

# The Strongly-Interacting Light Higgs

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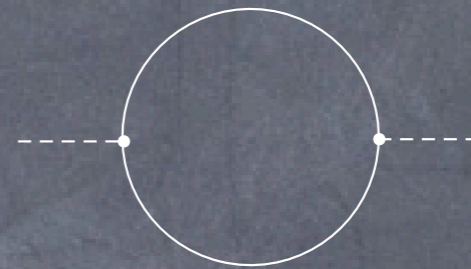
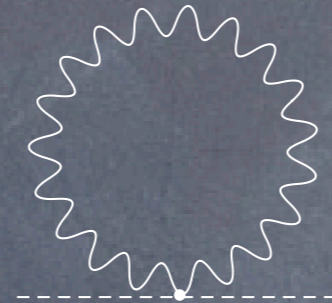
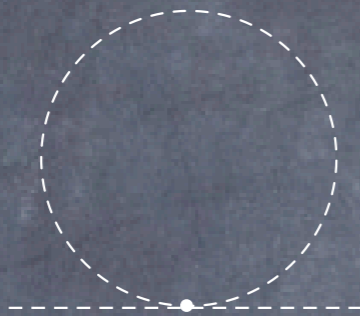
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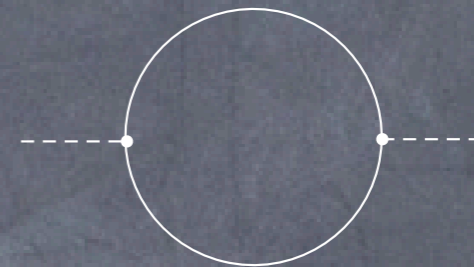
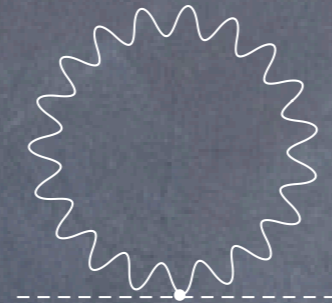
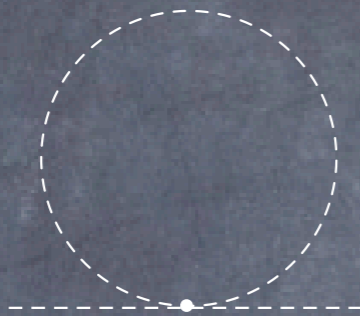
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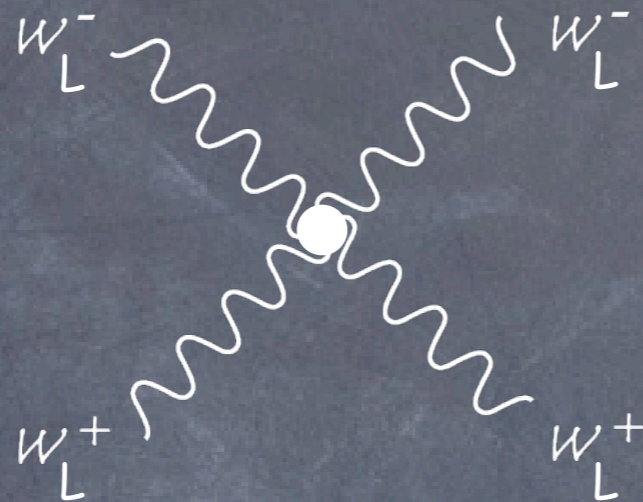
But this is assuming that we already know the answer to

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What is unitarizing the WW scattering amplitudes?

$W_L$  &  $Z_L$  part of EWSB sector  $\rightarrow$  W scattering is a probe of Higgs sector interactions

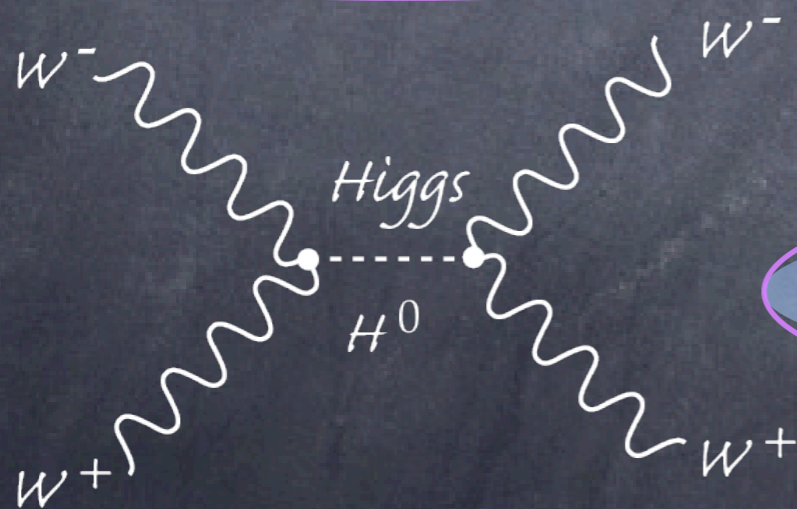
$$\epsilon_l = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{|\vec{k}|}{M}, & \frac{E}{M} & \frac{\vec{k}}{|\vec{k}|} \\ \frac{E}{M}, & \frac{|\vec{k}|}{M} & \frac{\vec{k}}{|\vec{k}|} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\mathcal{A} = g^2 \left( \frac{E}{M_W} \right)^2$$

Weakly coupled models

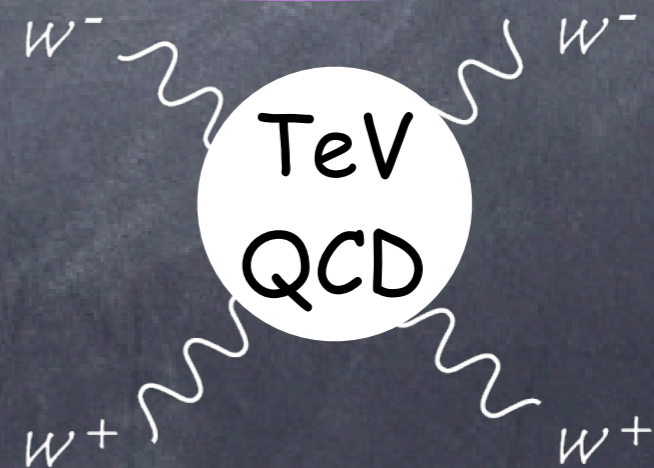
Strongly coupled models



prototype: Susy

susy partners  $\sim 100$  GeV

other ways?



prototype: Technicolor

rho meson  $\sim 1$  TeV

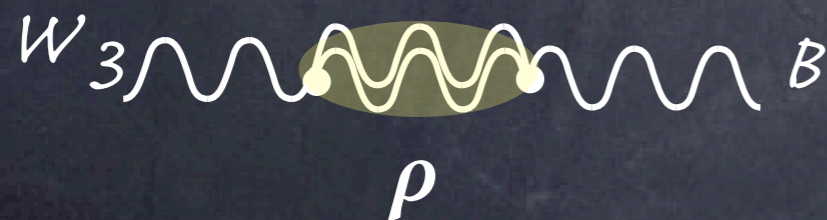
# Expected from Technicolor

- No new particles expected at LEP/Tevatron ✓
- Deviations (e.g. oblique corrections) from SM predictions ✗

The resonance that unitarizes the WW scattering amplitudes



generates a tree-level effect on the SM gauge bosons self-energy



S parameter of order 1.  
Not seen at LEP

# Expected from Susy

SUSY has good assets: gauge unification, radiative EWSB, DM candidates...

- No oblique corrections: R-parity  $\Rightarrow$  one-loop effects only ✓
- New particles around 100 GeV expected at LEP/Tevatron ✗

$$V(H) \sim -m_{\text{susy}}^2 H^2 + g_W^2 H^4 \Rightarrow m_Z \sim g_W v \sim m_{\text{susy}}$$

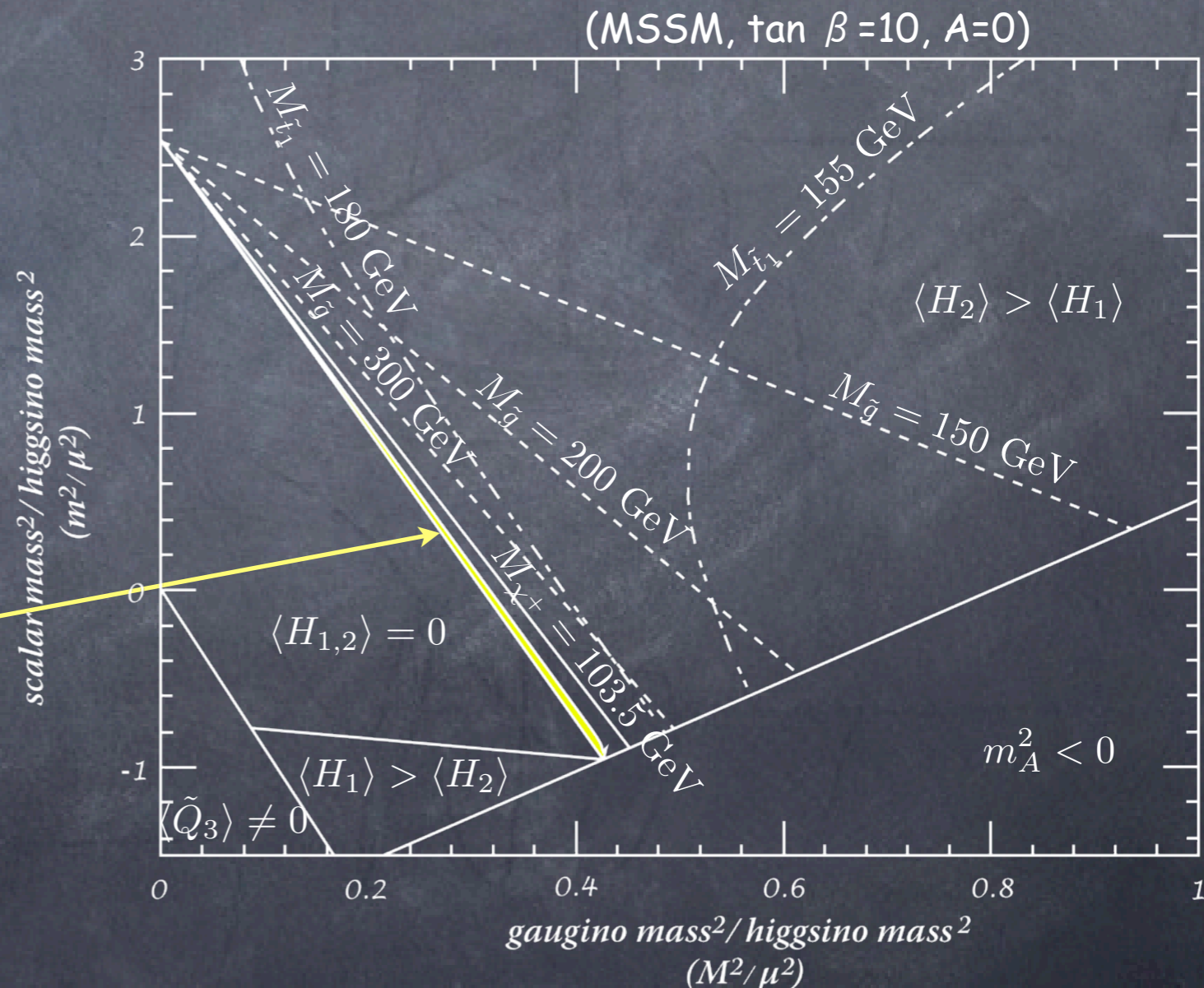
no susy partners seen at LEP  
no light Higgs



large regions of  
parameter space  
ruled out

allowed region  $\sim 1\%$

motivation to look for  
other models... NMSSM or  
more adventurous ones



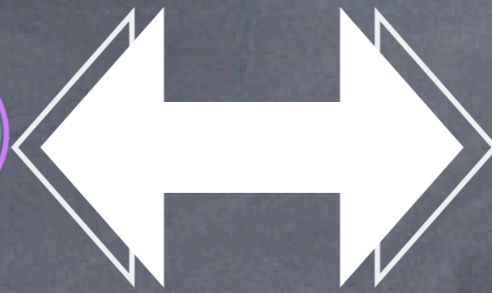
Giudice, Rattazzi '06

# Back to "Technicolor" from Xdims

AdS/CFT correspondence

Warped gravity with fermions and gauge field in the bulk and Higgs on the brane

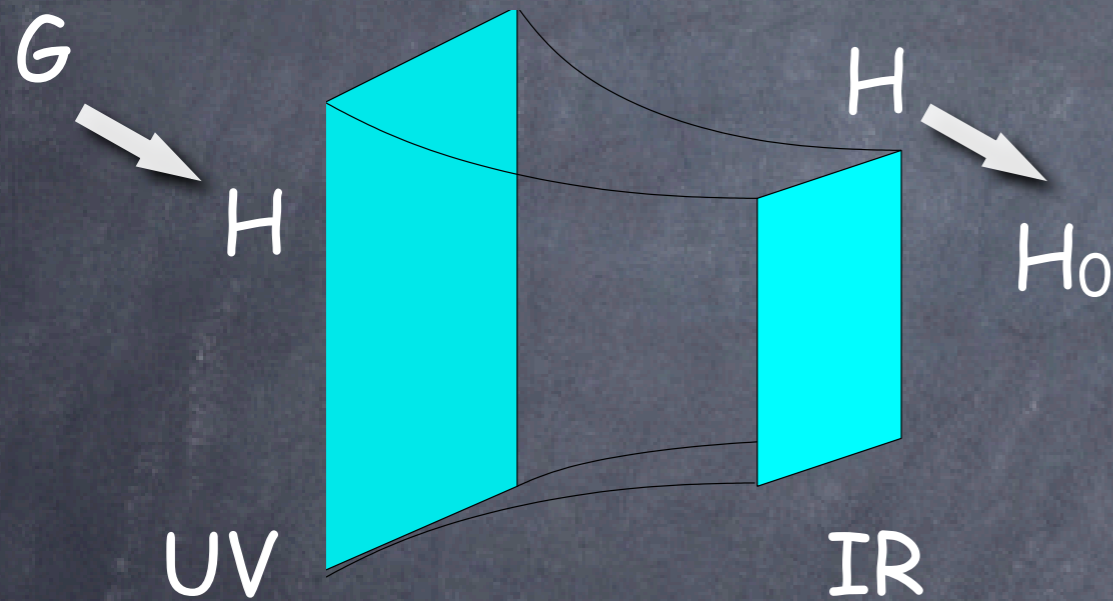
Strongly coupled theory with slowly-running couplings in 4D



$$A_5 \rightarrow A_5 + \partial_5 \epsilon$$

$$h \rightarrow h + a$$

pseudo-Goldstone of a strong force



5D

motion along 5th dim  
UV brane  
IR brane  
bulk local sym.

4D

RG flow  
UV cutoff  
break. of conformal inv.  
global sym.

## Advantages

- weakly coupled description  $\leftrightarrow$  calculable models
- new approach to fermion embedding and flavor problem



# Unitarity with Composite Higgs

Technicolor:  $W_L$  and  $Z_L$  are part of the strong sector

**Higgs = composite object** (part of the strong sector too)  
its couplings deviate from a point-like scalar

Georgi, Kaplan '84

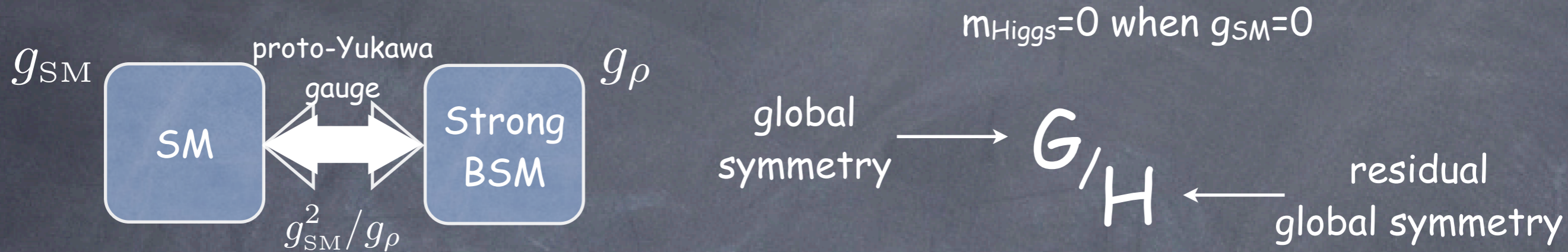


**unitarization halfway between weak and strong unitarizations!**

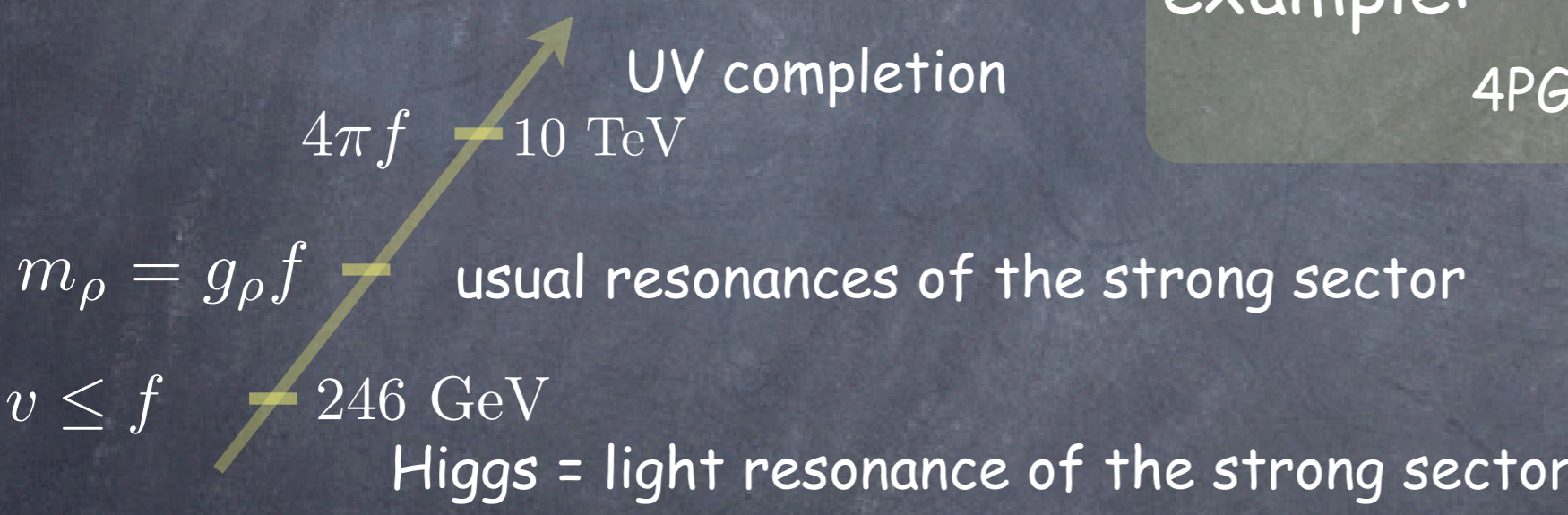
- $\neq$  susy: no naturalness pb  $\Rightarrow$  no need for new particles to cancel  $\Lambda^2$  divergences
- $\neq$  technicolor: heavier rho  $\Rightarrow$  smaller oblique corrections; one tunable parameter:  $v/f$ .  $\hat{S}_{UV} \sim \frac{g^2 N}{96\pi^2} \frac{v^2}{f^2}$

# How to obtain a light composite Higgs?

Higgs=Pseudo-Goldstone boson of the strong sector



example:  $SO(5)/SO(4)$ ,  
4PGB=Doublet of  $SU(2)_L$ =Higgs



$$G \supset SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$$

$$H \supset U(1)_{em}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_L \text{ \& \ } Z_L$$

strong sector broadly characterized by 2 parameters

$m_\rho$  = mass of the resonances

$g_\rho$  = coupling of the strong sector or decay cst of strong sector  $f = \frac{m_\rho}{g_\rho}$

# Some examples

- **Georgi-Kaplan:** no separation of scales  $g_\rho = 4\pi, f = v$
- **Holographic Higgs:**  $m_\rho = m_{KK}, g_\rho = g_{KK}$
- **Little Higgs:**  $m_\rho, g_\rho$  masses and couplings of heavy top', W', Z'

might require some tuning to get,  $f > v$  (model dependent question)

Giudice, Grojean, Pomarol, Rattazzi '07

Barbieri, Bellazzini, Rychkov, Varagnolo '07

... more details later

# How can we test the composite nature of the Higgs?

if a light Higgs is seen at LHC, is there a way to figure out whether it is part of a strong sector?

- **Model-dependent:** production of resonances at  $m_\rho$
- **Model-independent:** study of Higgs properties & W scattering

# What distinguishes a composite Higgs?

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$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{c_H}{2f^2} \partial^\mu (|H|^2) \partial_\mu (|H|^2) \quad c_H \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

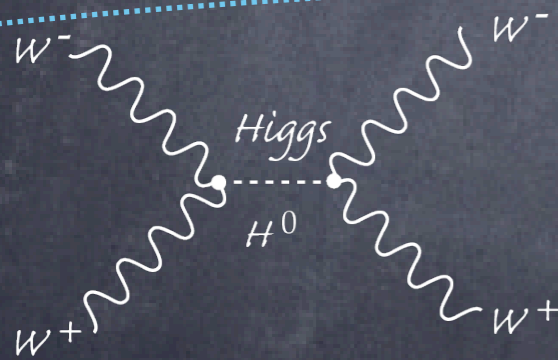
$$H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v+h}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix} \longrightarrow \mathcal{L} = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 + c_H \frac{v^2}{f^2} \right) (\partial^\mu h)^2 + \dots$$

Modified  
Higgs propagator

$\sim$

Higgs couplings  
rescaled by

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + c_H \frac{v^2}{f^2}}} \sim 1 - c_H \frac{v^2}{2f^2}$$



$$= - \left( 1 - c_H \frac{v^2}{f^2} \right) g^2 \frac{E^2}{M_W^2}$$

no exact cancellation  
of the growing amplitudes

unitarization restored by heavy resonances

Falkowski, Pokorski, Roberts '07

Strong W scattering below  $m_\rho$ ?

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(strongly-interacting light Higgs)

Giudice, Grojean, Pomarol, Rattazzi '07

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custodial breaking

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$$\frac{i c_B}{2m_\rho^2} \left( H^\dagger \overleftrightarrow{D}^\mu H \right) (\partial^\nu B_{\mu\nu})$$

$$\frac{i c_{HW}}{m_\rho^2} \frac{g_\rho^2}{16\pi^2} (D^\mu H)^\dagger \sigma^i (D^\nu H) W_{\mu\nu}^i$$

$$\frac{i c_{HB}}{m_\rho^2} \frac{g_\rho^2}{16\pi^2} (D^\mu H)^\dagger (D^\nu H) B_{\mu\nu}$$

minimal coupling:  $h \rightarrow \gamma Z$

loop-suppressed strong dynamics

$$\frac{c_\gamma}{m_\rho^2} \frac{g_\rho^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{g^2}{g_\rho^2} H^\dagger H B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu}$$

$$\frac{c_g}{m_\rho^2} \frac{g_\rho^2}{16\pi^2} \frac{y_t^2}{g_\rho^2} H^\dagger H G_{\mu\nu}^a G^{a\mu\nu}$$

Goldstone sym.



# Coset Structure

$$U = e^{i \begin{pmatrix} H/f & \\ H^\dagger/f & \end{pmatrix}} U_0$$

$$f^2 \text{tr} (\partial_\mu U^\dagger \partial^\mu U) = |\partial_\mu H|^2 + \frac{\#}{f^2} (\partial |H|^2)^2 + \frac{\#}{f^2} |H|^2 |\partial H|^2 + \frac{\#}{f^2} |H^\dagger \partial H|^2$$

↑  
can be removed by field redefinition

$$H \rightarrow H + \# |H|^2 H / f^2$$

$c_H$  and  $c_T$  are fully fixed by the  $\sigma$ -model structure

(up to the overall normalization of  $f$ )

(independent of the physics at the scale  $m_\rho$ )

$SO(5)/SO(4): c_H=1/2, c_T=0$

$SU(3)/SU(2) \times U(1): c_H=c_T=1/36$

$$\lambda |H|^4 \rightarrow \frac{\#}{f^2} \lambda |H|^6$$

$$y \bar{f}_L H f_R \rightarrow \frac{\#}{f^2} y |H|^2 \bar{f}_L H f_R$$

$c_6$  and  $c_y$  receive contributions both from the  $\sigma$ -model structure and from the resonance at  $m_\rho$

# EWPT constraints

$$\hat{T} = c_T \frac{v^2}{f^2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad |c_T \frac{v^2}{f^2}| < 2 \times 10^{-3}$$

removed  
by custodial symmetry

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LEP II, for  $m_h \sim 115 \text{ GeV}$ :  $c_H \xi < 1/3 \sim 1/2$

IR effects can be cancelled by heavy fermions (model dependent)

# Other Operators

operators involving gauge fields only

$$-\frac{c_{2W} g^2}{2g_\rho^2 m_\rho^2} (D^\mu W_{\mu\nu})^i (D_\rho W^{\rho\nu})^i - \frac{c_{2B} g'^2}{2g_\rho^2 m_\rho^2} (\partial^\mu B_{\mu\nu}) (\partial_\rho B^{\rho\nu}) - \frac{c_{2g} g_3^2}{2g_\rho^2 m_\rho^2} (D^\mu G_{\mu\nu})^a (D_\rho G^{\rho\nu})^a \\ + \frac{c_{3W} g^3}{16\pi^2 m_\rho^2} \epsilon_{ijk} W_\mu^{i\nu} W_{\nu\rho}^j W^{k\rho\mu} + \frac{c_{3g} g_3^3}{16\pi^2 m_\rho^2} f_{abc} G_\mu^{a\nu} G_{\nu\rho}^b G^{c\rho\mu}$$

contribute to the oblique corrections

$$W = c_{2W} \frac{g^2 m_W^2}{g_\rho^2 m_\rho^2} \quad Y = c_{2B} \frac{g'^2 m_W^2}{g_\rho^2 m_\rho^2}$$

weaker constraints than S...

counting of operators agrees with Buchmuller, Wyler '86

# Flavor Constraints

$c_\gamma$  is flavor universal

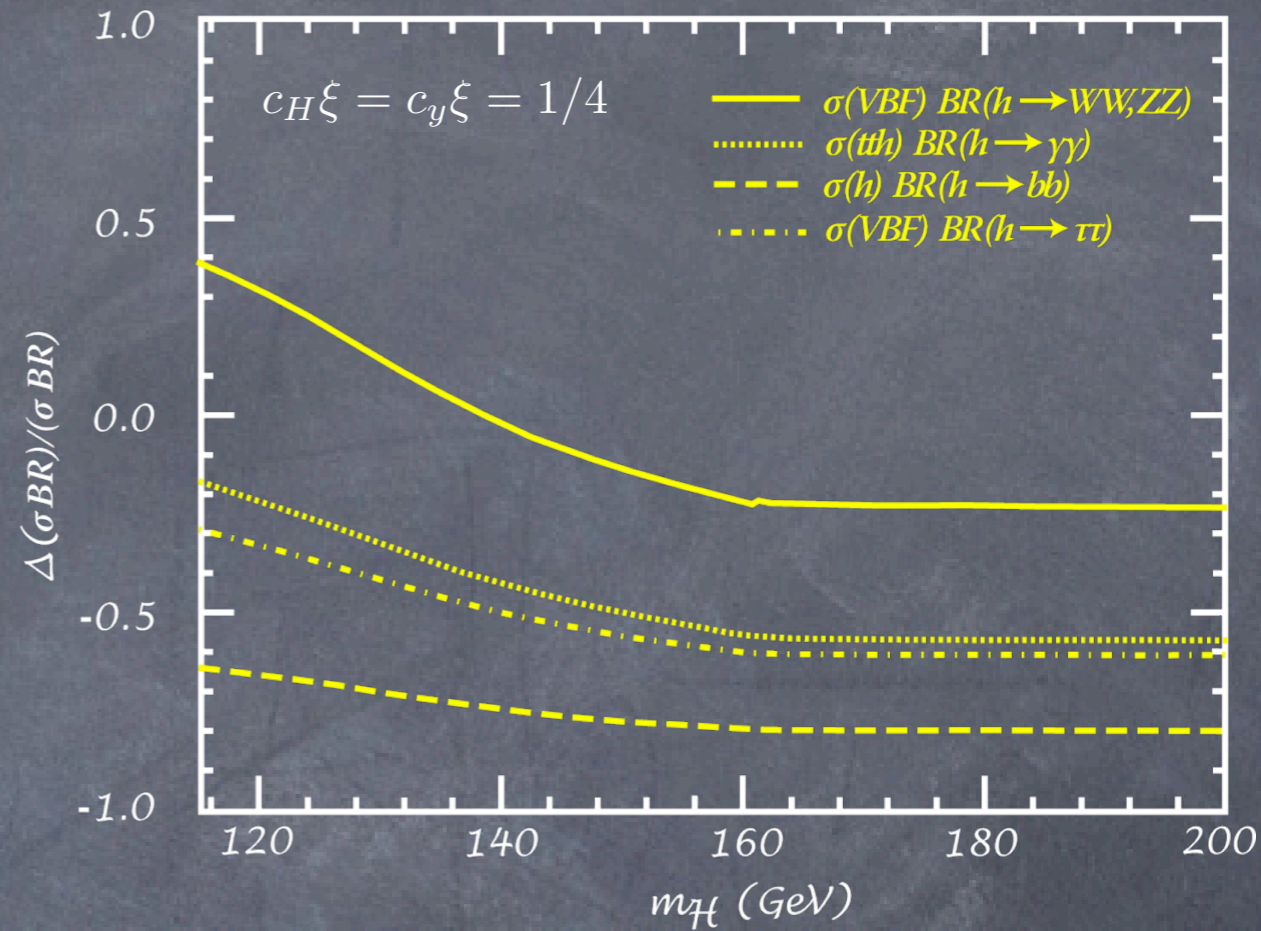
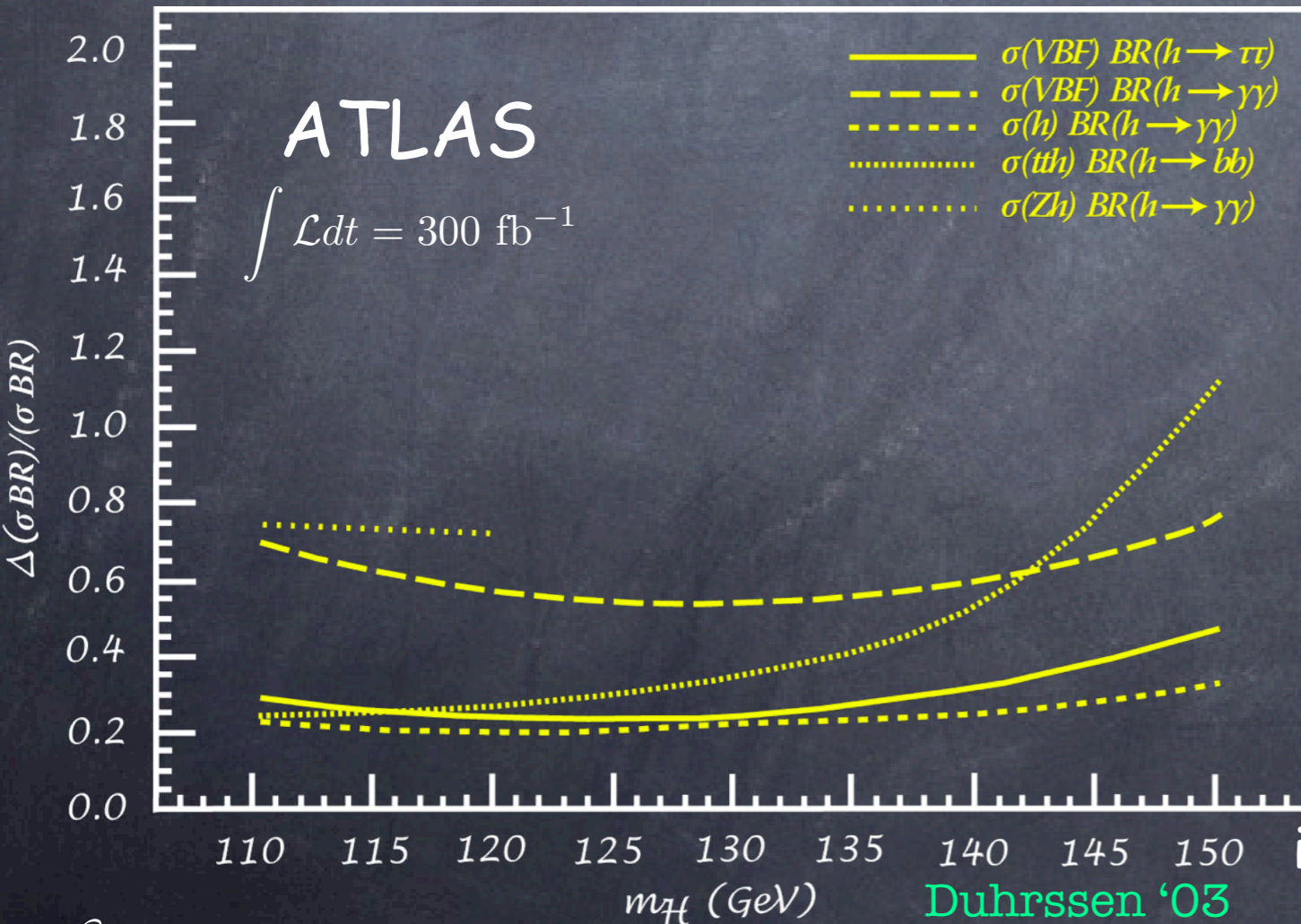
Minimal flavor violation built in

# Higgs anomalous couplings

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow f\bar{f})_{\text{SILH}} = \Gamma(h \rightarrow f\bar{f})_{\text{SM}} \left[ 1 - (2c_y + c_H) v^2 / f^2 \right]$$

$$\Gamma(h \rightarrow gg)_{\text{SILH}} = \Gamma(h \rightarrow gg)_{\text{SM}} \left[ 1 - (2c_y + c_H) v^2 / f^2 \right]$$

observable @ LHC?



LHC can measure

$$c_H \frac{v^2}{f^2}, \quad c_y \frac{v^2}{f^2}$$

up to 20-40%

(composite scale 5-7 TeV)

(ILC could go to few %)

ie test composite Higgs up to  $4\pi f \sim 30 \text{ TeV}$

Duhrssen '03

SILH

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$$\Gamma (h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{\text{SILH}} = \Gamma (h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma)_{\text{SM}} \left[ 1 - \xi \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{2c_y + c_H}{1 + J_\gamma/I_\gamma} + \frac{c_H}{1 + I_\gamma/J_\gamma} \right) \right]$$

$$\Gamma (h \rightarrow \gamma Z)_{\text{SILH}} = \Gamma (h \rightarrow \gamma Z)_{\text{SM}} \left[ 1 - \xi \operatorname{Re} \left( \frac{2c_y + c_H}{1 + J_Z/I_Z} + \frac{c_H}{1 + I_Z/J_Z} + \frac{c_{HB} - c_{HW}}{\sin 2\theta_W (I_Z + J_Z)} \right) \right]$$



$$\Delta (\Gamma (h \rightarrow ZZ) / \Gamma (h \rightarrow W^+W^-)) = 0$$

$$\Delta (\Gamma (h \rightarrow f\bar{f}) / \Gamma (h \rightarrow W^+W^-)) = -2\xi c_y$$

$$\Delta (\Gamma (h \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) / \Gamma (h \rightarrow W^+W^-)) = -2\xi c_y / (1 + J_\gamma/I_\gamma)$$

many systematics uncertainties drop out



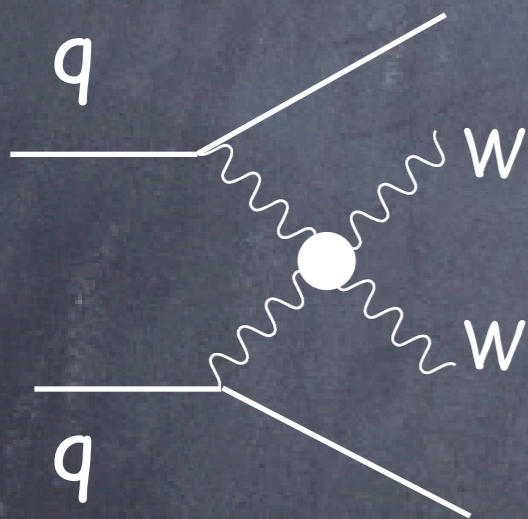
# Strong W scattering

Even with a light Higgs, growing amplitudes (at least up to  $m_\rho$ )

$$\mathcal{A}(Z_L^0 Z_L^0 \rightarrow W_L^+ W_L^-) = \mathcal{A}(W_L^+ W_L^- \rightarrow Z_L^0 Z_L^0) = -\mathcal{A}(W_L^\pm W_L^\pm \rightarrow W_L^\pm W_L^\pm) = \frac{c_H s}{f^2}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(W^\pm Z_L^0 \rightarrow W^\pm Z_L^0) = \frac{c_H t}{f^2}, \quad \mathcal{A}(W_L^+ W_L^- \rightarrow W_L^+ W_L^-) = \frac{c_H (s+t)}{f^2}$$

$$\mathcal{A}(Z_L^0 Z_L^0 \rightarrow Z_L^0 Z_L^0) = 0$$



$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow V_L V_L' X)_{c_H} = (c_H \xi)^2 \sigma(pp \rightarrow V_L V_L' X)_H$$

leptonic and semileptonic  
vector decay channels  
with  $300 \text{ fb}^{-1}$



Bagger et al '95  
Butterworth et al. '02

LHC is sensitive to

$$c_H \frac{v^2}{f^2}$$

bigger than

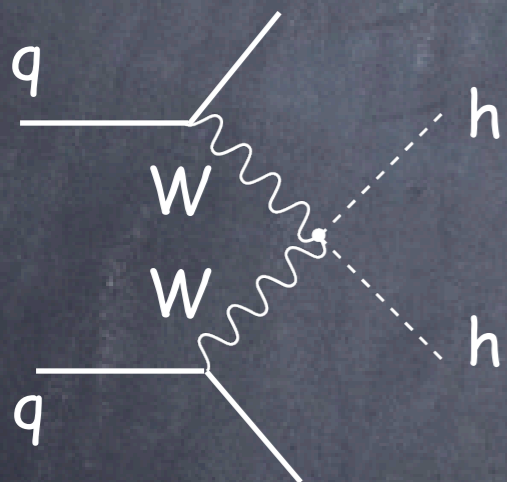
$$0.5 \sim 0.7$$

# Strong Higgs production

$O(4)$  symmetry between  $W_L, Z_L$  and the physical Higgs

strong boson scattering  $\Leftrightarrow$  strong Higgs production

$$\mathcal{A}(Z_L^0 Z_L^0 \rightarrow hh) = \mathcal{A}(W_L^+ W_L^- \rightarrow hh) = \frac{c_H s}{f^2}$$



signal:  $\odot$   $hh \rightarrow bbbb$

$\odot$   $hh \rightarrow 4W \rightarrow l^+ l^- \nu \nu \text{jets}$

Sum rule (with cuts  $|\Delta\eta| < \delta$  and  $s < M^2$ )

$$2\sigma_{\delta, M}(pp \rightarrow hhX)_{c_H} = \sigma_{\delta, M}(pp \rightarrow W_L^+ W_L^- X)_{c_H} + \frac{1}{6} \left( 9 - \tanh^2 \frac{\delta}{2} \right) \sigma_{\delta, M}(pp \rightarrow Z_L^0 Z_L^0 X)_{c_H}$$

# Gauge boson self-couplings

$$\mathcal{L}_V = -ig \cos \theta_W g_1^Z Z^\mu (W^{+\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^- - W^{-\nu} W_{\mu\nu}^+) - ig (\cos \theta_W \kappa_Z Z^{\mu\nu} + \sin \theta_W \kappa_\gamma A^{\mu\nu}) W_\mu^+ W_\nu^-$$

TGC are sensitive to the form factor operators

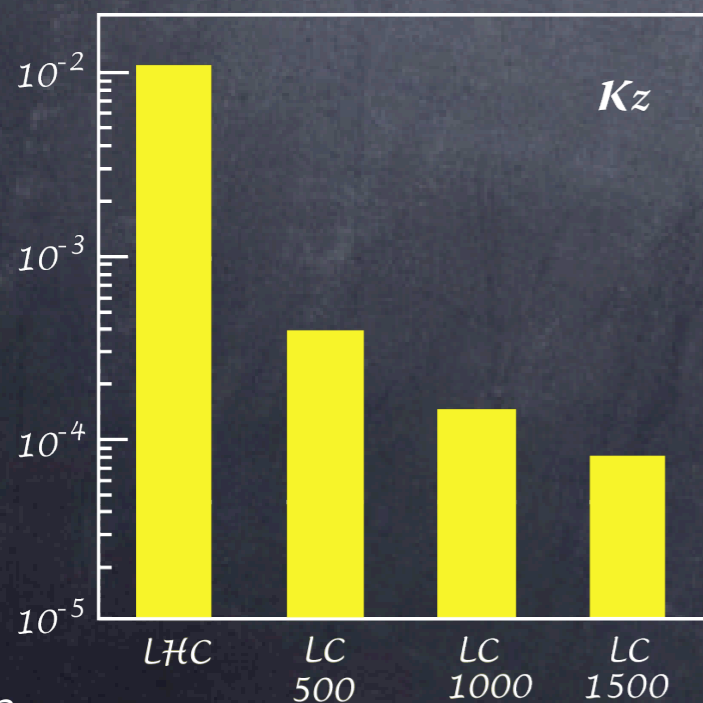
$$g_1^Z = \frac{m_Z^2}{m_\rho^2} c_W \quad \kappa_\gamma = \frac{m_W^2}{m_\rho^2} \left( \frac{g_\rho}{4\pi} \right)^2 (c_{HW} + c_{HB}) \quad \kappa_Z = g_1^Z - \tan^2 \theta_W \kappa_\gamma$$

@ LHC  $100\text{fb}^{-1}$   $g_1^Z \sim 1\%$   $\kappa_\gamma \sim \kappa_Z \sim 5\%$

sensitive to resonance  
up to  $m_\rho \sim 800 \text{ GeV}$

not competitive with the measure of S at LEP II

@ ILC

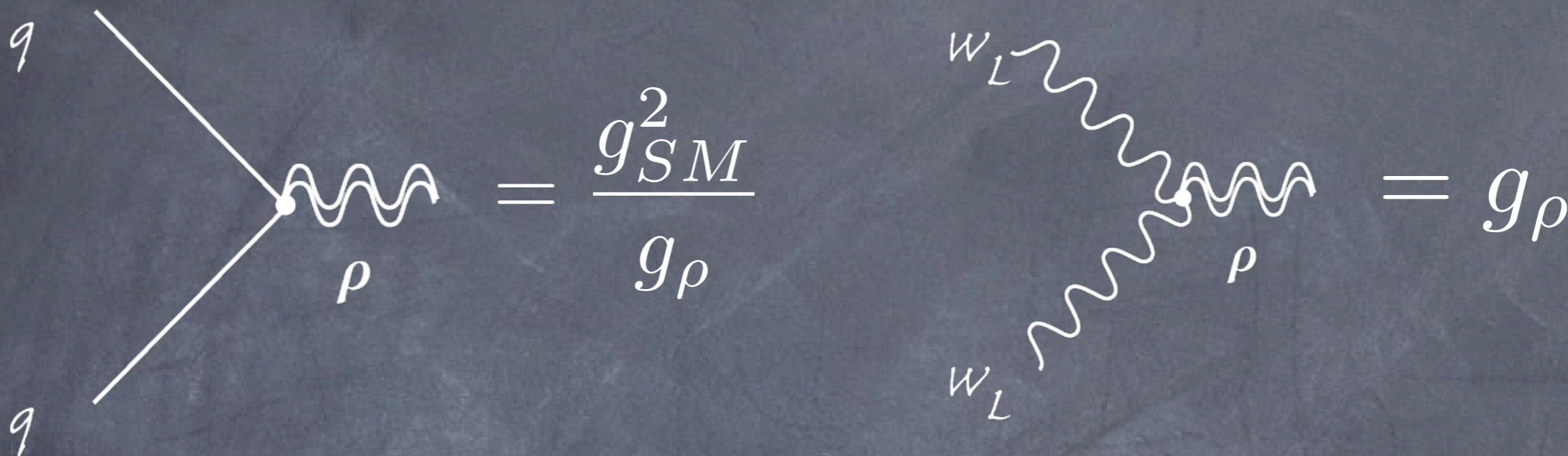


sensitive to resonance  
up to  $m_\rho \sim 8 \text{ TeV}$

T. Abe et al, Snowmass '01

# Direct vs. indirect signals

direct production of (TeV) resonances



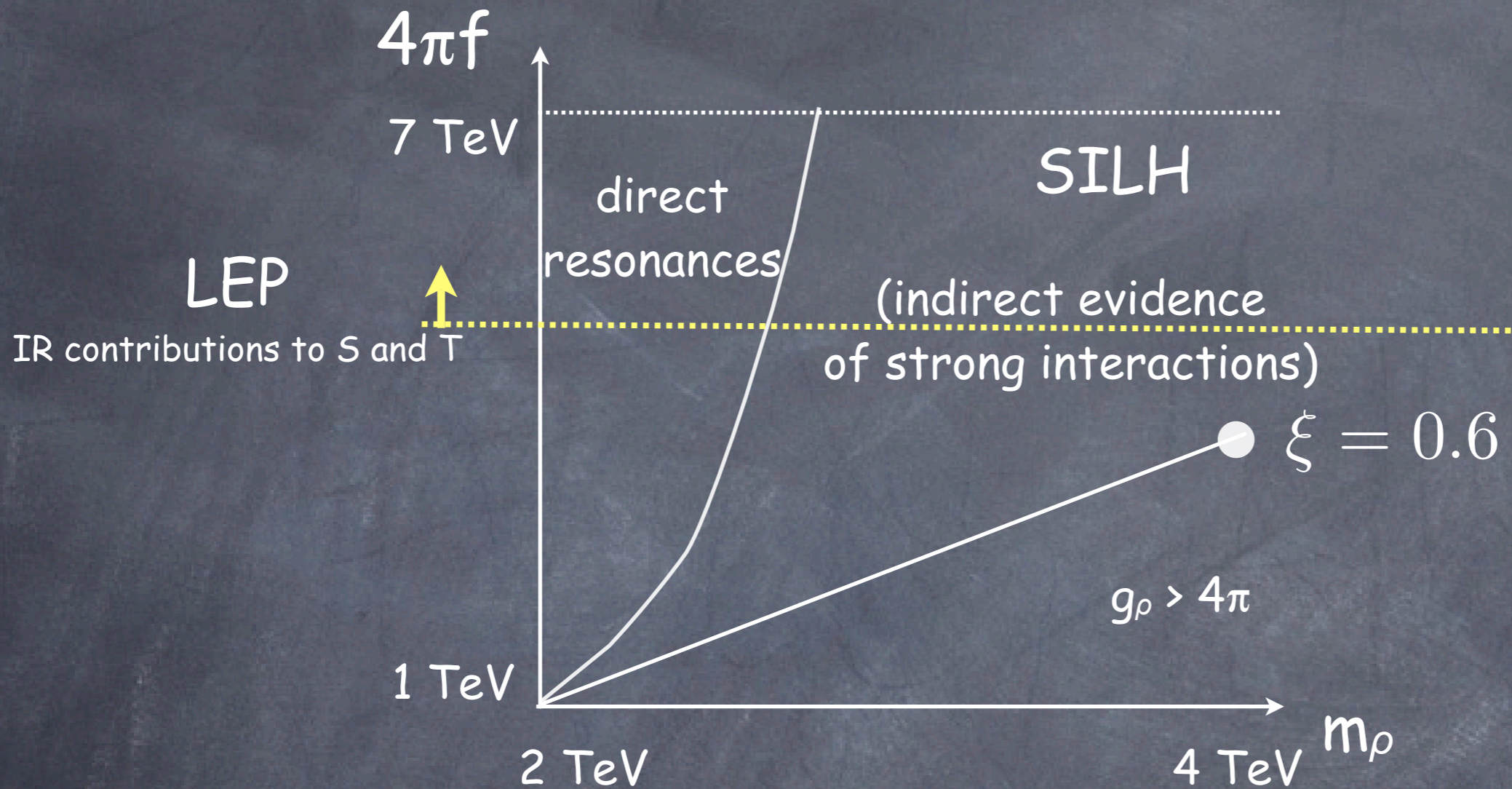
$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow \rho_H^\pm + X) = \left(\frac{4\pi}{g_\rho}\right)^2 \left(\frac{3 \text{ TeV}}{m_\rho}\right)^6 0.5 \text{ fb}$$

for larger  $g_\rho$ , the resonances are increasingly harder to see as

- 1/ they are broader and heavier
- 2/ they couple more and more weakly to fermions

LHC could reach a resonance around 4 TeV

# Usefulness of SILH effective theory



halfway between model-dependent and blind operator analysis

- dominant effects are associated from strong self-Higgs interactions
- operator analysis:  $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$  dominated by  $c_H$  and not  $|H|^2 B_{\mu\nu}^2$  loop-suppressed

cannot apply the analysis Manohar, Wise '06

# (Composite) Top Sector

could the right-handed top belong to the strong sector too?

$$\frac{c_t y_t}{f^2} |H|^2 \bar{q}_L \tilde{H} t_R + \frac{i c_R}{f^2} H^\dagger D_\mu H \bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu t_R + \frac{c_{4t}}{f^2} (\bar{t}_R \gamma^\mu t_R) (\bar{t}_R \gamma_\mu t_R)$$

(composite left-handed top/bottom gives rise to a too large mass difference of neutral B mesons)

## Modified top-quark couplings to h and Z

$$g_{htt} = \frac{g m_t}{2 m_W} \left[ 1 - \xi \left( c_t + c_y + \frac{c_H}{2} \right) \right]$$
$$g_{Z t_R t_R} = -\frac{2g \sin^2 \theta_W}{3 \cos \theta_W} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{8 \sin^2 \theta_W} c_R \xi \right)$$

htt can be measured through  $gg \rightarrow \bar{t} t h$  and  $h \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

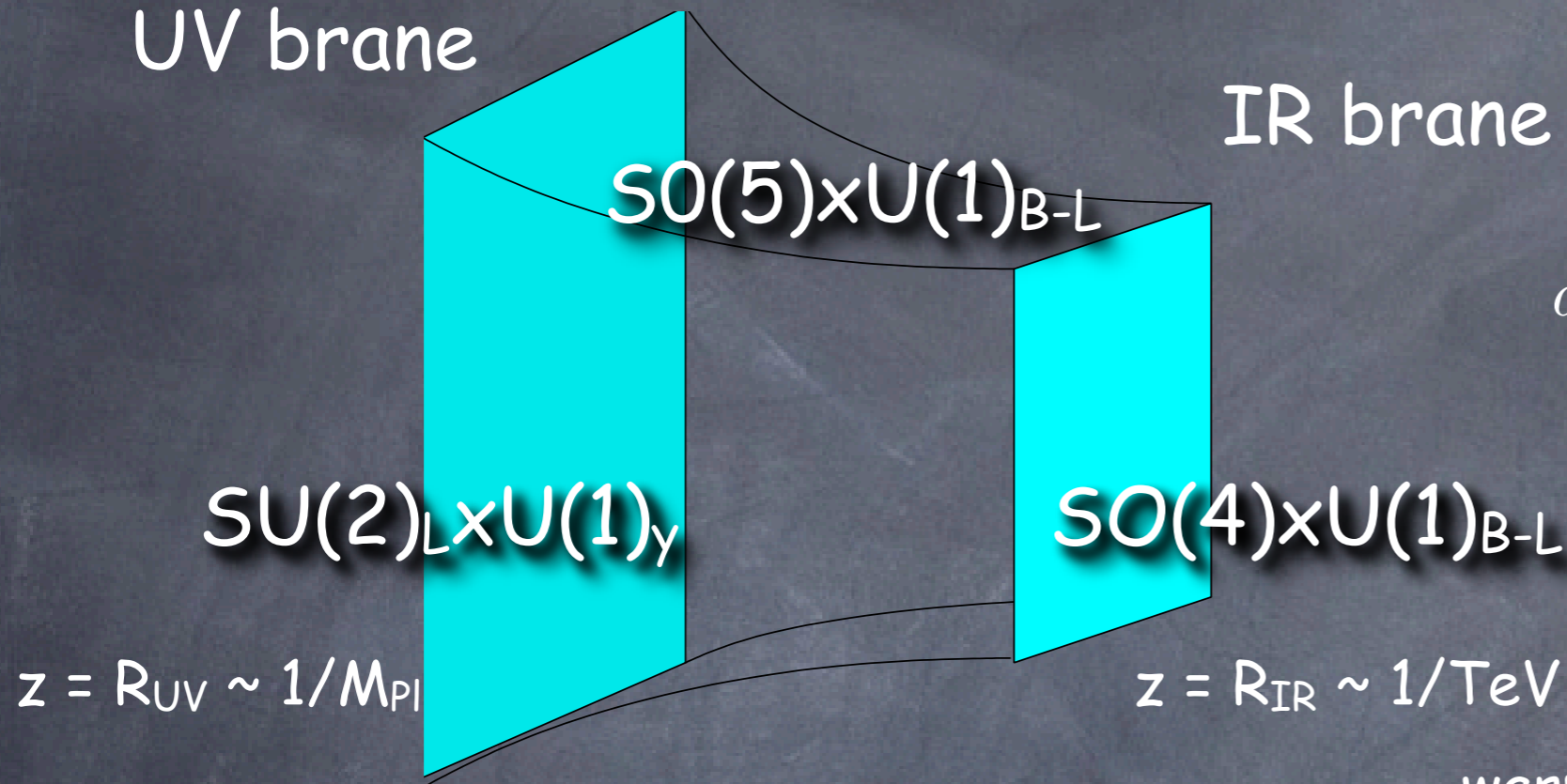
ILC accuracy with  $\sqrt{s}=800$  GeV and  $L=1000 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ : 5%

# Minimal Composite Higgs Model

Agashe, Contino, Pomarol '04

UV brane

IR brane



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

$$\Omega = \frac{R_{IR}}{R_{UV}} \approx 10^{16} \text{ GeV}$$

warped dual to composite Higgs model

$$m_W = \frac{gf}{2} \sin \frac{h}{f}$$

$$g_{hWW} = gm_W \left(1 - \frac{\xi}{2}\right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_H = 1$$

$$g_{hff} = \frac{gm_f}{2m_W} \left(1 - \frac{3\xi}{2}\right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_Y = 1$$

$$g_{hhh} = \frac{3gm_h^2}{2m_W} \left(1 - \frac{3\xi}{2}\right) \quad \Rightarrow \quad c_6 = 0$$

SILH  
SO(5)/SO(4)

SILH

# Littlest Higgs

Global symmetry  $SU(5)/SO(5)$

Gauge symmetry  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1) / SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$

(14-3) PGB:  $3_1, 2_{1/2}, 1_0$

mass not protected when  $g_R \gg g_L$

SILH degrees of freedom

$SU(5)/SO(5) \xrightarrow{g_R \gg g_L} SU(3)/SU(2)$

$$c_H = 1/4 \quad c_T = -1/16$$

coset structure below the LH partner masses

If  $g_R \sim g_L$ ,  $c_T = 0$  and  $c_H = 5/16$

but coset structure lost and large corrections of order  $g_L/g_R$



# Little Higgs with Custodial Symmetry

Global symmetry  $SO(9)/SO(5) \times SO(4)$

Gauge symmetry  $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times SU(2) \times U(1) / SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$

(20-6) PGB:  $3_1, 3_0, 2_{1/2}, 1_0$

mass not protected when  $g_R \sim g_L \gg g$

SILH degrees of freedom

$SO(9)/SO(5) \times SO(4) \xrightarrow{g_R \sim g_L \gg g} SO(5)/SO(4)$

$$c_H = 1/2 \quad c_T = 0$$

coset structure below the LH partner masses

# Conclusions

EW interactions need a UV moderator  
to unitarize  $WW$  scattering amplitude

Oblique corrections are a test of new physics

$W$  scattering and Higgs anomalous couplings should be able  
to tell us if the EWSB sector is strongly or weakly coupled.

LHC and ILC are complementary in the exploration  
of the TeV scale population