

Gegenbauer Goldstones

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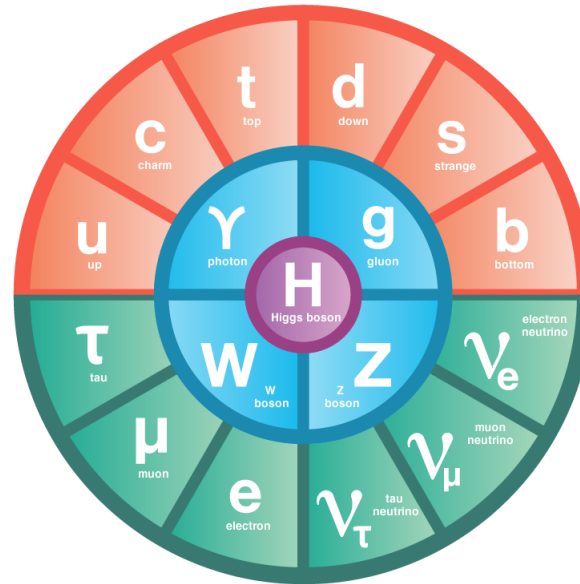


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The Higgs mystery



What is behind this?

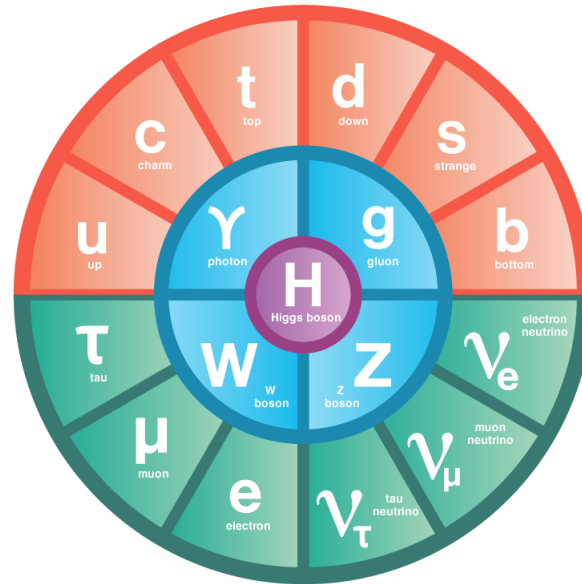
$$V(H) = -m^2|H|^2 + \lambda|H|^4$$

Successful phenomenological model, but lacking deep understanding.

Historical example is superconductivity: H turned out to be Cooper pairs in BCS.

$$H \sim (ee)$$

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Can we calculate it within a more fundamental theory?

Motivation

Other scalars we know: pions, composite pseudo Nambu-Goldstone bosons (pNGBs)

$$\Pi \sim (\bar{q}q)$$

$$\Pi \rightarrow \Pi + \theta$$

Old question: could the Higgs field be a pNGB too?

[Kaplan, Georgi 1984]

[Kaplan 1992]

[Agashe, Contino, Pomarol 2004]

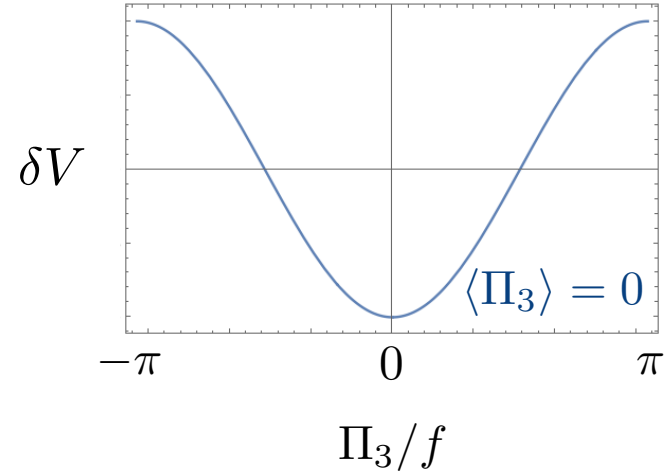
However, important structural difference between pion and Higgs potentials

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For pions:

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_{\text{ChPT}} \sim Bf^2 \text{Tr}[\Sigma M^\dagger] + \text{h.c.}$$

$$\Sigma = e^{i\Pi^a \sigma^a / f}$$



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Higgs couplings to other particles
agree with SM to $\sim 20\%$ (LHC Run 2)

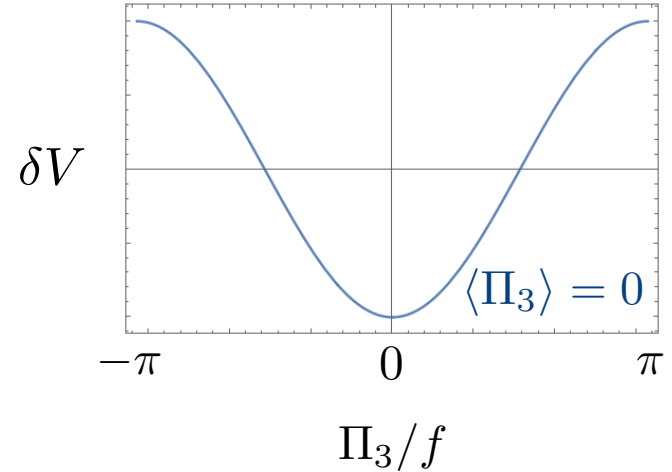
$$\frac{c_{hVV}}{c_{hVV}^{\text{SM}}} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{f^2}}$$

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Obtaining $v \ll f$ naturally is key question in pNGB Higgs framework

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- ▶ Warm-up: Abelian Goldstones
- ▶ Non-Abelian: Gegenbauer Goldstones
- ▶ Gegenbauer Higgs
- ▶ Gegenbauer's Twin

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Abelian Goldstones

Take single Goldstone, arising from spontaneously broken $U(1)$

$$\mathcal{L} = \partial_\mu \Phi^* \partial^\mu \Phi - \lambda (\Phi^* \Phi - f^2)^2$$

Make it a pNGB: explicit breaking from operator of charge n

$$\delta V = \frac{\epsilon \lambda}{f^{n-4}} \Phi^n + \text{h.c.}$$



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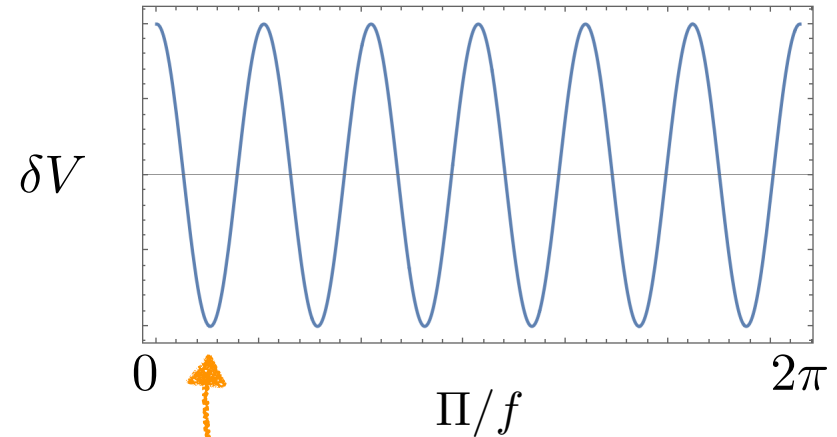
periodic potential

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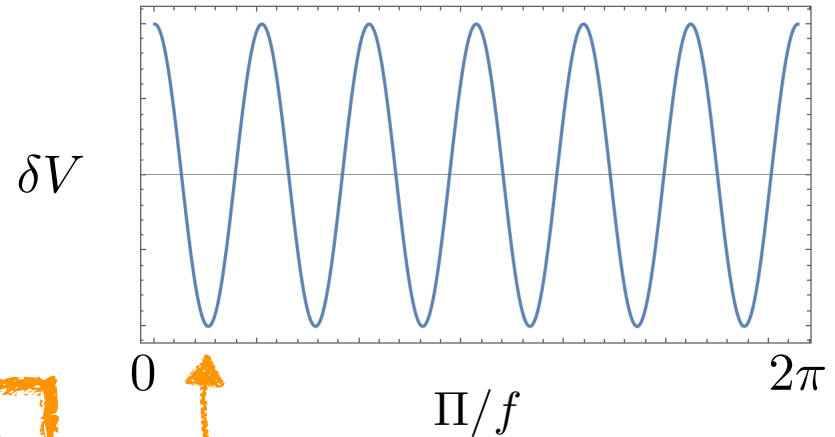
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Standard class of radiatively stable potentials
for Abelian Goldstones



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Explicit breaking to $SO(N)$ by spurion in

n - index symmetric tensor irrep of $SO(N + 1)$

$$\delta V = \frac{\epsilon \lambda}{f^{n-4}} K_n^{i_1 \dots i_n} \Phi_{i_1} \dots \Phi_{i_n} \quad \text{irrep} \rightarrow \text{traceless}$$

Radiatively stable at $O(\epsilon)$ and all loop orders, because only operator allowed.

Corrections at $O(\epsilon^2)$ and higher

[in $d = 2$: Brézin, Zinn-Justin, Le Guillou 1976]

Enter Gegenbauer

Parametrize $\Phi = f\phi$

$$\phi = e^{i\Pi^a T^a / f} \begin{pmatrix} \vec{0}_N \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin \frac{\Pi}{f} \frac{\vec{\Pi}}{\Pi} \\ \cos \frac{\Pi}{f} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Pi \equiv \sqrt{\vec{\Pi}^T \vec{\Pi}}$$

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potential is a
Gegenbauer polynomial



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$$|t\phi - \tilde{\phi}|^{1-N} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} t^n K_n^{i_1 \dots i_n} \phi^{i_1} \dots \phi^{i_n}$$

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Taylor expansion

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Gegenbauer polynomials from explicit $SO(N+1) \rightarrow SO(N)$ breaking

Gegenbauer?



Leopold Gegenbauer

1849 - 1903

Gegenbauer?

Gegenbauer polynomials can be seen as generalization of Legendre polynomials to $D \neq 3$ spatial dimensions

$$D = 3$$

$$SO(3) \rightarrow SO(2)$$

multipole expansion of axi-symmetric
function of spacetime coordinates

$$f(\vec{r}) = \sum_{\ell=0}^{\infty} c_{\ell} P_{\ell}(\cos \theta)$$

$$(m = 0)$$

They appear in many areas of physics, for example in the expansion of conformal blocks in CFT_d

[Hogervorst, Rychkov 2013]

Here, they arise from explicit breaking of **internal symmetry** $SO(N + 1) \rightarrow SO(N)$, variables are pNGB fields

More on radiative stability

Can also see Gegenbauers emerge from Coleman-Weinberg potential:

For general $SO(N)$ invariant potential $V = \epsilon \lambda f^4 G(\cos \Pi/f)$

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[Alonso, Jenkins, Manohar 2015]

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Indeed, Gegenbauers satisfy differential equation

$$G_n^{\alpha''} + 2\alpha \cot \frac{\Pi}{f} G_n^{\alpha'} + n(n+2\alpha)G_n^{\alpha} = 0 \quad \longrightarrow \quad \alpha = \frac{N-1}{2}$$

Radiative corrections do not alter functional form

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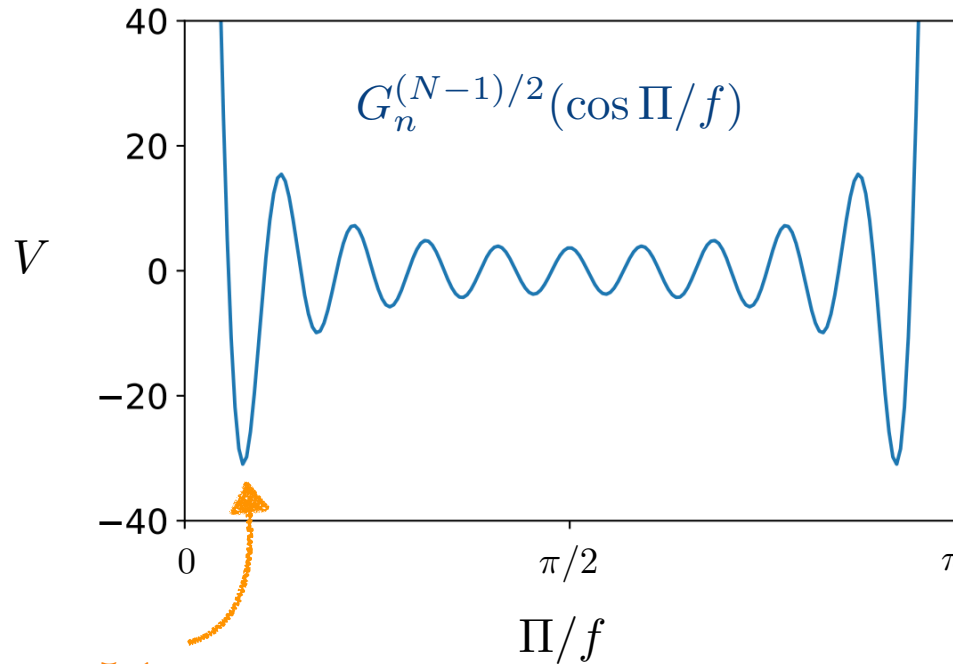
Abelian case is recovered for $N = 1$:

$$G'' \propto G$$



$$G = \cos \frac{n\Pi}{f}$$

The shape of Gegenbauers



$N = 4$
 $SO(5)/SO(4)$

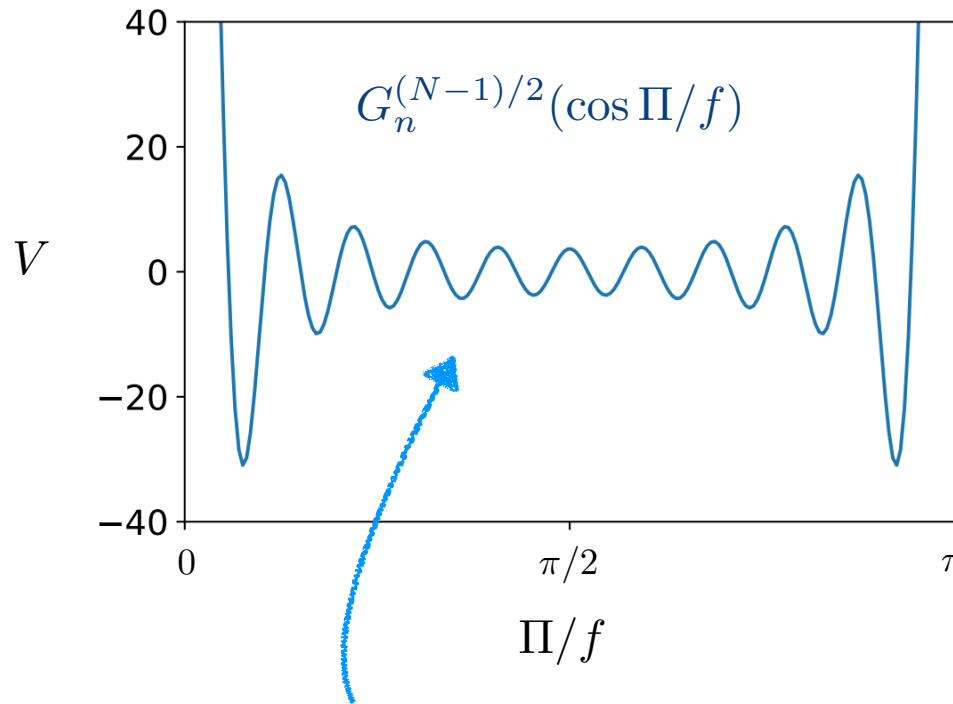
Even n
 $n = 20$

$$\frac{\langle \Pi \rangle}{f} \approx \frac{j_{N/2,1}}{n + \frac{N-1}{2}} \approx \frac{5.1}{n} \ll 1$$

for large n

A radiatively stable means to obtain
 $\langle \Pi \rangle \ll f$ for non-Abelian Goldstones

The shape of Gegenbauers



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Differently from Abelian case, **not periodic**, only approximately

$$G_n^\alpha \left(\cos \frac{\Pi}{f} \right) \xrightarrow{n \gg 1} \frac{J_{\alpha-1/2} \left((n + \alpha) \frac{\Pi}{f} \right)}{\Pi^{\alpha-1/2}} \xrightarrow{\frac{\Pi}{f} \gg \frac{1}{n}} \frac{\cos \left((n + \alpha) \frac{\Pi}{f} - \alpha \frac{\pi}{2} \right)}{\Pi^\alpha}$$

The story so far

Gegenbauer polynomials are “building blocks” of $SO(N)$ - invariant potentials for pNGBs of $SO(N + 1)/SO(N)$

$$V = \epsilon \lambda f^4 \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} c_n G_n^{(N-1)/2}(\cos \Pi / f)$$

A single Gegenbauer (equivalently, n - index irrep spurion) is radiatively stable

A technically natural way to obtain $\langle \Pi \rangle \ll f$ parametrically, for non-Abelian pNGBs

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Alternative approach to remove v/f tuning: tadpole-induced EWSB

[Harnik, Howe, Kearney 2016]
[Galloway, Kagan, Martin 2016]

[Azatov, Galloway, Luty 2011]
[Galloway, Luty, Tsai, Zhao 2013]
[Chang, Galloway, Luty, Salvioni, Tsai 2014]

Updated analysis is missing

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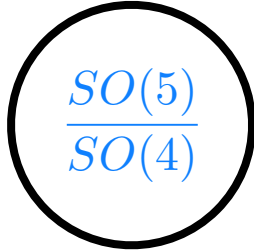
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Composite pNGB Higgs

strongly-interacting
sector

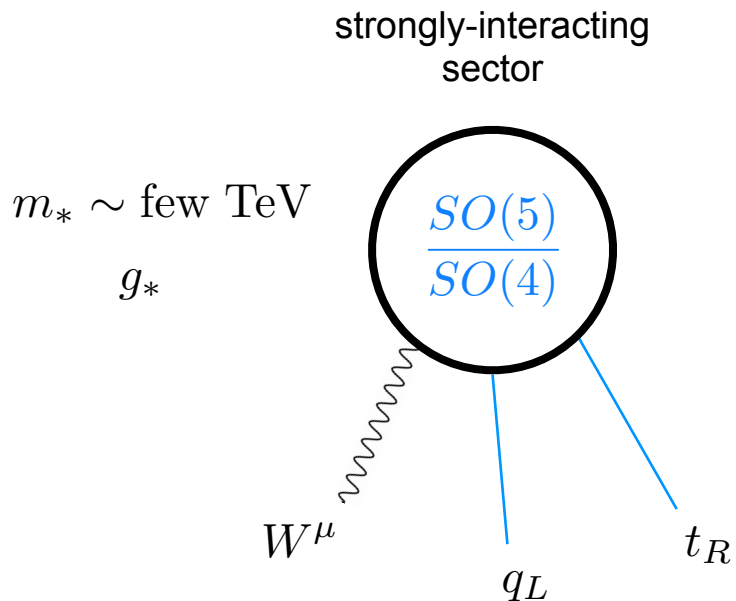
$$m_* \sim \text{few TeV}$$
$$g_*$$



$N = 4$ minimal to obtain pNGB Higgs doublet

$$f = m_*/g_*$$

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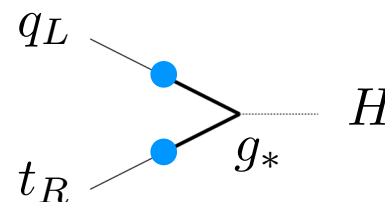


$$V(H) = m_H^2 |H|^2 + \lambda |H|^4$$

$$m_H^2 \sim (-y_t^2 + g^2) \frac{m_*^2}{16\pi^2} < 0$$

electroweak symmetry breaking
from top quark loops

couplings of Standard Model fermions
and gauge fields break $SO(5)$ explicitly



$$y_t \sim g_* \theta_L \theta_R$$

“partial compositeness”

The potential

In classic models, top sector loops break EW symmetry:

$$V = \frac{N_c y_t^2}{16\pi^2} M_T^2 f^2 (-\sin^2 \Pi/f + \sin^4 \Pi/f) + \delta_{\text{gauge}} \sin^2 \Pi/f$$



mass of QCD-charged top partners

LHC Run 2: $M_T \gtrsim 1.3 \text{ TeV}$



“minimal tuning”

to get $v \ll f$

$$\Delta \sim \frac{v^2}{f^2}$$

(in unitary gauge, $\Pi = h$)

The potential

Instead, we take EW preserving top contribution + Gegenbauer term:

$$V = \kappa \frac{N_c y_t^2}{16\pi^2} M_T^2 f^2 \left[+ \sin^2 \Pi/f + \gamma G_n^{(N-1)/2} (\cos \Pi/f) \right]$$

allows to tune overall size

positive sign

size of explicit breaking
associated with Gegenbauer

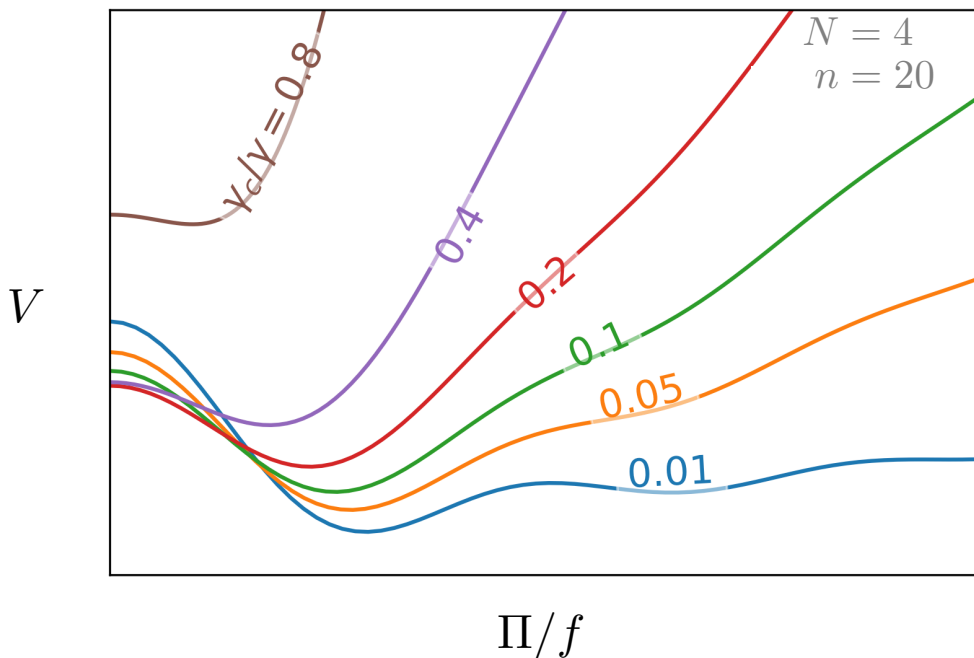
The Gegenbauer is assumed to originate from UV breaking in non-minimal irrep

“Internal” to strong sector - think of quark masses in QCD

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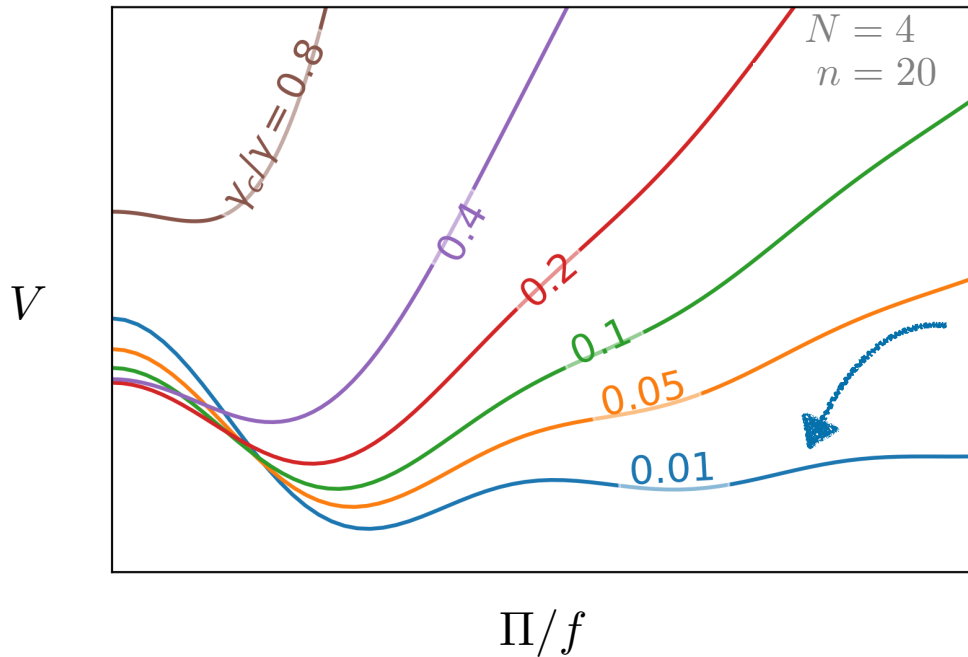


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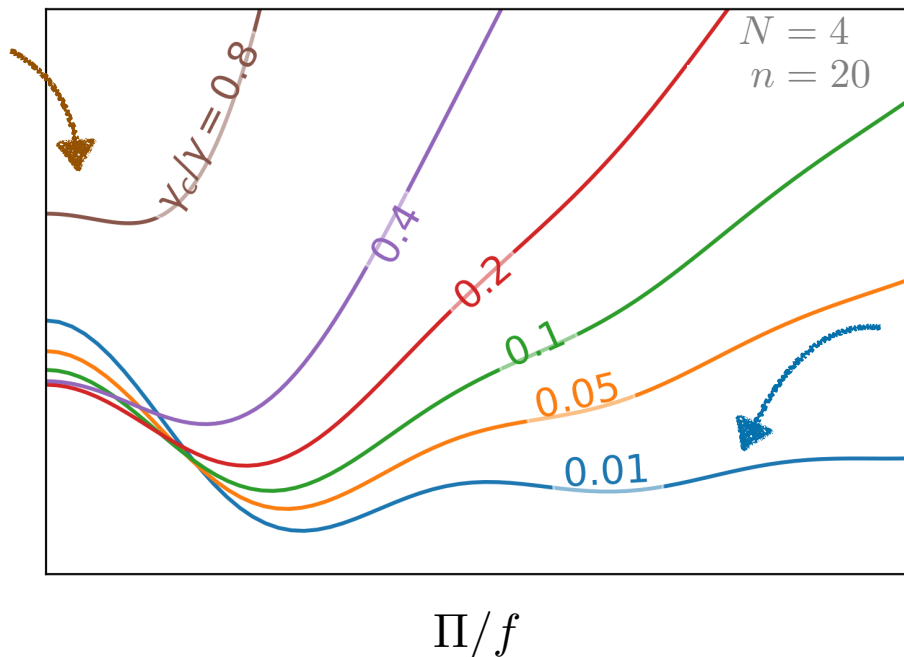
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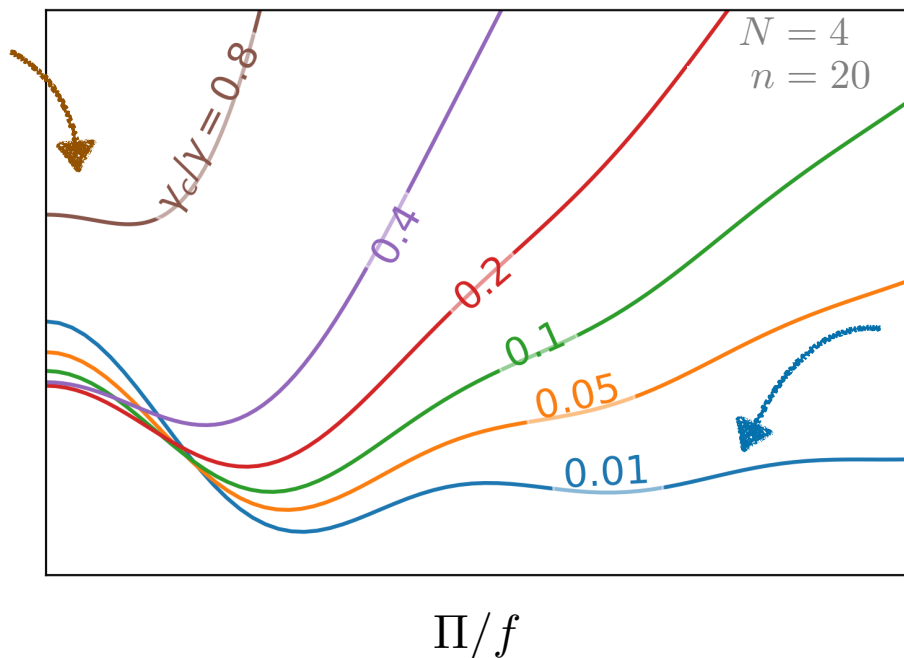
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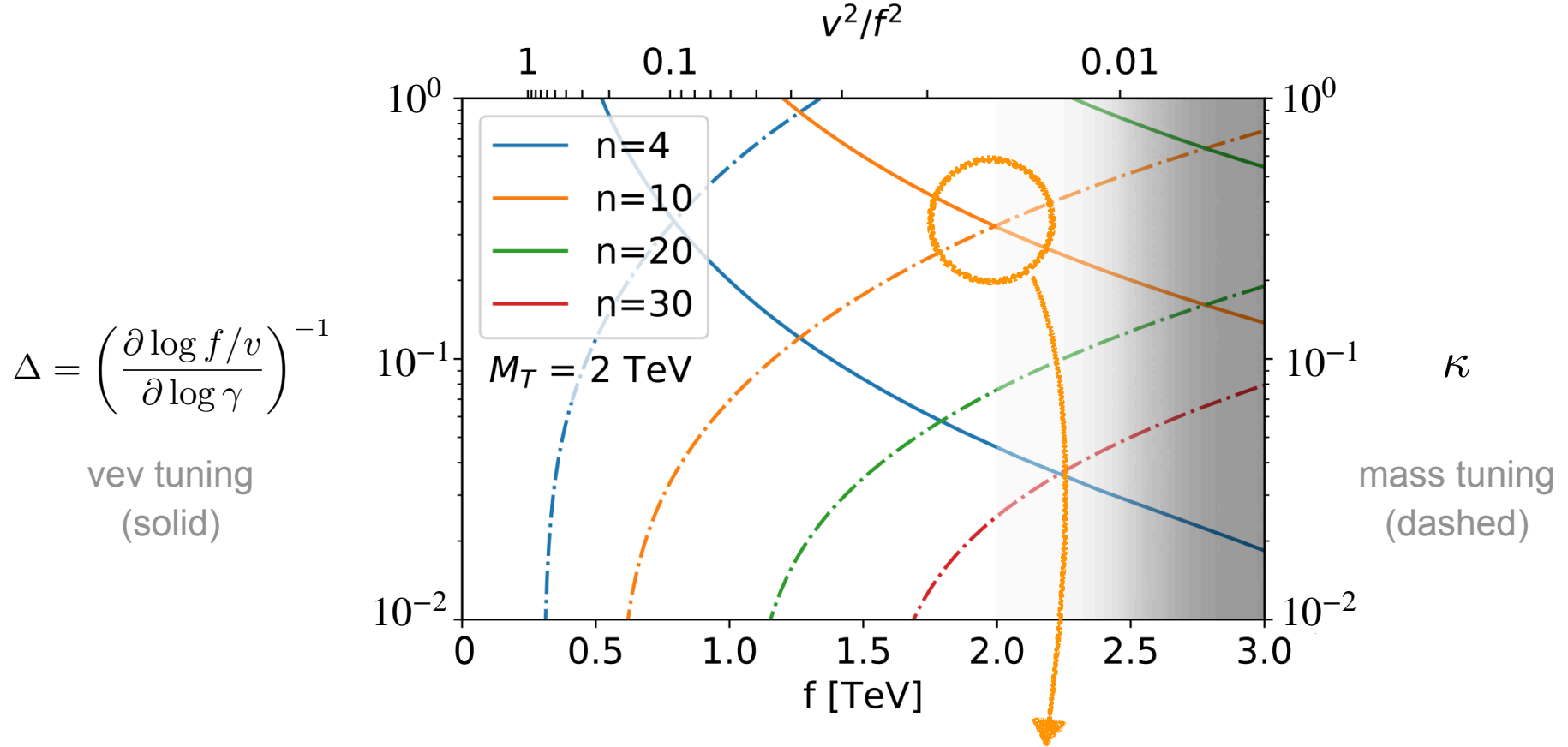


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Total tuning minimized in “intermediate” region

Quantifying the fine tuning



$n = 10$

$M_T = f = 2 \text{ TeV}$

$$\frac{c_{hVV}}{c_{hVV}^{\text{SM}}} \approx 0.8\%$$

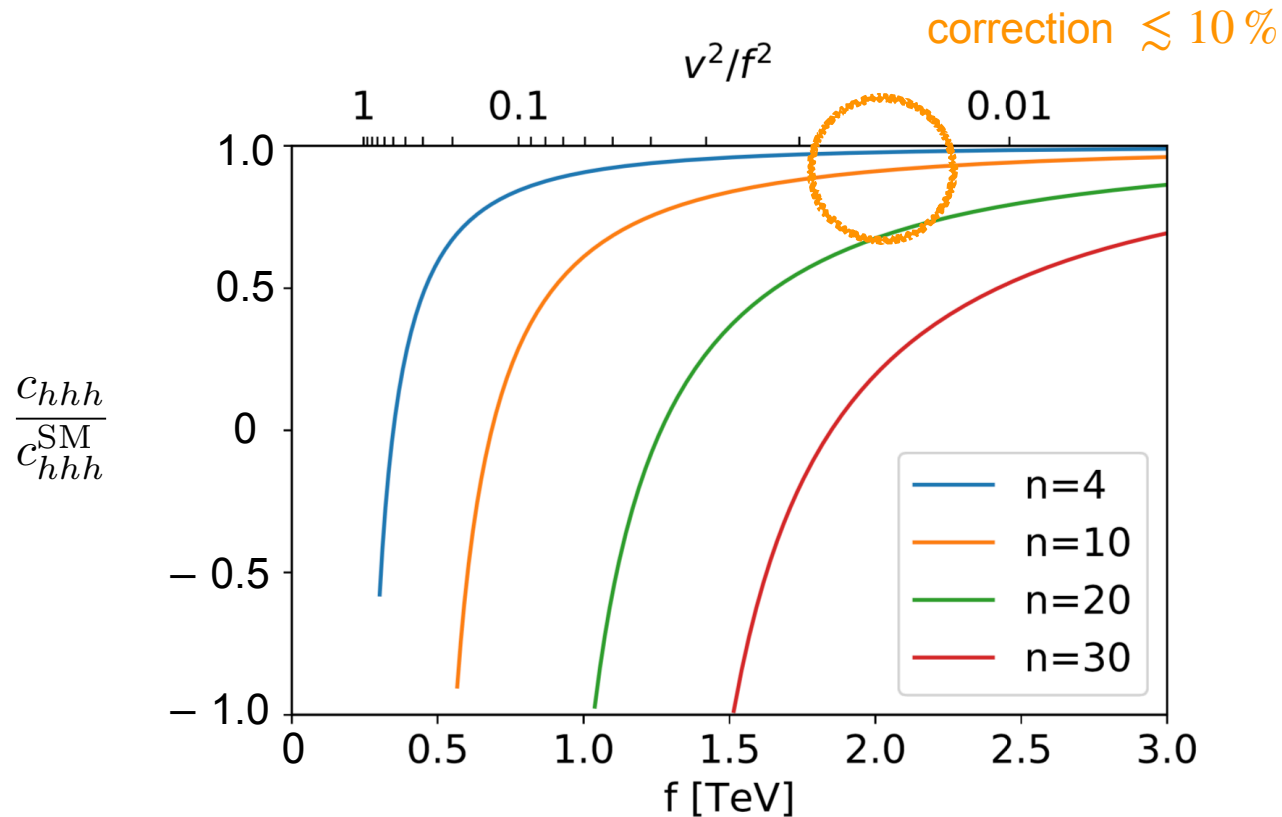
total tuning better than 10%
and beyond LHC reach

(compare to $2v^2/f^2 \approx 3\%$)

The Higgs cubic coupling

The pure Gegenbauer potential for large n has $\frac{c_{hhh}}{c_{hhh}^{\text{SM}}} \approx -\frac{N-1}{3} \approx -1$

But top sector contribution overrides this:



Summary

In principle, Gegenbauer potential could realize $v \ll f$ naturally in composite pNGB models

However, due to LHC lower bounds on QCD-charged top partners, radiative top sector potential is too large and forces some tuning

Higgs cubic coupling is very non-standard for pure Gegenbauer (but top contribution largely overrides this)

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Gegenbauer's Twin

Gegenbauer potential can realize $v \ll f$ naturally

But for “standard” composite pNGB Higgs, top sector potential still forces some tuning:
QCD-charged top partners must be heavy

Twin Higgs models can reduce size of top contribution: top partners are QCD-neutral

[Chacko, Goh, Harnik 2005]

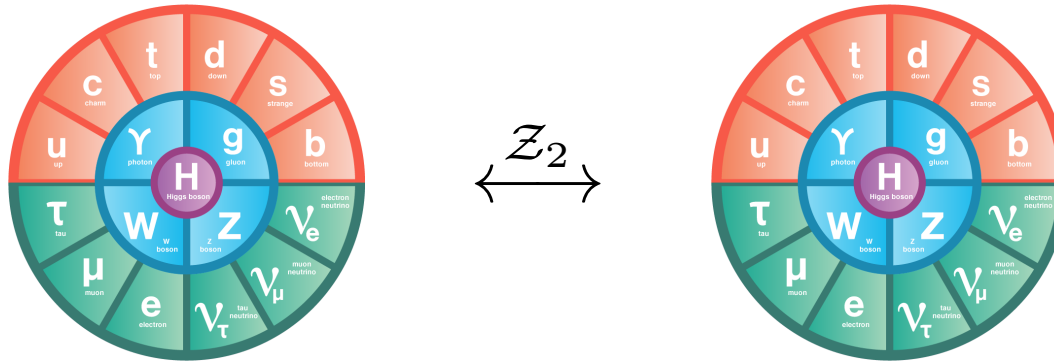
Could Gegenbauer's Twin be fully natural?



Twin Higgs

Standard Model

Twin Standard Model



Leading potential for Higgs + Twin Higgs is $SO(8)$ invariant

$$V = \lambda \left(|H_A|^2 + |H_B|^2 - f^2/2 \right)^2$$

Spontaneous breaking $SO(8) \rightarrow SO(7)$: 7 Goldstones

3 eaten by gauging $SU(2) \times U(1)$ in Twin sector, 4 form SM Higgs doublet

The Twin protection

Exchange symmetry enforces $SO(8)$ invariance of quadratic corrections to potential

$$\mathcal{L} = y_t Q_A H_A t_A + \hat{y}_t Q_B H_B t_B$$

$$\delta V = -\frac{N_c}{8\pi^2} (y_t^2 \Lambda_A^2 |H_A|^2 + \hat{y}_t^2 \Lambda_B^2 |H_B|^2)$$

$$A \xleftrightarrow{Z_2} B \quad \longrightarrow \quad y_t = \hat{y}_t, \Lambda_A = \Lambda_B \quad \longrightarrow \quad \delta V \sim (|H_A|^2 + |H_B|^2)$$

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The top partners are neutral under whole SM (& charged under Twin QCD)
They can still be light

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Twin Higgs potential

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$$V_t \approx \frac{3y_t^4 f^4}{64\pi^2} \left[\sin^4 \frac{h}{f} \log \frac{a}{\sin^2 h/f} + \cos^4 \frac{h}{f} \log \frac{a}{\cos^2 h/f} \right]$$

Need some form of \mathcal{Z}_2 breaking, which brings along the usual tuning $\Delta = \frac{2v^2}{f^2}$

[Craig, Katz, Strassler, Sundrum 2015]
[Barbieri, Greco, Rattazzi, Wulzer 2015]

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Here we introduce a Gegenbauer contribution:

generalize construction to $SO(8) \rightarrow SO(4) \times SO(4)$ explicit breaking

$$V_G^{(n)} = \epsilon f^4 G_n^{3/2}(\cos 2h/f)$$

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Gegenbauer's Twin

Quartic terms do not cancel exactly, but resulting potential with \mathcal{Z}_2 is not realistic:

$$v = 0 \qquad \text{or} \qquad v = f$$

$$V_t \approx \frac{3y_t^4 f^4}{64\pi^2} \left[\sin^4 \frac{h}{f} \log \frac{a}{\sin^2 h/f} + \cos^4 \frac{h}{f} \log \frac{a}{\cos^2 h/f} \right]$$

Here we introduce a Gegenbauer contribution:

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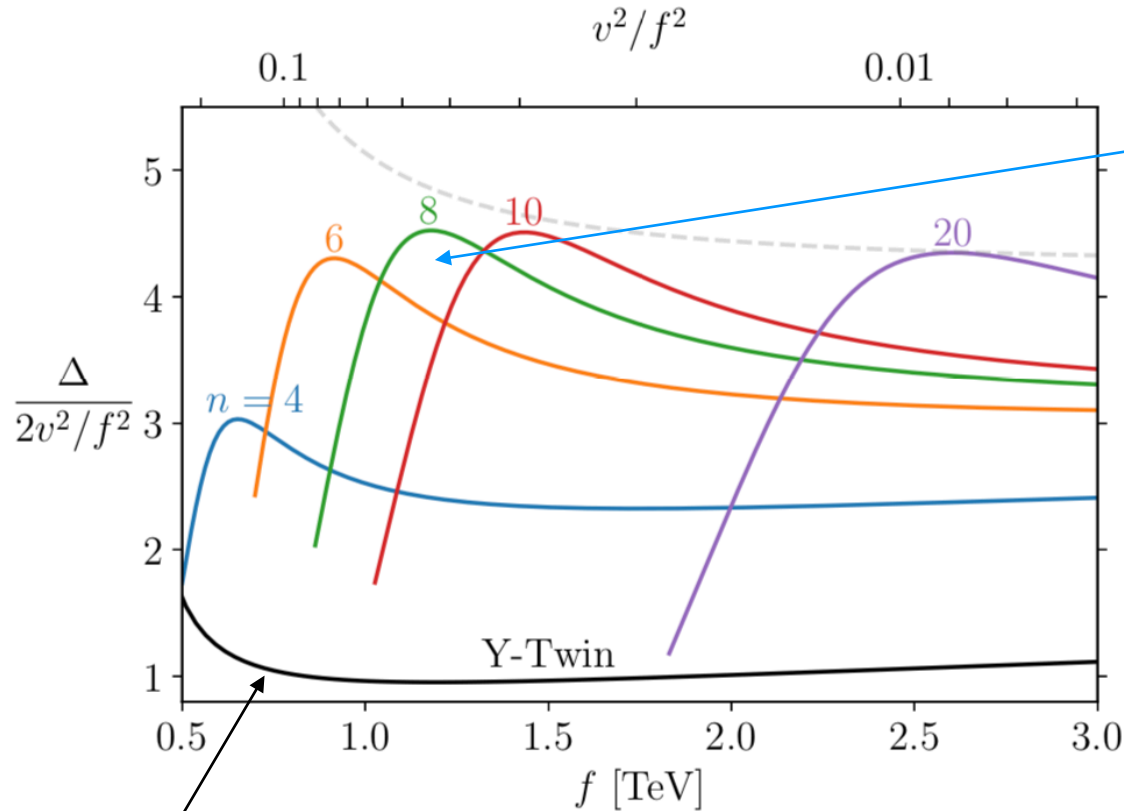
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model parameters
(fixed by Higgs mass
and vev)

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Gegenbauer's Twin

Fine tuning relative to standard Twin model:



fine tuning gain is approximately a factor

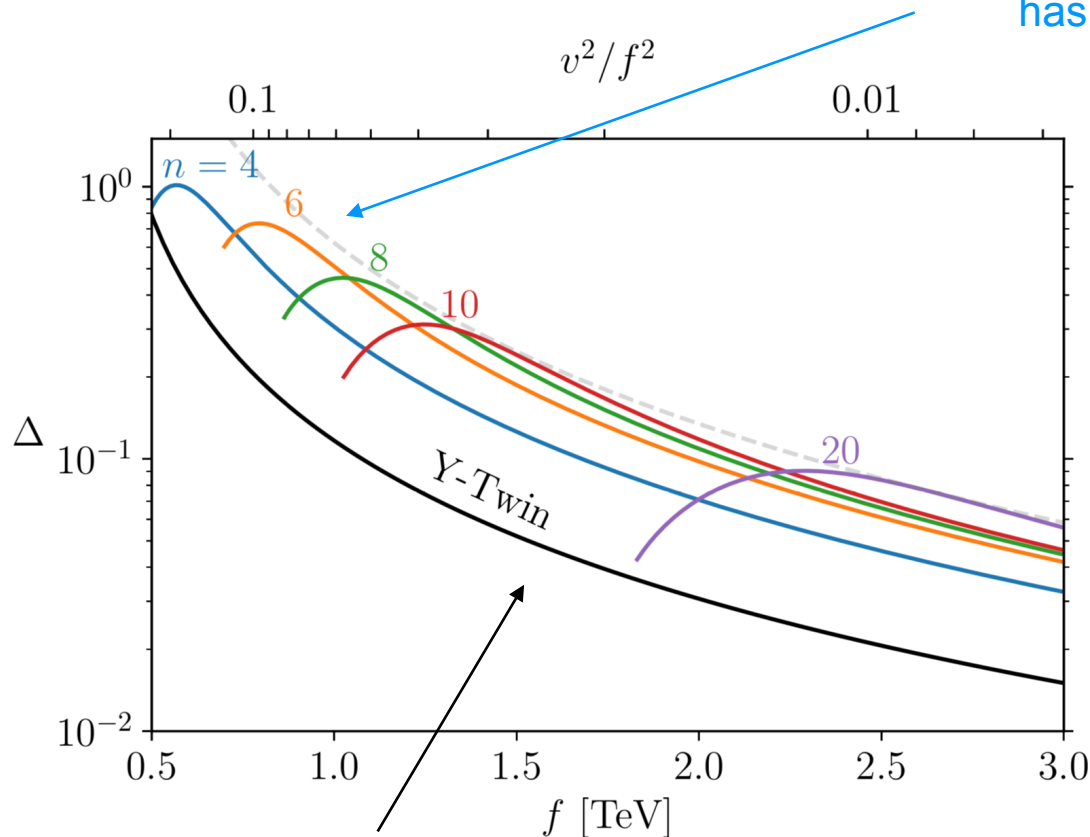
$$\frac{\Delta}{2v^2/f^2} \approx \frac{4\pi^2 m_h^2}{3y_t^4 v^2} \approx 4$$

standard Twin model (Twin hypercharge not gauged)

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Absolute fine tuning:

Gegenbauer's Twin with $n = 6$ or $n = 8$ and $f = 1$ TeV has essentially no tuning

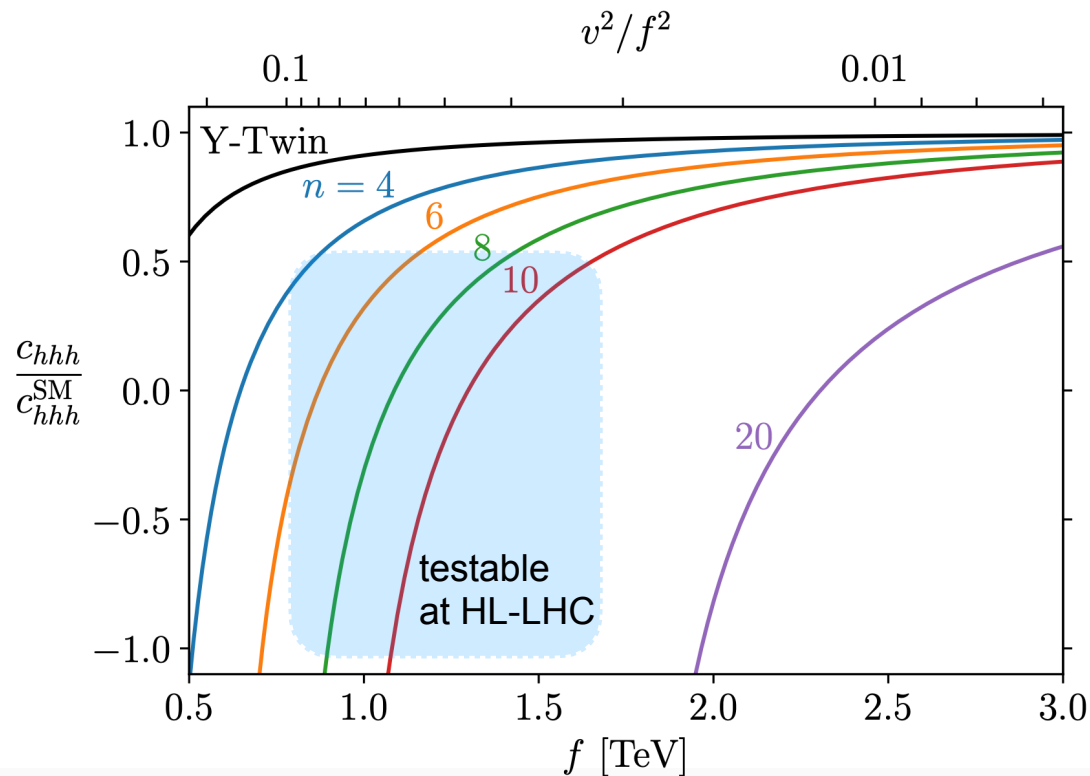


$$\frac{c_{hXX}}{c_{hXX}^{\text{SM}}} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{v^2}{f^2}}$$

standard Twin model (Twin hypercharge not gauged)

Higgs cubic coupling

For Gegenbauer's Twin, corrections are parametrically enhanced



“Smoking gun” signal: could even be first deviation observed at LHC

Conclusions

Gegenbauer's Twin shows that fully natural electroweak breaking is still compatible with LHC results

Requires to drop often assumed “minimality criteria” about origin of (explicit) symmetry breaking

General question: can one get such structure accidentally, because lower-dim operators are forbidden? (For example, by gauge symmetries.) [\[in progress\]](#)

A Gegenbauer top sector? What about other cosets? ...