Probing Light Stops with Stoponium

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Stop Searches & Blind Spots

1. Direct searches at the LHC

2. Indirect constraints

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stop NLSP, Bino LSP

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After all, no indirect constraints when the coupling vanishes.

Stoponium can cover both

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Highly complementary to both direct and indirect constraints.

Stoponium

Stoponium: The stop—anti-stop QCD bound state. (1S0 quantum number equals to SM Higgs'.)



Produced just below the stop-pair threshold.

$$\sigma(pp \to \eta_{\tilde{t}_1}) \propto \alpha_S^5$$

Annihilation makes it special

 $\eta_{\tilde{t}} \rightarrow \gamma \gamma, Z \gamma, WW, ZZ, hh, \cdots$



- Clean resonance signal. (high sensitivity, mass measurable)
- Independent on stop decay modes.
 (but depends on different parameters and assumptions)
- Another remarkable property that makes it highly complementary to existing searches...

Diphoton and Zgamma

Assuming the stoponium forms and annihilates...



ideal(maximal) BRs ~ 0.4%, 1%

Indirect + stoponium



Complementarity!



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Common lore

Relevant when no unsurpassed 2-body stop decays...

In green and blue regions, the top squark hadronizes before it decays.



Formation condition

If the stop decay is slow enough compared to the • binding time scale. 2 Log₁₀[[] [GeV] -2 t_1 stop NLSP, Bino LSP $\eta_{\rm c}$ 3-body 2-body decay stop decay -6 (NB: the toponium has -8⊔ 100 150 200 250 300 not been observed!) $m_{\tilde{t}_1}$ [GeV]

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New combined limits – RPC stop-bino



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Uncertainties

~4.0 factor uncertainty from:

Non-perturbative potential models: Coulomb vs. charmonium-inspired (vs. lattice)

~1.5 factor uncertainty from:

Not only ground state, but excited S-wave states can also contribute.

Summary

- Highly complementary to existing probes of direct collider and indirect Higgs precision.
- Clean/unambiguous resonance searches: diphoton, Zgamma, ZZ, hh, ttbar...
- Applicable to various models.
- Uncertainties from potential models and excited states shall be improved (lattice did some).

ZZ, WW, hh are weaker

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