Custodial Dark Pions

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Here, I'll focus on $\Lambda_D \sim EW$ scale, assume fundamental H EW doublet exists **Motivations: EW-scale Dark Sector model space**



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Below Λ_D : ~ $Tr((M + yH)\Sigma + h.c)$ $\Sigma = e^{i\pi_D/f}$

1.) Avenue for dark pion decay: important in composite DM scenarios — dark baryon (typically) is DM

But dynamics leading to dark baryons also makes dark pions. Need these to be able to decay. Pure vectorlike theory forbids this (accidental flavor symmetries), need to add in pion decay by hand. With chiral mix, decay comes automatically



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3.) Rich, relatively unique phenomenology.



Exposes holes/biases in current searches: surprisingly light dark mesons are still allowed by existing searches

If the theory contains EW doublets $\psi_{L,R}$, $\pi_D = \langle \psi_L \psi_R \rangle$ will be an EW triplet

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$$\mathcal{H}_{i_{L}i_{R}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{array}{cc} (v+h-iG^{0})/\sqrt{2} & G^{+} \\ -G^{-} & (v+h+iG^{0})/\sqrt{2} \end{array} \right)$$

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SM matter:
$$Q_L \sim (2,1)$$
 $\begin{pmatrix} u_R \\ d_R \end{pmatrix} = Q_R \sim (1,2)$

	$SU(N_D)$	$SU(2)_L$	$SU(2)_R$
ψ_L		2	0
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Effectively 4 'flavors' under SU(N_D):

2 `up type', 2 `down' type: custodial symmetry means mass matrices identical **Custodial Dark Mesons: Important parameters**

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Keep Δy_{SM}, g' but no new sources of custodial symmetry breaking from strong sector = 'minimal custodial violation'

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- stealthier DM (removes charge radius interaction for dark baryons) [LSD 1503.04203]



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However, if $\rho_D \rightarrow \pi_D \pi_D$ is kinematically opens, totally dominates



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For small N_D, bound is significantly less than Z' $\rightarrow \ell \ell$ expectation, even for m_{π}/m_{ρ} = 0.45

For lower m_π/m_ρ, bound disappears completely

Focus on $N_D = 4$, consider $m_{\pi}/m_{\rho} = 0.45$, 0.25





Dark Mesons at the LHC: pair production

Dark pions pair produced via Drell-Yan augmented by mixing with composite vector mesons:



 $\sigma(pp \to \pi_D \pi_D \to SM SM) \simeq \sigma(pp \to \rho_D) BR(\pi_D \to SM)^2$ size of $\pi_D \to SM$ coupling drops out

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$$\begin{array}{l} pp \rightarrow \pi_D^+ \pi_D^- \rightarrow t \bar{t} b \bar{b}, \ t \bar{b} \tau^- \nu_\tau & \quad \text{`heavy } \pi_D \text{'channels} \\ pp \rightarrow \pi_D^\pm \pi_D^0 \rightarrow t \bar{b} Zh, \ t \bar{b} \bar{b}b & \quad \dots \end{array}$$

Systematically checked all (well, as many as we could find) searches that would capture the relevant final states

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- or assume the wrong resonance structure







ATLAS 1505.07018

CMS: 1707.02909

CMS 1408.0806

- low mass: $m_{\pi D} \lesssim 300 \; GeV$

'multi-lepton' searches:

catchall for 3+ leptons, one of which may be τ Binned by MET, # jets, # b jets (100+ channels!)

Searches done by both ATLAS/CMS at 8 TeV, no 13 TeV versions(!)

- for high mass: $m_{\pi D} \gtrsim 300 \; GeV$

Same sign leptons:

Large MET requirement, further binned by #jets and #b

Analyses at both 8 & 13 TeV, but 8 TeV more sensitive! 13 TeV version imposes: $pT_{\ell 1} + pT_{\ell 2} + MET > 600 \text{ GeV}$ as its aimed at SUSY — totally kills our signal Why do these searches work?

Routes to multiple leptons from $\pi^+_D \pi^0_D$



No such possibility with $\pi^+_D \pi^-_D$







Decreasing $m_{\pi D}/m_{\rho D}$, fixed $m_{\pi D}$ means heavier ρ_D , smaller resonant piece of cross section

 $\frac{m_{\pi_D}}{m_{\rho_D}} = 0.45: \quad m_{\pi_D} \gtrsim 500 \,\text{GeV} \qquad \qquad \frac{m_{\pi_D}}{m_{\rho_D}} = 0.25: \quad m_{\pi_D} \gtrsim 200 \,\text{GeV}$





There are other interesting custodial charge assignments:

$$\xi_{L,R} = (\Box, 2, 2)$$

Composites: $\hat{\pi}_D \sim (3,3)$ of custodial symmetry

Now: $Tr(\mathbf{H} \hat{\pi}_D \mathbf{H})$ allowed without T-parameter issue ``gaugephilic''

 $\hat{\pi}_D \rightarrow W/Z + h$ unsuppressed, becomes dominant decay, changes LHC bounds somewhat (see backup)

Composite Georgi-Machacek model

Conclusions

Weak scale strong dynamics involving SU(2) \times U(1) charged constituents is alive and well !

- mixed vector/chiral setup avoids issues in pure vector or chiral -several scenarios to consider: **custodial setup especially nice**

Provided $m_{\rho D} > 2m_{\pi D}$ and N_D small, essentially no LHC limit from $\rho_D \rightarrow \ell \ell$

 pair produced π_D sneak through most searches as ~small production rates (non-colored) & their decays involve primarily 3rd gen stuff. Hurt by no BSM MET & searches focusing on multi-TeV scale (leads to 8 TeV bounds better than 13)

- limits are especially weak ($m_{\pi D} \ge 130$ GeV) in scenarios where lightest composites are SU2 singlets (SU(2)R setup)

EXTRA

Single production/top decay limits on π_D



Unlike pair production, limits depend on overall π_D -SM coupling strength rather than BR

Plenty of room to avoid these bounds while still having prompt π_D decays



Branching fractions for the "gaugephilic" model, $\hat{\pi}_{D} \in$ (3,3)

 $(3,3) \rightarrow 1 + 3 + 5$ once EWSB occurs (& custodial symmetry broken) focus on BR and limits of triplet



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