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Woes of the "minimal" non-supersymmetric SO(10) GUT

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The "minimal" potentially realistic non-supersymmetric SO(10) GUT model has a scalar sector consisting of representations 45+126+10. The 45+126 part breaks SO(10) to the Standard Model symmetry, while 126+10 should enable a realistic Yukawa sector. This model is expected to facilitate an unusually robust proton decay prediction, but its analysis is impeded by tachyonic instabilities in the tree-level scalar potential. We shall present the latest developments in the model's analysis: the one-loop effective potential requires in the perturbative regime a breaking pattern through an intermediate $SU(4) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$ stage, but this region of parameter space does not allow for suitable fine-tuning to accommodate a realistic EW-scale Higgs doublet. The model is thus by all indications perturbatively unviable.

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