LHC Exotica II Overview of Alternative Signatures

Technicolor, Higgsless, Little Higgs, Composite Higgs, Twin Higgs, Fat Higgs...oh, my!

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Managing the top mass

- Top quark mass *m_t* is too big to be explained by basic ETC, even helped by walking.
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Little Higgs prospects at the LHC

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	σ [fb]	$\sigma \times BR(l^{\pm}l^{\pm})$ [fb]
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$ZZ \to 4\ell$	52	
$Z + \overline{b}b \to \ell^+ \ell^- \overline{b}b$	7600	$p_T(b) > 15.0 \text{ GeV}, \ \eta_b < 3.5$
$\bar{t}t \rightarrow 2\ell \ 2\nu \ \bar{b}b$	22,800	PYTHIA generator

ALPGENv13 except for $t\bar{t}$; $\ell = e, \mu$.

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• However, keep cuts modest so that sidebars remain around signal peak.



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- Patterns of masses and widths also provides evidence of new strong interactions.
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Only scratching the surface!

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 β function and anomalous dimension.

• Nonabelian gauge theory with n_f approximately massless fermions transforming in the representation r of the gauge group.

$$\begin{split} \beta(\alpha) &\equiv \frac{\mu}{2} \frac{\partial \alpha}{\partial \mu} \\ &= -\left(\frac{11}{3} C_2(Adj) - \frac{4}{3} n_f C(r)\right) \frac{\alpha_s^2}{4\pi} - \left(\frac{51}{3} C_2(Adj) - \frac{38}{3} n_f C(r)\right) \frac{\alpha_s^3}{8\pi^2} - \cdots \\ \gamma(\alpha) &\equiv \frac{\mu}{2Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial \mu} \stackrel{\text{SDE}}{\approx} 1 - \sqrt{1 - \frac{3\alpha C_2(F)}{\pi}} \end{split}$$

- β and γ depend on the coupling α , which depends on the scale μ .
- For SU(N), C(F) = 1/2, $C_2(Adj) = N_C$, and $C_2(F) = (N^2 1)/(2N)$, where *F* is the fundamental representation and *Adj* is the adjoint.
- Z is the renormalization factor for the operator under consideration $\left(\left\langle \overline{T}T\right\rangle \right)$.
- "SDE" stands for "Schwinger-Dyson equation", nonperturbative approximation for $\gamma \leq$ 1.

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$\left\langle \overline{T}T \right\rangle$ renormalization group equation

- $\left\langle \overline{T}T \right\rangle \Big|_{ETC} = \left\langle \overline{T}T \right\rangle \Big|_{TC} \exp\left(\int_{\Lambda_{TC}}^{M_{ETC}} \frac{d\mu}{\mu} \gamma(\alpha(\mu)) \right).$
- If $\gamma(\alpha(\mu))\approx\gamma$ is roughly constant from the TC scale to the ETC scale, integrate to get

$$\left\langle \overline{T}T \right\rangle \Big|_{ETC} = \left\langle \overline{T}T \right\rangle \Big|_{TC} \exp\left[\gamma \log\left(\frac{M_{ETC}}{\Lambda_{TC}}\right)\right] = \left\langle \overline{T}T \right\rangle \Big|_{TC} \left(\frac{M_{ETC}}{\Lambda_{TC}}\right)^{\gamma}$$

• QCD:
$$\gamma \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha) \ll 1$$
, so $\left\langle \overline{T}T \right\rangle \Big|_{ETC} \approx \left\langle \overline{T}T \right\rangle \Big|_{TC}$

- Walking TC: $\gamma \sim$ 1 (upper limit of Schwinger-Dyson equation approximation).
- Strong/conformal TC: $\gamma \sim$ 1.5 to 2 (actual upper limit from unitarity).

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Symmetry breaking patterns for standard model, technicolor, topcolor, topcolor-assisted technicolor, and a particular ETC model ("hypercolor").

- SM: $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{em}$.
- TC: $SU(N_{TC}) \times SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow SU(N_{TC}) \times SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{em}$.
- Topcolor: $SU(3)_1 \times U(1)_{Y1} \times SU(3)_2 \times U(1)_{Y2} \times SU(2)_L \rightarrow SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{em}$.
- TC2: $SU(N_{TC}) \times SU(3)_1 \times U(1)_{Y1} \times SU(3)_2 \times U(1)_{Y2} \times SU(2)_L \rightarrow SU(N_{TC}) \times SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{em}$.
- ETC/HC (two possible sequences):

$$\begin{split} SU(5)_{ETC} &\times SU(2)_{HC} \times SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \\ & \rightarrow SU(4)_{ETC} \times SU(2)_{HC} \times SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \\ & \rightarrow SU(3)_{ETC} \times SU(2)_{HC} \times SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \\ & \rightarrow SU(2)_{TC} \times SU(2)_{HC} \times SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{em} \\ SU(5)_{ETC} \times SU(2)_{HC} \times SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \\ & \rightarrow SU(4)_{ETC} \times SU(2)_{HC} \times SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \\ & \rightarrow SU(2)_{TC} \times SU(2)_{HC} \times SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \\ & \rightarrow SU(2)_{TC} \times SU(2)_{HC} \times SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \\ & \rightarrow SU(2)_{TC} \times U(1)_{HC} \times SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{em} \end{split}$$

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Seesaw mass generation mechanism

• In seesaw schemes, we have mass terms (in the flavor basis) like

$$(\overline{t}_L \quad \overline{T}_L) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mu \\ m & M \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} t_R \\ T_R \end{pmatrix},$$

where $m, \mu \ll M$.

• To move to the mass basis, we have to diagonalize

$$\mathcal{M}^{\dagger}\mathcal{M} = \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & m \\ \mu & M \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{cc} 0 & \mu \\ m & M \end{array}\right) = \left(\begin{array}{cc} m^2 & mM \\ mM & \mu^2 + M^2 \end{array}\right)$$

• The eigenvalues are the squared masses

$$\begin{split} m_{T}^{2} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[m^{2} + \mu^{2} + M^{2} + \sqrt{\left(m^{2} + \mu^{2} + M^{2} \right)^{2} - 4m^{2}\mu^{2}} \right] \approx m^{2} + \mu^{2} + M^{2} \\ m_{t}^{2} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[m^{2} + \mu^{2} + M^{2} - \sqrt{\left(m^{2} + \mu^{2} + M^{2} \right)^{2} - 4m^{2}\mu^{2}} \right] \approx \frac{m^{2}\mu^{2}}{m^{2} + \mu^{2} + M^{2}}. \end{split}$$

• With $m, \mu \ll M$, we naturally have $m_t \ll m_T$.

• Moreover, the larger $m_T \sim M$ is, the smaller $m_t \sim 1/M$ is. Hence "seesaw".

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Visualizing AdS (constant negative curvature - hyperboloids)


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Dimensional deconstruction

- Perhaps surprisingly, little Higgs models can also be related to extra dimensions, through a scheme known as "dimensional deconstruction".
- Here the fifth dimension not continuous, but rather a discrete lattice, with as few as three lattice sites (the "Three Site Model").
- Can also have higgsless models with discrete extra dimension, with at few as three lattice sites (the "Minimal Higgsless Model").^{67,68}
- In deconstructed little Higgs models, fifth dimension is not physical. Each lattice site identified with some of the symmetry groups.
- In simplest case each site has the same groups, just like domain wall lattice gauge theory.
- Also possible to have different groups on different lattice sites.
- Ken's not a fan.69

⁶⁷He et al., PRD 78:031701 (2008) 0708.2588.

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⁶⁹Lane, PRD 65:115001 (2002) hep-ph/0202093.



Sample Moose diagram (two discrete extra dimensions, toroidally compactified)⁷⁰



⁷⁰Arkani-Hamed, Cohen, Gregoire and Wacker, JHEP 0208:020 (2002) hep-ph/0202089.