

Low-scale flavon model with a Z_N flavor symmetry

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Motivation: Low energy symmetry for flavor

Froggatt-Nielsen (FN) mechanism with a Z_N flavor symmetry focused.

- FN mechanism explaining for Yukawa hierarchy by powers of flavon S :

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{yukawa}} = \left(\frac{S}{\Lambda}\right)^{n_{ij}} \bar{U}_i Q_j H, \quad \Lambda: \text{cutoff scale} \quad [\text{Froggatt-Nielsen}]$$

$$U(1)_{\text{FN}}: \bar{U}_i \rightarrow e^{i\theta_{U_i}} \bar{U}_i, \quad Q_j \rightarrow e^{i\theta_{Q_j}} Q_j, \quad H \rightarrow e^{i\theta_H} H, \quad S \rightarrow e^{i\theta_S} S.$$

- Chiral $U(1)_{\text{FN}}$ can be anomalous and broken to Z_N flavor symmetry
Cf. DW problem of QCD axion, discrete gauge symmetry in string model

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$$+ c_{ij}^e \left(\frac{S}{\Lambda} \right)^{\eta_{ij}^e} \bar{e}_{R_i} L_{L_j} H_d + c_{ij}^n \left(\frac{S}{\Lambda} \right)^{\eta_{ij}^n} \bar{N}_{R_i} L_{L_j} H_u + \frac{1}{2} M_{ij} \bar{N}_{R_i} \bar{N}_{R_j}$$

- Z_4 invariance modulo 4 with $S \rightarrow e^{i\pi/2} S$, $\Phi_{\text{MSSM}} \rightarrow e^{i\pi n_\Phi/2} \Phi_{\text{MSSM}}$:

$$-\eta_{ij}^u \equiv n_{H_u} + n_{u_i} + n_{Q_j},$$

$$-\eta_{ij}^e \equiv n_{H_d} + n_{e_i} + n_{L_j},$$

$$-\eta_{ij}^d \equiv n_{H_d} + n_{d_i} + n_{Q_j}$$

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Assumption:
 N_R has charge 2



- Yukawa coupling structure given by :

$$Y_{ij} = c_{ij} \epsilon^{\eta_{ij}}, \quad \epsilon := \frac{\langle S \rangle}{\Lambda} \quad c_{ij} = O(1).$$

1st difference between Z_N and $U(1)$

- For Z_4 $\epsilon^{N-1} = \epsilon^3$ is the smallest Yukawa; model variety is limited

$$\epsilon^3 \sim \frac{m_u}{m_t} = 7.5 \times 10^{-6} \rightarrow \epsilon \sim 0.02.$$

$\because \epsilon^N$ coupling exists $\leftrightarrow O(1)$ coupling exists.

- Realistic flavor structure with $k = 0, 1$ (d, e) & $l = 0, 1, 2, 3$ (ν)

$$(m_u, m_c, m_t) \sim (\epsilon^3, \epsilon, 1), \quad (m_d, m_s, m_b) \sim \epsilon^k (\epsilon^2, \epsilon, 1), \quad (m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau) \sim \epsilon^k (\epsilon^2, 1, 1)$$

$$Y_u \sim \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^2 \\ \epsilon & \epsilon & 1 \\ \epsilon & \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_d \sim \epsilon^k \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^2 & \epsilon^2 & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & \epsilon & 1 \\ \epsilon & \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_e \sim \epsilon^k \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^2 & \epsilon^2 & \epsilon^2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Y_\nu \sim \epsilon^l \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}; \quad V_{\text{CKM}} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \epsilon \\ 1 & 1 & \epsilon \\ \epsilon & \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad V_{\text{PMNS}} \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

2nd difference between Z_N and $U(1)$

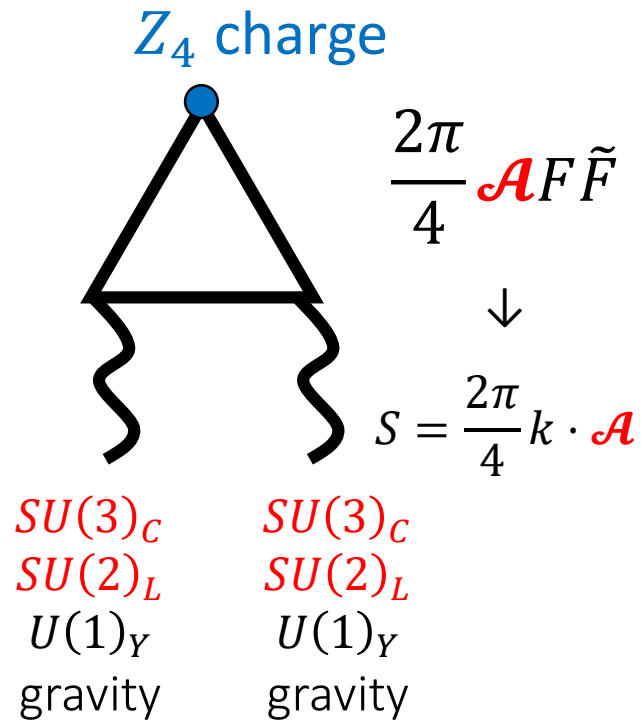
- Vanishing anomaly between Z_4 and the SM/gravity

+ Z_4 invariance for realistic hierarchy (**modulo 4**):

$$n_{H_u} + n_{H_d} \equiv 3(1 + k), \quad n_{Q_3} + 3n_{L_3} \equiv 3 + k, \quad n_{u_3} \equiv 3(n_{H_u} + n_{Q_3}),$$

$$n_{d_3} \equiv -k + 3(n_{H_d} + n_{Q_3}), \quad n_{e_3} \equiv 3(1 + n_{H_d} + n_{Q_3}), \quad 2 - \ell \equiv n_{H_u} + n_{L_3}.$$

$$m + n_{H_u} + n_{H_d} = m + 3(1 + k) \equiv 0$$



$$k = 0 \leftrightarrow m = 1$$

$$k = 1 \leftrightarrow m = 2$$

24 choices

$$\frac{m_b}{m_t} \sim \frac{m_\tau}{m_t} \sim \epsilon^k \cot \beta$$



$$W \ni \left(\frac{S}{\Lambda} \right)^m \Lambda H_u H_d.$$

Flavon-Higgs mixing

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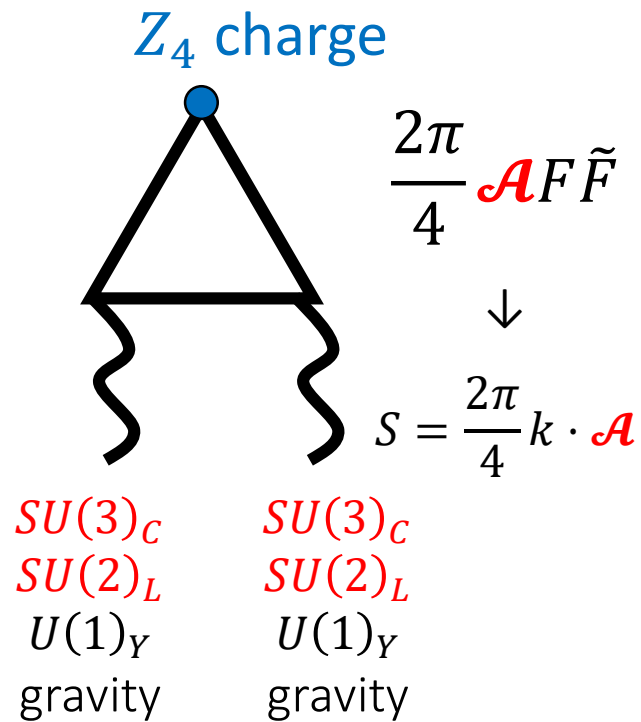
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12 choices

Vacuum stability:
the potential minimal
= the EW vacuum

$$\frac{m_b}{m_t} \sim \frac{m_\tau}{m_t} \sim \epsilon \cot\beta$$



$$W \ni \frac{S^2}{\Lambda} H_u H_d.$$

Flavon-Higgs
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Suppressed flavon coupling to the SM fermion

- Coupling of flavon $S = \sigma + ia$ to the SM fermions f

$$\mathcal{L} \sim \hat{\lambda}^f S \bar{f}_R f_L$$

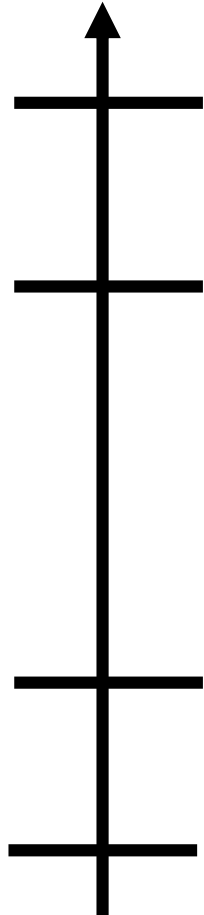
$$\hat{\lambda}^{u,S} \sim \rho_u \frac{v_u}{v_s} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^2 \\ \epsilon^3 & \epsilon & \epsilon^2 \\ \epsilon & \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{\lambda}^{d,S} \sim \rho_d \frac{v_d}{v_s} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^2 \\ \epsilon^4 & \epsilon^2 & \epsilon^3 \\ \epsilon^2 & \epsilon^2 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{\lambda}^{e,S} \sim \rho_e \frac{v_d}{v_s} \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^3 & \epsilon^3 \\ \epsilon^5 & \epsilon & \epsilon^5 \\ \epsilon^5 & \epsilon^5 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

suppressed by $\Gamma_{ij} = \frac{\langle H \rangle}{\langle S \rangle} \eta_{ij} Y_{ij}$ from $W = \left(\frac{S}{\Lambda}\right)^{\eta_{ij}} H \Phi_i \Phi_j$

and **alignment** in diagonalizing fermion mass (**off-diagonal element**).

- Flavino: heavier than a /higgsino DM, and coupled to the MSSM via Γ_{ij} .

Energy scales in a model



$$\Lambda \sim \frac{\langle S \rangle}{\epsilon} \sim 1 \text{ PeV}$$

$$\langle S \rangle \sim 10 \text{ TeV} \sim m_{\text{SUSY}}$$

(Heavy SUSY assumed)

$$m_{\tilde{g}} \sim \epsilon \langle S \rangle$$

$$m_{\sigma} \sim \epsilon \langle S \rangle$$

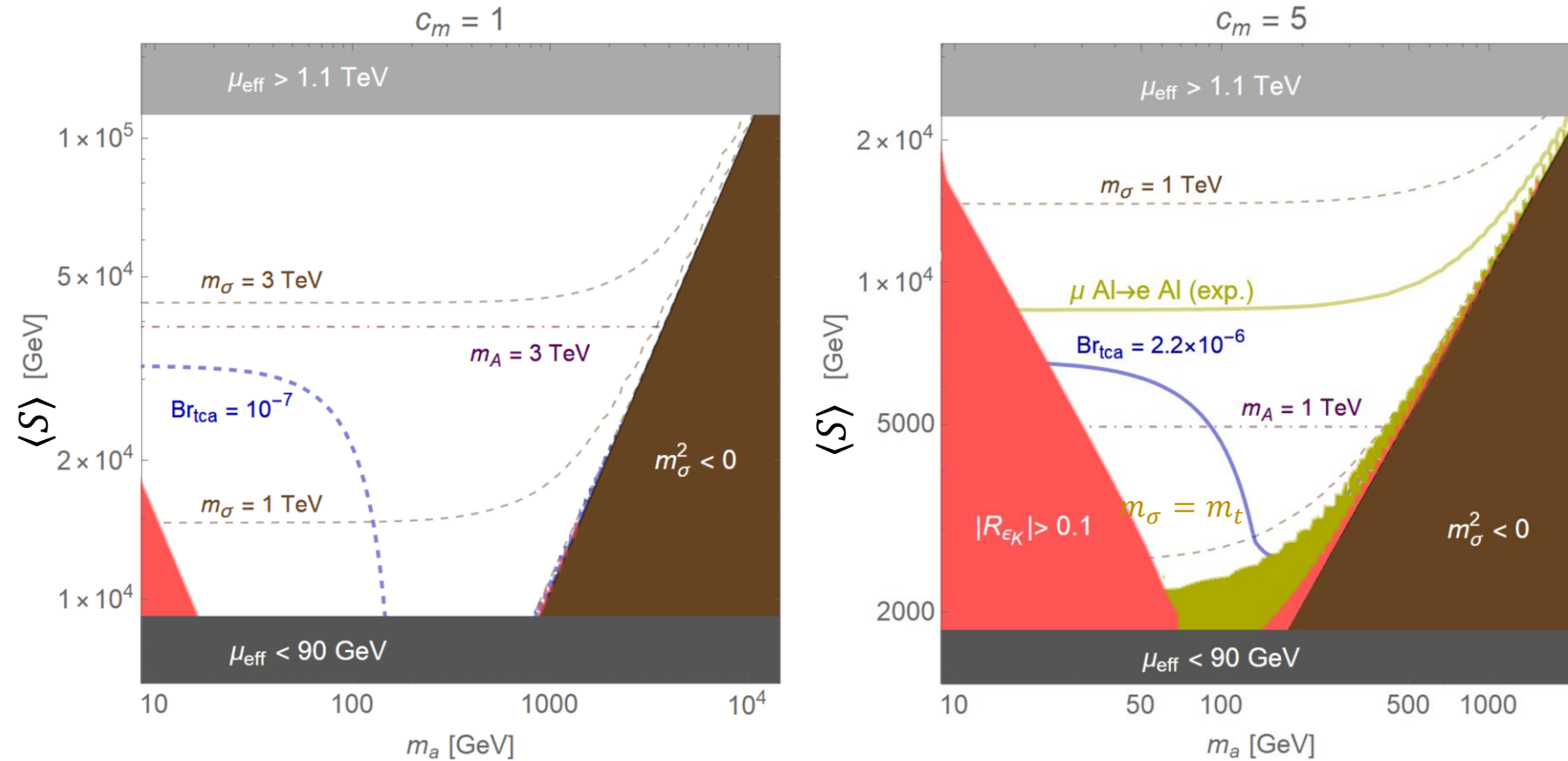
$$\mu_{\text{higgsino}} \sim \epsilon \langle S \rangle \sim 1 \text{ TeV} \quad (\text{LSP assumed})$$

$$m_a \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$$

Flavor :

$$\epsilon^3 \sim \frac{m_u}{m_t} \rightarrow \epsilon \sim 0.02.$$

Flavon constraint on model with Z_4 symmetry



- Colored region excluded by:
Red: $K - \bar{K}$

- Yellow: $\mu \rightarrow e$ with Gold
- Brown: tachyonic flavon σ

- (Right) testable:

- $\mu \rightarrow e$ with Aluminium:
 $6 \times 10^{-17} < Br < 7 \times 10^{-13}$

- $t \rightarrow ca$ at 100TeV collider

$W \sim c_m \frac{S^2}{\Lambda} H_u H_d$; larger c_m = larger S coupling to the fermions via scalar mixing.

Summary

- FN mechanism with Z_N flavor symmetry considered.

FN flavor symmetry can be **discrete** rather than continuous.

- A viable model constructed for Z_4 flavor symmetry.

(The Kähler potential can be included in the model. See paper.)

Hierarchy bound: ϵ^3 , discrete anomaly constraints, vacuum stability.

- Suppressed flavon coupling to the SM fermions.

Model consistent with current experiments & testable in future.

Back up

Anomaly and discrete symmetry

- QCD axion with a global $U(1)_{\text{PQ}}$ symmetry:

$$N \frac{a}{f} G_{\mu\nu} \tilde{G}^{\mu\nu} \quad \text{or} \quad V(a) \sim \cos\left(N \frac{a}{f}\right)$$

$$U(1)_{\text{PQ}} \rightarrow Z_N: \delta a = \frac{2\pi}{N} f.$$

- In string theory, Z_N gauge symmetry from a $U(1)$ gauge symmetry:

$$\mathcal{L} = e^{-i\phi} \mathcal{O}_N + \phi F_{\mu\nu} \tilde{F}^{\mu\nu} + f^2 (\partial_\mu \phi - N A_\mu)^2 + \text{chiral fermions}$$

$$U(1): \delta\phi = N\alpha(x), \quad \delta\mathcal{O}_N = iN\alpha(x)\mathcal{O}_N \rightarrow Z_N: \text{same with } \alpha(x) = \frac{2\pi}{N}.$$

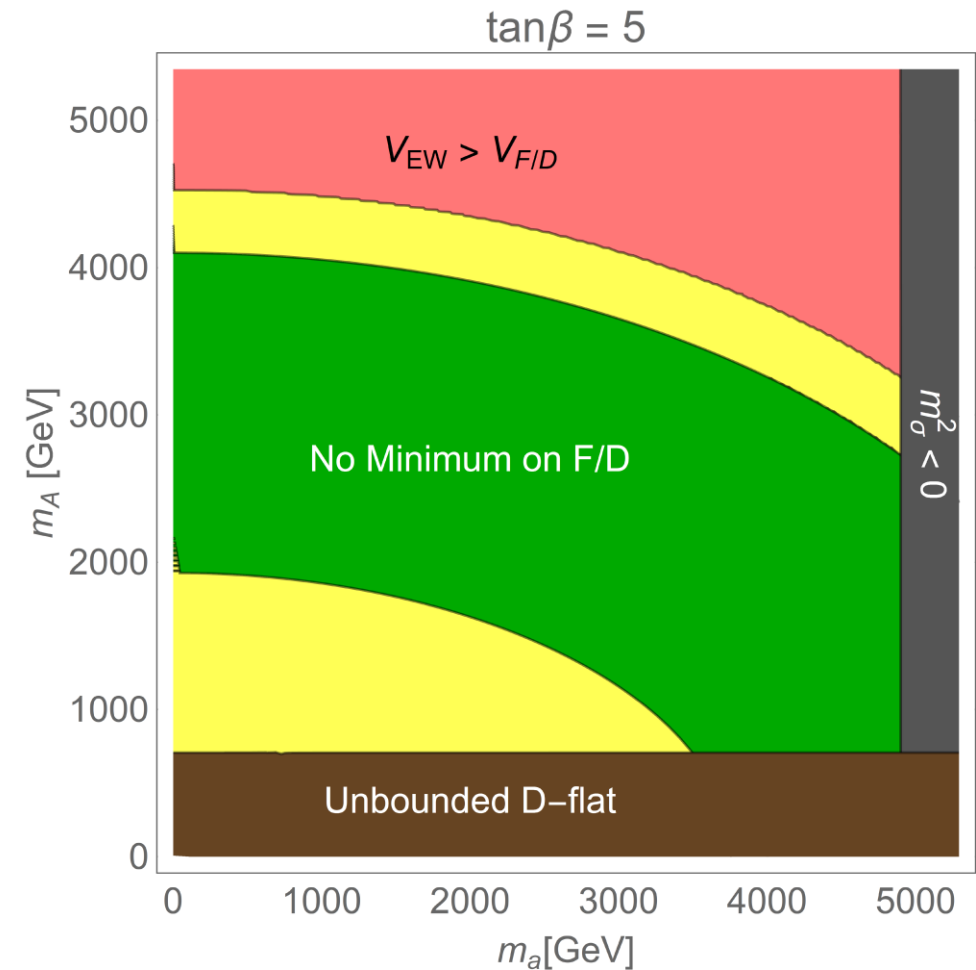
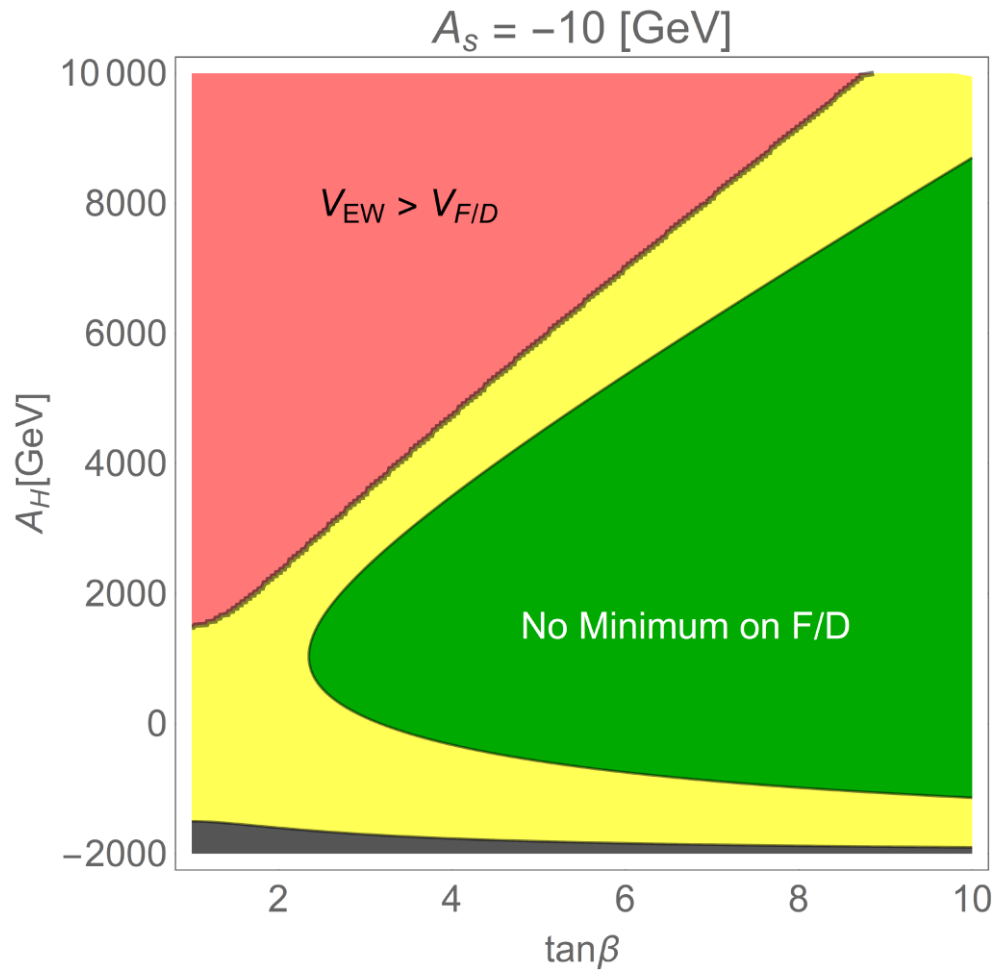
ϕ : string theoretic axion, \mathcal{O}_N : an operator with charge N

12 choices of charge assignments consistent with anomalies

k	n_{H_u}	n_{Q_3}	ℓ	m	\tilde{A}_Y	\mathcal{A}_{gr}
1	0	0	2	2	1	0
1	0	1	1	2	3	1
1	0	2	0	2	1	0
1	0	3	3	2	3	1
1	1	0	1	2	1	1
1	1	1	0	2	3	0
1	1	2	3	2	1	1
1	1	3	2	2	3	0
1	2	0	0	2	1	0
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1	2	3	1	2	3	1
1	3	0	3	2	1	1
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1	3	3	0	2	3	0

If $U(1)_Y$ is embedded into $U(12n)$,
no $Z_4 - U(1)_Y^2$ exists.

Vacuum stability for $m = 2$ ($k = 1$)



$$V_{\text{soft}} := m_S^2 |S|^2 + m_{H_u}^2 |H_u^0|^2 + m_{H_d}^2 |H_d^0|^2 + \left(A_S \frac{S^N}{N \Lambda^{N-3}} - A_H \frac{S^m}{m \Lambda^{m-1}} H_u^0 H_d^0 + \text{h.c.} \right),$$

Possible Kähler potential corrections

$$\Delta_Q K = \left(\frac{a_j^i}{\Lambda} S Q_i^\dagger Q_j + \frac{\tilde{a}_j^i}{\Lambda^2} D^\alpha D_\alpha S \cdot Q_i^\dagger Q_j + \frac{b_j^i}{\Lambda^2} S^2 Q_i^\dagger Q_j + \frac{c^{ij}}{\Lambda^2} S^\dagger H_a Q_i Q_j + h.c. \right) \\ + \frac{d_j^i}{\Lambda^2} S^\dagger S Q_i^\dagger Q_j + \frac{e_{ijkl}}{\Lambda^2} Q_i^\dagger Q_j Q_k^\dagger Q_l + \mathcal{O}(\Lambda^{-3}),$$

$$\int d^4\theta \frac{e_{Q_2 Q_1 \bar{d}_1 \bar{d}_2}}{\Lambda^3} S Q_{L_2}^\dagger Q_{L_1} \bar{d}_{R_1}^\dagger \bar{d}_{R_2} \supset \frac{\epsilon e_{Q_2 Q_1 \bar{d}_1 \bar{d}_2}}{2\Lambda^2} \bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_L d \cdot \bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_R d.$$



$$|\Delta \epsilon_K| = \frac{\kappa_\epsilon}{\sqrt{2} \Delta M_K} \frac{\epsilon \cdot \text{Im}(e_{Q_2 Q_1 \bar{d}_1 \bar{d}_2})}{2\Lambda^2} |\mathcal{O}_1^{\text{LR}}|$$

$$\sim 10^{-2} \times \left(\frac{\epsilon}{0.02} \right)^3 \left(\frac{100 \text{ TeV}}{v_s} \right)^2 \left(\frac{\text{Im}(e_{Q_2 Q_1 \bar{d}_1 \bar{d}_2})}{1.0} \right).$$

A numerical example for couplings/ N_R masses

$$c^u = \begin{pmatrix} -2.23656 & -3.78792 & 5.07947 \cdot e^{-2.23037i} \\ -1.8029 & 1.51612 & -0.62796 \\ 2.43468 \cdot e^{0.019714i} & -2.11793 & 0.782311 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c^e = \begin{pmatrix} -1.83414 & -4.06715 & -4.55088 \\ 0.814655 & -1.04839 & -1.16518 \\ -0.702312 & 1.27439 & 1.27222 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$c^d = \begin{pmatrix} 7.11034 & 4.75778 & 4.38956 \cdot e^{-1.64741i} \\ 6.74255 & -5.32201 & 3.39087 \\ 2.85434 \cdot e^{2.96002i} & -0.578767 & -2.59023 \end{pmatrix}, \quad c^n = \begin{pmatrix} 3.63525 & -4.36595 & -4.00992 \\ -5.94856 & -2.38206 & 3.74011 \\ -2.19846 & -1.4343 & 0.589928 \end{pmatrix},$$
$$M = M_0 \begin{pmatrix} -6.07582 & 2.75669 & 4.32291 \\ 2.75669 & -4.43903 & 1.68412 \\ 4.32291 & 1.68412 & 5.09895 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\tan \beta = 5$. With $M_0 = 33.1474$ TeV and $\ell = 3$,

A numerical example for observables

$$(m_u, m_c, m_t) = (0.001288, 0.6268, 171.7), \quad (m_d, m_s, m_b) = (0.002751, 0.05432, 2.853),$$
$$(m_e, m_\mu, m_\tau) = (0.0004866, 0.1027, 1.746), \quad (\alpha_{\text{CKM}}, \sin 2\beta_{\text{CKM}}, \gamma_{\text{CKM}}) = (1.518, 0.6950, 1.240),$$

$$|V_{\text{CKM}}| = \begin{pmatrix} 0.974461 & 0.224529 & 0.00364284 \\ 0.224379 & 0.97359 & 0.0421456 \\ 0.00896391 & 0.0413421 & 0.999105 \end{pmatrix}$$

Neutrino
& PMNS:

$$\Delta m_{12}^2 = 7.37 \times 10^{-5}, \quad \Delta m_{23}^2 = 2.56 \times 10^{-3},$$
$$\sin^2 \theta_{12} = 0.297, \quad \sin^2 \theta_{23} = 0.425, \quad \sin^2 \theta_{13} = 0.0215.$$

Cutoff scale

$$\Lambda \sim 500 \text{ TeV} \times \left(\frac{0.02}{\epsilon} \right) \left(\frac{v_s}{10 \text{ TeV}} \right).$$