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Testing Higgs naturalness at the FCC

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Higgs naturalness problem solved by symmetry?

- Origin of electroweak symmetry breaking remains completely mysterious.
Can we calculate the Higgs potential?
- Symmetry-based explanations remain the most plausible paradigm:
 - a spacetime symmetry (SUSY)
or
 - a global symmetry (Higgs as a pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone boson, or pNGB)
- The LHC, the FCC, and any other future colliders must keep searching for the associated new physics, which renders the small Higgs mass “natural”
- I'll review some signatures of symmetry-based naturalness, using fine-tuning as (qualitative) guiding principle

Two reasons for tuning in the Higgs potential

Higgs mass \longleftrightarrow Direct searches for new particles
(top partners of mass M)

$$h \text{ --- } \text{SM} \text{ --- } h + \dots \rightarrow \delta m_h^2 \sim \frac{N_c y_t^2}{4\pi^2} M^2 + \dots \rightarrow \Delta_{m_h^2} \sim \frac{\delta m_h^2}{m_h^2} \sim \left(\frac{M}{500 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2$$

Lower bounds on (QCD-charged) resonances imply fine tuning

Higgs vev \longleftrightarrow Deviations of Higgs couplings
to SM particles X

$$\delta_{hXX} \equiv \frac{g_{hXX}}{g_{hXX}^{\text{SM}}} - 1 \rightarrow \Delta_{v^2} \sim \frac{\text{constant}}{|\delta_{hXX}|}$$

SM-like measurements of Higgs couplings imply fine tuning

SUSY

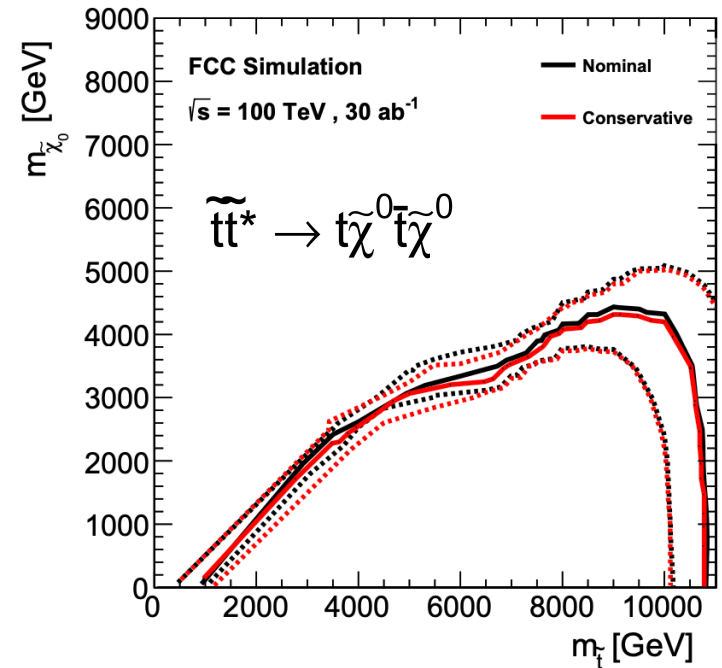
Mass tuning:

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The top partners are QCD-charged stops

$$\text{FCC-hh: } M \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV} \rightarrow \Delta_{m_h^2} \gtrsim 400$$

Improve over LHC by ~ 2 orders of magnitude



[Bernal Casas, Moreno 2022.09103]

For vev tuning, 2HDM structure leads to:

$$(\tan \beta \gg 1)$$

$$\Delta_{v^2} \simeq \frac{4}{(\tan \beta)^2} \frac{m_A^2}{m_h^2}$$

$$\delta_{hbb} \simeq \frac{2m_Z^2}{m_A^2}$$



$$\Delta_{v^2} \simeq \frac{8}{(\tan \beta)^2} \frac{m_Z^2}{m_h^2} \delta_{hbb}$$

Connection between vev tuning and Higgs couplings is indeed precise, but:

$\tan \beta \gg 1$ can be a significant suppression
 htt and hVV corrections even smaller

SUSY

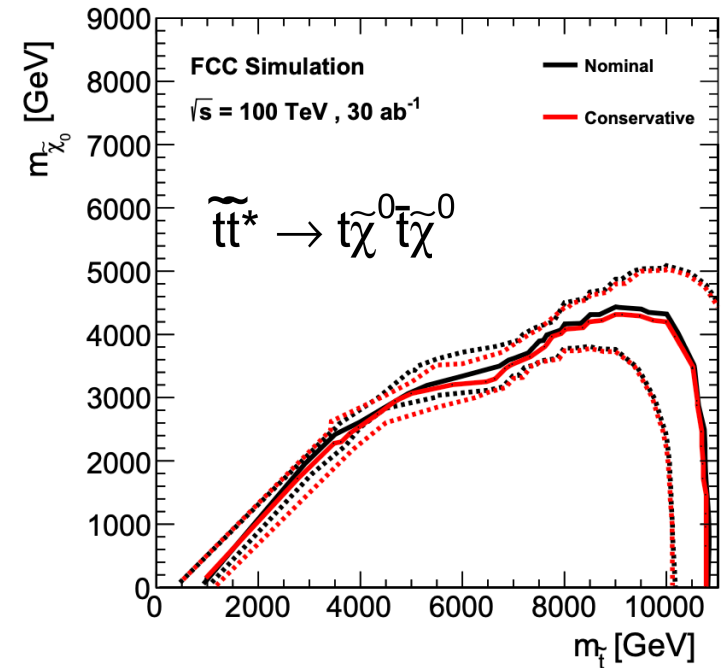
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- In SUSY, difficult to draw general statements on tuning from Higgs couplings
 → emphasis is on direct searches for QCD-charged stops
- Picture can change dramatically if the **scalar top partners are QCD-neutral**.
 E.g. if they are fully neutral under SM, “nightmare scenario” for naturalness*
 However, models of SUSY neutral naturalness are somewhat contrived

[Burdman, Chacko, Goh, Harnik, hep-ph/0609152]

[Cohen, Craig, Lou, Pinner, 1508.05396]

* [Cheng, Li, Salvioni, Verhaaren, 1803.03651]

Higgs as a pNGB

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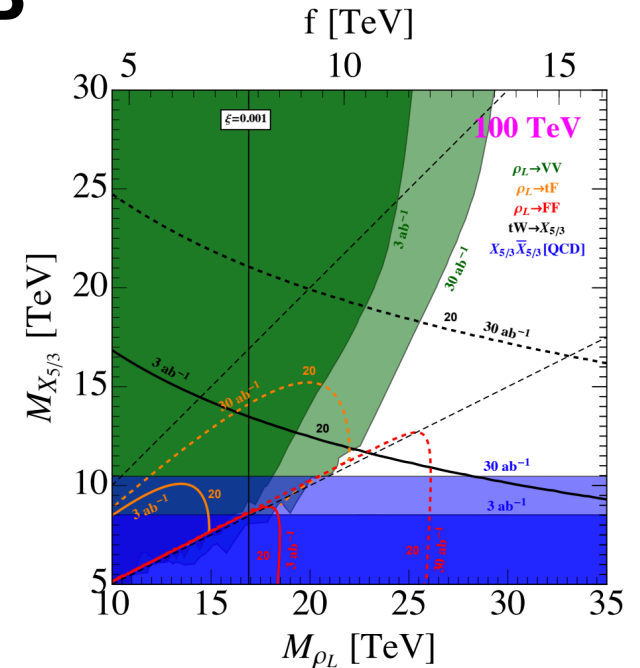
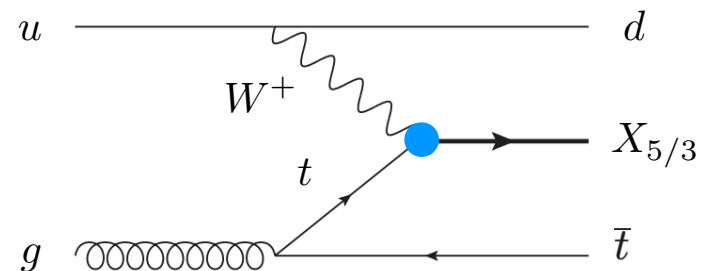
The top partners are QCD-charged fermions with different EW quantum numbers: $T, X_{5/3}, \dots$

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- Including single production can increase sensitivity on M by $O(1)$

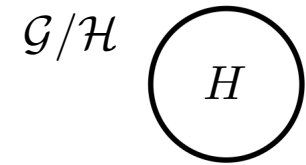
Model-dependent couplings

e.g. [De Simone, Matsedonskyi, Rattazzi, Wulzer, 1211.5663]



[in principle single production is possible also in SUSY, if R-parity violating]

Higgs as a pNGB



Vev tuning:

- The Higgs doublet is made of 4 Goldstone bosons: $H \rightarrow H + c$ under \mathcal{G}/\mathcal{H}
- Embedding the SM gauge interactions makes hVV couplings smaller than in SM,

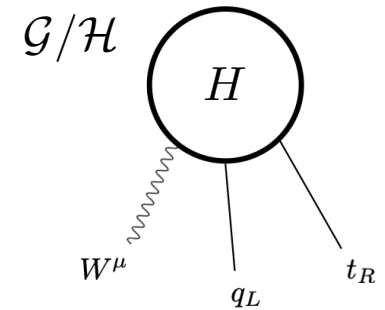
$$\frac{g_{hVV}}{g_{hVV}^{\text{SM}}} = \cos \frac{\langle h \rangle}{f} \simeq 1 - \frac{v^2}{2f^2}$$

decay constant of the “pion-like” Higgs

The LHC already tells us we need $v \ll f$

How is the Higgs vev generated?

Higgs as a pNGB



Vev tuning:

- The Higgs is a Goldstone boson: at tree level, $V(h) = 0$
- At loop level, a potential is generated by SM gauge and (top) Yukawa interactions.

Typical form is

$$V(h) \sim -\alpha f^2 \sin^2 \frac{h}{f} + \beta f^2 \sin^4 \frac{h}{f} \quad \alpha, \beta \text{ are model-dependent constants}$$

To obtain a viable $v \ll f$, need to tune parameters:

$$\Delta_{v^2} = \frac{(\alpha/\beta)_{\text{expected}}}{(\alpha/\beta)_{\text{required}}} \sim \frac{f^2}{v^2}$$

Higgs as a pNGB

Combine the previous two results:

$$\frac{g_{hVV}}{g_{hVV}^{\text{SM}}} = \cos \frac{\langle h \rangle}{f} \simeq 1 - \frac{v^2}{2f^2}$$

$$\Delta_{v^2} = \frac{(\alpha/\beta)_{\text{expected}}}{(\alpha/\beta)_{\text{required}}} \sim \frac{f^2}{v^2}$$

$$\Delta_{v^2} \sim \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{|\delta_{hVV}|}$$

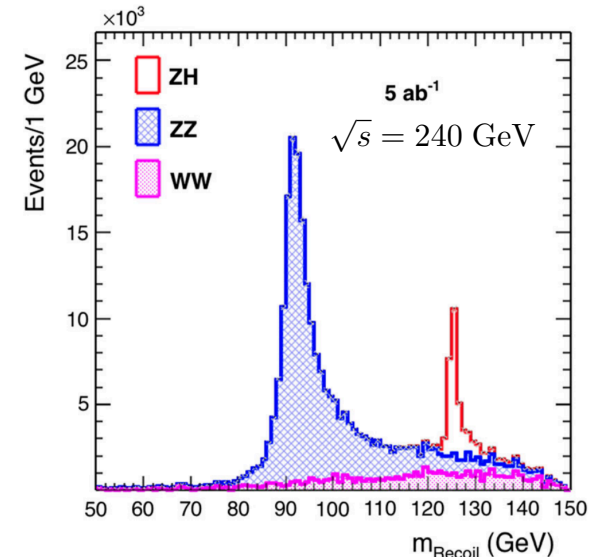
Robust connection between vev tuning and Higgs coupling sensitivity

[FCC CDR Vol 1, EPJ C 2019]

FCC-ee will reach $|\delta_{hZZ}| < 0.34\%$ ($f > 3$ TeV)

by measuring recoil mass in $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh$

$$\Delta_{v^2} \gtrsim 150$$



Mass tuning vs vev tuning

In summary, for a pNGB Higgs we estimate:

$$\Delta_{m_h^2} \sim \frac{\delta m_h^2}{m_h^2} \sim \left(\frac{M}{500 \text{ GeV}} \right)^2 \quad \text{FCC-hh: } M \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV} \rightarrow \Delta_{m_h^2} \gtrsim 400$$

$$\Delta_{v^2} \sim \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{|\delta_{hVV}|} \quad \text{FCC-ee: } |\delta_{hVV}| < 0.34 \% \rightarrow \Delta_{v^2} \gtrsim 150$$

They are comparable (to be more quantitative, one needs to specify the model)

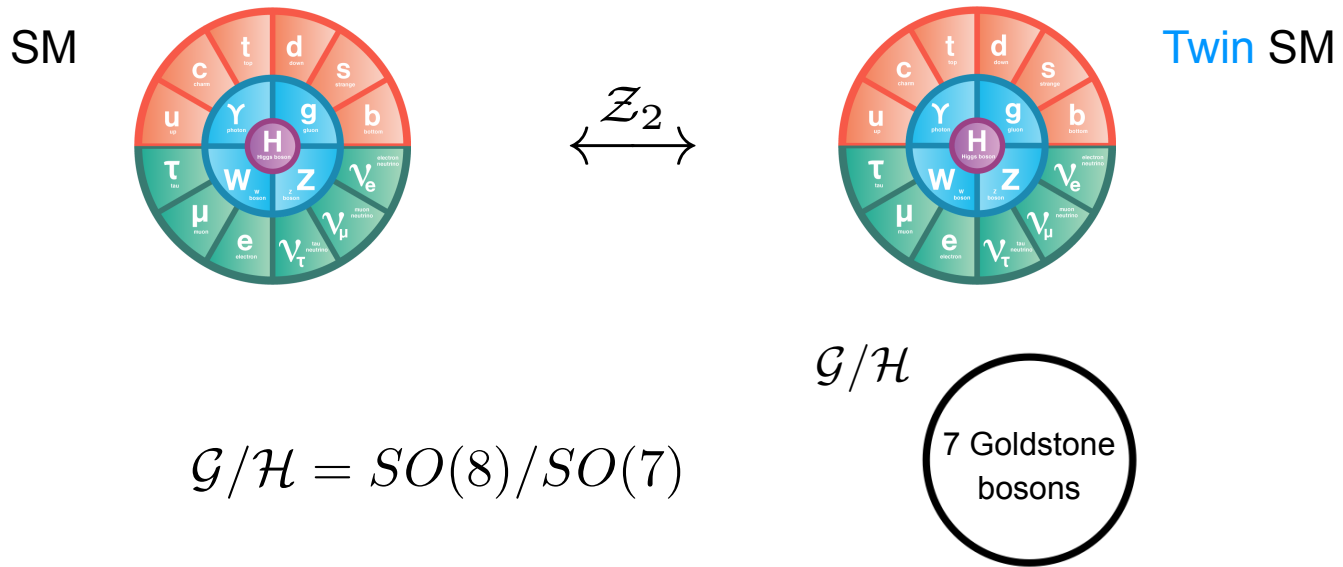
For pNGB Higgs, coupling measurements are **crucial complement** to direct searches

Moreover, clear path to remove mass tuning: the Twin Higgs framework.

The top partners are SM-neutral fermions, direct searches have weak sensitivity

→ Higgs couplings remain as only guaranteed signature

The Twin Higgs



3 Goldstones eaten by massive Twin gauge bosons; 4 make up the Higgs

top Yukawa: $\mathcal{L} = y_t Q H t + \hat{y}_t \hat{Q} \hat{H} \hat{t}$

The top partner (*Twin top*) is neutral under whole SM
 Can still be sub-TeV

Twin Higgs at work

- The leading corrections to Higgs potential cancel, thanks to exchange symmetry:

$$V_t \supset \frac{N_c}{8\pi^2} y_t^2 f^2 M^2 \sin^2 \frac{h}{f} + \frac{N_c}{8\pi^2} \hat{y}_t^2 f^2 \hat{M}^2 \cos^2 \frac{h}{f}$$

scale of QCD-charged fermions ($\lesssim 4\pi f \gg 1 \text{ TeV}$)

decay constant
of Goldstone Higgs ($\sim 1 \text{ TeV}$)

$$\mathcal{Z}_2 : \quad y_t = \hat{y}_t, \quad M = \hat{M} \quad \rightarrow \quad V_t = \text{constant, no correction to Higgs mass}$$

- What remains is much smaller potential, controlled by Twin top:

$$V_t \approx \frac{N_c}{32\pi^2} y_t^2 f^2 m_{\hat{t}}^2 \left[\sin^4 \frac{h}{f} \log \frac{a}{\sin^2 h/f} + \cos^4 \frac{h}{f} \log \frac{a}{\cos^2 h/f} \right]$$

$m_{\hat{t}} = y_t f / \sqrt{2}$
sub-TeV, but SM neutral

However, a tuning $\Delta_{v^2} \sim f^2/v^2$ is still needed, to achieve a small vev

A naturally small vev?

- As we just saw, a tuning $\Delta_{v^2} \sim f^2/v^2$ to achieve a small Higgs vev is common issue in (Twin) models of Higgs as pNGB

- Can we remove this tuning with extra model building?

If yes, would obtain a *fully natural* Higgs potential, consistently with LHC results:



- This is especially interesting because models that achieve this* predict **large corrections to h^3 coupling** (shape of potential differs at $\mathcal{O}(1)$ from SM)
 \rightarrow h^3 measurement will add genuine new information beyond single-Higgs couplings

*at least, those I know of

Gegenbauer Goldstones

- Idea is to include, beyond the top sector potential V_t , a new “wiggly” component that will naturally set the minimum close to the origin

[Durieux, McCullough, Salvioni 2202.01228 + 2209.00666]

- For an Abelian $U(1)$ Goldstone, we know that wiggly potentials are obtained from explicit breaking that preserves a \mathcal{Z}_n discrete symmetry:

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \Phi^* \partial^\mu \Phi - \lambda (\Phi^* \Phi - f^2)^2$$



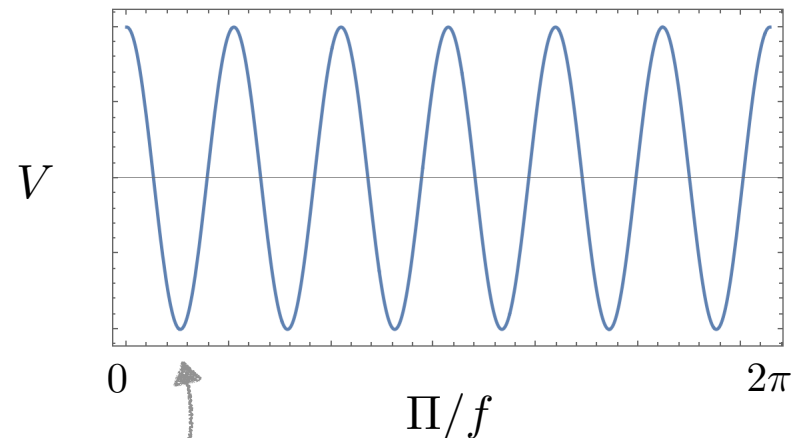
Explicit breaking from operator of charge n

$$\delta V = \frac{\epsilon \lambda}{f^{n-4}} \Phi^n + \text{h.c.}$$



$$\delta V \sim \epsilon \lambda f^4 \cos\left(\frac{n\Pi}{f}\right)$$

(example: $n = 6$)



$$\frac{\langle \Pi \rangle}{f} = \frac{\pi}{n} \ll 1$$

Moderately large n sets vev parametrically close to origin

Gegenbauer Goldstones

- Generalizing to non-Abelian case, which is relevant for Higgs as pNGB, one finds Gegenbauer polynomials:

[Durieux, McCullough, Salvioni 2202.01228 + 2209.00666]

$$SO(N+1)/SO(N) \quad \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \Phi^T \partial^\mu \Phi - \lambda (\Phi^T \Phi - f^2)^2$$



Explicit breaking to $SO(N)$ by n - index symmetric tensor irrep of $SO(N+1)$

$$\delta V = \frac{\epsilon \lambda}{f^{n-4}} K_n^{i_1 \dots i_n} \Phi_{i_1} \dots \Phi_{i_n} \quad \text{irrep} \rightarrow \text{traceless}$$



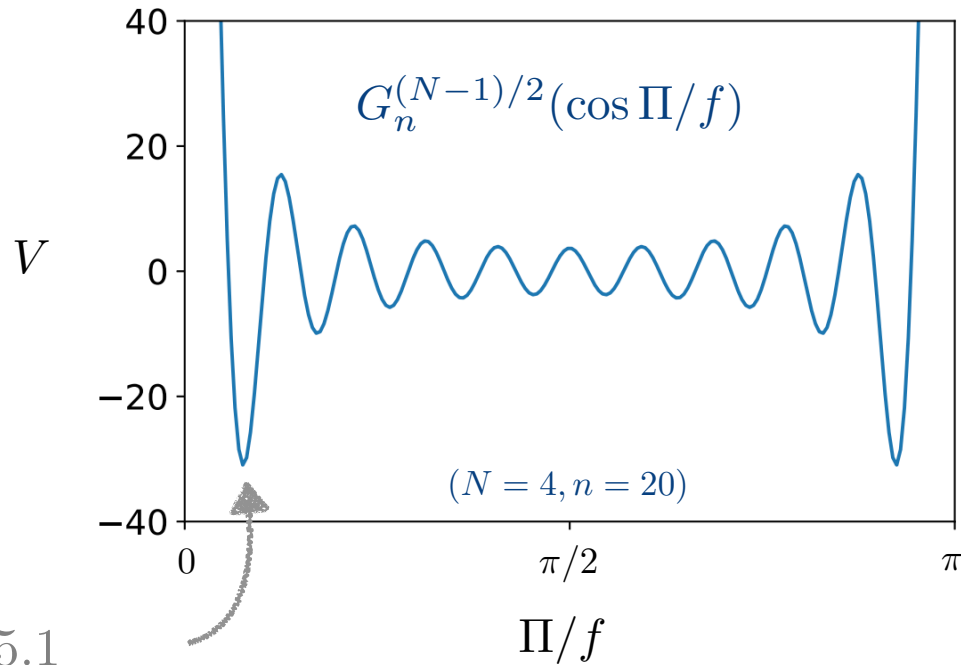
$$\delta V = \epsilon \lambda f^4 G_n^{(N-1)/2} (\cos \Pi/f)$$

potential is a
Gegenbauer polynomial



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Gegenbauer Goldstones



$$\frac{\langle \Pi \rangle}{f} \approx \frac{5.1}{n} \ll 1$$

First minimum is parametrically close to origin

Differently from Abelian case, **not periodic** (only approximately)

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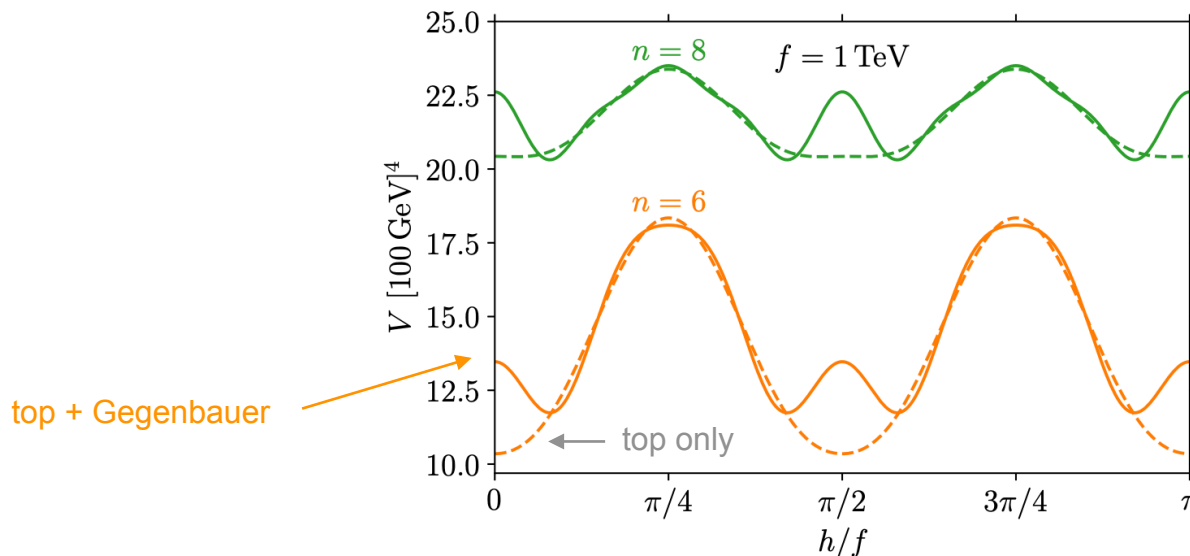
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Gegenbauer's *Twin*

- Twin Higgs mechanism generates small potential: $m_h \approx 125$ GeV is natural
- Gegenbauer potential generates small vev: $v \ll f$ is natural

Marry the two: *Gegenbauer's Twin*

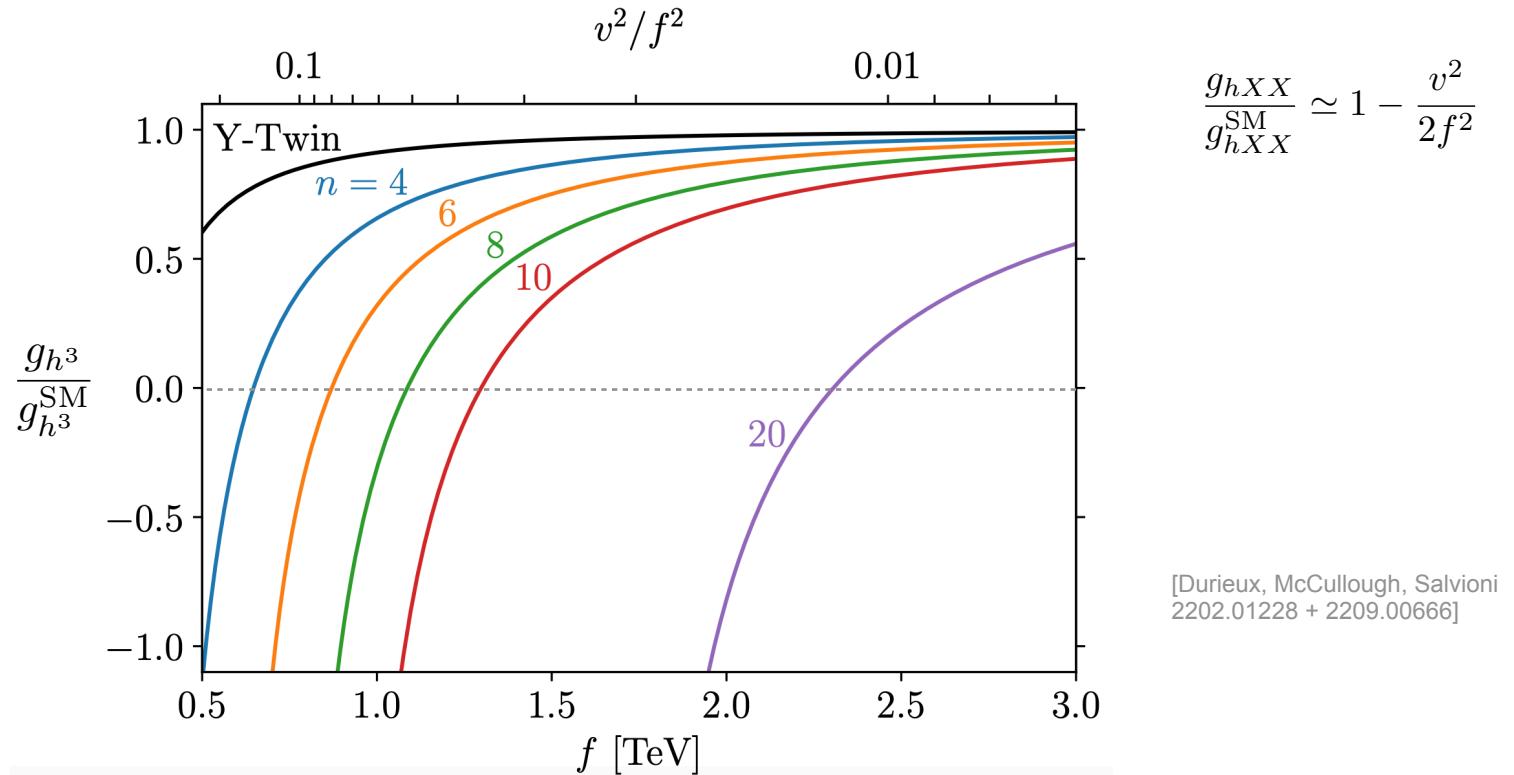
Fully natural electroweak breaking, yet hiding from LHC so far



Gegenbauer's Twin with
 $n = 6$ or $n = 8$ and $f \sim 1$ TeV
has essentially no tuning

The Higgs self-coupling

For Gegenbauer's Twin, corrections to h^3 are parametrically enhanced



Smoking gun signal: could even be the first deviation from SM observed at colliders

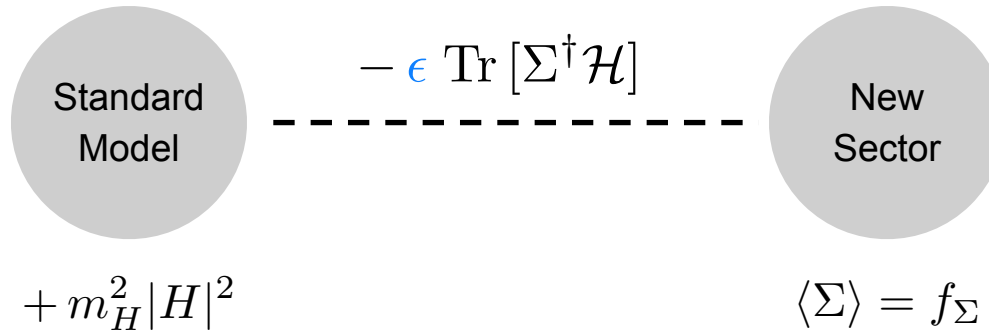
Another route: tadpole-induced EWSB

Another viable approach to remove v/f tuning in Twin Higgs

is **tadpole-induced EWSB**

[Harnik, Howe, Kearney, 1603.03772]

Basic idea:



$\longrightarrow V(h) \sim + m_H^2 h^2 - \epsilon f_\Sigma h$

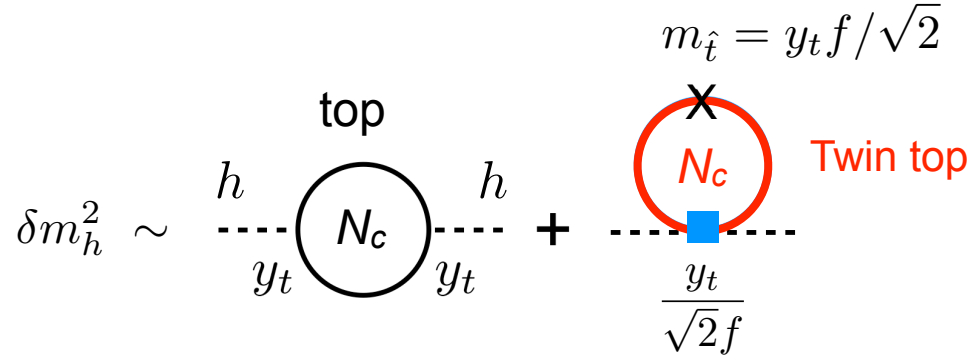
Large deviations in h^3 are expected here, too
(self-interactions are structurally suppressed)

Updated analysis of constraints is missing

Probing the Twin top directly

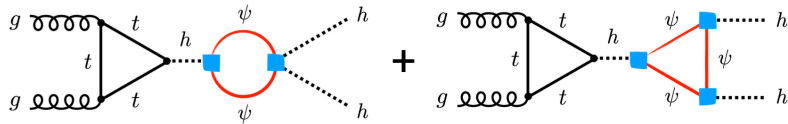
Twin top is SM-neutral, but must couple to the Higgs as:

$$\mathcal{L} = -m_{\hat{t}} \bar{\hat{t}} \hat{t} + \frac{y_t}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{|H|^2}{f} \bar{\hat{t}} \hat{t}$$

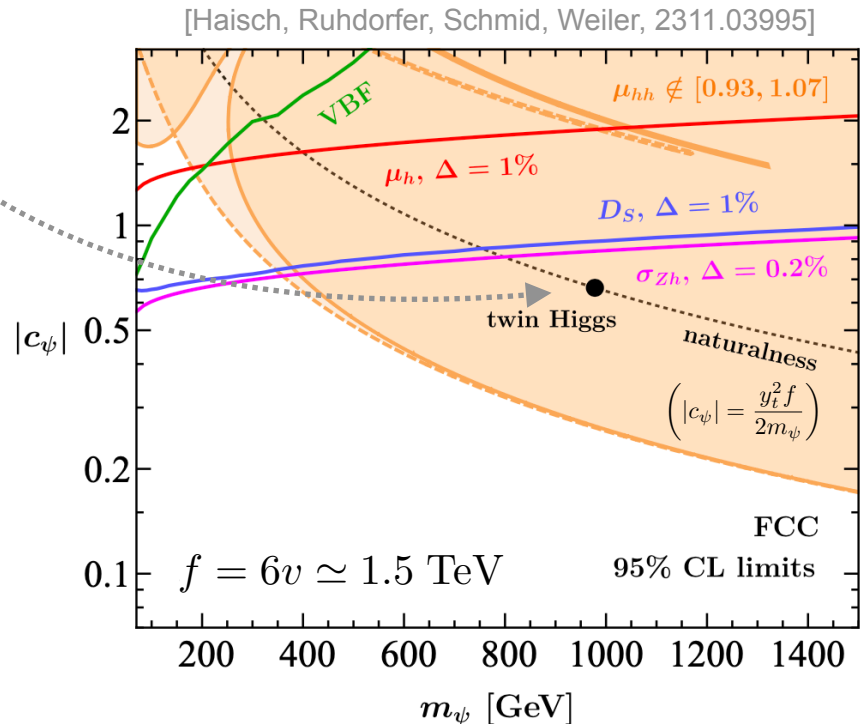


Probes at LHC, HE-LHC, FCC have been studied very recently

Interestingly, double Higgs production appears to be sensitive at loop level



(see paper for assumptions on dim-6 ops.)



Conclusions

- Both direct searches for top partners and Higgs coupling measurements test naturalness, but implications differ for SUSY and Higgs as pNGB
- In SUSY, Higgs coupling deviations are model-dependent (and can be quite suppressed). Emphasis on direct searches for QCD-charged stops
- For pNGB Higgs, direct searches and Higgs couplings are both important probes. In Twin Higgs scenarios, Higgs couplings remain as the only guaranteed signature
- Twin Higgs still suffers from fine tuning to achieve a small Higgs vev, $v \ll f$
Models that remove this (Gegenbauer, tadpole, ...?) predict large deviations in h^3 , stressing importance of its measurement to make progress on naturalness

Backup slides

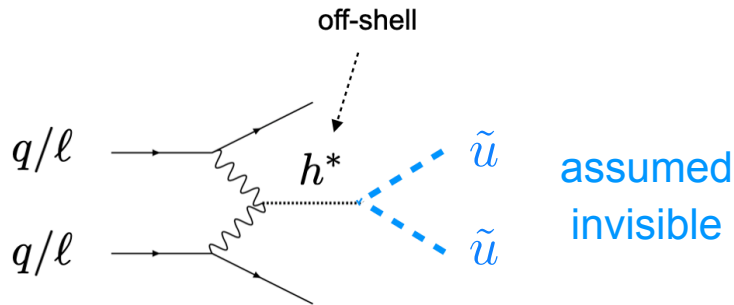
Probing *scalar* top partners directly

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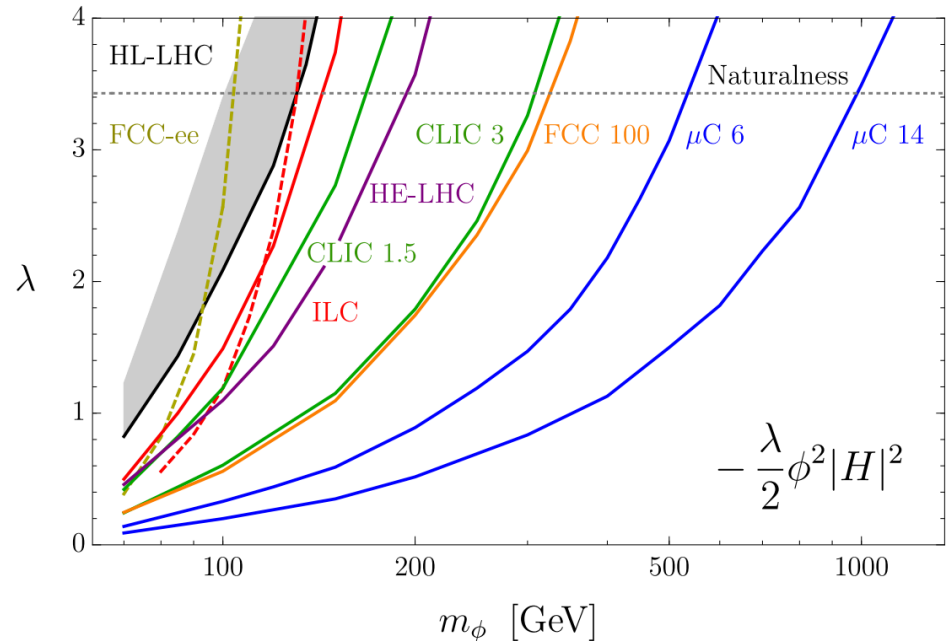
- Need to probe naturalness cancellation directly: $\mathcal{L} = -y_t^2 |\tilde{u}_1|^2 |H|^2 - y_t^2 |\tilde{u}_2|^2 |H|^2$

[Cheng, Li, Salvioni, Verhaaren 2018]
see also [Cohen, Craig, Giudice, McCullough 2018]

e.g. Standard Model-singlet scalar top partners



FCC-hh: $m_{\tilde{u}} > 330 \text{ GeV}$



[Ruhdorfer, Salvioni, Weiler 2019]
[Craig, Lou, McCullough, Thalapillil 2014]

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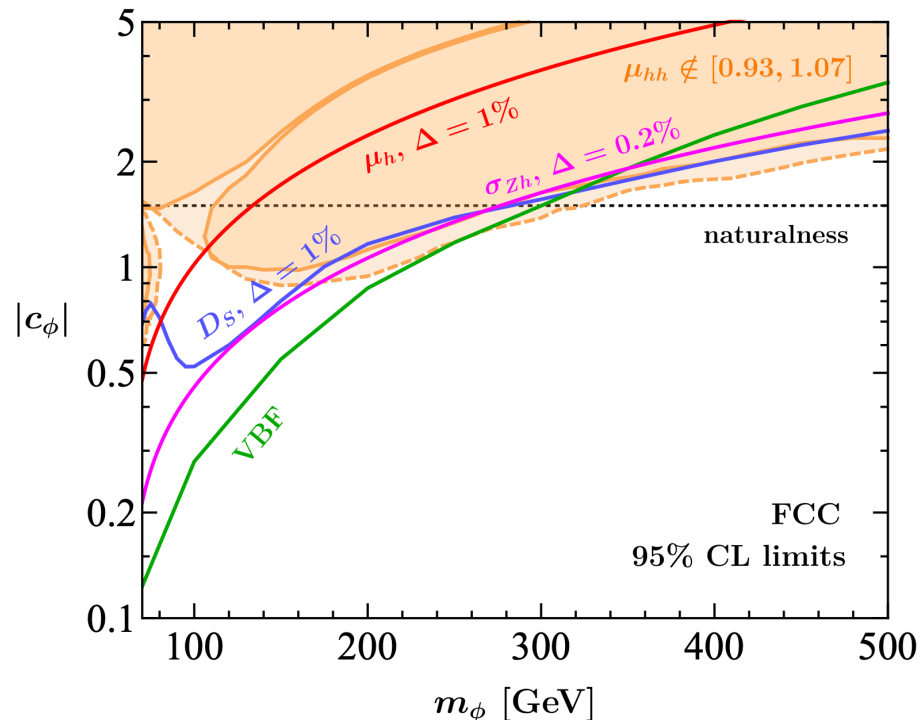
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Loop-level probes
(off-shell Higgs, double Higgs)
studied in

[Haisch, Koole, 2022]



Naturalness and $\delta_{h^3}/\delta_{hVV}$

Single-Higgs coupling measurements will reach precision stage far before tests of h^3

This makes $\left| \frac{\delta_{h^3}}{\delta_{hVV}} \right|$ an important quantity for a new physics model:

if it is large, self-coupling measurements probe genuinely new ground

However, in canonical models addressing hierarchy problem (composite Higgs, SUSY)

Example: Minimal Composite Higgs 5+5,
Composite Twin Higgs 8+1

$$\left| \frac{\delta_{h^3}}{\delta_{\text{single } h}} \right| \sim O(1)$$

$$\delta_{h^3} \simeq -\frac{3}{2} \frac{v^2}{f^2} \quad \delta_{hVV} \simeq -\frac{1}{2} \frac{v^2}{f^2}$$

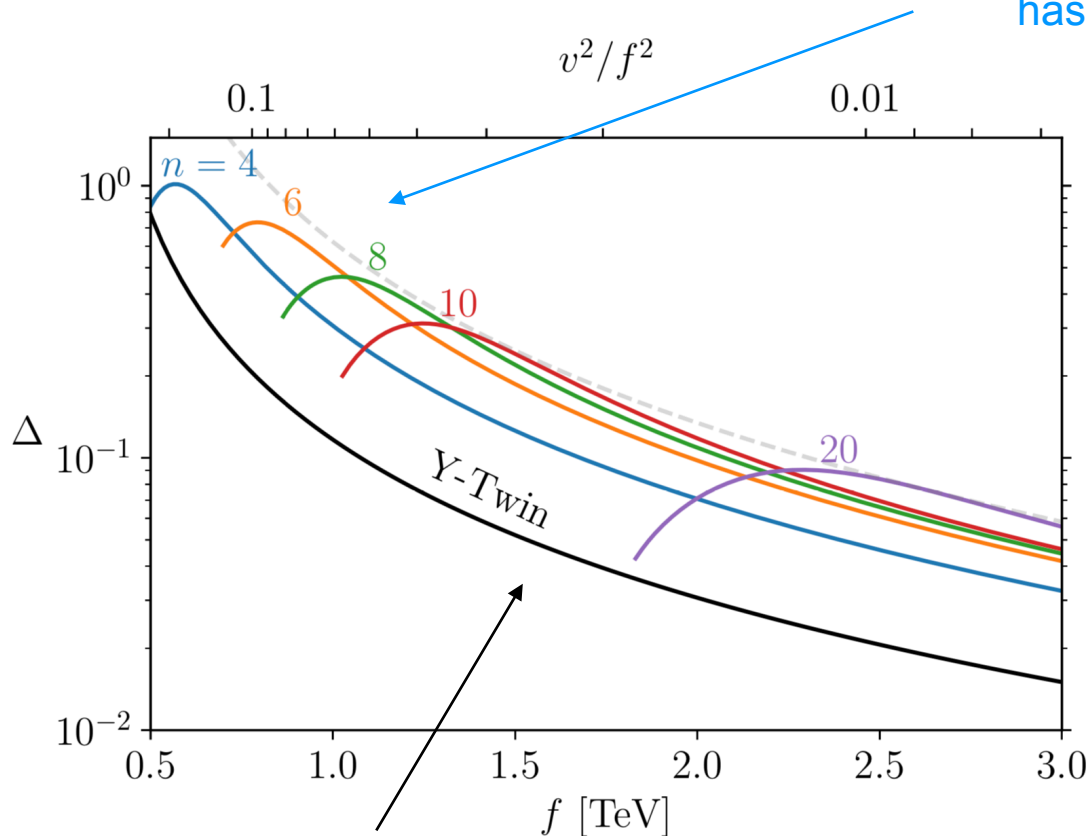
and prospects to observe deviations in h^3 are limited

$$\left| \frac{\delta_{h^3}}{\delta_{hVV}} \right| \simeq 3$$

Gegenbauer's Twin

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standard Twin model (Twin hypercharge not gauged)