On the symmetry breaking patterns in an SU(8) theory

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Historical reviews

- The chiral fermions in the $\mathfrak{su}(5)$ are decomposed as
$$\overline{\mathbf{5_F}} = \underbrace{(\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,+\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}}_{{d_R}^c} \oplus \underbrace{(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{2}}\,,-\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{F}}}_{\ell_L} \text{ and}$$
$$\mathbf{10_F} = \underbrace{(\mathbf{3}\,,\mathbf{2}\,,+\frac{1}{6})_{\mathbf{F}}}_{q_L} \oplus \underbrace{(\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{2}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}}_{{u_R}^c} \oplus \underbrace{(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,+1)_{\mathbf{F}}}_{{e_R}^c}.$$
- The SUSY $\mathfrak{su}(5)$ theory contains Higgs fields of $\mathbf{24_H} \oplus \mathbf{5_H} \oplus \overline{\mathbf{5_H}}$, with the GUT symmetry breaking of $\mathfrak{su}(5) \xrightarrow{\langle \mathbf{24_H} \rangle} \mathfrak{g}_{\rm SM}$.
- Besides of the well-acknowledged challenges within the *minimal* GUTs, there are two longstanding problems within the SM that have never been solved with/without the susy extension, which are: (i) the SM flavor puzzle, (ii) the PQ quality problem of the QCD axion.

Georgi's counting of the SM generations

- To decompose the $\mathfrak{su}(N)$ irreps into the $\mathfrak{su}(5)$, e.g., $\mathbf{N_F} = (N-5)\times \mathbf{1_F} \oplus \mathbf{5_F}$, and other irreps are decomposed by tensor products, ['79, Georgi].
- All fermion irreps in Eq. (16) are decomposed into the $\mathfrak{su}(5)$ irreps of $(\mathbf{1_F}\,, \mathbf{5_F}\,, \mathbf{10_F}\,, \overline{\mathbf{10_F}}\,, \overline{\mathbf{5_F}})$, and we denote their multiplicities as $(\nu_{\mathbf{1_F}}\,, \nu_{\mathbf{5_F}}\,, \nu_{\mathbf{10_F}}\,, \nu_{\overline{\mathbf{10_F}}}\,, \nu_{\overline{\mathbf{5_F}}})$.
- Their multiplicities should satisfy $\nu_{\mathbf{5_F}} + \nu_{\mathbf{10_F}} = \nu_{\overline{\mathbf{5_F}}} + \nu_{\overline{\mathbf{10_F}}}$ from the anomaly-free condition.
- The total SM fermion generations are determined by the net $\overline{\mathbf{5_F}}$'s or net $\mathbf{10_F}$'s

$$n_g = \nu_{\overline{\mathbf{5_F}}} - \nu_{\mathbf{5_F}} = \nu_{\mathbf{10_F}} - \nu_{\overline{\mathbf{10_F}}}\,. \quad (1)$$

- The SM $\overline{\mathbf{5_F}}$'s are from the $\overline{[N\,,1]}_{\mathbf{F}}$, and the SM $\mathbf{10_F}$'s are from the $[N\,,k\geq 2]_{\mathbf{F}}$.

Georgi's counting of the SM generations in GUTs

- The net $\mathbf{10_F}$'s from a particular $\mathfrak{su}(N)$ irrep [2209.11446]

$$\nu_{\mathbf{10_F}}\,[N\,,k]_{\mathbf{F}} - \nu_{\overline{\mathbf{10_F}}}\,[N\,,k]_{\mathbf{F}} = \frac{(N-2k)(N-5)!}{(k-2)!\,(N-k-2)!}\,. \qquad (2)$$

- The usual rank-2 GG models can only give $\nu_{\mathbf{10_F}}\,[N\,,2]_{\mathbf{F}} - \nu_{\overline{\mathbf{10_F}}}\,[N\,,2]_{\mathbf{F}} = 1$. This means one can only repeat the set of anomaly-free fermion irreps to form multiple generations in rank-2 GG models.
- Alternatively, to embed multiple generations non-trivially in the GUTs, one must consider at least the rank-3 GG models. The leading candidate group must be $\mathfrak{su}(7)$, ['79, Frampton], since the $[6\,,3]_{\mathbf{F}}$ irrep of $\mathfrak{su}(6)$ is self-conjugate.

The $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory

- The $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory with rank-2 and rank-3 chiral IRAFFSs of

$$\{f_L\}^{n_g=3}_{\mathfrak{su}(8)} = \left[\overline{\mathbf{8_F}}^{\omega} \oplus \mathbf{28_F}\right] \bigoplus \left[\overline{\mathbf{8_F}}^{\dot\omega} \oplus \mathbf{56_F}\right], \ \dim_{\mathbf{F}} = 156\,,$$
$$\Omega = (\omega\,, \dot\omega)\,, \ \omega = (3\,, \mathrm{IV}\,, \mathrm{V}\,, \mathrm{VI})\,, \ \dot\omega = (\dot{1}\,, \dot{2}\,, \dot{\mathrm{VII}}\,, \dot{\mathrm{VIII}}\,, \dot{\mathrm{IX}})\,. \quad (3)$$

- Georgi's decompositions:

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{\mathbf{8_F}}^{\Omega} &= 3 \times \mathbf{1_F}^{\Omega} \oplus \overline{\mathbf{5_F}}^{\Omega}\,, \\ \mathbf{28_F} &= 3 \times \mathbf{1_F} \oplus 3 \times \mathbf{5_F} \oplus \mathbf{10_F}\,, \\ \mathbf{56_F} &= \mathbf{1_F} \oplus 3 \times \mathbf{5_F} \oplus 3 \times \mathbf{10_F} \oplus \overline{\mathbf{10_F}}\,. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Six $(\mathbf{5_F}\,, \overline{\mathbf{5_F}})$ pairs, one $(\mathbf{10_F}\,, \overline{\mathbf{10_F}})$ pair from the $\mathbf{56_F}$, and $3 \times \left[\overline{\mathbf{5_F}} \oplus \mathbf{10_F}\right]_{\rm SM}$.

The $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory

- The global symmetries of the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory:

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{G}}_{\rm global}\left[\mathfrak{su}(8)\right] = \Big[\widetilde{\rm SU}(4)_\omega \otimes \widetilde{\rm U}(1)_{T_2} \otimes \widetilde{\rm U}(1)_{\rm PQ_2}\Big]$$
$$\bigotimes \Big[\widetilde{\rm SU}(5)_{\dot\omega} \otimes \widetilde{\rm U}(1)_{T_3} \otimes \widetilde{\rm U}(1)_{\rm PQ_3}\Big] \,,$$
$$\left[\mathfrak{su}(8)\right]^2 \cdot \widetilde{\rm U}(1)_{T_{2\,,3}} = 0 \,, \quad \left[\mathfrak{su}(8)\right]^2 \cdot \widetilde{\rm U}(1)_{\rm PQ_{2\,,3}} \neq 0 \,. \tag{5}$$

- The Higgs fields and the Yukawa couplings:

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathcal{L}_Y \, = \, & Y_{\mathcal{B}} \overline{\mathbf{8_F}}^\omega \mathbf{28_F} \overline{\mathbf{8_H}}_{\,,\omega} + Y_{\mathcal{T}} \mathbf{28_F} \mathbf{28_F} \mathbf{70_H} \\ & + Y_{\mathcal{D}} \overline{\mathbf{8_F}}^{\dot\omega} \mathbf{56_F} \overline{\mathbf{28_H}}_{\,,\dot\omega} + \frac{c_4}{M_{\rm pl}} \mathbf{56_F} \mathbf{56_F} \overline{\mathbf{28_H}}^\dagger_{\,,\dot\omega} \mathbf{63_H} + H.c. \,. \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

NB: $\mathbf{56_F}\mathbf{56_F}\mathbf{28_H} = 0$ ['08, S. Barr], $d = 5$ operator suppressed by $1/M_{\rm pl}$ is possible, with $M_{\rm pl} = (8\pi G_N)^{1/2} = 2.4 \times 10^{18}\,{\rm GeV}$.

- *Gravity breaks global symmetries.*

Global symmetries in the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory

Fermions	$\overline{\mathbf{8_F}}^{\Omega=\omega,\dot{\omega}}$	$\mathbf{28_F}$	$\mathbf{56_F}$	
$\widetilde{\mathrm{U}}(1)_T$	$-3t$	$+2t$	$+t$	
$\widetilde{\mathrm{U}}(1)_{\mathrm{PQ}}$	p	q_2	q_3	
Higgs	$\overline{\mathbf{8_H}}_{,\omega}$	$\overline{\mathbf{28_H}}_{,\dot{\omega}}$	$\mathbf{70_H}$	$\mathbf{63_H}$
$\widetilde{\mathrm{U}}(1)_T$	$+t$	$+2t$	$-4t$	0
$\widetilde{\mathrm{U}}(1)_{\mathrm{PQ}}$	$-(p+q_2)$	$-(p+q_3)$	$-2q_2$	0

Table: The $\widetilde{\mathrm{U}}(1)_T$ and the $\widetilde{\mathrm{U}}(1)_{\mathrm{PQ}}$ charges, $p : q_2 \neq -3 : +2$ and $p : q_3 \neq -3 : +1$.

- One possible (maximally) symmetry breaking pattern [‘74, L.F.Li] of $\mathfrak{su}(8) \to \mathfrak{g}_{441} \to \mathfrak{g}_{341} \to \mathfrak{g}_{331} \to \mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{SM}} \to \mathfrak{su}(3)_c \oplus \mathfrak{u}(1)_{\mathrm{EM}}$.

Global symmetries in the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory

- The global $\widetilde{\mathrm{U}}(1)_T$ symmetries at different stages

$$\begin{aligned} &\mathfrak{su}(8) \to \mathfrak{g}_{441} \; : \; \mathcal{T}' = \mathcal{T} - 4t\mathcal{X}_0 \,, \\ &\mathfrak{g}_{441} \to \mathfrak{g}_{341} \; : \; \mathcal{T}'' = \mathcal{T}' + 8t\mathcal{X}_1 \,, \\ &\mathfrak{g}_{341} \to \mathfrak{g}_{331} \; : \; \mathcal{T}''' = \mathcal{T}'' \,, \quad \mathfrak{g}_{331} \to \mathfrak{g}_{\rm SM} \; : \; \mathcal{B} - \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{T}''' \,. \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

Consistent relations of $(\mathcal{B}-\mathcal{L})(q_L) = \frac{4}{3}t$, $(\mathcal{B}-\mathcal{L})(\ell_L) = -4t$, and etc.

Higgs	$\mathfrak{g}_{441} \to \mathfrak{g}_{341}$	$\mathfrak{g}_{341} \to \mathfrak{g}_{331}$	$\mathfrak{g}_{331} \to \mathfrak{g}_{\rm SM}$	$\mathfrak{g}_{\rm SM} \to \mathfrak{su}(3)_c \oplus \mathfrak{u}(1)_{\rm EM}$
$\overline{\mathbf{8_H}}_{,\omega}$	✓	✓	✓	✓
$\overline{\mathbf{28_H}}_{,\dot\omega}$	✗	✓	✓	✓
$\mathbf{70_H}$	✗	✗	✗	✓

The $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ Higgs fields

- Decompositions of $\overline{\mathbf{8_H}}_{,\omega}/\overline{\mathbf{28_H}}_{,\dot\omega}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\overline{\mathbf{8_H}}_{,\omega} &\supset \underline{(\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,+\frac{1}{4})_{\mathbf{H}\,,\omega}} \oplus \underline{(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,-\frac{1}{4})_{\mathbf{H}\,,\omega}} \supset \underline{(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,-\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{H}\,,\omega}}\,,\\
\overline{\mathbf{28_H}}_{,\dot\omega} &\supset \underline{(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{6}\,,-\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{H}\,,\dot\omega}} \oplus \underline{(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,-\frac{1}{4})_{\mathbf{H}\,,\dot\omega}}\\
&\supset \Big[\underline{(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,-\frac{1}{3})'_{\mathbf{H}\,,\dot\omega}} \oplus (\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{3}\,,-\frac{2}{3})_{\mathbf{H}\,,\dot\omega}\Big] \oplus \underline{(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,-\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{H}\,,\dot\omega}}\,.
\end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

- The global $\widetilde{\mathrm{U}}(1)_{B-L}$ according to Eq. (7)

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{70_H} &\supset \underline{(\mathbf{4}\,,\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,+\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{H}}} \oplus (\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,\mathbf{4}\,,-\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{H}} \supset \ldots\\
&\supset \underbrace{(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{2}}\,,+\frac{1}{2})'''_{\mathbf{H}}}_{\mathcal{B}-\mathcal{L}=0} \oplus \underbrace{(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{2}\,,-\frac{1}{2})'''_{\mathbf{H}}}_{\mathcal{B}-\mathcal{L}=-8t}\,.
\end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

Conjecture: the $(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{2}}\,,+\frac{1}{2})'''_{\mathbf{H}} \subset \mathbf{70_H}$ is the only SM Higgs doublet.

Top quark mass in the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory

- The natural top quark mass from the tree level

$$\begin{aligned} & Y_{\mathcal{T}} \mathbf{28_F} \mathbf{28_F} \mathbf{70_H} \supset Y_{\mathcal{T}} (\mathbf{6}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{F}} \otimes (\mathbf{4}\,,\mathbf{4}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}} \otimes (\mathbf{4}\,,\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,+\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{H}} \\ \supset\ & ... \supset Y_{\mathcal{T}} (\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{2}{3})_{\mathbf{F}} \otimes (\mathbf{3}\,,\mathbf{2}\,,+\frac{1}{6})_{\mathbf{F}} \otimes (\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{2}}\,,+\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{H}}^{\prime\prime\prime} \\ \Rightarrow\ & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} Y_{\mathcal{T}} t_L {t_R}^c v_{\rm EW}\,. \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

- With $(\mathbf{3}\,,\mathbf{2}\,,+\frac{1}{6})_{\mathbf{F}} \equiv (t_L\,,b_L)^T$ and $(\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{2}{3})_{\mathbf{F}} \equiv {t_R}^c$ coming from the $\mathbf{28_F}$, it is straightforward to infer that $(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,+1)_{\mathbf{F}} \equiv {\tau_R}^c$ also lives in the $\mathbf{28_F}$. The third-generational SM $\mathbf{10_F}$ reside in the $\mathbf{28_F}$, while the first- and second-generational SM $\mathbf{10_F}$'s must reside in the $\mathbf{56_F}$.
- Top quark mass conjecture: a rank-2 chiral IRAFFS is necessary so that only the top quark obtains mass with the natural Yukawa coupling at the EW scale. The $\mathfrak{su}(9)$ with $9 \times \overline{\mathbf{9_F}} \oplus \mathbf{84_F}$ is ruled out [2307.07921].

The $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ fermions

SU(8)	$\mathcal{G}_{441}$	$\mathcal{G}_{341}$	$\mathcal{G}_{331}$	$\mathcal{G}_{\rm SM}$
$\overline{\mathbf{8}_{\mathbf{F}}}^{\Omega}$	$(\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,+\frac{1}{4})_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega}$	$(\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,+\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega}$	$(\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,+\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega}$	$(\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,+\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega}\ :\ \mathcal{D}_R^{\Omega\,c}$
		$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega}$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega}$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega}\ :\ \check{\mathcal{N}}_L^{\Omega}$
	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,-\frac{1}{4})_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega}$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,-\frac{1}{4})_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega}$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,-\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega}$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{2}}\,,-\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega}\ :\ \mathcal{L}_L^{\Omega}=(\mathcal{E}_L^{\Omega}\,,-\mathcal{N}_L^{\Omega})^T$
				$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega'}\ :\ \check{\mathcal{N}}_L^{\Omega'}$
			$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega''}$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}}^{\Omega''}\ :\ \check{\mathcal{N}}_L^{\Omega''}$

SU(8)	$\mathcal{G}_{441}$	$\mathcal{G}_{341}$	$\mathcal{G}_{331}$	$\mathcal{G}_{\rm SM}$
$\mathbf{28}_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{6}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ \mathfrak{D}_L$
		$(\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{2}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{2}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$\underline{(\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{2}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ {t_R}^c}$
	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{6}\,,+\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{6}\,,+\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{3}\,,+\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{2}\,,+\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ ({\mathfrak{e}_R}^c\,,{\mathfrak{n}_R}^c)^T$
				$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ \check{\mathfrak{n}}_R^c$
			$(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,+\frac{2}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{2}}\,,+\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{F}}'\ :\ ({\mathfrak{n}_R'}^c\,,-{\mathfrak{e}_R'}^c)^T$
				$\underline{(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,+1)_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ {\tau_R}^c}$
	$(\mathbf{4}\,,\mathbf{4}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3}\,,\mathbf{4}\,,-\frac{1}{12})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3}\,,\mathbf{3}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}}$	$\underline{(\mathbf{3}\,,\mathbf{2}\,,+\frac{1}{6})_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ (t_L\,,b_L)^T}$
				$(\mathbf{3}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}'\ :\ \mathfrak{D}_L'$
			$(\mathbf{3}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}''$	$(\mathbf{3}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,-\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}''\ :\ \mathfrak{D}_L''$
		$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{4}\,,+\frac{1}{4})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{3}\,,+\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}''$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{2}\,,+\frac{1}{2})_{\mathbf{F}}''\ :\ ({\mathfrak{e}_R''}^c\,,{\mathfrak{n}_R''}^c)^T$
				$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}}'\ :\ \check{\mathfrak{n}}_R'^c$
			$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}}''$	$(\mathbf{1}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,0)_{\mathbf{F}}''\ :\ \check{\mathfrak{n}}_R''^c$

The $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ fermions

SU(8)	$\mathcal{G}_{441}$	$\mathcal{G}_{341}$	$\mathcal{G}_{331}$	$\mathcal{G}_{\rm SM}$
$\mathbf{56_F}$	$(\mathbf{1},\overline{\mathbf{4}},+\frac{3}{4})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1},\overline{\mathbf{4}},+\frac{3}{4})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1},\overline{\mathbf{3}},+\frac{2}{3})'_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1},\overline{\mathbf{2}},+\frac{1}{2})'''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ (\mathfrak{n}_R'''^{c},-\mathfrak{e}_R'''^{c})^T$
				$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1},+1)'_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ {\mu_R}^c$
			$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1},+1)''_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1},+1)''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ {\mathfrak{E}_R}^c$
	$(\overline{\mathbf{4}},\mathbf{1},-\frac{3}{4})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\overline{\mathbf{3}},\mathbf{1},-\frac{2}{3})'_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\overline{\mathbf{3}},\mathbf{1},-\frac{2}{3})'_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\overline{\mathbf{3}},\mathbf{1},-\frac{2}{3})'_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ {u_R}^c$
		$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1},-1)_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1},-1)_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1},-1)_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ \mathfrak{E}_L$
	$(\mathbf{4},\mathbf{6},+\frac{1}{4})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{6},+\frac{1}{6})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{3},0)'_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{2},+\frac{1}{6})'_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ (c_L,s_L)^T$
				$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{1},-\frac{1}{3})'''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ \mathfrak{D}_L'''$
			$(\mathbf{3},\overline{\mathbf{3}},+\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3},\overline{\mathbf{2}},+\frac{1}{6})''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ (\mathfrak{d}_L,-\mathfrak{u}_L)^T$
				$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{1},+\frac{2}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ \mathfrak{U}_L$
		$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{6},+\frac{1}{2})'_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{3},+\frac{1}{3})'_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{2},+\frac{1}{2})''''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ (\mathfrak{e}_R''''^{c},\mathfrak{n}_R''''^{c})^T$
				$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1},0)'''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ \check{\mathfrak{n}}_R'''^{c}$
			$(\mathbf{1},\overline{\mathbf{3}},+\frac{2}{3})''_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{1},\overline{\mathbf{2}},+\frac{1}{2})'''''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ (\mathfrak{n}_R'''''^{c},-\mathfrak{e}_R'''''^{c})^T$
				$(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1},+1)'''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ {e_R}^c$
	$(\mathbf{6},\mathbf{4},-\frac{1}{4})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{4},-\frac{1}{12})'_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{3},0)''_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{2},+\frac{1}{6})'''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ (u_L,d_L)^T$
				$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{1},-\frac{1}{3})''''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ \mathfrak{D}_L''''$
			$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{1},-\frac{1}{3})'''''_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\mathbf{3},\mathbf{1},-\frac{1}{3})'''''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ \mathfrak{D}_L'''''$
		$(\overline{\mathbf{3}},\mathbf{4},-\frac{5}{12})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\overline{\mathbf{3}},\mathbf{3},-\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\overline{\mathbf{3}},\mathbf{2},-\frac{1}{6})_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ ({\mathfrak{d}_R}^c,{\mathfrak{u}_R}^c)^T$
				$(\overline{\mathbf{3}},\mathbf{1},-\frac{2}{3})''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ {\mathfrak{U}_R}^c$
			$(\overline{\mathbf{3}},\mathbf{1},-\frac{2}{3})'''_{\mathbf{F}}$	$(\overline{\mathbf{3}},\mathbf{1},-\frac{2}{3})'''_{\mathbf{F}}\ :\ {c_R}^c$

- To justify the flavor identifications by mass hierarchies and the mixing pattern.

Symmetry breaking pattern in the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory

- The vectorlike fermions of six $(\mathbf{5_F}\,,\overline{\mathbf{5_F}})$-pairs and one $(\mathbf{10_F}\,,\overline{\mathbf{10_F}})$-pair become massive through Eq. (6) as follows

  0 : $\mathfrak{su}(8) \xrightarrow{\mathbf{63_H}} \mathfrak{g}_{441}$, all fermions remain massless.

  1 : $\mathfrak{g}_{441} \xrightarrow{\overline{\mathbf{8_H}}_{,\mathrm{IV}}} \mathfrak{g}_{341}$, one $(\mathbf{5_F}\,,\overline{\mathbf{5_F}})$-pair.

  2 : $\mathfrak{g}_{341} \xrightarrow{\overline{\mathbf{8_H}}_{,\mathrm{V}}\,,\overline{\mathbf{28_H}}_{,\dot{1}\,,\mathrm{V\dot{I}I}}} \mathfrak{g}_{331}$, two $(\mathbf{5_F}\,,\overline{\mathbf{5_F}})$-pairs and one $(\mathbf{10_F}\,,\overline{\mathbf{10_F}})$-pair.

  3 : $\mathfrak{g}_{331} \xrightarrow{\overline{\mathbf{8_H}}_{,3\,,\mathrm{VI}}\,,\overline{\mathbf{28_H}}_{,\dot{2}\,,\mathrm{I\dot{I}X}\,,\mathrm{\dot{I}X}}} \mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{SM}}$, three $(\mathbf{5_F}\,,\overline{\mathbf{5_F}})$-pairs.

  Each can be precisely counted by anomaly-free conditions.

- 23 out of 27 left-handed sterile neutrinos remain massless by the ‘t Hooft anomaly matching of $[\widetilde{\mathrm{U}}(1)_T]^3 = ... = [\widetilde{\mathrm{U}}(1)_{B-L}]^3$.

Vectorlike fermions in the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory

stages	$Q_e = -\frac{1}{3}$	$Q_e = +\frac{2}{3}$	$Q_e = -1$	$Q_e = 0$
v_{441} $\{\Omega\}$	$\mathfrak{D}$ IV	-	$(\mathfrak{e}'' , \mathfrak{n}'')$ IV	$\{\check{\mathfrak{n}}' , \check{\mathfrak{n}}''\}$ $\{\mathrm{IV}' , \mathrm{IV}''\}$
v_{341} $\{\Omega\}$	$\mathfrak{d} , \{\mathfrak{D}'' , \mathfrak{D}'''''\}$ $\{\mathrm{V} , \dot{\mathrm{V}}\mathrm{II}\}$	$\mathfrak{u} , \mathfrak{U}$	$\mathfrak{E} , (\mathfrak{e} , \mathfrak{n}) , (\mathfrak{e}'''' , \mathfrak{n}'''')$ $\{\mathrm{V} , \dot{\mathrm{V}}\mathrm{II}\}$	$\{\check{\mathfrak{n}} , \check{\mathfrak{n}}'''\}$ $\{\mathrm{V}' , \dot{\mathrm{V}}\mathrm{II}'\}$
v_{331} $\{\Omega\}$	$\{\mathfrak{D}' , \mathfrak{D}''' , \mathfrak{D}''''\}$ $\{\mathrm{VI} , \mathrm{I}\dot{\mathrm{I}}\mathrm{X} , \dot{\mathrm{I}}\mathrm{X}\}$	-	$(\mathfrak{e}' , \mathfrak{n}') , (\mathfrak{e}''' , \mathfrak{n}''') , (\mathfrak{e}''''' , \mathfrak{n}''''')$ $\{\mathrm{VI} , \mathrm{I}\dot{\mathrm{I}}\mathrm{X} , \dot{\mathrm{I}}\mathrm{X}\}$	-

Table: The vectorlike fermions at different intermediate symmetry breaking scales in the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory.

SM fermion masses in the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory

- To generate other lighter SM fermion masses: the gravitational effects through $d=5$ operators, which break the global symmetries in Eq. (5) explicitly.
- The direct Yukawa couplings of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{F}}^{d=5}$:

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\begin{aligned}
& c_4 \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{F}}^{(4\,,1)} \equiv c_4 \mathbf{56_F} \mathbf{56_F} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{28_H}}_{\,,\dot\omega} \cdot \mathbf{70_H} \Rightarrow c_4 \dot{\zeta}_2 (c_L u_R{}^c + \cancel{u_L c_R{}^c}) v_{\rm EW}\,, \\
& c_5 \mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{F}}^{(5\,,1)} \equiv c_5 \mathbf{28_F} \mathbf{56_F} \cdot \overline{\mathbf{8_H}}_{\,,\omega} \cdot \mathbf{70_H} \\
\Rightarrow\ & c_5 \left[\zeta_1 (u_L t_R{}^c + t_L u_R{}^c) + \zeta_2 (c_L t_R{}^c + t_L c_R{}^c) \right] v_{\rm EW}\,. \qquad (11)
\end{aligned}
$$

- All $(u\,, c\,, t)$ obtain hierarchical masses, while all $(d^i\,, \ell^i)$ are massless.

SM fermion masses in the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory

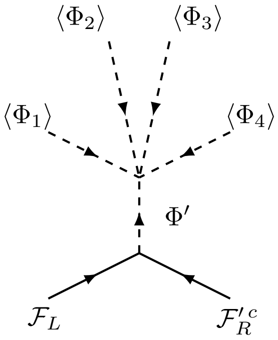


Figure: The indirect Yukawa couplings.

$(d^i\,, \ell^i)$ obtain masses through the EWSB components in renormalizable Yukawa couplings of $\overline{\mathbf{8_F}}^{\omega}\mathbf{28_F}\overline{\mathbf{8_H}}_{,\omega}$ and $\overline{\mathbf{8_F}}^{\dot\omega}\mathbf{56_F}\overline{\mathbf{28_H}}_{,\dot\omega}$ with the $d=5$ Higgs mixing operators.

SM fermion masses in the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory

- There are two indirect Yukawa couplings with the irreducible Higgs mixing operators of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{H}}^{d=5}$:

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{O}_{\mathscr{A}}^{d=5} &\equiv \epsilon_{\omega_1\omega_2\omega_3\omega_4} \overline{\mathbf{8_H}}^{\dagger}_{,\omega_1} \overline{\mathbf{8_H}}^{\dagger}_{,\omega_2} \overline{\mathbf{8_H}}^{\dagger}_{,\omega_3} \overline{\mathbf{8_H}}^{\dagger}_{,\omega_4} \mathbf{70_H}^{\dagger}\,, \\
& \mathcal{PQ} = 2(2p+3q_2) \neq 0\,, \qquad (12a) \\
\mathcal{O}_{\mathscr{B}}^{d=5} &\supset (\overline{\mathbf{28_H}}^{\dagger}_{,\dot{1}} \overline{\mathbf{28_H}}_{,\dot{\mathrm{VII}}}) \cdot \overline{\mathbf{28_H}}^{\dagger}_{,\mathrm{II}\dot{\mathrm{X}}} \overline{\mathbf{28_H}}^{\dagger}_{,\dot{1}} \mathbf{70_H}^{\dagger}\,, \\
& (\overline{\mathbf{28_H}}^{\dagger}_{,\dot{1}} \overline{\mathbf{28_H}}_{,\dot{\mathrm{VII}}}) \cdot \overline{\mathbf{28_H}}^{\dagger}_{,\mathrm{I}\dot{\mathrm{X}}} \overline{\mathbf{28_H}}^{\dagger}_{,\dot{2}} \mathbf{70_H}^{\dagger}\,, \\
& \mathcal{PQ} = 2(p+q_2+q_3)\,. \qquad (12b)
\end{aligned}$$

- Each operator of $\mathcal{O}_{\mathcal{H}}^{d=5}$
  1. *breaks the global symmetries explicitly*;
  2. *can not be further partitioned into subset of renormalizable operators, among which any of them can be allowed by both the gauge and the global symmetries. This relies on the VEV assignments in Eqs.* (8) *and* (9).

SM fermion masses in the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory

- The $(u\,,c\,,t)$ masses

$$\mathcal{M}_u = \frac{v_{\rm EW}}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & c_5\zeta_1/\sqrt{2} \\ c_4\dot{\zeta}_2/\sqrt{2} & 0 & c_5\zeta_2/\sqrt{2} \\ c_5\zeta_1/\sqrt{2} & c_5\zeta_2/\sqrt{2} & Y_{\mathcal{T}} \end{pmatrix} . \tag{13}$$

- The $(d\,,s\,,b)$ masses

$$\mathcal{M}_d \approx \frac{v_{\rm EW}}{4} \begin{pmatrix} Y_{\mathcal{D}} d_{\mathscr{B}} \dot{\zeta}_3' & Y_{\mathcal{D}} d_{\mathscr{B}} \Delta_{\dot{2}} \dot{\zeta}_3' & 0 \\ Y_{\mathcal{D}} d_{\mathscr{B}} \Delta_{\dot{1}}' \dot{\zeta}_3 & Y_{\mathcal{D}} d_{\mathscr{B}} \zeta_{23}^{-2} \dot{\zeta}_3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Y_{\mathcal{B}} d_{\mathscr{A}} \zeta_{23}^{-1} \zeta_1 \end{pmatrix} . \tag{14}$$

The charged lepton masses are $\mathcal{M}_\ell = (\mathcal{M}_d)^T$.

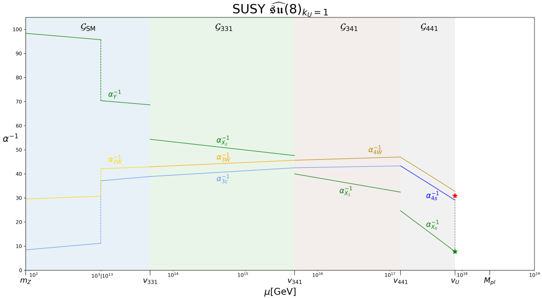
- Natural fermion mass textures by following the gravity-induced $d=5$ operators.

SM fermion masses in the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory: benchmark

ζ_1	ζ_2	ζ_3	$Y_{\mathcal{D}}$	$Y_{\mathcal{B}}$	$Y_{\mathcal{T}}$
6.0×10^{-2}	2.0×10^{-3}	2.0×10^{-5}	0.5	0.5	0.8
λ	c_4	c_5	$d_{\mathscr{A}}$	$d_{\mathscr{B}}$	
0.22	0.2	1.0	0.01	0.01	
m_u	m_c	m_t	$m_d = m_e$	$m_s = m_\mu$	$m_b = m_\tau$
1.6×10^{-3}	0.6	139.2	0.5×10^{-3}	6.4×10^{-2}	1.5
$\lvert V_{ud}\rvert$	$\lvert V_{us}\rvert$	$\lvert V_{ub}\rvert$			
0.98	0.22	3.0×10^{-3}			
$\lvert V_{cd}\rvert$	$\lvert V_{cs}\rvert$	$\lvert V_{cb}\rvert$			
0.22	0.98	7.5×10^{-2}			
$\lvert V_{td}\rvert$	$\lvert V_{ts}\rvert$	$\lvert V_{tb}\rvert$			
0.019	7.5×10^{-2}	1			

Table: The parameters of the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ benchmark point and the predicted SM quark/lepton masses (in unit of GeV) as well as the CKM mixings.

The RGE of the $\mathcal{N}=1$ $\widehat{\mathfrak{su}}(8)_{k_U=1}$ theory



- In the $\widehat{\mathfrak{su}}(8)_{k_U=1}$ theory [2411.12979], we find the conformal embedding of $\widehat{\mathfrak{su}}(4)_{k_s=1} \oplus \widehat{\mathfrak{su}}(4)_{k_W=1} \oplus \widehat{\mathfrak{u}}(1)_{k_1=1/4}$. The gauge coupling unification is achieved through the relation of

$$g_{4s}^2 = g_{4W}^2 = \frac{1}{4} g_{X_0}^2 \,. \tag{15}$$

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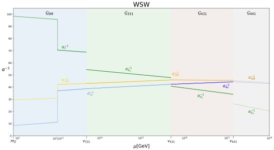

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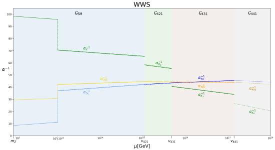

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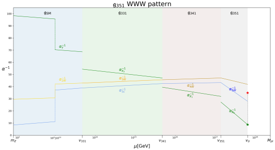

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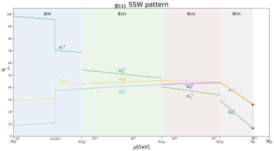

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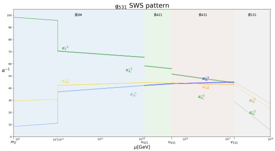

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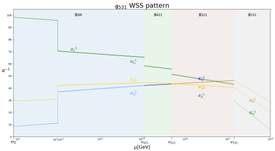

$\mathfrak{g}_{531} \to \mathfrak{g}_{521} \to \mathfrak{g}_{421} \to \mathfrak{g}_{\rm SM}$

Summary

- We propose an $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory to address the SM flavor puzzle. Different generations transform differently in the UV-complete theory and their repetitive structure only emerge in the IR, which lead to the flavor non-universality of SM quarks/leptons.
- The symmetry-breaking pattern of the $\mathfrak{su}(8)$ theory is described, and all light SM fermion masses besides of the top quark are due to the inevitable gravitational effects that break the emergent global symmetries explicitly.
- Crucial assumptions: (i) the VEV assignments of three intermediate symmetry-breaking scales in Eq. (8) and (9), (ii) the SM flavor IDs in the $\mathbf{28_F}$ and $\mathbf{56_F}$, and (iii) the $d = 5$ operators of direct and indirect Yukawa couplings containing the SM Higgs doublet.
- Main results: all SM quark/lepton masses, as well as the CKM mixing pattern can be quantitatively recovered with $\mathcal{O}(0.1) - \mathcal{O}(1)$ direct Yukawa couplings and $\mathcal{O}(0.01)$ Higgs mixing coefficients.

Thanks!

Appendix

- The main conjecture ['79, Georgi, '80, Nanopolous]: no three repetitive generations in the UV (GUT), but they emerge in the IR (SM).
- This was first considered by ['79, Georgi] based on a unified Lie algebra of $\mathfrak{su}(N)$, with the anti-symmetric chiral fermions of

$$\{f_L\}_{\mathrm{SU}(N)} = \sum_k n_k \, [N\,, k]_{\mathbf{F}} \,, \; n_k \in \mathbb{Z}\,. \tag{16}$$

  No exotic fermions in the spectrum with the $[N\,, k]_{\mathbf{F}}$.
- The anomaly-free condition can be expressed in terms of a Diophantine equation

$$\sum_k n_k \, \mathrm{Anom}([N\,, k]_{\mathbf{F}}) = 0\,, \tag{17}$$

$$\mathrm{Anom}([N\,, k]_{\mathbf{F}}) = \frac{(N-2k)\,(N-3)!}{(N-k-1)!\,(k-1)!}\,. \tag{18}$$

Appendix

- The VEV assignments

$$\mathfrak{g}_{441} \to \mathfrak{g}_{341} \;:\; \langle(\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,\mathbf{1}\,,+\frac{1}{4})_{\mathbf{H}\,,\mathrm{IV}}\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} W_{\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,\mathrm{IV}}\,, \tag{19a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g}_{341} \to \mathfrak{g}_{331} \;:\; & \langle(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,-\frac{1}{4})_{\mathbf{H}\,,\mathrm{V}}\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} w_{\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,\mathrm{V}}\,, \\ & \langle(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,-\frac{1}{4})_{\mathbf{H}\,,\mathrm{i}\,,\dot{\mathrm{V}}\mathrm{II}}\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} w_{\overline{\mathbf{4}}\,,\mathrm{i}\,,\dot{\mathrm{V}}\mathrm{II}}\,, \end{aligned} \tag{19b}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathfrak{g}_{331} \to \mathfrak{g}_{\mathrm{SM}} \;:\; & \langle(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,-\frac{1}{3})_{\mathbf{H}\,,3\,,\mathrm{VI}\,,\mathrm{I}\dot{\mathrm{X}}}\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} V_{\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,3\,,\mathrm{VI}\,,\mathrm{I}\dot{\mathrm{X}}} \\ & \langle(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,-\frac{1}{3})'_{\mathbf{H}\,,\dot{2}\,,\mathrm{V}\dot{\mathrm{I}}\mathrm{II}}\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} V'_{\overline{\mathbf{3}}\,,\dot{2}\,,\mathrm{V}\dot{\mathrm{I}}\mathrm{II}}\,, \end{aligned} \tag{19c}$$

$$\mathrm{EWSB} \;:\; \langle(\mathbf{1}\,,\overline{\mathbf{2}}\,,+\frac{1}{2})'''_{\mathbf{H}}\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} v_{\mathrm{EW}}\,. \tag{19d}$$

The VEVs in black are the minimal set to integrate out the massive vectorlike fermions. The VEVs in red are necessary for the $(d^i\,,\ell^i)$ masses.

Appendix

- The global symmetries based on the chiral IRAFFSs are vital to: (i) determine one single SM Higgs doublet through the non-anomalous $\widetilde{\mathrm{U}}(1)_{B-L}$ symmetry, (ii) count the massless left-handed sterile neutrinos precisely through the 't Hooft anomaly matching, (iii) organize the $d = 5$ operators for the SM fermion mass (mixing) terms.
- All SM quark/leptons are flavor non-universal under the extended strong/weak symmetries, while the SM neutrinos $\nu_L \in \overline{\mathbf{8_F}}^{\Omega}$ are flavor universal. Neutrino masses and mixings are to be determined.
- The degenerate $m_{d^i} = m_{\ell^i}$ will be further probed based on the RGEs of $\frac{dm_f(\mu)}{d\log\mu} \equiv \gamma_{m_f} m_f(\mu)$, $\gamma_{m_f}(\alpha^{\Upsilon}) = \frac{\alpha^{\Upsilon}}{4\pi}\gamma_0(\mathcal{R}_f^{\Upsilon})$.