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We study the implications of minimal flavor violating low energy supersymmetry scenarios for the search of new physics in the  $B$  and Higgs sectors at the Tevatron collider and the LHC. We show that the already stringent Tevatron bound on the decay rate  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  sets strong constraints on the possibility of generating large corrections to the mass difference  $\Delta M_s$  of the  $B_s$  eigenstates. We also show that the  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  bound together with the constraint on the branching ratio of the rare decay  $b \rightarrow s \gamma$  has strong implications for the search of light, nonstandard Higgs bosons at hadron colliders. In doing this, we demonstrate that the former expressions derived for the analysis of the double penguin contributions in the Kaon sector need to be corrected by additional terms for a realistic analysis of these effects. We also study a specific nonminimal flavor violating scenario, where there are flavor changing gluino-squark-quark interactions, governed by the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix elements, and show that the  $B$  and Higgs physics constraints are similar to the ones in the minimal flavor violating case. Finally we show that, in scenarios like electroweak baryogenesis which have light stops and charginos, there may be enhanced effects on the  $B$  and  $K$  mixing parameters, without any significant effect on the rate of  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ .

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

The standard model (SM) provides an accurate description of all the results from high energy physics experiments, in particular, precision electroweak measurements and flavor physics observables. These experiments put strong constraints on extensions of the SM that have tree-level flavor changing neutral current effects or large custodial symmetry breaking effects. For renormalizable, weakly interacting theories, where the new exotic particles acquire large gauge invariant masses so that they decouple from the low energy effective theory, these constraints can be avoided. Low energy supersymmetry [1,2] is a particularly attractive example of this kind of theory. The minimal supersymmetric extension of the standard model or MSSM (with gauge invariant SUSY breaking masses of the order of 1 TeV) predicts an extended Higgs sector with a light SM-like Higgs boson of mass lower than 135 GeV [3–13] that agrees well with precision electroweak measurements.

However the structure of supersymmetry breaking parameters is not well defined. If there are no tree-level flavor changing transitions in any gauge or supergauge interaction, then the deviations from SM predictions are naturally small. Such small deviations can be achieved if the quark and squark mass matrices are block diagonalizable in the same basis. For instance, this happens when the squark and slepton supersymmetry breaking masses are flavor independent. For these kinds of models, all flavor violating effects are induced at the loop-level and are governed by the CKM matrix elements, as in the SM. Many studies have

concentrated on the properties of these minimal flavor violating scenarios (see, for example, Refs. [14–23]).

In this article we shall analyze their flavor violating effects in two quite generic cases. In the first case, we consider a low energy effective theory in which the quark and squark mass matrices are aligned in flavor space and can be simultaneously diagonalized in blocks, as described in the next section. We will remain agnostic about how this effective low energy theory is UV completed. However, since the Yukawa-induced radiative corrections to the soft supersymmetry breaking parameters tend to destroy the alignment of the squark and quark mass matrices, this situation may be only naturally realized in models of low energy supersymmetry breaking, where these radiative corrections are small. We call this low energy scenario minimal flavor violation.

In order to study the possible effect of Yukawa dependent radiative corrections we study a second case, in which we assume a departure from the alignment condition by the presence of flavor violating effects proportional to the CKM matrix elements. These effects are induced by corrections to the left-handed down squark mass matrices proportional to the product of the up-quark Yukawa matrix and its Hermitian conjugate (or, in general, powers of this product). We furthermore assume that the right-handed down squark masses are flavor independent. As we will discuss in more detail in the next section, these conditions at low energies are achieved, for instance, by Yukawa dependent radiative corrections, if one starts from flavor

independent squark masses at a high energy scale at moderate values of  $\tan\beta$ . One characteristic of this second scenario is that there are flavor violating down-squark-gluino vertices at tree-level. Since all flavor violating effects are governed by the CKM matrix elements, this scenario would also enter within the general definition of minimal flavor violating models given in Ref. [21]. However, due to the presence of flavor violating couplings at tree level, we will denote it as nonminimal flavor violation in order to distinguish it from the first scenario of flavor alignment at the weak scale, in which such tree-level effects are absent. As we will show, the phenomenological predictions in this scenario are similar to those of the flavor alignment case, unless the left-handed squarks and the gluino are very light.

Apart from the structure of supersymmetry breaking parameters, the phases associated with them are also important. In minimal flavor violating schemes there are at least two phases that cannot be absorbed by redefining the low energy fields. For real values of the  $\mu$  parameter, these phases can be associated with a universal phase for the gaugino masses and the trilinear mass parameter. In general, however, one can choose independent phases for the different gaugino masses and trilinear mass parameters.  $CP$ -violating phases beyond the CKM one are required, for instance, in models of electroweak baryogenesis [24–29]. In this scenario, there could be significant effects on  $\Delta M_s$ ,  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  and  $\epsilon_K$  because of the presence of a light stop and extra phases in the chargino, neutralino and gluino sectors. We shall comment on the effects of these new  $CP$  violating phases below.

In this paper we attempt to develop a systematic method of treating the extra sources of flavor violation in the minimal and nonminimal flavor violating models described above. We show that the usual approach of calculating  $\tan\beta$  enhanced flavor changing neutral currents (FCNC) effects in the Kaon sector does not agree with the exact results one finds in the limit of flavor independent masses. Thus, we develop a perturbative approach that leads to agreement with the exact result in this limit.

We shall emphasize the implications of the present bounds on  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  for future measurements at the Tevatron collider, both in Higgs as well as in  $B$ -physics. In particular, we shall show that the present bound on  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  leads to strong constraints on possible corrections to both  $\Delta M_s$  and the Kaon mixing parameters in minimal flavor violating schemes. Moreover, we shall show that this bound, together with the constraint implied by the measurement of  $\mathcal{BR}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  leads to limits on the possibility detecting light, nonstandard Higgs bosons in the MSSM at the Tevatron collider. Throughout the paper we always take real values of  $\mu A_t$ , and therefore the Higgs sector is approximately  $CP$ -invariant [30,31], and will be treated as such.

This article is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we define our theoretical setup, giving the basic expressions neces-

sary for the analysis of the flavor violating effects at large values of  $\tan\beta$ . In particular, we show how the first order perturbative expressions in the CKM matrix elements are inappropriate to define the corrections in the Kaon sector where higher order effects need to be considered. In Sec. III we show the implications of the constraint on  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  for the mixing parameters of the Kaon and  $B$  sectors in the large  $\tan\beta$  regime. In Sec. IV, we explain the implications for Higgs searches at the Tevatron. We reserve Sec. V for our conclusions and some technical details for the appendices.

## II. THEORETICAL SETUP

### A. The resummed effective Lagrangian and the particle spectrum

The importance of large  $\tan\beta$  FCNC effects in supersymmetry has been known for sometime. The finite pieces of the one-loop self energy diagrams lead to an effective Lagrangian for the quark-Higgs sector, valid at energy scales lower than the heavy squark masses, which has the generic form [15–20,32,33]

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = \bar{d}_R^0 \hat{Y}_d [\Phi_d^{0*} + \Phi_u^{*0}(\hat{\epsilon}_0 + \hat{\epsilon}_Y \hat{Y}_u^\dagger \hat{Y}_u)] d_L^0 + \Phi_u^0 \bar{u}_R^0 \hat{Y}_u u_L^0 + \text{h.c.} \quad (1)$$

$$-\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = \frac{v_d}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{d}_R^0 \hat{Y}_d [1 + \tan\beta(\hat{\epsilon}_0 + \hat{\epsilon}_Y \hat{Y}_u^\dagger \hat{Y}_u)] d_L^0 + \frac{v_u}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_R^0 \hat{Y}_u u_L^0 + \text{h.c.} \quad (2)$$

in an arbitrary basis. The  $\hat{\epsilon}_0$  and  $\hat{\epsilon}_Y$  matrices correspond to radiative contributions [34] coming from the loops shown in Fig. 1. Their exact dependence on the supersymmetric mass parameters is given in the appendix.

The flavor structure of the loop correction factors are independent of their momentum integrations. Therefore, in an arbitrary basis, the flavor dependence of the loop correction parameters are the same as that of the mass matrices and Yukawa couplings. Thus, the loop correction factors have the following flavor structure

$$\hat{Y}_d \hat{\epsilon}_0 \propto \hat{M}_{\bar{d}_R}^{-2} \hat{Y}_d \hat{M}_{\bar{d}_L}^{-2} \quad (3)$$

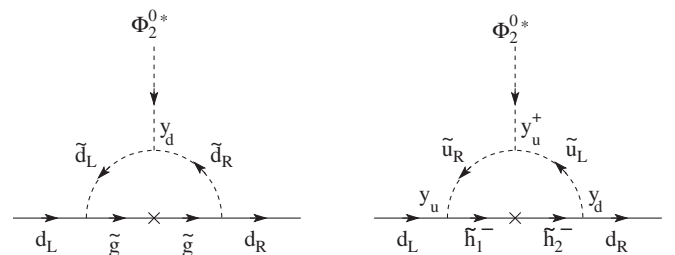


FIG. 1. SUSY radiative corrections to the self-energies of the  $d$ -quarks in the mass insertion approximation.

$$\hat{Y}_d \hat{\epsilon}_Y \hat{Y}_u^\dagger \hat{Y}_u \propto \hat{Y}_d \hat{M}_{\bar{u}_L}^{-2} \hat{Y}_u^\dagger \hat{M}_{\bar{u}_R}^{-2} \hat{Y}_u \quad (4)$$

where  $\hat{M}^{-2}$  matrices are the nondiagonal inverse squark mass squared matrices. Thus the sparticle spectrum is intimately connected to the  $\epsilon$  parameters which in turn affect the FCNC's. We look at two possible choices that connect the quark mass eigenstate basis to that of the squarks.

### 1. Minimal flavor violation

This scenario is similar to that discussed in Refs. [15–17,19], where one assumes an alignment of the quark and squark mass matrices in flavor space. Therefore, in the low energy effective theory, the diagonalization of the quark mass matrices leads to squark mass matrices that are block diagonal. Using the following transformation matrices

$$\begin{aligned} u_L^0 &= \mathbf{U}_L^Q u_L, & d_L^0 &= \mathbf{U}_L^Q \mathbf{V}_0 d_L, \\ u_R^0 &= \mathbf{U}_R^u u_R, & d_R^0 &= \mathbf{U}_R^d d_R \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

to rotate the original quark supermultiplets into a basis where the tree-level Yukawa couplings are diagonal, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{Y}_d &= \mathbf{U}_R^{d\dagger} \hat{Y}_d \mathbf{U}_L^Q \mathbf{V}_0; & \mathbf{Y}_u &= \mathbf{U}_R^{u\dagger} \hat{Y}_u \mathbf{U}_L^Q; \\ \mathbf{M}_{\bar{d}_R}^{-2} &= \mathbf{U}_R^{d\dagger} \hat{M}_{\bar{d}_R}^{-2} \mathbf{U}_R^d; & \mathbf{M}_{\bar{d}_L}^{-2} &= \mathbf{V}_0^\dagger \mathbf{U}_L^{Q\dagger} \hat{M}_{\bar{d}_L}^{-2} \mathbf{U}_L^Q \mathbf{V}_0; \\ \mathbf{M}_{\bar{u}_R}^{-2} &= \mathbf{U}_R^{u\dagger} \hat{M}_{\bar{u}_R}^{-2} \mathbf{U}_R^u; & \mathbf{M}_{\bar{u}_L}^{-2} &= \mathbf{U}_L^{Q\dagger} \hat{M}_{\bar{u}_L}^{-2} \mathbf{U}_L^Q; \\ \hat{\epsilon}_0 &\propto \mathbf{U}_L^Q \mathbf{V}_0 \mathbf{M}_{\bar{d}_R}^{-2} \mathbf{M}_{\bar{d}_L}^{-2} \mathbf{V}_0^\dagger \mathbf{U}_L^{Q\dagger}; & \hat{\epsilon}_0 &= \mathbf{U}_L^Q \mathbf{V}_0 \epsilon_0 \mathbf{V}_0^\dagger \mathbf{U}_L^{Q\dagger}; \\ \hat{\epsilon}_Y &\propto \mathbf{U}_L^Q \mathbf{M}_{\bar{u}_L}^{-2} \mathbf{M}_{\bar{u}_R}^{-2} \mathbf{U}_L^{Q\dagger}; & \hat{\epsilon}_Y &= \mathbf{U}_L^Q \epsilon_Y \mathbf{U}_L^{Q\dagger}; \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

where the unhatted mass and Yukawa matrices are diagonal and  $\mathbf{V}_0$  is the tree-level CKM matrix. Under this transformation the effective mass Lagrangian becomes

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} &= \frac{v_d}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{d}_R \mathbf{Y}_d [1 + \tan\beta(\epsilon_0 + \mathbf{V}_0^\dagger \epsilon_Y |\mathbf{Y}_u|^2 \mathbf{V}_0)] d_L \\ &+ \frac{v_u}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_R \mathbf{Y}_u u_L + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{12} &= \frac{\epsilon_Y}{(1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta)|1 + \epsilon_0^3 \tan\beta|^2} \left\{ (1 + \epsilon_0^3 \tan\beta)|1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta|^2 - \epsilon_Y y_t^2 \tan\beta (1 + \epsilon_3^* \tan\beta)(1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta) \right. \\ &- \epsilon_Y^* y_t^2 \tan\beta (1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta)(1 + \epsilon_1 \tan\beta) + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_Y} \left[ \frac{\epsilon_Y^* \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_2^* \tan\beta} - \frac{(\epsilon_Y^*)^2 y_t^2 \tan^2 \beta}{(1 + \epsilon_2^* \tan\beta)(1 + \epsilon_3^* \tan\beta)} \right. \\ &\left. \left. - \frac{|\epsilon_Y|^2 y_t^2 \tan^2 \beta}{|1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta|^2} \right] \right\}. \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

Here  $V_{\text{eff}}$  is the CKM matrix obtained after diagonalization of the one-loop mass matrix in Eq. (7). The relation between this matrix and  $V_0$  is given in the appendix. Observe that in the limit of universal squark soft SUSY breaking masses the  $\epsilon_0$  diagonal matrix is proportional to the identity and, in spite of their complicated form, all the  $\Gamma^{IJ}$  become equal to  $\epsilon_Y$ . The difference between the above

where the  $\epsilon_0$  and  $\epsilon_Y$  terms, defined in Eq. (6) [see also the appendix, Eqs. (A46) and (A47)], are diagonal. Therefore the quark mass matrices receive off-diagonal terms proportional to  $\epsilon_Y$  at the 1-loop level and so need to be re-diagonalized perturbatively. This procedure has been performed in Refs. [17,19]. However, the calculation of the (2, 1) and (1, 2) components of the neutral-Higgs-quark-quark coupling are affected by additional corrections not included in Refs. [17,19]. In the appendix we calculate the corrected couplings which we present here. Defining the down-quark neutral Higgs interaction Lagrangian to be

$$-\mathcal{L} = \bar{d}_R^I (X_{RL}^S)^{JI} d_L^J \phi_S + \text{h.c.}, \quad (8)$$

we find that the neutral Higgs flavor changing coupling, with  $I \neq J$ , takes the form

$$(X_{RL}^S)^{JI} = \frac{\bar{m}_{d_j} y_t^2 \Gamma^{JI} (x_u^S - x_d^S \tan\beta)}{v_d (1 + \epsilon_0^J \tan\beta)(1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta)} V_{\text{eff}}^{3J*} V_{\text{eff}}^{3I} \quad (9)$$

where we have ignored the small effects proportional to the first and second generation Yukawa couplings to find  $\epsilon_J = \epsilon_0^J + \delta_{3J} \epsilon_Y y_t^2$ ,  $x_u^S$  and  $x_d^S$  are the Higgs scalar components on the neutral  $\Phi_u^{0*}$  and  $\Phi_d^{0*}$  fields [see the appendix, Eq. (A26)] and

$$\Gamma^{3I} = \epsilon_Y \quad (10)$$

$$\Gamma^{J3} = \frac{\epsilon_Y (1 + \epsilon_3^* \tan\beta) - \epsilon_Y^* (\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_J) \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_0^{3*} \tan\beta} \quad (11)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{21} &= \frac{\epsilon_Y}{(1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta)|1 + \epsilon_0^3 \tan\beta|^2} \\ &\times [(1 + \epsilon_0^3 \tan\beta)|1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta|^2 \\ &- \epsilon_Y y_t^2 \tan\beta (1 + \epsilon_3^* \tan\beta)(1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta) \\ &- \epsilon_Y^* y_t^2 \tan\beta (1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta)^2] \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

expressions and those obtained before in the literature will be discussed in more detail below.

### 2. Nonminimal flavor violation using the CKM matrix

As explained in the introduction, we shall discuss a second scenario in which all flavor violating effects are

proportional to CKM matrix elements, and there are tree-level down-squark-gluino flavor violating vertices in the low energy effective theory. This scenario is similar to that discussed in Ref. [20]. For the present discussion, let us assume that we perform the diagonalization procedure in a single step under the transformation

$$\begin{aligned} u_L^0 &= \mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}} u_L, & d_L^0 &= \mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}} \mathbf{V}_{\text{eff}} d_L, \\ u_R^0 &= \mathbf{U}_R^{\mathbf{u}} u_R, & d_R^0 &= \mathbf{U}_R^{\mathbf{d}} d_R \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where instead of  $\mathbf{V}_0$  the tree-level CKM matrix we have  $\mathbf{V}_{\text{eff}}$  the effective CKM matrix. This transformation leads to a diagonal quark mass matrix and a mass Lagrangian of the form

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} &= \frac{v_d}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{d}_R \mathbf{U}_R^{d\dagger} \hat{\mathbf{Y}}_d \mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}} [1 + \tan\beta(\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_Y |\mathbf{Y}_u|^2)] \mathbf{V}_{\text{eff}} d_L \\ &+ \frac{v_u}{\sqrt{2}} \bar{u}_R \mathbf{Y}_u u_L + \text{h.c.}, \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

under the assumption that the matrices

$$\epsilon_0 = \mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}\dagger} \hat{\epsilon}_0 \mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}} \quad \epsilon_Y = \mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}\dagger} \hat{\epsilon}_Y \mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}} \quad (16)$$

are diagonal [20]. The condition that  $\mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}\dagger} \hat{\epsilon}_Y \mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}}$  is diagonal is the same as Eq. (6) in minimal flavor violation (MFV). Thus we again need the  $u$ -squark mass matrix to be block diagonal in the  $u$ -quark eigenbasis. Therefore there are no flavor changing effects in the neutral up supergauge currents.

However the assumption that  $\mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}\dagger} \hat{\epsilon}_0 \mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}}$  is diagonal differs from Eq. (6) in MFV. From the flavor structure of  $\hat{\epsilon}_0$  in Eq. (3), we see that this can only be naturally fulfilled if

$$\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{d}_L}^{-2} = \mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}\dagger} \hat{\mathbf{M}}_{\mathbf{d}_L}^{-2} \mathbf{U}_L^{\mathbf{Q}}, \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{d}_R}^{-2} = \mathbf{U}_R^{d\dagger} \hat{\mathbf{M}}_{\mathbf{d}_R}^{-2} \mathbf{U}_R^{\mathbf{d}} \quad (17)$$

are diagonal and  $[\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{d}_R}^{-2}, \mathbf{Y}_d \mathbf{V}_{\text{eff}}^\dagger] = 0$ . The obvious way of satisfying this commutation relation is to require the right-handed  $d$ -squark mass matrix to be flavor independent or  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{d}_R}^2 \propto \mathbf{I}$ . Observe that this analysis was not performed in Ref. [20] and hence the above conditions were not required in that work. As stressed in the introduction, the above flavor structure of mass matrices may be achieved by Yukawa-induced radiative corrections to universal, flavor independent squark masses at high energy scales, at moderate values of  $\tan\beta$ . Assuming the squark masses are flavor independent at high energies, the only one-loop corrections that violate flavor are induced by the up and down Yukawa matrices because the gauge interactions are flavor blind. These corrections are given by [22]

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta M_{\tilde{Q}}^2 &\simeq -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} [(2m_0^2 + M_{H_u}^2(0) + A_0^2) Y_u^\dagger Y_u \\ &+ (2m_0^2 + M_{H_d}^2(0) + A_0^2) Y_d^\dagger Y_d] \log\left(\frac{M}{M_{\text{SUSY}}}\right), \end{aligned} \quad (18)$$

where  $\tilde{Q}$  denote the left-handed squarks,  $m_0$  is the common squark mass at the scale  $M$  at which supersymmetry breaking is transmitted to the observable sector,  $M_{H_{u,d}}^2(0)$  and  $A_0$  are the Higgs soft supersymmetry breaking masses and squark-Higgs trilinear mass parameters at that scale, and  $M_{\text{SUSY}}$  is the characteristic low energy squark mass scale.

Similarly, the right-handed up and down squark mass matrices receive one-loop Yukawa-induced corrections proportional to

$$\Delta M_{\tilde{u}_R}^2 = -\frac{2}{8\pi^2} (2m_0^2 + M_{H_u}^2(0) + A_0^2) Y_u Y_u^\dagger \log\left(\frac{M}{M_{\text{SUSY}}}\right), \quad (19)$$

and

$$\Delta M_{\tilde{d}_R}^2 = -\frac{2}{8\pi^2} (2m_0^2 + M_{H_d}^2(0) + A_0^2) Y_d Y_d^\dagger \log\left(\frac{M}{M_{\text{SUSY}}}\right), \quad (20)$$

respectively.

Therefore, while the Yukawa-induced radiative corrections to the right-handed squark mass matrices maintain the alignment of these matrices with their corresponding Yukawa matrices, the corrections to the left-handed squark masses induced a misalignment between the quark and squark mass matrices governed by CKM matrix elements. Since the dominant effects are governed by the third generation Yukawa eigenvalues, the down-quark Yukawa effects may be neglected at small or moderate values of  $\tan\beta$  where the bottom Yukawa coupling is much smaller than the top quark one. In this case, one arrives at the properties of the squark mass matrices specified in the nonminimal flavor violating scenario defined above.

In general, even at larger values of  $\tan\beta$ , the only flavor violating squark-gluino vertices will be in the left-handed couplings (and the Higgs-squark-squark vertices) and they will be governed by CKM matrix elements. The only difference between the large  $\tan\beta$  case with respect to the nonminimal flavor violating model defined above is that the masses of the right-handed down squarks will no longer be flavor independent at low energies and therefore the  $\hat{\epsilon}_0$  matrix will not be aligned with the  $\hat{\epsilon}_Y$  one. However, the flavor properties of the large  $\tan\beta$  scenario are quite similar the nonminimal flavor violating scenario specified above and therefore this scenario will allow us to study the possible effects of the Yukawa-induced radiative corrections to the squark mass matrices, in particular, the ones associated with the flavor violating down-squark-gluino couplings at tree level.

Following the argument in Ref. [20] we can rewrite the effective Lagrangian in terms of the mass eigenstates as

$$\begin{aligned} -\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} &= \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v_u} (\Phi_d^{0*} - \Phi_u^{0*} \tan\beta) \bar{d}_R \bar{\mathbf{m}}_{\mathbf{d}} V_{\text{eff}}^\dagger \mathbf{R}^{-1} V_{\text{eff}} d_L \\ &+ \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v_u} \Phi_u^{0*} \bar{d}_R \bar{\mathbf{m}}_{\mathbf{d}} d_L + \Phi_u^0 \bar{u}_R \mathbf{Y}_u u_L + \text{h.c.} \end{aligned} \quad (21)$$



where  $V_{\text{eff}}$  is the effective CKM matrix,  $\mathbf{Y}_u$  is the diagonal up Yukawa matrix,  $\bar{\mathbf{m}}_d$  is the diagonal down-quark running mass matrix, and

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{1} + \epsilon_0 \tan\beta + \epsilon_Y |\mathbf{Y}_u|^2 \tan\beta. \quad (22)$$

Therefore, neglecting<sup>1</sup>  $y_u$  and  $y_c$  as compared to  $y_t$ , and defining

$$\epsilon_J = \epsilon_0^J + \epsilon_Y y_t^2 \delta^{J3} \quad (23)$$

for all  $J$ , we find

$$(\mathbf{R}^{-1})^{JI} = \frac{1}{1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta} \delta^{JI} \quad (24)$$

If we assume a generational mass splitting so that the first two generations are equally massive and heavier than the third generation we find  $\epsilon_0^1 = \epsilon_0^2 = \epsilon_0$ . In this case the flavor changing effects are not solely dependent on  $\epsilon_Y$ , but they also depend on the difference between the loop factors ( $\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_0$ ):

$$(X_{RL}^S)^{JI} = \frac{\bar{m}_{d_J} (\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_0) (x_u^S - x_d^S \tan\beta)}{v_d (1 + \epsilon_0 \tan\beta) (1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta)} V_{\text{eff}}^{3J*} V_{\text{eff}}^{3I}. \quad (25)$$

The reason we call this scenario nonminimal flavor violation is that the diagonalization procedure induces flavor changing effects in the gluino-quark-squark couplings which lead to additional contributions to flavor changing processes. Indeed, the assumption that  $\epsilon_0$  and  $\epsilon_Y$  in Eq. (16) are diagonal leads to the appearance of CKM elements in the down quark-squark-gluino coupling, as it is clear from Eqs. (14) and (17). Because the left-handed squarks are not diagonalized by the same rotation as the left-handed quarks, the effective gluino Lagrangian becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\tilde{g}} = & -\sqrt{2} g_s [\bar{u}_L \tilde{g}^a T^a \tilde{u}_L - \bar{u}_R \tilde{g}^a T^a \tilde{u}_R] \\ & + \sqrt{2} g_s [\bar{d}_L \tilde{g}^a T^a \mathbf{V} \tilde{d}_L - \bar{d}_R \tilde{g}^a T^a \tilde{d}_R]. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

The appearance of the CKM matrix in the gluino couplings induces flavor changing box diagrams that can in principle produce large effects.

### 3. The uniform squark mass limit

The two flavor changing scenarios discussed above coincide for the case of uniform squark masses. Since, in this limit, the transformation performed in Sec. II A 2 requires no approximations or assumptions the expression for the FCNC's are exact. However, the perturbative approach in Sec. II A 1 provides expressions for the FCNCs that are only valid up to a certain order in the off-diagonal CKM matrix elements. For the perturbative approach in

<sup>1</sup>This approximation breaks down in the limit  $1 + \epsilon_0 \tan\beta \rightarrow 0$ , the singularity in  $[X_{RL}^{dS}]$  proportional to  $y_t$  cancels against those coming from  $y_c$  and  $y_u$  as discussed in Ref. [20].

Sec. II A 1 to be valid we need the two expression for the FCNC's to be equal to at least quadratic order in the off-diagonal CKM matrix elements. However, as discussed above, comparing the results of Ref. [19,20] this is clearly not true for the (2, 1) and (1, 2) components of the down quark-Higgs couplings  $X_{RL}$ .

In the uniform squark limit, the flavor violating coupling given in Eq. (25) has the form

$$(X_{RL}^S)^{JI} = \frac{\bar{m}_{d_J} \epsilon_Y y_t^2 (x_u^S - x_d^S \tan\beta)}{v_d (1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta) (1 + \epsilon_0 \tan\beta)} V_{\text{eff}}^{3J*} V_{\text{eff}}^{3I}. \quad (27)$$

which does not agree with the results in Ref. [19], where they find the corrected coupling to be

$$\begin{aligned} (X_{RL}^S)^{21} = & \frac{\bar{m}_{d_2} \epsilon_Y y_t^2}{v_d} \frac{|1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta|^2}{|1 + \epsilon_0 \tan\beta|^2 (1 + \epsilon_0 \tan\beta)^2} \\ & \times V_{\text{eff}}^{3J*} V_{\text{eff}}^{3I5} (x_u^S - x_d^S \tan\beta). \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

To understand this difference between the results of Refs. [19,20] we need to look at the approximations made in Ref. [19]. Diagonalizing the tree-level quark mass matrices in Eq. (7) leads to uncorrected diagonal masses  $\mathbf{m}_d$  and a CKM matrix  $\mathbf{V}_0$ . However the large  $\tan\beta$  enhanced radiative corrections lead to off-diagonal terms in the mass matrix, which have the form

$$(\mathbf{m}_d + \Delta \mathbf{m}_d)^{JI} = m_{d_J} ((1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta) \delta^{JI} + \epsilon_Y y_t^2 \tan\beta \lambda_0^{JI}) \quad (29)$$

where  $\lambda_0^{JI} = V_0^{3J*} V_0^{3I}$  for  $J \neq I$  and  $\epsilon_J$  is defined in Eq. (23). We have also neglected contributions to the diagonal elements of the form  $|V_0^{3J}|^2$  for  $J \neq 3$  as they are subdominant. Hence, to go to the physical quark basis we need to further diagonalize this effective mass matrix by unitary matrices  $\mathbf{D}_{L,R}$  so that

$$e^{-i\theta_J} (\mathbf{D}_R^\dagger (\mathbf{m}_d + \Delta \mathbf{m}_d) \mathbf{D}_L)^{JI} = \bar{m}_{d_J} \delta^{JI} \quad (30)$$

where  $\theta_J = \arg(1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta)$ . The approach taken in Ref. [19] is to perturbatively expand the diagonalization matrices  $\mathbf{D}_L$  and  $\mathbf{D}_R$  so that

$$\mathbf{D}_L = \mathbf{1} + \Delta \mathbf{D}_L \quad (31)$$

$$\mathbf{D}_R = \mathbf{1} + \Delta \mathbf{D}_R \quad (32)$$

where the unitarity of  $\mathbf{D}_{L,R}$  to linear order in  $\Delta$  leads to conditions  $(\Delta \mathbf{D}_{L,R})^\dagger = -\Delta \mathbf{D}_{L,R}$ , so that when  $J \neq I$  in Eq. (30) we have the condition

$$e^{-i\theta_J} (-\Delta \mathbf{D}_R) \bar{\mathbf{m}}_d + \Delta \mathbf{m}_d + \bar{\mathbf{m}}_d (\Delta \mathbf{D}_L)^{JI} = 0, \quad (33)$$

where the  $\bar{m}_d$  includes higher order terms and higher orders in  $\Delta$  have been neglected. Using Eq. (33) and its dagger along with the hierarchy in quark masses gives us

$$(\Delta \mathbf{D}_L)^{JI} = \begin{cases} -\frac{\epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta} \lambda_0^{JI} & J > I \\ \frac{\epsilon_Y^* y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_J^* \tan\beta} \lambda_0^{JI} & J < I \end{cases} \quad (34)$$

and

$$(\Delta \mathbf{D}_R)^{JI} = \begin{cases} -\frac{\bar{m}_{dI}}{\bar{m}_{dJ}} \left( \frac{\epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta} + \frac{\epsilon_Y^* y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_J^* \tan\beta} \right) e^{i(\theta_J - \theta_I)} \lambda_0^{JI} & J > I \\ \frac{\bar{m}_{dJ}}{\bar{m}_{dI}} \left( \frac{\epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta} + \frac{\epsilon_Y^* y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_J^* \tan\beta} \right) e^{i(\theta_J - \theta_I)} \lambda_0^{JI} & J < I \end{cases} \quad (35)$$

Putting these matrices back into Eq. (33) with  $(J, I) = (2, 1)$  the dominant terms have the form

$$e^{-i\theta_2} (\bar{\mathbf{m}}_d \Delta \mathbf{D}_L)^{21} = -\frac{\bar{m}_s \epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta} \lambda_0^{21}, \quad (36)$$

which are comparable to the terms that were neglected in Eq. (33) like

$$e^{-i\theta_2} ((\Delta \mathbf{m}_d)(\Delta \mathbf{D}_L))^{21} = -\frac{\bar{m}_s \epsilon_Y^2 y_i^4 \tan^2\beta}{(1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta)(1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta)} \lambda_0^{21}. \quad (37)$$

This is particularly true for values of  $\epsilon_3 < 0$  and large values of  $\tan\beta$ . Therefore the deviation between Refs. [19,20] in the Kaon sector is due to a breakdown in the perturbative series leading to first and second order contributions being comparable. The expansion shown in Ref. [19] works for the (1, 3), (2, 3), (3, 1) and (3, 2) components as they expanded the mass matrices only to first order. As mentioned above, an analysis of the second order corrections, together with a derivation of Eqs. (12) and (13) is presented in the appendix.

#### 4. Flavor changing in the charged Higgs coupling

The process of calculating the flavor changing couplings for the charged goldstone modes is exactly the same as in Ref. [19]. As the couplings of the goldstone has to match those of the  $W$ -bosons at tree level, so as to form its longitudinal mode, the flavor changing effects have to be

$$(P_{LR}^{G+})^{JI} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} V_{\text{eff}}^{JI} \bar{m}_{dI} \quad (38)$$

$$(P_{RL}^{G+})^{JI} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} \bar{m}_{uI} V_{\text{eff}}^{JI} \quad (39)$$

The charged Higgs has the effective Lagrangian [33]

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}}^{H+} = & \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} \bar{u}_R \left[ \cot\beta \mathbf{m}_u - \frac{v_d}{\sqrt{2}} \tan\beta \Delta \mathbf{Y}_u \right] V_{\text{eff}} d_L H^+ \\ & + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} \bar{u}_L V_{\text{eff}} \mathbf{D}_L^\dagger \left[ \tan\beta \mathbf{m}_d - \frac{v_u}{\sqrt{2}} \cot\beta \Delta \mathbf{Y}_d \right] \\ & \times \mathbf{D}_R d_R H^+ \end{aligned} \quad (40)$$

where

$$(\Delta \mathbf{Y}_u)^{JI} = y_{uJ} (\epsilon_0^{IJ} \delta^{JI} + \epsilon_Y' y_b^2 V_0^{J3} V_0^{I3*}) \quad (41)$$

$$(\Delta \mathbf{Y}_d)^{JI} = -y_{dJ} (\epsilon_0^J \delta^{JI} + \epsilon_Y y_i^2 V_0^{3J*} V_0^{3I}) \quad (42)$$

are the generic form of corrections to the down(up) Yukawas after neglecting the Yukawas of the first two generations. The matrices  $\epsilon_0'$  and  $\epsilon_Y'$  are closely related to  $\epsilon_0$  and  $\epsilon_Y$  and their form is given in the appendix. Hence, we find for  $I = 1, 2, 3$

$$(P_{RL}^{H+})^{3I} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} m_i \cot\beta V_{\text{eff}}^{3I} \left( 1 - \tan\beta \left( \epsilon_0^{\beta 3} + \epsilon_Y' y_b^2 \left[ \frac{1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_3^0 \tan\beta} \delta^{3I} - \frac{\epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_3^0 \tan\beta} \right] \right) \right), \quad (43)$$

for  $J \neq 3$

$$(P_{RL}^{H+})^{J3} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} m_{uJ} \cot\beta V_{\text{eff}}^{J3} \left( 1 - \tan\beta \left( \epsilon_0^{J3} + \epsilon_Y' y_b^2 \frac{1 + \epsilon_3^* \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_3^{0*} \tan\beta} \right) \right) \quad (44)$$

and finally for  $(J, I) = (2, 1), (1, 2), (1, 1)$  and  $(2, 2)$

$$(P_{RL}^{H+})^{JI} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} m_{uJ} \cot\beta V_{\text{eff}}^{JI} (1 - \tan\beta \epsilon_0^{IJ}) \quad (45)$$

which agrees with Ref. [19] if the phases are neglected. To find the left-right coupling we neglect the  $(\Delta \mathbf{Y}_d)$  as it is suppressed by  $\cot\beta$  so that we have for  $I \neq 3$

$$(P_{LR}^{H+})^{3I} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} \frac{\bar{m}_{dI} \tan\beta (1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta)}{(1 + \epsilon_0^3 \tan\beta)(1 + \epsilon_3^* \tan\beta)} V_{\text{eff}}^{3I} \left( \frac{1 + \epsilon_0^{3*} \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_1^* \tan\beta} - \frac{\epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta} \right), \quad (46)$$

for  $J \neq 3$

$$(P_{LR}^{H+})^{J3} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} \frac{\bar{m}_b \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_0^{3*} \tan\beta} V_{\text{eff}}^{J3} \quad (47)$$

and for  $(J, I) = (3, 3)$  and  $J \neq 3 \neq I$

$$(P_{LR}^{H+})^{33} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} \frac{\bar{m}_b \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_3^* \tan\beta} V_{\text{eff}}^{33} \quad (48)$$

$$(P_{LR}^{H^+})^{JI} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{v} \frac{\bar{m}_{d_i} \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_j^* \tan\beta} V_{\text{eff}}^{JI} \quad (49)$$

### III. FLAVOR CHANGING PROCESSES IN THE KAON AND $B_s$ -MESON SYSTEMS

#### A. $\Delta F = 2$ processes

The effective Hamiltonian that contributes to  $\Delta F = 2$  processes in the Kaon and  $B_s$  meson systems have the generic form

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\Delta F=2} = \frac{G_f^2 M_W^2}{16\pi^2} \sum_i C_i(\mu) \mathcal{Q}_i(\mu) \quad (50)$$

where  $C_i(\mu)$  are the Wilson coefficients evaluated at the scale  $\mu$ . The  $\Delta F$  operators for a meson of the form  $(\bar{q}^J q^I)$  are

$$\begin{aligned} Q^{VLL} &= (\bar{q}_L^J \gamma_\mu q_L^I) (\bar{q}_L^J \gamma^\mu q_L^I) \\ Q_1^{SLL} &= (\bar{q}_R^J q_L^I) (\bar{q}_R^J q_L^I) \\ Q_2^{SLL} &= (\bar{q}_R^J \sigma_{\mu\nu} q_L^I) (\bar{q}_R^J \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_L^I) \\ Q^{VRR} &= (\bar{q}_R^J \gamma_\mu q_R^I) (\bar{q}_R^J \gamma^\mu q_R^I) \\ Q_1^{SRR} &= (\bar{q}_L^J q_R^I) (\bar{q}_L^J q_R^I) \\ Q_2^{SRR} &= (\bar{q}_L^J \sigma_{\mu\nu} q_R^I) (\bar{q}_L^J \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_R^I) \\ Q_1^{LR} &= (\bar{q}_L^J \gamma_\mu q_L^I) (\bar{q}_R^J \gamma^\mu q_R^I) \\ Q_2^{LR} &= (\bar{q}_R^J q_L^I) (\bar{q}_L^J q_R^I) \end{aligned} \quad (51)$$

So for the  $K^0 - \bar{K}^0$  system the quantities of interest to us are  $\epsilon_K$  and the eigenstate mass difference  $\Delta M_K$ , which to a good approximation have the form

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta M_K &= 2 \text{Re}(\langle \bar{K}^0 | H_{\text{eff}}^{\Delta S=2} | K^0 \rangle) \\ \epsilon_K &= \frac{e^{i\pi/4}}{\sqrt{2} \Delta M_K} \text{Im}(\langle \bar{K}^0 | H_{\text{eff}}^{\Delta S=2} | K^0 \rangle). \end{aligned} \quad (52)$$

The SUSY contribution to the matrix element for the meson  $M$  may be written down as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle \bar{M} | H_{\text{eff}}^{\Delta S=2} | M \rangle^{\text{SUSY}} &= \frac{G_f^2 M_W^2}{12\pi^2} m_M F_M^2 \eta_2 \hat{B}_M [\bar{P}^{VLL} (C^{VLL}(\mu_{\text{SUSY}}) + C^{VRR}(\mu_{\text{SUSY}})) + \bar{P}_1^{SLL} (C_1^{SLL}(\mu_{\text{SUSY}}) \\ &+ C_1^{SRR}(\mu_{\text{SUSY}})) + \bar{P}_2^{SLL} (C_2^{SLL}(\mu_{\text{SUSY}}) + C_2^{SRR}(\mu_{\text{SUSY}})) + \bar{P}_1^{LR} C_1^{LR}(\mu_{\text{SUSY}}) + \bar{P}_2^{LR} C_2^{LR}(\mu_{\text{SUSY}})]. \end{aligned} \quad (53)$$

For the Kaon system  $m_K = 0.498$  GeV,  $F_K = 0.16$  GeV, the values of the NLO QCD factors from Ref. [20] are

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{P}_1^{VLL} &= 0.25, & \bar{P}_1^{LR} &= -18.6, & \bar{P}_2^{LR} &= 30.6, \\ \bar{P}_1^{SLL} &= -9.3, & \bar{P}_2^{SLL} &= -16.6 \end{aligned} \quad (54)$$

for which the values  $\eta_2 = 0.57$ ,  $\hat{B}_K = 0.85$  have been used. The dominant contributions as shown in Refs. [19,20] come from the double penguin diagrams which on matching give contributions to the Wilson coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} C_2^{LR} &= -\frac{16\pi^2}{G_f^2 (V_{\text{eff}}^{21})^2 M_W^2} \sum_{S=1}^3 \frac{1}{M_S^2} (X_{RL}^S)^{21} (X_{LR}^S)^{21} \\ C_1^{SLL} &= -\frac{8\pi^2}{G_f^2 (V_{\text{eff}}^{21})^2 M_W^2} \sum_{S=1}^3 \frac{1}{M_S^2} (X_{RL}^S)^{21} (X_{RL}^S)^{21} \\ C_1^{SRR} &= -\frac{8\pi^2}{G_f^2 (V_{\text{eff}}^{21})^2 M_W^2} \sum_{S=1}^3 \frac{1}{M_S^2} (X_{LR}^S)^{21} (X_{LR}^S)^{21}. \end{aligned} \quad (55)$$

Additional subleading contributions at large  $\tan\beta$  come from the charged Higgs boson and chargino box-diagram contributions to  $\epsilon_K$ , and their form are given in the Appendix A.4 of Ref. [19].

Similarly, for the  $B_s$  eigenstate mass differences  $\Delta M_s$ , using again Eq. (50) for  $\Delta B = 2$  processes, we get, ap-

proximately,

$$\Delta M_s = 2 |\langle \bar{B}_s | H_{\text{eff}}^{\Delta B=2} | B_s \rangle| \quad (56)$$

Therefore, using Eq. (53), the mass difference in the  $\bar{B}_s - B_s$  meson system can be found using  $m_{B_s} = 5.37$  GeV,  $F_{B_s} = 0.230$  GeV and the values of NLO QCD factors from Ref. [19] being

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{P}_1^{VLL} &= 0.254, & \bar{P}_1^{LR} &= -0.71, & \bar{P}_2^{LR} &= 0.90, \\ \bar{P}_1^{SLL} &= -0.37, & \bar{P}_2^{SLL} &= -0.72 \end{aligned} \quad (57)$$

for which the values  $\eta_B = 0.55$ ,  $\hat{B}_{B_s} = 1.3$  have been used. Again, the dominant contributions come from double-penguin diagrams which have the same form as Eq. (55) with the indices  $(2, 1) \rightarrow (3, 2)$  and there are subdominant contributions from the box diagrams with charged Higgs bosons and stop-charginos.

#### B. $\Delta F = 1$ processes contributing to $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$

The effective Hamiltonian that contributes to  $\Delta F = 1$  processes in the  $B_s$  meson system has the form

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{eff}}^{\Delta B=1} = \frac{G_f \alpha_{\text{em}}}{\sqrt{2} \pi s_w^2} V_{\text{eff}}^{tb} V_{\text{eff}}^{ts} \sum_i c_i(\mu) \mathcal{O}_i(\mu) \quad (58)$$

where the operators  $\mathcal{O}$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathcal{O}_A &= (\bar{b}_L \gamma^\mu s_L)(\bar{l} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 l) & \mathcal{O}'_A &= (\bar{b}_R \gamma^\mu s_R)(\bar{l} \gamma_\mu \gamma_5 l) \\
\mathcal{O}_S &= m_b(\bar{b}_R s_L)(\bar{l} l) & \mathcal{O}'_S &= m_s(\bar{b}_L s_R)(\bar{l} l) \\
\mathcal{O}_P &= m_b(\bar{b}_R s_L)(\bar{l} \gamma_5 l) & \mathcal{O}'_S &= m_s(\bar{b}_L s_R)(\bar{l} \gamma_5 l). \quad (59)
\end{aligned}$$

The operators  $\mathcal{O}_A$  and  $\mathcal{O}'_A$  can be dropped as  $c_A$  and  $c'_A$  are proportional to the muon mass and so are small at large  $\tan\beta$ . Also the other primed operators are suppressed with respect to the unprimed ones due to the hierarchy of quark masses. So the dominant contributions at large  $\tan\beta$  come from the penguin diagrams leading to the contributions

$$\begin{aligned}
c_S &= -\frac{4\pi^2 m_\mu \tan\beta}{\bar{m}_b M_W^2 2^{7/4} G^{3/2} V_{\text{eff}}^{ts} \sin\beta} \sum_{I=1}^3 \frac{1}{M_I^2} (X_{RL}^I)^{32} O^{II} \\
c_P &= i \frac{4\pi^2 m_\mu \tan\beta}{\bar{m}_b M_W^2 2^{7/4} G^{3/2} V_{\text{eff}}^{ts}} \sum_{I=1}^3 \frac{1}{M_I^2} (X_{RL}^I)^{32} O^{3I}. \quad (60)
\end{aligned}$$

where  $O^{IJ}$  is the neutral Higgs diagonalization matrix and related to  $x_u^S$  and  $x_d^S$  through Eq. (A26). Hence, in the large  $\tan\beta$  limit we find [19]

$$\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 2.32 \times 10^{-6} M_{B_s}^2 (|c_S|^2 + |c_P|^2) \quad (61)$$

#### IV. NUMERICAL RESULTS: MINIMAL FLAVOR VIOLATION

In this section we will study some of the phenomenological implications of the scenarios of minimal flavor violation. The quantities of interest in the following section are  $\Delta M_K$ ,  $\epsilon_K$ , and, in particular, the observables in the  $B$  sector,  $\Delta M_s$  and  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ . The standard model theoretical prediction of  $\Delta M_s$  has errors associated with the quantities  $\bar{m}_t$ ,  $V_{ts}$ , and  $F_{B_s} \sqrt{B_{B_s}}$  that lead to large theoretical uncertainties [35,36]. There is good agreement between the central values for the SM prediction for  $\Delta M_s$  obtained by the CKMfitter and UFit groups. Their evaluation of the uncertainties is somewhat different. The UFit group finds the  $2\sigma$  range [37]

$$16.7 \text{ ps}^{-1} \leq (\Delta M_s)^{\text{SM}} \leq 26.9 \text{ ps}^{-1} \quad (62)$$

with central value  $21.5 \text{ ps}^{-1}$ , which is consistent with the CKMfitter groups'  $2\sigma$  range [38]

$$14.9 \text{ ps}^{-1} \leq (\Delta M_s)^{\text{SM}} \leq 31.4 \text{ ps}^{-1} \quad (63)$$

and central value  $21.7 \text{ ps}^{-1}$ . Additionally, the D0 collaboration has reported a signal consistent with values of  $\Delta M_s$  in the range

$$21 \text{ (ps)}^{-1} > \Delta M_s > 19 \text{ ps}^{-1} \quad (64)$$

at the 90% confidence level [39]. More recently, the CDF collaboration has made a measurement of  $\Delta M_s$  [40],

$$\Delta M_s = (17.33_{-0.21}^{+0.42} \pm 0.07(\text{sys})) \text{ ps}^{-1}. \quad (65)$$

The experimental bound [41,42]

$$\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \leq 1 \times 10^{-7} \quad (66)$$

puts strong restrictions on possible flavor violating effects induced by the double penguin contributions in the large  $\tan\beta$  regime. The dominant contributions for large  $\tan\beta$  to  $\Delta M_s$  and  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  come from the same penguin diagrams. The dominant contributions to  $\epsilon_0^3$  and  $\epsilon_Y$  come from the gluino  $d$ -squark loop and the chargino  $u$ -squark loop, respectively. Hence, for heavy squarks, the form of these loop corrections can be written approximately as

$$|\epsilon_0^3| \approx \frac{2\alpha_s}{3\pi} |M_3| |\mu| C_0(m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2, m_{\tilde{b}_2}^2, |M_3|^2) \quad (67)$$

$$|\epsilon_Y| \approx \frac{1}{16\pi^2} |A_t| |\mu| C_0(m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2, m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2, |\mu|^2), \quad (68)$$

where  $C_0$  is the standard Passarino-Veltman function.

#### A. Phenomenological constraints on double penguin contributions in the MFV scenario

##### 1. The effect of $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ constraint on $\Delta M_s$

As has been shown in Ref. [19] the chargino box diagrams can be neglected if all the squark masses are greater than about 0.5 TeV. We are now interested in setting an upper bound on the FCNC effects induced by the double penguin contributions. From the form of Eqs. (67) and (68) it is clear that the loop integrals are larger for smaller values of the squark masses. The value of  $\epsilon_0$  is maximized for large values of  $\mu$  and for values of  $M_3$  about twice the overall squark mass value. The value of  $\epsilon_Y$  on the other hand, is maximized for large values of  $A_t$  and values of  $\mu$  that are of order 2 times the overall squark mass value. At the same time, large values of  $\mu$  and/or  $A_t$  may induce the presence of color breaking minima [43,44]. Hence, values of  $M_3 \sim 2m_{\tilde{q}} \sim \mu$  maximize  $\epsilon_Y$ , while pushing  $\epsilon_0$  to large values. For these values of the parameters, the loop corrections are given by

$$|(\epsilon_0^3)_{\text{max}}| \sim 2.7 \times 10^{-2} \quad (69)$$

$$|(\epsilon_Y)_{\text{max}}| \sim 1 \times 10^{-2}, \quad (70)$$

where we have constrained the trilinear mass parameter  $A_t \lesssim 3m_{\tilde{q}}$ , so as not to create color breaking minima [43,44]. Let us stress that the bounds on the parameters coming from color breaking minima may be avoided by assuming metastability of the electroweak symmetry breaking vacuum. However, the somewhat extreme values of the parameters given above induce additional anomalies in the low energy spectrum. For instance, values of  $A_t \gtrsim 3.2m_{\tilde{q}}$  decrease the physical Higgs mass to values lower than the current experimental bound on this quantity [3–13]. It is also important to stress that for negative values of  $\mu M_3$ , the coupling  $X_{RL}^I$  may be enhanced by taking even



larger values of  $|\mu|$ . Indeed,  $\epsilon_Y$  only falls off slowly for larger  $|\mu|$ , while  $\epsilon_0^J$  increases linearly and therefore  $X_{RL}^{JJ}$  grows with increasing  $\mu$ . We shall comment on the effect of taking larger values of  $|\mu|$  below.

$$\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) = 4.64 \times 10^{-6} M_{B_s}^2 \left( \frac{4\pi^2 m_\mu \tan\beta}{\bar{m}_b M_W^2 2^{7/4} G^{3/2} |V_{\text{eff}}^{ts}|} \right)^2 \frac{|(X_{RL}^A)^{32}|^2}{M_A^4}. \quad (71)$$

Similarly we find the dominant SUSY contribution to  $\Delta M_s$  comes from the  $C_2^{LR}$  coefficient. To understand why the  $C_2^{LR}$  term is dominant over the  $C_1^{SLL}$  we consider the case when there is no  $CP$  violation in the neutral Higgs sector. In the basis  $(H^0, h^0, A)$  we have  $x_u^S = (\sin\alpha, \cos\alpha, -i\cos\beta)$  and  $x_d^S = (\cos\alpha, -\sin\alpha, i\sin\beta)$ , where  $\alpha$  is the Higgs mixing angle. Putting these values into Eq. (55) for the (3,2) component, we find [19],

$$C_2^{LR} \propto \bar{m}_b \bar{m}_s \tan^4 \beta \left( \frac{\sin^2(\alpha - \beta)}{M_{H^0}^2} + \frac{\cos^2(\alpha - \beta)}{M_{h^0}^2} + \frac{1}{M_A^2} \right) \quad (72)$$

$$C_1^{SLL} \propto \bar{m}_b^2 \tan^4 \beta \left( \frac{\sin^2(\alpha - \beta)}{M_{H^0}^2} + \frac{\cos^2(\alpha - \beta)}{M_{h^0}^2} - \frac{1}{M_A^2} \right). \quad (73)$$

From a cursory inspection of these two equations it is not clear which term is dominant, at large  $\tan\beta$ , as  $C_2^{LR}$  is suppressed by a factor of  $\bar{m}_s/\bar{m}_b$  with respect to  $C_1^{SLL}$ . However, using the constraint equations that relate  $M_{h^0}$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  at tree-level in the MSSM [11] we find

$$M_{h^0}^2 \approx M_Z^2 \left( 1 - \frac{4}{\tan^2 \beta} \right) \quad (74)$$

$$\frac{\cos^2(\alpha - \beta)}{M_{h^0}^2} = \frac{M_Z^2 - M_{h^0}^2}{M_A^2 (M_{H^0}^2 - M_{h^0}^2)} \approx \frac{4M_Z^2}{M_A^4 \tan^2 \beta} \quad (75)$$

where only the lowest order terms in  $(M_Z^2/M_A^2)$  have been kept. Using these tree-level approximations we find that

$$C_2^{LR} \propto \bar{m}_b \bar{m}_s \tan^4 \beta \frac{2}{M_A^2} \quad (76)$$

$$C_1^{SLL} \propto \bar{m}_b^2 \tan^2 \beta \frac{4M_Z^2}{M_A^4}. \quad (77)$$

Thus at large  $\tan\beta$  and moderate or large  $M_A$ ,  $C_2^{LR}$  clearly dominates over  $C_1^{SLL}$ .<sup>2</sup> The value of  $\Delta M_s$ , including the corrections from new physics, may be represented as  $(\Delta M_s)^{\text{SM}} |1 + f_s|$ , where  $f_s$  is the total SUSY contribution. Because of  $C_2^{LR}$  being dominant we find

<sup>2</sup>When the loop factors and phases are included the approximation for  $C_1^{SLL}$  still holds up to a factor of order 1.

In the region of large  $\tan\beta$  the heavy  $CP$ -even and  $CP$ -odd masses are approximately equal and the Higgs mixing angle  $\alpha \sim 1/\tan\beta$ , so that the dominant contribution to  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  is given by

$$f_s = - \frac{16\pi^2 P_{LR}^2}{G_J^2 M_W^2 S_0(x_t) (V_{\text{eff}}^{32})^2} \frac{2}{M_A^2} (X_{RL}^A)^{32} (X_{LR}^A)^{32}. \quad (78)$$

In the limit of universal squark masses, for fixed values of the supersymmetry breaking mass parameters, the ratio between  $\Delta M_s$  and  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  is proportional to  $(M_A/\tan\beta)^2$ . Furthermore,  $f_s$  is negative [17–19]. Therefore, unless  $|f_s| > 2$ , the double penguin contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  always interfere destructively with the SM contribution, at large  $\tan\beta$ . This result, showing the suppression of  $\Delta M_s$  for enhanced  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ , has been known for some time and was first shown in Refs. [17–19].

In Figs. 2 and 3 we show the correlation between  $\Delta M_s$  and  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  for different squark spectra and gaugino phases. In Fig. 2 the black curves show the correlation between the double penguin contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  and  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  for uniform squark masses  $\sim 2$  TeV. We have chosen the uniform squark masses to be  $\sim 2$  TeV so as to ensure that for  $M_A \leq 1$  TeV the effective Lagrangian in Eqs. (1) and (2) remains valid. Had we chosen squark masses of the order of 1 TeV, then the low-energy effective theory would break down for  $M_A$  close to 1 TeV, and a more detailed analysis of the  $\epsilon_i$ 's momentum dependence would be required for these large values of  $M_A$ . Each of the black curves have different values of  $M_A/\tan\beta$ . The contours represent the maximal values of  $|\Delta M_s|^{DP}$ , for a given value of  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ , and for a given range of values of  $M_A$ . Because of the fact that for fixed  $M_A$ , the ratio of  $|\Delta M_s|^{DP}$  to  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  goes like  $1/\tan^2 \beta$ , in order to maximize  $|\Delta M_s|$  for any given value of  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  we need to minimize the value of  $\tan\beta$ . Inspection of the expressions given above shows that this may be achieved by choosing positive values of  $\mu$ ,  $\arg(M_3) = \arg(A_t) = \pi$  and maximal values of  $|\epsilon_0|$  and  $|\epsilon_Y|$ . In order to define the contours we have taken the values of the loop corrections given in Eq. (70). The horizontal black and red (gray) line corresponds to an upper bound on the largest possible contribution to  $\Delta M_s$  from new physics using the  $2\sigma$  values obtained by the UTFit and CKMfitter collaborations, Eqs. (62) and (63), respectively. In order to get a precise evaluation of this bound, a complete fit to the flavor violating processes within the MSSM should be performed, something that is beyond the scope of this paper. However, since in this region of parameters the only rele-

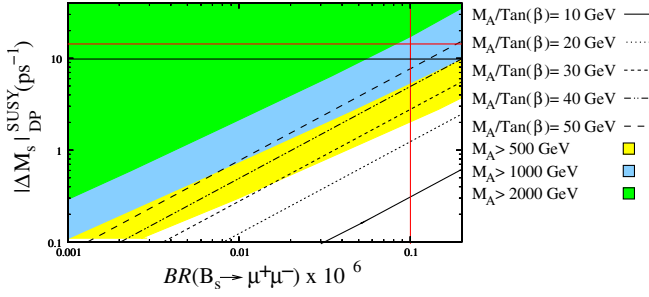


FIG. 2 (color online). Correlation between  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  and  $\Delta M_s$ . The squark masses are all uniform and have been set to 2 TeV. The rest of the SUSY parameters have been chosen so that  $|\epsilon_0|$  and  $|\epsilon_Y|$  have their maximal values. The black lines have fixed values of  $M_A/\tan\beta$ , but varying gluino phase. The contours represent  $\Delta M_s$  for different ranges of  $M_A$  ( $M_A \geq 500, 1000, 2000$  GeV) for gluino mass and  $A_t$  phases equal to  $\pi$ , and varying  $\tan\beta$  values. The red (gray) vertical line is the experimental bound on  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ . The horizontal black line is the  $2\sigma$  upper bound on the double penguin contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  from the UTFit group while red (gray) horizontal line is the same bound from the CKMfitter group.

vant new flavor violating contributions are from the double penguin diagrams, we can make an estimate of this bound in the following way: From Eq. (62) or Eq. (63) we have a  $2\text{-}\sigma$  range that goes from values consistent with the experimentally measured value up to values much larger than the measured values. Therefore the negative double penguin contribution can be as large as the difference between the maximum allowed SM value and the smallest allowed experimental value. This leads to an upper bound on the magnitude of the double penguin contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  of about  $\sim 10 \text{ ps}^{-1}$  for the UTFit limits in Eq. (62) or  $\sim 14.5 \text{ ps}^{-1}$  for the CKMfitter limits in Eq. (63). From Fig. 2 it is clear that, for  $CP$ -odd Higgs masses below 1 TeV, this bound does not lead to any further constraint beyond the one already obtained by the nonobservation of the branching ratio of the decay  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ .

It is possible to enhance the value of  $\Delta M_s$  beyond what we have explored, by allowing values of  $|\mu| > 2m_{\tilde{q}}$ . If, for instance, we consider values of  $\mu \gtrsim 3m_{\tilde{q}}$ , for the same

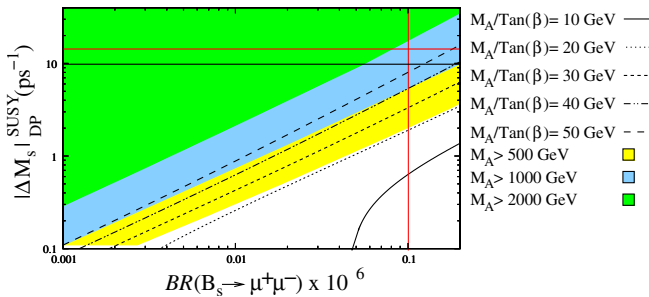


FIG. 3 (color online). Same as Fig. 2, but for third generation soft supersymmetry breaking squark masses equal to 0.5 TeV and first and second generation squark masses equal to 5 TeV.

value of  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  we can enhance  $\Delta M_s$  by a factor  $\sim 1.5$ . This suggests that the contours in Figs. 2 and 3 are not strict upper bounds, and can be further enhanced, almost in a linear way, by pushing  $|\mu|/m_{\tilde{q}}$  to larger values. However, due to the extreme values of the mass parameters selected in defining the contours, these are indicative of the upper bound on the double penguin contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  for a given value of  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  for natural values of the mass parameters.

In Fig. 3 we depart from the limit of universal squark masses, by setting the third generation squark masses  $\sim 0.5$  TeV while the first two generation squark masses are 5 TeV, which leads to  $\epsilon_0^3$  having its maximal value, but  $\epsilon_0^1$  and  $\epsilon_0^2$  being 100 times smaller. Hence, this splitting of the squark masses spoils the linear correlation between  $\Delta M_s$  and  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  due to the different parametric dependences of  $X_{RL}^{32}$  and  $X_{RL}^{23}$  for split masses. In both Figs. 2 and 3 the vertical red (gray) line is the experimental bound on  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  in Eq. (66).

Figures 2 and 3 suggest that large double penguin contributions to  $|\Delta M_s|$  may not be obtained, for values of  $\epsilon_0^1$  and  $\epsilon_Y$  close to their maximal values in Eqs. (69) and (70), without violating the  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  bound. Because of these bounds, for values of  $M_A < 1$  TeV, the double penguin corrections to  $\Delta M_s$  are restricted to be negative and relatively small, so that  $|\Delta M_s|^{\text{SUSY}} \lesssim 4 \times 10^{-12}$  GeV, or equivalently  $|\Delta M_s|^{\text{SUSY}} \lesssim 6 \text{ ps}^{-1}$ .

The  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  bound also constrains contributions to  $\Delta M_d$  and  $\Delta M_K$  to values within experimental errors. For example, in Fig. 4, the SUSY contributions to  $\Delta M_K$  in the Kaon system for uniform squarks masses are below the experimental error of  $6 \times 10^{-18}$  GeV or  $0.01 \text{ ns}^{-1}$ , even for large values of  $(M_A/\tan\beta)^2$ . These results seem to be at variance with those obtained in Ref. [20]. This is mainly due to the fact that the authors of Ref. [20] represented results in regions of parameters

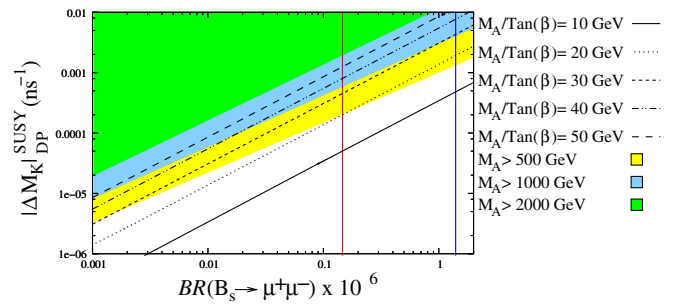


FIG. 4 (color online). Correlation between  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  and  $\Delta M_K$ . The squark masses are all uniform and have been set to 2 TeV. The rest of the SUSY parameters have been chosen so that  $|\epsilon_0|$  and  $|\epsilon_Y|$  have their maximal values. The black lines have fixed values of  $M_A/\tan\beta$ . The contours are the double penguin contributions to  $\Delta M_K$  for gluino mass and  $A_t$  phases equal to  $\pi$ , but varying  $\tan\beta$ . The left red (gray) vertical line is the present experimental bound on  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  while the right blue (black) vertical line is the previous limit.

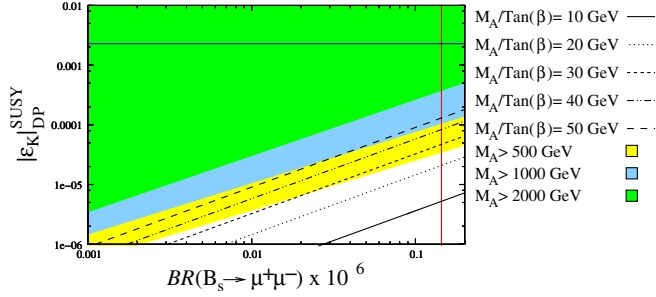


FIG. 5 (color online). Same as Fig. 4, but for  $\epsilon_K$ . Only the current bound on  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  is shown, by the vertical red (gray) line and the horizontal blue (black) line is the experimentally measured value of  $\epsilon_K$ .

where the value of  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  is well above the present limit. Observe that, to arrive at this conclusion, the new limit on  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  is essential. From Fig. 4 we can also see how the improvement in the limit on  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  forces the double penguin contributions to  $|\Delta M_K|$  from SUSY to be small. Finally, Fig. 5 shows similar results for  $\epsilon_K$ . As happens in the case of  $\Delta M_K$ , the results for values of  $M_A < 1$  TeV are far below the current experimental value of  $2.282 \times 10^{-3}$ .

However, within the minimal flavor violation scheme, large contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  are possible for scenarios in which the stops and charginos are light, so that the chargino-stop box diagrams become larger. Furthermore, the bound on  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  can be satisfied by going to regions of large  $M_A$  or low  $\tan\beta$  as chargino-stop box contributions are not very sensitive to  $\tan\beta$ . This scenario is similar to that discussed in Ref. [29] where low values of  $\tan\beta$  satisfy both the dark matter and baryogenesis constraints. In Fig. 6, we choose SUSY parameters

$$\begin{aligned} M_A &= 200 \text{ GeV}, & M_3 &= 1000 \text{ GeV}, \\ M_{D_3} &= M_{\text{SUSY}} = 2000 \text{ GeV}, & M_{U_3}^2 &= -90^2 \text{ GeV}^2, \\ A_t &= -1000 \text{ GeV} \tan\beta = 10 \\ \text{and } 100 \text{ GeV} &\lesssim 2M_1, M_2, \mu \lesssim 500 \text{ GeV} \end{aligned}$$

that agree with dark matter and baryogenesis constraints and produce a value of  $\Delta M_s$  that is enhanced with respect to the SM value. For this kind of particle spectrum the double penguin contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  are small compared to that of chargino stop diagrams. Although the enhancement of  $\Delta M_s$  is small, a comparison of the SM prediction, Eqs. (62) and (63), and the experimentally measured value leads to disfavor additional positive contributions of  $\Delta M_s$ , larger than about  $3.5 \text{ ps}^{-1}$ , where we have taken into account the SM allowed range given by the CKMfitter collaboration Eq. (63), at the  $2\text{-}\sigma$  level. Even stronger constraints would be obtained if the UTfit values in Eq. (63) for  $(\Delta M_s)^{\text{SM}}$  were used. Therefore the smallest values of  $\mu$ , smaller than 200 GeV, would be disfavored. A global fit to all flavor dependent observables within this

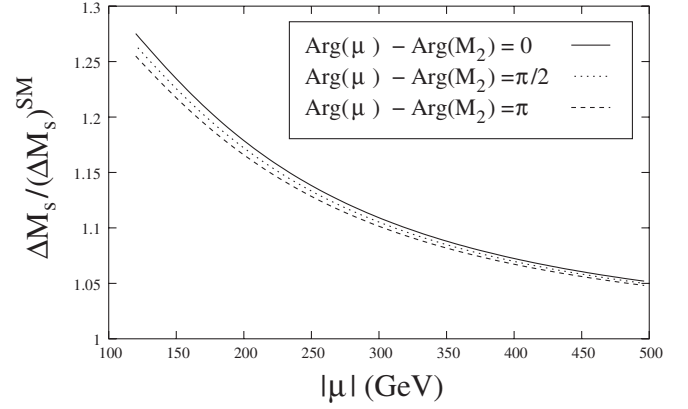


FIG. 6. Variation of SUSY contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  with input parameters  $M_A = 200$  GeV,  $M_3 = 1000$  GeV,  $M_{D_3} = M_{\text{SUSY}} = 2000$  GeV,  $2M_1 = M_2 = \mu$ ,  $M_{U_3}^2 = -90^2 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $A_t = -1000$  GeV and  $\tan\beta = 10$ .

scenario would be necessary in order to determine the precise lower bound on  $\mu$ , something that is beyond the scope of this article. Also observe that for larger values of  $\tan\beta$  there may be relevant double penguin contributions that could cancel the positive box-diagram contributions and therefore the bound on  $\mu$  could be relaxed in this case.

Although this scenario leads to contributions to  $\Delta M_K$  that are smaller than the present experimental errors on this quantity, as can be seen in Fig. 7, it leads to interesting corrections to  $\epsilon_K$ , as shown in Fig. 8. The results in Fig. 8 were obtained for a value of the CKM phase  $\delta = \pi/3$  (the best fit value within the SM). Experimentally we know that

$$|\epsilon_K| = (2.282 \pm 0.014) \times 10^{-3}. \quad (79)$$

and therefore the SUSY corrections are significant. For lower values of the CKM phase, however, the SUSY contributions to  $|\epsilon_K|$  within this scenario can be smaller. The experimental value of  $\epsilon_K$  is usually used to put a constraint

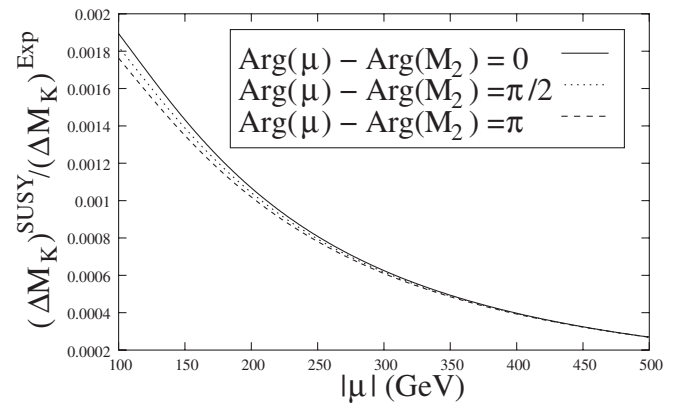


FIG. 7. Variation of SUSY contributions to  $\Delta M_K$  with input parameters  $M_A = 200$  GeV,  $M_3 = 1000$  GeV,  $M_{D_3} = M_{\text{SUSY}} = 2000$  GeV,  $2M_1 = M_2 = \mu$ ,  $M_{U_3}^2 = -90^2 \text{ GeV}^2$ ,  $A_t = -1000$  GeV and  $\tan\beta = 10$ .

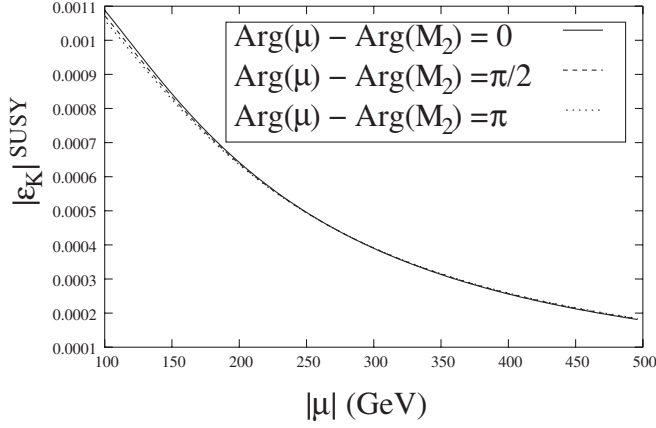


FIG. 8. Variation of SUSY contributions to  $\epsilon_K$  with input parameters  $M_A = 200$  GeV,  $M_3 = 1000$  GeV,  $M_{D_3} = M_{\text{SUSY}} = 2000$  GeV,  $2M_1 = M_2 = \mu$ ,  $M_{U_3}^2 = -90^2$  GeV<sup>2</sup>,  $A_t = -1000$  GeV and  $\tan\beta = 10$ .

on the  $\bar{\rho} - \bar{\eta}$  plane.<sup>3</sup> The SM contributions to  $\epsilon_K$  leads to the constraint equation [45]

$$5.3 \times 10^{-4} = B_K A^2 \bar{\eta} [(1 - \bar{\rho}) A^2 \lambda^4 \eta_2^* S(x_t^*) + \eta_3^* S(x_c^*, x_t^*) - \eta_1^* x_c^*] \quad (80)$$

where  $B_K = 0.75 \pm 0.10$ ,  $A \sim 0.85$ ,  $\lambda = 0.22$ ,  $\eta_1^* = 1.32^{+0.21}_{-0.23}$ ,  $\eta_2^* = 0.57^{+0.00}_{-0.01}$ ,  $\eta_3^* = 0.47^{+0.03}_{-0.04}$  and  $S(x_t)$  and  $S(x_c, x_t)$  are the Inami-Lim functions. Because the stops are light the dominant contributions to  $\epsilon_K$  come from the chargino stop diagram. Under these approximations we find the  $\epsilon_K$  constraint equation in  $\bar{\rho} - \bar{\eta}$  plane is modified to become

$$5.3 \times 10^{-4} = B_K A^2 \bar{\eta} [(1 - \bar{\rho})(1 + \zeta) A^2 \lambda^4 \eta_2^* S(x_t^*) + \eta_3^* S(x_c^*, x_t^*) - \eta_1^* x_c^*]. \quad (81)$$

where  $\zeta$  hides all the SUSY dependences. The dominant contribution to  $\epsilon_K$  from SUSY comes from the  $C_{VLL}$  Wilson coefficient. Thus we have approximately,

$$\zeta \sim \frac{\bar{P}_{VLL}}{8G_F^2 M_W^2 S(x_t^*)} D_2(m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2, m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2, m_{\chi_2}^2, m_{\chi_2}^2) \quad (82)$$

where  $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$  is the lightest stop mass,  $m_{\chi_2}$  is the lightest chargino mass and  $D_2$  is the Passarino-Veltmann function

$$D_2(x, y, z, t) = \frac{y^2}{(y-x)(y-z)(y-t)} \log\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \frac{z^2}{(z-x)(z-y)(z-t)} \log\left(\frac{z}{x}\right) + \frac{t^2}{(t-x)(t-y)(t-z)} \log\left(\frac{t}{x}\right). \quad (83)$$

<sup>3</sup>  $\bar{\rho}$  and  $\bar{\eta}$  are the usual corrected Wolfenstein parameters of the CKM matrix.

Taking the lightest stop mass to be 120 GeV and approximating the lightest chargino mass by  $|\mu|$  we can estimate  $\zeta \sim 0.4$  for values of  $\mu \sim 100$  GeV. However as  $|M_2| \approx |\mu|$  there are also relevant contributions from the heavier chargino. Including these contributions, we obtain  $\zeta \sim 0.55$ . Including this value of  $\zeta$  in the theoretical prediction for  $\epsilon_K$  will lead to a modification of the values of  $\bar{\rho}$  and  $\bar{\eta}$  extracted from the fit to the flavor observables. Although a global fit to these quantities within the light stop scenario is beyond the scope of this article, we notice that for  $\zeta \leq 0.55$ , the new constraint equation, Eq. (81), is still consistent with the limits coming from  $|V_{ub}|/|V_{cb}|$ ,  $\sin(2\beta)_{\text{eff}}$  and  $\Delta M_{s,d}$  and therefore this scenario is not ruled out by these considerations.

## 2. The effect of $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ constraint on Higgs physics at the Tevatron and the LHC

As shown above, in the minimal flavor violating scheme, all dominant FCNC effects at large  $\tan\beta$  are proportional to  $\epsilon_Y$ , which is directly proportional to the product of the  $\mu$  and  $A_t$ , but inversely proportional to the square of the squark masses. The FCNC effects are strongly enhanced for large values of  $\tan\beta$  and small values of the  $CP$ -odd Higgs mass. The Tevatron collider is performing searches for nonstandard Higgs bosons, which become efficient for exactly the same conditions. Therefore, in minimal flavor violating models, current bounds on the rate  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  impose strong constraints on the possibility of finding nonstandard Higgs bosons at the Tevatron collider (for related studies, see Refs. [46–48]). This is particularly true for large values of the  $A_t$  and  $\mu$  parameters, for which  $\epsilon_Y$  is enhanced.

Low values of the  $CP$ -odd Higgs mass are also associated with low values of the charged Higgs mass. These values of the charged Higgs mass induce large positive corrections to the branching ratio  $BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$ . Since the measured value of  $BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  agrees well with the SM prediction, these large charged Higgs induced corrections to the rare decay rate needs to be cancelled by similarly large corrections induced by supersymmetric particles. In minimal flavor violating schemes, these SUSY corrections are associated with stop-chargino loops [14,49–54]. For positive (negative) values of  $A_t \mu$ , the corrections to the amplitude of the decay  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  have the same (opposite) sign to the ones associated with the charged Higgs corrections, and grow linearly with  $\tan\beta$ . Therefore, agreement of the theoretical predictions with the experimental values of  $BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  for small values of  $M_A$  demands negative values of  $A_t \mu$ .

Additional constraints come from the  $CP$ -even Higgs sector. For a given value of the overall squark masses, the mass of the lightest  $CP$ -even Higgs boson in the large  $\tan\beta$  regime depends strongly on the parameter  $A_t$ . In particular, this mass is maximized for a value of  $X_t = A_t - \mu / \tan\beta \approx 2.4 M_{\text{SUSY}}$  (where  $M_{\text{SUSY}}$  is equal to the average



stop mass) and minimized for values of  $X_t = 0$  [3]. Because of the complicated dependence of the Higgs boson properties on the supersymmetric mass parameters, searches for Higgs bosons at the Tevatron and the LHC are usually interpreted in terms of benchmark scenarios [55]. For instance, the scenario with  $X_t/M_{\text{SUSY}} \simeq 2.4$  is named the maximal mixing scenario, since it is associated with the values of the stop mixing parameters that maximize the lightest  $CP$ -even Higgs mass. Similarly,  $X_t = 0$  defines the minimal mixing scenario. While for the maximal mixing scenario the constraints coming from FCNC are particularly strong, no constraint from  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  are expected to be obtained in the minimal mixing scenario.

In Fig. 9, we display the constraints in the  $M_A - \tan\beta$  plane that are induced by the requirement of obtaining a good agreement with the  $BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  and the nonobservation of  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  at the Tevatron collider. The results are presented for different values of  $X_t$  and  $\mu$  parameters and supersymmetry breaking squark masses equal to

1 TeV. The region of parameter space consistent with  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  for  $\mu = -100$  GeV and  $\mu = -200$  GeV is below the dotted and dashed lines, respectively. For each value of  $A_t$ , larger values of  $|\mu|$  imply consistency with larger values of  $M_A$  and smaller values of  $\tan\beta$ . On the other hand, the regions in the  $M_A - \tan\beta$  plane that are consistent with the observed values of

$$BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)^{\text{exp}} = 3.38_{-0.28}^{+0.3} \times 10^{-4} \quad (84)$$

and the estimated theoretical uncertainty [56]

$$|BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)^{\text{exp}} - BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)^{\text{SM}}| < 1.3 \times 10^{-4} \quad (85)$$

are given by the colored bands. For larger values of  $|\mu|$  the bands move to smaller values of  $M_A$  or smaller values of  $\tan\beta$ . Actually, the approximate cancellation of the charged Higgs and chargino stop contributions implies a correlation between  $1/M_A^2$  and  $A_t \mu \tan\beta$ . We have also plotted the projection of the CDF limit for nonstandard

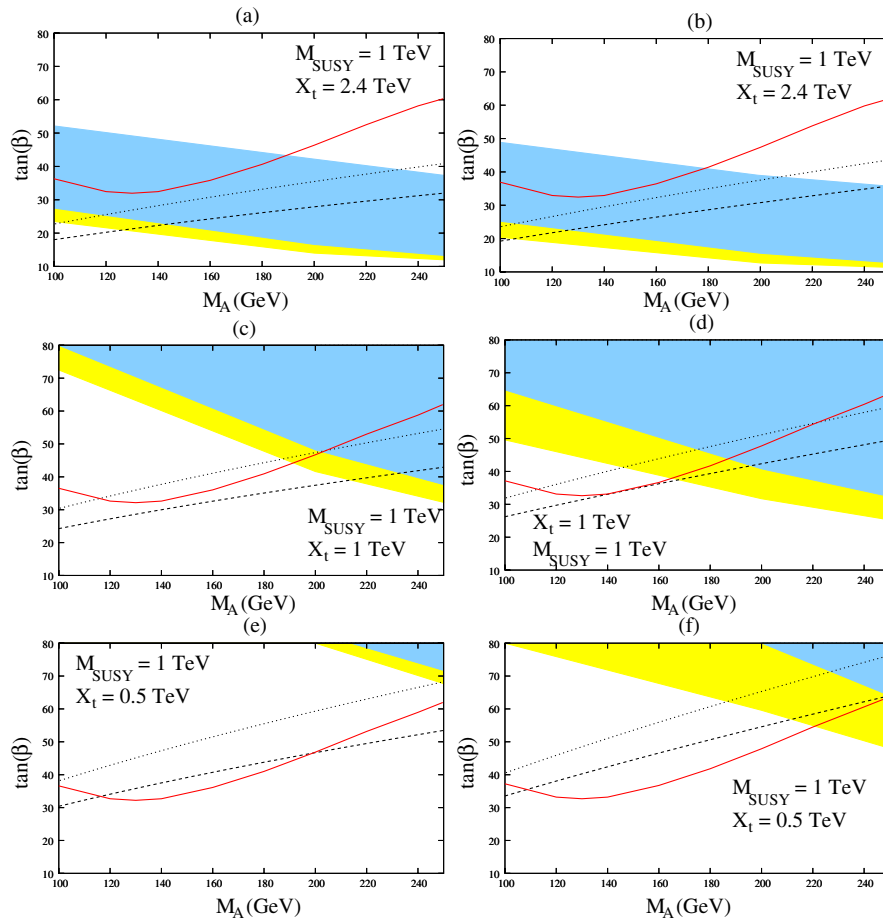


FIG. 9 (color online). The dashed (dotted) line is the  $BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  experimental bound in the  $M_A - \tan\beta$  plane for  $\mu = -200(-100)$  GeV and the yellow (light gray) and blue (dark gray) bands are the  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  allowed regions for  $\mu = -200$  GeV and  $-100$  GeV, respectively, in the uniform squark limit with  $M_{\text{SUSY}} = 1$  TeV,  $|M_3| = 0.8$  TeV, and  $2M_1 = M_2 = 110$  GeV. The red (gray) line is the projected CDF limit on  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  for  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  luminosity. Larger luminosities would probe larger  $M_A$  and smaller  $\tan\beta$ . Also changing  $\mu$  from  $-200$  GeV to  $-100$  GeV does not affect the CDF limit significantly. Figures (a), (c) and (e) have different values of  $X_t = A_t - \mu/\tan\beta$  for  $\arg(M_3) = 0$  while (b), (d) and (f) have a  $\arg(M_3) = \pi$ .

MSSM Higgs boson inclusive searches in the  $A, H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  channel for a total integrated luminosity of  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ . In order to obtain this limit we have used the approximate relation given in Ref. [57]

$$\sigma(gg, b\bar{b} \rightarrow A) \times \mathcal{BR}(A \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-) \sim \sigma(gg, b\bar{b} \rightarrow A)_{\text{SM}} \frac{\tan^2 \beta}{(1 + \epsilon_3 \tan \beta)^2 + 9}, \quad (86)$$

along with the Tevatron's reach for scenario of maximal mixing with  $\mu \sim -200 \text{ GeV}$  and a luminosity of  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  shown in Ref. [58].

The Tevatron collider is only sensitive to values of  $M_A$  smaller than about 300 GeV and values of  $\tan\beta$  larger than about 40. For maximal mixing, Fig. 9(a) shows that the constraints coming from flavor physics are sufficiently strong so as to restrict the parameter space consistent with the search for nonstandard Higgs bosons at the Tevatron collider. On the other hand, for values of  $A_t \simeq 1 \text{ TeV}$ , Fig. 9(c) shows that one can obtain borderline consistency with the constraints coming from the flavor sector, but only for the smaller values of  $\mu$  and  $M_A \simeq 200 \text{ GeV}$ . Finally, for values of  $A_t = 500 \text{ GeV}$  or smaller, Fig. 9(e) shows that the bounds coming from  $BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  are sufficiently strong as to strongly restrict the parameter space consistent with nonstandard Higgs boson searches at the Tevatron collider.

The situation is ameliorated for positive values of  $\mu M_3$ , keeping negative values of  $\mu A_t$ . In Figs. 9(b), 9(d), and 9(f) we have changed the sign of the gluino mass (the same results would be obtained by keeping the gluino mass fixed but changing the sign of  $\mu$  and  $A_t$ ). Positive values of  $\mu M_3$

diminish the  $\epsilon_0$  contributions and hence make the bound coming from  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  slightly less severe. The bound coming from  $\mathcal{BR}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  is also improved, with the colored bands being slightly lower. Thus for  $X_t \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$  the region of  $M_A \sim 200 \text{ GeV}$ , small  $\mu$  and  $\tan\beta \sim 50$ , that is not excluded by flavor physics, will be probed by the Tevatron Higgs searches in the near future.

Finally, we consider the minimal mixing scenario,  $X_t \simeq 0$ . In this case, the constraints coming from the nonobservation of  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  become very weak, even for large values of  $|\mu|$ . As we will explain below, this opens up an interesting possibility: The dominant charged Higgs contribution to the  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  amplitude at large  $\tan\beta$  is proportional to the charged Higgs coupling to top and bottom quarks given in Eq. (44). Setting, for simplicity,  $A_b = 0$  makes the  $\epsilon'_Y \approx 0$  while

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_0^{3'} \approx & \frac{2\alpha_s}{3\pi} \mu M_3 (\cos^2 \theta_t C_0(m_{\tilde{s}_L}^2, m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2, M_3^2) \\ & + \sin^2 \theta_t C_0(m_{\tilde{s}_L}^2, m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2, M_3^2)). \end{aligned} \quad (87)$$

Therefore, in this case, the charged Higgs contribution to the  $\mathcal{BR}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  becomes proportional to [51,52]

$$A_{H^+} \propto \frac{1 - \frac{2\alpha_s}{3\pi} \mu M_3 \tan\beta (\cos^2 \theta_t C_0(m_{\tilde{s}_L}^2, m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2, M_3^2) + \sin^2 \theta_t C_0(m_{\tilde{s}_L}^2, m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2, M_3^2))}{1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta}, \quad (88)$$

where  $\theta_t$  is the stop mixing angle. From Eq. (88) we can clearly see that for large positive values of  $M_3 \mu$  and  $\tan\beta$ , the charged Higgs amplitude can be strongly reduced. Furthermore when  $X_t \simeq 0$  the chargino stop contribution to  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  is also small. Since, for these parameters, the beyond the standard model contributions to the  $\mathcal{BR}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  are small, the experimental limit in Eq. (84) puts only a weak constraint on the allowed value of  $M_A$ . Moreover, as stressed above, for this parameter region  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  also provides no constraint because  $X_t \sim 0$  implies small values of  $\epsilon_Y$ .

Additionally, for the values of the parameters for which a cancellation of the charged Higgs contribution to  $BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  occurs, the usual bound on  $\tan\beta$  that comes from requiring that  $y_b$  be perturbative up to the GUT scale may be relaxed: The bottom Yukawa has the form

$$y_b \simeq \frac{\sqrt{2} m_b \tan\beta}{v(1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta)} \quad (89)$$

and as  $\epsilon_3 \tan\beta$  is real and positive, and of order one for the cancellation to occur, the denominator suppresses the

Yukawa for large values of  $\tan\beta$ . This leads to an enhancement of the upper bound on  $\tan\beta$  coming from perturbative consistency in the bottom quark sector.

In Fig. 10 we illustrate such a scenario for different values of  $|\mu|$ . Because both the  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  and  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  constraints allow essentially any value of  $M_A \geq 100 \text{ GeV}$  a large region of the  $M_A - \tan\beta$  can be probed by the heavy MSSM Higgs searches at the Tevatron. Interestingly enough, the lightest Higgs boson mass is also close to the experimental bound  $m_h \simeq 115 \text{ GeV}$  in this region of parameters, and therefore it could be at the reach of the Tevatron collider searches.

In conclusion, for minimal flavor violating schemes, the discovery of a nonstandard Higgs signature at the Tevatron collider would point to a definite region of parameter space, with values of  $X_t$  of order of the squark masses or smaller. Larger values are strongly restricted by the present Tevatron, CLEO and  $B$ -factory experimental constraints. It is important to remark that, as the luminosity of the Tevatron increases, the probability of measuring  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  increases, and so does the one of measuring a

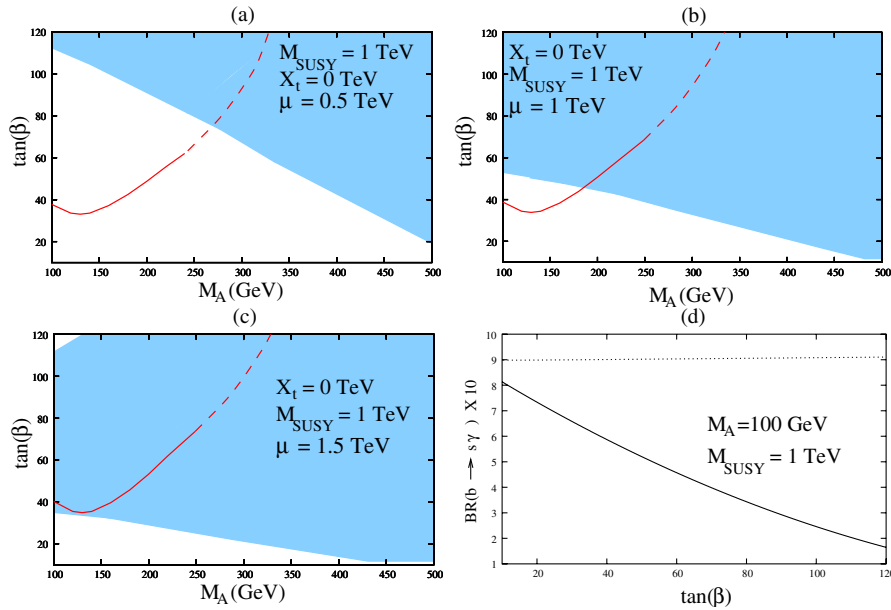


FIG. 10 (color online). (a)–(c) corresponds to  $\mu = 500$ – $1500$  GeV with the blue (dark gray) band showing  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  allowed regions for these values of  $\mu$  in the uniform squark mass limit with a common value of the squark masses  $M_{\text{SUSY}} = 1$  TeV,  $M_3 = 0.8$  TeV,  $2M_1 = M_2 = 110$  GeV. The red (gray) line is the projected CDF limit on  $H \rightarrow \tau\tau$  for  $1 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  luminosity. The dashed part of the projected Tevatron reach is an extrapolation of the curve. (d) shows the effect of including the squark loop correction to  $P_{RL}^{H+}$  vertex, proportional to  $\epsilon_0^3$ , on  $b \rightarrow s\gamma$  rate for  $\mu = 1$  TeV. The dashed line corresponds to the case when corrections are not included while the solid line corresponds to the case when they are included.

nonstandard Higgs boson signal. However, as it becomes clear from the above discussion, an improvement of the bound on  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  would put strong restrictions on the possibility of measuring a nonstandard Higgs boson signature for moderate or large values of  $X_t$ . Conversely, if a Higgs boson signature were observed, with absence of observation of  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ , it would imply either small values of  $X_t$ , or a strong departure from minimal flavor violating scenarios.

It is interesting to analyze the constraints that the non-observation of  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  at the LHC, for a total inte-

grated luminosity of order of  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , would put on the MSSM parameter space. The projected Atlas bound on  $BR(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  in this case would be of order  $5.5 \times 10^{-9}$  [59], and therefore would imply strong constraints on the  $M_A - \tan\beta$  parameter space (The final Tevatron bound, in case of nonobservation of  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ , assuming a total integrated luminosity of order  $8 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , will be close to  $2 \times 10^{-8}$  [60] and therefore it will set similarly strong bounds on the parameter space). In order to study the possible implications for searches of nonstandard Higgs bosons at the LHC, we have considered the projected reach

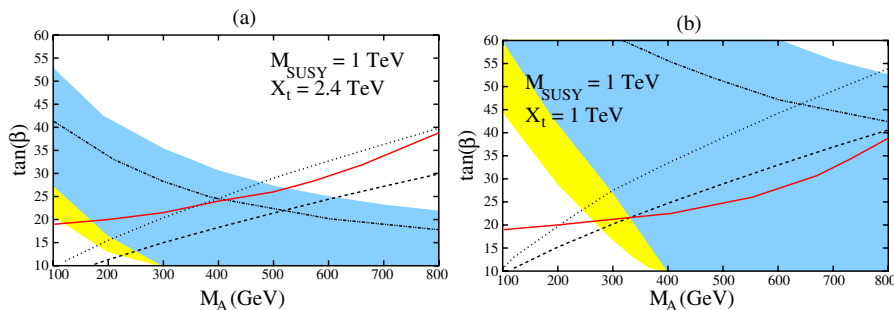


FIG. 11 (color online). Comparison of the projected reach for nonstandard Higgs bosons at the LHC in the inclusive  $pp \rightarrow \Phi + X$ ,  $\Phi \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  mode [red (gray) line] with the limits that would be obtained in case of nonobservation of the decay mode  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  for an integrated luminosity of  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  for  $\mu = -100$  GeV (dotted line) and  $\mu = -300$  GeV (dashed line). Blue (dark gray) and yellow (light gray) areas correspond to the bounds coming from  $BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  for  $\mu = -100$  GeV and  $\mu = -300$  GeV, respectively. The upper edge of the  $\mu = -300$  GeV area is denoted by the dot-dashed line. We show these results for a common value of the squark masses  $M_{\text{SUSY}} = 1$  TeV and (a)  $X_t = 2.4$  TeV, (b)  $X_t = 1$  TeV, and positive (negative) values of  $\mu M_3$  ( $\mu A_t$ ), and  $|M_3| \simeq 0.8$  TeV.

of the CMS searches in the inclusive  $pp \rightarrow \Phi + X$ ,  $\Phi \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^-$  mode, at a luminosity of  $30 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  [61].

From Fig. 11 we can see that even for the most restrictive case of maximal mixing and negative values of  $\mu M_3$ , the bound coming from the nonobservation of  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  would be consistent with the observation of a nonstandard Higgs boson for small values of  $|\mu| \approx 100 \text{ GeV}$  and somewhat large values of  $350 \leq M_A \leq 500 \text{ GeV}$ . These bounds are strongly relaxed for smaller values of  $X_t$ . For instance, for  $X_t \leq 1 \text{ TeV}$ , observation of nonstandard Higgs bosons would be still allowed for any value of  $M_A$ , provided  $|\mu| \leq 300 \text{ GeV}$ .

## V. NONMINIMAL FLAVOR VIOLATION

### A. Gluino contributions to $\Delta M_s$

The results in the case of nonminimal flavor violation discussed in section II A 2 are quite similar to the case of minimal flavor violation. As in the case of MFV for large  $\tan\beta$ , the dominant contribution to  $\Delta M_s$  comes from the DP diagrams. However, in the nonminimal flavor violation scenario introduced here, the effects of gluino boxes can also be important and compete with the double penguin contributions. The appearance of the gluino-box contributions is a direct consequence of the quark-squark-gluino vertices not being diagonal in the flavor basis. In the case of uniform squark masses these contributions disappear due to the CKM matrix being unitary.

The double penguin contributions to  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  in the nonminimal flavor scenario may be significantly larger than in the case of MFV. For instance, assuming that the third generation left-handed and right-handed down squark masses are light implies that the vertices in Eq. (25) are proportional to

$$X_{RL}^{II} \propto V_{\text{eff}}^{3J*} V_{\text{eff}}^{3I} \left( \left( 1 - \frac{1}{\rho^2} \right) \epsilon_0^3 + \epsilon_Y \right) \quad (90)$$

where  $\rho = m_{\tilde{q}_{1,2}}/m_{\tilde{q}_3}$ . Therefore when the squark mass splitting is large these vertices can give large contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  and  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$ . However, the linear correlation between  $\Delta M_s$  and  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  is not spoiled by the splitting of the squark masses as there is no flavor dependence in the factor multiplying  $m_{d_j} V_{\text{eff}}^{3J*} V_{\text{eff}}^{3I}$  in Eq. (25). Therefore the  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  bound is still a severe constraint on large double penguin contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  like in the MFV scenario.

An interesting case is one in which the gluino box diagrams dominate over the double penguin contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  for moderate values of  $\rho \sim 2$  or 3. Similar to the light-stop scenario for MFV there are situations in which the gluino box diagram contributions are sizeable and the other contributions are suppressed. The double penguin contributions are suppressed for low values of  $\tan\beta$ . On the other hand, large values of  $\mu$  and  $M_2$  suppress the stop-chargino box diagrams. Since the gluino box diagram

effects are larger for small values of the left-handed squark and gluino masses, we shall investigate the case in which the third generation left-squark soft supersymmetry breaking parameters are about 100 GeV. To avoid the Tevatron bound on sbottoms we also assume that the lightest neutralino is within 20 GeV of the sbottom mass [62]. We can achieve this mass difference by choosing an appropriate value of  $M_1$ . For larger values of the soft SUSY breaking sbottom mass parameter, of about  $\sim 200 \text{ GeV}$  the gluino box contribution becomes negligible.

Light left-handed squarks tend to lead to large values of the  $T$ -parameter and hence are constrained by precision electroweak data. These large contributions to the  $T$ -parameter are induced by the large difference between the left-handed sbottom and stop masses and are proportional to the top quark mass. However, for some range of values of the right-handed stop mass parameter, these large contributions may be minimized. Indeed, for large values of the right-handed stop mass parameter  $M_{\tilde{U}_R}$  and  $X_t \approx M_{\tilde{U}_R}$ , the lightest stop mass becomes mainly left-handed and its mass is given by

$$m_{t_1}^2 \approx M_{\tilde{U}_L}^2 + m_t^2 \left( 1 - \frac{X_t^2}{M_{\tilde{U}_R}^2} \right) + D_L^t \quad (91)$$

where  $D_L^t$  is the small  $D$ -term contribution to the left-handed stop mass. Observe that for  $X_t \approx M_{\tilde{U}_R}$ , the top-quark mass contribution is strongly suppressed and hence the contribution to the  $T$ -parameter becomes small [63]. In our analysis we have chosen the stop mass parameters so that the relation  $X_t = M_{\tilde{U}_R}$  is fulfilled.

In Fig. 13 we see that for gluino masses below 200 GeV, the gluino-sbottom box contribution yields a value of  $\Delta M_s$  that is greater than the  $1\sigma$  bound coming from the SM. Similarly, in Fig. 14 we see that there are large negative contributions to  $\epsilon_K$  from the gluino box-diagrams for  $M_3 \leq 200 \text{ GeV}$ . The total value  $\Delta M_s$  drops below that of the SM, for  $M_3 \geq 200 \text{ GeV}$ , because of the interference between

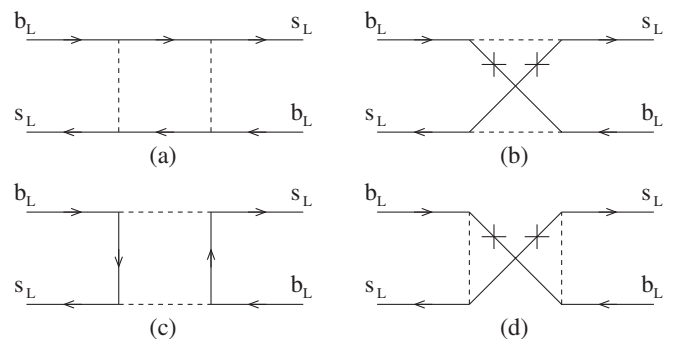


FIG. 12. Gluino box diagrams that make contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  for the Nonminimal flavor violation. Diagrams (b) and (d) are possible because the gluinos are Majorana and the lower diagrams have a relative sign difference with respect to the upper ones [65].



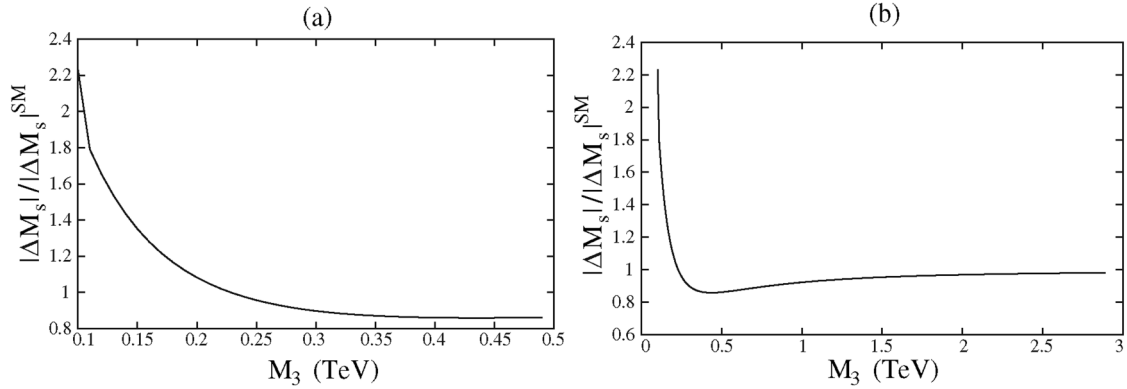


FIG. 13. Variation of SUSY contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  with input parameters  $M_A = 250$  GeV,  $M_{\text{SUSY}} = 1000$  GeV,  $M_1 = 110$  GeV,  $M_2 = 1000$  GeV,  $\mu = 1100$  GeV,  $M_{(\bar{U}_L, \bar{D}_L)_{12}} = M_{\bar{U}_R, \bar{D}_R} = 1000$  GeV,  $M_{(\bar{U}_L, \bar{D}_L)_3} = 100$  GeV,  $A_t = 1110$  GeV,  $\tan\beta = 10$  and all relevant SUSY phases are zero. (a) shows the variation of  $\Delta M_s$  over small values of gluino mass, while (b) shows that in limit of large gluino mass we recover the SM value.

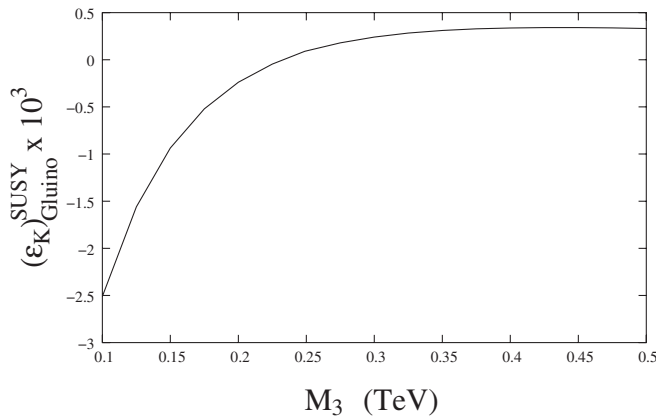


FIG. 14. Variation of the gluino contributions to  $\epsilon_K$  with the gluino mass  $M_3$  for the same input parameters as in Fig. 13.

the diagrams in Fig. 12. For the region  $M_3 \lesssim 200$  GeV, where  $\Delta M_s$  is large, the contributions to  $\epsilon_K$  are also larger but negative, which seems to predict a total value of  $\epsilon_K$  much smaller than the experimentally observed one. Therefore, the gluino box contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  in this nonminimal flavor violating scenario with flavor changing effects induced by the CKM matrix elements, are generally small and are at most as large as those in the light stop scenario discussed above. In addition this scenario is in general highly contrived as the experimental constraints from light gluino and sbottom searches [62] can be avoided only by going to a small corner of the MSSM parameter space.

## VI. CONCLUSIONS

In this article, we have studied the constraints on the parameter space of minimal flavor violating SUSY models coming from the latest constraints on  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ ,  $\Delta M_s$ ,  $\epsilon_K$  and  $BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$ . First, we have shown that the analysis of the double penguin contributions to observables in the

Kaon sector could not be done with the available formulae in the literature. We derived a new formula that describes well the Kaon sector contributions and show that the present constraints on  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  eliminate the possibility of inducing relevant double penguin corrections in this sector. Alternative contributions, coming from chargino and stop loop corrections can produce large contributions to  $\epsilon_K$ , which, considering the present theoretical uncertainties, are consistent with the bounds coming from other flavor observables.

We have also verified that the double penguin contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  interfere destructively with the SM contribution and are strongly constrained by the nonobservation of  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  at the Tevatron collider. Analyzing the dependence of  $\Delta M_s$  on the supersymmetric loop corrections, we obtained upper bounds on this quantity for any given value of  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$ , for natural values of the supersymmetric mass parameters. We have also shown that for  $M_A < 1$  TeV, under the current theoretical and experimental uncertainties, this bound is stronger than the bound on the new physics contributions that is obtained from the comparison of the SM predictions and the experimentally measured values. Finally, if the theoretical errors on  $\Delta M_s$  were reduced and the SM central value was to remain the same then negative corrections to  $\Delta M_s$ , like that of the double penguin contribution, would be necessary. However such double penguin corrections to  $\Delta M_s$  of about a few  $\text{ps}^{-1}$ s can be obtained only if  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \gtrsim 3 \times 10^{-8}$  for  $M_A \leq 1$  TeV, which is within the future sensitivity of the Tevatron collider.

On the other hand, relevant, positive contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  may be obtained for light stops and charginos. The contributions may be as large as 25% of the SM values, almost independently of the value of  $\tan\beta$ . Contrary to the double penguin contribution, the chargino-stop contributions are positive and they are more strongly constrained than the negative double penguin ones. Small values of the Higgsino mass,  $\mu < 200$  GeV tend to be disfavored for

mass parameters consistent with the scenario of electroweak baryogenesis. We have also analyzed a scenario in which there are flavor violating effects proportional to CKM matrix elements in the left-handed down squark-gluino vertices at tree-level. Although the box-diagrams may lead to significant contributions to  $\Delta M_s$  for sufficiently small gluino and down squark masses, this contribution is constrained to be small once the bounds on  $\epsilon_K$  are taken into account.

We have also analyzed the complementarity of these FCNC constraints with direct Tevatron searches for heavy MSSM Higgs bosons. We have analyzed different scenarios and showed that  $\mathcal{BR}(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$  and  $\mathcal{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-)$  puts strong constraints on the  $M_A - \tan\beta$  plane. This study suggests that within minimal flavor violating scenarios, the observation of nonstandard MSSM Higgs bosons at the Tevatron collider would imply either moderate values of  $|X_t/M_{\text{SUSY}}| \lesssim 1$  and small values of  $|\mu|$ , or very small values of  $X_t$  and large values of  $|\mu|$ . Interestingly enough, for values  $X_t \lesssim M_{\text{SUSY}}$ , the lightest  $CP$ -even Higgs boson mass is smaller than 120 GeV and therefore possibly at the reach of Tevatron high luminosity searches.

Finally, we have analyzed the implications of nonobservation of  $B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$  at the LHC, for a total integrated luminosity of order of  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ , on searches for nonstandard MSSM Higgs bosons at this collider. Even for the most restrictive case of maximal mixing and negative values of  $\mu M_3$ , this situation would be consistent with the observation of a nonstandard Higgs boson for small values of  $|\mu| \simeq 100 \text{ GeV}$  and somewhat large values of  $350 \lesssim M_A \lesssim 500 \text{ GeV}$ . For  $X_t \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$ , instead, observation would be still allowed for any value of  $M_A$ , provided  $|\mu| \lesssim 300 \text{ GeV}$ .

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## APPENDIX

### 1. A corrected perturbative approach for calculating FCNC

We would like to develop a perturbative approach to calculating flavor changing vertices which in the limit of uniform  $\hat{\epsilon}_0$  should reproduce the exact result in Eq. (27).

### a. Basic setup and notation

As a starting point, we assume the form of the mass matrix

$$(\mathbf{M}_d)^{JI} = m_{d_j}((1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta)\delta^{JI} + \epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta \lambda_0^{JI}). \quad (\text{A1})$$

As the off-diagonal elements are suppressed by CKM factors with respect to the diagonal elements we expand in terms of the CKM factors. Therefore first order terms are proportional to  $V_0^{3J}$  for  $J \neq 3$  and second terms are proportional to  $V_0^{*32} V_0^{31}$ . Strictly speaking we should probably expand in the Wolfenstein parameter  $\lambda$  and not in the CKM elements, however as all we want is the leading behavior, it is sufficient to expand in terms of the CKM elements. So  $\mathbf{M}_d$  has both first and second order terms present and can be expanded to be

$$\mathbf{M}_d = (\mathbf{M}_d)_0 + \delta \mathbf{M}_d + \delta^2 \mathbf{M}_d. \quad (\text{A2})$$

where  $\delta$  symbolizes terms linear in  $V_0^{3J}$  for  $J \neq 3$  and  $\delta^2$  symbolizes terms proportional to  $V_0^{*32} V_0^{31}$  for  $J, I \neq 3$ , so that

$$(\mathbf{M}_d)_0^{JI} = m_{d_j}(1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta) \quad (\text{A3})$$

$$(\delta \mathbf{M}_d)^{JI} = \begin{cases} m_{d_j} \epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta V_0^{3J*} & J \neq 3 = I \\ m_b \epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta V_0^{3I} & J = 3 \neq I \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{A4})$$

$$(\delta^2 \mathbf{M}_d)^{JI} = \begin{cases} m_{d_j} \epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta V_0^{3J*} V_0^{3I} & (J, I) = (1, 2), (2, 1) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}. \quad (\text{A5})$$

Now as we have second order terms explicitly in the mass matrix we need to expand the diagonalization matrices to second order. Additionally they have to be unitary to second order and the mass eigenvalues need to be real, which leads to the form

$$(\mathbf{D}_L)^{JI} = (\mathbf{1} + \delta \mathbf{D}_L + \delta^2 \mathbf{D}_L + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{D}_L \delta \mathbf{D}_L)^{JI} \quad (\text{A6})$$

$$(\mathbf{D}_L^\dagger)^{JI} = (\mathbf{1} - \delta \mathbf{D}_L - \delta^2 \mathbf{D}_L + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{D}_L \delta \mathbf{D}_L)^{JI} \quad (\text{A7})$$

$$(\mathbf{D}_R)^{JI} = (\mathbf{1} + \delta \mathbf{D}_R + \delta^2 \mathbf{D}_R + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{D}_R \delta \mathbf{D}_R)^{JI} e^{i\theta_I} \quad (\text{A8})$$

$$(\mathbf{D}_R^\dagger)^{JI} = (\mathbf{1} - \delta \mathbf{D}_R - \delta^2 \mathbf{D}_R + \frac{1}{2} \delta \mathbf{D}_R \delta \mathbf{D}_R)^{JI} e^{-i\theta_J}. \quad (\text{A9})$$

where  $\delta \mathbf{D}_{L,R}^\dagger = -\delta \mathbf{D}_{L,R}$  and  $\delta^2 \mathbf{D}_{L,R}^\dagger = -\delta^2 \mathbf{D}_{L,R}$ . Now the requirement  $\mathbf{D}_{L,R}$  diagonalize the mass matrix  $\mathbf{M}_d$  for diagonal elements gives us the condition

$$\bar{m}_{d_j} \approx m_{d_j} |1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta| \quad (\text{A10})$$

$$\theta_J \approx \arg(1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta) \quad (\text{A11})$$

where we have only kept the leading order behavior (i.e.  $\delta^2$  terms have been neglected).

All off-diagonal terms automatically vanish at the zeroth order and the first order contributions are the same as in Ref. [19]

$$e^{-i\theta_J}(-(\delta\mathbf{D}_R)(\mathbf{M}_d)_0 + \delta\mathbf{M}_d + (\mathbf{M}_d)_0(\delta\mathbf{D}_L))^{JI} = 0, \quad (\text{A12})$$

which give us the results

$$(\delta D_L)^{JI} = -\frac{(\mathbf{M}_d^{\dagger JJ})_0(\delta\mathbf{M}_d)^{JI} + (\delta M_d^\dagger)^{JI}(\mathbf{M}_d^{II})_0}{|(\mathbf{M}_d^{JJ})_0|^2 - |(\mathbf{M}_d^{II})_0|^2} \quad (\text{A13})$$

$$(\delta\mathbf{D}_R)^{JI} = -\frac{(\mathbf{M}_d^{JJ})_0(\delta\mathbf{M}_d^\dagger)^{JI} + (\delta\mathbf{M}_d)^{JI}(\mathbf{M}_d^{\dagger II})_0}{|(\mathbf{M}_d^{JJ})_0|^2 - |(\mathbf{M}_d^{II})_0|^2}. \quad (\text{A14})$$

As  $\delta\mathbf{M}_d = 0$  for  $(J, I) = (1, 2), (2, 1)$  these first order corrections are zero for these elements. To find the leading order contributions to  $\mathbf{D}_{L,R}$  for these components we need to go to quadratic order in the expansion parameter. Therefore the condition on the leading contributions to  $\mathbf{D}_{L,R}$  for  $(J, I) = (1, 2), (2, 1)$  are

$$e^{-i\theta_J}(-(\delta^2\mathbf{D}_R)(\mathbf{M}_d)_0 + \Lambda + (\mathbf{M}_d)_0(\delta^2\mathbf{D}_L))^{JI} = 0 \quad (\text{A15})$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \Lambda^{JI} = & (\delta\mathbf{D}_R)^{J3}((\delta\mathbf{M}_d)^{3I} + (\delta\mathbf{D}_L)^{3I}(\mathbf{M}_d)_0^{33}) \\ & - \frac{1}{2}(\delta\mathbf{D}_R)^{J3}(\delta\mathbf{D}_R)^{3I} - (\delta^2\mathbf{M}_d)^{JI} \\ & - (\delta\mathbf{M}_d)^{J3}(\delta\mathbf{D}_L)^{3I} - \frac{1}{2}(\delta\mathbf{D}_L)^{J3}(\delta\mathbf{D}_L)^{3I}(\mathbf{M}_d)_0^{33} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A16})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & = \frac{1}{2}(\delta\mathbf{D}_R)^{J3}(\delta\mathbf{D}_R)^{3I} - (\delta^2\mathbf{M}_d)^{JI} - (\delta\mathbf{M}_d)^{J3}(\delta\mathbf{D}_L)^{3I} \\ & - \frac{1}{2}(\delta\mathbf{D}_L)^{J3}(\delta\mathbf{D}_L)^{3I}(\mathbf{M}_d)_0^{33}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A17})$$

To arrive at Eq. (A17) we used Eq. (A12) and neglected terms of order  $\mathcal{O}(m_{d_i}/m_b)$ . Using Eq. (A15) leads to a relation similar to the one in Eq. (A13) and (A14), except that  $\delta\mathbf{M}_d \rightarrow \Lambda$

$$(\delta^2\mathbf{D}_L)^{JI} = -\frac{(\mathbf{M}_d^{\dagger JJ})_0(\Lambda)^{JI} + (\Lambda^\dagger)^{JI}(\mathbf{M}_d^{II})_0}{|(\mathbf{M}_d^{JJ})_0|^2 - |(\mathbf{M}_d^{II})_0|^2} \quad (\text{A18})$$

$$(\delta^2\mathbf{D}_R)^{JI} = -\frac{(\mathbf{M}_d^{JJ})_0(\Lambda^\dagger)^{JI} + \Lambda^{JI}(\mathbf{M}_d^{\dagger II})_0}{|(\mathbf{M}_d^{JJ})_0|^2 - |(\mathbf{M}_d^{II})_0|^2}. \quad (\text{A19})$$

Substituting these equations into Eqs. (A13) and (A14) and neglecting all terms suppressed by the mass hierarchy we find

$$(\delta\mathbf{D}_L)^{JI} = \begin{cases} -\frac{\epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1+\epsilon_J \tan\beta} V_0^{3I} & J = 3 \neq I \\ \frac{\epsilon_Y^* y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1+\epsilon_J^* \tan\beta} V_0^{3J*} & J \neq 3 = I \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{A20})$$

and

$$(\delta\mathbf{D}_R)^{JI} = \begin{cases} -\frac{\bar{m}_{d_I}}{\bar{m}_b} \left( \frac{\epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1+\epsilon_3 \tan\beta} + \frac{\epsilon_Y^* y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1+\epsilon_3^* \tan\beta} \right) e^{i(\theta_3 - \theta_I)} V_0^{3I} & J = 3 \neq I \\ \frac{\bar{m}_{d_I}}{\bar{m}_b} \left( \frac{\epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1+\epsilon_J \tan\beta} + \frac{\epsilon_Y^* y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1+\epsilon_3^* \tan\beta} \right) e^{i(\theta_J - \theta_3)} V_0^{3J*} & J \neq 3 = I \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{A21})$$

Now to calculate the leading order corrections to the  $(J, I) = (2, 1), (1, 2)$  elements we substitute the independent and linear order terms into Eq. (A18) and (A19) to find

$$(\delta^2\mathbf{D}_L)^{21} = V_0^{32*} V_0^{31} \left( -\frac{\epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1+\epsilon_2 \tan\beta} + \frac{\epsilon_Y^2 y_i^4 \tan^2\beta}{(1+\epsilon_2 \tan\beta)(1+\epsilon_3 \tan\beta)} + \frac{|\epsilon_Y|^2 y_i^4 \tan^2\beta}{2|1+\epsilon_3 \tan\beta|^2} \right) \quad (\text{A22})$$

$$\begin{aligned} (\delta^2\mathbf{D}_R)^{21} = & V_0^{32*} V_0^{31} \frac{\bar{m}_d}{\bar{m}_s} e^{i(\theta_2 - \theta_1)} \left[ -\left( \frac{\epsilon_Y y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1+\epsilon_2 \tan\beta} + \frac{\epsilon_Y^* y_i^2 \tan\beta}{1+\epsilon_1^* \tan\beta} \right) + \frac{|\epsilon_Y|^2 y_i^4 \tan^2\beta}{|1+\epsilon_3 \tan\beta|^2} + \frac{(\epsilon_Y^*)^2 y_i^4 \tan^2\beta}{(1+\epsilon_1^* \tan\beta)(1+\epsilon_3^* \tan\beta)} \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{\epsilon_Y^2 y_i^4 \tan^2\beta}{(1+\epsilon_2 \tan\beta)(1+\epsilon_3 \tan\beta)} \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A23})$$

Using Eqs. (A20)–(A23), we find the same corrections to the effective CKM matrix to leading order as in Refs. [15–17,19]

$$V_0^{JI} = \begin{cases} V_{\text{eff}}^{3I} \frac{1+\epsilon_3 \tan\beta}{1+\epsilon_0^3 \tan\beta} & J = 3 \neq I \\ V_{\text{eff}}^{J3} \frac{1+\epsilon_3^* \tan\beta}{1+\epsilon_0^{3*} \tan\beta} & J \neq 3 = I \\ V_{\text{eff}}^{JI} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (\text{A24})$$

### b. Flavor changing effective couplings of the neutral Higgs bosons

Using the relations derived in the previous section, it is relatively straightforward to calculate the coupling of the neutral Higgs bosons to the quarks. The effective Lagrangian in the initial basis has the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -(\bar{d}_J^0)_R \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}} (d_I^0)_L S^0 - (\bar{d}_J^0)_L \mathbf{F}_R^{\text{dS}} (d_I^0)_R S^0 \quad (\text{A25})$$

where  $S^0$  can be any of the three neutral scalars which has mixing matrix elements  $x_d^S$  for the  $\Phi_d^{0*}$  Higgs and  $x_u^S$  for the  $\Phi_u^{0*}$  Higgs. So if  $O^{IJ}$  diagonalizes the neutral Higgs mass matrix, we have

$$x_d^S = O^{1S} + i \sin\beta O^{3S} \quad x_u^S = O^{2S} - i \cos\beta O^{3S}. \quad (\text{A26})$$

Now if we rotate quarks into the physical basis the Lagrangian has the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{eff}} = -(\bar{d}_J)_R (\mathbf{D}_R^\dagger \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}} \mathbf{D}_L) (d_I)_L S^0 - (\bar{d}_J)_L (\mathbf{D}_R^\dagger \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}} \mathbf{D}_R) \times (d_I^0)_R S^0. \quad (\text{A27})$$

Therefore, assuming a mass matrix of the form given in Eq. (A1), we obtain,

$$(\mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}})^{JI} = \frac{m_{d_J}}{v_d} ((x_d^S + \epsilon_J x_u^S) \delta^{JI} + \epsilon_Y y_i^2 x_u^S \lambda_0^{JI}). \quad (\text{A28})$$

which has a dependence up to second order on the CKM

elements. Therefore, we obtain the following expansion in terms of CKM elements

$$\mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}} = (\mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}})_0 + \delta \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}} + \delta^2 \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}} \quad (\text{A29})$$

where

$$(\mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}})_0^{JI} = \frac{\bar{m}_{d_J} e^{i\theta_J}}{v_d (1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta)} (x_d^S + \epsilon_J x_u^S) \delta^{JI} \quad (\text{A30})$$

$$(\delta \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}})^{JI} = \begin{cases} \frac{\bar{m}_{d_J} e^{i\theta_J} \epsilon_Y y_i^2 x_u^S}{v_d (1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta)} V_0^{3J*} & J \neq 3 = I \\ \frac{\bar{m}_{d_3} e^{i\theta_3} \epsilon_Y y_i^2 x_u^S}{v_d (1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta)} V_0^{3I} & J = 3 \neq I \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{A31})$$

$$(\delta^2 \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}})^{JI} = \begin{cases} \frac{\bar{m}_{d_J} e^{i\theta_J} \epsilon_Y y_i^2 x_u^S}{v_d (1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta)} V_0^{3J*} V_0^{3I*} & (J, I) = (1, 2), (2, 1) \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (\text{A32})$$

Therefore the leading order contribution to the diagonal terms of  $ddS^0$  coupling is just Eq. (A30). Again the zeroth term makes no contribution to the off-diagonal elements of the  $ddS$  couplings. Hence, at linear order we have for  $J \neq I$

$$\delta(\mathbf{D}_R^\dagger \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}} \mathbf{D}_L)^{JI} = e^{-i\theta_J} (-\delta \mathbf{D}_R)^{JI} (\mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}})_0^{II} + (\delta \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}})^{JI} + (\mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}})_0^{JJ} (\delta \mathbf{D}_L)^{JI} \quad (\text{A33})$$

which also disappears for  $(J, I) = (1, 2), (2, 1)$ . So the only contributions that are none zero at this order are when either  $J = 3$  or  $I = 3$ . Using Eq. (A20), (A21), (A24), and (A31) and neglecting terms suppressed by the mass hierarchy we find that

$$(X_{RL}^S)^{JI} = \delta(\mathbf{D}_R^\dagger \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}} \mathbf{D}_L)^{JI} = \begin{cases} \frac{\bar{m}_d \epsilon_Y y_i^2}{v_d (1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta) (1 + \epsilon_0^3 \tan\beta)} V_{\text{eff}}^{3I} (x_u^S - x_d^S \tan\beta) & J = 3 \neq I \\ \frac{\bar{m}_{d_J} y_i^2 \Gamma^{J3}}{v_d (1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta) (1 + \epsilon_J \tan\beta)} V_{\text{eff}}^{3J*} (x_u^S - x_d^S \tan\beta) & J \neq 3 = I \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (\text{A34})$$

where

$$\Gamma^{J3} = \frac{\epsilon_Y (1 + \epsilon_3^* \tan\beta) - \epsilon_Y^* (\epsilon_3 - \epsilon_J) \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_0^{3*} \tan\beta}. \quad (\text{A35})$$

Finally to find the leading corrections to qqH coupling for  $(J, I) = (2, 1), (1, 2)$  we need to go to quadratic order in which case we have

$$(X_{RL}^S)^{21} = \delta^2(\mathbf{D}_R^\dagger \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}} \mathbf{D}_L)^{21} = \frac{\bar{m}_s y_i^2 \Gamma^{21} (x_u^S - x_d^S \tan\beta)}{v_d (1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta) (1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta)} V_{\text{eff}}^{32*} V_{\text{eff}}^{31} \quad (\text{A36})$$

$$(X_{RL}^S)^{12} = \delta^2(\mathbf{D}_R^\dagger \mathbf{F}_L^{\text{dS}} \mathbf{D}_L)^{12} = \frac{\bar{m}_d y_i^2 \Gamma^{12} (x_u^S - x_d^S \tan\beta)}{v_d (1 + \epsilon_1 \tan\beta) (1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta)} V_{\text{eff}}^{31*} V_{\text{eff}}^{32}, \quad (\text{A37})$$

where



$$\Gamma^{21} = \frac{\epsilon_Y}{(1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta)|1 + \epsilon_0^3 \tan\beta|^2} [(1 + \epsilon_0^3 \tan\beta)|1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta|^2 - \epsilon_Y y_t^2 \tan\beta(1 + \epsilon_3^* \tan\beta)(1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta) - \epsilon_Y^* y_t^2 \tan\beta(1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta)^2], \quad (\text{A38})$$

$$\Gamma^{12} = \frac{\epsilon_Y}{(1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta)|1 + \epsilon_0^3 \tan\beta|^2} \left\{ (1 + \epsilon_0^3 \tan\beta)|1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta|^2 - \epsilon_Y y_t^2 \tan\beta(1 + \epsilon_3^* \tan\beta)(1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta) - \epsilon_Y^* y_t^2 \tan\beta(1 + \epsilon_2 \tan\beta)(1 + \epsilon_1 \tan\beta) + \frac{\epsilon_1 - \epsilon_2}{\epsilon_Y} \left[ \frac{\epsilon_Y^* \tan\beta}{1 + \epsilon_2^* \tan\beta} - \frac{(\epsilon_Y^*)^2 \tan^2 \beta y_t^2}{(1 + \epsilon_2^* \tan\beta)(1 + \epsilon_3^* \tan\beta)} - \frac{|\epsilon_Y|^2 \tan^2 \beta y_t^2}{|1 + \epsilon_3 \tan\beta|^2} \right] \right\}. \quad (\text{A39})$$

In the limit that  $\epsilon_0^J$ 's are uniform then of leading order contributions will collapse to Eq. (27) as each of  $\Gamma^{IJ}$  elements go to  $\epsilon_Y$ . As the effective Lagrangian is real, the  $LR$  couplings are related to  $RL$ , so that

$$X_{LR}^S = (X_{RL}^S)^\dagger. \quad (\text{A40})$$

## 2. Calculation of loop factors

The assumption that the squark mass matrices are block diagonal in the tree-level CKM basis gives us

$$\mathcal{M}_D^2 = \begin{pmatrix} (M_Q^2)_J \delta^{JJ} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y_{d_j} \hat{\mu}_J^* v_u \delta^{JJ} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y_{d_j} \hat{\mu}_J v_u \delta^{JJ} & (M_D^2)_J \delta^{JJ} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{A41})$$

$$\mathcal{M}_U^2 = \begin{pmatrix} (M_Q^2)_J \delta^{JJ} + m_t^2 \delta^{J3} \delta^{I3} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y_{u_j} \tilde{\mu}_J^* v_u \delta^{JJ} \\ -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y_{u_j} \tilde{\mu}_J v_u \delta^{JJ} & (M_U^2)_J \delta^{JJ} + m_t^2 \delta^{J3} \delta^{I3} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{A42})$$

where  $\tilde{\mu}_J = \frac{\mu}{\tan\beta} - A_{u_j}$  and  $\hat{\mu}_J = \mu - \frac{A_{d_j}}{\tan\beta}$ . Therefore the diagonalization matrices have the simple form

$$Z_{(U,D)} = \begin{pmatrix} \delta^{IJ} \cos\alpha_I^{(U,D)} & \delta^{IJ} e^{-i\phi_I^{(U,D)}} \sin\alpha_I^{(U,D)} \\ -\delta^{IJ} e^{i\phi_I^{(U,D)}} \sin\alpha_I^{(U,D)} & \delta^{IJ} \cos\alpha_I^{(U,D)} \end{pmatrix} \quad (\text{A43})$$

where  $\phi_I^D$  ( $\phi_I^U$ ) is the phase of  $\hat{\mu}$  ( $\tilde{\mu}$ ) and

$$\cot 2\alpha_J^D = -\frac{(m_Q^2)_J - (m_D^2)_J}{\sqrt{2} y_{d_j} |\hat{\mu}_J| v_u} \quad (\text{A44})$$

$$\cot 2\alpha_J^U = \frac{(m_Q^2)_J - (m_U^2)_J}{\sqrt{2} y_{u_j} |\tilde{\mu}_J| v_u}. \quad (\text{A45})$$

Following the notation of Ref. [64]  $Z_+$  and  $Z_-$  diagonalize the chargino mass matrix and  $Z_N$  and  $Z_N^T$  diagonalize the neutralino mass matrix. Additionally, if there is a splitting in the mass spectrum so that the squarks of the first two generation have uniform masses (i.e.  $m_{D_1} = m_{D_2} = m_{D_4} = m_{D_5} = m_{U_1} = m_{U_2} = m_{U_4} = m_{U_5} = M_{\text{SUSY}}$ ) we find

$$\epsilon_0^J = \frac{1}{16\pi^2 v_u} \left( \frac{32\pi\alpha_s}{3} M_3 \mu^* v_u C_0(|M_3|^2, m_{D_j}^2, m_{D_{j+3}}^2) + \sum_{l=1}^4 m_{N_l} (P_D^{lJ} C_2(m_{N_l}^2, m_{D_j}^2, m_{D_{j+3}}^2) + Q_D^{lJ} C_0(m_{N_l}^2, m_{D_j}^2, m_{D_{j+3}}^2)) - \sqrt{2} \sum_{l=1}^2 m_{C_l} Z_-^{lJ} Z_+^{2l} (C_2(m_{C_l}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2) + M_{\text{SUSY}}^2 C_0(m_{N_l}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2)) \right) \quad (\text{A46})$$

$$\epsilon_Y = \frac{1}{16\pi^2 v_u} \sum_{l=1}^2 m_{C_l} \left[ -\sqrt{2} \frac{g_2}{y_t^2} Z_-^{2l} Z_+^{1l} (C_2(m_{C_l}^2, m_{U_3}^2, m_{U_6}^2) + (M_{U_3}^2 + m_t^2) C_0(m_{C_l}^2, m_{U_3}^2, m_{U_6}^2) - C_2(m_{C_l}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2)) - M_{\text{SUSY}}^2 C_0(m_{C_l}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2)) - Z_-^{2l} Z_+^{2l} \tilde{\mu}_3 v_u C_0(m_{C_l}^2, m_{U_3}^2, m_{U_6}^2) \right] \quad (\text{A47})$$

where  $C_i$  are the Passarino-Veltman functions,  $m_i$  are the physical squark masses,  $M_i$  are the squark soft mass parameters and

$$P_D^{lJ} = Z_N^{3l} (g_1 Z_N^{1l} - g_2 Z_N^{2l}) \quad (\text{A48})$$

$$Q_D^{IJ} = -\frac{g_1 Z_N^{1l}}{3} \hat{\mu}_J^* v_u \left( \frac{g_1 Z_N^{1l}}{3} - g_2 Z_N^{2l} \right) + \frac{2g_1 Z_N^{1l}}{3} Z_N^{3l} ((M_Q^2)_J + m_{d_j}^2) + Z_N^{3l} \left( \frac{g_1 Z_N^{1l}}{3} - g_2 Z_N^{2l} \right) ((M_D^2)_J + (m_{d_j}^2)_J) - y_{d_j}^2 (Z_N^{3l})^2 \hat{\mu}_J v_u. \quad (\text{A49})$$

Similarly for the antiholomorphic corrections to the up Yukawas have the form

$$\epsilon_0^{IJ} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2 v_u} \left( -\frac{32\pi\alpha_s}{3} M_3 \mu^* v_u C_0(|M_3|^2, m_{U_j}^2, m_{U_{j+3}}^2) + \sum_{l=1}^4 m_{N_l} (P_U^{IJ} C_2(m_{N_l}^2, m_{U_j}^2, m_{U_{j+3}}^2) + Q_U^{IJ} C_0(m_{N_l}^2, m_{U_j}^2, m_{U_{j+3}}^2)) - \sqrt{2} \sum_{l=1}^2 m_{C_l} Z_-^{1l} Z_+^{2l} (C_2(m_{C_l}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2) + M_{\text{SUSY}}^2 C_0(m_{N_l}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2)) \right) \quad (\text{A50})$$

$$\epsilon_Y^I = \frac{1}{16\pi^2 v_u} \sum_{l=1}^2 m_{C_l} \left[ -\sqrt{2} \frac{g_2}{y_b^2} Z_+^{2l} Z_-^{1l} (C_2(m_{C_l}^2, m_{D_3}^2, m_{D_6}^2) + (M_{D_3}^2 + m_b^2) C_0(m_{C_l}^2, m_{D_3}^2, m_{D_6}^2) - C_2(m_{C_l}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2)) - M_{\text{SUSY}}^2 C_0(m_{C_l}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2, M_{\text{SUSY}}^2) - Z_-^{2l} Z_+^{2l} \hat{\mu}_3 v_u C_0(m_{C_l}^2, m_{D_3}^2, m_{D_6}^2) \right] \quad (\text{A51})$$

where

$$P_U^{IJ} = -Z_N^{4l} (g_1 Z_N^{1l} - g_2 Z_N^{2l}) \quad (\text{A52})$$

$$Q_U^{IJ} = -\frac{2g_1 Z_N^{1l}}{3} \hat{\mu}_J^* v_u \left( \frac{g_1 Z_N^{1l}}{3} + g_2 Z_N^{2l} \right) - \frac{4g_1 Z_N^{1l}}{3} Z_N^{4l} ((M_Q^2)_J + m_{u_j}^2) + Z_N^{4l} \left( \frac{g_1 Z_N^{1l}}{3} + g_2 Z_N^{2l} \right) ((M_U^2)_J + m_{d_j}^2) + y_{u_j}^2 (Z_N^{4l})^2 \hat{\mu}_J v_u. \quad (\text{A53})$$

The infinities present in  $C_2$  in  $\epsilon_Y$ 's clearly cancel, however the infinities in  $\epsilon_0$ 's need to be absorbed by counter terms in the effective Lagrangian. So that the  $C_2$  contributions to the  $\epsilon$ 's in the above formulas are purely the finite pieces.

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