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1. Introduction

One of the most significant direct evidences of physics beyond the standard model (SM) are the recently observed anomalies in B meson decays, which suggest a lepton flavor universality (LFU) violation. Assuming that those anomalies are not the product of systematic errors, they can be explained by a vector leptoquark (LQ) $(3, 1)_{2/3}$, which can arise from grand unification theories such as the Pati-Salam model. We study a Pati-Salam based model that aims at explaining the LFU violations. It is based on the local gauge group $SU(4)_L \times SU(4)_R \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)'$ and its key feature is that $SU(4)_R$ breaks at a much higher energy scale than $SU(4)_L$, avoiding right handed flavor changing currents and allowing a mass of the LQ as low as 10 TeV. The model does not require the introduction of quarks or leptons mixings with new vector-like fermions. We present a detailed study of this model, obtain constraints from the C_9 and C_{10} pseudo-observables, and contrast them against a model independent analysis.

2. Local Gauge group

The model was first proposed in [1] and it includes two $SU(4)_{L/R}$ groups which break to $SU(3)_C$

$$\underbrace{SU(4)_L \otimes SU(4)_R}_{\text{color}} \otimes \underbrace{SU(2)_L}_{\text{isospin}} \otimes U(1)'$$

The key feature of the model is that $SU(4)_R$ breaks at a much higher energy scale than $SU(4)_L$, avoiding right-handed flavor changing currents and lowering the mass of the LQ.

3. Particle content

The decomposition of the initial gauge group into SM particles results in

$$\hat{\Psi}_L = (4, 1, 2, 0) = (3, 2)_{\frac{1}{6}} \oplus (1, 2)_{-\frac{1}{2}},$$

$$\hat{\Psi}_R^u = (1, 4, 1, \frac{1}{2}) = (3, 1)_{\frac{2}{3}} \oplus (1, 1)_0,$$

$$\hat{\Psi}_R^d = (1, 4, 1, -\frac{1}{2}) = (3, 1)_{-\frac{1}{3}} \oplus (1, 1)_{-1},$$

Where $\hat{\Psi}_L, \hat{\Psi}_R^u, \hat{\Psi}_R^d$ contain the fields Q_L, L_L, u_R, d_R, e_R and a right-handed neutrino ν_R .

8. Phenomenological analysis

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \frac{g_L}{\sqrt{2}} X_L \left[x_{Lu}^{ij} (\bar{u}_i \gamma^\mu \nu_j) + x_{Ld}^{ij} (\bar{d}_i \gamma^\mu \ell_j) \right] + \text{h.c.},$$

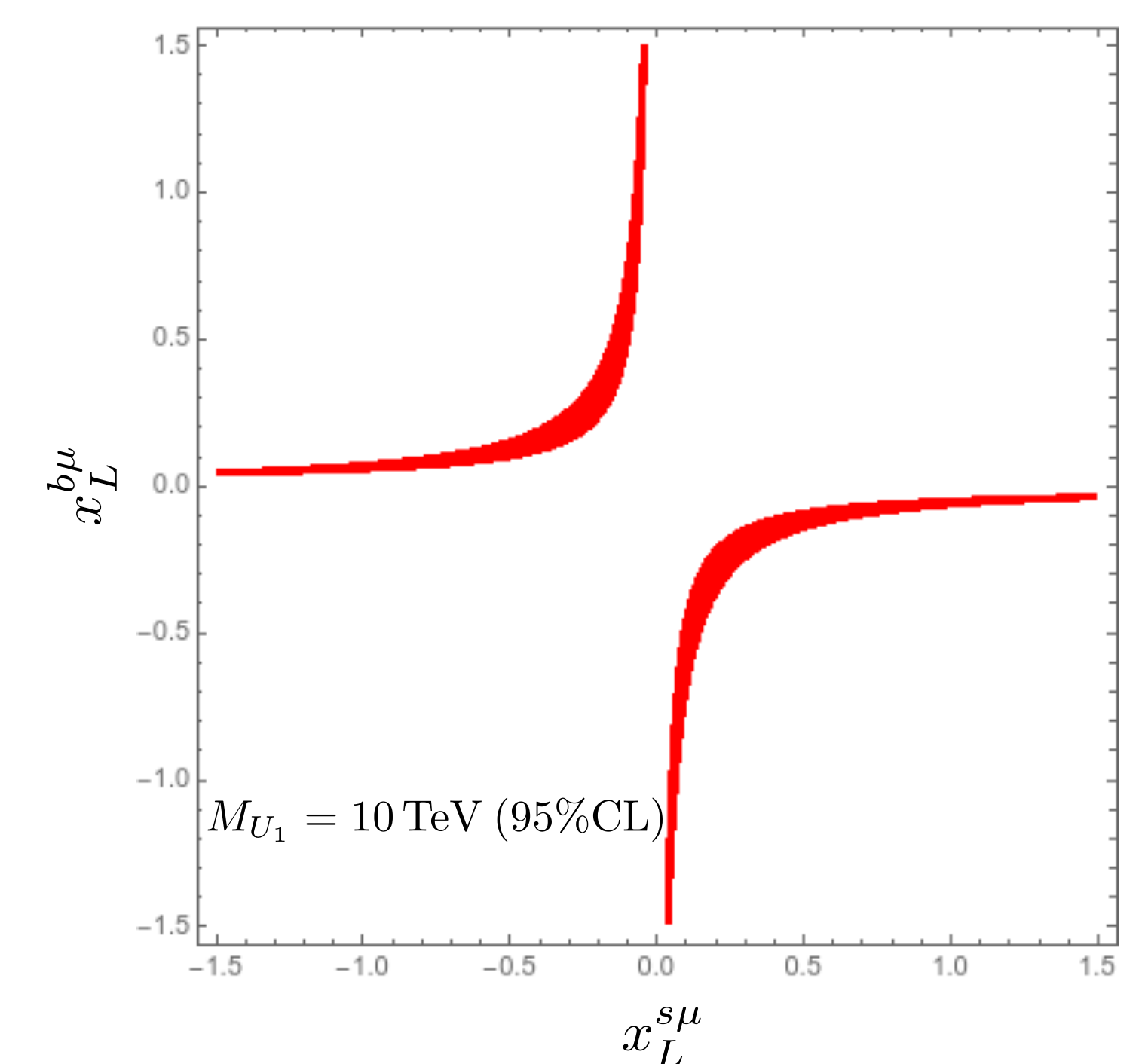
The R_K anomaly involves the transition $b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-$ via the effective Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}(b \rightarrow s\mu^+\mu^-) = & -\frac{\alpha_{\text{em}} G_F}{\sqrt{2}\pi} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \\ & \times \left[C_9^{bs\mu\mu} (\bar{s} P_L \gamma_\beta b) (\bar{\mu} \gamma^\beta \mu) \right. \\ & \left. + C_{10}^{bs\mu\mu} (\bar{s} P_L \gamma_\beta b) (\bar{\mu} \gamma^\beta \gamma_5 \mu) \right] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_9^{bs\mu\mu} = -C_{10}^{bs\mu\mu} = -\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2} G_F \alpha_{\text{em}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^*} \frac{x_L^{s\mu} (x_L^{b\mu})^*}{M_{U_1}^2}$$

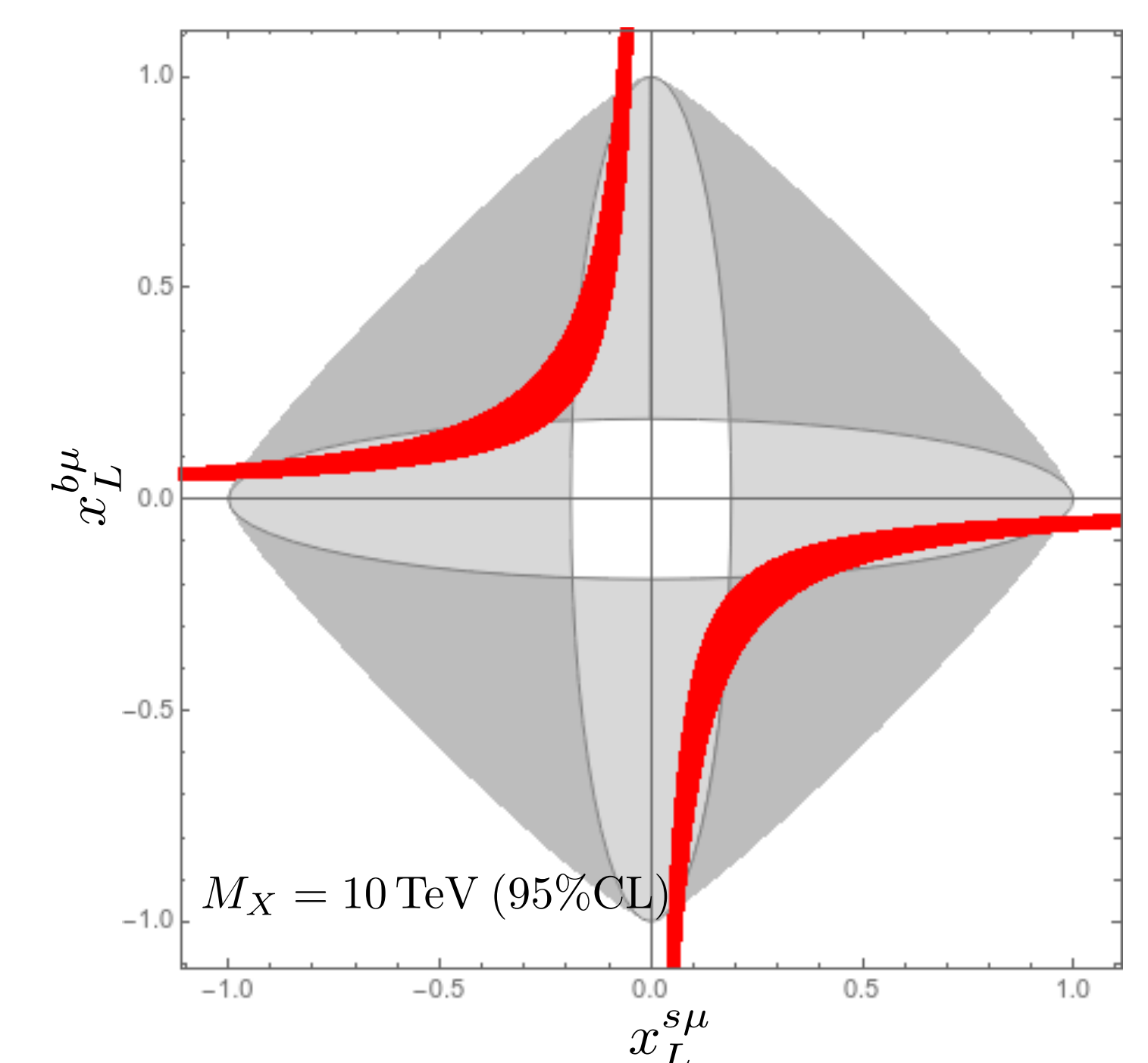
Model independent:



Parameterizing the couplings matrix as

$$x_{Ld} \approx e^{i\phi} \begin{pmatrix} \delta_1 & \delta_2 & 1 \\ e^{i\phi_1} \cos \theta & e^{i\phi_2} \sin \theta & \delta_3 \\ -e^{i\phi_2} \sin \theta & e^{i\phi_1} \cos \theta & \delta_4 \end{pmatrix},$$

we find for this model



4. SU(4) generators

The generators are normalized according to $\text{Tr}(T_i T_j) = (1/2)\delta_{ij}$.

The first eight generators are constructed such that their first three rows and columns coincide with the Gell-Mann matrices, which are the usual $SU(3)$ group generators. They describe color interactions, for instance

$$T_1 = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\lambda}_1 = \frac{1}{2} (C_{12} + C_{21}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

The generators describing transitions between

quarks and leptons have non-zero entrances in their fourth row and column, for instance

$$T_9 = \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\lambda}_9 = \frac{1}{2} (C_{14} + C_{41}) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

And the diagonal generator, which gives the charge of the $U(1)$ resulting upon the breaking of $SU(4)$ to the color group

$$T_{15} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} \tilde{\lambda}_{15} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{6}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & \\ & 1 & & \\ & & 1 & \\ & & & -3 \end{pmatrix}.$$

5. Charge operator

Decomposition of $SU(4)$

$$SU(4)_{L/R} \rightarrow SU(3)_{L/R} \otimes U(1)_{L/R 31}.$$

Charge operator defined as

$$Q = (t^3) + A(T_L^{15} + T_R^{15}) + BY',$$

For instance, for $\hat{\Psi}_L$

$$(Q\Psi_L)^{i\alpha} = \left[(t^3)^\alpha_\beta \delta_j^i + A(T_L^{15})^\alpha_\beta \delta_j^i + 0 \right] \Psi_L^{j\beta}.$$

Obtaining the coefficients we arrive at the charge operator

$$Q = t^3 + \frac{\sqrt{6}}{3} (T_L^{15} + T_R^{15}) + Y',$$

which can be represented as two 4×4 matrices

$$Q^u = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{2}{3} & & & \\ & \frac{2}{3} & & \\ & & \frac{2}{3} & \\ & & & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad Q^d = \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1}{3} & & & \\ & -\frac{1}{3} & & \\ & & -\frac{1}{3} & \\ & & & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

6. Interaction Lagrangian

$$\mathcal{L} \supset \bar{\hat{\Psi}}_L \gamma^\mu D_\mu \hat{\Psi}_L + \bar{\hat{\Psi}}_R^u i \gamma^\mu D_\mu \hat{\Psi}_R^u + \bar{\hat{\Psi}}_R^d i \gamma^\mu D_\mu \hat{\Psi}_R^d,$$

where the covariant derivative is

$$D_\mu = \partial_\mu + ig_L G_{L\mu}^A T_L^A + ig_R G_{R\mu}^A T_R^A + ig_2 W_\mu^a t^a + ig_1 Y'_\mu Y',$$

7. LQ eigenstates

$$\mathbb{G}_{L/R\mu} \equiv G_{L/R\mu}^A T_{L/R}^A.$$

$$\mathbb{G} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\begin{array}{ccc|c} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sum_{A=1}^8 G_\mu^A T^A & & & X^1 \\ & & & X^2 \\ & & & X^3 \\ \hline X^{1*} & X^{2*} & X^{3*} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} G_\mu^{15} \end{array} \right)$$

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X^1 \\ X^2 \\ X^3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (G_\mu^9 - iG_\mu^{10}) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (G_\mu^{11} - iG_\mu^{12}) \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (G_\mu^{13} - iG_\mu^{14}) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The mass matrix

$$\mathcal{M}_X^2 = \frac{1}{4} \begin{pmatrix} g_L^2 [v_L^2 + v_\Sigma^2 (1+z^2)] & -2g_{LGR} v_\Sigma^2 z \\ -2g_{LGR} v_\Sigma^2 z & g_R^2 [v_R^2 + v_\Sigma^2 (1+z^2)] \end{pmatrix}$$

9. References

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