LEPTOQUARK QUANTUM NUMBERS

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Leptoquarks are particles carrying both baryon number (B) and lepton number (L). They are expected to exist in various extensions of the Standard Model (SM). The possible quantum numbers of leptoquark states can be restricted by assuming that their direct interactions with the ordinary SM fermions are dimensionless and invariant under the SM gauge group. Table 1 shows the list of all possible quantum numbers with this assumption [1]. The columns of $SU(3)_C$, $SU(2)_W$, and $U(1)_Y$ in Table 1 indicate the QCD representation, the weak isospin representation, and the weak hypercharge, respectively. The spin of a leptoquark state is taken to be 1 (vector leptoquark) or 0 (scalar leptoquark).

Table 1: Possible leptoquarks and their quantum numbers.

Spin	$3B+L$	$SU(3)_c$	$SU(2)_W$	$U(1)_Y$	Allowed coupling
0	-2	$\bar{3}$	1	1/3	$\bar{q}^c_L \ell_L$ or $\bar{u}^c_R e_R$
0	-2	$\bar{3}$	1	4/3	$\bar{d}^c_R e_R$
0	-2	$\bar{3}$	3	1/3	$\bar{q}^c_L \ell_L$
1	-2	$\bar{3}$	2	5/6	$\bar{q}^c_L \gamma^\mu e_R$ or $\bar{d}^c_R \gamma^\mu \ell_L$
1	-2	$\bar{3}$	2	$-1/6$	$\bar{u}^c_R \gamma^\mu \ell_L$
0	0	3	2	7/6	$\bar{q}_L e_R$ or $\bar{u}_R \ell_L$
0	0	3	2	1/6	$\bar{d}_R \ell_L$
1	0	3	1	2/3	$\bar{q}_L \gamma^\mu \ell_L$ or $\bar{d}_R \gamma^\mu e_R$
1	0	3	1	5/3	$\bar{u}_R \gamma^\mu e_R$
1	0	3	3	2/3	$\bar{q}_L \gamma^\mu \ell_L$

If we do not require leptoquark states to couple directly with SM fermions, different assignments of quantum numbers become possible.

The Pati-Salam model [2] is an example predicting the existence of a leptoquark state. In this model a vector leptoquark appears at the scale where the Pati-Salam SU(4) "color" gauge group breaks into the familiar QCD $SU(3)_C$ group (or

$SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{B-L}$). The Pati-Salam leptoquark is a weak isosinglet and its hypercharge is 2/3. The coupling strength of the Pati-Salam leptoquark is given by the QCD coupling at the Pati-Salam symmetry breaking scale.

Bounds on leptoquark states are obtained both directly and indirectly. Direct limits are from their production cross sections at colliders, while indirect limits are calculated from the bounds on the leptoquark induced four-fermion interactions which are obtained from low energy experiments.

The pair production cross sections of leptoquarks are evaluated from their interactions with gauge bosons. The gauge couplings of a scalar leptoquark are determined uniquely according to its quantum numbers in Table 1. The magnetic-dipole-type and the electric-quadrupole-type interactions of a vector leptoquark are, however, not determined even if we fix its gauge quantum numbers as listed in the table [3]. We need extra assumptions about these interactions to evaluate the pair production cross section for a vector leptoquark.

If a leptoquark couples to fermions of more than a single generation in the mass eigenbasis of the SM fermions, it can induce four-fermion interactions causing flavor-changing-neutral-currents and lepton-family-number violations. Non-chiral leptoquarks, which couple simultaneously to both left- and right-handed quarks, cause four-fermion interactions affecting the $(\pi \to e\nu)/(\pi \to \mu\nu)$ ratio [4]. Indirect limits provide stringent constraints on these leptoquarks. Since the Pati-Salam leptoquark has non-chiral coupling with both e and μ, indirect limits from the bounds on $K_L \to \mu e$ lead to severe bounds on the Pati-Salam leptoquark mass. For detailed bounds obtained in this way, see the Boson Particle Listings for "Indirect Limits for Leptoquarks" and its references.

It is therefore often assumed that a leptoquark state couples only to a single generation in a chiral interaction, where indirect limits become much weaker. This assumption gives strong constraints on concrete models of leptoquarks, however. Leptoquark states which couple only to left- or right-handed quarks are called chiral leptoquarks. Leptoquark states which couple only to the first (second, third) generation are referred as the first (second, third) generation leptoquarks in this section.

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