Dynamical Symmetry Breaking of Extended Gauge Symmetries

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We construct asymptotically free gauge theories exhibiting dynamical breaking of the left-right, strong-electroweak gauge group \(G_{LR} = SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}\), and its extension to the Pati-Salam gauge group \(G_{222} = SU(4)_{PS} \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R\). The models incorporate technicolor for electroweak breaking, and extended technicolor for the breaking of \(G_{LR}\) and \(G_{222}\) and the generation of fermion masses, including a seesaw mechanism for neutrino masses. These models explain why \(G_{LR}\) and \(G_{222}\) break to \(SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y\), and why this takes place at a scale \((\sim 10^3\) TeV) which is large compared to the electroweak scale.

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The standard model (SM) gauge group \(G_{SM} = SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_Y\) has provided a successful description of both strong and electroweak interactions. Although the standard model itself predicts zero neutrino masses, its fermion content can be augmented to accommodate the current evidence for neutrino masses and lepton mixing. But the origin of the electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB) is still not understood. It might occur via the Higgs mechanism, as in the SM. An alternative is dynamical symmetry breaking (DSB) of the electroweak symmetry, driven by a strongly coupled, asymptotically-free, vectorial gauge interaction associated with an unbroken gauge symmetry, denoted generically as technicolor (TC) \([1]-[8]\).

There has also been long interest in models with gauge groups larger than \(G_{SM}\). One such model has the gauge group \([9]\)

\[ G_{LR} = SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L} \] (1)

in which the fermions of each generation transform as \((3, 2, 1)/3, L; (3, 1, 2)/1, R, (1, 2, 1)/1, L; and (1, 1, 2)/1, R\). The gauge couplings are defined via the covariant derivative \(D_\mu = \partial_\mu - ig_T c T_c \cdot A_{\mu} - ig_{2L} T_L \cdot A_{\mu,2L} - ig_{2R} T_R \cdot A_{\mu,2R} - i(g_0/2)(B - L)U_\mu\). In this model the electric charge is given by the elegant relation \(Q = T_{3L} + T_{3R} + (B - L)/2\), where \(B\) and \(L\) denote baryon and (total) lepton number. \(G_{LR}\) would break at a scale \(\Lambda_{LR}\) well above the electroweak scale.

The model based on \(G_{LR}\) may be further embedded in a model with gauge group \([10]\)

\[ G_{222} = SU(4)_{PS} \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \] (2)

This model provides a higher degree of unification since it combines \(U(1)_{B-L}\) and \(SU(3)_c\) (in a maximal subgroup) in the Pati-Salam group \(SU(4)_{PS}\) and hence relates \(g_0\) and \(g_3\). Denoting the generators of \(SU(4)_{PS}\) as \(T_{PS,i}\), \(1 \leq i \leq 15\), with \(T_{PS,15} = (2\sqrt{6})^{-1}\) diag \((1, 1, 1, -3)\) and setting \(U_\mu = A_{PS,15,\mu}\), one has \((B - L)/2 = \sqrt{2/3T_{PS,15}}\), and hence \((g_0/g_{PS})^2 = 3/2\) at \(\Lambda_{PS}\), where \(\Lambda_{PS}\) is the breaking scale of the \(G_{222}\) group. This model also has the appeal that it quantizes electric charge, since \(Q = T_{3L} + T_{3R} + \sqrt{2/3T_{PS,15}} = T_{3L} + T_{3R} + (1/6)\) diag \((1, 1, 1, -3)\).

The conventional approach to the gauge symmetry breaking of these models employs elementary Higgs fields and arranges for a hierarchy of breaking scales by making the vacuum expectation values (vev’s) of the Higgs that break \(G_{LR}\) or \(G_{222}\) to \(G_{SM}\) much larger than the Higgs vev’s that break SU(2)\(_L\) \(\times U(1)_Y\) \(\rightarrow U(1)_{em}\) \([9,11]\). This hierarchy is necessitated by the experimental lower limits on the masses of a possible \(W_R\) or \(Z'\) \([12]\). An interesting question is whether one can construct asymptotically free gauge theories containing the group \(G_{LR}\) and/or \(G_{222}\) that exhibit dynamical breaking of all the gauge symmetries other than \(SU(3)_c\) and \(U(1)_{em}\), that naturally explain the hierarchy of breaking scales, and that yield requisite light neutrino masses. In this letter, we present such models.

Technicolor itself cannot provide a mechanism for all the breaking, because it is too weak at the the scale \(\Lambda_{LR}\) or \(\Lambda_{PS}\) and because the technifermion condensate \(\langle FF\rangle = \langle F_L F_R \rangle + \langle F_R F_L \rangle\) would break both \(SU(2)_L\) and \(SU(2)_R\) at the same scale (to the diagonal (vector) group \(SU(2)_V\)). Of course, to explain quark and lepton mass generation and incorporate the three families, technicolor has to be enlarged to an extended technicolor (ETC) theory \([3]\). Our models are ETC-type theories, with the breaking of \(G_{LR}\) and \(G_{222}\) to \(G_{SM}\) being driven by the same interactions that break the ETC group and generate quark and lepton masses.

Taking the technicolor gauge group to be \(SU(N_{TC})\), the technifermions comprise an additional family, viz., \(Q_L = \binom{N}{D}_L, \quad L_L = \binom{N}{L}_L, \quad U_R, \quad D_R, \quad N_R, \quad E_R\) transforming according to the fundamental representation of \(SU(N_{TC})\) and the usual representations of \(G_{SM}\) (where color and TC indices are suppressed). Vacuum alignment considerations yield the desired color- and charge-
conserving TC condensates [14]. To satisfy constraints from flavor-changing neutral-current processes, the ETC vector bosons that can mediate generation-changing transitions must have large masses. We envision that these arise from self-breaking of an ETC gauge symmetry, which requires that ETC be a strongly coupled, chiral gauge theory. The self-breaking occurs in stages, for example at the three stages $\Lambda_1 \sim 10^9$ TeV, $\Lambda_2 \sim 50$ TeV, and $\Lambda_3 \sim 3$ TeV, corresponding to the 3 standard-model fermion generations. Hence $N_{ETC} = N_{TC} + 3$.

A particularly attractive choice for the technicolor group, used in the models studied here, is SU(2)$_{TC}$, which thus entails $N_{ETC} = 5$. With $N_f = 8$ vectorially coupled technifermions in the fundamental representation, studies suggest that this SU(2)$_{TC}$ theory could have an (approximate) infrared fixed point (IRFP) in the confining phase with spontaneous chiral symmetry breaking [15,16]. This approximate IRFP produces a slowly running (“walking”) TC gauge coupling, which can yield realistically large quark and charged lepton masses [5]. The choice $N_{TC} = 2$ and the walking can strongly reduce TC contributions to the $S$ parameter [8,17]. Further ingredients may be needed to account for the top-quark mass.

In Ref. [18], we studied the generation of neutrino masses in an ETC model of this sort and showed that light neutrino masses and lepton mixing can be produced via a seesaw without any superheavy mass scales. Here we extend this model to the groups $G_{LR}$ and $G_{422}$.

We recall that $\Lambda_{TC}$ is determined by using the relation $m_W^2 = (g^2/4)(N_c f_Q^2 + f_T^2) \approx (g^2/4)(N_c + 1)f_T^2$, where for our purposes we take $f_L \approx f_Q \equiv f_F$. This gives $f_F \approx 130$ GeV. In QCD, $f_F = 93$ MeV and $\Lambda_{QCD} \sim 170$ MeV, so that $\Lambda_{QCD}/f_F \sim 2$; using this as a guide to technicolor, we infer $\Lambda_{TC} \sim 260$ GeV. The induced fermion masses in the $i$th generation are given by $m_i \sim g^2_{ETC}\eta_i N_{TC}M_{1/2}/(4\pi^2 M_i^2)$, where $M_i \sim g_{ETC}/\Lambda_i$ is the mass of the ETC gauge bosons that gain mass at scale $\Lambda_i$ and $g_{ETC}$ is the running ETC gauge coupling evaluated at this scale. The quantity $\eta_i$ is a possible enhancement factor incorporating walking, for which $\eta_i \sim \Lambda_i/f_F$ [5,19].

We first consider the standard-model extension based on $G_{LR}$. Our model for the DSB utilizes the gauge group

$$G = \text{SU}(5)_{ETC} \times \text{SU}(2)_{HC} \times G_{LR}$$

(3)

where HC denotes hypercolor, a second strong gauge interaction which, together with ETC, triggers the requisite sequential breaking pattern. The fermion content of this model is listed below; the numbers indicate the representations under SU(5)$_{ETC} \times$ SU(2)$_{HC} \times$ SU(3)$_c \times$ SU(2)$_L \times$ SU(2)$_R$ and the subscript gives $B - L$:

$$(5, 1, 3, 2, 1)_{1/3,L}, \quad (5, 1, 3, 1, 2)_{1/3,R};$$

$$(5, 1, 1, 2, 1)_{-1,L}, \quad (5, 1, 1, 1, 2)_{-1,R};$$

$$(5, 1, 1, 1, 1)_{0,R}, \quad (\overline{10}, 1, 1, 1, 1)_{0,R}, \quad (10, 2, 1, 1, 1)_{0,R}. \quad (4)$$

Thus the fermions include a vectorlike set of quarks and techniquarks in the representations $(5, 1, 3, 2, 1)_{1/3,L}, (5, 1, 3, 1, 2)_{1/3,R}$ and leptons and technileptons in $(5, 1, 1, 2, 1)_{-1,L}, (5, 1, 1, 1, 2)_{-1,R}$, together with a set of $G_{LR}$-singlet fermions in $(5, 1, 1, 1, 1)_{0,R}, (\overline{10}, 1, 1, 1, 1)_{0,R}, \quad (10, 2, 1, 1, 1)_{0,R}$ [20]. The leptons and technileptons are denoted $L_{\chi}^{p}$, where $\chi = L, R$, $1 \leq i \leq 5$, and $p = 1, 2$.

The $G_{LR}$-singlets are denoted respectively $N_{i,R}, \psi_{i,j,R}$, and $c_{i,j,R}^{G_L}$, where $1 \leq i, j \leq 5$ are ETC indices and $\alpha, \beta$ are SU(2)$_{HC}$ indices. The models with $G_{LR}$ and $G_{422}$ share several features with the ETC model in [7].

The SU(5)$_{ETC}$ theory is an anomaly-free, chiral gauge theory and, like the ETC and HC theories, is asymptotically free. There are no bilinear fermion operators invariant under $G$, and hence there are no bare fermion mass terms. The SU(2)$_{HC}$ and SU(2)$_{TC}$ subsystems of SU(5)$_{TC}$ are vectorial.

To analyze the stages of symmetry breaking, we identify plausible preferred condensation channels using a generalized-most-attractive-channel (GMAC) approach that takes account of one or more strong gauge interactions at each breaking scale, as well as the energy cost involved in producing gauge boson masses when gauge symmetries are broken. In this framework, an approximate measure of the attractiveness of a channel $R_1 \rightarrow R_2 \rightarrow R_{\text{cond.}}$ is $\Delta C_2 = C_2(R_1) + C_2(R_2) - C_2(R_{\text{cond.}})$, where $R_j$ denotes the representation under a relevant gauge interaction and $C_2(R)$ is the quadratic Casimir.

As the energy decreases from some high value, the SU(5)$_{ETC}$ and SU(2)$_{HC}$ couplings increase. We envision that at $E \sim \Lambda_{LR} \gtrsim 10^3$ TeV, $\alpha_{ETC}$ is sufficiently strong [16] to produce condensation in the channel

$$(5, 1, 1, 1, 1)_{0,R} \times (5, 1, 1, 1, 1)_{0,R} \rightarrow (1, 1, 1, 2, 1)_{-1} \quad (5)$$

with $\Delta C_2 = 24/5$, breaking $G_{LR}$ to SU(3)$_c \times$ SU(2)$_L \times$ U(1)$_Y$. The associated condensate is $\langle L_{\chi}^{p} T C N_{i,R} \rangle$, where $1 \leq i \leq 5$ is an SU(5)$_{ETC}$ index and $p \in \{1, 2\}$ is an SU(2)$_{LR}$ index. With no loss of generality, we use the initial SU(2)$_{LR}$ invariance to rotate the condensate to the $p = 1$ component, $L_{\chi}^{p = 1} = n_{\chi}^{R}$, which is electrically neutral and has weak hypercharge $Y = 0$; the condensate is thus $\langle n_{\chi}^{R} T C N_{i,R} \rangle$ so that the $n_{\chi}^{R}$ and $N_{i,R}$ gain dynamical masses $\sim \Lambda_{LR}$.

There exists a more attractive channel than (5) in a simple MAC analysis: $(\overline{10}, 1, 1, 1, 1)_{0,R} \times (10, 2, 1, 1, 1)_{0,R} \rightarrow (1, 2, 1, 1, 1)_{0}$, with $\Delta C_2 = 36/5$. But with the coupling $g_{HC}$ also large at $\Lambda_{LR}$, a sizeable energy price would be incurred in this channel to generate the vector boson masses associated with the breaking of the SU(2)$_{HC}$. We assume here that this price is higher than the energy advantage due to the greater attractiveness of the channel $(\overline{10}, 1, 1, 1, 1)_{0,R} \times (10, 2, 1, 1, 1)_{0,R} \rightarrow (1, 2, 1, 1, 1)_{0}$ [21].

The condensation (5) generates masses

$$m_{W_{LR}} = \frac{g_{2R}}{2} \Lambda_{LR}, \quad m_{Z'} = \frac{g_{2u}}{2} \Lambda_{LR}. \quad (6)$$
where \( g_{2u} \equiv \sqrt{g_{2R}^2 + g_v^2} \), for the \( W_{R,\mu}^\pm = A_{R,\mu}^\pm \) gauge bosons and the linear combination

\[
Z'_\mu = \frac{g_{2R} A_{3,\mu} - g_v U_{\mu}}{g_{2u}}.
\]

This leaves the orthogonal combination

\[
B_\mu = \frac{g_v A_{3,\mu} + g_{2R} U_{\mu}}{g_{2u}}
\]

as the weak hypercharge \( U(1)_Y \) gauge boson, which is massless at this stage. The hypercharge coupling is then

\[
g' = \frac{g_{2R} g_v}{g_{2u}}.
\]

so that, with \( e^{-2} = g_{2L}^2 + (g')^2 = g_{2L}^2 + g_{2R}^2 + g_v^2 \), the weak mixing angle is given by

\[
\sin^2 \theta_W = \left[ 1 + \frac{g_{2L}^2}{g_{2L}^2 + (g_{2L}^2)^2} \right]^{-1}.
\]

at the scale \( \Lambda_{LR} \). The experimental value of \( \sin^2 \theta_W \) at \( M_Z \) can be accommodated naturally, for example with all couplings in (10) of the same order (even with \( g_{2R} = g_{2L} \)) and with modest RG running from \( \Lambda_{LR} \) to \( M_Z \).

For \( E \ll \Lambda_{LR} \), the fermion content of the effective theory is

\[
(5, 1, 1, 2)_{-1/3, L}, \quad (5, 1, 3, 1)_{1/3, R}, \quad (5, 1, 3, 1)_{-2/3, R}
\]

\[
(5, 1, 1, 2)_{-1, L}, \quad (5, 1, 1, 1)_{-2, R}, \quad (\mathbf{10}, 1, 1, 1)_{0, R}, \quad (10, 2, 1, 1)_{0, R},
\]

where the entries refer to \( SU(5)_{ETC} \times SU(2)_{HC} \times SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_L \) and \( Y \) is a subscript. This is precisely the gauge group and fermion content of the ETC model that we analyzed in Ref. [18] with a focus on the formation of neutrino masses. We therefore summarize the subsequent stages of breaking only briefly, drawing on results of [18].

At a value \( E \sim 1 \times 10^3 \text{ TeV} \) comparable to \( \Lambda_{LR} \), a GMAC analysis suggests that there is condensation in the channel

\[
(\mathbf{10}, 1, 1, 1)_{0, R} \times (\mathbf{10}, 1, 1, 1)_{0, R} \to (5, 1, 1, 1)_0.
\]

Thus, SU(5)_{ETC} self-breaks to SU(4)_{ETC}, producing masses \( \sim g_{ETC} \Lambda_1 \) for the nine gauge bosons in the coset SU(5)_{ETC}/SU(4)_{ETC}. As at \( \Lambda_{LR} \), we assume that a GMAC analysis favors this channel over the \( 10 \times \mathbf{10} \) channel in which SU(2)_{HC}-breaking gauge boson masses \( \sim g_{HC} \Lambda_1 \) would have to be formed. Although the latter channel is more attractive, a very large energy price would have to be paid for the associated vector boson mass generation for sufficiently large \( \alpha_{HC} > \alpha_{ETC} \). Also, although (12) has the same \( \Delta C_2 \)-value (= 24/5) as (5), it is plausible that \( \Lambda_1 \ll \Lambda_{LR} \), since an energy price (\( \sim g_{ETC} \Lambda_1 \)) is incurred by the breaking of SU(5)_{ETC}.

The SU(5)_{ETC} \to SU(4)_{ETC} breaking entails the separation of the first generation of quarks and leptons from the components of SU(5)_{ETC} fermion fields with indices \( 2 \leq i \leq 5 \). The further ETC gauge symmetry breaking occurs in stages, leading eventually to the SU(2)_{TC} subgroup of the original SU(5)_{ETC} group.

We have identified two plausible sequences for this breaking [7,18]. Both sequences yield a strongly coupled SU(2)_{TC} gauge interaction that produces a TC condensate, breaking SU(2)_{L} \times U(1)_Y \to U(1)_{em} [22].

Dirac mass terms for the neutrinos are formed dynamically, involving the left-handed neutrinos in the \( (5, 1, 1, 2)_{-1, L} \), but not their respective right-handed counterparts in the \( (5, 1, 1, 2)_{-1, R} \). Instead, the right-handed partners emerge from the \( (\mathbf{10}, 1, 1, 1)_0, R \) (as \( \psi_{i, R}, j = 2, 3 \)). Thus there are only two right-handed neutrinos. In a model in which \( L \) is not gauged, it is a convention how one assigns the lepton number \( L \) to the SM-singlet fields. Here, \( L = 0 \) for the fields that are singlets under \( G_{LR} \) or \( G_{422} \), since they are singlets under \( U(1)_B-L \) and have \( B = 0 \). Hence, the neutrino Dirac mass terms violate \( L \) by 1 unit. There are also larger, Majorana masses generated for the \( \psi_{i, R} \) fields themselves; the seesaw mechanism then leads to left-handed \( \Delta L = 2 \) Majorana neutrino bilinears [23].

We next consider the extension of the standard model gauge group to \( G_{422} \). In this case, our full model is based on the gauge group \( G = SU(5)_{ETC} \times SU(2)_{HC} \times G_{422} \) with fermion content

\[
(5, 1, 4, 2, 1)_L, \quad (5, 1, 4, 1, 2)_R,
\]

\[
(5, 1, 1, 1, 1)_R, \quad (\mathbf{10}, 1, 1, 1)_R, \quad (10, 2, 1, 1, 1)_R.
\]

Again, as \( E \) decreases from high values, the SU(5)_{ETC} and SU(2)_{HC} couplings increase. At a scale \( \Lambda_{PS} \), the SU(5)_{ETC} coupling will be large enough to produce condensation in the channel

\[
(5, 1, 4, 1, 2)_R \times (5, 1, 1, 1, 1)_R \to (1, 1, 4, 1, 2).
\]

This breaks \( SU(4)_{PS} \times SU(2)_R \) directly to \( SU(3)_c \times U(1)_Y \). The value \( \Lambda_{PS} \sim 10^3 \text{ TeV} \) satisfies phenomenological constraints, e.g. from the upper limit on BR(\( K_L \to \mu^+\mu^- \)). The associated condensate is again \langle n_R^7 C N_{i, R}^2 \rangle, and the \( n_R^7 \) and \( N_{i, R} \) gain masses \( \sim \Lambda_{PS} \). The results (6)-(10) apply with the condition \( (g_v/g_{2L})^2 = 3/2 \) at \( \Lambda_{PS} \).

Further breaking at lower scales proceeds as in the \( G_{LR} \) model and as described in Ref. [18]. Dirac mass terms for the neutrinos are formed from the \( (5, 1, 4, 2, 1)_L \) and the \( (\mathbf{10}, 1, 1, 1)_R \), leading to the same type of seesaw as in [18] and the \( G_{LR} \) model.

The experimental value of \( \sin^2 \theta_W \) can again be accommodated by (10), although this now necessarily requires \( g_{2R} < g_{2L} \) at \( \Lambda_{PS} \). To see this, we evolve the
SM gauge couplings from $\mu = m_Z$ to the EWSB scale $\Lambda_{EW} = 2^{-3/4}G_F^{-1/2} = 174$ GeV and then from $\Lambda_{EW}$ up to $\Lambda_{PS}$ using $d\alpha_i/dt = -b_0\alpha_t^2/(2\pi) + O(\alpha^3) + ...$ where $t = \ln \mu$, $\alpha_t \equiv (g')^2/(4\pi)$, and ... denotes theoretical uncertainties associated with mass thresholds. In the interval $\Lambda_{EW} \leq \mu \leq \Lambda_{PS}$ we include the contributions from the $t$ quark and relevant technifermions, so that $b_0(3) = 13/3$, $b_0(2) = 2/3$, and $b_0(1) = -10$. The initial values at $m_Z$ are $\alpha_\gamma(m_Z) = 0.118$, $\alpha_{em}(m_Z)^{-1} = 129$, and $(\sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{MS}}(m_Z) = 0.231$ [13,17]. With $\Lambda_{PS} = 10^6$ GeV and the calculated values $\alpha_\gamma = 0.064$, $\alpha_{2L} = 0.032$, $\alpha_1 = 0.012$ at $\Lambda_{PS}$, we find $\alpha_{2R}(\Lambda_{PS}) \simeq 0.013$ so that $g_{2R}/g_{2L} \simeq 0.64$ at this scale.

It may be possible to allow $g_{2R} = g_{2L}$ at $\Lambda_{PS}$, and still match $(\sin^2 \theta_W)_{\text{exp.}}$, by further expanding the $(4D)$ gauge theory to one with, e.g., $SU(4)_{PS} \times SU(2)^4$ as in [24] but with DSB; we are currently studying this [25].

To summarize, we have constructed asymptotically free models with dynamical symmetry breaking of the extended gauge groups $G_{LR}$ and $G_{222}$. These models involve higher unification, and $G_{222}$ has the appeal of quantizing electric charge. Our models naturally explain why (i) $G_{LR}$ and $G_{222}$ break to $G_{SM}$ and (ii) this breaking occurs at the scales $\Lambda_{LR}$, $\Lambda_{PS} \gg m_{W,Z}$. The models incorporate technicolor for electroweak symmetry breaking, and extended technicolor for fermion mass generation including a seesaw mechanism for the generation of realistic neutrino masses.

A different approach appears to be needed to construct a theory with dynamical breaking of the grand unified groups $G_{GUT} = SU(5)$ or SO(10) because, among other things, if the ETC group commuted with $G_{GUT}$, then, with the standard fermion assignments in these GUT groups, the quarks and charged leptons would not transform in a vectorial manner under $G_{ETC}$, so that the usual ETC mechanism for the corresponding fermion mass generation would not apply.

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