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A pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone boson (pNGB) is an attractive candidate for dark matter (DM) due to the simple evasion of the current severe limits of DM direct detection experiments. One of the pNGB DM models has been proposed based on a *gauged* $U(1)_{B-L}$ symmetry. The pNGB has long enough lifetime to be a DM and thermal relic abundance of pNGB DM can be fit with the observed value against the constraints on the DM decays from the cosmic-ray observations. The pNGB DM model can be embedded into an $SO(10)$ pNGB DM model in the framework of an $SO(10)$ grand unified theory, whose $SO(10)$ is broken to the Pati-Salam gauge group at the unified scale, and further to the Standard Model gauge group at the intermediate scale. Unlike the previous pNGB DM model, the parameters such as the gauge coupling constants of $U(1)_{B-L}$, the kinetic mixing parameter of between $U(1)_Y$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$ are determined by solving the renormalization group equations for gauge coupling constants with appropriate matching conditions. From the constraints of the DM lifetime and gamma-ray observations, the pNGB DM mass must be less than $\mathcal{O}(100)$ GeV. We find that the thermal relic abundance can be consistent with all the constraints when the DM mass is close to half of the *CP* even Higgs masses.

I. INTRODUCTION

The existence of dark matter (DM) has been confirmed by several astronomical observations such as spiral galaxies [1,2], gravitational lensing [3], cosmic microwave background [4], and collision of bullet cluster [5]. There are no viable DM candidates in the Standard Model (SM), so the identification of DM plays an important role in particle physics as well as cosmology.

Due to the lack of understanding the nature of DM, there are a lot of DM candidates. One of the candidates is so-called weakly interacting massive particle (WIMP). To realize the relic abundance of DM, the WIMP mass is expected to the range of $\mathcal{O}(10)$ GeV to $\mathcal{O}(100)$ TeV. Further, since the WIMPs have nongravitational interaction, the direct and indirect detections are expected, but

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there are still no clear signals of WIMPs, which lead to the strong constraint for WIMP mass and interactions, especially from the direct detection.

Several mechanisms in WIMP DM models are proposed to avoid the severe constrains from the direct detection by considering, e.g., a fermion DM with pseudoscalar interactions [6–11] and a pseudo-Nambu-Goldstone boson (pNGB) DM [12–21]. Usually, in pNGB DM models, additional global $U(1)$ symmetry is assumed in an *ad hoc* manner.

In Refs. [19,20], a pNGB DM model is proposed based on $G_{\rm SM} \times U(1)_{B-L}$ gauge groups, where $G_{\rm SM} \coloneqq SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$. Two complex scalars with $Q_{B-L} = +1$ and $+2$, denoted as S and Φ, and three right-handed neutrinos due to the gauge anomaly cancellation are introduced. The gauge symmetry is spontaneously broken via the nonvanishing vacuum expectation value (VEV) of the scalar fields S and Φ as below:

$$G_{\rm SM} \times U(1)_{B-L} \to G_{\rm SM}. \qquad (1.1)$$

The results in the model are summarized below. The DM direct detection cross section is naturally suppressed as the same as other pNGB DM models. The pNGB can decay through the new high scale suppressed operators, but the

TABLE I. The matter content in the $SO(10)$ model is shown.

	A_μ	Ψ_{16}	Φ_{10}	Φ_{16}	$\Phi_{\overline{126}}$	Φ_{210}
$SO(10)$	**45**	**16**	**10**	**16**	$\overline{\textbf{126}}$	**210**
$SL(2,\mathbb{C})$	$(1/2,1/2)$	$(1/2,0)$	$(0,0)$	$(0,0)$	$(0,0)$	$(0,0)$

pNGB has a lifetime long enough to be a DM in the wide range of the parameter space of the model. The thermal relic abundance of pNGB DM can be fit with the observed value against the constraints on the DM decays from the cosmic-ray observations.

From other viewpoints, the charge quantization of $U(1)_Y$, the gauge anomaly cancellation of G_{SM}, and the almost SM gauge coupling unification even in nonsupersymmetric SM seem to imply the existence of grand unification [22]. The unification scale is expected to be $\mathcal{O}(10^{15}-10^{18})$ GeV, where the lower bound comes from the current nonobservation of the nucleon decay [23] and the upper bound comes from the Planck scale. Also, the tiny neutrino masses from the neutrino oscillation data seem to suggest an intermediate scale $\mathcal{O}(10^{10}-10^{14})$ GeV through a see-saw mechanism [24].

In this paper, we propose an $SO(10)$ pNGB DM model in the framework of grand unified theories (GUTs). Each Weyl fermion in **16** of $SO(10)$ contains one generation of quarks and leptons, which includes a right-handed neutrino [25]. The SM Higgs and two complex scalar fields S and Φ in Refs. [19,20] are assigned to a scalar field in **10**, **16**, and $\overline{\textbf{126}}$ of $SO(10)$, respectively. There are several symmetry breaking patterns of $SO(10)$ to $G_{SM} \times U(1)_{B-L}$ as below.

$$SO(10) \rightarrow G_I \rightarrow G_{SM} \times U(1)_{B-L}, \qquad (1.2)$$

where G_I stands for the intermediate gauge group such as the Pati-Salam gauge group $G_{PS} := SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ [26] and a left-right gauge group $G_{LR} := SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$ [27,28]. We mainly focus on the case of $G_I = G_{PS}$, but we also consider the possibility for such as $G_I = G_{LR}$, where the cases are not favored for a pNGB DM model under our assumption and experimental constraints. (For more information about GUT model building in general, see, e.g., Refs. [29,30].)

We discuss the following three things. First, the value of the gauge kinetic mixing between $U(1)_Y$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$ is a free parameter in e.g., the non-GUT pNGB DM models [19,20], while that is determined mainly by the GUT gauge group in $SO(10)$ models. Second, gauge coupling unification can be achieved due to the contribution from the additional scalar fields that contain a DM candidate. Then the intermediate scale M_I, the unification scale M_U, and the gauge coupling constant of $U(1)_{B-L}$ are fixed by using the renormalization group equations (RGEs) for gauge coupling constants. Third, the mass of the pNGB in the $SO(10)$ pNGB DM model is limited to be $\mathcal{O}(10-100)$ GeV from experimental constraints.

The paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we introduce the $SO(10)$ pNGB DM model. In Sec. III, we find gauge coupling unification determines mass scales and gauge coupling constants of the model. In Sec. IV, the constraints from experiments are discussed. Section V is devoted to summary and discussions.

II. THE MODEL

The model consists of an $SO(10)$ gauge field A_μ, fermions in 16 of $SO(10)$, a real scalar field in **210** of $SO(10)$, and complex scalar fields in **10**, **16**, and $\overline{\textbf{126}}$ of $SO(10)$. The $SO(10)$ gauge field contains G_{SM} and $U(1)_{B-L}$ gauge fields. Each fermion in **16** of $SO(10)$ corresponds to quarks and leptons. Scalar fields in **10**, **16**, and $\overline{\textbf{126}}$ of $SO(10)$ include the Higgs H, S and Φ, respectively. A scalar field in **210** of $SO(10)$ is responsible for breaking the $SO(10)$ symmetry to G_{PS}. The matter content in the $SO(10)$ model is summarized in Table I.[1]

The Lagrangian is given by

$$\mathcal{L} = \sum_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{10,16,\overline{126}}} (D_\mu \Phi_\mathbf{y})^\dagger (D^\mu \Phi_\mathbf{y}) + \frac{1}{2} (D_\mu \Phi_\mathbf{210})^T (D^\mu \Phi_\mathbf{210})$$

$$+ \sum_{a=1}^3 \overline{\Psi_\mathbf{16}^{(a)}} i\cancel{D} \Psi_\mathbf{16}^{(a)} - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}[F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu}]$$

$$- \left(\sum_{\mathbf{y}=\mathbf{10,\overline{126}}} \sum_{a,b} y_\mathbf{y}^{(ab)} \Phi_{\bar{\mathbf{y}}} (\Psi_\mathbf{16}^{(a)} \Psi_\mathbf{16}^{(b)})_\mathbf{y} + \text{H.c.} \right) - V(\{\Phi_\mathbf{x}\}),$$

$$(2.1)$$

where $D_\mu := \partial_\mu + ig A_\mu$, $F_{\mu\nu} := \partial_\mu A_\nu - \partial_\nu A_\mu + ig[A_\mu, A_\nu]$. The scalar potential $V(\{\Phi_\mathbf{x}\})$ contains quadratic, cubic, and quartic coupling terms, where $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{10, 16, \overline{126}, 210}$.

We consider the following symmetry breaking patterns of $SO(10)$ broken to G_{PS} at the unification scale M_U by the nonvanishing vacuum expectation value (VEV) of the scalar field in **210** in $SO(10)$, further to G_{SM} at the intermediate scale M_I by the VEV of the scalar field in $\overline{\textbf{126}}$ in $SO(10)$, where the M_U and M_I will be determined by gauge coupling unification using the renormalization group equations (RGEs) for the gauge coupling constants in the next section.

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[1]In this paper, we introduced a scalar in **10** of $SO(10)$ as a complex scalar. To reproduce the observed mass spectra of quarks and leptons, it is discussed in e.g., Ref. [31] that only the real scalar in **10** of $SO(10)$ has some tensions.

$$SO(10) \xrightarrow{\langle \Phi_{210} \rangle \neq 0} G_{\text{PS}} (\supset G_{\text{SM}} \times U(1)_{B-L}) \xrightarrow{\langle \Phi_{\overline{126}} \rangle \neq 0} G_{\text{SM}} \xrightarrow{\langle \Phi_{10} \rangle \neq 0} SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{\text{EM}}, \quad (2.2)$$

where the dominant contribution for the symmetry breaking from the VEVs are shown. The type of symmetry breaking has been already discussed in e.g., Refs. [25,31–43]. The field content of fermion, scalar, and gauge bosons are shown in Tables II, III, and IV. (The potential analysis of **210** in $SO(10)$ has already discussed in, e.g., Ref. [44]; $SO(10)$ is broken to G_{PS} for appropriate parameter sets.)

A. Scalar sector

Here we focus on the scalar potential of SM Higgs and pNGB relevant part that contains scalar fields H, S, Φ belonging to **10**, **16**, and $\overline{\textbf{126}}$ of $SO(10)$, respectively. We assume that the other components of Φ_{10}, Φ_{16}, and $\Phi_{\overline{126}}$

TABLE II. The content of fermions in the $SO(10)$ model is shown in the $G_{\text{PS}} = SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ basis, where the fermions belong to $(1/2, 0)$ under $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$. The $U(1)_{B-L}$ charge Q_{B-L} is given by $U(1)(\subset SU(4)/SU(3))$ [30].

$SO(10)$	Ψ_{16} **16**					
	$\psi_{(4,2,1)}$ **(4, 1, 2)**		$\psi_{(\bar{4},1,2)}$ **($\bar{4}$, 1, 2)**			
G_{PS}	Q_L	L	u_R^c	d_R^c	e_R^c	ν_R^c
$SU(3)_c$	**3**	**1**	**$\bar{3}$**	**$\bar{3}$**	**1**	**1**
$SU(2)_L$	**2**	**2**	**1**	**1**	**1**	**1**
$U(1)_Y$	$+1/6$	$-1/2$	$-2/3$	$+1/3$	$+1$	0
$U(1)_{B-L}$	$+1/3$	-1	$-1/3$	$-1/3$	$+1$	$+1$

TABLE III. The content of scalar fields in the $SO(10)$ model is shown, where the scalars belong to $(0, 0)$ under $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$; Φ_{10}, Φ_{16}, and $\Phi_{\overline{126}}$ are complex scalar fields. Here we assume all unlisted components of G_{PS} have $\mathcal{O}(M_U)$ masses and also all unlisted components of $G_{\text{SM}} \times U(1)_{B-L}$ have $\mathcal{O}(M_I)$ and $\mathcal{O}(M_U)$ masses, respectively. Other information is the same as in Table II.

$SO(10)$	Φ_{10} **10**	Φ_{16} **16**	$\Phi_{\overline{126}}$ $\overline{\textbf{126}}$
G_{PS}	$\phi_{(1,2,2)}$ **(1, 2, 2)**	$\phi_{(\bar{4},1,2)}$ **($\bar{4}$, 1, 2)**	$\phi_{(\overline{10},1,3)}$ **($\overline{10}$, 1, 3)**
	H	S	Φ
$SU(3)_c$	**1**	**1**	**1**
$SU(2)_L$	**2**	**1**	**1**
$U(1)_Y$	$+1/2$	0	0
$U(1)_{B-L}$	0	$+1$	$+2$

shown in Table III have the intermediate scale or larger masses and they do not contribute $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$ breakings.

From the scalar potential $V(\{\Phi_{\mathbf{x}}\})$ in Eq. (2.1), we extract the terms that contain only H, S, Φ:

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\begin{aligned}
V(H, S, \Phi) = &-\frac{\mu_H^2}{2}|H|^2 - \frac{\mu_S^2}{2}|S|^2 - \frac{\mu_\Phi^2}{2}|\Phi|^2 \\
&+ \frac{\lambda_H}{2}|H|^4 + \frac{\lambda_S}{2}|S|^4 + \frac{\lambda_\Phi}{2}|\Phi|^4 \\
&+ \lambda_{HS}|H|^2|S|^2 + \lambda_{H\Phi}|H|^2|\Phi|^2 \\
&+ \lambda_{S\Phi}|S|^2|\Phi|^2 - \left(\frac{\mu_c}{\sqrt{2}}\Phi^* S^2 + \text{c.c.}\right). \quad (2.3)
\end{aligned}
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The quadratic terms $|H|^2$, $|S|^2$, and $|\Phi|^2$ come from $(\Phi_{10}\Phi_{10})_{\mathbf{1}}$, $(\Phi_{16}\Phi_{16}^*)_{\mathbf{1}}$, and $(\Phi_{\overline{126}}\Phi_{\overline{126}}^*)_{\mathbf{1}}$, respectively; the quartic terms $|H|^4$, $|S|^4$, and $|\Phi|^4$ come from $((\Phi_{10}\Phi_{10})_{\mathbf{1}})^2$ and $|(\Phi_{10}\Phi_{10})_{\mathbf{54}}|^2$ $|(\Phi_{16}\Phi_{16})_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}|^2$, and $|(\Phi_{\overline{126}}\Phi_{\overline{126}})_{\overline{\mathbf{2772}}}|^2$, respectively; the quartic terms $|H|^2|S|^2$, $|H|^2|\Phi|^2$, and $|S|^2|\Phi|^2$ come from $(\Phi_{10}\Phi_{10})_{\mathbf{1}}(\Phi_{16}\Phi_{16}^*)_{\mathbf{1}}$, $(\Phi_{10}\Phi_{10})_{\mathbf{1}}(\Phi_{\overline{126}}\Phi_{\overline{126}}^*)_{\mathbf{1}}$, and $(\Phi_{16}\Phi_{16}^*)_{\mathbf{1}}(\Phi_{\overline{126}}\Phi_{\overline{126}}^*)_{\mathbf{1}}$, respectively; the cubic term $\Phi^* S^2$ comes from $\Phi_{\overline{126}}^*(\Phi_{16}\Phi_{16})_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}$,[2] where the above subscript such as **1** and **54** stands for the product representation of $SO(10)$. This potential is exactly the same as that in Refs. [19,20].

We assume that the scalar fields H, S, and Φ develop the VEVs, which are parametrized by

$$
H = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \frac{v+h}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad S = \frac{v_s + s + i\eta_s}{\sqrt{2}},
$$

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\Phi = \frac{v_\phi + \phi + i\eta_\phi}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad (2.4)
$$

where h, s, and ϕ are CP-even modes, η_s and η_ϕ are CP-odd modes, and v, v_s, and v_ϕ are the VEVs of H, S, and Φ, respectively. The CP phase of the cubic term $\Phi^* S^2$ is eliminated by the field redefinition of Φ. In the limit $\mu_c \to 0$,

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[2]When we take into account the nonvanishing VEV of Φ_{210}, quadratic terms $|H|^2$, $|S|^2$, and $|\Phi|^2$ and the cubic term $\Phi^* S^2$ also come from $(\Phi_{10}\Phi_{10})_{\mathbf{1}}(\Phi_{210}\Phi_{210})_{\mathbf{1}}$, $(\Phi_{16}\Phi_{16}^*)_{\mathbf{1}}(\Phi_{210}\Phi_{210})_{\mathbf{1}}$, $(\Phi_{\overline{126}}\Phi_{\overline{126}}^*)_{\mathbf{1}}(\Phi_{210}\Phi_{210})_{\mathbf{1}}$, $\Phi_{16}\Phi_{16}\Phi_{\overline{126}}\Phi_{210}$, respectively. Therefore, each coefficient such as μ_c in Eq. (2.3) should be regarded as the total value including all the corresponding terms such as $\Phi_{16}\Phi_{16}\Phi_{\overline{126}}$ and $\Phi_{16}\Phi_{16}\Phi_{\overline{126}}\Phi_{210}$.

TABLE IV. The content of gauge fields in the $SO(10)$ model is shown, where the gauge fields belong to $(1/2, 1/2)$ under $SL(2, \mathbb{C})$; Other information is the same as in Tables II and III.

$SO(10)$	A_μ 45		
G_{PS}	G'_μ $(\mathbf{15}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$	W_μ $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1})$	W'_μ $(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3})$
	G_μ	C_μ	W_μ	Z'_μ
$SU(3)_c$	8	1	1	1
$SU(2)_L$	1	1	3	1
$U(1)_Y$	0	0	0	0
$U(1)_{B-L}$	0	0	0	0

there are two independent global $U(1)$ symmetries associated with the phase rotation of S and Φ. For $\mu_c \neq 0$, the $U(1)$ symmetries are merged to the $U(1)_{B-L}$ (or $U(1)_X$) symmetry. Once $U(1)_{B-L}$ is broken, one of two CP-odd modes is absorbed by the $U(1)_{B-L}$ gauge field denoted as C_μ, while the other appears as a physical pNGB whose mass is proportional to μ_c.

The scalar fields H, S, Φ have five modes; three of them are CP-even scalar modes and the other two are CP-odd modes. The mass matrix for the CP-even scalars in the (h, s, ϕ) basis is given by

$$M_{\mathrm{even}}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_H v^2 & \lambda_{HS} v v_s & \lambda_{H\Phi} v v_\phi \\ \lambda_{HS} v v_s & \lambda_S v_s^2 & \lambda_{S\Phi} v_s v_\phi - \mu_c v_s \\ \lambda_{H\Phi} v v_\phi & \lambda_{S\Phi} v_s v_\phi - \mu_c v_s & \lambda_\Phi v_\phi^2 + \frac{\mu_c v_s^2}{2v_\phi} \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.5}$$

Since the matrix is real and symmetric, it can be diagonalized by a real orthogonal matrix. The gauge eigenstates (h, s, ϕ) are related with the mass eigenstates (h_1, h_2, h_3) as

$$\begin{pmatrix} h \\ s \\ \phi \end{pmatrix} = U_e \begin{pmatrix} h_1 \\ h_2 \\ h_3 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{2.6}$$

where the approximate form of the real orthogonal matrix and its mixing angle are given by

$$U_e \simeq \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \frac{\lambda_{H\Phi} v}{\lambda_\Phi v_\phi} \\ 0 & 1 & \frac{\lambda_{S\Phi} v}{\lambda_\Phi v_\phi} \\ -\frac{\lambda_{H\Phi} v}{\lambda_\Phi v_\phi} & -\frac{\lambda_{S\Phi} v}{\lambda_\Phi v_\phi} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta & 0 \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{2.7}$$

$$\tan 2\theta \simeq \frac{2 v v_s (\lambda_{HS} \lambda_\Phi - \lambda_{H\Phi} \lambda_{S\Phi})}{v^2 (\lambda_{H\Phi}^2 - \lambda_H \lambda_\Phi) - v_s^2 (\lambda_{S\Phi}^2 - \lambda_S \lambda_\Phi)}. \tag{2.8}$$

The masses of (h_1, h_2, h_3) are given by

$$m_{h_1}^2 \simeq \lambda_H v^2 - \frac{\lambda_{H\Phi}^2 \lambda_S - 2\lambda_{HS} \lambda_{H\Phi} \lambda_{S\Phi} + \lambda_\Phi \lambda_{HS}^2}{\lambda_S \lambda_\Phi - \lambda_{S\Phi}^2} v^2, \tag{2.9}$$

$$m_{h_2}^2 \simeq \frac{\lambda_S \lambda_\Phi - \lambda_{S\Phi}^2}{\lambda_\Phi} v_s^2 + \frac{(\lambda_\Phi \lambda_{HS} - \lambda_{H\Phi} \lambda_{S\Phi})^2}{\lambda_\Phi (\lambda_S \lambda_\Phi - \lambda_{S\Phi}^2)} v^2, \tag{2.10}$$

$$m_{h_3}^2 \simeq \lambda_\Phi v_\phi^2. \tag{2.11}$$

The mass eigenstate h_1 is identified as the SM-like Higgs boson with the mass $m_{h_1} \simeq 125$ GeV, h_2 is a light CP-even scalar, and h_3 is a heavy CP-even scalar.

The mass matrix of the CP-odd scalars in the gauge eigenstates (η_s, η_ϕ) is given by

$$M_{\mathrm{odd}}^2 = \frac{\mu_c}{2v_\phi} \begin{pmatrix} 4v_\phi^2 & -2v_s v_\phi \\ -2v_s v_\phi & v_s^2 \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.12}$$

The gauge eigenstates (η_s, η_ϕ) are related with the mass eigenstates $(\chi, \tilde{\chi})$ as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta_s \\ \eta_\phi \end{pmatrix} = U_o \begin{pmatrix} \chi \\ \tilde{\chi} \end{pmatrix}, \tag{2.13}$$

where the real orthogonal matrix is given by

$$U_o = \frac{1}{\sqrt{v_s^2 + 4v_\phi^2}} \begin{pmatrix} 2v_\phi & v_s \\ -v_s & 2v_\phi \end{pmatrix}. \tag{2.14}$$

By using the 2×2 real orthogonal matrix U_o, the mass eigenvalues of $(\chi, \tilde{\chi})$ are given by

$$m_\chi^2 = \frac{(v_s^2 + 4v_\phi^2)\mu_c}{4v_\phi}, \tag{2.15}$$

$$m_{\tilde{\chi}}^2 = 0. \tag{2.16}$$

The $\tilde{\chi}$ is the NGB absorbed by the $U(1)_{B-L}$ gauge boson C_μ, and χ is the pNGB identified as DM in the paper.

B. Gauge sector

The gauge kinetic term of the $SO(10)$ can be canonically normalized at the unification scale M_U as in Eq. (2.1). In general, the kinetic-mixing term of multiple $U(1)$ symmetries are allowed for the case of at least two Abelian groups because a field strength itself is gauge-invariant for abelian groups, while that is not gauge-invariant for non-Abelian groups. So, in the energy scale $M_I < \mu < M_U$,

there is the gauge kinetic mixing of $G_{\rm PS}$. At the scale $\mu = M_I$, there are two $U(1)$s, i.e., $U(1)_Y$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$ although one of the $U(1)$s, which is the $U(1)_{B-L}$, is broken at the scale. It is generated by threshold corrections or via RGE flows. In $SO(10)$ models, $SO(10)/(SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L)$ contains $U(1)_Y$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$ as two independent $U(1)$ s, while they are not orthogonal. In fact, $U(1)_Y$ is orthogonal to $U(1)_X (\subset SO(10)/SU(5))$; $U(1)_{B-L}$ is orthogonal to $U(1)_R (\subset SU(2)_R)$. Therefore, it is expected that the kinetic mixing parameter between $U(1)_Y$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$ denoted as ϵ is nonzero at classical level.

To determine the value of the kinetic mixing parameter between $U(1)_Y$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$, we focus on the kinetic terms of the gauge fields. First, from Eq. (2.1), the gauge kinetic term of $SO(10)$ is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm gauge} = -\frac{1}{2}{\rm tr}[\mathsf{F}_{\mu\nu}\mathsf{F}^{\mu\nu}]. \tag{2.17}$$

Next, the gauge kinetic terms of $G_{\rm PS}$ are given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm gauge} \ni -\frac{1}{2}{\rm tr}[G'_{\mu\nu}G'^{\mu\nu}] - \frac{1}{4}W^a_{\mu\nu}W^{a\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}W'^a_{\mu\nu}W'^{a\mu\nu}, \tag{2.18}$$

where $G'_{\mu\nu}$, $W^a_{\mu\nu}$, and $W'^a_{\mu\nu}$ stand for the field strengths of $SU(4)_C$, $SU(2)_L$, and $SU(2)_R$, respectively; the gauge kinetic terms and mass terms of $SO(10)/G_{\rm PS}$ are omitted at M_U. The gauge coupling constants are running from M_U to M_I. Third, the $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$ are given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm gauge} \ni -\frac{1}{2}{\rm tr}[G_{\mu\nu}G^{\mu\nu}] - \frac{1}{4}W^a_{\mu\nu}W^{a\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}B'_{\mu\nu}B'^{\mu\nu} \\ -\frac{1}{4}C'_{\mu\nu}C'^{\mu\nu}, \tag{2.19}$$

where $G_{\mu\nu}$, $B'_{\mu\nu}$ and $C'_{\mu\nu}$ stand for the field strength of $SU(3)_C (\subset SU(4)_C)$, $U(1)_R (\subset SU(2)_R)$, and $U(1)_{B-L} (\subset SU(4)_C/SU(3)_C)$, respectively; the gauge kinetic terms and mass terms of $SU(4)_C/(SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{B-L})$ and $SU(2)_R/U(1)_R$ are omitted at M_I. Further, by using the following $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ transformation

$$U(1)_Y \\ U(1)_{B-L} : \begin{pmatrix} B_\mu \\ C_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\tan\epsilon \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\cos\epsilon} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B'_\mu \\ C'_\mu \end{pmatrix} \\ =: U_{GK} \begin{pmatrix} B'_\mu \\ C'_\mu \end{pmatrix} : \begin{matrix} U(1)_R \\ U(1)_{B-L} \end{matrix}, \tag{2.20}$$

we can change the basis of $U(1)$s from $U(1)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$ to $U(1)_Y \times U(1)_{B-L}$;

$$-\frac{1}{4}B'_{\mu\nu}B'^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}C'_{\mu\nu}C'^{\mu\nu} = -\frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}C_{\mu\nu}C^{\mu\nu} \\ -\frac{\sin\epsilon}{2}C_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu}, \tag{2.21}$$

where $B_{\mu\nu}$ and $C_{\mu\nu}$ stand for the field strength of $U(1)_Y$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$, respectively; ϵ is the kinetic mixing parameter between $U(1)_Y$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$. In the case, since the $U(1)_Y$ generator is given by the following linear combination of $U(1)_R$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$

$$I_Y = \sqrt{\frac{3}{5}}I_{3R} + \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}I_{B-L}. \tag{2.22}$$

Due to the orthogonality, the kinetic mixing parameter ϵ at $\mu = M_I$ is given by

$$\epsilon = -\tan^{-1}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}. \tag{2.23}$$

The Lagrangian for the electromagnetic neutral part of the $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_{B-L}$ gauge fields including mass terms generated by the VEVs of the spontaneous $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$ breaking scalar fields is given by

$$\mathcal{L} = -\frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}W^3_{\mu\nu}W^{3\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}M^2_Z Z_\mu Z^\mu \\ -\frac{1}{4}C_{\mu\nu}C^{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}M^2_C C_\mu C^\mu - \frac{\sin\epsilon}{2}C_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu}, \tag{2.24}$$

where $Z_\mu = \cos\theta_W W^3_\mu - \sin\theta_W B_\mu$ is the usual Z boson, θ_W is the Weinberg angle $\tan\theta_W := g_1/g_2$; g_1 and g_2 stand for the $U(1)_Y$ and $SU(2)_L$ coupling constants, respectively. The mass parameters are given by

$$M^2_Z = \frac{g^2_1 + g^2_2}{4}v^2, \qquad M^2_C = g^2_{B-L}(v^2_s + 4v^2_\phi), \tag{2.25}$$

where g_{B-L} is the gauge coupling constant of $U(1)_{B-L}$.

To discuss the physical implications of $U(1)_{B-L}$ gauge boson, we requires both diagonalizing the field strength terms and the mass terms. First, we diagonalize the kinetic term in Eq. (2.24) by using the following $GL(2, \mathbb{R})$ transformation:

$$U(1)_Y \\ U(1)_{B-L} : \begin{pmatrix} B_\mu \\ C_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\tan\epsilon \\ 0 & \frac{1}{\cos\epsilon} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{B}_\mu \\ \hat{C}_\mu \end{pmatrix} \\ = U_{GK} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{B}_\mu \\ \hat{C}_\mu \end{pmatrix}, \tag{2.26}$$

where $\hat{B}_\mu$ and $\hat{C}_\mu$ stand for the gauge fields of the $U(1)_Y$ and "$U(1)_{B-L}$" in the physical basis. The transformation is exactly the same as that in Eq. (2.20). That is, "$U(1)_{B-L}$" can be identified as $U(1)_X (\subset SO(10)/SU(5))$. Then, the gauge kinetic terms in Eq. (2.24) become

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{GK}} = -\frac{1}{4}\hat{B}_{\mu\nu}\hat{B}^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}\hat{W}^3_{\mu\nu}\hat{W}^{3\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}\hat{C}_{\mu\nu}\hat{C}^{\mu\nu}. \quad (2.27)$$

Next, we consider the physical eigenstate via an $O(3)$ rotation by diagonalizing the mass terms that arise after

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{mass}} = \frac{1}{2}(B_\mu W^3_\mu C_\mu) \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2\theta_W M^2_{\tilde{Z}} & -\sin\theta_W\cos\theta_W M^2_{\tilde{Z}} & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_W\cos\theta_W M^2_{\tilde{Z}} & \cos^2\theta_W M^2_{\tilde{Z}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M^2_C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} B^\mu \\ W^{3\mu} \\ C^\mu \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.28)$$

By using $GL(2,\mathbb{R})$ transformation in Eq. (2.26), we change the basis whose kinetic term is diagonalized as below:

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{mass}} = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{B}_\mu W^3_\mu \hat{C}_\mu)\tilde{U}^T_{GK} \begin{pmatrix} \sin^2\theta_W M^2_{\tilde{Z}} & -\sin\theta_W\cos\theta_W M^2_{\tilde{Z}} & 0 \\ -\sin\theta_W\cos\theta_W M^2_{\tilde{Z}} & \cos^2\theta_W M^2_{\tilde{Z}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & M^2_C \end{pmatrix} \tilde{U}_{GK} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{B}^\mu \\ W^{3\mu} \\ \hat{C}^\mu \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.29)$$

where

$$\tilde{U}_{GK} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & -\tan\epsilon \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{\cos\epsilon} \end{pmatrix}. \quad (2.30)$$

The above mass matrix is a real symmetric matrix. In fact, it can be diagonalized by using a real orthogonal matrix:

$$U_G = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta_W & -\sin\theta_W & 0 \\ \sin\theta_W & \cos\theta_W & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \cos\zeta & -\sin\zeta \\ 0 & \sin\zeta & \cos\zeta \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.31)$$

where the mixing angle ζ is given by

$$\tan 2\zeta = \frac{-2M^2_{\tilde{Z}}\sin\theta_W\sin\epsilon\cos\epsilon}{M^2_C - M^2_{\tilde{Z}}(\cos^2\epsilon - \sin^2\theta_W\sin^2\epsilon)}. \quad (2.32)$$

From the above, we find the masses of A_μ, Z_μ, and Z'_μ as

$$M^2_A = 0, \quad (2.33)$$

$$M^2_Z = \frac{1}{2}\left[\bar{M}^2 - \sqrt{\bar{M}^4 - \frac{4M^2_{\tilde{Z}}M^2_C}{\cos^2\epsilon}}\right], \quad (2.34)$$

$$M^2_{Z'} = \frac{1}{2}\left[\bar{M}^2 + \sqrt{\bar{M}^4 - \frac{4M^2_{\tilde{Z}}M^2_C}{\cos^2\epsilon}}\right], \quad (2.35)$$

both $U(1)_{B-L}$ and $SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ breaking. One mass eigenstate is massless corresponding to the photon A_μ, while the other two denoted Z and Z' receive masses. The mass terms of the neutral gauge boson in terms of (B_μ, W^3_μ, C_μ) is given by

where $\bar{M}^2$ is given by

$$\bar{M}^2 := M^2_{\tilde{Z}}(1 + \sin\theta_W\tan^2\epsilon) + \frac{M^2_C}{\cos^2\epsilon}. \quad (2.36)$$

In this section, we find that the gauge kinetic mixing ϵ in Refs. [19,20] is regarded as the mixing angle. In Appendix A, we will show this more explicitly.

III. GAUGE COUPLING CONSTANTS

To determine such as the $U(1)_{B-L}$ breaking scale, i.e., intermediate scale M_I, and magnitude of the gauge coupling constant of the $U(1)_{B-L}$, we discuss the RGEs for gauge coupling constants running among the electroweak scale M_Z, the intermediate scale M_I, and the unification scale M_U.

The RGE for the gauge coupling constant $\alpha_i(\mu) := g^2_i(\mu)/4\pi$ at one-loop level is given in, e.g., Refs. [29,30] by

$$\frac{d}{d\log(\mu)}\alpha^{-1}_i(\mu) = -\frac{b_i}{2\pi}, \quad (3.1)$$

where i stands for a gauge group G; e.g., $4C$ stands for the gauge coupling constant of $SU(4)_C$, and the beta function coefficient is given by

$$b_i = -\frac{11}{3}\sum_{\mathrm{Vector}}T(R_V) + \frac{2}{3}\sum_{\mathrm{Weyl}}T(R_F) + \frac{1}{6}\sum_{\mathrm{Real}}T(R_S), \quad (3.2)$$

where Vector, Weyl, and Real stand for real vector, Weyl fermion, and real scalar fields, respectively. Since the vector

bosons are gauge bosons, they belong to the adjoint representation of the Lie group G: $T(R_V) = C_2(G)$. $C_2(G)$ is the quadratic Casimir invariant of the adjoint representation of G, and $T(R_i)$ is a Dynkin index of the irreducible representation R_i of G. Note that when the Lie group G is spontaneously broken into its Lie subgroup G', it is convenient to use the irreducible representations of G'. (For the Dynkin index and the branching rules, see, e.g., Refs. [30,45] or calculated by using appropriate computer programs such as Susyno [46], LieART [47,48], and GroupMath [49]. For the RGEs at the two-loop level, see, e.g., Refs. [50–52].)

Let us consider the RGEs for gauge coupling constants in the pNGB DM model shown in Tables II, III, and IV. For the energy scale between $M_Z < \mu < M_I$ and $M_I < \mu < M_U$, we use the RGEs for the gauge coupling constants of $G_{\rm SM}$ and $G_{\rm PS}$, respectively. In the following calculation, we assume that there is only one intermediate scale M_I and one unification scale M_U, which should be recognized as effective scales.

We can obtain the beta function coefficients of the gauge coupling constants of $G_{\rm SM}$ and $G_{\rm PS}$ by using the generic RGE in Eq. (3.2) and the matter content of the model given in Tables II, III, and IV. The beta function coefficients of $G_{\rm SM}$ in $M_Z < \mu < M_I$ are given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{3C} \\ b_{2L} \\ b_{1Y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -19/6 \\ +41/10 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (3.3)$$

where $i = 3C, 2L, 1Y$ stand for $SU(3)_C$, $SU(2)_L$, $U(1)_Y$, respectively, and we took the $SU(5)$ normalization for $U(1)_Y$. (The values of b_i are the same as the ordinary SM.) The beta function coefficients of $G_{\rm PS}$ in $M_I < \mu < M_U$ are given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} b_{4C} \\ b'_{2L} \\ b_{2R} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -22/3 \\ -3 \\ +13/3 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (3.4)$$

where $i = 4C, 2L, 2R$ stand for $SU(4)_C$, $SU(2)_L$, $SU(2)_R$, respectively. To distinguish the beta function coefficient of the $SU(2)_L$ in $G_{\rm SM}$ and that in $G_{\rm PS}$, we use unprimed and primed, and the same notation is used below.

To solve the above RGEs, we need to set the initial conditions at $\mu = M_Z$. The gauge coupling constants must satisfy the matching conditions between $G_{\rm SM}$ and $G_{\rm PS}$ at $\mu = M_I$ and also the matching condition between $G_{\rm PS}$ and $SO(10)$ at $\mu = M_U$. They are listed below.

  (i) The input parameters for the three SM gauge coupling constants at $\mu = M_Z = 91.1876 \pm 0.0021$ GeV are given in Ref. [53]:

$$\alpha_{3C}(M_Z) = 0.1181 \pm 0.0011,$$

$$\alpha_{2L}(M_Z) = \frac{\alpha_{\rm EM}(M_Z)}{\sin^2\theta_W(M_Z)},$$

$$\alpha_{1Y}(M_Z) = \frac{5\alpha_{\rm EM}(M_Z)}{3\cos^2\theta_W(M_Z)}, \qquad (3.5)$$

where the experimental values of the EM gauge coupling constant $\alpha_{\rm EM}$ and the Weinberg angle are given as

$$\alpha_{\rm EM}^{-1}(M_Z) = 127.955 \pm 0.010,$$

$$\sin^2\theta_W(M_Z) = 0.23122 \pm 0.00003. \qquad (3.6)$$

  (ii) The matching conditions between $G_{\rm SM}$ and $G_{\rm PS}$ at $\mu = M_I$ are given by

$$\alpha_{3C}(M_I) = \alpha_{4C}(M_I), \qquad \alpha_{2L}(M_I) = \alpha'_{2L}(M_I),$$

$$\alpha_{1Y}^{-1}(M_I) = \frac{3}{5}\alpha_{2R}^{-1}(M_I) + \frac{2}{5}\alpha_{4C}^{-1}(M_I), \qquad (3.7)$$

where they are determined by the normalization conditions of the generators of $G_{\rm PS}$ and $G_{\rm SM}$. (See e.g., Ref. [54] at one-loop level; Refs. [55,56] at two-loop level.)

  (iii) The matching condition at the unification scale M_U is given by

$$\alpha_{4C}(M_U) = \alpha'_{2L}(M_U) = \alpha_{2R}(M_U). \qquad (3.8)$$

By using the RGEs of $G_{\rm SM}$ and $G_{\rm PS}$ and the matching conditions at $\mu = M_I$ and M_U, we can obtain M_I and M_U as

$$M_I = M_Z \exp\left[\frac{A_1 B_3 - A_3 B_1}{A_2 B_3 - A_3 B_2}\right],$$

$$M_U = M_Z \exp\left[\left(\frac{A_1 B_3 - A_3 B_1}{A_2 B_3 - A_3 B_2}\right) + \left(\frac{A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1}{A_3 B_2 - A_2 B_3}\right)\right], \qquad (3.9)$$

where

$$A_1 = \alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_Z) - \alpha_{2L}^{-1}(M_Z), \qquad A_2 = \frac{b_{3C} - b_{2L}}{2\pi},$$

$$A_3 = \frac{b_{4C} - b'_{2L}}{2\pi}, \qquad B_1 = \frac{5}{3}(\alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_Z) - \alpha_{1Y}^{-1}(M_Z)),$$

$$B_2 = \frac{5}{3}\frac{b_{3C} - b_{1Y}}{2\pi}, \qquad B_3 = \frac{b_{4C} - b_{2R}}{2\pi}. \qquad (3.10)$$

The gauge coupling constants such as $\alpha_{4C}(M_U)$ and $\alpha'_{2L}(M_U)$ are also expressed by the Z boson mass M_Z, the gauge coupling constants at $\mu = M_Z$ and the beta
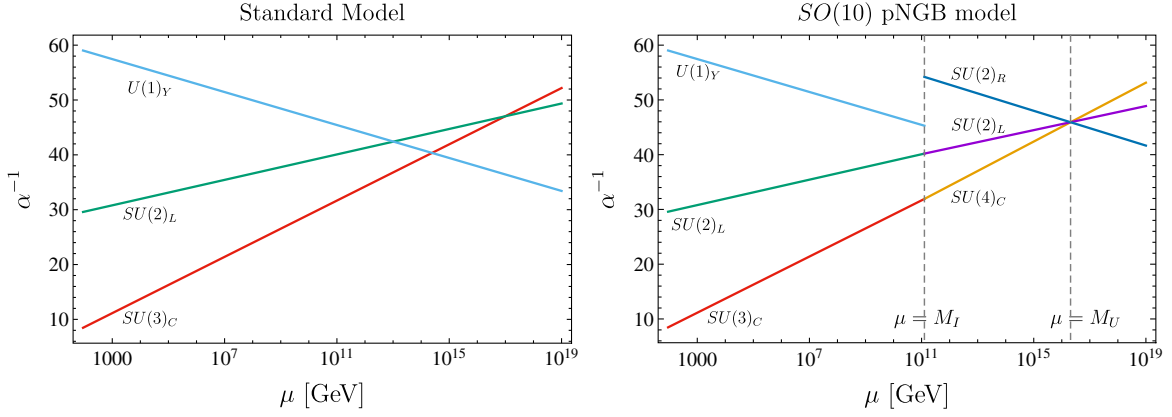
FIG. 1. The gauge coupling constants α_i vs the energy scale μ for the SM (the left figure) and the $SO(10)$ pNGB model (the right figure) are shown. The left figure shows the energy dependence of three gauge coupling constants of $SU(3)_C$, $SU(2)_L$, and $U(1)_Y$, α_{3C}, α_{2L}, and α_{1Y} in all the energy ranges $\mu = [M_Z, M_H]$, where $M_H = 10^{19}$ GeV. The right figure shows α_{3C}, α_{2L}, and α_{1Y} in the energy ranges $\mu = [M_Z, M_I]$; α_{4C}, α_{2L}, α_{2R} in the energy ranges $\mu = [M_I, M_H]$, where the value of α_{3C} is fixed as the central value $\alpha_{3C}(M_Z) = 0.1181$ [53].

function coefficients of G_{SM} and G_{PS} b_is. (The detail analysis is given in Appendix B.)

By substituting b_i in Eqs. (3.3) and (3.4) and the parameters at $\mu = M_Z$ in Eqs. (3.5) and (3.6) into the expressions of M_I and M_U in Eq. (3.9), we find the values of the M_I and M_U as

$$M_I = (1.261 \pm 0.242) \times 10^{11} \text{ GeV},$$
$$M_U = (2.057 \pm 0.688) \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}. \tag{3.11}$$

Note that we ignore such as mass splitting at the intermediate and unification scales, so the uncertainty must be larger. The values of the model parameters at $\mu = M_I$ are given by

$$\alpha_{4C}^{-1}(M_I) = 31.92 \pm 0.23, \qquad \alpha_{2L}'^{-1}(M_I) = 40.19 \pm 0.10,$$
$$\alpha_{2R}^{-1}(M_I) = 54.20 \pm 0.26. \tag{3.12}$$

We also find the gauge coupling constants of $U(1)_{B-L}$ and $U(1)_R$ at $\mu = M_I$

$$g_{B-L}(M_I) = 0.3843 \pm 0.0009,$$
$$g_R(M_I) = 0.4815 \pm 0.0011, \tag{3.13}$$

by using $g_{B-L}(M_I) = \sqrt{\frac{3\pi}{2}\alpha_{4C}(M_I)}$ and $g_R(M_I) = \sqrt{4\pi\alpha_{2R}(M_I)}$. Since the standard normalization of $U(1)_{B-L}$ is not the same as that of "$U(1)_{B-L}$" ($\subset SU(4)_C/SU(3)_C$), the modified normalization factor is used. The unified gauge coupling constants at $\mu = M_U$ is given by

$$\alpha_U^{-1} = 45.92 \pm 0.50. \tag{3.14}$$

The energy dependence of the gauge coupling constants $\alpha_i(\mu)$ in the $SO(10)$ pNGB model is plotted in Fig. 1.

As the same as the usual GUT models, nucleon can decay via the so-called leptoquark gauge bosons. The proton lifetime via the gauge bosons is roughly estimated as $\tau \simeq M_U^4/\alpha_U^2 m_p^5$ [53,54,57], where m_p is the proton mass and the gauge boson masses are assumed to be M_U. From the values of M_U and α_U given in Eqs. (3.11) and (3.14), the proton lifetime $\tau \simeq 1.1 \times 10^{37}$ years is predicted. It is far from the current constraint $\tau(p \rightarrow e^+\pi^0) > 2.4 \times 10^{34}$ years at 90% CL [58]; $M_U > (4.3 - 4.8) \times 10^{15}$ GeV for $40 \lesssim \alpha_U^{-1} \lesssim 50$. There is contribution for the proton decay modes via colored scalar fields shown in Table III. The color triplet component of $\Phi_{\mathbf{10}}$ has assumed to have $\mathcal{O}(M_U)$, so the contribution for the proton decay via the Yukawa coupling constant $y_{\mathbf{10}}^{(ab)}$ of the term $\Phi_{\mathbf{10}}(\Psi_{\mathbf{16}}^{(a)}\Psi_{\mathbf{16}}^{(b)})_{\mathbf{10}}$ in Eq. (2.1) is small. Color nonsinglet components of $\Phi_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}$ have assumed to $\mathcal{O}(M_I)$, so the contribution for the proton decay via the Yukawa coupling constant $y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^{(ab)}$ of the term $\Phi_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^*(\Psi_{\mathbf{16}}^{(a)}\Psi_{\mathbf{16}}^{(b)})_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}$ in Eq. (2.1) can be larger than the current experimental bounds. This leads to an upper bound of the values of $y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^{(ab)}$ in the model.

We comment on proton decay via a colored Higgs scalar or leptoquark scalar denoted as S_1 in Ref. [59], which belongs to $(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{1}, 1/3)$ under G_{SM}. In the following, we omit Clebsch-Gordan coefficients for simplicity. When the leptoquark scalar S_1 has di-quark and quark-lepton couplings, there are proton decay modes such as $p \rightarrow e^+\pi^0$, and the proton lifetime is roughly estimated as $\tau \simeq m_{LQ}^4/(|y|^2|z|^2 m_p^5)$, where m_{LQ} is a leptoquark mass, y and z represent generic values of relevant Yukawa coupling constants of the leptoquark with the quark-lepton and quark-quark pairs, respectively. For example,

for the leptoquark with the intermediate scale mass $m_{LQ} = M_I$ and the universal Yukawa coupling constants $|y| = |z|$, we obtain a constraint for the Yukawa coupling constants $|y| = |z| \lesssim 4.2 \times 10^{-6}$ from the current constraint $\tau(p \to e^+\pi^0) > 2.4 \times 10^{34}$ years at 90% CL. To apply this for the current model, for the scalar field S_1 in **10** of $SO(10)$, which belongs to $(\mathbf{6}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})$ under G_{PS}, the mass of the leptoquark scalar is the unification scale mass $m_{LQ} = M_U$ and the Yukawa coupling constants are roughly expected as $|y| = |z| \simeq |y_{\mathbf{10}}^{(11)}|$. The current constraint $\tau(p \to e^+\pi^0) > 2.4 \times 10^{34}$ years at 90% CL leads to $|y_{\mathbf{10}}^{(11)}| \lesssim 0.68$. To realize the mass of up quark, $y_{\mathbf{10}}^{(11)}$ is roughly $\mathcal{O}(10^{-5})$, so it is consistent with the current constraint, where the actual values of the Yukawa coupling constants depend on how to realized the observed quark and lepton masses. Next, for the scalar fields $S_{1(\overline{\mathbf{10}},\mathbf{1},\mathbf{3})}$ and $S_{1(\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1},\mathbf{3})}$ in $\overline{\mathbf{126}}$ of $SO(10)$, which belongs to $(\overline{\mathbf{10}}, \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{3})$ and $(6,1,1)$ under G_{PS}. The leptoquark scalar $S_{1(\overline{\mathbf{10}},\mathbf{1},\mathbf{3})}$ and $S_{1(\mathbf{6},\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1})}$ have the intermediate scale mass M_I and the unification scale mass M_U, respectively. For $S_{1(\overline{\mathbf{10}},\mathbf{1},\mathbf{3})}$, the Yukawa coupling couplings are given by $|y| = 0$ and $|z| \simeq |y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}|$, so the proton decay mediated by $S_{1(\overline{\mathbf{10}},\mathbf{1},\mathbf{3})}$ does not occur. Therefore, this does not lead to any constraint for $y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^{(ab)}$. For $S_{1(\mathbf{6},\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1})}$, the Yukawa coupling couplings are given by $|y| = |z| \simeq |y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}|$. the current constraint $\tau(p \to e^+\pi^0) > 2.4 \times 10^{34}$ years at 90% CL leads to $|y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^{(11)}| \lesssim 0.68$ as the same as S_1 in **10** of $SO(10)$. In the above discussion, we assumed $S_{1(\overline{\mathbf{10}},\mathbf{1},\mathbf{3})}$ does not mix with $S_{1(\mathbf{6},\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1})}$, but they have the same quantum numbers, so it depends on the structure of the scalar potential, they can be mixed in general. Even when the mixing parameter denoted as ε between $S_{1(\overline{\mathbf{10}},\mathbf{1},\mathbf{3})}$ and $S_{1(\mathbf{6},\mathbf{1},\mathbf{1})}$ is about the ratio of the masses $\varepsilon \simeq M_I/M_U \simeq 6.1 \times 10^{-6}$, the current constraint $\tau(p \to e^+\pi^0) > 2.4 \times 10^{34}$ years at 90% CL leads to the constraint for the first generation Yukawa coupling constant $|y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^{(11)}| \lesssim 1.7 \times 10^{-3}$. (For $\varepsilon = 1$, $|y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^{(11)}| \lesssim 4.2 \times 10^{-6}$.)

Further, we comment on the relation between neutrino masses and the Yukawa coupling constants $y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^{(ab)}$ of the cubic term $\Phi_{\mathbf{16}}\Phi_{\mathbf{16}}\Phi_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}$. Since the right-handed neutrino masses are given by $M_N^{(ab)} = y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^{(ab)} v_\phi$, we obtain 2.1×10^8 GeV $\lesssim M_N^{(11)} = y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^{(11)} v_\phi \lesssim 1.4 \times 10^{11}$ GeV for $1.7 \times 10^{-3} \lesssim y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^{(11)} \lesssim 0.68$ and $v_\phi = M_I$. From the type-I seesaw mechanism, the light neutrino mass is roughly $m_\nu^{(11)} \simeq |y_{\mathbf{10}}^{(11)} v|^2/M_N^{(11)}$ when we ignore the off-diagonal part of $M_N^{(ab)}$. Therefore, 4.4×10^{-8} eV $\lesssim m_\nu^{(11)} \lesssim 2.9 \times 10^{-5}$ eV for $1.7 \times 10^{-3} \lesssim y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^{(11)} \lesssim 0.68$, $|y_{\mathbf{10}}^{(11)}| \simeq 10^{-5}$ and $v \simeq 246$ GeV. The proton decay constraints only a part of

the Yukawa coupling constants $y_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}}^{(ab)}$, so it is expected that the observed neutrino masses can be reproduced, but to perform it properly, we need to investigate how to reproduce the observed quark and charged lepton masses. We leave it for a future study.

Up to this point, we only consider the specific symmetry breaking pattern, $SO(10)$ broken to $G_I = G_{PS}$ at $\mu = M_U$ in Eq. (1.2). We comment on other cases $G_I = G_{PS} \times D$, G_{LR}, $G_{LR} \times D$ discussed in, e.g., Refs. [41,55,56,60], where D stands for a discrete Z_2 left-right exchange symmetry [61,62]. (Note that the same analysis in $SO(10)$ GUT models whose matter content is slightly different from the present model has been already discussed in e.g., Refs. [55,56] by using two-loop RGEs [63] and the corresponding matching condition [64,65].) To realize the appropriate symmetry breaking patterns, we need different $SO(10)$ breaking Higgs fields; each $G_I = G_{PS}$, $G_{PS} \times D$, G_{LR}, $G_{LR} \times D$ is realized by the VEV of a scalar field in, e.g., **210**, **54**, **45**, **210** of $SO(10)$, respectively.

The values of M_I, M_U, and α_U^{-1} for several matter contents and symmetry breaking patterns are summarized in Table V, which are estimated by using each analytical solution shown in Appendix B. Substituting the values of M_U and α_U^{-1} for the $G_{PS} \times D$ and $G_{LR} \times D$ cases into $\tau \simeq M_U^4/\alpha_U^2 m_p^5$, rapid proton decay is expected. For the G_{LR} case, the proton decay via leptoquark gauge bosons is consistent with the current experimental constraints, but the pNGB cannot be identified as DM because pNGB decays too rapidly or the observed relic abundance cannot be reproduced.

IV. LONG-LIVED pNGB AS DM CANDIDATE

The DM lifetime should be longer than the age of the universe, 10^{17} s at least. The bound on DM lifetime becomes stronger depending on DM decay channels due to the constraint of cosmic-ray observations. In particular, the bound from gamma-ray observations is strong as roughly $\tau_\chi \gtrsim 10^{27}$ s for two body decays [66]. Since the DM lifetime is proportional to the power of the VEV v_ϕ, it becomes longer for larger v_ϕ. The evaluation of DM lifetime without GUT has been studied in Refs. [19,20], and it has turned out that the VEV should roughly be $v_\phi \gtrsim 10^{13}$ GeV in order to be consistent with the gamma-ray observations if three body decays $\chi \to h_i f\bar{f}$ and $Zf\bar{f}$ can occur. Since in the current GUT pNGB model the kinetic mixing $\sin \epsilon$ and the VEV v_ϕ are fixed to be $\sin \epsilon = -\sqrt{2/5}$ and $v_\phi \simeq 10^{11}$ GeV by the requirement of the gauge coupling unification, the three body decays should kinematically be forbidden. Therefore we consider the mass region $m_\chi \lesssim \mathcal{O}(100)$ GeV and estimate dominant four body decay channels.

Before proceeding to four body decays, we comment on the two body decay channel $\chi \to \nu\nu$, which is possible even

TABLE V.   The values of M_I, M_U, and α_U^{-1} for several matter contents and symmetry breaking patterns are summarized. The top of the table corresponds to the present $SO(10)$ pNGB model. The first, second, and third columns represent the intermediate scale group G_I, the matter content for scalar sector at $\mu = M_I$, the beta function coefficients b_j of G_I, respectively. The fourth and fifth columns show the values of M_I, M_U, and α_U^{-1}. The subscript in the second column stands for each $SO(10)$ representation.

| Group G_I | Scalars at $\mu = M_I$ | b_j | $\log_{10}(M/1[\text{GeV}])$ | | α_U^{-1} |
			M_I	M_U	
G_{PS}	$(1,2,2)_{10}$ $(\bar4,1,2)_{16}$ $(\overline{10},1,3)_{\overline{126}}$	$\begin{pmatrix} b_{4C} \\ b'_{2L} \\ b_{2R} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{22}{3} \\ -3 \\ +\frac{13}{3} \end{pmatrix}$	11.10 ± 0.08	16.31 ± 0.15	45.92 ± 0.50
$G_{\text{PS}} \times D$	$(1,2,2)_{10}$ $(4,2,1)_{16}$ $(\bar4,1,2)_{16}$ $(\overline{10},1,3)_{\overline{126}}$ $(10,3,1)_{\overline{126}}$	$\begin{pmatrix} b_{4C} \\ b'_{2L} \\ b_{2R} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -4 \\ +\frac{13}{3} \\ +\frac{13}{3} \end{pmatrix}$	13.71 ± 0.03	15.22 ± 0.04	40.82 ± 0.13
G_{LR}	$(1,2,2,0)_{10}$ $(1,1,2,1)_{16}$ $(1,1,3,2)_{\overline{126}}$	$\begin{pmatrix} b'_{3C} \\ b'_{2L} \\ b_{2R} \\ b_{B-L} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -3 \\ -\frac{13}{6} \\ +\frac{23}{4} \end{pmatrix}$	8.57 ± 0.06	16.64 ± 0.13	46.13 ± 0.41
$G_{\text{LR}} \times D$	$(1,2,2,0)_{10}$ $(1,1,2,1)_{16}$ $(1,2,1,1)_{16}$ $(1,1,3,2)_{\overline{126}}$ $(1,3,1,-2)_{\overline{126}}$	$\begin{pmatrix} b'_{3C} \\ b'_{2L} \\ b_{2R} \\ b_{B-L} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -7 \\ -\frac{13}{6} \\ -\frac{13}{6} \\ +\frac{15}{2} \end{pmatrix}$	10.11 ± 0.04	15.57 ± 0.09	43.38 ± 0.30

in the case $m_\chi \lesssim \mathcal{O}(100)$ GeV. Similarly to the $U(1)_{B-L}$ model in the previous paper [19], this process occurs via the scalar mixing given by Eq. (2.14) and the mixing between the left-handed and right-handed neutrinos after the electroweak symmetry breaking. The decay width for this channel is calculated as

$$\Gamma_{\nu\nu} = \frac{m_\chi}{64\pi} \frac{v_s^2}{v_\phi^4} \sum_i m_{\nu_i}^2 = 5 \times 10^{-59} \text{ GeV} \left(\frac{m_\chi}{100 \text{ GeV}}\right) \left(\frac{v_s}{1 \text{ TeV}}\right)^2 \left(\frac{10^{11} \text{ GeV}}{v_\phi}\right)^4 \sum_i \left(\frac{m_{\nu_i}}{0.1 \text{ eV}}\right)^2, \tag{4.1}$$

where m_{ν_i} is the small neutrino mass eigenvalues. Equation (4.1) roughly corresponds to the lifetime $\tau_{\nu\nu} = \mathcal{O}(10^{34})$ s, which is too small to be observed in neutrino cosmic-rays [67,68] because of the suppression by the small neutrino mass squared $m_{\nu_i}^2$. Note that since the scale of the VEV in the GUT pNGB model is $v_\phi \simeq 10^{11}$ GeV which is much smaller than the previous analysis [19], the order of the lifetime for this channel is much shorter. However it is still too long to be detectable by experiments and observations.

The four body decay processes $\chi \to f\bar{f}f'\bar{f}'$ mediated by h_i, Z, Z' can occur as shown in Fig. 2. Note that if f and f' are identical particles, additional diagrams exist due to interference. We numerically evaluated the decay width for all the four body decay processes using CalcHEP [69], and furthermore we took into account three body decay processes when these are kinematically possible. The results are shown in Fig. 3 in (m_χ, v_ϕ) plane where the second Higgs mass is fixed to be $m_{h_2} = 70$ GeV (left) and 130 GeV (right). The orange region below the solid, dashed, and dot-dashed lines are the region where the DM lifetime is shorter than the conservative bound $\tau_\chi = 10^{27}$ s for the Higgs mixing angle $\sin\theta = 10^{-1}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-3}$, respectively.[3] The horizontal black dotted line denotes $v_\phi = M_I = 10^{11.10}$ GeV. The most part of the region in the plots is dominated by the four body decays except for the region $m_\chi \gtrsim 60$ GeV in the left panel where the three body decay $\chi \to h_2 f\bar{f}$ can open up. One can read off the upper bound of the DM mass m_χ for a given mixing angle $\sin\theta$.

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[3]The actual bound on the DM lifetime for four body decays is weaker than $\tau_\chi \gtrsim 10^{27}$ s since the energy of the emitted gamma rays is softer than two body decays.
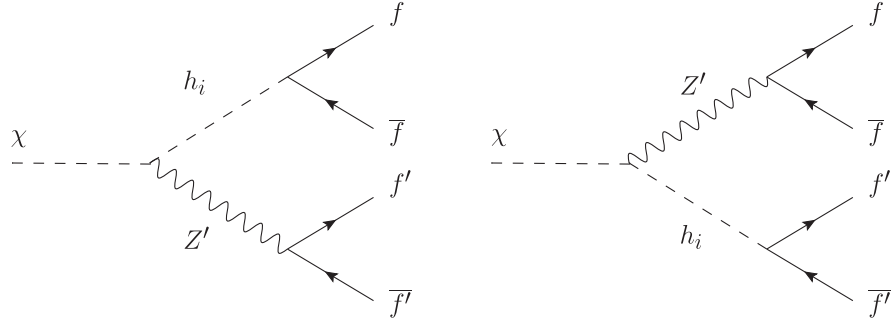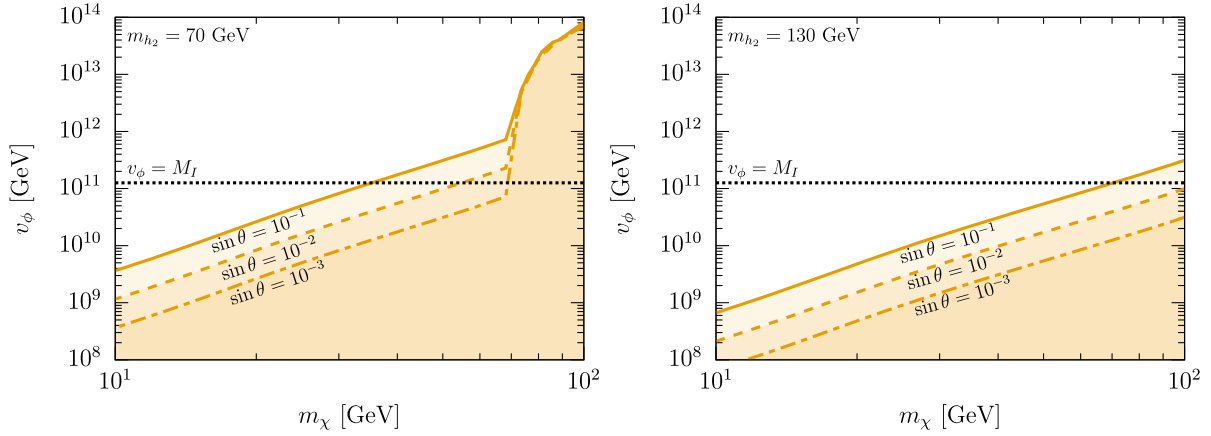
FIG. 2. The Feynman diagrams for the four body decays $\chi \to f\bar{f}f'\bar{f'}$ are shown.

FIG. 3. Parameter space in the (m_χ, v_ϕ) plane where the second Higgs mass is fixed to be $m_{h_2} = 70$ GeV in the left and 130 GeV in the right. The orange region is excluded by the bound of the gamma-ray observations ($\tau_\chi = 10^{27}$ s) for $\sin\theta = 10^{-1}, 10^{-2}$ and 10^{-3}.

Figure 4 shows the parameter space in (m_χ, m_{h_2}) plane for the Higgs mixing angle $\sin\theta = 10^{-1}, 10^{-2}$, and 10^{-3} where $v_\phi = M_I$. The region $m_\chi \gtrsim m_{h_2}$ is strongly constrained by three body decay $\chi \to h_2 f\bar{f}$ while the other region is constrained by four body decays. In particular, if
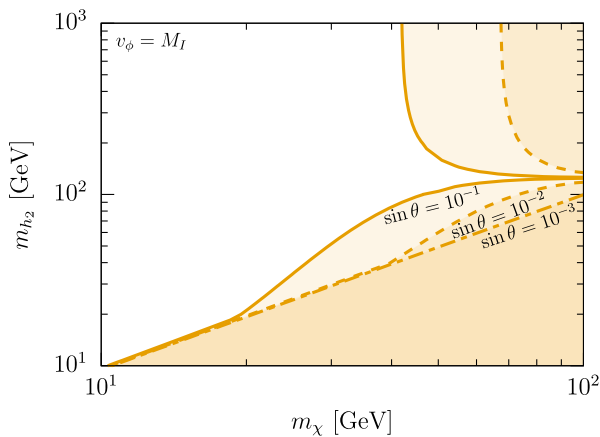
FIG. 4. Parameter space in (m_χ, h_{2}) plane, where the VEV is fixed to be $v_\phi = M_I$. The orange region is excluded by the bound of the gamma-ray observations ($\tau_\chi = 10^{27}$ s) for $\sin\theta = 10^{-1}, 10^{-2}$ and 10^{-3}.

the second Higgs mass is degenerate with the SM-like Higgs boson ($m_{h_1} \simeq m_{h_2}$), the four body decay width can be small and the constraint is weaken. This is because the effective coupling $\chi - f - f'$ mediated by h_1 and h_2 becomes small when $m_{h_1} \simeq m_{h_2}$.

Thermal relic abundance of DM is calculated using micrOMEGAs [70]. The results are shown in Fig. 5, where the other parameters are fixed to be $m_{h_2} = 70$ GeV, $\sin\theta = 0.05$ in the left panel and $m_{h_2} = 130$ GeV and $\sin\theta = 0.05$ the right panel. The red line denotes the parameter space which can reproduce the observed relic abundance of DM $\Omega_\chi h^2 \simeq 0.12$ [4]. The purple region is excluded by the constraints of the Higgs invisible decay and Higgs signal strength [71,72], and the gray region is excluded by the perturbative unitarity bound $\lambda_S < 8\pi/3$ [73]. The green and orange region are ruled out by the constraints of the gamma-ray observations for DM annihilations [74] and four body decays [66], respectively. One can see that the thermal relic abundance can be consistent with all the constraints when the DM mass is rather close to the resonances $m_\chi \lesssim m_{h_i}/2$. This is the characteristic due to the requirement from the gauge coupling unification in the current GUT pNGB model.
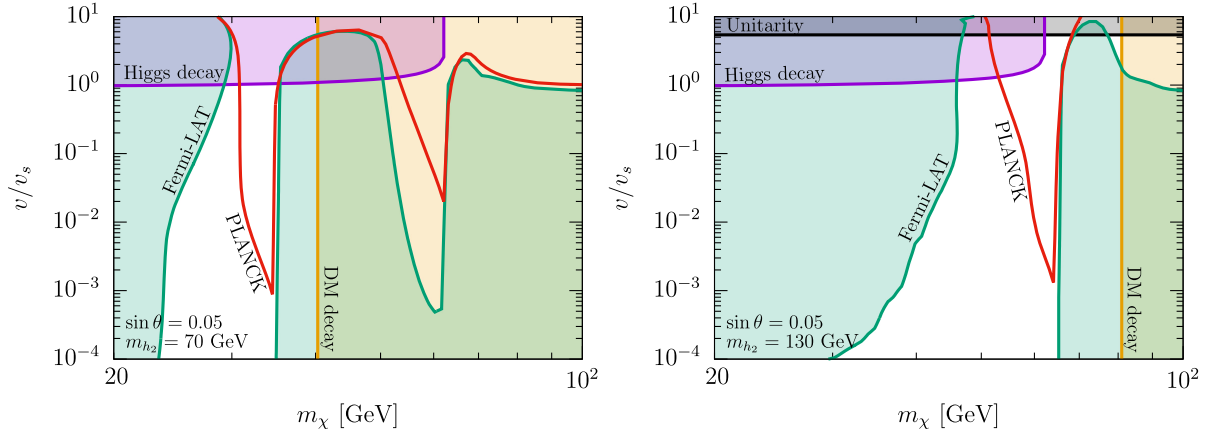
FIG. 5. Parameter space thermally reproducing the observed relic abundance consistent with some other observations. The red line represents the parameter space reproducing the correct thermal relic abundance $\Omega_\chi h^2 \simeq 0.12$. The orange and green region are excluded by gamma-ray observations coming from the DM decay and annihilations, respectively. The purple region are excluded by the constraints of the Higgs invisible decay $h_1 \to \chi\chi$ and the Higgs signal strength. The gray region is perturbative unitarity bound $\lambda_S > 8\pi/3$.

We comment on the allowed parameter space $m_\chi \lesssim m_{h_i}/2$. For the second Higgs mass rather heavier than the SM-like Higgs mass, the constraint of the gamma-ray observations can be avoided only if the DM mass is light enough $m_\chi \lesssim 35$ GeV as can be seen from Fig. 4. On the other hand, this mass region cannot be consistent with the thermal relic abundance of DM since it is far from the Higgs resonances. Therefore the mass region $m_{h_2} \gtrsim m_{h_1}$ is completely excluded as long as thermal production mechanism of DM is assumed. For more precise calculations in the region $m_\chi \lesssim m_{h_i}/2$, the effect of the early kinetic decoupling from the SM thermal bath should be taken into account [75,76]. If this effect is included, one can expect that the red line in Fig. 3 is shifted slightly upward.

V. SUMMARY

In this paper, we proposed an $SO(10)$ pNGB DM model in the framework of GUTs. Each Weyl fermion in **16** of $SO(10)$ contains one generation of quark and leptons. The SM Higgs and two complex scalar fields H, S and Φ in the previous gauged $U(1)_{B-L}$ pNGB DM model are embedded into scalar fields in **10**, **16**, and $\overline{\mathbf{126}}$ of $SO(10)$. Assuming a symmetry breaking pattern of $SO(10)$ to G_{PS} at $\mu = M_U$, and further to G_{SM} at $\mu = M_I$, the intermediate and unified scales M_I and M_U, the gauge coupling constants of $U(1)_{B-L}$, and the kinetic mixing parameter of between $U(1)_Y$ and $U(1)_{B-L}$ are determined by solving the RGEs with appropriate matching conditions such as gauge coupling unification at $\mu = M_U$.

The DM lifetime without GUT has analyzed in Refs. [19,20]. It suggests that the VEV should roughly be the VEV of Φ $v_\phi \gtrsim 10^{13}$ GeV in order to be consistent with the gamma-ray observations if three body decays $\chi \to h_i f\bar{f}$ and $Zf\bar{f}$ are possible. In the current GUT pNGB model, the kinetic mixing and the VEV are fixed to be $\sin\epsilon = -\sqrt{2/5}$

and $v_\phi \simeq 10^{11}$ GeV, respectively. To satisfy the constraint from the gamma-ray observations, the pNGB DM mass must be $m_\chi \lesssim \mathcal{O}(100)$ GeV to forbid the three body decays kinematically. In the mass region, the dominant contribution for DM decay channels comes from four body decay channels $\chi \to f\bar{f}f'\bar{f}'$. We find that the thermal relic abundance can be consistent with all the constraints when the DM mass is rather close to the resonances $m_\chi \lesssim m_{h_i}/2$.

APPENDIX A: KINETIC MIXING AS MASS MIXING

As discussed in the main part of this paper, the gauge kinetic mixing in Refs. [19,20] is regarded as the mixing angle. In this appendix, we will show this explicitly. The scalar fields in Refs. [19,20] are embedded into the scalars of $SO(10)$ shown in Table III as

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{10}} \supset \phi_{(\mathbf{1,2,2})} \supset \phi_{(\mathbf{1,2,1/2})} = H, \qquad (A1)$$

$$\Phi_{\mathbf{16}} \supset \phi_{(\bar{\mathbf{4}},\mathbf{1,2})} \supset \phi_{(\mathbf{1}(+3),\mathbf{1},-1/2)} = S, \qquad (A2)$$

$$\Phi_{\overline{\mathbf{126}}} \supset \phi_{(\overline{\mathbf{10}},\mathbf{1,3})} \supset \phi_{(\mathbf{1}(+6),\mathbf{1},-1)} = \Phi. \qquad (A3)$$

Here we will consider the following two symmetry breaking pattern:

$$G_{PS} \to G_{SM}, \qquad G_{PS} \to G_{LR} \to G_{SM}. \qquad \text{(A4)}$$

1. $G_{PS} \to G_{SM}$

First, let us consider the following symmetry breaking pattern

$$SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_R \xrightarrow{\langle \phi_{(\overline{10},1,3)} \rangle \neq 0, \langle \phi_{(\overline{4},1,2)} \rangle \neq 0} SU(3)_C \times U(1)_Y,$$

$$\text{(A5)}$$

using minimal scalar fields Eqs. (A1)–(A3). This breaking pattern is suitable for the pNGB dark matter model embedding into an $SO(10)$ GUT model because the intermediate scale can be large enough to make the dark matter candidate long-lived.

The covariant derivative of G_{PS} gauge group acts on S and Φ as

$$D_\mu S = \partial_\mu S + i g_4 G_\mu'^{\overline{3},a} I_{\overline{3}(-4),a}^{SU(4)_C} S + i g_{B-L} E_\mu Q_{B-L}^S S$$
$$+ i \frac{g_R}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu'^+ I_+^{SU(2)_R} S + i g_R W_\mu'^3 I_3^{SU(2)_R} S$$
$$= \partial_\mu S + i g_4 G_\mu'^{\overline{3},a} I_{\overline{3}(-4),a}^{SU(4)_C} S + i \frac{g_R}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu'^+ I_+^{SU(2)_R} S$$
$$+ i g_{B-L} E_\mu S - \frac{i g_R}{2} W_\mu'^3 S, \qquad \text{(A6)}$$

$$D_\mu \Phi = \partial_\mu \Phi + i g_4 G_\mu'^{3,a} I_{3(4),a}^{SU(4)_C} \Phi + i g_{B-L} E_\mu Q_{B-L}^\Phi \Phi$$
$$+ i \frac{g_R}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu'^+ I_+^{SU(2)_R} \Phi + i g_R W_\mu'^3 I_3^{SU(2)_R} \Phi$$
$$= \partial_\mu \Phi + i g_4 G_\mu'^{3,a} I_{3(4),a}^{SU(4)_C} \Phi + i \frac{g_R}{\sqrt{2}} W_\mu'^+ I_+^{SU(2)_R} \Phi$$
$$+ 2 i g_{B-L} E_\mu \Phi - i g_R W_\mu'^3 \Phi, \qquad \text{(A7)}$$

where E_μ is the gauge field associated with $U(1)_{B-L} \subset SU(4)_C$ and g_{B-L} is the gauge coupling constant given by $g_{B-L} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}} g_4$. The $B-L$ charge comes from the diagonal component of $SU(4)$ denoted by

$$Q_{B-L} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}} I_{15}^{SU(4)_C},$$

$$I_{15}^{SU(4)_C} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}} \text{diag}(1/3, 1/3, 1/3, -1). \qquad \text{(A8)}$$

$G_\mu'^{3,a}$ and $G_\mu'^{\overline{3},a}$ are color charged vector boson with the representation $\mathbf{3}(4)$ and $\overline{\mathbf{3}}(-4)$ of $SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{B-L}$ belonging to $\mathbf{15}$ of $SU(4)_C$ respectively. (For the details of the branching rules and the tensor products, see

Ref. [30].) These scalars are assumed to develop the following VEVs,

$$\langle S \rangle = \frac{v_s}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad \langle \Phi \rangle = \frac{v_\phi}{\sqrt{2}}, \qquad \text{(A9)}$$

and these gives the mass terms of the gauge fields

$$\mathcal{L}_{SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_R, \text{mass}} = G_\mu'^{3,a\dagger} M_{3,ab}^2 G'^{3,b\mu}$$
$$+ G_\mu'^{\overline{3},a\dagger} M_{\overline{3},ab}^2 G'^{\overline{3},b\mu}$$
$$+ \frac{g_R^2}{4} (v_s^2 + 2 v_\phi^2) W_\mu'^- W'^{+\mu}$$
$$+ \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{v_s^2}{4} + v_\phi^2 \right) (2 g_{B-L} E_\mu - g_R W_\mu'^3)^2, \qquad \text{(A10)}$$

where the mass matrices for the color charged vector bosons $G_\mu'^{3,a}$ and $G_\mu'^{\overline{3},a}$ are defined by

$$M_{3,ab}^2 = \frac{g_4^2 v_\phi^2}{2} \text{tr} \left[(I_{3(4),a}^{SU(4)_C})^\dagger I_{3(4),b}^{SU(4)_C} \right],$$
$$M_{\overline{3},ab}^2 = \frac{g_4^2 v_s^2}{2} \text{tr} \left[(I_{\overline{3}(-4),a}^{SU(4)_C})^\dagger I_{\overline{3}(-4),b}^{SU(4)_C} \right]. \qquad \text{(A11)}$$

The last term of Eq. (A10) leads the mass mixing between $U(1)_{B-L} \subset SU(4)_C$ and $U(1)_R \subset SU(2)_R$, and the massless direction becomes $U(1)_Y$ in the SM gauge group. From this term, the massive vector boson C_μ' and the orthogonal massless gauge boson B_μ' are introduced by

$$\begin{pmatrix} B_\mu' \\ C_\mu' \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \epsilon & \sin \epsilon \\ -\sin \epsilon & \cos \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_\mu'^3 \\ E_\mu \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \text{(A12)}$$

where the mixing angle is defined by

$$\sin \epsilon = \frac{g_R}{\sqrt{g_R^2 + 4 g_{B-L}^2}}, \qquad \cos \epsilon = \frac{2 g_{B-L}}{\sqrt{g_R^2 + 4 g_{B-L}^2}}, \qquad \text{(A13)}$$

and the mass of C_μ' becomes $M_{C'}^2 = (g_R^2 + 4 g_{B-L}^2)(v_s^2/4 + v_\phi^2)$. In this basis, the Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4} W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{a\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu}' B'^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} C_{\mu\nu}' C'^{\mu\nu}$$
$$+ \frac{1}{2} M_{C'}^2 C_\mu' C'^\mu. \qquad \text{(A14)}$$

If the color charged vector bosons are dropped, the covariant derivative is rewritten by using these bosons as

$$D_\mu \supset i g_1 B_\mu' + i g_{C'} C_\mu' \left(\frac{Q_{B-L}}{2} - \sin^2 \epsilon Q_Y \right), \qquad \text{(A15)}$$

TABLE VI. The correspondence table of the kinetic mixing and the gauge fields between the gauged $U(1)_{B-L}$ model [19,20] and $SO(10)$ GUT model.

Gauged $U(1)_{B-L}$ model [19] $G_{SM} \times U(1)_{B-L}$	pNGB in $SO(10)$ GUT G_{PS}
Q_Y	$Q_Y = I_3^{SU(2)_R} + \frac{Q_{B-L}}{2}$
Q_{B-L}	$Q_{B-L} = \sqrt{\frac{8}{3}}I_{15}^{SU(4)_C}$
B_μ	B_μ in Eq. (A18)
$\hat{B}_\mu$	B'_μ in Eq. (A12)
X_μ	C_μ in Eq. (A18)
$\hat{X}_\mu$	C'_μ in Eq. (A12)
g_1	$g_1 = 2g_R g_{B-L}/\sqrt{g_R^2 + 4g_{B-L}^2}$
g_{B-L}	$g_{B-L} = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}}g_4$
g_2	g_L
$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig_s G_\mu^a I_a^{SU(3)_C} + ig_2 W_\mu^a I_a^{SU(2)_L}$ $+ ig_1 Q_Y B_\mu + ig_{B-L}Q_{B-L}X_\mu$	$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig_s G_\mu^a I_a^{SU(3)_C} + ig_L W_\mu^a I_a^{SU(2)_L}$ $+ ig_1 Q_Y B_\mu + ig_{B-L}Q_{B-L}C_\mu$
Kinetic mixing	
Gauge kinetic mixing of B_μ and X_μ: ϵ = free parameter	Gauge kinetic mixing of B_μ and C_μ: ϵ = mixing angle ϵ of $(W'^3_\mu, E_\mu) \mapsto (B'_\mu, C'_\mu)$ in Eq. (A14)

where the hypercharge is defined by

$$Q_Y = I_3^{SU(2)_R} + \frac{Q_{B-L}}{2}, \quad (A16)$$

and the couplings are given by

$$g_1 = \frac{2g_R g_{B-L}}{\sqrt{g_R^2 + 4g_{B-L}^2}}, \qquad g_{C'} = \sqrt{g_R^2 + 4g_{B-L}^2}. \quad (A17)$$

a. Correspondence between the pNGB model [19,20] and the $SO(10)$ pNGB model

We will discuss the kinetic mixing in the GUT model. First, from Eq. (A12), B'_μ is written by using (W'^3_μ, E_μ) as $B'_\mu = W'^3_\mu/\cos\epsilon + \sin\epsilon E_\mu/\cos\epsilon$, and the field redefinition by $\cos\epsilon$ leads the canonically normalized gauge kinetic terms. The massive direction of broken $U(1)$ symmetry does not change in this rewriting. Then Let us introduce new fields after the rescaling by

$$\begin{pmatrix} B'_\mu \\ C'_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \sin\epsilon \\ 0 & \cos\epsilon \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} B_\mu \\ C_\mu \end{pmatrix},$$
$$\begin{pmatrix} B_\mu \\ C_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -\tan\epsilon \\ 0 & 1/\cos\epsilon \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} B'_\mu \\ C'_\mu \end{pmatrix}, \quad (A18)$$

so that the massive direction does not change but the massless component is replaced. The relation between (W'^3_μ, E_μ) and (B_μ, C_μ) is given by

$$\begin{pmatrix} W'^3_\mu \\ E_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\epsilon & \sin\epsilon \\ -\sin\epsilon & \cos\epsilon \end{pmatrix}\begin{pmatrix} B_\mu \\ C_\mu \end{pmatrix}. \quad (A19)$$

The $U(1)_{B-L} \times U(1)_R$ gauge sector in the Lagrangian (A14) is rewritten by using these fields as

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}W_{\mu\nu}^a W^{a\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}B_{\mu\nu}B^{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}C_{\mu\nu}C^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\sin\epsilon}{2}B_{\mu\nu}C^{\mu\nu}$$
$$+ \frac{1}{2}M_C^2 C_\mu C^\mu, \quad (A20)$$

with $M_C^2 = g_{B-L}^2(v_s^2 + 4v_\phi^2)$, and the covariant derivative is given by

$$D_\mu \supset ig_{B-L}E_\mu Q_{B-L} + ig_R W'^3_\mu I_3^{SU(2)_R}$$
$$= ig_{B-L}C_\mu Q_{B-L} + ig_1 B_\mu Q_Y, \quad (A21)$$

where Eqs. (A16) and (A17) are used. Eqs. (A20) and (A21) are parts of the Lagrangian of the gauged $U(1)_{B-L}$ pNGB model, and the gauge kinetic mixing is naturally regarded as the mixing angle coming from the GUT inspired symmetry breaking. The correspondence is summarized in Table VI.

2. $G_{PS} \to G_{LR} \to G_{SM}$

If the adjoint Higgs bosons $\phi_{(15,1,1)}$ and $\phi_{(1,1,3)}$ are introduced in addition to the scalars Eqs. (A1)–(A3), these VEVs break the Pati-Salam gauge symmetry as

$$SU(4)_C \xrightarrow{\langle \phi_{(15,1,1)} \rangle \neq 0} SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{B-L}, \qquad SU(2)_R \xrightarrow{\langle \phi_{(1,1,3)} \rangle \neq 0} U(1)_R. \tag{A22}$$

By this breaking pattern, the covariant derivative of G_{PS} reduces to that of $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{R3} \times U(1)_{B-L}$ as

$$\begin{aligned} D_\mu = \partial_\mu &+ ig_s G_\mu^a I_a^{SU(3)_C} + ig_{B-L} E_\mu Q_{B-L} \\ &+ ig_L W_\mu^a I_a^{SU(2)_L} + ig_R W_\mu'^3 I_3^{SU(2)_R}, \end{aligned} \tag{A23}$$

where the $B - L$ charge is defined by Eq. (A8) and the gauge couplings are introduced by $g_s = g_4$, $g_C = \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}} g_4$. The VEVs of S and ϕ (A9) break the residual gauge symmetry as

$$SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_R \times U(1)_{B-L} \to G_{SM}, \tag{A24}$$

and lead the mass term for the gauge bosons

$$\mathcal{L}_{U(1)_{R3} \times U(1)_{B-L}, \text{mass}} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{v_s^2}{4} + v_\phi^2 \right) (2g_{B-L} E_\mu - g_R W_\mu'^3)^2, \tag{A25}$$

which is the same as the last term of Eq. (A10). In this breaking pattern, the charged gauge bosons become massive via the VEV of the adjoint Higgs fields.

The mixing angle ϵ and correspondence between the mixing angle and kinetic mixing are same in the previous discussions.

APPENDIX B: RGEs FOR GAUGE COUPLING CONSTANTS

Here we analyze the RGEs for gauge coupling constants of G_{SM} and $G_I = G_{PS}, G_{LR}$, and $SO(10)$ in the pNGB DM model. (For the RGE analysis, see, e.g., Ref. [54].)

The RGE for the gauge coupling constants given in Eq. (3.1) can be solve as

$$\alpha_i^{-1}(\mu_1) = \alpha_i^{-1}(\mu_0) - \frac{b_i}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\mu_1}{\mu_0}\right). \tag{B1}$$

when the beta function coefficients b_i are constant in the energy range $\mu_0 < \mu < \mu_1$. In the following, we apply the solution for G_{SM}, and $G_I = G_{PS}, G_{LR}$ cases.

In the following, we find the intermediate scale M_I and M_U can be described by using the gauge coupling constants of G_{SM} at $\mu = M_Z$ and the beta function coefficients of G_{SM} and $G_I (= G_{PS}, G_{LR})$. Therefore, all the gauge coupling constants such as the unified gauge coupling constant α_U can be analytically solved if they exist.

1. $G_I = G_{PS}$ case

We list up the RGEs of G_{SM} and G_{PS} in $M_Z < \mu < M_I$ and $M_I < \mu < M_U$, respectively, and the matching conditions at $\mu = M_I, M_U$.

a. $M_Z < \mu < M_I$

For $M_Z < \mu < M_I$, the RGEs of the gauge coupling constants of $G_{SM} = SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{3C}^{-1}(\mu) &= \alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{3C}}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_Z}\right), \\ \alpha_{2L}^{-1}(\mu) &= \alpha_{2L}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{2L}}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_Z}\right), \\ \alpha_{1Y}^{-1}(\mu) &= \alpha_{1Y}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{1Y}}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_Z}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{B2}$$

b. $\mu = M_I$

The matching conditions between G_{SM} and $G_{PS} = SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ at $\mu = M_I$ are given as

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{4C}^{-1}(M_I) &= \alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_I), \quad \alpha_{2L}'^{-1}(M_I) = \alpha_{2L}^{-1}(M_I), \\ \alpha_{2R}^{-1}(M_I) &= \frac{5}{3}\alpha_{1Y}^{-1}(M_I) - \frac{2}{3}\alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_I). \end{aligned} \tag{B3}$$

c. $M_I < \mu < M_U$

For $M_I < \mu < M_U$, the RGEs of the gauge coupling constants of G_{PS} are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha_{4C}^{-1}(\mu) &= \alpha_{4C}^{-1}(M_I) - \frac{b_{4C}}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_I}\right) = \alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{3C}}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{M_I}{M_Z}\right) - \frac{b_{4C}}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_I}\right), \\ \alpha_{2L}'^{-1}(\mu) &= \alpha_{2L}'^{-1}(M_I) - \frac{b_{2L}'}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_I}\right) = \alpha_{2L}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{2L}}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{M_I}{M_Z}\right) - \frac{b_{2L}'}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_I}\right), \\ \alpha_{2R}^{-1}(\mu) &= \alpha_{2R}^{-1}(M_I) - \frac{b_{2R}}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_I}\right) = \frac{5}{3}\alpha_{1Y}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{2}{3}\alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_Z) - \left(\frac{5}{3}\frac{b_{1Y}}{2\pi} - \frac{2}{3}\frac{b_{3C}}{2\pi}\right) \log\left(\frac{M_I}{M_Z}\right) - \frac{b_{2R}}{2\pi} \log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_I}\right). \end{aligned} \tag{B4}$$

d. $\mu = M_U$

For $\mu = M_U$, the matching condition between G_{PS} and $SO(10)$ at $\mu = M_U$ is given by

$$\alpha_{4C}^{-1}(M_U) = \alpha_{2L}'^{-1}(M_U) = \alpha_{2R}^{-1}(M_U), \tag{B5}$$

where

$$\alpha_{4C}^{-1}(M_U) = \alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{3C}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_I}{M_Z}\right) - \frac{b_{4C}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_U}{M_I}\right), \quad \alpha_{2L}'^{-1}(M_U) = \alpha_{2L}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{2L}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_I}{M_Z}\right) - \frac{b_{2L}'}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_U}{M_I}\right),$$

$$\alpha_{2R}^{-1}(M_U) = \frac{5}{3}\alpha_{1Y}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{2}{3}\alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_Z) - \left(\frac{5}{3}\frac{b_{1Y}}{2\pi} - \frac{2}{3}\frac{b_{3C}}{2\pi}\right)\log\left(\frac{M_I}{M_Z}\right) - \frac{b_{2R}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_U}{M_I}\right). \tag{B6}$$

e. M_I and M_U

From the matching condition in Eq. (B5), we can analytically solve the intermediate scale M_I and unification scale M_U as

$$M_I = M_Z \exp\left[\frac{A_1 B_3 - A_3 B_1}{A_2 B_3 - A_3 B_2}\right],$$

$$M_U = M_Z \exp\left[\left(\frac{A_1 B_3 - A_3 B_1}{A_2 B_3 - A_3 B_2}\right) + \left(\frac{A_1 B_2 - A_2 B_1}{A_3 B_2 - A_2 B_3}\right)\right], \tag{B7}$$

where

$$A_1 = \alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_Z) - \alpha_{2L}^{-1}(M_Z), \qquad A_2 = \frac{b_{3C} - b_{2L}}{2\pi},$$

$$A_3 = \frac{b_{4C} - b_{2L}'}{2\pi}, \qquad B_1 = \frac{5}{3}(\alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_Z) - \alpha_{1Y}^{-1}(M_Z)),$$

$$B_2 = \frac{5}{3}\frac{b_{3C} - b_{1Y}}{2\pi}, \qquad B_3 = \frac{b_{4C} - b_{2R}}{2\pi}. \tag{B8}$$

2. $G_I = G_{\mathrm{LR}}$ case

We list up the RGEs of G_{SM} and $G_I = G_{\mathrm{LR}}$ in $M_Z < \mu < M_I$ and $M_I < \mu < M_U$, respectively, and the matching conditions at $\mu = M_I, M_U$.

a. $M_Z < \mu < M_I$

For $M_Z < \mu < M_I$, the RGEs of the gauge coupling constants of $G_{\mathrm{SM}} = SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ are given by

$$\alpha_{3C}^{-1}(\mu) = \alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{3C}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_Z}\right),$$

$$\alpha_{2L}^{-1}(\mu) = \alpha_{2L}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{2L}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_Z}\right),$$

$$\alpha_{1Y}^{-1}(\mu) = \alpha_{1Y}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{1Y}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_Z}\right). \tag{B9}$$

b. $\mu = M_I$

The matching conditions between G_{SM} and $G_{\mathrm{LR}} = SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$ at $\mu = M_I$ are given as

$$\alpha_{3C}'^{-1}(M_I) = \alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_I), \quad \alpha_{2L}'^{-1}(M_I) = \alpha_{2L}^{-1}(M_I),$$

$$\alpha_{2R}^{-1}(M_I) = \frac{5}{3}\alpha_{1Y}^{-1}(M_I) - \frac{2}{3}\alpha_{B-L}^{-1}(M_I). \tag{B10}$$

Note that unlike the above $G_I = G_{\mathrm{PS}}$ case, the gauge coupling constants of G_{LR} at $\mu = M_I$ cannot be determined only by using those of G_{SM} at $\mu = M_I$. To fix them, we need to use the matching conditions of the gauge coupling constants at $\mu = M_U$.

c. $M_I < \mu < M_U$

For $M_I < \mu < M_U$, the RGEs of the gauge coupling constants of G_{LR} are given by

$$\alpha_{3C}'^{-1}(\mu) = \alpha_{3C}'^{-1}(M_I) - \frac{b_{3C}'}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_I}\right) = \alpha_{3C}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{3C}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_I}{M_Z}\right) - \frac{b_{3C}'}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_I}\right),$$

$$\alpha_{2L}'^{-1}(\mu) = \alpha_{2L}'^{-1}(M_I) - \frac{b_{2L}'}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_I}\right) = \alpha_{2L}^{-1}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{2L}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_I}{M_Z}\right) - \frac{b_{2L}'}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_I}\right),$$

$$\alpha_{2R}^{-1}(\mu) = \alpha_{2R}^{-1}(M_I) - \frac{b_{2R}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_I}\right), \quad \alpha_{B-L}^{-1}(\mu) = \alpha_{B-L}^{-1}(M_I) - \frac{b_{B-L}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{\mu}{M_I}\right). \tag{B11}$$

d. $\mu = M_U$

For $\mu = M_U$, the matching condition between G_{LR} and $SO(10)$ at $\mu = M_U$ is given by

$$\alpha'^{-1}_{3C}(M_U) = \alpha'^{-1}_{2L}(M_U) = \alpha^{-1}_{2R}(M_U) = \alpha^{-1}_{B-L}(M_U), \tag{B12}$$

where

$$\alpha'^{-1}_{3C}(M_U) = \alpha^{-1}_{3C}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{3C}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_I}{M_Z}\right) - \frac{b'_{3C}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_U}{M_I}\right), \quad \alpha'^{-1}_{2L}(M_U) = \alpha^{-1}_{2L}(M_Z) - \frac{b_{2L}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_I}{M_Z}\right) - \frac{b'_{2L}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_U}{M_I}\right),$$

$$\alpha^{-1}_{2R}(M_U) = \frac{5}{3}\alpha^{-1}_{1Y}(M_Z) - \frac{2}{3}\alpha^{-1}_{B-L}(M_I) - \frac{5}{3}\frac{b_{1Y}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_I}{M_Z}\right) - \frac{b_{2R}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_U}{M_I}\right), \quad \alpha^{-1}_{B-L}(M_U) = \alpha^{-1}_{B-L}(M_I) - \frac{b_{B-L}}{2\pi}\log\left(\frac{M_U}{M_I}\right). \tag{B13}$$

e. M_I and M_U

From the matching condition in Eq. (B12), we can analytically solve the intermediate scale M_I and unification scale M_U as

$$M_I = M_Z \exp\left[\frac{C_1 D_3 - C_3 D_1}{C_2 D_3 - C_3 D_2}\right],$$

$$M_U = M_Z \exp\left[\left(\frac{C_1 D_3 - C_3 D_1}{C_2 D_3 - C_3 D_2}\right) + \left(\frac{C_1 D_2 - C_2 D_1}{C_3 D_2 - C_2 D_3}\right)\right], \tag{B14}$$

where

$$C_1 = \alpha^{-1}_{3C}(M_Z) - \alpha^{-1}_{2L}(M_Z), \qquad C_2 = \frac{b_{3C} - b_{2L}}{2\pi},$$

$$C_3 = \frac{b'_{3C} - b'_{2L}}{2\pi}, \qquad D_1 = \alpha^{-1}_{2L}(M_Z) - \alpha^{-1}_{1Y}(M_Z),$$

$$D_2 = \frac{b_{2L} - b_{1Y}}{2\pi}, \qquad D_3 = \frac{b'_{2L} - \frac{3b_{2R} + 2b_{B-L}}{5}}{2\pi}. \tag{B15}$$

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