

# PARTIAL COMPOSITENESS AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE LHC

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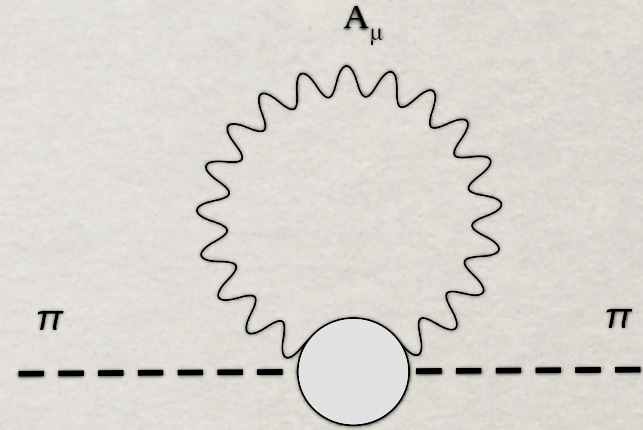
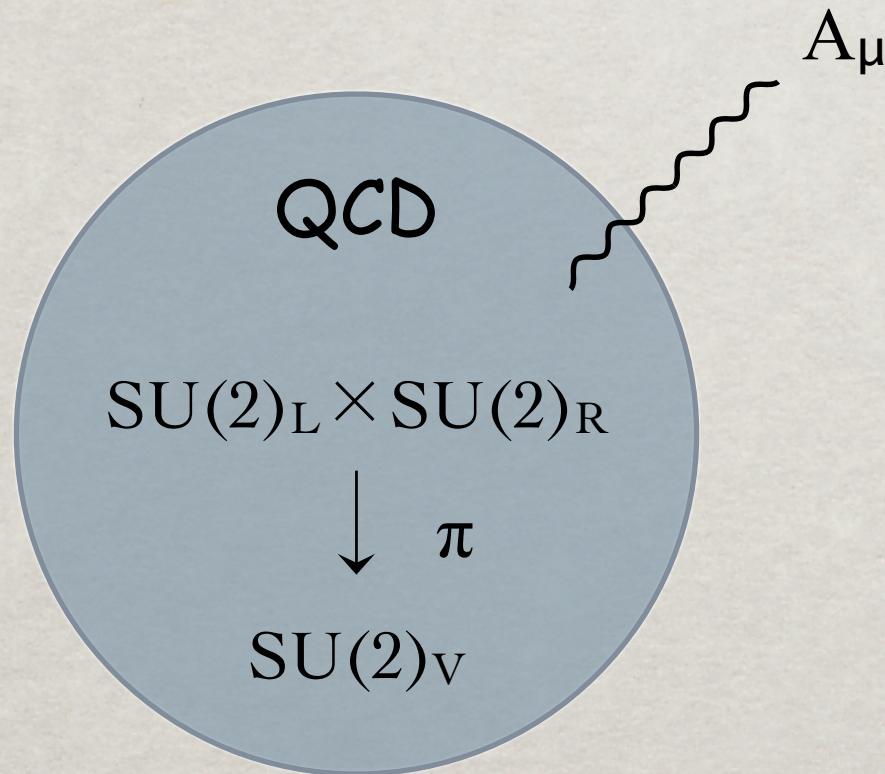
# MOTIVATION:

- ✱ Solving the Hierarchy Problem by having the Higgs as a composite at  $\sim \text{TeV}$

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# A SCENARIO WE KNOW:

The electromagnetic correction to the pion mass



$$\Delta m_\pi^2 \approx 3 \frac{\alpha_{em}}{4\pi} m_\rho^2$$

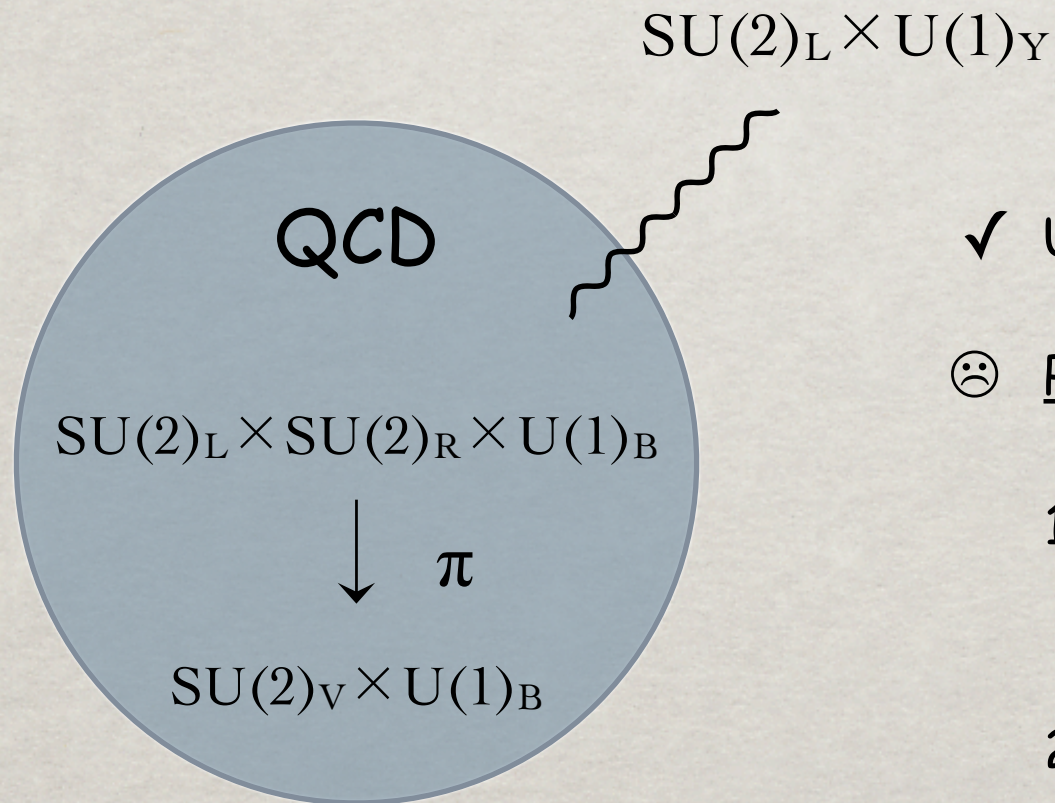
$$m_{\pi^+} - m_{\pi^0} \simeq 5.0 \text{ MeV}$$

[Das, Guralnik, Mathur, Low, Yang 1967]

(exp.  $\simeq 4.6 \text{ MeV}$ )

# TURNING ON THE FULL ELECTROWEAK GROUP:

The pions are eaten and the EWS is broken



✓  $U(1)_Q$  unbroken: massless photon

☹ Problems:

1)  $f_\pi = 93 \text{ MeV} \Rightarrow$   
 $M_W = g f_\pi / 2 = 30 \text{ MeV} !$

2) we actually observe the pions !

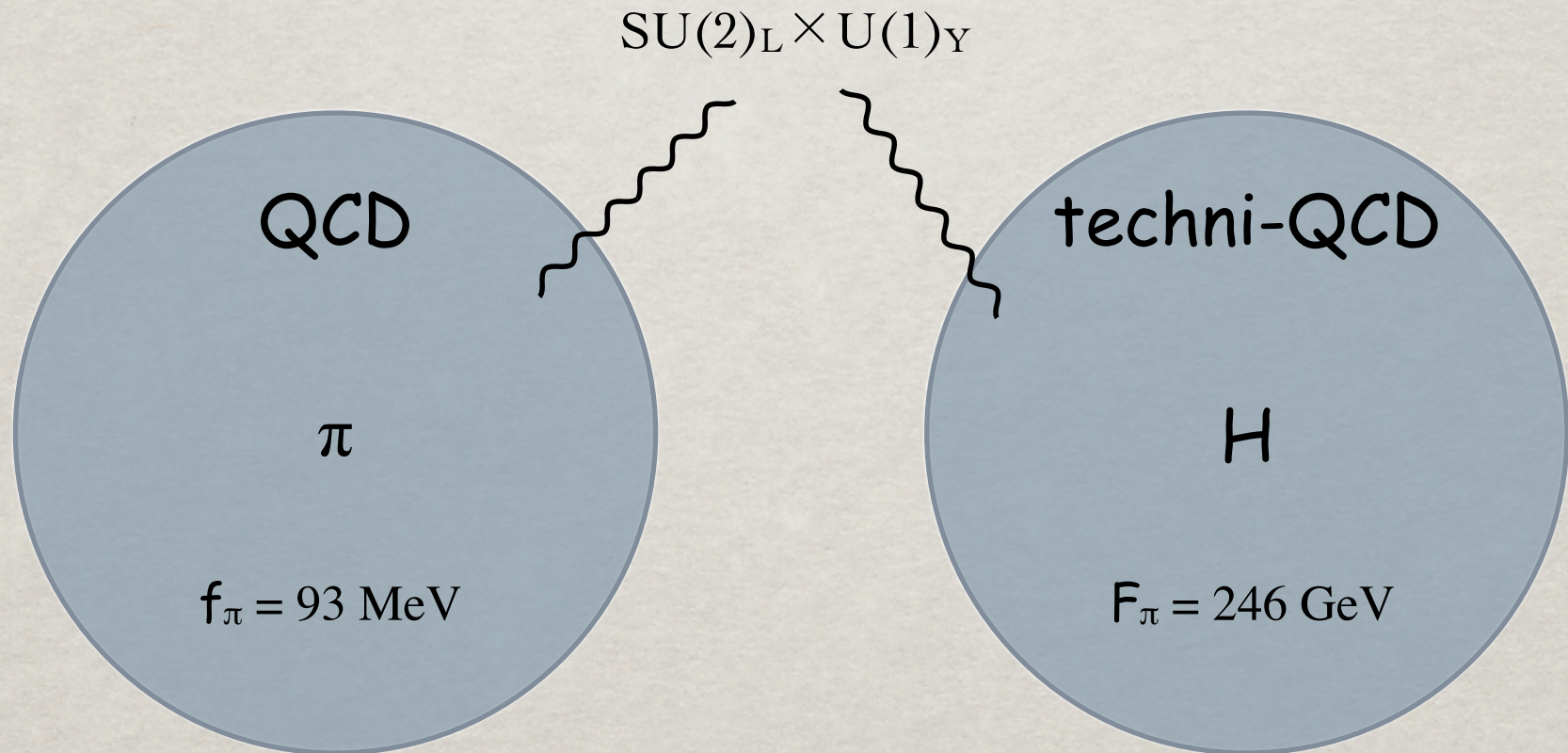
# IDEA: WHAT IF THERE IS A TECHNI-QCD ?

TECHNICOLOR  
[Weinberg, Susskind]

✓  $F_\pi \gg f_\pi \Rightarrow$

1)  $W_{\text{long}}, Z_{\text{long}}$  mostly from H:  $M_W \simeq g F_\pi / 2 = 80 \text{ GeV}$

2) still a physical pion in the spectrum, mostly  $\pi$



1) if  $H$  comes from  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow SU(2)_V$   
no physical Higgs leftover

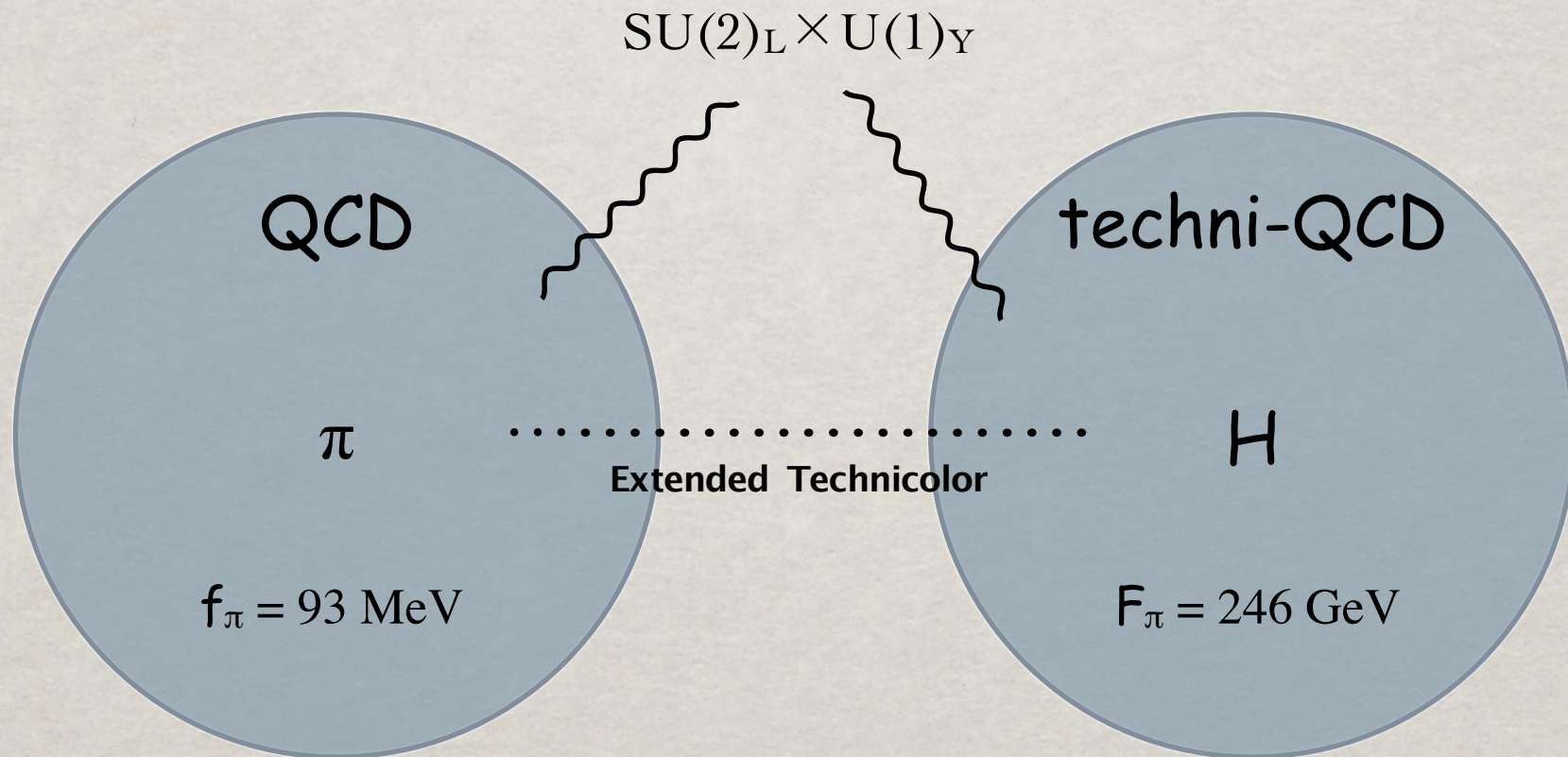


tension with the  
**EW precision test**



2) usual ETC mechanism to generate the quark  
masses leads to generally **large FCNC** :

$$\frac{(\bar{\Psi}\Psi)(\bar{\Psi}_{TC}\Psi_{TC})}{\Lambda_{ETC}^2} \rightarrow \frac{(\bar{\Psi}\Psi)^2}{\Lambda_{ETC}^2}$$



# SOLUTION TO 1)

[Georgi, Kaplan '80]

✱ Enlarge the flavor symmetry of the new strong sector to:  $G \xrightarrow{H} G'$  such that

1) H is a doublet of  $SU(2)_L$

2)  $G_{SM} \subset G' \rightarrow$  extra alignment parameter  $0 < \epsilon < 1$   
suppresses all EWPT:

$$\text{ex: } S = S_{TC} \cdot \epsilon^2$$

Example:  $SO(5) \rightarrow SO(4) \sim SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$

gives 4 real Goldstones: one  $SU(2)_L$  doublet H



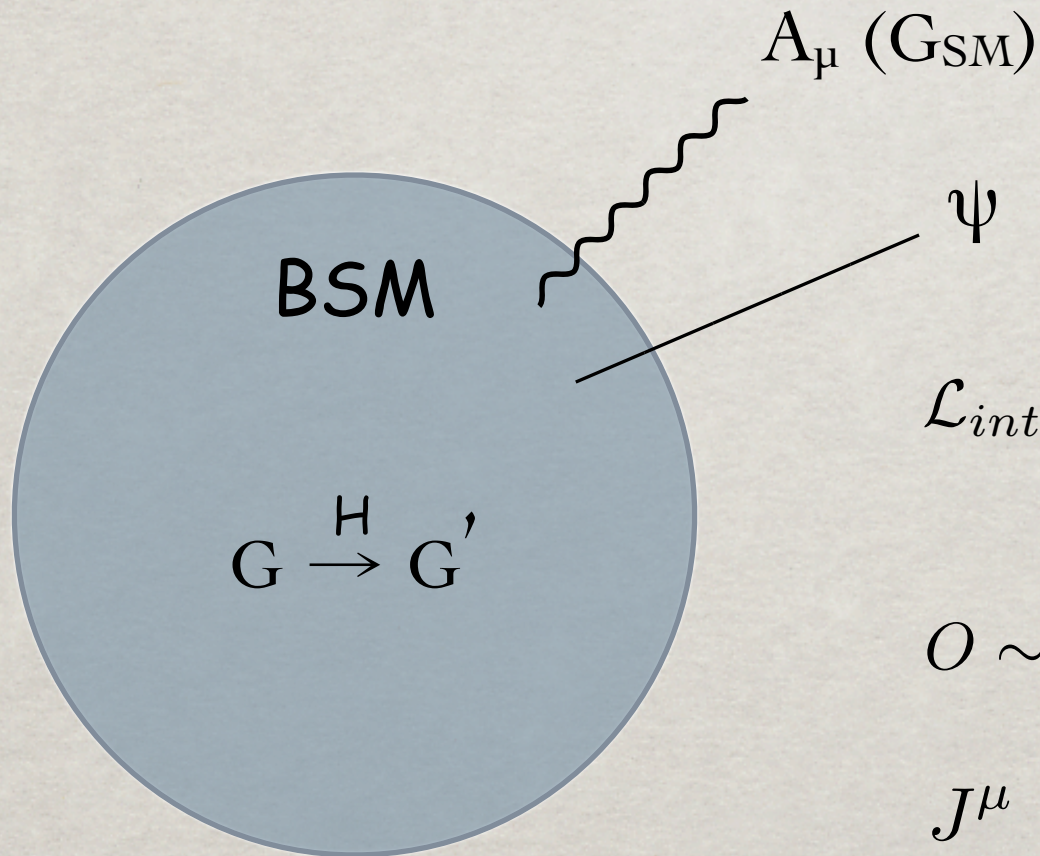
SOLUTION TO 2)

[ Kaplan 1991 ]

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# NEW INGREDIENT:

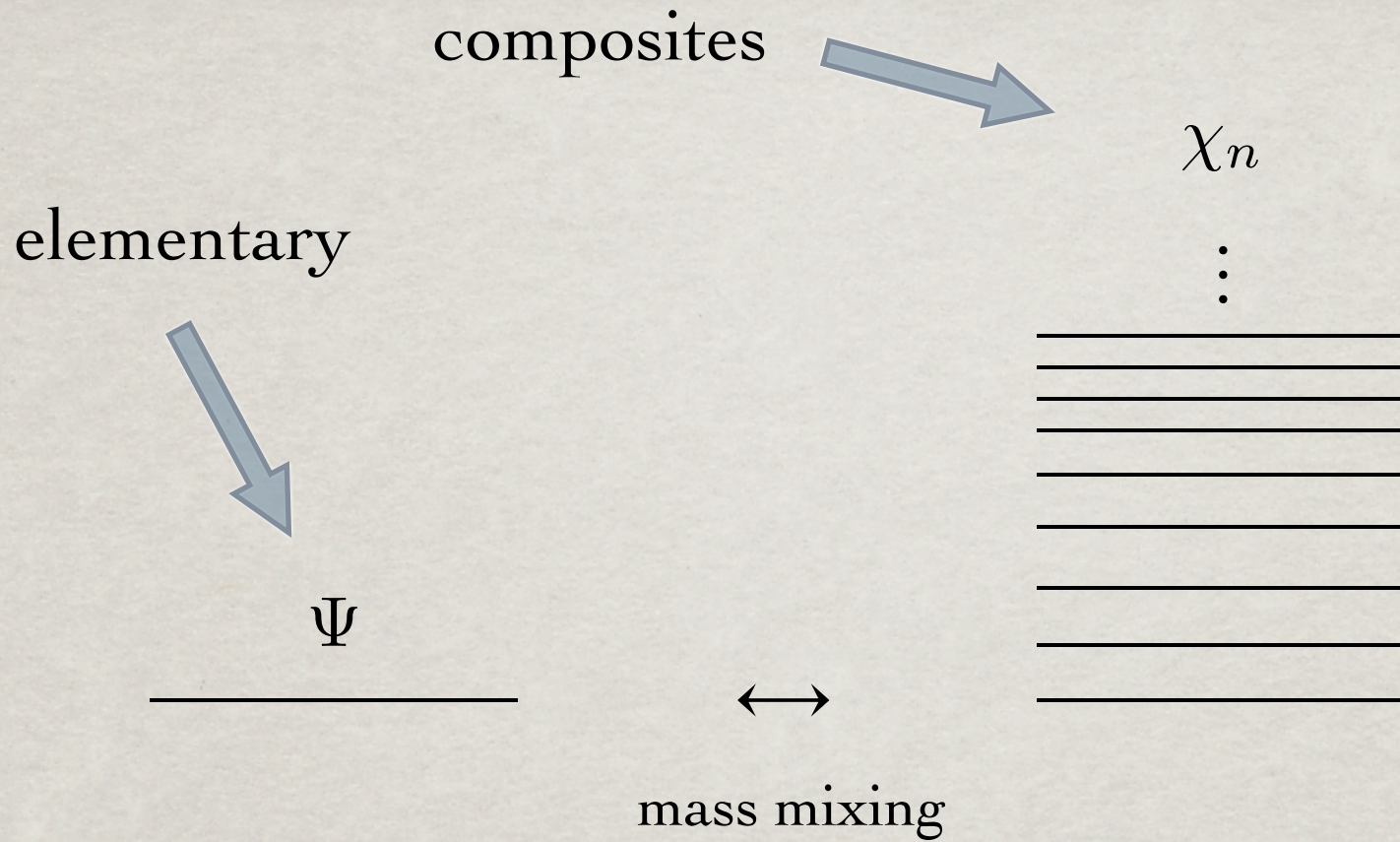
Linear couplings



$$\mathcal{L}_{int} = A_\mu J^\mu + \bar{\Psi} O + h.c.$$

$$O \sim (\bar{\Psi}_{TC} \Psi_{TC} \Psi_{TC}) \sim \chi$$

$$J^\mu \sim \rho^\mu$$

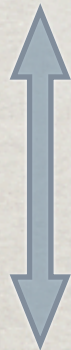


$$\mathcal{L}_{mix} = \sum_n \Delta_n \bar{\Psi} \chi_n + h.c.$$

## CONNECTION TO EXTRA DIMENSIONS:

if BSM = conformal field theory (CFT) at  $E \gg \text{TeV}$  :

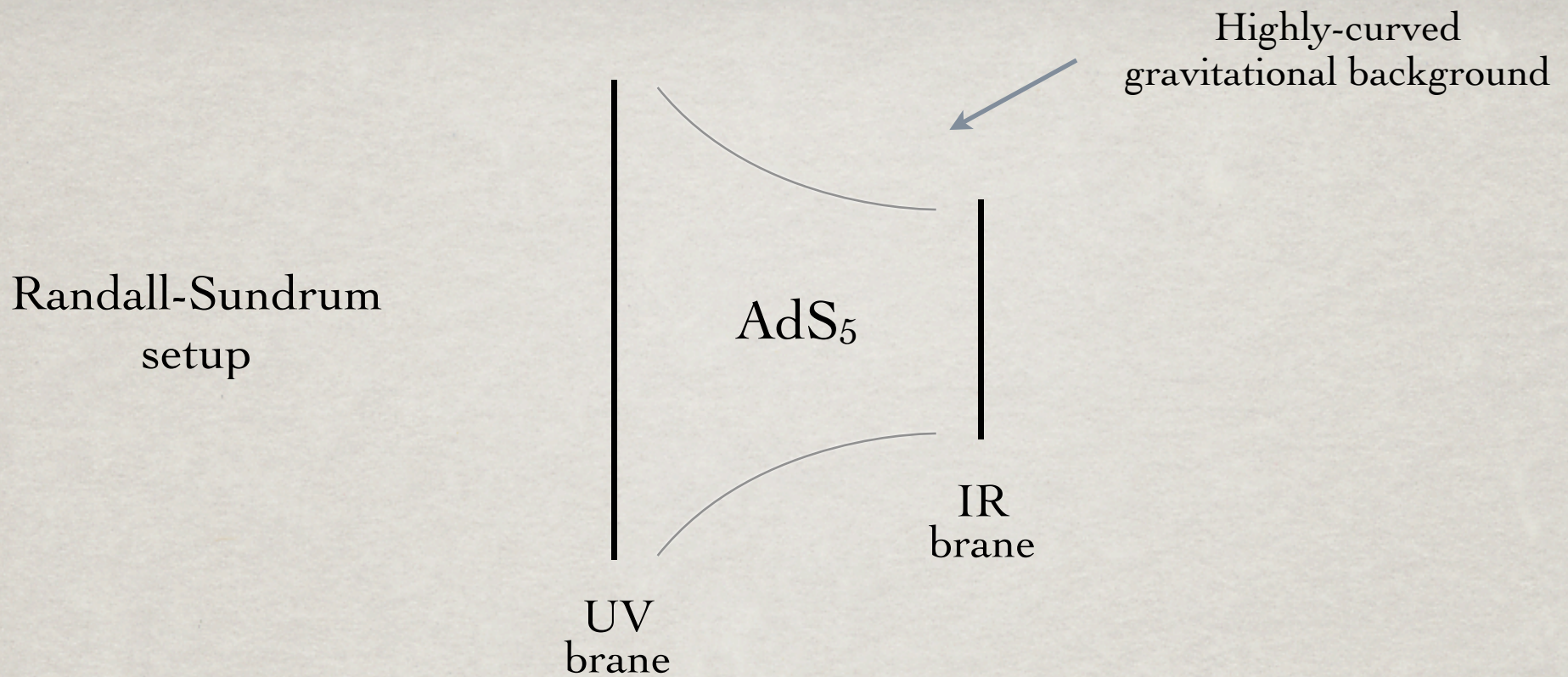
4D picture



DUAL to  
(AdS/CFT correspondence)

5D (warped) theory

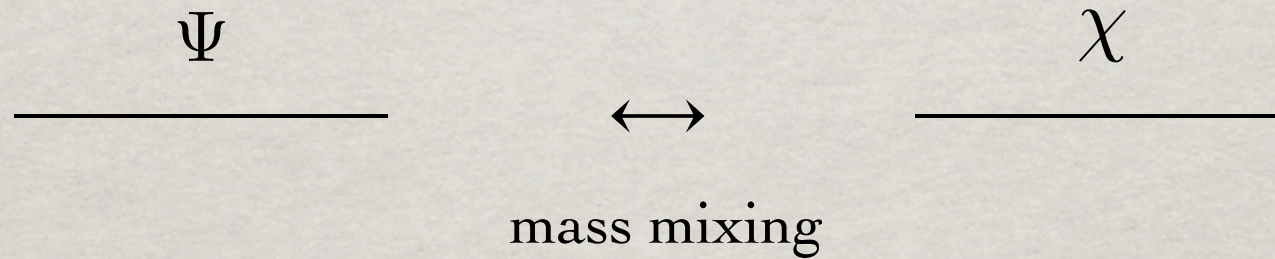
where  $\chi_n$  = Kaluza-Klein modes



- ✿ 5D model gives an explicit realization of the 4D composite Higgs theory
- ✿ 5D field theory is perturbative (= calculable)!

# WARPED/COMPOSITE PHENOMENOLOGY SIMPLIFIED

☞ Keep only the first resonance of each tower



$$\mathcal{L}_{mix} = \Delta \bar{\Psi} \chi + h.c.$$

# RULES

- Elementary sector:  $\{SM - Higgs\}$   
inter-elementary coupling:  $g_{el} \sim 1$
- Composite sector:  $\{\rho, \chi + Higgs\}$   
[ $\sim$  excited massive copy of the SM]  
inter-composite coupling:  $g_* \gg 1$
- Mixing: only mass mixings allowed
- Higgs: H couples only to  $\rho$  and  $\chi$

... enough to derive a lot of physics

$$|\text{SM}\rangle = \cos \varphi |\Psi\rangle + \sin \varphi |\chi\rangle$$

$\varphi$  parametrizes the degree of partial compositeness

- the larger  $\varphi$  the more “composite” will be a SM particle
- the Higgs is a full composite (= solution to the Hierarchy Problem)

- heavier SM particles = more composites  
light SM particles = almost elementary

$$y = g_* \sin \varphi_L \sin \varphi_R$$

- Precision Tests: sort of GIM mechanism

$$(\bar{\Psi}\Psi)^2 \left( \frac{\sin^4 \varphi}{M_*^2} \right)$$



small enough for light fermions





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$$|\text{SM}\rangle = \cos \varphi |\Psi\rangle + \sin \varphi |\chi\rangle$$

$$|\text{heavy}\rangle = -\sin \varphi |\Psi\rangle + \cos \varphi |\chi\rangle$$

amplitude for single  
production:

$$\mathcal{A} [\text{SM}_1 + \text{SM}_2 \rightarrow \text{heavy}] \propto g_* \varphi_1 \varphi_2 \cos \varphi_{\text{heavy}} - g_{el} \sin \varphi_{\text{heavy}}$$

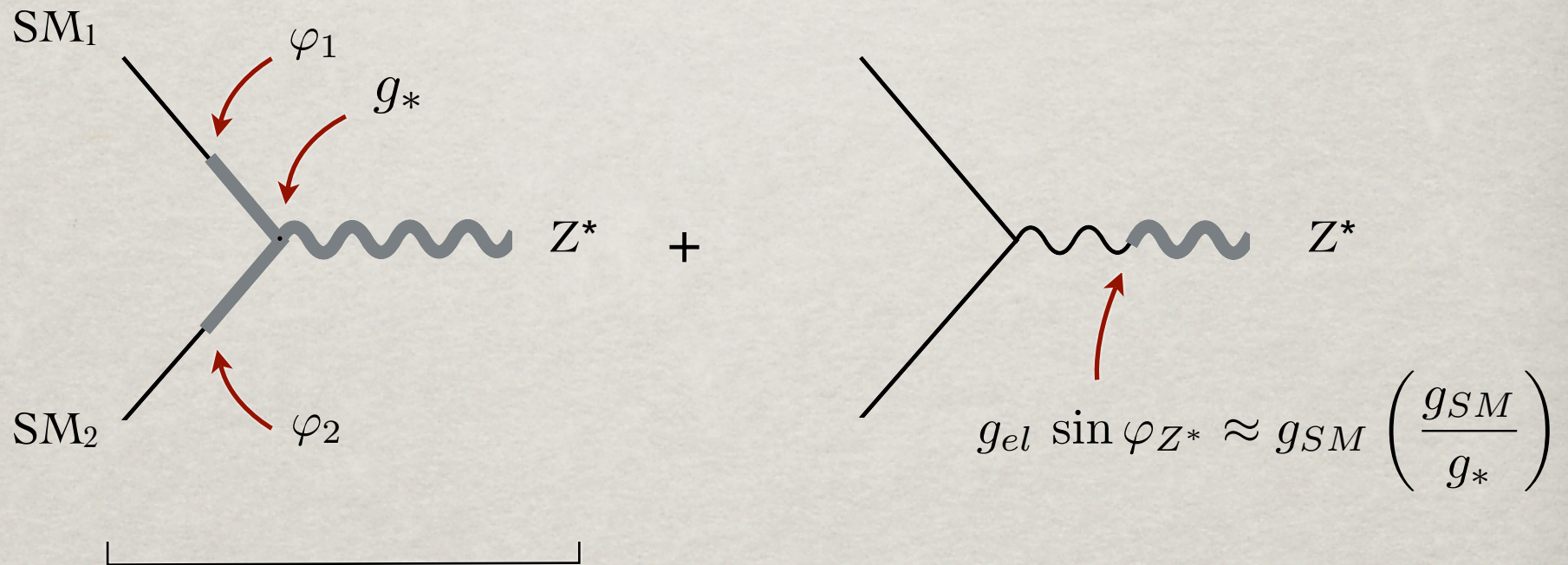
$g_*$  more than compensated  
by  $\varphi_1 \varphi_2$  suppression

despite  $g_*$  large  
seems promising:

might be cheaper to proceed  
via the elementary component  
of the heavy state

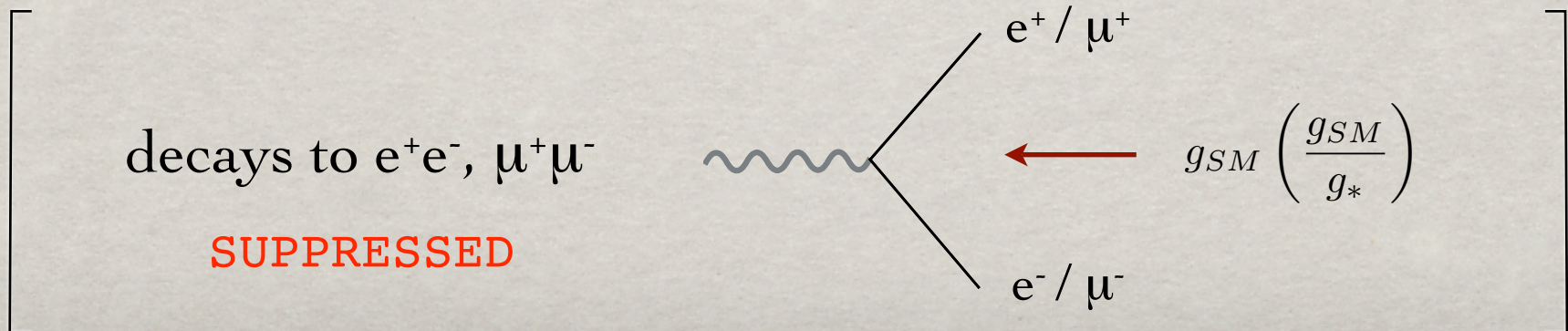
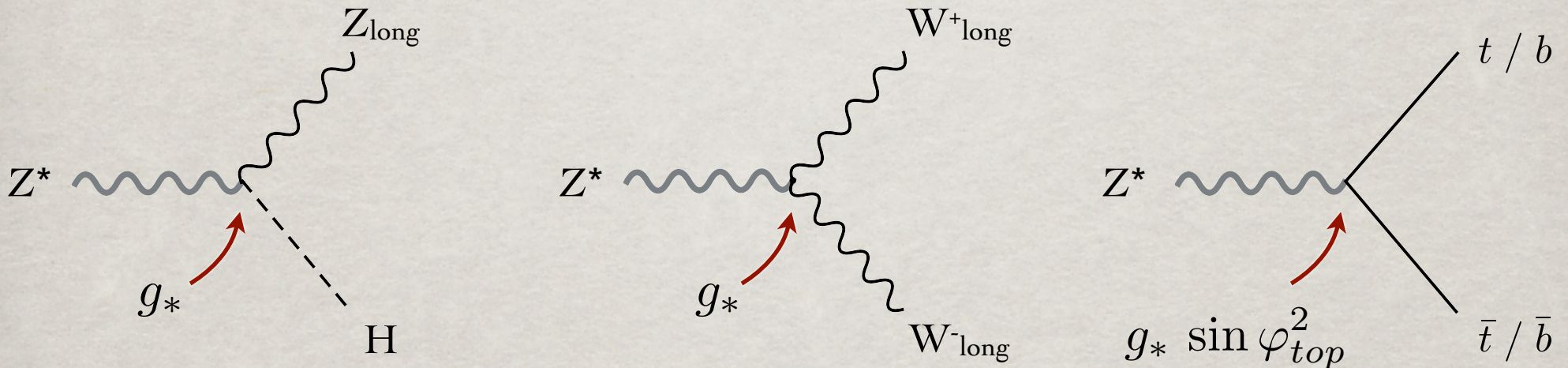


# EXAMPLE: $Z^*$ PRODUCTION & DECAY

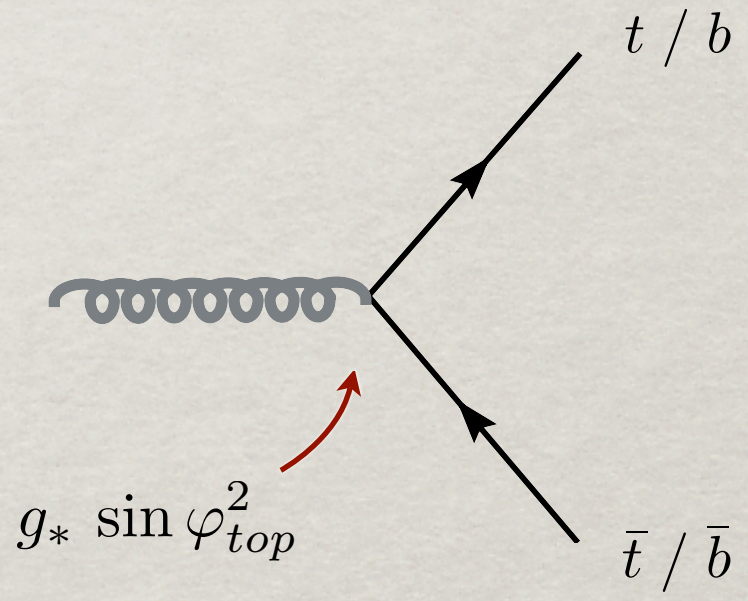
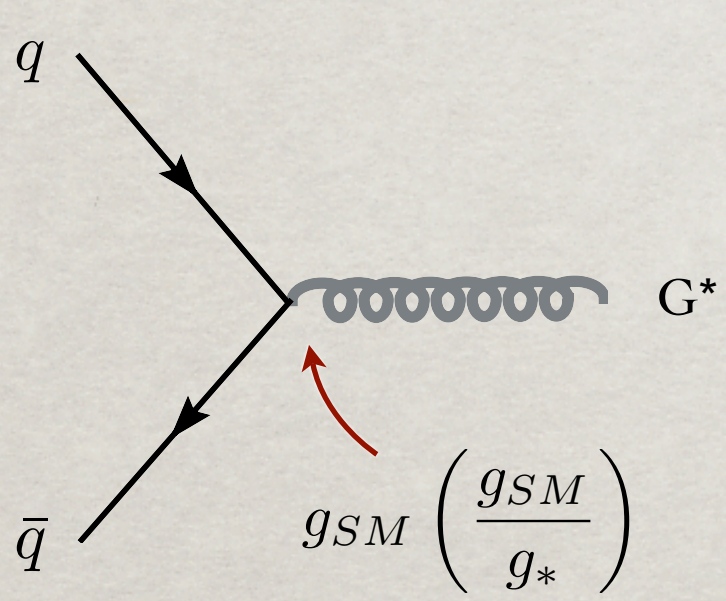


highly suppressed

Once produced the heavy resonances will decay mostly to the SM particles with the largest mixing angle:  $H$ ,  $W_{\text{long}}$ ,  $Z_{\text{long}}$ , top, bottom

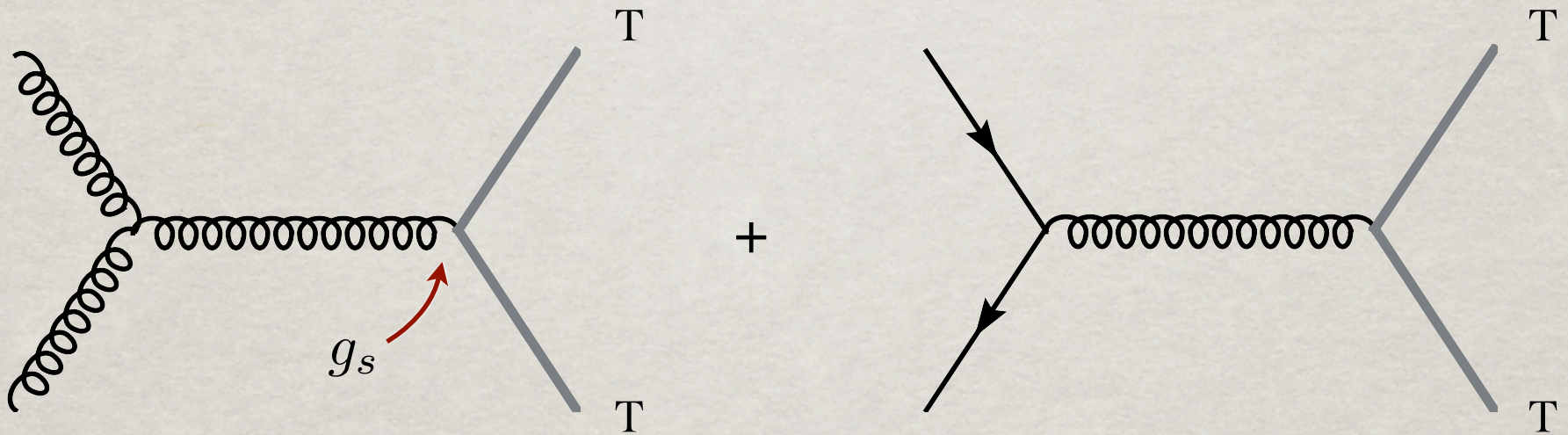


# $G^*$ PRODUCTION & DECAY

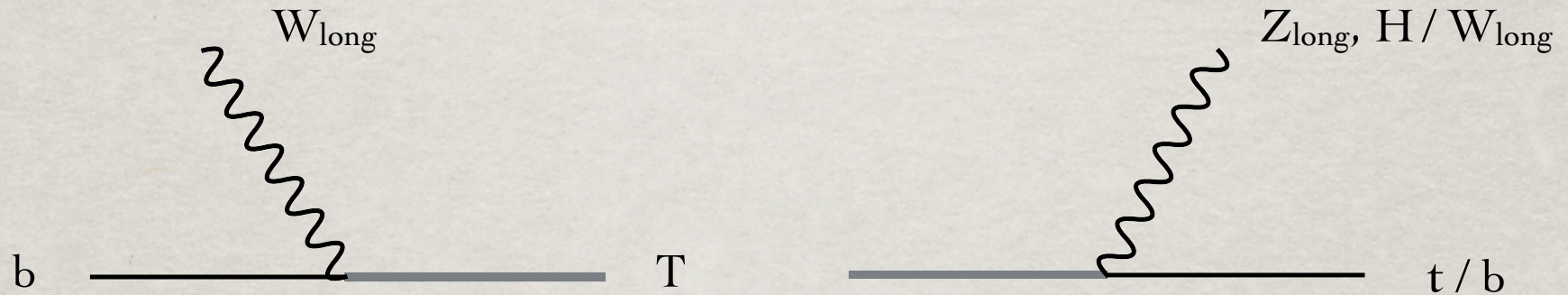


The efficiency for identifying top and bottom quarks will be a key determinant of our ability to find New Physics

# T PAIR PRODUCTION



# T SINGLE PRODUCTION & DECAY



top and bottom quarks important also  
in the production mechanism



# CONCLUSIONS

- ✿ A non-supersymmetric solution to the Hierarchy Problem is theoretically motivated
  - ☞ new insight on strongly interacting theories from extra dimensions makes it even more attractive
- ✿ Partial Compositeness might be the way in which New Physics hides from precision and flavor tests
- ✿ prediction: well defined pattern of new signals at the LHC
  - ☞ final states populated by tops and bottoms