Global symmetries and effective potential of 2HDM in orbit space

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We extend the framework of analyzing the 2HDM in its orbit space to study the one-loop effective potential before and after electroweak symmetry breaking. In this framework, we present a comprehensive analysis of global symmetries of the one-loop thermal effective potential in the Higgs family space, demonstrating when the global symmetries in the Higgs family space of the tree-level 2HDM potential are broken by loop contributions. By introducing light-cone coordinates and generalizing the bilinear notation around the vacuum, we present a geometric view of the scalar mass matrix and on-shell renormalization conditions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The two-Higgs-doublet model (2HDM) is a simple extension of the SM [1]. It has received much attention for its potential to provide new sources of CP violation and strong first-order phase transition [2–11]. The most general tree-level 2HDM scalar potential

$$V = m_{11}^{2} \Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1} + m_{22}^{2} \Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2} - (m_{12}^{2} \Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2} + \text{H.c.}) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{1} (\Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1})^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{2} (\Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2})^{2} + \lambda_{3} (\Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2}) (\Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1}) + \lambda_{4} (\Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2}) (\Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1}) + (\frac{1}{2} \lambda_{5} (\Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2})^{2} + \lambda_{6} (\Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1}) \times (\Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2}) + \lambda_{7} (\Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2}) (\Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2}) + \text{H.c.})$$
(1)

is parametrized by 14 real parameters. Here, $(m_{12}^2, \lambda_5, \lambda_6, \lambda_7)$ are in general complex while the others are real.

The *CP* conserving 2HDM, also called real 2HDM, require all the parameters in Eq. (1) to be real with respect to a $U(2)_{\Phi}$ basis transformation $\Phi'_i = U_{ij}\Phi_j$. Due to the field redefinition, the *CP* symmetry and other global symmetries of the potential are hard to determine from the parameters in Eq. (1) directly, and one of the most efficient ways to analyze these symmetries is to use the

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bilinear notation [12–17] of the 2HDM. This method involves expressing the tree-level 2HDM potential in terms of orbits of $SU(2)_L$ gauge transformations, which can be combined to form a four-vector,

$$(K_0, \vec{K}) = K^{\mu} = \Phi_i^{\dagger} \sigma_{ij}^{\mu} \Phi_j, \qquad (\mu = 0, 1, 2, 3).$$
 (2)

In this notation, the $U(2)_{\Phi}$ basis transformation of the Higgs doublets corresponds to a $SO(3)_K$ rotation of the three space-like components of this four-vector, while *CP* transformations correspond to improper rotations in these three dimensions [11].

The bilinear notation serves as a convenient tool for examining the symmetries and vacuum conditions of 2HDM. However, its applications are usually restricted to tree-level potential and global structures. In this work, we establish a complete framework for discussing the 2HDM potential, by extending the bilinear notation of the 2HDM to address the properties of physical fields around the vacuum and one-loop effective potential including renormalization. Recently, it is shown in Refs. [18,19] that the bilinear notation can be extended to Yukawa couplings, making it possible to express the 2HDM effective potential including fermion loop contributions in the bilinear notation [18]. With this approach, we express the effective potential entirely as a function of gauge orbits, and systematically analyze the possible global symmetries of the effective potential. We generalize the bilinear notation to discuss physical fields after electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB), and provide a geometrical description of scalar masses based on the light-cone coordinates in the orbit space. We demonstrate that the scalar mass matrix can be viewed as a Hessian matrix between two hypersurfaces in the orbit space. Additionally, we translate the renormalization conditions in the field space into a set of

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geometrical conditions in the orbit space. Then numerous redundant renormalization conditions [20] that depend on the selection of background fields can be avoided. After the on-shell renormalization, we give a comprehensive effective field theory description of one-loop 2HDM effective potential for the first time.

In the rest of this paper, we first review the global symmetries of the tree-level 2HDM potential in the bilinear notation in Sec. II, and then examine whether these symmetries are preserved by one-loop corrections in Sec. III. We explore the relationship between the orbit space and the field space around the vacuum after EWSB in Sec. IV, and we demonstrate how to carry out the on-shell renormalization in the orbit space in Sec. V. Finally, we conclude in Sec. VI.

II. BASIS INVARIANT DESCRIPTION OF GLOBAL SYMMETRY

The basis and *CP* transformations of the Higgs doublets and the global symmetries of 2HDM potential in the bilinear notation are originally introduced in Refs. [12–17]. Our work is based on their framework, and we give a brief introduction in this section. If a 2HDM potential is invariant under some basis or *CP* transformations, then it possesses the corresponding symmetries. The bilinear notation is convenient to discuss these global transformations, because the basis or *CP* transformations simply corresponds to proper or improper rotations in the 3-dimensional spacelike part of the orbit space [10,11,13,14], and we refer this 3-dimensional subspace as \vec{K} space in the following.

A. Global transformations and symmetries in the bilinear notation

We first consider the $U(2)_{\Phi}$ basis transformations $\Phi_i \rightarrow U_{ij}\Phi_j$. It is straightforward to see from Eq. (2) that an $SU(2)_{\Phi}$ basis transformation corresponds to a rotation in the \vec{K} -space,

$$K_0 \to K_0, \qquad K_a \to R_{ab}(U)K_b,$$

 $R_{ab}(U) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{tr}[U^{\dagger} \sigma_a U \sigma_b], \qquad a, b = 1, 2, 3.$ (3)

Then we consider the *CP* transformation $\Phi_i(t, \vec{x}) \rightarrow \Phi_i^*(t, -\vec{x})$. Because the definition of the standard *CP* transformation $\Phi_i \rightarrow \Phi_i^*$ will be changed if we choose another set of basis to describe the scalar fields, e.g., $\Phi_i' = U_{ij}\Phi_j$, the *CP* transformations in the 2HDM are extended as [2,4,21,22]

GCP:
$$\Phi_i \to X_{ij} \Phi_j^*$$
. (4)

Here, X_{ij} is an arbitrary unitary matrix, and such *CP* transformations are called generalized *CP* (GCP) transformations. By plugging the GCP transformation into

Eq. (2), we find that \vec{K} transforms in an improper $O(3)_K$ rotation $\bar{R}(X)$.

$$K_0 \to K_0, \qquad K_a \to \bar{R}_{ab}(X)K_b,$$

 $\bar{R}(X) \equiv R(X) \text{diag}(1, -1, 1).$ (5)

Here, the R(X) is defined in Eq. (3). Besides, for any GCP transformation, one can always find a basis Φ_i so that X_{ij} is a real rotation matrix [21]. Therefore GCP transformations are often classified into three cases [23,24]:

CP1:
$$\Phi_1 \to \Phi_1^*, \quad \Phi_2 \to \Phi_2^*,$$
 (6)

$$CP2: \Phi_1 \to \Phi_2^*, \quad \Phi_2 \to -\Phi_1^*, \tag{7}$$

CP3:
$$\begin{cases} \Phi_1 \to \Phi_1^* \cos \theta + \Phi_2^* \sin \theta \\ \Phi_2 \to -\Phi_1^* \sin \theta + \Phi_2^* \cos \theta \end{cases}, \qquad 0 < \theta < \pi/2,$$
(8)

where CP3 is the most general *CP* transformation while CP1 and CP2 are some special case with $CP1^2 = CP2^2 = 1$ up to a global sign.

After showing that the basis and GCP transformations correspond to $O(3)_K$ rotations in the \vec{K} -space, we examine the symmetries conserving conditions on the 2HDM potential. The 2HDM potential in Eq. (1) can be written as a function of gauge orbits [12–15],

$$V = \xi_{\mu}K^{\mu} + \eta_{\mu\nu}K^{\mu}K^{\nu}$$

= $\xi_{0}K_{0} + \eta_{00}K_{0}^{2} + \vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{K} + 2K_{0}\vec{\eta} \cdot \vec{K} + \vec{K}^{T}E\vec{K}.$ (9)

Here, $\vec{\xi}$ parametrizes the scalar quadratic couplings while *E* and $\vec{\eta}$ parametrize the scalar quartic couplings. As discussed above, a GCP or basis transformation corresponds to some (improper) rotation *R* in the \vec{K} -space. If a tree-level potential is invariant under a rotation *R*, i.e., $V(K_0, \vec{K}) = V(K_0, R\vec{K})$, its parameters should be invariant under the rotation *R*,

$$\vec{\xi} = R\vec{\xi}, \qquad \vec{\eta} = R\vec{\eta}, \qquad E = RER^T.$$
 (10)

A complete analysis of the symmetries of the 2HDM Lagrangian must include the Yukawa interaction, which reads as

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} = \bar{Q}_L y_{u,i} \tilde{\Phi}_i u_R + \bar{Q}_L y_{d,i} \Phi_i d_R + \text{H.c.}, \quad i = 1, 2,$$
(11)

for one generation of u-quark and d-quark. In this work we concentrate on the Higgs family transformation and assume that the quark fields do not transform under the Higgs family transformation. Under this assumption, we can

simplify our discussion to one generation of quarks. In addition, $y_{d,i}$ and $y_{u,i}^*$ transform like Φ_i under the $SU(2)_{\Phi}$ basis redefinition. Although the Yukawa coupling terms in the Lagrangian cannot be expressed in bilinear notation directly, it is shown that the bilinear notation can still be extended to discuss whether the Yukawa couplings break the global symmetries of the scalar potential [18]. This is done by projecting the Yukawa couplings into orbit space, and defining covariant vectors in the dual space of K^{μ} in terms of the Yukawa couplings as

$$Y_{u}^{\mu} = y_{u,i}^{*} \sigma_{ij}^{\mu} y_{u,j}, \qquad Y_{d}^{\mu} = y_{d,i} \sigma_{ij}^{\mu} y_{d,j}^{*}.$$
(12)

In order to make sure that \mathcal{L}_{Yuk} is invariant under the basis transformation $\Phi_i \rightarrow U_{ij}\Phi_j$ or the *CP* transformation in the scalar sector $\Phi_i \rightarrow X_{ij}\Phi_j^*$, the vector \vec{Y} projected by the Yukawa couplings should satisfy

$$\vec{Y} = R(U)\vec{Y}$$
 or $\vec{Y} = \bar{R}(X)\vec{Y}$. (13)

B. Examples of global symmetries

Next we show how to discuss some special symmetries that is widely considered in the orbit space. We start with two characteristic examples, the CP1 symmetry and the Z_2 symmetry. The *CP* symmetry is often introduced to the potential because large *CP* violations are prohibited by experiments. From Eq. (5), the CP1 transformation $\Phi_i \rightarrow \Phi_i^*$ corresponds to a mirror reflection in the \vec{K} -space. The Z_2 symmetry is introduced to prevent the flavor changing neutral interactions,¹ and a softly broken Z_2 symmetry is often considered. From Eq. (3), the Z_2 transformation $\Phi_1 \rightarrow -\Phi_1$ corresponds to a 2-dimensional rotation of π in the \vec{K} space.

Whether a 2HDM is invariant under the CP1 or Z_2 transformation can be understood from the geometrical profile of parameter tensor and vectors, as shown in Eqs. (10) and (13). Without loss of generality, we use an ellipsoid to visualize the 3×3 real symmetric tensor E which possesses at least three C_2 axis (principal axis) and three symmetry planes, and we illustrate these two examples in Fig. 1. The CP1 symmetric 2HDM potential satisfies a mirror reflection symmetry in the \vec{K} space, requiring all the parameter vectors to lie on the same reflection plane of E. The Z_2 symmetric potential is invariant under a rotation of π in the \vec{K} space. Hence the parameter vectors should point to the same principal axis of E. As for the softly broken Z_2 symmetry, the quadratic term $\vec{\xi}$ is allowed to break the Z_2 symmetry as in Fig. 1.



FIG. 1. Illustration figure of parameter vectors and tensor of the 2HDM potential that obeys CP1 symmetry (left) or softly broken Z_2 symmetry (right). The ellipsoid denotes the tensor *E* and black dashed lines denote its three principal axes. Red and blue arrows denote the directions of $\vec{\eta}$ and $\vec{\xi}$ respectively.

Following Refs. [23,24], we list other global symmetries in scalar family space by different geometric profile of the scalar potential in Table I. The $U(1)_a$ transformation $\Phi_1 \rightarrow e^{i\theta}\Phi_1$ corresponds to a rotation along a certain axis, the CP2 transformation corresponds to a point reflection, and the CP3 transformation corresponds to a point reflection followed by an additional rotation of $0 \sim \pi$. The geometric profiles show the hierarchy chain of those global symmetries clearly,

$$CP1 < Z_2 < \left\{ \frac{CP2}{U(1)_a} \right\} < CP3 < U(2), \qquad (14)$$

i.e., a Z_2 symmetric tree-level 2HDM scalar potential must satisfy CP1 symmetry and likewise. For GCP properties of tree-level 2HDM scalar potential, CP2 and CP3 symmetric conditions are more strict than CP1.² Besides, neither CP2 nor CP3 symmetry can be still preserved after the Higgs field developed a nonvanishing vacuum expectation value. Therefore, we will only discuss CP1 conserving (CPC) conditions and denote CP1 as *CP* in the following.

At the end of this section, we would like to mention that additional symmetry-related opportunities will appear when we include three generations and allow the quark fields to transform together with the scalar fields. In that case, $y_{d,i}$ and $y_{u,i}^*$ do not simply transform like Φ_i , and their transformation rule is determined by how the quark fields transform together with the scalar fields. For example, one can construct CP2 symmetric model with nontrivial Yukawa sector [30]. Under the CP2 transformation, instead of transforming as a point reflection $\vec{Y} \rightarrow -\vec{Y}$, the vector \vec{Y} transform between different families such as $\vec{Y}^m \leftrightarrow -\vec{Y}^n$,

¹For different types of Z_2 charge assignments in the orbit space, see Table II in Appendix A 2.

²This situation is different in *N*-Higgs doublet model for N > 2. A potential that does not conserve CP1 symmetry may satisfy some higher order GCP symmetries [25,26]. For detailed discussion of high order GCP symmetries, see Refs. [26–29]

TABLE I. Global symmetry and their geometric profile of parameter vectors and tensor *E*. \vec{e}_i are direction of three eigenvectors of *E*, and e_i denotes the three corresponding eigenvalues. Note that the vector \vec{Y} should satisfy the same constrain with $\vec{\eta}$ and $\vec{\xi}$ if we assume that the quark fields do not transform under Higgs family transformation.

Symmetry	Transformation	Vector $\vec{\eta}$ and $\vec{\xi}$	Tensor
U(2)	$\Phi_i \to U_{ij} \Phi_j$	0	Spherical
CP3	Eq. (8)	0	$e_1 = e_2$
CP2	Eq. (7)	0	
$U(1)_a$	$\Phi_1 \rightarrow e^{i\theta} \Phi_1$	Collinear with \vec{e}_3	$e_1 = e_2$
Z_2	$\Phi_{1,2} \rightarrow \pm \Phi_{1,2}$	Collinear with an axes \vec{e}_i	
CP1	$\Phi_i \to \Phi_i^*$	Orthogonal to an axes \vec{e}_i	

where *m* and *n* are family indexes. In addition, the symmetries in Table I is a summary of the symmetries in the Higgs family transformation only. The 2HDM Lagrangian can have many more symmetries after considering nontrivial transformations in the fermion family. For example, in the Z_3 symmetric 2HDM [31,32], the scalar potential is invariant under the U(1) symmetry, but the Yukawa couplings are only invariant under Z_3 symmetry, breaking the symmetry of the potential to a finite subgroup of U(1). Instead of exploring all symmetry-related aspects of the 2HDM Lagrangian, in this work we focus on the transformation and symmetries in the Higgs family space. Unless otherwise stated, the word "symmetry" in this paper only refers to the symmetry in the Higgs family transformation.

III. EFFECTIVE POTENTIAL AND THERMAL CORRECTION

The global symmetries of thermal effective potential are important in the study of the vacuum structure and *CP* violation in the early universe. The use of bilinear notation simplifies, from a geometrical perspective, the analysis of the global symmetries of the effective potential [33,34]. In this section, we employ the bilinear notation to evaluate the complete one-loop effective potential, and discuss its global symmetries.

The thermal effective potential of the 2HDM is written as

$$V_{\rm eff}(T) = V_{\rm tree} + V_{\rm CW} + V_T + V_{\rm daisy}, \qquad (15)$$

where V_{tree} is the tree-level potential, V_{CW} is the one-loop Coleman-Weinberg potential at zero temperature [35], and $V_T + V_{\text{daisy}}$ are the thermal corrections at finite temperature. Using the background field method, the one-loop Coleman-Weinberg potential calculated in Landau gauge under the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme is

$$V_{\rm CW}(\phi_c) = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{Tr} \int \frac{d^4 p_E}{2\pi^4} \ln \left[p_E^2 + \mathbf{M}^2(\phi_c) \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \sum_i n_i m_i^4(\phi_c) \left[\ln \frac{m_i^2(\phi_c)}{\mu^2} - c_i \right]. \quad (16)$$

Here, $p_E = (-ip^0, \vec{p})$, \mathbf{M}^2 is the mass matrix of scalar or fermion in the loop and **Tr** traces over the dimension of mass matrix, m_i^2 is the eigenvalue of the \mathbf{M}^2 for the field *i*, and n_i is the degree of freedom of the field *i*. The constant c_i equals to 5/6 for gauge bosons and 3/2 for others.

The effective potential of the 2HDM has been extensively studied in the literature [6–9,36]. Typically, only the neutral or *CP*-even components of the Higgs boson doublets are treated as background fields, which breaks the $SU(2)_L$ invariance explicitly. Consequently, the bilinear notation cannot be applied to study $V_{\text{eff}}(\phi_c)$ directly. In order to analyze the global symmetries of the effective potential using bilinear notation, a global $SU(2)_L$ invariance must be preserved in the calculation [18], which means that the masses in Eq. (16) need to be evaluated in a $SU(2)_L$ invariant way. To achieve this, we treat all the components of the Higgs boson doublets Φ_i 's,

$$\Phi_i = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{i\uparrow} \\ \phi_{i\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad i = 1, 2, \tag{17}$$

as background fields, and K^{μ} should be understood as bilinear forms of background fields in this section.

A. Symmetries of Coleman-Weinberg potential

We first consider the zero temperature effective potential by calculating the contributions from gauge boson loop, fermion loop and scalar loop to the Coleman-Weinberg potential respectively.

1. Contributions from gauge boson loop

The masses of gauge bosons arise from the kinetic term $|D_{\mu}\Phi_i|^2$ with $D^{\mu}\Phi_i = (\partial^{\mu} + i\frac{g}{2}\sigma_a W_a^{\mu} + i\frac{g'}{2}B^{\mu})\Phi_i$, where i = 1, 2. Expanding the covariant derivative term directly yields the gauge boson mass term

$$\frac{1}{4} \Phi_i^{\dagger} (g\sigma_a W_a + g'B)^2 \Phi_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \Phi_i^{\dagger} (g'^2 B^2 + 2gg' B W_a \sigma_a + g^2 \sigma_a \sigma_b W_a W_b) \Phi_i$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \Phi_i^{\dagger} (g'^2 B^2 + 2gg' B W_a \sigma_a + g^2 \sigma_{\{a} \sigma_{b\}} W_a W_b) \Phi_i$$

$$= \frac{\Phi_i^{\dagger} \Phi_i}{4} (g'^2 B^2 + g^2 W_a W_a) + \frac{\Phi_i^{\dagger} \sigma_a \Phi_i}{2} gg' B W_a. \quad (18)$$

Then the gauge boson mass matrix in basis $\vec{G} = (W_1, W_2, W_3, B)$ is

$$\mathbf{M}_{G}^{2}(\Phi_{i}) = \frac{\partial^{2}L}{\partial\vec{G}\partial\vec{G}} = \frac{g^{2}}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_{i}^{\dagger}\Phi_{i} & 0 & 0 & t_{W}\Phi_{i}^{\dagger}\sigma_{1}\Phi_{i} \\ 0 & \Phi_{i}^{\dagger}\Phi_{i} & 0 & t_{W}\Phi_{i}^{\dagger}\sigma_{2}\Phi_{i} \\ 0 & 0 & \Phi_{i}^{\dagger}\Phi_{i} & t_{W}\Phi_{i}^{\dagger}\sigma_{3}\Phi_{i} \\ t_{W}\Phi_{i}^{\dagger}\sigma_{1}\Phi_{i} & t_{W}\Phi_{i}^{\dagger}\sigma_{2}\Phi_{i} & t_{W}\Phi_{i}^{\dagger}\sigma_{3}\Phi_{i} & t_{W}^{2}\Phi_{i}^{\dagger}\Phi_{i} \end{pmatrix}$$
(19)

where $t_W = \tan \theta_W = g'/g$. For a matrix with the shape of Eq. (19), its eigenvalues are

Eigenvalues
$$\begin{pmatrix} e & a \\ e & b \\ & e & c \\ a & b & c & d \end{pmatrix} = \left(e, e, \frac{d + e \pm \sqrt{4(a^2 + b^2 + c^2) + (d - e)^2}}{2} \right).$$
 (20)

With the help of the Fierz identities,

$$\begin{aligned} (\Phi_i^{\dagger} \sigma_a \Phi_i) (\Phi_j^{\dagger} \sigma_a \Phi_j) \\ &= (\Phi_1^{\dagger} \Phi_1 - \Phi_2^{\dagger} \Phi_2)^2 + 4 (\Phi_1^{\dagger} \Phi_2) (\Phi_2^{\dagger} \Phi_1) = |\vec{K}|^2, \quad (21) \end{aligned}$$

we present four eigenvalues of the gauge boson mass matrix,

$$m_{W^{\pm}}^{2} = \frac{g^{2}}{4} K_{0},$$

$$m_{Z}^{2} = \frac{g^{2}}{8} \left((1 + t_{W}^{2}) K_{0} + \sqrt{4t_{W}^{2} |\vec{K}|^{2} + (t_{W}^{2} - 1)^{2} K_{0}^{2}} \right),$$

$$m_{\gamma}^{2} = \frac{g^{2}}{8} \left((1 + t_{W}^{2}) K_{0} - \sqrt{4t_{W}^{2} |\vec{K}|^{2} + (t_{W}^{2} - 1)^{2} K_{0}^{2}} \right).$$
(22)

Notice that there is a massless photon when the vacuum is neutral, i.e., $K_0 = |\vec{K}|$. By plugging Eq. (22) into Eq. (16), we find that the gauge boson loop contributions to the Coleman-Weinberg potential, $V_{CW}^{(G)} = V_{CW}^{(G)}(K_0, |\vec{K}|)$, is spherically symmetric and preserve any rotational symmetry in the \vec{K} space, i.e.,

$$V_{\rm CW}^{(G)}(K_0, \vec{K}) = V_{\rm CW}^{(G)}(K_0, R\vec{K}), \qquad R \in O(3).$$

2. Contributions from the quark loop

Typically, only the contribution from the heaviest quark needs to be included in the effective potential. However, we include both the top and bottom quarks in our calculation to ensure an explicit $SU(2)_L$ invariance. The top and bottom quark masses mix due to the presence of charged background fields, and the fermion mass matrix given by $-\partial^2 \mathcal{L}/\partial \bar{\psi}_L^i \partial \psi_R^j$ is

$$(\bar{t}_L, \bar{b}_L)\mathbf{M}_F\begin{pmatrix}t_R\\b_R\end{pmatrix}, \quad \mathbf{M}_F = \begin{pmatrix}y_{il}\phi^*_{i\downarrow} & y_{ib}\phi_{i\uparrow}\\-y_{il}\phi^*_{i\uparrow} & y_{ib}\phi_{i\downarrow}\end{pmatrix}.$$
 (23)

We obtain the fermion masses after singular decomposition,

$$L^{-1}\mathbf{M}_F R = \begin{pmatrix} m_t \\ m_b \end{pmatrix}, \qquad m_{t/b}^2 = \frac{B \pm \sqrt{B^2 + C}}{2},$$
(24)

where, with the help of vector \vec{Y} defined in Eq. (12), *B* and *C* can be written as $SO(3)_K$ basis invariant forms as follows:

$$B = \frac{1}{2} (Y_{t0} + Y_{b0}) K_0 + \frac{1}{2} (\vec{Y}_t + \vec{Y}_b) \cdot \vec{K},$$

$$C = -\frac{1}{2} (Y_t \cdot Y_b) K_0^2 - K_0 (Y_{t0} \vec{Y}_b + Y_{b0} \vec{Y}_t) \cdot \vec{K}$$

$$+ \frac{1}{2} \vec{K} \cdot (\vec{Y}_t \cdot \vec{Y}_b - Y_{t0} Y_{b0} - \vec{Y}_t \otimes \vec{Y}_b - \vec{Y}_b \otimes \vec{Y}_t) \cdot \vec{K}.$$
(25)

The masses can be simplified in the case that the Yukawa couplings exhibit a large hierarchy; for example, when $y_t \gg y_b$, only the top quark mass $m_t^2(K) = (Y_{t0}K_0 + \vec{Y}_t \cdot \vec{K})/4$ needs to be considered. Equations (24) and (25) show that the symmetry of $V_{CW}^{(F)}$ is completely determined by the direction of vector \vec{Y} . When the vector \vec{Y} is invariant under the rotation, i.e., $\vec{Y}_{t/b} = R\vec{Y}_{t/b}$ for $R \in O(3)$,

$$V_{
m CW}^{(F)}(K_0, ec{K}) = V_{
m CW}^{(F)}(K_0, Rec{K}).$$

When $\vec{Y}_{t/b} \neq R\vec{Y}_{t/b}$,

$$V_{\rm CW}^{(F)}(K_0, \vec{K}) \neq V_{\rm CW}^{(F)}(K_0, R\vec{K}).$$

Therefore, whether the fermion loop contribution to $V_{\rm CW}$ breaks the global symmetry of the tree-level potential depends on the pattern of Yukawa couplings.

3. Contributions from the scalar loop

The calculation of $V_{CW}^{(S)}(K_0, \vec{K})$ can be performed straightforwardly from Eq. (16), in which the mass matrix of scalars is given by

$$\mathbf{M}_{S}^{2}(\varphi)_{ab} = \frac{\delta^{2} V}{\delta \varphi_{a} \delta \varphi_{b}},$$
(26)

where φ_a are real vectors in the 8-dimensional field space. Though \mathbf{M}_S^2 cannot be diagonalized analytically, we still find a way to investigate the global symmetries of $V_{CW}^{(G)}$. We firstly employ the notations in Ref. [37], where the components of φ_a are ordered as

$$\varphi_a^T = \left(\operatorname{Re}\phi_{1\uparrow}, \operatorname{Im}\phi_{1\uparrow}, \operatorname{Re}\phi_{2\uparrow}, \operatorname{Im}\phi_{2\uparrow}, \operatorname{Re}\phi_{1\downarrow}, \operatorname{Im}\phi_{1\downarrow}, \operatorname{Re}\phi_{2\downarrow}, \operatorname{Im}\phi_{2\downarrow} \right),$$
(27)

and φ_a is related to the bilinear form by $K^{\mu} = \varphi_a \Sigma^{\mu}_{ab} \varphi_b$. The 8 × 8 matrices Σ^{μ} are defined as

$$\Sigma^{\mu} = \Sigma_{4}^{\mu} \oplus \Sigma_{4}^{\mu}, \qquad \Sigma_{4}^{0} = \mathbb{1}_{4}, \qquad \Sigma_{4}^{1} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{1}_{2} \\ \mathbb{1}_{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$
$$\Sigma_{4}^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{i}_{2} \\ -\mathbb{i}_{2} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \Sigma_{4}^{3} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_{2} & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbb{1}_{2} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (28)$$

where $\mathbb{1}_d$ is the $d \times d$ identity matrix and $\mathfrak{i}_2 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$.

The $V_{CW}^{(S)}$ can be expanded in the powers of \mathbf{M}_{S} [38],

$$V_{\rm CW}^{(S)} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{Tr} \int \frac{d^4 p_E}{2\pi^4} \ln \left[p_E^2 + \mathbf{M}_S^2 \right] = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 p_E}{2\pi^4} \left[\mathbf{Tr} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(-\frac{\mathbf{M}_S^2}{p_E^2} \right)^n + \ln p_E^2 \right], \quad (29)$$

where **Tr** stands for taking a trace over the 8-dimensional field space. For example, the leading power is

$$\mathbf{Tr}(\mathbf{M}_{S}^{2}) = (20\eta_{00} + 4\mathrm{tr}(E))K_{0} + 24\vec{K}\cdot\vec{\eta} + 8\xi_{0}, \quad (30)$$

which is consistent with Ref. [37]. We show that all the traces $\mathbf{Tr}(\mathbf{M}_{S}^{2n})$ in Eq. (29) are functions of gauge orbits K^{μ} , and the complete calculations are deferred to Appendix B. Here, we present the final calculation result expressed in the bilinear notation as

$$V_{\rm CW}^{(S)} = \mathcal{F}(S_p^{\mu\nu}, \eta^{\mu\nu}). \tag{31}$$

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The function \mathcal{F} only depends on the trace of the inner products of $S_p^{\mu\nu}$ and $\eta^{\mu\nu}$, and $S_p^{\mu\nu}$ is defined as

$$S_p^{\mu\nu} = F(p)^{\mu}K^{\nu} + F(p)^{\nu}K^{\mu} - g^{\mu\nu}(F(p)K).$$
(32)

Here, $F(p)_{\mu}$ is a function of K^{μ} that depends on the integer p,

$$F(p)_0 \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{p/2} C_p^{2k} (A_0)^{p-2k} |\vec{A}|^{2k},$$
(33)

$$\vec{F}(p) \equiv \begin{cases} -\sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} C_p^{2k+1} (A_0)^{p-2k-1} |\vec{A}|^{2k} \vec{A} & (p \neq 0), \\ 0 & (p = 0), \end{cases}$$
(34)

where $(A_0, \vec{A}) = A_\mu = 2\eta_{\mu\nu}K^\nu + \xi_\mu$ and C_p^k is the binomial coefficient. Notice that the global symmetries are determined only by the 3-dimension vector \vec{A} .

Upon expressing $V_{CW}^{(S)}$ as a function in the orbit space, we find that the tensor structures in $V_{CW}^{(S)}$ are constructed entirely by tree level parameter tensors $\eta^{\mu\nu}$ and ξ^{μ} , i.e., no new tensor structure appears, therefore, the rotation symmetries of $V_{CW}^{(S)}$ in the \vec{K} -space are determined by the tree-level parameter tensors. If the tree-level potential is invariant under a rotation $R \in O(3)$ in the \vec{K} -space, i.e., $V_{\text{tree}}(K_0, \vec{K}) = V_{\text{tree}}(K_0, R\vec{K})$, the scalar loop contribution $V_{CW}^{(S)}$ also preserves the rotation invariance,

$$V_{\rm CW}^{(S)}(K_0, \vec{K}) = V_{\rm CW}^{(S)}(K_0, R\vec{K}).$$

B. Symmetries of thermal potential

As for the finite temperature corrections in Eq. (15), V_T stands for the contribution from one-loop diagrams, and V_{daisy} denotes the correction from higher loop Daisy diagrams [38]. The one-loop correction V_T is given by

$$V_T = \sum_i n_i \frac{T^4}{2\pi^2} J_{B/F}(m_i^2/T^2), \qquad (35)$$

where the thermal bosonic function J_B and fermionic function J_F are

$$J_B(m^2/T^2) = -\frac{\pi^4}{45} + \frac{\pi^2}{12} \frac{m^2}{T^2} - \frac{\pi}{6} \left(\frac{m^2}{T^2}\right)^{3/2} - \frac{1}{32} \frac{m^4}{T^4} \log \frac{m^2}{a_b T^2} - 2\pi^{7/2} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} (-1)^\ell \frac{\zeta(2\ell+1)}{(\ell+1)!} \Gamma\left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(\frac{m^2}{4\pi^2 T^2}\right)^{\ell+2},$$
(36)

$$J_F(m^2/T^2) = \frac{7\pi^4}{360} - \frac{\pi^2}{24} \frac{m^2}{T^2} - \frac{1}{32} \frac{m^4}{T^4} \log \frac{m^2}{a_f T^2} - \frac{\pi^{7/2}}{4} \sum_{\ell=1}^{\infty} (-1)^{\ell} \frac{\zeta(2\ell+1)}{(\ell+1)!} (1 - 2^{-2\ell-1}) \times \Gamma \left(\ell + \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{m^2}{\pi^2 T^2}\right)^{\ell+2}.$$
 (37)

Here, $a_b = 16a_f = 16\pi^2 e^{3/2-2\gamma_E}$, and ζ is the Riemann- ζ function. The leading *T*-dependent terms of $J_{B/F}$ are given by the mass-square terms,

$$J_B = \frac{\pi^2}{12} \frac{m^2}{T^2} + O(T^{-4}), \qquad J_F = -\frac{\pi^2}{24} \frac{m^2}{T^2} + O(T^{-4}),$$
(38)

where the background-field-independent terms are dropped. By collecting the results in Eqs. (22), (24), and (30), we obtain the leading contributions from gauge boson loops, fermion loops, and scalar loops to V_T as follows:

$$V_T^{(G)} \approx \frac{g^2 T^2}{32} (3 + t_W^2) K_0, \tag{39}$$

$$V_T^{(F)} \approx -\frac{T^2}{8} \left[(Y_{t0} + Y_{b0}) K_0 + (\vec{Y}_t + \vec{Y}_b) \cdot \vec{K}) \right], \quad (40)$$

$$V_T^{(S)} \approx \frac{T^2}{6} \left[(5\eta_{00} + \text{tr}(E)) K_0 + 6\vec{K} \cdot \vec{\eta} + 2\xi_0 \right].$$
(41)

We find that the corrections from Eqs. (39)–(41) to the treelevel potential is equivalent to shifting the quadratic couplings ξ_{μ} in the orbit space, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi_0 &\to \xi_0 + T^2 c_{T0}, \\ \vec{\xi} &\to \vec{\xi} + T^2 \vec{c}_T, \end{aligned} \tag{42}$$

where

$$c_{T0} = \frac{g^2}{32} (3 + t_W^2) - \frac{Y_{t0} + Y_{b0}}{8} + \frac{5\eta_{00} + \text{tr}(E)}{6},$$

$$\vec{c}_T = \frac{1}{8} [8\vec{\eta} - \vec{Y}_t - \vec{Y}_b].$$
 (43)

The direction of $\vec{\xi}$ is shifted by the quartic couplings $\vec{\eta}$ and Yukawa interactions \vec{Y} from thermal corrections. At a sufficient high temperature with $T^2 \gg |\vec{\xi}|/|\vec{c}_T|$, the direction of shifted $\vec{\xi}$ is aligned along the direction of \vec{c}_T . As a result, the symmetries of thermal effective potential under the basis transformation and *CP* transformation are determined by \vec{c}_T .

At high temperatures, the contribution from higher loop Daisy diagrams V_{daisy} is comparable with V_T , and it is given by [38]

$$V_{\text{daisy}} = -\frac{T}{12\pi} \sum_{i=\text{bosons}} n_i [\mathcal{M}_i^3(\phi_c, T) - m_i^3(\phi_c)]. \quad (44)$$

Here, the $\mathcal{M}_i(\phi_c, T)$ are thermal corrected masses calculated from $V_{\text{tree}} + V_T$, which is obtained from the tree level potential by parameter shifting $\xi^{\mu} \rightarrow \xi^{\mu} + T^2 c_T^{\mu}$. Therefore, the *T*-dependent terms in $\mathcal{M}_i(\phi_c, T)$ are in the form of $T^2 c_T^{\mu}$. As c_T^0 plays no role in global transformations, the behavior of V_{daisy} under the $O(3)_K$ transformation depends only on \vec{c}_T .

After understanding the behavior of V_{CW} , V_T , and V_{daisy} under the $O(3)_K$ transformation, we are ready to discuss whether a global symmetry preserved by the tree-level potential will be violated by the loop corrections. Consider a tree-level potential that processes the symmetry of a basis or *CP* transformation, then the potential is invariant under a rotation *R* in the \vec{K} -space, $V_{\text{tree}}(K_0, \vec{K}) = V_{\text{tree}}(K_0, R\vec{K})$, and its parameters satisfy

$$\vec{\xi} = R\vec{\xi}, \qquad \vec{\eta} = R\vec{\eta}, \qquad E = RER^T.$$
 (45)

The *only* quantum correction that may violate the symmetry is the contribution from fermion loops. The global symmetry is maintained in effective potential if and only if all the Yukawa couplings are invariant under *R*, i.e., $\vec{Y} = R\vec{Y}$.

If the symmetry is softly broken at tree level, i.e., only the scalar quadratic coupling $\vec{\xi} \neq R\vec{\xi}$ violates the symmetry while other conditions in Eq. (45) are preserved, then the symmetry violation effect from soft terms tend to be suppressed at high temperature. This is because the leading thermal corrections shift the scalar quadratic couplings $\vec{\xi}$ with Yukawa coupling \vec{Y} and scalar quartic couplings $\vec{\eta}$, and both \vec{Y} and $\vec{\eta}$ preserve the symmetry.

Another noteworthy example is the custodial symmetry. In the orbit space, the custodial symmetry of the 2HDM does not correspond to a rotation symmetry but a shift symmetry [39]. As the effective potential is not invariant under any shift symmetry in the orbit space, the custodial symmetry of 2HDM is bound to be broken by the effective potential.

IV. BILINEAR NOTATION AFTER EWSB

In this section, we extend the bilinear notation to discuss EWSB and physical fields. There are two reasons to discuss the EWSB in the bilinear notation.

Firstly, a global symmetry exhibited by the potential, as shown in Table I, can be broken spontaneously after the potential develops a vacuum. For example, consider the *CP* symmetry. Even if the potential is explicitly *CP* conserving, $V(\Phi_1, \Phi_2)|_{\Phi_i \to \Phi_i^*} = V(\Phi_1, \Phi_2)$, the physical fields, which are fluctuations around the vacuum, may still break *CP*



FIG. 2. Illustration figures of tree-level parameters for an SCPV potential. Here \vec{K}_v and $\vec{K}_{v'}$ are a pair of degenerated vacuum expectation values that are related by a mirror reflection, and the reflection plane spanned by $\vec{\xi}$ and $\vec{\eta}$.

symmetry after EWSB if the vacuum has an additional *CP* phase as follows:

$$\langle \Phi_1 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_1 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \langle \Phi_2 \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 e^{i\delta} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (46)

This is called spontaneous CP violation (SCPV). In the bilinear notation, the SCPV happens when the potential but not the vacuum is invariant under a mirror reflection. In this case, there are two degenerate vacua related by a CP transformation as in Fig. 2. After analyzing the vacuum conditions in the orbit space, we can easily determine whether the CP symmetry or other global symmetry is spontaneously broken.

Secondly, exploring the physical fields after the EWSB is necessary for performing on-shell renormalization. The renormalized effective potential can be expressed fully in the bilinear notation if we can perform the on-shell renormalization in the orbit space. For that, we examine the vacuum structures in the orbit space and investigate the relations between the field space and orbit space. Furthermore, we demonstrate that the mass matrix of the physical neutral scalars corresponds to a geometric structure in the orbit space, making it convenient to handle the mass spectrum and on-shell renormalization.

A. Vacuum condition

We start with the vacuum conditions of $V(K^{\mu})$, where $V(K^{\mu})$ represents the tree-level or effective potential in the orbit space. Figure 3 displays the light cone in the orbit space, and the light cone is a hyper-surface defined by $K_0 = |\vec{K}|$. The orbit space inside the forward light cone LC^+ is the physical region, satisfying $K_0 \ge |\vec{K}|$ [12–15]. A neutral vacuum expectation value requires the minimum of the potential, denoted as K_v^{μ} , to lie on the LC^+ , i.e., $K_{v,0} = |\vec{K}_v|$ [12–15]. Therefore, K_v^{μ} is a conditional minimum of $V(K^{\mu})$ on the LC^+ .



FIG. 3. Vacuum expectation value and light-cone coordinates in the orbit space. The yellow surface denotes LC^+ and the green denotes the equipotential surface \mathcal{M}_{vev} . K_v is the tangent point of these 3-dimensional hyper-surfaces.

The vacuum of the potential $V(K^{\mu})$ is solved by minimizing the function $V_u(K^{\mu}) = V(K^{\mu}) - uL(K^{\mu})$, where *u* is a Lagrange multiplier and $L(K^{\mu}) = 0$ is the light-cone condition with $L(K^{\mu})$ defined as

$$L(K_0, \vec{K}) = K_0^2 - |\vec{K}|^2 = 4K_+K_- - |\vec{K}_T|^2.$$
(47)

Instead of solving the vacuum conditions in the original coordinates chosen in Refs. [12–15], we introduce the light-cone coordinates

$$K_{\pm} \equiv \frac{(K_0 \pm K_3)}{2}, \qquad \vec{K}_{\rm T} \equiv (K_1, K_2), \qquad (48)$$

which are defined after rotating the vacuum along the K_3 direction, i.e., $K_v^{\mu} = \frac{v^2}{2} (1, 0, 0, 1)^T$. We will soon see that the geometrical structures of 2HDM vacuum are exposed straightforwardly in the light-cone coordinates. The solution of the conditional minimum satisfies

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial K_{-}}\Big|_{K_{v}} = 2v^{2}u > 0, \qquad \frac{\partial V}{\partial K_{+}}\Big|_{K_{v}} = 0, \qquad \frac{\partial V}{\partial \vec{K}_{T}}\Big|_{K_{v}} = 0.$$
(49)

Note that we require $\frac{\partial V}{\partial K_{-}} > 0$ to ensure no global minimum inside the light cone to avoid a charged vacuum.

In addition to the conditions in Eq. (49), we need to make sure that K_v is a minimal point rather than a saddle point. In the 4-dimensional orbit space, K_v is the tangent point of LC^+ and an equipotential surface \mathcal{M}_{vev} defined by $V(K^{\mu}) = V(K_v^{\mu})$ [14], and the normal direction of their tangent space is K_- , as shown in Fig. 3. Therefore, the requirement that K_v is not a saddle point indicates that \mathcal{M}_{vev} must be outside of the LC^+ . Equivalently, if we expand the infinitely small deviation δh between LC^+ and \mathcal{M}_{vev} at their tangent point, (as shown in Fig. 3)

$$\delta h = (\delta K_{+}, \delta \vec{K}_{\mathrm{T}}) \mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{dev}}^{2} \begin{pmatrix} \delta K_{+} \\ \delta \vec{K}_{\mathrm{T}} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathrm{dev}}^{2} = \frac{1}{\partial V / \partial K_{-}} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^{2} V_{u}}{\partial K_{+}^{2}} & \frac{\partial^{2} V_{u}}{\partial K_{+} \partial \vec{K}_{\mathrm{T}}} \\ \frac{\partial^{2} V_{u}}{\partial K_{+} \partial \vec{K}_{\mathrm{T}}} & \frac{\partial^{2} V_{u}}{\partial \vec{K}_{+}^{2}} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\partial V / \partial K_{-}} \mathbf{H}_{V_{u}},$$
(50)

the Hessian matrix \mathbf{M}_{dev}^2 must be positive definite. Note that the Hessian matrix of the deviation between the two surfaces is simply proportional to the Hessian matrix of V_u , \mathbf{H}_{V_u} . As to be shown later, the Hessian matrix of the deviation between the two hypersurfaces directly yields the neutral scalar mass matrix.

Now we have introduced the vacuum conditions fully in the orbit space. These conditions apply to both the treelevel and the effective potentials. Specifically, the tree-level potential in Eq. (9) can be written in terms of the light-cone coordinates as follows,

$$V_{\text{tree}} = \xi_{+}K_{+} + \xi_{-}K_{-} + \vec{\xi}_{\text{T}} \cdot \vec{K}_{\text{T}} + (K_{+}, K_{-}, \vec{K}_{\text{T}}) \\ \times \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{++} & \eta_{+-} & \vec{\eta}_{\text{T}+} \\ \eta_{+-} & \eta_{--} & \vec{\eta}_{\text{T}-} \\ \vec{\eta}_{\text{T}+} & \vec{\eta}_{\text{T}-} & \eta_{\text{TT}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} K_{+} \\ K_{-} \\ \vec{K}_{\text{T}} \end{pmatrix}.$$
(51)

Then the minimal conditions for the tree-level potential from Eq. (49) are

$$\frac{\partial V_{\text{tree}}}{\partial K_{-}}\Big|_{K_{v}} = \xi_{-} + v^{2}\eta_{+-} = 2v^{2}u > 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial V_{\text{tree}}}{\partial K_{+}}\Big|_{K_{v}} = \xi_{+} + v^{2}\eta_{++} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial V_{\text{tree}}}{\partial \vec{K}_{T}}\Big|_{K_{v}} = \vec{\xi}_{T} + v^{2}\vec{\eta}_{T+} = 0,$$
(52)

which are equivalent to the minimal conditions given in Ref. [12].

B. A geometrical view of the scalar mass matrix

After the potential develops a vacuum expectation value, the scalar fields become massive. The field components after the EWSB are fluctuations around the vacuum. Without loss of generality, we use the Higgs basis in which the vacuum v is rotated to the first doublet, and the field components are

$$H_1 = \begin{pmatrix} G^+ \\ \frac{v + \phi + iG^0}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad H_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H^+ \\ \frac{R + iI}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{53}$$

where ϕ , *R*, *I* and H^{\pm} are physical fields while G_0 and G^{\pm} are Goldstone fields. By substituting the field components

of H_i into Eq. (2), and rewriting them in terms of the lightcone coordinates, we have

$$\begin{pmatrix} K_{+} \\ K_{1} \\ K_{2} \\ K_{-} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{v^{2}}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + v \begin{pmatrix} \phi \\ R \\ I \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\phi^{2}}{2} + \frac{G_{0}^{2}}{2} + G^{+}G^{-} \\ \phi R + IG_{0} + G^{+}H^{-} + G^{-}H^{+} \\ \phi I - RG_{0} + i(G^{+}H^{-} - G^{-}H^{+}) \\ \frac{I^{2}}{2} + \frac{R^{2}}{2} + H^{-}H^{+} \end{pmatrix} .$$
 (54)

The charged Higgs boson mass is given by

$$m_{H^{\pm}}^{2} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial H^{-}H^{+}}\Big|_{\text{vev}} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial K_{-}}\Big|_{K_{v}}\frac{\partial K_{-}}{\partial H^{-}H^{+}}\Big|_{\text{vev}} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial K_{-}}\Big|_{K_{v}}.$$
 (55)

As for the neutral physical scalars ϕ , *R* and *I*, their mass matrix is calculated by expanding the potential in the field space as follows,

$$\delta V = (\delta \phi, \delta R, \delta I) \mathbf{M}_{\text{neutral}}^2 \begin{pmatrix} \delta \phi \\ \delta R \\ \delta I \end{pmatrix}, \quad (56)$$

where $\delta\phi$, δR and δI are small expansions of the fields around the vacuum. Equation (54) shows that the three directions (K_+, \vec{K}_T) , which span the tangent space of LC^+ and \mathcal{M}_{vev} , are linearly related to the three neutral scalar fields (ϕ, R, I) around the vacuum. The linear relationship between field space and orbit space directly links the scalar mass matrix and the Hessian matrix between LC^+ and \mathcal{M}_{vev} . By combining Eq. (56) with Eqs. (50) and (54), we obtain

$$\mathbf{M}_{\text{neutral}}^{2} = v^{2} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial^{2} V_{u}}{\partial K_{+}^{2}} & \frac{\partial^{2} V_{u}}{\partial K_{+} \partial \vec{K}_{T}} \\ \frac{\partial^{2} V_{u}}{\partial K_{+} \partial \vec{K}_{T}} & \frac{\partial^{2} V_{u}}{\partial \vec{K}_{T}^{2}} \end{pmatrix} = v^{2} \mathbf{H}_{V_{u}}.$$
 (57)

Therefore, the neutral mass matrix is simply proportional to the Hessian matrix between the two hyper-surfaces LC^+ and \mathcal{M}_{vev} . This geometric picture moves beyond the results in Refs. [12–15]. Treating mass matrix as geometrical structure helps us to simplify the discussion of 2HDM scalar mass spectrum. Below are some examples.

The experimentally preferred Higgs alignment limit can be read out from Eq. (57) directly. In the alignment limit, the neutral scalar ϕ in Eq. (53) corresponds to the SM-like Higgs boson, and all of its properties are very close to the SM Higgs boson, including mass, gauge couplings, Yukawa couplings, and *CP* property. Technically, the alignment limit is reached when the neutral scalar ϕ in



FIG. 4. A two dimensional slice of Fig. 3 with $K_0 = K_{v,0}$, viewed from the K_0 direction. The symbol \odot denotes the K_0 axis. The yellow line denotes LC^+ and the green denotes \mathcal{M}_{vev} . There are two scenarios with an ultralight scalar: (a) potential with a slightly broken $U(1)_a$ symmetry; (b) the SCPV potential with a small *CP* phase δ .

Eq. (53) is approximately the 125 GeV mass eigenstate and does not mix with other neutral scalars, therefore, we obtain the following relations from Eq. (57),

$$\frac{\partial^2 V_u}{\partial K_+ \partial \vec{K}_{\rm T}}\Big|_{K_v} = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial K_+ \partial \vec{K}_{\rm T}}\Big|_{K_v} \approx 0, \tag{58}$$

where K_+ and $\tilde{K}_{\rm T}$ are light-cone coordinates in orbit space. At tree-level, this condition yields $\vec{\eta}_{\rm T+} \approx 0$ straightforwardly.

Another demonstration is to discuss the ultralight CP-odd particle, which is also known as the axionlike particle (ALP). The ALP is of widespread interest for its rich phenomenology, and the 2HDM is a simple model that can provide the ALP. From the geometric relations in the orbit space, a massless scalar appears when the two hypersurfaces LC^+ and \mathcal{M}_{vev} osculate at K_v along a certain direction. There are two possibilities in the 2HDM to produce an ALP naturally, due to symmetries rather than accidental parameter choice. One possibility is the 2HDM potential with an approximately $U(1)_a$ symmetry. An exact $U(1)_a$ symmetry in the 2HDM potential results in an additional Goldstone boson, and the Goldstone boson will develop a small mass if the $U(1)_a$ symmetry is slightly broken as shown in Fig. 4(a). In this case, the ALP is a pseudo-Goldston boson as in the Dine-Fischler-Srednicki-Zhitnitsky axion model [40,41]. Another possibility is the 2HDM potential with a CP symmetry that is spontaneously broken. When the SCPV phase δ is very small, the two degenerate vacuums turn to merge, and the two hypersurfaces LC^+ and \mathcal{M}_{vev} turn to osculate with each other at K_v , as shown in Fig. 4(b), therefore, a massless boson appears when the SCPV phase δ goes to zero [42]. In this case, the ALP is not a pseudo-Goldston boson.

V. ON-SHELL RENORMALIZATION IN THE ORBIT SPACE

The masses and mixing angles of physical states derived from the one-loop CW potential in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ renormalization

scheme differ from their tree-level values. To directly use the loop-corrected masses and mixing angles as inputs, the on-shell renormalization scheme is often preferred. This is achieved by adding the counterterm potential $V_{\rm CT}$ to the zero temperature effective potential

$$V_{\rm eff} = V_{\rm tree} + V_{\rm CW} + V_{\rm CT},\tag{59}$$

and then enforcing the loop-corrected vacuum and masses to be the same as the tree-level values. Consequently, the renormalization conditions in the field space are given by

$$\partial_{\varphi_a} (V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW})|_{\varphi_a = \langle \varphi_a \rangle_{\rm tree}} = 0, \tag{60}$$

$$\partial_{\varphi_a} \partial_{\varphi_b} (V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW})|_{\varphi_a = \langle \varphi_a \rangle_{\rm tree}} = 0, \tag{61}$$

where $\varphi_a(a = 1...8)$ denote the eight scalar field components in the two Higgs doublets.

However, most of the renormalization conditions are redundant due to unphysical fields and quite a few identities, and it is convenient to deal with the renormalization condition in orbit space.³ To achieve this, we express the counterterm potential in the bilinear notation as $V_{\rm CT} = \delta \xi_{\mu} K^{\mu} + \delta \eta_{\mu\nu} K^{\mu} K^{\nu}$. Based on the vacuum conditions in Eq. (49) and the scalar masses given in Eqs. (55) and (57), we obtain ten independent renormalization conditions that are related to the physical fields as follows:

$$0 = \partial_{K_{+}} (V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW})|_{K_{v}}, \tag{62}$$

$$0 = \partial_{\vec{K}_T} (V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW})|_{K_v}, \tag{63}$$

$$0 = \partial_{K_{-}} (V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW})|_{K_v}, \tag{64}$$

$$0 = \partial_{K_+}^2 (V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW})|_{K_v}, \tag{65}$$

$$0 = \partial_{\vec{K}_T}^2 (V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW})|_{K_v}, \tag{66}$$

$$0 = \partial_{K_+} \partial_{\vec{K}_T} (V_{\mathrm{CT}} + V_{\mathrm{CW}})|_{K_v}.$$
 (67)

Here the light-cone coordinates are defined still by the treelevel vacuum K_v , and the derivatives are evaluated around K_v . Note that only part of the first and second derivatives $\partial_{K^{\mu}}(V_{\text{CT}} + V_{\text{CW}})|_{K_v}$ and $\partial_{K^{\mu}K^{\nu}}(V_{\text{CT}} + V_{\text{CW}})|_{K_v}$ are related to the vacuum conditions and scalar masses and should be included in the renormalization conditions, while the others are irrelevant to physical quantities. Specifically, four conditions from the first derivative in Eqs. (62)–(64) ensure that the loop-corrected vacuum expectation value is the same as the tree-level case, and Eq. (64) also ensures that

³A detailed analysis of the number of renormalization conditions in the field space and their equivalence with the conditions in the orbit space is presented in Appendix C.

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the charged scalar mass is the same as the tree-level value. The other six conditions involving the second derivatives in Eqs. (65)-(67) ensure that the neutral scalar masses and mixing angles are the same as those of the tree-level potential.

The counterterms $\delta \xi_{\mu}$ and $\delta \eta_{\mu\nu}$ can be determined from the renormalization conditions in Eqs. (62)–(67). For a general 2HDM without any constrains on the parameters, there are fourteen free parameters, four in $\delta \xi_{\mu}$ and ten in $\delta \eta_{\mu\nu}$, to be determined by the renormalization conditions. After expressing $\delta \xi_{\mu}$ and $\delta \eta_{\mu\nu}$ in terms of the light-cone coordinates, the renormalization conditions are

$$\delta\eta_{++} = -\partial_{K_+}^2 V_{\rm CW}|_{K_v},\tag{68}$$

$$\delta \vec{\eta}_{T+} = -\partial_{\vec{K}_T} \partial_{\vec{K}_+} V_{\rm CW}|_{K_v},\tag{69}$$

$$\delta\eta_{TT} = -\partial_{\vec{K}_T}^2 V_{\rm CW}|_{K_v},\tag{70}$$

$$\delta \xi_{+} = -\partial_{K_{+}} V_{\mathrm{CW}}|_{K_{v}} - v^{2} \delta \eta_{++}, \qquad (71)$$

$$\delta \vec{\xi}_T = -\partial_{\vec{K}_T} V_{\rm CW} |_{K_v} - v^2 \delta \vec{\eta}_{T+}, \qquad (72)$$

$$\delta \xi_{-} = -\partial_{K_{-}} V_{\mathrm{CW}}|_{K_{v}} - v^{2} \delta \eta_{+-}.$$
(73)

Note that neither the vacuum condition nor the scalar mass matrix depends on the counterterms $\delta\eta_{--}$, $\delta\eta_{+-}$ and $\delta\eta_{T-}$, therefore, these four parameters are up to free choices.

In addition, our convention is to set the tadpole terms to zero whenever possible. Generally, one can allow the development of vacuum in the field space and introduce the tadpole terms in V_{CT} as done in Refs. [20,43]. However, for the most general 2HDM potential, there will be more parameters than renormalization conditions and we can always set the tadpole terms to zero. Tadpole terms may be necessary if we require the counterterms to satisfy some specific constraints such that the remaining parameters cannot satisfy the renormalization conditions.

For the 2HDM with some specific parameter constraints required by symmetries or alignment, it is a common practice to demand the counterterms $\delta \xi_{\mu}$ and $\delta \eta_{\mu\nu}$ satisfying the same constraints as the tree-level parameters ξ_{μ} and $\eta_{\mu\nu}$. Then the number of parameters in $\delta \xi_{\mu}$ and $\delta \eta_{\mu\nu}$ is less than fourteen as in the general 2HDM, and the renormalization conditions need to be dealt with case-by-case. For illustration, we discuss the renormalization conditions used in three 2HDMs below.

A. Softly broken Z₂ symmetric potential

Imposing a softly broken Z_2 symmetry on the 2HDM Lagrangian is the most popular way to prevent flavorchanging neutral interactions. For a complex 2HDM with softly broken Z_2 symmetry, the Z_2 symmetry gives four additional constraints on $\delta \eta_{\mu\nu}$, and the remaining six counterterms can be fixed by the six conditions in Eqs. (68)-(70). The soft quadratic couplings are not constrained, and four parameters in $\delta \xi^{\mu}$ can be fixed by the four conditions in Eqs. (71)–(73).

B. Real 2HDM with softly broken Z_2 symmetry

In addition to the softly broken Z_2 symmetry, a *CP* symmetry is often imposed on the potential. The tree-level potential is invariant under a mirror reflection R in the orbit space, $V_{\text{tree}}(K_0, \vec{K}) = V_{\text{tree}}(K_0, \bar{R}\vec{K})$. Note that the *CP* symmetry does not impose any additional constraint on the quartic counterterms $\delta \eta^{\mu\nu}$, as the Z_2 symmetry provides stronger constraints than the CP symmetry. On the other hand, the softly broken terms are constrained by the CP symmetry. Say that the mirror reflection is along the second direction $R: K_2 \to -K_2$, then $\delta \xi_2$ should be set to zero, leaving three free parameters in $\delta \xi^{\mu}$.

Usually, the three parameters in $\delta\xi^{\mu}$ are not enough to satisfy the four equations in Eqs. (71)-(73). But when the vacuum is invariant under the CP transformation, e.g., $K_v^{\mu} = \frac{v^2}{2}(1,0,0,1)$ and $\vec{K}_v = \bar{R}\vec{K}_v$, there are only three independent conditions in Eqs. (71)-(73), because the CW potential satisfies the CP symmetry, $V_{CW}(K_0, \vec{K}) =$ $V_{\rm CW}(K_0, \bar{R}\,\vec{K})$, and we have

$$\partial_{K_2} V_{\mathrm{CW}}|_{K_v} = 0, \qquad \partial_{K_2} \partial_{K^{\mu}} V_{\mathrm{CW}}|_{K_v} = 0.$$
(74)

Then one renormalization condition $\delta \xi_2 = -\partial_{K_2} V_{CW} - \partial_{K_2} V_{CW}$ $v^2 \delta \vec{\eta}_{2+} = 0$ automatically holds from Eq. (72), and we end up with three parameters and three conditions.

However, if the vacuum develops an SCPV phase δ , the *CP* symmetry is broken spontaneously. The vacuum K_v is no longer invariant under the CP transformation, e.g., $K_v^{\mu} =$ $\frac{v^2}{2}(1, 0, \sin \delta, \cos \delta)$ and $\vec{K}_v \neq \bar{R}\vec{K}_v$. As a result, Eqs. (74) no longer hold. The rest three parameters in $\delta \xi^{\mu}$ are not enough to satisfy the renormalization conditions if we still require the counterterm $\delta \xi_2 = 0$. The remaining renormalization condition, which is equivalent to $\partial_{\delta}(V_{\rm CW} + V_{\rm CT}) = 0$, cannot be fulfilled, and this corresponds to a change of the SCPV phase δ . It could be fixed with a tadpole counterterm of the CP-violating vacuum.

C. 2HDM with the exact alignment

In the 2HDM, the exact alignment condition requires that the neutral scalar ϕ in Eq. (53) is the 125 GeV mass eigenstate, then the tree-level parameters satisfy $\vec{\eta}_{T+} = 0$ as shown in Eq. (58). However, the alignment condition is not protected by any symmetry, and there is no guarantee that the counterterms $\delta \vec{\eta}_{T+} = -\partial_{\vec{K}_T} \partial_{\vec{K}_\perp} V_{CW}$ vanish. Therefore, the alignment condition is usually broken by quantum corrections.

VI. CONCLUSION AND DISCUSSION

We performed a complete analysis of the *CP* and basis transformation symmetries of the 2HDM in the orbit space. We extended the study of the global symmetries in orbit space to one-loop thermal effective potential. We demonstrated that the global symmetries of the tree-level potential are preserved by quantum corrections from boson loop contributions, but may be broken by fermion loop contributions, depending on the Yukawa interactions.

In order to study the vacuum conditions and physical masses in the orbit space, we introduced the light-cone coordinates and generalized the bilinear notation to study the physical scalar fields around the vacuum. It provides a geometric view of the scalar mass matrix and on-shell renormalization conditions. By translating the on-shell renormalization conditions of the vacuum and scalar mass into geometric conditions in the orbit space, we calculated the renormalized one-loop effective potential completely.

We extend our study to the case after the EWSB. The geometrical view of scalar masses can provide insight into special limits of the 2HDM mass spectrum, such as alignment limit and ultra-light scalars, thereby simplifying the analysis. The renormalization conditions are much simpler to be dealt with in the orbit space, and there are at most 10 independent on-shell renormalization conditions for a general 2HDM potential. Our work provides a foundation for future study of the 2HDM effective potential and its implications in orbit space.

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Note added.—During the completion of this paper, some new symmetries of the tree-level 2HDM potential were purposed [44], which are based on the transformation $K_0 \rightarrow -K_0$. Our formalism can also be used to analysis these new symmetries. For example, the gauge loops contribute terms like $g^2 K_0$ to the effective potential, breaking the symmetry $K_0 \rightarrow -K_0$.

APPENDIX A: BASIS INVARIANT NOTATIONS OF 2HDM POTENTIAL

1. Explicit expression of bilinear notation

The explicit expression for each component of K^{μ} is

$$K^{\mu} = \Phi_{i}^{\dagger} \sigma_{ij}^{\mu} \Phi_{j} = \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1} + \Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2} \\ \Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2} + \Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1} \\ i(\Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1} - \Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2}) \\ \Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1} - \Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$
(A1)

By comparing the potential in the blinear notation [Eq. (9)] with the traditional notation [Eq. (1)], we can explicitly relate these two sets of parameters,

$$\begin{split} \xi_{0} &\equiv \frac{1}{2} (m_{11}^{2} + m_{22}^{2}), \qquad \eta_{00} = (\lambda_{1} + \lambda_{2} + 2\lambda_{3})/8, \\ \vec{\xi} &= \left(-\Re(m_{12}^{2}), \Im(m_{12}^{2}), \frac{1}{2} (m_{11}^{2} - m_{22}^{2}) \right)^{T}, \\ \vec{\eta} &= (\Re(\lambda_{6} + \lambda_{7})/4, -\Im(\lambda_{6} + \lambda_{7})/4, (\lambda_{1} - \lambda_{2})/8)^{T}, \\ E &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{4} + \Re(\lambda_{5}) & -\Im(\lambda_{5}) & \Re(\lambda_{6} - \lambda_{7}) \\ -\Im(\lambda_{5}) & \lambda_{4} - \Re(\lambda_{5}) & \Im(\lambda_{7} - \lambda_{6}) \\ \Re(\lambda_{6} - \lambda_{7}) & \Im(\lambda_{7} - \lambda_{6}) & (\lambda_{1} + \lambda_{2} - 2\lambda_{3})/2 \end{pmatrix}. \end{split}$$
(A2)

In the 4-dimensional orbit space, the physical region is confined to the interior of the forward light cone, i.e., $K_0 \ge |\vec{K}|$. Because K^{μ} can be decomposed from $\underline{K}_{ij} = \Phi_i^{\dagger} \Phi_j$, by definition:

$$\underline{K} \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \Phi_1^{\dagger} \Phi_1 & \Phi_2^{\dagger} \Phi_1 \\ \Phi_1^{\dagger} \Phi_2 & \Phi_2^{\dagger} \Phi_2 \end{pmatrix} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} K_0 + K_3 & K_1 - iK_2 \\ K_1 + iK_2 & K_0 - K_3 \end{pmatrix},$$
(A3)

and the matrix <u>K</u> is actually a semipositive matrix when $\Phi_i = (\phi_{i\uparrow}, \phi_{i\downarrow})^T$ are $SU(2)_L$ doublets,

$$\underline{K} = \underline{\phi}\underline{\phi}^{\dagger}, \qquad \underline{\phi} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_{1\uparrow} & \phi_{1\downarrow} \\ \phi_{2\downarrow} & \phi_{2\downarrow} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (A4)$$

which directly leads to

$$\begin{cases} \operatorname{tr} \underline{K} = K_0 \ge 0, \\ \det \underline{K} = (K_0^2 - |\vec{K}|^2)/4 \ge 0. \end{cases}$$
(A5)

Therefore in the bilinear notation, the tree-level 2HDM scalar potential is a real quadratic function of (K_0, \vec{K}) , and the physical region is defined inside the forward light cone.

2. Z_2 symmetry in the bilinear notation

The Z_2 symmetry is imposed on the 2HDM by assigning Z_2 charges to scalar and fermion fields. In Eq. (1), the two Higgs doublets Φ_1 and Φ_2 carry the Z_2 charges of -1 and +1 respectively, forbidding the $(\Phi_1^{\dagger}\Phi_1)(\Phi_1^{\dagger}\Phi_2)$ and $(\Phi_2^{\dagger}\Phi_2)(\Phi_1^{\dagger}\Phi_2)$ terms in the potential.

As for the Yukawa interactions, fermions are also assigned with negative or positive Z_2 charges, then forced to interact with only Φ_1 or Φ_2 . Usually, the patterns of Z_2 charges assignments are divided into four types [45–50]: type I, type II, type X, and type Y, as listed in Table II. For fermions with different Z_2 charges, the vectors \vec{Y} 's

TABLE II. Z_2 charge assignment for different types.

	u_R	d_R	l_R	Φ_1	Φ_2	Directions of \hat{Y}_f
Туре І	+	+	+	_	+	$\hat{Y}_u = \hat{Y}_d = \hat{Y}_l$
Type II	+	_	_	_	+	$-\hat{Y}_u = \hat{Y}_d = \hat{Y}_l$
Туре Х	+	+	_	_	+	$\hat{Y}_u = \hat{Y}_d = -\hat{Y}_l$
Type Y	+	-	+	—	+	$\hat{Y}_u = -\hat{Y}_d = \hat{Y}_l$

projected by their Yukawa couplings are opposite to each other. For example, in the orbit space of Z_2 eigenbasis (Φ_1, Φ_2) , the Yukawa coupling of fermion with positive Z_2 charge yield $Y^{\mu} \propto (1, 0, 0, -1)$ and the Yukawa coupling of fermion with negative Z_2 charge yield $Y^{\mu} \propto (1, 0, 0, 1)$.

3. Tensor notation

For the completeness of this paper, here we reviewed another basis invariant notation to analyze the 2HDM potential, the tensor notation [2–4]. It is straightforward to express the 2HDM scalar potential in an $U(2)_{\Phi}$ basis invariant form,

$$V = \mu_{ij} \Phi_i^{\dagger} \Phi_j + \lambda_{ij,kl} (\Phi_i^{\dagger} \Phi_j) (\Phi_k^{\dagger} \Phi_l).$$
 (A6)

As a result μ_{ij} and $\lambda_{ij,kl}$ transform covariantly with Φ_i under the $U(2)_{\Phi}$ basis transformation,

$$\mu'_{ij} = U_{ik}\mu_{kl}U^*_{jl}, \quad \lambda'_{ij,kl} = U_{ip}U_{kr}\lambda_{pq,rs}U^*_{jq}U^*_{ls}.$$
(A7)

By definition, $\lambda_{ij,kl} = \lambda_{kl,ij}$, and Hermiticity requires that $\mu_{ij} = \mu_{ji}^*, \lambda_{kl,ij} = \lambda_{lk,ji}^*$. Under the basis of Eq. (1), we have the following relations explicitly,

$$\mu_{11} = m_{11}^2, \qquad \mu_{22} = m_{22}^2,$$

$$\mu_{12} = -m_{12}^2, \qquad \mu_{21} = -m_{12}^2 *$$

$$\lambda_{11,11} = \lambda_1, \qquad \lambda_{22,22} = \lambda_2,$$

$$\lambda_{11,22} = \lambda_{22,11} = \lambda_3, \qquad \lambda_{12,21} = \lambda_{21,12} = \lambda_4,$$

$$\lambda_{12,12} = \lambda_5, \qquad \lambda_{21,21} = \lambda_5^*,$$

$$\lambda_{11,12} = \lambda_{12,11} = \lambda_6, \qquad \lambda_{11,21} = \lambda_{21,11} = \lambda_6^*,$$

$$\lambda_{22,12} = \lambda_{12,22} = \lambda_7, \qquad \lambda_{22,21} = \lambda_{21,22} = \lambda_7^*.$$
 (A8)

The potential is invariant under the GCP symmetry Eq. (4) when μ_{ij} and $\lambda_{ij,kl}$ satisfy

$$\mu_{ij} = X_{ik} \mu_{kl}^* X_{lj}^*, \qquad \lambda_{ij,kl} = X_{im} X_{kn} \lambda_{mp,nq}^* X_{jp}^* X_{lq}^*.$$
(A9)

One can construct several *CP* invariants to determine whether a potential is GCP invariant [2]. Similar to the Jarlskog invariant [51], a $SU(3)_{L/R}$ invariant in quark family space, the *CP* invariants of 2HDM scalar potential are constructed from tensor products of μ_{ij} and $\lambda_{ij,kl}$ as $U(2)_{\Phi}$ invariants in scalar family space. And tensor notation can also be used to construct *CP* invariants for scalar fermion interaction after extending tensor structures to fermion family space [2]. In addition, a recent development in tensor notation is using the Hilbert series to systematically construct all possible *CP* invariants [5], and similar procedures can also be used to construct *CP* invariant in the lepton sector with Majorana terms [52].

APPENDIX B: EFFECTIVE POTENTIAL FROM SCALAR LOOP CONTRIBUTION

Here we show the calculation of the effective potential from scalar loop contribution in detail. We employ the notations in Ref. [37] to link the eight scalar fields φ_i with the bilinear forms K^{μ} ,

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L} &= \Omega_{\mu} (\partial_{\alpha} \Phi_{i})^{\dagger} \sigma_{ij}^{\mu} (\partial^{\alpha} \Phi_{j}) - V, \qquad \Omega^{2} = 1, \\ V_{\text{tree}} &= \xi_{\mu} K^{\mu} + \eta_{\mu\nu} K^{\mu} K^{\nu}, \\ \varphi_{a} &= (\text{Re}\phi_{1,\uparrow}, \text{Im}\phi_{1,\uparrow}, \text{Re}\phi_{2,\uparrow}, \text{Im}\phi_{2,\uparrow}, \text{Re}\phi_{1,\downarrow}, \text{Im}\phi_{1,\downarrow}, \text{Re}\phi_{2,\downarrow}, \text{Im}\phi_{2,\downarrow}), \\ K^{\mu} &= \varphi_{a} \Sigma_{ab}^{\mu} \varphi_{b}, \\ (\Omega_{\rho} \Sigma^{\rho})^{-1} &= \Omega_{\rho} \bar{\Sigma}^{\rho}. \end{split}$$
(B1)

Note that $\Omega_{\mu} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$ for the canonical kinetic term The matrix $\bar{\Sigma}^{\mu} = (\Sigma^0, -\Sigma^i)$ and the 8 × 8 symmetric matrices Σ^{μ} defined in Eq. (28) are

$$\Sigma^{\mu} = \Sigma_4^{\mu} \oplus \Sigma_4^{\mu}, \qquad \Sigma_4^0 = \mathbb{1}_4, \qquad \Sigma_4^1 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{1}_2 \\ \mathbb{1}_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \Sigma_4^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \mathbb{i}_2 \\ -\mathbb{i}_2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \Sigma_4^3 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbb{1}_2 & 0 \\ 0 & -\mathbb{1}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (B2)$$

where $\mathbb{1}_d$ is the $d \times d$ identity matrix and $\mathbf{i}_2 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$. Because $(\mathbf{i}_2)^2 = -\mathbb{1}_2$, the matrix Σ^{μ} share the same algebra with the Pauli matrix σ^{μ} , e.g.,

$$[\Sigma^i, \Sigma^j] = 2\mathbb{i}_8 \epsilon^{ijk} \Sigma^k, \qquad (\vec{w} \cdot \vec{\Sigma})^2 = |\vec{w}|^2 \mathbb{1}_8, \quad (B3)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(\bar{\Sigma}^{\mu}\Sigma^{\nu}+\bar{\Sigma}^{\nu}\Sigma^{\mu})=g^{\mu\nu}\mathbb{1}_{8}, \tag{B4}$$

$$\Sigma^{\mu}\bar{\Sigma}^{\rho}\Sigma^{\nu} = g^{\mu\rho}\Sigma^{\nu} + g^{\rho\nu}\Sigma^{\mu} - g^{\mu\nu}\Sigma^{\rho} + i_8\epsilon^{\mu\rho\nu}{}_{\lambda}\Sigma^{\lambda}, \quad (B5)$$

$$\bar{\Sigma}^{\mu}\Sigma^{\rho}\bar{\Sigma}^{\nu} = g^{\mu\rho}\bar{\Sigma}^{\nu} + g^{\rho\nu}\bar{\Sigma}^{\mu} - g^{\mu\nu}\bar{\Sigma}^{\rho} - i_{8}\epsilon^{\mu\rho\nu}{}_{\lambda}\bar{\Sigma}^{\lambda}.$$
 (B6)

Here $\mathbb{i}_8 \equiv \mathbb{1}_4 \otimes \mathbb{i}_2$ is an anti-symmetric matrix who commutes with Σ^{μ} and satisfies $(\mathbb{i}_8)^2 = -\mathbb{1}_8$, and \vec{w} is an arbitrary vector. These identities help to translate some expressions of φ_a to bilinear forms. For example,

$$\varphi_{\bar{1}_8} \Sigma^{\mu} \varphi = 0, \qquad \varphi \Sigma^{\mu} \bar{\Sigma}^{\rho} \Sigma^{\nu} \varphi = g^{\mu\rho} K^{\nu} + g^{\rho\nu} K^{\mu} - g^{\mu\nu} K^{\rho}.$$
(B7)

Then we evaluate the second derivative of \mathcal{L}

$$-\frac{\delta^{2}\mathcal{L}}{\delta\varphi_{a}\delta\varphi_{b}} = \Omega_{\rho}\Sigma_{ab}^{\rho}\partial^{2} + \xi_{\mu}\Sigma_{ab}^{\mu} + 2\eta_{\mu\nu}(\varphi_{c}\Sigma_{cd}^{\mu}\varphi_{d})\Sigma_{ab}^{\nu} + 4\eta_{\mu\nu}\Sigma_{ac}^{\mu}(\varphi_{c}\varphi_{d})\Sigma_{db}^{\nu}.$$
 (B8)

In the following, we work in the frame with the canonical kinetic term with $\Omega_{\mu} = (1, 0, 0, 0)$, and the scalar mass matrix is

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{M}_{S}^{2}(\varphi)_{ab} &= A_{ab} + B_{ab}, \\ A_{ab} &= A_{\mu} \Sigma_{ab}^{\mu}, \qquad A_{\mu} = 2\eta_{\mu\nu} K^{\nu} + \xi_{\mu}, \\ B_{ab} &= 4\eta_{\mu\nu} \Sigma_{ac}^{\mu} \varphi_{c} \varphi_{d} \Sigma_{db}^{\nu}. \end{split} \tag{B9}$$

To deal with $Tr(M_S^{2n})$ in Eq. (29), we expand the binomial

$$\mathbf{Tr}[(A_{ab} + B_{ab})^{n}] = \sum_{l=0}^{n} \sum_{\{p_{i}\}}^{p_{i}=n-l} N_{s}(\{p_{i}\}) \\ \times \mathbf{Tr}(A^{p_{1}}BA^{p_{2}}B\cdots A^{p_{l}}B). \quad (B10)$$

And we need to evaluate $(A_{\mu}\Sigma^{\mu})^{p}$. Using the identities in Eq. (B3),

$$\begin{split} (A_{\mu}\Sigma^{\mu})^{p} &= (A_{0}\mathbb{1}_{8} + \vec{A}\cdot\vec{\Sigma})^{p}, \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{p} C_{p}^{k}(A_{0})^{p-k}(\vec{A}\cdot\vec{\Sigma})^{k}, \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{p/2} C_{p}^{2k}(A_{0})^{p-2k} |\vec{A}|^{2k} \mathbb{1}_{8} \end{split}$$

$$+\sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} C_p^{2k+1}(A_0)^{p-2k-1} |\vec{A}|^{2k} (\vec{A} \cdot \vec{\Sigma}), \quad (B11)$$

where C_p^k is the binomial coefficient and

$$A_0 = 2\eta_{00}K_0 + 2\vec{\eta}\cdot\vec{K} + \xi_0, \tag{B12}$$

$$\vec{A} = 2K_0\vec{\eta} + 2E\vec{K} + \vec{\xi}.$$
 (B13)

For simplicity, we define a new four-vector $F(p)_{\mu}$ from (A_0, \vec{A})

$$F(p)_0 \equiv \sum_{k=0}^{p/2} C_p^{2k} (A_0)^{p-2k} |\vec{A}|^{2k}, \qquad (B14)$$

$$\vec{F}(p) \equiv \begin{cases} -\sum_{k=0}^{(p-1)/2} C_p^{2k+1} (A_0)^{p-2k-1} |\vec{A}|^{2k} \vec{A} & (p \neq 0), \\ 0 & (p = 0), \end{cases}$$
(B15)

and we have

$$(A_{\mu}\Sigma^{\mu})^{p} = F(p)_{\mu}\bar{\Sigma}^{\mu}.$$
 (B16)

The series in Eq. (B10) are then calculated as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Tr}(A^{p_1}BA^{p_2}B\cdots A^{p_l}B) \\ &= 4^l\eta_{\mu_1\nu_1}\cdots\eta_{\mu_l\nu_l}\prod_{i=1}^l A(p_i)_{\rho_i}\varphi\Sigma^{\nu_i}\bar{\Sigma}^{\rho_l}\Sigma^{\mu_{i+1}}\varphi \\ &= 4^l\eta_{\mu_1\nu_1}\cdots\eta_{\mu_l\nu_l}\prod_{i=1}^l S^{\nu_i\mu_{i+1}}_{p_i} \\ &= 4^l\mathbf{tr}(\eta\cdot S_{p_1}\cdots\eta\cdot S_{p_l}), \end{aligned}$$

where $\mu_{l+1} \equiv \mu_1$ and the trace **tr** is taken in the orbit space. The symmetric tensor $S_p^{\mu\nu} = F(p)_{\rho}\varphi\Sigma^{\mu}\bar{\Sigma}^{\rho}\Sigma^{\nu}\varphi = F(p)^{\mu}K^{\nu} + F(p)^{\nu}K^{\mu} - g^{\mu\nu}(F(p)K)$. And the effective potential can be expressed as⁴

⁴For simplicity, the $\ln p_E$ is dropped here.

$$\begin{split} V_{\rm CW}^{(S)} &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 p_E}{2\pi^4} \left[\mathbf{Tr} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n} \left(-\frac{\mathbf{M}_S^2}{p_E^2} \right)^n \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 p_E}{2\pi^4} \sum_n (-)^n \frac{1}{n(p_E^2)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \sum_{\{p_i\}}^{p_i=n-l} N_s(\{p_i\}) \\ &\times \mathbf{Tr}(A^{p_1} B A^{p_2} B \cdots A^{p_l} B) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d^4 p_E}{2\pi^4} \sum_n (-)^n \frac{1}{n(p_E^2)^n} \sum_{l=0}^n \sum_{\{p_i\}}^{p_i=n-l} N_s(\{p_i\}) \\ &\times \mathbf{tr}(\eta \cdot S_{p_1} \cdots \eta \cdot S_{p_l}) \end{split}$$
(B17)

In the end, the $V_{CW}^{(S)}$ is expressed as a series defined in the orbit space. It is worth mentioning that the discussion of *CP* property is independent of regularization. When the potential is *CP*-even, as we discussed, we can apply the *CP* transformation before and after the regularization and nothing will change. Finally, we can conclude that the *CP* property of the (*CP* conserving) potential tree-level potential is not violated by the Coleman-Weinberg potential from scalar loop contribution.

APPENDIX C: RENORMALIZATION CONDITIONS

To compare with the renormalization conditions in Ref. [20], we follow their notations and the field expanded around the vacuum v_1 , v_2 are

$$\Phi_{1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{1} + i\eta_{1} \\ v_{1} + \zeta_{1} + i\psi_{1} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\Phi_{2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{2} + i\eta_{2} \\ v_{2} + \zeta_{2} + i\psi_{2} \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (C1)

The renormalization conditions are

$$\partial_{\varphi_a} (V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW})|_{\varphi_a = \langle \varphi_a \rangle_{\rm tree}} = 0, \qquad (C2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \partial_{\varphi_a} \partial_{\varphi_b} (V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW}) |_{\varphi_a = \langle \varphi_a \rangle_{\rm tree}} &= 0. \\ \varphi_a &\equiv \{ \rho_1, \eta_1, \zeta_1, \psi_1, \rho_2, \eta_2, \zeta_2, \psi_2 \}, \\ \langle \varphi_a \rangle_{\rm tree} &= \{ 0, 0, v_1, 0, 0, 0, v_2, 0 \}. \end{aligned}$$
(C3)

Naively, there are 8 + 36 renormalization conditions from Eqs. (C2) and (C3). However, for any function of the form $f(\Phi_i^{\dagger}\Phi_j)$, its first and second derivative satisfy some identities so that most of the renormalization conditions are redundant.

We have the following five identities for the first derivatives,

$$\partial_{\rho_1} = 0, \tag{C4}$$

$$\partial_{\rho_2} = 0, \tag{C5}$$

$$\partial_{\eta_1} = 0, \tag{C6}$$

$$\partial_{\eta_2} = 0, \tag{C7}$$

$$c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2} = 0, \qquad (C8)$$

where $\partial_{\phi_i} = 0$ denotes $\partial_{\phi_i} f|_{\phi = \langle \phi \rangle_{\text{tree}}} = 0$ for any function $f(\Phi_i^{\dagger} \Phi_j)$ and $\tan \beta = v_2/v_1$. Therefore, we are left with three independent renormalization conditions from Eq. (C2),

$$\partial_{\zeta_1}(V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW}) = 0, \tag{C9}$$

$$\partial_{\zeta_2}(V_{\rm CT}+V_{\rm CW})=0, \qquad ({\rm C10})$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1})(V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW}) = 0. \tag{C11}$$

We have the following 26 identities for the second derivatives,

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2}) = 0, \qquad (C12)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2}) = 0, \qquad (C13)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2}) = 0, \qquad (C14)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1}) = 0, \qquad (C15)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1}) = 0, \qquad (C16)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2}) = 0, \qquad (C17)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2}) = 0, \qquad (C18)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1}) = 0, \qquad (C19)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1}) = 0, \qquad (C20)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2}) = 0, \qquad (C21)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1}) = 0, \qquad (C22)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1}) = 0, \qquad (C23)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1}) = 0, \qquad (C24)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1}) = 0, \qquad (C25)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1}) = 0, \qquad (C26)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1}) = 0, \qquad (C27)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1}) = 0, \qquad (C28)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1}) = 0, \tag{C29}$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1}) = 0, \tag{C30}$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2}) = (c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2}), \tag{C31}$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2}) = (c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2}),$$
(C32)

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1}) = (c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1}),$$
(C33)

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1}) = (c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1}),$$
(C34)

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1}) = (c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1}), \tag{C35}$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1}) = -(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1}), \tag{C36}$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1}) = (c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1}).$$
(C37)

Then, there are 10 independent renormalization conditions from the second derivatives. However, three of them are satisfied automatically when the renormalization conditions from the first derivatives are satisfied, because of the following identities,

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})^2 = \frac{1}{2v}(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2}), \quad (C38)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1}) = \frac{1}{2v}(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1}),$$
(C39)

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\eta_1}) = \frac{1}{2v}(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1}).$$
(C40)

Finally, we are left with only 7 independent renormalization conditions from Eq. (C3),

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\rho_1})^2(V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW}) = 0, \qquad (C41)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2})^2(V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW}) = 0, \qquad (C42)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1})^2 (V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW}) = 0,$$
 (C43)

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1})^2(V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW}) = 0, \qquad (C44)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1})(V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW}) = 0, \quad (C45)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1} + s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1})(V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW}) = 0, \quad (C46)$$

$$(c_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\zeta_1})(c_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_2} - s_{\beta}\partial_{\psi_1})(V_{\rm CT} + V_{\rm CW}) = 0.$$
(C47)

And we have 10 independent renormalization conditions from Eqs. (C9)–(C11) and Eqs. (C41)–(C47) in total.

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