



Conjugate Fermions

Restoring Naturalness in Composite Higgs Models

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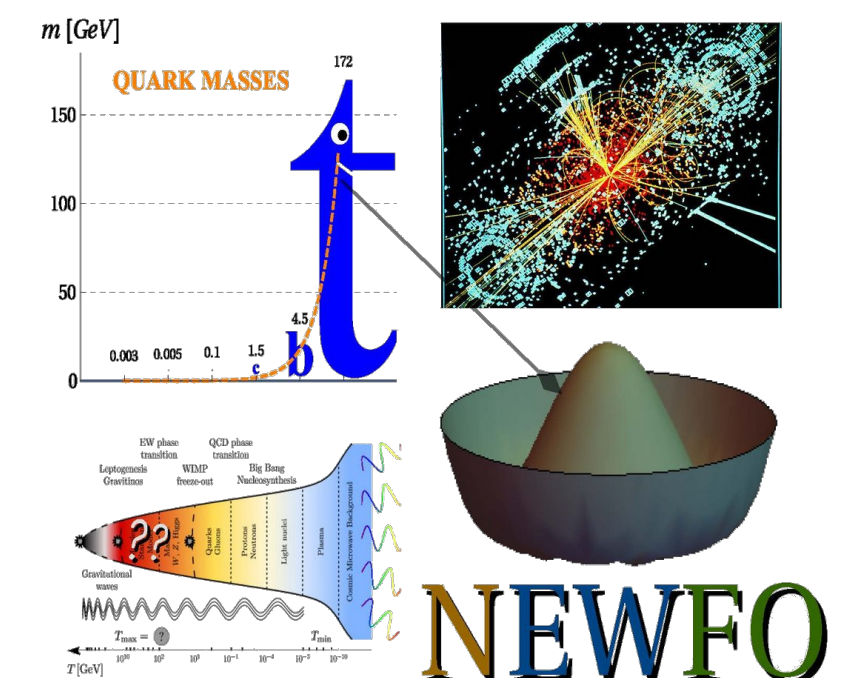
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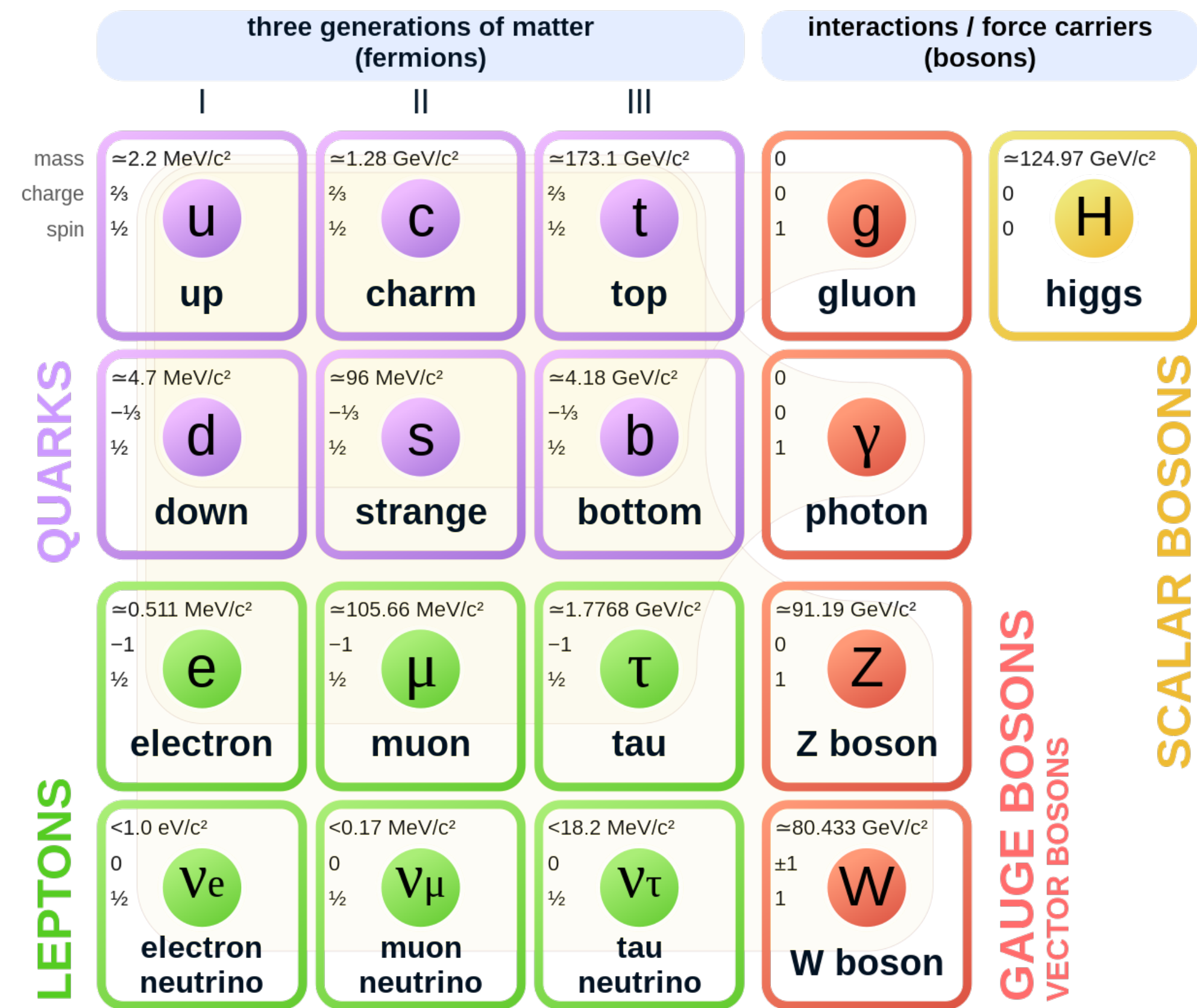


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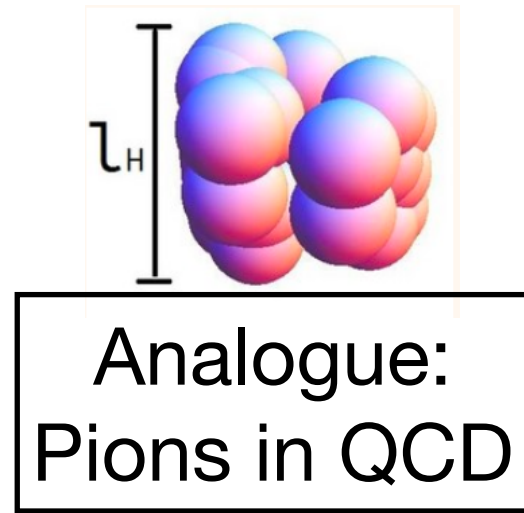
...of the talk:

- Composite Higgs
- Mirror Fermion Mechanism
- Explicit Model
- Numerical Scan
- Phenomenology of Exotics
- Outlook

...of the Standard Model:



Composite Higgs

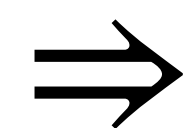
Corrections @ $\mathcal{O}(\text{TeV})$ 

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \mathcal{L}_{\text{el}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{comp}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{mix}}$$

Higgs

$$G \xrightarrow{\text{SSB}} H \supset G_{\text{SM}}$$

n degrees of freedom
(# broken generators)

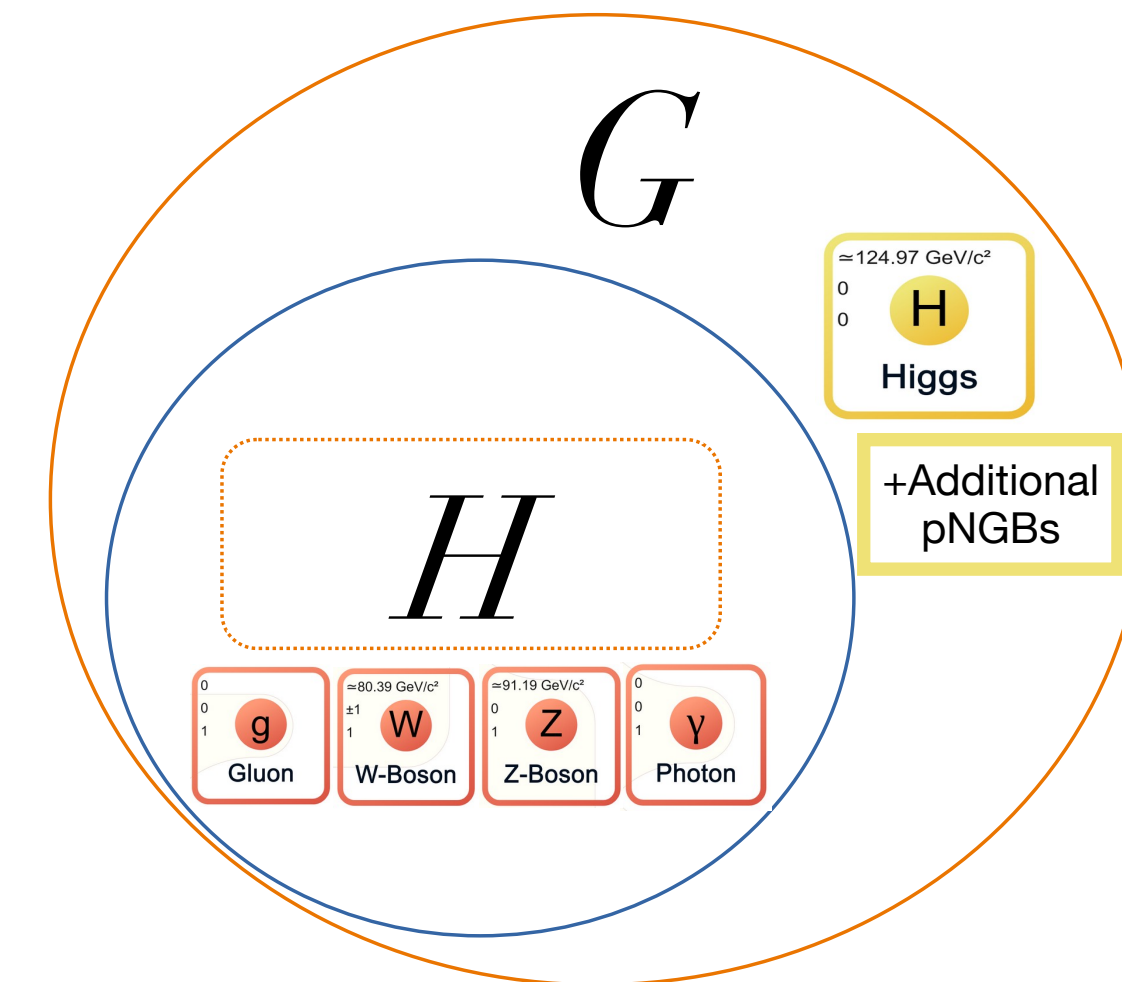


Higgs Doublet H
 $(1, 2)_{1/2}$

additional pNGBs

(4 dof)

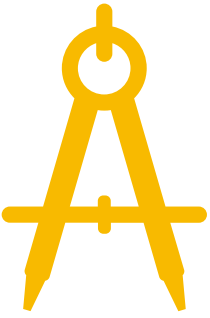
(n-4 dof)

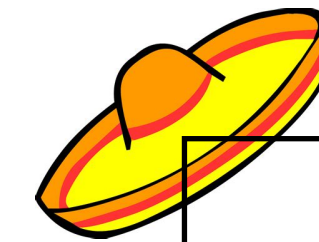


Higgs as a pseudo-Nambu Goldstone Boson

No tree-level potential $\Rightarrow$ naturally light Higgs
(protected by shift symmetry & compositeness)

Common CH Problems

-  tuning Higgs potential
-  LHC constraints on light composite resonances



Panico, Redi, Tesi, Wulzer (2013)

$$V_h = -\alpha \frac{h^2}{f^2} + \beta \frac{h^4}{f^4}$$

$$\frac{v^2}{f^2} \propto \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$$

minimal tuning:

$$\Delta_{\min} = f^2/v^2$$

double-tuning:

if β sub-leading wrt α

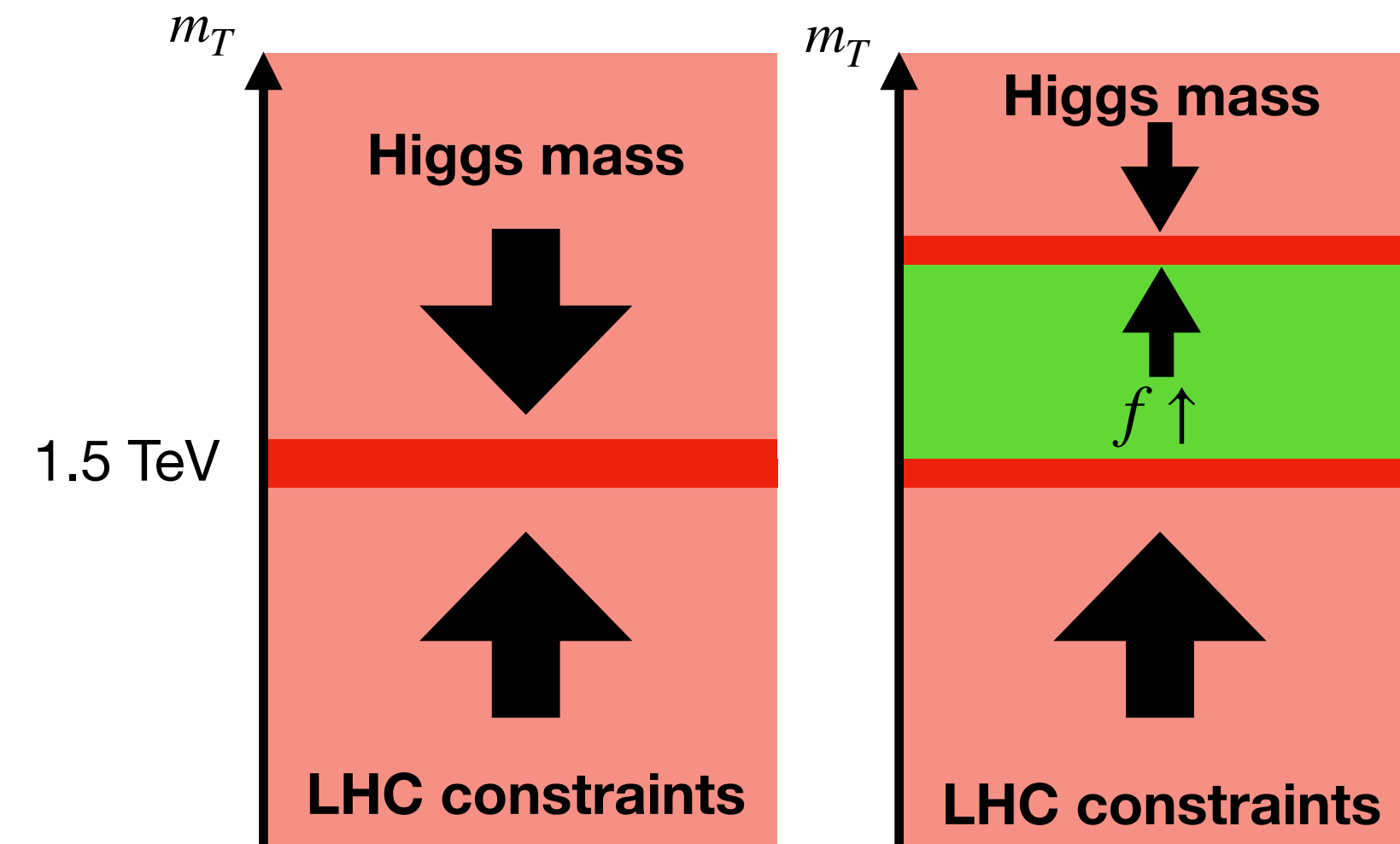
Composite partners decay preferably to heavy SM fields

⇒ Sensitive to collider searches:

top partner mass ≥ 1.5 TeV

$$m_H \propto \frac{\min(m_T)}{f} m_t$$

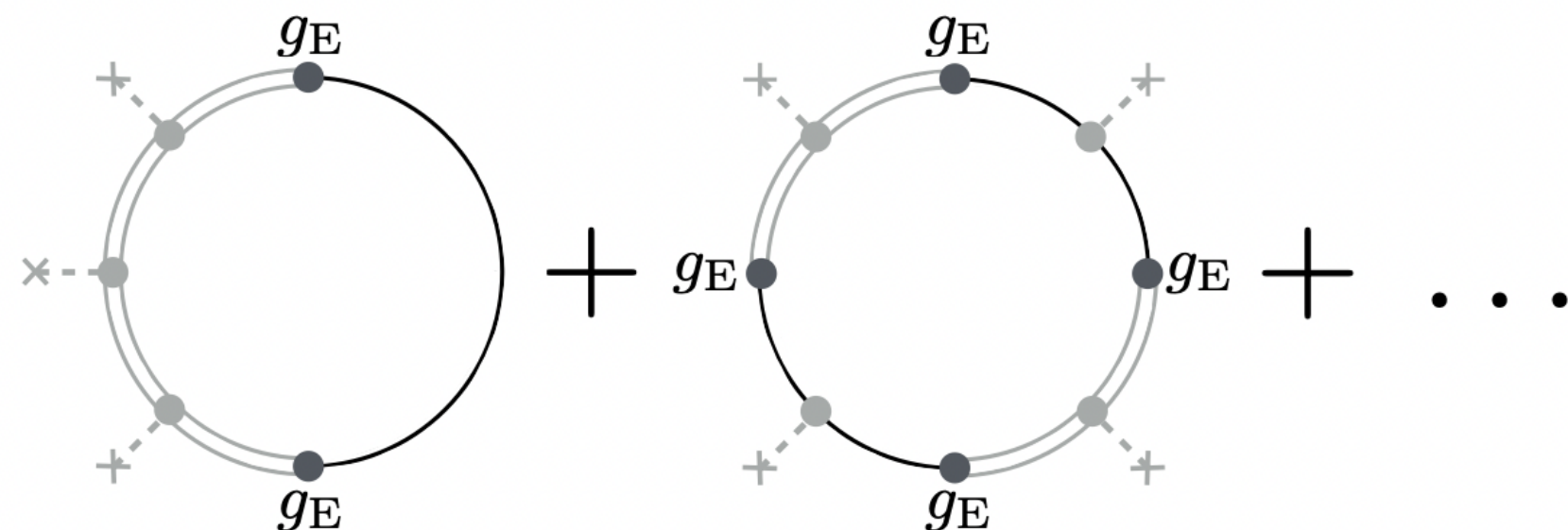
CMS, arXiv:2209.0737;
ATLAS, arXiv:2210.15413;
+many more!



Mirror Fermions

Mechanism

The quadratic contribution of a chiral fermion ψ to the pNGB potential of a coset G/H is cancelled when a new chiral fermion ψ' with conjugated gauge quantum numbers is added, called mirror fermion, if the fermions talk to the same composite operator in a real representation $\mathbf{R}$ of the group G which decomposes as $\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{C}}$ under H , with $\mathbf{C}$ a complex representation and $\bar{\mathbf{C}}$ its complex conjugate.



Explicitly:

We can cancel the quadratic contribution of the top quark to the Higgs potential!

Mirror Fermions

Proof

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{PC}} = \lambda \bar{\psi} \Delta \mathcal{O}^{\mathbf{R}} + \lambda' \bar{\psi}' \Delta' \mathcal{O}^{\mathbf{R}} + \text{h.c.}$$

CCWZ mechanism: Callan, Coleman, Wess, Zumino (1969)

how to write general low-energy effective Lagrangians

spurions: elementary fields embedded in incomplete G multiplets

$$\Delta^{(\prime)i} = \begin{cases} 1 & i \in \{\alpha\} \quad (i \in \{\dot{\alpha}\}) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$U^\dagger \Delta \equiv \left(\Delta_D^{\mathbf{C}}, \Delta_D^{\bar{\mathbf{C}}} \right) \text{ „dressed“ spurions}$$

$$\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{C}} \\ i \qquad \alpha \qquad \dot{\alpha}$$

Goldstone matrix:
 $U = \exp \left(i \Pi_{\hat{a}} T^{\hat{a}} \right)$

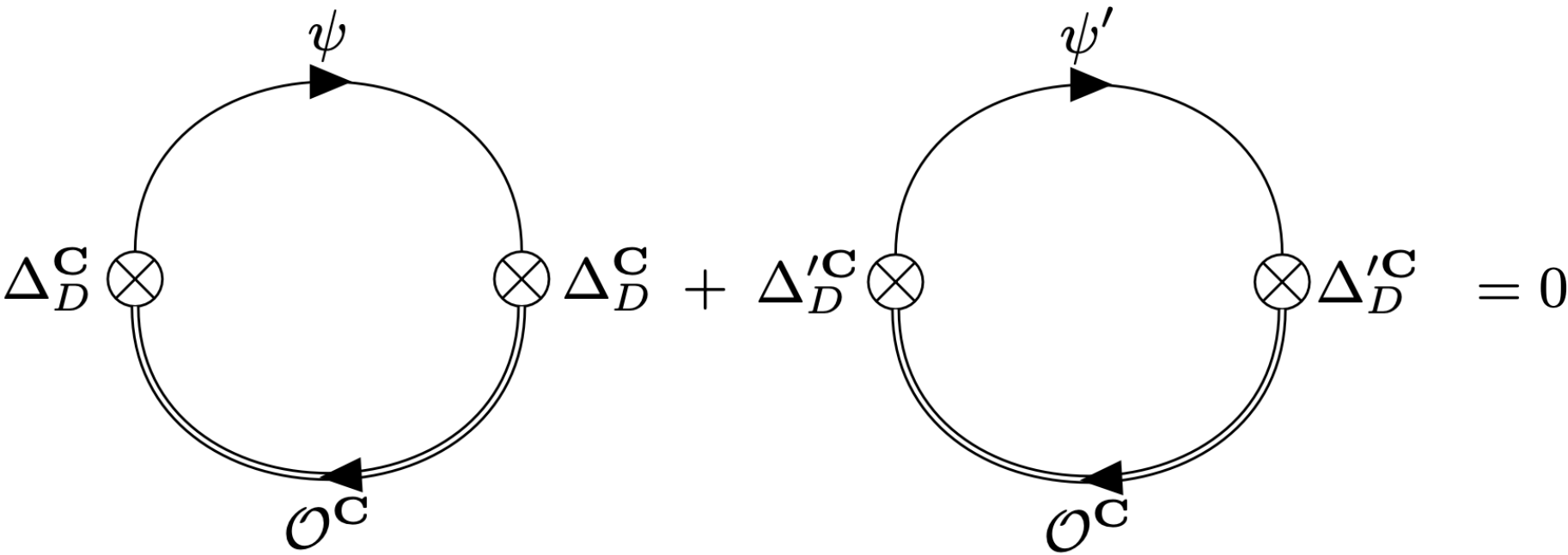
C contribution to Higgs potential: ($\bar{\mathbf{C}}$ contribution analogously)

$$\begin{aligned} V^{\mathbf{C}} &\propto \lambda^2 (\Delta_D^{\mathbf{C}})^\dagger \Delta_D^{\mathbf{C}} + \lambda'^2 (\Delta_D'^{\mathbf{C}})^\dagger \Delta_D'^{\mathbf{C}} \\ &\downarrow \boxed{(\Delta_D^{\bar{\mathbf{C}}})^\dagger \Delta_D^{\bar{\mathbf{C}}} = (\Delta_D'^{\bar{\mathbf{C}}})^\dagger \Delta_D'^{\bar{\mathbf{C}}}} \quad \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{C}} \quad \boxed{\lambda = \lambda'} \\ &\propto \lambda^2 (\Delta_D^{\mathbf{C}})^\dagger \Delta_D^{\mathbf{C}} + \lambda'^2 (\Delta_D^{\bar{\mathbf{C}}})^\dagger \Delta_D^{\bar{\mathbf{C}}} \propto \lambda^2 \Delta^\dagger U U^\dagger \Delta \stackrel{\boxed{\text{Unitarity of } U}}{=} \lambda^2 N \end{aligned}$$

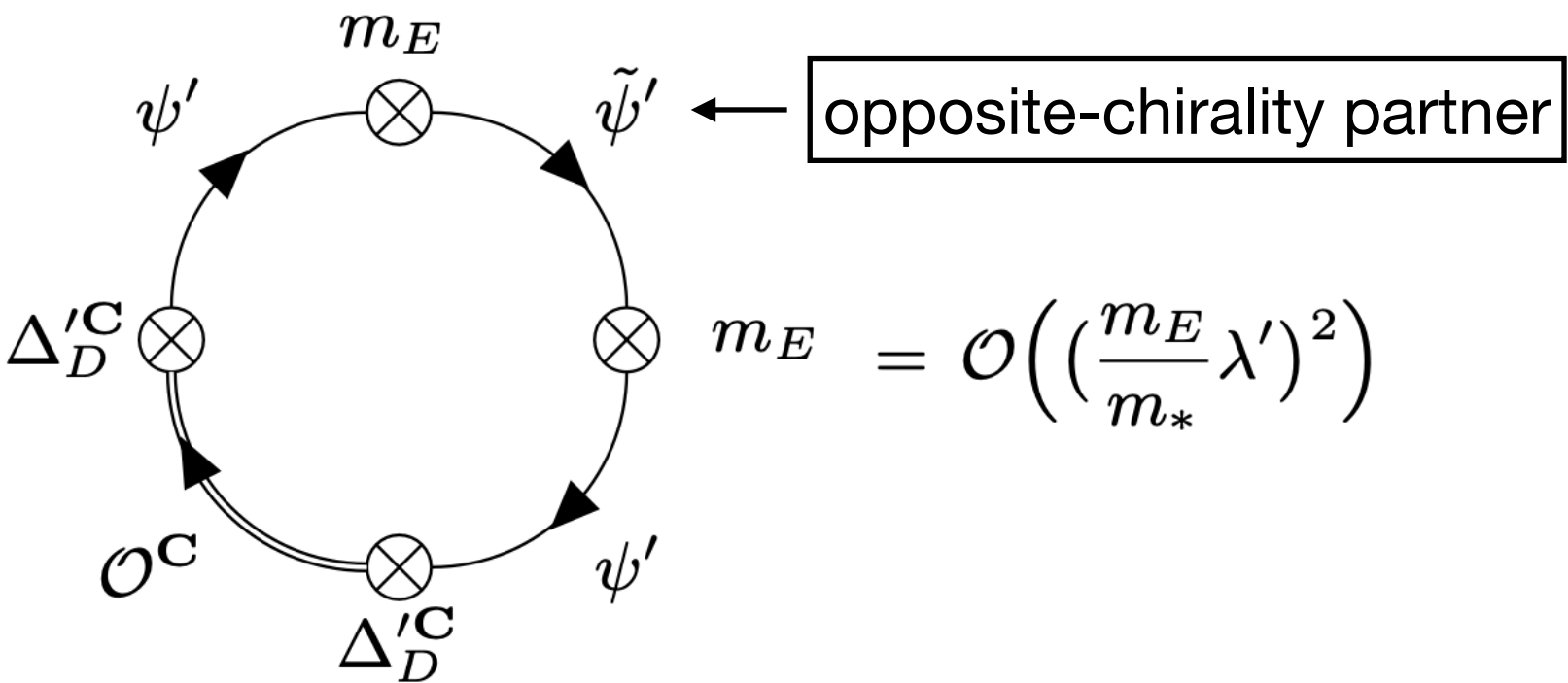
No contribution at leading order to Higgs potential!

Three ingredients why the cancellation works!

$$\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{C} \oplus \bar{\mathbf{C}} \quad , \quad \lambda = \lambda' \quad , \quad m_E \ll m_*$$



Dirac mass for mirror fermion necessary
⇒ additional contribution to potential

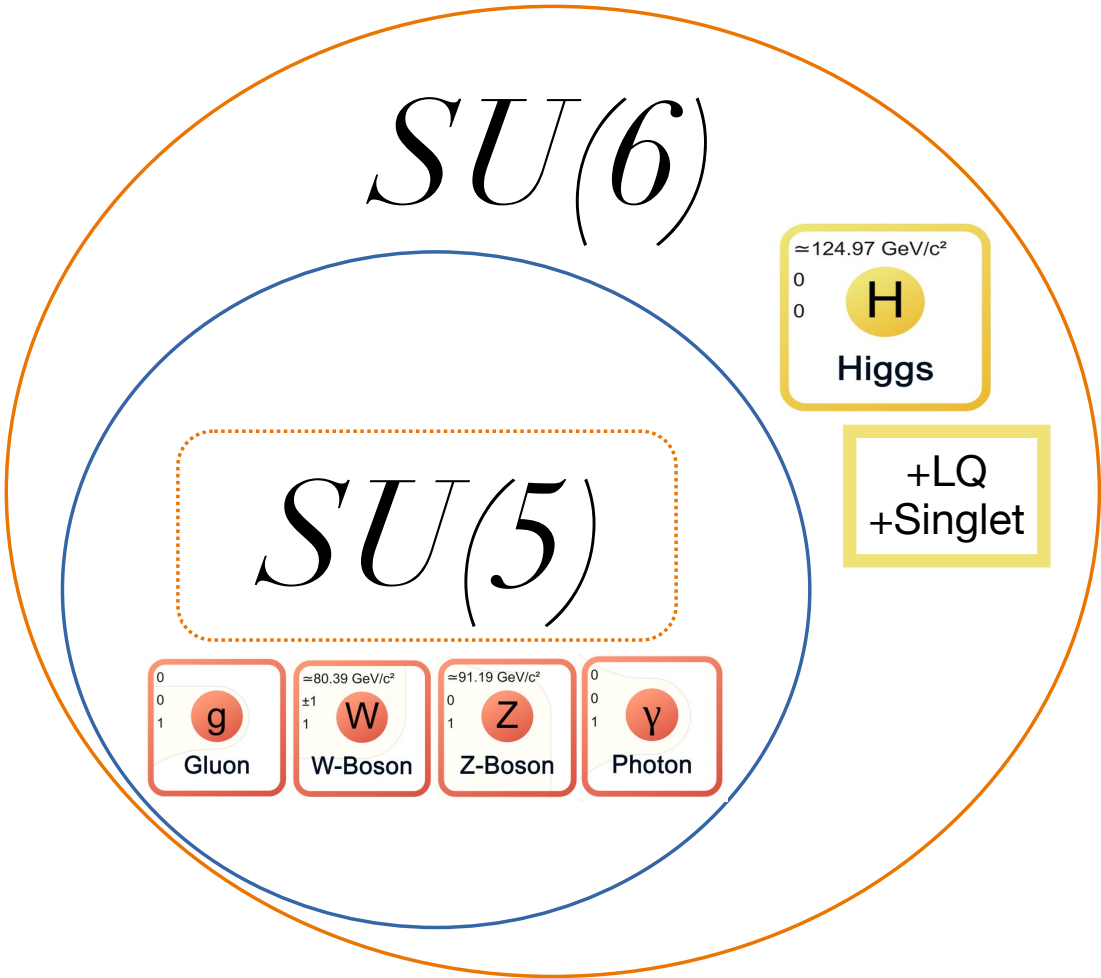


$SU(5) \supset SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$

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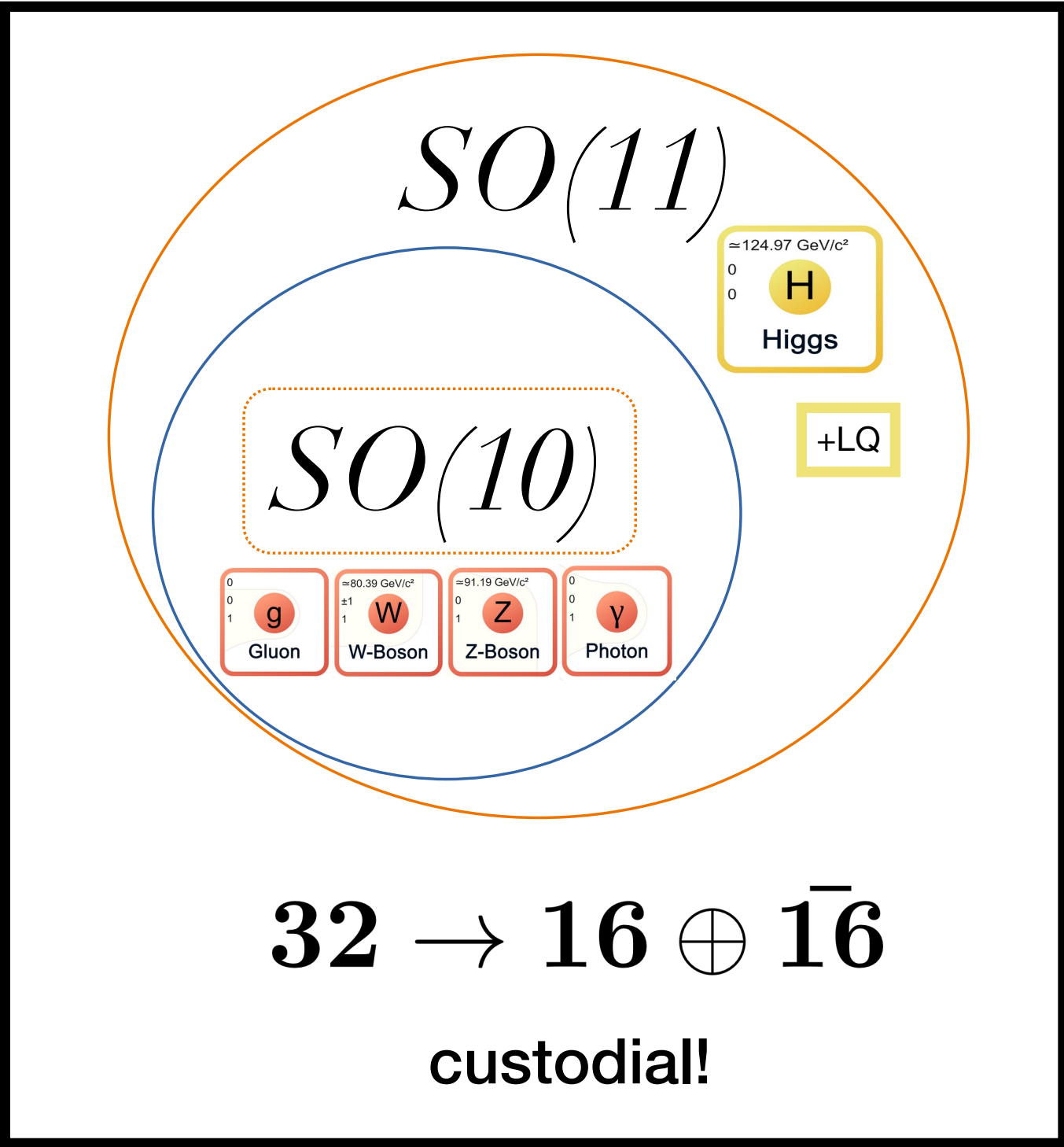
Explicit Model - Composite Grand Unified Theories

minimal:



$$20 \rightarrow 10 \oplus \bar{10}$$

non-custodial $\Rightarrow$ tree-level corrections to T parameter



$$32 \rightarrow 16 \oplus \bar{16}$$

custodial!

q_L

ω_R

$$10 \rightarrow (3, 2)_{1/6} \oplus (3^*, 1)_{-2/3} \oplus (1, 1)_1$$

$$10^* \rightarrow (3^*, 2)_{-1/6} \oplus (3, 1)_{2/3} \oplus (1, 1)_{-1}$$

θ_L

t_R

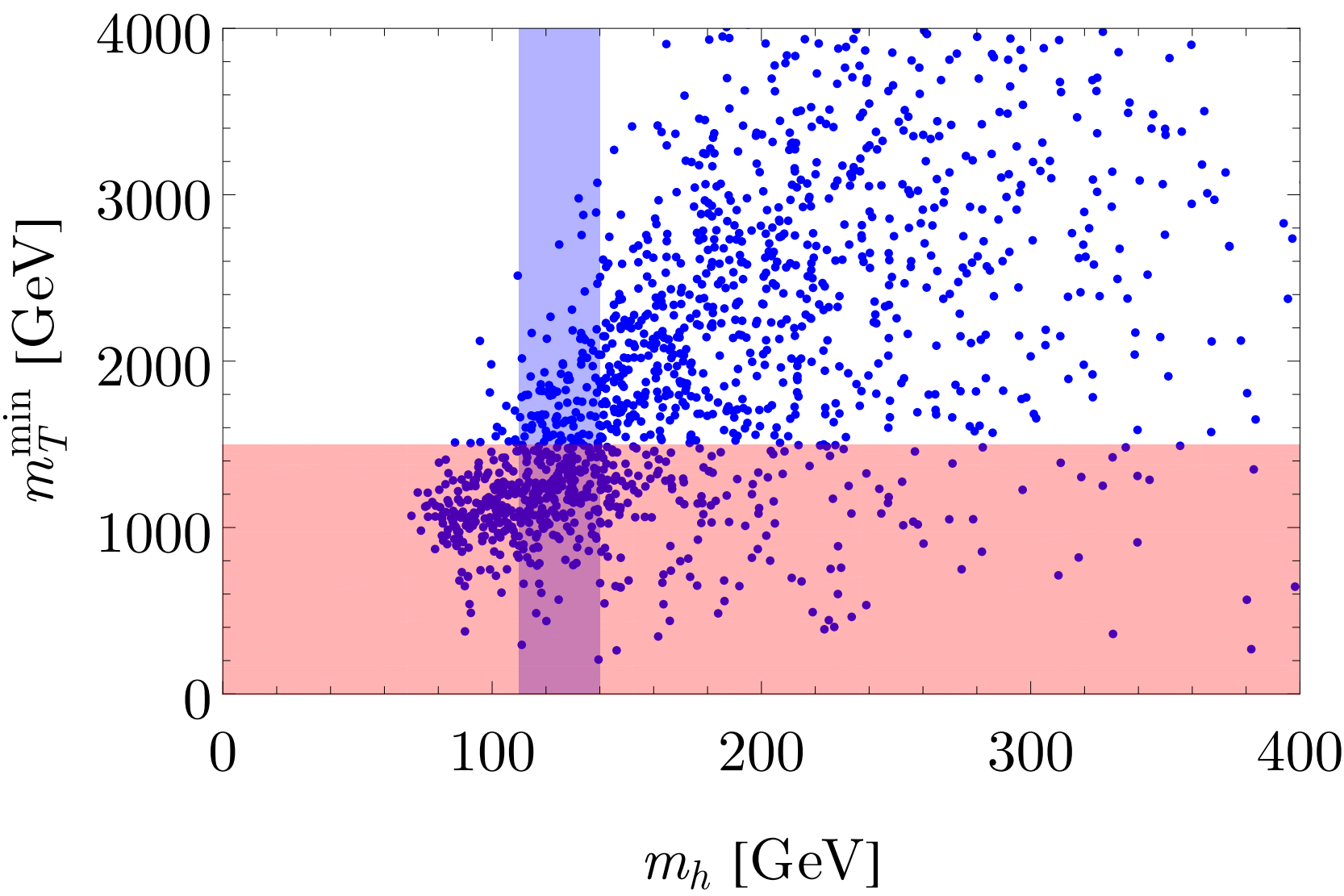
Scan:
 $f = 1600 \text{ GeV}$
 $\lambda_L = \lambda_R$
 $m_t(f) \sim 150 \text{ GeV}$
 parameter range $[-5 f, 5 f]$
 b_R included

Mirror Fermions

Numerical Scan

mass eigenstates arising from mirror fermion sector $\equiv$ exotics

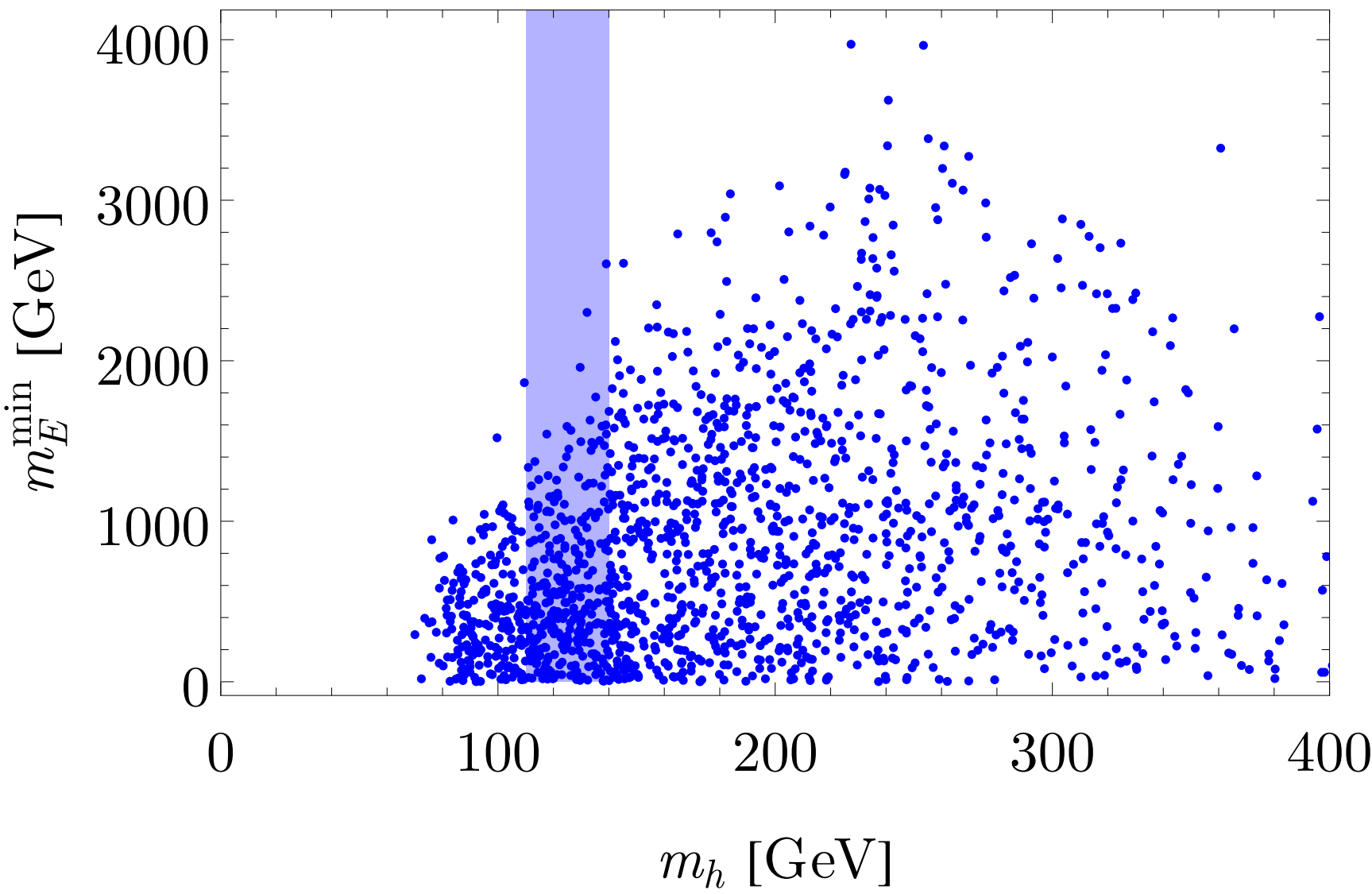
Lightest Top Partner



Top Partner $\geq 1500 \text{ GeV}$

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Lightest Exotic



Coleman-Weinberg potential

$$V(H) = -\frac{2N_c}{8\pi^2} \int dp p^3 \log \left[\prod_i (p^2 + m_i^2(H)) \right]$$

in 3-site model

Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, Georgi (2001); Panico, Wulzer (2011)



Top Partners can be heavy
 $\Rightarrow$ no conflict with LHC limits

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Mirror Fermions

Fine-Tuning

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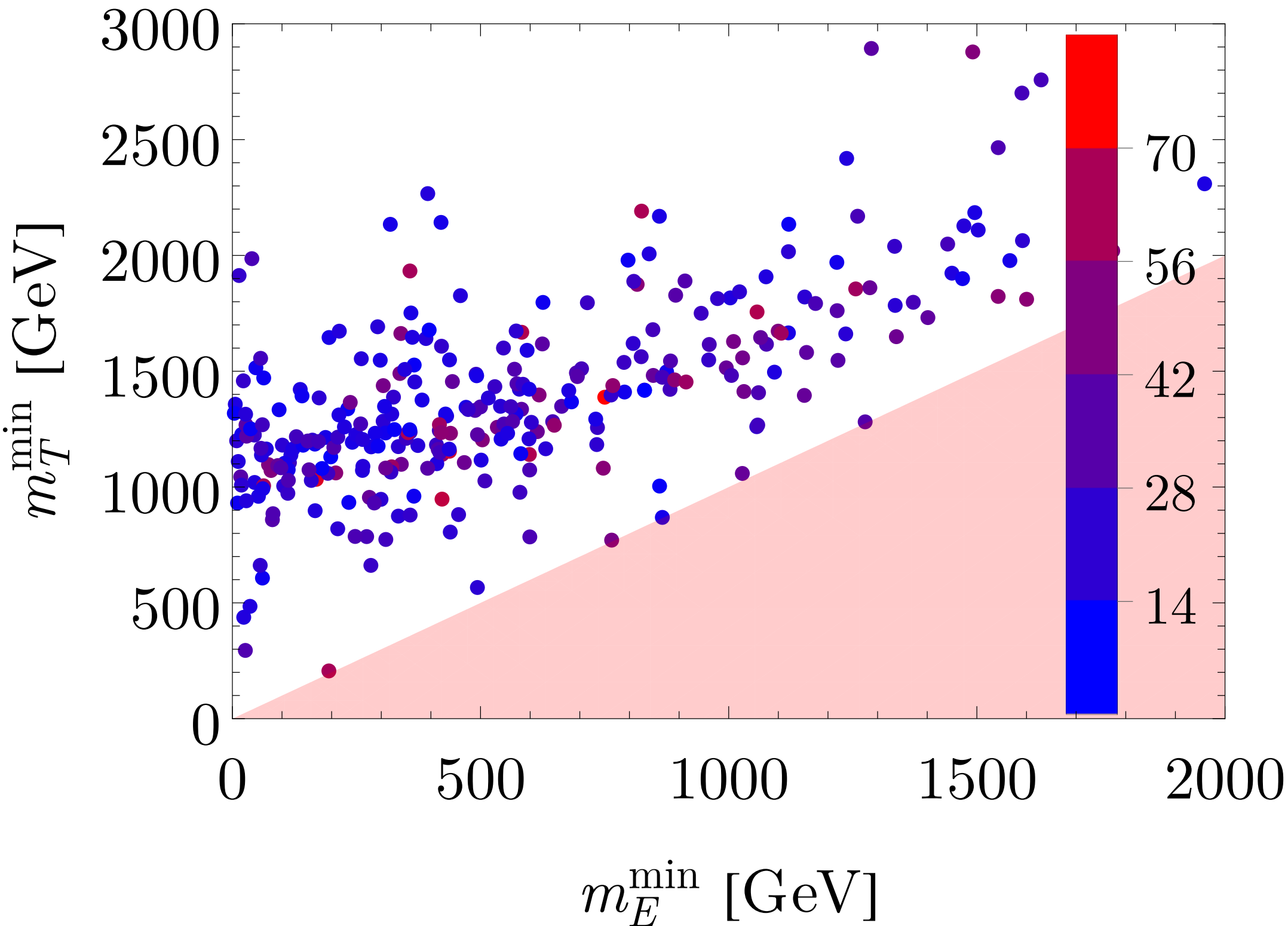
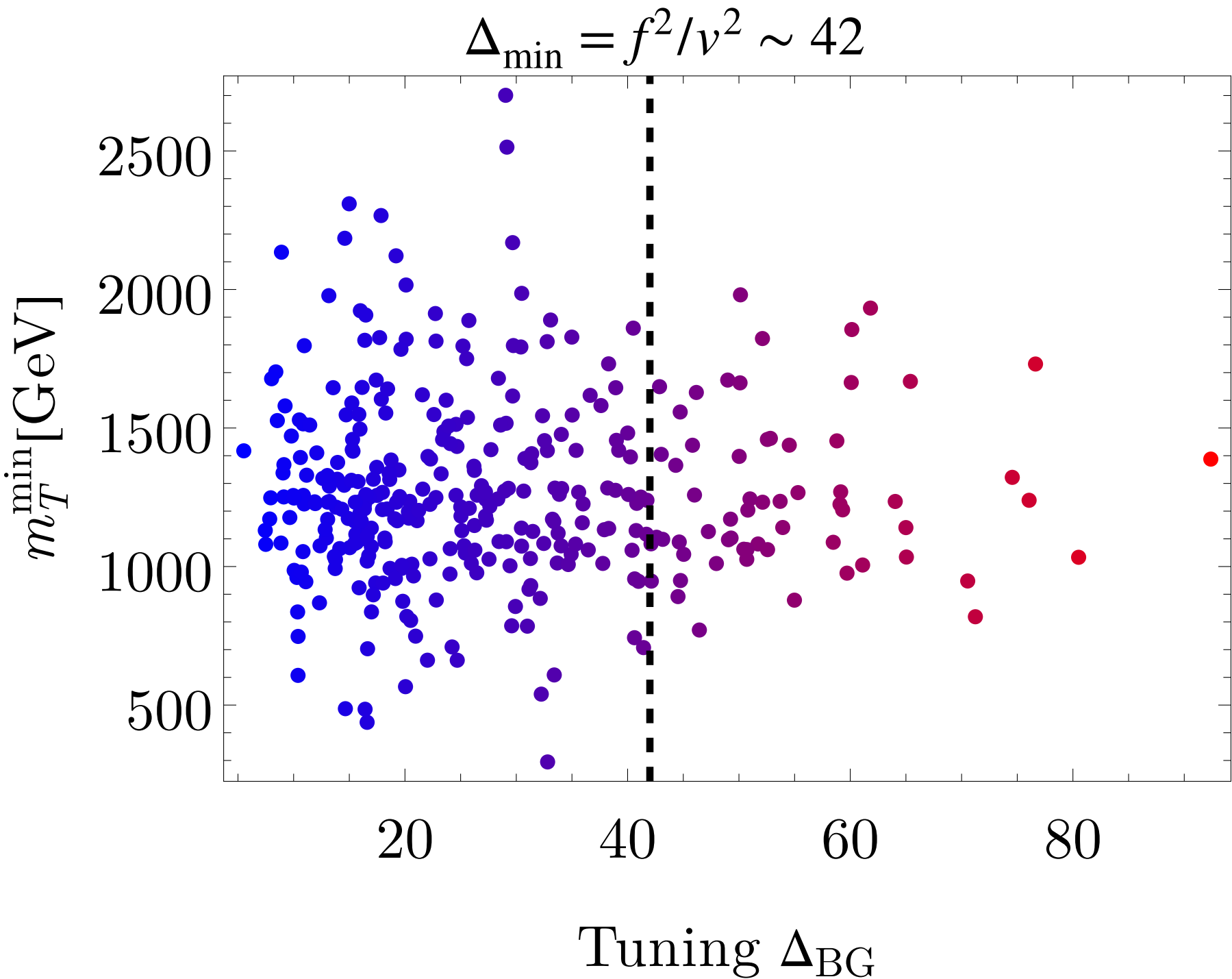
Higgs mass + vev

parameters 3-site model

maximum sensitivity of observables to parameters

$$\Delta_{\text{BG}} = \max_i \left| \frac{\partial \log O(x_i)}{\partial \log x_i} \right|$$

Barbieri & Giudice (1988)



$\Delta_{\text{BG}} \ll \Delta_{\min}$
 $\Rightarrow$ small tuning

Mirror Fermions

Phenomenology Exotics

no perfect fermion unification

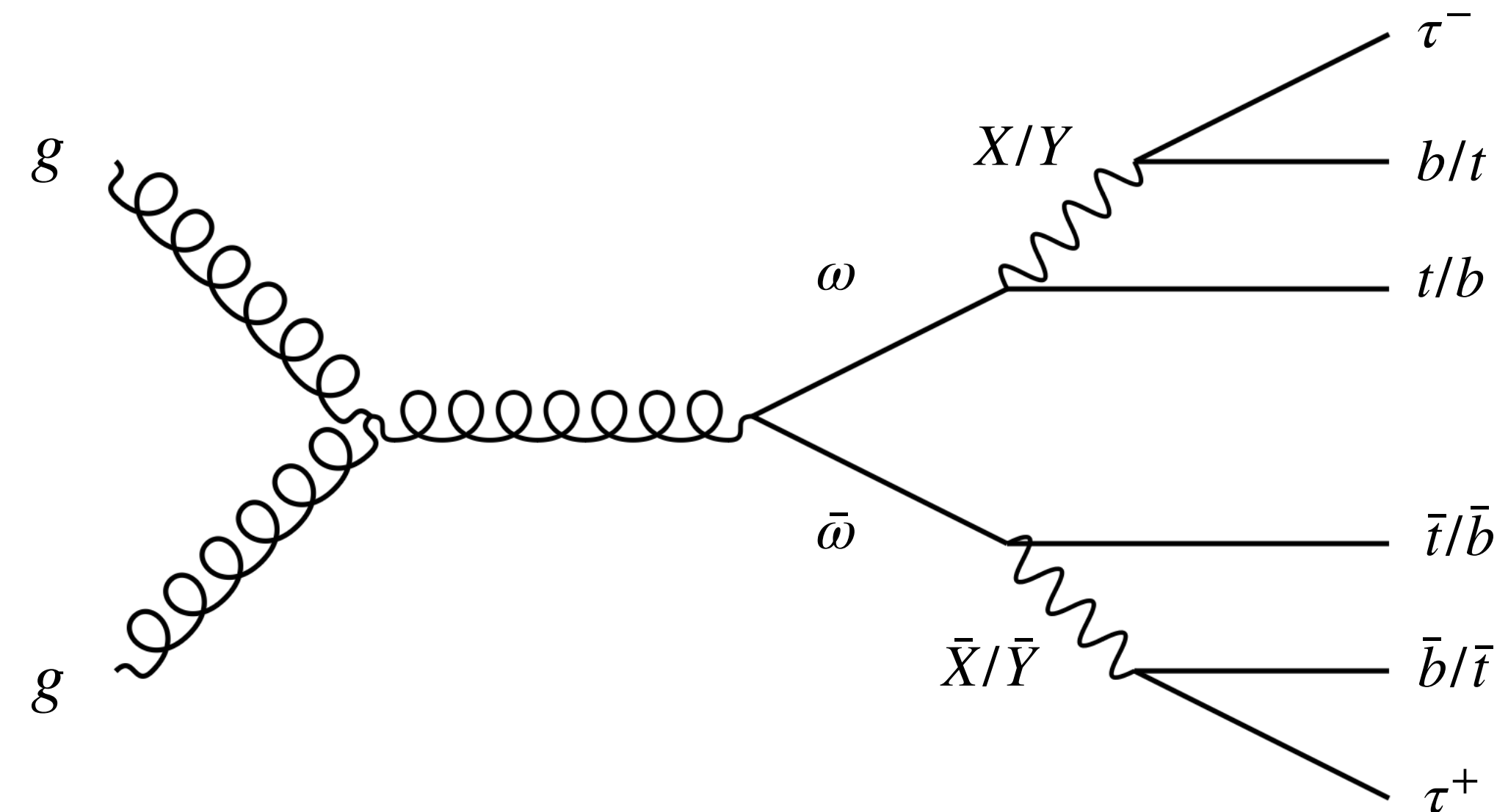
- accidental baryon number symmetry $\Rightarrow$ exotics ω carry **$B = 2/3!$** + no proton decay

see: Angelescu, Bally, Blasi, Goertz (2021); Hosotani, Yamatsu (2015)

- baryon number & electromagnetic charge conservation lead to

6 particle final state!

$$\omega\bar{\omega} \rightarrow t\bar{t}b\bar{b}\tau^+\tau^-$$



- To the best of our knowledge: no dedicated search at LHC



baryon number is global symmetry
 $\Rightarrow$ no proton decay



unexplored signature for exotic decay
 $\Rightarrow$ no existing LHC limits

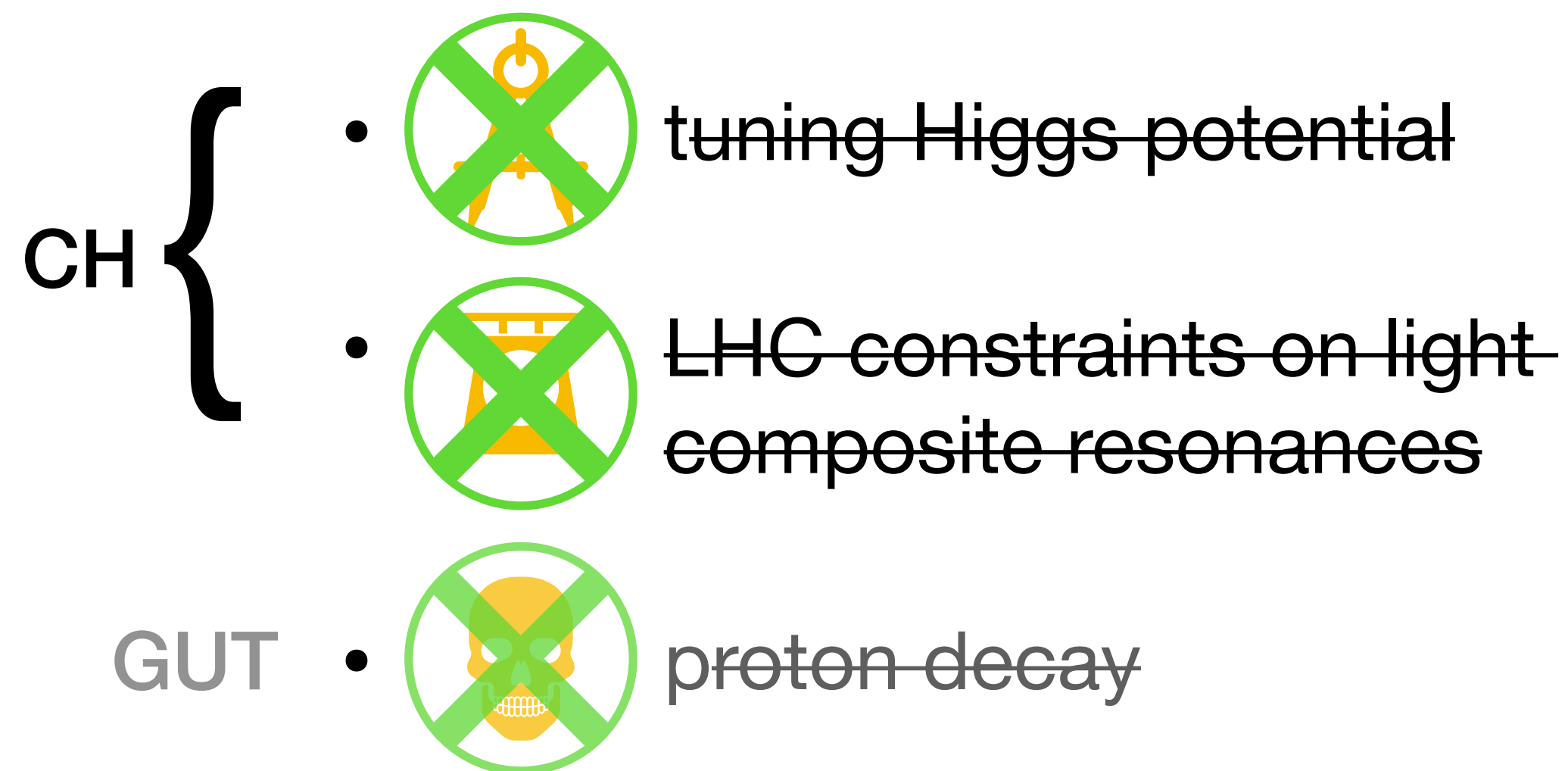
Conclusion

Hope for Naturalness at the LHC!

- Novel mechanism to cancel quadratic contribution to the Higgs potential with unexplored signatures

$$\boxed{R \rightarrow C \oplus \bar{C}}$$

- Common Problems solved



Mirror Fermion Mechanism

Top partners can be heavy
+ Unexplored signature of exotic decay

Baryon Number Conservation

Backup Slides

Mirror Fermions

Holographic Completion

SU(6)

$$A_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} (++) & (++) \\ (++) & (++) \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} (+-) & (+-) & (+-) \\ (+-) & (+-) & (+-) \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} (--) \\ (--) \\ (--) \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} (+-) & (+-) \\ (+-) & (+-) \\ (+-) & (+-) \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} (++) & (++) & (++) \\ (++) & (++) & (++) \\ (++) & (++) & (++) \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} (--) \\ (--) \\ (--) \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} (--) & (--) \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} (--) & (--) & (--) \end{matrix} & \begin{matrix} (--) \\ (--) \\ (--) \end{matrix} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Higgs: 5th component of 5D gauge field in warped space-time

$$A_M^A = \begin{pmatrix} A_\mu^A \\ A_5^A \end{pmatrix}$$


- t_R IR-localised $\Rightarrow m_E$ small

$$m_E \sim \frac{M_{UV}}{R} \times \begin{cases} 1 & (c > 0.5) \\ (R'/R)^{c-1/2} (1-c) & (c < 0.5) \end{cases}$$

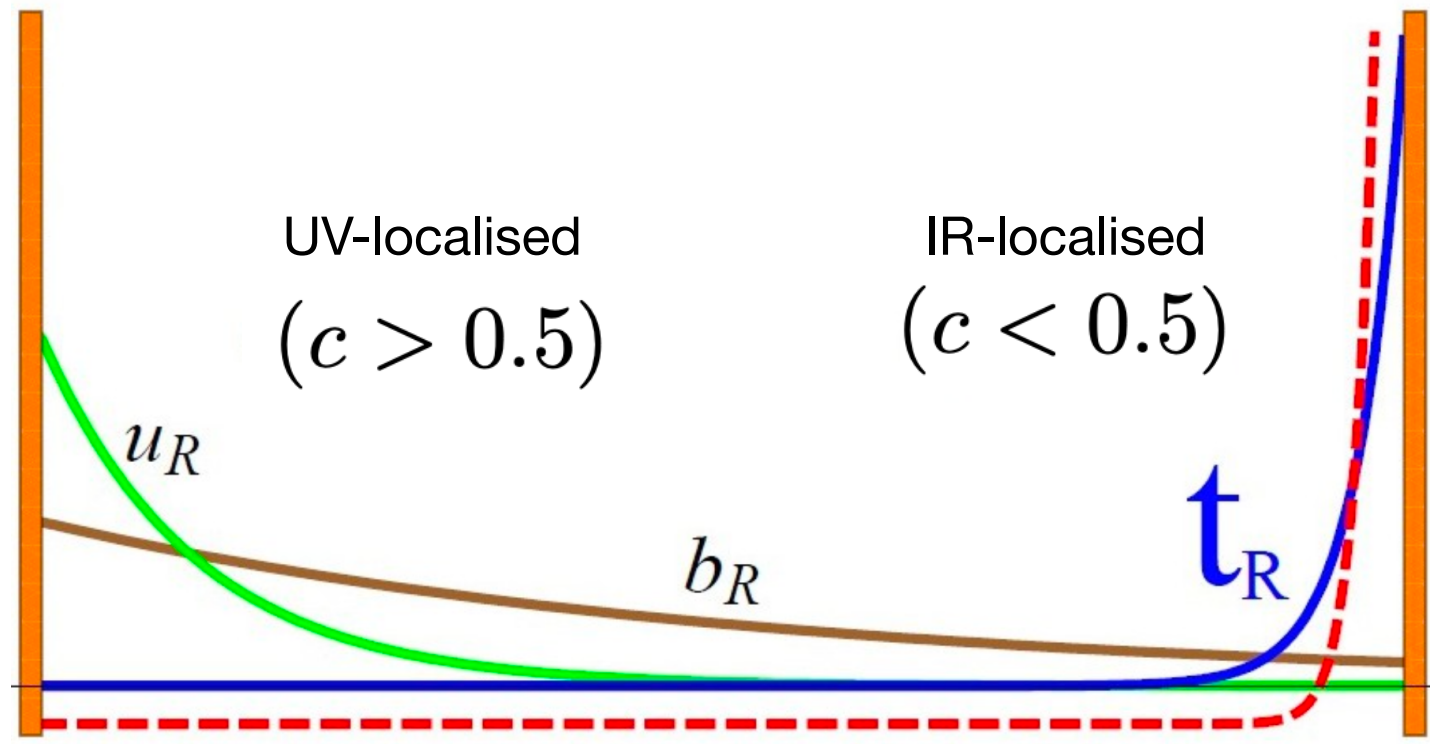
- fermion & mirror fermion in same bulk field
 $\Rightarrow$ same localisation $\Rightarrow \lambda = \lambda'$

Metric

$$ds^2 = (R/z)^2 \left(\eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu - dz^2 \right)$$

Translation

bulk field	$\longleftrightarrow$	elementary fields
localisation in bulk wrt Higgs	$\longleftrightarrow$	strength of linear mixing
KK-Modes	$\longleftrightarrow$	composite resonances
IR-localised	$\longleftrightarrow$	composite sector
UV-localised	$\longleftrightarrow$	elementary sector
UV brane-localised field	$\longleftrightarrow$	elementary fields that do not talk to composite sector



Conserved Baryon Number

- q_L and u_R in separate H multiplets
 $\Rightarrow$ interaction via X/Y not possible $\Rightarrow p \rightarrow \pi_0 + e^+$ not possible
- hidden baryon symmetry: B conserved at each vertex $\Rightarrow$ proton stable to all orders in perturbation theory
- consistently assigning baryon number to SM fields $\Rightarrow B = 2/3$ for exotics!
- symmetry is anomalous, but can be gauged Agashe, Servant (2004); Agashe, Servant (2005)

Higgs-Gluon Coupling

Contribution from Exotics

- loop corrections to Higgs-gluon coupling

Ellis, Gaillard, Nanopoulos (1976)

$$\delta g_{Hgg} \propto \sum_{M_i > m_H} \frac{Y_{ii}}{M_i}$$

from new heavy fermions with $M_i > m_H$: Azatov, Galloway (2012)

$$\delta g_{Hgg}^{\text{ex}} \sim \frac{\partial \log(\det M_{\text{ex}})}{\partial v} \stackrel{=}{=} 0$$

not trivial! reason: opposite-chirality partners do not talk directly to Higgs

Contribution from top and bottom partners suppressed by v^2/f^2