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Technicolor Theories - Lecture 1

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Lecture 1: Technicolor

Introduction

TC (classical defn): models where EW not broken by Higgs boson, instead by non-perturbative effects in a strongly-coupled theory.

LHC 12/13/2011: $m_H = 125 \text{ GeV}$?

So why study TC?

- needs confirmation
- strong dynamics may be part of picture
(e.g. composite or partly composite Higgs)
- adds to field theory toolkit

Plan of Lectures

Lecture 1: TC as theory of
EX; basis of phenomenology;
intro to problems

Lecture 2: conformal / walking
TC; approaches to flavor

Lecture 3: SUSY + TC

Standard Model Wallet Card

$$SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_w \times U(1)_Y$$

L Weyl fermions

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} q \sim (3, 2)_{\frac{1}{6}} \\ u^c \sim (\bar{3}, 1)_{-\frac{2}{3}} \\ d^c \sim (\bar{3}, 1)_{\frac{1}{3}} \\ l \sim (1, 2)_{-\frac{1}{2}} \\ e^c \sim (1, 1)_1 \\ H \sim (1, 2)_{\frac{1}{2}} \end{array} \right\} \times 3$$

scalar

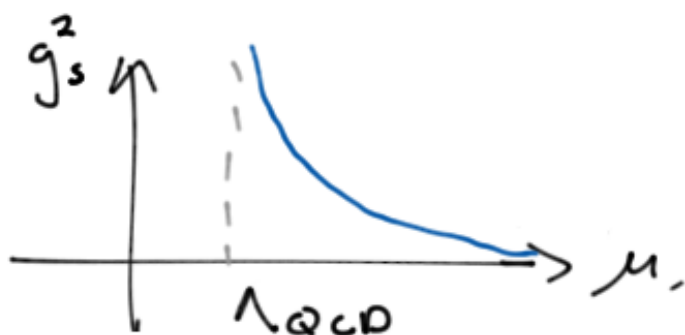
$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu q = & \partial_\mu q - i g_s G_{\mu A} \frac{1}{2} \lambda_A q \\ & - i g W_{\mu a} \frac{1}{2} \tau_a q \\ & - i g' B_\mu \left(\frac{1}{6} \right) q \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu u^c = & \partial_\mu u^c - i g_s G_{\mu A} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \lambda_A^T \right) u^c \\ & - i g' B_\mu \left(-\frac{2}{3} \right) u^c \\ & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

SM w/o Higgs

QCD breaks EW!

$$\mu \frac{d}{d\mu} g_s^2 = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \left(11 - \frac{2}{3} N_f \right)$$



$$\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim \underbrace{1 \text{ GeV}}_{\sim m_p}$$

One generation ($N_f = 2$)

$E \approx \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$: non-perturbative

$$\frac{g_s^2 N_c}{16\pi^2} \sim 1$$

Confinement, XSB: *mysterious, non-perturbative*

Confinement: physical spectrum
= hadrons ($\pi, \rho, \dots$)

Chiral Symmetry Breaking (XSB)

QCD sector has approx global symmetry

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_B$$

$$q = \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} \sim (2, 1)_{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$q^c = \begin{pmatrix} u^c \\ d^c \end{pmatrix} \sim (1, \bar{2})_{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\langle q^a q_b^c \rangle \sim \Lambda_{QCD}^3 \delta^a_b$$

$\Rightarrow$ spontaneous breaking

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow SU(2)_{L+R}$$

($U(1)_B$ unbroken)

Breaks EW symmetry!

Ex/ by QCD

$$T_a \eta = \frac{1}{2} \tau_a \eta \quad T_a \eta^c = 0$$

$$Y \eta = \frac{1}{6} \eta \quad Y \eta^c = \left(-\frac{1}{6} 1_2 - \frac{1}{2} \tau_3 \right) \eta^c$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = T_3 + Y \text{ unbroken}$$

$$\Rightarrow W, Z \text{ massive}, \gamma = \text{massless}$$

$$SU(2)_{L+R} = \text{custodial symmetry}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_W^2}{m_Z^2} = \cos^2 \theta_W \quad (T \text{ small})$$

Chiral Lagrangian

Effective theory for $E \ll \Lambda_{QCD}$

Only light bosons = $\pi^0, \pi^\pm$

$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ nonlinearly realized

$$\Sigma(x) = e^{i\pi(x)/f} \in SU(2)$$

$$\Pi(x) = \Pi_a(x) T_a = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \pi^0 & \sqrt{2} \pi^+ \\ \sqrt{2} \pi^- & -\pi^0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma \mapsto L \Sigma R \quad L \in SU(2)_L, R \in SU(2)_R$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu \Sigma &= \partial_\mu \Sigma - ig W_\mu \frac{\tau_a}{2} \Sigma \\ &\quad - ig' B_\mu \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) \Sigma \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{eff} &= \frac{f^2}{2} \text{tr} (D^\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\mu \Sigma) \\ &\quad + \mathcal{O}(2^4) \end{aligned}$$

Infinitely many higher deriv
terms suppressed by powers
of $E^2/\Lambda_{QCD}^2 \Rightarrow$ predictive
low energy expansion.

W, Z Masses

Unitary gauge: $\Pi(x) \equiv 0$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{f^2}{2} \text{tr} \left| ig W_\mu a \frac{\tau_a}{2} - ig' B_\mu \frac{1}{2} \right|^2 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow m_W^2 = g^2 \frac{f^2}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot 2 = \frac{g^2 f^2}{4}$$

$$m_Z^2 = \frac{(g^2 + g'^2) f^2}{4}$$

QCD: $f = f_\pi = 90 \text{ GeV}$

SM: want $f = v = 246 \text{ GeV}$

Note: explicit W, Z mass terms...

Naive Dimensional Analysis

Note $f_\pi \approx 90 \text{ GeV} \sim \frac{1}{10} m_p$
QCD has no small param $\Rightarrow$
should both be $\sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

More precise definition of
"scale of strong dynamics"
(count powers of 4π)

QCD: match perturbative QCD
to hadronic theory

Pert QCD gets strong at scale Λ_{QCD}

$$\frac{g^2(\Lambda_{\text{QCD}})}{16\pi^2} \sim 1 \quad (\text{assume } N_c \sim 1)$$

Expect $\Lambda_{\text{QCD}} \sim \underbrace{m_p}$

lowest-lying hadron

Chiral Lagrangian gets strong
in UV


$$= \text{tree-level diagram} + \text{loop diagram} + \dots$$
$$\sim \frac{E^2}{f^2} + \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{E^4}{f^4} \ln E + \dots$$

Breaks down at

$$E \sim \Lambda_{\text{XPT}} \sim 4\pi f$$

NDA assumption: $\Lambda_{\text{XPT}} \sim \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$

Motivated by fact that QCD
is a theory defined by a single
scale with no small parameters

Assume all couplings in low-E
effective theory get strong at Λ

Technicolor (Weinberg; Susskind)

Copy QCD!

Added to SM

$$SU(N)_{TC} \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$$

$$Q \sim (N, 2)_Y$$

$$U^c \sim (\bar{N}, 1)_{-Y - \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$D^c \sim (\bar{N}, 1)_{-Y + \frac{1}{2}}$$

g_{TC} strong at $\Lambda_{TC} \sim 1 \text{ TeV}$

$$Q^c = \begin{pmatrix} U^c \\ D^c \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$$

approx symmetry

$$\langle Q^a Q_b^c \rangle = \Lambda_{TC}^3 \delta^a_b$$

$$SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \rightarrow SU(2)$$

$\Rightarrow$ electroweak breaking...

Why is this a good idea?

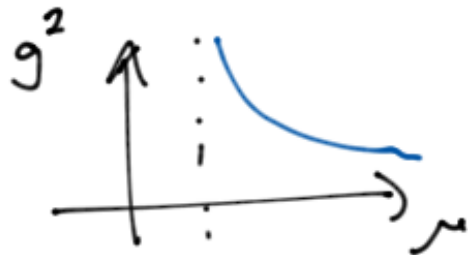
Naturzahlen

Why is $M_W \ll M_P$ (or M_{GUT})?

$$M_W \sim 100 \text{ GeV} \quad M_P \sim 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

Technicolor:

Asymptotic freedom



$$\Rightarrow \Lambda_{TC} = \mu_0 e^{-8\pi^2 / b g_{TC}^2(\mu_0)}$$

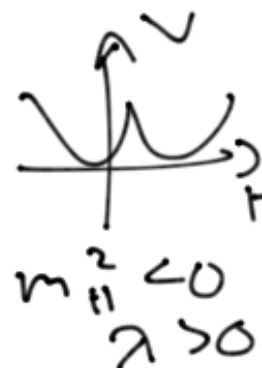
$$b = \frac{11}{3} N - \frac{2}{3} \underbrace{N_f}_{=2}$$

$$g_{TC}(M_{GUT}) \sim 1 \Rightarrow \underbrace{\Lambda_{TC} \ll M_{GUT}}_{\text{given!}}$$

Unnaturalness *

SM ~ / elementary 1/riggr

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



$$m_H^2 < 0 \Rightarrow v^2 = -\frac{m_H^2}{\lambda}$$

Perturbative control of WW scatt

$$\Rightarrow |m_H| \lesssim \text{TeV} \ll M_P$$

m_H^2 = effective mass param
at weak scale

$$= m_{H0}^2 + \underbrace{\frac{y_x^2}{16\pi^2} M_x^2 + \dots}$$

$$\dots \bigcirc \dots$$

x

$$\Rightarrow \text{tuning} \sim \frac{m_H^2}{m_x^2} \frac{16\pi^2}{y_x} \sim 10^{-26}$$

for $y_x m_x \sim M_{\text{GUT}}$

MSSM ✗

Good example of unnaturalness!

Tree level:

$$m_h^2 = \text{physical Higgs mass} \\ \sim \lambda v^2 \sim g^2 v^2 \sim m_Z^2$$

$\Rightarrow$ need loop corrections to λ

$$\Delta\lambda \sim \text{[top quark loop]} + \text{[stop squark loop]}$$

$$\sim \frac{N_c y_t^4}{16\pi^2} \ln \frac{m_{\tilde{t}}}{m_t}$$

$\Rightarrow$ need large $m_{\tilde{t}}$

$$\text{But } \Delta m_{H_1}^2 \sim \frac{N_c y_t^2}{16\pi^2} m_{\tilde{t}}^2$$

$\Rightarrow \sim 1\%$ tuning

WW Scattering

Chiral Lagrangian breaks down
for $E \gtrsim \Lambda_{QCD}$.

How do we see this in unitary
gauge ($\Leftrightarrow$ explicit w, z)?

w, z masses do not decouple
at high energy

massless spin 1: 2 pol

massive spin 1: 3 pol

Study behavior of "extra"
polarization at high E

(Lee, Ling, Thacker)

In cm frame

$$p^\mu = (\sqrt{p^2 + m_W^2}, 0, 0, p)$$

$p \gg m_W \Leftrightarrow$ high energy scattering

Physical polarizations

$$\varepsilon_T^\mu = (0, *, *, 0)$$

$$\varepsilon_L^\mu = \frac{1}{m_W} (p, 0, 0, \sqrt{p^2 + m_W^2})$$

$$\varepsilon_L^2 = \frac{1}{m_W^2} [\cancel{p^2} - (\cancel{p^2} + m_W^2)] = -1 \quad \square \checkmark$$

$$p \gg m_W \Rightarrow p^\mu \simeq (p, 0, 0, p)$$

$$\varepsilon_L^\mu \simeq \frac{1}{m_W} (p, 0, 0, p)$$

$$\simeq \frac{p^\mu}{m_W}$$

$$\text{Diagram} = \text{Diagram}_1 + \text{Diagram}_2 + \text{crossed}$$

$$\text{Diagram} = g^2 \left[\varepsilon_L(p_1) \cdot \varepsilon_L(p_2) \varepsilon_L(p_3) \cdot \varepsilon_L(p_4) + 2 \text{ more terms} \right]$$

$$\approx g^2 \left[\frac{p_1 \cdot p_2 \, p_3 \cdot p_4}{m_w^4} + \dots \right]$$

$$\sim \cancel{g^2 \frac{E^4}{m_w^4}} \quad \text{leading terms cancel}$$

$$\sim g^2 \left[\cancel{\frac{E^4}{m_w^4}} + \frac{E^2}{m_w^2} + \dots \right]$$

$$\sim \frac{g^2 E^2}{m_w^2} \sim \frac{E^2}{f^2}$$

expansion param
of chiral Lagrangian!

Expansion valid for

$$\underbrace{m_W \ll E \ll \Lambda_{QCD}}_{\sim gf}$$

requires $g \ll 1$

Unitarity $\Rightarrow$  $\lesssim O(E^0)$

Effective theory "violates unitarity?"

NO! Unitarity guaranteed by Hermitian Hamiltonian!

Tree level amplitude violates unitarity, but higher order terms are equally important.

What is happening: perturbation theory is breaking down!

Minimal Technicolor

$$SU(2)_{TC} : 2 \simeq \bar{2}$$

$$\bar{\Psi}^a = \begin{pmatrix} Q \\ u^c \\ D^c \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \longrightarrow SU(4)$$

$$\langle \bar{\Psi}^a \Psi^b \rangle = - \langle \bar{\Psi}^b \Psi^a \rangle$$

$$= \Lambda^3 \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \mathbb{E} & \sin \theta \mathbb{I}_2 \\ -\sin \theta \mathbb{I}_2 & -\cos \theta \mathbb{E} \end{pmatrix}$$

$\theta = 0$ $SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y$ unbroken

"EW vacuum"

$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} : "TC \text{ vacuum}"$

$$\begin{array}{cc} \text{su}(4) & \longrightarrow \text{sp}(4) \\ \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{so}(6) & \text{so}(5) \end{array}$$

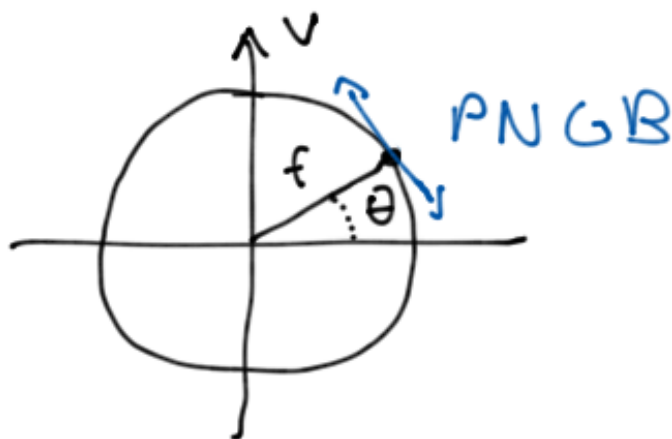
$\Rightarrow$ 5 NGB's

$\pi^\pm, \pi^0 = \text{eaten}$

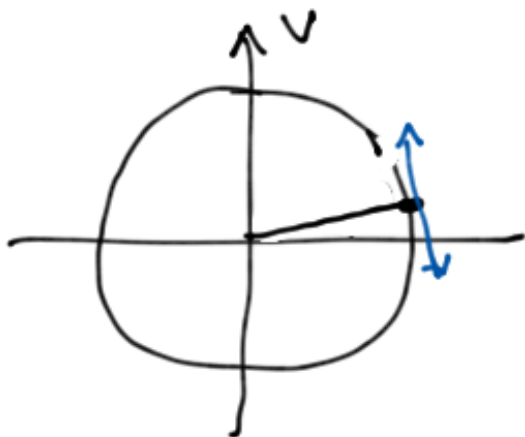
$h^0 = \text{CP}^+, A^0 = \text{CP}^-$

$$v = f \sin \theta$$

$$v = 246 \text{ GeV}$$



$\theta \ll 1$:



$\text{PNGB} \approx \text{excitation of } v$

$\Leftrightarrow$ light Higgs boson

Vacuum alignment determined
by explicit $SU(4)$ breaking

- EW gauge loops

favors EW vacuum

- top quark loops

plausibly favors TC vacuum

- technifermion masses

$$\Delta \mathcal{L} = m U D + \tilde{m} U^c D^c$$

allowed for $\gamma = 0$

Naturally gives $0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2}$;
predicts $m_h \sim \sqrt{3} m_\pm \dots$

Is this the real minimal
composite Higgs model?

Feynman Masses

$$\text{SM} : \Delta \mathcal{L} = y_t H^\dagger q t^c + \dots$$

$$\langle H \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow m_t = \frac{y_t v}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{TC} : H \rightarrow Q U^c \quad \& \quad H^* \rightarrow \bar{Q} D^c$$

$\Rightarrow$ need new interactions

$$\Delta \mathcal{L} = \frac{c}{\Lambda_t^2} (Q U^c)^\dagger (q t^c) + \dots$$

Higher dim op $\Rightarrow$ gets strong in UV

Define Λ_t = scale of strong dynamics

$$\Rightarrow m_t \sim \frac{\Lambda^3}{\Lambda_t^2} \quad (\text{NDA})$$

$$m_t(\mu = 2 \text{ TeV}) = 133 \text{ GeV}$$

(in a theory w/o H-gg)

$$\Rightarrow \Lambda_t \sim 10 \text{ TeV}$$

TC requires UV completion at
or below this scale

Flavor in TC

$$\Delta \mathcal{L} = \frac{c_{ij}}{M_f^2} (Q u^c)^{\dagger} (q; u_j^c) + \dots$$

What about

$$\Delta \mathcal{L} = \frac{d_{ijkl}}{M_f^2} (q_i u_j^c)^{\dagger} (q_k u_l^c) + \dots$$

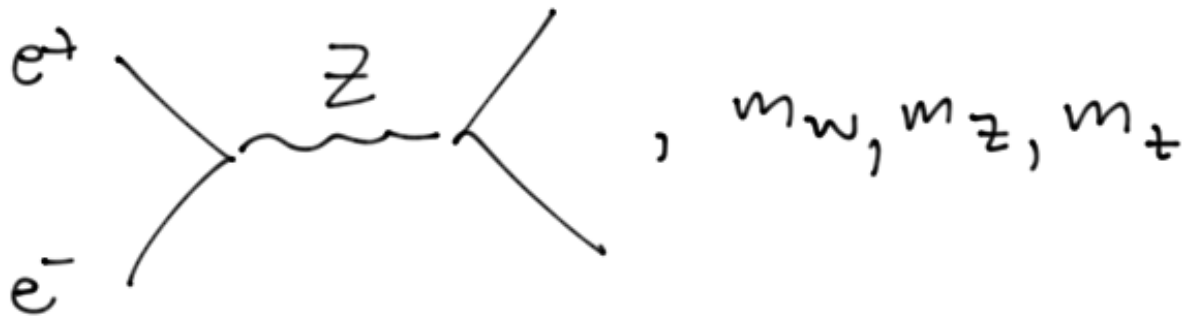
$\Rightarrow$ dangerous FCNC's

$$\frac{1}{M_f^2} (1 s^c)^{\dagger} (s d^c) \Rightarrow M \gtrsim 10^7 \text{ GeV} \\ (\text{K}^+ \rightarrow \bar{\text{K}} \text{ mixing})$$

$M_f \gg \Lambda_t \Rightarrow$ special flavor structure needed

More on this in lecture 2...

Precision EW



sensitive to 1% deviations
from SM

$$\Delta \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} g_L g_R \text{tr} (L^\mu \Sigma R_\mu \Sigma^\dagger)$$

$SU(2)_L - SU(2)_R$
mixing

$$+ \frac{1}{T} \frac{f^2}{2} \text{tr} (D^\mu \Sigma^\dagger D_\mu \Sigma \tau_3)$$

$SU(2)_R$ breaking

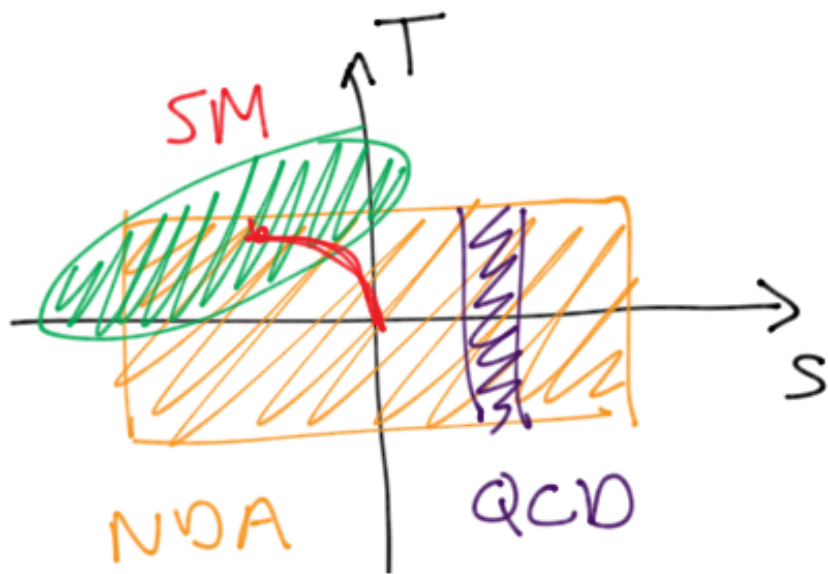
$$S = 16\pi \hat{S}(\mu = M_Z)$$

$$T = \frac{4\pi}{e^2} \hat{T}(\mu = M_Z)$$

NDA :

$$\hat{S}(\mu \sim \text{TeV}) \sim 1$$

$$\hat{T}(\mu \sim \text{TeV}) \sim \frac{g'^2}{16\pi^2} + \dots$$



additional custodial symmetry
breaking $\Rightarrow T$ adjustable
Need small (or negative) S

S Parameter in Technicolor

In QCD, $S > 0$ from data
(dispersion relation)

Only partial theoretical
understanding of this
(Weinberg sum rules)

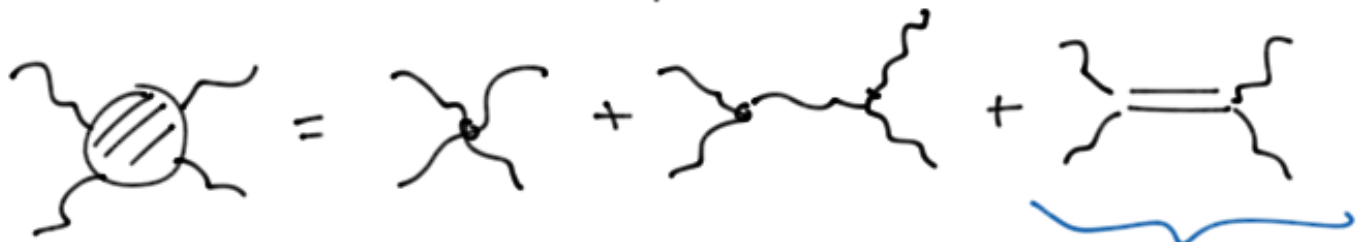
Recent lattice calculations
suggest that $S/\text{doublet}$ is
significantly smaller in
theories with larger N_f
(where only some flavors are
gauged)

Technicolor Phenomenology

Phenomenological approach:
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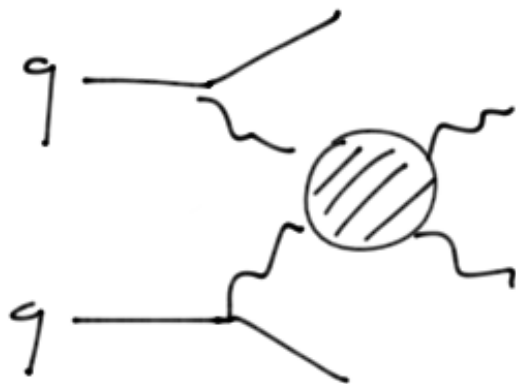
Expect strong WW scattering
w/ resonances at $\sim 1 \text{ TeV}$

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2-body decay
 $\Rightarrow$ broad resonances

At LHC:



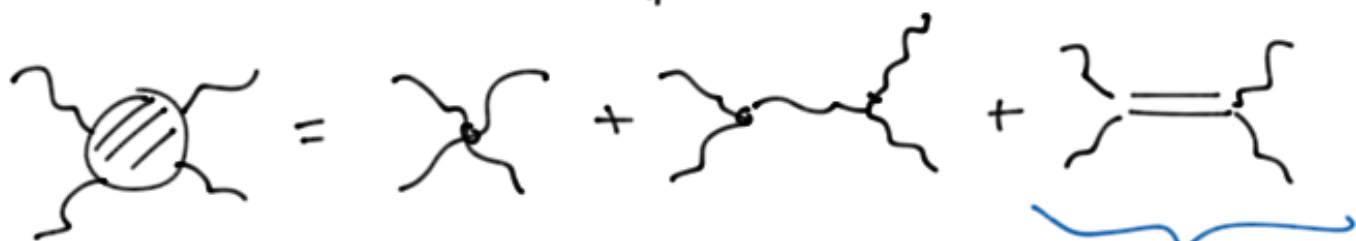
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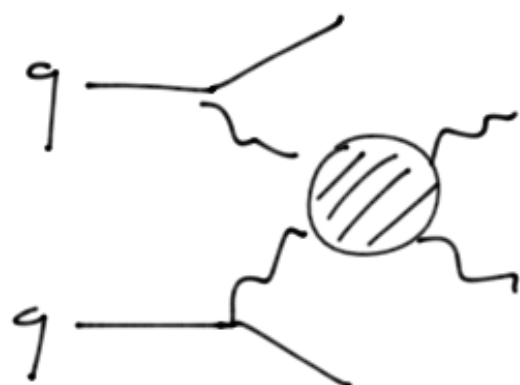
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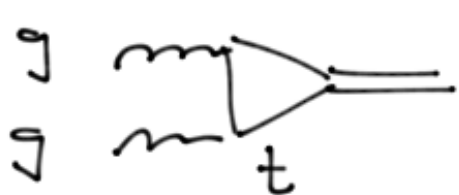


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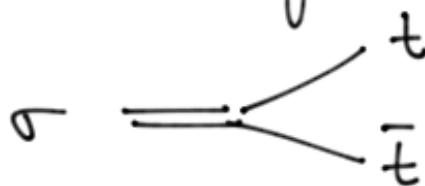
EX must also couple to top:

$$\Delta \mathcal{L} \sim \frac{1}{\Lambda_t^2} \underbrace{(Q U^c)^{\dagger}}_{\text{spin } 0} q t^c$$

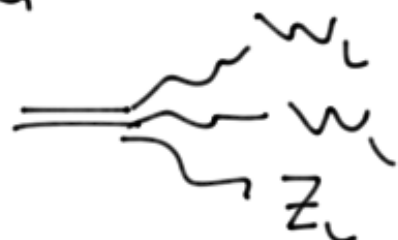
Production:

 $\sigma = \text{spin } 0, \text{ neutral}$

Decay:

 $\Gamma/\Gamma \sim \frac{1}{10}$

2-body strong decay to $W_L W_L$ may be forbidden by discrete symmetries

$\Rightarrow$ e.g.  may compute

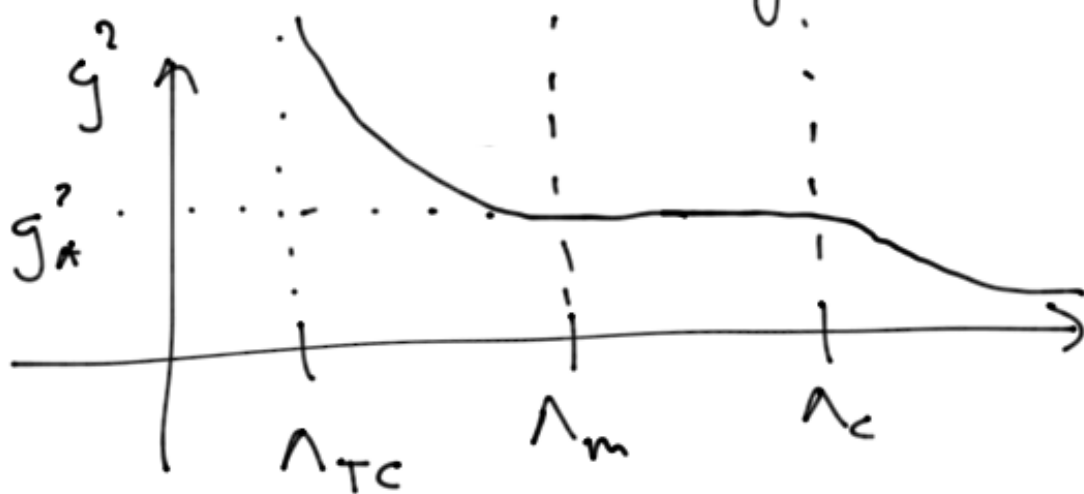
In general: high p_T production
of multiple W, Z, t .
(See final states and simplified
models at
hepnewphysics.org)

What happens when it gets strong?

$$\frac{g_*^2 N_c}{8\pi^2} \ll 1 \Rightarrow \text{integrate out massive fermions}$$

... at scale $\Lambda_m \sim m^{1/(4-d)}$

Effective theory below Λ_m is asymptotically free



$$\Lambda_{TC} = \Lambda_m e^{-8\pi^2 / b g_*^2}$$

$$\frac{g_*^2 N_c}{8\pi^2} \sim 1 \Rightarrow \Lambda_{TC} \sim \Lambda_m$$