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Abstract. Lepton Flavor Universality Violation (LFUV) in $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ processes is investigated in the context of a 331 model. It is shown that in order to explain the experimentally observed deviations from the Standard Model in these FCNC transitions, a non-minimal version of the model has to be considered. We investigate the ability of this model in accommodating the model-independent scenarios currently favored by global fits.

1. Introduction

Experimental hints of Lepton Flavor Universality Violation (LFUV) have appeared in semi-leptonic B-decays, both in charged and in neutral processes. In fact, disagreements with the SM expectations have shown contributions of non-SM origin of size $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$ compared to the corresponding SM amplitudes. In particular, four anomalies have appeared in ratios assessing LFU in the decays $B \rightarrow D^{(*)}l\bar{\nu}$, ($l = e, \mu$) and $B \rightarrow K^{(*)}l^+l^-$. For this latter, the ratio reported by LHCb, which differs from the naïve expectation $R_{K^{(*)}}^{SM} = 1$, is

$$R_{K^{(*)}} = \frac{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow K\mu^+\mu^-)_{(q^2 \in [q_{min}^2, q_{max}^2])}}{\mathcal{B}(B \rightarrow Ke^+e^-)_{(q^2 \in [q_{min}^2, q_{max}^2])}} : \begin{cases} R_{K[1.1,6.0]}^{exp} = 0.846_{-0.054}^{+0.060+0.016}[1], & 2.5\sigma \\ R_{K^*[0.045,1.1]}^{exp} = 0.66_{-0.07}^{+0.11} \pm 0.03[2], & 2.7\sigma \\ R_{K^*[1.1,6.0]}^{exp} = 0.69_{-0.07}^{+0.11} \pm 0.03[2], & 3.0\sigma \end{cases}$$

where $R_{K^{(*)}}$ are measured over specific ranges for the squared dilepton invariant mass q^2 (in GeV^2/c^4). In the experimental data, the first errors are statistical and the second ones are systematic. A series of theoretical speculations about a possible New Physics (NP) interpretations have emerged, with the hypothesis that the NP responsible for the breaking of LFU is coupled mainly to the third generation of quarks and leptons. A class of particularly motivated models includes those which are based on new (heavy) exotic bosonic mediators at the TeV scale that couple to the leptons and quarks differently. A good candidate of such models is the 331 model, whose heavy (exotic) charged gauge bosons are LFUV processes mediators. The paper is organized as follows: in Sec. 2 we review the main features of the non-minimal 331 model for our specific choice of the parameter β . In Sec. 3, we set the problem and describe the general framework of our study. Sec. 4, is dedicated to the neutral gauge boson-mediated NP



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contribution for the process of interest. In Sec. 5, we present these contributions and compare them to the global analysis scenarios that are currently favored by the data, and finally, in Sec. 6, we draw our conclusion.

2. The model

We extend the SM by enlarging its gauge group to the broader $SU(3)_C \times SU(3)_L \times U(1)_X$ group. The minimal construction [3] is based on placing the left-handed lepton doublets in $SU(3)_L$ triplets that transform in the same way, while the flipped set-up [4] is based on perfect quark family replication. In both cases, the gauge bosons couple identically to all lepton and quark families, respectively. Thus, no LFUV can arise from these couplings. In order to generate LFUV from different couplings of the gauge bosons to all fermionic fields, we adopt the non-minimal 331 construction (Model B in ref. [5]). In this construction, the leptons should be grouped in no less than 5 generations (appendix C in ref. [8]). The electric charge generator in $SU(3)_L \times U(1)_X$ is given by

$$Q = T_{3L} + \beta T_{8L} + X I_3 \quad (1)$$

where $T_{8L} = (1/2\sqrt{3})\text{diag}(1, 1, -2)$ and $T_{3L} = (1/2)\text{diag}(1, -1, 0)$ are the $SU(3)_L$ diagonal generators, X is the quantum number associated with $U(1)_X$ and $I_3 = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1)$. The proportionality constant β distinguishes different 331 models. It is shown that it can have 4 possible values: $\pm\sqrt{3}, \pm(1/\sqrt{3})$ which play a key role in determining the electric charges of extra particles and only for some of its values, the gauge bosons have integer charges. For instance, $\beta = \pm(1/\sqrt{3})$ does not introduce exotic electric charges of fermions in order to cancel the anomalies. Furthermore, for these values, the heavy gauge bosons have an integer electric charge. The non-minimal set adopted for $\beta = -1/\sqrt{3}$ in ref. [8] presents a spectrum that contains 14 charged particles with masses in agreement with the observations (no light particles apart from the SM ones): 9 quarks (6 light SM's and 3 exotic heavy ones) and 5 charged leptons (3 SM's and two exotic).

2.1. Fields and representations

In our case, we adopt the (anomaly free) non-minimal choice for $\beta = 1/\sqrt{3}$ (Model B in ref. [6]). We introduce the left-handed components together with the right-handed partners of only charged fermion particles

- (i) three generations of quarks

$$Q_L^m = \begin{pmatrix} d_m \\ u_m \\ U_m \end{pmatrix}; u_m^R, d_m^R; U_m^R, \quad (m = 1, 2) \quad (2)$$

with $SU(3)_C \times SU(3)_L \times U_X(1)$ quantum numbers $(3, \bar{3}, \frac{1}{3}), (\bar{3}, 1, 2/3), (\bar{3}, 1, -1/3), (\bar{3}, 1, 2/3)$.

$$Q_L^3 = \begin{pmatrix} u_3 \\ d_3 \\ D_3 \end{pmatrix}; u_3^R, d_3^R, D_3^R \quad (3)$$

with $SU(3)_C \times SU(3)_L \times U_X(1)$ quantum numbers $(3, 3, 0), (\bar{3}, 1, 2/3), (\bar{3}, 1, -1/3), (\bar{3}, 1, -1/3)$.

- (ii) five generations of leptons

$$l_1^L = \begin{pmatrix} e_1^{-L} \\ \nu_1^L \\ N_1^L \end{pmatrix}; e_1^{-R} \quad (4)$$

with $SU(3)_C \times SU(3)_L \times U_X(1)$ quantum numbers $(1, \bar{3}, -1/3), (1, 1, -1)$.

$$l_n^L = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_n^L \\ e_n^{-L} \\ E_n^{-L} \end{pmatrix}; e_n^{-R}, E_n^{-R}, \quad (n = 2, 3) \quad (5)$$

with $SU(3)_C \times SU(3)_L \times U_X(1)$ quantum numbers $(1, 3, -2/3), (1, 1, -1), (1, 1, -1)$.

$$l_4^L = \begin{pmatrix} N_4^L \\ E_4^{-L} \\ F_4^{-L} \end{pmatrix}; E_4^{-R}, F_4^{-R} \quad (6)$$

with $SU(3)_C \times SU(3)_L \times U_X(1)$ quantum numbers $(1, 3, -2/3), (1, 1, -1), (1, 1, -1)$.

$$l_5^L = \begin{pmatrix} (E_4^{-R})^c \\ N_5^L \\ N_6^L \end{pmatrix} \quad (7)$$

with $SU(3)_C \times SU(3)_L \times U_X(1)$ quantum numbers $(1, 3, 1/3)$.

It should be stressed that, originally, the charged lepton of the fifth generation should be positive (E_5^{+L} , with a right handed component E_5^{+R}); but after the Λ_{NP} scale SSB, this exotic degree of freedom will be massless (together with E_4^-). Meaning that, at the EW scale, not only the 3 SM charged leptons would acquire mass, but also the two exotic ones, and because the spectrum should contain no light particles apart from the SM ones, we have to get rid of such presence. To do so, we identify the E_5^{+L} with the charge conjugate of the right handed component of E_4^- . Thus, the right handed part of E_4^- should belong to the lepton triplet l_5^L rather than being a singlet, besides, there would be no E_5^{+R} . The model contains 16 charged fermions: 9 quarks (3 light SM's plus 3 heavy exotic ones) and 7 leptons (3 SM ones plus 4 exotic). The $SU(3)_L$ gauge bosons are denoted in the matrix form by $W_\mu = W_\mu^a T^a$, where $T^a = \lambda^a/2$ are the generators of $SU(3)_L$ (λ^a being the Gell-Mann matrices and $a = 1, \dots, 8$). For our specific choice of β , the neutral ones are $W_\mu^3, W_\mu^8, W_\mu^6$ and W_μ^7 . In what follows, we introduce the flavor vectors where the fields (relevant for our process) with the same electric charge are gathered.

$$D = (d_1, d_2, d_3, D_3)^T$$

$$f^- = (e_1^-, e_2^-, e_3^-, E_2^-, E_3^-, E_4^-, F_4^-)^T \quad (8)$$

2.2. Symmetry breaking and spectrum

The model undergoes two stages of Spontaneous Symmetry Breakings (SSB). The first, triggered by a sextet and a triplet [10], occurs at an energy scale $\Lambda_{NP} \sim TeV$ and allows one to recover the SM. At the order of Λ_{NP} , all exotic particles acquire mass: 7 fermions (4 leptons and 3 quarks), and 5 gauge bosons $W_\mu^4, W_\mu^5, W_\mu^6$ and W_μ^7 . The two neutral X_μ and W_μ^8 yield a massive Z'_μ and a massless one B_μ , with a mixing angle θ_{331}

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z'_\mu \\ B_\mu \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{331} & \sin \theta_{331} \\ -\sin \theta_{331} & \cos \theta_{331} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X_\mu \\ W_\mu^8 \end{pmatrix} \quad (9)$$

Where

$$\sin \theta_{331} = \frac{g}{\sqrt{g^2 + \frac{g_X^2}{18}}}, \quad \cos \theta_{331} = \frac{\frac{g_X}{3\sqrt{2}}}{\sqrt{g^2 + \frac{g_X^2}{18}}} \quad (10)$$

Here, g and g_X are the gauge coupling constants. The subsequent one occurs at energy scale Λ_{EW} . It reproduces the EWSB of the SM and is accomplished by means of two triplets and two sextets. At this stage, the remaining SM fermions (except for the neutrinos) and the 3 gauge fields should all acquire a mass. The neutral bosons W_μ^3 and B_μ mix together with a mixing angle θ_W (Weinberg angle) to yield a massless A_μ identified with the photon and a massive Z_μ (at the order of interest $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$)

$$\begin{pmatrix} Z_\mu \\ A_\mu \end{pmatrix} \sim \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_W & -\sin \theta_W \\ \sin \theta_W & \cos \theta_W \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_\mu^3 \\ B_\mu \end{pmatrix} \quad (11)$$

where, the two mixing angles θ_{331} and θ_W and the two gauge coupling constants obey the relations

$$\cos \theta_{331} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \tan \theta_W, \quad \frac{g}{g_X} = \frac{\tan \theta_{331}}{3\sqrt{2}} \quad (12)$$

Before proceeding, we should mention that the neutral leptons are left out of the discussion.

3. General framework

The total effective Hamiltonian, at the b -mass scale, for the quark-level transition $b \rightarrow sl_i^+ l_j^-$ in the presence of NP operators is expressed as

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff}(b \rightarrow sl_i^+ l_j^-) = \mathcal{H}_{eff}^{SM} + \mathcal{H}_{eff}^{NP} = -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ts}^* V_{tb} \sum_i C_i \mathcal{O}_i \quad (13)$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{eff}^{SM} = & -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ts}^* V_{tb} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^6 C_i(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i(\mu) + C_7 \frac{e}{16\pi^2} [\bar{s} \sigma_{\mu\nu} (m_s P_L + m_b P_R) b] F^{\mu\nu} \right. \\ & \left. + C_9 \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} (\bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_L b) (\bar{l}_i \gamma_\mu l_j) + C_{10} \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} (\bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_L b) (\bar{l}_i \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 l_j) \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

Here, $P_{L,R} = (1 \mp \gamma_5)/2$ and $\alpha = e^2/4\pi$ is the fine-structure constant. The six-dimensional operators \mathcal{O}_i ($i = 1, \dots, 6$) correspond to P_i in ref. [7] and C_i are the Wilson coefficients. In the SM, only \mathcal{O}_7 , \mathcal{O}_9 and \mathcal{O}_{10} are significant at the scale $\mu = m_b$. As the analyses of the $b \rightarrow s$ transitions indicate that the observed pattern of deviations is consistent with a larger vector/axial (VA) contribution (C_9^μ, C_{10}^μ), we will focus only on the assumed larger VA contributions. The Hamiltonian for the NP contribution related to the deviations seen in the transition $b \rightarrow sl_i^+ l_j^-$ is thus

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_{eff}^{NP} = \mathcal{H}_{eff}^{VA} = & -\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ts}^* V_{tb} \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left\{ [R_V (\bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_L b) (\bar{l}_i \gamma_\mu l_j) + R_A (\bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_L b) (\bar{l}_i \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 l_j)] \right. \\ & \left. + [R'_V (\bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_R b) (\bar{l}_i \gamma_\mu l_j) + R'_A (\bar{s} \gamma^\mu P_R b) (\bar{l}_i \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 l_j)] \right\} \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

where $R_{V,A}$ are NP effective couplings. The VA contribution can only come from the neutral gauge bosons Z'_μ, Z_μ, A_μ and $W_\mu^{6,7}$.

4. Neutral gauge bosons contributions

In what follows, we will consider only the contributions at the lowest order in ϵ where ($\epsilon = \Lambda_{EW}/\Lambda_{NP}$), and we will focus only on the non-SM contributions to the Wilson Coefficients

of interest $R_V^{(\prime)} \equiv C_9^{(\prime)}$ and $R_A^{(\prime)} \equiv C_{10}^{(\prime)}$ in eq. (15). We define the unitary rotation matrices relating (unprimed) fermion interaction eigenstates and (primed) mass eigenstates

$$f^L = V^{(f)} f'^L, \quad f^R = W^{(f)} f'^R \quad (16)$$

When diagonalizing the mass matrix using perturbation theory in powers of ϵ we get:

- (i) at order ϵ^0 , each of the massless SM particles and heavy exotic fermions mix only among themselves.
- (ii) at order ϵ^1 , there is only mixing between SM and exotic particles.
- (iii) at order ϵ^2 , there is mixing among all the particles of the same electric charge.

4.1. Neutral currents mediated by Z_μ and Z'_μ bosons

The part of the interaction Lagrangian density that gives the couplings of fermions to neutral gauge boson Z'_μ which is relevant to the process is (in the interaction eigenbasis)

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{Z'} \supset & \frac{\cos \theta_{331}}{g_x} Z'_\mu \left\{ \bar{D}^L \gamma_\mu \begin{pmatrix} \frac{9g^2+g_x^2}{3\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{9g^2+g_x^2}{3\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}g^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \sqrt{6}g^2 \end{pmatrix} D_L - \frac{g_x^2}{3\sqrt{6}} \bar{D}_R \gamma_\mu D_R \right. \\ & + \bar{f}_L^- \gamma_\mu \begin{pmatrix} \frac{9g^2-g_x^2}{3\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-9g^2-g_x^2}{3\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-9g^2-g_x^2}{3\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{18g^2-2g_x^2}{3\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{18g^2-2g_x^2}{3\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-9g^2-g_x^2}{3\sqrt{6}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{18g^2-2g_x^2}{3\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix} f_L^- \\ & \left. + \bar{f}_R^- \gamma_\mu \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-g_x^2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-g_x^2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-g_x^2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-g_x^2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-g_x^2}{\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-9g^2+g_x^2}{3\sqrt{6}} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-g_x^2}{\sqrt{6}} \end{pmatrix} f_R^- \right\} \quad (17) \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that the restriction of the interaction matrix $\mathcal{L}_{Z'}$ to the SM particles is not proportional to the identity matrix in flavor space. So, the FCNC transition arises already before moving to the mass eigenbasis. Due to the $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$ suppression, compared to the SM, that results from the heavy mass of the Z'_μ boson, we conclude that the NP contribution from the Z'_μ boson starts at $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$.

For the interaction with Z_μ

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_Z \supset \cos \theta_W g Z_\mu & \left\{ \bar{D}_L \gamma_\mu \begin{pmatrix} -\frac{1+\cos^2 \theta_{331}}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1+\cos^2 \theta_{331}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{1+\cos^2 \theta_{331}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \cos^2 \theta_{331} \end{pmatrix} D_L + \cos^2 \theta_{331} \bar{D}_R \gamma_\mu D_R \right. \\
 + f_L^- \gamma_\mu & \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-1+3\cos^2 \theta_{331}}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{-1+3\cos^2 \theta_{331}}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{-1+3\cos^2 \theta_{331}}{2} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3\cos^2 \theta_{331} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3\cos^2 \theta_{331} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{-1+3\cos^2 \theta_{331}}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3\cos^2 \theta_{331} \end{pmatrix} f_L^- \\
 + f_R^- \gamma_\mu & \left. \begin{pmatrix} 3\cos^2 \theta_{331} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 3\cos^2 \theta_{331} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3\cos^2 \theta_{331} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3\cos^2 \theta_{331} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3\cos^2 \theta_{331} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1-3\cos^2 \theta_{331}}{3\sqrt{6}} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3\cos^2 \theta_{331} & 0 \end{pmatrix} f_R^- \right\} \quad (18)
 \end{aligned}$$

In the case of the SM gauge boson, The $b \rightarrow s$ transition arises at $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$, and because there is no $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$ suppression due to the boson mass, the NP contribution for the Z_μ starts also at $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^2)$. The interactions of the right handed quarks, with both neutral bosons, are proportional to the identity in flavor space, so no flavor change can arise at any order in ϵ . We conclude that Z'_μ and Z_μ do not contribute to C'_9 and C'_{10} . Our model does not allow for any contribution to $C'_{9,10}$ in the process.

4.2. Neutral currents mediated by A_μ and $W_\mu^{6,7}$

For the photon A_μ , the interaction with down-type quarks is proportional to the identity matrix in the flavor space

$$\mathcal{L}_A = \sqrt{3} \cos \theta_{331} \cos \theta_W g A_\mu \left[\frac{1}{3} \bar{D} \gamma^\mu D \right] \quad (19)$$

So, there are no FCNC from the photon interaction. As for $W_\mu^{6,7}$, their contributions [9] to the process are of the $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^3)$. So, they can be neglected compared to Z'_μ and Z_μ 's.

4.3. The NP contribution

Moving to the mass eigenbasis, and exploiting the unitarity of the rotation matrices V and W for the δ_{ij} contribution (i and j refer to the SM lepton generations), we eliminate the coupling g by means of eq. (12), the leading-order Z'_μ and Z_μ contributions in terms of effective operators read

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{H}_{eff}^{Z'} \supset \frac{g_x^2}{108 \cos^2 \theta_{331}} \frac{1}{M_{Z'}^2} V_{3k}^* V_{3l} \frac{4\pi}{\alpha} & \left\{ \left[\left(\frac{1+9\cos^2 \theta_{331}}{2} \right) \delta_{ij} - V_{1i}^* V_{1j} \right] \mathcal{O}_9^{ijkl} \right. \\
 & \left. + \left[\left(\frac{3\cos^2 \theta_{331} - 1}{2} \right) \delta_{ij} + V_{1i}^* V_{1j} \right] \mathcal{O}_{10}^{ijkl} \right\} \quad (20)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\mathcal{H}_{eff}^Z \supset \frac{\cos^2 \theta_W (1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta_{331})}{8} \frac{g^2}{M_Z^2} \frac{4\pi}{\alpha} V_{4k}^* V_{4l} \delta_{ij} \left[(-1 + 9 \cos^2 \theta_{331}) \mathcal{O}_9^{ijkl} + (1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta_{331}) \mathcal{O}_{10}^{ijkl} \right] \quad (21)$$

where the indices k, l refer to the SM generations of the quark mass eigenstates (assuming $k \neq l$). The NP contributions can be represented by the two quantities $f_{Z'}$ and f_Z where

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{g_x^2}{108 \cos^2 \theta_{331}} \frac{1}{M_{Z'}^2} V_{3k}^* V_{3l} \frac{4\pi}{\alpha} &= f_{Z'} \left(-\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ts}^* V_{tb} \right) \\ \Rightarrow f_{Z'} &= -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}G_F V_{tb} V_{ts}^*} \frac{4\pi}{\alpha} \frac{1}{6 - 2 \tan^2 \theta_W} \frac{g^2}{M_{Z'}^2} V_{3k}^* V_{3l} \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\cos^2 \theta_W (1 + 3 \cos^2 \theta_{331})}{8} \frac{g^2}{M_Z^2} \frac{4\pi}{\alpha} &= f_Z \left(-\frac{4G_F}{\sqrt{2}} V_{ts}^* V_{tb} \right) \\ \Rightarrow f_Z &= -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}G_F V_{tb} V_{ts}^*} \frac{4\pi}{\alpha} \frac{1}{8} \frac{g^2}{M_Z^2} V_{4k}^* V_{4l} \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

5. Wilson coefficients and LFUV

The NP contributions from Z_μ and Z'_μ to the Wilson coefficients can be written in terms of the quantities $f_{Z'}$ and f_Z as

$$C_9^{ij} = f_{Z'} \left(-\lambda_{ij} + \frac{1 + 3 \tan^2 \theta_W}{2} \right) \delta_{ij} + f_Z (-1 + 3 \tan^2 \theta_W) \delta_{ij} \quad (24)$$

and

$$C_{10}^{ij} = f_{Z'} \left(\lambda_{ij} + \frac{\tan^2 \theta_W - 1}{2} \right) \delta_{ij} + f_Z (1 + \tan^2 \theta_W) \delta_{ij} \quad (25)$$

where $\lambda_{ij} = V_{1j}^* V_{1j}$. Even though our model allows for lepton flavor violating transition with different leptons in the final state ($i \neq j$), these processes have not been observed up to now, so, assuming that they are suppressed, we set their coefficients to zero. The solution $f_{Z'} = 0$, i. e. the NP contribution is zero, meaning that there would be no LFUV, will be discarded. So, we are left with $\lambda_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$. By definition

$$\lambda_{ij} = 0 \implies V_{1i}^* V_{1j} = 0 \quad (26)$$

Equation (26) does not necessarily imply that both V matrix elements have to be zero; one rotation matrix entry can be non-zero for a generation i (e.g. $i = 1$) while the other two entries (e.g. $j = 2, 3$) are zero, ensuring that the above annihilation is realized. We denote with I the generation for which the entry for the rotation matrix is non-zero, and with i the other generations. We get

$$\begin{aligned} C_9^I &= f_{Z'} \left(-\lambda_I + \frac{1 + 3 \tan^2 \theta_W}{2} \right) + f_Z (-1 + 3 \tan^2 \theta_W) \\ C_{10}^I &= f_{Z'} \left(\lambda_I + \frac{\tan^2 \theta_W - 1}{2} \right) + f_Z (1 + \tan^2 \theta_W) \end{aligned} \quad (27)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} C_9^i &= f_{Z'} \left(\frac{1 + 3 \tan^2 \theta_W}{2} \right) + f_Z (-1 + 3 \tan^2 \theta_W) \\ C_{10}^i &= f_{Z'} \left(\frac{\tan^2 \theta_W - 1}{2} \right) + f_Z (1 + \tan^2 \theta_W) \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

Inverting relations (28) we get

$$f_{Z'} = \frac{1 + \tan^2 \theta_W}{4 \tan^2 \theta_W} C_9^i - \frac{-1 + 3 \tan^2 \theta_W}{4 \tan^2 \theta_W} C_{10}^i \quad (29)$$

From the system of equations (28) and (27) we get

$$2\lambda_I f_{Z'} = C_{10}^I - C_9^I - C_{10}^i + C_9^i \quad (30)$$

We now have to identify which index corresponds to which lepton, knowing that, based on phenomenological constraints, the electronic NP contribution to the effective Hamiltonian $C_{9,10}^e$ is absent.

- (i) If we identify the electron with the index i (for which the entry for the rotation matrix vanishes), we set $C_{9,10}^i = 0$. Equation (29) implies that $f_{Z'} = 0$, solution that has to be discarded.
- (ii) If the electron is identified with the index I , the coefficients $C_{9,10}^I$ must be set to zero in this case, and the remaining index i would correspond to the other two generations. In this case, eq. (30) yields constraints on the non-vanishing NP Wilson coefficients for μ and τ

$$\frac{C_9^\mu}{C_{10}^\mu} = \frac{2 \tan^2 \theta_W + \lambda_e (1 - 3 \tan^2 \theta_W)}{2 \tan^2 \theta_W - \lambda_e (1 + \tan^2 \theta_W)} \quad (31)$$

Due to the unitarity of the 7×7 rotation matrix V , we have

$$\sum_{i=1}^7 |V_{1i}|^2 = 1 \implies \lambda_I = |V_{1I}|^2 = 1 - \sum_{i=4}^7 |V_{1i}|^2 \quad (32)$$

which means that $\lambda_e \in [0, 1]$. For $\lambda_e = 1$, equation (31) gives the exact equality $C_9^\mu/C_{10}^\mu = -1$ ($\sin^2 \theta_W \simeq 0.235$). As λ_e decreases, the value of C_9^μ/C_{10}^μ increases until we get the exact equality $C_9^\mu/C_{10}^\mu = 1$ for $\lambda_e = 0$. Thus, the one-dimensional scenario of the global analysis that favors NP in $C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu$ is allowed in our model only for $\lambda_e = 1$. As for the other two scenarios (NP in $C_9^\mu = -C_9^\mu$ and NP in C_9^μ [11]), they cannot be described in the framework of our model, since no FCNC arise for right-handed quarks because their interaction terms are diagonal in flavor space ((18) and (17)). Thus $C_{9'}^\mu = 0$.

Figure (1) shows that the allowed regions for the Wilson coefficients in both, case A and B [8] for $\beta = -1/\sqrt{3}$ agree with our case $\beta = -1/\sqrt{3}$ only for $\lambda_e = 1$.

In summary, not only the electron (first generation of SM leptons) has to be identified with the non-vanishing entry in the rotation matrix V , but it has to be also a mass eigenstate in order to have non-vanishing NP contributions to Wilson coefficients, for both μ and τ that agree with the favored one-dimensional scenario of NP in $C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu$.

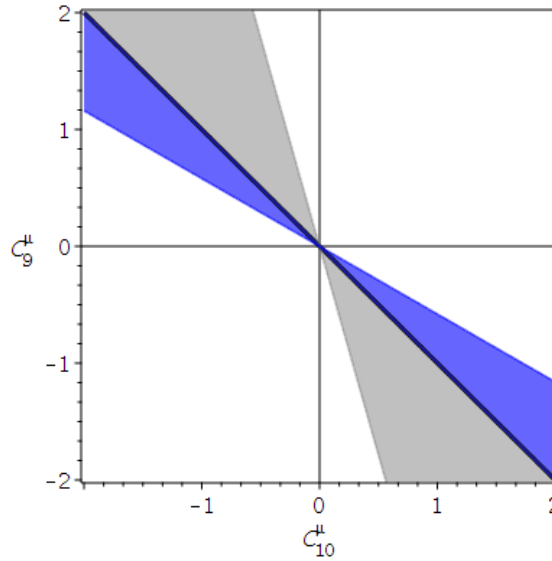


Figure 1. Allowed regions for the Wilson coefficients for both cases B (wedge in gray) and A (wedge in blue) for $\beta = -1/\sqrt{3}$ [8] compared to $\beta = 1/\sqrt{3}$ (thick black line)

6. Conclusion

In an attempt to give an explanation to the deviations from the Standard Model in $b \rightarrow sl^+l^-$ transitions, we have investigated a non-minimal version of the 331 models. In order to explain LFUV, five lepton triplets are required in this set, where the additional heavy gauge bosons and fermions have electric charges similar to those of the SM particles. We have shown how this model could explain these experimentally observed deviations, provided that the latter are dominated by neutral gauge bosons Z_μ and Z'_μ contributions. Due to this assumption, the model turns out to have no right-handed currents, thus, not able to accomodate NP contribution in $C_9^\mu = -C_9^\mu$. When constraints on the mixing matrices between interaction and mass fermion eigenstates are put in light of the absence of contributions to $b \rightarrow se^+e^-$, our model becomes able to accomodate significant NP contribution in $C_9^\mu = -C_{10}^\mu$, in agreement with an NP scenario favored by global fits.

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