Fermion masses and neutrino oscillations in $SO(10)$ supersymmetric grand unified theory with $D_3 \times U(1)$ family symmetry

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Discrete non-Abelian gauge symmetries appear to be the most advantageous candidates for a family symmetry. We present a predictive $SO(10)$ SUSY GUT model with $D_3 \times U(1)$ family symmetry (D_3 is the dihedral group of order 6). The hierarchy in fermion masses is generated by the family symmetry breaking $D_3 \times U(1) \rightarrow Z_N \rightarrow$ nothing. This model fits the low energy data in the charged fermion sector quite well and naturally provides large angle ν_μ-ν_τ mixing describing atmospheric neutrino oscillation data and small angle ν_e-ν_s mixing consistent with the small mixing angle MSW solution to the solar neutrino data. In addition, the non-Abelian family symmetry D_3 is sufficient to suppress large flavor violations.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The origin of the fermion mass hierarchy is one of the most challenging problems in elementary particle physics. In the standard model fermion masses and mixing angles are free parameters. Even though these 13 parameters [9 charged fermion masses; 3 angles and 1 phase in the Cabibbo-Koboyashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix] are well known experimentally, the standard model does not offer any explanation. Supersymmetric (SUSY) grand unified theories (GUTs), in addition to gauge coupling unification, also provide relations between quark and lepton masses within generations. However, the understanding of the hierarchy between generations is still missing. A possible solution to the fermion mass hierarchy problem is to introduce a new symmetry—family symmetry—acting horizontally between generations. The hierarchy is then generated by sequential spontaneous breaking of this symmetry. Furthermore, acting differently on different generations, family symmetries can provide a solution to the problem of large flavor changing neutral currents (FCNCs) in SUSY [1].

A variety of models [2–9] with family symmetries were proposed. Among these, models with $U(2)$ (or its subgroups) family symmetry [5–9] appear to be very promising candidates for the theory of flavor. The reason for this is twofold: the top quark is the only fermion with mass of order the weak scale, thus distinguishing the third generation from the others; and by placing the first and second generations into a two dimensional irreducible representation of the family group the degeneracy of squarks in these two generations can be achieved, which is necessary to suppress FCNCs. Thus non-Abelian family symmetries, especially $U(2)$ or its subgroups, are naturally suggested.

We would like to focus here on a particular model presented in [7]. It is an $SO(10)$ SUSY GUT with family symmetry $U(2) \times U(1)$.[1] This model is ''predictive'' by which we mean that it is ''natural''—the Lagrangian contains all terms consistent with the symmetries and particle content of the theory; and the number of arbitrary parameters is less than the number of observables. This model fits the low energy data in the charged fermion sector quite well and naturally provides large angle ν_μ-ν_τ mixing describing atmospheric neutrino oscillation data and small angle ν_e-ν_s mixing consistent with the small mixing angle Mikheyev-Smirnov-Wolfenstein (MSW) solution to solar neutrino data.

There are however complications associated with a $U(2)$ family symmetry in supersymmetric theories. It is believed that global symmetries do not arise in string theory and also these are thought to be violated by quantum gravity effects [10]. On the other hand, with continuous gauge symmetries there are associated D-term contributions to scalar masses which can lead to unacceptably large FCNCs [11]. As a result, we should consider discrete family gauge symmetries. Discrete gauge symmetries are not violated by quantum gravity effects [12] and can arise in spontaneous breaking of continuous gauge symmetries or directly in compactifications of string theory.

In this paper we present an $SO(10)$ SUSY GUT with $D_3 \times U(1)$ family gauge symmetry which does not suffer from the problems mentioned in the previous paragraph. This model provides exactly the same operators generating Yukawa matrices as model [7]. Thus it fits the low energy data in the charged lepton sector equally well and provides the same neutrino solution. In addition, the field content of this model is simpler than [7] and can naturally provide an explanation for sequential family symmetry breaking by the vacuum expectation values (VEVs) of ''flavon'' fields.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II we briefly review possible discrete family symmetries, provide a motivation for $D_3 \times U(1)$ as a family symmetry and discuss anomalies associated with gauging of this symmetry. In Sec. III we construct the $SO(10) \times D_3 \times U(1)$ invariant superspace potential which, after family symmetry breaking, generates the quark and lepton Yukawa matrices. Our conclusions are in Sec. IV. For convenience, in Appendix A we summarize properties of the group D_3 and its representations, and calculate invariants used in Sec. III. In Appendix

[1]The model [7] is a modification of the $SO(10) \times U(2)$ model suggested in [6]. The modification only affects the results in the neutrino sector.

B we present a D_3' version of the model and finally in Appendix C we briefly review the results of [7] for charged fermion masses and mixing angles as well as for neutrino oscillations.

II. DISCRETE FAMILY SYMMETRY

As mentioned in the Introduction, we are interested in discrete family symmetries which possess two-dimensional irreducible representations. In order to be able to generate the same operators for fermion masses as in the case of $U(2)$, family symmetry [7] subgroups of $SO(3)$ or $SO(2)$ are suggested.

Discrete subgroups of $SO(3)$ are classified [13] in terms of two infinite series: Z_N (cyclic Abelian groups) and D_N (non-Abelian dihedral groups); and three exceptional groups; T (tetrahedral), O (octahedral) and I (icosahedral). Similarly, since $SO(3) \cong SU(2)/Z_2$, discrete subgroups of $SU(2)$ are classified in terms of double covers of the corresponding subgroups of $SO(3)$. We call these Z_N', D_N', T', O' and I'. Since Z_N are Abelian they possess only singlet irreducible representations. Irreducible representations of dihedral groups D_N and D_N' are all one and two dimensional. Three dimensional irreducible representations start to appear in the exceptional groups.

In paper [7] the three generations of fermions transform as a doublet and singlet under $SU(2)$. To generate the effective mass operators for quarks and leptons in the light two generations, three ''flavon'' fields ϕ^a, S^{ab} and A^{ab} [doublet, symmetric triplet and anti-symmetric singlet under $SU(2)$] were introduced. The family symmetry is sequentially broken by minimal symmetry breaking (VEVs):

$$\langle \phi^a \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \phi \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle S^{ab} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & S \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle A^{ab} \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & A \\ -A & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{1}$$

Thus, it looks like we need to consider a group which has at least one three dimensional irreducible representation to have a discrete analog of S^{ab}. In that case the tetrahedral group T' would be the smallest group we could consider.[2] However, the coupling of a triplet to two doublets, which is necessary in [7], can be easily mimicked by a coupling of three doublets in most of the dihedral groups. [In the case of D_3 see Eq. (A9) in Appendix A and in the case of D_3' Eq. (B5) in Appendix B.] Therefore a flavon field in the three-dimensional representation is not necessary when considering a dihedral family symmetry. Furthermore, it has not been possible to find a mechanism for generating non-zero VEVS for S^{22}, while $\langle S^{11} \rangle = \langle S^{12} \rangle = 0$ [14]. On the other hand, if the most general family symmetry breaking VEVS $\langle S^{11} \rangle = \kappa_1 S$, $\langle S^{12} \rangle = \kappa_2 S$ are considered[3] the predictivity of the theory is lost, since there are now as many parameters in the charged fermion sector as there are observables [15].

Therefore, dihedral groups are the most promising candidates for an ''$SU(2)$-like'' family symmetry. They were previously used as family symmetries in Refs. [8]. If we now demand the minimal family symmetry group containing representations which can be used most economically, we are lead to the group D_3.

The group D_3 is the smallest non-Abelian group (it is isomorphic to S_3—the symmetric permutation group). Some basic properties of this group and its representations are summarized in Appendix A. D_3 possesses three nonequivalent irreducible representations $\mathbf{1_A}$, $\mathbf{1_B}$ and $\mathbf{2_A}$ ($\mathbf{1_A}$ is a trivial representation; also denoted by 1). Thus this symmetry provides a natural interpretation of the three generations of fermions as a singlet and doublet $\mathbf{1_B}+\mathbf{2_A}$ under D_3. Differences between generations can then be understood as a consequence of assigning them to different representations of D_3.

Since we want the family symmetry to be gauged, it must be anomaly free. To show that there are no combined D_3 and/or $SO(10)$ anomalies we use the fact that both the $SO(3)$ and $SO(10)$ groups are anomaly free. Representations of $SO(3)$ decompose into irreducible representations of D_3 in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{1} &\rightarrow \mathbf{1_A}, \\ \mathbf{3} &\rightarrow \mathbf{1_B}+\mathbf{2_A}, \\ \mathbf{5} &\rightarrow \mathbf{1_A}+\mathbf{2_A}+\mathbf{2_A}, \\ &\vdots \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

Therefore, if the field content of the theory is such that fields with the same $SO(10)$ quantum numbers can be arranged into complete multiplets of $SO(3)$ then there are no D_3, $SO(10)$ or mixed anomalies.

Because D_3 has only two nonequivalent nontrivial irreducible representations we also need (in order to maintain ''naturalness'') an additional $U(1)$ symmetry to distinguish different fields with the same D_3 and $SO(10)$ charges. This $U(1)$ symmetry is in general anomalous. An anomalous $U(1)$ gauge symmetry was previously used in models [3]. We shall assume that the $U(1)$ anomalies can be cancelled by the Green-Schwarz mechanism [16].

Before we continue, it is important to discuss the consequences of the symmetry group D_3 with regards to flavor violation [1]. It has been shown that an SU(2) family symmetry can effectively suppress flavor violating processes among the first two families [5,6]. This follows from the fact that to zeroth order in family symmetry breaking, the soft SUSY breaking mass term for squarks and sleptons in the first two families in an SU(2) invariant and thus proportional

[2] In the process of writing this paper we became aware of the work [9] which suggested the group T' as a good starting point for models with ''$U(2)$-like'' family symmetry.

[3] These new parameters have minor consequences in the charged fermion sector (χ^2 analysis requires them to be small), but provide new neutrino solutions. For details see [15].

to the identity matrix. Then family symmetry breaking corrections to squark and slepton masses are at most of order the family mixing for quarks and leptons. In Appendix A, we show that the same argument also applies for D_3. Thus D_3 will also suppress flavor violations.

III. AN $SO(10)\times D_3\times U(1)$ MODEL

In this section we present an $SO(10)$ SUSY GUT with $D_3\times U(1)$ family gauge symmetry. In $SO(10)$ all fermions in one generation are contained in the 16 dimensional irreducible representation and, in the simplest version, one pair of Higgs doublets is contained in the 10 dimensional irreducible representation. The minimal Yukawa coupling of the third generation of fermions to the Higgs fields is given by $\lambda 16_3 10 16_3$ from which we obtain the symmetry relation $\lambda_t=\lambda_b=\lambda_\tau=\lambda_{\nu_\tau}=\lambda$ at the GUT scale. While this Yukawa unification is known to work quite well for the third generation it fails for the two light generations. Thus a family symmetry is necessary to forbid the tree level Yukawa coupling of the first and second generations to the Higgs fields. Breaking of this symmetry will provide the necessary hierarchy of fermion masses.

A. The charged fermion sector

As discussed in Sec. II the first two generations of fermions are contained in 16_a, $a=1,2$ which is a doublet under D_3 with charge 1 under $U(1)$ [or $16_a=(\mathbf{2_A},1)$]. The third generation 16_3 transforms as $(\mathbf{1_B},3)$ and a 10 of Higgs fields transforms as $(1,-6)$. Using the results of Appendix A we see that the coupling $\lambda 16_3 10 16_3$ is invariant under $D_3\times U(1)$ while $\lambda 16_a 10 16_a$ and $\lambda 16_a 10 16_3$ are not.

To generate the Yukawa couplings for the first two generations we introduce three ''flavon'' superfields:

$$\phi_a=(\mathbf{2_A},-2),\quad \tilde{\phi}_a=(\mathbf{2_A},-4),\quad A=(\mathbf{1_B},4), \tag{3}$$

which are $SO(10)$ singlets, and a pair of Froggatt-Nielsen states [17] [$\overline{16}$ and 16 under $SO(10)$]:

$$\overline{\chi}_a=(\mathbf{2_A},-5),\quad \chi_a=(\mathbf{2_A},5). \tag{4}$$

The superspace potential for the charged fermion sector of this model is given by

$$W\supset 16_3\,10\,16_3+16_a\,10\,\chi_a + \overline{\chi}_a\left(M\,\chi_a+\frac{1}{M_0}45\,\tilde{\phi}_a 16_3+\frac{1}{M_0}45\,\phi_a 16_a+A\,16_a\right), \tag{5}$$

where $45=(1,6)$ is an $SO(10)$ adjoint field[4] which is assumed to obtain a VEV in the B-L direction; and M $=(1,0)$ is a linear combination of an $SO(10)$ singlet and adjoint. Its VEV $M_0(1+\alpha X+\beta Y)$ gives mass to Froggatt-Nielsen states. Here X and Y are elements of the Lie algebra of $SO(10)$ with X in the direction of the $U(1)$ which commutes with $SU(5)$ and Y the standard weak hypercharge; and α, β are arbitrary constants which are fit to the data. Furthermore, each term in W has an arbitrary coupling constant which is omitted for notational simplicity.[5]

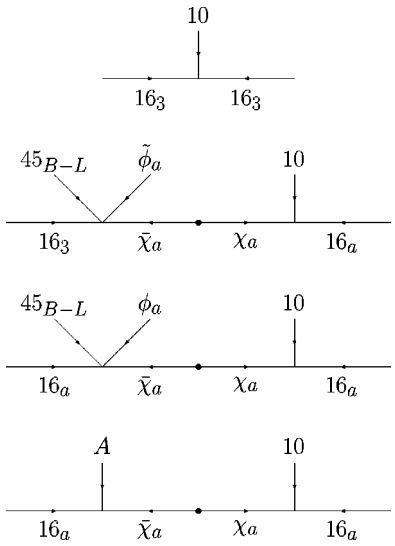

FIG. 1. Diagrams generating the Yukawa matrices.

The largest scale of the theory is assumed to be the mass of the Froggatt-Nielsen states. In the effective theory below M_0, these states are integrated out giving the effective mass operators in Fig. 1.

When ''flavon'' doublets obtain VEVs $\langle\tilde{\phi}_a\rangle=\tilde{\phi}\delta_{a1}$ and $\langle\phi_a\rangle=\phi\delta_{a2}$ the family symmetry $D_3\times U(1)$ is broken to a diagonal Z_6 symmetry and the Yukawa couplings $16_3\ldots16_2$ and $16_2\ldots16_2$ are generated. Finally, the VEV of the A field breaks the family symmetry completely and generates the Yukawa coupling $16_1\ldots16_2$. These results are summarized in the form of the Yukawa matrices for up quarks, down

[4]Note that we usually call fields by their SO(10) quantum numbers. The adjoint representation of $SO(10)$ is 45 dimensional.

[5]To forbid all higher dimensional operators we also assume a $U(1)_R$ symmetry under which 45 has zero charge and all other fields have charge 1. Neither the $U(1)$ nor $U(1)_R$ symmetry is in any sense unique. We can equally well assume just one symmetry without imposing R-symmetry or products of several $U(1)$s or their discrete subgroups Z_N. By specifying $U(1)$ charges we show that the model is ''natural,'' i.e. there exist a $U(1)$ which allows the required operators in the superpotential and at the same time forbids all possibly dangerous operators to any order. If we do not impose the $U(1)_R$ symmetry the model is however still natural. The charges under any single $\tilde{U}(1)$ which constrains the model are however relatively high; a reflection of the fact that this symmetry has to forbid all dangerous higher dimensional operators. An example of such a $\tilde{U}(1)$ is (including fields which occur later in Secs. III B and III C): $16_a=-4$, $16_3=-3$, $10=6$, $\overline{\chi}_a=-16$, $\chi_a=-2$, $\overline{\phi}_a=7$, $\phi_a=8$, $A=20$, $45=12$, $M=18$, $\psi_a=-15$, $S=-15$, $S_\phi=15$, $N_a=-4$, $N_3=-3$, and $\overline{16}=6$.

quarks, charged leptons and the Dirac neutrino Yukawa matrix below:[6]

$$Y_u=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \epsilon'\rho & 0 \\ -\epsilon'\rho & \epsilon\rho & r\epsilon T_{\bar{u}} \\ 0 & r\epsilon T_Q & 1 \end{pmatrix}\lambda$$

$$Y_d=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \epsilon' & 0 \\ -\epsilon' & \epsilon & r\sigma\epsilon T_{\bar{d}} \\ 0 & r\epsilon T_Q & 1 \end{pmatrix}\xi \qquad (6)$$

$$Y_e=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\epsilon' & 0 \\ \epsilon' & 3\epsilon & r\epsilon T_{\bar{e}} \\ 0 & r\sigma\epsilon T_L & 1 \end{pmatrix}\xi$$

$$Y_\nu=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\omega\epsilon' & 0 \\ \omega\epsilon' & 3\omega\epsilon & \frac{1}{2}\omega r\epsilon T_{\bar{\nu}} \\ 0 & r\sigma\epsilon T_L & 1 \end{pmatrix}\lambda$$

with

$$\omega=\frac{2\sigma}{2\sigma-1} \qquad (7)$$

and

$$T_f=(\text{baryon no.}-\text{lepton no.})$$

$$\text{for}\quad f=\{Q,\bar{u},\bar{d},L\bar{e},\bar{\nu}\}. \qquad (8)$$

In our notation, fermion doublets are on the left and singlets are on the right. Note, we have assumed that the Higgs doublets of the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) are contained in the 10 such that $\lambda\,10\supset\lambda\,H_u+\xi\,H_d$. We could then consider two important limits—case (1) $\lambda=\xi$ (no Higgs mixing) with large $\tan\beta$, and case (2) $\lambda\gg\xi$ or small $\tan\beta$. In the first case the Yukawa matrices are given by specifying six real parameters $\lambda,\epsilon,\epsilon',\rho,\sigma,r$ and three phases $\Phi_\epsilon,\Phi_\sigma,\Phi_\rho$, which cannot be rotated away. These nine parameters are then fit to the thirteen observable charged fermion masses and mixing angles. In the second case we would have one more arbitrary parameter.

We have obtained the Yukawa matrices parametrized in the same way as in paper [7]. Therefore, all the results from [7] apply also in our case. For completeness, the results for charged fermion masses and mixing angles are summarized in Appendix C.

[6]The ratios of VEVs which enter the Yukawa matrices are given by dimensionless parameters: $r\epsilon\sim\overline{\phi}\langle 45\rangle/M_0^2$, $\epsilon\sim\phi\langle 45\rangle/M_0^2$, $\epsilon'\sim A/M_0$. Parameters σ and ρ are functions of α and β which were defined after Eq. (5). For more details see [6].

B. The superpotential for ''flavon'' doublets

To generate the Yukawa matrices (6) with zeros in the 1-1, 1-3 and 3-1 elements it is necessary to have $\langle\tilde{\phi}_2\rangle=\langle\phi_1\rangle=0$. This may look like a very special assumption. However, we argue that with a D_3 symmetry such an arrangement of VEVs for ''flavon'' doublets is naturally obtained.

Consider the following superpotential for ''flavon'' doublets:

$$W\supset\psi_a\phi_a\tilde{\phi}_a+S(\phi_a\tilde{\phi}_a-M_\phi^2), \qquad (9)$$

where $\psi_a=(\mathbf{2_A},6)$ and $S=(1,6)$ are singlets under $SO(10)$. M_ϕ^2 is a scale at which the ''flavon'' doublets obtain VEVs. It is effectively $(1,-6)$. The origin of M_ϕ^2 is not important. It can result from one or two fields with effective $U(1)$ charge -6 obtaining a VEV. For example, if $M_\phi^2=\lambda_\phi\langle S_\phi\rangle$, where λ_ϕ is a dimensionful constant, it can be checked that $S_\phi=(1,-6)$[7] does not couple anywhere else; neither in the charged lepton sector nor the neutrino sector (see next section).[8]

The superpotential (9) has two isolated supersymmetric vacua related by $\phi_a\leftrightarrow\tilde{\phi}_a$:

$$\psi_a=S=0,\quad \phi_a=\begin{pmatrix}0\\ \phi\end{pmatrix},\quad \tilde{\phi}_a=\begin{pmatrix}\tilde{\phi}\\ 0\end{pmatrix},\quad \phi\tilde{\phi}=M_\phi^2. \qquad (10)$$

Since ψ_a and S have zero VEVs they do not contribute in the charged lepton and the neutrino sectors.

Thus from the simple superpotential (9) we have obtained the solution for VEVs of ϕ_a and $\tilde{\phi}_a$ needed to generate the Yukawa matrices (6).

C. The neutrino sector

The parameters in the Dirac Yukawa matrix for neutrinos (6) mixing ν-$\bar{\nu}$ are now fixed. Of course, neutrino masses are much too large and we need to invoke the GRSY [19] see-saw mechanism.

We can introduce SO(10) singlet fields N and obtain effective mass terms $\bar{\nu}$-N and N-N. Adding $N_a=(\mathbf{2_A},1)$ and $N_3=(\mathbf{1_B},3)$ [with the same $U(1)$ charges as 16_a and 16_3] together with $\overline{16}=(1,-6)$ [the same $U(1)$ charge as 10][9] we directly obtain the terms $\bar{\nu}$-N. The corresponding diagrams can be obtained from Fig. 1 by substituting $10\to\overline{16},16_a\to N_a,16_3\to N_3$ on the right hand side of the diagrams. N-N mass terms are generated from operators describing interac-

[7]S_ϕ has charge 2 under $U(1)_R$ symmetry.

[8]When S_ϕ obtains a VEV, the $U(1)$ symmetry is broken down to Z_6. As we saw in the previous section the VEVs of ϕ_a and $\overline{\phi}_a$ leave an unbroken Z_6 symmetry. Therefore, to be precise, with this mechanism for generating appropriate VEVs of ''flavon'' doublets the flavor symmetry breaking scenario from the previous section is slightly changed to $D_3\times U(1)\to D_3\times Z_6\to Z_6\to$nothing.

[9]$\overline{16}$ is assumed to get a VEV in the ''right-handed'' neutrino direction. This VEV is also needed to break the rank of $SO(10)$.

tions of N_a and N_3 with flavon fields. Thus these new fields contribute to the superspace potential below:

$$W \supset \overline{16}(N_a \chi_a + N_3 16_3) + N_a N_a \phi_a + N_a N_3 \tilde{\phi}_a . \quad (11)$$

Finally in order to allow for the possibility of a light sterile neutrino we introduce a D_3 nontrivial singlet $\overline{N_3}$ [a singlet under $SO(10)$] which enters the superspace potential as follows:

$$W \supset \mu_3 N_3 \overline{N_3} . \quad (12)$$

The dimensionful parameter μ_3 is assumed to be of order the weak scale. The notation is suggestive of the similarity between this term and the μ term in the Higgs sector. In both cases, we are adding supersymmetric mass terms and in both cases, we need some mechanism to keep these dimensionful parameters small compared to the Planck scale. This may be accomplished by symmetries, see for example Ref. [20].

We define the vector $\tilde{\mu} = (0,0,\mu_3)^T$ which can be generalized to a matrix in the case of more than one sterile neutrino.

The case with three neutrinos ($\mu_3 \equiv 0$) cannot simultaneously fit both solar and atmospheric neutrino data, for details see [7]. In this paper we consider the case of four neutrinos (with one sterile neutrino).

The generalized neutrino mass matrix is then given by[10]

$$\begin{array}{cccc} (\nu & \overline{N}_3 & \overline{\nu} & N) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & m & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \tilde{\mu}^T \\ m^T & 0 & 0 & V \\ 0 & \tilde{\mu} & V^T & M_N \end{pmatrix} \quad (13)$$

where

$$m = Y_\nu \langle H_u^0 \rangle = Y_\nu \frac{v}{\sqrt{2}} \sin\beta \quad (14)$$

and

$$V = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \epsilon' V_{16} & 0 \\ -\epsilon' V_{16} & 3\epsilon V_{16} & 0 \\ 0 & r\epsilon(1-\sigma) T_\nu \overline{V}_{16} & V'_{16} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$M_N = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \phi & \tilde{\phi} \\ 0 & \tilde{\phi} & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (15)$$

[10]This is similar to the double seesaw mechanism suggested by Mohapatra and Valle [21].

V_{16}, V'_{16} are proportional to the VEV of $\overline{16}$ (with different implicit Yukawa couplings) and $\phi, \tilde{\phi}$ are up to couplings the VEVs of ϕ_2, $\tilde{\phi}_1$, respectively.

Since both V and M_N are of order the GUT scale, the states $\overline{\nu}$, N may be integrated out of the effective low energy theory. In this case, the effective neutrino mass matrix is given (at M_G) by[11] [the matrix is written in the $(\nu, \overline{N_3})$ flavor basis where charged lepton masses are diagonal]

$$m_\nu^{\rm eff} = \tilde{U}_e^\dagger \begin{pmatrix} m(V^T)^{-1} M_N V^{-1} m^T & -m(V^T)^{-1}\tilde{\mu} \\ -\tilde{\mu}^T V^{-1} m^T & 0 \end{pmatrix} \tilde{U}_e^* \quad (16)$$

with

$$\tilde{U}_e = \begin{pmatrix} U_e & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad e_0 = e U_e^\dagger, \quad \nu_0 = \nu U_e^\dagger . \quad (17)$$

U_e is the 3×3 unitary matrix for left-handed leptons needed to diagonalize Y_e [Eq. (6)] and e_0, $\nu_0 (e, \nu)$ represent the three families of left-handed leptons in the weak- (mass-) eigenstate basis for charged leptons.

The neutrino mass matrix is diagonalized by a unitary matrix $U = U_{\alpha i}$,

$$m_\nu^{\rm diag} = U^\dagger m_\nu^{\rm eff} U^* \quad (18)$$

where $\alpha = \{\nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau, \nu_s\}$ is the flavor index and $i = \{1, \ldots, 4\}$ is the neutrino mass eigenstate index. $U_{\alpha i}$ is observable in neutrino oscillation experiments. In particular, the probability for the flavor state ν_α with energy E to oscillate into ν_β after traveling a distance L is given by

$$P(\nu_\alpha \to \nu_\beta) = \delta_{\alpha\beta} - 4 \sum_{k<j} U_{\alpha k} U^*_{\beta k} U^*_{\alpha j} U_{\beta j} \sin^2 \Delta_{jk} , \quad (19)$$

where $\Delta_{jk} = \delta m^2_{jk} L/4E$ and $\delta m^2_{jk} = m^2_j - m^2_k$.

The results for this four neutrino model (taken from Ref. [7]) are given in Appendix C.

D. Anomalies

As mentioned in Sec. II, we restrict discussion of anomalies to those involving D_3 and $SO(10)$ only. The only fields in the model with nontrivial charge under both groups are: doublets 16_a, χ_a, $\overline{\chi_a}$ and $\mathbf{1_B}$ singlet 16_3. The simplest way to avoid anomalies is to arrange these fields into $\mathbf{2_A} + \mathbf{1_B}$ multiplets of D_3 with the same $SO(10)$ quantum number. To make this possible we have to introduce another pair of Froggatt-Nielsen field χ and $\overline{\chi}$ which are $\mathbf{1_B}$ singlets under

[11]In fact, at the GUT scale M_G we define an effective dimension 5 supersymmetric neutrino mass operator where the Higgs VEV is replaced by the Higgs doublet H_u coupled to the entire lepton doublet. This effective operator is then renormalized using one-loop renormalization group equations to M_Z. It is only then that H_u is replaced by its VEV.

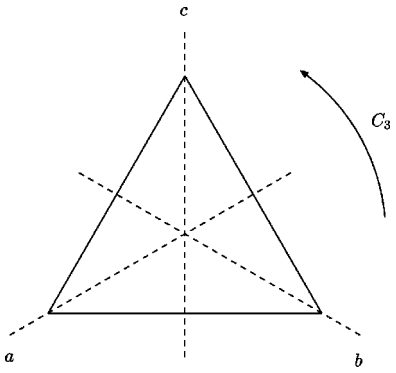

FIG. 2. Symmetry axes of an equilateral triangle.

D_3. It is easy to check that these new fields do not contribute to the discussion in this section.

There are many ways to arrange the $SO(10)$ singlets with non-trivial D_3 quantum numbers into complete multiplets of $SO(3)$. In particular, it is always possible to add new doublets or $\mathbf{1_B}$ singlets under D_3 which do not contribute to fermion masses and mixing angles.

In Appendix B we present a D_3' version of the same model. The main advantage of D_3' is that the $\mathbf{2}$ of $SU(2)$ decomposes into the $\mathbf{2_B}$ representation of D_3'. Thus, if all doublets with nontrivial $SO(10)$ quantum numbers transform as $\mathbf{2_B}$ under D_3' the anomaly cancellation conditions are automatically satisfied.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper we have presented an $SO(10)$ SUSY GUT with the minimal discrete nonabelian gauge family symmetry, $D_3 \times U(1)$.[12] With minimal family symmetry breaking VEVs, which may be obtained naturally in this theory, we obtain a ''predictive'' model for quark and lepton masses (including neutrinos) which will be tested in future experiments. In the charged fermion sector the model reproduces the good results obtained previously in an $SO(10)\times U(2) \times U(1)$ model discussed in Ref. [7]. The D_3 symmetry is sufficient to suppress large flavor violating interactions in the charged fermion sector. In the neutrino sector we also reproduce the results of Ref. [7], in particular we are able to fit atmospheric neutrino data with maximal $\nu_\mu \to \nu_\tau$ oscillations and solar neutrino data with SMA MSW $\nu_e \to \nu_s$ oscillations. The model is however unable to fit LSND data.

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[12]As mentioned in Sec. III A, the $U(1)$ factor can even be replaced by a discrete Z_N symmetry.

TABLE I. The character table for the group D_3.

D_3	E	C_3	C_α
$\mathbf{1_A}$	1	1	1
$\mathbf{1_B}$	1	1	-1
$\mathbf{2_A}$	2	-1	0

APPENDIX A: THE GROUP D_3 AND ITS REPRESENTATIONS

All possible rotations in three dimensions which leave an equilateral triangle invariant form the group D_3 (see Fig. 2). This group contains six elements in three classes:[13]

$$E; C_3, C_3^2; C_a, C_b, C_c, \tag{A1}$$

where E is the identity element, C_3 is the rotation through $2\pi/3$ about the axis perpendicular to the paper and going through the center of the triangle, C_3^2 is C_3 applied twice, C_a is the rotation through π about the axis a, and similarly C_b and C_c. Note that C_b is the same as $C_a C_3$ and C_c is the same as $C_a C_3^2$.

The number of classes in a finite group is equal to the number of nonequivalent irreducible representation of the group. One of the most interesting results of the theory of finite groups is the relation between the number of elements g of a group and dimensions n_ν of its nonequivalent irreducible representations ν,

$$\sum_\nu n_\nu^2 = g.$$

Thus we find that the group D_3 has two nonequivalent one dimensional representation $\mathbf{1_A}$, $\mathbf{1_B}$ and one two dimensional representation $\mathbf{2_A}$. Each representation is described by the set of characters[14] $\chi_1, \ldots, \chi_\nu$, where ν is the number of classes in the group. The character table for the group D_3 is given in Table I.

From the character table it is possible to find the decomposition of the product of any two representations:

$$\mathbf{1_A} \otimes \mathbf{1_A} = \mathbf{1_A}, \quad \mathbf{1_A} \otimes \mathbf{1_B} = \mathbf{1_B}, \quad \mathbf{1_B} \otimes \mathbf{1_B} = \mathbf{1_A}, \tag{A2}$$

$$\mathbf{1_A} \otimes \mathbf{2_A} = \mathbf{2_A}, \quad \mathbf{1_B} \otimes \mathbf{2_A} = \mathbf{2_A}, \tag{A3}$$

$$\mathbf{2_A} \otimes \mathbf{2_A} = \mathbf{1_A} \oplus \mathbf{1_B} \oplus \mathbf{2_A}. \tag{A4}$$

To construct an explicit model obeying D_3 symmetry we need to specify the representation and determine invariant tensors. One dimensional representations coincide with the characters and the two dimensional representation can be chosen to be

[13]An element b of the group G is said to be conjugate to the element a if there is an element u in G such that $uau^{-1} = b$. A group can be separated into classes of elements which are conjugate to one another.

[14]The character of an element a of the group G in a given representation D is the trace $\Sigma_i D_{ii}(a)$. Therefore elements in the same class (conjugate elements) have the same character.

TABLE II. The character table for double-valued representations of the group D_3'.

D_3	E	R	C_3	C_3R	C_α	$C_\alpha R$
$\mathbf{1_C}$	1	−1	−1	1	i	$-i$
$\mathbf{1_C^-}$	1	−1	−1	1	$-i$	i
$\mathbf{2_B}$	2	−2	1	−1	0	0

$$D(E)=\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\\ 0 & 1\end{pmatrix},\quad D(C_3)=\begin{pmatrix}\epsilon & 0\\ 0 & \epsilon^{-1}\end{pmatrix},\quad D(C_a)=\begin{pmatrix}0 & 1\\ 1 & 0\end{pmatrix}, \tag{A5}$$

where $\epsilon=e^{2\pi i/3}$.

Now it is straightforward to find the two singlets and the doublet in the decomposition of a product of two doublets (A4). Writing $\psi=\{x,y\}$ and $\psi'=\{x',y'\}$, we find

$$\psi\otimes\psi'|_{1_A}=xy'+yx', \tag{A6}$$

$$\psi\otimes\psi'|_{1_B}=xy'-yx', \tag{A7}$$

$$\psi\otimes\psi'|_{2}=\begin{pmatrix}yy'\\ xx'\end{pmatrix}. \tag{A8}$$

The decomposition (A4) also reveals that the product of three doublets contains an invariant. Taking $\psi''=\{x'',y''\}$, this invariant is

$$\psi\otimes\psi'\otimes\psi''|_{1_A}=xx'x''+yy'y''. \tag{A9}$$

Finally, we want to show that given a doublet ψ_a in D_3, there is a unique invariant norm given by $\psi_a^*\psi_a\equiv\psi_1^*\psi_1+\psi_2^*\psi_2$. Clearly, this norm is D_3 invariant since under a D_3 transformation $\psi_a'=C_{ab}\psi_b$ with $C\subset D_3$ and $C^\dagger C=1$. That this is unique follows from the fact that in the product of two doublets there is a unique invariant given in Eq. (A6). In addition, defining a new doublet by $\chi_a=g_{ab}\psi_b^*$ satisfying $\chi_a'=C_{ab}\chi_b=(\psi_b^*)'g_{ba}^T=\psi_c^*C_{cb}^\dagger g_{ba}^T$ requires for consistency $g=C_gC^T$. The unique solution to this consistency condition is $g=\left(\begin{smallmatrix}0 & 1\\ 1 & 0\end{smallmatrix}\right)$. Then we have $\chi\otimes\psi|_{1_A}\equiv\psi_a^*\psi_a$.

APPENDIX B: D_3' VERSION OF THE MODEL

The double group D_3' contains 12 elements in 6 classes. In addition to $\mathbf{1_A}$, $\mathbf{1_B}$, and $\mathbf{2_A}$ representations which are already presented in D_3 it also has double-valued representations $\mathbf{1_C}$, $\mathbf{1_C^-}$ and $\mathbf{2_B}$. The character table of a the double-valued representations is given in Table II.

TABLE III. Multiplication rules for the group D_3'.

D_3'	$\mathbf{1_A}$	$\mathbf{1_B}$	$\mathbf{1_C}$	$\mathbf{1_C^-}$	$\mathbf{2_A}$	$\mathbf{2_B}$
$\mathbf{1_A}$	$\mathbf{1_A}$	$\mathbf{1_B}$	$\mathbf{1_C}$	$\mathbf{1_C^-}$	$\mathbf{2_A}$	$\mathbf{2_B}$
$\mathbf{1_B}$		$\mathbf{1_A}$	$\mathbf{1_C^-}$	$\mathbf{1_C}$	$\mathbf{2_A}$	$\mathbf{2_B}$
$\mathbf{1_C}$			$\mathbf{1_B}$	$\mathbf{1_A}$	$\mathbf{2_B}$	$\mathbf{2_A}$
$\mathbf{1_C^-}$				$\mathbf{1_B}$	$\mathbf{2_B}$	$\mathbf{2_A}$

TABLE IV. Charged fermion masses and mixing angles. Initial parameters: $(1/\alpha_G, M_G, \epsilon_3)=(24.52, 3.05\times10^{16}\ \text{GeV}, -4.08\%)$; $(\lambda, r, \sigma, \epsilon, \rho, \epsilon')=(0.79, 12.4, 0.84, 0.011, 0.043, 0.0031)$; $(\Phi_\sigma, \Phi_\epsilon, \Phi_\rho)=(0.73, -1.21, 3.72)$ rad; $[m_0, M_{1/2}, A_0, \mu(M_Z)]=(1000, 300, -1437, 110)$ GeV; $[(m_{H_d}/m_0)^2, (m_{H_u}/m_0)^2, \tan\beta]=(2.22, 1.65, 53.7)$.

Observable	Data (σ) (masses)	Theory (in GeV)
M_Z	91.187 (0.091)	91.17
M_W	80.388 (0.080)	80.40
$G_\mu\times10^5$	1.1664 (0.0012)	1.166
α_{EM}^{-1}	137.04 (0.14)	137.0
$\alpha_s(M_Z)$	0.1190 (0.003)	0.1174
$\rho_{new}\times10^3$	−1.20 (1.3)	+0.320
M_t	173.8 (5.0)	175.0
$m_b(M_b)$	4.260 (0.11)	4.328
M_b-M_c	3.400 (0.2)	3.421
m_s	0.180 (0.050)	0.148
m_d/m_s	0.050 (0.015)	0.0589
Q^{-2}	0.00203 (0.00020)	0.00201
M_τ	1.777 (0.0018)	1.776
M_μ	0.10566 (0.00011)	.1057
$M_e\times10^3$	0.5110 (0.00051)	0.5110
V_{us}	0.2205 (0.0026)	0.2205
V_{cb}	0.03920 (0.0030)	0.0403
V_{ub}/V_{cb}	0.0800 (0.02)	0.0691
$\hat{B}_K$	0.860 (0.08)	0.8703
$B(b\to s\gamma)\times10^4$	3.000 (0.47)	2.995
TOTAL χ^2	3.39	

Multiplication rules are given in Table III and Eqs. (A4), (B1) and (B2):

$$\mathbf{2_A}\otimes\mathbf{2_B}=\mathbf{1_C}\oplus\mathbf{1_C^-}\oplus\mathbf{2_B}, \tag{B1}$$

$$\mathbf{2_B}\otimes\mathbf{2_B}=\mathbf{1_A}\oplus\mathbf{1_B}\oplus\mathbf{2_A}, \tag{B2}$$

The double-valued two dimensional representation can be chosen to be

$$D(E)=\begin{pmatrix}1 & 0\\ 0 & 1\end{pmatrix},\quad D(C_3)=\begin{pmatrix}\epsilon^{1/2} & 0\\ 0 & \epsilon^{-1/2}\end{pmatrix},$$

TABLE V. Fit to atmospheric and solar neutrino oscillations. Initial parameters: (4 neutrinos with large $\tan\beta$); $m'=7.11\times10^{-2}$ eV; $b=-0.521$; $c=0.278$; $\Phi_b=3.40$ rad.

Observable	Computed value
δm^2_{atm}	$3.2\times10^{-3}\ \text{eV}^2$
$\sin^2 2\theta_{atm}$	1.08
δm^2_{sol}	$4.2\times10^{-6}\ \text{eV}^2$
$\sin^2 2\theta_{sol}$	3.0×10^{-3}

$$D(C_a)=\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{B3}$$

and $D(R)=-D(E)$. As before, $\epsilon=e^{2\pi i/3}$.

Now it is straightforward to find new invariants. Taking the $\mathbf{2_A}$ doublet $\psi=\{x,y\}$ and $\mathbf{2_B}$ doublets $\varphi=\{a,b\}$, $\varphi'=\{a',b'\}$ we find

$$\varphi\otimes\varphi'|_{1_A}=ab'-ba', \tag{B4}$$

$$\psi\otimes\varphi\otimes\varphi'|_{1_A}=xbb'+yaa'. \tag{B5}$$

With these results it is straightforward to check that the fermion masses and mixing angles we obtained in Sec. III can be also obtained if we assume a $D_3'\times U(1)$ family symmetry. In this case all doublets charged nontrivially under $SO(10)$ are in the $\mathbf{2_B}$ of D_3', while singlets transform trivially under D_3'. ''Flavon'' fields are in representations: $\phi_a=\mathbf{2_A}$, $\tilde{\phi}_a=\mathbf{2_B}$ and $A=\mathbf{1_A}$. ''Flavon'' doublets are expected to obtain VEVs $\langle\phi_a\rangle=\phi\delta_{a1}$ and $\langle\tilde{\phi}_a\rangle=\tilde{\phi}\delta_{a1}$.

In the neutrino sector the doublets transform in the $\mathbf{2_B}$ and the singlets transform trivially under D_3'. Finally, the fields entering the superpotential for the ''flavon'' doublets transform in the following way: $\psi_a=\mathbf{2_B}$, $S=\mathbf{1_C}$, and $S_\phi=\mathbf{1_C^-}$.

The advantage of D_3' (and D_N's in general) is that the $\mathbf{2_B}$ representation of D_3' appears alone in the decomposition of a **2** of $SU(2)$. Representations of $SU(2)$ decompose into irreducible representations of D_3' in the following way:

$$\mathbf{2}\rightarrow\mathbf{2_B},$$

$$\mathbf{3}\rightarrow\mathbf{1_B}+\mathbf{2_A} \tag{B6}$$

$$\mathbf{4}\rightarrow\mathbf{1_C}+\mathbf{1_C^-}+\mathbf{2_B}, \tag{B7}$$

$$\vdots$$

Because all doublets with nontrivial $SO(10)$ quantum numbers transform as $\mathbf{2_B}$ under D_3' and all singlets with nontrivial $SO(10)$ quantum numbers are trivial singlets under D_3' the anomaly cancellation conditions are automatically satisfied. For the $SO(10)$ singlet with nontrivial D_3' quantum number, (ϕ_a), at the least we must add an $SO(10)$ singlet transforming as a $\mathbf{1_B}$.

APPENDIX C: RESULTS FOR CHARGED FERMION MASSES, MIXING ANGLES AND NEUTRINO OSCILLATIONS

In paper [7] a global χ^2 analysis has been performed incorporating two (one) loop renormalization group (RG) running of dimensionless (dimensionful) parameters from M_G to M_Z in the MSSM, one loop radiative threshold corrections at M_Z, and 3 loop QCD (1 loop QED) RG running below M_Z. Electroweak symmetry breaking is obtained self-consistently from the effective potential at one loop, with all one loop threshold corrections included. This analysis is performed using the code of Blažek *et al.* [18].

TABLE VI. Neutrino masses and mixings. Mass eigenvalues [eV]: 0.0, 0.002, 0.04, 0.07. Magnitude of neutrino mixing matrix $U_{\alpha i}$. $i=1,\ldots,4$ labels mass eigenstates. $\alpha=\{\epsilon,\mu,\tau,s\}$ labels flavor eigenstates.

0.998	0.0204	0.0392	0.0529
0.0689	0.291	0.567	0.767
0.317×10^{-3}	0.145	0.771	0.620
0.284×10^{-3}	0.946	0.287	0.154

In Table IV we give the 20 observables which enter the χ^2 function, their experimental values and the uncertainty σ (in parentheses). These are the results for one set of soft SUSY breaking parameters m_0, $M_{1/2}$ with all other parameters varied to obtain the best fit solution. In most cases σ is determined by the 1 standard deviation experimental uncertainty, however in some cases the theoretical uncertainty ($\sim$0.1%) inherent in our renormalization group running and one loop threshold corrections dominates. For large tan β there are 6 real Yukawa parameters and 3 complex phases Φ_ρ, Φ_ϵ and Φ_σ. With 13 fermion mass observables (charged fermion masses and mixing angles [$\hat{B}_K$ replacing ϵ_K as a ''measure of CP violation'']) we have 4 predictions. For low tan β, $\lambda\neq\xi$, we have one less prediction. From Table IV it is clear that this theory fits the low energy data quite well.

Finally, the squark, slepton, Higgs and gaugino spectrum of the theory is consistent with all available data. The lightest chargino and neutralino are Higgsino-like with the masses close to their respective experimental limits. As an example of the additional predictions of this theory consider the CP violating mixing angles which may soon be observed at B factories. For the selected fit it was found

$$(\sin 2\alpha,\sin 2\beta,\sin\gamma)=(0.74,0.54,0.99) \tag{C1}$$

or equivalently the Wolfenstein parameters

$$(\rho,\eta)=(-0.04,0.31). \tag{C2}$$

The results obtained in Ref. [7] for the neutrino sector are presented in Tables V and VI. The model has maximal $\nu_\mu\rightarrow\nu_\tau$ mixing to describe atmospheric neutrino data and small mixing angle (SMA) $\nu_e\rightarrow\nu_s$ oscillations to fit solar neutrino data with SMA matter enhanced MSW oscillations. The model cannot however fit the Liquid Scintillation Neutrino Detector (LSND) $\nu_e\rightarrow\nu_\mu$ data.

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