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# Light ALPs from Partial Compositeness

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What is our job?

Models can be ruled out, but cannot be proven right!



Even "disliked" possibilities need to be tested and ruled out!

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The nature of the 125 GeV Higgs is not yet fully established!



We have a pretty good idea of the mechanism

But, we don't know how to protect it.

The possibility that it may be composite needs to be fully explored!



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# The partial compositeness paradigm

Kaplan Nucl. Phys. B365 (1991) 259

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda_{\rm fl.}^{d_H-1}} \mathcal{O}_H q_L^c q_R \qquad \Delta m_H^2 \sim \left(\frac{4\pi f}{\Lambda_{\rm fl.}}\right)^{d_{HH}-4} (4\pi f)^2 \quad \text{Both irrelevant if}$$

we assume:  $d_H > 1$   $d_{HH} > 4$ 

Let's postulate the existence of fermionic operators:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \displaystyle \frac{1}{\Lambda_{\mathrm{fl.}}^{d_F-5/2}} (\tilde{y}_L \; q_L \mathcal{F}_L + \tilde{y}_R \; q_R \mathcal{F}_R) & & \text{This dimension} \\ & & \text{is not related} \\ & & \text{to the Higgs!} \end{array}$$

# Caveat: it's a wishful thinking scenario!

Is it there an underlying theory that can actually do it?

New information may come from the UV!



#### Towards a UV theory



SM: EW colour + hypercharge

global : $\langle \psi \psi \rangle \neq 0$ a)  $\langle \chi \chi \rangle \neq 0$ Image: product of the second symplectic coloured symplectic coloured symplectic coloured product of the second symplectic coloured symplectic colo

unlikely ('t Hooft anomaly matching)

Exception: 1506.00623

#### Predicting di-boson resonances

More precisely, the global symmetries are:  $SU(N_\psi) imes SU(N_\chi) imes U(1)_\psi imes U(1)_\chi$ 

WZW term:

 $\mathcal{L} \supset rac{g_i^2}{32\pi^2} rac{\kappa_i}{f_a} \; a \; \epsilon^{\mu
ulphaeta} G^i_{\mu
u} G^i_{lphaeta} \, ,$ 

Coefficients depend on the underlying dynamics!

G = A, W, Z, g !!!

Cai, Flacke, Lespinasse 1512.04508

Anomalous U(1) -> heavy  $\eta'$ 

Orthogonal U(1) -> pNGB a

Decays and production only via WZW anomaly.

#### Predicting di-boson resonances



Couplings to tops are inevitable!

$$ic_5 \frac{m_{\rm top}}{\sqrt{q_\psi^2 f_{a_\psi}^2 + q_\chi^2 f_{a_\chi}^2}} \left( \left( n_\psi q_\psi + n_\chi q_\chi \right) \,\tilde{a} + \left( n_\chi q_\psi \frac{f_{a_\psi}}{f_{a_\chi}} - n_\psi q_\chi \frac{f_{a_\chi}}{f_{a_\psi}} \right) \tilde{\eta}' \right) \bar{t} \gamma^5 t \,,$$

Model zoology

$G_{ m HC}$	ψ	x	Restrictions	$-q_{\chi}/q_{\psi}$	$Y_{\chi}$	Non Conformal	Model Name	
	Real	Real	$SU(5)/SO(5) \times SU(6)/SO(6)$					
$SO(N_{\rm HC})$	$5 \times \mathbf{S}_2$	$6 \times \mathbf{F}$	$N_{\rm HC} \geq 55$	$\frac{5(N_{\rm HC}+2)}{6}$	1/3	/		
$SO(N_{\rm HC})$	$5 \times \mathbf{Ad}$	$6 \times \mathbf{F}$	$N_{\rm HC} \ge 15$	$\frac{5(N_{\rm HC}-2)}{6}$	1/3	/		
$SO(N_{\rm HC})$	$5  imes \mathbf{F}$	$6  imes \mathbf{Spin}$	$N_{ m HC}=7,9$	$\frac{5}{6}, \frac{5}{12}$	1/3	$N_{ m HC}=7,9$	M1, M2	
$SO(N_{\rm HC})$	$5  imes \mathbf{Spin}$	$6 \times \mathbf{F}$	$N_{ m HC}=7,9$	$\frac{5}{6}, \frac{5}{3}$	2/3	$N_{ m HC}=7,9$	M3, M4	
	Real	Pseudo-Real	SU(5)/SO(5)	) × SU(6)	/Sp(6)			
$Sp(2N_{\rm HC})$	$5  imes \mathbf{Ad}$	$6  imes \mathbf{F}$	$2N_{\rm HC} \geq 12$	$\frac{5(N_{\rm HC}+1)}{3}$	1/3	/		
$Sp(2N_{\rm HC})$	$5  imes \mathbf{A}_2$	$6  imes \mathbf{F}$	$2N_{\rm HC} \geq 4$	$\frac{5(N_{\rm HC}-1)}{3}$	1/3	$2N_{ m HC}=4$	M5	
$SO(N_{\rm HC})$	$5  imes \mathbf{F}$	$6  imes \mathbf{Spin}$	$N_{ m HC}=11,13$	$\frac{5}{24}$ , $\frac{5}{48}$	1/3	/		
Real Complex $SU(5)/SO(5) \times SU(3)^2/SU(3)$								
$SU(N_{\rm HC})$	$5  imes \mathbf{A}_2$	$3  imes ({f F}, \overline{f F})$	$N_{ m HC}=4$	<u>5</u> 3	1/3	$N_{ m HC} = 4$	M6	
$SO(N_{\rm HC})$	$5  imes \mathbf{F}$	$3 \times (\mathbf{Spin}, \overline{\mathbf{Spin}})$	$N_{ m HC}=10,14$	$\frac{5}{12}$ , $\frac{5}{48}$	1/3	$N_{ m HC} = 10$	M7	
	Pseudo-Real	Real	SU(4)/Sp(4)	$\times$ SU(6)/	/SO(6)			
$Sp(2N_{ m HC})$	$4  imes \mathbf{F}$	$6  imes \mathbf{A}_2$	$2N_{\rm HC} \leq 36$	$\frac{1}{3(N_{\rm HC}-1)}$	2/3	$2N_{ m HC}=4$	M8	
$SO(N_{\rm HC})$	$4  imes \mathbf{Spin}$	$6  imes \mathbf{F}$	$N_{ m HC}=11,13$	$\frac{8}{3}, \frac{16}{3}$	2/3	$N_{ m HC} = 11$	M9	
Complex Real $SU(4)^2/SU(4) \times SU(6)/SO(6)$								
$SO(N_{\rm HC})$	$4 \times (\mathbf{Spin}, \overline{\mathbf{Spin}})$	$6  imes \mathbf{F}$	$N_{ m HC}=10$	<u>8</u> 3	2/3	$N_{\rm HC}=10$	M10	
$SU(N_{\rm HC})$	$4\times ({\bf F},\overline{{\bf F}})$	$6  imes \mathbf{A}_2$	$N_{ m HC}=4$	$\frac{2}{3}$	2/3	$N_{ m HC} = 4$	M11	
Complex Complex $SU(4)^2/SU(4) \times SU(3)^2/SU(3)$								
$SU(N_{\rm HC})$	$4\times ({\bf F},\overline{{\bf F}})$	$3  imes (\mathbf{A}_2, \overline{\mathbf{A}}_2)$	$N_{\rm HC} \geq 5$	$\frac{4}{3(N_{\rm HC}-2)}$	2/3	$N_{\rm HC}=5$	M12	
$SU(N_{\rm HC})$	$4\times ({\bf F},\overline{{\bf F}})$	$3  imes (\mathbf{S}_2, \overline{\mathbf{S}}_2)$	$N_{\rm HC} \geq 5$	$\frac{4}{3(N_{\rm HC}+2)}$	2/3	/		
$SU(N_{\rm HC})$	$4\times (\mathbf{A}_2, \overline{\mathbf{A}}_2)$	$3  imes ({f F}, \overline{{f F}})$	$N_{ m HC}=5$	4	2/3	/		

Ferretti 1604.06467

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				$Q = \psi \psi$	u		

All couplings can be predicted!

# Model-dependent results

	Pseudo-Real	Real	$SU(4)/Sp(4) \times SU(6)/SO(6)$				
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#### <u>The EFT is the same!</u> Numerical value of couplings:

Model		$\kappa_g$	$\frac{\kappa_W}{\kappa_g}$	$rac{\kappa_B}{\kappa_g}$	$rac{C_t}{\kappa_g}$ (2,0)	$rac{C_t}{\kappa_g}$ (0,2)	$ an\zeta$
M8	a	-0.77(-0.39)	-1.2(-2.5)	1.5(0.17)	-1.2(-2.5)	0.40(0.40)	
	$\eta'$	1.9(2.0)	0.20(0.096)	2.9(2.8)	0.20(0.0.96)	0.40(0.40)	-0.41
	$\pi_8$	7.1	0	1.3	0	0.40	
M9	a	-4.3(-2.7)	-0.55(-2.4)	2.1(0.26)	-0.068(-0.30)	0.18(0.18)	
	$\eta'$	1.3(3.6)	5.8(1.3)	8.5(4.0)	0.73(0.16)	0.18(0.18)	-3.26
	$\pi_8$	16.	0	1.3	0	0.18	

Assuming  $f_a = f_{\psi} = f_{\chi}$ 

Model M8

Belyaev, G.C., Cai, Ferretti, Flacke, Parolini, Serodio 1610.06591

"a" too light for the LHC!

$$\left. \frac{m_a}{n_{\eta'}} \right|_{\max} = 0.20$$

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For light masses: bounds competitive with EW precision! Larger top couplings: reduced di-boson rates due to tt BR. Model M9







Above red line, bound driven by "a"!

Bounds stronger than EW precision in most of the parameter space!

#### How light can "a" be?

Work in progress with T.Flacke, G.Ferretti & H.Serôdio

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2}m_{a_{\chi}}^{2}a_{\chi}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}m_{a_{\psi}}^{2}a_{\psi}^{2} + \frac{1}{2}M_{A}^{2}(\cos\zeta a_{\chi} - \sin\zeta a_{\psi})^{2}$$

Mass driven by fermion masses: it may be as light as massless!



Di-photon very suppressed! Main decay into b's & jets. Taus?

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Mass range with no bounds!

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How can the mass range few to 100 GeV tested at the LHC?

Can the di-tau searches extend below the Z pole?