CP-odd static electromagnetic properties of the *W* gauge boson and the *t* quark via the anomalous *tbW* coupling

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In the framework of the electroweak chiral Lagrangian, the one-loop induced effects of the anomalous *tbW* coupling, which includes both left- and right-handed complex components, on the static electromagnetic properties of the *W* boson and the *t* quark are studied. The attention is focused mainly on the *CP*-violating electromagnetic properties. It is found that the *tbW* anomalous coupling can induce both *CP*-violating moments of the *W* boson, namely, its electric dipole $(\tilde{\mu}_W)$ and magnetic quadrupole (\tilde{Q}_W) moments. As far as the *t* quark is concerned, a potentially large electric dipole moment (d_t) can arise due to the anomalous *tbW* coupling. The most recent bounds on the *tbW* coupling left- and right-handed parameters from *B* meson physics lead to the following estimates $\tilde{\mu}_W \sim 4 \times 10^{-23} - 4 \times 10^{-22} \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm}$ and $\tilde{Q}_W \sim 10^{-38} - 10^{-37} \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm}^2$, which are 7 and 14 orders of magnitude larger than the standard model (SM) predictions, whereas d_t may be as large as $10^{-22} \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm}$, which is about 8 orders of magnitude larger than the standard model (SM) counterpart.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The only source of *CP* violation in the standard model (SM) is the Cabbibo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) phase, which seems to be the origin of CP violation in nondiagonal processes [1], as suggested by the experimental data on $B-\bar{B}$ mixing [2]. Several studies [3] suggest, however, that the CKM phase has a rather marginal effect on CP-violating flavor-diagonal processes such as the electric dipole moments (EDM) of elementary particles, which means that this class of properties may be highly sensitive to any new physics effects. While the static electromagnetic properties of the leptons have been long studied both theoretically and experimentally, those of the heaviest SM particles still require more attention. In particular, the *CP*-violating properties of the *W* boson and the top quark are extremely suppressed in the SM (the W boson EDM arises up to two loops and the top quark EDM arises first at three loops), so their study may shed light on the origin of *CP* violation. It is thus worth analyzing alternative sources of CP violation that may manifest themselves via the static electromagnetic properties of the W boson and the top quark.

The fact that the on-shell $WW\gamma$ vertex is gaugeindependent has long motivated the study of its behavior under radiative corrections because this allows one to estimate the sensitivity of the Yang-Mills sector to any physics beyond the Fermi scale. Much theoretical work has gone into studying the *CP*-even static electromagnetic properties of the *W* boson, but its experimental determination still awaits a higher experimental precision. As far as the *CP*-odd electromagnetic properties are concerned, they are by far more suppressed within the SM, thereby offering an ideal laboratory for searching for any new physics effects. By invoking Lorentz and electromagnetic gauge invariance, regardless of C, P, or T conservation, the on-shell $WW\gamma$ vertex can be characterized by five independent form factors [4].¹ Three of these form factors are *CP*-even $(g_1, \kappa, \Delta Q)$ and two are *CP*-odd, $(\tilde{\kappa}, \tilde{Q})$. While g_1 and κ are already generated at the level of the classical action, ΔQ first arises at the one-loop level. The anomalous contributions to κ and ΔQ have been calculated in the SM [7] and several of its extensions [8]. As for the CP-odd form factors, they are naturally suppressed because they can only arise at the one-loop level or higher orders in any renormalizable theory. Despite their suppression, the scrutiny of the *CP*-violating *W* boson properties may provide relevant information for our knowledge of CP violation. The electric dipole and magnetic quadrupole moments can be generated at the one-loop level via the $\tilde{\kappa}$ form factor in some extended models. Since the presence of a trace involving the γ_5 Dirac matrix is necessary in order to generate a Levi-Civitta tensor, it is clear that these CP-violating moments can only be induced at the oneloop level via a fermionic loop. It has been shown that this class of effects can arise in theories including both left- and right-handed fermion currents with a complex phase [5,9]. This possibility has already been explored within the context of left-right symmetric models [9], though the respective contribution was found highly suppressed due to the experimental constraints on the $W_L - W_R$ mixing.

¹This is a general result, which is true for any non-selfconjugate vector field even if it is electrically neutral, in which case the monopolar coupling cannot exist and so g_1 vanishes at any order of perturbation theory [5,6].

As far as the static electromagnetic properties of the top quark are concerned, the forthcoming years will see a vigorous boost in the theoretical interest and experimental scrutiny of this particle's properties. Specifically, the largest priority at the CERN large hadron collider (LHC) is the study of the top quark fundamental properties, and further studies are planned at the next linear collider (NLC) via top quark pair production. Interesting experimental and theoretical prospects are open due to the fact that the top quark has a mass of the order of the Fermi scale, which poses the question whether it is just an ordinary quark or a composite particle. The top quark decays very quickly, mainly into a *bW* pair, before any hadronization takes place, which may allow one to examine its properties without the presence of any unwanted QCD effects, which invariably would swamp the processes involving the light quarks. This peculiarity opens the door to the scrutiny of the top quark electromagnetic properties, thereby allowing the possibility of detecting a nonvanishing CP-violating electric dipole moment (EDM). Several studies have been devoted to analyze the electric or weak dipole form factors of the top quark and the so induced CP violation. Along these lines, several studies on *CP* violation in $\bar{t}t$ production have been pursued in the context of hadron [10], e^+e^- [11], and $\gamma\gamma$ [12] colliders. Despite its suppression in the SM, the top quark EDM can be significantly enhanced in a broad class of beyond-the-SM extensions. For instance, studies within the context of multi-Higgs models [13] have shown that the top quark EDM may be several orders of magnitude larger than the SM prediction.

Since the study of the CP-odd static electromagnetic properties of the W boson and the top quark may hint to the origin of CP violation, it is worth considering any possible sources of this class of effects. In this work, we are interested in the potential CP-violating effects of the most general dimension-four tbW coupling, which involves both left- and right-handed components with a complex phase, on the CP-odd static electromagnetic properties of the W boson and the top quark. The relevance of this coupling is evident from the fact that the top quark decays mainly into a bW pair. Although there is plenty of theoretical work that has considered its tree-level effects, it is also interesting to study its possible impact in one-loop processes. Because of the large mass of the top quark, which is the only known quark with a mass of the order of the electroweak scale, it has been conjectured that it may induce new dynamics effects and even more play a special role in the mechanism of mass generation, which has attracted the interest on the study of any anomalous contributions to its couplings to other SM particles. Even more, the copious production of top quark events expected at the LHC will allow us to study more carefully the top quark properties and examine possible new physics effects induced by this particle. Very interestingly, this class of new physics effects would arise at the electroweak scale, in contrast with other types of new physics effects that are expected to arise at heavier energy scales.

The role that the *tbW* coupling might play in a scenario in which the mass is not generated via the Higgs mechanism has been examined by several authors [14] through diverse phenomenological studies [15,16]. Instead of considering a specific model, we will adopt a modelindependent approach by considering the tbW anomalous contributions in the context of an electroweak chiral Lagrangian (EWCL) [15] in which the $SU_L(2) \times U_V(1)$ symmetry is nonlinearly realized as it is assumed that the Higgs boson is very heavy or does not exist at all. We can think of this scenario as the one in which the EWCL parametrizes unknown physics that is not dictated by the Higgs mechanism. Several authors have already studied this vertex in this context, and diverse scenarios have been taken into account to obtain limits on the left- and righthanded couplings [17-20]. Along these lines, some top quark production mechanisms have been considered [21]. In particular, some hadronic processes have been used to impose limits on the *CP*-violating phases associated with the general left- and right-handed structure of the tbWcoupling [17,18]. These results will be used below to estimate the values of the W electric dipole and magnetic quadrupole moments. Thus, the main aim of this work is using the most recent bounds on the anomalous terms of the *tbW* vertex to predict the effects of this coupling on the static electromagnetic properties of the W boson and the top quark. This approach is in accordance with the spirit of the effective Lagrangian approach.

This paper has been organized as follows. The most general structure of the tbW vertex is introduced in the context of the EWCL in Sec. II, whereas the respective contribution to the *CP*-violating static electromagnetic properties of the *W* boson and the top quark are calculated in Sec. III. Section IV is devoted to analyze our results, and the conclusions are presented in Sec. V.

II. THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

If the Higgs mechanism is not realized in nature, whatever is the true mechanism responsible for the electroweak symmetry breaking, it would open unexpected avenues for new physics effects. In particular, new sources of *CP* violation might show up. The unknown new physics can be parametrized using the effective Lagrangian technique in which the electroweak symmetry is nonlinearly realized. The resultant Lagrangian is known as the EWCL. In this approach, the Higgs doublet is replaced by a dimensionless matrix field that transforms nonlinearly under the $SU_L(2) \times U_Y(1)$ group [14,15]:

$$\Sigma = \exp\left(\frac{i\phi^a \sigma^a}{\nu}\right),\tag{1}$$

where ϕ^a (a = 1, 2, 3) are Goldstone bosons, σ^a are the Pauli matrices, and v is the Fermi scale. Under the

 $SU_L(2) \times U_Y(1)$ group, Σ transform as

$$\Sigma' = L\Sigma R^{\dagger}, \qquad (2)$$

where

$$L = \exp\left(\frac{i\alpha^a \sigma^a}{2}\right),\tag{3}$$

$$R = \exp\left(\frac{i\beta\sigma^3}{2}\right),\tag{4}$$

with α^a and β being the parameters of the $SU_L(2)$ and $U_Y(1)$ groups, respectively. From these expressions, it is easy to see that the Goldstone bosons fields transform nonlinearly under the electroweak group. In this scheme, the gauge fields are defined in the following way

$$\hat{W}_{\mu} = \frac{\sigma^a W^a_{\mu}}{2i},\tag{5}$$

$$\hat{B}_{\mu} = \frac{\sigma^3 B_{\mu}}{2i}.$$
(6)

To define the most general expression for the charged current, it is necessary to introduce some bosonic and fermionic Lorentz structures. We need the following Lorentz tensors:

$$\Sigma^{a}_{\mu} = -\frac{i}{2} \operatorname{Tr}[\sigma^{a} \Sigma^{\dagger} D_{\mu} \Sigma], \qquad (7)$$

$$\Sigma^{a}_{\mu\nu} = -i \operatorname{Tr}[\sigma^{a} \Sigma^{\dagger} [D_{\mu}, D_{\nu}] \Sigma], \qquad (8)$$

where

$$D_{\mu}\Sigma = \partial_{\mu}\Sigma - g\hat{W}_{\mu}\Sigma + g'\Sigma\hat{B}_{\mu}.$$
 (9)

The charged fields are given by the following relations

$$\Sigma_{\mu}^{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\Sigma_{\mu}^{1} \mp i \Sigma_{\mu}^{2}), \qquad (10)$$

$$\Sigma_{\mu\nu}^{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\Sigma_{\mu\nu}^{1} \mp i \Sigma_{\mu\nu}^{2}).$$
(11)

In the unitary gauge ($\phi^a = 0$), these expressions become $\Sigma^{\pm}_{\mu} = g/2W^{\pm}_{\mu}$ and

$$\Sigma_{\mu\nu}^{\pm} = g [W_{\mu\nu}^{\pm} \pm i e (W_{\mu}^{\pm} A_{\nu} - W_{\nu}^{\pm} A_{\mu}) \\ \pm i g c_W (W_{\mu}^{\pm} Z_{\nu} - W_{\nu}^{\pm} Z_{\mu})], \qquad (12)$$

where c_W stands for $\cos \theta_W$. We also need the following fermion operators:

$$\Delta_L = \bar{t} P_L b, \qquad \Delta_L^\mu = \bar{t} \gamma^\mu P_L b, \qquad (13)$$

$$\Delta_R = \bar{t} P_R b, \qquad \Delta_R^\mu = \bar{t} \gamma^\mu P_R b, \qquad (14)$$

$$\Delta_L^{\mu\nu} = \bar{t}\sigma^{\mu\nu}P_L b, \qquad \bar{\Delta}_L^{\mu} = i\bar{t}P_L\bar{D}^{\mu}b, \qquad (15)$$

$$\Delta_R^{\mu\nu} = \bar{t}\sigma^{\mu\nu}P_R b, \qquad \bar{\Delta}_R^{\mu} = i\bar{t}P_R\bar{D}^{\mu}b, \qquad (16)$$

where $\bar{D}_{\mu} = \partial_{\mu} - ieQA_{\mu}$ is the electromagnetic covariant derivative, $\sigma_{\mu\nu} = (i/2)[\gamma_{\mu}, \gamma_{\nu}]$, and $P_L(P_R)$ is the left-handed (right-handed) projector.

Using the above expressions, the most general Lagrangian for the charged currents can be written as

$$\mathcal{L}^{CC} = \sqrt{2}a_L \Delta_L^{\mu} \Sigma_{\mu}^+ + \sqrt{2}a_R \Delta_R^{\mu} \Sigma_{\mu}^+ + \frac{1}{\Lambda} [ib_L \Delta_L \bar{D}^{\mu} \Sigma_{\mu}^+ + ib_R \Delta_R \bar{D}^{\mu} \Sigma_{\mu}^+ + c_L \bar{\Delta}_L^{\mu} \Sigma_{\mu}^+ + c_R \bar{\Delta}_R^{\mu} \Sigma_{\mu}^+ + d_L \Delta_L^{\mu\nu} \Sigma_{\mu\nu}^+ + d_R \Delta_R^{\mu\nu} \Sigma_{\mu\nu}^+] + \text{H.c.}, \qquad (17)$$

with Λ being an energy scale. We have introduced the $\sqrt{2}$ factor in order to recover the SM value $(g/\sqrt{2})$ for the lefthanded coupling in the appropriate limit.² Although this Lagrangian induces the vertices tbW, $tbW\gamma$, and tbWZ, we only show the first one:

$$\mathcal{L}_{tbW} = \frac{g}{2} \left\{ \sqrt{2}\bar{t}(a_L P_L + a_R P_R) b W^+_{\mu} + \frac{1}{\Lambda} [i\bar{t}(b_L P_L + b_R P_R) b \partial^{\mu} W^+_{\mu} + i\bar{t}(c_L P_L + c_R P_R) \partial^{\mu} b W^+_{\mu} + 2\bar{t}\sigma^{\mu\nu} (d_L P_L + d_R P_R) b W^+_{\mu\nu}] \right\} + \text{H.c.} \quad (18)$$

We will only consider the renormalizable part of this coupling as it is expected to give the dominant contribution to the $WW\gamma$ and $tt\gamma$ vertices. Therefore, all terms proportional to $1/\Lambda$ will be neglected from now on.

A word of caution is in order here. Although we have presented a specific theoretical framework for the presence of an anomalous tbW coupling, our calculation below remains valid for any class of theory predicting an interaction as the one given in Eq. (18). In this context, our results are meant to examine the impact of the anomalous tbW coupling on the static properties of the W boson and the top quark, but they are not mean to test the EWCL scenario. This is beyond the reach of the present work.

III. CP-ODD STATIC ELECTROMAGNETIC PROPERTIES OF THE W BOSON AND THE TOP QUARK

We now present the explicit calculation of the anomalous *tbW* coupling to the *CP*-odd static electromagnetic properties of the *W* boson and the top quark.

²We do not introduce operators proportional to $\bar{D}^{\mu}\bar{t}$ because they are not independent. In fact, after integration by parts one obtains $\bar{D}^{\mu}\bar{t}b\Sigma^{+}_{\mu} = -\bar{t}\bar{D}^{\mu}b\Sigma^{+}_{\mu} - \bar{t}b\bar{D}^{\mu}\Sigma^{+}_{\mu}$.

A. The W boson EDM and MQM

We now turn to discuss the structure of the $WW\gamma$ vertex and the contribution from the anomalous tbW coupling. The most general on-shell $W_{\alpha}(p-q)W_{\beta}(-p-q)A_{\mu}(2q)$ vertex can be written as

$$\Gamma_{\alpha\beta\mu} = ie \left(g_1 [2p^{\mu}g^{\alpha\beta} + 4(q_{\beta}g_{\alpha\mu} - q_{\alpha}g_{\beta\mu})] + 2\Delta\kappa(q_{\beta}g_{\alpha\mu} - q_{\alpha}g_{\beta\mu}) + \frac{4\Delta Q}{m_W^2} p_{\mu}q_{\alpha}q_{\beta} + 2\tilde{\kappa}\epsilon_{\alpha\beta\mu\lambda}q^{\lambda} + \frac{4\tilde{Q}}{m_W^2} q_{\beta}\epsilon_{\alpha\mu\lambda\rho}p^{\lambda}q^{\rho} \right), \quad (19)$$

where all the momenta are incoming. In a renormalizable theory, the form factors $\Delta \kappa$, ΔQ , $\tilde{\kappa}$, and \tilde{Q} always arise via radiative corrections. The magnetic (electric) dipole moment μ_W ($\tilde{\mu}_W$) and the electric (magnetic) quadrupole moment Q_W (\tilde{Q}_W) are given in terms of the electromagnetic form factors as follows

$$\mu_W = \frac{e}{2m_W} (2 + \Delta \kappa), \tag{20}$$

$$Q_W = -\frac{e}{m_W^2} (1 + \Delta \kappa + \Delta Q), \qquad (21)$$

$$\tilde{\mu}_W = \frac{e}{2m_W}\tilde{\kappa},\tag{22}$$

$$\tilde{Q}_W = -\frac{e}{m_W^2} (\tilde{\kappa} + \tilde{Q}).$$
⁽²³⁾

The contribution of the tbW coupling arises from the triangle diagrams shown in Fig. 1. We will concentrate only on the *CP*-odd contribution, although there are also contributions to the *CP*-even form factors. As already mentioned, at this order of perturbation theory, the renormalizable part of the tbW coupling can only contribute to one *CP*-odd form factor, namely, $\tilde{\kappa}$, which reads

$$\tilde{\kappa} = \frac{\alpha}{8s_W^2 \pi^2} (Q_t F(x_t, x_b) + Q_b F(x_b, x_t)) \operatorname{Im}(a_L a_R^{\dagger}), \quad (24)$$



FIG. 1. Feynman diagrams contributing to the on-shell $WW\gamma$ vertex. The dot denotes an anomalous *tbW* vertex.

where $x_a = m_a/m_W$ and

$$F(x, y) = 4xy \left(\log\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) + (1 - x^2 + y^2) \frac{f(x, y)}{2\chi(x, y)} \right), \quad (25)$$

with

$$f(x, y) = \log\left(\frac{1 - (x^2 + y^2) - \chi(x, y)}{1 - (x^2 + y^2) + \chi(x, y)}\right),$$
(26)

and $\chi^2(x, y) = (x^2 + y^2 - 1)^2 - 4x^2y^2$. This result is free of ultraviolet divergences, which is a consequence of the fact that only the renormalizable part of the *tbW* vertex has been considered.

B. The top quark EDM

The most general $tt\gamma$ vertex function is given by

$$\Gamma_{\mu} = i\bar{t}(p_1)(\gamma^{\mu}F_t + i\sigma^{\mu\nu}q_{\nu}(a_t + \gamma^5 d_t))t(p_2), \quad (27)$$

where F_t is the electric charge of the top quark, a_t is its MDM, and d_t is its EDM. At tree level Ft = 2/3e, whereas a_t and d_t arise via radiative corrections.

The anomalous *tbW* coupling of Eq. (18) induces an EDM for the top quark through the Feynman diagrams shown in Fig. 2, where all the particles are taken on-shell. After some calculation via the unitary gauge, one can extract the coefficient of the $i\gamma^5\sigma_{\mu\nu}q^{\nu}$ term from the $\bar{t}t\gamma$ vertex function. Here q_{μ} is the photon four momentum. This leads to

$$d_{t} = \frac{N_{c}\alpha}{32\pi} \frac{m_{b}}{m_{W}} \frac{e}{m_{W}} (Q_{W}F_{W}(x_{b}, x_{W}) + Q_{b}F_{b}(x_{b}, x_{W})) \operatorname{Im}(a_{L}a_{R}^{*}),$$
(28)

with $x_i = m_i/m_i$, $N_c = 3$, $Q_b = -1/3$, and $Q_W = -1$. The F_W and F_b functions stand for the contribution of the Feynman diagram where the photon emerges from the W boson and the b quark line, respectively. They are given by

$$F_W(x_b, x_W) = (x_b^2 - 4x_W^2 - 1)f_1(x_b, x_W) - (x_b^4 + 4x_W^4) - 5x_b^2 x_W^2 - 3x_W^2 - 2x_b^2 + 1)f_2(x_b, x_W),$$
(29)



FIG. 2. Feynman diagrams contributing to the on-shell $\bar{t}t\gamma$ vertex.

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$$F_b(x_b, x_W) = (x_b^2 - 4x_W^2 - 1)f_1(x_W, x_b) + (x_b^4 + 4x_W^4) - 5x_b^2 x_W^2 - 3x_W^2 - 2x_b^2 + 1)f_2(x_W, x_b),$$
(30)

with

$$f_{1}(x, y) = 2 + (1 - y^{2} + x^{2}) \log\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) + \sqrt{(1 - x^{2} - y^{2})^{2} - 4x^{2}y^{2}} \times \operatorname{sech}^{-1}\left(\frac{2xy}{x^{2} + y^{2} - 1}\right),$$
(31)

$$f_2(x, y) = -\log\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) - \frac{1 + x^2 - y^2}{\sqrt{(1 - x^2 - y^2)^2 - 4x^2y^2}}$$

× sech⁻¹ $\left(\frac{2xy}{x^2 + y^2 - 1}\right)$.

For the same reason argued when discussing the *W* boson EDM, the calculated top quark EDM is free of ultraviolet divergences.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

We turn to discuss the numerical results. First of all, we will discuss the most recent bounds on the anomalous tbWcoupling from B meson physics. Second, we will consider these bounds to predict the order of magnitude expected for the W boson and the top quark EDMs. We would like to emphasize that our main purpose is to obtain a prediction for the *tbW* effects on the *CP*-violating static electromagnetic properties of the W boson and the top quark, rather than using our calculation to obtain a bound for the anomalous tbW coupling, for which we could use the neutron EDM for instance. However, a careful study of the effects of the one-loop induced W boson EDM on the nucleon EDM would require a two-loop calculation, which is beyond the purpose of this work. It is worth to discuss this point with more extent. In Ref. [22], an effective vertex parametrizing the EDM of the W boson was used to calculate a one-loop induced fermion EDM. Somewhat erroneously, we may want follow the same approach here and use the calculation of Ref. [22] to obtain a bound on the tbW anomalous coupling. This could be done safely if the fermions circulating in the loop were much heavier than the external W boson, in which case the one-loop $WW\gamma$ vertex of Fig. 1 could be parametrized as an effective treelevel vertex an inserted into the one-loop $\bar{f}f\gamma$ vertex to calculate the fermion EDM [see Fig. 3(b)]. Such an approximation is not valid when the $WW\gamma$ loop includes fermions with a mass of the same order of magnitude than the W boson mass, as occurs with the contribution of the tbW vertex. In such a case, the two-loop diagram of Fig. 3(a) must be evaluated.

Although there are prospects for the direct measurement of the tbW coupling at the LHC and the planned future



FIG. 3. Feynman diagrams contributing to the EDM of a fermion via the W EDM when (a) the fermions circulating in the $WW\gamma$ loop have a mass of the same order of magnitude than the W boson mass and (b) the internal fermions are much heavier than the W boson, in which case an effective $WW\gamma$ vertex can be used.

colliders, it has been pointed out in Ref. [23] that CLEO data on $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ are already more constraining on the righthanded *tbW* coupling than what would be achievable at any planned future collider. Thus, the bounds discussed below will be very useful to assess the impact of this vertex on the *WW* γ and *tt* γ vertices.

Bounds on the anomalous *tbW* coupling

It is customary to parametrize the left- and right-handed parameters of Eq. (18) in the following way

$$a_L = 1 + \kappa_L e^{i\phi_L},\tag{32}$$

$$a_R = \kappa_R e^{i\phi_R},\tag{33}$$

with $\kappa_{L,R}$ and $\phi_{L,R}$ real parameters. It follows that

$$\operatorname{Im}\left(a_{L}a_{R}^{\dagger}\right) = -\kappa_{R}\sin\phi_{R} + \kappa_{L}\kappa_{R}\sin(\phi_{L} - \phi_{R}). \quad (34)$$

In the above expressions, the SM left-handed coupling was explicitly introduced along with a deviation characterized by the κ_L and ϕ_L parameters. In order to make predictions, we need to assume some values for these parameters. For this purpose, we will consider the bounds reported in the literature, such as the ones obtained in Ref. [17] from *B* decay processes:

$$\kappa_L \sin \phi_L < 3 \times 10^{-2}, \tag{35}$$

$$\kappa_R \sin \phi_R < 10^{-3}. \tag{36}$$

There are also limits on the right-handed parameters derived from the CLEO Collaboration data on the $b \rightarrow s\gamma$ decay [18]:

$$\kappa_R \cos \phi_R < 4 \times 10^{-3}, \tag{37}$$

$$\kappa_R \sin \phi_R < 10^{-3}. \tag{38}$$

In addition, current data on *CP*-conserving process allows κ_L to be as large as 0.2 [19,20,23]. As far as the κ_R parameter is concerned, it seems to be more suppressed

than the corresponding left-handed one, as suggested by Eq. (37) and also from the result obtained in Ref. [24], where it was found that $-5 \times 10^{-2} < \kappa_R < 10^{-2}$.

In the following, we will estimate the EDM of the W boson and the top quark using the following values: $\kappa_L \sin \phi_L < 3 \times 10^{-2}$, $\kappa_R \sin \phi_R < 10^{-3}$, and $\kappa_R < 4 \times 10^{-3}$.

V. THE EDM OF THE W BOSON

In the context of renormalizable theories with the simultaneous presence of left- and right-handed fermion currents, the electric dipole and magnetic quadrupole moments are proportional at the one-loop level:

$$\tilde{Q}_W = -\left(\frac{2}{m_W}\right)\tilde{\mu}_W.$$
(39)

This means that \tilde{Q}_W is suppressed with respect to $\tilde{\mu}_W$ by a factor of the order of 10^{-16} , provided that units of e and cm are used. However, this hierarchy might not hold at higher orders. Using the known values for the SM parameters, the electric dipole and magnetic quadrupole moments of the *W* boson can be written as

$$\tilde{\mu}_W = -4 \times 10^{-19} \operatorname{Im}(a_L a_R^{\dagger}) \,\mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{cm}, \qquad (40)$$

$$\tilde{Q}_W = 1.98 \times 10^{-34} \,\mathrm{Im}(a_L a_R^{\dagger}) \,\mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{cm}^2.$$
 (41)

The constraints of Eqs. (35) and (37) pose two scenarios of interest, for which we get an estimate for the *W* electric dipole and magnetic quadrupole moments:

(i) SM-like a_L and complex a_R :

$$\tilde{\mu}_W = 4 \times 10^{-19} \kappa_R \sin \phi_R \, \text{e} \cdot \text{cm}$$
$$< 4 \times 10^{-22} \, \text{e} \cdot \text{cm}, \qquad (42)$$

$$\tilde{Q}_W = -1.98 \times 10^{-34} \kappa_R \sin\phi_R \,\mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{cm}^2$$

$$< -1.98 \times 10^{-37} \,\mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{cm}^2. \tag{43}$$

(ii) Complex a_L and purely real a_R :

$$\tilde{\mu}_W = -4 \times 10^{-19} \kappa_R \kappa_L \sin \phi_L \, \mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{cm}$$
$$< -4.8 \times 10^{-23} \, \mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{cm}, \qquad (44)$$

$$\tilde{Q}_W = 1.98 \times 10^{-34} \kappa_R \kappa_L \sin \phi_L \ \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{cm}^2$$

$$< 2.38 \times 10^{-38} \ \mathbf{e} \cdot \mathbf{cm}^2. \tag{45}$$

In the most general scenario, both a_L and a_R are complex, but the values for $\tilde{\mu}_W$ and \tilde{Q}_W are similar to those obtained in the first scenario above.

It is worth comparing our results with those previously reported in the literature. Of course the standard to which all results should be compared with is the SM prediction.

As already mentioned, in the SM \tilde{Q}_W first arises at the twoloop level, whereas $\tilde{\mu}_W$ appears up to three-loop order. It has been estimated that $\tilde{\mu}_W$ and \tilde{Q}_W are of the order of $10^{-29} e \cdot cm$ [25,26] and $-10^{-51} e \cdot cm^2$ [27], respectively. Beyond the SM, most of the studies have focused on $\tilde{\mu}_W$, with the exception of Ref. [28], in which both $\tilde{\mu}_W$ and Q_W were estimated. In sharp contrast with the negligibly small SM predictions, some of its extensions predict values several orders of magnitude larger. For instance, a value of 10^{-22} e \cdot cm for $\tilde{\mu}_W$ was estimated in left-right symmetric models [9,25], and a similar result was found in supersymmetric models, which induce this moment via one-loop diagrams mediated by charginos and neutralinos [25,29]. The $\tilde{\mu}_W$ moment has also been estimated in multi-Higgs models, in which it can be induced at the two-loop level. For instance it was found that $\tilde{\mu}_W \sim 10^{-20} - 10^{-21}$ e · cm in the two-Higgs doublet model [30]. A similar value was found in the context of the so-called 331 models, whose Higgs sector also induces $\tilde{\mu}_W$ at the two-loop level [31]. From these results, we can conclude that our estimate for $\tilde{\mu}_W$ in the context of the EWCL lies within the range of the predictions obtained from other renormalizable SM extensions.

It is interesting to mention that the CP-odd static electromagnetic properties of the W boson have been estimated in Ref. [28] within the context of the linear electroweak effective Lagrangian (LEWEL), which do assume the existence of the Higgs boson, in contrast with the EWCL. It was shown that the most general HWW coupling, which includes both CP-even and CP-odd components, can give rise to both *CP*-odd *WW* γ form factors $\tilde{\kappa}$ and \tilde{Q} . The numerical estimates obtained for appropriate values of the unknown parameters are $\tilde{\mu}_W \sim 3-6 \times 10^{-20} \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm}$ and $\tilde{Q}_W \sim -10^{-36} \,\mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{cm}^2$ [28]. We thus can conclude that the values for $\tilde{\mu}_W$ and \tilde{Q}_W induced by the anomalous tbW coupling, which are about 7 and 17 orders of magnitude above their respective SM predictions, are 1 order of magnitude smaller that those generated by an anomalous HWW coupling.

The top quark EDM

Once Eq. (28) is numerically evaluated, one obtains

$$d_t = (3.08 - 5.73) \times 10^{-19} \operatorname{Im}(a_L a_R^*) \,\mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{cm}$$

= -2.65 × 10⁻¹⁹ Im(a_L a_R^*) e \cdot cm, (46)

where the positive (negative) contribution corresponds to the Feynman diagram where the photon emerges from the boson (quark) line. It should be mentioned that d_t develops an imaginary part, which is almost twice larger than the real one. The appearance of an imaginary (absorptive) part is not usual in the static electromagnetic properties of light particles, but in this case it arises as a consequence of the fact that, being the top quark so heavy, $m_t > m_W + m_b$. Bearing in mind the constraints of Eqs. (35) and (37), we will explore the two scenarios discussed above. We obtain in the first scenario

$$|d_t| \le 2.65 \times 10^{-22} \,\mathrm{e} \cdot \mathrm{cm},$$
 (47)

whereas the latter scenario leads to

$$|d_t| \lesssim 7.95 \times 10^{-23} \text{ e} \cdot \text{cm.}$$
 (48)

In this case, the constraint $\kappa_R < 10^{-2}$ was used.

We also would like to compare our results with those obtained within the framework of other theories. As already mentioned, in the SM the top quark EDM arises first at three loops and it has been estimated to be of the order of $10^{-30} e \cdot cm$ [25,32]. Beyond the SM, the top quark EDM has also received some attention. For instance, in multi-Higgs models, values for d_t lying in the range $10^{-20}-10^{-21} e \cdot cm$ have been estimated [13]. We can thus conclude that our prediction, which is compatible with the constraints imposed by *B* meson physics, is about 8 orders of magnitude larger than the SM one but one or 2 orders of magnitude smaller than that obtained in multi-Higgs models.

VI. FINAL REMARKS

Up to now, the mechanism responsible for electroweak symmetry breaking remains the most puzzling piece of the SM. The Higgs mechanism, although satisfactory to generate the masses of the theory, might be a mere mathematical artifact lacking any connection with the physical reality. It is therefore important to be open-minded to any potential scenario that may give rise to sizeable new physics effects. Because of its heavy mass, it has been conjectured that the top quark may play a special role in the mass generation. Along these lines, it is worth considering potential new physics effects induced by the top quark. In this paper, we have explored the possible CP-violating effects arising from the most general dimension-four tbW coupling. In particular, the impact of such a coupling on the *CP*-odd electromagnetic properties of the *W* boson and the top quark was studied. Analytical expressions were obtained, and their numerical values were estimated by considering the most recent bounds on the tbW coupling phases from *B* meson physics, as reported in the literature.

It was found that the most promising scenario corresponds to an anomalous *tbW* coupling with a SM-like lefthanded part and a complex right-handed component. In such a scenario, the resultant predictions for the *W CP*-odd static electromagnetic properties are $\tilde{\mu}_W < 4 \times 10^{-22}$ e · cm and $\tilde{Q}_W < 1.98 \times 10^{-37}$ e · cm², which are 7 and 14 orders of magnitude larger than the respective SM prediction, whereas the top quark EDM d_t may be up to 8 orders of magnitude larger than the SM contribution. Another interesting scenario corresponds to an anomalous tbWcoupling with a complex left-handed component and a purely real right-handed component, but in such a case the static properties of the W boson and the top quark are 1 order of magnitude smaller than in the precious scenario. We have also compared our results with those obtained in the framework of other beyond-the-SM theories. It was found that our results are about 1 order of magnitude smaller than those predicted by other theories such as multi-Higgs doublet models. Since an anomalous tbWcoupling can arise in a scenario where the Higgs boson is absent, it is interesting to compare our results with those obtained in theories where the Higgs boson is the one responsible for the electroweak symmetry breaking. For instance, in Ref. [28] a general HWW coupling involving both CP-even and CP-odd components was considered, which gives rise to both $\tilde{\mu}_W$ and \tilde{Q}_W . Our results, obtained in the Higgsless EWCL scenario, are about 1 order of magnitude smaller than those induced in the scenario where at least one relatively light Higgs boson is present.

The EDM of the *W* boson can contribute significantly to the EDM of light fermions, such as the electron and the neutron, which are under frequent experimental scrutiny. This fact was exploited by the authors of Ref. [22], in which the experimental upper bound on the neutron electric dipole moment, $d_n < 10^{-25}$ e · cm, was used to obtain the upper bound $\tilde{\mu}_W < 10^{-20}$ e · cm. Our result for $\tilde{\mu}_W$ is consistent with this result. On the other hand, the direct measurement of the *CP*-odd structure of the *WW* γ vertex might be in the range of sensitivity of next linear colliders (NLC) or CLIC [33], which will operate as a *W* factory. The possibility of extracting some *CP*-odd asymmetries from these colliders has been examined by several authors, mainly in a model-independent manner via the effective Lagrangian technique [34].

Alternatively, we could use our calculation to obtain bounds on the anomalous tbW coupling from the EDM of the neutron. Although in Ref. [22] an effective $WW\gamma$ vertex was used to calculate the respective contribution to the neutron EDM and the resultant constraint on the *CP*-odd $WW\gamma$ coupling could be used to constrain the anomalous tbW coupling, a precise estimate would require a two-loop calculation, which is beyond the purpose of this work.

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