



## Looking for the solution to Hierarchy Problem in Top Quark Physics

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**Taming the Top Yukawa**



#### The Hierarchy Problem





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- The Higgs mass term is still generated due to the difference between

$$
\delta m_h^2|_{\rm top} + \delta m_h^2|_{\rm top\ partner} \sim -\frac{3}{8\pi^2} y_t^2 M_T^2 \ln\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{M_T^2}\right)
$$

 $\bullet$  Naturalness principle suggests top partners with masses  $M_T \approx 500$  GeV



## Problems with Colored top partners

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## Alternative to Colored top partners

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⇒ Colorless top partners

Table borrowed from Chris Verhaaren



#### Alternative to Top-partner scenarios

Cancellation ( take  $M_T = 1.2$  TeV )  $\bullet$  Reduction ( take  $\Lambda_t = 1.2$  TeV )





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**Taming the Top Yukawa**

#### Zoom in the Top Yukawa vertex



$$
y_t = y_t(k^2)
$$



### Zoom in the Top Yukawa vertex



extended-hypercolor bosons with weak coupling

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#### Direct searches

⚫ First, we need to select a model



- ⚫ For each theory, there comes different d.o.f. and difficulties
	- (1) **top-philic bosons** with strong coupling : broad resonances with  $\Gamma/M \gg 10\%$
	- (2) **bosons and VL fermions** with strong coupling, diverse quantum number and spectrum
	- (3) **extended-hypercolor bosons** with diverse quantum number including hypercolor
	- ⇒ **Searches are challenging, suffering from strong couplings and model-dependence**



#### Direct test of the idea!



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#### More Indirect searches



## Running of the top quark mass

Nontrivial running  $m_t$  at highs scale will affect the  $t\bar{t}$  differential cross section



First measurement of top mass at high scales ! (using 2016 Run 2 data)



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Assuming  $m_t(\mu_m) = m_{t, \text{SM}}(\mu_m) \left( \frac{\Lambda_t^2}{\mu_m^2 + \Lambda_t^2} \right)$ 

we can already put a constraint on  $\Lambda_t$  as

95% CL bound :  $\Lambda_t \gtrsim 700$  GeV

#### Relevant parameter spaces will be tested in **LHC Run 3 and HL-LHC** !

More precise  $t\bar{t}$  differential cross section calculation is needed !

#### **Running mass of the heaviest particle !!**



#### Four top quark cross section





- Standard Model prediction: 13.4<sup>+1.0</sup> fb including *NLL'* (arXiv: 2212.03259)
- ATLAS with 139 fb<sup>-1</sup> : 22.5<sup>+6.6</sup> fb
- CMS with 138  $fb^{-1}$  : 17.7<sup>+4.4</sup> fb
	- $\rightarrow \sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}$  < 36 (27) fb at 95% C.L.

#### **Four-top could be the first hint !?**

[F. Maltoni](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.09512) et al [2104.09512](https://arxiv.org/abs/2104.09512)  $\implies$ the old analysis based on xs of  $12.6^{+5.8}_{-5.2}$  fb



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## **Summary**

- $\triangleright$  Top quarks play the most important role in the Hierarchy Problem
- ⚫ Traditionally, top partners are introduced to **cancel** the top-loop contribution
- $\bullet$  Alternative: **modify the running** of  $y_t$  to lower down the top-loop contribution
- What should show up at  $\Lambda_t \approx 500$  GeV : **Top partner**  $\rightarrow$  **New top-philic d.o.f.**
- $\triangleright$  Phenomenology of the alternative scenario
- Hard to perform direct searches due to strong couplings and requirements of UV models
- ⚫ Common phenomenology of modified top Yukawa coupling
	- $-$  Top Yukawa at high scales :  $\boldsymbol{t}\bar{\boldsymbol{t}}\boldsymbol{h}$  differential cross section
	- $-$  Top mass at high scales :  $t\bar{t}$  differential cross section
	- $-$  Top-philic new interactions :  $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$  cross section

#### **Solutions to Hierarchy Problem might still be hidden in Top Physics !!**



# Back up



## Direct searches  $-$  top-philic  $Z'$  boson

Only couple to  $t_R$  (in linear case)



- Couple to  $q_L = (t_L, b_L)$  (in bilinear case)
- <u>[2304.01678](https://arxiv.org/abs/2304.01678)</u> Process:  $b_L\overline{b}_L \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow b_L\overline{b}_L$  [1910.08447](https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.08447)



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**3G Naturalness**

## Naturalness and the Higgs potential

⚫ The Higgs potential is generated mainly from the top loop and gauge loop given by



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[2311.17169](https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.17169)

# Large  $y_t$  running

[2211.17254](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.17254)



### Strongly interacting top-philic boson



Ex: Heavy gluons (Coloron)



with the  $SU(3)$  coupling  $g'_3 \sim 4.5$ 

Direct consequences:

- Bound state of top-anti-top with the mass around  $M = 2.5$  TeV
- 



# Radiative  $\boldsymbol{y}_{t}$  generation

[2211.17254](https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.17254)



### Top Yukawa arise from Dim-six operator



Minimal setup: EW doublet scalar  $S_L$ EW singlet scalar  $S_R$ EW singlet fermion  $F$ 

⚫ The diagram introduces a dim-6 operator



from strong dynamics!!



## Simplified Scalar Model

● At least three vertices are required



or written in Lagrangian

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -VS_R S_L^{\dagger} H - y_L \bar{q}_L S_L F_R - y_R \bar{t}_R S_R F_L + \text{h.c.} ,
$$

where  $S_L$  is a doublet,  $S_R$  is a singlet, and F is a singlet vector-like fermion.

● Mass terms are also required

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\rm mass} = -M_L^2 |S_L|^2 - M_R^2 |S_R|^2 - M_F \bar{F}_L F_R + \text{h.c.}.
$$



## Simplified Scalar Model

⚫ Focus on the neutral scalar components

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\text{neutral}} = |\partial s_L|^2 + |\partial s_R|^2 - M_L^2 |s_L|^2 - M_R^2 |s_R|^2 - V \langle H \rangle (s_L^* s_R + s_R^* s_L)
$$
  
=  $|\partial s_h|^2 + |\partial s_\ell|^2 - M_s^2 |s_h|^2 - m_s^2 |s_\ell|^2$ 

where the mass eigenstates are given by

$$
\begin{pmatrix} s_L \\ s_R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\beta & -\sin\beta \\ \sin\beta & \cos\beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_{\text{heavy}} \\ s_{\text{light}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_\beta & -s_\beta \\ s_\beta & c_\beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_h \\ s_\ell \end{pmatrix}
$$

⚫ The interaction terms also become

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\text{trilinear}} = -\sqrt{2}\,V c_\beta s_\beta\, h|s_h|^2 + \sqrt{2}\,V c_\beta s_\beta\, h|s_\ell|^2 \t- \frac{V(c_\beta^2-s_\beta^2)}{\sqrt{2}}\, h s_h^* s_\ell + \text{h.c.}
$$

 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{fermion}} = - (y_L c_\beta \bar{t}_L s_h F_R + y_R s_\beta \bar{t}_R s_h F_L) - (-y_L s_\beta \bar{t}_L s_\ell F_R + y_R c_\beta \bar{t}_R s_\ell F_L) + \text{h.c.}$ 



## Generate the Top Yukawa coupling

⚫ The original one-loop diagram is decomposed to the four diagrams below



## Diverse phenomenology

- Phenomenology are determined by the lightest scalar  $s_{\ell}$  and vector-like fermion F
- ⚫ The quantum number and the spectrum of the new d.o.f. are not determined
- ⚫ They can have diverse **"Quantum number"** and **"Spectrum"**



 **Warning: they might be broad resonances which are not under current search strategy.**

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### Top Yukawa from low scale to high scale

 $M_F \sim 1550 \text{ GeV}, m_s \sim 600 \text{ GeV}, M_s \sim 1400 \text{ GeV}$  (BM1, blue)  $M_F \sim 850 \text{ GeV}, m_s \sim 450 \text{ GeV}, M_s \sim 1300 \text{ GeV}$  (BM2, green)

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- The value of  $y_t$  is normalized according to the correct top mass
- Larger  $y_t$  due to additional diagrams with extra Higgs insertion, which lead to

 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{top}} = c_6 \left( \bar{q}_L H t_R \right) + c_{6+4n} \left( H^{\dagger} H \right)^n \left( \bar{q}_L H t_R \right)$ 

⚫ Main Constraint: top Yukawa measurement

$$
\kappa_t \equiv \frac{y_t}{y_t^{\rm SM}} = 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{V^2 v^2}{M^4}\right)
$$

with current bound  $0.7 < \kappa_t < 1.1$  at 95% CL (likely be weaker considering off-shell effect)



## Running of the top quark mass

⚫ The top quark mass is generated through



• The top quark mass  $m_t$  is radiatively generated in the intermediate scale  $\rightarrow$  Nontrivial running  $m_t$  at the high scale which will affect the  $t\bar{t}$  cross section

## Additional contribution

⚫ The trilinear couplings between the Higgs and scalars will introduce a new loop



- ➢ This loop is however logarithmically sensitive to NP and will not reintroduce a HP
- $\triangleright$  Assuming a low-scale UV completion, the correction leads to 7% tuning in both benchmarks, which is at the same order as the top-quark tuning. Therefore, the new scalar loops do not worsen the tuning.



## Top Yukawa from strong dynamics

- $\bullet$  If  $y_t$  comes from pure strong dynamics, then even at one-loop level we expect  $y_t \sim 4\pi$
- A suppression  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  is required between the strong and weak sector to get  $y_t \sim 1$
- ⚫ Three possibilities



small M without large  $\kappa_t$ 



### Strongly coupled UV theory

A Top seesaw-like model based on  $SU(3)_L \times SU(2)_R$  global symmetry with bound states

$$
\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline\n\text{Weak sector:} \\
H, Q_L = \begin{pmatrix} F_L \\ t_L \\ b_L \end{pmatrix}, & Q_R = \begin{pmatrix} F_R \\ t_R \end{pmatrix} \\
\hline\n\text{Strong sector:} \\
\Phi, Q'_L = \begin{pmatrix} F'_L \\ t'_L \\ b'_L \end{pmatrix}, & Q'_R = \begin{pmatrix} F'_R \\ t'_R \end{pmatrix} \\
\Phi = \bar{Q}'_R Q'_L = \begin{pmatrix} S_V^* & S_R^* \\ S_L & S_H \end{pmatrix} \\
\hline\n\text{H} & \begin{pmatrix} F_L \\ t'_R \\ b'_L \end{pmatrix} \\
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$$

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 $q_L$ 

 $\bar{F}_R$ 

 $F_L$ 

# $\boldsymbol{y}_{t}$  from four-fermion interaction

[2309.00072](https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.00072)



## Fundamental Composite Higgs Models

⚫ Chiral symmetry breaking

$$
SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow SU(2)_V
$$

which gives three massless NG bosons, *i.e.* pions!!

 $\begin{aligned} p,n,\ldots &\sim 1~{\rm GeV} \\ \Bigg\downarrow \qquad m_\pi \sim 140~{\rm MeV} \end{aligned}$ However, the symmetry is broken by quark masses and EM interactions, and we get massive pions. **Quark with QCD**

(Some global) symmetry breaking with a scale  $f_{HC} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$ 

 $\mathcal{G} \to \mathcal{H} \ni SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ 

which gives (at least) four NG bosons as **Higgs doublet!!**

The symmetry can be broken by different interactions (usually by electroweak interaction and Yukawa interaction) and give us the nontrivial Higgs potential.





## Fundamental Composite Higgs Models





## $\boldsymbol{y}_{t}$  from four-fermion - bilinear



Composite Higgs with **Extended Hypercolor**  $M_{EHC} = g_{EHC}f_{EHC}$  $f_{EHC}$ : the scale of EHC

⚫ Top Yukawa in CHM can originate from connecting the strong sector to a SM bilinear

$$
\mathcal{L}_{\rm EHC} = g_{EHC} G_{EHC}^{\mu} (\bar{q}_L \gamma_{\mu} \psi_L + \bar{\psi}_R \gamma_{\mu} t_R) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\rm eff} \supset \frac{g_{EHC}^2}{M_{EHC}^2} (\bar{\psi}_R \psi_L) (\bar{q}_L t_R)
$$

Naive dimensional analysis in CHM gives  $\bar{\psi}_R \psi_L \sim (4 \pi f_{HC}^2) H$  and thus

$$
y_t \sim \frac{g_{EHC}^2}{M_{EHC}^2} \cdot 4\pi f_{HC}^2 \sim 4\pi \left(\frac{f_{HC}}{f_{EHC}}\right)^2 \sim 1 \implies f_{EHC} \sim 3.5 \times f_{HC} \gtrsim 3 \text{ TeV}
$$

The cutoff of top loop is determined by  $M_{EHC} = g_{EHC} f_{EHC}$ , which requires weak  $g_{EHC}$ 

## Extend the gauge group in new direction

- ⚫ To have a light EHC boson, we need it to be hypercolorless which require new approach.
- $\triangleright$  Traditional approach  $\mathcal{G}_{HC} \times \mathcal{G}_{SM} \subset \mathcal{G}_E$  $|E_{\mu} = (N, \bar{3}, 1)|$  $SU(N+3)_E \rightarrow SU(N)_{HC} \times SU(3)_C$  $Q_L = (N+3, 2)$ <br>  $Q_R = (N+3, 1)$   $\rightarrow$   $\psi_L = (N, 1, 2),$   $q_L = (1, 3, 2)$ <br>  $\psi_R = (N, 1, 1),$   $t_R = (1, 3, 1)$ <br> **hypercolorless**  $E_{\mu} = (1, \bar{3}, 1)$  $\triangleright$  New approach  $\;\mathcal{G}_{HC} \times (\mathcal{G}_{HF} \times \mathcal{G}_{SM} \subset \mathcal{G}_{E})$  $SU(3)_{HC} \times SU(4)_{EC} \rightarrow SU(3)_{HC} \times SU(3)_{EC} \rightarrow SU(3)_{C}$  $Q_L = (3, 4, 2) \rightarrow (3, 3, 2) + (3, 1, 2) \rightarrow (6, 2) + (\overline{3}, 2) + (3, 2)$  $Q_R = (3,4,1) \rightarrow (3,3,1) + (3,1,1) \rightarrow (6,1) + (\overline{3},1) + (3,1)$



#### A concrete model

Gauge group

$$
\mathcal{G}_E = SU(3)_{HC} \times SU(4)_{EC} \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_X
$$
  

$$
g_H \qquad g_E \sim g_s \qquad \qquad g_X \sim g_Y
$$

⚫ Fermion content

$$
Q_L = (3, 4, 2, 1/24), \quad Q_R = (3, 4, 1, 13/24)
$$

- ⚫ Several steps are required
- A. The  $\mathcal{G}_E \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_{SM}$  breaking at the scale  $f_E \sim 1.7$  TeV
- B. Composite Higgs formation at the scale  $f \sim 1$  TeV
- C. Generation of top Yukawa coupling at the scale  $M_E$

## Step A: Tumbling with exotic fermions

To realize the first breaking dynamically, we need exotic fermions as sextet under  $SU(3)_{HC}$ 

$$
Q_L = (3, 4, 2, 1/24) , \quad F_R = (6, 1, 2, 0)
$$

 $\bullet$  The most attractive channel under  $SU(3)_{HC}$  is RH 6 combined with some of LH 3

$$
\bar{F}_R Q_L = \bar{\mathbf{6}} \,\mathbf{3} = (\bar{3}, 4, 1, 1/24) = \frac{f_E}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}
$$

which will break  $\mathcal{G}_E \to \mathcal{G}_{SM}$ . The fermion content then deconstruct to

$$
Q_L \to f_L = (6, 2)_0, \ \psi_L = (\bar{3}, 2)_0, \ q_L = (3, 2)_{\frac{1}{6}}
$$
  

$$
Q_R \to f_R = (6, 1)_{\frac{1}{2}}, \ \psi_R = (\bar{3}, 1)_{\frac{1}{2}}, \ t_R = (3, 1)_{\frac{2}{3}}
$$

The exotics F will mix with  $f$  of Q forming a massive Dirac color sextet fermion



## Step B: CHM by broken hypercolor

After the first breaking, the  $SU(3)_{HC}$  is broken and there is no further condensate.

$$
g_c = \sqrt{8\pi^2/3} \sim 5.1 \;\; \text{is critical coupling derived from NJL}
$$

However, there is another  $SU(3)_{EC}$  which allows tilting mechanism to happen

$$
g^2_{\psi} \sim g^2_{H} + g^2_{E} > g^2_{c} , \quad g^2_{t} \sim g^2_{H} < g^2_{c}
$$

⚫ For a realistic CHM, additional hyperfermion is required with

$$
\Psi_1 = (\bar{3}, 2)_0, \ \Psi_2 = (\bar{3}, 1)_{\frac{1}{2}}, \ \Psi_3 = (\bar{3}, 1)_{-\frac{1}{2}}
$$

which results in a  $SU(4) \times SU(4)$  /  $SU(4)$  FCHM with 15 pNGBs including Higgs

## Step C: Top Yukawa from the  $E_{\mu}$  boson

In this model, we can then generate the top Yukawa coupling with a value given by

$$
y_t \sim \frac{1}{v} \frac{g_E^2}{M_E^2} \langle \bar{\psi_R} \psi_L \rangle_{HC} \sim \left(\frac{f}{f_E}\right)^2 Y_S \quad \text{,where} \quad Y_S \sim \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{N_{HC} \, \ln(\Lambda^2/M_\psi^2)}}
$$

Taking  $Y_s = 3$ , we get the relation among the scale for the observed top Yukawa as  $f_E \sim \sqrt{Y_S \times f} \sim 1.7 \times f$ 

PS It is derived from bottom-up and will be more attractive if one get derive from top down.

 $\bullet$  With  $g_E \sim g_s \sim 1$  and  $f_E \sim 1.7$  TeV, the mass of  $E_\mu$  boson is given by

$$
M_E = \frac{1}{2} g_E f_E \sim 0.9 \text{ TeV}
$$
 The desired light cutoff!!



## Breaking pattern

$$
SU(3)_{HC} \times SU(4)_{EC} \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_X
$$

$$
\oint \overline{F}_R Q_L = \overline{\mathbf{6}} \mathbf{3} \text{ condensate with } f_E \sim 1.7 \text{ TeV}
$$
  
\n
$$
SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y + \text{massive } G', E_\mu, Z', \text{ fermion sextet } F
$$
  
\n
$$
\oint \overline{\psi}_R \psi_L = \overline{\mathbf{3}} \mathbf{3} \text{ condensate with } f \sim 1 \text{ TeV}
$$
  
\n
$$
SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y + \text{composite Higgs}
$$
  
\n
$$
\oint \text{integrating out } E_\mu \text{ with } M_E \sim 0.9 \text{ TeV}
$$
  
\n
$$
SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y + \text{composite Higgs } + \text{``Top Yukawa''}
$$



### The overall spectrum

$$
M_{G'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{g_H^2 + g_E^2} f_E \sim 6 \text{ TeV} \qquad \text{Coloron}
$$
\n
$$
M_F \sim Y_s f_E \sim 5 \text{ TeV} \qquad \text{Sextet fermion} \qquad \text{Particles}
$$
\n
$$
M_{\psi} \sim Y_s f \sim 3 \text{ TeV} \qquad \text{Triplet fermion} \qquad \text{Q few TeV}
$$

$$
M_{Z'} = \frac{1}{2} g_E f_E \sim 0.9 \text{ TeV}
$$
  

$$
M_{Z'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8}} \sqrt{c^2 g_X^2 + g_E^2} f_E \sim 0.6 \text{ TeV}
$$
  
**Z' boson**  
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**Q sub TeV**  
**Q sub TeV**

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