

# Bridging Composite Higgs and Technicolor with Higgs data

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We discuss the possibility that the observed Higgs (126 GeV) at the LHC is a mixed state of composite Higgs and technicolor Higgs.

- Technicolor Higgs

Higgs boson is a fermion condensation from a strong dynamics.

[Susskind, 1978; Weinberg, 1978](#)

- Composite Higgs

Higgs boson is a pseudo Goldstone Boson from a global symmetry.

[Georgi, Kaplan, 1984](#)

The two scenarios are possible to be unified in one framework. We are going to explore the scalar phenomenology in this scenario.

# Fundamental Theory

The underlying dynamics is a  $SU(2)_{TC}$  gauge theory with 2 Dirac techni-quarks. The Lagrangian can be written as:

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^a F^{a\mu\nu} + \bar{Q}_j(i\sigma^\mu D_\mu)Q_j - M^{ij}Q_i Q_j + h.c.$$

$$Q^T = \begin{pmatrix} U_L & D_L & \tilde{U}_L & \tilde{D}_L \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\tilde{U}_L = -i\sigma^2 U_R^*, \quad \tilde{D}_L = -i\sigma^2 D_R^*$$

We have 4 Weyl fermions  $\Rightarrow$  the global symmetry is  $SU(4)$ . In the massless limit the condensation,

$$\langle Q^i Q^j \rangle = \mathbf{6}_{SU(4)} \rightarrow \mathbf{5}_{Sp(4)} \oplus \mathbf{1}_{Sp(4)}$$

transforms as a 2-index anti-symmetric tensor and breaks the global symmetry  $SU(4) \rightarrow Sp(4)$ . The coset contains 5 Goldstone bosons, transforming as a  $\mathbf{5}$  of  $Sp(4)$ .

# The Vacuum

In terms of  $\Sigma_{ij} \sim Q_i Q_j$ , the EW preserving vacuum is,

$$\Sigma_B = \begin{pmatrix} i\sigma_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -i\sigma_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

with 10 unbroken generators  $S^i$ , and 5 broken generators  $X^a$ . We will identify  $S^{1,2,3}$  to be  $SU(2)_L$  and  $S^{3,4,5}$  to be  $SU(2)_R$ .

The most general vacuum is obtained by applying a transformation,

$$\Sigma_0 = e^{i\gamma} \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta \, i\sigma_2 & \sin \theta \, 1_{2 \times 2} \\ -\sin \theta \, 1_{2 \times 2} & -\cos \theta \, i\sigma_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

with  $\theta$  associated with EW breaking. In unitary gauge, the sigma field is,

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma &= e^{iY^4 h/f + iY^5 \eta/f} \cdot \Sigma_0 \\ Y^4 &= X^4, \quad Y^5 = c_\theta X^5 - s_\theta S^8 \end{aligned}$$

where  $h, \eta$  are pNGBs and  $Y^4, Y^5$  are broken generators in the general vacuum.

The chiral lagrangian is therefore given by:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{CCWZ}} = \kappa_G(\sigma) f^2 \text{Tr}[(D_\mu \Sigma)^\dagger D^\mu \Sigma] + \frac{1}{2} \partial_\mu \sigma \partial^\mu \sigma - \frac{1}{2} M^2 \kappa_M(\sigma) \sigma^2 + \\ f \left( \kappa_t(\sigma) y'^{ij}_u (Q_i u_j^c)^\dagger + \kappa_b(\sigma) y'^{ij}_d (Q_i d_j^c)^\dagger + \kappa_l(\sigma) y'^{ij}_l (L_i l_j^c)^\dagger \right) \text{Tr}[P^\alpha \Sigma] + h.c.$$

where we introduce the kinematic term to  $\sigma$  particle and yukawa terms to SM fermions. The mass spectrum is:

$$m_W^2 = 2g^2 f^2 \sin^2 \theta = \frac{g^2 v^2}{4}, \quad m_Z^2 = \frac{m_W^2}{\cos^2 \theta_W}, \quad m_f = y'_f f \sin \theta = \frac{y'_f v}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$m_h^2 = m_\eta^2 \sin^2 \theta \quad (\text{before mixing with } \sigma)$$

# $h$ and $\eta$ Couplings

Expanding the chiral Lagrangian in terms of  $1/f$ , one obtains the pNGB couplings with SM gauge bosons and fermions,

- For the  $h$  field:

$$\begin{aligned}g_{hWW} &= g_{hWW}^{SM} c_\theta, & g_{hhWW} &= g_{hhWW}^{SM} c_{2\theta} \\g_{hZZ} &= g_{hZZ}^{SM} c_\theta, & g_{hhZZ} &= g_{hhZZ}^{SM} c_{2\theta} \\g_{h f \bar{f}} &= g_{h f \bar{f}}^{SM} c_\theta, & g_{h h f \bar{f}} &= -\frac{m_f}{v^2} s_\theta^2\end{aligned}$$

- For the  $\eta$  field:

$$\begin{aligned}g_{\eta\eta WW} &= -g_{hhWW}^{SM} s_\theta^2, & g_{\eta\eta ZZ} &= -g_{hhZZ}^{SM} s_\theta^2 \\g_{\eta^2 f \bar{f}} &= -\frac{m_f}{v^2} s_\theta^2\end{aligned}$$

Lagrangian is invariant for  $\eta \rightarrow -\eta \Rightarrow$  no linear  $\eta$  coupling  
only true at the tree level

- For the  $\sigma$  field, through expanding the functions  $\kappa_{M,G,t}$  as,

$$\kappa_{M,G,t}(\sigma) = 1 + \kappa_{M,G,t}^{(1)} \frac{\sigma}{4\pi f} + \frac{1}{2} \kappa_{M,G,t}^{(2)} \frac{\sigma^2}{(4\pi f)^2} + \dots$$

and defining coefficients,

$$\tilde{\kappa}_G = \frac{\kappa_G^{(1)}}{2\sqrt{2}\pi}, \quad \tilde{\kappa}_f = \frac{\kappa_f^{(1)}}{\sqrt{2}\pi}, \quad \tilde{\kappa}_G^{(2)} = \frac{\kappa_G^{(2)}}{4\pi^2}, \quad \tilde{\kappa}_f^{(2)} = \frac{\kappa_f^{(2)}}{2\pi^2}$$

one find the couplings,

$$\begin{aligned} g_{\sigma WW} &= g_{hWW}^{\text{SM}} \tilde{\kappa}_G s_\theta, & g_{\sigma^2 WW} &= g_{h^2 WW}^{\text{SM}} \tilde{\kappa}_G^{(2)} s_\theta^2 \\ g_{\sigma f \bar{f}} &= g_{h f \bar{f}}^{\text{SM}} \tilde{\kappa}_f s_\theta, & g_{\sigma^2 f \bar{f}} &= \tilde{\kappa}_f^{(2)} \frac{m_f}{v^2} s_\theta^2 \end{aligned}$$

In technicolor limit i.e.  $\theta = \pi/2$ , we have the results  $\tilde{\kappa}_G = \tilde{\kappa}_f = 1$ .

Since  $\kappa_{M,G,t}$  introduce mixing between between  $h$  and  $\sigma$ , we can write:

$$\begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} c_\alpha & s_\alpha \\ -s_\alpha & c_\alpha \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ \sigma \end{pmatrix}$$

The scalar couplings have therefore the forms:

$$\begin{aligned} g_{h_1} &= c_\alpha g_h + s_\alpha g_\sigma \\ g_{h_2} &= -s_\alpha g_h + c_\alpha g_\sigma \end{aligned}$$

and we will impose  $m_{h_1} = m_{Higgs} \sim 126 \text{ GeV}$ .

For the single  $h$  or  $\eta$  production, there are four free parameters:

$$\theta, \quad \alpha, \quad \tilde{\kappa}_G, \quad \tilde{\kappa}_t$$



We can compute the Higgs potential as a function  $\theta$ :

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{scalars}} &= \kappa_G(\sigma) V_{\text{gauge}} + \kappa_t^2(\sigma) V_{\text{top}} + \kappa_m(\sigma) V_m \\ &\simeq y_t'^2 C_t \cos^2 \theta - 4C_m \cos \theta + \dots \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_{t,m}$  are order-1 coefficient determined by the dynamics. The minimum of the potential is given by,

$$\cos \theta_{\min} = \frac{2C_m}{y_t'^2 C_t}, \quad \text{for } y_t'^2 C_t > 2|C_m|.$$

Note that a small techni-fermion mass would push the vacuum towards the Technicolour limit  $\theta = \pi/2$ . Fine tuning is required for  $2C_m \rightarrow y_t'^2 C_t$ , if we demand a composite Higgs limit  $\theta \rightarrow 0$ .

EWPT bounds are more constraint in composite Higgs type of models. The  $S$  and  $T$  parameters in this model read:

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta S &= \frac{1}{6\pi} \left[ (1 - k_{h_1}^2) \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_{h_1}} - k_{h_2}^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_{h_2}} + N_D \sin^2 \theta \right] ; \\ \Delta T &= -\frac{3}{8\pi \cos^2 \theta_W} \left[ (1 - k_{h_1}^2) \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_{h_1}} - k_{h_2}^2 \ln \frac{\Lambda}{m_{h_2}} \right] ;\end{aligned}$$

where  $k_{h_1}$  and  $k_{h_2}$  signal the deviation from SM higgs,

$$\begin{aligned}k_{h_1} &= \cos(\theta - \alpha) + (\tilde{\kappa}_G - 1) \sin \theta \sin \alpha , \\ k_{h_2} &= \sin(\theta - \alpha) + (\tilde{\kappa}_G - 1) \sin \theta \cos \alpha\end{aligned}$$

The logarithmic term is from the modification of Higgs couplings and the term proportional to  $\sin^2 \theta$  origins from the loops of techni-fermions and we set the cut off scale to be  $\Lambda = 4\pi f$ .

Through a  $\chi^2$  analysis, we can use the Higgs measurements to extract bound for the parameters. This approach is illustrated in the following:

- The signal strength for Higgs decays is defined as:

$$\mu_i = \frac{\sum_m \sigma_m}{\sum_m \sigma_{m,SM}} \times \frac{Br_i}{Br_{i,SM}}$$

- Cross section and partial decay width in  $\mu_i$  can be rescaled:

$$\frac{\sigma_{ggh}}{\sigma_{ggh,SM}} = k_g^2, \quad \frac{\sigma_{Wh}}{\sigma_{Wh,SM}} = k_W^2, \quad \frac{\sigma_{Zh}}{\sigma_{Zh,SM}} = k_Z^2, \quad \frac{\sigma_{tth}}{\sigma_{tth,SM}} = k_t^2$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_{WW}}{\Gamma_{WW,SM}} = k_W^2, \quad \frac{\Gamma_{ZZ}}{\Gamma_{ZZ,SM}} = k_Z^2, \quad \frac{\Gamma_{bb}}{\Gamma_{bb,SM}} = k_b^2, \quad \dots\dots$$

where those  $k_i$ s factors are functions of  $\theta$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $\tilde{\kappa}_G$  and  $\tilde{\kappa}_t$ .

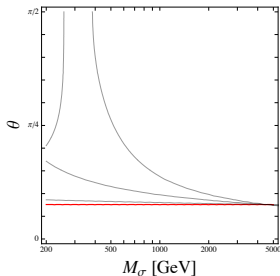
- The  $\chi^2$  function is employed to fit experimental data:

$$\chi^2 = \sum_i \frac{(\mu_i - \mu_{i,exp})^2}{\sigma_i^2}$$

# PNGB Higgs Limit

In this case, Higgs is purely pNGB  $h$ . For  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\tilde{\kappa}_G = 0$ , Higgs couplings and  $S, T$  are functions of  $\theta$ , an upper bound can be extracted. The limits at  $3\sigma$  are summarised in the table:

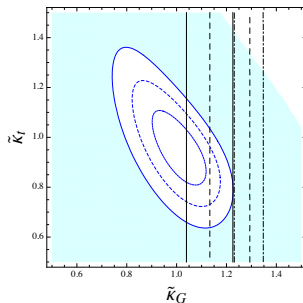
	$H$ couplings	$\text{EWPT}_{\text{SU}(2)_{\text{TC}}}$	$\text{EWPT}_{\text{Sp}(4)_{\text{TC}}}$	$\text{EWPT}_{\text{Sp}(6)_{\text{TC}}}$
$\theta <$	0.67	0.239	0.227	0.216



**Figure :** Upper bound on  $\theta$  as a function of the mass of  $\sigma$ . The red curve correspond to the decoupling limit  $\theta < 0.239$ , while for the other lines correspond to  $\tilde{\kappa}_G = 0.5, 1$  and  $1.2$ , while we keep  $\alpha = 0$  and  $N_D = 2$ .

# Technicolor Limit

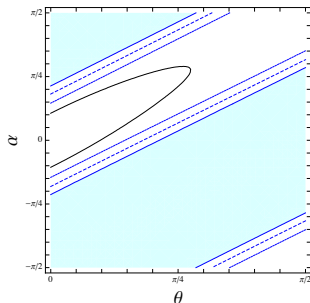
In this case, the Higgs is associated with the techni- $\sigma$ , i.e.  $\theta = \alpha = \pi/2$ .



**Figure :** Region allowed by the Higgs couplings in the Technicolour limit with 1, 2 and 3  $\sigma$  contours. The regions within the vertical lines are allowed by EWPTs at  $3\sigma$  for  $SU(2)_{TC}$  (solid),  $Sp(4)_{TC}$  (dashed) and  $Sp(6)_{TC}$  (dash-dotted).

# General Case

Consider a special scenario,  $\tilde{\kappa}_G = \tilde{\kappa}_t = 1$ , the  $g_{h1}$  and  $g_{h2}$  depend on  $\theta - \alpha$ . In such a case, EWPT prefers a small  $\theta$  and excludes the technicolor corner.



**Figure :** Region allowed by the Higgs couplings for  $\tilde{\kappa}_G = \tilde{\kappa}_t = 1$  and  $m_{h_2} = 1$  TeV. The black line indicates the  $3\sigma$  bound from EWPTs.

Linear  $\eta$ - $f$ - $f$  coupling is dynamically generated by combining the gauge interaction with the top Yukawa:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{O}_2 &= \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{2\pi^2} (Qt^c)^\dagger_\alpha (i\sigma_2) \text{tr} \left( g^2 T_L^i \Sigma T_L^{i*} \Sigma^\dagger P^\alpha \right) \\ &+ \frac{\tilde{\mu}}{2\pi^2} (Qt^c)^\dagger_\alpha (i\sigma_2) \text{tr} \left( g'^2 T_R^3 \Sigma T_R^{3*} \Sigma^\dagger P^\alpha \right)\end{aligned}$$

Assuming the operator  $\mathcal{O}_2$  will give a 1-loop correction to the fermion mass, it is reasonable to demand that  $\tilde{\mu} = m_f / \sin \theta$ , the coupling  $\eta$ - $f$ - $f$  is:

$$g_{\eta f \bar{f}} = \frac{(3g_2^2 - g_1^2)}{16\pi^2} \frac{m_f}{v} \sin \theta$$

with  $m_f$  the mass of the fermion. For top quark, the coupling is not negligible.

# $\eta$ -V-V Coupling

Only the anomaly term can make  $\eta$  decay into double gauge bosons. The triangle diagram gives the amplitude:

$$\mathcal{M} = \frac{g_{\eta V_1 V_2}}{8\pi^2 \sqrt{2} f} \epsilon_{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} \epsilon_1^\mu(p_1) \epsilon_2^\nu(p_2) p_1^\rho p_2^\sigma$$

with the different couplings :

$$g_{\eta WW} = \frac{g^2 s_\theta c_\theta}{16\sqrt{2}\pi^2 v} \quad g_{\eta ZZ} = \frac{(g^2 - g'^2) s_\theta c_\theta}{16\sqrt{2}\pi^2 v} \quad g_{\eta Z\gamma} = \frac{gg' s_\theta c_\theta}{16\sqrt{2}\pi^2 v}$$
$$g_{\eta\gamma\gamma} = 0 \quad g_{\eta gg} = 0$$

No  $\eta$  coupling to diphoton and gluons due to the fact that  $Y^5$  is traceless.



We find the following partial widths:

$$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow V_1 V_2) = \frac{g_{\eta V_1 V_2}^2}{32\pi m_{\eta}^3} \left[ \{m_{\eta}^2 - (m_{V_1} + m_{V_2})^2\} \{m_{\eta}^2 - (m_{V_1} - m_{V_2})^2\} \right]^{3/2} \frac{1}{1 + \delta_{V_1 V_2}}$$

$$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow gg) = \frac{\alpha \alpha_s^2 m_{\eta}^3}{8\pi^2 m_W^2 \sin^2 \theta_W} \frac{g_{\eta tt}^2 v^2}{m_t^2} F_1^2(x_t)$$

$$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow \gamma\gamma) = 1/2 N_c^2 \frac{\alpha^2}{\alpha_s^2} \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^4 \Gamma(\eta \rightarrow gg)$$

$$\Gamma(\eta \rightarrow f\bar{f}) = \frac{N_c g_{\eta f\bar{f}}^2}{8\pi} m_{\eta} \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_f^2}{m_{\eta}^2}}$$

where  $F_1(x_t)$  is the loop factor from top quark,

$$F_1(x_t) = 1/2 \times \left( 1 + (1 - x_t) \sin^2 \left( x_t^{-1/2} \right) \right)$$

# Branching ratios

In the mass region of  $200 \text{ GeV} < m_\eta < 350 \text{ GeV}$ , the decay width is dominated by the  $W^+W^-$ ,  $Z\gamma$ ,  $ZZ$  and  $b\bar{b}$ , and for  $m_\eta > 350 \text{ GeV}$ ,  $t\bar{t}$  becomes the dominating final states.

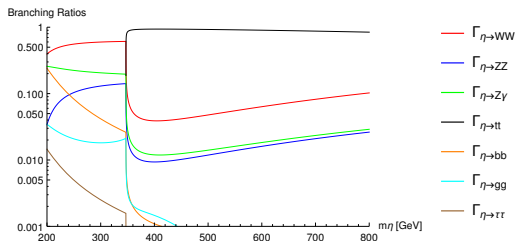
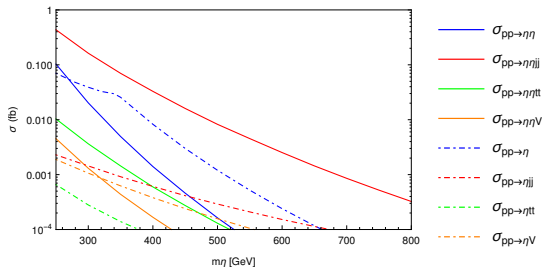


Figure : Branching ratios for the  $\eta$  particle as a function of  $m_\eta$ .

# $\eta$ production

At a Run II LHC, with  $m_\eta = 250$  GeV, the cross section for the leading channel  $pp \rightarrow \eta\eta jj$  is around 0.43 fb.



**Figure :** Production rate as the function of  $m_\eta$  at the LHC with  $\sqrt{s} = 13$  TeV. We set the PDF to be MSTW2008NLO. The renormalization and factorization scales are fixed to be  $\mu_R = \mu_F = \Sigma_f m_f/2$ .

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- Only the scalar sector in this model is explored in detail, it would be interesting to study whether new phenomenology would arise when we include the composite vector resonances.