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# Composite Higgs boson from top dynamics

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- Outline:
- Composite Higgs models
  - $U(3)_L$ -symmetric Top-seesaw model
  - Computation of the Higgs mass
  - Signatures of vectorlike quarks

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- **Dark matter requires particle(s) beyond the  $SM\nu\mathcal{G}$**

**DM particle can be a fermion (Majorana or Dirac) or a boson (spin 0 or 1).**

**DM particle may be part of a large hidden sector ...**

- **A 4th generation of chiral quarks and leptons is essentially ruled out by the LHC searches for new quarks.**

**Vectorlike quarks or leptons = fermions whose masses are gauge invariant; current limits on their masses around 700 GeV.**

Only spin-0 particle of the  $SM \nu \mathcal{G}$ :

Higgs boson discovered by the ATLAS and CMS collaborations  
mass near 125 GeV, SM-like couplings (so far).

**Is the Higgs doublet a composite field?**

**If so, what are its constituents?**

**What binds them inside the Higgs field?**

**What are the experimental tests?**

## Composite Higgs models - Nambu-Goldstone bosons

- 1984 - 1985: Kaplan, Georgi, Dugan, Banks, Dimopoulos, ...  
QCD-like theories with Nambu-Goldstone bosons transforming as the SM Higgs doublet

- 2003 - ... : Agashe, Contino, Pomarol, Nomura, Redi, ...  
Require vectorlike quarks

## Strongly coupled conformal Higgs sector

- 1999 - ... : Randall, Sundrum, Agashe, Delgado, May, ...  
Warped extra dimension with bulk fields  
→ include vectorlike quarks.

## Composite Higgs models - Top condensation

- 1989 - 1993: Nambu; Miransky, Tanabashi, Yamawaki; Marciano; Bardeen, Hill, Lindner; ...

Strongly-coupled 4-fermion interactions  $\rightarrow$  Higgs doublet is a bound state of  $\bar{t}_R$  and  $(t, b)_L$ .

- 1997 - 1999: Hill, Dobrescu, Chivukula, Georgi, Tait, He, ...

Top-seesaw mechanism  $\rightarrow$  Higgs doublet is a bound state of a vectorlike quark and  $(t, b)_L$ .



## Top condensation

$$\frac{g^2}{\Lambda} (\bar{t}_R \psi_L^3) (\bar{\psi}_L^3 t_R) \quad \psi_L^3 = (t, b)_L$$

Similar to Nambu–Jona-Lasinio model 1961

$g \gg 1 \rightarrow \bar{t}_R \psi_L^3$  bound state

– same quantum numbers as the SM Higgs doublet!

Fermion loop gives mass term in the potential

$$M_H^2 = \Lambda^2 \left( 1 - \frac{g^2 N_c}{8\pi^2} \right)$$

Criticality condition:  $g > \pi \sqrt{8/N_c} \rightarrow$  bound state gets a VEV.

**Second order phase transition:**

**$|M_H^2| \ll \Lambda$  is possible if  $g$  is tuned to be only slightly above  $g_{\text{critical}}$ .**

**4-fermion interaction is not confining.**

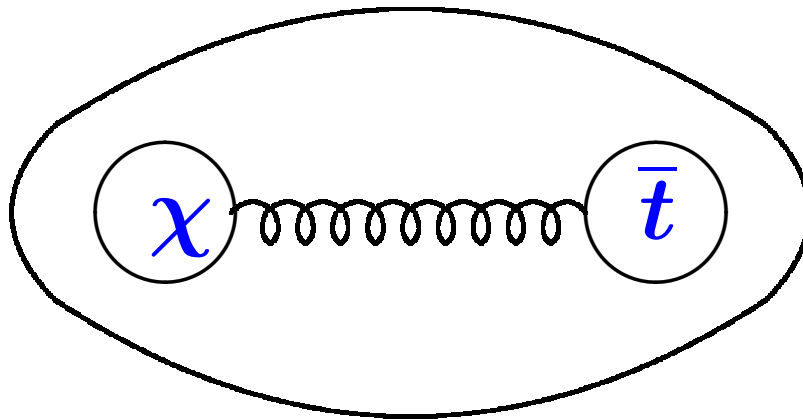
**If Higgs doublet is a  $\bar{t}_R \psi_L^3$  bound state, then top Yukawa coupling is large  $\rightarrow m_t \approx 600$  GeV ... unless  $\Lambda \rightarrow M_{\text{Planck}}$**

# Top seesaw model

**Higgs boson is a bound state of top quark with a new quark  $\chi$ .**

*(BD, C. Hill, hep-ph/9712319, Chivukula et al, hep-ph/9809470)*

*Binding may be due to some strongly-interacting heavy gauge bosons*



**Scale of Higgs compositeness may be as low as a few TeV.**

*Minimal composite Higgs model (MCHM) with light scalars: B.D, hep-ph/9908391*

Top seesaw: vectorlike quark  $\chi$ , transforming as  $t_R$ .

$H$  is a  $\bar{\chi}_R \psi_L^3$  bound state.

$$- (\bar{t}_L, \bar{\chi}_L) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{2}} v \\ m_{\chi t} & m_{\chi\chi} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_R \\ \chi_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$\xi$  at scale  $\Lambda$ , upon integrating out  $H$ , matches the coefficient of the 4-fermion interactions:

$$\xi^2 = \frac{8\pi^2}{N_c \ln(\Lambda/m_\chi)}$$

Composite scalars are  $U(3)_L$  triplets:

$$\Phi_t = \begin{pmatrix} H_t \\ \phi_t \end{pmatrix} \sim \bar{t}_R \begin{pmatrix} \psi_L^3 \\ \chi_L \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad \Phi_\chi = \begin{pmatrix} H_\chi \\ \phi_\chi \end{pmatrix} \sim \bar{\chi}_R \begin{pmatrix} \psi_L^3 \\ \chi_L \end{pmatrix}$$

Two Higgs doublets and two singlets:

$$H_t = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (h_t + iA_t) \\ H_t^- \end{pmatrix} \quad , \quad H_\chi = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v + h_\chi + iA_\chi) \\ H_\chi^- \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\phi_t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (us_\gamma + \varphi_t + i\pi_t) \quad , \quad \phi_\chi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (uc_\gamma + \varphi_\chi + i\pi_\chi)$$

$$\Phi = (\Phi_t, \Phi_\chi)$$

The scalar field  $\Phi$  is a  $3 \times 2$  complex matrix

$$V_\Phi = \frac{\lambda_1}{2} \text{Tr}[(\Phi^\dagger \Phi)^2] + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} (\text{Tr}[\Phi^\dagger \Phi])^2 + M_\Phi^2 \Phi^\dagger \Phi$$

Explicit  $U(2)_R$  breaking effects which distinguish  $t_R$  and  $\chi_R$ :

$$\delta M_{tt}^2 \Phi_t^\dagger \Phi_t + \delta M_{\chi\chi}^2 \Phi_\chi^\dagger \Phi_\chi + (M_{\chi t}^2 \Phi_\chi^\dagger \Phi_t + \text{H.c.})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -\mu_{\chi t} \bar{\chi}_L t_R - \mu_{\chi\chi} \bar{\chi}_L \chi_R + \text{H.c.}$$

**Below  $\Lambda$ , these fermion masses map to tadpole terms for the  $SU(2)_W$ -singlet scalars:**

$$V_{\text{tadpole}} = -(0, 0, C_{\chi t}) \Phi_t - (0, 0, C_{\chi\chi}) \Phi_\chi + \text{H.c.}$$

**Matching at the scale  $\Lambda$  gives**

$$C_{\chi t} \approx \frac{\mu_{\chi t}}{\xi} \Lambda^2 \quad , \quad C_{\chi\chi} \approx \frac{\mu_{\chi\chi}}{\xi} \Lambda^2 .$$

Effective potential below the compositeness scale:

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{\text{scalar}} = & \frac{\lambda_1 + \lambda_2}{2} [(\Phi_t^\dagger \Phi_t)^2 + (\Phi_\chi^\dagger \Phi_\chi)^2] + \lambda_1 |\Phi_t^\dagger \Phi_\chi|^2 + \lambda_2 (\Phi_t^\dagger \Phi_t)(\Phi_\chi^\dagger \Phi_\chi) \\
 & + M_{tt}^2 \Phi_t^\dagger \Phi_t + M_{\chi\chi}^2 \Phi_\chi^\dagger \Phi_\chi + (M_{\chi t}^2 \Phi_\chi^\dagger \Phi_t + \text{H.c.}) \\
 & - (0, 0, 2C_{\chi t}) \text{Re } \Phi_t - (0, 0, 2C_{\chi\chi}) \text{Re } \Phi_\chi
 \end{aligned}$$

In the large  $N_c$  limit,  $\lambda_1 \gg \lambda_2$ .



Mass-squared matrix of the CP-even neutral scalars ( $h_t, h_\chi, \varphi_t, \varphi_\chi$ ):

$$\begin{pmatrix} M_{H^\pm}^2 + \frac{\lambda_1}{2}v^2 & 0 & -\frac{\lambda_1}{2}uvc_\gamma & -\frac{\lambda_1}{2}uvs_\gamma \\ 0 & \lambda_1v^2 & 0 & \lambda_1uvc_\gamma \\ -\frac{\lambda_1}{2}uvc_\gamma & 0 & M_{H^\pm}^2 + \frac{\lambda_1}{2}(1 + s_\gamma^2)u^2 & \frac{\lambda_1}{2}u^2s_\gamma c_\gamma \\ -\frac{\lambda_1}{2}uvs_\gamma & \lambda_1uvc_\gamma & \frac{\lambda_1}{2}u^2s_\gamma c_\gamma & \lambda_1\left(1 - \frac{s_\gamma^2}{2}\right)u^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Keeping the leading order in  $v^2/u^2$  and  $s_\gamma$ :

$$M_h^2 = \lambda_1v^2s_\gamma^2 \frac{M_{H^\pm}^2}{2M_{H^\pm}^2 + \lambda_1u^2}$$

Higgs mass is suppressed by  $s_\gamma$ , because in the limit of  $m_t \rightarrow 0$  the  $U(3)_L$  breaking tadpole terms vanish and the  $H_\chi$  and  $\pi_\chi$  fields become Nambu-Goldstone bosons.

$$m_t \approx \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{2}} v s_\gamma$$

$\xi$  and  $s_\gamma$  are related to the top Yukawa coupling  $s_\gamma \approx \frac{y_t}{\xi}$

$\xi$  is expected to be between 3 and 4.5  $\rightarrow s_\gamma^2 \sim O(0.1)$ .

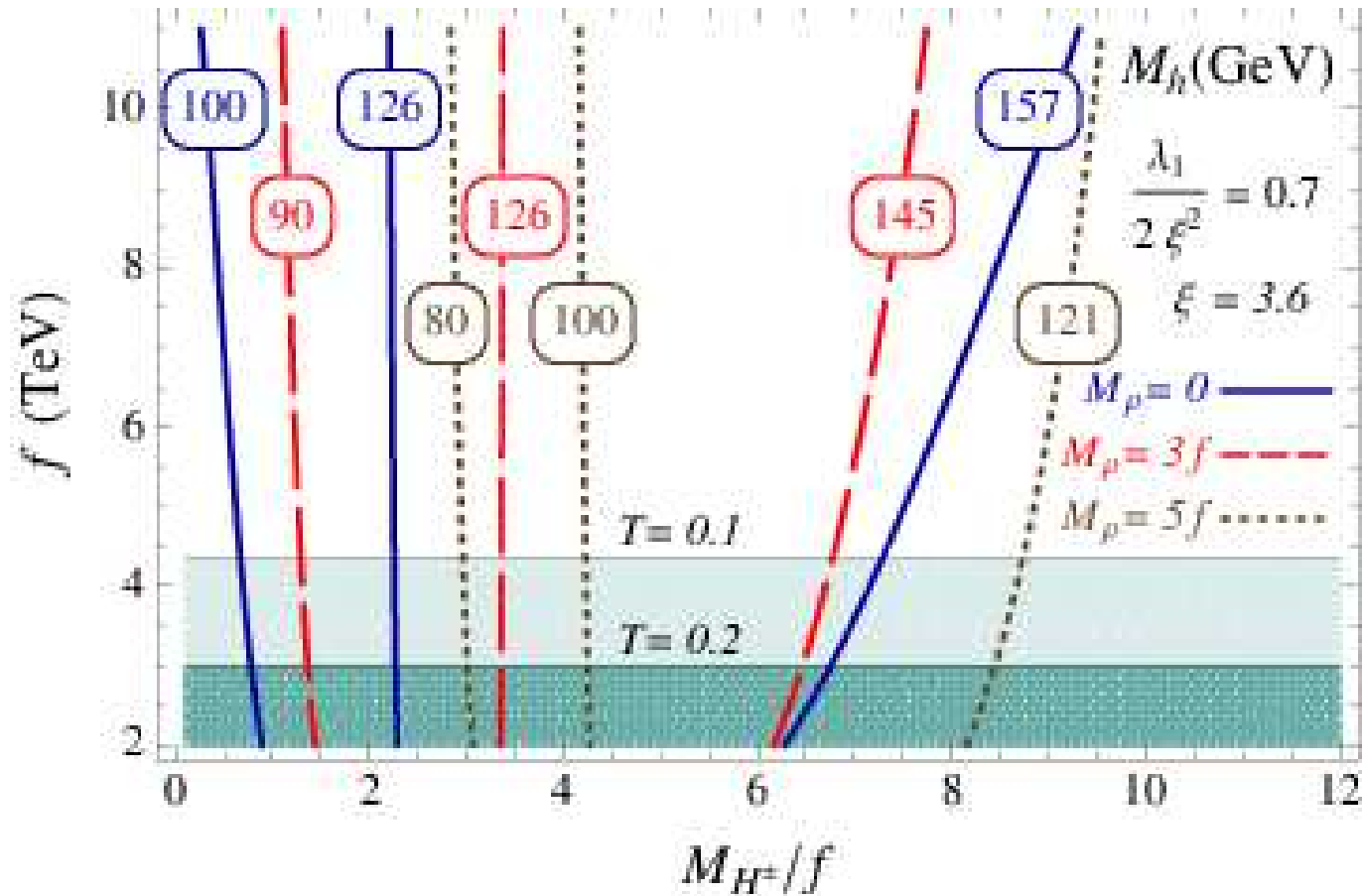
$$M_h^2 \approx \frac{\lambda_1}{2\xi^2} \left( 1 + \frac{\lambda_1 m_{t'}^2}{\xi^2 M_{H^\pm}^2} \right)^{-1} y_t^2 v^2$$

In the fermion-loop approximation of NJL the ratio of couplings  $\lambda_1/(2\xi^2) = 1$ . Scalar and gauge boson loops reduce this ratio:

$$0.4 \lesssim \frac{\lambda_1}{2\xi^2} \lesssim 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad M_h < m_t$$

Additional  $U(3)_L$  breaking effects from  $SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$  interactions.  
 Higgs squared mass receives a correction:

$$\Delta M_h^2 \approx -(0.08 v)^2 \frac{M_\rho^2}{f^2}$$



Custodial symmetry is broken by the  $t - \chi$  mixing:

$$T \approx \frac{3}{16\pi^2\alpha f^2} \left[ \frac{v^2\xi^2}{2} + 4m_t^2 \ln \left( \frac{\xi f}{\sqrt{2}m_t} \right) - 2m_t^2 \right]$$

$T < 0.15$  at 95% CL  $\Rightarrow f > 3.5$  TeV

Fine-tuning of order  $v^2/f^2$  ...

*Loopholes:*

- higher-dimensional operators at the scale  $\Lambda$  may contribute to the  $T$  parameter. If they are negative, the limit on  $f$  decreases.
- additional states at the TeV scale may cancel the contribution of  $\chi$  to the  $T$  parameter.

*Example: H.C. Cheng, J. Gu: 1406.6689 custodial symmetry is preserved in the presence of a vectorlike quark transforming as  $(3,2,7/6)$*   
 $\Rightarrow f \gtrsim 1$  TeV

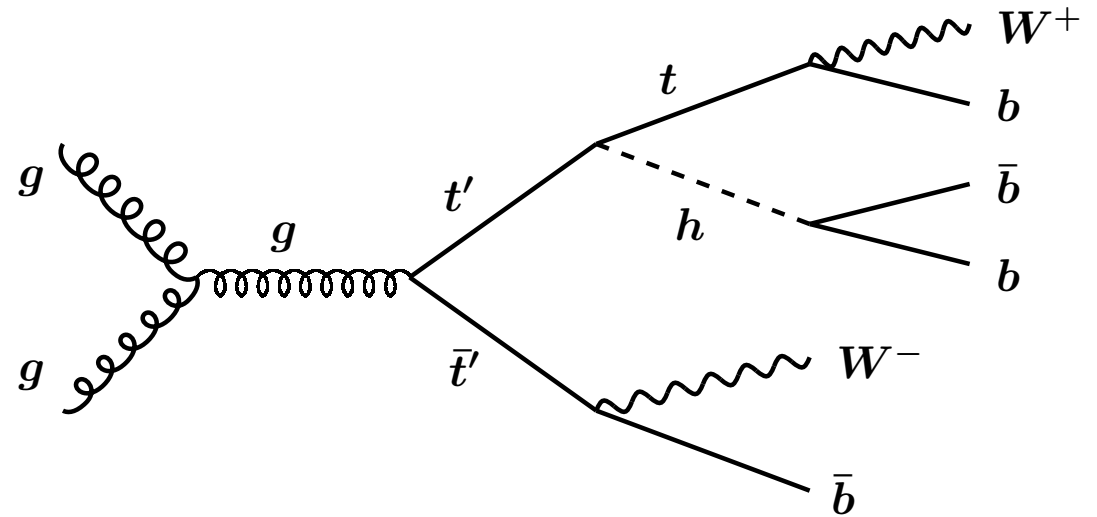
Mass of the new quark:

$$m_{t'} \approx \frac{\xi}{\sqrt{2}} f$$

$$f > 3 \text{ TeV} \Rightarrow m_{t'} > 8 \text{ TeV}$$

$$M_{H_1} > m_{t'}$$

We need a VLHC!



”Light” CP-odd scalar:  $M_A > 1 \text{ TeV}$ ,  
gluon fusion through  $\chi$  loop ...

## Story #2: Peculiar decays of vectorlike quarks

All Standard Model fermions are chiral: their masses are not gauge invariant, and arise from the Higgs coupling.

Vectorlike (i.e. non-chiral) fermions – a new form of matter.

Masses allowed by  $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$  gauge symmetry,  
 $\Rightarrow$  naturally heavier than the  $t$  quark.

Usual LHC searches for vectorlike quarks rely on their decays into a SM quark and a  $W$  or  $Z$  or  $h^0$  boson.

**Depending on some parameters, the vectorlike quarks may predominantly decay into 3 SM quarks,**

**or into one quark and two leptons,**

**or into one quark plus a  $g$  or  $\gamma$ .**

## A vectorlike $t'$ quark

A vectorlike quark  $\chi$  which transforms as  $(3,1,+2/3)$  under  $SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$  would mix with the top quark:

$$\mathcal{L} = - \left( \bar{u}_L^3, \bar{\chi}_L \right) \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_t v_H & 0 \\ M_0 & M_\chi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_R^3 \\ \chi_R \end{pmatrix}$$

$\lambda_t$  is the top Yukawa coupling

$v_H \simeq 174$  GeV is the Higgs vacuum expectation value

$M_0$  and  $M_\chi$  are mass parameters

$\chi$  is present in: *Top-quark seesaw theory, Little Higgs models, ...*

Transform the gauge eigenstates  $u^3$  and  $\chi$  to the physical states  $t$  and  $t'$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} t_L \\ t'_L \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_L & -\sin \theta_L \\ \sin \theta_L & \cos \theta_L \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u_L^3 \\ \chi_L \end{pmatrix}$$

The three initial parameters  $\lambda_t, M_0, M_\chi$  are replaced by physical parameters:

$m_t$  (measured!),  $m_{t'}$  and  $s_L \equiv \sin \theta_L$ .

Decay widths of  $t'$ :

$$\Gamma(t' \rightarrow W^+ b) = \frac{s_L^2 m_{t'}^3}{32\pi v_H^2} \left[ 1 + O\left(\frac{M_W^4}{m_{t'}^4}\right) \right]$$

$$\Gamma(t' \rightarrow Z t) = \frac{s_L^2 c_L^2 m_{t'}^3}{64\pi v_H^2} \left[ 1 + O\left(\frac{M_Z^4}{m_{t'}^4}\right) \right]$$

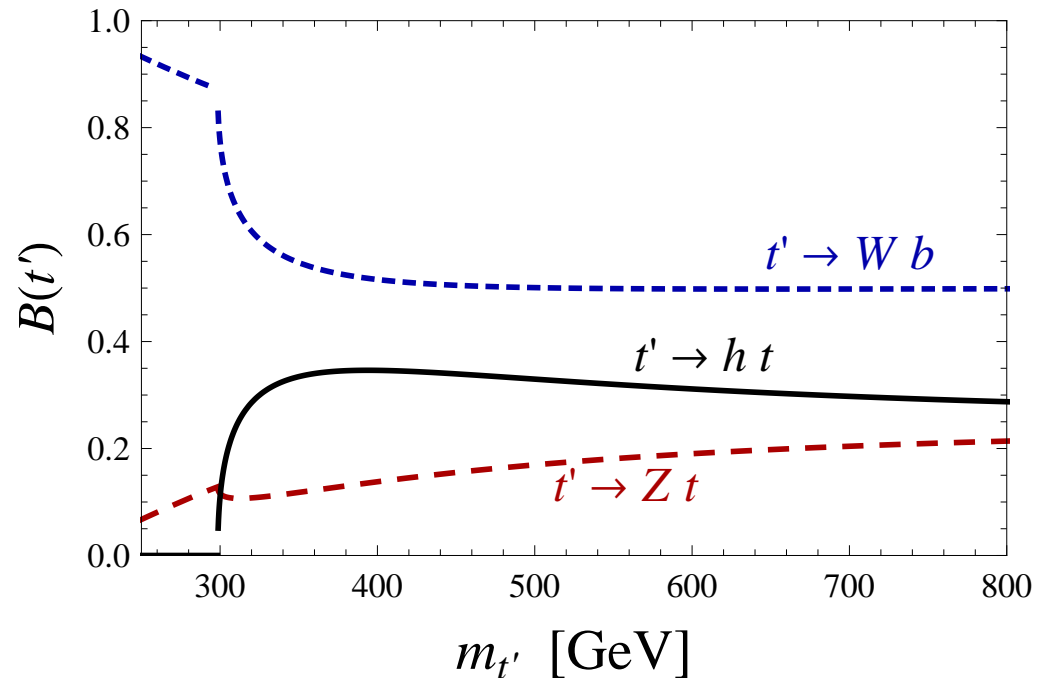
If  $m_{t'} > M_h + m_t$ :

$$\Gamma(t' \rightarrow h t) = \frac{s_L^2 c_L^2 m_{t'}^3}{64\pi v_H^2} \left[ \left(1 + \frac{m_t^2 - M_h^2}{m_{t'}^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{m_t^2}{m_{t'}^2}\right) + \frac{4m_t^2}{m_{t'}^2} \right] \left[ \left(1 - \frac{m_t^2 + M_h^2}{m_{t'}^2}\right)^2 - 4\frac{m_t^2}{m_{t'}^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

(with K. Kong, R. Mahbubani, 0902.0792)

Branching fractions of  $t'$ :

( $s_L = 0.1$ )





QCD production of  $t'\bar{t}'$ , followed by  $t'$  decays, leads to various final states:

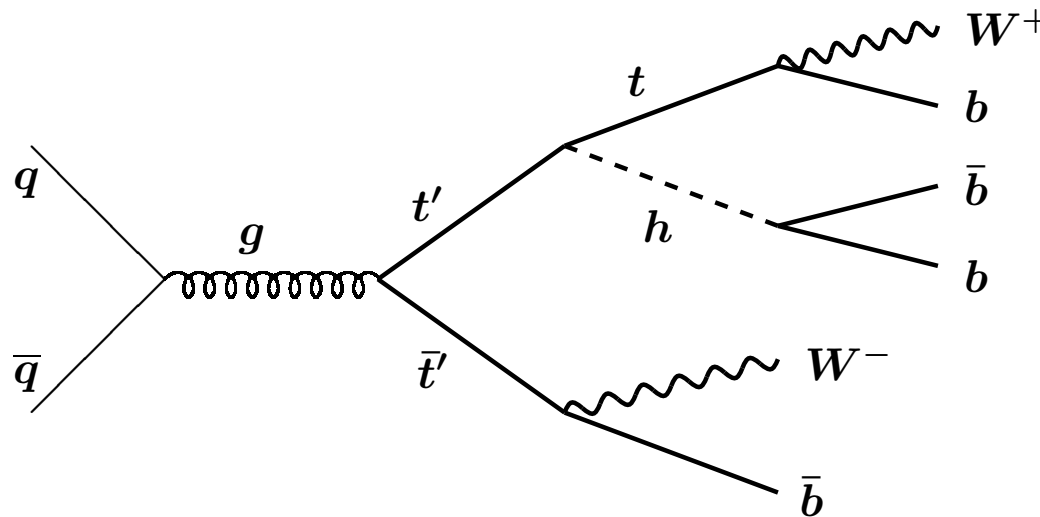
$(W^+b)(W^-\bar{b})$       usual “ $t'$  search”

$(Zt)(W^-\bar{b})$  or  $(Z\bar{t})(W^+b)$

$(ht)(W^-\bar{b})$  or  $(h\bar{t})(W^+b)$  , with  $h \rightarrow b\bar{b}$  or  $h \rightarrow W^+W^-$

...

Example:



If  $s_L \rightarrow 0$  then the widths for  $t' \rightarrow Wb, Zt, ht$  vanish.

→ **Decays via higher-dimensional operators may dominate.**

# Interactions of vectorlike quark $\chi$ with three SM quarks

Dimension-6 operators:

$$Q_L = (t_L, b_L)$$

$$\frac{1}{M_\phi^2} (\bar{\chi}_R Q_L) (\bar{Q}_L t_R + i\sigma_2 \bar{b}_R Q_L) \quad , \quad \frac{1}{M_{\tilde{d}}^2} (\bar{\chi}_R t_R^c) (\bar{t}_R^c t_R)$$

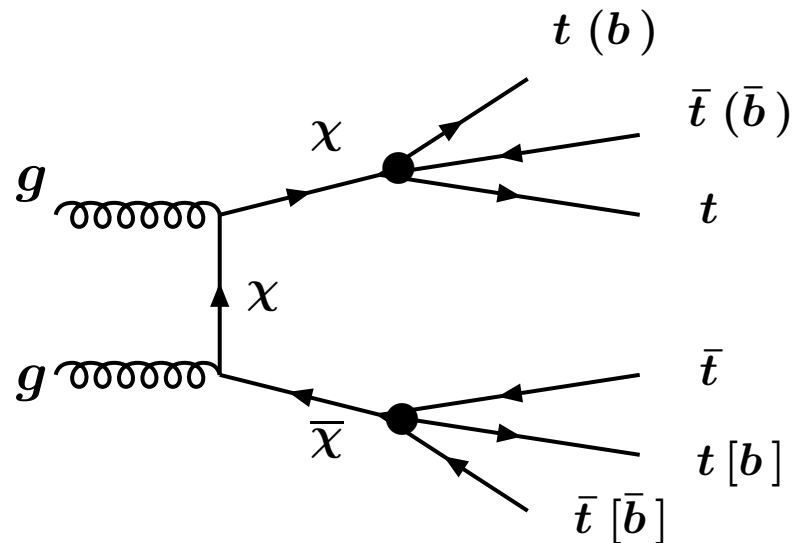
These may be induced by the exchange of a particle of mass  $> O(5)$  TeV.

Simplest possibility: a scalar  $\rightarrow$  couplings proportional to fermion masses

$\rightarrow$  3rd generation fermions in the final state

Decay modes:

$$\chi \rightarrow t\bar{t}t, \quad b\bar{b}t$$



# Interactions of vectorlike quark $\chi$ with a SM quark and two leptons

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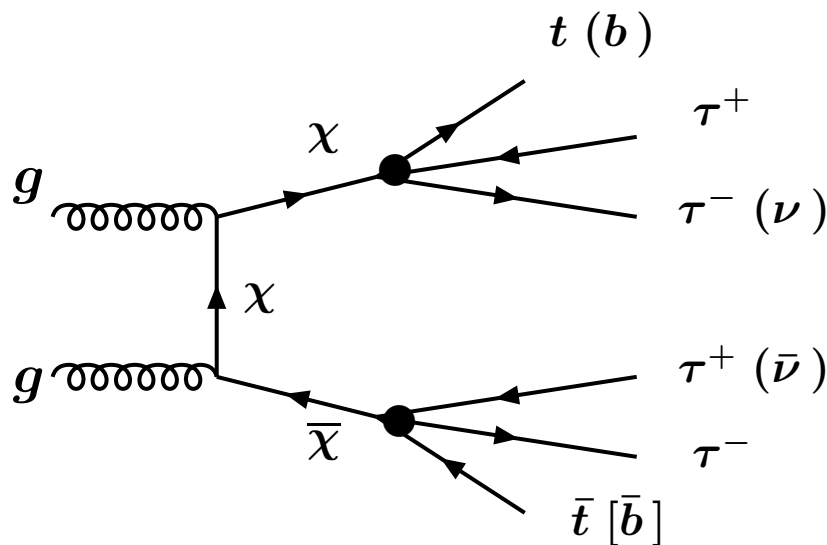
$$L_L = (\nu_L, \tau_L)$$

$$\frac{1}{M_\phi^2} (\bar{\chi}_R Q_L) (\bar{L}_L \tau_R + i\sigma_2 \bar{\tau}_R L_L) ,$$

$$\frac{1}{M_S^2} (\bar{\chi}_R L_L) (\bar{L}_L t_R + i\sigma_2 \bar{\tau}_R Q_L) , \quad \frac{1}{M_R^2} (\bar{\chi}_R \tau_R^c) (\bar{\tau}_R^c t_R)$$

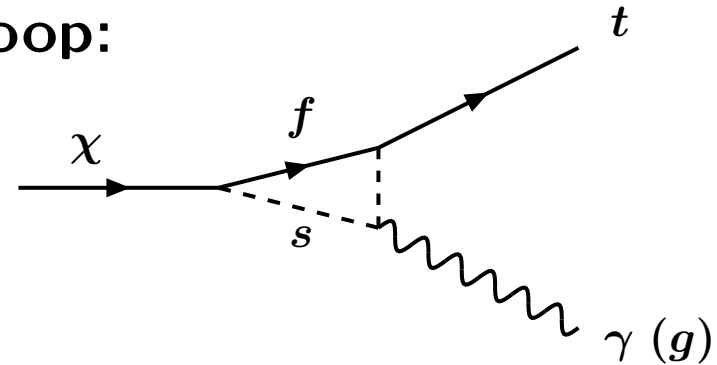
Decay modes:

$$\chi \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^- t , \quad \tau^+ \nu b$$



## Decays of vectorlike quark $\chi$ into a SM quark and a $\gamma$ or $g$

$\chi - t - \gamma$  coupling may arise at 1-loop:



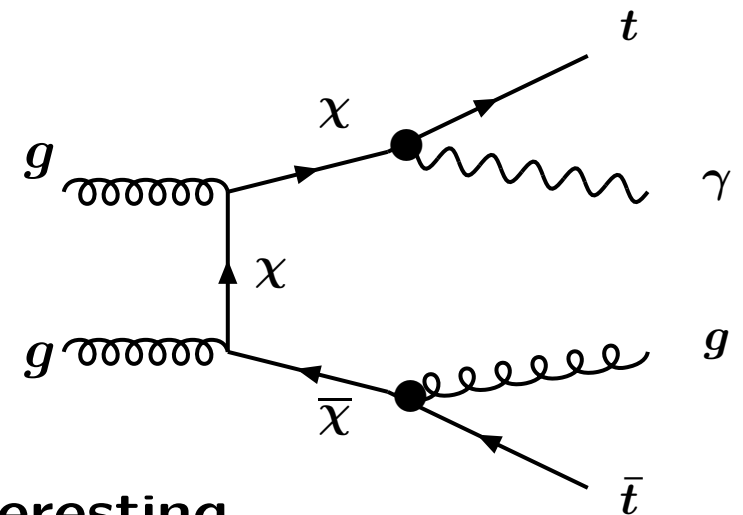
If  $\chi \rightarrow t\gamma$  is induced at one loop,  
then  $\chi \rightarrow tg$  is also induced at one  
loop with a width larger by  $O(\alpha_s/\alpha)$ .

Branching fraction:  $B(\chi \rightarrow t\gamma) \lesssim 10\%$ .

$pp \rightarrow \chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma\gamma$  - too small signal

$\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow t\bar{t}\gamma j$  - promising

$\chi\bar{\chi} \rightarrow t\bar{t}jj$  - large background, still interesting

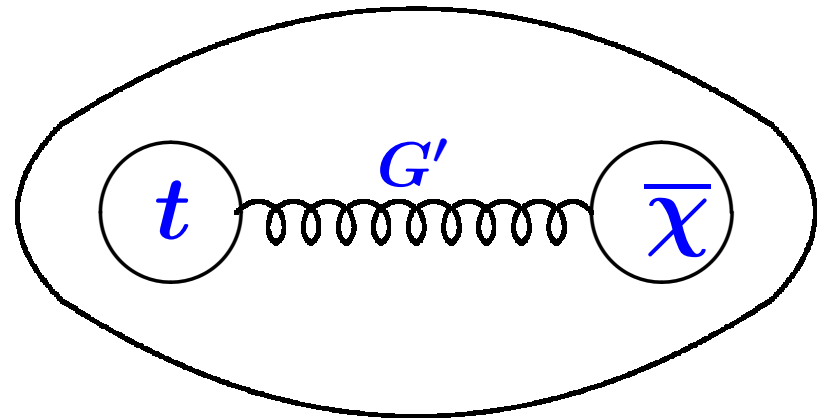


# Conclusions

**Higgs boson may be composite.  $M_h \approx 125$  GeV arises naturally.**

**Composite Higgs field as a bound state of the top quark and a vectorlike quark**

*Binding due to some new strongly coupled interaction:*



**Electroweak constraints push the compositeness scale  $> 10$  TeV.**

**Fine tuning (little hierarchy problem).**

**Searches for vectorlike quarks at the LHC and future hadron colliders are very important.**