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Probing a GeV-scale Scalar Boson and a TeV-scale Vector-like Quark Associated with $U(1)_{T3R}$ at the Large Hadron Collider using Machine Learning

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A model based on a $U(1)_{T3R}$ extension of the Standard Model can address the mass hierarchy between the third and the first two generations of fermions, explain thermal dark matter abundance, and the muon $g - 2$ and $R_{K^{(*)}}$ anomalies. The model contains a light scalar boson ϕ' and a heavy vector-like quark χ_u that can be probed at CERN's Large Hadron Collider (LHC). We perform a phenomenology study on the production of ϕ' and χ_u particles from proton-proton (pp) collisions at the LHC at $\sqrt{s} = 13$ TeV primarily through $g-g$ and $t-\chi_u$ fusion. We work adopt a phenomenological framework, an effective field theory approach, in which the χ_u and ϕ' masses are free parameters and consider the final states of the χ_u decaying to b -quarks, muons, and MET from neutrinos and the ϕ' decaying to $\mu^+\mu^-$. The analysis is performed using machine learning algorithms, over traditional methods, to maximize the signal sensitivity with integrated luminosities of of 150, 300, and 3000 fb^{-1} . Further, we note the proposed methodology can be a key mode for discovery over a large mass range, including low masses, traditionally considered difficult due to experimental constraints.

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