# The Composite Twin Higgs

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## The hierarchy problem

- After LHC run I, the Higgs boson has been discovered, marking an important step in the understanding of EWSB.
- However, in the SM any elementary scalar is unstable under radiative corrections, so the Higgs should be as heavy as the Planck scale.
- We may solve the tension between naturalness and the actual Higgs mass by lowering the SM cut-off to a few TeV.
- A new dynamics should exist at that scale, endowed with a symmetry protection mechanism that keeps the Higgs mass light.

# The Composite Higgs



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#### The composite Higgs potential

The Higgs potential is generated at one-loop due to the Composite-Elementary mixing:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\textit{mix}} = g W^{lpha}_{\mu} J^{\mu}_{lpha} + y_L f ar{q}_L U \Psi + y_R f ar{t}_R U \Psi$$

The biggest contribution comes from the top sector:

$$V(h) \sim rac{N_C}{16\pi^2} M_{\Psi}^4 \left[ a \left(rac{y_L}{g_*}
ight)^2 F_2\left(rac{h}{f}
ight) + b \left(rac{y_L}{g_*}
ight)^4 F_4\left(rac{h}{f}
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ight]$$

The Higgs mass is highly sensitive to the fermionic scale so a light Higgs requires light coloured top partners:

$$m_H^2\sim {N_C y_L^2\over 8\pi^2}M_\Psi^2$$

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# The Twin Higgs



#### Ingredients

SU(4)/SU(3) breaking in the Higgs sector

A mirror copy of the SM

3 GBs are eaten by W/Z, 3 by W'/Z', 1 is the Higgs

The quadratic divergences can be cancelled without coloured top partners.

#### The Twin Higgs potential

The gauging breaks the global symmetry and generates a potential for the Higgs at 1-loop:

$$\Delta V = rac{9g^2\Lambda^2}{64\pi^2}H^{\dagger}H + rac{9\widetilde{g}^2\Lambda^2}{64\pi^2}\widetilde{H}^{\dagger}\widetilde{H}.$$

Imposing the Z<sub>2</sub> symmetry g = g̃ and the Higgs mass vanishes:

$$\Delta V = rac{9 g^2 \Lambda^2}{64 \pi^2} \left( H^\dagger H + \widetilde{H}^\dagger \widetilde{H} 
ight).$$

At order O(g<sup>4</sup>), there are contributions breaking SU(4) and generating a non-vanishing potential:

$$\Delta V = rac{g^4}{16\pi^2} \log\left(rac{\Lambda}{gf}
ight) (H^4 + \widetilde{H}^4).$$

The Composite Twin Higgs - Gauge sector



The resonances at the scale m\* can be much heavier.

The Composite Twin Higgs potential - Gauge sector

The gauge contribution to the Higgs potential cancels in the Z<sub>2</sub> symmetric limit:

$$V(h)_{g^2} = rac{9g_*^2 f^4}{512\pi^2} \left(g_2^2 \sin^2 rac{h}{f} + \widetilde{g}_2^2 \cos^2 rac{h}{f}
ight) \, .$$

- The cancellation can be proven by spurion analysis: invariant operators = ( H invariants) - ( G invariants).
- Since for SO(8)/SO(7), 28 = 21 ⊕ 7, only one operator can appear.
- For the original SU(4)/SU(3), 15 = 8 ⊕ 3 ⊕ 3̄ ⊕ 1, there are two invariants and the protection of the Higgs mass is not guaranteed.

# The Composite Twin Higgs - Top Sector



The fermionic resonances at the scale m\* need not be light.

### The Composite Twin Higgs potential - Top Sector

- The Twin mechanism ensures the cancellation of the Higgs potential at order  $O(y_L^2)$ , when  $y_L = \tilde{y}_L$ .
- The relevant terms in the potential arise at order  $O(y_L)^4$ :
  - The first is an IR effect corresponding to the running of the Higgs quartic down from the scale m<sub>\*</sub>

$$V_{IR}(h) = rac{N_C}{16\pi^2} \left[ m_t(h)^4 \log rac{m_*^2}{m_t(h)^2} + m_{\widetilde{t}}(h)^4 \log rac{m_*^2}{m_{\widetilde{t}}(h)^2} 
ight]$$

The second is pure y<sup>4</sup><sub>L</sub> contribution not enhanced by IR logs:

$$V_{y^4}(H)\sim rac{N_C}{16\pi^2}\left(y_L^4\sin^4rac{h}{f}+\widetilde{y}_L^4\cos^4rac{h}{f}
ight).$$

# The full potential

The gauge plus top potential can be rewritten as:

$$V(h) = f^4 \beta \left( s^4 \log \frac{a}{s^2} + c^4 \log \frac{a}{c^2} \right),$$

with 
$$\beta = \frac{3y_t^4}{64\pi^2}$$
,  $\log a = \log \frac{2\mu^2}{y_t^2 f^2} + \frac{y_L^4}{y_t^4} F_1$ .

- This potential is not realistic: either it does not have tunable minima or a small fine tuning requires an unacceptably large f.
- We need to turn on Twin Parity breaking sources; one possibility is not to gauge the Twin Hypercharge.

# Realistic EWSB

First contribution from hypercharge loops:  $\Delta V_1(h) = \frac{3 g_s^2 f^4}{512 \pi^2} g_1^2 s^2$ Second from RG running of top sector parameters:  $\Delta V_2(h) = \frac{N_c f^2 m_s^2}{32 \pi^2} \left[ y_L^2 s^2 + y_L'^2 c^2 \right]$  $\mathbf{m}^* \quad y_L - y'_L = \frac{b g_1^2}{16 \pi^2} y_L^2 \log \frac{A_{UV}}{m_s}$ 

Fotal potential: 
$$V(h) = \alpha f^4 s^2 + \beta f^4 \left( s^4 \log \frac{a}{s^2} + c^4 \log \frac{a}{c^2} \right)$$
$$\alpha = A g_1^2 g_{\varrho}^2 + B \Delta y^2 g_{\Psi}^2$$

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# A light Higgs without colored top partners

We can obtain a naturally light Higgs for

$$\log a \sim 6 + \log \sqrt{\xi}.$$

- A realistic value of ξ = 0.1 requires a ~ 5, which can be easily reproduced for g<sub>\*</sub> ~ 4π.
- Minimal tuning also implies

$$\log \frac{\Lambda_{UV}}{m_*} \geq \frac{50}{bB},$$

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which means a large separation of the two scales.