

Leptoquark flavor patterns & B decay anomalies

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ABSTRACT: Flavor symmetries that explain masses and mixings of the standard model fermions dictate flavor patterns for the couplings of scalar and vector leptoquarks to the standard model fermions. A generic feature is that couplings to $SU(2)$ -doublet leptons are suppressed at least by one spurion of the discrete non-abelian symmetry breaking, responsible for neutrino mixing, while couplings to charged lepton singlets can be order one. We obtain testable patterns including those that predominantly couple to a single lepton flavor, or two, or in a skewed way. They induce lepton non-universality, which we contrast to current anomalies in B -decays. We find maximal effects in R_D and R_{D^*} at the level of ~ 10 percent and few percent, respectively, while leptoquark effects in $R_{K^{(*)}}$ can reach order few $\times 10$ percent. Predictions for charm and kaon decays and $\mu - e$ conversion are worked out.

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1 Introduction

Generational structure and its manifestation through fermion masses and mixings is one of the key ingredients of the Standard Model (SM), however, the origin of flavor remains a puzzle. While quark flavor solely resides in the Yukawa couplings to the Higgs, flavor breaking in the lepton sector is even less clear-cut as neutrino masses could stem from a different mechanism.

Flavor symmetries explain the observed masses and mixings of the SM fermions, however, viable solutions are not unambiguous. Physics beyond the SM provides opportunities

AB	QL	$\bar{Q}L$	UL	$\bar{U}L$	DL	$\bar{D}L$	QE	$\bar{Q}E$	UE	$\bar{U}E$	DE	$\bar{D}E$
model	$S_{1,3}$	$V_{1,3}$	\tilde{V}_2	S_2	V_2	\tilde{S}_2	V_2	S_2	S_1	\tilde{V}_1	\tilde{S}_1	V_1
down-type FCNC	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓
up-type FCNC	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—	✓	✓	✓	✓	—	—

Table 1. Leptoquark couplings Y_{AB} and $Y_{\bar{A}B}$ as they appear in various leptoquark models as well as in tree level down-type quark FCNCs and up-type quark FCNCs. Models $S_{1,2}$ and $V_{1,2}$ have two yukawas each.

for new insights, as new couplings allow for different combinations of flavor symmetry breaking. A well-known example is the minimal supersymmetric SM. Here masses and mixings of scalar quarks and leptons are present which allow to probe also non-chiral combinations of matter bilinears [1].

Here we consider scalar and vector leptoquark extensions of the SM [2, 3]. Representations for $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y$ and renormalizable couplings to SM fermions are given in appendix A. We assume that proton decay is safe, note, however, to ensure this requires further model-building for some of the leptoquarks [4]. There are in total twelve different types of flavor-matrices that appear in leptoquark models with couplings to $SU(2)_L$ doublet quarks Q and leptons L , and $SU(2)_L$ singlet quarks U, D and charged leptons E , schematically,

$$Y_{AB}, Y_{\bar{A}B}, \quad A = Q, U, D, \quad B = L, E, \quad (1.1)$$

where rows and columns correspond to quarks and leptons, respectively. To simplify the discussion, in the following these couplings are denoted Yukawa matrices for both scalar and vector leptoquarks.

Table 1 shows for which leptoquark scenario which type of yukawa is present. Also indicated is by a checkmark which yukawa contributes at tree level to (semi-)leptonic flavor changing neutral current (FCNC) transitions in the down and up-quark sector. Contributions to charged currents, e.g., $b \rightarrow c\ell\nu$ in chirality-preserving four-fermion interactions, $\bar{Q}\gamma_\mu(\sigma^a)Q\bar{L}\gamma^\mu(\sigma^a)L$ [5] arise from $Y_{QL}, Y_{\bar{Q}L}$ only. σ^a denote the Pauli-matrices. $S_{1,2}$ and $V_{1,2}$ induce charged currents through a combination of their two couplings present, resulting in chirality-flipping operators.

Patterns based on a $U(1)_{\text{FN}}$ -Froggatt-Nielsen (FN) symmetry [6], combined with a non-abelian discrete symmetry, A_4 , have been worked out previously for leptoquarks coupling to lepton doublets [7, 8]. Here we provide further details and flavor patterns involving singlet leptons. The $U(1)_{\text{FN}}$ explains hierarchies in the quark sector and for the charged lepton masses, while non-abelian discrete subgroups of $SU(3)$ can accommodate neutrino mixing [9]. We stress that leptoquark extensions of the SM are special as they can access both quark and lepton flavor.

Leptoquark models have been considered recently in the context of lepton non-universality (LNU) and lepton flavor violating (LFV) observables in semileptonic $b \rightarrow s$ and $b \rightarrow c$ decays. While there is vast literature on leptoquark models addressing LNU in $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell\nu$ decays, the leptonic flavor structure in these studies is either of an assumed,

simple type such as third generation only, of within minimal flavor violation and variants thereof, or parametrical amended by experimental constraints [10–19], and references therein. Our aim is here to close this gap and work out leptoquark effects based on flavor symmetries. For previous leptoquark studies regarding LNU in $B \rightarrow K\ell\ell$ decays, see, for instance, [7, 12, 15–18, 20–24].

The plan of the paper is as follows: in sections 2 and 3 we summarize the main model-building tools for obtaining flavor patterns for Yukawa matrices, and present patterns in section 3. In section 4 we work out phenomenological implications for $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell\nu$, $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\ell\ell$, rare charm and K decays and $\mu - e$ conversion. We conclude in section 5. Auxiliary formulae and tables are given in appendices A–D.

2 Flavor hierarchies

We discuss the hierarchical structure of the leptoquark couplings due to an $U(1)_{\text{FN}}$ which explains flavor in the quark sector and the masses of the charged leptons. To obtain mixing in the lepton sector we additionally invoke a discrete non-abelian symmetry, A_4 [25], discussed in section 3.

FN-charges q for quarks and leptons are obtained in [26]; for instance, a realistic set is given by

$$q(\bar{Q}) = q(U) = (4, 2, 0), \quad q(D) = (3, 2, 2), \quad q(E) = (4, 2, 0), \quad q(L) = 0. \quad (2.1)$$

By choosing this as our benchmark, we assumed that the Higgs vacuum expectation values (VEVs) responsible for up- and down-quark masses are similar in size to cover a SM-like situation in which they are identical. In supersymmetric variants or multi-Higgs models with larger values of $\tan\beta$, the Higgs VEV ratio, smaller values of $q(D)$ are possible. Corresponding effects in the lepton sector can be taken into account by adjusting the VEV of the non-abelian flavor symmetry breaking responsible for charged lepton masses.

The parametric suppression of the leptoquark yukawas in terms of powers of $\lambda \sim 0.2$ is then determined as

$$(Y_{AB})_{ij} \sim \lambda^{|q(A_i)+q(B_j)|}, \quad (Y_{\bar{A}\bar{B}})_{ij} \sim \lambda^{-|q(A_i)+q(B_j)|}, \quad (2.2)$$

where we assumed that the leptoquarks are uncharged under the FN-symmetry. Allowing for a finite charge would rescale the overall size of the yukawas.

From eq. (2.2) it is apparent that, unlike in the SM, charges from the quark sector can interfere with the ones from the lepton sector. In particular, with assignments eq. (2.1) cancellations can arise for QE , $\bar{D}E$ and $\bar{U}E$ corresponding to the vector leptoquark scenarios V_2, V_1 and \tilde{V}_1 , respectively. This causes the hierarchy expected from the quark masses to be inverted in these scenarios. For $\bar{Q}E, DE$ and UE corresponding to the scalar leptoquark scenarios S_2, \tilde{S}_1 and S_1 , respectively, the hierarchies will be stronger than from the quarks alone. If instead the singlet-lepton charges would be chosen with opposite sign to the quark ones, the effects would swap, that is, an inversion of hierarchies would occur for scalar and an increase of hierarchies for vector leptoquarks. Lepton-doublet scenarios would also be affected in models with $q(L) \neq 0$. For $q(L) = 0$, $Y_{AL} = Y_{\bar{A}L}$.

	\bar{L}	e_R	μ_R	τ_R	ϕ_ℓ	ϕ_ν	ξ	ξ'
A_4	3	1	1'	1''	3	3	1	1'
Z_3	1	1	1	1	0	2	2	2

Table 2. Non-trivial $A_4 \times Z_3$ charge assignments. For leptoquarks, see text.

The breaking of the $U(1)_{FN}$ can lead to BSM scalars (flavons) in reach of present or future colliders, with corresponding phenomenology driven by the FN-charges, e.g., [27, 28]. Such analysis is interesting, however, beyond the scope of our paper, which focusses on leptoquark-induced BSM effects.

3 Flavor selection with discrete symmetries

We employ the discrete symmetry $A_4 \times Z_3$ to model the lepton mixing based on a modification [29] of the original model [25], which introduces an additional field to account for a non-vanishing value of θ_{13} . Table 2 summarizes the charge assignments of the leptons and the flavon fields, adopted from [7]. The FN-spurion is uncharged under $A_4 \times Z_3$. The VEVs of the flavons are given as $\langle \phi_\ell \rangle / \Lambda = c_\ell(1, 0, 0)$, $\langle \phi_\nu \rangle / \Lambda = c_\nu(1, 1, 1)$ and $\langle \xi^{(\prime)} \rangle / \Lambda = \kappa^{(\prime)}$, where Λ denotes a new physics scale related to A_4 -breaking. The values of the VEVs are, in general, model-dependent. Typically, $c_{\ell,\nu}, \kappa^{(\prime)} \lesssim \lambda^{\text{few}}$ to explain charged lepton and neutrino parameters. Here and in the following we use the term “VEV” for $c_{\ell,\nu}, \kappa^{(\prime)}$ as well. While the latter are dimensionless numbers it should be clear that they do not correspond to renormalizable couplings of the full Lagrangian.

For completeness, we briefly summarize the multiplication rules for A_4 . For further information on the basis and group theory of A_4 see [30]. The group has three singlet representations 1, 1', and 1'' which form a Z_3 subgroup with the usual multiplication rules. Additionally, A_4 has a triplet representation. Denoting two triplets as $A = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ and $B = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$ the product reads

$$(AB)_1 = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_3 + a_3 b_2 \sim 1, \tag{3.1}$$

$$(AB)_{1'} = a_1 b_2 + a_2 b_1 + a_3 b_3 \sim 1', \tag{3.2}$$

$$(AB)_{1''} = a_1 b_3 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_1 \sim 1'' \tag{3.3}$$

and

$$(AB)_s = \frac{1}{3} \begin{pmatrix} 2a_1 b_1 - a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ 2a_3 b_3 - a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \\ 2a_2 b_2 - a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (AB)_a = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} a_2 b_3 - a_3 b_2 \\ a_1 b_2 - a_2 b_1 \\ a_3 b_1 - a_1 b_3 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3.4}$$

with a symmetric (s) and an antisymmetric (a) triplet.

Firstly, all quarks are considered A_4 singlets (section 3.1). In section 3.2 we discuss patterns for individual quark generations in non-trivial singlet-representations of A_4 .

3.1 Quarks trivial under A_4

3.1.1 Flavor patterns

If all quarks have a trivial A_4 -charge and identical Z_3 -charges, one needs to distinguish only between the couplings to right-handed leptons $Y_{AE}(Y_{\bar{A}E})$ and to left-handed leptons $Y_{AL}(Y_{\bar{A}L})$. The column structure of the patterns is governed by the A_4 and Z_3 -charges of the leptoquark. The A_4 -charge determines to which lepton generation(s) the leptoquark can couple, while the Z_3 -charge selects the flavon field that mediates the coupling. We denote the leptoquarks S_i^\dagger, V_i^\dagger generically by Δ and the charge assignments by $[\Delta]_{A_4}$ etc.

For the left-handed couplings the crucial flavons are the A_4 -triplets ϕ_ℓ and ϕ_ν , which produce patterns that either isolate a single lepton generation or couple equally to all generations [7].

For the right-handed leptons, terms of the form $A\Delta E$ are Z_3 -invariant without any additional flavon insertion for $[\Delta]_{Z_3} = 2$. (Here and in the following, as in eq. (1.1), A (B) generically denotes quark (lepton) fields.) In this case one isolates a single lepton generation, depending on the leptoquark's A_4 -representation. Additionally, and in contrast to the respective pattern for the left-handed coupling, the isolated column is suppressed by powers of λ due to the FN-charges of the right-handed leptons. For $[\Delta]_{Z_3} = 0$ one additional flavon, ξ or ξ' , is needed. Since the latter have identical Z_3 -charge but transform under different singlet representations of A_4 , two lepton generations are isolated.

To summarize these findings we introduce the following lepton flavor isolation textures

$$k_e = \begin{pmatrix} * & 0 & 0 \\ * & 0 & 0 \\ * & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad k_\mu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 \\ 0 & * & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad k_\tau = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & * \\ 0 & 0 & * \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.5)$$

from which all patterns can be constructed. Here, “*” denote non-zero entries whose parametric flavor dependence is given by the $U(1)_{\text{FN}}$. Table 3 shows the resulting patterns for the Yukawa matrices $Y_{AL}(Y_{\bar{A}L})$ and $Y_{AE}(Y_{\bar{A}E})$ as linear combinations of the k_ℓ -matrices, $\ell = e, \mu, \tau$. For instance, the $R_{e\mu}$ pattern corresponds to $\kappa'k_e + \kappa k_\mu$ amended by FN-factors that depend on the leptoquark scenario and can be taken from eqs. (2.2) and (2.1)

$$R_{e\mu}(UE) = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa'\lambda^8 & \kappa\lambda^6 & 0 \\ \kappa'\lambda^6 & \kappa\lambda^4 & 0 \\ \kappa'\lambda^4 & \kappa\lambda^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_{e\mu}(\bar{U}E) = \begin{pmatrix} \kappa'\lambda^0 & \kappa\lambda^2 & 0 \\ \kappa'\lambda^2 & \kappa\lambda^0 & 0 \\ \kappa'\lambda^4 & \kappa\lambda^2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.6)$$

It is manifest from these patterns that generational hierarchies can be inverted relative to the ones of the fermion mass terms. Neglecting terms of order λ^2 the pattern $R_{e\mu}(\bar{U}E)$, which can appear in the \tilde{V}_1 scenario, closely resembles patterns leading to sizable LFV in rare charm decays [8]. Contributions with $[A\Delta B]_{Z_3} = 2$ arise at second order in the A_4 -flavon expansion, and yield democratic patterns, $L_{d'}$ and R_d , see table 3.

For the leptoquarks S_1, S_2, V_1 and V_2 both left- and right-handed couplings can be present simultaneously. Since the lepton and quark mass terms must be Z_3 -invariant, both

	k_e	k_μ	k_τ	$[\Delta]_{A_4}$	$[A\Delta B]_{Z_3}$	name
$Y_{AL}(Y_{\bar{A}L})$	c_ℓ	0	0	1		L_e
	0	c_ℓ	0	$1''$	0	L_μ
	0	0	c_ℓ	$1'$		L_τ
	c_ν	c_ν	c_ν	$1, 1', 1''$	1	L_d
	$c_\nu \kappa$	$c_\nu \kappa$	$c_\nu \kappa$	$1, 1', 1''$	2	$L_{d'}$
$Y_{AE}(Y_{\bar{A}E})$	1	0	0	1		R_e
	0	1	0	$1''$	0	R_μ
	0	0	1	$1'$		R_τ
	κ	0	κ'	1		$R_{e\tau}$
	κ'	κ	0	$1''$	1	$R_{e\mu}$
	0	κ'	κ	$1'$		$R_{\mu\tau}$
	κ'^2	κ'^2	κ'^2	$1, 1', 1''$	2	R_d

Table 3. Patterns for the Yukawa matrices of left-handed (upper part) and right-handed (lower part) leptons for leptoquarks in singlet representations of A_4 . Additional FN-factors apply and are given in eq. (2.2).

interaction terms of the respective leptoquark must have identical Z_3 -charge

$$[QL\Delta]_{Z_3} = [UE\Delta]_{Z_3}, [\bar{U}L\Delta]_{Z_3} = [\bar{Q}E\Delta]_{Z_3}, [\bar{Q}L\Delta]_{Z_3} = [\bar{D}E\Delta]_{Z_3}, [DL\Delta]_{Z_3} = [QE\Delta]_{Z_3} \tag{3.7}$$

and identical A_4 -charge of the Δ . Possible correlations can be read-off from table 3. For instance, $[A\Delta B]_{Z_3} = 0$ gives L_ℓ and R_ℓ , with the joint lepton flavor ℓ fixed by $[\Delta]_{A_4}$. Note, that there is an overall hierarchy between the left-handed couplings, which go with c_ℓ , and the right-handed ones, which are order one. Another possibility is $[A\Delta B]_{Z_3} = 1$, which induces L_d together with one of the $R_{\ell\ell'}$ ones, where the selection of leptons is again fixed by $[\Delta]_{A_4}$. For $c_\nu \ll \kappa, \kappa'$ the democratic and phenomenologically dangerous pattern can be suppressed relative to the lepton singlet couplings.

Quite generally, and beyond the explicit $A_4 \times Z_3$ model, the flavon VEV suppression in leptoquark couplings to lepton doublets cannot be avoided, once the three generations of doublets are in a triplet representation of the non-abelian group in order to give the Pontecorvo-Maki-Nakagawa-Sakata (PMNS)-matrix. This feature is of course manifest [7] in the $A_4 \times Z_4$ model [29, 31]. Requiring invariance of the term $A\Delta L$ one therefore needs an insertion of a triplet flavon VEV. The other alternative would be to make the leptoquark a triplet, which leads to a democratic pattern and does not give rise to LNU. Note, in see-saw models, terms with right-handed neutrinos, which are triplets of A_4 and carry $Z_2 = 2$ [31] result in VEV-suppressed, democratic patterns.

3.1.2 Mass basis rotation

We consider modifications of the patterns derived in the flavor basis from changing to the mass basis. The corresponding transformations of the fermion fields by the unitary matrices U, V read

$$u_L \rightarrow V_u u_L, \quad d_L \rightarrow V_d d_L, \quad (3.8)$$

$$u_R \rightarrow U_U u_R, \quad d_R \rightarrow U_D d_R, \quad (3.9)$$

$$\ell_L \rightarrow U_L \ell_L, \quad \nu_L \rightarrow U_\nu \nu_L, \quad (3.10)$$

$$\ell_R \rightarrow U_E \ell_R, \quad (3.11)$$

from which the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) and PMNS mixing matrices are obtained as

$$V_{\text{CKM}} = V_u^\dagger V_d, \quad V_{\text{PMNS}} = U_L^\dagger U_\nu. \quad (3.12)$$

In leptoquark models also other combinations become physical. In particular, the leptoquark yukawas transform as

$$Y_{AB} \rightarrow U_A^T Y_{AB} U_B, \quad Y_{\bar{A}\bar{B}} \rightarrow U_A^\dagger Y_{\bar{A}\bar{B}} U_B. \quad (3.13)$$

Quark rotations therefore only mix rows, whereas lepton rotations only mix columns.

The parametric dependence of the rotation matrices in the quark sector can be obtained by perturbative diagonalization [32] as¹

$$\begin{aligned} (V_u)_{ij} &\sim (V_d)_{ij} \sim \lambda^{|q(Q_i)-q(Q_j)|}, \\ (U_U)_{ij} &\sim \lambda^{|q(U_i)-q(U_j)|}, \\ (U_D)_{ij} &\sim \lambda^{|q(D_i)-q(D_j)|}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.14)$$

The resulting mixing of the rows does not spoil the patterns as the hierarchical suppression of the leptoquark yukawas stays parametrically intact. Note, that this does not hold true anymore for quarks charged non-trivially under A_4 , as discussed in section 3.2.

Since the transformations U, V are unitary and neutrinos are inclusively reconstructed in collider experiments, the rotation V_ν has no impact on such observables. Furthermore, in the $A_4 \times Z_3$ framework considered in this work, the charged lepton Yukawa matrix Y_ℓ is already diagonal at leading order. However, higher order flavon insertions can induce non-diagonal entries in Y_ℓ [33]. We discuss this in the next section together with other higher order effects.

3.1.3 Higher order flavon corrections

It is easy to compute Y_ℓ including next-to leading order corrections

$$Y_\ell \sim c_\ell \left[\begin{pmatrix} \lambda^4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} + \delta \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^4 & \lambda^2 & 1 \\ \lambda^4 & \lambda^2 & 1 \\ \lambda^4 & \lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right] \sim c_\ell \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^4 & \delta \lambda^2 & \delta \\ \delta \lambda^4 & \lambda^2 & \delta \\ \delta \lambda^4 & \delta \lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.15)$$

¹For the charges given in eq. (2.1) some tuning has to be done to recover V_{us} .

from which the rotation matrices follow as, using perturbative diagonalization [32],

$$U_L \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \delta & \delta \\ \delta & 1 & \delta \\ \delta & \delta & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad U_E \sim \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \delta\lambda^2 & \delta\lambda^4 \\ \delta\lambda^2 & 1 & \delta\lambda^2 \\ \delta\lambda^4 & \delta\lambda^2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.16)$$

Here, we introduced a parameter $\delta < 1$, of the order $(\text{VEV})^2$,

$$\delta \sim \max\left(\frac{c_\nu^3}{c_\ell}, \frac{c_\nu\kappa^2}{c_\ell}, \frac{c_\nu\kappa\kappa'}{c_\ell}, \frac{c_\nu\kappa'^2}{c_\ell}\right). \quad (3.17)$$

The effect of transforming the left-handed charged leptons is therefore $\mathcal{O}(\delta)$, at second relative order in the flavon expansion and modifies $Y_{AL, \bar{A}L}$. This implies, for instance, for the tau-isolation pattern

$$L_\tau(UL, \bar{U}L, QL, \bar{Q}L) \rightarrow c_\ell \begin{pmatrix} \delta\lambda^4 & \delta\lambda^4 & \lambda^4 \\ \delta\lambda^2 & \delta\lambda^2 & \lambda^2 \\ \delta & \delta & \lambda^0 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.18)$$

Rotations stemming from the right-handed leptons contribute at higher orders in λ . *E.g.*, this effect modifies single and double lepton isolation patterns in $Y_{AE, \bar{A}E}$ such as those given in eq. (3.6)

$$R_{e\mu}(\bar{U}E) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \kappa'\lambda^0 & \kappa\lambda^2 & \delta\lambda^4(\kappa + \kappa') \\ \kappa'\lambda^2 & \kappa\lambda^0 & \delta\lambda^2\kappa \\ \kappa'\lambda^4 & \kappa\lambda^2 & \delta\lambda^4\kappa \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.19)$$

For the R_τ -pattern mass rotation effects amount to

$$R_\tau(UE, \bar{U}E, QE, \bar{Q}E) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \delta\lambda^8 & \delta\lambda^6 & \lambda^4 \\ \delta\lambda^6 & \delta\lambda^4 & \lambda^2 \\ \delta\lambda^4 & \delta\lambda^2 & \lambda^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad R_\tau(DE, \bar{D}E) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \delta\lambda^7 & \delta\lambda^5 & \lambda^3 \\ \delta\lambda^6 & \delta\lambda^4 & \lambda^2 \\ \delta\lambda^6 & \delta\lambda^4 & \lambda^2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.20)$$

The patterns given in table 3 receive in addition direct contributions from higher order flavon insertions. The single lepton generation isolating patterns with coupling to left-handed fermions, L_ℓ , receive corrections from replacing ϕ_ℓ with ϕ_ν plus two additional A_4 -singlet flavons or two insertions of ϕ_ν . These contributions are $\mathcal{O}(c_\nu^3/c_\ell)$ and $\mathcal{O}(c_\nu\kappa^{(\prime)2}/c_\ell)$, respectively, and universal for all entries modulo the FN-charges [7]. In terms of δ introduced before these higher order effects amount to the same as what we got from the mass basis rotation, eq. (3.18). The democratic pattern L_d is subject to next-to leading order corrections from $\phi_\nu \rightarrow \phi_\ell$ plus one additional A_4 -singlet. However, because of the unknown $\mathcal{O}(1)$ coefficients, these corrections are immaterial.

The explicit higher order flavon corrections to the patterns of right-handed leptons arise universally for each entry at third order: two times ϕ_ν plus one singlet flavon or three

singlet flavons. Denoting $\delta' = \mathcal{O}(\text{VEV}^3)$, for R_τ ,

$$R_\tau(UE, \bar{Q}E) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \delta'\lambda^8 & \delta'\lambda^6 & \lambda^4 \\ \delta'\lambda^6 & \delta'\lambda^4 & \lambda^2 \\ \delta'\lambda^4 & \delta'\lambda^2 & \lambda^0 \end{pmatrix}, R_\tau(\bar{U}E, QE) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \delta'\lambda^0 & \delta'\lambda^2 & \lambda^4 \\ \delta'\lambda^2 & \delta'\lambda^0 & \lambda^2 \\ \delta'\lambda^4 & \delta'\lambda^2 & \lambda^0 \end{pmatrix}, R_\tau(\bar{D}E) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \delta'\lambda & \delta'\lambda & \lambda^3 \\ \delta'\lambda^2 & \delta'\lambda^0 & \lambda^2 \\ \delta'\lambda^2 & \delta'\lambda^0 & \lambda^2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.21)$$

If there are cancellations between the FN charges of the quarks and leptons, these corrections can be larger than the mass rotation effect eq. (3.20). For phenomenology one therefore has to take the maximum of each entry of eq. (3.20) and (3.21). Similarly, for the double lepton isolation patterns

$$R_{e\mu}(\bar{U}E, \bar{Q}E) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \kappa'\lambda^0 & \kappa\lambda^2 & \delta''\lambda^4 \\ \kappa'\lambda^2 & \kappa\lambda^0 & \delta''\lambda^2 \\ \kappa'\lambda^4 & \kappa\lambda^2 & \delta''\lambda^0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.22)$$

where $\delta'' = \mathcal{O}(\text{VEV}^4)$.

3.2 Quarks non-trivial under A_4

Single quarks in a non-trivial $A_4 \times Z_3$ -representation allows to construct further flavor patterns for the leptoquarks. In ref. [7] this has been discussed for $A_4 \times Z_4$ models. Here, to formally restore $A_4 \times Z_3$ -invariance of the SM yukawa terms of the quarks insertions of ξ' are necessary. In order to not destroy the quark masses and mixings, the A_4 -VEV suppression $\kappa' \sim \lambda^m$ needs to be compensated by a corresponding change in FN-charge. Additionally, the Z_3 charge of the inserted flavon fields has to be cancelled. The following choices leave the SM Yukawa matrices of the quarks intact:

$$[A_i]_{A_4} \rightarrow 1'', \quad [A_i]_{Z_3} \rightarrow 1, \quad q(A_i) \rightarrow q(A_i) - m, \quad (3.23)$$

or, with two insertions,

$$[A_i]_{A_4} \rightarrow 1', \quad [A_i]_{Z_3} \rightarrow 2, \quad q(A_i) \rightarrow q(A_i) - 2m. \quad (3.24)$$

Here, A can be any of the quark fields \bar{Q}, U, D of first or second generation, $i = 1, 2$. For the third generation this leads to a suppression of third generation yukawas.

The different charges for one generation of quarks lead to a mixing of rows between patterns characterized by different $[A\Delta B]_{Z_3}$ and $[\Delta]_{A_4}$ and a modified hierarchy in the entries “*” of the lepton flavor isolating textures, k_ℓ . If the quark generations $j \neq i$ are trivially charged and couple to the pattern characterized by

$$[A\Delta B]_{Z_3} = a, \quad [\Delta]_{A_4}, \quad (3.25)$$

see also table 3, then the i th row corresponding to the non-trivially charged quark is given by the pattern with

$$[A\Delta B]_{Z_3} = \begin{cases} (a+1) \bmod 3 & \text{for one insertion} \\ (a+2) \bmod 3 & \text{for two insertions} \end{cases}, \quad (3.26)$$

and the total A_4 -charge $[A\Delta]_{A_4}$ of the quark and the leptoquark. Note that since the FN-charge of quarks has been changed, corresponding mass basis rotations eq. (3.14) do matter.

Choosing $[\bar{Q}_2]_{A_4} = [\Delta]_{A_4} = 1''$, that is, $a = 0$ and $m = 2$ gives a modification of the μ -isolation pattern, as

$$\tilde{L}_\mu(QL) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c_\ell \lambda^4 & 0 \\ c_\nu \kappa & c_\nu \kappa & c_\nu \kappa \\ 0 & c_\ell \lambda^0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{L}_\mu(\bar{Q}L) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & c_\ell \lambda^4 & 0 \\ c_\nu & c_\nu & c_\nu \\ 0 & c_\ell \lambda^0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.27)$$

where for QL the second row has $[A\Delta B]_{Z_3} = 2$ and correspondingly couples to $L_{d'}$ and for $\bar{Q}L$ the second row has $[A\Delta B]_{Z_3} = 1$ and correspondingly couples to L_d . Including mass basis corrections

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{L}_\mu(QL) &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} c_\nu \kappa \lambda^2 & c_\ell \lambda^4 + c_\nu \kappa \lambda^2 & c_\nu \kappa \lambda^2 \\ c_\nu \kappa & c_\ell \lambda^2 + c_\nu \kappa & c_\nu \kappa \\ c_\ell \delta + c_\nu \kappa \lambda^2 & c_\ell & c_\ell \delta + c_\nu \kappa \lambda^2 \end{pmatrix}, \\ \tilde{L}_\mu(\bar{Q}L) &\rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} c_\nu \lambda^2 & c_\nu \lambda^2 & c_\nu \lambda^2 \\ c_\nu & c_\ell \lambda^2 + c_\nu & c_\nu \\ c_\ell \delta + c_\nu \lambda^2 & c_\ell & c_\ell \delta + c_\nu \lambda^2 \end{pmatrix}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.28)$$

where we note that due to eq. (2.1) the FN-suppression of the first row is λ^2 . The FN-suppression of the second row present in L_μ is in \tilde{L}_μ turned into a VEV-suppression. The \tilde{L}_μ -patterns are relevant for $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ processes. Similarly, modifications of τ -isolation patterns can be obtained for $[\bar{Q}_2]_{A_4} = 1''$, $[\bar{Q}_2]_{Z_3} = 1$, $[\Delta]_{A_4} = 1'$, that is, $a = 0$ and $m = 2$, as

$$\tilde{L}_\tau(\bar{Q}L) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & c_\ell \lambda^4 \\ c_\nu & c_\nu & c_\nu \\ 0 & 0 & c_\ell \end{pmatrix}, \quad (3.29)$$

which is an example for a pattern that potentially maximizes the effect from doublet quarks and leptons in R_D, R_{D^*} . Relevant leptoquarks are V_1 and V_3 . After mass basis rotations

$$\tilde{L}_\tau(\bar{Q}L) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^2 c_\nu & \lambda^2 c_\nu & \lambda^2 c_\nu \\ c_\nu & c_\nu & c_\nu \\ \lambda^2 c_\nu + \delta c_\ell & \lambda^2 c_\nu + \delta c_\ell & c_\ell \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.30)$$

For V_1 and V_3 constraints from $\mu - e$ -conversion data apply as $\lambda^4 c_\nu^2 \lesssim 7 \cdot 10^{-7} (M/\text{TeV})^2$ and $\lambda^4 c_\nu^2 \lesssim 3.5 \cdot 10^{-7} (M/\text{TeV})^2$, respectively [8], therefore, $c_\nu \lesssim 0.02 (M/\text{TeV})$. M denotes the mass of the leptoquark. Both V_1 and V_3 are also constrained by LFV kaon processes $s \rightarrow de\mu$ [34] $c_\nu^2 \lambda^2 \lesssim 5 \cdot 10^{-6} (M/\text{TeV})^2$, that is, $c_\nu \lesssim 0.01 (M/\text{TeV})$, somewhat stronger than $\mu - e$ -conversion. This prohibits noticeable effects in $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ transitions, which are induced at parametrically the same order of magnitude as the kaon decay. Constraints on

scalar Wilson coefficients, which involve $\tilde{L}_\tau \cdot R_\tau$, exist from the $B_s \rightarrow \mu\mu$ branching ratio. They read $\delta c_\nu < 2 \cdot 10^{-3}(M/\text{TeV})^2$ and can be evaded naturally for $\delta \lesssim 0.1$.

A similar pattern can be obtained for $\bar{U}L$ -couplings, by charging up-quark singlets non-trivially, however, with an additional suppression of the second row by κ relative to eq. (3.29). $\tilde{L}_\tau(\bar{U}L)$ is relevant for model S_2 . Including mass basis corrections,

$$\tilde{L}_\tau(\bar{U}L) \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^2 \kappa c_\nu & \lambda^2 \kappa c_\nu & \lambda^2 \kappa c_\nu \\ \kappa c_\nu & \kappa c_\nu & \kappa c_\nu \\ \lambda^2 \kappa c_\nu + \delta c_\ell & \lambda^2 \kappa c_\nu + \delta c_\ell & c_\ell \end{pmatrix}. \quad (3.31)$$

There are no kaon bounds on $\tilde{L}_\tau(\bar{U}L)$. The branching ratios of $D \rightarrow \mu\mu$ and similarly $D \rightarrow \pi\mu\mu$ decays imply [8] $\kappa^2 c_\nu^2 \lambda^2 \lesssim 0.06(M/\text{TeV})^2$, that is effectively no constraint, $\kappa c_\nu \lesssim 1$. $\mu - e$ -conversion data [8] impose $\kappa c_\nu \lesssim 0.02(M/\text{TeV})$.

4 Flavor phenomenology

The flavor patterns obtained in section 3 can be used directly for predictions in flavor physics. Contributions to dimension six operators induced by tree level leptoquark exchange can be read-off from tables 5 and 6 for scalar and vector leptoquarks, respectively, updating [2] with signs and tensor operators. To discuss LNU in the B -system and explore possible signatures in charm we additionally provide the Wilson coefficients for the semileptonic transitions $b \rightarrow c\tau\nu$ in table 11, for $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell, \nu\bar{\nu}$ in table 12 and for $c \rightarrow u\ell\ell, \nu\bar{\nu}$ in table 13. We discuss in section 4.1 leptoquark effects in $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell\nu$ decays and in section 4.2 LNU signals in $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ processes within flavor models. In section 4.3 we work out signatures for charm and kaon decays and $\mu - e$ conversion.

4.1 Leptoquark effects in $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}(e, \mu, \tau)\nu$ decays

Charged current-induced decays $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}(e, \mu, \tau)\nu$ have reached a lot of attention due to the anomalies in the observables R_D and R_{D^*}

$$R_{D^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\tau\nu_\tau)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell\nu_\ell)}, \quad (4.1)$$

where in the denominator $\ell = \mu$ at LHCb and $\ell = e, \mu$ at Belle and BaBar. In table 4 experimental findings and SM predictions for R_D, R_{D^*} and the τ -polarization P_τ , as measured in the rest frame of the B -meson,

$$P_\tau = \frac{\mathcal{B}^+ - \mathcal{B}^-}{\mathcal{B}^+ + \mathcal{B}^-}, \quad (4.2)$$

are given. Formulae for the branching ratios involving left- and right-polarized τ -leptons, \mathcal{B}^- and \mathcal{B}^+ , respectively, are given in appendix B. SM predictions for $P_\tau(D^*)$ and $P_\tau(D)$ are obtained by using the form factors of refs. [10] and [35], respectively. Our SM value of $P_\tau(D^*)$ is in very good agreement with the one quoted in [36], $P_\tau(D)$ has larger uncertainties

		R_D	R_{D^*}	$P_\tau(D^*)$	$P_\tau(D)$
BaBar	[37]	$0.440 \pm 0.058 \pm 0.042$	$0.332 \pm 0.024 \pm 0.018$	-	-
Belle	[38]	$0.375 \pm 0.064 \pm 0.026$	$0.293 \pm 0.038 \pm 0.015$	-	-
Belle	[39]	-	$0.302 \pm 0.030 \pm 0.011$	-	-
Belle	[36]	-	$0.270 \pm 0.035^{+0.028}_{-0.025}$	$-0.38 \pm 0.51^{+0.21}_{-0.16}$	-
LHCb	[40]	-	$0.336 \pm 0.027 \pm 0.030$	-	-
average [†]		0.406 ± 0.050	0.311 ± 0.016		
SM		0.300 ± 0.008 [35]	0.252 ± 0.003 [41]	-0.497 ± 0.011	0.330 ± 0.023

Table 4. Experimental results and SM predictions for $R_D^{(*)}$ and the τ -polarization. [†]Error weighted average; we added statistical and systematical uncertainties in quadrature. For $R_{D^*}^{\text{ave}}$ we used [36–40]. Without [36], $R_{D^*}^{\text{ave}} = 0.317 \pm 0.017$.

due to the lattice form factors. We define $\hat{R}_{D^{(*)}} \equiv R_{D^{(*)}}/R_{D^{(*)}}^{\text{SM}}$, $\hat{P}_\tau \equiv P_\tau/P_\tau^{\text{SM}}$, and use in our analyses

$$\hat{R}_D^{\text{exp}} = 1.35 \pm 0.17, \quad \hat{R}_{D^*}^{\text{exp}} = 1.23 \pm 0.07, \quad \hat{P}_\tau(D^*)^{\text{exp}} = 0.75 \pm 1.09. \quad (4.3)$$

Note, $\hat{R}_{D^*}^{\text{exp}} = 1.26 \pm 0.07$ without [36].

4.1.1 Vector-like contributions

We begin with some general considerations on the order of magnitude of leptoquark effects induced by a dimension six operator with doublet quarks and leptons, \mathcal{O}_{V_1} , see appendix B for details. Such a vector-type operator is induced for the representations V_3, S_3 , and, together with a scalar one, \mathcal{O}_{S_1} , for V_1 . Leptoquark S_1 also induces \mathcal{O}_{V_1} , but at the same time scalar and tensor contributions; their effects are discussed in section 4.1.2. Employing the expressions in appendix B and taking only linear BSM effects into account, one obtains, schematically,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}_{D^*} - 1 &\simeq 2\text{Re}(C_{V_1}^\tau - C_{V_1}^\ell) = 2n(\Delta) \text{Re}(YY^*|_\tau - YY^*|_\ell) \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4G_F V_{cb} M^2} \\ &\simeq 1.5 n(\Delta) \text{Re}(YY^*|_\tau - YY^*|_\ell) \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{M}\right)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.4)$$

Here $n(\Delta) = -1/2, +1, -1$ are Fierz factors for S_3, V_1, V_3 , respectively. In \hat{R}_{D^*} contributions from \mathcal{O}_{S_1} are $O(10\%)$, and the expression holds for V_1 at this level. For S_3, V_3 holds exactly $\hat{R}_D = \hat{R}_{D^*}$.

Confronting eq. (4.4) to data (4.3), one obtains

$$\text{Re}(YY^*|_\tau - YY^*|_\ell) \simeq \frac{0.2 \pm 0.05}{n(\Delta)} \left(\frac{M}{\text{TeV}}\right)^2. \quad (4.5)$$

We learn that, model-independently, *i*) $M \lesssim 3 \text{ TeV}$ or perturbativity breaks down and *ii*) to avoid collider search limits for “third generation leptoquarks” decaying to $t\tau$ $M > 685 \text{ GeV}$ [42] the yukawa couplings need to be not too suppressed, $\text{Re}(YY^*|_\tau - YY^*|_\ell) > 0.07$. The V_1 leptoquark does not couple to $t\tau$, but rather to $t\nu$. Corresponding mass limits

are similar [15]. For scalar leptoquarks decaying 100 % into a muon (an electron) and a jet, the limits are $M > 1160$ GeV [43] ($M > 1755$ GeV [44]), implying $\text{Re}(YY^*|_\tau - YY^*|_\ell) > 0.2$ (> 0.5). Limits for vector leptoquarks are model-dependent and read $M > 1200 - 1720$ GeV ($M > 1150 - 1660$ GeV) for 100 % decays to muon plus jet (electron plus jet) [45].

A maximal prediction from flavor models is

$$YY^*|_\tau - YY^*|_\ell \sim \text{VEV}^2. \quad (4.6)$$

The suppression at second order in the flavon VEV is unavoidable in couplings to lepton doublets which are triplets of the non-abelian discrete group, and holds beyond the $A_4 \times Z_3$ model considered here, see section 3.1. An explicit realization is given by the model with non-trivially charged quarks, $\tilde{L}_\tau(\bar{Q}L)$, eq. (3.29), in which the FN-symmetry suppression can be evaded and instead the suppression is given by the VEVs $c_\ell c_\nu$. The latter is bounded directly by $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$ -data for leptoquark V_3 as $c_\ell c_\nu \lesssim 0.02(M/\text{TeV})^2$, see appendix C for details. In simpler flavor models, generically, there is both $(\text{VEV})^2$ and FN-suppression,

$$YY^*|_\tau - YY^*|_\ell \sim c_\ell^2 \lambda^2 \lesssim 10^{-3}, \quad (4.7)$$

as, for instance, for the τ -isolation patterns, L_τ , given in eq. (3.18).

We are therefore led to conclude that flavor models cannot explain the $\text{few} \times 0.1$ enhancement in $R_{D^{(*)}}$ relative to the SM as in present days data with vector-type operators, that is, within the models S_3, V_3 . V_1 is discussed separately in section 4.1.3. On the other hand, the possible effects can show up at the level few percent for “maximal” and few per mille for the generic case. The τ -polarization for BSM in the operator \mathcal{O}_{V_1} only is SM-like, and $\hat{R}_D = \hat{R}_{D^*}$.

4.1.2 Chirality-flipping contributions

We consider now the leptoquarks S_1, S_2 , which induce scalar and tensor operators, \mathcal{O}_{S_2} and \mathcal{O}_T , respectively. Their Wilson coefficients are related as $C_{S_2}^{\tau\nu\tau} = \mp r C_T^{\tau\nu\tau}$, $r = 7.8$, where the upper sign (lower sign) corresponds to S_1 (S_2) at renormalization scale around m_b , see appendix B for details.

As in eq. (4.4) for the vector-type operators, we linearize the LNU-sensitive observables,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}_{D^*} - 1 &\simeq -\text{Re}(C_{S_2}^\tau)(\hat{B}_{VS}^\tau \pm \hat{B}_{VT}^\tau/r) - [\tau \rightarrow \ell] = \text{Re}(C_{S_2}^\tau)(-0.12 \pm 0.59) - [\tau \rightarrow \ell] \\ &\simeq (\mp 0.22 + 0.045) \text{Re}(YY^*|_\tau) \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{M}\right)^2, \end{aligned} \quad (4.8)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}_D - 1 &\simeq \text{Re}(C_{S_2}^\tau)(\hat{A}_{VS}^\tau \mp \hat{A}_{VT}^\tau/r) - [\tau \rightarrow \ell] = \text{Re}(C_{S_2}^\tau)(1.73 \mp 0.09) - [\tau \rightarrow \ell] \\ &\simeq (-0.65 \pm 0.03) \text{Re}(YY^*|_\tau) \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{M}\right)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (4.9)$$

In both last rows of eqs. (4.8) and (4.9) we neglected the contributions from $\ell = e$ or μ as they enter with mass suppression relative to the τ -contribution. A Fierz factor of $-1/2$ is included. In general $\hat{R}_D \neq \hat{R}_{D^*}$ and in particular for S_2 , corresponding to the bottom sign, \hat{R}_D and \hat{R}_{D^*} cannot be both simultaneously enhanced. To fit the data (4.3) in this leptoquark model, one has to go beyond the linear approximation and introduce imaginary

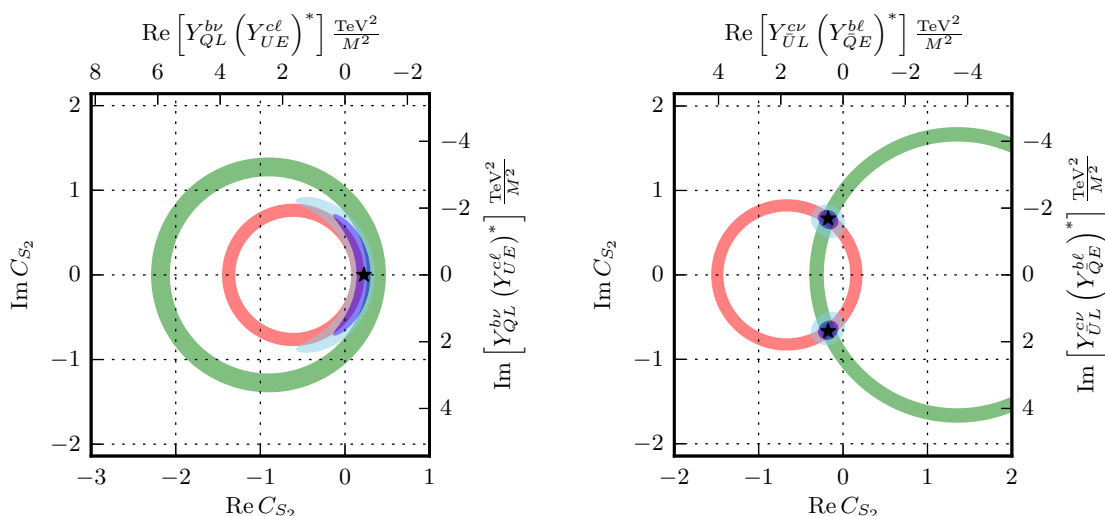


Figure 1. Preferred regions for the coupling $YY^*|_\tau$ in leptoquark model S_1 (plot to the left) and S_2 (plot to the right). In the fit to S_1 we fixed $Y_{QL}Y_{QL}^*|_\tau$ to its conservative, upper limit given by eq. (4.10). The red and green bands show the 1σ allowed regions by R_D and R_{D^*} , respectively. Also shown is the induced Wilson coefficient $C_{S_2}^{\tau\nu\tau}$. Dark and light blue bands correspond to the best fit regions at 1 and 2σ , respectively.

parts [10, 11]. This is illustrated in figure 1, where we show the 1σ allowed regions for R_D and R_{D^*} for S_1 (plot to the left) and S_2 (plot to the right). In S_1 also contributions to \mathcal{O}_{V_1} are induced. They have not been given in eqs. (4.8) and (4.9), however, to improve the fit, which is based on the full expressions, these contributions have been fixed to the conservative, upper bound on $|C_L^{\nu\tau\nu\tau}|$ allowed by the $B \rightarrow K\nu\bar{\nu}$ branching ratio, see appendix C,

$$\left| Y_{QL}^{b\nu\tau} (Y_{QL}^{c\tau})^* \right| \lesssim 0.05 \left(\frac{M}{\text{TeV}} \right)^2 \quad (\text{for } S_1). \quad (4.10)$$

The best fit points read

$$Y_{QL}^{b\nu\tau} (Y_{UE}^{c\tau})^* = -0.6 \left(\frac{M}{\text{TeV}} \right)^2 \quad (\text{for } S_1), \quad Y_{\bar{U}L}^{c\nu\tau} (Y_{QE}^{b\tau})^* = (0.5 \pm 1.8i) \left(\frac{M}{\text{TeV}} \right)^2 \quad (\text{for } S_2). \quad (4.11)$$

The hierarchy required for S_1

$$\frac{Y_{QL}^{s\nu\tau}}{Y_{UE}^{c\tau}} = 0.08 \quad (4.12)$$

can be explained naturally with the flavon VEVs. In $L_\tau(QL), R_\tau(UE)$ the ratio is $\sim c_\ell$.

In contrast to the lepton doublets, the leptoquark yukawas to the lepton singlets do not require a flavon VEV insertion and can be order one. The resulting flavor model prediction for chirality-flipping operators is therefore subject to a single VEV suppression from the doublets only,

$$YY^*|_\tau \sim \text{VEV}. \quad (4.13)$$

This is realized in the scalar contribution of leptoquark V_1 by $\tilde{L}_\tau(\bar{Q}L)$, eq. (3.29), and the τ -isolation patterns, $R_\tau(\bar{D}E)$, the maximum of eq. (3.20) and (3.21). The corresponding VEV is c_ν . We discuss this further in section 4.1.3.

A maximal, pure chirality-flipping model is given by leptoquark S_2 with $\tilde{L}_\tau(\bar{U}L)$, eq. (3.31), and $R_\tau(\bar{Q}E)$, given by the maximum of eq. (3.20), (3.21). This model predicts $YY^*|_\tau \sim \kappa c_\nu$, which is constrained by $\mu - e$ -conversion data as $\kappa c_\nu \lesssim 0.02(M/\text{TeV})$. While $YY^*|_\tau$ formally is of second order in the VEVs, in practice this has no effect on our analysis as we constrain κc_ν experimentally rather than employing model-specific values. Kaon bounds are not effective in S_2 since only lepton singlets couple to the down quarks and the first and second generation block of R_τ is highly FN-suppressed. For the former reason $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ processes are SM-like.

The leptoquarks S_1 and S_2 could in principle be responsible for the magnetic moment of the muon, as $\tilde{L}_\tau \cdot R_\tau$ patterns give rise to chirally enhanced contributions by the top mass in the loop. However, saturating $\Delta a_\mu \sim (2-3) \cdot 10^{-9}$ [46] requires yukawa contributions of few permille for $M \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$ [3, 8], while corresponding flavor model predictions are much smaller, $c_\nu \delta \lambda^4, c_\nu \kappa \delta \lambda^4 \lesssim 4 \cdot 10^{-6} \delta (M/\text{TeV})$, respectively.

Generic predictions for chirality-flipping contributions in flavor models are given by

$$YY^*|_\tau \sim c_\ell \lambda^2 \lesssim 10^{-2}, \quad (4.14)$$

for instance, with the patterns L_τ and R_τ , given in eq. (3.18) and the maximum of eq. (3.20), (3.21), respectively. For leptoquark V_2 the contributions are induced by $L_\tau(DL)$ (or $\tilde{L}_\tau(DL)$) and $R_\tau(QE)$ and of the order $YY^*|_\tau \sim c_\ell \lambda^4$, further FN-suppressed than the generic case.

Maximal effects in \hat{R}_D and \hat{R}_{D^*} from chirality-flipping operators are therefore possible at the level of a few percent (D^*) and reaching 0.1 (D) (for S_2), and one order of magnitude lower for the generic case. In S_2 an enhanced \hat{R}_D implies a suppressed \hat{R}_{D^*} and vice versa.

For the τ -polarization, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{P}_\tau(D^*) - 1 &\simeq -\text{Re}(C_{S_2}^\tau) \left[(\hat{B}_{VS}^+ - \hat{B}_{VS}^- - \hat{B}_{VS}^\tau) \pm (\hat{B}_{V_1T}^+ - \hat{B}_{V_1T}^- - \hat{B}_{V_1T}^\tau)/r \right] \\ &\simeq -\text{Re}(C_{S_2}^\tau) (-0.36 \pm 0.19) \\ &\simeq (0.13 \mp 0.07) \text{Re}(YY^*|_\tau) \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{M} \right)^2, \end{aligned} \quad (4.15)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{P}_\tau(D) - 1 &\simeq \text{Re}(C_{S_2}^\tau) \left[(\hat{A}_{VS}^+ - \hat{A}_{VS}^- - \hat{A}_{VS}^\tau) \mp (\hat{A}_{V_1T}^+ - \hat{A}_{V_1T}^- - \hat{A}_{V_1T}^\tau)/r \right] \\ &\simeq \text{Re}(C_{S_2}^\tau) (3.50 \pm 0.18) \\ &\simeq (1.30 \pm 0.07) \text{Re}(YY^*|_\tau) \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{M} \right)^2, \end{aligned} \quad (4.16)$$

where the upper (lower) sign corresponds to leptoquark S_1 (S_2).

4.1.3 Leptoquark V_1

For V_1 with $\tilde{L}_\tau(\bar{Q}L)$ and $R_\tau(\bar{D}E)$ ² exist both vector-like and chirality-flipping operators

$$\hat{R}_{D^*} - 1 \simeq 2\text{Re}(C_{V_1}^\tau) + \text{Re}(C_{S_1}^\tau) \hat{B}_{VS}^\tau - [\tau \rightarrow \ell] \simeq 1.5c_\nu (c_\ell - 0.12) \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{M} \right)^2$$

²To maximize the impact on $R_{D^{(*)}}$ we allow here for FN-charges as in multi-Higgs models such that $R_\tau(\bar{D}E)_{33} \sim \lambda^0$.

$$\lesssim 0.02 (c_\ell - 0.12) \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{M} \right), \quad (4.17)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{R}_D - 1 &\simeq 2\text{Re}(C_{V_1}^\tau) + \text{Re}(C_{S_1}^\tau) \hat{A}_{V_S}^\tau - [\tau \rightarrow \ell] \simeq 1.5c_\nu (c_\ell - 1.73) \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{M} \right)^2 \\ &\lesssim 0.03 \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{M} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (4.18)$$

If the chirality-flipping contribution dominates, both \hat{R}_D and \hat{R}_{D^*} can be enhanced, and at the same time differ as the deviation from the SM is larger in \hat{R}_D . Kaon decay constrains $c_\nu \lesssim 0.01(M/\text{TeV})$, which has been taken into account above. Corresponding $\mu - e$ conversion bounds are very close, $c_\nu \lesssim 0.02(M/\text{TeV})$. It would therefore require the tuning of both the first and the second quark generation coefficients to ease these constraints. While $B \rightarrow K\nu\nu$ constraints do not apply to V_1 at the matching scale $\mu \sim M$, a contribution is induced by renormalization group running from M to the weak scale [47]. Corresponding constraints are, however, weaker than the ones from kaon decays and $\mu - e$ conversion.

For the τ -polarization, we find

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{P}_\tau(D^*) - 1 &\simeq \text{Re}(C_{S_1}^\tau) (\hat{B}_{V_S}^+ - \hat{B}_{V_S}^- - \hat{B}_{V_S}^\tau) \\ &\simeq -0.36 \text{Re}(C_{S_1}^\tau) \lesssim 0.005 \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{M} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (4.19)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{P}_\tau(D) - 1 &\simeq \text{Re}(C_{S_1}^\tau) (\hat{A}_{V_S}^+ - \hat{A}_{V_S}^- - \hat{A}_{V_S}^\tau) \\ &\simeq 3.50 \text{Re}(C_{S_1}^\tau) \lesssim 0.05 \left(\frac{\text{TeV}}{M} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (4.20)$$

where in the last steps we imposed kaon constraints.

4.1.4 Synopsis of leptoquark models for $R_{D^{(*)}}$ and the τ -polarization

Maximal predictions for $\hat{R}_{D^{(*)}} - 1$ from leptoquarks V_1, V_3 and S_2 in flavor models are shown in figure 2. Not shown are predictions for $S_{1,3}$, which are further suppressed as they either involve three powers of flavon VEVs or FN-suppression, as given by (4.7). The chirality-flipping contribution in S_1 is constrained by kaon decays, whereas, effectively, S_2 is not. The maximal predictions are obtained with single quarks being charged non-trivially under the non-abelian flavor symmetry.

For each leptoquark, we show two ranges, one in which the $O(1)$ coefficients from the FN-mechanism have modulus 1 (darker shaded regions), and another one in which we allow for factors of $\sqrt{2}$ enhancement and suppression (lighter shaded regions). The latter results effectively in enlarging YY^* by a factor 4, where a factor of 2 comes in directly and another one because the low energy constraints can be eased. For V_3 , shown in blue, we impose the kaon constraint on c_ν and require $c_\ell \lesssim 0.2$. For S_2 (green) we employ the $\mu - e$ -conversion bounds on κc_ν . For V_1 , shown in red, we employ the kaon bounds on c_ν and require $c_\ell \lesssim 0.2$. For V_3 we also illustrate in dashed the region which would become accessible additionally if only the direct bound on $c_\ell c_\nu$ from $B \rightarrow K\nu\nu$ would be used. It shows that one is still 3σ away from the experimental \hat{R}_{D^*} -band.

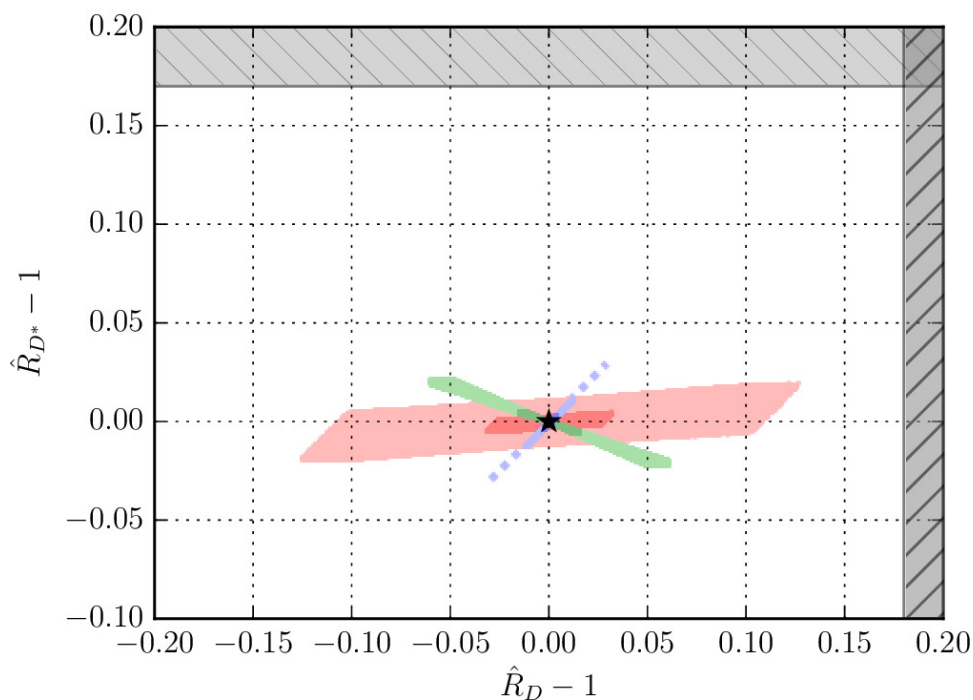


Figure 2. Maximal reach of leptoquarks V_1 (red), V_3 (blue) and S_2 (green) in $\hat{R}_{D^*} - 1$ versus $\hat{R}_D - 1$ in flavor models. Darker and lighter shaded areas correspond to FN-coefficients of ± 1 and within $\pm(1/\sqrt{2}; \sqrt{2})$, respectively. The SM is denoted by the black star. Experimental 1σ regions (4.3) (grey) are shown only in the axes' ranges displayed.

We learn that present data on \hat{R}_D and \hat{R}_{D^*} cannot be explained within 1.6σ and 3.1σ , respectively. Difficulties in explaining sizable BSM in R_{D^*} have also been encountered within the context of Two-Higgs doublet models once conditions on the flavor structure are imposed [48].

The Belle II projection for the uncertainty on R_D is 5.6% (3.4%) with 5 ab^{-1} (50 ab^{-1}) and for R_{D^*} is 3.2% (2.1%) for 5 ab^{-1} (50 ab^{-1}) [49]. This suffices to probe all leptoquark models on the basis of branching ratio measurements even close to SM values.

The predictions for the τ -polarization are similar to the ones for $R_{D^{(*)}}$ with contributions from vector-like operators removed. $P_\tau(D^*)$ can differ from the SM by at most a percent. Deviations from the SM in $P_\tau(D)$ can reach up to several percent. Present data on the τ -polarization, given in (4.3), are in agreement with the SM and are not sensitive to leptoquark flavor models yet.

4.2 Leptoquark effects in $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$

We analyze tree level leptoquark effects in $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ within the representations $S_3, V_{1,2,3}$ and \tilde{S}_2 . We do not consider S_2 and \tilde{S}_1 because they induce only contributions onto operators $\bar{s}\gamma_\mu b\ell\gamma^\mu(1 + \gamma_5)\ell$, whose impact on $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}\ell\ell$ branching ratios is very small. We focus on explaining the measurement of R_K [50] by LHCb for dilepton masses squared between

1 and 6 GeV² [51]

$$R_K|_{[1,6]} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\mu\mu)}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow Kee)} = 0.745 \pm_{0.074}^{0.090} \pm 0.036. \quad (4.21)$$

A model-independent analysis points, at 1σ , to modifications to the vector-type operators $O_{9,10}^{(\prime)\ell}$ with couplings to $\ell = e, \mu$ as [21],

$$0.7 \lesssim -\text{Re} \left[C_9^{\text{NP}\mu} - C_{10}^{\text{NP}\mu} + C_9^{\prime\mu} - C_{10}^{\prime\mu} - (\mu \rightarrow e) \right] \lesssim 1.5, \quad (4.22)$$

where the operators are defined in appendix C. Eq. (4.22) can be satisfied with $C_9^{\text{NP}\mu} = -C_{10}^{\text{NP}\mu} \sim Y_{QL}^{b\mu} (Y_{QL}^{s\mu})^*$ or $Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{s\mu} (Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{b\mu})^*$ with the leptoquarks S_3 , or $V_{1,3}$, respectively, and

$$Y_{QL}^{b\mu} (Y_{QL}^{s\mu})^* \text{ or } Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{s\mu} (Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{b\mu})^* \simeq [0.001 - 0.002] \left(\frac{M}{\text{TeV}} \right)^2. \quad (4.23)$$

Simple flavor patterns such as the μ -isolation one L_μ [7] can accommodate this

$$Y_{QL}^{b\mu} (Y_{QL}^{s\mu})^* \text{ or } Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{s\mu} (Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{b\mu})^* \sim c_\ell^2 \lambda^2, \quad (4.24)$$

where $c_\ell \sim 0.2(M/\text{TeV})$. Considering a natural value for the VEV this points to leptoquark masses below a few TeV. This is a stronger bound on M than the one obtained in [21] by using $B_s - \bar{B}_s$ -mixing. $K \rightarrow \mu\mu$ decays, induced at order $c_\ell^2 \lambda^6$, and $\mu - e$ -conversion, after including mass basis corrections, arising at $O(c_\ell^2 \delta \lambda^8)$, are both below their current limits.

With the second quark generation transforming non-trivially under A_4 the FN-suppression can be evaded. The corresponding patterns $\tilde{L}_\mu(Q_L, \bar{Q}L)$ are given in eq. (3.28) and yield

$$Y_{QL}^{b\mu} (Y_{QL}^{s\mu})^* \sim c_\ell c_\nu \kappa, \quad Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{s\mu} (Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{b\mu})^* \sim c_\ell c_\nu, \quad (4.25)$$

for S_3 and $V_{1,3}$, respectively. Eq. (4.23) can be accommodated with $c_\ell \sim 0.2(M/\text{TeV})$ and $c_\nu \kappa \sim 0.01(M/\text{TeV})$ (S_3) and $c_\nu \sim 0.01(M/\text{TeV})$ ($V_{1,3}$). The values of κc_ν and c_ν are set to the upper limit allowed by kaon decays, induced at order $c_\nu^2 \kappa^2 \lambda^2$ and $c_\nu^2 \lambda^2$, respectively. As c_ℓ cannot be much larger a value of R_K around (4.21) implies that the next round of LFV kaon and $\mu - e$ -experiments should see a signal.

BSM effects as in eq. (4.22) can therefore be accommodated naturally with S_3, V_3 with both L_μ and \tilde{L}_μ -patterns. Both leptoquark models induce also LFV in charm, however, due to the constraints from the kaon sector, effects in charm are very small. In V_1 both left- and right-handed couplings are present. The latter, $R_\mu(\bar{D}E)$, moreover exhibits inverted flavor hierarchies, such that kaon decays are induced at order λ , which seem to rule out V_1 with μ -isolation patterns. However, as discussed in section 2, it is viable to flip the sign of the charges $q(E)$. In this case the hierarchies in $R_\mu(\bar{D}E)$ would increase. Contributions to kaon decays arise at $O(\lambda^9)$, which can be safely neglected. One-loop contributions to $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ arise in V_1 from $L_\mu \cdot R_\mu$ and $\tilde{L}_\mu \cdot R_\mu$, which are enhanced by the top mass. Corresponding constraints from $\mathcal{B}(\mu \rightarrow e\gamma) < 5.7 \cdot 10^{-13}$ [46] read $c_\ell \delta \lambda^4, c_\nu \lambda^6 \lesssim 4 \cdot 10^{-4} (M/\text{TeV})^4$ [3], which are always satisfied in our flavor models. Therefore, after adjusting lepton singlet charges, V_1 provides another viable scenario for explaining sizable R_K .

One may employ the τ -isolation patterns of model V_3 discussed in the context of $R_{D^{(*)}}$ in section 4.1.1 to predict $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ processes. The resulting effects are very small, further

VEV-suppressed for $L_\tau(\bar{Q}L)$ as $\sim \delta^2 c_\ell^2 \lambda^2$ or constrained by $b \rightarrow s\nu\nu$ and low energy physics in $\tilde{L}_\tau(\bar{Q}L)$ as $\sim \delta c_\ell c_\nu + c_\nu^2 \lambda^2$. In either case, the effects are by orders of magnitude too small to match eq. (4.22).

We consider now leptoquarks \tilde{S}_2 and V_2 , which induce right-handed currents $C_9^{\prime\mu} = -C_{10}^{\prime\mu}$ in $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ transitions. This is disfavored by global fits to data (excluding R_K) on $b \rightarrow s$ transitions, which suggests predominantly BSM in SM-type operators [52]. Let us nevertheless entertain this possibility as this line of research has not reached final conclusions yet. Right-handed currents would be signaled by $R_K \neq R_{K^*}$ [53], where R_{K^*} denotes the ratio of branching fractions of $B \rightarrow K^* \mu\mu$ over the one into electrons. This part of our work is sensitive to the FN-charges of the down quark singlets, $q(D)$. Let us therefore be here more general than the benchmark eq. (2.1) and introduce $q_i \equiv q(D_i)$. Within the L_μ -pattern, where first (second) choice corresponds to V_2 (\tilde{S}_2),

$$Y_{DL}^{b\mu} (Y_{DL}^{s\mu})^* \text{ or } Y_{DL}^{s\mu} (Y_{DL}^{b\mu})^* \sim c_\ell^2 \lambda^{q_3+q_2} \simeq [0.001 - 0.002] \text{ or } [0.002 - 0.004] \left(\frac{M}{\text{TeV}}\right)^2, \quad (4.26)$$

$$Y_{DL}^{s\mu} (Y_{DL}^{d\mu})^* \text{ or } Y_{DL}^{s\mu} (Y_{DL}^{d\mu})^* \sim c_\ell^2 \lambda^{q_2+q_1} \lesssim 1.3 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ or } 2.6 \cdot 10^{-4} \left(\frac{M}{\text{TeV}}\right)^2. \quad (4.27)$$

Explaining R_K (first row) while obeying limits from $K \rightarrow \mu\mu$ [34] (second row) strongly constrains the allowed values for the q_i :

$$\lambda^{q_1-q_3} \lesssim 0.13, \quad (4.28)$$

which prefers $q_1 \geq q_3 + 2$. By perturbativity and lower limits on M , $q_2 + q_3 = 0, 1, 2, 3$. This is violated by the benchmark $q(D) = (3, 2, 2)$, which requires $c_\ell \sim [0.8 - 1.2](M/\text{TeV})$ (V_2) and $c_\ell \sim [1.2 - 1.7](M/\text{TeV})$ (\tilde{S}_2). Both are not compatible with the flavor symmetry and mass bounds.

In supersymmetric or multi-Higgs extensions, a viable set reads $q(D) = (q_3 + 1, q_3, q_3)$, where $q_3 = 0, 1, 2, 3$, all of which are in mild conflict with eq. (4.28). When the charges of the quark doublets and up-type quarks are also changed, two viable solutions are $q(Q) = q(U) = (3, 2, 0)$ and $q(D) = (2, 0, 0)$ or $q(D) = (3, 1, 1)$ [26]. Smaller charges generically give smaller VEVs. Choosing $q(D) = (3, 1, 1)$ leads to

$$Y_{DL}^{b\mu} (Y_{DL}^{s\mu})^* \text{ or } Y_{DL}^{s\mu} (Y_{DL}^{b\mu})^* \sim c_\ell^2 \lambda^2, \quad (4.29)$$

the same FN-hierarchy as for $S_3, V_{1,3}$ obtained in eq. (4.24). Therefore, $c_\ell \sim 0.2(M/\text{TeV})$ (V_2) and $c_\ell \sim [0.2 - 0.3](M/\text{TeV})$ (\tilde{S}_2), and, consequently, leptoquark masses should be within the few TeV-range. $\mu - e$ -conversion $\sim \delta c_\ell^2 \lambda^6$ is below experimental limits. \tilde{S}_2 does not induce charm FCNCs at tree level.

Similar to the situation for V_1 discussed previously, in V_2 rapid kaon decays arise through $R_\mu(QE)$. This can be avoided once the sign of $q(E)$ is flipped. In this case the constraint from $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ reads $c_\ell \delta \lambda^3 \lesssim 10^{-4} (M/\text{TeV})^4$ [3], which is always satisfied for perturbative δ .

We learn that improved bounds on kaon decays together with $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ data can strongly constrain or rule out BSM models with flavor patterns. If solutions with down quark singlets can be ruled out, this leads to testable predictions, the equality of LNU ratios R_K and R_{K^*} , as well as those of other $b \rightarrow s$ induced decay modes [53]. We checked

that the impact of leptoquark models explaining R_K at tree level on the observable $\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\mu\nu)/\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^{(*)}e\nu)$ [54] is at permille level. We further recall that R_K -explaining leptoquarks can induce percent-level contributions to $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ and subsequently $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ spectra [21], which can be accessed at a future high luminosity facility (with 75ab^{-1}) [55].

LFV in $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell'$ transitions related to R_K [7, 54, 56, 57] arises in the patterns studied in eqs. (4.24)–(4.27). Relative to $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ the effects on the amplitudes read

$$b \rightarrow s\mu\mu : b \rightarrow s\mu(e, \tau) : b \rightarrow se\tau \quad \text{as} \quad 1 : \delta : \delta^2 \quad (L_\mu), \quad (4.30)$$

$$b \rightarrow s\mu\mu : b \rightarrow s\mu(e, \tau) : b \rightarrow se\tau \quad \text{as} \quad 1 : 1 : 1 \quad (\tilde{L}_\mu). \quad (4.31)$$

The \tilde{L}_μ pattern predicts sizable LFV rates for leptonic and semileptonic $B_{(s)}$ -decays which can be searched for at future hadron colliders and e^+e^- -machines, see [7] for details,

$$\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\mu^\pm e^\mp) \sim 3 \cdot 10^{-8} \left(\frac{1-R_K}{0.23} \right)^2, \quad \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K(e^\pm, \mu^\pm)\tau^\mp) \sim 2 \cdot 10^{-8} \left(\frac{1-R_K}{0.23} \right)^2, \quad (4.32)$$

$$\frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ e^-)}{\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{SM}}} \sim 0.01 \left(\frac{1-R_K}{0.23} \right)^2, \quad \frac{\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \tau^+(e^-, \mu^-))}{\mathcal{B}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)_{\text{SM}}} \sim 4 \left(\frac{1-R_K}{0.23} \right)^2. \quad (4.33)$$

4.3 Leptoquark effects in rare charm and kaon decays and $\mu - e$ conversion

We investigate the implications of the flavor patterns studied in the previous sections for rare charm decays, K decays and $\mu - e$ -conversion.

Using [8] we find the following maximal upper limits, where the corresponding scenario and pattern is indicated in parentheses: $\mathcal{B}(D \rightarrow \pi\nu\nu) \lesssim 3 \cdot 10^{-10}$ ($(S_3, V_3), L_\mu$), $\mathcal{B}(D \rightarrow \pi e\mu) \lesssim 3 \cdot 10^{-13}$ (V_3, L_μ), $\mathcal{B}(D \rightarrow e\mu) \lesssim 5 \cdot 10^{-15}$ (V_3, \tilde{L}_μ) and $\mathcal{B}(D \rightarrow e\tau) \lesssim 7 \cdot 10^{-17}$ (S_2, \tilde{L}_τ). $\mathcal{B}(D \rightarrow \mu\mu)$ and $\mathcal{B}(D \rightarrow \pi\mu\mu)$ are SM-like. Note, $\mathcal{B}^{\text{SM}}(D \rightarrow \mu\mu) \sim 10^{-13}$ and $\mathcal{B}^{\text{SM}}(D \rightarrow \pi\mu\mu) \sim 10^{-12}$ (non-resonant). These BSM effects in charm are below present experimental limits by many orders of magnitude. The reason is the presence of the kaon constraints, which are unavoidable once doublet quarks are involved. These are, however, not the largest possible signatures in charm associated with leptoquarks in flavor models, but the largest associated with models addressing $R_{D^{(*)}}$ and R_K .

In scenario \tilde{V}_1 with the skewed pattern $R_{\mu e}(\tilde{U}E)$, which could have a large impact on rare charm decays, the FN-suppression of the (1,2) element is not strong enough to effectively evade the $\mu - e$ conversion constraint, while, at the same time, keep the diagonal ones sizable. Similarly, effects in rare charm processes from S_1 with $R_\tau(UE)$ are $Y_{UE}^{cl} Y_{UE}^{ul*} \sim \delta^{(l)} \lambda^{10}$, and negligible compared to the foreseeable experimental sensitivity. With the skewed pattern $R_{e\tau}$ and leptoquark \tilde{V}_1 $\mu - e$ conversion constraints can be evaded and $c \rightarrow ue\tau$ transitions can be induced at order $\kappa\kappa'\lambda^2 \lesssim 1 \cdot 10^{-3}$. This leads to $\mathcal{B}(D \rightarrow e\tau) \lesssim 1 \cdot 10^{-13}$.

The leptoquarks S_3 and V_3 are constrained by LFV kaon decays, therefore large contributions near the experimental bound $\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow e\mu) < 4.7 \cdot 10^{-12}$ [58] are expected. The model $(S_2, (\tilde{L}_\tau, R_\tau))$ is bound by $\mu - e$ conversion and contributes less to rare kaon decays. We find $\mathcal{B}(K_L \rightarrow e\mu) \lesssim 4 \cdot 10^{-19}$.

Future $\mu - e$ -conversion experiments such as COMET [59] and Mu2e [60] with sensitivity below 10^{-16} , that is 2-3 orders of magnitude better than the existing bounds, are sensitive to the leptoquarks S_3 and V_3 with \tilde{L}_μ discussed here. We find $\frac{\sigma(\mu^- \text{Au} \rightarrow e^- \text{Au})}{\sigma(\mu^- \text{Au} \rightarrow \text{capture})} \lesssim 2 \cdot 10^{-13} (5 \cdot 10^{-14})$ for V_3 (for S_3).

5 Conclusions

We obtain patterns for leptoquark couplings to SM fermions based on flavor symmetries. In addition to those for lepton doublets [7], we find lepton isolation patterns for charged lepton singlets. These are particularly relevant for contributions to $R_{D^{(*)}}$ involving both chiralities. We argue on general terms that chirality-flipping contributions are generically larger than the ones based on SM-like operators involving doublet lepton couplings.

The flavor symmetry puts strong constraints on the leptoquark reach in flavor observables. We find that it is not possible to explain the present data on R_D and R_D^* from tree level leptoquark exchange. The reason is that these BSM effects of $\text{few} \times 0.1$ are too large given lower mass bounds on the leptoquarks, perturbativity of the flavor symmetry breaking and flavor constraints, importantly, $b \rightarrow s\nu\bar{\nu}$, rare kaon decays and $\mu - e$ -conversion. We give predictions for R_D , R_{D^*} and the τ -polarization, which are summarized in section 4.1.4. At least the maximal leptoquark models, shown in figure 2, can be tested at Belle II with 50ab^{-1} [61].

On the other hand, R_K together with the preferred global fit in $b \rightarrow s$ observables can be explained naturally using muon isolation patterns and S_3, V_3 . If one abandons the constraints from the global fit, which prefers predominantly $V - A$ -structure, model \tilde{S}_2 accommodates as well a $\text{few} \times 0.1$ BSM effect in semileptonic $b \rightarrow s\mu\mu$ processes. \tilde{S}_2 also predicts $R_K \neq R_{K^*}$.

In our analysis we require the non-abelian flavon VEVs to remain perturbative, or we constrain them experimentally. As we do not rely on model-dependent values our findings are more general than the explicit $U(1)_{\text{FN}} \times A_4 \times Z_3$ model under consideration.

Since the current LNU hints in R_D and in particular R_{D^*} are too large to be accommodated with leptoquark flavor patterns, there are also no joint explanations with R_K . If both anomalies persist at the current level, additional BSM-physics would be required. To have in both R_K and $R_{D^{(*)}}$ LNU effects maximized from leptoquark flavor patterns requires two types of leptoquarks, with masses of at most at the level of several TeV. LFV signatures can be searched for with kaon decays and $\mu - e$ conversion.

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A Leptoquark couplings to SM fermions

$\subset \mathcal{L}_{LQ}$	$(SU(3)_C, SU(2)_L, Y)$	effective vertices
$(Y_{QL}\bar{Q}_L^c i\sigma_2 L_L + Y_{UE}\bar{u}_R^c e_R) S_1^\dagger$	$(3,1,-1/3)$	$\begin{aligned} & \frac{Y_{QL}^{ij}(Y_{QL}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{u}_{Lm}\gamma_\mu u_{Li})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Lj}) \\ & - \frac{Y_{QL}^{ij}(Y_{QL}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{u}_{Lm}\gamma_\mu d_{Li})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj}) \\ & \frac{Y_{QL}^{ij}(Y_{QL}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{d}_{Lm}\gamma_\mu d_{Li})(\bar{\nu}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj}) \\ & \frac{Y_{UE}^{ij}(Y_{UE}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{u}_{Rm}\gamma_\mu u_{Ri})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Rj}) \\ & - \frac{Y_{QL}^{ij}(Y_{UE}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{u}_{Rm}u_{Li})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\ell_{Lj}) \\ & \frac{Y_{QL}^{ij}(Y_{UE}^{mn})^*}{8M^2} (\bar{u}_{Rm}\sigma_{\mu\nu}u_{Li})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\ell_{Lj}) \\ & \frac{Y_{QL}^{ij}(Y_{UE}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{u}_{Rm}d_{Li})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\nu_{Lj}) \\ & - \frac{Y_{QL}^{ij}(Y_{UE}^{mn})^*}{8M^2} (\bar{u}_{Rm}\sigma_{\mu\nu}d_{Li})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\nu_{Lj}) \end{aligned}$
$Y_{DE}\bar{d}_R^c e_R \tilde{S}_1^\dagger$	$(3,1,-4/3)$	$\frac{Y_{DE}^{ij}(Y_{DE}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{d}_{Rm}\gamma_\mu d_{Ri})(\bar{e}_{Rn}\gamma^\mu e_{Rj})$
$(Y_{\bar{U}L}\bar{u}_R L_L + Y_{\bar{Q}E}\bar{Q}_L i\sigma_2 e_R) S_2^\dagger$	$(3,2,-7/6)$	$\begin{aligned} & - \frac{Y_{\bar{U}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{U}L}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{u}_{Ri}\gamma_\mu u_{Rm})(\bar{\nu}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj}) \\ & - \frac{Y_{\bar{U}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{U}L}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{u}_{Ri}\gamma_\mu u_{Rm})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Lj}) \\ & - \frac{Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{u}_{Li}\gamma_\mu u_{Lm})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Rj}) \\ & - \frac{Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{d}_{Li}\gamma_\mu d_{Lm})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Rj}) \\ & \frac{Y_{\bar{U}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{u}_{Ri}d_{Lm})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\nu_{Lj}) \\ & \frac{Y_{\bar{U}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{mn})^*}{8M^2} (\bar{u}_{Ri}\sigma_{\mu\nu}d_{Lm})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\nu_{Lj}) \\ & - \frac{Y_{\bar{U}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{u}_{Ri}u_{Lm})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\ell_{Lj}) \\ & - \frac{Y_{\bar{U}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{mn})^*}{8M^2} (\bar{u}_{Ri}\sigma_{\mu\nu}u_{Lm})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\sigma^{\mu\nu}\ell_{Lj}) \end{aligned}$
$Y_{\bar{D}L}\bar{d}_R L_L \tilde{S}_2^\dagger$	$(3,2,1/6)$	$\begin{aligned} & - \frac{Y_{\bar{D}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{D}L}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{d}_{Ri}\gamma_\mu d_{Rm})(\bar{\nu}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj}) \\ & - \frac{Y_{\bar{D}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{D}L}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{d}_{Ri}\gamma_\mu d_{Rm})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Lj}) \end{aligned}$
$Y_{QL}\bar{Q}_L^c i\sigma_2 \bar{\sigma} L_L \tilde{S}_3^\dagger$	$(3,3,-1/3)$	$\begin{aligned} & \frac{Y_{QL}^{ij}(Y_{QL}^{mn})^*}{M^2} (\bar{u}_{Lm}\gamma_\mu u_{Li})(\bar{\nu}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj}) \\ & \frac{Y_{QL}^{ij}(Y_{QL}^{mn})^*}{M^2} (\bar{d}_{Lm}\gamma_\mu d_{Li})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Lj}) \\ & \frac{Y_{QL}^{ij}(Y_{QL}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{u}_{Lm}\gamma_\mu u_{Li})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Lj}) \\ & \frac{Y_{QL}^{ij}(Y_{QL}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{u}_{Lm}\gamma_\mu d_{Li})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj}) \\ & \frac{Y_{QL}^{ij}(Y_{QL}^{mn})^*}{2M^2} (\bar{d}_{Lm}\gamma_\mu d_{Li})(\bar{\nu}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj}) \end{aligned}$

Table 5. Scalar leptoquark models and their respective effective vertices at tree level. Q denotes the $SU(2)_L$ doublet $(u_L d_L)$, with $u = u, c, t$; $d = d, s, b$; $\ell = e, \mu, \tau$ and $\nu = \nu_e, \nu_\mu, \nu_\tau$. Small roman indices are generation indices and are suppressed in the first column. $Y = Q_e - I_3$ is the hypercharge, Q_e the electric charge and I_3 the third component of the weak isospin.

$\subset \mathcal{L}_{LQ}$	$(SU(3)_C, SU(2)_L, Y)$	effective vertices
$(Y_{\bar{Q}L}\bar{Q}_L\gamma_\mu L_L + Y_{\bar{D}E}\bar{d}_R\gamma_\mu e_R) V_1^{\mu\dagger}$	$(3,1,-1/6)$	$-\frac{Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{u}_{Li}\gamma_\mu u_{Lm})(\bar{\nu}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj})$ $-\frac{Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{u}_{Li}\gamma_\mu d_{Lm})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj})$ $-\frac{Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{d}_{Li}\gamma_\mu d_{Lm})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Lj})$ $-\frac{Y_{\bar{D}E}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{D}E}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{d}_{Ri}\gamma_\mu d_{Rm})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Rj})$ $\frac{2Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{D}E}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{u}_{Li}d_{Rm})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\nu_{Lj})$ $\frac{2Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{D}E}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{d}_{Li}d_{Rm})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\ell_{Lj})$
$Y_{\bar{U}E}\bar{u}_R\gamma_\mu e_R\tilde{V}_1^{\mu\dagger}$	$(3,1,5/3)$	$-\frac{Y_{\bar{U}E}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{U}E}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{u}_{Ri}\gamma_\mu u_{Rm})(\bar{e}_{Rn}\gamma^\mu e_{Rj})$
$(Y_{\bar{D}L}\bar{d}_R^c\gamma_\mu L_L + Y_{\bar{Q}E}\bar{Q}_L^c\gamma_\mu e_R) i\sigma_2 V_2^{\mu\dagger}$	$(3,2,-5/6)$	$\frac{Y_{\bar{D}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{D}L}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{d}_{Rm}\gamma_\mu d_{Ri})(\bar{\nu}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj})$ $\frac{Y_{\bar{D}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{D}L}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{d}_{Rm}\gamma_\mu d_{Ri})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Lj})$ $\frac{Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{u}_{Lm}\gamma_\mu u_{Li})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Rj})$ $\frac{Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{d}_{Lm}\gamma_\mu d_{Li})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Rj})$ $\frac{2Y_{\bar{D}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{u}_{Lm}d_{Ri})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\nu_{Lj})$ $\frac{2Y_{\bar{D}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}E}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{d}_{Lm}d_{Ri})(\bar{\ell}_{Rn}\ell_{Lj})$
$Y_{UL}\bar{u}_R^c\gamma_\mu L_L\tilde{V}_2^{\mu\dagger}$	$(3,2,1/6)$	$\frac{Y_{UL}^{ij}(Y_{UL}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{u}_{Rm}\gamma_\mu u_{Ri})(\bar{\nu}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj})$ $\frac{Y_{UL}^{ij}(Y_{UL}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{u}_{Rm}\gamma_\mu u_{Ri})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Lj})$
$Y_{\bar{Q}L}\bar{Q}_L\gamma_\mu \vec{\sigma} L_L\vec{V}_3^{\mu\dagger}$	$(3,3,-2/3)$	$-\frac{2Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{u}_{Li}\gamma_\mu u_{Lm})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Lj})$ $-\frac{2Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{d}_{Li}\gamma_\mu d_{Lm})(\bar{\nu}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj})$ $-\frac{Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{u}_{Li}\gamma_\mu u_{Lm})(\bar{\nu}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj})$ $\frac{Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{u}_{Li}\gamma_\mu d_{Lm})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \nu_{Lj})$ $-\frac{Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{ij}(Y_{\bar{Q}L}^{mn})^*}{M^2}(\bar{d}_{Li}\gamma_\mu d_{Lm})(\bar{\ell}_{Ln}\gamma^\mu \ell_{Lj})$

Table 6. Same as table 5 but for vector leptoquark models.

B $b \rightarrow c\ell\nu$

The effective Hamiltonian for $b \rightarrow c\ell\nu$ transitions can be written as

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{b \rightarrow c\ell\nu} = \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} \left(\delta_{\ell\nu} \mathcal{O}_{V_1}^{\ell\nu} + \sum_i C_i^{\ell\nu} \mathcal{O}_i^{\ell\nu} \right), \quad (\text{B.1})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_{V_{1(2)}}^{\ell\nu} &= [\bar{c}_{L(R)}\gamma^\mu b_{L(R)}] [\bar{\ell}_L\gamma_\mu \nu_L], \\ \mathcal{O}_{S_{1(2)}}^{\ell\nu} &= [\bar{c}_{L(R)}b_{R(L)}] [\bar{\ell}_R\nu_L], \\ \mathcal{O}_T^{\ell\nu} &= [\bar{c}_R\sigma^{\mu\nu}b_L] [\bar{\ell}_R\sigma_{\mu\nu}\nu_L]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.2})$$

In the SM, all Wilson coefficients $C_i^{\ell\nu}$ vanish. Tree level contributions from leptoquarks are given in table 11, where $\tilde{C} \equiv \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{cb} M^2 C$ is used for brevity.³ Contributions to $\mathcal{O}_{V_2}^{\ell\nu}$ are not induced at leading order.

The energy scale dependence of the Wilson coefficients is governed by renormalization group equations. At leading logarithmic order holds [63, 64]

$$C_S(\mu_b) = \left[\frac{\alpha_s(m_t)}{\alpha_s(\mu_b)} \right]^{\frac{\gamma_S}{2\beta_0^{(5)}}} \left[\frac{\alpha_s(M)}{\alpha_s(m_t)} \right]^{\frac{\gamma_S}{2\beta_0^{(6)}}} C_S(M), \quad C_S(\mu_c) = \left[\frac{\alpha_s(\mu_b)}{\alpha_s(\mu_c)} \right]^{\frac{\gamma_S}{2\beta_0^{(4)}}} C_S(\mu_b), \quad (\text{B.3})$$

$$C_T(\mu_b) = \left[\frac{\alpha_s(m_t)}{\alpha_s(\mu_b)} \right]^{\frac{\gamma_T}{2\beta_0^{(5)}}} \left[\frac{\alpha_s(M)}{\alpha_s(m_t)} \right]^{\frac{\gamma_T}{2\beta_0^{(6)}}} C_T(M), \quad C_T(\mu_c) = \left[\frac{\alpha_s(\mu_b)}{\alpha_s(\mu_c)} \right]^{\frac{\gamma_T}{2\beta_0^{(4)}}} C_T(\mu_b) \quad (\text{B.4})$$

with

$$\gamma_S = -8, \quad \gamma_T = \frac{8}{3}, \quad \beta_0^{(n_f)} = 11 - \frac{2n_f}{3}. \quad (\text{B.5})$$

We use the CRUnDec package [65] to evaluate α_s . Assuming $M \sim 1\text{TeV}$ we find a modification of the Fierz relations between scalar and tensor operators, $C_S(M) = \mp 4C_T(M)$, at the b - and c -quark mass scale, μ_b and μ_c , respectively,

$$C_S(\mu_b) = \mp \begin{cases} 7.8C_T(\mu_b) & M = 1 \text{ TeV} \\ 8.2C_T(\mu_b) & M = 2 \text{ TeV} \\ 8.4C_T(\mu_b) & M = 3 \text{ TeV} \end{cases}, \quad (\text{B.6})$$

$$C_S(\mu_c) = \mp \begin{cases} 11.0C_T(\mu_c) & M = 1 \text{ TeV} \\ 11.6C_T(\mu_c) & M = 2 \text{ TeV} \\ 12.0C_T(\mu_c) & M = 3 \text{ TeV} \end{cases}, \quad (\text{B.7})$$

where the minus sign (plus sign) refers to scenario S_1 (S_2). The overall running of C_S and C_T is negligible compared to the unknown $\mathcal{O}(1)$ coefficients of the flavor patterns and will not be considered further.

The branching fractions of $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}\ell\nu$ decays can be written as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D\ell\nu) &= \sum_{\nu} \mathcal{B}^{\text{SM}}(B \rightarrow D\ell\nu) |\delta_{\ell\nu} + C_{V_1}^{\ell\nu} + C_{V_2}^{\ell\nu}|^2 + A_S |C_{S_1}^{\ell\nu} + C_{S_2}^{\ell\nu}|^2 \\ &\quad + A_T |C_T^{\ell\nu}|^2 + A_{VS} \text{Re} \left[(\delta_{\ell\nu} + C_{V_1}^{\ell\nu} + C_{V_2}^{\ell\nu})(C_{S_1}^{\ell\nu} + C_{S_2}^{\ell\nu})^* \right] \\ &\quad + A_{VT} \text{Re} \left[(\delta_{\ell\nu} + C_{V_1}^{\ell\nu} + C_{V_2}^{\ell\nu})C_T^{\ell\nu*} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.8})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow D^*\ell\nu) &= \sum_{\nu} \mathcal{B}^{\text{SM}}(B \rightarrow D^*\ell\nu) \left[|\delta_{\ell\nu} + C_{V_1}^{\ell\nu}|^2 + |C_{V_2}^{\ell\nu}|^2 \right] \\ &\quad + B_{V_1V_2} \text{Re} \left[(\delta_{\ell\nu} + C_{V_1}^{\ell\nu})C_{V_2}^{\ell\nu*} \right] + B_S |C_{S_1}^{\ell\nu} - C_{S_2}^{\ell\nu}|^2 + B_T |C_T^{\ell\nu}|^2 \\ &\quad + B_{VS} \text{Re} \left[(\delta_{\ell\nu} + C_{V_1}^{\ell\nu} - C_{V_2}^{\ell\nu})(C_{S_1}^{\ell\nu} - C_{S_2}^{\ell\nu})^* \right] \\ &\quad + B_{V_1T} \text{Re} \left[(\delta_{\ell\nu} + C_{V_1}^{\ell\nu})C_T^{\ell\nu*} \right] + B_{V_2T} \text{Re} \left[C_{V_2}^{\ell\nu}C_T^{\ell\nu*} \right], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B.9})$$

³The chirality-flipping contribution given in table 3 of [62] for $S = 0$ misses an overall sign. We thank Nejc Košnik for clarification.

ℓ	\hat{A}_S^ℓ	\hat{A}_T^ℓ	\hat{A}_{VS}^ℓ	\hat{A}_{VT}^ℓ
e	1.45 ± 0.16	0.38 ± 0.20	0.00 ± 0.00	0.00 ± 0.00
μ	1.45 ± 0.16	0.36 ± 0.17	0.17 ± 0.02	0.13 ± 0.09
τ	1.36 ± 0.15	0.35 ± 0.13	1.73 ± 0.19	0.69 ± 0.15

Table 7. The normalized $B \rightarrow D\ell\nu$ coefficients $\hat{A}_i^\ell = A_i^\ell/\mathcal{B}^{\text{SM}}$.

ℓ	$\hat{B}_{V_1V_2}^\ell$	\hat{B}_S^ℓ	\hat{B}_T^ℓ	\hat{B}_{VS}^ℓ	$\hat{B}_{V_1T}^\ell$	$\hat{B}_{V_2T}^\ell$
e	-1.72 ± 0.13	0.06 ± 0.01	12.98 ± 0.98	0.00 ± 0.00	0.00 ± 0.00	0.00 ± 0.00
μ	-1.72 ± 0.13	0.06 ± 0.01	12.98 ± 0.98	0.02 ± 0.00	-0.43 ± 0.03	0.70 ± 0.05
τ	-1.78 ± 0.13	0.04 ± 0.01	13.35 ± 1.00	0.12 ± 0.01	-4.58 ± 0.34	6.14 ± 0.45

Table 8. The normalized $B \rightarrow D^*\ell\nu$ coefficients $\hat{B}_i^\ell = B_i^\ell/\mathcal{B}^{\text{SM}}$.

k	\hat{A}_S^k	\hat{A}_T^k	\hat{A}_{VS}^k	\hat{A}_{VT}^k
$+$	4.12 ± 0.45	0.56 ± 0.20	5.23 ± 0.57	0.70 ± 0.15
$-$	-	0.50 ± 0.19	-	1.39 ± 0.30

Table 9. The normalized $B \rightarrow D\tau\nu$ coefficients $\hat{A}_i^k = A_i^k / (\mathcal{B}_{k=+}^{\text{SM}} - \mathcal{B}_{k=-}^{\text{SM}})$ for a given polarization k of the τ lepton.

where the coefficients A_i and B_i generally depend on the lepton and its polarization. Corresponding indices are suppressed in eqs. (B.8), (B.9) to avoid clutter. The coefficients can be expressed in terms of hadronic matrix elements provided in ref. [10]. Using lattice data from [35] for the $B \rightarrow D$ form factors and the HQET form factors from [10] for $B \rightarrow D^*$, we find the numerical values given in tables 7 and 8 by integrating over the whole q^2 -range, summing over the lepton-polarization and normalizing to the SM branching ratios. For the latter we obtain $\mathcal{B}^{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow D^+\tau\nu) = (6.66 \pm 0.67) \cdot 10^{-3}$, $\mathcal{B}^{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow D^+(e, \mu)\nu) = (2.23 \pm 0.24) \cdot 10^{-2}$ and $\mathcal{B}^{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{+*}\tau\nu) = (1.35 \pm 0.10) \cdot 10^{-2}$, $\mathcal{B}^{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{+*}(e, \mu)\nu) = (5.34 \pm 0.40) \cdot 10^{-2}$. Here we use the lifetime $\tau_{B^0} = (1.520 \pm 0.004) \cdot 10^{-12}$ s of the B^0 meson [46]. In order to estimate the uncertainties, we draw 10^5 random samples of the form factor parameters provided in the respective references and calculate the coefficients A_i and B_i for each sample. The mean and standard deviation of the resulting distributions are then considered as the central value and uncertainty. We assume that the form factor parameters are normally distributed and incorporate all correlations provided by [10, 35].

Additionally, we provide the coefficients for given τ -polarizations in tables 9 and 10, where we normalize to the difference $\mathcal{B}_{k=+}^{\text{SM}} - \mathcal{B}_{k=-}^{\text{SM}}$ of the SM values of the polarized branching fractions. For the latter we obtain $\mathcal{B}_{k=+}^{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow D^+\tau\nu) = (4.43 \pm 0.47) \cdot 10^{-3}$, $\mathcal{B}_{k=-}^{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow D^+\tau\nu) = (2.22 \pm 0.22) \cdot 10^{-3}$, and $\mathcal{B}_{k=+}^{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{+*}\tau\nu) = (3.40 \pm 0.27) \cdot 10^{-3}$, $\mathcal{B}_{k=-}^{\text{SM}}(B^0 \rightarrow D^{+*}\tau\nu) = (1.01 \pm 0.07) \cdot 10^{-2}$. Scalar operators do not contribute to the case where $k = -$.

k	$\hat{B}_{V_1 V_2}^k$	\hat{B}_S^k	\hat{B}_T^k	$\hat{B}_{V_S}^k$	$\hat{B}_{V_1 T}^k$	$\hat{B}_{V_2 T}^k$
+	0.62 ± 0.06	0.04 ± 0.00	-14.15 ± 1.06	-0.24 ± 0.03	3.08 ± 0.23	-4.12 ± 0.30
-	1.26 ± 0.10	-	-12.72 ± 0.95	-	6.15 ± 0.46	-8.24 ± 0.61

Table 10. The normalized $B \rightarrow D^* \tau \nu$ coefficients $\hat{B}_i^k = B_i^k / (\mathcal{B}_{k=+}^{\text{SM}} - \mathcal{B}_{k=-}^{\text{SM}})$ for a given polarization k of the τ lepton.

	\tilde{C}_{V_1}	\tilde{C}_{S_1}	\tilde{C}_{S_2}	\tilde{C}_T
S_1	$\frac{1}{2} Y_{QL}^{b\nu} (Y_{QL}^{c\ell})^*$	-	$-\frac{1}{2} Y_{QL}^{b\nu} (Y_{UE}^{c\ell})^*$	$\frac{1}{8} Y_{QL}^{b\nu} (Y_{UE}^{c\ell})^*$
\tilde{S}_1	-	-	-	-
S_2	-	-	$-\frac{1}{2} Y_{UL}^{c\nu} (Y_{QE}^{bl})^*$	$-\frac{1}{8} Y_{UL}^{c\nu} (Y_{QE}^{bl})^*$
\tilde{S}_2	-	-	-	-
S_3	$-\frac{1}{2} Y_{QL}^{b\nu} (Y_{QL}^{c\ell})^*$	-	-	-
V_1	$Y_{QL}^{c\nu} (Y_{QL}^{bl})^*$	$-2 Y_{QL}^{c\nu} (Y_{DE}^{bl})^*$	-	-
\tilde{V}_1	-	-	-	-
V_2	-	$-2 Y_{DL}^{b\nu} (Y_{QE}^{c\ell})^*$	-	-
\tilde{V}_2	-	-	-	-
V_3	$-Y_{QL}^{c\nu} (Y_{QL}^{bl})^*$	-	-	-

Table 11. Contributions from leptoquarks to $b \rightarrow c \ell \nu$ transitions at matching scale.

C $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell'$ and $b \rightarrow s \nu \nu'$

The $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell'$ and $b \rightarrow s \nu \nu'$ processes can be described by the effective Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{b \rightarrow s \ell \ell' (\nu \nu')} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \sum_i C_i \mathcal{O}_i, \quad (\text{C.1})$$

with the effective operators

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_9^{(\ell)\ell\ell'} &= [\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b] [\bar{\ell}' \gamma^\mu \ell], & \mathcal{O}_{10}^{(\ell)\ell\ell'} &= [\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b] [\bar{\ell}' \gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \ell], \\ \mathcal{O}_S^{(\ell)\ell\ell'} &= [\bar{s} P_{R(L)} b] [\bar{\ell}' \ell], & \mathcal{O}_P^{(\ell)\ell\ell'} &= [\bar{s} P_{R(L)} b] [\bar{\ell}' \gamma_5 \ell], \\ \mathcal{O}_{L(R)}^{\nu\nu'} &= [\bar{s} \gamma_\mu P_{L(R)} b] [\bar{\nu}' \gamma^\mu P_L \nu], \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C.2})$$

which, in general, depend on the flavor of the leptons. In the SM, the relevant Wilson coefficients for $b \rightarrow s \ell \ell$ transitions are $C_9^{\text{SM}} \simeq -C_{10}^{\text{SM}} \simeq 4.2$ at the m_b scale, universally for all leptons, while contributions to the scalar operators are negligible. Table 12 shows the leptoquark tree level contributions to the Wilson coefficients, where we use $\tilde{C} \equiv \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} M^2 C$ for brevity. For $b \rightarrow s \nu \nu$, $C_L^{\text{SM}} = -\frac{2X_t}{\sin^2 \theta_W} \simeq -13$ and C_R^{SM} is negligible. The strongest bound on new physics (NP) in $b \rightarrow s \nu \nu$ transitions is provided by $\mathcal{B}(B^+ \rightarrow K^+ \nu \nu) < 1.7 \cdot 10^{-5}$ at 90% CL [66], which, using [67], implies an enhancement over the SM of at most a factor of 4.3. Therefore,

$$\sqrt{\sum_\nu |C_L^{\text{SM}} + C_L^{\text{NP}\nu\nu} + C_R^{\nu\nu}|^2 + \sum_{\nu \neq \nu'} |C_L^{\nu\nu'} + C_R^{\nu\nu'}|^2} \leq |C_L^{\text{SM}}| \sqrt{4.3 \cdot 3} \simeq 47. \quad (\text{C.3})$$

Solving this for a single, dominant diagonal coupling $C_L^{\text{NP}\nu\nu}$ gives $-30 \leq C_L^{\text{NP}\nu\nu} \leq 56$. This implies constraints on leptoquark yukawas to third generation lepton in models S_1, V_3 with Fierz factors $m(\Delta) = 1/2, -2$, respectively, through the relation

$$YY^*|_\tau = \frac{1}{m(\Delta)} \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{tb} V_{ts}^* \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} C_L^{\text{NP}\nu\tau\nu\tau} M^2 \simeq 7.9 \cdot 10^{-4} \frac{C_L^{\text{NP}\nu\tau\nu\tau}}{m(\Delta)} \left(\frac{M}{\text{TeV}} \right)^2. \quad (\text{C.4})$$

For V_3 , $YY^*|_\tau \lesssim 0.02(M/\text{TeV})^2$.

D $c \rightarrow ull'$ and $c \rightarrow uv\nu'$

In order to describe the up-type FCNCs $c \rightarrow ull'$ and $c \rightarrow uv\nu'$, we employ the effective Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{c \rightarrow ull'(\nu\nu')} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \sum_i \mathcal{C}_i Q_i, \quad (\text{D.1})$$

with the effective operators Q_i defined as

$$\begin{aligned} Q_9^{(\prime)\ell\ell'} &= [\bar{u}\gamma_\mu P_{L(R)}c] [\bar{\ell}'\gamma^\mu \tilde{\ell}], & Q_{10}^{(\prime)\ell\ell'} &= [\bar{u}\gamma_\mu P_{L(R)}c] [\bar{\ell}'\gamma^\mu \gamma_5 \tilde{\ell}], \\ Q_S^{(\prime)\ell\ell'} &= [\bar{u}P_{R(L)}c][\bar{\ell}'\tilde{\ell}], & Q_P^{(\prime)\ell\ell'} &= [\bar{u}P_{R(L)}c][\bar{\ell}'\gamma_5 \tilde{\ell}], \\ Q_T &= [\bar{u}\sigma_{\mu\nu}c] [\bar{\ell}'\sigma^{\mu\nu} \tilde{\ell}], & Q_{T5} &= [\bar{u}\sigma_{\mu\nu}c] [\bar{\ell}'\sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 \tilde{\ell}], \\ Q_{L(R)}^{\nu\nu'} &= [\bar{u}\gamma_\mu P_{L(R)}c] [\bar{\nu}'\gamma^\mu P_L \nu]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{D.2})$$

In the SM the Wilson coefficients of these operators are small and can be neglected compared to the NP contributions [8]. We provide the leptoquark-induced contributions in table 13 using the shortcut notation $\tilde{\mathcal{C}} \equiv \frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} M^2 \mathcal{C}$. For the sake of simplicity we introduce the coefficients $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{T_{1,2}}$ which are related to those associated to the operator basis (D.2) by $\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{T(5)} = \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{T_1} \pm \tilde{\mathcal{C}}_{T_2}$.

	\tilde{C}_9	\tilde{C}_{10}	\tilde{C}'_9	\tilde{C}_S	\tilde{C}_P	\tilde{C}'_S	\tilde{C}'_P	\tilde{C}_L	\tilde{C}_R
S_1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$\frac{1}{2}Y_{QL}^{bl}(Y_{QL}^{sl'})^*$	-
\tilde{S}_1	-	-	$\frac{1}{4}Y_{DE}^{bl}(Y_{DE}^{sl'})^*$	-	-	-	-	-	-
S_2	$-\frac{1}{4}Y_{QE}^{sl}(Y_{QE}^{bl'})^*$	$+\tilde{C}_9$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\tilde{S}_2	-	-	$-\frac{1}{4}Y_{DL}^{sl}(Y_{DL}^{bl'})^*$	-	-	-	-	-	$-\frac{1}{2}Y_{DL}^{sl}(Y_{DL}^{bl'})^*$
S_3	$\frac{1}{2}Y_{QL}^{bl}(Y_{QL}^{sl'})^*$	$-\tilde{C}_9$	-	-	-	-	-	$\frac{1}{2}Y_{QL}^{bl}(Y_{QL}^{sl'})^*$	-
V_1	$-\frac{1}{2}Y_{QL}^{sl}(Y_{QL}^{bl'})^*$	$-\tilde{C}_9$	$-\frac{1}{2}Y_{DE}^{sl}(Y_{DE}^{bl'})^*$	$Y_{QL}^{sl}(Y_{DE}^{bl'})^*$	$-\tilde{C}_S$	$Y_{DE}^{sl}(Y_{QL}^{bl'})^*$	$+\tilde{C}'_S$	-	-
\tilde{V}_1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V_2	-	-	$\frac{1}{2}Y_{DL}^{bl}(Y_{DL}^{sl'})^*$	$Y_{DL}^{bl}(Y_{QE}^{sl'})^*$	$-\tilde{C}_S$	$Y_{QE}^{bl}(Y_{DL}^{sl'})^*$	$+\tilde{C}'_S$	-	$Y_{DL}^{bl}(Y_{DL}^{sl'})^*$
\tilde{V}_2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V_3	$-\frac{1}{2}Y_{QL}^{sl}(Y_{QL}^{bl'})^*$	$-\tilde{C}_9$	-	-	-	-	-	$-2Y_{QL}^{sl}(Y_{QL}^{bl'})^*$	-

Table 12. Contributions from leptoquarks to $b \rightarrow s\ell\ell$ and $b \rightarrow s\nu\nu$ transitions at matching scale.

	\tilde{C}_9	\tilde{C}_{10}	\tilde{C}'_9	\tilde{C}'_{10}	\tilde{C}_S	\tilde{C}_P	\tilde{C}'_S	\tilde{C}'_P	\tilde{C}_{T_1}	\tilde{C}_{T_2}	\tilde{C}_L	\tilde{C}_R
S_1	$\frac{1}{4} Y_{QL}^{cl} \left(Y_{QL}^{ul'} \right)^*$	$-\tilde{C}_9$	$\frac{1}{4} Y_{UE}^{cl} \left(Y_{UE}^{ul'} \right)^*$	$+\tilde{C}'_9$	$-\frac{1}{4} Y_{UE}^{cl} \left(Y_{UE}^{ul'} \right)^*$	$+\tilde{C}_S$	$-\frac{1}{4} Y_{QL}^{cl} \left(Y_{UE}^{ul'} \right)^*$	$-\tilde{C}'_S$	$\frac{1}{8} Y_{UE}^{cl} \left(Y_{UE}^{ul'} \right)^*$	$\frac{1}{8} Y_{QL}^{cl} \left(Y_{UE}^{ul'} \right)^*$	-	-
\tilde{S}_1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S_2	$\frac{1}{4} Y_{QE}^{ul} \left(Y_{QE}^{cl'} \right)^*$	$+\tilde{C}_9$	$-\frac{1}{4} Y_{UL}^{ul} \left(Y_{UL}^{cl'} \right)^*$	$-\tilde{C}'_9$	$\frac{1}{4} Y_{QE}^{ul} \left(Y_{UL}^{cl'} \right)^*$	$+\tilde{C}_S$	$\frac{1}{4} Y_{UL}^{ul} \left(Y_{QE}^{cl'} \right)^*$	$-\tilde{C}'_S$	$\frac{1}{8} Y_{UL}^{ul} \left(Y_{QE}^{cl'} \right)^*$	$\frac{1}{8} Y_{QE}^{ul} \left(Y_{UL}^{cl'} \right)^*$	-	$-\frac{1}{2} Y_{UL}^{ul} \left(Y_{UL}^{cl'} \right)^*$
\tilde{S}_2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
S_3	$\frac{1}{4} Y_{QL}^{cl} \left(Y_{QL}^{ul'} \right)^*$	$-\tilde{C}_9$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$Y_{QL}^{cl} \left(Y_{QL}^{ul'} \right)^*$	-
V_1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$-Y_{QL}^{ul} \left(Y_{QL}^{cl'} \right)^*$	-
\tilde{V}_1	-	-	$-\frac{1}{2} Y_{UE}^{ul} \left(Y_{UE}^{cl'} \right)^*$	$+\tilde{C}'_9$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
V_2	$\frac{1}{2} Y_{QE}^{cl} \left(Y_{QE}^{ul'} \right)^*$	$+\tilde{C}_9$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
\tilde{V}_2	-	-	$\frac{1}{2} Y_{UL}^{cl} \left(Y_{UL}^{ul'} \right)^*$	$-\tilde{C}'_9$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$Y_{UL}^{cl} \left(Y_{UL}^{ul'} \right)^*$
V_3	$-Y_{QL}^{ul} \left(Y_{QL}^{cl'} \right)^*$	$-\tilde{C}_9$	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	$-Y_{QL}^{ul} \left(Y_{QL}^{cl'} \right)^*$	-

Table 13. Contributions from leptoquarks to $c \rightarrow u\ell\ell$ and $c \rightarrow u\nu\nu$ transitions at matching scale.

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