Collider Phenomenology of Techni-hadrons

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We consider the one-family technicolor model as the dynamical origin of the electroweak symmetry breaking. As low-energy degrees of freedom, we consider Techni-Pions (associated with the spontaneous breaking of global symmetry), Techni-Dilaton (which is identified as the 125 GeV scalar discovered at the LHC) as well as Techni-Rho mesons as typical resonances expected to appear in such model. The effective Lagrangian is constructed based on the formulation of the Hidden Local Symmetry, and we discuss implications for collider phenomenology based on that Lagrangian.

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1. Introduction

The mystery of the origin of the masses of the fundamental particles is one of the most important issues to be revealed in elementary particle physics. Even though the property of the 125 GeV scalar boson discovered at the LHC seems to be quite consistent with that of the Higgs boson in the Standard Model (SM) so far, the existence of the hierarchy problem motivates us to look for an alternative scenario. Technicolor (TC) [1, 2, 3] is an attractive candidate for such alternatives, which has no hierarchy problem and provides the dynamical origin of the electroweak symmetry breaking. Also, phenomenologically viable TC models, so-called Walking TC (WTC) models [4], which incorporate approximately scale invariant dynamics with large mass anomalous dimension, $\gamma_m \simeq 1$, predict the existence of the light composite scalar boson as a pseudo Nambu-Goldstone (NG) boson associated with the spontaneous breaking of the approximate scale invariance. That is called the technidilaton (TD), which can be identified with the 125 GeV boson discovered at the LHC [5]. Recent lattice studies [6] actually indicate that the existence of a light flavor-singlet bound state in theories of large N_f QCD which have (near) conformal nature.

Here, as a concrete realization of the WTC, we consider the Farhi-Susskind one-family model [7], which consists of N_{TC} copies of a whole generation of the SM fermions, therefore the TC sector of the model is $SU(N_{\text{TC}})$ gauge theory with 8 fundamental Dirac fermions. The global chiral symmetry breaking pattern is then $SU(8)_L \times SU(8)_R/SU(8)_V$, resulting in the emergence of 63 NG bosons. Three of them are eaten by the SM weak gauge bosons, while 60 remain as physical states ("technipions"). Technipions obtain their masses through the explicit breaking effects (such as SM gauge interactions and extended TC four-fermion interactions), and become pseudo NG boson. Phenomenologies of these technipions are studied in detail in Ref. [8]. Here, we study the collider phenomenologies of another important techni-hadron, namely the techni-rho mesons, vector resonances expected to appear in models with strong dynamics.

2. Effective lagrangian: scale invariant Hidden Local Symmetry

To incorporate the techni-rho mesons, we apply the method of the Hidden Local Symmetry (HLS) [9, 10, 11, 12, 13] to the scale invariant chiral Lagrangian formulated in Ref. [5], which is based on the nonlinear realization of the manifold $G \times H_{\text{local}}/H = [SU(8)_L \times SU(8)_R] \times SU(8)_H/SU(8)_V$ with the form made scale invariant by using a nonlinear field $\chi = e^{\phi/F_{\phi}}$ with the TD field ϕ :

$$\mathscr{L} = \chi^2 \left(F_\pi^2 \operatorname{tr}[\hat{\alpha}_{\mu\perp}^2] + F_\sigma^2 \operatorname{tr}[\hat{\alpha}_{\mu\parallel}^2] \right) - \frac{1}{2g^2} \operatorname{tr}[V_{\mu\nu}^2], \qquad (2.1)$$

$$\hat{\alpha}_{\mu\perp,||} = \frac{D_{\mu}\xi_{R}\xi_{R}^{\dagger} \mp D_{\mu}\xi_{L}\xi_{L}^{\dagger}}{2i}, \qquad (2.2)$$

$$D_{\mu}\xi_{L,R} = \partial_{\mu}\xi_{L,R} - iV_{\mu}\xi_{L,R} + i\xi_{L,R}\mathscr{L}_{\mu}(\mathscr{R}_{\mu}).$$
(2.3)

Here, \mathscr{L}_{μ} and \mathscr{R}_{μ} are the SM gauge fields, while V_{μ} represents the HLS gauge field, which is identified as techni-rho mesons. The chiral-nonlinear fields (ξ_L, ξ_R) are parametrized as

$$\xi_{L,R} = e^{\frac{i\sigma}{F_{\sigma}}} e^{\mp \frac{i\pi}{F_{\pi}}}, \qquad \pi = \pi^A X^A, \qquad \sigma = \sigma^A X^A, \qquad (2.4)$$

with the NG bosons associated with the HLS (σ) and the chiral symmetry (π). Here, X^A is the generator of the SU(8) group, which can be expressed in such a way that it respects SM gauge representations:

$$\begin{aligned} X_{\text{eaten}}^{i} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\tau^{i} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{3 \times 3}}{|\tau^{i}} \right), X_{P}^{i} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{\tau^{i} \otimes \mathbf{1}_{3 \times 3}}{|-3 \cdot \tau^{i}} \right), X_{P} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}} \left(\frac{\mathbf{1}_{6 \times 6}}{|-3 \cdot \mathbf{1}_{2 \times 2}} \right), \\ X_{\theta a}^{i} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{\tau^{i} \otimes \lambda_{a}}{|0|} \right), X_{\theta a} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{\mathbf{1}_{2 \times 2} \otimes \lambda_{a}}{|0|} \right), \\ X_{Tc}^{(1)i} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{|\tau^{i} \otimes \xi_{c}|}{|\tau^{i} \otimes \xi_{c}|} \right), X_{Tc}^{(2)i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{|-i\tau^{i} \otimes \xi_{c}|}{|\tau^{i} \otimes \xi_{c}|} \right), \\ X_{Tc}^{(1)} &= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{|\mathbf{1}_{2 \times 2} \otimes \xi_{c}|}{|\mathbf{1}_{2 \times 2} \otimes \xi_{c}|} \right), X_{Tc}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{|-i\cdot \mathbf{1}_{2 \times 2} \otimes \xi_{c}|}{|\cdot \mathbf{1}_{2 \times 2} \otimes \xi_{c}^{\dagger}|} \right). \end{aligned}$$

$$(2.5)$$

Here, $\tau^i = \sigma^i/2$, ξ_c being a three-dimensional unit vector in color space. Techni-rho mesons are expressed by the same X^A as

$$V_{\mu} = V_{\mu}^A X^A, \tag{2.6}$$

and SM gauge fields are expressed as follows:

$$\mathscr{L}_{\mu} = 2g_{W}W^{i}_{\mu}X^{i}_{\text{eaten}} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}g_{Y}B_{\mu}X_{P} + \sqrt{2}g_{s}G^{a}_{\mu}X_{\theta_{a}},$$

$$\mathscr{R}_{\mu} = 2g_{Y}B_{\mu}\left(X^{3}_{\text{eaten}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}X_{P}\right) + \sqrt{2}g_{s}G^{a}_{\mu}X_{\theta_{a}}.$$
 (2.7)

Interactions among techni-hadrons, techni-hadrons and gauge fields, as well as techni-hadrongauge-field mixing can be read off from the Lagrangian in Eq. (2.1) by expanding in π and ϕ .

3. Techni-rho Production and Decay

Now, we discuss production and decay of techni-rho mesons. Here, we take color-singlet isosinglet techni-rho (ρ_P^0) as an example.¹ As for the input parameters, we use $F_{\phi} = F_{\phi}|_{\text{best}} \simeq v_{\text{EW}}/0.22$ (see Ref. [5]), $F_{\pi} = 123 \text{ GeV}$ (to reproduce $v_{\text{EW}} = 246 \text{ GeV}$) and $g_{\rho} = gF_{\sigma}^2 = \sqrt{2}M_{\rho}F_{\pi}$ (to achieve the vector meson dominance).

Techni-rho mesons are produced through the mixing with the SM gauge bosons which are produced by the Drell-Yan process. In Fig. 1 we show the production cross section of ρ_P^0 in pp collision at the LHC as a function of $M_{\rho_P^0}$. The solid and dashed curves correspond to $\sqrt{s} = 8$ and 14 TeV, respectively.

The decay properties of the techni-rho meson crucially depend on the mass spectrum of technihadrons. In Fig. 2, we plot the branching ratios of ρ_P^0 decay as functions of $M_{\rho_P^0}$ with assuming that the masses of the iso-singlet and the iso-triplet (color-triplet) techni-pions (T_0, T_i) are 2 TeV. As one can see from the figure, above the threshold, *i.e.*, 4 TeV in this case, the ρ_P^0 dominantly decays to a techni-pion pair, while below the threshold, the decay property is rather rich. It is especially interesting to note that if the ρ_P^0 is heavier than 1 TeV, it mostly decays to the TD and γ . In the next section, we discuss this as a search channel of the techni-rho resonance in this model.

¹More detailed studies, including other types of techni-rho mesons, can be found in Ref. [14].



Figure 1: The LHC production cross section of ρ_P^0 in unit of fb as a function of $M_{\rho_P^0}$. The solid and dashed curves correspond to $\sqrt{s} = 8$ and 14 TeV, respectively.



Figure 2: The branching fraction of ρ_P^0 with $M_{T_{0,i}} = 2$ TeV. "*j*" in the figure represents the light-qurak (*u*, *d*, *s* and *c*) jet.

4. Constraints and Future Prospects

In the previous section, we saw the production cross section of ρ_P^0 and the branching ratio of its decay. From these, together with the currently available LHC data, we can derive the constraints on the mass of ρ_P^0 . A stringent constraint comes from the Z'-type resonance search in di-lepton final states [15, 16], and 95% CL limit on the mass can be placed as $m_{\rho_P^0} > 1.3$ TeV.

As we mentioned in the previous section, possible search channel below the techni-pion pair production threshold would be ρ_P^0 decay into the TD (ϕ) and γ . The cross section of this channel in the mass range between the above lower bound and the techni-pion pair production threshold



Figure 3: The total cross section $\sigma_{DY}(pp \to \rho_P^0 \to \phi\gamma) \times BR(\phi \to gg)$ in unit of fb as a function of $M_{\rho_P^0}$. The solid and dashed curves correspond to $\sqrt{s} = 8$ and 14 TeV, respectively. $BR(\phi \to gg) = 75\%$ is assumed for the calculation.

is shown in Fig. 3. Here, we assumed that $BR(\phi \rightarrow gg) = 75\%$. Detailed study on this process, including SM background estimation and detector simulations, will be presented elsewhere [17].

5. Summary

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