

# Composite Higgs and Timid Composite Pseudo-scalars

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# Outline

Composite Higgs and Underlying Dynamics

Timid composite pseudo-scalar (TCP)

Final remarks

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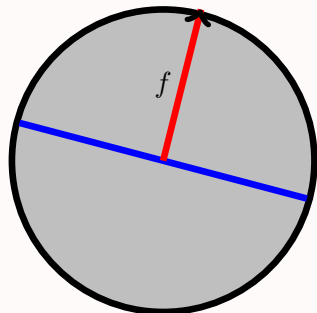
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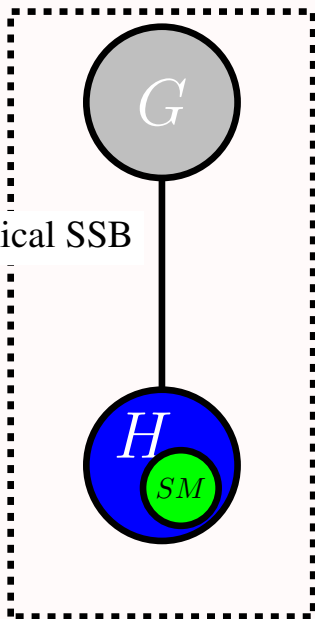


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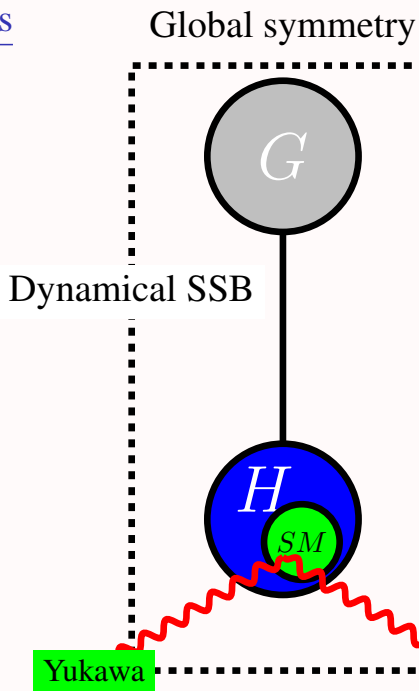
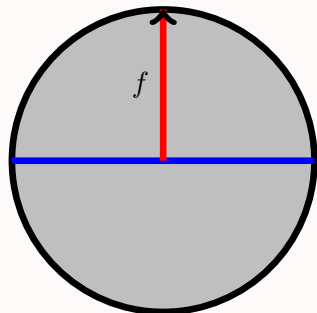


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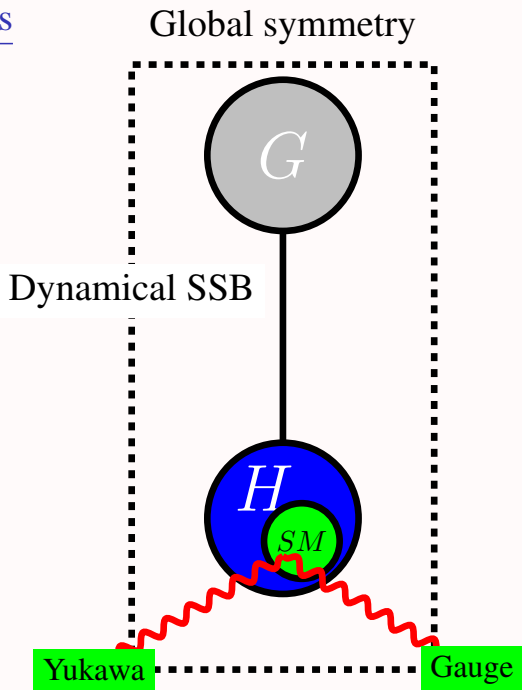
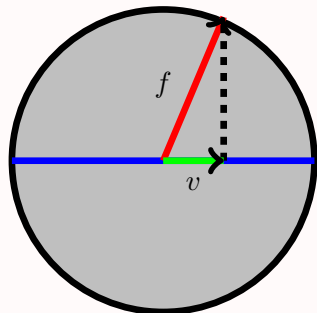


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## Fermion masses: two approaches

**The bilinear approach.** (as in Technicolor)

[Dimopoulos, Susskind], [Eichten, Lane]

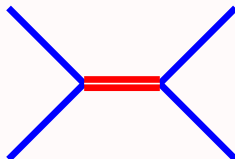
at the UV:  $\frac{\lambda_t}{\Lambda_{UV}^{d-1}} \bar{q}_L \mathcal{O} t_R + \text{h.c.}$



$[\mathcal{O}] = d$  and carries the Higgs quantum numbers. Running down to  $\Lambda$  (where the dynamics of SSB kicks in)

$$m_t \simeq \lambda_t v \left( \frac{\Lambda}{\Lambda_{UV}} \right)^{d-1}$$

**Alert:** dangerous 4-fermion operators [Dimopoulos, Ellis]



## The linear approach (Partial Compositeness) [Kaplan]

at the UV:  $\frac{\lambda_{q_L}}{\Lambda_{UV}^{d_L-5/2}} \overline{\mathcal{O}}_{Rq_L} + \frac{\lambda_{t_R}}{\Lambda_{UV}^{d_L-5/2}} \overline{\mathcal{O}}_L t_R + \text{h.c.}$

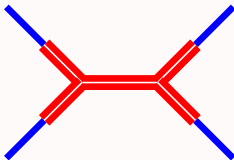


$[\mathcal{O}_{L,R}] = d_{L,R}$ , fermionic operators carrying quarks quantum numbers.

$$m_t \simeq \lambda_{q_L} \lambda_{t_R} v \left( \frac{\Lambda}{\Lambda_{UV}} \right)^{d_L+d_R-5}$$

$$|\text{SM}\rangle = \cos \varphi |\text{elementary}\rangle + \sin \varphi |\text{composite}\rangle$$

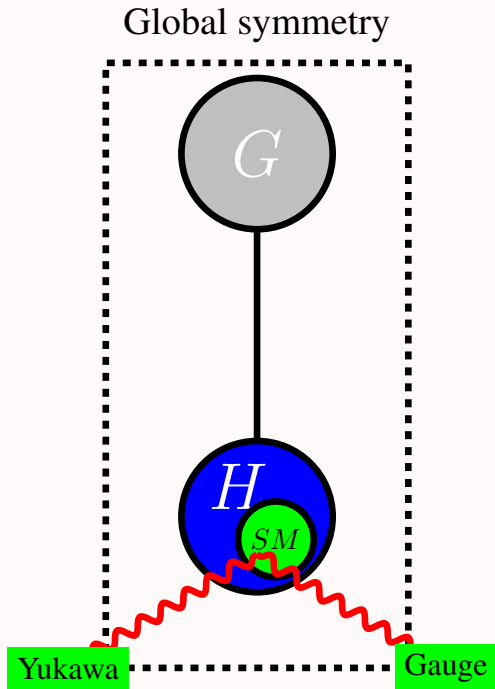
**Better:** alleviates the 4-fermion operators



Sort of GIM protection

$$(\bar{q}q)^2 \frac{\sin^4 \varphi}{M_*^2}$$

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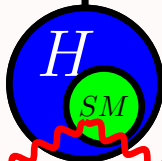
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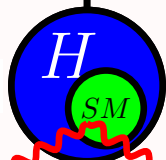
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How to build such models?

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## Underline theories

**Building an underlying theory** that contains both a **composite Higgs** and **composite top partners** is not an easy task, as many conditions need to be satisfied: [Ferretti, Karateev]

- ▶ Simple hypercolor group ( $G_{HC}$ )
- ▶ Asymptotically free theories
- ▶ Absence of gauge anomalies and Witten's global anomalies
- ▶ Symmetry breaking pattern:  $G_F \rightarrow H_F \supset C_{cus} \supset G_{SM}$
- ▶ The most attractive channel (MAC) should not break neither  $G_{HC}$  nor  $G_{cus}$
- ▶  $G/H \ni (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}, \mathbf{2})_0$  of  $G_{cus}$ . (the Higgs boson)
- ▶ Fermionic hypercolor singlets  $\in (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{1/6}$  and  $(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})_{2/3}$  of  $G_{SM}$  (at least  $3^{rd}$  family)
- ▶  $B$  and  $L$  symmetry

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Always 2  $U(1)$ s that are spontaneously broken:  $U(1)_\psi, U(1)_\chi$ .

One combination of the two has an **anomaly** with the  $G_{HC}$

$$U(1)_{\psi,\chi} G_{HC}^2 \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad [U(1)_\psi + U(1)_\chi] G_{HC}^2 \neq 0$$

For the **anomaly free**  $U(1)$ , associated to the **light pNGB**, we have

$$q_\psi N_\psi T(\psi) + q_\chi N_\chi T(\chi) = 0$$

**Timid composite pseudo-scalar**

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- ▶ WZW coefficients  $K_i$  are fully determined by  $\psi, \chi$  quant. num.;
- ▶  $C_f$  is also fixed for each individual model;
- ▶  $K_g^{\text{eff}} \simeq K_g - C_t/2$  (top loop)
- ▶  $K_{\gamma\gamma} = K_W + K_B$

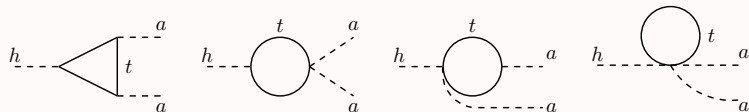
|     | $K_g$ | $K_W$ | $K_B$ | $C_f$ | $f_a/f_\psi$ |
|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|
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| M2  | -8.7  | 12.   | 5.9   | 2.6   | 2.4          |
| M3  | -6.3  | 8.7   | -8.2  | 2.2   | 2.8          |
| M4  | -11.  | 12.   | -17.  | 1.5   | 2.0          |
| M5  | -4.9  | 3.6   | 0.40  | 1.5   | 1.4          |
| M6  | -4.9  | 4.4   | 1.1   | 1.5   | 1.4          |
| M7  | -8.7  | 13.   | 7.3   | 2.6   | 2.4          |
| M8  | -1.6  | 1.9   | -2.3  | 1.9   | 2.8          |
| M9  | -10.  | 5.6   | -22.  | 0.70  | 1.2          |
| M10 | -9.4  | 5.6   | -19.  | 0.70  | 1.5          |
| M11 | -3.3  | 3.3   | -5.5  | 1.7   | 3.1          |
| M12 | -4.1  | 4.6   | -6.3  | 1.8   | 2.6          |

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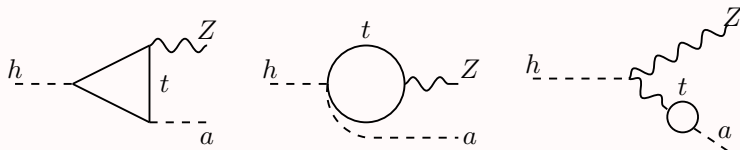
Effective coupling of  $a$  to the Higgs are induced at **loop level**.

Relevant vertices present in the spurion term  $-m_t(h)e^{iC_t a/f_a}\bar{\Psi}_{tL}\Psi_{tR}$

$$\kappa_{t/V} \sim 1 + \mathcal{O}(v^2/f_a^2)$$



$$\mathcal{L}_{haa} = \frac{3C_t^2 m_t^2 \kappa_t}{8\pi^2 f_a^2 v} \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_t^2} h(\partial_\mu a)(\partial^\mu a)$$



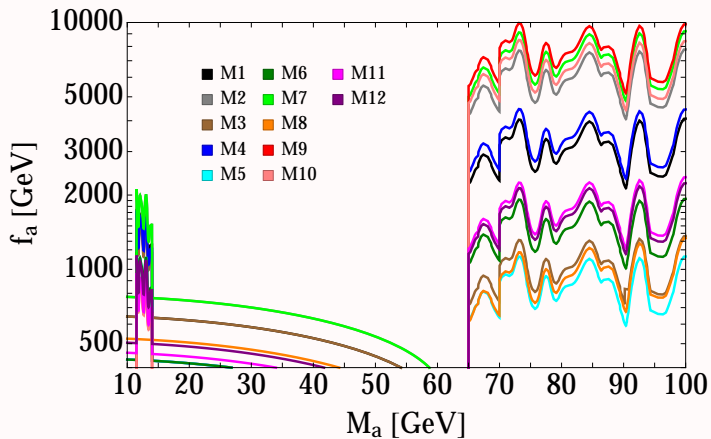
$$\mathcal{L}_{hZa} = \frac{3C_t m_t^2 g_A}{2\pi^2 f_a v} (\kappa_t - \kappa_V) \log \frac{\Lambda^2}{m_t^2} h(\partial_\mu a) Z^\mu$$

## TCP Phenomenology

- ▶  $a$  is produced in **gluon fusion**;
- ▶  $a$  decays to  $gg, WW, ZZ, Z\gamma, \gamma\gamma, \Psi_f\bar{\Psi}_f$  (**fully determined BR**)
- ▶ Assc. production with a  $Z$  is tiny; No bounds from LEP;
- ▶ For heavier  $a$ , LHC di-boson searches apply [[JHEP 1701, 094](#)]
- ▶ Weak indirect bounds from  $h \rightarrow aa$  (BSM).
- ▶  $h \rightarrow aa \rightarrow 4\gamma, bb\mu\mu, bb\tau\tau, \dots$  have very low signal rate due to small  $haa$  coupling and small  $BR(a \rightarrow \gamma\gamma, ff)$ . The same for  $h \rightarrow Za$
- ▶  $b$ -associated production is small
- ▶  $t$ -associated production could yield bounds in future searches



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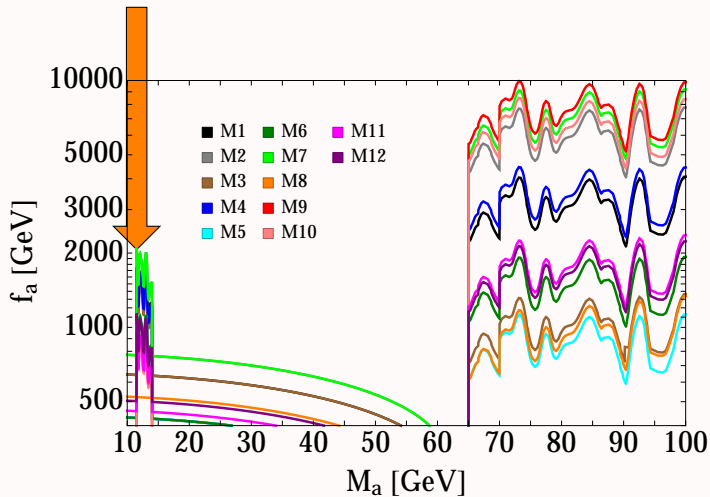


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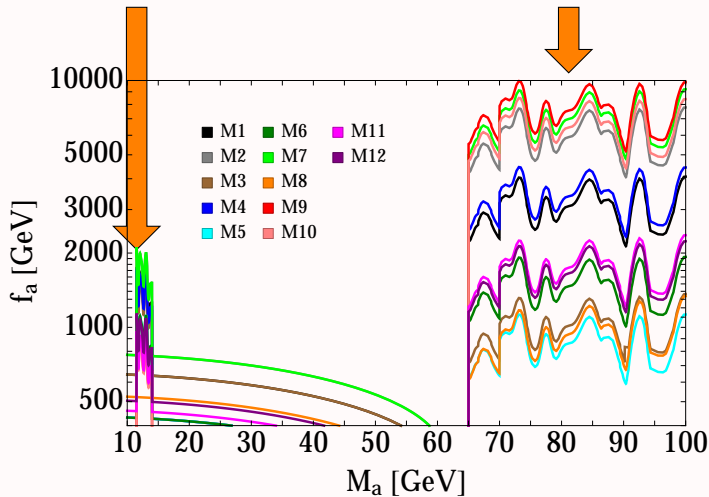
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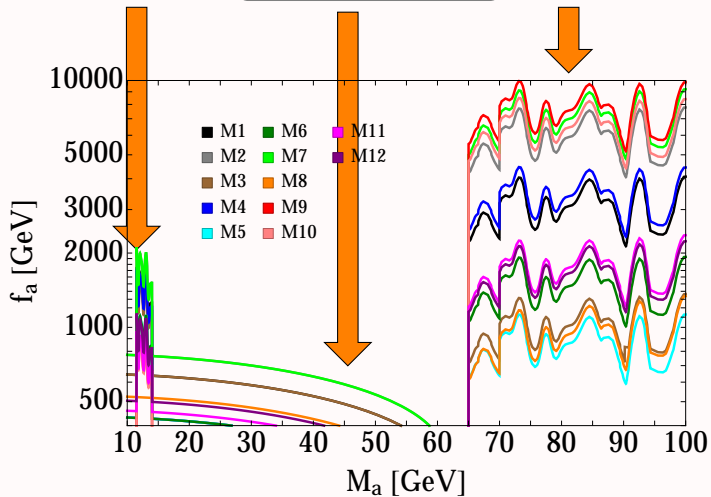
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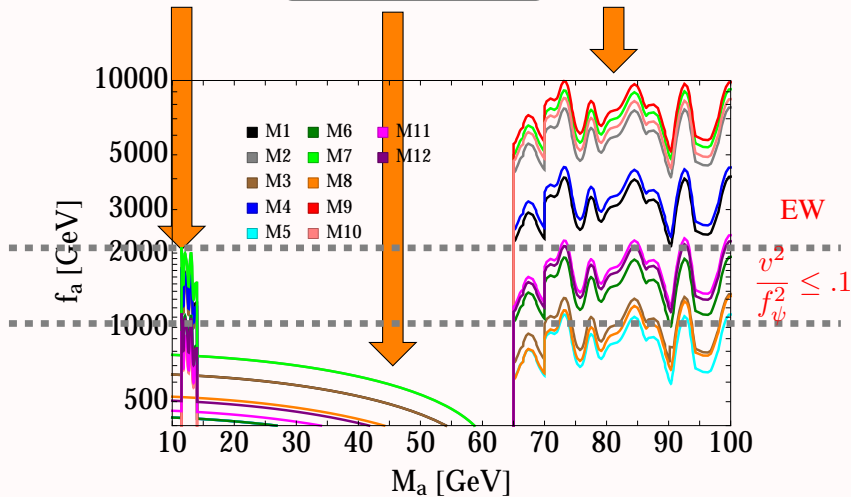
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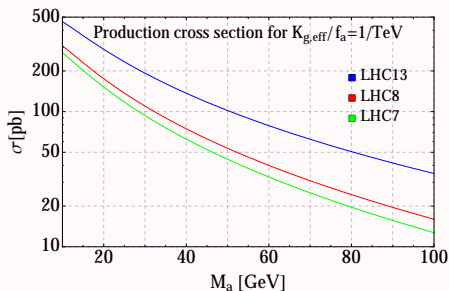


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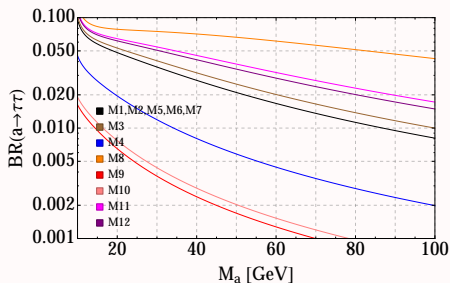
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- ▶ ...or looking for **other decay channels**:  $\tau\tau$ !



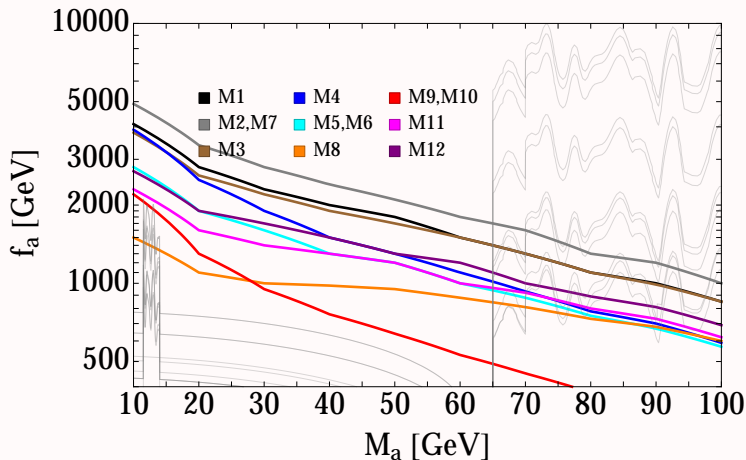
## Large gluon-fusion production XS



$\tau\tau$  BRs are **not small** in many models

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Generate signal sample  $pp \rightarrow a \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$ . Projected reach after an integrated Luminosity of  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



Boosted di-tau resonances, produced via gluon fusion, that can effectively cover this open window!



## **Final remarks**

## Conclusions

- ▶ CHM provide a **viable solution** to the **hierarchy problem** with **still many challenges and room** for exploration;
- ▶ EFT descriptions of CHM are only a **part of the story**. **UV embeddings** need to be studied in detail, and they will lead to novel BSM signatures;
- ▶ UV descriptions generally contain a **SM singlet pNGB** which couples to the SM gauge bosons through the **WZW term**; Fully determined by the quantum numbers of the underlying fermions;
- ▶ In a **mass range of 15 - 65 GeV**, to our knowledge, none of the existing LEP, Tevatron, and LHC searches are sensitive to this pseudo-scalar. (*timid* composite pseudo-scalar (TCP))
- ▶ **Searching for the TCP** in the **di-tau channel** with ISR against which the di-tau system recoils **looks promising**. Initial study shows very good sensitivity in this mass window.

**Thanks for the time!**



**Questions?**