}{f^2}$$
 $(c_H = 0)$

but also, top Yukawa is $(m_t/v) \left(1 - c_y \frac{v^2}{f^2}\right)$ \longrightarrow compute first correction in $1/m_t^2$

$$\lambda_{hgg} / \lambda_{hgg}^{SM} = 1 + (a_T - c_y) \frac{v^2}{f^2} + \frac{7}{120} \frac{m_h^2}{m_t^2} \left(1 - c_y \frac{v^2}{f^2} \right) + \dots$$

• Now $c_y = c_y^{(\sigma)} + y_t^2 / \lambda_T^2$, $a_T = y_t^2 / \lambda_T^2$ so sensitivity to spectrum is, for light partner $(\lambda_T \sim y_t)$ $\frac{\delta \sigma(gg \rightarrow h)}{\sigma(gg \rightarrow h)_{SM}} \sim \frac{7}{60} \frac{m_h^2}{m_t^2} \xi = 0.06 \, \xi$

Finite mass corrections: a full computation

- Take specific model: SO(5)/SO(4) with 1 multiplet of composite fermions in fundamental representation
- Top sector has 4 states: top + 3 partners
- Full numerical result, including all fermions and mass dependence:



- Corrections to LET very small as estimated: $\delta\sigma/\sigma_{SM} \sim (0.06\,\xi) \sim 0.015$
- For single production, low-energy theorem gives excellent approximation, for any spectrum of extra fermions.

Higgs pair production via LET

• Now we consider $gg \rightarrow hh$, dominant mechanism for Higgs pair production at LHC

• Apply low-energy theorem:
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• Effective hhgg vertex

$$\mathcal{L}_{hhgg} = \frac{g_s^2}{96\pi^2} G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\,\mu\nu} \frac{h^2}{v^2} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(\frac{\partial^2}{\partial (\log H)^2} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \log H} \right) \log \det \mathcal{M}^2(H) \right]_{H=v} - \frac{c_r}{4} \frac{v^2}{f^2} \right\}$$
• Correction to the Higgs self-coupling $\lambda_{hhh} / \lambda_{hhh}^{SM} = 1 + \left(c_6 - \frac{c_r}{4} - \frac{3}{2} c_H \right) \frac{v^2}{f^2}$
• Amplitude $\mathcal{A}_{let} \left(gg \rightarrow hh \right) = \frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi v^2} \delta^{ab} \left(p_1^{\nu} p_2^{\mu} - p_1 \cdot p_2 g^{\mu\nu} \right) C(\hat{s})$
• Partonic cross section $\hat{\sigma}_{gg \rightarrow hh} = \frac{G_F^2 \alpha_s^2(\mu) \hat{s}}{128(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{9} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_h^2}{\hat{s}}} C^2(\hat{s})$

 $\sigma = \int_{4m_h^2/s}^1 d\tau \, \overbrace{\int_{\tau}^1 \frac{dx}{x} f_{g/P}(x,Q) f_{g/P}(\tau/x,Q)}^1 \hat{\sigma}_{gg \to hh}(\tau s)$

Hadronic cross section

Some examples

- SILH formalism applies to wide class of models, e.g. Little Higgs and "holographic" composite Higgs models
- MCHM5 has 3 top partners, MCHM4 has 2, Littlest Higgs has 1
- As in single Higgs production, in most popular models dependence **only on** $\xi = v^2/f^2$ and *not* on the details of fermion resonances.



- These results hold in the infinite fermion mass limit. What about finite mass effects?
- For $gg \rightarrow hh$ in the SM, low-energy theorem gives total cross section accurate at ~20 % for $m_h \leq 200 \,\text{GeV}$ (however, produces incorrect kinematic distributions)
- Take for example corrections $\sim \hat{s}/4m_t^2$: given that $\hat{s} \ge 4m_h^2$, a priori they can be large.

Minimal composite Higgs model Agashe et al., hep-ph/0412089

- Higgs as a pseudo-Goldstone boson of spontaneous symmetry breaking $\,{\cal G}/{\cal H}\,$

explain "Little Hierarchy" between EW scale and scale of new strong sector.

- Minimal choice containing custodial symmetry (needed to protect ρ parameter) is SO(5)/SO(4), giving four GBs in a **4** of $SO(4) \sim SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$
- Goldstones are described in terms of the field

$$\Sigma = \Sigma_0 e^{\Pi/f} \,, \qquad \Pi = -i\sqrt{2} \, T^{\hat{a}} h^{\hat{a}} \,, \qquad \Sigma_0 = \,(\,0\,,\,0\,,\,0\,,\,0\,,\,1\,)$$

$$\Sigma = \frac{\sin(h/f)}{h} (h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h \operatorname{cotan}(h/f)), \quad h = \sqrt{\sum_{\hat{a}} h_{\hat{a}}^2}$$

and the two-derivative Lagrangian is $\mathcal{L} = \frac{f^2}{2} (D_\mu \Sigma) (D^\mu \Sigma)^T$

$$\left(D_{\mu}\Sigma = \partial_{\mu}\Sigma + ig W^{a}_{\mu}\Sigma T^{a}_{L} + ig' B_{\mu}\Sigma T^{3}_{R}\right)$$

• Can write in unitary gauge

$$\Sigma = ig(0, 0, \sin(H/f), 0, \cos(H/f)ig)$$

where H is the Higgs field (with $\langle H \rangle \neq 0$).

Minimal composite Higgs model (2)

- W mass is $m_W^2 = \frac{g^2 f^2}{4} \sin^2(\langle H \rangle / f) \implies f^2 \sin^2(\langle H \rangle / f) = v^2 \simeq (246 \,\text{GeV})^2$
- Fermion hypercharges require an extra $U(1)_X$, which remains unbroken since $\Sigma \sim \mathbf{5}_0$ under $SO(5) \times U(1)_X$.
- SM fermions acquire a mass by *mixing linearly* with composite states, which are the only ones who couple directly to the (comp.) Higgs: **partial compositeness**
- So we need to introduce vector-like fermions with right quantum numbers to mix with $q_L = (t_L \ b_L)^T$ and t_R , and to have "proto-Yukawa" interactions with the Higgs.
- We introduce one multiplet of fermionic resonances, transforming as a complete $\psi \sim \mathbf{5}_{2/3}$. With this choice, no tree-level correction to the Z-b- \overline{b} coupling is generated

(this does not happen with the spinorial $4_{1/6}$).

Agashe et al., ³⁷ hep-ph/0605341

Partial compositeness Lagrangian

- Composite multiplet can be written as:
 - Under $SU(2)_L imes SU(2)_R$,

$$\mathbf{5} \sim (\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2}) \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$$

$$\widetilde{T}$$

$$Q = \begin{pmatrix} T \\ B \end{pmatrix}, \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} X^{5/3} \\ X^{2/3} \end{pmatrix} \longleftarrow \mathsf{p}$$

 $\psi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} B - X^{5/3} \\ -i(B + X^{5/3}) \\ T + X^{2/3} \\ i(T - X^{2/3}) \\ \sqrt{2}\tilde{T} \end{pmatrix}$

peculiar of 5 representation, contains a charge 5/3 fermion

- Q has the EW quantum numbers of $\ q_L$, while $ilde{T}$ of t_R
- Minimal Lagrangian:

$$\mathcal{L}_{f} = i\overline{q}_{L}\not{D}q_{L} + i\overline{t}_{R}\not{D}t_{R} + i\overline{b}_{R}\not{D}b_{R} + i\overline{\psi}_{L}\not{D}\psi_{L} + i\overline{\psi}_{R}\not{D}\psi_{R}$$

$$-yf(\overline{\psi}_{L}\Sigma^{T})(\Sigma\psi_{R}) - M_{0}\overline{\psi}_{L}\psi_{R} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$-\Delta_{L}\overline{q}_{L}Q_{R} - \Delta_{R}\overline{\tilde{T}}_{L}t_{R} + \text{h.c.}$$
elementary/composite mixings break global symmetry

composite

"proto-Yukawa",

- SO(5) invariant
 - Notice that there is no composite with quantum numbers of b_R

no mass for the bottom is generated (need for ex. a $\, {f 5}_{-1/3}$)

Fermion masses

• Diagonalization of masses is simple for v = 0 $(\Sigma = \Sigma_0)$: rotate

$$\begin{pmatrix} q_L \\ Q_L \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi_L & \sin \phi_L \\ -\sin \phi_L & \cos \phi_L \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} q_L \\ Q_L \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tan \phi_L = \frac{\Delta_L}{M_0}$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} t_R \\ \tilde{T}_R \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \cos \phi_R & \sin \phi_R \\ -\sin \phi_R & \cos \phi_R \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_R \\ \tilde{T}_R \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tan \phi_R = \frac{\Delta_R}{M_0 + yf}$$

• SM states are a linear combination of elementary and composite states

 $\phi_{L,R}$ parameterize the degree of compositeness of $t_{L,R}$

• In this limit the top is massless, and composites have masses

$$M_Q = \frac{M_0}{c_L}, \qquad M_X = M_0, \qquad M_{\tilde{T}} = \frac{yf + M_0}{c_R}$$

• Turning on EWSB, top becomes massive via mixing of $t_{L,R}$ with composites:

$$m_t = y \sin \phi_L \sin \phi_R \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \left(1 + \mathcal{O}(\xi) \right)$$

• After setting the top mass to exp value, model fully described by 4 parameters:

$$\xi \equiv v^2/f^2 \,, \quad \phi_L \,, \quad \phi_R \,, \quad R = (M_0 + yf)/M_0$$
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Electroweak precision tests

Three beyond-SM contributions to ϵ_i, ϵ_b parameters:

Modified coupling of the Higgs to gauge bosons

log divergence in
$$\epsilon_{1,3} \sim T, S$$

$$\Delta \epsilon_3^{\rm IR} = \frac{\alpha(M_Z)}{48\pi \sin^2 \theta_W} \xi \log\left(\frac{m_\rho^2}{m_h^2}\right), \qquad \Delta \epsilon_1^{\rm IR} = -\frac{3\,\alpha(M_Z)}{16\pi \cos^2 \theta_W} \xi \log\left(\frac{m_\rho^2}{m_h^2}\right),$$

Barbieri et al., 0706.0432

• UV contribution to S from tree-level exchange of spin-1 resonances

$$\Delta \epsilon_{3}^{\rm UV} = \frac{m_{W}^{2}}{m_{\rho}^{2}} \left(1 + \frac{m_{\rho}^{2}}{m_{a}^{2}} \right) \simeq 1.36 \frac{m_{W}^{2}}{m_{\rho}^{2}}$$

• 1-loop contributions to T and $\epsilon_b \sim Z - b_L - b_L$ from heavy fermions

In general need a **positive contribution to** Tto get back into the ellipse, but at the same time need to control correction to ϵ_b Gillioz. 0806.3450 non-trivial interplay!

Anastasiou, Furlan and Santiago, 0901.2117



Electroweak precision tests (2)

Perform numerical analysis, allowing $1.5 \,\mathrm{TeV} < m_{
ho} < 4\pi f$

For largish ξ , **two regions** satisfying the constraints are found:

- 1) Singlet \tilde{T} lighter than rest of the spectrum: it contributes positively to T and to ϵ_b . In this region $\sin \phi_L < 0.5$, so t_R has sizable degree of compositeness.
- 2) Large $\sin \phi_L \longrightarrow t_L$ largely composite, doublet $X = (X^{5/3}), X^{2/3})$ is light. Intricated interplay of contributions to EW parameters.



Bounds from collider searches

Searches for heavy fermions at Tevatron&LHC put constraints on the model:
 pair production via QCD, decay into 3rd gen fermions
 and Goldstones: leading order BRs

- Exp searches in final states WbWb, ZtZt, WtWt
- Region of composite t_L (large $\sin \phi_L$) is already strongly constrained: $X^{5/3}$ is light and decays with BR = 1 into $tW \longrightarrow m_{5/3} > 600 \,\text{GeV}$ and thus $\sin \phi_L < 0.8 \xrightarrow{1.0} \xi = 0.25 \xrightarrow{\text{exclude}} 100 \,\text{K}$
- Region of composite t_R less constrained: \tilde{T} is light, strongest bound from WbWbchannel $\longrightarrow m_{\tilde{T}} > 400 \,\mathrm{GeV}$

Contino and Servant, 0801.1679 Aguilar-Saavedra, 0907.3155, Dissertori et al., 1005.4414



An example: Littlest Higgs

• quark doublet q_L , new vector-like pair of singlets $T_{L,R}$ to implement collective breaking $\chi = \begin{pmatrix} o_L \\ t_L \\ \tilde{T}_I \end{pmatrix}$

$$-\mathcal{L}_Y = \frac{\lambda_1}{2} f \,\overline{t}_R \epsilon_{ijk} \epsilon_{ab} \chi_i \Sigma_{ja} \Sigma_{kb} + \lambda_2 f \overline{\tilde{T}}_R \tilde{T}_L + \text{h.c.}$$

Diagonalize mass matrix and find:

$$m_t(H) = \frac{\lambda_1 \lambda_2}{\sqrt{\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2}} H \left(1 - \frac{H^2}{3f^2} + \frac{H^2}{2f^2} \frac{\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2^2}{(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2)^2} \right)$$
$$m_T(H) = f \sqrt{\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2} \left(1 - \frac{H^2}{2f^2} \frac{\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2^2}{(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2)^2} \right).$$

that is

$$c_y = \frac{2}{3} - \frac{\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2^2}{(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2)^2} \qquad a_T = -\frac{\lambda_1^2 \lambda_2^2}{(\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2)^2} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad a_T - c_y = -\frac{2}{3}$$

 Notice that the cancellation is **not** fixed by the absence of quadratic divergences in Higgs mass: $\left[\operatorname{Tr}\mathcal{M}^{2}(H)\right]_{H^{2}} = \left[m_{t}^{2}(H) + m_{T}^{2}(H)\right]_{H^{2}} = 0$

 $a_T = -y_t^2/(2\lambda_T^2)$

but this argument does not fix c_y

Collider bounds

| exp. | search | $L [{\rm fb}^{-1}]$ | range in M_{ψ} [GeV] | ref. |
|--------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| CMS [50] | WbWb (1 lepton) | 4.7 | [400, 625] | CMS-PAS-EXO-11-099 |
| | WbWb (2 leptons) | 5.0 | [350, 600] | arXiv:1203.5410 |
| | WtWt | 1.14 | [350, 550] | CMS-PAS-EXO-11-036 |
| | WtWt | 4.9 | [450, 650] | arXiv:1204.1088 |
| | ZtZt | 1.14 | [250, 550] | arXiv:1109.4985 |
| ATLAS $[51]$ | WbWb | 1.04 | [250, 500] | arXiv:1202.3076 |
| | WqWq | 1.04 | [300, 500] | arXiv:1202.3389 |
| | WtWt (1 lepton) | 1.04 | [300, 600] | arXiv:1202.6540 |
| | WtWt (2 leptons) | 1.04 | [300, 600] | arXiv:1202.5520 |
| CDF [52] | WbWb | 5.6 | [180, 500] | arXiv:1107.3875 |
| | WtWt | 4.8 | [260, 425] | arXiv:1101.5728 |

Table 3: List of experimental searches for pair-produced heavy fermions that we included in our analysis of collider constraints.

$h\gamma\gamma$ coupling

• Contributions from fermion loops and *W* loop.

Another SILH operator is relevant: $\mathcal{O}_{\gamma} = c_{\gamma} \frac{g'^2}{16\pi^2 f^2} \frac{g^2}{g_{\rho}^2} H^{\dagger} H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$

• Applying the LET obtain ($m_h \ll m_t, m_W$)

$$\mathcal{L}_{eff} = \frac{e^2}{16\pi^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \left(\sum_f Q_f^2 \log m_f^2(H) - \frac{7}{4} \log m_W^2(H) \right)$$

and linear term in h reads

$$\mathcal{L}_{h\gamma\gamma} = \frac{e^2}{32\pi^2} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} \frac{h}{v} \left[4Q_t^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \log H} \log \det \mathcal{M}^2(H) \right)_{H=v} - \frac{c_H}{2} \xi \right) - J_\gamma (4m_W^2/m_h^2) \left(1 + \xi \left(\frac{c_r}{4} - \frac{c_H}{2} \right) \right) \right]$$
full result for *W* loop

valid for $m_h \ll m_t$.

$$J_{\gamma} \simeq 8.3 \, (m_h = 125 \, \text{GeV})$$

for
$$m_h \lesssim 2m_W \longrightarrow J_\gamma(\infty) = 7 = \frac{22}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$$

transverse, equal to gauge $(2)_L$ beta function

longitudinal (Goldstones)

Bounds from collider searches (2)

• We diagonalize top mass matrix numerically (keeping all orders in ξ), and compute couplings in unitary gauge: sizable corrections to LO predictions



- Exp searches in WtWt final state designed for heavy bottom, but apply also to $X^{5/3}$, despite different spatial configurations (only cuts on single objects applied).
- Also single production relevant, but no relevant searches published by experiments yet



Mrazek and Wulzer, 0909.3977