



The Hierarchy Problem and the Top Yukawa: An Alternative to Top Partner Solutions

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The Hierarchy Problem



The Naturalness Principle



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Top partner solutions



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- The Higgs quadratic is still generated due to the difference between

$$\delta m_h^2|_{\rm top} + \delta m_h^2|_{\rm top \ partner} \sim -\frac{3}{8\pi^2} y_t^2 M_T^2 \ln\left(\frac{\Lambda^2}{M_T^2}\right)$$

• Naturalness principle suggests top partners with $\Lambda_t = M_T \approx 500 \text{ GeV}$

Problems with Colored top partners

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QCD x EW	SUSY	CHM / RS
Neutral x EW	Folded SUSY	Quirky Little Higgs
Neutral x Neutral	Tripled Top Hyperbolic Higgs	Twin Higgs

 \Rightarrow Uncolored top partners

Table borrowed from Chris Verhaaren

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Alternative to Top-partner scenarios

Cancellation (take $M_T = 1.2 \text{ TeV}$)



• Reduction (take $\Lambda_T = 1.2 \text{ TeV}$)



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Modify the Top Yukawa vertex

Model Building



Phenomenology

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Zoom in the Top Yukawa vertex



(2) radiative \mathcal{Y}_t generation bosons and VL fermions with strong coupling







(1) large y_t running

new top-philic bosons

with strong coupling



(3) \mathcal{Y}_t from 4-fermi int. (for composite higgs) extended-hypercolor bosons with weak coupling

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Large \mathcal{Y}_t running



New top-philic bosons

Example: Heavy gluons (Coloron)

with the coupling $g_3' \sim 4.5$

• Large coupling can introduce large running $\frac{d y_t(\mu)}{d \ln \mu} = \frac{y_t(\mu)}{16\pi^2} \left(\frac{9}{2} y_t^2(\mu) - \frac{3(N^2 - 1)}{N} g_N^2\right)$

need to be strong enough but not too strong to avoid top condensate (topcolor)



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Radiative \mathcal{Y}_t generation





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y_t from four-fermion int. (bilinear)



Composite Higgs with **Extended Hypercolor** $M_{EHC} = g_{EHC} f_{EHC}$ f_{EHC} : the scale of EHC

• Top Yukawa in CHM can originate from connecting the strong sector to a SM bilinear

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm EHC} = g_{EHC} G^{\mu}_{EHC} (\bar{q}_L \gamma_\mu \psi_L + \bar{\psi}_R \gamma_\mu t_R) \rightarrow \mathcal{L}_{\rm eff} \supset \frac{g^2_{EHC}}{M^2_{EHC}} \left(\bar{\psi}_R \psi_L \right) (\bar{q}_L t_R)$$

• Naive dimensional analysis in CHM gives $\bar{\psi}_R \psi_L \sim (4\pi f_{HC}^2) H$ and thus

$$y_t \sim \frac{g_{EHC}^2}{M_{EHC}^2} \cdot 4\pi f_{HC}^2 \sim 4\pi \left(\frac{f_{HC}}{f_{EHC}}\right)^2 \sim 1 \implies f_{EHC} \sim 3.5 \times f_{HC} \gtrsim 3 \text{ TeV}$$

• The cutoff of top loop is determined by $M_{EHC} = g_{EHC} f_{EHC}$, which requires weak g_{EHC}

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y_t from four-fermion int. (linear)



Composite Higgs with **Extended Hypercolor** $M_{EHC} = g_{EHC} f_{EHC}$ f_{EHC} : the scale of EHC

• Top Yukawa in CHM can also come linear connection (i.e. partial compositeness)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm EHC} = g_{EHC} G^{\mu}_{EHC} (\bar{\psi}_1 \gamma_\mu \psi_2 + \bar{\psi}_3 \gamma_\mu t_R) \quad \rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_{\rm eff} \supset \frac{g^2_{EHC}}{M^2_{EHC}} \left(\bar{\psi}_1 \bar{\psi}_2 \bar{\psi}_3 \right) (t_R)$$

- Naive dimensional analysis in CHM gives $\psi_1 \psi_1 \psi_3 \sim (4\pi f_{HC}^3) T_L$ and thus $\mathcal{L}_{PC} = \lambda_L \bar{q}_L H T_R + g_T f_{HC} \bar{T}_R T_L + \lambda_R f_{HC} \bar{T}_L t_R \Rightarrow y_t \sim \frac{\lambda_L \lambda_R}{g_T} \propto \lambda_R = \frac{g_{EHC}^2}{M_{EHC}^2} \cdot 4\pi f_{HC}^2$
- Again, the top loop is cut off at the mass scale of $M_{EHC} = g_{EHC} f_{EHC}$

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Direct searches

• First, we need to select a model



- For each theory, there comes different d.o.f. and difficulties
 - (1) **top-philic bosons** with strong coupling : broad resonances with $\Gamma/M \gg 10\%$
 - (2) bosons and VL fermions with strong coupling, diverse quantum number and spectrum
 - (3) **extended-hypercolor bosons** with diverse quantum number including hypercolor
 - ⇒ Hard to perform, suffer from strong couplings and model-dependence
- The only exception is the *top-philic* Z' boson in the extended hypercolor models?

Direct searches – top-philic Z' boson

• Only couple to t_R (in linear case)



- Couple to $q_L = (t_L, b_L)$ (in bilinear case)
- Process: $b_L \overline{b}_L \rightarrow Z' \rightarrow b_L \overline{b}_L$ <u>1910.08447</u>



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Direct searches – 3rd-philic Z' boson

- Also couple to the third generation leptons, including tau leptons.
- Process: $b\bar{b} \to Z' \to \tau\tau$ with g = M/(3 TeV), $Br(\tau\tau) = 12.5\%$, 5%, 1% 2002.12223



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Direct test of the idea?



$$y_t = y_t(k^2)$$

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Direct test of the idea!



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Running of the top Yukawa coupling



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Indirect searches (Direct test of the idea!)



Running of the top quark mass

• Nontrivial running m_t at the high scale will affect the $t\bar{t}$ differential cross section



First measurement of top mass at the high scales ! (using only 2016 Run 2 data)

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Assuming $m_t(\mu_m) = m_{t,SM}(\mu_m) \left(\frac{\Lambda_t^2}{\mu_m^2 + \Lambda_t^2}\right)$

We can already put the constraint on Λ_t as

95% CL bound : $\Lambda_t \gtrsim 700 \text{ GeV}$

68% CL bound : $\Lambda_t \gtrsim 900 \text{ GeV}$

Interesting parameter spaces will be tested in LHC Run 3 !

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Four top quarks cross section







- Standard Model prediction: 13.4^{+1.0}_{-1.8} fb including *NLL*' (arXiv: 2212.03259)
- ATLAS with 139 fb^{-1} : 22.5^{+6.6}_{-5.6} fb
- CMS with 138 fb^{-1} : 17.9^{+4.4}_{-4.1} fb
 - $\rightarrow \sigma_{t\bar{t}t\bar{t}}$ < 36 (27) fb at 95% C.L.

Both are NEW! (Moriond 2023)

F. Maltoni et al 2104.09512 ⇒ old analysis but based on a stronger constraint



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Summary

- > The top quark loop is the most important part of the Hierarchy Problem / Naturalness
- Traditionally, top partners are introduced to **cancel** the top-loop contribution
- Alternative: modify the running of y_t to lower the top-loop contribution
- What should show up at $\Lambda_t \approx 500 \text{ GeV}$: Top partner \rightarrow New top-philic d.o.f.

> Go Up: Model building

- Elementary Higgs with strongly coupled top-philic new physics
- Composite Higgs with weakly coupled extended hypercolor bosons
- Go Down: Phenomenology
- Hard to perform direct searches due to strong couplings and model-dependence
- Direct test of idea through Top physics, including $t\bar{t}h$, $t\bar{t}$, and $t\bar{t}t\bar{t}$ cross section

Before giving up on Naturalness, let's make sure no stone is left unturned!

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Back up

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Radiative y_t generation

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Simplified Scalar Model

• At least three vertices are required



or written in Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -VS_R S_L^{\dagger} H - y_L \bar{q}_L S_L F_R - y_R \bar{t}_R S_R F_L + \text{h.c.} ,$$

where S_L is a doublet, S_R is a singlet, and F is a singlet vector-like fermion.

• Mass terms are also required

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -M_L^2 |S_L|^2 - M_R^2 |S_R|^2 - M_F \bar{F}_L F_R + \text{h.c.} .$$

Simplified Scalar Model

• Focus on the neutral scalar components

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{neutral}} = |\partial s_L|^2 + |\partial s_R|^2 - M_L^2 |s_L|^2 - M_R^2 |s_R|^2 - V \langle H \rangle (s_L^* s_R + s_R^* s_L) = |\partial s_h|^2 + |\partial s_\ell|^2 - M_s^2 |s_h|^2 - m_s^2 |s_\ell|^2$$

where the mass eigenstates are given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} s_L \\ s_R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\beta & -\sin\beta \\ \sin\beta & \cos\beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_{\text{heavy}} \\ s_{\text{light}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_\beta & -s_\beta \\ s_\beta & c_\beta \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} s_h \\ s_\ell \end{pmatrix}$$

• The interaction terms also become

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{trilinear}} = -\sqrt{2} V c_{\beta} s_{\beta} h |s_h|^2 + \sqrt{2} V c_{\beta} s_{\beta} h |s_\ell|^2 - \frac{V(c_{\beta}^2 - s_{\beta}^2)}{\sqrt{2}} h s_h^* s_\ell + \text{h.c.}$$

 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{fermion}} = -\left(y_L c_\beta \,\bar{t}_L s_h F_R + y_R s_\beta \,\bar{t}_R s_h F_L\right) - \left(-y_L s_\beta \,\bar{t}_L s_\ell F_R + y_R c_\beta \,\bar{t}_R s_\ell F_L\right) + \text{h.c.}$

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Generate the Top Yukawa coupling

• The original one-loop diagram is decomposed to the four diagrams below



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Diverse phenomenology

- Phenomenology are determined by the lightest scalar s_{ℓ} and vector-like fermion F
- The quantum number and the spectrum of the new d.o.f. are not determined
- They can have diverse "Quantum number" and "Spectrum"



Warning: they might be broad resonances which are not under current search strategy.

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Top Yukawa from low scale to high scale

 $M_F \sim 1550 \text{ GeV}, m_s \sim 600 \text{ GeV}, M_s \sim 1400 \text{ GeV} (BM1, blue)$ $M_F \sim 850 \text{ GeV}, m_s \sim 450 \text{ GeV}, M_s \sim 1300 \text{ GeV} (BM2, \text{green})$

Two benchmarks are calculated and compared with SM running (red)



- The value of *y*_t is normalized according to the correct top mass
- Larger y_t due to additional diagrams with extra Higgs insertion, which lead to

 $\mathcal{L}_{\text{top}} = c_6 \left(\bar{q}_L H t_R \right) + c_{6+4n} \left(H^{\dagger} H \right)^n \left(\bar{q}_L H t_R \right)$

• Main Constraint: top Yukawa measurement

$$\kappa_t \equiv \frac{y_t}{y_t^{\rm SM}} = 1 + \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{V^2 v^2}{M^4}\right)$$

with current bound 0.7 < κ_t < 1.1 at 95% CL (likely be weaker considering off-shell effect)

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Running of the top quark mass

• The top quark mass is generated through



• The top quark mass m_t is radiatively generated in the intermediate scale \rightarrow Nontrivial running m_t at the high scale which will affect the $t\bar{t}$ cross section



Additional contribution

• The trilinear couplings between the Higgs and scalars will introduce a new loop



- > This loop is however logarithmically sensitive to NP and will not reintroduce a HP
- Assuming a low-scale UV completion, the correction leads to 7% tuning in both benchmarks, which is at the same order as the top-quark tuning. Therefore, the new scalar loops do not worsen the tuning.

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Top Yukawa from strong dynamics

- If y_t comes from pure strong dynamics, then even at one-loop level we expect $y_t \sim 4\pi$
- A suppression $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ is required between the strong and weak sector to get $y_t \sim 1$
- Three possibilities



small M without large κ_t

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Strongly coupled UV theory

• A Top seesaw-like model based on $SU(3)_L \times SU(2)_R$ global symmetry with bound states

Weak sector:

$$H, Q_{L} = \begin{pmatrix} F_{L} \\ t_{L} \\ b_{L} \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q_{R} = \begin{pmatrix} F_{R} \\ t_{R} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$H \longrightarrow \begin{bmatrix} q_{L} \\ \bar{F}_{R} \\ \bar{F}_{R} \\ \bar{F}_{R} \\ \bar{F}_{L} \\ \bar$$

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