

Combined Constraints on First Generation Leptoquarks

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1 Introduction

Leptoquarks (LQs) are hypothetical beyond the Standard Model (BSM) particles that feature quark-lepton couplings.

They have attracted particular attention in recent years, since they can explain the „**flavor anomalies**“, deviations from SM predictions that hint at **Lepton Flavor Universality Violation (LFUV)**:

- $R(D^{(*)}) = \frac{\text{Br}(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \tau^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau)}{\text{Br}(\bar{B} \rightarrow D^{(*)} \ell^+ \bar{\nu}_\ell)}$ with $\ell = e, \mu$ } $> 3\sigma$ [2]
- $b \rightarrow s \ell^+ \ell^-$ transitions } $\sim 6\sigma$ [3]
- $R_K \equiv \frac{\text{Br}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\text{Br}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) K^+)}$ } $\sim 6\sigma$ [3]
- $R_{K^*} \equiv \frac{\text{Br}(B^+ \rightarrow K^* \mu^+ \mu^-)}{\text{Br}(B^+ \rightarrow J/\psi (\rightarrow e^+ e^-) K^+)}$ } $\sim 6\sigma$ [3]
- Muon anomalous magnetic moment (AMM): $a_\mu = \frac{g_\mu - 2}{2}$ } 4.2σ [4]

2 Setup

- We consider the complete set of LQ interactions with first generation quarks and leptons.

| | L | e |
|-------------|--|---|
| \bar{Q} | $\kappa_1^L \gamma_\mu V_1^\mu + \kappa_3 \gamma_\mu (\tau \cdot V_3^\mu)$ | $\lambda_2^L R \Phi_2$ |
| \bar{d} | $\tilde{\lambda}_2 \tilde{\Phi}_2^T i \tau_2$ | $\tilde{\kappa}_1^R \gamma_\mu V_1^\mu$ |
| \bar{u} | $\lambda_2^R L \Phi_2^T i \tau_2$ | $\tilde{\kappa}_1 \gamma_\mu \tilde{V}_1^\mu$ |
| \bar{Q}^c | $\lambda_3 i \tau_2 (\tau \cdot \Phi_3)^\dagger + \lambda_1^L i \tau_2 \Phi_1^\dagger$ | $\kappa_2^L R \gamma_\mu V_2^{\mu\dagger}$ |
| \bar{d}^c | $\tilde{\kappa}_2^R \gamma_\mu V_2^{\mu\dagger}$ | $\tilde{\lambda}_1 \Phi_1^\dagger$ |
| \bar{u}^c | $\tilde{\kappa}_2 \gamma_\mu \tilde{V}_2^{\mu\dagger}$ | $\lambda_1^R \Phi_1^\dagger$ |

Table 1: Interaction terms with the first-generation SM quarks ($\bar{Q}, \bar{u}, \bar{d}$) and leptons (L, e).

| Field | Φ_1 | $\tilde{\Phi}_1$ | Φ_2 | $\tilde{\Phi}_2$ | Φ_3 | V_1 | \tilde{V}_1 | V_2 | \tilde{V}_2 | V_3 |
|-----------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| $SU(3)_c$ | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| $SU(2)_L$ | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| $U(1)_Y$ | $-\frac{2}{3}$ | $-\frac{8}{3}$ | $\frac{7}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $-\frac{2}{3}$ | $\frac{4}{3}$ | $\frac{10}{3}$ | $-\frac{5}{3}$ | $\frac{1}{3}$ | $\frac{4}{3}$ |

Table 2: The ten possible LQ representations (Φ with spin $S = 0$, V with $S = 1$) under the SM gauge group.

3 Observables

Low Energy Precision Observables

- Cabibbo Angle Anomaly (CAA):** deficit in 1st row CKM unitarity, can be explained with 1st generation LQs.

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\mu\nu} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{jk} \tilde{C}_{jk}^{\mu\nu} [\bar{u}_j \gamma^\mu P_L d_k] [\bar{e} \gamma_\mu P_L \nu_e],$$

$$C_{11}^{\mu\nu} \approx -0.001$$

$$V_{us}^\beta = 0.2281(7) \quad V_{ud}^\beta = V_{ud}^\beta (1 + C_{11}^{\mu\nu}) \quad V_{us}^{K_{\mu 3}} = 0.22345(67)$$

$$V_{us}^{\text{NNC}} = 0.2280(14) \quad V_{us}^{K_{\mu 2}} = 0.22534(42)$$

- Tree-level neutral current:** constraints from parity violation experiments (QWEAK and APV), $K \rightarrow \pi e^+ e^- / K \rightarrow \pi \mu^+ \mu^-$ and $K \rightarrow \pi \nu \bar{\nu}$.
- $D^0 - \bar{D}^0$ and $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$ mixing:** constraints on one-loop LQ contributions.

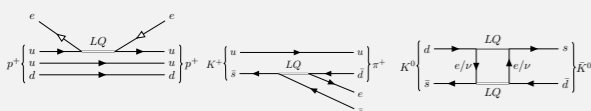
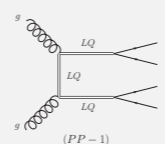


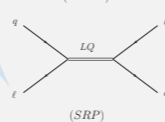
Figure 1: Feynman diagrams depicting the LQ contributions to the low energy processes $e p \rightarrow e p$ (QWEAK), $K \rightarrow \pi e^+ e^-$ and $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$ mixing.

Direct LHC Searches

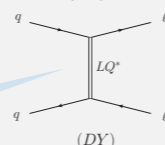
- Pair production (PP):**



- Single Resonant Production (SRP):**



- Drell-Yan-like Signatures (DY):**



Non-resonant analyses [6, 7]:

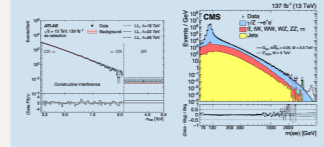


Figure 2: Feynman diagrams showing the high-energy search channels for first generation LQs at the LHC.

4 Phenomenological Analysis

Low Energy Precision Observables

- The **CAA** could be explained by contributions from Φ_3, V_3 . However, DY searches as well as the meson mixing constraints exclude sizeable contributions $C_{11}^{e\ell}$ (black line in Figure 4).
- The **neutral current and meson mixing limits** (blue, cyan and orange lines in Figure 4) depend on the angle β relating left-handed down-type quark flavor and mass eigenstates.

Direct LHC Searches

- PP** (gray region in Figure 4) sets coupling-independent limits on the LQ masses.
- The excess in electron pairs found in **CMS' non-resonant DY analysis** (yellow region in Figure 4) prefers the LQ representations $\Phi_1, \Phi_2, \Phi_3, \tilde{V}_1, V_2$ ($\kappa_2^{RL} \neq 0$) and V_3 interfering constructively with the SM.

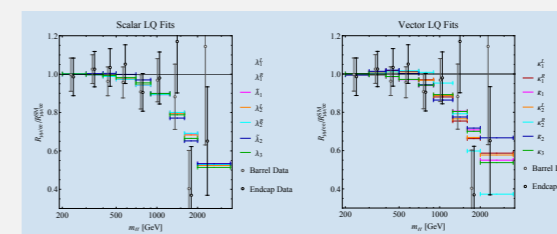


Figure 3: Ratio $R_{\mu\ell\ell e} / R_{\mu\ell\ell e}^{\text{SM}}$ for $R_{\mu\ell\ell e} = (d\sigma(q\bar{q} \rightarrow \mu\bar{\mu})/d m_{\mu\mu}) / (d\sigma(q\bar{q} \rightarrow e\bar{e})/d m_{ee})$ given as a function of the invariant di-lepton mass $m_{\ell\ell}$. The CMS measurements (black and gray points) prefer the LQ fits (colored lines) over the SM solution (black line at 1.0) [1].

- ATLAS' non-resonant DY bounds** (green region in Figure 4) are more constraining than the resonant DY searches.

Exclusion Plots

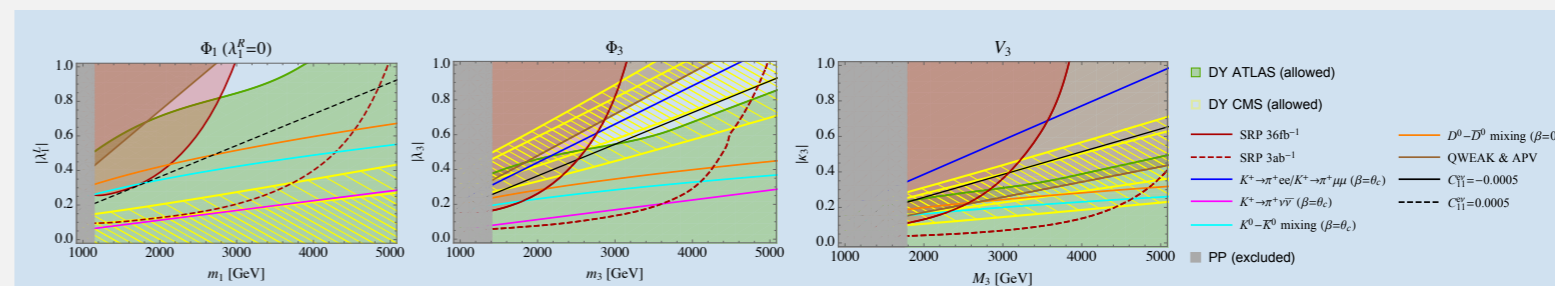


Figure 4: Limits on the parameter space for scalar and vector LQs. The region above the colored lines is excluded. The plots for the remaining LQ representations are given in Ref. [1].

5 Conclusions

- We performed a combined analysis of constraints on first generation LQs, including both low energy precision observables and direct searches.
- The **CAA** could be explained by first generation Φ_3, V_3 , but the size of this effect is too constrained by DY and the meson mixing.
- The **non-resonant DY** analysis of ATLAS gives stringent constraints on first generation LQs. The representations $\tilde{\Phi}_1, \Phi_2, \tilde{V}_1, V_2$ ($\kappa_2^{RL} \neq 0$) and V_3 can account for the di-electron excess found in the CMS non-resonant DY analysis without violating other bounds.

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