

# Charged Lepton Mass Relations in a Supersymmetric Yukawaon Model

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## Abstract

According to an idea that effective Yukawa coupling constants  $Y_f^{eff}$  are given vacuum expectation values  $\langle Y_f \rangle$  of fields (“Yukawaons”)  $Y_f$  as  $Y_f^{eff} = y_f \langle Y_f \rangle / \Lambda$ , a possible superpotential form in the charged lepton sector under a U(3) [or O(3)] flavor symmetry is investigated. It is found that a specific form of the superpotential can lead to an empirical charged lepton mass relation without any adjustable parameters.

## 1 Introduction

The so-called “Yukawaon model” [for example, see Ref.[1]] claims that, in effective Yukawa interactions of quarks and leptons

$$H_Y = \sum_{i,j} \ell_i (Y_e^{eff})_{ij} e_j^c H_d + \dots, \quad (1.1)$$

the effective Yukawa coupling constants  $Y_f^{eff}$  ( $f = e, \nu, u, d$ ) are given by the vacuum expectation values (VEVs)  $\langle Y_f \rangle$  of a scalar field  $Y_f$  as

$$Y_f^{eff} = \frac{y_f}{\Lambda} \langle Y_f \rangle. \quad (1.2)$$

Here, for simplicity, we have explicitly denoted only the charged lepton sector. In Eq.(1.1),  $\ell$  and  $e^c$  are SU(2)<sub>L</sub> doublet and singlet fields, respectively, and  $\Lambda$  is an energy scale of the effective theory. (We have considered a supersymmetric (SUSY) scenario.) Hereafter, we refer the fields  $Y_f$  as “Yukawaons” [1], which are gauge singlets. In addition to the Yukawaon  $Y_e$ , we consider a field  $\Phi_e$  which is related to  $Y_e$  as

$$\langle Y_e \rangle = k \langle \Phi_e \rangle \langle \Phi_e \rangle. \quad (1.3)$$

We also refer  $\Phi_e$  as a “ur-Yukawaon”, which has been introduced in order to fix the VEVs of the Yukawaon  $Y_e$ . (For the moment, we consider the ur-Yukawaon only in the charged lepton sector.) Then, an empirical charged lepton mass formula [2]

$$R_e \equiv \frac{m_e + m_\mu + m_\tau}{(\sqrt{m_e} + \sqrt{m_\mu} + \sqrt{m_\tau})^2} = \frac{2}{3}, \quad (1.4)$$

is rewritten as

$$R_e \equiv \frac{v_1^2 + v_2^2 + v_3^2}{(v_1 + v_2 + v_3)^2} = \frac{2}{3}, \quad (1.5)$$

where  $v_i = \langle (\Phi_e)_{ii} \rangle$ .

Previously, the author [3] has derived the relation (1.5) by assuming the following U(3)-flavor-invariant scalar potential

$$V = \mu^2(\pi^2 + \eta^2 + \sigma^2) + \lambda(\pi^2 + \eta^2 + \sigma^2)^2 + \lambda'(\pi^2 + \eta^2)\sigma^2, \quad (1.6)$$

where

$$\pi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\Phi_{11} - \Phi_{22}), \quad \eta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\Phi_{11} + \Phi_{22} - 2\Phi_{33}), \quad \sigma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\Phi_{11} + \Phi_{22} + \Phi_{33}), \quad (1.7)$$

and  $\pi^2 + \eta^2 + \sigma^2$  and  $\sigma^2$  correspond to  $\text{Tr}[\Phi\Phi]$  and  $\frac{1}{3}\text{Tr}^2[\Phi]$  in a diagonal basis of the VEV matrix  $\langle \Phi \rangle$ , respectively. Here, we have dropped the index “e” in  $\Phi_e$  for convenience. Since, in the present paper, we often meet with traces of matrices  $A$ , hereafter, we denote the traces  $\text{Tr}[A]$  as  $[A]$  concisely. The scalar potential (1.6) can be rewritten as

$$V = \mu^2[\Phi\Phi] + \lambda[\Phi\Phi]^2 + \frac{1}{3}\lambda'[\Phi^{(8)}\Phi^{(8)}][\Phi]^2, \quad (1.8)$$

where  $\Phi^{(8)}$  is an octet part of the nonet field  $\Phi$ ,  $\Phi^{(8)} = \Phi - \frac{1}{3}[\Phi]$ . The minimizing condition of  $V$  demands

$$\frac{\partial V}{\partial \Phi} = 2 \left( \mu^2 + 2\lambda[\Phi\Phi] + \frac{1}{3}\lambda'[\Phi]^2 \right) \Phi + \frac{2}{3}\lambda' \left( [\Phi\Phi] - \frac{2}{3}[\Phi]^2 \right) [\Phi] = 0, \quad (1.9)$$

so that we obtain the relation (1.5), i.e.

$$R = \frac{[\Phi\Phi]}{[\Phi]^2} = \frac{2}{3}, \quad (1.10)$$

together with  $\mu^2 + 2\lambda[\Phi\Phi] + \frac{1}{3}\lambda'[\Phi]^2 = 0$ . Of course, a statement that the relation (1.10) was derived by assuming U(3) symmetry is not correct. The accurate statement is that the relation (1.10) was derived from a scalar potential (1.6) [(1.8)] which is invariant under U(3) symmetry, but which is not a general form of the U(3) invariant scalar potential.

A straightforward SUSY version of the scalar potential (1.8) is as follows: the superpotential  $W$  is given by

$$W = \mu[\Phi A] + \lambda'[\Phi][\Phi^{(8)}B], \quad (1.11)$$

where  $A$  and  $B$  are additional nonet fields. Then, the superpotential (1.11) leads to a scalar potential

$$V = |\mu|^2[\Phi\Phi^\dagger] + |\lambda'|^2[\Phi][\Phi]^\dagger[\Phi^{(8)}\Phi^{(8)\dagger}] + \dots. \quad (1.12)$$

However, although the minimizing condition of the scalar potential (1.12) can lead to the relation (1.10), the vacuum is not stable.

A supersymmetric approach with SUSY vacuum conditions to the mass relation (1.4) has first been done by Ma [4]. His model with a flavor symmetry  $\Sigma(81)$  is impeccable, but somewhat

intricate. Stimulated by his work, the author [5] has also proposed a superpotential with a simple form

$$W = \mu[\Phi\Phi] + \lambda[\Phi\Phi\Phi], \quad (1.13)$$

by assuming a  $Z_2$  symmetry in addition to the  $U(3)$  flavor symmetry. Here, it has been assumed that the octet  $\Phi^{(8)} = \Phi - \frac{1}{3}[\Phi]$  and singlet  $\Phi^{(1)} = \frac{1}{3}[\Phi]$  have  $Z_2$  parities  $-1$  and  $+1$ , respectively. Then, in the cubic term

$$[\Phi\Phi\Phi] = [\Phi^{(8)}\Phi^{(8)}\Phi^{(8)}] + [\Phi^{(8)}\Phi^{(8)}][\Phi] + \frac{1}{3}[\Phi^{(8)}][\Phi]^2 + \frac{1}{9}[\Phi]^3, \quad (1.14)$$

the  $Z_2$  parities of the terms  $[\Phi^{(8)}\Phi^{(8)}\Phi^{(8)}]$  and  $[\Phi^{(8)}][\Phi]^2$  are  $-1$ , so that those terms are dropped under the  $Z_2$  symmetry:

$$[\Phi\Phi\Phi]_{Z_2=+1} = [\Phi^{(8)}\Phi^{(8)}][\Phi] + \frac{1}{9}[\Phi]^3 = [\Phi][\Phi\Phi] - \frac{2}{9}[\Phi]^3. \quad (1.15)$$

Then, by requiring a SUSY vacuum condition

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial \Phi} = 2(\mu + \lambda[\Phi])\Phi + \lambda \left( [\Phi\Phi] - \frac{2}{3}[\Phi]^2 \right) [\Phi] = 0, \quad (1.16)$$

where we have used  $[\Phi^{(8)}\Phi^{(8)}] = [\Phi\Phi] - \frac{1}{3}[\Phi]^2$ , we can obtain the relation (1.10). However, such the  $Z_2$  charge assignment requires a somewhat intricate scenario [5] when  $\Phi$  is related to  $Y$ , because we need not only  $\Phi^{(8)}\Phi^{(8)} + \Phi^{(1)}\Phi^{(1)}$  with  $Z_2 = +1$ , but also  $\Phi^{(8)}\Phi^{(1)} + \Phi^{(1)}\Phi^{(8)}$  with  $Z_2 = -1$  in  $Y = k\Phi\Phi$ .

If we accept a higher dimensional term in the superpotential, by assuming a simple form without such  $Z_2$  symmetry

$$W = \mu[\Phi\Phi] + \frac{1}{\Lambda}[\Phi]^2[\Phi^{(8)}\Phi^{(8)}], \quad (1.17)$$

we can also obtain the relation (1.10):

$$\frac{\partial W}{\partial \Phi} = 2 \left( \mu + \frac{1}{\Lambda}[\Phi]^2 \right) \Phi + \frac{2}{\Lambda} \left( [\Phi\Phi] - \frac{2}{3}[\Phi]^2 \mathbf{1} \right) [\Phi] = 0. \quad (1.18)$$

However, we must recall that each Yukawaon  $Y_f$  has a different  $U(1)_X$  charge  $Q_X = x_f$  in order to distinguish each fermion partner [6]. Since the ur-Yukawaon  $\Phi_e$  also has a  $U(1)_X$  charge  $Q_X = \frac{1}{2}x_e$ , we cannot write the superpotential (1.17) [also Eq.(1.13)] without violating the  $U(1)_X$  symmetry.

We would like to search for a superpotential form whose vacuum conditions lead to the relation (1.10) under the conditions that (i) the superpotential  $W$  does not include a higher dimensional term, and (ii)  $W$  is invariant under the  $U(3)$  [or  $O(3)$ ] and  $U(1)_X$  symmetries. Note that, in the original idea (1.6), the result (1.10) is obtained independently of the explicit

parameter values  $\mu$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda'$ . We consider that such a motive should be inherited in a SUSY version of the scenario, too. The result (1.10) should be obtained without adjusting parameters in the model. We will search for a superpotential form by considering that the form may include an ad hoc term for the time being, but the form should be simple.

## 2 Ansatz and VEV relations

In the present paper, we assume the Yukawaons  $Y_f$  are nonets of a U(3)-flavor symmetry [or  $\mathbf{5} + \mathbf{1}$  of O(3)], and those do not solely appear as octets of U(3) [or  $\mathbf{5}$ -plets of O(3)] in the superpotential. On the other hand, as suggested by the forms (1.11) and (1.17), the traceless part of  $\Phi_e$ ,  $\hat{\Phi}_e \equiv \Phi_e - \frac{1}{3}[\Phi_e]$ , seems to play an crucial role in obtaining the relation (1.10). Therefore, for the ur-Yukawaon  $\Phi_e$ , we consider that the traceless part  $\hat{\Phi}_e$  of the ur-Yukawaon can solely appear in the superpotential.

In order to obtain a bilinear relation

$$Y_e = k\Phi_e\Phi_e, \quad (2.1)$$

we assume a superpotential term [6]

$$W_A = \lambda_A[\Phi_e\Phi_e A_e] + \mu_A[Y_e A_e], \quad (2.2)$$

where  $k = -\lambda_A/\mu_A$  and these fields have U(1)<sub>X</sub> charges as  $Q_X(Y_e) = x_e$ ,  $Q_X(\Phi_e) = \frac{1}{2}x_e$  and  $Q_X(A_e) = -x_e$ . In addition to the field  $A_e$ , we introduce a new field  $A'_e$  which couples only to  $\hat{\Phi}_e$  as  $[\hat{\Phi}_e\hat{\Phi}_e A'_e]$ , and we also introduce a field  $Y'_e$  which composes a mass term  $\mu''[Y'_e A'_e]$  together with  $A'_e$  similarly to Eq.(2.2). Since the new field  $A'_e$  has the same U(1)<sub>X</sub> charge with  $A_e$ , we can write the superpotential as follows:

$$W_A = \lambda_A[\Phi_e\Phi_e A_e] + \mu_A[Y_e A_e] + \lambda'_A[\Phi_e\Phi_e A'_e] + \mu'_A[Y_e A'_e] \\ + \lambda''_A[\hat{\Phi}_e\hat{\Phi}_e A'_e] + \lambda'''_A\phi_x[Y'_e A'_e], \quad (2.3)$$

where  $Q_X(A'_e) = -x_e$ ,  $Q_X(\phi_x) = x_\phi$  and  $Q_X(Y'_e) = x_e - x_\phi$ . Here, the reason that we have written  $\lambda'''_A\phi_x$  instead of  $\mu''_A$  in Eq.(2.3) is to distinguish  $Y'_e$  from  $Y_e$  in order to prevent  $(Y'_e)_{ij}$  from coupling with  $\ell_i e_j^c$ . In general, when fields  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  with the same U(1)<sub>X</sub> charges couple with four terms  $\Phi_e\Phi_e$ ,  $Y_e$ ,  $\hat{\Phi}_e\hat{\Phi}_e$  and  $Y'_e$  in Eq.(2.3), one of those, for example,  $[\hat{\Phi}_e\hat{\Phi}_e(c_1 A_1 + c_2 A_2)]$ , can be rewritten as  $\sqrt{c_1^2 + c_2^2}[\hat{\Phi}_e\hat{\Phi}_e A'_e]$  without losing generality. Therefore, the  $\lambda'_A$ -term in Eq.(2.3) is not an ansatz. However, the 6th term ( $\lambda'''_A$ -term) in Eq.(2.3) is, in general, given by a linear combination of  $A_e$  and  $A'_e$ . Nevertheless, we have defined  $Y'_e$  as the field  $Y'_e$  can make a mass term only with  $A'_e$ . This is just an ansatz in the present scenario. From the SUSY vacuum condition  $\partial W/\partial A_e = 0$ , and  $\partial W/\partial A'_e = 0$ , we obtain the VEV relations (2.1) with  $k = -\lambda_A/\mu_A$  and

$$Y'_e = -\frac{1}{\lambda'''_A\phi_x} \left( \lambda'_A\Phi_e\Phi_e + \lambda''_A\hat{\Phi}_e\hat{\Phi}_e + \mu'_A Y_e \right), \quad (2.4)$$

respectively. By substituting Eq.(2.1) for (2.4), we obtain a VEV relation

$$Y'_e = k'(\Phi_e\Phi_e + \xi\hat{\Phi}_e\hat{\Phi}_e), \quad (2.5)$$

where

$$k' = -\frac{1}{\lambda_A'' \phi_x} \left( \lambda_A' - \frac{\mu_A'}{\mu_A} \lambda_A \right), \quad \xi = \frac{\lambda_A''}{\lambda_A' - \frac{\mu_A'}{\mu_A} \lambda_A}. \quad (2.6)$$

(The other SUSY vacuum conditions  $\partial W/\partial Y_e = 0$ ,  $\partial W/\partial Y_e' = 0$ ,  $\partial W/\partial \phi_x = 0$  and  $\partial W/\partial \Phi_e = 0$  lead to  $A_e = A_e' = 0$  for  $\phi_x \neq 0$ .)

Next, we introduce a field  $B_e$  with  $Q_X = -\frac{3}{2}x_e + x_\phi$ , and we write a superpotential term

$$W_B = \lambda_B [\Phi_e Y_e' B_e]. \quad (2.7)$$

The SUSY vacuum condition  $\partial W/\partial B_e = 0$  ( $W = W_A + W_B$ ) gives  $\Phi_e Y_e' = 0$ , i.e.

$$\Phi_e (\Phi_e \Phi_e + \xi \hat{\Phi}_e \hat{\Phi}_e) = (1 + \xi) \Phi_e^3 - \frac{2}{3} \xi [\Phi_e] \Phi_e^2 + \frac{1}{9} \xi [\Phi_e]^2 \Phi_e = 0, \quad (2.8)$$

from Eq.(2.5). On the other hand, in general, in a cubic equation

$$\Phi^3 + c_2 \Phi^2 + c_1 \Phi + c_0 \mathbf{1} = 0, \quad (2.9)$$

the coefficients  $c_i$  have the following relations:

$$c_2 = -[\Phi], \quad c_1 = \frac{1}{2} ([\Phi]^2 - [\Phi\Phi]), \quad c_0 = -\det\Phi. \quad (2.10)$$

In order that there is a solution  $[\Phi_e] \neq 0$ , we must take

$$\xi = -3, \quad (2.11)$$

in the coefficient  $c_2$ . Then, we obtain the ratio  $R_e$  defined by Eq.(1.5) as follows: from the coefficient  $c_1$ , we have a relation

$$c_1 = \frac{\xi}{9(1+\xi)} [\Phi_e]^2 = \frac{1}{2} ([\Phi_e]^2 - [\Phi_e \Phi_e]), \quad (2.12)$$

so that we can obtain the ratio

$$R_e \equiv \frac{[\Phi_e \Phi_e]}{[\Phi_e]^2} = 1 - \frac{2\xi}{9(1+\xi)} = \frac{2}{3}, \quad (2.13)$$

by using Eq.(2.11).

Although the present model can give a reasonable value of  $R_e$ , the cubic equation (2.8) gives  $c_0 = -\det\Phi_e = 0$ , which means that the electron is massless,  $m_e = 0$ . Therefore, next, we are interested in the following ratio [7]

$$r_{123} = \frac{\sqrt{m_e m_\mu m_\tau}}{(\sqrt{m_e} + \sqrt{m_\mu} + \sqrt{m_\tau})^3} = \frac{\det\Phi_e}{[\Phi_e]^3}, \quad (2.14)$$

whose limit  $r_{123} \rightarrow 1$  means that the electron is massless. A simple way to obtain a non-vanishing  $c_0$  without affecting the values of  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  in the above scenario is to add an ad hoc term

$$\varepsilon_1 \lambda_B [\Phi_e] [Y'_e] [B_e], \quad (2.15)$$

to the term (2.7) without violating the  $U(1)_X$  symmetry. Then, the coefficient  $c_0$  is given by

$$c_0 = \frac{\varepsilon_1}{1+\xi} [\Phi_e] \left( (1+\xi) [\Phi_e \Phi_e] - \frac{\xi}{3} [\Phi_e]^2 \right). \quad (2.16)$$

By using the relations (2.11) and (2.13), we obtain

$$c_0 = \frac{1}{6} \varepsilon_1 [\Phi_e]^3, \quad (2.17)$$

so that we can obtain the ratio

$$r_{123} = -\frac{1}{6} \varepsilon_1, \quad (2.18)$$

by recalling the relation  $c_0 = -\det \Phi_e$ . If we consider another term

$$\varepsilon_2 \lambda_B [\Phi_e Y'_e] [B_e], \quad (2.19)$$

we can also obtain

$$c_0 = 3\varepsilon_2 \det \Phi_e, \quad (2.20)$$

where we have used a formula

$$\det A = \frac{1}{3} [A^3] - \frac{1}{2} [A] [A^2] + \frac{1}{6} [A]^3. \quad (2.21)$$

Therefore, when we consider both terms (2.15) and (2.19), we obtain

$$r_{123} = -\frac{\varepsilon_1}{6(1+3\varepsilon_2)}. \quad (2.22)$$

If we assume a traceless field  $\hat{B}_e \equiv B_e - \frac{1}{3} [B_e]$  instead of  $B_e$  in Eq.(2.7), the case corresponds to the case with  $\varepsilon_1 = 0$  and  $\varepsilon_2 = -1/3$ , and we find that  $c_0$  identically becomes  $c_0 = -\det \Phi_e$ , so that any value of  $\det \Phi_e$  is allowed. Therefore, the case is not so interesting. At present, the parameters  $\varepsilon_1$  and  $\varepsilon_2$  are free, so that we cannot predict the value of  $r_{123}$ .

### 3 Concluding remarks

In conclusion, we have found a superpotential which can lead to the VEV relation (1.10),  $[\Phi_e \Phi_e] = \frac{2}{3} [\Phi_e]^2$ . It should be noticed that, although we have assumed a  $U(3)$  [or  $O(3)$ ] flavor symmetry in the present paper, it does not mean that the relation (1.10) was derived by assuming the symmetry. The relation (1.10) was obtained by assuming a specific form (2.3) in the superpotential under the flavor symmetry. In the superpotential (2.3), the existence of the term  $\Phi_e \hat{\Phi}_e \hat{\Phi}_e$  plays an crucial role in obtaining the relation (1.10). If all allowed terms under the symmetry were indiscriminately taken into consideration, the model would have become a ‘‘parameter physics’’ as well as conventional mass matrix models. (We have chosen  $\xi$  as  $\xi = -3$

in Eq.(2.11). However, we do not regard  $\xi$  as an adjustable parameter in the present model. The condition (2.11) has been settled by a fundamental requirement that the non-zero VEV  $[\Phi]$  should exist. The parameter  $\xi$  is not an adjustable parameter in the phenomenological meaning.)

Since we have successfully obtained the relation (1.10) without adjustable parameters, another problem has risen in the present scenario: We know that  $R = 2/3$  is valid only for the charged lepton masses, and the observed masses for another sectors do not satisfy  $R = 2/3$ . For example, the ratio  $R_u$  for the up-quark masses is  $R_u \simeq 8/9$  [8]. Can we modify the present scenario as it leads to  $R_u \simeq 8/9$ ? At present it seems to be impossible, because there is no adjustable parameter in the present scenario.

By the way, on the basis of a Yukawaon model, an interesting neutrino mass matrix form [6, 9]

$$M_\nu \propto \langle Y_e \rangle (\langle Y_e \rangle \langle \Phi_u \rangle + \langle \Phi_u \rangle \langle Y_e \rangle)^{-1} \langle Y_e \rangle, \quad (3.1)$$

has been proposed, where the up-quark mass spectrum is given by  $\langle Y_u \rangle \propto \langle \Phi_u \rangle \langle \Phi_u \rangle$ . The neutrino mass matrix (3.1) can successfully lead to a nearly tribimaximal mixing [11] under an additional phenomenological assumption. In the successful description of  $M_\nu$ , it is crucial that the Majorana mass matrix of the right-handed neutrinos  $M_R$  is given by linear terms of  $\sqrt{m_{ui}}$ . Therefore, the bilinear form  $\langle Y_u \rangle \propto \langle \Phi_u \rangle \langle \Phi_u \rangle$  seems to be valid for the up-quark sector, too.

We also pay attention to the following empirical relation

$$\sqrt{\frac{m_{ui}}{m_{uj}}} \simeq \frac{m_{ei} + m_0}{m_{ej} + m_0}, \quad (3.2)$$

where  $m_{ui}$  and  $m_{ei}$  are masses of up-quarks and charged leptons. In fact, for example, the value  $m_0 = 4.36$  MeV gives the ratios  $(m_e + m_0)/(m_\mu + m_0) = 0.0453$  and  $(m_\mu + m_0)/(m_\tau + m_0) = 0.0612$  correspondingly to the observed values  $\sqrt{m_u/m_c} = 0.0453^{+0.012}_{-0.010}$  and  $\sqrt{m_c/m_t} = 0.0600^{+0.0045}_{-0.0047}$ , respectively. (Here, we have used quark mass values [10] at  $\mu = m_Z$ , because the quark mass values at a unification scale are highly dependent on the value of  $\tan\beta = v_u/v_d$ .)

These facts suggest a possibility that

$$\langle Y_e \rangle \propto \langle \Phi_e \rangle \langle \Phi_e \rangle, \quad \langle \Phi_e \rangle \equiv \langle \Phi_0^e \rangle, \quad (3.3)$$

in the charged lepton sector, while

$$\langle Y_u \rangle \propto \langle \Phi_u \rangle \langle \Phi_u \rangle, \quad \langle \Phi_u \rangle \propto \langle \Phi_0^u \rangle \langle \Phi_0^u \rangle + \varepsilon \mathbf{1}, \quad (3.4)$$

in the up-quark sector, where ur-Yukawaons  $\Phi_0^e$  and  $\Phi_0^u$  exactly have the same VEV spectra, but the diagonal bases of  $\langle \Phi_0^e \rangle$  and  $\langle \Phi_0^u \rangle$  are different from each other.

Therefore, there is a possibility that all quark and lepton mass spectra (in other words, all  $\langle Y_f \rangle$ ) can be described in terms of only two ur-Yukawaons  $\Phi_0^e$  and  $\Phi_0^u$ . However, in Ref.[6, 1], where a supersymmetric Yukawaon model has been investigated on the basis of an O(3) flavor symmetry, the down-quark Yukawaon  $Y_d$  has not explicitly been discussed. In the O(3) model [6, 1], since it is assumed that the VEVs of  $\Phi_0^e$  and  $\Phi_0^u$  are real, the observed  $CP$  violating phase in the quark sector must be inevitably included in the down-quark sector. Whether such

a unified description is possible or not is dependent on whether a down-quark Yukawaon  $Y_d$  can also reasonably be described in terms of  $\Phi_0^e$  and  $\Phi_0^u$ . This will be a touchstone of the Yukawaon approach.

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