Signals of single particle production at the earliest LHC

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Our approach

- We base our considerations on simple phenomenological Lagrangians, fulfilling reasonable consistency conditions.
- We are generally guided by the possible existence of composite states produced by a putative strong dynamics responsible for ElectroWeak Symmetry Breaking.
- We aim also at a neat and simple definition of the interactions responsible for the signals under discussion, to be used as a possible guide for the presentation of the data.
- The interpretation of a possible positive signal in terms of more elaborate and more defined theoretical models is eased by this way of presenting the data.

The goal of my talk

*Apply this approach to the single resonant production of new particles*
Single production of a relatively narrow resonance is the most obvious candidate for a copious production at the LHC also in its early stage.

One of the most studied cases (mostly in the leptonic channel) is the vector resonance, either neutral or charged, produced in the $q\bar{q}$ channel. See the *Review on Z’ searches* in PDG and for recent results see E. Salvioni, A. Strumia, G. Villadoro and F. Zwirner, arXiv:0911.1450 [hep-ph].

In competition with the Tevatron (with its high integrated luminosity) the $q\bar{q}$ channel at the LHC is definitely less favorable relative to the $gg$, $qg$ and $qq$ channels in view of the corresponding parton luminosities.

**We concentrate our attention to the $gg$, $ug$ and $uu$ production mechanisms.**
The nature of the new particles

- Considering for simplicity the lowest possible spin and QCD representation of the new particles candidates the $gg$, $qg$ and $qq$ production mechanisms suggest a small set of possible new states.

The possibilities

1. **$gg$-channel**: a spin-less totally neutral scalar $S$;
2. **$qg$-channel**: a $J = 1/2$ color-triplet "heavy quark”, either "U” or "D";
3. **$qq$-channel**: a spin-less color-triplet or color-sextet scalar $\phi$, with various possible charges.

- We assume that one single new particle is available at a time, which therefore can only decay into SM particles.
- We concentrate our attention to the first two cases since the scalar triplet or sextet (see C. W. Bauer et al., arXiv:0909.5213 [hep-ph]) can only decay into a pair of jets, whereas we find relatively more promising the final states containing at least one photon.
- The resonances in the $qq$ channel suffer also of problems with flavor physics.
A reasonable reference Lagrangian for a scalar singlet $S$ is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_S = c_3 \frac{g^2}{\Lambda} G^a_{\mu \nu} G^{\mu \nu \, a} S + c_2 \frac{g^2}{\Lambda} W^i_{\mu \nu} W^{\mu \nu \, i} S + c_1 \frac{g'^2}{\Lambda} B_{\mu \nu} B^{\mu \nu} S + \sum_f c_f \frac{m_f}{\Lambda} \bar{f} f S, \quad (1)$$

- A coupling to the SM Higgs of the form $m_S S H^\dagger H$ could also be present, as it would actually be induced by radiative corrections. In a wide range of $M_S$ and $\Lambda$ it is however consistent to assume that such coupling is irrelevant.
- NDA suggests $c_i \approx \frac{1}{4\pi}$ but can easily be larger.
- We take as reference values $\Lambda = 3$ TeV (reminiscent of a possible strong interaction responsible for EWSB at $\Lambda \approx 4\pi v$) and $c_i = 1$.
- Our results can be simply generalized to different values of the parameters.
The phenomenology of the new particle is now a function of the production rate and of the decay branching ratios (for a fixed mass $M_S$).

### Partial widths

\[
\Gamma(S \to gg) = \frac{2g_S^4 M_S^3}{\pi \Lambda^2}
\]

\[
\Gamma(S \to W^+ W^-) = \frac{g^4 \sqrt{M_S^2 - 4M_W^2} (M_S^4 - 4M_S^2 M_W^2 + 6M_W^4)}{2\pi M_S^2 \Lambda^2}
\]

\[
\Gamma(S \to ZZ) = \frac{(g^2 \cos^2 \theta_W + g'^2 \sin^2 \theta_W)^2 \sqrt{M_S^2 - 4M_Z^2} (M_S^4 - 4M_S^2 M_Z^2 + 6M_Z^4)}{4\pi M_S^2 \Lambda^2}
\]

\[
\Gamma(S \to Z\gamma) = \frac{\sin^2 \theta_W \cos^2 \theta_W (g'^2 - g^2)^2 (M_S^2 - M_Z^2)^2}{2\pi M_S^3 \Lambda^2}
\]

\[
\Gamma(S \to \gamma\gamma) = \frac{e^4 M_S^3}{\pi \Lambda^2}
\]

\[
\Gamma(S \to t\bar{t}) = \frac{3m_t^2 (M_S^2 - 4m_t^2) \sqrt{M_S^2 - 4m_t^2}}{8\pi M_S^2 \Lambda^2}
\]
Scalar resonance: decay widths and branching ratios

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- The total width scales as $1/\Lambda^2$ and the results can be simply generalized to different values of $\Lambda$
- We made a preliminary phenomenological study of the di-jet, $\gamma\gamma$ and $\gamma Z$ decay channels
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**Phenomenology**

Scalar resonance in the $\gamma\gamma$ channel

- Signal ($gg\rightarrow S\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$) + Background
- Background ($pp\rightarrow qq\bar{q}\rightarrow \gamma\gamma$)

\[ \Lambda = 3 \text{ TeV} \]
\[ M_S = 1 \text{ TeV} \]

\[ \sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV} \]
\[ M_{\gamma\gamma} > 100 \text{ GeV} \]
\[ |\eta_\gamma| < 2.4 \]
A reasonable reference Lagrangian for an heavy quark $U$ is given by

\[ \mathcal{L}_U = c_G \frac{g_S}{\Lambda} \bar{U}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} T^a u_R G^a_{\mu\nu} + c_B \frac{g'}{\Lambda} \bar{U}_L \sigma^{\mu\nu} u_R B_{\mu\nu} + \text{h.c.}, \]  

(2)

- The $U$ field transforms as a $\left(3, 1\right)_{2/3}$ representation of the SM group
- Problem with the flavor if we pretend that the $U$ couples to the physical $u$-quark but has no (significant) coupling to the $c$-quark (not to cause unobserved $\Delta C = 2$ flavor changing effects)
- Possible solution to this problem: introduce three $U$ fields, one per generation and assume that the Lagrangian (2) respects a global $SU(3)_R$ acting on the standard three $u$-type quarks
- These considerations don’t affect the phenomenology we are interested in
- As in the case of the scalar we have done a preliminary phenomenological study with the reference values $\Lambda = 3$ TeV and $c_G = c_B = 1$
As in the case of the scalar, the phenomenology depends only on the production rate and on the decay branching ratios (for a fixed mass $M_U$)

**Partial widths**

\[
\Gamma (U \rightarrow ug) = \frac{4\alpha_s M_U^3}{3\Lambda^2}
\]

\[
\Gamma (U \rightarrow uZ) \approx \frac{\alpha M_U^3 \tan^2 \theta_W}{\Lambda^2}
\]

\[
\Gamma (U \rightarrow u\gamma) = \frac{\alpha M_U^3}{\Lambda^2}
\]

**Total width**

\[
\Gamma_U \approx \frac{M_U^3 \alpha_s}{\Lambda^2} \left( \frac{4}{3} + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha_s \cos^2 \theta_W} \right)
\] (4)

- With our choice of the parameters $2 \leq \Gamma_U \leq 30$ GeV for $0.5 \leq M_U \leq 1.5$ TeV
- $\text{BR}(U \rightarrow ug) \approx 92\%$, $\text{BR}(U \rightarrow u\gamma) \approx 6\%$ and $\text{BR}(U \rightarrow uZ) \approx 2\%$
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$M_U = 0.5 \text{ TeV}$

$\sqrt{s} = 7 \text{ TeV}$

$M_{\gamma j} > 150 \text{ GeV}$

$|\eta_j| < 1.3, |\eta_\gamma| < 2.4$

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**Diagram:**

- Signal (pp$\rightarrow$qg$\rightarrow$U$\rightarrow$γj) + background
- Background (pp$\rightarrow$γj), j=light jet (g,u,d,s,c,ubar,dbar,sbar,cbar)

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In view of the lack so far of a thorough experimental exploration of the energy range at or well above the Fermi scale, an open attitude is best to take in the expectation for possible signals of new physics at the LHC.

We have studied the possibility to observe at the early LHC relatively narrow resonances that can have, in a wide region of the parameters, important production rates.

These particles could be composite particles arising from a strong dynamics responsible for EWSB. They might be visible in $\gamma \gamma$ or in $\gamma + \text{jet}$ channels at 7 TeV with less than 100 pb$^{-1}$.

We have at least defined simple single interactions responsible for their production, useful to guide (without prejudices) the experimental analysis and the presentation of the experimental results.

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