

# Composite unification and top physics

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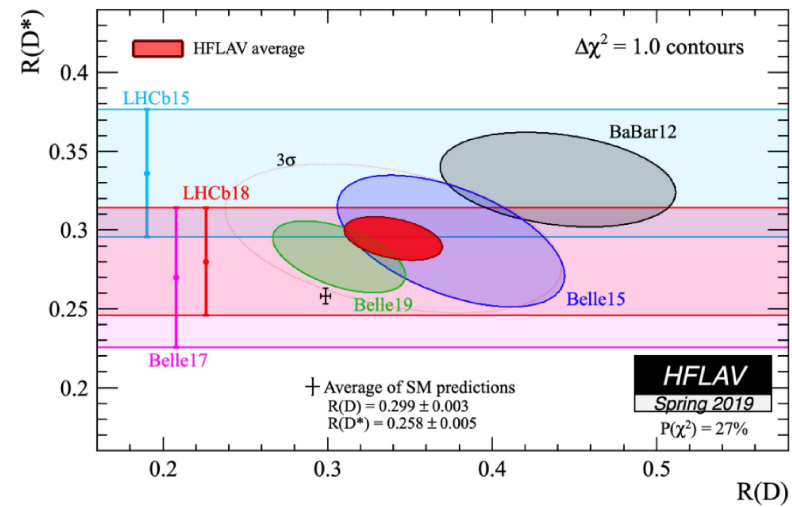
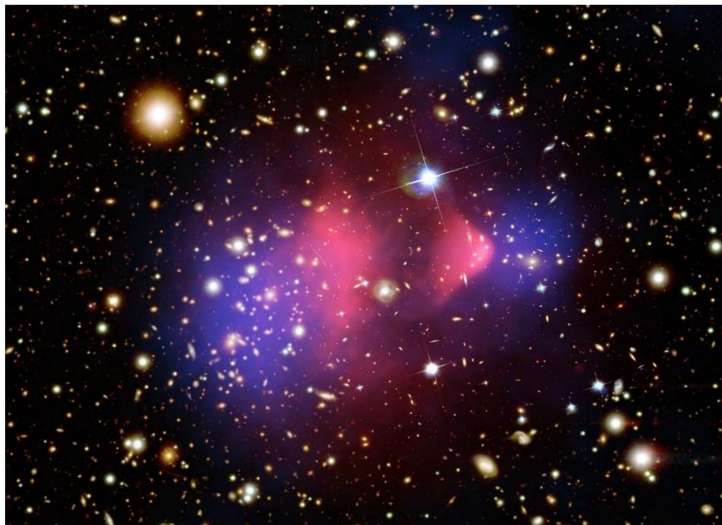
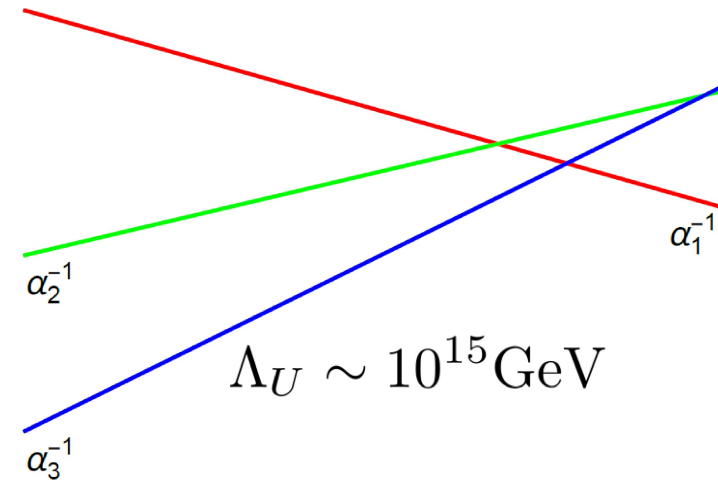
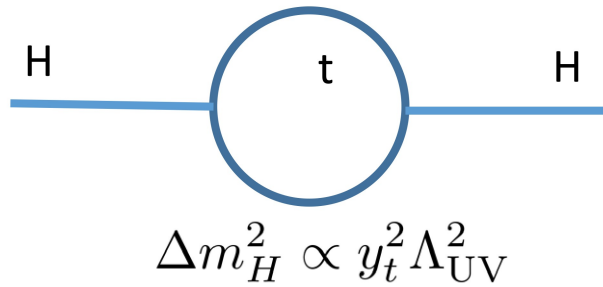
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# Outline

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- 5) Conclusions



# Some motivations for BSM



# Composite Higgs

Basic idea: Higgs = bound state of a new sector

To have a large UV cutoff (without tuning) should be close to a CFT

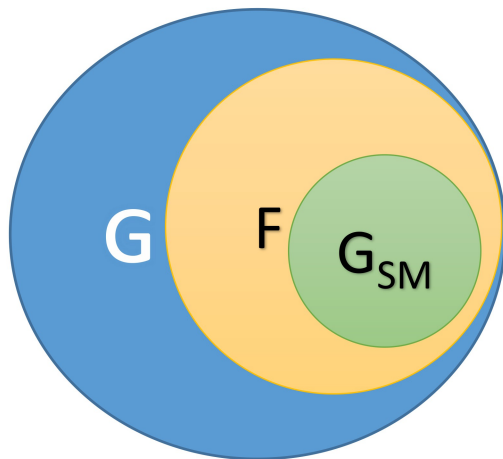
Symmetry of CFT should include

$$G_{\text{SM}} = \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{U}(1)_Y$$

conformal sym. broken at scale  $M \sim \text{few TeV} \ll \Lambda$ , massive states

Higgs **may** be NGB - preferable for little hierarchy  
& to suppress  $H \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$

Giudice, Grojean, Pomarol, Rattazzi 2007



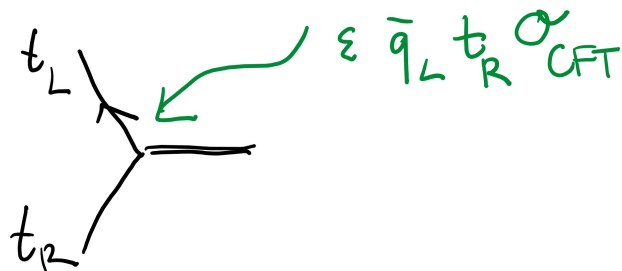
weak gauging of  $G_{\text{SM}}$  explicitly breaks  $G$ ,  
generates a Higgs potential (but typically  
no EWSB)

One realization: Randall-Sundrum (for NGB: gauge-Higgs unification)

# Whence the flavour ?

- Need to couple top (and other fermions to the Higgs)
- How does CKM come about (and perhaps non-minimal flavour)?

If top is a composite state, or it is not but it is bilinearly coupled (as in basic technicolor-type constructions)



then generically also



& severe flavour problem, unless further engineering (walking; extended symmetries, ...)

# Partial compositeness

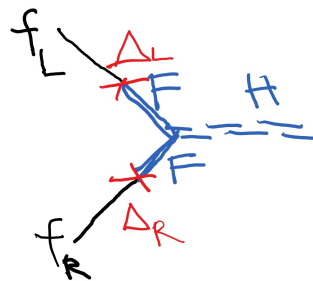
SM fermions are mixtures of elementary and composite particles,

$$|t_L^{\text{phys}}\rangle \approx \cos \phi_{t_L} |t_L\rangle + \sin \phi_{t_L} |T_L\rangle$$

by virtue of linear mixing  $\mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}} \supset -\lambda_{t_L} \bar{t}_L T_L$  ( $\sin \phi_{t_L} = \lambda_{t_L} / (1 + \lambda_{t_L}^2)$ )

$T_L$  = CFT spin  $1/2$  operator with dimension  $\sim 5/2$  and  $|T_L\rangle$  its lightest excitation (a Dirac fermion). Alleviates flavour problem (w.r.t. bilinear)

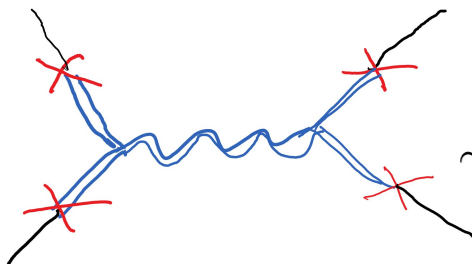
Can destabilize a pNGB Higgs potential & cause EWSB



$$Y_{ij} = (\Delta_L^\dagger M_L^{-1} \hat{Y} M_R^{-1} \Delta_R)_{ij}$$

Viable flavour from  
“anarchy”

Huber; Grossman & Neubert;  
Gherghetta & Pomarol; ...



$$\sim \frac{g_*^2 \Delta^4}{M^6} (\bar{f} \Gamma f) (\bar{f} \Gamma f)$$

for  $M \sim \text{few TeV}$  requires some  
further symmetry

Redi & Weiler;  
Barbieri, Isidori, Straub, ...

# EW precision & minimal model

To avoid tree-level T-parameter contributions

$$\Delta g \sim \frac{M_W^2}{f^2} \dots$$

require a custodial symmetry;

minimal choice:  $SU(2)_L \rightarrow SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \sim SO(4)$

→  $G = SU(3) \times SO(5) \times U(1)$ ,  $F = SU(3) \times SO(4) \times U(1)$ ,

$G \rightarrow F$  at scale  $f < M$

→ for hypercharge

→ NGB Higgs in  $(0,2,2)_0$  representation

Minimal composite Higgs model

Agashe, Contino, Pomarol 2004

Various possible representations for top operators

original choice was  $(4, 2, 1)$  &  $(4, 1, 2)$  (spinors under  $SO(4)$ )

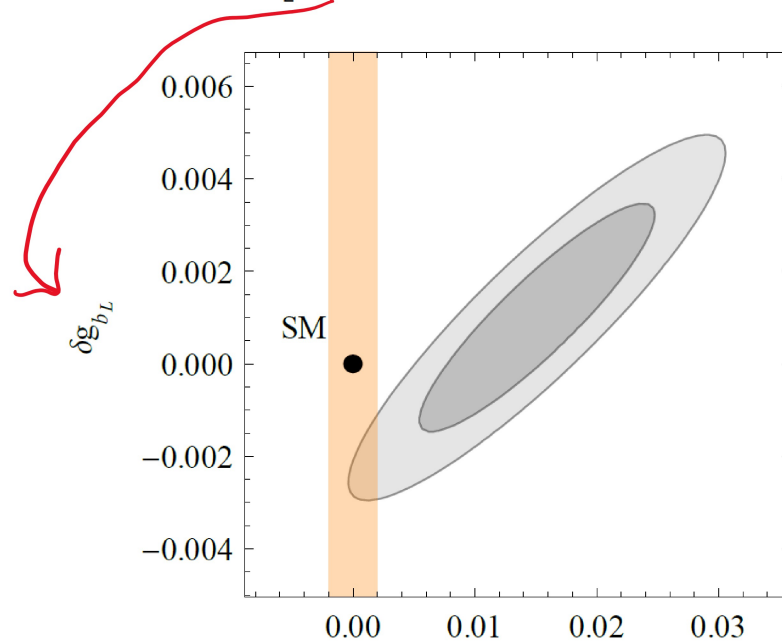
“MCHM<sub>4</sub>”

# Zqq coupling

Generically, corrections to Z couplings of the form

$$\mathcal{L} = c_1 \text{Tr} [\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu Q_L \hat{V}_\mu] + c_2 \text{Tr} [\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu V_\mu Q_L] + c_3 \text{Tr} [\bar{Q}_L \gamma^\mu i D_\mu U] \text{Tr}[U^\dagger Q_L] + h.c.$$

$$\frac{g}{\cos \theta_W} \left[ \frac{c_2 - c_1}{2} \bar{b}_L \gamma^\mu b_L - \frac{c_1 + c_2 + 2c_3}{2} \bar{t}_L \gamma^\mu t_L \right] Z_\mu - \frac{g}{\sqrt{2}} (c_2 + c_3) \bar{t}_L \gamma^\mu b_L W_\mu^+ + h.c.$$



Targets for LHC top physics

can kill  $Z b_L b_L$  by  
enlarging  $SO(4)$  to  $O(4)$  provided  
 $T_{3L}(b_L) = T_{3R}(b_R)$

Agashe, Contino, DaRold, Pomarol 2006

from Grojean et al 2013  $\delta g_{b_R}$

Then 
$$\delta g_{t_L} \gtrsim \frac{y_t^2}{g_\psi^2} \frac{v^2}{f^2}$$

# Top partners

To protect  $Zbb$  via  $P_{LR}$ ,  $tL$  should be in  $(3, 2, 2)_{2/3}$  &  $tR$  in  $(3, 1, 1)_{2/3}$   
(both can fit in 5 of  $SO(5)$ :  $MCHM_{5+5}$  )

Gives top partner states  $B$ ,  $T$ ,  $X_{2/3}$ ,  $X_{5/3}$  (from 2 x  $SU(2)$  doublet)  
and  $\tilde{T}$  ( $SU(2)$  singlet) , various decays involving tops

Table 7: Expected and observed lower limits on the T and B quark masses.

$\mathcal{B}(bW)$	$\mathcal{B}(tZ)$	$\mathcal{B}(tH)$	Expected Limit (TeV)	Observed limit (TeV)
1.0	0	0	1.44	1.54
0	1.0	0	1.47	1.48
0	0	1.0	1.55	1.50
0.50	0.25	0.25	1.41	1.49
0	0.50	0.50	1.50	1.50
$\mathcal{B}(tW)$	$\mathcal{B}(bZ)$	$\mathcal{B}(bH)$	Expected Limit (TeV)	Observed Limit (TeV)
1.0	0	0	1.51	1.56
0	1.0	0	1.08	1.12
0	0	1.0	1.12	1.11
0.50	0.25	0.25	1.38	1.47
0	0.50	0.50	1.09	1.12

CMS PAS B2G-20-011

# Leptoquarks & unification

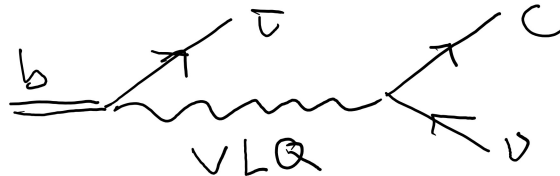


# Flavour anomalies:

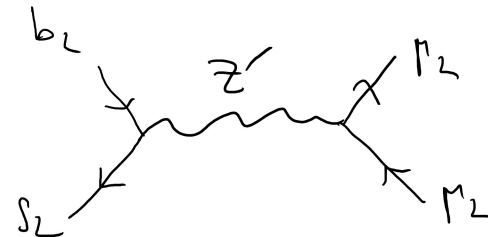
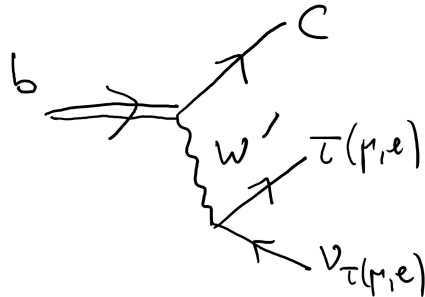
$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu b_L) (\bar{\nu}_\tau \gamma_\mu \tau_L)$$

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{s}_L \gamma^\mu b_L) (\bar{\mu}_L \gamma_\mu \mu_L)$$

Vector leptoquarks  $(3, 1, 2/3)$



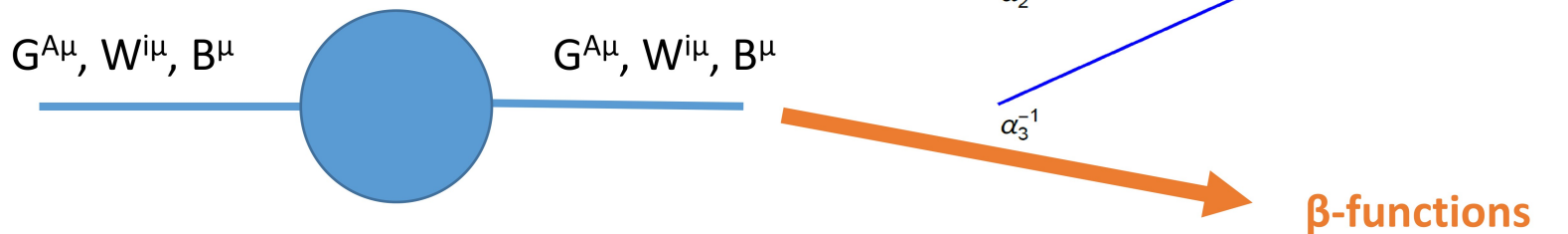
W'/Z' triplet  $(0, 3, 0)$



Can we have a composite vector leptoquark ?

# Running couplings

Coupling unification **generally ruined** by strong sector contributions.



To preserve gauge coupling unification, strong-sector symmetry should be simple.

Agashe, Contino, Sundrum 2005  
Frigerio, Serra, Varagnolo 2011

To preserve elementary matter unification, should have “GUT” U(1) normalisation, meaning

$$\frac{3}{5} \text{tr} Y^2 = \text{tr}(T^2) \quad (\text{T any SU(3) x SU(2) generator})$$

(not always satisfied in the literature)

# Partner unification & proton stability

Generically, without B-conservation TeV-scale proton decay

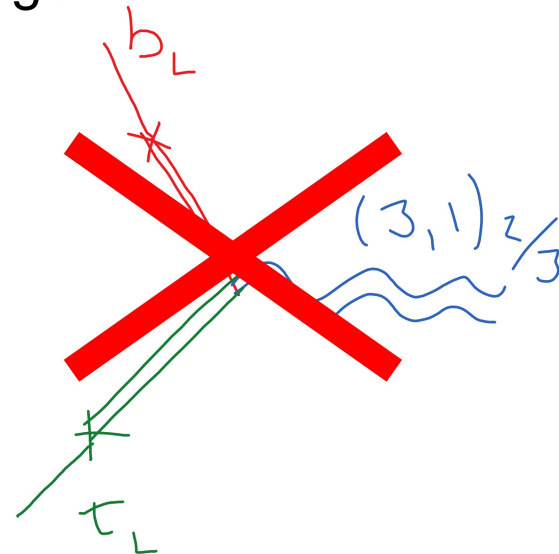
Agashe & Servant 2004

“Standard” solution:  $U(1)_B$  symmetry

Agashe & Servant 2004; Frigerio, Serra, Varagnolo 2011; Da Rold & Lamagna 2019

Generically lepton partners carry B-charge:  
Prevents composite partner unification

Vector resonances corresponding to extra G-currents are **not** leptoquarks (even if they carry the correct SM quantum numbers)



# SO(10) solutions

$G' = \text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)$  has rank 5.

Hence minimal rank for  $G$  is 5, in which case  $\text{U}(1)_X$  is fixed as the commutant (centralizer) of  $\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{SU}(2)$  in  $G$ .

For  $G=\text{SO}(10)$  this is (up to normalization) the “B-L” generator

- If we have  $P_{\text{LR}}$  symmetry we know  $X=2/3$  for the top, which together with the condition  $\text{tr} X^2 = \frac{2}{3} \text{tr}(T_{3L}^2)$  restricts the possible fermion representations.

- If we have  $B \propto X$  with  $X=0$  for the lepton partners then we can unify quark and lepton partners

# A concrete assignment

We can embed s.t. under  $SO(10) > SU(4) \times SU(2) \times SU(2)$ ,

$$t_L \in (15, 2, 2), \quad t_R \in (15, 1, 1)$$

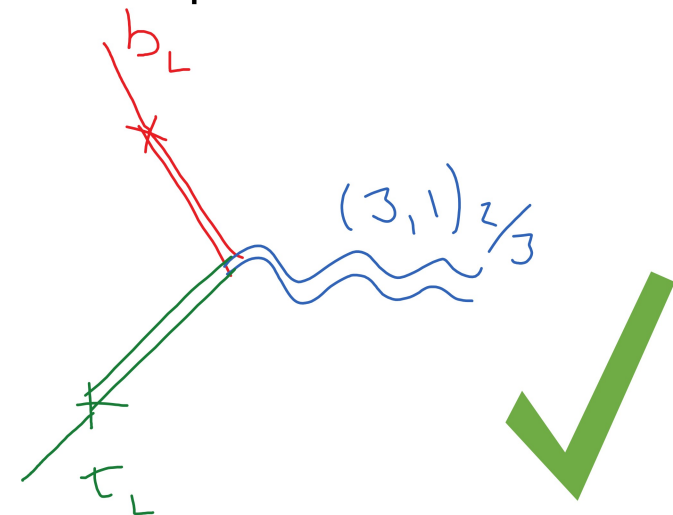
Under  $SU(3) \times U(1)_X$ ,  $15 = 8_0 + 3_{2/3} + \bar{3}_{-2/3} + 1_0$

$(15, 2, 2)_L$  contains colour singlet with the correct quantum numbers to embed left-handed leptons

$\tau_L$  naturally unified with  $t_L$ ,  $b_L$ .

X must be a symmetry of entire model:  
assign  $X = B$  to elementary fields

Proton stable. Vector in  $(3, 1)_{2/3}$  become genuine vector leptoquark!



(See also [Da Rold & Lamagna 2019], though their model does not seem to unify.)

# “Calculable” model & phenomenology

# Minimal model

Consider  $O(11) \times U(1)_F / [O(10) \times U(1)_F]$  pNGB Higgs realization

$[U(1)_F]$  “fermion number”: forbid TeV-scale Weinberg operator]

Embed,  $t_L, b_L, e_L$  and  $\nu_L$  in a single  $SO(11)$  irrep 165 (per generation)

Embed  $t_R$  either in 165 (“33 model”) or 55 (“23 model”)

( $d_R, e_R$  can go in 330 but will be irrelevant here)

Higgs will be a pNGB in 10 of  $O(10)$  together with a **colour triplet**

Compute (in “2-site” approximation)

top mass and top partner masses

top partners now in  $SO(10)$  multiplets: includes

**colour octet “gluino” states (expt > 1.96 TeV)**

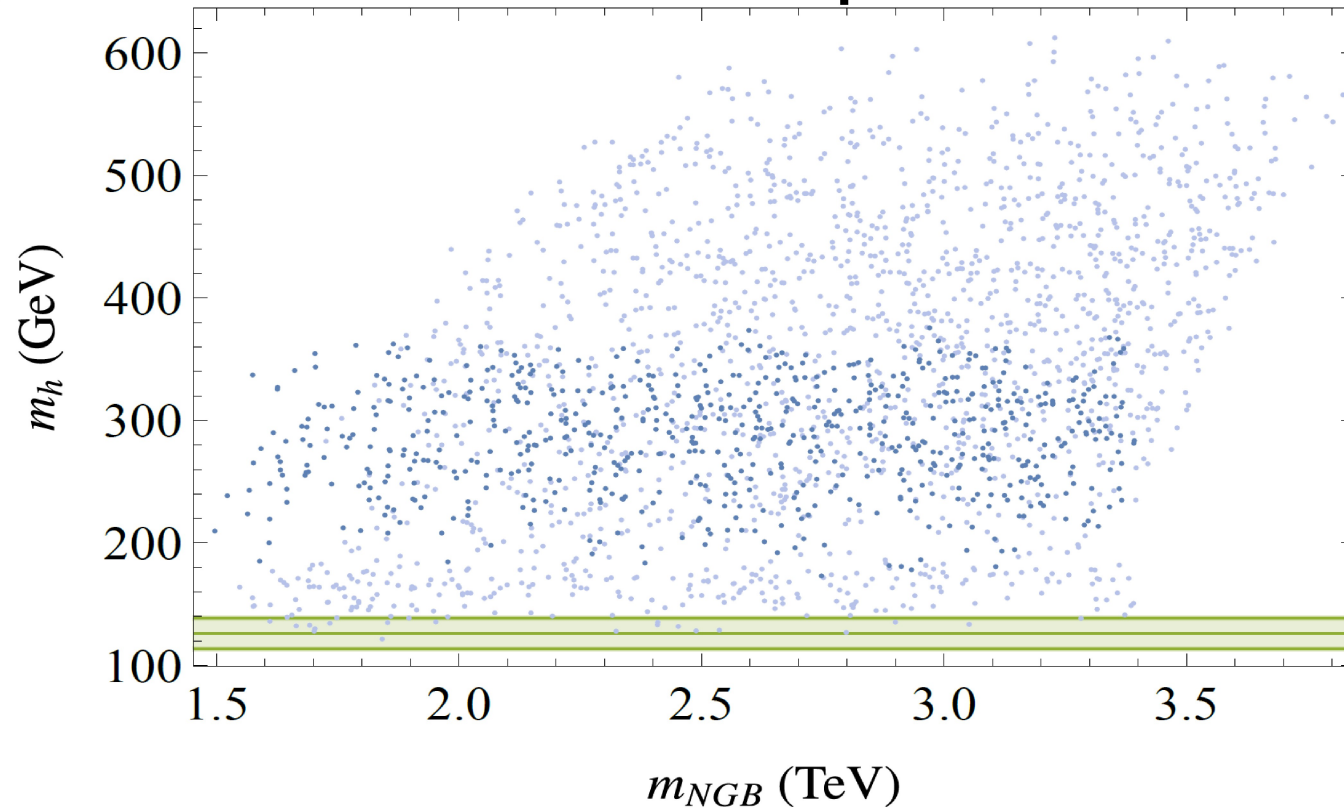
pNGB potential and masses

electroweak S and T parameters

# Higgs mass vs colour triplet mass

33 model

$f=2$  TeV



Tends to overshoot Higgs mass but can be viable (just as in  $MCHM_{5+5}$ )

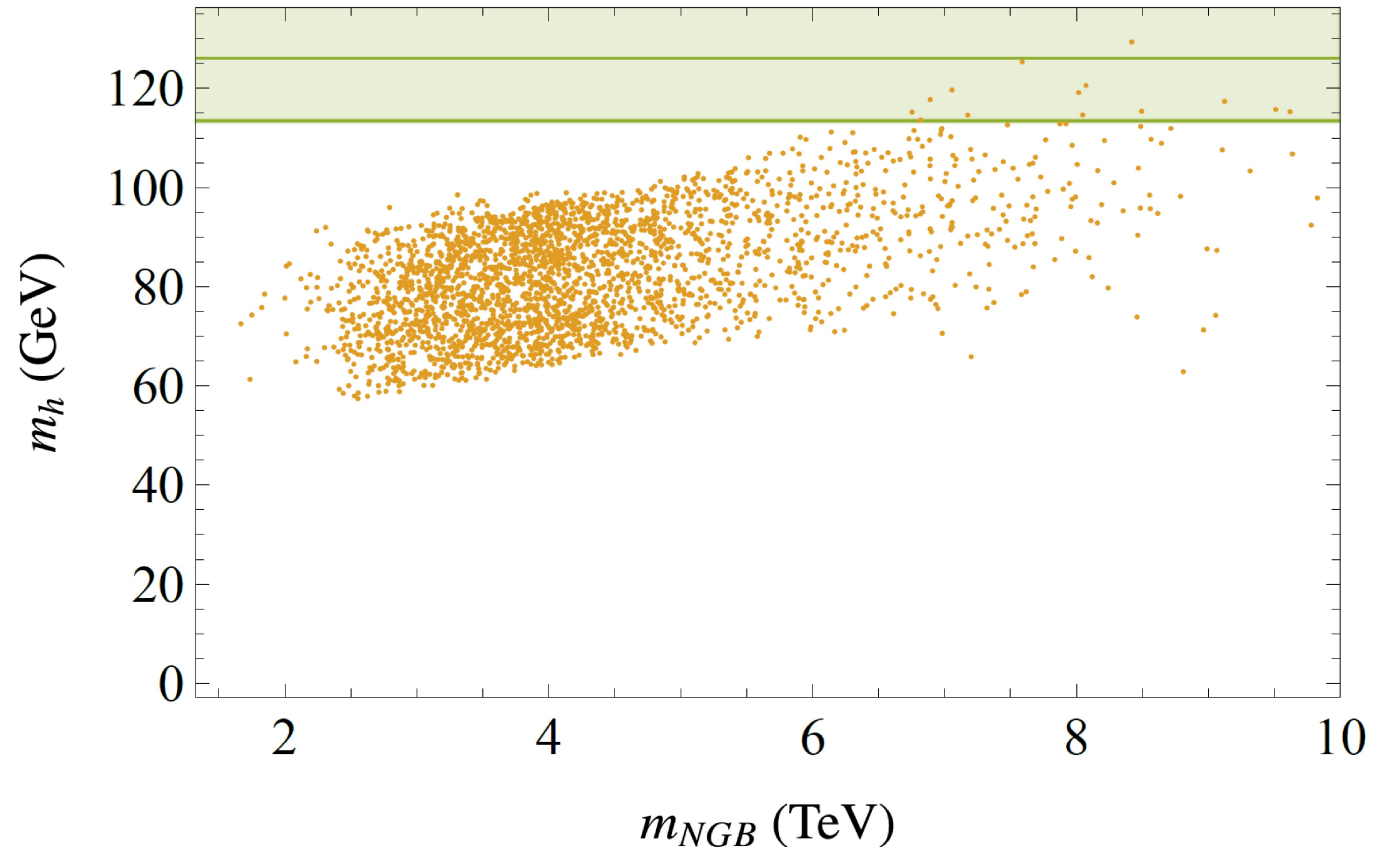
allows relatively light pNGB, less tuning of Higgs mass/EWSB



# Higgs mass vs colour triplet mass

23 model

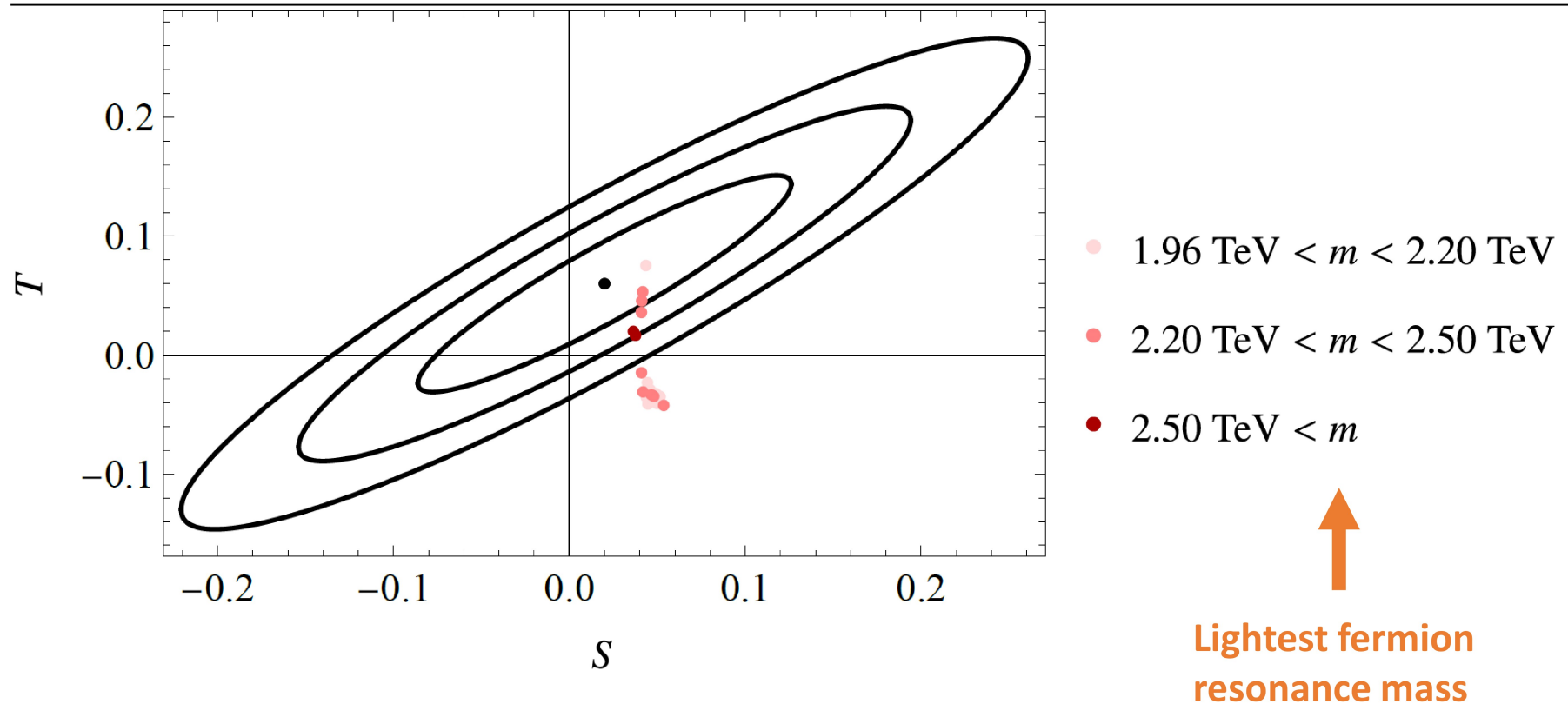
$f=2$  TeV



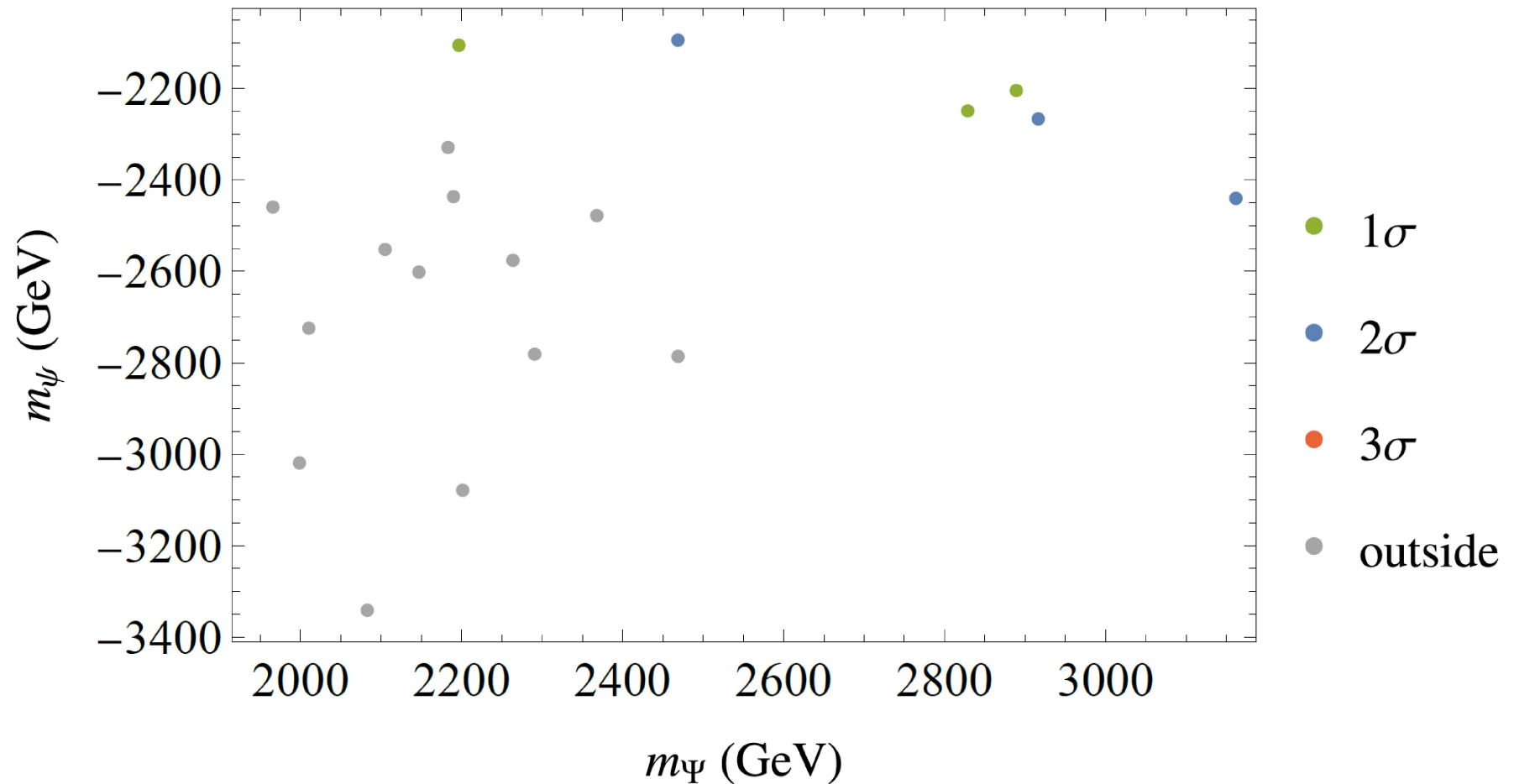
Physical Higgs mass requires implies heavy pNGB (and enhanced tuning of weak scale)

# EW oblique corrections

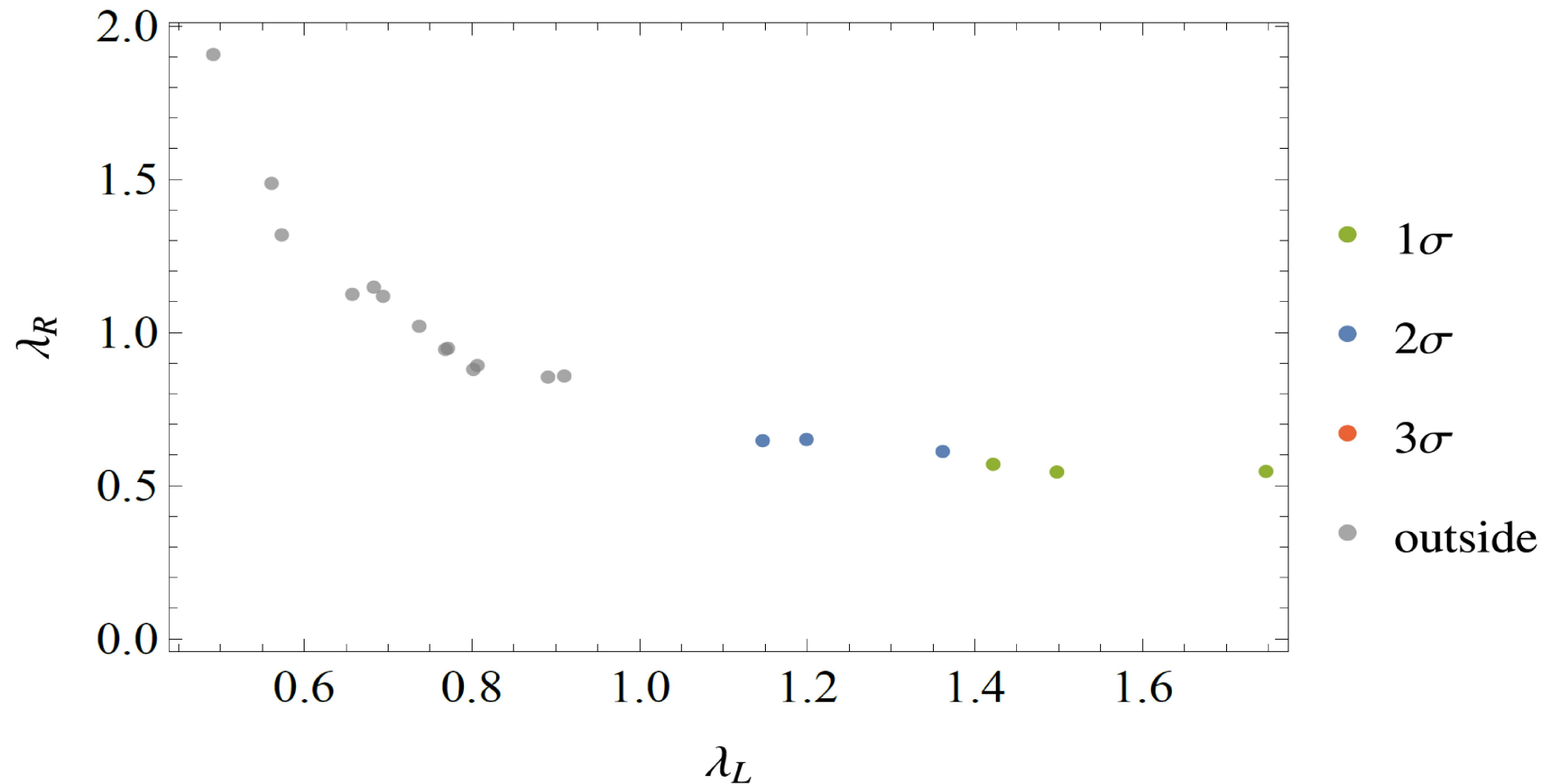
33 model, all points acceptable Higgs, top and NGB mass



# top partner mass parameters vs EWPT



# left/right top compositeness vs EWPT

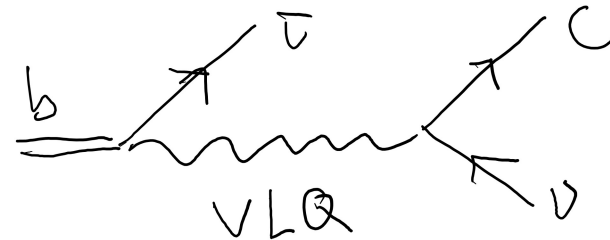


EWPT favour large left-handed compositeness

# Flavour

The 33 model favours relatively light resonances (fermions close to 2 TeV, vectors  $\sim 3$ -4 TeV possible) with strong left-handed compositeness.

Together with the “automatic”  $U_1$  vector leptoquark, is qualitatively what is needed to explain the  $R_{D^{(*)}}$  anomalies



$$\frac{1}{\Lambda^2} (\bar{c}_L \gamma^\mu b_L) (\bar{\nu}_\tau \gamma_\mu \tau_L)$$

Satisfying other constraints (such as  $B_s$  mixing) puts additional requirements on the flavour structure of the elementary composite mixing and the flavour symmetry (or lack thereof) of the strong sector – add'l model dependence

# Conclusions

- 1) Composite Higgs can address the hierarchy problem and may underly the observed flavour hierarchies/mixings
- 2) Generic prediction of top partners with interesting LHC phenomenology
- 3) Sketched pNGB GUT model which embodies gauge coupling unification, matter unification and custodial protection of T and Zbb
- 4) Within unification, a generic prediction of a vector leptoquark with impact on collider and flavour – though reaching the level hinted at by  $R_{D^{(*)}}$  is a challenge.

# pNGB potential - generalities

$$V(H, \mathcal{T}) = -\alpha' f^2 \sin^2 \frac{H}{f} + \beta' f^2 \sin^4 \frac{H}{f} + \gamma' f^2 \sin^2 \frac{|\mathcal{T}|}{f} + \epsilon' f^2 \sin^2 \frac{H}{f} \sin^2 \frac{|\mathcal{T}|}{f}$$

$$\alpha' = 2 \beta' \xi$$

$$\xi = v^2 / f^2$$

$$m_H^2 = 8 \xi (1 - \xi) \beta'$$

**Must reproduce  
measured values**

$$m_{\text{NGB}}^2 = \gamma' + \epsilon \xi$$

**Stable colour triplet – must  
exceed LHC bound**

Compute as Coleman-Weinberg potential from strong-sector current-current (vector) and fermion 2-point functions (modelled with a small number of resonances)

# pNGB potential - qualitative

$$m_H^2 = 8 \xi(1 - \xi)\beta'$$

$$m_{\text{NGB}}^2 = \gamma' + \epsilon \xi$$

Each coefficient is the sum of a vector and a fermion contribution

- Very strong, almost linear correlation between  $\alpha'_{\text{vec}}$  and  $\gamma'_{\text{vec}}$ , with  $\gamma'_{\text{vec}} \sim - (15..16) \alpha'_{\text{vec}} > 0$
- $\xi \ll 1$  hence  $\alpha'_{\text{ferm}} \approx - \alpha'_{\text{vec}} > 0$
- Hence  $\gamma'$  dominated by vector contribution
- $\beta'$  dominated by fermion contribution ( $>0$ )



# Vector contribution

$$V_{\text{vec}}(h) = \frac{9}{32\pi^2} \int_0^\Lambda dp^2 p^2 \ln \left( 1 + \frac{h^2}{4} \frac{\Pi_1(p^2)}{\Pi_0(p^2)} \right)$$

where  $\Pi_0, \Pi_1$  parameterize the strong sector current-current two-point functions

Model in terms of a single resonance for the unbroken generators ( $\rho$ ) and broken generators ( $a$ ), with corresponding decay constants

Impose first Weinberg sum rule (corresponding to a condition on dimension of a CFT operator, reduces UV divergence from quadratic to logarithmic)

# Vector contribution to pNGB potential

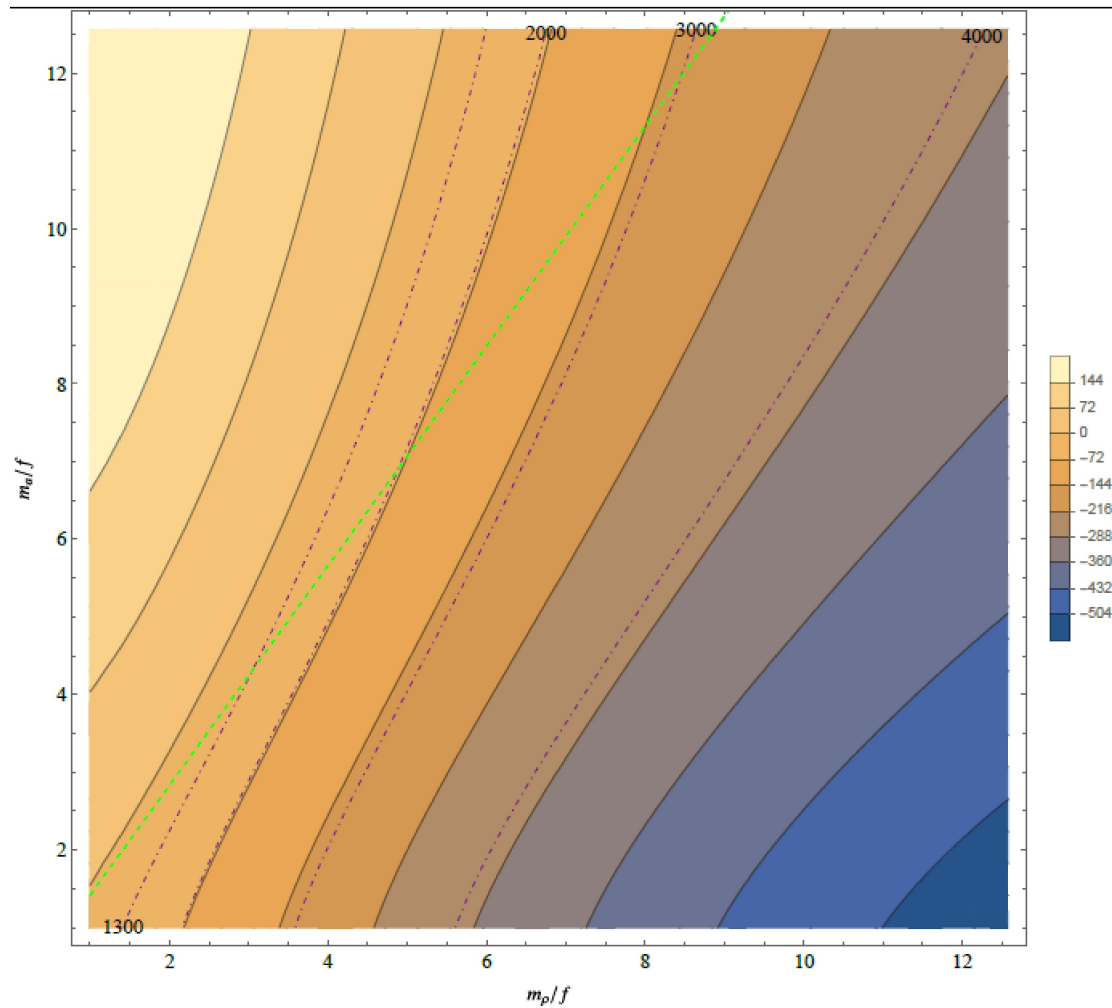
$$f_\rho = f$$

contours:  $\alpha'/f^2 \times 10^3$

green: second Weinberg sum rule holds (UV-finite integral)

Dash-dotted:

$$\sqrt{\gamma'} \approx m_{\text{pNGB}}$$



# Vector contribution to pNGB potential

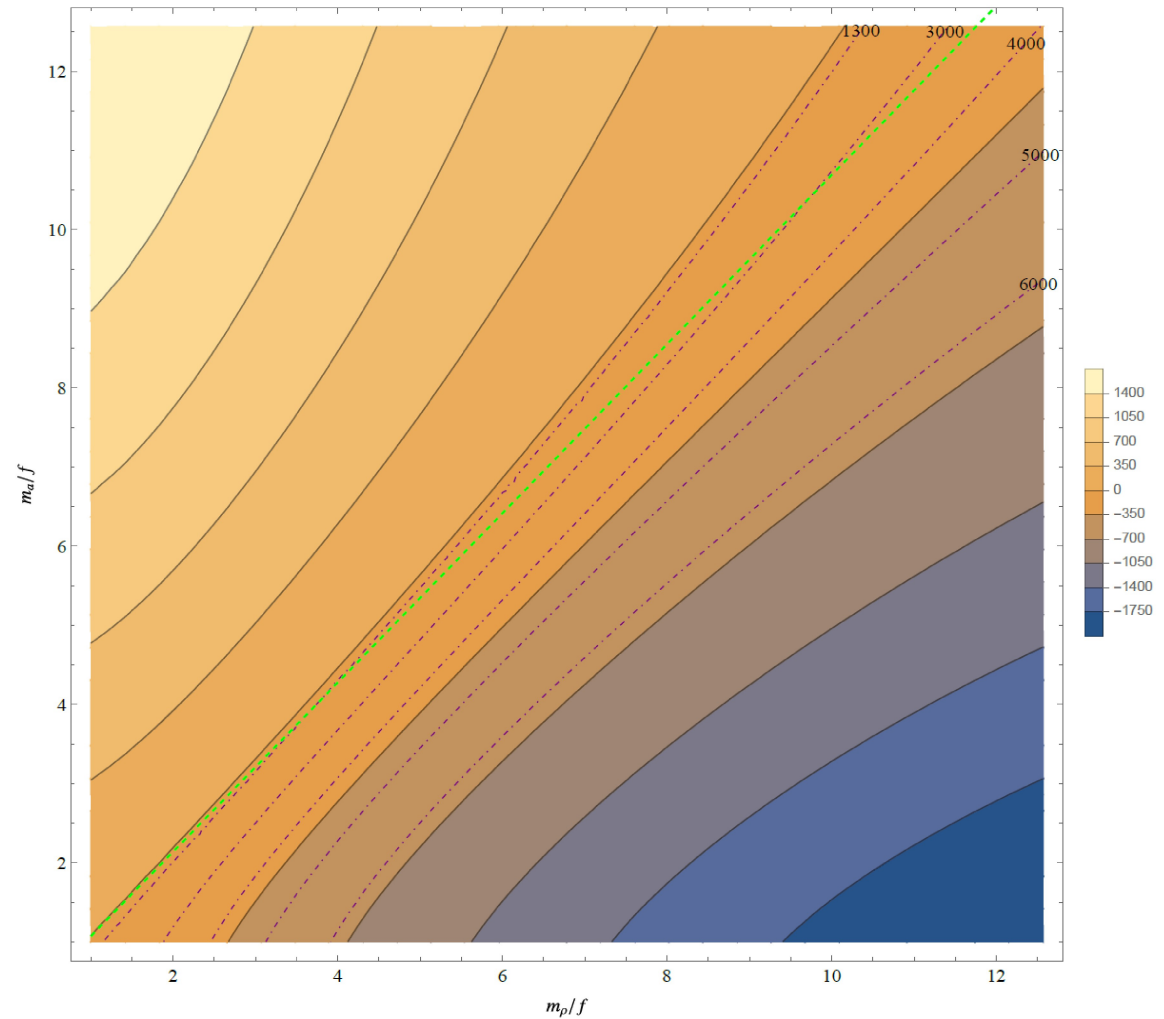
$$f_\rho = 2 f$$

contours:  $\alpha'/f^2 \times 10^3$

green: WSR2

Dash-dotted:

$$\sqrt{\gamma'} \approx m_{\text{pNGB}}$$



# Fermion contribution

Analogous to gauge contribution model with single resonance for each  $SO(10)$  fermion multiplet.

Impose first Weinberg sum rule.

One constraint from reproducing correct top mass.

Stringent experimental bounds on composite fermions masses – most stringent is from gluino searches (requires fermion resonance masses  $> 1.8$  TeV)

# Cosmology

The coloured NGB has a “weird” charge. In the 33 model all other resonances decay to it, plus SM stuff.

Apparence of such states is generic [Agashe & Servant 2004]

Unacceptable as a cosmological relic (affects BBN) Pospelov 2007

However it might form (  $\mathcal{T}\mathcal{T}\mathcal{T}$  ) bound states in the early universe

De Luca, Mitdideate, Redi, Smirnov, Strumia 2018

Gross, Mitridate, Redi, Smirnov, Strumia 2018

and sufficiently efficiently annihilate into SM particles via

$$\mathcal{T}\mathcal{T} \rightarrow \text{VLQ} \rightarrow b_L \bar{\tau}$$

similarly to the long-lived stop scenario in [Gross, Mitridate, Redi, Smirnov, Strumia 2018]