# **Electroweak hierarchy from conformal and custodial symmetry: "Custodial Naturalness"**

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### **Outline**

- Hierarchy problem
- General idea of "Custodial Naturalness"
- Minimal model
- Numerical analysis, experimental constraints and predictions
- Extensions and embeddings
- Conclusions

Disclaimer: For this talk in 4D, scale invariance ∼ conformal invariance.

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However, neither is Nature close-to supersymmetric, nor do the Higgs measurements hint at compositeness. Also: No top-partners observed.

**But:** SM *is* close to **scale invariant**, *explicitly* broken only by  $\mu_H$  (∼  $m_h \sim v_{\text{EW}}$ )<sub>SM</sub>.

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- ✓ Technically natural suppression of EW scale.
- ✓ Only elementary fields, no compositeness, all perturbative.
- $\checkmark$  No top partners, marginal top Yukawa like in SM.

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- Realistically:  $SO(6)$  explicitly broken by:  $y_t$ ,  $g_Y$  &  $g_X$ ,  $g_{12}$ , ..., e.g.  $y_{\text{new}}$  $\Rightarrow SO(6) \stackrel{\langle 6 \rangle}{\longrightarrow} SO(5)$ : massive dilaton + 4 *would-be* NGBs + massive pNGB "h".

### General Idea – RGE evolution is key

below  $M_{\text{Pl}}: V_{\text{tree}}(H, \Phi) = \lambda_H |H|^4 + 2 \lambda_p |\Phi|^2 |H|^2 + \lambda_{\Phi} |\Phi|^4$ .



Custodial sym. (C.S.) breaking:

• dominant breaking:  $y_t$ 

$$
\Rightarrow\quad \langle H\rangle\ll \langle\Phi\rangle
$$

• splitting  $\lambda_{\Phi} - \lambda_p$  requires a new breaking of C.S.

Minimal C.S. breaking:

 $U(1)_X - U(1)_Y$ gauge kinetic mixing  $q_{12}$ .

This generates " $\lambda_{\Phi} - \lambda_n$ ."

### General Idea – Masses and EW scale

Masses of physical real scalars  $h_{\Phi} \subset \Phi$  and  $h \subset H$ :

Dilaton:  
\n
$$
m_{h_{\Phi}}^2 \approx \frac{3 g_X^4}{8 \pi^2} v_{\Phi}^2
$$
\n
$$
\text{pNGB Higgs:} \qquad m_h^2 \approx 2 \left[ \lambda_{\Phi} \left( 1 + \frac{g_{12}}{2 g_X} \right)^2 - \lambda_p \right] v_{\Phi}^2.
$$

• This corresponds to  $m_{h_\Phi}^2 \approx \beta_{\lambda_\Phi} v_\Phi^2$  and  $m_h^2 \approx 2(\lambda_\Phi \beta_{\lambda_p}/\beta_{\lambda_\Phi} - \lambda_p)\, v_\Phi^2$ .

- $\lambda_H$  can stay at its SM value.
- EW scale VEV gets to keep the SM relation

$$
v_H^2 \approx \frac{m_h^2}{2\lambda_H} \; .
$$

⇒ The **EW scale is custodially suppressed** compared to the intermediate scale  $v_{\Phi}$  of spontaneous scale and custodial symmetry violation.

 $\frac{v_{\Phi}}{\sqrt{2}}, \langle H \rangle = \frac{v_h}{\sqrt{2}}$ 

### Minimal Model



$$
Q^{(\rm X)}~\equiv~2\,Q^{(\rm Y)} + \frac{1}{q_\Phi^{\rm B-L}}\,Q^{(\rm B-L)}
$$

- The only free parameter of the charge assignment is  $q_\Phi^{\mathrm{B-L}}.$
- Constrained to  $\frac{1}{3} \lesssim |q_\Phi^{\text{B}-\text{L}}| \lesssim \frac{5}{11}$ ; special value:  $q_\Phi^{\text{B}-\text{L}} = -\frac{16}{41}$ . Let us fix  $q_\Phi^{\text{B}-\text{L}} = -\frac{1}{3}$ .

Note: Our model is very similar to "classical conformal extension of minimal  $B-L$  model", but  $q_\Phi^{\rm B-L}\neq-2.$ [Iso, Okada, Orikasa '09]

### Numerical analysis

- SM parameters  $G_F$ ,  $m_h$ ,  $m_t \longleftrightarrow$  parameters  $\lambda$ ,  $g_X$  and  $y_t$  ( $\omega \Lambda_{\text{high}} \sim M_{\text{Pl}}$ ).
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Parameter scan

- Impose  ${\rm SO(6)}$  symmetric BC's  $@M_{\rm Pl}$ :  $\lambda_{H, \Phi, p}|_{M_{\rm Pl}} = \lambda|_{M_{\rm Pl}}$  and  $g_{12}|_{M_{\rm Pl}} = 0$ .
- 2-loop running with PyR@TE. [Sartore, Schienbein '21]
- Iteratively determine intermediate scale  $\Phi_0$ , match to SM at  $\mu_0 \sim \mathcal{O}(q_X \Phi_0)$ .
- Numerically minimize 1-loop  $V_{\text{eff}}$  (at  $\mu_0$ ), compute  $v_{\Phi}$  and  $v_H$ ,  $m_{h_{\Phi}}, m_h$ ,  $\lambda_{H, \Phi, p}$ , match to 1-loop  $V_{\rm eff}^{\rm SM}$  (+dilaton hidden scalar, corrections negligible).
- From  $\mu_0$  down to  $m_t$  2-loop running.
- Require  $v_H^{\text{exp}} = 246.2 \pm 0.1 \,\mathrm{GeV}$ , as well as  $g_L, g_Y, g_3$  and  $y_t$  within SM errors.
- Low scale new couplings  $g_X, g_{12}$  and masses  $m_{Z'}, m_{h_\Phi}$  are predictions.

### Parameter space



Parameters at  $\mu = M_{\text{Pl}}$ . All points shown reproduce the correct EW scale. New scale  $\langle \Phi \rangle = v_{\Phi}/\sqrt{2}$  is prediction.  $(m_h, M_t$  not imposed as constraint).

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### Phenomenological constraints



- $Z' \rightarrow l^+l^-$  resonance searches require  $m_{Z'} \geq 4 \,\text{TeV}$ . (di-jets are weaker)
- EW precision: Additional custodial breaking shifts  $m_Z$ ,

 $\Delta m_Z \propto -m_Z \langle H \rangle^2/(2 \langle \Phi \rangle^2)$ .

- Constraint:  $\langle \Phi \rangle \gtrsim 18 \,\text{TeV}$ , weaker than direct Z' searches.
- Dilaton-higgs mixing:

 $\mathcal{O}_{h_{\Phi}} \approx \sin \theta \times \mathcal{O}_{h \to h_{\Phi}}^{\text{SM}}$ .

For  $m_{h_{\Phi}} \sim 75 \,\text{GeV}$ ,  $\sin \theta \lesssim 10^{-1}$  is a-OK. (typical values for us are BP:  $\sin \theta \sim 10^{-2.5}$ )

• Neglect dilaton-gauge-gauge coupling from trace anomaly, suppressed by  $\frac{v_h}{r}$ .  $v_{\Phi}$ 

### Reproductions and predictions



All points shown reproduce the correct EW scale.  $M_t$ : top pole mass.

## Fine tuning and Future collider projections



Fine tuning:

$$
\Delta := \max_{g_i} \left| \frac{\partial \ln \frac{\langle H \rangle}{\langle \Phi \rangle}}{\partial \ln g_i} \right|.
$$

### Barbieri-Giudice measure. [Barbieri, Giudice '88]

The choice of  $(H)/\langle \Phi \rangle$  automatically subtracts the shared sensitivity of VEVs to variation of  $q_{\text{A}}$ . [Anderson, Castano '95] [Anderson, Castano '95]

Red stars:  $g_{12}|_{M_{\text{Pl}}} = 0$ .

Black star: benchmark point.

Projections are for hypercharge universal  $Z'$  from [R.K. Ellis et al. '20]

Prime target: Z' at FC, Dilaton production(+displaced dec.) at Higgs factories.

### Extensions and embeddings

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Additional fermions can:

- **-** Provide ingredients for neutrino mass generation, [Iso, Okada, Orikasa '09]
- **-** Be part of the dark matter, **EXADA BE 2018 12:**  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{S}}$  . Okada '18]
- **-** "Cure" SM vacuum instability. **[assume of the contract of**
- Custodial symmetry could originate from UV fixed point  $\leftrightarrow$  quantum criticality. e.g. [Litim, Sannino '14]
- GUT embeddings  $G_{\text{cust.}} \subset G_{\text{GUT}}$  allow to constrain  $q^\Phi_{\text{B-L}}$  and compute the size of gauge-kinetic mixing  $q_{12}$ .
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[Foot, Kobakhidze, McDonald, Volkas '07]

### Gravitational wave signals?

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- CW transition is known to be first order → Gravitational wave signals. see e.g. [Litim, Wetterich, Tetradis '97], [Dasgupta, Dev, Ghoshal, Mazumdar '22],[Huang, Xie '22]
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- In fact, the "minimal conformal  $B L$  model" is prototype for **strong supercooling** → strong GW signal from bubble collisions. see e.g. [Ellis,Lewicki,Vaskonen'20]<br>
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Quantitative predictions for our specific case have yet to be worked out!

### **Conclusions**

- Classical scale invariance + extended custodial symmetry (here  $SO(6)$ )
- $\Rightarrow$  New mechanism to explain large scale separation and little hierarchy problem.
- Minimal model:  $\Phi + U(1)_X$  gauge: same number of parameters as the SM.
- Predicts light scalar dilaton  $m_\Phi \sim 75\,{\rm GeV}$  +  $Z^\prime$  at  $4-100\,{\rm TeV}.$
- Top mass at lower end of currently allowed  $1\sigma$  region.
- Perfect model to motivate new colliders  $+$  Higgs factory  $+$  GR waves.
- Many extensions and details to explore.



# **Thank You!**

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# **Backup slides**

### Details of the potential and matching

Effective potential for background fields  $H_b$  and  $\Phi_b$  @1-loop MS:

 $\binom{1}{-}$ 1 for bosons(fermions),  $n_i \equiv \text{\#d.o.f}$  $C_i = \frac{5}{6} \left( \frac{3}{2} \right)$  for vector bosons(scalars/fermions).

$$
V_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{tree}} + \sum_{i} \frac{n_i (-1)^{2s_i}}{64\pi^2} m_{i,\text{eff}}^4 \left[ \ln \left( \frac{m_{i,\text{eff}}^2}{\mu^2} \right) - C_i \right] .
$$

**Two different** *analytical* expansions: First

$$
V_{\text{EFT}}(H_b) := V_{\text{eff}}\left(H_b, \tilde{\Phi}(H_b)\right), \qquad \text{with} \qquad \frac{\partial V_{\text{eff}}}{\partial \Phi_b}\bigg|_{\Phi_b = \tilde{\Phi}(H_b)} = 0 \,.
$$

Using  $\Phi_0 := \Phi(H_b/\Phi_b = 0)$ , we expand  $V_{\text{EFT}}$  in  $H_b \ll \Phi_0$ ,  $\sim$  RG-scale independent expression

$$
V_{\rm EFT} \approx 2 \left[ \lambda_p - \left( 1 + \frac{g_{12}}{2 g_X} \right)^2 \lambda_{\Phi} \right] \Phi_0^2 H_b^2 + \frac{\lambda_p \lambda_H}{16 \pi^2} \ldots \,].
$$

This expression illustrates the origin of the Higgs mass and EW scale suppression.

**Alternatively**, take  $\mu = \mu_0 := \sqrt{2}g_X\Phi_0e^{-1/6} \sim \langle \Phi \rangle$  and "t Hooft-like" expansion  $\frac{\lambda_p}{\lambda_H} \sim$  $\frac{H_b^2}{\Phi_0^2} \sim \epsilon^2 \to 0$ ,  $V_{\rm EFT} = -\frac{6\,g_X^4}{64\pi^2}\Phi_0^4 + 2\,\lambda_p\Phi_0^2H_b^2 + \lambda_HH_b^4 + \sum_{i=8N}$  $i = SM$  $\frac{n_i(-1)^{2s_i}}{64\pi^2}m_{i,\mathsf{eff}}^4\left[\ln\left(\frac{m_{i,\mathsf{eff}}^2}{\mu_0^2}\right.\right.$  $\mu_0^2$  $\setminus$  $- C_i$ 1 .

This expression facilitates matching to the SM at scale  $\mu_0$ .

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### Details of the potential and matching II

For all practical purpose the usual CW relation holds:

$$
\Phi_0^2 \approx \exp\left\{-\frac{16\pi^2\lambda_{\Phi}}{3g_X^4} - \ln(2g_X^2) + \frac{1}{3} + \dots\right\}\mu^2.
$$
 (1)

Analytically we can use  $H_b \ll \tilde{\Phi}(0) := \Phi_0$  and the leading order expression for  $\Phi_0$  reads

$$
\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \ln\left(\frac{\Phi_0^2}{\mu^2}\right) = -\frac{\lambda_{\Phi} + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left\{ q_{\Phi}^4 g_X^4 \left[3 \ln\left(2 q_{\Phi}^2 g_X^2\right) - 1\right] + 4\lambda_p^2 \left(\ln 2\lambda_p - 1\right) \right\}}{3\, q_{\Phi}^4 g_X^4 + 4\,\lambda_p^2} \,. \tag{2}
$$

Alternatively, we can use the  $\epsilon$  expansion, and  $\Phi_0$  at  $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^0)$  reads

$$
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$$

This is an example for the difference between the two expansion schemes. Note that our quantitative analysis is not based on any of these expansions but uses a fully numerical minimization of the effective potential to compute  $\langle \Phi \rangle$  and  $\langle H \rangle$ .

### Integrating out scalar in non-conformal model

Consider a simple two complex scalar system with a potential given by

$$
V = -m_H^2|H|^2 - m_{\Phi}^2|\Phi|^2 + \frac{\lambda_H}{2}|H|^4 + \lambda_P|H|^2|\Phi|^2 + \frac{\lambda_{\Phi}}{2}|\Phi|^4.
$$

For  $m^2_\Phi>0$  and  $-m^2_H+m^2_\Phi\frac{\lambda_p}{\lambda_p}$  $\frac{\lambda_p}{\lambda_\Phi}>0$ , this potential has a minimum at  $\langle\Phi\rangle:=\frac{v_\Phi}{\sqrt{2}}=0$  $\sqrt{\frac{m_\Phi^2}{\lambda_\Phi}}, \langle H \rangle = 0.$ Integrating out the heavy field  $\Phi$  at tree level, we find the low energy potential

$$
V_{\text{EFT}} = \left(-m_H^2 + \lambda_p \frac{v_{\Phi}^2}{2}\right)|H|^2 + \frac{1}{2}\left(\lambda_H + \frac{\lambda_p^2}{\lambda_{\Phi}}\right)|H|^4
$$
  
= 
$$
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$$

The light field is massless at tree level if  $\lambda_\Phi\,m_H^2\,=\,\lambda_p\,m_\Phi^2$ .<br>A special point fulfilling this condition is  $m_H^2\,=m_\Phi^2:=m^2$  and  $\lambda_p=\lambda_\Phi:=\lambda$ . At this point the original potential is given by

$$
V = -m^{2} (|H|^{2} + |\Phi|^{2}) + \frac{\lambda}{2} (|H|^{2} + |\Phi|^{2})^{2} + \frac{\lambda_{H} - \lambda}{2} |H|^{4}
$$

This potential is symmetric up to the quartic term of  $H$  which can violate the symmetry badly without affecting the light mass term at tree level.

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## Benchmark point 1 (BP)



Table: Input parameters of an example benchmark point (BP) at the high scale (top) and corresponding predictions at the matching scale  $\mu_0$  (middle) and  $M_t$  (bottom). At  $\mu_0$  the bold parameters also correspond to the parameters of the one-loop SM effective potential. The numerical result for the VEV of  $\Phi$  is  $\langle \Phi \rangle = v_{\Phi}/\sqrt{2} = 54407 \,\text{GeV}$ .

### One-loop RGE's

Neglect all Yukawas besides  $y_t$  and take general  $U(1)_X$  charges  $q_{H,\Phi}$ .

$$
\beta_{\lambda_{H}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}} \left[ +\frac{3}{2} \left( \left( \frac{g_{Y}^{2}}{2} + \frac{g_{L}^{2}}{2} \right) + 2 \left( q_{H} g_{X} + \frac{g_{12}}{2} \right)^{2} \right)^{2} + \frac{6}{8} g_{L}^{4} - 6 y_{t}^{4} + 24 \lambda_{H}^{2} + 4 \lambda_{P}^{2} + \lambda_{H} \left( 12 y_{t}^{2} - 3 g_{Y}^{2} - 12 \left( q_{H} g_{X} + \frac{g_{12}}{2} \right)^{2} - 9 g_{L}^{2} \right) \right],
$$
  
\n
$$
\beta_{\lambda_{\Phi}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}} \left( +6 q_{\Phi}^{4} g_{X}^{4} + 20 \lambda_{\Phi}^{2} + 8 \lambda_{P}^{2} - 12 \lambda_{\Phi} q_{\Phi}^{2} g_{X}^{2} \right),
$$
  
\n
$$
\beta_{\lambda_{P}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}} \left[ +6 q_{\Phi}^{2} g_{X}^{2} \left( q_{H} g_{X} + \frac{g_{12}}{2} \right)^{2} + 8 \lambda_{P}^{2} + 8 \lambda_{P}^{2} \right. \\ \left. + \lambda_{P} \left( 8 \lambda_{\Phi} + 12 \lambda_{H} - \frac{3}{2} g_{Y}^{2} - 6 q_{\Phi}^{2} g_{X}^{2} - 6 \left( q_{H} g_{X} + \frac{g_{12}}{2} \right)^{2} - \frac{9}{2} g_{L}^{2} + 6 y_{t}^{2} \right) \right],
$$
  
\n
$$
\beta_{g_{12}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}} \left[ -\frac{14}{3} g_{X} g_{Y}^{2} - \frac{14}{3} g_{X} g_{12}^{2} + \frac{41}{3} g_{Y}^{2} g_{12} + \frac{179}{3} g_{X}^{2} g_{12} + \frac{41}{6} g_{12}^{3} \right] .
$$

The dominant splitting of  $\lambda_{\Phi} - \lambda_p$  via running (for benchmark charges) is given by

$$
\beta_{\lambda_{\Phi}} - \beta_{\lambda_p} = -\frac{6 g_{12} g_X^2}{16\pi^2} \left( g_X + \frac{g_{12}}{4} \right) - \frac{\lambda_p}{16\pi^2} \left[ 6y_t^2 - \frac{9}{2} g_L^2 - \frac{3}{2} g_Y^2 + 12(\lambda_H - \lambda_p) \right] + \dots,
$$

We do the numerical running with the full two-loop beta functions computed with  $PvR@TE$ .

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### Higgs-dilaton mixing

A crude analytic expression for the Higgs-dilaton mixing angle is

$$
\tan \theta \approx \frac{2\left[\lambda_p - \left(1 + \frac{g_{12}}{2g_X}\right)^2 \left(\lambda_{\Phi} - \frac{3g_X^4}{16\pi^2}\right)\right]v_H v_{\Phi}}{m_h^2 - m_{h_{\Phi}}^2}
$$

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Note: We use a fully numerical evaluation of all masses and mixings for our analysis which also confirms the analytic approximations.



### Gravitational wave signals?

Quantitative predictions for our specific case have yet to be worked out! But see:

