# Traces of composite light quarks at the LHC

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## Outline

- Naturalness → there's a top sector ~< TeV but no hint for (a scale for) flavor physics
- Composite PNGB Higgs & partial compositeness

|SM> = cosθ |elementary> + sinθ |composite> |partner> = -sinθ |elementary> + cosθ |composite>

- Constraining light quark compositeness w/
  - dijet searches
  - direct searches of partners
  - Higgs couplings to gluons and photons
- Hidding top partners with top/charm mixing

## *Q*: what makes the observed SM-like Higgs light?



If nothing but gravity  $\rightarrow \Lambda = M_{Pl} \sim IO^{Iq} Ge \mathcal{V} = hierarchy problem$ 

- 2 new physics paths:
  - $\land \sim M_{PL}$  but there's a new symmetry above the TeV scale *e.g. supersymmetry*
  - SM fields couple to a new strong dynamics with  $\land \sim \neg e \lor$  *e.g. composite Higgs models*

be it weakly or strongly coupled, natural BSM theories have **top partners < / TeV** to soften the UV sensitivity of the Higgs mass

**Q**: where are they?

### **SUSY** $\rightarrow$ light stops

Barbieri-Giudice '88,..., Papucci-Ruderman-Weiler '11

current limits are rather strong:

m<sub>stop</sub>>~700GeV

unless compressed spectrum?  $m_{stop} \sim m_{top}$ 





taken from Stelzer @HCP'12

m<sub>T5/3</sub>>~770GeV

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light quarks are (almost exactly) blind to EWSB, no hint for flavor physics from naturalness

**Q1**: do they have partners too? within LHC reach?

**Q2:** are light quark composite objects?

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to solve little hierarchy problem *and* naturally get  $M_H \ll TeV$ :

make H a "pion" *i.e.* a PNGB :  $H \subset \mathcal{G}_{\mathcal{H}}$ 

 $(\text{QCD pions} \subset SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R/SU(2)_V)$ 

Contino-Nomura-Pomarol '03 Agashe-Contino-Pomarol '04

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 $\epsilon \sim \text{IR zeromode-wavefunction } f(c),$  c = 5D fermion mass ~ anomalous dim' of chiral operators Arkani-Hamed-Porrati-Randall '00

#### 1) dijets searches:







 $q=u_{,d}: \Lambda > 4 - 6 \text{TeV}_{e.g.} \text{CMS-EXO-11-010'13}$  $q=s_{,c}: \Lambda > o(300) \text{GeV} \text{DaRold-CD-Grojean-Perez'12}$ 

 $\rightarrow$  2<sup>nd</sup> generation's not constrained thanks to small pdf

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Q=u,d partners:  $m_Q > 1.0-1.4$  TeV ATLAS-CONF-2012-137 driven by valence quark PDFs + t-channel (assumed  $\lambda \sim v/m_Q$ ) Q=c, S partners:  $m_Q > \sim few IOOGeV$ CD-Flacke-Gonzalez-Lee-Panico-Perez, to appear

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Low-energy Higgs theorem: Vainshtein-Voloshin-Zakharov-Shifman '79

 $\mathcal{M}_{gg \to h} \propto \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \log H} \log \det \mathcal{M}^2(H)\right)$ 

typical structure in CHM:

$$\mathcal{M} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \lambda_q & 0\\ 0 & M_Q & Y\tilde{H}\\ \lambda_u & \tilde{Y}\tilde{H}^{\dagger} & M_U \end{pmatrix}$$

det  $M \propto H$ 

→ no sensitivity to top compositeness and top partners spectrum Falkowski 'o8, Azatov-Galloway '10

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→ composite higgs couplings to gluon and photon probe light quark compositeness !!

net effect scales like  $\epsilon_L^2$  or  $\epsilon_R^2$  but not  $\epsilon_L \epsilon_R$  (hgg is flavor singlet)  $\rightarrow$  one chirality composite is enough, say RH to pass EWPTs



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PNGB Higgs potential is controlled by  $\epsilon^2$ 

- → one can slightly decouple C5/3 without introducing fine-tuning since the c/t mixing is in the RH sector!
- $\rightarrow$  limit on top partners much weaker, T<sub>2</sub>/<sub>3</sub> dominated