## Vector-like quarks at the LHC finite width, NLO and exotic decays

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#### If new fermions exist what can they be?

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$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c \\ s \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t \\ b \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t' \\ b' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \nu_e \\ e \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\mu \\ \mu \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu_\tau \\ \tau \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \nu' \\ l' \end{pmatrix}$$

both quarks and leptons for anomaly cancellation  $Tr[Q] = 3(\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3}) + (0 - 1) = 0$ 

Modifications to observed processes



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#### A chiral 4th generation is excluded at $4.8\sigma$ (or $5.3\sigma$ including $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ at Tevatron)

in the context of a simplified model where only the new family is added to the SM

#### Let's go for vector-like fermions

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#### **Peculiar Properties**

 $\mathcal{L}_M = -M\bar{\psi}\psi$  Gauge invariant mass term without the Higgs No need to add both quarks and leptons: axial anomalies are automatically absent

Vector-like quarks in many models of New Physics

- Warped or universal extra-dimensions: KK excitations of bulk fields
- Composite Higgs models: excited resonances of the bound states which form SM particles
- Little Higgs models: partners of SM fermions in larger group representations which ensure the cancellation of divergent loops
- Non-minimal SUSY extensions: increase corrections to Higgs mass without affecting EWPT

#### Model independent approach



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## Including more topologies



If the width of the VLQ is large with respect to its mass:

- Off-shell effects are not negligible anymore
- Subdominant topologies in the Narrow Width Approximation may become important
- Outside the NWA all topologies leading to the same final state must anyway be taken into account for gauge invariance
- Need to redefine the signal to take into account interference effects

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## How large the width can be

#### To obtain a large width:

#### Increase couplings

- ---- non-minimal extensions which allow to escape bounds while enlarging couplings

Increase number of decay channels — new physics, non-minimal extension

Simplified models with large couplings:



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#### Simplified models with large couplings already excluded by other observables New physics has to be invoked

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C<sub>1</sub> and C<sub>2</sub> couplings: partial widths and rescaling of cross-section

Mass and total width: kinematics of the process

Consistency relation: 
$$\Gamma_Q^{\text{partial}}(C_1) + \Gamma_Q^{\text{partial}}(C_2) \leq \Gamma_Q$$

## Interference

#### Irreducible background



Signal

# $\bar{b} \underbrace{\overline{W^{+}}}_{t} \bar{t} \\ b \underbrace{\overline{W^{+}}}_{t} w_{W^{+}} b \underbrace{\overline{b}}_{t} \underbrace{\overline{U}}_{t} \bar{t} \\ b \underbrace{\overline{U}}_{t} b \underbrace{\overline{U}}$

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 $\sigma_{SB_{\rm irr}}^{\rm int} = C_1 C_2 \hat{\sigma}_{SB_{\rm irr}}^{\rm int} (M_Q, \Gamma_Q, \chi_Q) \quad \text{ and same procedure as before}$ 

#### In general $\rightarrow$ fiducial cross-section

$$S + B = L(\sigma_S \epsilon_S + \sigma_{SB_{irr}}^{int} \epsilon_{SB_{irr}}^{int}) + B_{irr+red} \equiv L\sigma_{eff} + B \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma_{eff} = C_2^2 \ \hat{\sigma}_S \ \epsilon_S + C_2 \ \hat{\sigma}_{SB_{irr}}^{int} \epsilon_{SB_{irr}}^{int}$$

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3) Scan over  $M_Q$  and  $\Gamma_Q/M_Q$  to obtain the signal **kinematics** and experimental **efficiencies** and obtain the **upper limits** on the cross-section

## Presentation of the results (1)







Reduced cross-section table  $(\hat{\sigma})$ 

	Mass [TeV]	$\sigma_{FW}(\sigma)$ for pp $\rightarrow$ Tbq $\rightarrow$ tZbq [pb]			$\tilde{\sigma}_{FW}(\sigma)$ for pp $\rightarrow$ Ttq $\rightarrow$ tZtq [pb]		
		10%	20%	30%	10%	20%	30%
	0.8	226 (0.675)	108 (0.650)	70 (0.631)	19 (0.144)	9.3 (0.139)	6.0 (0.135)
	1.0	183 (0.314)	87 (0.299)	55 (0.284)	17 (0.075)	7.9 (0.072)	5.0 (0.069)
	1.2	145 (0.158)	68 (0.149)	43 (0.141)	14 (0.042)	6.4 (0.039)	4.1 (0.037)
	1.4	112 (0.084)	52 (0.079)	33 (0.074)	11 (0.024)	5.0 (0.022)	3.2 (0.021)
	1.6	85 (0.047)	39 (0.043)	29 (0.041)	8.2 (0.014)	3.8 (0.013)	2.4 (0.012)

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Providing limits in the *M* vs  $\Gamma/M$  plane allows for reinterpretation in a wide range of scenarios

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## NLO predictions in the NWA



#### **Total rates**



- Reduced uncertainties for both 4FS and 5FS
- For 4FS NLO  $\sigma_{\rm NLO}$  is larger than  $\sigma_{\rm LO}$  for  $M_Q \lesssim 1$  TeV, then opposite behaviour. K-factor from ~0.9 to ~1.1
  - $\longrightarrow$  Impact of logarithms  $\log Q^2/m_h^2$
- For 5FS  $\sigma_{\rm NLO}$  is always smaller than  $\sigma_{\rm LO}$ .  $\rightarrow$  5FS features a more stable K-factor  $\sim$ 0.9
- Compatibility between schemes improved at NLO at low masses.

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NLO corrections can significantly impact shapes

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- The light jet is important for selection criteria
- The differential K-factor is not constant
- Agreement between 4FS and 5FS is improved at NLO
- The jet tends to be more forward at NLO

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## FW@LO vs NWA@NLO



What happens at NLO if the VLQ has large width?

## Exotic decays of VLQs



work in progress through



## Non-SM VLQ decays

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# Analysis from a **model-independent** perspective couplings, masses and widths as **free parameters**

and subsequent reinterpretation in terms of specific models

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L} &= \left(\kappa_L^S \, \vec{t}_R' t_L S + \kappa_R^S \, \vec{t}_L' t_R S + \text{h.c.}\right) - \frac{S}{\nu} \sum_f m_f \left(\kappa_f \bar{f} f + i \tilde{\kappa}_f \bar{f} \gamma_S f\right) \\ &+ \frac{S}{\nu} \left( 2\lambda_W m_W^2 W_\mu^+ W^{-\mu} + \lambda_Z m_Z^2 Z_\mu Z^\mu \right) + \frac{S}{16\pi^2 \nu} \sum_V \left(\kappa_V g_V^2 \, V_{\mu\nu}^a V^{a\mu\nu} + \tilde{\kappa}_V g_V^2 \, V_{\mu\nu}^a \tilde{V}^{a\mu\nu} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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Couplings can be switched on and off depending on the scenario under consideration Numerical UFO model implemented and soon publicly available

Focus on S decaying with significant BR to either  $\gamma\gamma$  or  $\gamma Z$  (loop level interactions)

# Bounds from LHC

Recast of LHC searches

#### $pp \to t'\overline{t}' \to St \ S\overline{t}$

Two *S* decays considered  $\{\gamma\gamma, \gamma Z\}$ 

- Narrow width approximation for both t' and S (width of t' set to 0.1% of its mass)
- The two channel are considered separately assuming 100% branching ratio on each
- Masses of t' and S as free parameters
- Simulations at LO with MADGRAPH5\_AMC@NLO associating NLO+NNLL pair production cross-sections computed with HATHOR

#### The searches

- ATLAS 1707.04147: "Search for new phenomena in **high-mass diphoton** final states using 37 fb<sup>-1</sup> of proton–proton collisions collected at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV with the ATLAS detector"
- ATLAS 1807.11883: "Search for new phenomena in events with **same-charge leptons** and *b*-jets in *pp* collisions at  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV with the ATLAS detector"

Both searches implemented and validated in MADANALYSIS 5

# Recast of 1707.04147



# Recast of 1807.11883

#### The search

- 8 Signal regions
- 4 with SS leptons and 4 with three leptons
- 1 to multiple jets and 1 to 3 b-jets
- cuts on  $H_T$  and  $E_T$

Region name	$N_{j}$	$N_b$	$N_{\ell}$	Lepton charges	Kinematic criteria
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$VR2b2\ell$ $SR2b2\ell$	$\stackrel{\geq}{_{\geq}2}{_{\geq}2}$	$^{2}_{2}$	2 2	++ or ++ or	$\begin{array}{l} H_{\rm T} > 400~{\rm GeV} \\ H_{\rm T} > 1200~{\rm GeV} ~{\rm and}~ E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 40~{\rm GeV} \end{array}$
VR3b2ℓ SR3b2ℓ_L SR3b2ℓ	$\stackrel{\geq 3}{\geq 7} \\ \stackrel{\geq 3}{\geq 3}$	$\geq 3$ $\geq 3$ $\geq 3$	2 2 2	++ or ++ or ++ or	$\begin{array}{l} 400 < H_{\rm T} < 1400 ~{\rm GeV} ~{\rm or}~ E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} < 40 ~{\rm GeV} \\ 500 < H_{\rm T} < 1200 ~{\rm GeV} ~{\rm and}~ E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 40 ~{\rm GeV} \\ H_{\rm T} > 1200 ~{\rm GeV} ~{\rm and}~ E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 100 ~{\rm GeV} \end{array}$
$VR1b3\ell$ SR1b3\ell	$\stackrel{\geq}{_{\geq}1}$	$^{1}_{1}$	$^{3}_{3}$	any any	$\begin{array}{l} 400 < H_{\rm T} < 2000 \ {\rm GeV} \ {\rm or} \ E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} < 40 \ {\rm GeV} \\ H_{\rm T} > 1000 \ {\rm GeV} \ {\rm and} \ E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 140 \ {\rm GeV} \end{array}$
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VR363ℓ SR363ℓ_L SR363ℓ	$\stackrel{\geq}{_{\sim}} \frac{3}{5}$ $\stackrel{\geq}{_{\sim}} 3$	$\ge 3$ $\ge 3$ $\ge 3$	3 3 3	any any any	$\begin{array}{l} H_{\rm T} > 400 ~{\rm GeV} \\ 500 < H_{\rm T} < 1000 ~{\rm GeV} ~{\rm and} ~ E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 40 ~{\rm GeV} \\ H_{\rm T} > 1000 ~{\rm GeV} ~{\rm and} ~ E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 40 ~{\rm GeV} \end{array}$



# Combined bounds

ATLAS 1707.04147 and 1807.11883



How to improve:

- OS dilepton searches
- diphoton at low invariant mass
- SUSY searches (?)

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# Analysis strategy

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Example with  $S \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  decay



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#### $\gamma Z$ signal region

Z is reconstructed through leptonic decay

1) At least 1 reconstructed Z:  $|m_{ll} - m_Z| < 10 \text{ GeV}$ 2)  $N_{\gamma} \ge 1$  with  $p_T^{\gamma 1} > 30 \text{ GeV}$  and  $|\eta^{\gamma 1}| < 2.37$ 3)  $N_b \ge 1$ 4) if  $m_S < 200 \text{ GeV}$ :  $p_T^{\gamma} + p_T^b + p_T^Z > 250 \text{ GeV}$ 4) if  $m_S \ge 200 \text{ GeV}$ :  $H_T + E_T^{miss} > 0.8m'_t$ 5)  $|m_{\gamma Z} - m_S| < 15 \text{ GeV}$ 

# Efficiencies (preliminary results)

Example for  $S \to \gamma \gamma$ :  $S = L \sigma(m_t') \left( \epsilon_{St,\gamma\gamma}^{\delta t,\gamma\gamma} BR_{t'\to St}^2 BR_{S\to\gamma\gamma}^2 + \sum_{X \neq St,\gamma\gamma} \epsilon_X^Y BR_{t'\to X} BR_{t'\to X} BR_{t'\to Y} \right)$ 



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 High m<sub>S</sub>: BRs in both γZ and γγ are low, discovery reach and bounds not as strong as in the previous case

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## Range of validity of the analysis

VLQ with finite width



- Tts coupling: partial width and rescaling of cross-section
- Masses and total widths: kinematics



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### Range of validity of the analysis

Scalar vs Pseudoscalar (example with ZZ decay)

$$\mathcal{L}_{S}^{\text{loop}} = \frac{S}{16\pi^{2}\nu} \sum_{V} \kappa_{V} g_{V}^{2} V_{\mu\nu}^{a} V^{a\mu\nu} \quad \mathcal{L}_{S}^{\text{tree}} = \frac{S}{\nu} \lambda_{Z} m_{Z}^{2} Z_{\mu} Z^{\mu}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{PS} = \frac{S}{16\pi^2 v} \sum_V \tilde{\kappa}_V g_V^2 V_{\mu\nu}^a \widetilde{V}^{a\mu\nu}$$



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#### The search (a reminder)

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- 4 with SS leptons and 4 with three leptons
- 1 to multiple jets and 1 to 3 b-jets
- cuts on H<sub>T</sub> and E<sub>T</sub>

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SR362ℓ_L	$\geq 7$	$\geq 3$	2	++ or	$500 < H_T < 1200 \text{ GeV}$ and $E_T^{min} > 40 \text{ GeV}$
$SR3b2\ell$	$\geq 3$	$\geq 3$	2	++ or	$H_{\rm T}>1200~{\rm GeV}$ and $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss}>100~{\rm GeV}$
VR163ℓ	$\geq 1$	1	3	any	$400 < H_T < 2000 \text{ GeV} \text{ or } E_T^{miss} < 40 \text{ GeV}$
$SR1b3\ell$	$\geq 1$	1	3	any	$H_{\rm T} > 1000~{\rm GeV}$ and $E_{\rm T}^{\rm miss} > 140~{\rm GeV}$
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$$pp \rightarrow X_{5/3} \overline{X}_{5/3} \rightarrow (h^+ t) (h^- \overline{t})$$

Four  $h^+$  decays considered  $\tau^+ \nu_{\tau}, \mu^+ \nu_{\mu}$  $t\bar{b}, jj(=ud + cs)$ 

- Narrow width approximation for both  $X_{5/3}$  and  $h^+$
- The four channel are considered separately assuming 100% branching ratio on each
- Masses of  $X_{5/3}$  and  $h^+$  as free parameters



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Vector-like quarks at the LHC

# Benchmark examples

Decays of the charged Higgs



•  $t\bar{b}$  for high masses

#### Different dominant decay channels depending on assumptions on the interactions and on the $m_{h+}$



All scenarios correspond to a  $h^+$  with narrow width

### Benchmark examples

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$M_{i+}$		$\tau \nu_{\tau}$	I		$\mu \nu_{\mu}$			tb			jj	
n	BR	σ	$\sigma_{\rm excl}$	BR	$\sigma$	$\sigma_{\rm excl}$	BR	$\sigma$	$\sigma_{\rm excl}$	BR	$\sigma$	$\sigma_{\rm excl}$
2HDM-I with $\tan\beta$ =10 and $\sin(\beta - \alpha) = 1$												
100 200 500	0.67 ~0 ~0	$\begin{array}{c} 19 \\ {\sim} 0 \\ {\sim} 0 \end{array}$	25 31 48	$\begin{array}{c} {\sim} 0 \\ {\sim} 0 \\ {\sim} 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} {\sim}0\\ {\sim}0\\ {\sim}0\end{array}$	2.1 2.2 4.8	0.998 0.998	42.5 42.5	8.1 7.8	0.295 ~0 ~0	$\begin{array}{c} 3.7 \\ \sim 0 \\ \sim 0 \end{array}$	72 58 52
2HDM-II with $ an \beta$ =10 and $\sin(\beta - \alpha) = 1$												
100 200 500	0.975 0.46 0.105	40.6 9 0.47	25 31 48	$\begin{array}{c} {\sim} 0 \\ {\sim} 0 \\ {\sim} 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} {\sim} 0 \\ {\sim} 0 \\ {\sim} 0 \end{array}$	2.1 2.2 4.8	0.53 0.892	12 34	8.1 7.8	$\begin{array}{c} \sim 0 \\ \sim 0 \\ \sim 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} {\sim}0\\ {\sim}0\\ {\sim}0\end{array}$	72 58 52
2HDM-III with $\tan\beta$ =3.5												
100 200 500	$\begin{array}{c} 0.03 \\ \sim 0 \\ \sim 0 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0.04 \\ \sim 0 \\ \sim 0 \end{array}$	25 31 48	0.8 ∼0 ∼0	27 ∼0 ∼0	<mark>2.1</mark> 2.2 4.8	0.99 0.997	42 42	8.1 7.8	0.16 ~0 ~0	$\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ \sim 0 \\ \sim 0 \end{array}$	72 58 52

 $M_{\rm W} = 1000 \, {\rm GeV} = \sigma^{NNLO} = 42.7 \, {\rm fb}$ 

#### Increasing the width



Reduced cross-section:

$$\sigma_{h+th-\bar{t}}(M_{X_{5/3}},\Gamma_{X_{5/3}},m_{h+},y_{Xth+}) = (y_{Xth+})^4 \hat{\sigma}_{h+th-\bar{t}}(M_{X_{5/3}},\Gamma_{X_{5/3}},m_{h+})$$



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### Conclusions

#### Single production of VLQs with finite width interacting with the SM

- Finite width effects can be sizable
- Model-independent parametrisation in terms of mass and width-to-mass ratio
- UFO model available for generation of signal and interference studies in the finite width regime and for NLO studies in the NWA

Ongoing studies for analysis of NLO effects in the finite width regime

#### Production of VLQs interacting also with exotic scalars

- New interesting channels for trying to discover new physics in extensions of the SM with VLQs and new scalars
- Ongoing study to assess the sensitivity of experimental searches and the possibility to develop different strategies for the finite width regime
- UFO model validated and soon publicly available



Solving the Higgs fine tuning with top partners

PI: Sara Strandberg (Stockholm University and ATLAS)

- Aim: widen the searches for physics beyond the SM that solves the Higgs fine-tuning problem
- Three different and complementary tracks:
  - 1) Direct searches for the scalar top squarks in SUSY
  - 2) Direct searches for the vector-like top quarks in compositeness models
  - 3) Indirect searches for top partners which are not kinematically accessible at the LHC energies
- Strengthen collaboration between experimental and theoretical particle physicists in Sweden
- Construct non-minimal simplified:
  - SUSY models for direct searches for stops
  - compositeness models for direct searches for vector-like quarks
- Quantify ATLAS' current sensitivity to these models and if still viable, search for them with Run 2 and early Run 3 data
- Construct optimal observables for indirect searches of top partners and use them in analyses of Run 2 and early Run 3 data.

#### **Compositeness and VLQ branch**

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# Backup

# Interference

#### Recast of CMS-B2G-16-006

Folding search efficiencies into the reduced cross-section:



#### Mass of the scalar as new parameter



 $\sigma_{\bar{t}\bar{t}SS}(C_{TtS}, M_T, m_S, \Gamma_T^{tot}(C_{\mathsf{decays}}, M_T, m_{\mathsf{decays}}), ) = C_{TtS}^4 \, \hat{\sigma}_{\bar{t}\bar{t}SS}(M_T, m_S, \Gamma_T^{tot}) \xrightarrow{\frac{\Gamma_T^{tot}}{M_T} \to 0} \sigma_{T\bar{T}}(M_T) BR(T \to tS)^2$ 

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#### Kinematics in the finite width regime



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## Recast of 1707.04147

Validation on  $pp \rightarrow S \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ 



Experimental acceptances (from HEPdata in black) vs simulation (in red), and relative difference

Validation at low minv achieved only by modifying the isolation parameters wrt to experimental value

## Recast of 1807.11883

## Validation on $pp \to X_{5/3} \overline{X}_{5/3} \to (W^+ t)(W^- \overline{t})$

