

# **Constraining Composite Higgs models**

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My research is focused on the phenomenology of BSM theories

Main goal of this research (and of the LHC):

Unveil the **nature of the EWSB mechanism**

General strategy:

Build **theoretical framework** to interpret the data

- ▶ look for **motivated** scenarios
- ▶ develop and test hypothetical **models**

# Probing composite Higgs scenarios

In my recent works I considered scenarios with new strong dynamics giving rise to a **Composite Higgs**

Derive constraints with a **model-independent approach**:

- ▶ bounds from EW precision measurements
- ▶ bounds from LHC direct searches

Develop a general model-independent parametrization of the dynamics of the lightest fermionic resonances (useful for LHC phenomenology)

see also [De Simone, Matsedonskyi, Rattazzi, Wulzer 2012]

Identify the EW observables that are determined by the IR physics (less sensitive to UV completion):

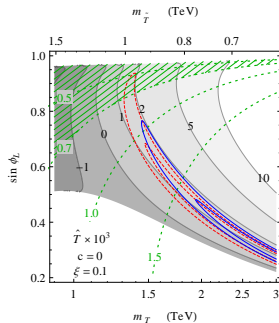
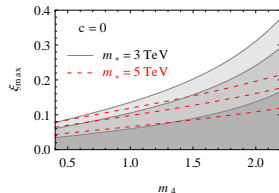
- ▶ best observable:  $T$  parameter (finite and UV insensitive)
- ▶  $S$  can be dominated by enhanced IR contributions
- ▶  $Zb\bar{b}$  can receive large UV corrections

The  $S$  parameter can receive sizable contributions from light resonances

- ▶ strong bounds on compositeness

$$\xi \equiv (v/f)^2 \lesssim 0.1$$

Constraints from EW data in many models are still **stronger** than direct exclusion



Non-trivial flavor structures can lead to a sizable amount of compositeness for the light generation quarks

see for example [Fitzpatrick, Perez, Randall 2007; Csaki, Falkowski, Weiler 2008;

Csaki, Perez, Surujon, Weiler 2009; Redi, Weiler 2011 ...];

- ▶ Compositeness for R-handed quarks:  $u_R, c_R$
- ▶ Light generations mixed with light fermionic resonances

# Light quark compositeness: LHC bounds

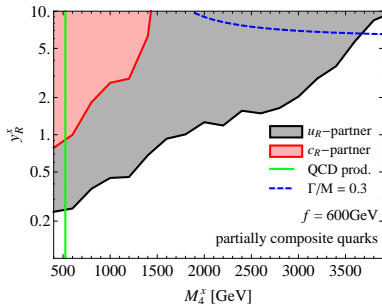
For partners in non-trivial representations:  $X \rightarrow Wj$  or  $X \rightarrow Zj$

In flavor universal models:

- ▶ same compositeness for  $u_R$ ,  $c_R$  and  $t_R$  ( $y_R \gtrsim 1$ )
- ▶ very **stringent bounds**:  $M_{part} \gtrsim 1.7$  TeV

Relaxing the universality structure:

- ▶ only **mild direct bounds** on  $c$  partners:  $M_c \gtrsim 500$  GeV



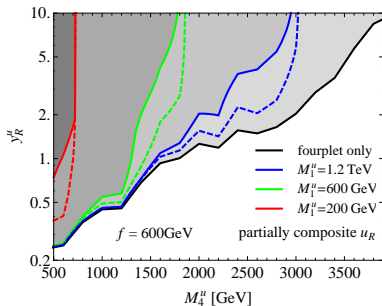
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**Singlet** partners have 'difficult' signatures:  $X \rightarrow hj$

(or  $X \rightarrow jj, jjj$  see [Redi, Sanz, De Vries, Weiler])

- ▶ so far no direct LHC constraint

Mixing and chain decays through a singlet can significantly reduce the bounds on other partners





# Recent publications and current projects

## Recent **publications**:

- Panico, Redi, Tesi and Wulzer, “On the Tuning and the Mass of the Composite Higgs,” JHEP **1303** (2013) 051 [arXiv:1210.7114 [hep-ph]].
- Grojean, Matsedonskyi and Panico, “Light top partners and precision physics,” JHEP **1310** (2013) 160 [arXiv:1306.4655 [hep-ph]].
- Delaunay, Flacke, Gonzales-Fraile, Lee, Panico and Perez, “Bounds on non-degenerate fermionic resonances in composite Higgs models”, arXiv:131x.xxxx [hep-ph].

## Current **projects**:

- Bounds on top partners from LHC searches  
[with Matsedonskyi and Wulzer]
- Bounds on double Higgs production in BSM scenarios  
[with Azatov, Contino, Son et al.]