Heavy vector-like quarks

Constraints and phenomenology at the LHC

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Vector-like quarks in many models of New Physics

- Warped or universal **extra-dimensions**
  KK excitations of bulk fields
- **Composite Higgs** models
  VLQ appear as excited resonances of the bounded states which form SM particles
- **Little Higgs** models
  partners of SM fermions in larger group representations which ensure the cancellation of divergent loops
- **Gauged flavour group** with low scale gauge flavour bosons
  required to cancel anomalies in the gauged flavour symmetry
- Non-minimal **SUSY extensions**
  VLQs increase corrections to Higgs mass without affecting EWPT

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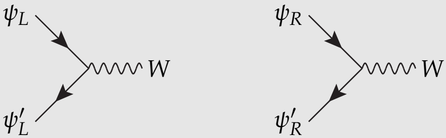
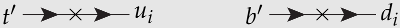


They can mix with SM quarks



Dangerous FCNCs $\longrightarrow$ strong bounds on mixing parameters

BUT

Many open channels for **production** and **decay** of heavy fermions

Rich phenomenology to explore at LHC

Searches at the LHC

Overview of ATLAS searches

from ATLAS Twiki page

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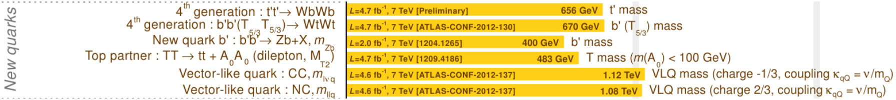

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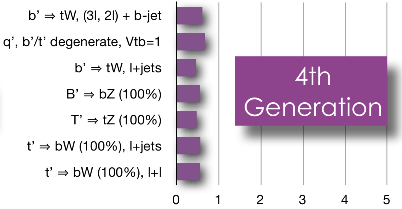

But look at the hypotheses . . .

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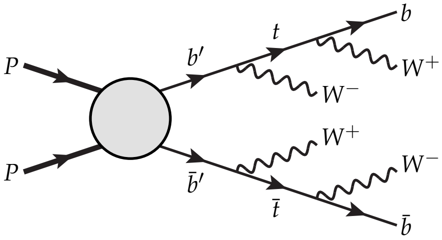

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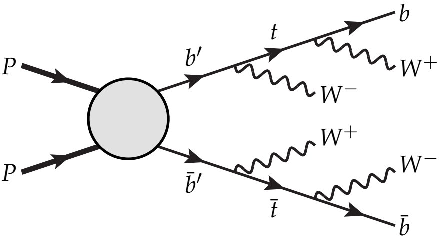

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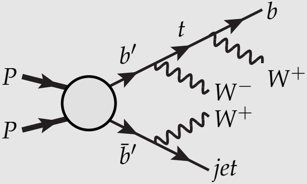

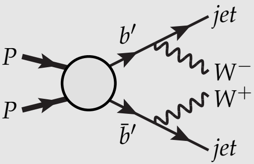

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$\mathcal{L}_m$		$-M\bar{\psi}\psi$ (gauge invariant since vector-like)		
Free parameters		4 $M + 3 \times \lambda^i$	4 or 7 $M + 3\lambda_u^i + 3\lambda_d^i$	4 $M + 3 \times \lambda^i$

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Mixing matrices depend on representations

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$$\mathcal{M}_u = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_u & & & x_1 \\ & \tilde{m}_c & & x_2 \\ & & \tilde{m}_t & x_3 \\ & & & M \end{pmatrix} \qquad \mathcal{M}_d = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{V}_L^{CKM} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_d & & \\ & \tilde{m}_s & \\ & & \tilde{m}_b \end{pmatrix} \tilde{V}_R^{CKM} & \begin{matrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ x_3 \end{matrix} \\ \hline & M \end{array}\right)$$

- Doublets: $\mathcal{M}^{4I}_{u,d} \leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}^{I4}_{u,d}$

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$$\mathcal{L}_m = \left(\bar{u}\ \bar{c}\ \bar{t}\ \bar{t}'\right)_L (V_L^u)^\dagger \mathcal{M}_u (V_R^u) \begin{pmatrix} u \\ c \\ t \\ t' \end{pmatrix}_R + \left(\bar{d}\ \bar{s}\ \bar{b}\ \bar{b}'\right)_L (V_L^d)^\dagger \mathcal{M}_d (V_R^d) \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \\ b' \end{pmatrix}_R + h.c.$$

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Singlets and triplets (case of up-type quarks)

$$V_L^u \implies \mathcal{M}_u \cdot \mathcal{M}_u^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_u^2 + |x_1|^2 & x_1^* x_2 & x_1^* x_3 & x_1^* M \\ x_2^* x_1 & \tilde{m}_c^2 + |x_2|^2 & x_2^* x_3 & x_2^* M \\ x_3 x_1 & x_3 x_2 & \tilde{m}_t^2 + x_3^2 & x_3 M \\ x_1 M & x_2 M & x_3 M & M^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

mixing in the left sector present also for $\tilde{m}_q \to 0$

flavour constraints for q_L are relevant

$$V_R^u \implies \mathcal{M}_u^\dagger \cdot \mathcal{M}_u = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{m}_u^2 & & & x_1^* \tilde{m}_u^2 \\ & \tilde{m}_c^2 & & x_2^* \tilde{m}_c^2 \\ & & \tilde{m}_t^2 & x_3 \tilde{m}_t^2 \\ x_1 \tilde{m}_u & x_2 \tilde{m}_c & x_3 \tilde{m}_t & \sum_{i=1}^3 |x_i|^2 + M^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$m_q \propto \tilde{m}_q$

mixing is suppressed by quark masses

Doublets: other way round

Now let's check how **couplings** are modified

this will allow us to identify which observables
can constrain masses and mixing parameters

Couplings

With Z

$$\mathcal{L}_Z = \frac{g}{c_W}\,(\bar{q}_1\;\bar{q}_2\;\bar{q}_3\;\bar{q}'_1)_L\,(V_L^q)^\dagger\left[\left(T_3^q - Q^q s_w^2\right)\begin{pmatrix}1&&&\\&1&&\\&&1&\\&&&1\end{pmatrix} + \left(T_3^{q'} - T_3^q\right)\begin{pmatrix}0&&&\\&0&&\\&&0&\\&&&1\end{pmatrix}\right]\gamma^\mu (V_L^q)\begin{pmatrix}q_1\\q_2\\q_3\\q'\end{pmatrix}_L Z_\mu$$

$$+\frac{g}{c_W}\,(\bar{q}_1\;\bar{q}_2\;\bar{q}_3\;\bar{q}'_1)_R\,(V_R^q)^\dagger\left[\left(-Q^q s_w^2\right)\begin{pmatrix}1&&&\\&1&&\\&&1&\\&&&1\end{pmatrix} + T_3^{q'}\begin{pmatrix}0&&&\\&0&&\\&&0&\\&&&1\end{pmatrix}\right]\gamma^\mu (V_R^q)\begin{pmatrix}q_1\\q_2\\q_3\\q'\end{pmatrix}_R Z_\mu$$

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FCNC, are induced by the mixing with vector-like quarks!

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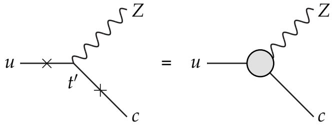


$\propto (V_{L,R}^*)^{t'u} V_{L,R}^{t'c}$

With $W^{\pm}$

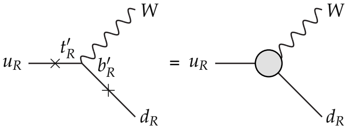
$$\mathcal{L}_{W^\pm} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u}\ \bar{c}\ \bar{t}\ |\bar{t}')_L\, (V_L^u)^\dagger \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{V}_L^{CKM} & \\ \hline & 1 \end{array}\right) \gamma^\mu V_L^d \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \\ \hline b' \end{pmatrix}_L W_\mu^+$$

$$+ \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (\bar{u}\ \bar{c}\ \bar{t}\ |\bar{t}')_R\, (V_R^u)^\dagger \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ \hline & & & 1 \end{array}\right) \gamma^\mu V_R^d \begin{pmatrix} d \\ s \\ b \\ \hline b' \end{pmatrix}_R W_\mu^+ + h.c.$$

CKM matrices for left and right handed sector:

$$g_{WL} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (V_L^u)^\dagger \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \tilde{V}_{CKM} & \\ \hline & 1 \end{array}\right) V_L^d \equiv \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} V_L^{CKM} \qquad g_{WR} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (V_R^u)^\dagger \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} 0 & & & \\ & 0 & & \\ & & 0 & \\ \hline & & & 1 \end{array}\right) V_R^d \equiv \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} V_R^{CKM}$$

If BOTH t' and b' are present $\longrightarrow$ CC between right-handed quarks



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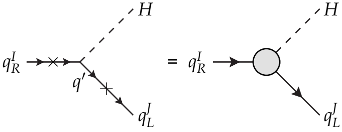
$$\mathcal{L}_h = \frac{1}{v}\left(\bar{q}_1\ \bar{q}_2\ \bar{q}_3\ \bar{q}'_1\right)_L (V_L^q)^\dagger \left[\mathcal{M}_q - M\begin{pmatrix}0&&&\\&0&&\\&&0&\\&&&1\end{pmatrix}\right](V_R^q)\begin{pmatrix}q_1\\q_2\\q_3\\q'\end{pmatrix}_R h + h.c.$$

The coupling is:

$$C = \frac{1}{v}(V_L^q)^\dagger \mathcal{M}_q (V_R^q) - \frac{M}{v}(V_L^q)^\dagger \begin{pmatrix}0&&&\\&0&&\\&&0&\\&&&1\end{pmatrix}(V_R^q) = \frac{1}{v}\begin{pmatrix}m_{q_1}&&&\\&m_{q_2}&&\\&&m_{q_3}&\\&&&m_{q'}\end{pmatrix} - \frac{M}{v}(V_L^q)^\dagger \begin{pmatrix}0&&&\\&0&&\\&&0&\\&&&1\end{pmatrix}(V_R^q)$$

FCNC induced by vector-like quarks are present in the Higgs sector too!

$$C^{IJ} = \frac{1}{v} m_I \delta^{IJ} - \frac{M}{v}(V_L^*)^{q'I} V_R^{q'J}$$



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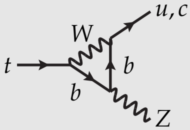
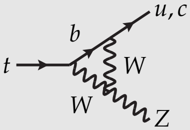
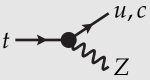
Rare FCNC top decays

Suppressed in the SM, tree-level with t'







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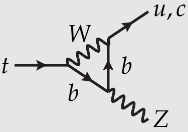

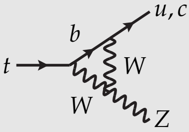

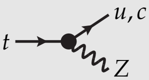

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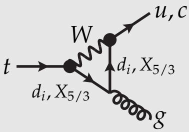

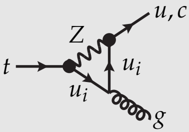

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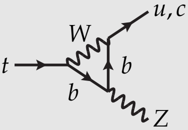

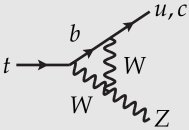

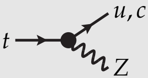

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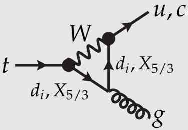

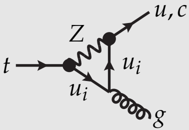

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Bound on mixing parameters $\Longrightarrow$ $BR(t \to Zq, gq) = f(V_{L,R}^{q'u}, V_{L,R}^{q'c}, V_{L,R}^{q't}) \leq BR^{exp}$

$Zc\bar{c}$ and $Zb\bar{b}$ couplings

Coupling measurements

$$g^q_{ZL,ZR} = (g^q_{ZL,ZR})^{SM}(1+\delta g^q_{ZL,ZR})$$

$$\begin{cases} g^c_{ZL} = 0.3453 \pm 0.0036 \\ g^c_{ZR} = -0.1580 \pm 0.0051 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} g^b_{ZL} = -0.4182 \pm 0.00315 \\ g^b_{ZR} = 0.0962 \pm 0.0063 \end{cases}$$

data from LEP EWWG

$$\begin{cases} g^c_{ZL} = 0.34674 \pm 0.00017 \\ g^c_{ZR} = -0.15470 \pm 0.00011 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} g^b_{ZL} = -0.42114^{+0.00045}_{-0.00024} \\ g^b_{ZR} = 0.077420^{+0.000052}_{-0.000061} \end{cases}$$

SM prediction

Asymmetry parameters

$$A_q = \frac{(g^q_{ZL})^2 - (g^q_{ZR})^2}{(g^q_{ZL})^2 + (g^q_{ZR})^2} = A_q^{SM}(1+\delta A_q)$$

$$\begin{cases} A_c = 0.670 \pm 0.027 \\ A_b = 0.923 \pm 0.020 \end{cases}$$

PDG fit

$$\begin{cases} A_c = 0.66798 \pm 0.00055 \\ A_b = 0.93462^{+0.00016}_{-0.00020} \end{cases}$$

SM prediction

Decay ratios

$$R_q = \frac{\Gamma(Z \to q\bar{q})}{\Gamma(Z \to hadrons)} = R_q^{SM}(1+\delta R_q)$$

$$\begin{cases} R_c = 0.1721 \pm 0.0030 \\ R_b = 0.21629 \pm 0.00066 \end{cases}$$

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SM prediction

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Atomic parity is violated through exchange of Z between nucleus and atomic electrons

Weak charge of the nucleus

$$Q_W = \frac{2c_W}{g}\left[(2Z+N)(g^u_{ZL}+g^u_{ZR})+(Z+2N)(g^d_{ZL}+g^d_{ZR})\right] = Q_W^{SM} + \delta Q_W^{VL}$$

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Bounds from experiments

Most precise test in Cesium ^{133}Cs:

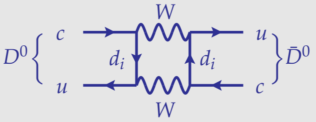
$$Q_W(^{133}\text{Cs})|_{exp} = -73.20 \pm 0.35 \qquad Q_W(^{133}\text{Cs})|_{SM} = -73.15 \pm 0.02$$

Flavour constraints

example with $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$ mixing and $D^0 \to l^+ l^-$ decay

In the SM

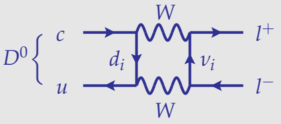
Mixing ($\Delta C = 2$):



$$x_D = \frac{\Delta m_D}{\Gamma_D} = 0.0100^{+0.0024}_{-0.0026}$$

$$y_D = \frac{\Delta \Gamma_D}{2\Gamma_D} = 0.0076^{+0.0017}_{-0.0018}$$

Decay ($\Delta C = 1$):



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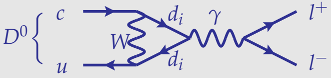

$$BR(D^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^-)_{exp} < 1.3 \times 10^{-6}$$
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Contributions at tree level

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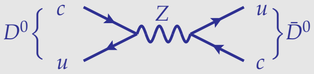

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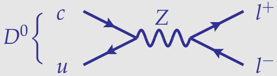

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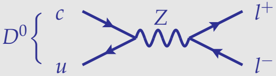

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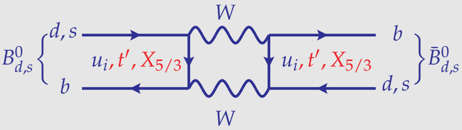

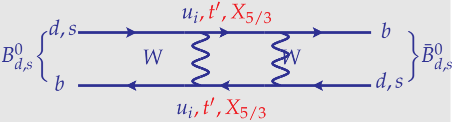

- Relevant only if tree-level contributions are absent
- Possible sources of CP violation

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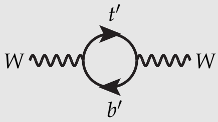

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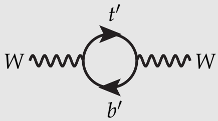

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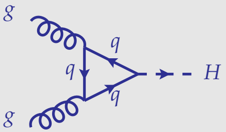
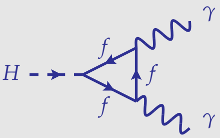
CKM measurements

- Modifications to CKM relevant for singlets and triplets because mixing in the left sector is NOT suppressed
- The CKM matrix is not unitary anymore
- If BOTH t' and b' are present, a CKM for the right sector emerges

Higgs coupling with gluons/photons

Production and decay of Higgs at the LHC





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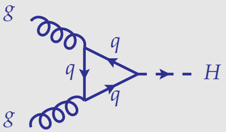

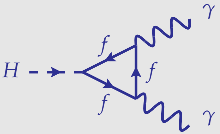

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The couplings of t and q' to the higgs boson are:

$$g_{ht\bar{t}} = \frac{m_t}{v} - \frac{M}{v} V_L^{*,t't} V_R^{t't} \qquad g_{hq'\bar{q}'} = \frac{m_{q'}}{v} - \frac{M}{v} V_L^{*,q'q'} V_R^{q'q'}$$

In the SM: $\kappa_{gg} = \kappa_{\gamma\gamma} = 0$

The contribution of just one VL quark to the loops turns out to be negligibly small

Result confirmed by studies at NNLO

Outline

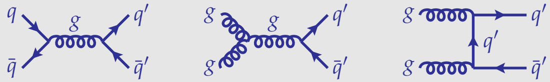
Production channels

Vector-like quarks can be produced
in the same way as SM quarks **plus** FCNCs channels

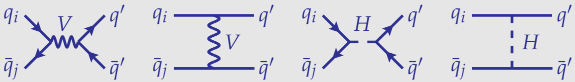
- **Pair production**, dominated by QCD and sentitive to the q' mass independently of the representation the q' belongs to
- **Single production**, only EW contributions and sensitive to both the q' mass and its mixing parameters

Production channels

Pair production: $pp \to q'\bar{q}'$



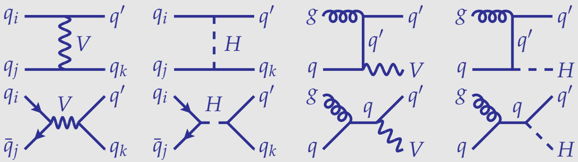
Purely QCD diagrams
(dominant contribution)



Purely EW diagrams

FCNC channels, but
suppressed wrt to QCD

Single production: $pp \to q' + \{q, V, H\}$

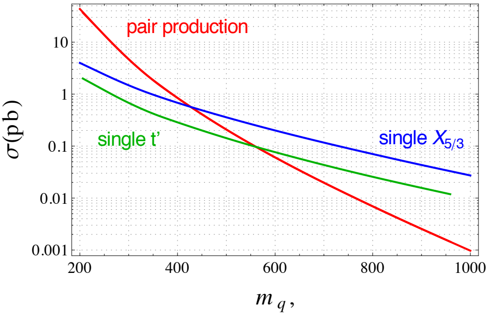


EW+QCD diagrams

potentially relevant
FCNC channel

Production channels

Pair vs single production, example with non-SM doublet $(X_{5/3}\ t')$

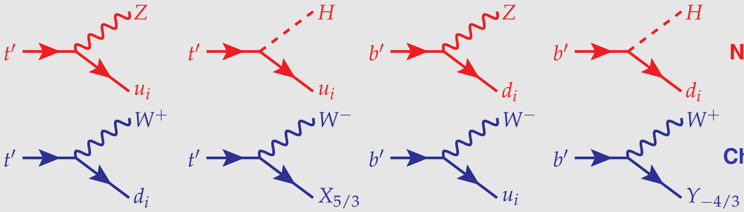


pair production depends only on the mass of the new particle and **decreases faster** than single production due to different **PDF scaling**

current **bounds from LHC** are around the region where (model dependent) **single production dominates**

Decays

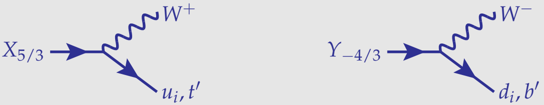
SM partners



Neutral currents

Charged currents

Exotics



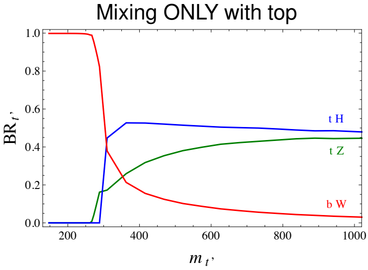
Only Charged currents

Not all decays may be kinematically allowed

it depends on **representations** and **mass differences**

Decays of t'

Examples with non-SM doublet $(X_{5/3}\ t')$



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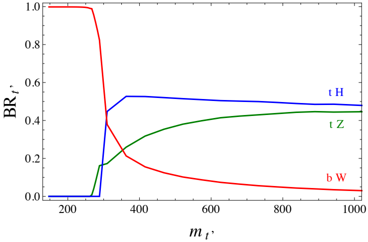

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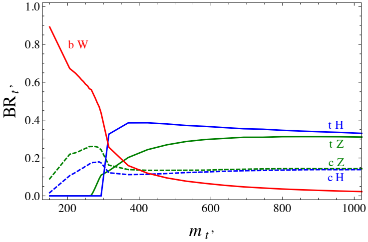

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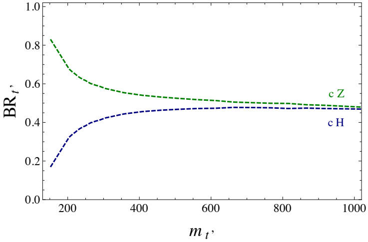

Charge	Resonant state	After t' decay
0	$t'\bar{t}'$	$t\bar{t}+\{ZZ,ZH,HH\}$ $tj+\{ZZ,ZH,HH\}$ $jj+\{ZZ,ZH,HH\}$ $tW^-+\{b,j\}+\{Z,H\}$ $W^+W^-+\{bb,bj,jj\}$
	$t'\bar{u}_i \quad t'\bar{t}$	$t\bar{t}+\{Z,H\}$ $tj+\{Z,H\}$ $jj+\{Z,H\}$ $tW^-+\{b,j\}$ $W^\pm+\{bj,jj\}$
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	$W^+\bar{t}'$	$tW^-+\{Z,H\}$ $jW^-+\{Z,H\}$ $W^+W^-+\{b,j\}$
2/3	$t'Z \quad t'H$	$t+\{ZZ,ZH,HH\}$ $W^\pm+\{b,j\}+\{Z,H\}$
1	$t'\bar{d}_i \quad t'\bar{b}$	$t+\{b,j\}+\{Z,H\}$ $\{bj,jj\}+\{Z,H\}$ $W^\pm+\{bb,bj,jj\}$
4/3	$t't'$	$tt+\{ZZ,ZH,HH\}$ $tj+\{ZZ,ZH,HH\}$ $jj+\{ZZ,ZH,HH\}$ $tW^++\{b,j\}+\{Z,H\}$ $W^\pm W^\pm+\{bb,bj,jj\}$
	$t'u_i \quad t't$	$tt+\{Z,H\}$ $tW^++\{b,j\}$ $tj+\{Z,H\}$ $W^\pm+\{bj,jj\}$

Possible final states from pair and single production of t' in general mixing scenario

only 2 effectively tested since now

Signatures of $X_{5/3}$

Current searches vs general mixing scenario

based on arXiv:1211.4034, accepted by JHEP

Decays of $X_{5/3}$

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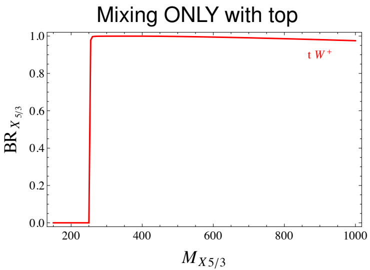

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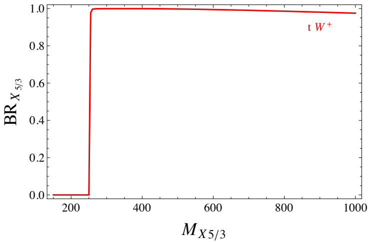

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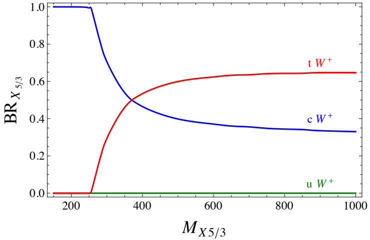

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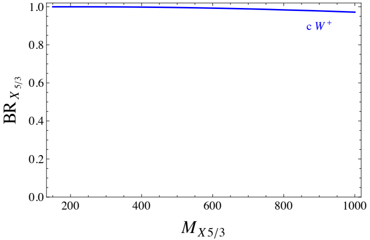
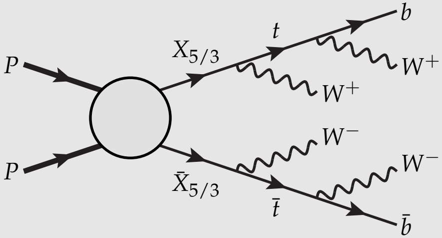


Current bounds

Direct pair $X_{5/3}$ searches



ATLAS search with $4.7fb^{-1}$

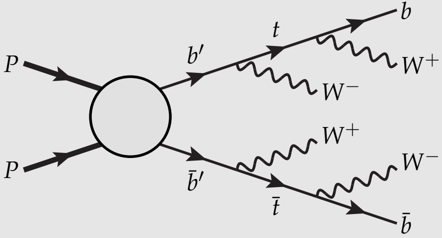
Assumption

$BR(X_{5/3} \to W^+ t) = 100\%$

same-sign dilepton + $\geq$ 2 jets

$m_{X_{5/3}} \geq 670 GeV$

Pair b' searches



CMS search with $5fb^{-1}$

Assumption

$BR(b' \to W^- t) = 100\%$

same-sign dilepton + jets

$m_{b'} \geq 675 GeV$

Selection of kinematical cuts

Base selection

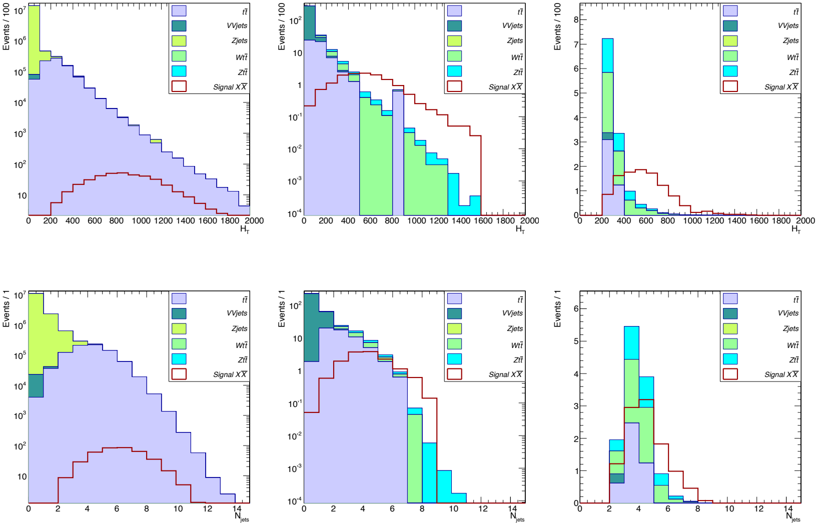
same-sign dilepton

to kill most of the background

$$\begin{cases} \geq 2\text{jets} & \text{to kill VV+jets} \\ H_T > 200\ GeV & \\ R_{lj} > 0.5 & \text{to reduce } t\bar{t} \end{cases}$$

H_T

N_{jets}



Comparison of selections

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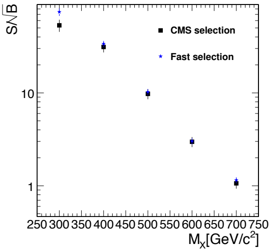

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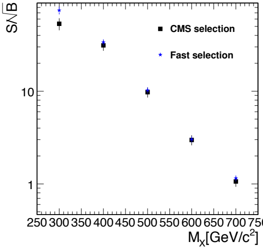
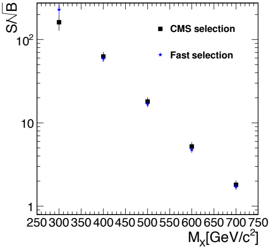
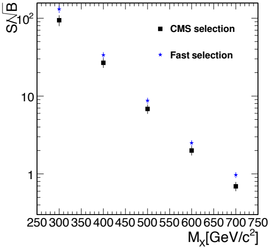


Only $WtWt$ channel



Only $WtWc$ channel



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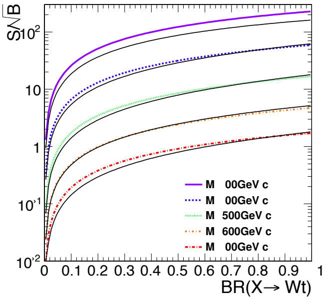
Our selection is more effective for $WtWc$ channel not considered in CMS study

(well, it has been designed exactly for this purpose. . .)

Comparison of selections

Branching ratio as free parameter

$BR(X_{5/3} \to W^+ t) = b$ and $BR(X_{5/3} \to W^+ u, W^+ c) = 1 - b$



CMS search well reproduced for $BR(W^+ t) = 1$

Search more sensitive for $BR(W^+ t) < 1$

Conclusions and Outlook

- **Vector-like quarks** are a very promising playground for searches of new physics
- Fairly **rich phenomenology at the LHC** and many possibile channels to explore
  - → Signatures of single and pair production of VL quarks are **accessible at current CM energy and luminosity** and have been explored to some extent
  - → Current bounds on masses around **500-600 GeV**, but searches are not fully optimized for **general scenarios**.