

# Common exotic decays of VLQs

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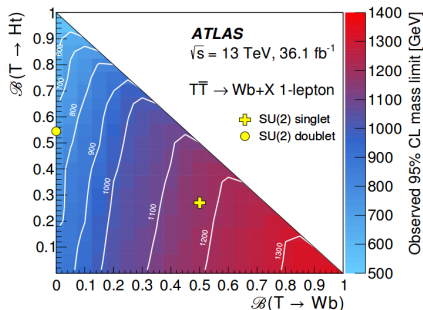
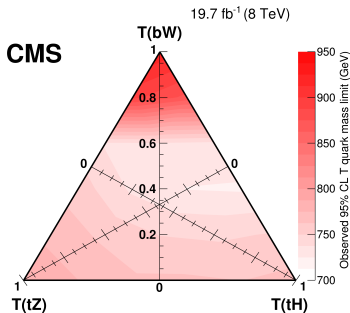


Currents searches focus on VLQs decays into SM particles and assume:

- ▶  $Br(T \rightarrow Zt, ht, W^+ b) = 1$  ,
- ▶  $Br(B \rightarrow Zb, hb, W^- t) = 1$
- ▶  $Br(X_{5/3} \rightarrow W^+ t) = 1$  ,
- ▶  $Br(Y_{-4/3} \rightarrow W^- b) = 1$

VLQs can be:

- ▶ pair produced (QCD)  $\Rightarrow$  model-independent
- ▶ singly produced (EW)  $\Rightarrow$  depends on mixing with SM quarks



Vector-like: left and right-handed chiralities have same quantum number such that mass term is allowed in opposition to SM chiral fermions

## Composite Higgs models:

- ▶ Higgs emerges as pNGB (like QCD pions)  $\Rightarrow$  Naturally light
- ▶ Simplest realisation: **four-dimensional gauge theory of fermions** (like QCD)
- $\Rightarrow$  Non-minimal models [beyond  $SO(5)/SO(4)$ ]

## New channels in composite Higgs models (CHMs)

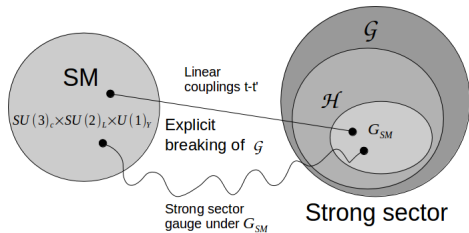
Generic prediction: presence of **additional light states** (pNGBs) **involved in VLQs decays**  $\Rightarrow$  4 promising decay modes

- ▶ EW-singlet mode:  $T \rightarrow \eta t$  [ $\eta$  = EW pNGB like Higgs]
- ▶  $U(1)$ -mode:  $T \rightarrow at$  [ $a$  = pNGB associated to non-anomalous  $U(1)$ ]
- ▶ Coloured mode:  $X_{5/3} \rightarrow \pi_6 \bar{b}$  [ $\pi_6$  = Coloured pNGB]
- ▶ Charged mode:  $X_{5/3} \rightarrow \phi^+ t$  [ $\phi^+$  = EW pNGB like Higgs]

Exotic decays are the norm and commonly appear with significant rates  
 $\Rightarrow$  **Modifies search strategies and affects the VLQs bounds**

Well-defined theoretical framework  $\Rightarrow$  **couplings predicted not added by hand**

- ▶ New strong dynamics condensates at scale  $\Lambda$  and spontaneously breaks a global symmetry  $G$  into  $H$   
⇒ Higgs is naturally light as a pNGB leaving in the coset  $G/H$  (like QCD pions)
- ▶ Potential and mass for the Higgs generated by explicit breaking terms



## Partial compositeness

- ▶ Linear couplings between top and top partners  
⇒ induce EWSB and top mass
- ▶ Top quark heaviest SM particle  
⇒ Largest interaction with strong sector
- ▶ Induces the new decay modes

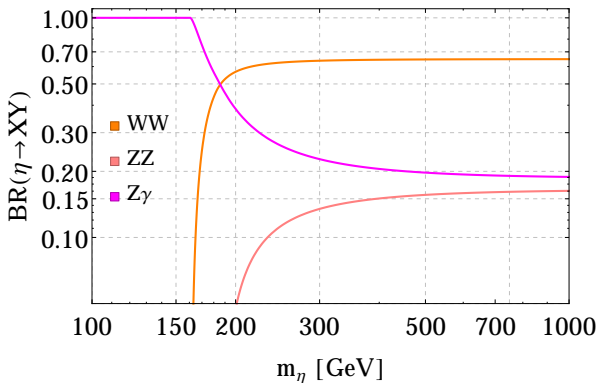
Strategy: Choose a model (underlying theory, top partner irreps)  
look at benchmark scenarios (fix pre-Yukawa couplings, VL masses)

⇒ Focus on phenomenology

- 1  $T \rightarrow \eta t$
- 2  $T \rightarrow at$
- 3  $X_{5/3} \rightarrow \pi_6 \bar{b}$
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- ▶ Lightest VLQ  $T$ : pure EW singlet, no mixing with SM quarks  
 $\Rightarrow$  No single production
- ▶ No standard decays as  $T$  couples only to  $\eta t$  (Parity)  
 $\Rightarrow Br(T \rightarrow \eta t) = 1$

EW singlet  $\eta$  decays into SM particles ( $m_\eta \gtrsim 100$  GeV as same origin as Higgs boson)



- ▶ Anomalous couplings to SM gauge bosons [Cacciapaglia, Deandrea et al, 1502.04718]  
 $\Rightarrow WW, \gamma Z, ZZ$  decays  
 $\Rightarrow$  No  $\gamma\gamma$  coupling
- ▶ No decays into SM fermions

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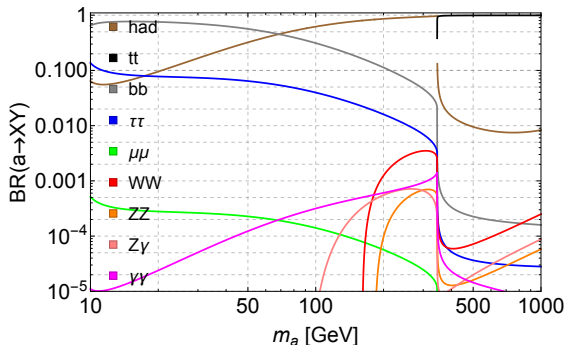
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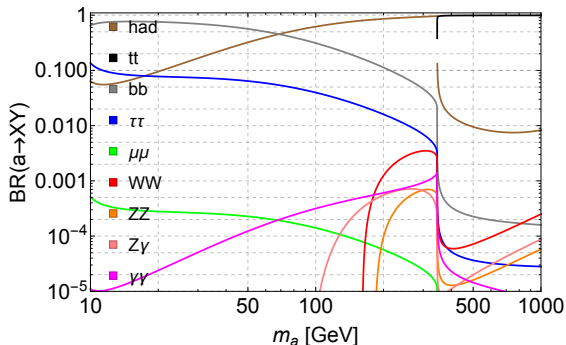
- ▶ Lightest VLQ  $T$  (mix singlet-doublet) mixes with SM top quark  
 $\Rightarrow$  Pair and single production relevant
- ▶ EW singlet  $a$  associated to **non-anomalous  $U(1)$ -symmetry**  
 [Spontaneously broken contrary to  $U(1)_V$  in QCD  $\rightarrow a$  is a pNGB]  
 $\Rightarrow$  can be very light ( $10 \text{ GeV} \lesssim m_a \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$ ) as different origin compare to Higgs boson mass



- ▶ Anomalous decays into SM gauge bosons  
 $\Rightarrow gg, WW, ZZ, Z\gamma, \gamma\gamma$
- ▶ Decays into all SM fermions  
 $\Rightarrow$  Couplings proportional to fermion masses (like Higgs)  
 $\Rightarrow$  Branching strongly depend on  $m_a$



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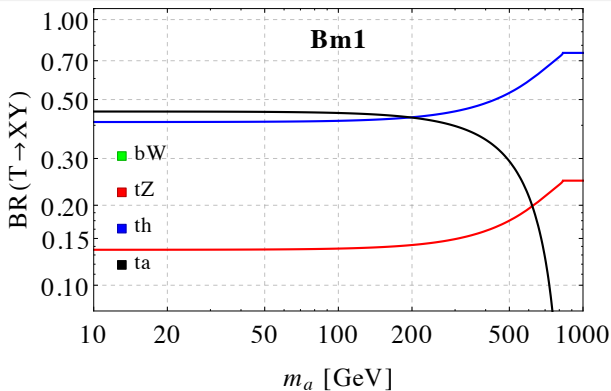
- ▶  $a$  decays mainly into  $b\bar{b}$ ,  $\tau\tau$  and hadrons

High mass region:

- ▶ Below  $t\bar{t}$  threshold decay mainly into hadrons (also  $b\bar{b}$  and  $\tau\tau$ )

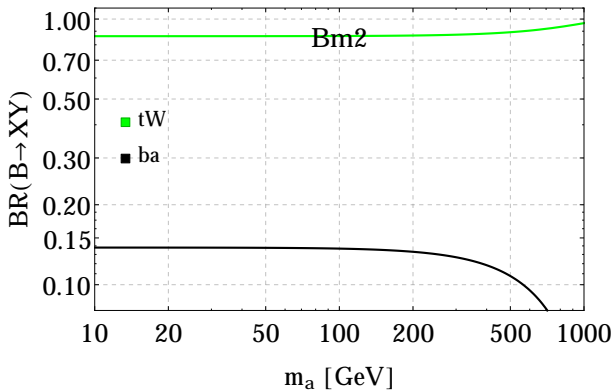
- ▶ Above threshold  $a$  decays almost exclusively into  $t\bar{t}$

- ▶ Standard channels +  $at$ -channel  $\Rightarrow$  4 dimensional parameter space  
 $\Rightarrow$  Relevant to explore  $Br(T \rightarrow ht, Wb, Zt) + Br(T \rightarrow at) = 1$   
 (should extend 'triangle' plots)
- ▶ Below threshold  $T \rightarrow at$  dominates in general



$$\text{Bm1: } M_T = 1 \text{ TeV, } \kappa_{Z,R}^T = -0.03, \kappa_{h,R}^T = 0.06, \\ \kappa_{a,R}^T = -0.24, \kappa_{a,L}^T = -0.07$$

- ▶ Bottom partner can also decay into  $a$
- ▶ Larger branching ratio is possible depending on the underlying theory



$$Bm2 : M_B = 1.38 \text{ TeV} , \kappa_{W,L}^B = 0.02 , \kappa_{W,R}^B = -0.08 , \kappa_{a,L}^B = -0.25 ,$$

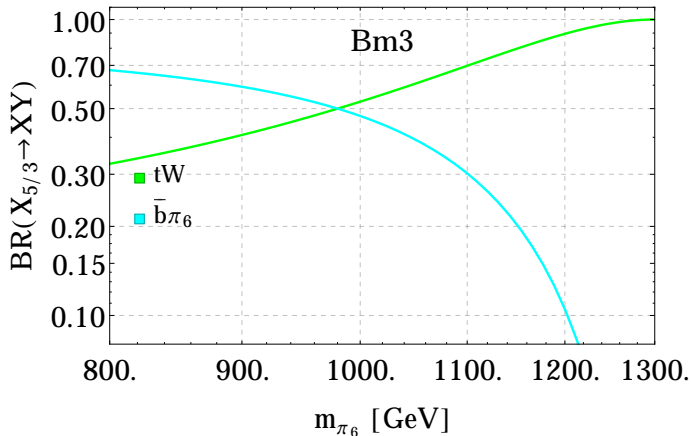
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- ▶ Lightest VLQ is  $X_{5/3}$  is part of EW-doublet  $(X_{5/3} T) \sim (3, 2, 7/6)$
- ⇒ Pair-produced from QCD
- ▶ Non-negligible  $X_{5/3} \rightarrow \pi_6 \bar{b}$  branching ratio w.r.t standard  $X_{5/3} \rightarrow W^+ t$
- ⇒ Two dimensional parameter space

### $\pi_6$ decays

- ▶ pNGB sextet  $\pi_6$  associated to spontaneously broken global symmetry of the coloured sector (required to form composite VLQs)
- ⇒ Direct searches lead to  $m_{\pi_6} \gtrsim 800$  GeV [Cacciapaglia, Deandrea, Flacke et al, 1507.02283]
- ▶ Decay only into tops  $\pi_6 \rightarrow tt$   $\pi_6 \sim (6, 1, 4/3)$
- ⇒ No decays into SM gauge bosons (hypercharge)
- ⇒ No decays into light fermions (partial compositeness vs bilinear coupling)

Relevant to explore  $Br(W^+ t) + Br(\pi_6 \bar{b}) = 1$



$$\text{Bm3: } M_{X_{5/3}} = 1.3 \text{ TeV}, \quad \kappa_{W,L}^X = 0.03, \quad \kappa_{W,R}^X = -0.11, \\ \kappa_{\pi_6,L}^X = 1.95, \quad \kappa_{t\bar{t},R}^{\pi_6} = -0.56,$$

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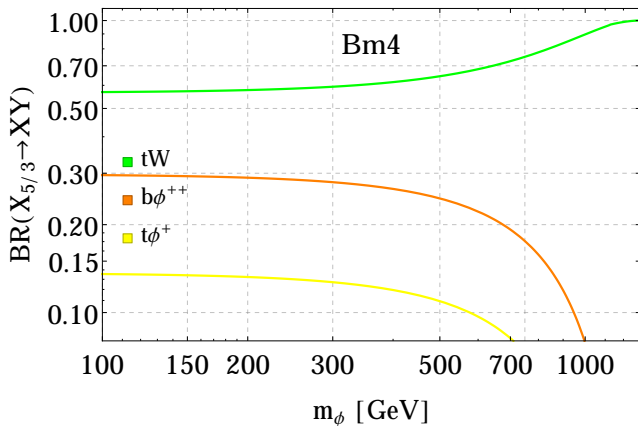
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 $\Rightarrow$  Pair-produced from QCD
- ▶ Non-negligible  $X_{5/3} \rightarrow \phi^+ t$  branching ratio w.r.t standard  $X_{5/3} \rightarrow W^+ t$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Two dimensional parameter space (coloured pNGB can easily be heavier than VLQs)

### $\phi^+$ decays

- ▶ pNGB  $\phi^+$  is an EW triplet (same origin as the Higgs boson)  
 $\Phi_+ = (\phi^{++} \quad \phi^+ \quad \phi^0)^T \sim (1, 3, 1)$ ,  $\Phi_0 = (\phi^+ \quad \phi^0 \quad \phi^-)^T \sim (1, 3, 0)$ ,
- ▶ Anomalous couplings:  $\phi^+ \rightarrow W^+ \gamma$  and  $\phi^+ \rightarrow W^+ Z$  from  $\Phi_0 W^{\mu\nu} \tilde{B}_{\mu\nu}$   
 $\Rightarrow W^+ \gamma$  channel dominates
- ▶ Decays into SM fermions:  $\phi^+ \rightarrow t \bar{b}$  from  $\Phi_+^a (\bar{q}_L \tilde{H})^a b_R$  or  $\Phi_0^a (\bar{q}_L H)^a b_R$   
 (also decays into light quarks and leptons)  $\Rightarrow$  Suppressed by  $v/f$
- ▶  $\Gamma_{\phi^+ W^+ \nu} \sim m_{\phi^+}^3$  while  $\Gamma_{W^+ t b} \sim m_{\phi^+} \Rightarrow$  decays into spin 1 is dominant



Relevant to explore  $Br(W^+ t) + Br(\phi^+ t) + Br(\phi^{++} b) = 1$



Bm4:  $M_{X_{5/3}} = 1.3$  TeV,  $\kappa_{W,L}^X = 0.03$ ,  $\kappa_{W,R}^X = 0.13$ ,  
 $\kappa_{\phi^+,L}^X = 0.49$ ,  $\kappa_{\phi^+,R}^X = 0.12$ ,  $\kappa_{\phi^{++},L}^X = -0.69$ ,  $\kappa_{tb,L}^\phi = 0.53$ ,

- ▶ Simplest realisation of composite Higgs model is a 4D gauge theory of fermions that condenses at low energy
  - ⇒ Higgs naturally light as pNGB
  - ⇒ Additional EW pNGB  $\eta, \phi^+, \dots$  (depending on the underlying model)
- ▶ EWSB requires partial compositeness for top quark
  - ⇒ Coloured pNGBs  $\pi_6, \dots$       ⇒ Additional  $U(1)$ -singlet  $a$

## Final states

- ▶ EW-singlet mode:  $T \rightarrow \eta t, \quad \eta \rightarrow WW, \gamma Z, ZZ$   
pair-production only,  $m_\eta \gtrsim 100$  GeV
- ▶  $U(1)$ -mode:  $T \rightarrow at, \quad a \rightarrow t\bar{t}$  (high mass), hadrons,  $b\bar{b}, \tau\tau$  (low mass)  
pair+single production,  $m_a$  could be very light  $\sim 10$  GeV
- ▶ Coloured mode:  $X_{5/3} \rightarrow \pi_6 \bar{b}, \quad \pi_6 \rightarrow tt$
- ▶ Charged mode:  $X_{5/3} \rightarrow \phi^+ t, \quad \phi^+ \rightarrow W^+ \gamma, W^+ Z$

## Model-dependant scenarios

- ⇒ Typical behaviour only (benchmarks scenarios from theory side)
- ⇒ Variations are possible (depending on the model, underlying gauge theory)

▶ EW-singlet mode:  $T \rightarrow \eta t$ 

Pair production:  $pp \rightarrow T\bar{T} \rightarrow (\eta t)(\eta\bar{t})$ ,  $\eta \rightarrow WW, \gamma Z, ZZ$

▶ U(1)-mode:  $T \rightarrow at$ 

Pair production:  $pp \rightarrow T\bar{T} \rightarrow (at)(a\bar{t})$  or  $(at)(Z\bar{t}, h\bar{t}, W^- \bar{b})$

Single production:  $pp \rightarrow T \rightarrow at$

▶ Coloured mode:  $X_{5/3} \rightarrow \pi_6 \bar{b}$ 

Pair production:  $pp \rightarrow X_{5/3}\bar{X}_{5/3} \rightarrow (\pi_6 \bar{b})(\pi_6^c b) \rightarrow (t\bar{t})(\bar{t}tb)$

$pp \rightarrow X_{5/3}\bar{X}_{5/3} \rightarrow (W^+ t)(\pi_6^c b) \rightarrow (W^+ t)(\bar{t}tb)$

▶ Charged mode:  $X_{5/3} \rightarrow \phi^+ t$ 

Pair production:  $pp \rightarrow X_{5/3}\bar{X}_{5/3} \rightarrow (\phi^+ t)(\phi^- \bar{t}) \rightarrow (W^+ \gamma t)(W^- \gamma \bar{t})$

$pp \rightarrow X_{5/3}\bar{X}_{5/3} \rightarrow (W^+ t)(\phi^- \bar{t}) \rightarrow (W^+ t)(W^- \gamma \bar{t})$

# Back-up

- 1  $T \rightarrow \eta t$
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Barring extra space-time dimensions:

Simplest, well-understood, explicit realization provided by 4D gauge theory of fermions that confines at the multi-TeV scale  $\Lambda$

⇒ No fundamental scalar reintroducing hierarchy problem at higher scale

## Fundamental fermions

pNGB Higgs + top partners (PC)

⇒ Two species of fundamental fermions (novel feature compare to QCD)

▶ EW sector (Higgs sector): fermions  $\psi$

⇒ Spontaneous symmetry breaking should deliver at least 4 pNGBs associated to Higgs doublet:  $H \sim (\psi\psi)$

▶ Coloured sector: fermions  $X$

⇒ Some trilinear bound states  $(\psi\psi X)$  or  $(\psi XX)$  should have same quantum numbers as SM top quark multiplets

⇒ Spontaneous breaking delivers additional coloured pNGBs  $(XX) \sim \pi^c$

First example provided by:

EW sector  $SU(4)/Sp(4) \cong SO(6)/SO(5)$

- ▶  $SU(4)/Sp(4) \Rightarrow$  only 15-10 = 5 NGBs: Higgs doublet + singlet  $\eta$
- ▶ 4 Weyl fermions  $\psi \Rightarrow SU(4)$  global symmetry
- ▶  $Sp(4) \Rightarrow \psi$  belong to a pseudo-real hypercolour representation:  
the fundamental of  $Sp(2N)$  [Barnard et al, '13]

Coloured sector  $SU(6)/SO(6)$

- ▶  $SU(6)/SO(6) \Rightarrow 35-15 = 20$  coloured NGBs:  $\pi_8, \pi_6$  and  $\pi_6^c$
- ▶ 6 Weyl fermions  $\chi \Rightarrow SU(6)$  global symmetry
- ▶  $SO(6) \Rightarrow \chi$  belong to a real hypercolour representation:  
2-index antisymmetric of  $Sp(2N)$

# List of "minimal" UV completions

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

Several other possibilities exist:

► Different EW and coloured cosets

► Fundamental fermions in different irreps

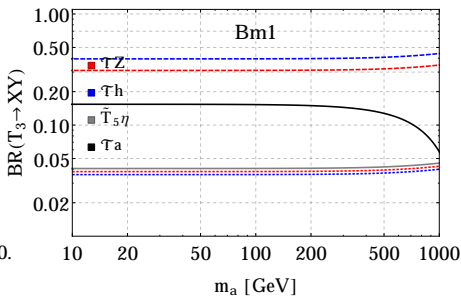
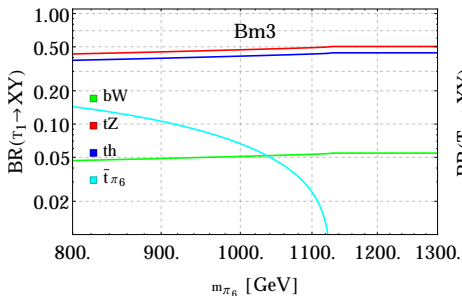
► Change anomalous couplings: Branching ratios of pNGBs

► Change VLQs couplings to pNGBs (values of decay constants, ...)



VLQs: 5-plet  $\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} X_{5/3} \\ X_{2/3} \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\begin{pmatrix} T \\ B \end{pmatrix}$ ,  $\tilde{T}_5$  singlet  $\rightarrow \tilde{T}_1$

$$\bar{\psi}_{tR} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\frac{y_{5B}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\xi_5 \frac{\alpha}{f_a}} f s_\theta & -\frac{y_{5B}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\xi_5 \frac{\alpha}{f_a}} f s_\theta & y_{1R} e^{i\xi_1 \frac{\alpha}{f_a}} f c_\theta & i y_{5R} c_\theta \eta \\ y_{5L} e^{i\xi_5 \frac{\alpha}{f_a}} f c_{\theta/2}^2 & M_5 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -y_{5L} e^{i\xi_5 \frac{\alpha}{f_a}} f s_{\theta/2}^2 & 0 & M_5 & 0 & 0 \\ -\frac{y_{1L}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\xi_1 \frac{\alpha}{f_a}} f s_\theta & 0 & 0 & M_1 & 0 \\ -i \frac{y_{5L}}{\sqrt{2}} s_\theta \eta & 0 & 0 & 0 & M_5 \end{pmatrix} \psi_{tL}$$



$\Rightarrow$  Richer phenomenology as compare to effective model with only one VLQ

In addition to the Higgs doublet, **additional EW pNGBs** are present

## EW sector

Smallest cosets constructed from pseudoreal, real or complex representations:

- ▶  $SU(4)/Sp(4)$ :  $5_{Sp(4)} \equiv \mathbf{A}_2 = 2_{\pm 1/2} + 1_0 \quad (H, \eta)$
  - ▶  $SU(5)/SO(5)$ :  $14_{SO(5)} \equiv \mathbf{S}_2 = 3_{\pm 1} + 3_0 + 2_{\pm 1/2} + 1_0 \quad (\Phi_{\pm}, \Phi_0, H, \eta)$
  - ▶  $SU(4) \times SU(4)/SU(4)$ :  $15_{SU(4)} \equiv \mathbf{Ad} = 3_0 + 2_{\pm 1/2} + 2_{\pm 1/2} + 1_{\pm 1} + 1_0 + 1_0 \quad (\Phi_0, H_1, H_2, N_{\pm}, N_0, \eta)$
- [Ma, Cacciapaglia, 1508.0714]

⇒ Always SM-like singlet  $\eta$       ⇒ Sometimes triplets or second Higgs doublet

## Coloured sector

- ▶  $SU(6)/SO(6) \supset SU(3)_c$ :  $20'_{SO(6)} \equiv \mathbf{A}_2 = 8_0 + 6_{4/3} + \bar{6}_{-4/3} \quad (\pi_8, \pi_6, \pi_6^c)$
- ▶  $SU(6)/Sp(6) \supset SU(3)_c$ :  $14_{Sp(6)} \equiv \mathbf{S}_2 = 8_0 + 3_{-4/3} + \bar{3}_{4/3} \quad (\pi_8, \pi_3, \pi_3^c)$
- ▶  $SU(3) \times SU(3)/SU(3)_c$ :  $8_{SU(3)} \equiv \mathbf{Ad} = 8_0 \quad (\pi_8)$

⇒ Always a coloured octet  $\pi_8$       ⇒ Sometimes coloured triplets or sextets

[Cacciapaglia et al, 1507.02283, 1610.06591]

pNGBs may couple to gauge bosons through anomalies ( $\pi^0 \rightarrow \gamma\gamma$  in QCD)

$$\mathcal{L}^{WZW} = -\frac{g_{\text{YW}}^2}{64\pi^2} \frac{d_{\text{HC}}}{F_G} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \mathcal{W}^{\mu\nu} \mathcal{W}^{\rho\sigma} \sum_{\hat{A}} d^{WW\hat{A}} G^{\hat{A}} + \dots$$

$$d^{WW\hat{A}} = 2 \text{Tr}(\{T^W, T^W\} T^{\hat{A}})$$

⇒ Non-zero couplings depend on the coset (global symmetries)

⇒ Strength depends on the underlying theory (fundamental fermions irreps)

## EW pNGBs

- ▶ No anomalous couplings for the Higgs boson
- ▶  $SU(4)/Sp(4)$   $\eta ZZ, \eta\gamma Z, \eta WW$
- ▶  $SU(5)/SO(5)$   $\eta\gamma\gamma, \eta ZZ, \eta\gamma Z, \eta WW$ , triplet anomalous couplings, ...

## Coloured pNGBs

- ▶  $\pi_8$  decays in  $gg, \gamma g$  or  $Zg$  via anomaly (and top triangle loop)

In general PC implies decays of pNGBs into tops ( $\eta \rightarrow t\bar{t}, \pi_6 \rightarrow tt, \dots$ )

- ▶ EW  $\psi$  fermions: anomalous  $U(1)_\psi$
  - ▶ Coloured  $X$  fermions: anomalous  $U(1)_X$
- ⇒ Always a non-anomalous combination w.r.t hypercolour

$$q_\psi N_\psi T(\psi) + q_X N_X T(X) = 0$$

- ⇒ One additional light pNGB  $a$
- ⇒ Other pseudoscalar  $\eta'$  receive mass from anomaly (instanton effects), could be light as no way to estimate anomaly coefficient

## Anomalous couplings

- ▶  $\eta_\psi$  to  $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$  gauge bosons ( $\eta_\psi WW, BB$ ) [Cai et al, 1512.04508]
- ▶  $\eta_X$  to  $SU(3)_c \times U(1)_Y$  gauge bosons ( $\eta_X gg, BB$ )

$\eta_\psi - \eta_X$  mixing:

$$\begin{cases} a = \cos \phi \eta_\psi + \sin \phi \eta_X \\ \eta' = -\sin \phi \eta_\psi + \cos \phi \eta_X \end{cases} \quad \tan \phi = \frac{f_X q_X}{f_\psi q_\psi}$$

- ⇒  $a$  produced by gluon fusion (contrary to EW pNGBs)
- ⇒  $a$  decays to dibosons ( $gg, WW, ZZ, Z\gamma, \gamma\gamma$ ) and  $t\bar{t}$  thanks to PC [Belyaev et al, 1610.06591]