Supersymmetric multi-Higgs doublet model with nonlinear electroweak symmetry breaking

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The electroweak symmetry is nonlinearly realized in an extension of the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) through an additional pair of constrained Higgs doublet superfields. The superpotential couplings of this constrained Higgs doublet pair to the MSSM Higgs doublet pair catalyze their vacuum expectation values. The Higgs and Higgsino-gaugino mass spectrum is presented for several choices of supersymmetry breaking and Higgs superpotential mass parameters. The additional vacuum expectation values provided by the constrained fields can produce a phenomenology quite different than that of the MSSM.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The increasing lower experimental bound on the Higgs boson mass has called into question the viability of the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) where the mass remains bounded from above by about 130 GeV even after the inclusion of radiative corrections. Augmenting the MSSM by the inclusion of an additional singlet superfield (the NMSSM) [1] provides a means to raise the Higgs boson mass [2,3]. Requiring the NMSSM to remain perturbative up to the unification scale results in a Higgs mass limit of about 150 GeV [4], while permitting the singlet-Higgs doublet Yukawa coupling to reach its Landau singularity before the unification scale allows the Higgs mass to be raised even further [5-8]. Taken to the extreme, the large mass limit is described by a nonlinear or chiral MSSM [9]. This particular nonlinear realization has been experimentally excluded by the chargino mass limits [10]. Alternatively, a wider range of allowed tree level masses can also be achieved by the addition of families of Higgs doublets. In this case, the major model restrictions arise from the need to suppress excessive flavor changing neutral currents (FCNC). This leads to model restrictions on the Yukawa couplings to matter superfields. The requisite safe conditions needed for the sufficient suppression of the FCNC, as well as for agreement with precision electroweak tests and anomalous magnetic moment measurements, all with perturbative Yukawa couplings, have been extensively studied [11–17] in such extensions of the standard model and the MSSM.

The motivation for introducing additional Higgs doublet fields goes beyond the desire to alter tree level mass spectra. For example, it could be that some novel strong gauge field dynamics may be the source of the electroweak symmetry breakdown (and possibly even the supersymmetry breaking) [18–21], but this dynamics is not directly responsible for giving the quarks and leptons their nontrivial masses. A model independent means of characterizing the electroweak symmetry breakdown is via a nonlinear realization of the $SU(2)_L \times U(1)$. For a consistent supersymmetric (SUSY) model, this can be achieved using a constrained pair of Higgs doublet fields, where the imposition of the constraint breaks the electroweak symmetry. On the other hand, the quark and lepton superfields acquire their masses through their Yukawa coupling to an additional pair of MSSM-like Higgs doublets whose nontrivial vacuum expectation values are catalyzed by their supersymmetric coupling to the constrained Higgs doublet pairs. Thus a consistent supersymmetric version of such a picture requires the introduction of four pairs of doublets with the additional nonlinear constraint among two of the Higgs doublet chiral superfields. Note that in such a model, the electroweak symmetry breaking is no longer tied to the supersymmetry breaking as is the case in the MSSM.

In this paper, we focus on such a supersymmetric model where the source for electroweak symmetry breakdown is independent of the SUSY breaking. This is accomplished through a nonlinear realization of the $SU(2)_L \times U(1)$ symmetry. In addition, the coupling of this sector to that of the usual MSSM, including the soft SUSY breaking terms, provides a rich spectrum of particle masses. The simplest realization of the model can be expressed in terms of an additional pair of constrained doublet chiral superfields denoted H'_u and H'_d having the form

$$H'_{u} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{u}^{+\prime} \\ H_{u}^{0\prime} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i\Pi^{+} \\ \Sigma - i\Pi^{0} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$H'_{d} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{d}^{0\prime} \\ H_{d}^{-\prime} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma + i\Pi^{0} \\ i\Pi^{-} \end{pmatrix},$$
(1)

with the vacuum expectation values

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$$<0|H'_{u}|0>=\begin{pmatrix}0\\v'_{u}/\sqrt{2}\end{pmatrix}, <0|H'_{d}|0>=\begin{pmatrix}v'_{d}/\sqrt{2}\\0\end{pmatrix}.$$
 (2)

These σ -model coordinates are given by the chiral superfields $\Pi^{\pm} \equiv \Pi^1 \mp i \Pi^2$ and $\Pi^0 = \Pi^3$ while the superfield constraint, $H'_d \epsilon H'_u = v'_u v'_d/2$, takes the form

$$\Sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\nu'_u \nu'_d}{2} - \vec{\Pi} \cdot \vec{\Pi}},\tag{3}$$

which allows the Σ superfield to be eliminated in favor of the Π superfields. The model action Γ is thus given by

$$\Gamma = \Gamma_{\rm MSSM} + \int dV \{ \bar{H}'_{u} e^{-2g_{2}W - g_{1}B} H'_{u} + \bar{H}'_{d} e^{-2g_{2}W + g_{1}B} H'_{d} \} + \int dSW_{\rm Mix} + \int d\bar{S}\bar{W}_{\rm Mix}, \qquad (4)$$

where Γ_{MSSM} is the action for the MSSM including soft SUSY breaking. The electroweak gauge fields are the $SU(2)_L$ vector superfield $W = \frac{\vec{\sigma}}{2} \cdot \vec{W}$ and the U(1) weak hypercharge vector superfield *B*. The superpotential W_{Mix} involves the mixing of the MSSM Higgs doublets, denoted by H_u and H_d , with the constrained coordinates H'_u and H'_d

$$W_{\text{Mix}} = \mu_{12}H_u\epsilon H'_d + \mu_{21}H'_u\epsilon H_d.$$
(5)

Note that even though the Σ superfield is constrained, the theory remains anomaly free after its elimination. The linear part of the Π^i -inos coupling to the $SU(2)_L$ gauge fields is in the adjoint representation and only the π^{\pm} -inos have a linear coupling to the U(1) hypercharge gauge field. Hence their potential contributions to the anomalies vanish.

In the MSSM, the electroweak symmetry breakdown is tied to the SUSY breaking so that without SUSY breaking there is no electroweak breaking. On the other hand, the multidoublet sigma model can be realized in the broken electroweak symmetry phase even if SUSY remains unbroken. In this unbroken SUSY limit, and with the global custodial $SU(2)_V$ symmetry broken only by gauging the U(1) hypercharge, the model parameters simplify to $v'_u =$ $v'_d \equiv v'$ while $\tan \beta = 1$ ($v_u = v_d$) and $\mu_{12} = \mu_{21}$. Parametrizing the MSSM Higgs field doublets as

$$H_{u} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{u}^{+} \\ H_{u}^{0} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} i\chi^{+} \\ H^{0} - i\chi^{0} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$H_{d} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{d}^{0} \\ H_{d}^{-} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H^{0} + i\chi^{0} \\ i\chi^{-} \end{pmatrix},$$
(6)

the massless Nambu-Goldstone bosons lie in an $SU(2)_V$ triplet

$$\vec{\Pi}_{\rm NG} = \vec{\Pi}\cos\theta + \vec{\chi}\sin\theta, \qquad (7)$$

while one of the neutral and the two charged massive Higgs chiral superfields together lie in the orthogonal $SU(2)_V$ triplet

$$\vec{H} = -\prod \sin\theta + \vec{\chi} \cos\theta, \qquad (8)$$

with the other neutral Higgs chiral superfield being the $SU(2)_V$ singlet H^0 . The potential is minimized at $\mu_{12} =$ $-\mu_{11} \tan \theta$, with $\mu_{11} = \mu$ the MSSM Higgs doublet superpotential mass parameter. The SUSY Higgs mechanism becomes operational with the Z and W^{\pm} vector superfields absorbing the neutral and charged Nambu-Goldstone chiral superfields to become massive with $M_Z = \frac{\sqrt{g_1^2 + g_2}}{2}v =$ $M_W/\cos\theta_W$, with $v^2 = v_u^2 + v_d^2 + v_u'^2 + v_d'^2$, while the photon vector superfield (photon and photino) remains massless. There are four additional Higgs superfields; two neutral and two charged. The neutral chiral superfields have masses $4\mu_{11}$ and $4\mu_{11}\sec^2\theta$ while the charged $SU(2)_V$ partner chiral superfields have masses $4\mu_{11} \sec^2 \theta$. When the SUSY breaking parameters are included and the mixing masses are chosen to be different for up and down Higgs fields, the mixing involved in forming the mass eigenstates becomes quite complicated and necessitates a numerical determination. All told, there are two neutral pseudoscalars, three neutral Higgs scalars and three charged scalars. In addition, the gaugino and Higgsino fields mix to yield three charginos and five neutralinos.

In Sec. II, the model is expressed in terms of its component fields with the auxiliary F- and D-fields eliminated. The electroweak breaking minimum of the potential is found. The mass spectrum is extracted in Sec. III for various choices of the parameters of the model. For simplicity, the nonlinear realization of the electroweak symmetry has been taken to exhibit the custodial $SU(2)_V$ global symmetry, hence the corresponding vacuum values are chosen to satisfy: $v'_u = v'_d \equiv v'$. Consequently, after fixing the values of M_Z and gaugino soft SUSY breaking masses M_1 and M_2 , the model spectrum depends on five parameters: $tan\beta =$ v_u/v_d , $\tan\theta = \sqrt{(v_u^2 + v_d^2)/2v^2}$, the MSSM $\mu = \mu_{11}$ parameter, the $\mu_{11}B$ SUSY breaking parameter, and a mixing mass parameter μ_{12} between the MSSM Higgs and the constrained Higgs multiplets. The Kähler SUSY breaking term parameters m_u^2 , m_d^2 and the mixing mass parameter μ_{21} are fixed by the three electroweak symmetry breaking minimum conditions. As usual, the μ problem still exists as a $\mu_{11} - \mu_{12}$ stability region of parameter space which must be determined in order to prevent *D*-flat direction runaway field values. There is no additional μ -problem tuning since the origin of field space is not an extremum of the potential as the nonlinear realization of the electroweak symmetry imposes its breakdown.

Since the quark and lepton superfield Yukawa couplings only involve the MSSM Higgs fields, the issue of flavor changing neutral currents (FCNC) is the same as that of the MSSM. Note that, since the W and Z masses are now given by the vacuum expectation value $v^2 = v_u^2 + v_d^2 + v_u'^2 + v_d'^2 = v_u^2 + v_d^2 + 2v'^2$, with $M_Z = \frac{\sqrt{g_1^2 + g_2^2}}{2}v = M_W/\cos\theta_W$, generating the same matter masses requires

that the Yukawa coupling constants be larger than in the MSSM. The perturbative bounds, ($\leq 4\pi$), for the top and bottom quarks and τ lepton provide a further restriction on the parameter space. In Sec. IV, we discuss the constraints imposed by the electroweak precision tests. In addition, we consider the modifications to Higgs production and decay due to the extra vacuum expectation values and Higgs field mixing. Finally, note that the model has an unbroken *R* parity which dictates the stability of the lightest supersymmetric particle (LSP) which for various regions of parameter space is the lightest neutralino and hence it is

II. THE HIGGS-GAUGE SECTOR ACTION

The relevant Higgs and gauge terms in the action of Eq. (4) have the form

$$\Gamma_{H-G} = \Gamma_{\rm YM} + \Gamma_{\rm K} + \Gamma_{\rm W} + \Gamma_{\rm g'},\tag{9}$$

where the $SU(2)_L \times U(1)$ field strength terms are

a dark matter candidate.

$$\Gamma_{\rm YM} = \frac{1}{4g_2^2} \int dS \operatorname{Tr}[W_2 W_2] + \frac{1}{4g_1^2} \int dS W_1 W_1 + \frac{1}{4g_2^2} \int d\bar{S} \operatorname{Tr}[\bar{W}_2 \bar{W}_2] + \frac{1}{4g_1^2} \int d\bar{S} \bar{W}_1 \bar{W}_1 \quad (10)$$

and the two pairs of Higgs doublets have a Kähler potential action given by

$$\Gamma_{\rm K} = \int dV \{ \bar{H}_u e^{-2g_2 W - g_1 B} H_u + \bar{H}_d e^{-2g_2 W + g_1 B} H_d + \bar{H}'_u e^{-2g_2 W - g_1 B} H'_u + \bar{H}'_d e^{-2g_2 W + g_1 B} H'_d \}.$$
(11)

The Higgs doublet portion of the superpotential includes the mixing terms among the constrained and MSSM Higgs multiplets as well as the MSSM μ_{11} term so that

$$\Gamma_{\rm W} = \int dSW + \int d\bar{S}\,\bar{W} \tag{12}$$

with

$$W = \mu_{11}H_u\epsilon H_d + W_{\text{Mix}}$$

= $\mu_{11}H_u\epsilon H_d + \mu_{12}H_u\epsilon H_d' + \mu_{21}H_u'\epsilon H_d.$ (13)

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Finally the soft SUSY breaking terms for the gauginos and MSSM Higgs doublets are denoted as

$$\Gamma_{\vec{S}} = \int d^4 x \mathcal{L}_{\vec{S}} \tag{14}$$

while, for simplicity, we take the Kähler-like and $\mu_{11}B$ term type breaking to appear only for the MSSM Higgs fields so that

$$\mathcal{L}_{\$} = \frac{1}{2}M_1(\lambda\lambda + \bar{\lambda}\,\bar{\lambda}) + \frac{1}{2}M_2(\lambda^i\lambda^i + \bar{\lambda}^i\bar{\lambda}^i) - m_u^2H_u^{\dagger}H_u - m_d^2H_d^{\dagger}H_d - \mu_{11}BH_u\epsilon H_d - \mu_{11}BH_u^{\dagger}\epsilon H_d^{\dagger}.$$
 (15)

where $\lambda^i(\lambda)$ are the gaugino fields.

In the Wess-Zumino gauge, the component Lagrangian takes the corresponding form

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{\rm YM} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm K} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm W} + \mathcal{L}_{\rm g}. \tag{16}$$

Here $\mathcal{L}_{YM} = \mathcal{L}_{SYM} + \mathcal{L}_{DYM}$, where the individual contributions to the gauge and gaugino Lagrangian are

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{SYM}} = -\frac{1}{4} F^{i}_{\mu\nu} F^{i\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4} B_{\mu\nu} B^{\mu\nu} + i \bar{\lambda}^{i} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu} D_{\mu} \lambda^{i} + i \bar{\lambda} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu} \partial_{\mu} \lambda$$
(17)

while the D-term contribution to the Lagrangian is simply

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{DYM}} = \frac{1}{2}D^i D^i + \frac{1}{2}DD.$$
(18)

The field strength tensors are as usual

$$B_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}B_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}B_{\mu}$$

$$F^{i}_{\mu\nu} = \partial_{\mu}W^{i}_{\nu} - \partial_{\nu}W^{i}_{\mu} + g_{2}\epsilon_{ijk}W^{j}_{\mu}W^{k}_{\nu},$$
(19)

while the $SU(2)_L$ adjoint representation gaugino covariant derivative is

$$(D_{\mu}\lambda_{\alpha})^{i} = \partial_{\mu}\lambda_{\alpha}^{i} + g_{2}\epsilon_{ijk}W_{\mu}^{j}\lambda_{\alpha}^{k}.$$
 (20)

Expanding the Kähler potential, the kinetic, auxiliary and gaugino-Higgsino Yukawa terms are obtained as

$$\mathcal{L}_{K} = F_{u}^{\dagger}F_{u} + F_{d}^{\dagger}F_{d} + F_{u}^{\prime\dagger}F_{u}^{\prime} + F_{d}^{\prime\dagger}F_{d}^{\prime} - \frac{g_{1}}{2}D[H_{u}^{\dagger}H_{u} - H_{d}^{\dagger}H_{d} + H_{u}^{\prime\dagger}H_{u}^{\prime} - H_{d}^{\prime\dagger}H_{d}^{\prime}] - \frac{g_{2}}{2}D^{i}[H_{u}^{\dagger}\sigma^{i}H_{u} + H_{d}^{\dagger}\sigma^{i}H_{d} + H_{d}^{\dagger}\sigma^{i}H_{d}^{\prime}] + (D^{\mu}H_{u})^{\dagger}(D_{\mu}H_{u}) + (D^{\mu}H_{d})^{\dagger}(D_{\mu}H_{d}) + (D^{\mu}H_{u}^{\prime})^{\dagger}(D_{\mu}H_{u}^{\prime}) + (D^{\mu}H_{d}^{\prime})^{\dagger}(D_{\mu}H_{d}^{\prime}) + i\tilde{H}_{u}\bar{\sigma}^{\mu}D_{\mu}\tilde{H}_{u} + i\tilde{H}_{d}\bar{\sigma}^{\mu}D_{\mu}\tilde{H}_{d} + i\tilde{H}_{u}^{\prime}\bar{\sigma}^{\mu}D_{\mu}\tilde{H}_{u}^{\prime} + i\tilde{H}_{d}^{\prime}\bar{\sigma}^{\mu}D_{\mu}\tilde{H}_{d}^{\prime} + \frac{g_{1}}{\sqrt{2}}[H_{u}^{\dagger}\lambda\tilde{H}_{u} + \tilde{H}_{u}\bar{\lambda}H_{u} - H_{d}^{\dagger}\lambda\tilde{H}_{d} - \tilde{H}_{d}^{\prime}\lambda\tilde{H}_{d}^{\prime}] + \frac{g_{2}}{\sqrt{2}}[H_{u}^{\dagger}(\lambda^{i}\sigma^{i})\tilde{H}_{u} + \tilde{H}_{u}(\bar{\lambda}^{i}\sigma^{i})H_{u} + H_{d}^{\dagger}(\lambda^{i}\sigma^{i})\tilde{H}_{d} - \tilde{H}_{d}^{\prime}(\lambda^{i}\sigma^{i})H_{u}^{\prime}] + \frac{g_{2}}{\sqrt{2}}[H_{u}^{\dagger}(\lambda^{i}\sigma^{i})H_{u} - H_{d}^{\dagger}(\lambda^{i}\sigma^{i})H_{d} - \tilde{H}_{d}^{\prime}(\lambda^{i}\sigma^{i})H_{u}^{\prime}],$$

$$(21)$$

with the covariant derivatives

$$D_{\mu}H_{u} = \left[\partial_{\mu} - \frac{ig_{2}}{2}\vec{\sigma}\cdot\vec{W}_{\mu} - \frac{ig_{1}}{2}B_{\mu}\right]H_{u}$$

$$D_{\mu}H_{d} = \left[\partial_{\mu} - \frac{ig_{2}}{2}\vec{\sigma}\cdot\vec{W}_{\mu} + \frac{ig_{1}}{2}B_{\mu}\right]H_{d},$$
(22)

and likewise for H'_u and H'_d and the associated Higgsino partners \tilde{H}_u , \tilde{H}'_u , \tilde{H}_d and \tilde{H}'_d . The superpotential contribution to the Lagrangian takes its familiar doublet auxiliary field and Higgsino mass term form

$$\mathcal{L}_{W} = -4F^{a} \frac{\partial W}{\partial A^{a}} + 2\lambda^{a} \frac{\partial^{2} W}{\partial A^{a} \partial A^{b}} \lambda^{b} + \text{h.c.}$$

$$= -4\mu_{11}F_{u}\epsilon H_{d} - 4\mu_{12}F_{u}\epsilon H'_{d} - 4\mu_{11}H_{u}\epsilon F_{d}$$

$$- 4\mu_{21}H'_{u}\epsilon F_{d} - 4\mu_{12}H_{u}\epsilon F'_{d} - 4\mu_{21}F'_{u}\epsilon H_{d}$$

$$+ 4\mu_{11}\tilde{H}_{u}\epsilon\tilde{H}_{d} + 4\mu_{12}\tilde{H}_{u}\epsilon\tilde{H}'_{d}$$

$$+ 4\mu_{21}\tilde{H}'_{u}\epsilon\tilde{H}_{d} + \text{h.c.}$$
(23)

The soft SUSY breaking Lagrangian is given by Eq. (15). The chiral superfields have the component expansion

$$\Sigma(x,\theta,\bar{\theta}) = e^{-i\theta \not=\bar{\theta}} [\sigma(x) + \sqrt{2}\theta^{\alpha} \tilde{\sigma}_{\alpha}(x) + \theta^{2} F_{\sigma}(x)]$$

$$\Pi^{i}(x,\theta,\bar{\theta}) = e^{-i\theta \not=\bar{\theta}} [\pi^{i}(x) + \sqrt{2}\theta^{\alpha} \tilde{\pi}^{i}_{\alpha}(x) + \theta^{2} F^{i}_{\pi}(x)].$$
(24)

Applying the constraint to the H'_u and H'_d doublets, $H'_d \epsilon H'_u = v'_u v'_d/2$, the component fields take the form

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\nu'_{u}\nu'_{d}}{2} - \vec{\pi}^{2}}$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}_{\alpha} = -\frac{\vec{\pi} \cdot \vec{\tilde{\pi}}_{\alpha}}{\sqrt{\frac{\nu'_{u}\nu'_{d}}{2} - \vec{\pi}^{2}}}$$

$$F_{\sigma} = \frac{-\vec{F}_{\pi} \cdot \vec{\pi} + \frac{1}{2}\vec{\tilde{\pi}} \cdot \vec{\tilde{\pi}}}{\sqrt{\frac{\nu'_{u}\nu'_{d}}{2} - \vec{\pi}^{2}}}.$$
(25)

The auxiliary fields can now be eliminated through field equations. Focusing on the relevant *D*- and *F* terms, the Lagrangian for *D* terms has contributions from \mathcal{L}_{DYM} and \mathcal{L}_{K} and is given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm D} = \frac{1}{2} D^{i} D^{i} + \frac{1}{2} D D - \frac{1}{2} \bigg[H_{u}^{\prime \dagger} \bigg(2g_{2} \frac{\sigma^{i}}{2} D^{i} + 2g_{1} \frac{1}{2} D \bigg) H_{u}^{\prime} + H_{d}^{\prime \dagger} \bigg(2g_{2} \frac{\sigma^{i}}{2} D^{i} - 2g_{1} \frac{1}{2} D \bigg) H_{d}^{\prime} + H_{u}^{\dagger} \bigg(2g_{2} \frac{\sigma^{i}}{2} D^{i} + 2g_{1} \frac{1}{2} D \bigg) H_{u} + H_{d}^{\dagger} \bigg(2g_{2} \frac{\sigma^{i}}{2} D^{i} - 2g_{1} \frac{1}{2} D \bigg) H_{d} \bigg] = \frac{1}{2} D^{A} Z_{AB} D^{B} - \frac{1}{2} D^{A} \mathcal{J}_{A},$$
(26)

with

$$Z^{-1AB} = \begin{pmatrix} (2g_2)^2 \delta^{ij} & 0\\ 0 & (2g_1)^2 \end{pmatrix}_{AB}$$
(27)

and where $D^A = (2g_2D^i, 2g_1D)$, with A = 1, 2, 3, 4. The *D*-term contribution is given by the Killing potentials

$$\mathcal{J}_A = J_A + H_u^{\dagger} T_u^A H_u + H_d^{\dagger} T_d^A H_d \tag{28}$$

which are the $\theta - \bar{\theta}$ independent components of the gauge superfield Noether currents. Here the representation matrices are combined according to $T_u^A = (\vec{\sigma}, 1)/2$ and $T_d^A = (\vec{\sigma}, -1)/2$ while the nonlinear sigma model Killing potential [22] is found to be

$$J_{A} = H_{u}^{\prime\dagger} T_{u}^{A} H_{u}^{\prime} + H_{d}^{\prime\dagger} T_{d}^{A} H_{d}^{\prime}$$

$$= \frac{i}{2} H_{u}^{\prime\dagger} \frac{\partial H_{u}^{\prime}}{\partial \pi^{i}} A_{A}^{i} - \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial H_{u}^{\prime\dagger}}{\partial \pi^{i\dagger}} A_{A}^{\bar{i}\dagger} H_{u}^{\prime} + \frac{i}{2} H_{d}^{\prime\dagger} \frac{\partial H_{d}^{\prime}}{\partial \pi^{i}} A_{A}^{i}$$

$$- \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial H_{d}^{\prime\dagger}}{\partial \pi^{i\dagger}} A_{A}^{\bar{i}\dagger} H_{d}^{\prime}$$

$$= \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial K}{\partial \pi^{i}} A_{A}^{i} - \frac{i}{2} \frac{\partial K}{\partial \pi^{i\dagger}} A_{A}^{\bar{i}\dagger}, \qquad (29)$$

with

$$K = H_u^{\dagger} H_u^{\prime} + H_d^{\dagger} H_d^{\prime} = 2(\sigma^{\dagger} \sigma + \vec{\pi}^{\dagger} \cdot \vec{\pi}).$$
(30)

The (anti-)chiral Killing vectors $(A_A^{\bar{i}\dagger}(\pi^{\dagger}))A_A^i(\pi)$ are given according to the σ -model realization through the variation of the constrained doublets H'_u and H'_d . They are secured as the $\theta - \bar{\theta}$ independent components of the defining superfield relations

$$\delta(\Lambda)H'_{u} = -i\Lambda^{A}T^{A}_{u}H'_{u} = \frac{\partial H'_{u}}{\partial\Pi^{i}}\delta(\Lambda)\Pi^{i} = \frac{\partial H'_{u}}{\partial\pi^{i}}\Lambda^{A}A^{i}_{A}(\Pi)$$

$$\delta(\Lambda)H'_{d} = -i\Lambda^{A}T^{A}_{d}H'_{d} = \frac{\partial H'_{d}}{\partial\Pi^{i}}\delta(\Lambda)\Pi^{i} = \frac{\partial H'_{d}}{\partial\pi^{i}}\Lambda^{A}A^{i}_{A}(\Pi),$$

(31)

where, analogously to the gauge fields, $V^A = (2g_2\vec{W}, 2g_1B)$, the four chiral gauge transformation parameters are defined as $\Lambda^A = (2g_2\vec{\Lambda}_2, 2g_1\Lambda_1)$. Recalling the expression for the constrained doublets in terms of the σ -model coordinates, Eq. (1), the Killing vectors are obtained

$$A_{A}^{i} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{ikj} \Pi^{j} - \frac{1}{2} \delta_{k}^{i} \Sigma , & A = k\\ \frac{1}{2} \epsilon^{i3j} \Pi^{j} + \frac{1}{2} \delta_{3}^{j} \Sigma , & A = 4 \end{cases}$$
(32)

with the constraint $\Sigma = \sqrt{\nu'_u \nu'_d / 2 - \vec{\Pi}^2}$. The superfield Killing vectors are given in terms of the derivative of the Killing potentials. As seen from above

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \bar{\pi}^{\bar{i}}} J_A = i A^i_A g_{\bar{i}i} \qquad \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi^i} J_A = -i \bar{A}^{\bar{i}}_A g_{\bar{i}i} \qquad (33)$$

with

$$g_{\bar{i}i} = \frac{\partial \bar{H}'_u}{\partial \bar{\Pi}^{\bar{i}}} \frac{\partial H'_u}{\partial \Pi^i} + \frac{\partial \bar{H}'_d}{\partial \bar{\Pi}^{\bar{i}}} \frac{\partial H'_d}{\partial \Pi^i}.$$
 (34)

Expanding Eqs. (31)–(34) in powers of θ and $\overline{\theta}$ allows for the extraction of the various component relations.

Hence, by the straightforward application of the auxiliary *D*-field equation of motion, the *D*-term (component) Lagrangian becomes

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm D} = -\frac{1}{8} \mathcal{J}_A Z^{-1AB} \mathcal{J}_B. \tag{35}$$

where here \mathcal{J}_A denotes the $\theta - \overline{\theta}$ independent component of the defining superfield relation as given in Eqs. (28)–(31).

The F terms are contained in \mathcal{L}_{K} and \mathcal{L}_{W} . For the unconstrained MSSM doublets, they have the combined form

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm F} = F_{u}^{\dagger} F_{u} + F_{d}^{\dagger} F_{d} - 4F_{u} \epsilon(\mu_{11} H_{d} + \mu_{12} H_{d}') - 4(\mu_{11} H_{u} + \mu_{21} H_{u}') \epsilon F_{d} - 4F_{u}^{\dagger} \epsilon(\mu_{11} H_{d}^{\dagger} + \mu_{12} H_{d}'^{\dagger}) - 4(\mu_{11} H_{u}^{\dagger} + \mu_{21} H_{u}'^{\dagger}) \epsilon F_{d}^{\dagger}.$$
(36)

Eliminating the F_u and F_d doublet auxiliary fields yields

$$\mathcal{L}_{\rm F} = -16|\mu_{11}H_d + \mu_{12}H'_d|^2 - 16|\mu_{11}H_u + \mu_{21}H'_u|^2.$$
(37)

The constrained auxiliary fields couple to the scalar and fermion fields through the Kähler potential as well as the μ -term superpotential. Their combined Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{F}'} = \left[F_{\pi}^{\tilde{i}\dagger} - \frac{1}{2} \Gamma_{\bar{m}\bar{n}}^{\tilde{i}\dagger} \tilde{\pi}^{\bar{m}} \tilde{\pi}^{\bar{n}} \right] g_{\tilde{i}i} \left[F_{\pi}^{i} - \frac{1}{2} \Gamma_{rs}^{i} \tilde{\pi}^{r} \tilde{\pi}^{s} \right] - 4 \left\{ \left[\mu_{12} H_{u} \epsilon \frac{\partial H_{d}'}{\partial \pi^{i}} + \mu_{21} \frac{\partial H_{u}'}{\partial \pi^{i}} \epsilon H_{d} \right] F_{\pi}^{i} + \text{h.c.} \right\},$$
(38)

where the Kähler metric is obtained from the Kähler potential to be

$$g_{\bar{i}i} = 2 \left(\delta_{\bar{i}i} + \frac{\pi^{\bar{i}\dagger} \pi^i}{\sigma^{\dagger} \sigma} \right) \tag{39}$$

and the associated Christoffel symbols are

$$\Gamma^i_{jk} = g^{i\bar{i}} g_{\bar{i}j,k} \tag{40}$$

and similarly for $\Gamma_{\bar{m}\bar{n}}^{\bar{i}\dagger}$. Employing the F_{π} Euler-Lagrange equations then gives

$$\mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{F}'} = -16 \bigg[\mu_{12} H_u \epsilon \frac{\partial H'_d}{\partial \pi^i} + \mu_{21} \frac{\partial H'_u}{\partial \pi^i} \epsilon H_d \bigg] g^{i\bar{i}} \bigg[\mu_{12} H^{\dagger}_u \epsilon \frac{\partial H'^{\dagger}_d}{\partial \pi^{\bar{i}\dagger}} + \mu_{21} \frac{\partial H'^{\dagger}_u}{\partial \pi^{\bar{i}\dagger}} \epsilon H^{\dagger}_d \bigg] - 2 \bigg[\mu_{12} H_u \epsilon \frac{\partial H'_d}{\partial \pi^i} + \mu_{21} \frac{\partial H'_u}{\partial \pi^i} \epsilon H_d \bigg] \Gamma^i_{rs} \tilde{\pi}^r \tilde{\pi}^s - 2 \Gamma^{\bar{i}\dagger}_{\bar{m}\bar{n}} \tilde{\bar{\pi}}^{\bar{m}} \bigg[\mu_{12} H^{\dagger}_u \epsilon \frac{\partial H'^{\dagger}_d}{\partial \pi^{\bar{i}\dagger}} + \mu_{21} \frac{\partial H'^{\dagger}_u}{\partial \pi^{\bar{i}\dagger}} \epsilon H^{\dagger}_d \bigg].$$
(41)

Hence the Lagrangian with auxiliary fields eliminated has the form $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_{SYM} + \mathcal{L}_{g} + \mathcal{L}_{\sigma}$ where the σ -model Lagrangian, \mathcal{L}_{σ} , consists of all the terms coming from \mathcal{L}_{D} , \mathcal{L}_{K} and \mathcal{L}_{W} and takes the form

$$\mathcal{L}_{\sigma} = \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{D}} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{F}} + \mathcal{L}_{\mathrm{F}'} + D_{\mu} \pi^{\bar{i}^{\dagger}} g_{\bar{i}i} D^{\mu} \pi^{i} + i \bar{\pi}^{\bar{i}} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu} g_{\bar{i}i} D_{\mu} \tilde{\pi}^{i} + \frac{1}{4} R_{r\bar{m}s\bar{n}} \bar{\pi}^{\bar{m}} \bar{\pi}^{\bar{n}} \bar{\pi}^{r} \tilde{\pi}^{s} + (D^{\mu}H_{u})^{\dagger} (D_{\mu}H_{u})$$

$$+ (D^{\mu}H_{d})^{\dagger} (D_{\mu}H_{d}) + i \bar{H}_{u} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu} D_{\mu} \tilde{H}_{u} + i \bar{H}_{d} \bar{\sigma}^{\mu} D_{\mu} \tilde{H}_{d} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} [H_{u}^{\dagger} \lambda^{A} T_{u}^{A} \tilde{H}_{u} + \bar{H}_{u} \bar{\lambda}^{A} T_{u}^{A} H_{u} + H_{d}^{\dagger} \lambda^{A} T_{d}^{A} \tilde{H}_{d}$$

$$+ \bar{H}_{d} \bar{\lambda}^{A} T_{d}^{A} H_{d} - i A_{A}^{\bar{i}^{\dagger}} g_{\bar{i}i} \lambda^{A} \tilde{\pi}^{i} + i \bar{\pi}^{\bar{i}} g_{\bar{i}i} \bar{\lambda}^{A} A_{A}^{i}] + 4 \mu_{12} H_{u} \epsilon \frac{\partial^{2} H_{d}'}{\partial \pi^{i} \partial \pi^{j}} \tilde{\pi}^{i} \tilde{\pi}^{j} + 2 \mu_{21} \frac{\partial^{2} H_{u}'}{\partial \pi^{i} \partial \pi^{j}} \tilde{\pi}^{i} \tilde{\pi}^{j} \epsilon H_{d}$$

$$+ 4 \mu_{12} H_{u}^{\dagger} \epsilon \frac{\partial^{2} H_{d}'}{\partial \pi^{\bar{i}^{\dagger}} \partial \pi^{\bar{j}^{\dagger}}} \bar{\pi}^{\bar{i}} \bar{\pi}^{\bar{j}} + 2 \mu_{21} \frac{\partial^{2} H_{u}'}{\partial \pi^{\bar{i}^{\dagger}} \partial \pi^{\bar{j}^{\dagger}}} \tilde{\pi}^{i} \bar{\pi}^{j} \epsilon H_{d} + 4 \mu_{12} \bar{H}_{u} \epsilon \tilde{H}_{d} + 4 \mu_{12} \bar{H}_{u} \epsilon \tilde{H}_{d}$$

$$+ 4 \mu_{21} \tilde{H}_{u}^{\dagger} \epsilon \tilde{H}_{d} + 4 \mu_{11} \bar{H}_{u} \epsilon \tilde{H}_{d} + 4 \mu_{12} \bar{H}_{u} \epsilon \tilde{H}_{d} + 4 \mu_{21} \bar{H}_{u} \epsilon \tilde{H}_{d}$$

$$(42)$$

where the Riemann tensor is given by

$$R^m_{r\bar{m}s} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi^{\bar{m}\dagger}} \Gamma^m_{rs} \tag{43}$$

with

$$R_{r\bar{m}s\bar{n}} = g_{\bar{n}m}R^m_{r\bar{m}s} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \pi^{\bar{m}\dagger}}\Gamma_{\bar{n}rs} - \Gamma^{\bar{i}\dagger}_{\bar{m}\bar{n}}\Gamma_{\bar{i}rs}.$$
 (44)

The covariant derivatives are found by expressing the Kähler kinetic energy terms for the constrained doublets in terms of the unconstrained σ -model π fields so that

$$|D_{\mu}H'_{u}|^{2} + |D_{\mu}H'_{d}|^{2} = D_{\mu}\pi^{\bar{i}\dagger}g_{\bar{i}i}D^{\mu}\pi^{i}, \qquad (45)$$

with

$$D_{\mu}\pi^{i} = \partial_{\mu}\pi^{i} + \frac{1}{2}V^{A}_{\mu}A^{i}_{A}(\pi).$$
 (46)

Similarly for the Higgsino fields

$$i\tilde{\tilde{H}}'_{u}\bar{\sigma}^{\mu}D_{\mu}\tilde{H}'_{u} + i\tilde{\tilde{H}}'_{d}\bar{\sigma}^{\mu}D_{\mu}\tilde{H}'_{d} = i\tilde{\tilde{\pi}}^{\bar{i}}\bar{\sigma}^{\mu}g_{\bar{i}i}D_{\mu}\tilde{\pi}^{i}, \quad (47)$$

with

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$$D_{\mu}\tilde{\pi}^{i} = \partial_{\mu}\tilde{\pi}^{i} + \frac{1}{2}V^{A}_{\mu}\frac{\partial A^{i}_{A}}{\partial\pi^{j}}\tilde{\pi}^{j} + \Gamma^{i}_{jk}(D_{\mu}\pi^{j})\tilde{\pi}^{k}.$$
 (48)

From the Lagrangian the scalar potential V can be read off as

$$V = m_{u}^{2}H_{u}^{\dagger}H_{u} + m_{d}^{2}H_{d}^{\dagger}H_{d} - \mu_{11}BH_{u}\epsilon H_{d} - \mu_{11}BH_{u}^{\dagger}\epsilon H_{d}^{\dagger} + \frac{1}{8}\mathcal{J}_{A}Z^{-1AB}\mathcal{J}_{B} + 16|\mu_{11}H_{d} + \mu_{12}H_{d}'|^{2} + 16|\mu_{11}H_{u} + \mu_{21}H_{u}'|^{2} + 16[\mu_{12}H_{u}\epsilon\frac{\partial H_{d}'}{\partial\pi^{i}} + \mu_{21}\frac{\partial H_{u}'}{\partial\pi^{i}}\epsilon H_{d}]g^{i\bar{i}}[\mu_{12}H_{u}^{\dagger}\epsilon\frac{\partial H_{d}'}{\partial\pi^{\bar{i}}} + \mu_{21}\frac{\partial H_{u}'}{\partial\pi^{\bar{i}}}\epsilon H_{d}^{\dagger}].$$
(49)

Taking the derivatives of the potential with respect to the shifted scalar fields $(H_u^{0\dagger} + H_u^0)$, $(H_d^{0\dagger} + H_d^0)$ and $(\pi^{0\dagger} - \pi^0)$ and evaluating it at the vacuum expectation values yields the three electroweak symmetry breaking minima equations

$$1) \ 0 = m_u^2 v_u - \mu_{11} B v_d + 16 \mu_{11} (\mu_{11} v_u + \mu_{21} v'_u) + 16 \mu_{12} \frac{v'_d}{(v''_u + v''_d)} (\mu_{12} v_u v'_d - \mu_{21} v_d v'_u) \\ + \frac{(g_1^2 + g_2^2)}{8} (v''_u - v'_d + v^2_u - v^2_d) v_u \\ 2) \ 0 = m_d^2 v_d - \mu_{11} B v_u + 16 \mu_{11} (\mu_{11} v_d + \mu_{12} v'_d) - 16 \mu_{21} \frac{v'_u}{(v''_u + v''_d)} (\mu_{12} v_u v'_d - \mu_{21} v_d v'_u) \\ - \frac{(g_1^2 + g_2^2)}{8} (v''_u - v'_d + v^2_u - v^2_d) v_d \\ 3) \ 0 = \frac{(g_1^2 + g_2^2)}{8} (v''_u - v''_d + v^2_u - v^2_d) \left(\frac{v''_u + v''_d}{v'_u + v'_d} \right) - 16 \mu_{12} \left(\frac{v'_d}{v'_u + v'_d} \right) (\mu_{11} v_d + \mu_{12} v'_d) \\ + 16 \mu_{21} \left(\frac{v'_u}{v'_u + v'_d} \right) (\mu_{11} v_u + \mu_{21} v'_u) - 32 \frac{v'_u v'_d}{(v''_u + v'_d)^2} (\mu_{12} v_u + \mu_{21} v_d) (\mu_{12} v_u v'_d - \mu_{21} v_d v'_u) \\ - 32 \frac{v'_u v'_d (v'_u - v'_d)}{(v''_u + v'_d)^2 (v'_u + v'_d)^2} (\mu_{12} v_u v'_d - \mu_{21} v_d v'_u)^2.$$
(50)

Note that these equations admit no nontrivial solutions for v_u , v_d in the limit $v'_u = v'_d = 0$ and $\mu_{12}^2 = \mu_{21}^2 = 0$ and the good SUSY limit $B = m_u^2 = m_d^2 = 0$. Consequently, it is the nontrivial vacuum expectation values of the constrained Higgs doublets which catalyze the vacuum expectation values of the MSSM Higgs doublets through their bilinear superpotential coupling with coefficients μ_{12} , μ_{21} .

In order to simplify the parameter space the nonlinearly realized symmetry breakdown is taken to respect the custodial $SU(2)_V$ symmetry hence, $v'_u = v'_d \equiv v'$. The Z and W vector boson masses are then given by the vacuum value $v^2 = v_u^2 + v_d^2 + 2v'^2$ with $M_Z = \sqrt{g_1^2 + g_2^2}v/2 = M_W/\cos\theta_W$. The three potential minimum equations simplify to

$$1) 0 = \frac{M_Z^2}{2} \frac{v_u^2 - v_d^2}{v^2} v_u + m_u^2 v_u + 16\mu_{11}^2 v_u - \mu_{11} B v_d + 16\mu_{11} \mu_{21} v' + 8\mu_{12}(\mu_{12} v_u - \mu_{21} v_d)$$

$$2) 0 = -\frac{M_Z^2}{2} \frac{v_u^2 - v_d^2}{v^2} v_d + m_d^2 v_d + 16\mu_{11}^2 v_d - \mu_{11} B v_u + 16\mu_{11} \mu_{12} v' - 8\mu_{21}(\mu_{12} v_u - \mu_{21} v_d)$$

$$3) 0 = \frac{M_Z^2}{2} \frac{v_u^2 - v_d^2}{v^2} - 8\mu_{12}^2 \left(1 + \frac{v_u^2}{2v'^2}\right) + 8\mu_{21}^2 \left(1 + \frac{v_d^2}{2v'^2}\right) - 8\mu_{11} \left(\mu_{12} \frac{v_d}{v'} - \mu_{21} \frac{v_u}{v'}\right).$$
(51)

Introducing spherical polar coordinates for the three vacuum values

$$\sqrt{2}v' = v\cos\theta$$
 $v_u = v\sin\theta\sin\beta$ $v_d = v\sin\theta\cos\beta$, (52)

where $\tan\beta = v_u/v_d$ and $\tan\theta = \sqrt{(v_u^2 + v_d^2)/(2v'^2)}$, the minimum conditions take the form

1)
$$m_u^2 + 16\mu_{11}^2 - \frac{M_Z^2}{2}\sin^2\theta\cos 2\beta = \mu_{11}B\cot\beta - 8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\mu_{21}\cot\theta\csc\beta - 8\mu_{12}(\mu_{12} - \mu_{21}\cot\beta)$$

2) $m_d^2 + 16\mu_{11}^2 + \frac{M_Z^2}{2}\sin^2\theta\cos 2\beta = \mu_{11}B\tan\beta - 8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta\sec\beta + 8\mu_{21}(\mu_{12}\tan\beta - \mu_{21})$ (53)
3) $\frac{M_Z^2}{2}\sin^2\theta\cos 2\beta = -8\mu_{12}^2(1 + \tan^2\theta\sin^2\beta) + 8\mu_{21}^2(1 + \tan^2\theta\cos^2\beta) - 8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\tan\theta(\mu_{12}\cos\beta - \mu_{21}\sin\beta).$

The first two conditions are used to eliminate m_u^2 and m_d^2 from the parameters of the model while the third condition is used to express μ_{21} in terms of the remaining parameters. Thus the five variables upon which the potential depends are the MSSM parameters $\tan\beta$, μ_{11} and $b = -\mu_{11}B$, as well as the independent electroweak symmetry breaking vacuum angle $\tan\theta$ and the Higgs doublet mixing mass coupling μ_{12} . The tuning of the μ_{11} and μ_{12} parameters is required as can be seen by expressing the first two minimum conditions as

$$16\mu_{11}^{2} - 8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\frac{\cot\theta}{\tan^{2}\beta - 1}[\mu_{12} - \mu_{21}\tan\beta]\sec\beta$$

$$= \frac{m_{d}^{2} - m_{u}^{2}\tan^{2}\beta}{\tan^{2}\beta - 1} - \frac{M_{Z}^{2}}{2}\sin^{2}\theta - 8\frac{\mu_{12}^{2}\tan^{2}\beta - \mu_{21}^{2}}{\tan^{2}\beta - 1},$$

$$2\mu_{11}B = [m_{u}^{2} + m_{d}^{2} + 32\mu_{11}^{2} + 8(\mu_{12}^{2} + \mu_{21}^{2}) + 8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\cot\theta(\mu_{12}\sec\beta + \mu_{21}\csc\beta)]\sin2\beta$$

$$- 16\mu_{12}\mu_{21}.$$
(54)

III. MASS SPECTRUM

In order to determine the mass spectrum of the model, the Lagrangian must be expanded about the nontrivial vacuum expectation values. We focus on the case $v'_u = v'_d = v'$. In the neutral Higgs field sector, the scalar, *S*, and pseudoscalar, *P*, fields with canonically normalized kinetic terms are introduced in terms of the shifted Higgs fields as

$$P_{\pi} = (\pi^{0^{\dagger}} + \pi^{0}), \qquad S_{\pi} = -i(\pi^{0^{\dagger}} - \pi^{0})$$

$$P_{u} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(H_{u}^{0^{\dagger}} - H_{u}^{0}), \qquad S_{u} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(H_{u}^{0^{\dagger}} + H_{u}^{0}) \qquad (55)$$

$$P_{d} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}(H_{d}^{0^{\dagger}} - H_{d}^{0}), \qquad S_{d} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(H_{d}^{0^{\dagger}} + H_{d}^{0}).$$

The pseudoscalar and scalar mass-squared matrices are determined from the second derivatives of the potential evaluated at the minimum

$$(M_{\rm PS}^2)_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial P_i \partial P_j} \Big|_{\rm minimum}; \qquad (M_{\rm S}^2)_{ij} = \frac{\partial^2 V}{\partial S_i \partial S_j} \Big|_{\rm minimum}.$$
(56)

The pseudoscalar mass-squared matrix is given in the (P_u, P_d, P_{π}) basis as

$$M_{\rm PS}^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{uu}^{2} & M_{ud}^{2} & M_{u\pi}^{2} \\ M_{du}^{2} & M_{dd}^{2} & M_{d\pi}^{2} \\ M_{\pi u}^{2} & M_{\pi d}^{2} & M_{\pi\pi}^{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
(57)

with

$$M_{uu}^{2} = (\mu_{11}B + 8\mu_{12}\mu_{21})\cot\beta - 8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\mu_{21}\cot\theta\csc\beta$$

$$M_{dd}^{2} = (\mu_{11}B + 8\mu_{12}\mu_{21})\tan\beta - 8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta\sec\beta$$

$$M_{\pi\pi}^{2} = 16\mu_{12}\mu_{21}\tan^{2}\theta\sin2\beta$$

$$- 8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\tan\theta(\mu_{12}\cos\beta + \mu_{21}\sin\beta)$$

$$M_{ud}^{2} = \mu_{11}B - 8\mu_{12}\mu_{21} = M_{du}^{2}$$

$$M_{u\pi}^{2} = -8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\mu_{21} + 16\mu_{12}\mu_{21}\tan\theta\cos\beta = M_{\pi u}^{2}$$

$$M_{d\pi}^{2} = +8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\mu_{12} - 16\mu_{12}\mu_{21}\tan\theta\sin\beta = M_{\pi d}^{2}.$$
(58)

In the $SU(2)_V$ limit, where $\mu_{12} = \mu_{21}$, $m_u^2 = m_d^2 = m^2$ and $\tan\beta = 1$, the potential minimum condition reduces to $[m^2 + 16\mu_{11}^2 - \mu_{11}B] = -16\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta$. In this case, the mass matrix has eigenvalues corresponding to the massless Nambu-Goldstone boson which is absorbed by the Z vector field and two physical massive pseudoscalars with values

$$m_a^2 = 2\mu_{11}B - 16\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta$$

$$m_A^2 = (16\mu_{12}^2 - 16\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta)\sec^2\theta.$$
(59)

For *D*-flat direction stability of the potential, it is required that $m_a^2 > 0$. As shall be seen, the scalar sector stability condition requires that $\mu_{11}\mu_{12} < 0$. Hence, as long as $m_A^2 - m_a^2 = 16\mu_{12}^2 \sec^2\theta + 2b - 16\mu_{11}\mu_{12} \tan\theta > 0$, the mass m_a corresponds to the lightest pseudoscalar in this limit. The scalar Higgs mass-squared matrix in the (S_u, S_d, S_π) basis can be written as

$$M_{\rm S}^2 = M_{\rm PS}^2 + \Delta M_{\rm S}^2 \tag{60}$$

with

$$\Delta M_{\rm S}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \Delta M_{uu}^2 & \Delta M_{ud}^2 & \Delta M_{u\pi}^2 \\ \Delta M_{du}^2 & \Delta M_{dd}^2 & \Delta M_{d\pi}^2 \\ \Delta M_{\pi u}^2 & \Delta M_{\pi d}^2 & \Delta M_{\pi\pi}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$
(61)

where

$$\Delta M_{uu}^{2} = M_{Z}^{2} \sin^{2}\theta \sin^{2}\beta, \qquad \Delta M_{dd}^{2} = M_{Z}^{2} \sin^{2}\theta \cos^{2}\beta$$

$$\Delta M_{\pi\pi}^{2} = M_{Z}^{2} \cos^{2}\theta + 16(\mu_{12}^{2} + \mu_{21}^{2}) + 16\sqrt{2}\mu_{11} \tan\theta(\mu_{12}\cos\beta + \mu_{21}\sin\beta)$$

$$\Delta M_{ud}^{2} = -\frac{1}{2}M_{Z}^{2} \sin^{2}\theta \sin2\beta - 2\mu_{11}B = \Delta M_{du}^{2}$$

$$\Delta M_{u\pi}^{2} = -\frac{1}{2}M_{Z}^{2} \sin2\theta \sin\beta + 16\mu_{12} \tan\theta(\mu_{12}\sin\beta - \mu_{21}\cos\beta) = \Delta M_{\pi u}^{2}$$

$$\Delta M_{d\pi}^{2} = \frac{1}{2}M_{Z}^{2} \sin2\theta \cos\beta + 16\mu_{21} \tan\theta(\mu_{12}\sin\beta - \mu_{21}\cos\beta) = \Delta M_{\pi d}^{2}.$$
(62)

In the $SU(2)_V$ limit, stability requires that $\mu_{11}\mu_{12} < 0$. The mass matrix becomes block diagonal with the isolated eigenvector corresponding to an $SU(2)_V$ singlet, with eigenvalue

$$m_h^2 = -16\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta = m_a^2 + 2b = m_A^2\cos^2\theta - 16\mu_{12}^2.$$
(63)

In this limit, the singlet mass is lighter than the heaviest pseudoscalar but heavier or lighter than the lightest pseudoscalar depending on the sign of *b*. For sufficiently large μ_{11} , μ_{12} and SUSY breaking it corresponds to the lightest Higgs mass, $m_h^2 = m_0^2$. After extracting the contribution of this singlet, the remainder of the scalar mass-squared matrix can be combined into a 2 × 2 matrix denoted as m_s^2 . Since tan $\beta = 1$ is a *D*-flat direction, the stability of the potential against runaway moduli is guaranteed by the mass-squared (second derivatives of the potential) matrix having positive eigenvalues. Since the eigenvalues are given by

$$m_{\pm}^{2} = \frac{1}{2} \bigg[\operatorname{Tr} m_{s}^{2} \pm \sqrt{(\operatorname{Tr} m_{s}^{2})^{2} - 4 \det m_{s}^{2}} \bigg], \tag{64}$$

their reality requires $(\operatorname{Tr} m_s^2)^2 > 4 \det m_s^2$ and their positivity leads to $\det m_s^2 > 0$. The expressions for the trace and determinant are readily extracted as

$$\operatorname{Tr} m_{s}^{2} = M_{Z}^{2} - 2b + 16\mu_{12}^{2}[3 + \tan^{2}\theta] - 32\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot2\theta$$

$$\operatorname{det} m_{s}^{2} = 16M_{Z}^{2}(\mu_{12}^{2} - \mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta)\operatorname{sec}^{2}\theta + 2\mu_{11}B[M_{Z}^{2}\cos^{2}\theta + 16(\mu_{12}^{2} - \mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta)\tan^{2}\theta]$$

$$+ 32(\mu_{12}^{2} + \mu_{11}\mu_{12}\tan\theta)[M_{Z}^{2}\sin^{2}\theta + 2\mu_{11}B + 16(\mu_{12}^{2} - \mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta)].$$
(65)

The region of stability can be mapped out for various parameters. If μ_{12}^2 corresponds to the largest mass-squared parameter, for instance, then $m_h^2 = m_0^2$ is the lightest Higgs mass, which is not bounded by the Z boson mass, while the trace and determinant simplify to

Tr
$$m_s^2 \approx 16\mu_{12}^2[3 + \tan^2\theta],$$
 (Tr m_s^2)² > 4 det $m_s^2 \approx 8(16\mu_{12}^2)^2 > 0,$ (66)

with the heavier 2 neutral Higgs fields having mass squares (with $m_A^2 \approx 16\mu_{12}^2 \sec^2\theta$)

$$m_{H1}^2 \approx \frac{1}{2} m_A^2 \cos^2\theta \left[3 + \tan^2\theta - \sqrt{(3 + \tan^2\theta)^2 - 8} \right], \qquad m_{H2}^2 \approx \frac{1}{2} m_A^2 \cos^2\theta \left[3 + \tan^2\theta + \sqrt{(3 + \tan^2\theta)^2 - 8} \right].$$
(67)

In an analogous fashion, the charged Higgs mass-squared matrix, denoted M_{Ch}^2 , can also be obtained from the potential curvature at the minimum. The matrix and its elements in the $(H_u^+, H_d^{-\dagger}, \pi^+, \pi^{-\dagger})$ basis are given by

$$M_{Ch}^{2} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{u^{+}\bar{u}^{+}}^{2} & M_{u^{+}\bar{d}^{-}}^{2} & M_{u^{+}\bar{\pi}^{+}}^{2} & M_{u^{+}\pi^{-}}^{2} \\ M_{\bar{d}^{-}\bar{u}^{+}}^{2} & M_{\bar{d}^{-}d^{-}}^{2} & M_{\bar{d}^{-}\bar{\pi}^{+}}^{2} & M_{\bar{d}^{-}\pi^{-}}^{2} \\ M_{\pi^{+}\bar{u}^{+}}^{2} & M_{\pi^{+}d^{-}}^{2} & M_{\pi^{+}\bar{\pi}^{+}}^{2} & M_{\pi^{+}\pi^{-}}^{2} \\ M_{\pi^{-}\bar{u}^{+}}^{2} & M_{\pi^{-}d^{-}}^{2} & M_{\pi^{-}\pi^{+}}^{2} & M_{\pi^{-}\pi^{-}}^{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
(68)

where

$$\begin{split} M_{u^{+}\bar{u}^{+}}^{2} &= M_{W}^{2} \sin^{2}\theta \cos^{2}\beta + \mu_{11}B \cot\beta + 8\mu_{12}\mu_{21}\cot\beta + 8\mu_{12}^{2} - 8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\mu_{21}\cot\theta\csc\beta \\ M_{u^{+}\bar{d}^{-}}^{2} &= \frac{1}{2}M_{W}^{2} \sin^{2}\theta \sin2\beta + \mu_{11}B = M_{\bar{d}^{-}\bar{u}^{+}}^{2} \\ M_{u^{+}\bar{\pi}^{+}}^{2} &= -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}M_{W}^{2}\sin2\theta\sin\beta - 16i\mu_{11}\mu_{21} + 8i\sqrt{2}\mu_{12}\tan\theta(\mu_{12}\sin\beta + \mu_{21}\cos\beta) = -M_{\pi^{+}\bar{u}^{+}}^{2} \\ M_{u^{+}\pi^{-}}^{2} &= \frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}}M_{W}^{2}\sin2\theta\sin\beta = -M_{\pi^{-}\bar{u}^{+}}^{2} \\ M_{d^{-}d^{-}}^{2} &= M_{W}^{2}\sin^{2}\theta\sin^{2}\beta + \mu_{11}B\tan\beta + 8\mu_{12}\mu_{21}\tan\beta + 8\mu_{21}^{2} - 8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta\sec\beta \\ M_{\bar{d}^{-}\bar{\pi}^{+}}^{2} &= -\frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}}M_{W}^{2}\sin2\theta\cos\beta = -M_{\pi^{+}d^{-}}^{2} \\ M_{d^{-}\pi^{-}}^{2} &= \frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}}M_{W}^{2}\sin2\theta\cos\beta + 16i\mu_{11}\mu_{12} - 8i\sqrt{2}\mu_{21}\tan\theta(\mu_{12}\sin\beta + \mu_{21}\cos\beta) = -M_{\pi^{-}d^{-}}^{2} \\ M_{\bar{d}^{-}\pi^{-}}^{2} &= \frac{i}{2\sqrt{2}}M_{W}^{2}\sin2\theta\cos\beta + 16i\mu_{11}\mu_{12} - 8i\sqrt{2}\mu_{21}\tan\theta(\mu_{12}\sin\beta + \mu_{21}\cos\beta) = -M_{\pi^{-}d^{-}}^{2} \\ M_{\pi^{+}\pi^{-}}^{2} &= \frac{1}{2}M_{W}^{2}[\cos^{2}\theta - \sin^{2}\theta(1 - \tan^{2}\theta_{W})\cos2\beta] + 16\mu_{21}^{2} + 8\tan^{2}\theta(\mu_{12}\sin\beta + \mu_{21}\cos\beta)^{2} \\ M_{\pi^{+}\pi^{-}}^{2} &= -\frac{1}{2}M_{W}^{2}\cos^{2}\theta - 8(\mu_{12}^{2} + \mu_{21}^{2}) - 8\sqrt{2}\mu_{11}\tan\theta(\mu_{12}\cos\beta + \mu_{21}\sin\beta) = M_{\pi^{-}\pi^{+}}^{2}. \end{split}$$



FIG. 1 (color online). Stability of the potential against *D*-flat direction runaway field values is determined in the $\mu_{11} - \mu_{12}$ parameter plane. Each region of SUSY breaking parameter b = -4, 000, 4, 000, 12, 000 GeV² is depicted by the overlapping orange, violet, blue regions (darkening grey scale), respectively. Finally, stability region A has $\tan \beta = 1$, $\tan \theta = 1$, region B has $\tan \beta = 1$, $\tan \theta = 2$, region C has $\tan \beta = 2$, $\tan \theta = 2$, and region D has $\tan \beta = 10$, $\tan \theta = 2$.

The sfermion mass matrices are obtained directly from the Lagrangian, Eqs. (15), (17), and (42). The chargino mass matrix, denoted M_{Chino} , in the $(\tilde{W}^+, \tilde{H}_u^+, \tilde{\pi}^+)$ basis is found to be

$$M_{\text{Chino}} = \begin{pmatrix} M_{W^+W^-} & M_{W^+d^-} & M_{W^+\pi^-} \\ M_{u^+W^-} & M_{u^+d^-} & M_{u^+\pi^-} \\ M_{\pi^+W^-} & M_{\pi^+d^-} & M_{\pi^+\pi^-} \end{pmatrix}$$
(70)

where

$$M_{W^{+}W^{-}} = M_{2}; \qquad M_{W^{+}d^{-}} = M_{W}\sqrt{2}\sin\theta\cos\beta; M_{W^{+}\pi^{-}} = iM_{W}\cos\theta; \qquad M_{u^{+}W^{-}} = M_{W}\sqrt{2}\sin\theta\sin\beta; M_{u^{+}d^{-}} = 4\mu_{11}; \qquad M_{u^{+}\pi^{-}} = 4i\mu_{12}; M_{\pi^{+}W^{-}} = iM_{W}\cos\theta; \qquad M_{\pi^{+}d^{-}} = 4i\mu_{21}; M_{\pi^{+}\pi^{-}} = 2\sqrt{2}\tan\theta(\mu_{12}\sin\beta + \mu_{21}\cos\beta).$$
(71)

There are five neutralino fields with their mass matrix in the $(\lambda_{\gamma}, \tilde{Z}, \tilde{H}^0_u, \tilde{H}^0_d, \tilde{\pi}^0)$ basis given by

$$M_{\text{Nino}} = \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{M}_{\gamma\gamma} & \tilde{M}_{\gamma Z} & \tilde{M}_{\gamma u} & \tilde{M}_{\gamma d} & \tilde{M}_{\gamma \pi} \\ \tilde{M}_{Z\gamma} & \tilde{M}_{ZZ} & \tilde{M}_{Zu} & \tilde{M}_{Zd} & \tilde{M}_{Z\pi} \\ \tilde{M}_{u\gamma} & \tilde{M}_{uZ} & \tilde{M}_{uu} & \tilde{M}_{ud} & \tilde{M}_{T\pi} \\ \tilde{M}_{d\gamma} & \tilde{M}_{dZ} & \tilde{M}_{du} & \tilde{M}_{dd} & \tilde{M}_{d\pi} \\ \tilde{M}_{\pi\gamma} & \tilde{M}_{\pi Z} & \tilde{M}_{\pi u} & \tilde{M}_{\pi d} & \tilde{M}_{\pi\pi} \end{pmatrix}$$
(72)



FIG. 2 (color online). The requirement that a neutralino is the LSP further delineates the stability regions of Fig. 1 as shown here for the same slices of parameter space. The (green) dots indicate the points in parameters space associated with the detailed mass spectrum in Fig. 3. The (vertical) yellow lines indicate the value of μ_{11} along which the parameter μ_{12} is scanned in the subsequent mass spectrum plots. For each plot the value of the gaugino SUSY breaking masses are $M_1 = 200$ GeV and $M_2 = 800$ GeV.

where

$$\begin{split} \tilde{M}_{\gamma\gamma} &= m_{\gamma\gamma}; \quad \tilde{M}_{\gamma Z} = m_{\gamma Z}; \quad \tilde{M}_{\gamma u} = 0 \\ \tilde{M}_{\gamma B} &= 0; \quad \tilde{M}_{\gamma\pi} = 0; \quad \tilde{M}_{Z\gamma} = m_{Z\gamma} \\ \tilde{M}_{ZZ} &= m_{ZZ}; \quad \tilde{M}_{Zu} = -M_Z \sin\theta \sin\beta; \quad \tilde{M}_{Zd} = M_Z \sin\theta \cos\beta; \quad \tilde{M}_{Z\pi} = iM_Z \cos\theta \\ \tilde{M}_{u\gamma} &= 0; \quad \tilde{M}_{uZ} = -M_Z \sin\theta \sin\beta; \quad \tilde{M}_{uu} = 0 \\ \tilde{M}_{ud} &= -4\mu_{11}; \quad \tilde{M}_{T\pi} = -2i\sqrt{2}\mu_{12}; \quad \tilde{M}_{d\gamma} = 0 \\ \tilde{M}_{dZ} &= +M_Z \sin\theta \cos\beta; \quad \tilde{M}_{du} = -4\mu_{11}; \quad \tilde{M}_{dd} = 0 \\ \tilde{M}_{d\pi} &= i2\sqrt{2}\mu_{21}; \quad \tilde{M}_{\pi\gamma} = 0; \quad \tilde{M}_{\pi Z} = iM_Z \cos\theta \\ \tilde{M}_{\pi u} &= -2i\sqrt{2}\mu_{12}; \quad \tilde{M}_{\pi d} = 2i\sqrt{2}\mu_{21}; \quad \tilde{M}_{\pi\pi} = 2\sqrt{2}\tan\theta(\mu_{12}\sin\beta + \mu_{21}\cos\beta), \end{split}$$
(73)

with the SUSY breaking gaugino masses defined as

$$m_{\gamma\gamma} = M_1 \cos^2 \theta_W + M_2 \sin^2 \theta_W$$

$$m_{ZZ} = M_1 \sin^2 \theta_W + M_2 \cos^2 \theta_W$$

$$m_{\gamma Z} = (M_2 - M_1) \sin \theta_W \cos \theta_W = m_{Z\gamma}.$$
(74)

The stability region in parameter space is determined by requiring all scalar squared masses to be positive. Four typical stability regions, denoted as A, B, C, and D, are exhibited in Fig. 1 in the $\mu_{11} - \mu_{12}$ plane. For each panel in the figure the value of the gaugino SUSY breaking masses are $M_1 = 200$ GeV and $M_2 = 800$ GeV. Stability region A has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, region B has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, region C has $\tan\beta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, and region D has $\tan\beta = 10$, $\tan\theta = 2$. Each region is considered for three values of the SUSY breaking parameter b =-4,000, 4,000, 12,000 GeV². Additional delineation in parameter space is obtained when a neutralino is required



FIG. 3 (color online). The Higgs (pseudo-) scalars and gaugino-Higgsino mass spectrum for a point in the LSP-stability regions indicated by the (green) dot in Fig. 2. The gaugino soft SUSY breaking masses are $M_1 = 200$ GeV and $M_2 = 800$ GeV, and b = 4,000 GeV² for all regions.

to be the LSP as illustrated in Fig. 2 for the same four regions of parameter space. In general, the eigenvalues of the mass matrices must be determined numerically. Detailed mass spectra for specific points in parameter space indicated by green dots in Fig. 2 are displayed in Fig. 3. Note that the lightest spin zero particle can be either the neutral pseudoscalar a (panels A,B) or the neutral scalar h (panels C, D). The next heaviest neutral pseudoscalar is denoted by A, while the remaining neutral scalars in order of increasing mass are denoted as H1, H2. Adapting a similar notation, the neutralinos in order of increasing mass are denoted as N1, N2, N3, N4, N5, while the charged scalars (charginos) are C1, C2, C3 ($\tilde{C1}, \tilde{C2}, \tilde{C3}$).

To further explore the mass spectra, the neutral (pseudo-) scalar, charged scalar, neutralino, and chargino masses as a function of the lightest pseudoscalar mass are exhibited in Figs. 4-7. The various curves in the figures follow the parameter scans from left to right for fixed μ_{11} with increasing μ_{12} over the range indicated by the (vertical) yellow lines in Fig. 2 for each of the four regions A, B, C, and D. The left endpoint of all the curves in each of the figures is dictated by the stability bounds as is the right endpoint of the curves in Figs. 6 and 7. On the other hand the right endpoints of the curves in Fig. 5 corresponds to the maximum value for μ_{12} plotted in Fig. 2. Note that in regions A and B tan $\beta = 1$. In these regions the U(1) gauge coupling forms the only breaking of the global $SU(2)_V$ symmetry, and as a consequence some near degeneracies in the mass spectra occur. Appendix includes the explicit form of certain masses and eigenvectors in the $SU(2)_V$ limit. All four panels allow for a lightest Higgs boson, h, with mass greater than 130 GeV. Using the experimental bound [10] on the lightest MSSM pseudoscalar of $m_a > 93.4$ GeV



FIG. 4 (color online). Masses as a function of the lightest pseudoscalar mass m_a for a μ_{12} scan along the yellow (vertical) line across region A in Fig. 2. The parameters for the plots are $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, b = 4, 000 GeV² and $\mu_{11} = -12$ GeV. In the top left panel green (lighter grey) curves correspond to scalar *h*, *H*1, *H*2 masses, while the purple (darker grey) curve corresponds to the pseudoscalar *A* mass. In the bottom left panel, the blue curves correspond to the charged Higgs C1, C2, C3 masses. In the top right panel, the red curves correspond to the neutralino N1 - N5 masses, while the orange curves in the lower right panel correspond to the chargino $\tilde{C}1$, $\tilde{C}2$, $\tilde{C}3$ masses.



FIG. 5 (color online). Masses as a function of the lightest pseudoscalar mass m_a for a μ_{12} scan along the yellow (vertical) line across region B in Fig. 2. The parameters for the plots are $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $b = 4,000 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $\mu_{11} = -16 \text{ GeV}$. The curves correspond to the various particles just as described in the caption to Fig. 4.

as the bound for the current model, we see that region Aallows a lightest Higgs boson tree level mass in the range 130 GeV $< m_h < 200$ GeV which corresponds to the range 93.4 GeV $< m_a < 180$ GeV, while for region B, the lightest Higgs boson mass varies from 130 GeV < $m_h < 172 \text{ GeV}$ as m_a ranges from 93.4 GeV $< m_a <$ 148 GeV over the scanned region. A lightest Higgs scalar with a mass in the range 115 GeV $< m_h < 130$ GeV is also allowed provided different (SUSY breaking) parameters are employed. For the scans considered, region C admits a lightest Higgs boson mass in a range from 182 GeV > $m_h > 115 \text{ GeV}$ as m_a varies from 370 $\text{GeV} < m_a <$ 475 GeV. For m_a less than around 350 GeV, there is some conflict with the current experimental limit on the mass of the lightest chargino. Finally region D admits a lightest Higgs boson mass in a range from 200 GeV $> m_h >$ 115 GeV as m_a varies from 3140 GeV $< m_a <$ 3180 GeV. For m_a less than around 3000 GeV, there is some tension with the current experimental limit on the mass of the lightest chargino and/or neutralino.

It is instructive to quantify the contribution of the components of the constrained Higgs doublet multiplets to the lightest Higgs neutral (pseudo-) scalar and charged scalars as well as the lightest neutralino and chargino fermions. The fractions of the lightest neutral Higgs scalar h in a decomposition in terms of the MSSM neutral scalars S_u , S_d and the scalar S_{π} arising from the constrained doublets are displayed in Fig. 8 as a function of m_a . For regions A and B, a lightest Higgs scalar is essentially devoid of the nonlinearly transforming scalar S_{π} over the entire range 93.4 GeV $< m_a$. As such, the composition of the Higgs scalar is thus almost identical to that of the MSSM. In region C, the S_{π} fraction of is less than 6-4% for a lightest Higgs scalar mass in the range 182 GeV $> m_h >$ 115 Gev which corresponds to 370 GeV $< m_a <$ 475 GeV. While not completely negligible, the Higgs scalar is still predominately composed of the MSSM fields. Finally, for region D, the S_{π} content in the lightest Higgs scalar is about 13 - 12% for the mass range 200 GeV > $m_h > 115$ GeV which corresponds to 3140 GeV $< m_a <$



FIG. 6 (color online). Masses as a function of the lightest pseudoscalar mass m_a for a μ_{12} scan along the yellow (vertical) line across region C in Fig. 2. The parameters for the plots are $\tan\beta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $b = 4,000 \text{ GeV}^2$ and $\mu_{11} = -52 \text{ GeV}$. The curves correspond to the various particles just as described in the caption to Fig. 4.

3180 GeV. The modification to this lightest Higgs production and decay due to the admixture of the non-MSSM content will be addressed in the next section. The discontinuity in the slope appearing in the plots for regions A and B is a consequence of the crossover in the particle content of the lightest mass eigenvalue and the m_a step size used in the numerical calculation. Note that this slope discontinuity occurs at a value of m_a which is less than 93.4 GeV and hence excluded by the current experimental bound.

The fractions of the lightest neutralino N1, the LSP, in its decomposition in terms of the photino λ_{γ} , zino λ_{Z} , the MSSM neutral Higgsinos \tilde{H}^{0}_{u} , \tilde{H}^{0}_{d} and the neutral π -ino originating from the constrained multiplets are displayed in Fig. 9 for these scans. For the considered regions in parameter space, the nonlinearly transforming π -ino field composition of the neutralino LSP is very similar to the nonlinearly transforming Higgs field composition of the lightest neutral scalar detailed above for regions A, B, C. Consequently, its identification with dark matter can

proceed just as in the MSSM. For region D, the fraction of π -ino is somewhat larger being of order 10 - 5% for 3100 GeV $< m_a < 3150$ GeV. Figure 10 displays the fractions of the lightest pseudoscalar, a, in its decomposition in terms of MSSM pseudoscalars, P_u , P_d , and the nonlinearly transforming P_{π} . The contribution of P_{π} in regions A and B is completely negligible, while for region C, P_{π} contributes at roughly a 5 - 10%. On the other hand, for region D, the lightest pseudoscalar is predominately composed of P_{π} for the larger scanned m_a values. The fractions of the lightest charged scalar C1 in its decomposition in terms of the MSSM charged scalars $H_u^+, H_d^{-\dagger}$ and the charged scalars π^+ , $\pi^{-\dagger}$ arising from the nonlinearly transforming Higgs multiplets is displayed in Fig. 11. In this case, each of the nonlinearly transforming scalars contribute a fraction which is a decreasing function of m_a . This time, the largest fraction, which is still $\sim 15\%$, occurs for panel A, while panels B, C, D have successively smaller nonlinear transforming field content over the entire scanned range.



FIG. 7 (color online). Masses as a function of the lightest pseudoscalar mass m_a for a μ_{12} scan along the yellow (vertical) line across region D in Fig. 2. The parameters for the plots are $\tan\beta = 10$, $\tan\theta = 2$, b = 4,000 GeV² and $\mu_{11} = -344$ GeV. The curves correspond to the various particles just as described in the caption to Fig. 4.

Finally, the fractions of the lightest chargino *C*1 in its decomposition in terms of the wino λ_{W_+} , the MSSM charged Higgsino \tilde{H}_u^+ , and the Higgsino $\tilde{\pi}^+$ originating from the constrained multiplets are displayed in Fig. 12 for these scans. In this case, the contribution of nonlinearly transforming Higgsino $\tilde{\pi}^+$ is consistently larger than in the previously considered cases, although it is still subdominant. Detailed plots of the light mass spectra including only particles with a mass less than 500 GeV are presented in Fig. 13 for the scans through each of the four regions.

IV. ELECTROWEAK PRECISION TESTS AND LIGHTEST HIGGS BOSON PRODUCTION AND DECAY

Since only the MSSM Higgs fields couple directly to the standard model matter fields, one anticipates that the flavor physics in this model should be quite similar to that of the MSSM. The only difference arises due to the fact that the MSSM Higgs field vacuum expectation values only partially contribute to the electroweak vacuum value v = 246 GeV. Consequently, the matter field Yukawa couplings must be proportionately larger in order to compensate for the smaller v_u and v_d values. For the top and bottom quarks and tau lepton the masses are related to the Yukawa couplings as

$$\frac{m_t}{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y_t \sin\theta \sin\beta$$

$$\frac{m_b}{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y_b \sin\theta \cos\beta$$

$$\frac{m_\tau}{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} y_\tau \sin\theta \cos\beta.$$
(75)

Comparing with the MSSM values, we have the effective replacements $y^{\text{MSSM}} = y \sin\theta$. Thus the Yukawa couplings will differ significantly from their MSSM values for small $\tan\theta$. Placing a perturbative bound on the size of the Yukawa coupling constants so that $y < 4\pi$ translates to bounds on $\tan\beta$ and $\tan\theta$ given by



FIG. 8 (color online). Lightest neutral Higgs boson, *h*, content as a function of the lightest pseudoscalar mass for a μ_{12} scan corresponding to the yellow (vertical) lines across the A, B, C, and D regions in Fig. 2. For each plot the values of the gaugino SUSY breaking masses are $M_1 = 200$ GeV and $M_2 = 800$ GeV, and b = 4,000 GeV². The scan through region A has $\tan\beta = 1, \tan\theta = 1$, and $\mu_{11} = -12$ GeV, the one through region B has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$ and $\mu_{11} = -16$ GeV, the one through region C has $\tan\beta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, and $\mu_{11} = -52$ GeV, and the one through region D has $\tan\beta = 10$, $\tan\theta = 2$, and $\mu_{11} = -344$ GeV. The red (lightest grey) curve corresponds to the S_u fraction, the green (medium grey) curve to the S_d fraction, and the blue (darkest grey) curve to the S_π fraction.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{1}{\tan^{2}\theta} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{1}{\tan^{2}\beta} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{y_{t}^{2}v^{2}}{2m_{t}^{2}} \le \frac{8\pi^{2}v^{2}}{m_{t}^{2}} \approx 160$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{1}{\tan^{2}\theta} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \tan^{2}\beta \end{bmatrix} = \frac{y_{b}^{2}v^{2}}{2m_{b}^{2}} \le \frac{8\pi^{2}v^{2}}{m_{b}^{2}} \approx 2 \times 10^{5}$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 + \frac{1}{\tan^{2}\theta} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 + \tan^{2}\beta \end{bmatrix} = \frac{y_{\tau}^{2}v^{2}}{2m_{\tau}^{2}} \le \frac{8\pi^{2}v^{2}}{m_{\tau}^{2}} \approx 1.5 \times 10^{6}.$$
(76)

In addition to the very small $\tan\theta$ values, this also excludes regions corresponding to fractionally small values of $\tan\theta$ and $\tan\beta$ (e.g. $\tan\theta = 0.1$ and $\tan\beta = 1$) as well as excessively large values of $\tan\beta$.

The W and Z masses satisfy the $\rho = M_W^2/M_Z^2 \cos\theta_W =$ 1 relation at tree level. The effects of radiative corrections to the gauge field vacuum polarizations can be encapsulated in the electroweak precision parameters S and T. One source of contributions to S and T can arise from loop effects in the effective model under consideration here. The precise form of their 1-loop contribution is beyond the scope of this paper. However, one anticipates a contribution of the form

$$\Delta S = \frac{c}{16\pi^2} \ln \frac{\Lambda}{M_Z}, \qquad \Delta T = \frac{d}{16\pi^2} \ln \frac{\Lambda}{M_Z}, \qquad (77)$$

where Λ is the mass scale above which the effective theory no longer accurately describes the dynamics and *c*, *d* are the specific values obtained from the 1-loop Feynman diagrams. In addition, there are contributions to *S* and *T* arising from the underlying theory responsible for the electroweak symmetry breaking and the resulting nonlinear sigma model. Although we do not specify a particular theory, we can parametrize its effects by the inclusion of additional supersymmetric higher dimensional operators, albeit suppressed by powers of the effective action cutoff Λ . There are four lowest dimension effective operators contributing to the electroweak precision parameter *S*. The action for each is given by



FIG. 9 (color online). LSP-neutralino, *N*1, content as a function of the lightest pseudoscalar mass for a μ_{12} scan corresponding to the yellow (vertical) lines across the A, B, C, and D regions in Fig. 2. For each plot the values of the gaugino SUSY breaking masses are $M_1 = 200 \text{ GeV}$ and $M_2 = 800 \text{ GeV}$, and $b = 4,000 \text{ GeV}^2$. The scan through region A has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, and $\mu_{11} = -12 \text{ GeV}$, the one through region B has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$ and $\mu_{11} = -16 \text{ GeV}$, the one through region C has $\tan\beta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, and $\mu_{11} = -52 \text{ GeV}$, and the one through region D has $\tan\beta = 10$, $\tan\theta = 2$, and $\mu_{11} = -344 \text{ GeV}$. The black curve corresponds to the λ_{γ} fraction, the yellow (lightest grey) curve to the λ_Z fraction, the red (lighter grey) curve to the \tilde{H}^0_u fraction, the green (light grey) curve to the \tilde{H}^0_d fraction, and the blue curve (dark grey) to the $\tilde{\pi}^0$ fraction.

$$\begin{split} \Gamma_{S11} &= \frac{-s_{11}}{128g_1g_2\Lambda^2} \left(\int dSH_u \epsilon W_2 W_1 H_d + \int d\bar{S}\bar{H}_u \epsilon \bar{W}_2 \bar{W}_1 \bar{H}_d \right) \\ &= \frac{s_{11}\nu_u \nu_d}{8\Lambda^2} \int d^4x [\sin 2\theta_W (Z_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} - A_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu}) - 2\cos 2\theta_W Z_{\mu\nu} A_{\mu\nu} + \cdots] \\ \Gamma_{S12} &= \frac{-s_{12}}{128g_1g_2\Lambda^2} \left(\int dSH_u \epsilon W_2 W_1 H_d' + \int d\bar{S}\bar{H}_u \epsilon \bar{W}_2 \bar{W}_1 \bar{H}_d' \right) \\ &= \frac{s_{12}\nu_u \nu'}{8\Lambda^2} \int d^4x [\sin 2\theta_W (Z_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} - A_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu}) - 2\cos 2\theta_W Z_{\mu\nu} A_{\mu\nu} + \cdots] \\ \Gamma_{S21} &= \frac{-s_{21}}{128g_1g_2\Lambda^2} \left(\int dSH_u \epsilon W_2 W_1 H_d + \int d\bar{S}\bar{H}_u' \epsilon \bar{W}_2 \bar{W}_1 \bar{H}_d \right) \\ &= \frac{s_{21}\nu_d \nu'}{8\Lambda^2} \int d^4x [\sin 2\theta_W (Z_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} - A_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu}) - 2\cos 2\theta_W Z_{\mu\nu} A_{\mu\nu} + \cdots] \\ \Gamma_{S22} &= \frac{-s_{22}}{128g_1g_2\Lambda^2} \left(\int dSH_u' \epsilon W_2 W_1 H_d' + \int d\bar{S}\bar{H}_u' \epsilon \bar{W}_2 \bar{W}_1 \bar{H}_d \right) \\ &= \frac{s_{22}\nu'^2}{8\Lambda^2} \int d^4x [\sin 2\theta_W (Z_{\mu\nu} Z^{\mu\nu} - A_{\mu\nu} A^{\mu\nu}) - 2\cos 2\theta_W Z_{\mu\nu} A_{\mu\nu} + \cdots] \end{split}$$
(78)



FIG. 10 (color online). Lightest pseudoscalar, *a*, content as a function of the lightest pseudoscalar mass for a μ_{12} scan corresponding to the yellow (vertical) lines across the A, B, C, and D regions in Fig. 2. For each plot the values of the gaugino SUSY breaking masses are $M_1 = 200$ GeV and $M_2 = 800$ GeV, and b = 4,000 GeV². The scan through region A has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, and $\mu_{11} = -12$ GeV, the one through region B has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$ and $\mu_{11} = -16$ GeV, the one through region C has $\tan\beta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 1$, $\tan\theta =$

with the ellipses denoting the higher dimensional terms. The contribution of these operators to S is given by

$$\alpha S/\sin 2\theta_W = \frac{(s_{11}v_u v_d + s_{12}v_u v' + s_{21}v_d v' + s_{22}w^2)}{\Lambda^2},$$
(79)

$$Y = H'_{u}e^{-2g_{2}W-g_{1}B}H'_{u} - H'_{d}e^{-2g_{2}W+g_{1}B}H'_{d}$$

$$= \frac{w^{2}}{2} \bigg[1 + gZ + g_{2}^{2}W^{+}W^{-} + \frac{1}{2}g^{2}Z^{2} + \cdots \bigg]$$

$$- \frac{w^{2}}{2} \bigg[1 - gZ + g_{2}^{2}W^{+}W^{-} + \frac{1}{2}g^{2}Z^{2} + \cdots \bigg]$$

$$= gv'^{2}Z + \cdots .$$
(80)

The effective action for this term takes the form

while they do not contribute to *T*.

Likewise their are several effective operators that contribute to T but not to S. These are higher dimensional contributions to the Kähler potential The simplest such example is

$$\Gamma_{u} = \frac{-M_{Z}^{2}t}{16g^{2}v^{\prime4}\Lambda^{2}} \int dVY^{2} = \frac{-M_{Z}^{2}t}{16\Lambda^{2}} \int dV[Z^{2} + \cdots]$$
$$= \frac{-M_{Z}^{2}t}{16\Lambda^{2}} \int d^{4}x \left[\frac{1}{2}Z_{\mu}Z^{\mu} + \cdots\right]$$
(81)



FIG. 11 (color online). Lightest charged Higgs boson, *C*1, content as a function of the lightest pseudoscalar mass for a μ_{12} scan corresponding to the yellow (vertical) lines across the A, B, C, and D regions in Fig. 2. For each plot the values of the gaugino SUSY breaking masses are $M_1 = 200$ GeV and $M_2 = 800$ GeV, and b = 4,000 GeV². The scan through region A has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, and $\mu_{11} = -12$ GeV, the one through region B has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$ and $\mu_{11} = -16$ GeV, the one through region C has $\tan\beta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, and $\mu_{11} = -52$ GeV, and the one through region D has $\tan\beta = 10$, $\tan\theta = 2$, and $\mu_{11} = -344$ GeV. The red (lighter grey) curve corresponds to the H_u^+ fraction, the green curve (darker grey) to the $H_d^{-\dagger}$ fraction, the pink (lightest grey) curve to the π^+ fraction, and the purple (darkest grey) curve to the $\pi^{-\dagger}$ fraction.

and provides a contribution to T given by

$$\alpha T = \frac{t}{\Lambda^2},\tag{82}$$

with no contribution to *S*. Fitting to *S* and *T* can determine the allowed range of values for the coupling constants s_{11} , s_{12} , s_{21} , s_{22} , *t* and the dynamical scale Λ and thus provides a potent constraint on model building.

As a final topic, we briefly address the modifications to Higgs boson production and decay. For moderate $\tan\beta$ values, the top quark loop gives the dominant contribution to gluon fusion Higgs production at the LHC provided the squark masses are sufficiently high [23]. The lightest Higgs boson can be written as a linear combination of the MSSM scalars S_u , S_d and nonlinearly transforming scalar S_{π} as

$$h = a_u S_u + a_d S_d + a_\pi S_\pi.$$
(83)

The modulus squares of various amplitudes are presented in Fig. 8 for the four regions of parameter space numerically probed in this paper. Since the top quark interacts only with the S_u component with the enhanced Yukawa coupling $\sqrt{2}m_t/(v\sin\theta\sin\beta)$, the tree level gluon fusion production cross section is equal to that of the standard model times an overall factor so that



FIG. 12 (color online). Lightest Chargino, $\tilde{C}1$, content as a function of the lightest pseudoscalar mass for a μ_{12} scan corresponding to the yellow (vertical) lines across the A, B, C, and D regions in Fig. 2. For each plot the values of the gaugino SUSY breaking masses are $M_1 = 200$ GeV and $M_2 = 800$ GeV, and b = 4,000 GeV². The scan through region A has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, and $\mu_{11} = -12$ GeV, the one through region B has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$ and $\mu_{11} = -16$ GeV, the one through region C has $\tan\beta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, and $\mu_{11} = -52$ GeV, and the one through region D has $\tan\beta = 10$, $\tan\theta = 2$, and $\mu_{11} = -344$ GeV. The orange (darker grey) curve corresponds to the \tilde{W}^+ fraction, the red (darkest grey) curve to the \tilde{H}_u^+ fraction, and the pink (lighter grey) curve to the $\tilde{\pi}^+$ fraction.

$$\sigma = |a_u|^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\tan^2 \theta}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{\tan^2 \beta}\right) \sigma^{\text{SM}}.$$
 (84)

Note that the production rate depends on the details of the MSSM Higgs scalar S_u content for the chosen values of parameter space. It is clear from Fig. 8 that since S_u comprises at least one-half the Higgs scalar, there will be an enhanced gluon fusion production rate relative to the standard model as seen in Fig. 14. Modifications to other Higgs production processes such as Higgsstrahlung off a vector boson or top quark, or in the decay of a heavy charged Higgs boson, can also be considered.

When considering the decay of the Higgs scalar, h, differences from the standard model can arise from both

the presence of the mixing angles, β , θ , in the vacuum expectation values as well as the various particle content of h mentioned above. Since $v'_u = v'_d$, the coupling of S_{π} to the W^+W^- pair identically cancels. Consequently, the process $h \rightarrow W^+W^-$ proceeds only through the S_u and S_d field components and the tree level decay rate of a heavy Higgs boson to W^+W^- is the standard model rate modified by a suppression factor

$$\Gamma_{W^+W^-} = \left(\frac{\tan^2\theta}{1+\tan^2\theta}\right) \left(\frac{1}{1+\tan^2\beta}\right) |a_u \tan\beta + a_d|^2 \Gamma_{W^+W^-}^{\rm SM},$$
(85)

as shown in Fig. (15). Likewise, the decay to bb quarks also depends on the b-Yukawa enhancement and the



FIG. 13 (color online). Detailed light spectra as a function of the lightest pseudoscalar mass for a μ_{12} scan corresponding to the yellow (vertical) lines across the A, B, C, and D regions in Fig. 2. For each plot the values of the gaugino SUSY breaking masses are $M_1 = 200$ GeV and $M_2 = 800$ GeV, and b = 4,000 GeV². The scan through region A has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 1$, and $\mu_{11} = -12$ GeV, the one through region B has $\tan\beta = 1$, $\tan\theta = 2$ and $\mu_{11} = -16$ GeV, the one through region C has $\tan\beta = 2$, $\tan\theta = 2$, and $\mu_{11} = -52$ GeV, and the one through region D has $\tan\beta = 10$, $\tan\theta = 2$, and $\mu_{11} = -344$ GeV. Green (darker grey) curves to charged scalar masses, red (lighter grey) curves to neutralino masses, and orange (lightest grey) curves to chargino masses.

constituent fraction of the S_d content of the Higgs field. This leads to the modified tree level rate given by

$$\Gamma_{b\bar{b}} = |a_d|^2 \left(1 + \frac{1}{\tan^2\theta}\right) (1 + \tan^2\beta) \Gamma_{b\bar{b}}^{\text{SM}}.$$
 (86)

and displayed in Fig. 16 using the parameter scans appropriate to the four regions. For regions A and B, the b-pair partial rate is enhanced relative to that of the standard model, while for regions C and D, the rate is suppressed. This suppression is a consequence of the very small admixture of S_d in h for these regions.

V. DISCUSSION

A model consisting of a supersymmetric nonlinear sigma model incorporating the low energy effects of an unspecified electroweak symmetry breaking sector and coupled to a supersymmetric version of the standard model was constructed and analyzed. The superpotential coupling of the constrained pair of Higgs doublets to the MSSM Higgs doublet pair catalyzes a nontrivial vacuum expectation value in the later thus producing an additional contribution to the electroweak symmetry breaking which is in turn communicated to the MSSM matter fields. Supersymmetry breaking was assumed to be a perturbation that does not effect the strong dynamics and was added to the model by the introducing explicit soft supersymmetry breaking parameters. The tree level particle



FIG. 14 (color online). Ratio of gluon fusion Higgs scalar production cross section to the standard model result.

spectrum of the model was obtained for a variety of model parameters. The MSSM upper limit on the mass of the lightest Higgs scalar was obviated. Throughout the region of the explored parameter space, the lightest Higgs scalar and the neutralino LSP, which can be identified as a dark matter candidate, was primarily composed of the MSSM fields with only a small admixture of the nonlinear transforming components. Since quarks and leptons were assumed to have direct couplings only to the linearly transforming MSSM Higgs doublets and not to the nonlinearly transforming Higgs fields, the Yukawa couplings in the model tend to be larger than in the MSSM and standard model. An initial survey of phenomenological constraints on the Higgs scalar was performed. The main difference from the standard model predictions in both Higgs boson production from gluon fusion and Higgs scalar decay to either W^+W^- or $\bar{b}b$ resulted from the constituent nature of the Higgs scalar and the variant Yukawa couplings. Depending on the process and region of parameter space, these differences could lead to either an enhancement or a suppression. Further phenomenological studies of the model including consequences of radiative corrections are left for future study as is the possible form of the ultraviolet completion to the nonlinear sigma model supersymmetric effective Lagrangian.

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APPENDIX: STANDARD COORDINATES AND $SU(2)_V$ SYMMETRY

In this appendix, we address the model limit in which $m_u^2 = m_d^2$ and $\mu_{12} = \mu_{21}$ so that the model exhibits an approximate global $SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$ symmetry which is spontaneously broken to the diagonal $SU(2)_V$ subgroup with explicit breaking only by the hypercharge gauge coupling g_1 . This approximate symmetry is the source of the degeneracies and near degeneracies in the spectrum plots presented for $\tan \beta = 1$ in the main text. In order to make this approximate symmetry more manifest, it proves convenient to embed the Higgs doublets in covariantly transforming matrix chiral superfields U and V containing the



FIG. 15 (color online). Ratio of two W-boson partial decay width of the Higgs scalar, h to that of the standard model. The dashed line shows the enhancement (suppression) factor over the entire scanned region while solid line corresponds to the region where the Higgs scalar is sufficiently heavy for the decay to be kinematically allowed.

MSSM Higgs superfields and the constrained Higgs superfields, respectively. So doing leads to the parameterization The relevant supersymmetric part of the action then takes the form

$$\Gamma_S = \Gamma_K + \Gamma_W, \tag{A3}$$

with

$$\Gamma_{K} = \int dV \{ \bar{U}e^{-2g_{2}W}Ue^{-g_{1}B\sigma^{3}} + \bar{V}e^{-2g_{2}W}Ve^{-g_{1}B\sigma^{3}} \},$$
(A4)

and

$$\Gamma_W = \int dSW + \int d\bar{S}\,\bar{W},\tag{A5}$$

where the superpotential is given by

$$W = 2\mu_{11}UU\epsilon\epsilon + 4\mu_{12}UV\epsilon\epsilon, \qquad (A6)$$

while the constraint reads

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} H_d^0 & H_u^+ \\ H_d^- & H_u^0 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} \eta + i\zeta_3 & i\zeta_1 + \zeta_2 \\ i\zeta_1 - \zeta_2 & \eta - i\zeta_3 \end{pmatrix}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\eta \mathbf{1} + i\vec{\zeta} \cdot \vec{\sigma}), \tag{A1}$$

and

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$$V = \begin{pmatrix} H_d^{\sigma} & H_u^{\tau} \\ H_d^{-\tau} & H_u^{0\tau} \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \upsilon' e^{i(\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\sigma}/\upsilon')}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \upsilon' \left(\cos \sqrt{\frac{\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\xi}}{\upsilon'^2}} \mathbf{1} + i \frac{\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}{\sqrt{\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\xi}}} \sin \sqrt{\frac{\vec{\xi} \cdot \vec{\xi}}{\upsilon'^2}} \right).$$
(A2)



FIG. 16 (color online). Ratio of partial width for the decay of the Higgs scalar, h, to two b quarks to that of the standard model.

$$VV\epsilon\epsilon = V_{ia}V_{jb}\epsilon_{ij}\epsilon_{ab} = 2 \det V = v^{\prime 2}.$$
 (A7)

The supersymmetry breaking part of the action takes the form

$$\Gamma_{\vec{s}} = \int d^4x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} M_1(\lambda \lambda + \bar{\lambda} \bar{\lambda}) + \frac{1}{2} M_2(\lambda^i \lambda^i + \bar{\lambda}^i \bar{\lambda}^i) - m_u^2 \bar{U}U + \frac{1}{2} \mu_{11} B U U \epsilon \epsilon + \frac{1}{2} \mu_{11} B \bar{U} \bar{U} \epsilon \epsilon \right\}.$$
(A8)

Since in the $SU(2)_V$ limit considered here $v_u = v_d$ (tan $\beta = 1$), the vacuum expectation values of U and V reduce to

$$<0|U|0> = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v_u & 0\\ 0 & v_u \end{pmatrix},$$
 (A9)

$$<0|V|0> = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v' & 0\\ 0 & v' \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (A10)

Defining $v^2 = 2v_u^2 + 2v'^2$, the potential minimization condition takes the form $m_u^2 = -16\mu_{11}^2 - 16\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta$, where $\tan\theta = v_u/v'$.

It is convenient to split the complex scalar components of the chiral superfields into their real and imaginary parts as

$$\vec{P}_{\xi} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\vec{\xi} + \vec{\xi}), \qquad \vec{S}_{\xi} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (\vec{\xi} - \vec{\xi})$$

$$\vec{P}_{\zeta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\vec{\zeta} + \vec{\zeta}), \qquad \vec{S}_{\zeta} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (\vec{\zeta} - \vec{\zeta}) \qquad (A11)$$

$$P_{\eta} = \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} (\eta - \bar{\eta}), \qquad S_{\eta} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\eta + \bar{\eta}).$$

The mass terms in the scalar potential then take the form

and

$$V_{\text{mass}} = -8\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta S_{\eta}^{2} - (8\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta - \mu_{11}B)P_{\eta}^{2} + 16(\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\tan\theta + \mu_{12}^{2})\vec{S}_{\xi}^{2} + \mu_{11}B\vec{S}_{\zeta}^{2} - \frac{8}{\cos^{2}\theta}(\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta - \mu_{12}^{2})(\cos\theta\vec{S}_{\zeta} - \sin\theta\vec{S}_{\xi})^{2} - \frac{8}{\cos^{2}\theta}(\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta - \mu_{12}^{2})(\cos\theta\vec{P}_{\zeta} - \sin\theta\vec{P}_{\xi})^{2} + \frac{1}{2}M_{W}^{2}(\sin\theta\vec{S}_{\zeta} + \cos\theta\vec{S}_{\xi})^{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sin^{2}\theta_{W}M_{Z}^{2}(\sin\theta S_{\zeta}^{3} + \cos\theta S_{\xi}^{3})^{2}.$$
(A12)

Only the last term in Eq. (A12) breaks the $SU(2)_V$ symmetry into its $U(1)_{\rm EM}$ subgroup. The exact and approximate degeneracies of the tree level mass spectrum appearing in the spectrum plots in the main text are a consequence of the relatively small value of $M_Z \sin \theta_W$. The mass matrix in this basis has some diagonal blocks. The scalar S_{η} [labeled h in Fig. 3] has mass-squared $-16\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta$ while the pseudoscalar P_{η} (labeled a in Fig. 3) has mass-squared $-16\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta + 2\mu_{11}B$. One massive pseudoscalar [labeled A in Fig. 3] and a charged scalar [labeled C2 in Fig. 3] lie in the triplet $(\cos\theta \vec{P}_{\zeta} - \sin\theta \vec{P}_{\xi})$ and have degenerate mass-squared

$$-16(\mu_{11}\mu_{12}\cot\theta - \mu_{12}^2)\sec^2\theta$$
. The three Nambu-Goldstone bosons lie in the triplet $\sin\theta \vec{P}_{\zeta} + \cos\theta \vec{P}_{\xi}$. Two remaining triplets each contain a massive scalar and a charged scalar [(H1,C1) and (H2,C3) in Fig. 3] and are mixed. The mass degeneracy within these triplets is slightly lifted by the breaking term and the tree level masses can be calculated by diagonalizing two by two matrices. The expressions for the eigenvalues are not very illuminating and therefore are not presented here. The supersymmetric limit of the model is recovered by taking $B = 0$ and $\tan\theta = -\mu_{12}/\mu_{11}$.

The mass terms for the fermions in the Lagrangian are

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = -2\mu_{11}\tilde{\eta}\,\tilde{\eta} - 2\mu_{11}\tilde{\zeta}_i\tilde{\zeta}_i - 4\mu_{12}\tilde{\zeta}_i\tilde{\xi}_i + 2\mu_{12}\tan\theta\tilde{\xi}_i\tilde{\xi}_i + \frac{1}{2}M_1\lambda\lambda + \frac{1}{2}M_2\lambda_i\lambda_i + iM_W\lambda_i(\sin\theta\tilde{\zeta}_i + \cos\theta\tilde{\xi}_i) - iM_Z\sin\theta_W\lambda(\sin\theta\tilde{\zeta}_3 + \cos\theta\tilde{\xi}_3) + \text{h.c.}$$
(A13)

Only the last term in Eq. (A13) breaks the $SU(2)_V$ symmetry. Since $M_Z \sin\theta_W$ is parametrically small, the fermion mass spectrum also shows a large number of near degeneracies. The singlet (neutral) fermion $\tilde{\eta}$ [labeled by N1 in Fig. 3] has mass-squared $16\mu_{11}^2$. The remaining fermions fall into a singlet and three triplets that are mixed, each containing a neutral fermion and a charged fermion. The degeneracies of the masses of the fermions in each triplet is

slightly lifted by the breaking term. In the limit that the explicit breaking can be neglected, the singlet λ [labeled N3 in Fig. 3] has mass-squared M_1^2 , while the masses of each of the triplets [(N2,C1), (N4,C2) and (N5,C3) in Fig. 3] can be obtained by diagonalizing a three by three matrix. The supersymmetric limit of the model is recovered by taking $M_1 = M_2 = 0$ and $\tan \theta = -\mu_{12}/\mu_{11}$.

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