

# NATURALNESS FROM A COMPOSITE TOP?

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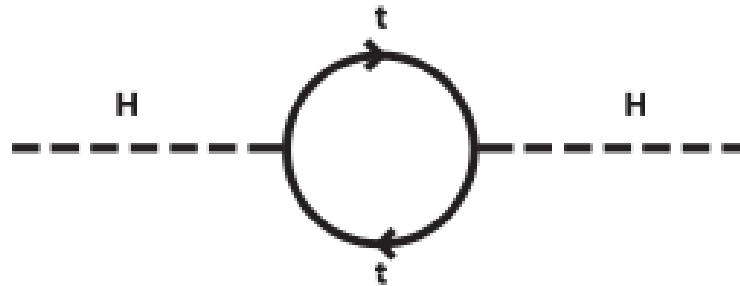
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# Motivation: Gauge Hierarchy Problem

Higgs couples to SM particle, especially top Yukawa  $\sim 1$ .



$$\Delta m_h^2 \sim \frac{3y_t^2}{4\pi^2} \Lambda^2$$

No symmetry reason for SM higgs being as light as 125 GeV.

Similar problems for other particles in the loop, such as gauge couplings.

Top Yukawa, in most case, is the most serious one phenomenologically.

# Motivation: Gauge Hierarchy Problem

Imposing symmetries to higgs:

Supersymmetry:

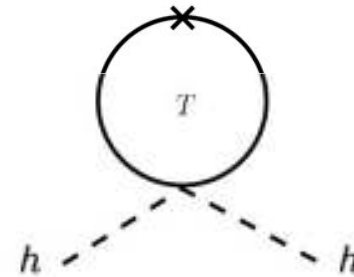
Boson-Fermion (chiral symmetry)



Scalar top partner: stop

Composite Higgs:

PNGB (shift symmetry)



Fermionic top partner: T

Predict the existence of colored particles at EW scale.

# Making top composite

Top quark is annoying and let's do something special to it!

⇒ Make top quark a composite particle, i.e. having multiple partons

⇒ Distribute responsibilities among partons:

one parton carrying EW charge

----- coupling to higgs

another parton carrying SU(3) charge

----- giving color to composite state in IR

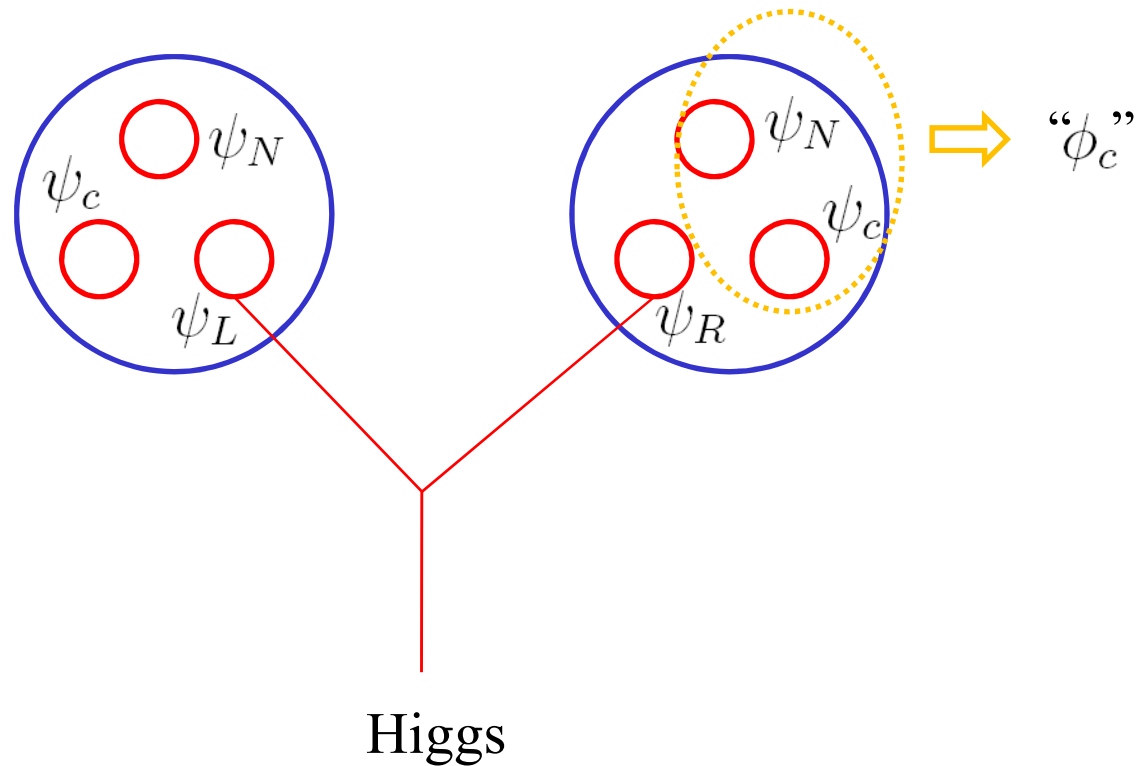
⇒ IR: Top quark carries SU(3) color and couples to SM Higgs

UV: Higgs directly couples to colorless particles,  
but not colored partons.

Quadratic divergence will be cancelled by colorless partners.

# Making top composite

Yukawa coupling between Higgs and top quark

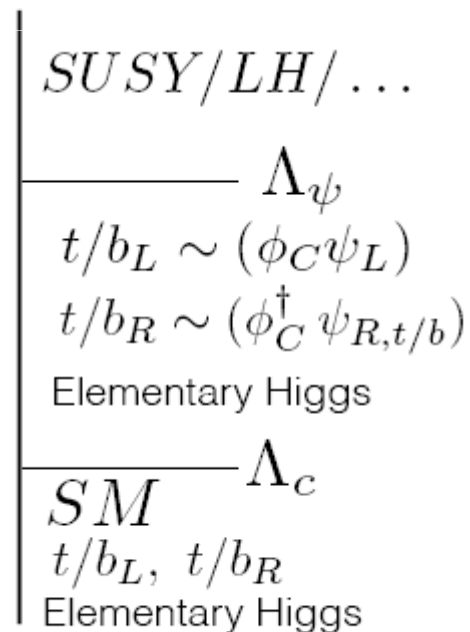


$$\mathcal{L}_{UV} \supset y_\psi H \psi_L \psi_R \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_{IR} \supset y_t H t_L t_R$$

# Making top composite

Making top composite does not solve hierarchy problem!

- ⇒ Additional mechanism should be introduced in UV,  $\Lambda_\psi$ .  
 But they do not need to carry SU(3) charge! (safe from pheno)



$$\delta m_H^2 \simeq \frac{3y_t^2}{4\pi^2} \Lambda_C^2 + \frac{Ny_\psi^2}{4\pi^2} \Lambda_\psi^2.$$

# Making top composite

Relation between  $y_\psi$  and  $y_t$  :

NDA:

$$\mathcal{L}_{NDA} \supset f^2 \Lambda_C^2 \left( \frac{y_\psi H}{\Lambda_C} \right) \left( \frac{Q}{f \sqrt{\Lambda_C}} \right) \left( \frac{t_R}{f \sqrt{\Lambda_C}} \right) = y_\psi H Q t_R.$$

Higgs is elementary.

(different from composite higgs models)

$$\Rightarrow y_\psi \sim y_t$$



# Making top composite

Relation between  $y_\psi$  and  $y_t$  :

Analogy to DM DD:

$$B_{u,d}^{n,p} \equiv \frac{y_{u,d}}{y_{n,p}^{u,d}} \sim \mathcal{O}(0.1)$$

$$B_s^{n,p} \equiv \frac{y_s}{y_s^{n,p}} \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

Yukawa coupling is enhanced in IR!

⇒ Higgs couples to both valence quark and sea quark pair.

Yukawa coupling is always additive.

$$\Rightarrow y_\psi \sim 0.1$$

# Confinement without chiral condensation

Important assumption:

The confinement of SU(N) does not break EW symmetry.

⇒ Top quark gets all its mass from higgs condensation.  
(unlike proton getting its mass from chiral condensation)

Confinement and chiral condensation is not necessarily related.

s-confinement: SQCD with  $N_F = N_C + 1$

Implicit assumption in composite higgs models:

Fermionic top partner being lighter than confinement scale.

## Semi-UV completion

Particles	$SU(N)$	$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$
“Semi” ← $\phi_c$	$\bar{\square}$	$\square$	$\bullet$	$(\frac{1}{6} - \frac{x}{2})$
$\psi_L^\alpha$	$\square$	$\bullet$	$\square$	$\frac{x}{2}$
$\psi_{R,t}^\alpha$	$\bar{\square}$	$\bullet$	$\bullet$	$-\frac{1}{2}(x + 1)$
$\psi_{R,b}^\alpha$	$\bar{\square}$	$\bullet$	$\bullet$	$-\frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$

Assume fermionic components in  $\phi_c$  do not contribute to anomalies, among  $\psi$ 's:

Gauge anomalies are cancelled when  $Nx = 1$ .

Global anomalies are matched.

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# Cutting off quadratic divergences

Making top quark composite does not stabilize higgs mass.

⇒ Additional mechanism is needed in UV.

⇒ Benefit: heavy particles do not carry SU(3) color.

$$\delta m_H^2 \simeq \frac{3y_t^2}{4\pi^2} \Lambda_C^2 + \frac{Ny_\psi^2}{4\pi^2} \Lambda_\psi^2.$$

Stabilize higgs mass through Composite Higgs or SUSY.

# Cutting off quadratic divergences

Composite Higgs:

Higgs will become a PNGB at higher energy.

Colorless fermionic partner,  $T'$ , is introduced at  $\Lambda_\psi$ .

$T'$  shares the same quantum numbers as  $\psi_L$  or  $\psi_{R,t}$ .

$T'$  can combine with  $\phi_c$  to form a colored composite top partners!

Same as ordinary composite higgs models?

⇒ No, the production of such states will be dramatically reduced, due to  $SU(N)$  hadronization process!

Such states are effectively removed from collider point of view.

# Cutting off quadratic divergences

SUSY:

Colorless superpartner of  $\psi_L$  and  $\psi_{R,t}$  are introduced,  $\phi_L$  and  $\phi_{R,t}$ .

Again,  $\phi_L$  and  $\phi_{R,t}$  can combine with  $\phi_c$  to form colored stops!

The production of such states will be dramatically reduced,  
due to SU(N) hadronization process!

⇒ Such states are effectively removed from collider point of view.

Additional subtleties:

Superpartners of colored parton  $\tilde{\psi}_c$  needs to be around,  
in order to stabilize the mass of  $\phi_L$  and  $\phi_{R,t}$ .

However, they can be 2-loop away from  $\Lambda_\psi$ .

# Screening from SU(N) hadronization

Composite colored particle seems to be unavoidable.

Their mass is controlled by the heaviest parton, around  $\Lambda_\psi$ .

The heaviest parton is colorless.

⇒ Only produced through SU(N) hadronization at a hadron collider.

QCD analogy:

Charm/bottom quark productions through light quark hadronization

Exponentially suppressed:

$$P_{q_i} \propto e^{-\pi m_i^2 / \kappa} \quad \text{where} \quad \kappa \simeq \Lambda_{QCD}^2 \simeq 0.2 \text{ GeV}^2$$

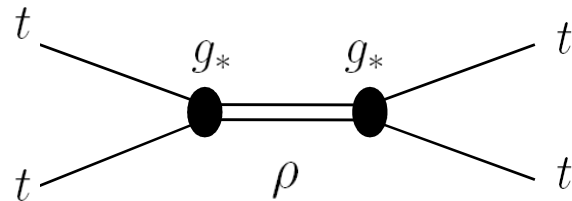
Similar suppression :

Colored composite states with heavy colorless partons

Effectively removed from collider point of view!

# Pheno constraints

Higher dimension operators are introduced through SU(N):



4-Fermion interaction:

$$\frac{g_*^2}{m_\rho^2} (\bar{\Psi} \gamma_\mu \Psi) (\bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \Psi) \quad \text{with} \quad m_\rho \sim \Lambda_C$$

$$\text{NDA: } g_* = 4\pi$$

Subtleties:  $g_* < 4\pi$ ,  $f \equiv \Lambda_C/g_*$  to keep track

N-dependence, model dependent (backup slides)

⇒ May show up in the denominators of coefficients.



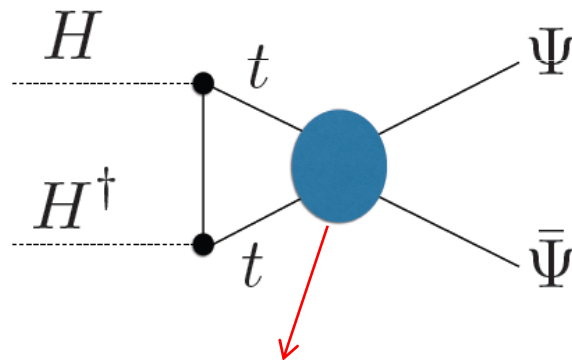
# Pheno constraints

Zbb coupling:

$$\mathcal{O}_1 = ic_1(H^\dagger D^\mu H)(\bar{\Psi}\gamma_\mu\Psi) + h.c.,$$

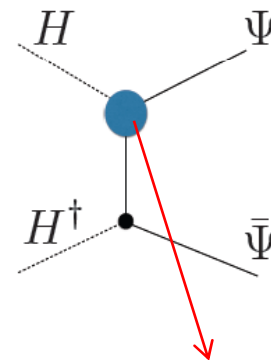
$$\mathcal{O}_2 = igc_2 \bar{\Psi}W_{\mu\nu}D^\mu\gamma^\nu\Psi,$$

does not interfere with SM



4-fermi interaction

$$c_1^{loop} = \frac{\eta_b^{loop} N_c y_t^2}{16\pi^2 f^2}.$$



form factor in higgs couplings

$$c_1^{tree} = \frac{\eta_b^{tree} y_b^2}{\Lambda_C^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f \gtrsim \sqrt{\eta_b^{loop}} 410 \text{ GeV}$$

# Pheno constraints

S&T:

$$\mathcal{O}_S = c_S (H^\dagger \tau^a H) W_{\mu\nu}^a B^{\mu\nu},$$

$$\mathcal{O}_T = c_T |H^\dagger D_\mu H|^2,$$

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda_C > \sqrt{\eta_S^\Lambda} \ 1200 \ \text{GeV}$$

4-top production at the LHC (13 TeV, 3.2 fb<sup>-1</sup>):

$$\mathcal{O}_{4f} = c_{4f} (\bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \Psi) (\bar{\Psi} \gamma_\mu \Psi).$$

$$\Rightarrow f > \sqrt{\eta_{4f}} \ 450 \ \text{GeV}$$

# Pheno constraints

## Flavor and CP

$$t_{L/R,I} \approx \theta_{L/R}^u u_{L/R,M} + \theta_{L/R}^c c_{L/R,M} + t_{L/R,M},$$
$$b_{L/R,I} \approx \theta_{L/R}^d d_{L/R,M} + \theta_{L/R}^s s_{L/R,M} + b_{L/R,M}.$$

$$\mathcal{O}_{F1} = \frac{e^2}{\Lambda_C^2} (\bar{\Psi}_{L/R} \gamma^\mu \Psi_{L/R}) (\bar{l} \gamma^\mu l), \quad \mathcal{O}_{F3} = \frac{1}{f^2} (\bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \Psi) (\bar{\Psi} \gamma_\mu \Psi),$$
$$\mathcal{O}_{F2} = e \frac{m_\Psi}{\Lambda_C^2} F_{\mu\nu} (\bar{\Psi}_{L/R} \sigma^{\mu\nu} \Psi_{R/L}), \quad \mathcal{O}_{F4} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2 f^2} (H^\dagger D_\mu H) (\bar{\Psi} \gamma^\mu \Psi).$$

$$(\bar{t}_I \gamma^\mu t_I) (\bar{t}_I \gamma_\mu t_I) \rightarrow (\bar{c}_M \gamma^\mu u_M) (\bar{c}_M \gamma_\mu u_M)$$

↓  
D-meson oscillation

$$|\theta_L^{d*} + \theta_L^u| \simeq |V_{ub}|,$$

$$|\theta_L^{s*} + \theta_L^c| \simeq |V_{cb}|,$$

## Pheno constraints

Constraints from down-sector mixing are most serious:

⇒ Impose flavor symmetry to remove mixing from down sector.

⇒ Mixings in up-sector are totally fixed by CKM matrix.

Under such assumption, strongest constraints are from CPV in D-meson.

⇒ 
$$f \gtrsim \sqrt{\eta_{4f}} 810 \text{ GeV}.$$

Constraints are imposed on  $f$ .

⇒ Subtleties from  $g_*$  and N-counting in order to link to  $\Lambda_C$ .

40% tuning is needed to achieve  $f \sim 450$  GeV as 4-top direct search.

# Pheno constraints

Summary:

The strongest constraints on  $\Lambda_C$  directly are from S-parameter.

$$\Lambda_C \gtrsim \sqrt{\eta_S^\Lambda} 1200 \text{ GeV}$$

The strongest constraints on  $f$  are from CPV in D-meson system.

$$f \gtrsim \sqrt{\eta_{4f}} 810 \text{ GeV}$$

With subtleties on  $g_*$  and N-counting in mind, we claim

$$\Lambda_C \sim \text{few TeV}$$

Fine tuning is about 1%.

# Collider signatures

Heavy resonances from strong dynamics:

Resonances produced through s-channel, such as  $\rho$ .

Best search channel is  $t\bar{t}$  resonance.

CMS KK-gluon search, assuming  $\sim 15\%$  width

⇒ 2.3 TeV at 8 TeV with  $20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$

⇒ Constraints are weaker if wider.

Resonances only associated produced, such as excited-top.

More difficult to search than s-channel resonance.

Excited-top can have mass above  $\Lambda_C$ , thus naturally wide.

⇒ Different from ordinary composite higgs models  
where T are lighter than  $\Lambda_C$  which is expected to be narrow!

# Collider signatures

Multiple top/bottom productions when energy is higher than  $\Lambda_C$ .

Average multiplicity of any hadron species from QCD hadronization:

$$\langle n(s) \rangle \sim \exp \left\{ \frac{1}{b} \sqrt{\frac{2N_c}{\pi\alpha_s(s)}} \right\}$$

Depending on beta-function of SU(N) as well as N, multiplicity may vary.

Depending on low energy spectrum from SU(N), final products from hadronization are also model dependent.

## Conclusion

Consider a scenario where 3<sup>rd</sup> generation quarks are composite.

⇒ Assign different jobs to different partons.

( coupling to higgs and carrying SU(3) color charge )

⇒ Colorless particles in UV are needed to cancel quadratic divergences.

Colored composite particles are unavoidable in spectrum.

⇒ Productions are dramatically reduced by SU(N) hadronization.

⇒ Effectively removed from collider point of view.

Various pheno constraints to this scenario.

$\Lambda_C \sim \text{few TeV} \Rightarrow$  fine tuning at percent level

Interesting collider signatures.

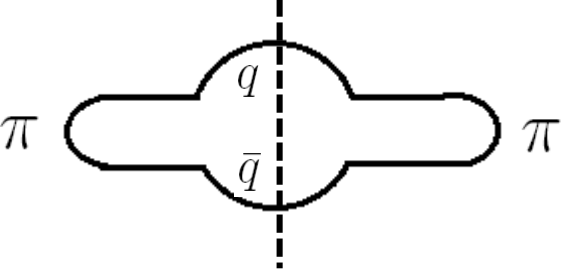
⇒ No guarantee on the existence of narrow resonances.

⇒ Signatures are model dependent.



# N-counting

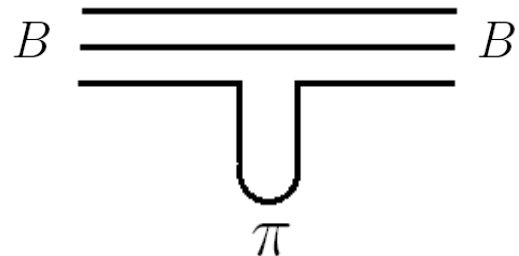
All quarks are in fundamental rep of SU(N):



A diagram showing a pion loop. A vertical dashed line passes through the center of a horizontal loop. The top half of the loop is labeled 'q' and the bottom half is labeled 'q-bar'. Two horizontal lines extend from the left and right sides of the loop, each labeled with the Greek letter pi (π).

$$\Rightarrow \langle \pi(x)\pi(y) \rangle \sim N$$

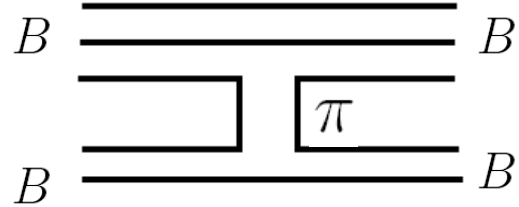
$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{\pi q \bar{q}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}}$$



A diagram showing a pion insertion into a B meson loop. Two horizontal lines on the left and right are labeled 'B'. A vertical line descends from the center of these two lines into a loop labeled 'π'.

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{\pi B \bar{B}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \times N \sim \sqrt{N}$$

N ways of insertion

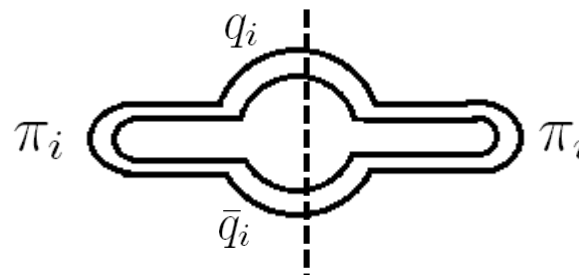


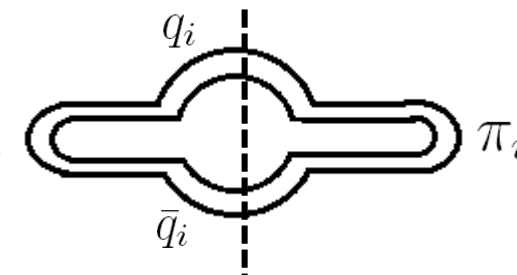
A diagram showing a pion exchange between two B mesons. Two horizontal lines on the left and right are labeled 'B'. A rectangular loop labeled 'π' connects the two lines, with a vertical line crossing between them.

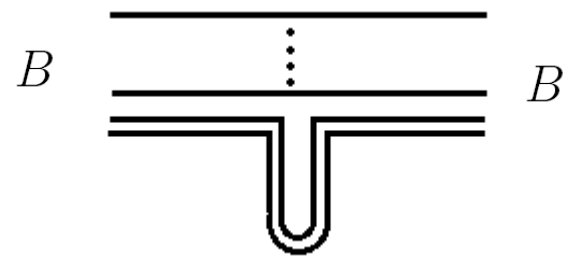
$$\Rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{BB \rightarrow BB} \sim N^0$$

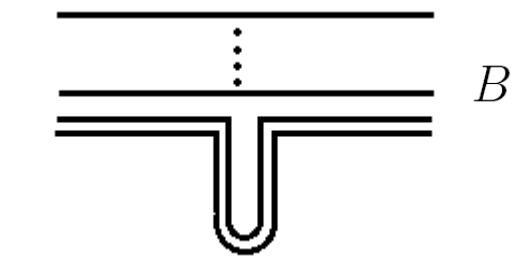
# N-counting

Example: SU(6) with  $\psi_{1,2,3}$  transforming as 6, 15, 20



$\pi_i$    $\pi_i$   $\Rightarrow$   $\langle \pi_i(x) \pi_i(y) \rangle \sim N^i$   
 $\Rightarrow$   $\lambda_{\pi_i q_i \bar{q}_i} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N^i}}$



$B$    $B$   $\Rightarrow$   $\lambda_{\pi_i B \bar{B}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{N^i}} \times \mathbf{1}$   
 only one way of insertion

Under non-trivial reps, the interactions may have large N suppression.

## Another semi-UV completion

→ confines

Particles	$SU(N)$	$SU(N + 3)_1$	$SU(N + 3)_2$	$SU(2)_L$	$U(1)_Y$
$\phi_c$	•	□	$\bar{\square}$	•	0
$\psi_L^\alpha$	•	□	•	□	$\frac{1}{6}$
$\psi_{R,t}^\alpha$	•	$\bar{\square}$	•	•	$-\frac{2}{3}$
$\psi_{R,b}^\alpha$	•	$\bar{\square}$	•	•	$\frac{1}{3}$
$\psi_L^{\prime\alpha}$	$\bar{\square}$	•	•	□	$-\frac{1}{6}$
$\psi_{R,t}^{\prime\alpha}$	□	•	•	•	$\frac{2}{3}$
$\psi_{R,b}^{\prime\alpha}$	□	•	•	•	$-\frac{1}{3}$
$\Delta$	□	•	$\bar{\square}$	•	0

Condensation of  $\Delta$  :

$$SU(N) \times SU(N + 3)_2 \Rightarrow SU(N)_D \times SU(3)_C$$