Analysis of the Higgs potentials for two doublets and a singlet

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We consider the most general CP-conserving renormalizable effective scalar potential involving two doublets plus one singlet Higgs and satisfying the electroweak gauge symmetry. After deriving the electroweak symmetry breaking conditions, we focus on special cases, characterized by specific symmetry properties and/or relations to supersymmetry-inspired extensions of the Standard Model [e.g., nearly minimal supersymmetric StandardModel (nMSSM), next-to-minimal supersymmetric Standard Model (NMSSM), $U(1)$ ['] extended minimal supersymmetric Standard Model (UMSSM), We then investigate the question of the population of the potential metric Standard Model (UMSSM)]. We then investigate the question of the reconstruction of the potential parameters from the Higgs masses and mixing angles and show that in some specific cases, such as the one of an underlying NMSSM, an accuracy at the order of leading logarithms is achievable with minimal effort.We finally study a few phenomenological consequences for this latter model. More specifically, we consider how our parameter reconstructionmodifiesthe outcome oftwo publicly available codes: MICROMEGAS and NMSSMTOOLS. We observed noteworthy effects in regions of parameter space where Higgs-to-Higgs decays are relevant, impacting the collider searches for light Higgs states and the prediction of the dark matter relic density.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The origin of electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB) stands as one of the critical questions in high-energy physics, and a central goal of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) is to reveal its nature. The recent discovery of a new massive boson around 125 GeV [[1](#page-35-0)], reported by both the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations [\[2](#page-35-1)] and supported by the broad excess seen at TeVatron [\[3](#page-35-2)], represents a first step toward the identification of the Higgs boson and the measurement of the underlying Higgs potential, a task that only the next generation of colliders is likely to complete. Although essentially compatible with the Higgs boson of the Standard Model (SM), this new state may already be hinting toward some new physics, in that the peaks of the diphoton and $ZZ \rightarrow 4l$ decays differ from what one would expect in the SM. The stronger signal in the $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ channel, in particular, seems of importance because this loop-induced process is particularly sensitive to physics beyond the SM. One should also consider the nonobservation of events at CMS—although supported by very few statistics—in the $H \to \tau\tau$ channel.
Testing the SM nature of this would-be Higgs state and Testing the SM nature of this would-be Higgs state and inspecting possible deviations in its coupling to SM particles will represent a major undertaking of modern particle physics and a probable probe into the mechanism of EWSB.

The "Higgs mechanism"[\[4\]](#page-35-3), involving scalar elementary fields, is the most efficient way to generate masses for the fermions and gauge bosons. Its implementation within the SM is the minimal one: only one scalar field, transforming as a doublet under $SU(2)_L$, is introduced to break the electroweak (EW) symmetry through its vacuum expectation value (VEV). Nevertheless, the Higgs sector is still essentially undetermined and there is no reason to stick to minimality if some benefits should emerge from a more elaborate scalar sector. For instance, introducing a second Higgs doublet allows for an implementation of CP violation through this sector [[5\]](#page-35-4): CP violation appears in this context because some of the parameters in the potential of the two Higgs doublet model (2HDM) can be chosen complex (nonreal). Yet the requirements relative to neutral flavor conservation constrain this possibility significantly. Large flavor-changing couplings of neutral Higgs bosons can be avoided in the so-called ''2HDM of type II,'' where the Higgs doublets H_u and H_d , of opposite hypercharges $Y = \pm 1$, enter separately, and respectively, up- and downtype Yukawa terms (at tree level). Another (more exotic) possibility consists of requiring the alignment of the Yukawa coupling matrices in flavor space (see Ref. [\[6](#page-35-5)]). Although such 2HDMs may hold as autonomous extensions of the SM, they can also be embedded within more elaborate models: left-right gauge models and their grand unification theory (GUT) ramifications—Pati-Salam, $SO(10)$, etc.—offer a first framework for this operation, in which the question of CP violation was originally central [\[7](#page-35-6)]. From another angle, the well-documented ''Hierarchy Problem'' [\[8\]](#page-35-7) underlines the theoretical difficulties for understanding the stability of a Higgs mass at the electroweak scale, with respect to new physics at very high energies (GUT, Planck scales). Regarding the SM as the low-energy effective theory of some more fundamental model, the quadratic sensitivity of scalar squared masses to new-physics masses would lead to a technically unnatural fine-tuning of the Higgs-mass parameter in the more fundamental theory with the radiative corrections resulting from the integrated-out new-physics states... unless new physics appears sufficiently close to the electroweak scale, typically at the TeV scale. Among the proposed solutions, supersymmetry (SUSY) allows us to stabilize a scalar Higgs mass at the electroweak scale, due to the renormalization properties of supersymmetric theories. However, SUSY being obviously not realized in low-energy particle physics, viable SUSY-inspired models need to include SUSY-breaking effects, which are parametrized within the Lagrangian through the so-called ''soft terms,'' generate e.g., mass terms for all non-SM particles and trigger the Higgs mechanism. This ad hoc setup could yet remain an acceptable solution to the hierarchy problem only if the supersymmetry-breaking scale is near the electroweak scale. Other attractive properties of SUSY-inspired models lie in the possibility of one-step unification, due to the more-convergent running of SM-gauge couplings in the presence of the enlarged SUSY field content [\[9](#page-35-8)] or in the dark matter (DM) sector, the lightest supersymmetric particle being a stable (or long-lived) and viable candidate in the presence of (approximate) R-parity [[10\]](#page-35-9).

Holomorphicity of the superpotential (cancellation of gauge anomalies) dictates the requirement for at least two $SU(2)_L$ Higgs doublets in a SUSY-inspired model, intervening in a type II 2HDM fashion, so that both up-type and downtype masses are generated. The simplest implementation of a SUSY-inspired SM, known as the minimal supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM) [[11\]](#page-35-10) confines to this minimal 2HDM requirement. There, the quartic Higgs couplings are determined by the EW gauge couplings, which results in tight constraints on the tree-level mass of the lightest Higgs boson: the latter is indeed bounded from above by the Z^0 -boson mass M_Z . Radiative corrections improve this feature and can arrange for fairly heavy Higgs masses, provided the SUSYscale is large enough; see for example [\[12](#page-35-11)]. Yet this last necessity tends to conflict with the naturalness-dictated \leq 1 TeV SUSY-breaking scale. Accommodating for a Higgs state at 125 GeV in the MSSM thus severely constrains the parameter space of this model [[13\]](#page-35-12). Another criticism to this minimal setup, the so-called " μ -problem" [\[14](#page-35-13)], points out the necessity of tuning a supersymmetric mass term, the conventionally baptized μ parameter, at the electroweak/TeV scale in order to ensure EWSB: being of supersymmetric origins, this parameter is in principle unrelated to the SUSY-breaking scale and would thus coincide with it out of sheer coincidence.

The introduction of an additional gauge-singlet superfield S addresses both shortcomings of the MSSM. The μ term can indeed be generated effectively through a $\lambda S H_u$.
H₁ term when the singlet takes a VFV s: $\mu_{\text{sc}} \equiv \lambda s$ [15] H_d term when the singlet takes a VEV s: $\mu_{\text{eff}} \equiv \lambda s$ [\[15\]](#page-35-14). Concerning the lightest Higgs mass, the presence of a new superfield coupling to the Higgs doublets induces additional contributions to the Higgs mass matrix, so that the MSSM limit can be exceeded, already at tree level [\[16](#page-35-15)[,17\]](#page-35-16). It is also worth mentioning that the lightest CP-even Higgs state in this context might well be dominantly of a singlet nature, hence, the singlet decoupling from SM fermions and gauge bosons, essentially invisible at colliders: the SM-like Higgs state would then be the second lightest, and a small mixing effect with the singlet would thus shift its mass toward slightly higher values. In short, radiative corrections are no longer the only mechanism able to generate a SM-like Higgs state heavier than M_Z in such a singlet extension.

The simplest version of such a model with singlet-enlarged superfield content is known as the next-to-minimal supersymmetric Standard Model (NMSSM) [\[18](#page-35-17),[19\]](#page-35-18). It relies on a \mathbb{Z}_3 discrete symmetry in order to forbid all dimensional parameters (including μ) in the superpotential, so that the soft terms provide the only relevant scale in the scalar potential, triggering the EWSB. Several other SUSY models engaging a singlet in addition to the two Higgs doublets are to be found in the literature, including the nearly minimal supersymmetric Standard Model [nearly minimal supersymmetric standard model (nMSSM), sometimes MNSSM] [\[20](#page-35-19)[,21](#page-35-20)], $U(1)$ ' extended MSSMs, with their simplest version known
as the UMSSM [22] models based on the E_c exceptional as the UMSSM $[22]$ $[22]$, models based on the $E₆$ exceptional group [\[23](#page-35-22)], SUSY/compositeness hybrids such as ''fat Higgs models'' [\[24](#page-35-23)] and models using the Seiberg duality [\[25](#page-35-24)], etc.

In the present paper, we aim at studying the effective Higgs potential involving 2 doublet $+1$ singlet Higgs fields. The relations between physical input, represented by the mass matrices and mixing angles, and the parameters of the potential, as well as the trilinear Higgs couplings, shall be at the center of this discussion, in view of a possible reconstruction of the potential from such input at and beyond leading order (LO). Similar analyses for the 1-doublet setup [\[26](#page-35-25)] or the 2-doublet setup, for instance in Ref. [[27\]](#page-35-26), with the MSSM as a background model, have already been proposed in the literature. Given that the singlet extensions of the MSSM offer a natural origin to our 2-doublet $+1$ -singlet setup, we shall refer and return explicitly to such models in the course of our discussion: specific attention will be dedicated in particular to the n/NMSSM or the UMSSM. Most of our discussion should, however, be generalizable to other models resulting in a 2-doublet $+1$ -singlet Higgs potential,¹ as long as matching conditions and/or symmetry properties are satisfied. The first part of the present paper shall be dedicated to the presentation of the general framework, including notations, the discussion of residual symmetries and the pattern of EWSB leading to the Higgs spectrum. In the second part, we shall focus on the question of the reconstruction of the potential from a measurement of the Higgs masses and mixing angles; beyond the general case where a large number of undetermined parameters remain, the possibility of a reconstruction in constrained models will be discussed at leading order. The analysis of the large logarithms appearing in the Coleman-Weinberg [[29](#page-35-27)[,30](#page-35-28)] approach shall convince us, in particular, that a full reconstruction at the order of leading logarithms should be achievable in the \mathbb{Z}_3 -symmetric case, represented by an underlying NMSSM. Concentrating

¹We have already referred to left-right models and their GUT extensions as an alternative approach to the 2HDM framework. Note that the addition of a SM-gauge singlet is essentially an undemanding requirement and may be arranged within such models as well. An interpretation of DM in such a context has actually been proposed in Ref. [[28](#page-35-29)] (and references therein).

on the NMSSM in the last part, we shall analyze the phenomenological consequences for this model, both in terms of constraints from Higgs-to-Higgs decays and computation of the dark matter relic density. The decay $h_i^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ [\[31\]](#page-35-30) will
also be revisited although little impact is expected there also be revisited, although little impact is expected there. This phenomenological analysis will rely on the numerical output of several public codes, including NMSSMTOOLS_3.2.0 [\[32,](#page-35-31)[33](#page-35-32)], MICROMEGAS_2.4.1 $[34,35]$ $[34,35]$ $[34,35]$ and a version of SLOOPS [\[36,](#page-35-35)[37](#page-35-36)] adapted to the NMSSM [[38\]](#page-35-37).

II. TWO HIGGS DOUBLET PLUS ONE SINGLET POTENTIAL

A. General parametrization

New physics effects are most conveniently encoded in terms of effective Lagrangians. Under the guidelines of Lorentz and gauge invariance, as well as possible additional symmetries, one can write a list of all the operators, classified according to their mass dimension. For the two $SU(2)_I$ doublets and the singlet, we shall use the following notations (with v_d , v_u and s representing the VEVs of these fields):

$$
H_d = \begin{pmatrix} v_d + (h_d^0 + ia_d^0)/\sqrt{2} \\ H_d^- \end{pmatrix},
$$

\n
$$
H_u = \begin{pmatrix} H_u^+ \\ v_u + (h_u^0 + ia_u^0)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix},
$$

\n
$$
S = s + (h_s^0 + ia_s^0)/\sqrt{2}.
$$
\n(2.1)

The most general Higgs potential involving these fields and compatible with the electroweak gauge symmetry then reads as follows when one restricts to renormalizable terms:

$$
\mathcal{V}_{eff}^{S} = m_{H_{u}}^{2} |H_{u}|^{2} + m_{H_{d}}^{2} |H_{d}|^{2} - (m_{12}^{2} H_{u} \cdot H_{d} + \text{H.c.}) + \frac{\lambda_{1}}{2} |H_{d}|^{4} + \frac{\lambda_{2}}{2} |H_{u}|^{4} + \lambda_{3} |H_{u}|^{2} |H_{d}|^{2}
$$

+ $\lambda_{4} |H_{u} \cdot H_{d}|^{2} + \left[\frac{\lambda_{5}}{2} (H_{u} \cdot H_{d})^{2} + (\lambda_{6} |H_{u}|^{2} + \lambda_{7} |H_{d}|^{2}) H_{u} \cdot H_{d} + \text{H.c.} \right]$
+ $m_{S}^{2} |S|^{2} + \kappa^{2} |S|^{4} + \left[\lambda_{T} S + \frac{\mu_{S}^{2}}{2} S^{2} + \frac{A_{S}}{3} S^{3} + \frac{\tilde{A}_{S}}{3} S |S|^{2} + \frac{\kappa_{S}^{2}}{4} S^{4} + \frac{\tilde{\kappa}_{S}^{2}}{4} S^{2} |S|^{2} + \text{H.c.} \right]$
+ $[A_{ud} S H_{u} \cdot H_{d} + \tilde{A}_{ud} S^{*} H_{u} \cdot H_{d} + \lambda_{M} |S|^{2} H_{u} \cdot H_{d} + \lambda_{P}^{M} S^{*2} H_{u} \cdot H_{d} + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} S^{2} H_{u} \cdot H_{d} + \text{H.c.}]$
+ $\lambda_{P}^{\mu} |S|^{2} |H_{u}|^{2} + \lambda_{P}^{\mu} |S|^{2} |H_{d}|^{2} + [(A_{us} S + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{\mu} S^{2}) |H_{u}|^{2} + (A_{ds} S + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{\mu} S^{2}) |H_{d}|^{2} + \text{H.c.}].$ (2.2)

The first two lines comprise the usual 2HDM potential, the third line, the pure-singlet terms and the latter two, the singlet-doublet mixing terms. $m_{H_u}^2$, $m_{H_d}^2$, λ_1 , λ_2 , λ_3 , λ_4 , m_S^2 , κ^2 , λ_p^u and λ_p^d are 10 real parameters, while m_{12}^2 , λ_5 , λ_6 , λ_7 , $\lambda_T, \mu_S^2, A_S, \tilde{A}_S, \kappa_S^2, \tilde{\kappa}_S^2, A_{ud}, \tilde{A}_{ud}, \lambda_M, \lambda_P^M, \tilde{\lambda}_P^M, A_{us}, A_{ds}, \tilde{\lambda}_P^u$ and $\tilde{\lambda}_P^d$ are, in principle, 19 complex parameters. One parameter (e.g., λ_T) is superfluous and may be absorbed in a translation of the singlet; three others $(m_S^2, m_{H_u}^2$ and $m_{H_d}^2$) can be traded for the field vacuum expectation values through the minimization conditions. From now on, we will consider, for simplicity, that all the parameters are real, hence barring the possibility of CP violation. (We will, however, continue to refer to the 19 potentially nonreal parameters as ''complex'' parameters.)

B. Symmetry classification

By imposing additional symmetries, the form of the potential in Eq. ([2.2\)](#page-2-0) can be further constrained at the classical level and the remaining parameters² λ_i^{cl} will be called ''classical'' parameters. At the quantum level, all the eliminated terms λ_j^{qm} may reappear, in principle, if the symmetry is broken, either directly by the quantum fluctuations or spontaneously when the fields acquire VEVs. In the later case, symmetry violation is a relic from higher-dimensional operators at the nonsymmetric vacuum, due to the truncation of the potential to dimension ≤ 4 terms. To be definite, if at high energy, beyond a certain scale Λ , the symmetry holds, the potential V is then well approximated by its classical form (the symmetry-violating effects being negligible) and the λ_i^{cl} at the scale Λ may be chosen as boundary conditions for the general parameters of Eq. [\(2.2](#page-2-0)),

$$
\lambda_i^{\text{cl}} = \lambda(\Lambda); \qquad \lambda_j^{\text{qm}} = 0 \tag{2.3}
$$

such that $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{V}(\lambda_i^{\text{cl}}(\Lambda))$. At scales $\mu \ll \Lambda$, however, symmetry-violating effects are no longer negligible so that symmetry-violating effects are no longer negligible so that nontrivial values of λ^{qm} are generated by the renormalization group equations.

We shall now enumerate the following possible symmetries one can impose on the potential of Eq. (2.2) (2.2) (2.2) :

- (i) Discrete \mathbb{Z}_n symmetries are characterized by the transformations $\Phi \mapsto e^{\frac{2i\pi}{n}Q_{\Phi}}\Phi$, where $\Phi = S$, H_u , H_d and $Q_{\sigma M}$, where the charges under the discrete symmetry $Q_{S,H\ldots Hd}$ are the charges under the discrete symmetry group. They allow for significant selectivity among the complex terms of the general potential, while avoiding the problem of an axion (unless the potential they induce is also accidentally $U(1)$ invariant). Spontaneous breakdown of these symmetries (through Higgs VEVs), however, generically leads to cosmological difficulties, in the form of a domain-wall problem [\[39\]](#page-35-38), which should then be addressed separately.
	- (1) The complex doublet terms are controlled by $Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d}$: $Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d} = 0[n]$ causes no

²We shall use the notation λ_i in order to concisely refer to *any* parameter entering Eq. [\(2.2\)](#page-2-0).

constraint; for even *n*, $Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d} = \frac{n}{2}[n]$
allows only for λ . Other choices forbid all the allows only for λ_5 . Other choices forbid all the corresponding terms.

- (2) Complex mixing terms are governed by both $Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d}$ and Q_S . Only in the case ${Q_{H_u}}$ + $Q_{H_d} \equiv 0[n], Q_S \equiv 0[n]$ are they all allowed by the \mathbb{Z}_n symmetry. Otherwise, the relative choice of Q_S and $Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d}$ constrains them, with the specific values $Q_S = \pm (Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d})[n]$, $2Q_s \equiv \pm (Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d})[n]$ and up to the exclusion of all these terms.
- (3) The complex singlet terms are governed by Q_S , ranging from conservation of all $(Q_s \equiv 0/n)$ to exclusion of all, with the special cases $2Q_s \equiv$ $[0[n], 3Q_s \equiv 0[n]$ and $4Q_s \equiv 0[n]$.

A typical example for such a discrete symmetry and deserving particular attention is that of the \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetry with charges $Q_{S,H_u,H_d} = 1$. This corresponds to the case of an underlying NMSSM. Invariance under $\Phi \mapsto e^{\frac{2i\pi}{3}} \Phi$ reduces the potential to the form,

$$
\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}_{3}}^{S} = m_{H_{u}}^{2} |H_{u}|^{2} + m_{H_{d}}^{2} |H_{d}|^{2} + \frac{\lambda_{1}}{2} |H_{d}|^{4} + \frac{\lambda_{2}}{2} |H_{u}|^{4}
$$

$$
+ \lambda_{3} |H_{u}|^{2} |H_{d}|^{2} + \lambda_{4} |H_{u} \cdot H_{d}|^{2} + m_{S}^{2} |S|^{2}
$$

$$
+ \kappa^{2} |S|^{4} + \left[\frac{A_{S}}{3} S^{3} + \text{H.c.} \right] + \lambda_{P}^{u} |S|^{2} |H_{u}|^{2}
$$

$$
+ \lambda_{P}^{d} |S|^{2} |H_{d}|^{2} + [A_{ud} S H_{u} \cdot H_{d}
$$

$$
+ \lambda_{P}^{M} S^{*2} H_{u} \cdot H_{d} + \text{H.c.}]. \tag{2.4}
$$

The tree-level conditions resulting from the NMSSM read

$$
\lambda_1 = \frac{g^2 + g'^2}{4} = \lambda_2; \quad \lambda_3 = \frac{g^2 - g'^2}{4};
$$

\n
$$
\lambda_4 = \lambda^2 - \frac{g^2}{2}; \quad \lambda_p^u = \lambda^2 = \lambda_p^d;
$$

\n
$$
\lambda_p^M = \lambda \kappa; \quad A_S = \kappa A_\kappa;
$$

\n
$$
A_{ud} = \lambda A_\lambda; \quad \kappa^2 = \kappa^2.
$$
\n(2.5)

Our notations for the SUSY parameters follow those of Ref. [[18](#page-35-17)], except for the electroweak gauge couplings which we denote as g' and g for, respectively, the hypercharge $U(1)_Y$ and the $SU(2)_L$ symmetry.

- (ii) Continuous global symmetries are essentially global phase transformations $\Phi \mapsto e^{iQ_{\Phi} \alpha} \Phi$, that is $U(1)$
Peccei-Quinn (PO) symmetries [40] Such symme-Peccei-Quinn (P.Q.) symmetries [\[40](#page-35-39)]. Such symmetries are spontaneously broken by the VEVs of the Higgs fields so that they produce massless axions. They are also chiral in nature, so that anomalies will be generated at the quantum level (unless the field content is enlarged so as to cancel them). Such symmetries are thus likely to stand only as approximate limiting cases.
	- (1) ${Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d} = 0, Q_S = 0}$ is automatically satisfied; this is the hypercharge.
	- (2) ${Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d} = 0, Q_s \neq 0}$ preserves the doublet potential while constraining drastically the singlet couplings,

$$
\mathcal{V}_{PQ}^{S-S} = m_{H_u}^2 |H_u|^2 + m_{H_d}^2 |H_d|^2 - (m_{12}^2 H_u \cdot H_d + \text{H.c.}) + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} |H_d|^4 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} |H_u|^4
$$

+ $\lambda_3 |H_u|^2 |H_d|^2 + \lambda_4 |H_u \cdot H_d|^2 + \left[\frac{\lambda_5}{2} (H_u \cdot H_d)^2 + (\lambda_6 |H_u|^2 + \lambda_7 |H_d|^2) H_u \cdot H_d + \text{H.c.} \right]$
+ $m_S^2 |S|^2 + \kappa^2 |S|^4 + \lambda_\mu^u |S|^2 |H_u|^2 + \lambda_\mu^d |S|^2 |H_d|^2 + (\lambda_M |S|^2 H_u \cdot H_d + \text{H.c.}).$ (2.6)

(3) $\{Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d} \neq 0, Q_s = 0\}$ constrains severely the doublet sector, as well as the mixing terms, while leaving the pure-singlet potential untouched,

$$
\mathcal{V}_{PQ}^{S-D} = m_{H_u}^2 |H_u|^2 + m_{H_d}^2 |H_d|^2 + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} |H_d|^4 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} |H_u|^4 + \lambda_3 |H_u|^2 |H_d|^2 + \lambda_4 |H_u \cdot H_d|^2
$$

+ $m_S^2 |S|^2 + \kappa^2 |S|^4 + \left[\lambda_T S + \frac{\mu_S^2}{2} S^2 + \frac{A_S}{3} S^3 + \frac{\tilde{A}_S}{3} S |S|^2 + \frac{\kappa_S^2}{4} S^4 + \frac{\tilde{\kappa}_S^2}{4} S^2 |S|^2 + \text{H.c.} \right]$
+ $\lambda_\mu^u |S|^2 |H_u|^2 + \lambda_\mu^d |S|^2 |H_d|^2 + \left[\tilde{\lambda}_\mu^u S^2 |H_u|^2 + \tilde{\lambda}_\mu^d S^2 |H_d|^2 + \text{H.c.} \right]$
+ $[A_{us} S |H_u|^2 + A_{ds} S |H_d|^2 + \text{H.c.}].$ (2.7)

(4) $\{Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d} \neq 0, Q_S = -(Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d})\}$ is the "usual" Peccei-Quinn symmetry (e.g., Ref. [\[41\]](#page-35-40)) and, without loss of generality, one may choose ($Q_{H_u} = 1 = Q_{H_d}$, $Q_s = -2$). It induces a potential of the same form as that of the \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetry [Eq. [\(2.4\)](#page-3-0)], with the further requirement that A_s and λ_p^M vanish,

$$
\mathcal{V}_{PQ}^{S} = m_{H_u}^2 |H_u|^2 + m_{H_d}^2 |H_d|^2 + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} |H_d|^4 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} |H_u|^4 + \lambda_3 |H_u|^2 |H_d|^2 + \lambda_4 |H_u \cdot H_d|^2 + m_S^2 |S|^2
$$

+ $\kappa^2 |S|^4 + \lambda_\mu^u |S|^2 |H_u|^2 + \lambda_\mu^d |S|^2 |H_d|^2 + [A_{ud} S H_u \cdot H_d + \text{H.c.}].$ (2.8)

- (5) ${Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d} \neq 0, Q_S = Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d}}$ is equivalent to the preceding case with the replacement $S \mapsto \tilde{S} = S^*$.
- (6) ${Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d} \neq 0, Q_S = \frac{1}{2}(Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d})}$ is a variant concerning the singlet doublet mixing variant, concerning the singlet-doublet mixing sector. This is again a subcase of the \mathbb{Z}_3 poten-tial [Eq. ([2.4](#page-3-0))], with vanishing A_S and A_{ud} ; in a coarse understanding of the term, this may be considered as the ''R-symmetric'' potential,

$$
\mathcal{V}_{PQ'}^{S} = m_{H_{u}}^{2} |H_{u}|^{2} + m_{H_{d}}^{2} |H_{d}|^{2} + \frac{\lambda_{1}}{2} |H_{d}|^{4}
$$

+ $\frac{\lambda_{2}}{2} |H_{u}|^{4} + \lambda_{3} |H_{u}|^{2} |H_{d}|^{2}$
+ $\lambda_{4} |H_{u} \cdot H_{d}|^{2} + m_{S}^{2} |S|^{2} + \kappa^{2} |S|^{4}$
+ $\lambda_{P}^{\mu} |S|^{2} |H_{u}|^{2} + \lambda_{P}^{\mu} |S|^{2} |H_{d}|^{2}$
+ $[\lambda_{P}^{M} S^{*2} H_{u} \cdot H_{d} + \text{H.c.}].$ (2.9)

Note that if one is interested in a SUSY-inspired model, this PQ' symmetry would a priori forbid the $\lambda S H_u \cdot H_d$ term, resulting in vanishing tree-
level conditions for most of the parameters of level conditions for most of the parameters of Eq. (2.9) (2.9) (2.9) ; it is therefore best understood as an R symmetry at the SUSY level.

- (7) $\{Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d} \neq 0, Q_S = -\frac{1}{2}(Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d})\}$ is equi-
valent to the preceding choice, with the replacevalent to the preceding choice, with the replacement $S \mapsto \tilde{S} = S^*$.
- (8) $\{Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d} \neq 0, Q_S \neq \pm \{0, \frac{1}{2}, 1\} (Q_{H_u} + Q_{H_d})\}$
forbids all the complex terms, bence leading to forbids all the complex terms, hence leading to another, more constrained subcase of the \mathbb{Z}_3 potential,

$$
\mathcal{V}_{PQ}^{S-C} = m_{H_u}^2 |H_u|^2 + m_{H_d}^2 |H_d|^2 + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} |H_d|^4
$$

+ $\frac{\lambda_2}{2} |H_u|^4 + \lambda_3 |H_u|^2 |H_d|^2$
+ $\lambda_4 |H_u \cdot H_d|^2 + m_S^2 |S|^2 + \kappa^2 |S|^4$
+ $\lambda_p^u |S|^2 |H_u|^2 + \lambda_p^d |S|^2 |H_d|^2.$ (2.10)

In the following, we shall focus only on \mathcal{V}_{PQ}^S and $\mathcal{V}_{PQ'}^S$, which both can be viewed as subcases of $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^S$.

(iii) $U(1)$ gauge symmetries can be regarded as the gauged version of the PO symmetries with the gauged version of the P.Q. symmetries, with the important consequence that the P.Q. axion is now unphysical. They emerge naturally from $U(1)$ ^{μ} SUSY models containing SM singlets charged under SUSY models, containing SM singlets charged under the additional $U(1)$ gauge symmetry and breaking it
spontaneously while acquiring VEVs. The simplest spontaneously while acquiring VEVs. The simplest version of such models, with only one singlet, is called UMSSM [\[22](#page-35-21)] and leads back to the \mathbb{Z}_3 -invariant Higgs potential, but with vanishing A_S and λ_P^M , i.e., $V_{\text{UMSSM}}^S = V_{PQ}^S$: see Eq. [\(2.8](#page-3-1)). The further tree-
layer conditions are shifted from Eq. (2.5) according level conditions are shifted from Eq. [\(2.5\)](#page-3-2) according to (with Q_{S,H_u,H_d} as the Higgs charges under the $U(1)$ ^t
symmetry and a_{u} as the coupling constant) symmetry and $g_{Z'}$ as the coupling constant)

$$
\lambda_{1,2} \to \lambda_{1,2} + \frac{g_{Z'}^2}{2} Q_{H_{u,d}}^2;
$$
\n
$$
\lambda_3 \to \lambda_3 + g_{Z'}^2 Q_{H_u} Q_{H_d};
$$
\n
$$
\lambda_p^{u,d} \to \lambda_p^{u,d} + g_{Z'}^2 Q_{H_{u,d}}^2;
$$
\n
$$
\kappa^2 = \frac{g_{Z'}^2}{2} Q_S^2.
$$
\n(2.11)

Note that the SM fermion sector is also charged under the $U(1)$ ' gauge group, so as to ensure invariance of the
usual Yukawa terms. To avoid a chiral anomaly of the usual Yukawa terms. To avoid a chiral anomaly of the $U(1)$ ' symmetry, an exotic fermion sector will also be necessary necessary.

One may also write tree-level conditions of a different form, not protected by any symmetry. This is the case, for instance, in the nMSSM, where a \mathbb{Z}_5^R or a \mathbb{Z}_7^R symmetry [\[21\]](#page-35-20) is imposed at the level of the superpotential, so as to forbid all renormalizable pure singlet terms, then broken explicitly by gravity effects in order to arrange for an effective tadpole term (so as to break the resulting P.Q. symmetry), broken also explicitly by the soft terms. The tree-level potential then differs from the \mathbb{Z}_3 case [\(2.4](#page-3-0)) by the following requirements:

$$
\lambda_P^M = \kappa = A_S = 0; \qquad \lambda_T, \; m_{12}^2 \neq 0. \tag{2.12}
$$

We hence define

$$
\mathcal{V}_T^S = m_{H_u}^2 |H_u|^2 + m_{H_d}^2 |H_d|^2 - (m_{12}^2 H_u \cdot H_d + \text{H.c.})
$$

+ $\frac{\lambda_1}{2} |H_d|^4 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} |H_u|^4 + \lambda_3 |H_u|^2 |H_d|^2$
+ $\lambda_4 |H_u \cdot H_d|^2 + m_S^2 |S|^2 + [\lambda_T S + \text{H.c.}]$
+ $\lambda_\mu^u |S|^2 |H_u|^2 + \lambda_\mu^d |S|^2 |H_d|^2$
+ $[A_{ud} S H_u \cdot H_d + \text{H.c.}].$ (2.13)

While the absence of a residual symmetry at low energy is a deliberate feature of the nMSSM (in order to circumvent both axion and domain-wall problems), the resulting lack of protection of the tree-level couplings at low energy will lead to sizeable consequences for the parameter reconstruction at the loop level, as we will see later.

C. Mass matrices

Spontaneous symmetry breaking is achieved when the scalar fields develop a VEV,

$$
\langle H_u \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_u \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \langle H_d \rangle = \begin{pmatrix} v_d \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \langle S \rangle = s. \quad (2.14)
$$

Imposing the minimization conditions associated with the most general potential in Eq. (2.2) , one may trade the parameters $m_{H_d}^2$, $m_{H_u}^2$, m_S^2 for the VEVs v_u , v_d , s. Introducing the usual definitions $v = \sqrt{v_u^2 + v_d^2}$ 174 GeV, $\tan \beta = v_u/v_d$, we can write these relations as³

³We use the shorthand notations $c_\beta = \cos\beta$, $s_\beta = \sin\beta$, $s_\alpha = \sin 2\beta$, $t_\alpha = \tan \beta$, etc. $s_{2\beta} = \sin 2\beta$, $t_{\beta} = \tan \beta$, etc.

$$
m_{H_d}^2 = [A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + (\lambda_P^M + \tilde{\lambda}_P^M + \lambda_M)s]st_{\beta} - [2A_{ds} + (\lambda_P^d + 2\tilde{\lambda}_P^d)s]s - \lambda_1 v^2 c_{\beta}^2 - (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5)v^2 s_{\beta}^2 + (\lambda_6 v^2 s_{\beta}^2 - m_{12}^2)t_{\beta} + 3v^2 s_{2\beta}\lambda_7 m_{H_u}^2 = [A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + (\lambda_P^M + \tilde{\lambda}_P^M + \lambda_M)s]st_{\beta}^{-1} - [2A_{us} + (\lambda_P^u + 2\tilde{\lambda}_P^u)s]s - \lambda_2 v^2 s_{\beta}^2 - (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5)v^2 c_{\beta}^2 + (\lambda_7 v^2 c_{\beta}^2 - m_{12}^2)t_{\beta}^{-1} + 3v^2 s_{2\beta}\lambda_6 m_{S}^2 = [A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + 2(\lambda_P^M + \tilde{\lambda}_M^P + \lambda_M)s] \frac{v^2 s_{2\beta}}{2s} - [A_s + \tilde{A}_s + (2\kappa^2 + \kappa_S^2 + \tilde{\kappa}_S^2)s]s - [(A_{us} + 2\tilde{\lambda}_P^u s)s_{\beta}^2 + (A_{ds} + 2\tilde{\lambda}_P^d s)c_{\beta}^2] \frac{v^2}{s} - \lambda_P^u v^2 s_{\beta}^2 - \lambda_P^d v^2 c_{\beta}^2 - \frac{\lambda_T}{s} - \mu_S^2.
$$
 (2.15)

The quadratic terms in $H^{\pm}_{u,d}$ provide us with the charged Higgs mass matrix,

$$
\mathcal{M}_{H^{\pm}}^2 = \left[(A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + (\lambda_P^M + \tilde{\lambda}_P^M + \lambda_M) s) s - \left(\frac{1}{2} (\lambda_4 + \lambda_5) s_{2\beta} - \lambda_6 s_{\beta}^2 - \lambda_7 c_{\beta}^2 \right) v^2 - m_{12}^2 \right] \left[\begin{array}{cc} t_{\beta}^{-1} & 1 \\ 1 & t_{\beta} \end{array} \right].
$$
 (2.16)

Its diagonalization expectedly delivers (massless) charged Goldstone bosons $G^{\pm} \equiv \cos \beta H_d^{\pm} - \sin \beta H_u^{\pm}$ and the physical charged Higgs $H^{\pm} \equiv \cos \beta H^{\pm} + \sin \beta H^{\pm}$ with mass charged Higgs $H^{\pm} \equiv \cos\beta H^{\pm}_u + \sin\beta H^{\pm}_d$ with mass,

$$
m_{H^{\pm}}^2 = \frac{2}{s_{2\beta}} \bigg[(A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + (\lambda_P^M + \tilde{\lambda}_P^M + \lambda_M) s) s - \bigg(\frac{1}{2} (\lambda_4 + \lambda_5) s_{2\beta} - \lambda_6 s_{\beta}^2 - \lambda_7 c_{\beta}^2 \bigg) v^2 - m_{12}^2 \bigg].
$$
 (2.17)

We turn to the CP-odd squared mass matrix, written in the basis (a_d^0, a_u^0, a_s^0) ,

$$
\mathcal{M}_{P11}^{2} = \left[(A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + (\lambda_{P}^{M} + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \lambda_{M})s) s + (\lambda_{6}s_{\beta}^{2} + \lambda_{7}c_{\beta}^{2} - \lambda_{5}s_{2\beta})v^{2} - m_{12}^{2} \right] t_{\beta}
$$

\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{P22}^{2} = \left[(A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + (\lambda_{P}^{M} + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \lambda_{M})s) s + (\lambda_{6}s_{\beta}^{2} + \lambda_{7}c_{\beta}^{2} - \lambda_{5}s_{2\beta})v^{2} - m_{12}^{2} \right] t_{\beta}^{-1}
$$

\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{P33}^{2} = \left[A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + 4(\lambda_{P}^{M} + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M})s \right] \frac{v^{2}s_{2\beta}}{2s} - \left[3A_{S} + \frac{\tilde{A}_{S}}{3} + (4\kappa_{S}^{2} + \tilde{\kappa}_{S}^{2})s \right] s
$$

\n
$$
- \left[(A_{us} + 4\tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{u}s)s_{\beta}^{2} + (A_{ds} + 4\tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{d}s)c_{\beta}^{2} \right] \frac{v^{2}}{s} - 2\mu_{S}^{2} - \frac{\lambda_{T}}{s}
$$

\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{P12}^{2} = \left[A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + (\lambda_{P}^{M} + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \lambda_{M})s \right] s + (\lambda_{6}s_{\beta}^{2} + \lambda_{7}c_{\beta}^{2} - \lambda_{5}s_{2\beta})v^{2} - m_{12}^{2}
$$

\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{P13}^{2} = \left[A_{ud} - \tilde{A}_{ud} - 2(\lambda_{P}^{M} - \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M})s \right] vs_{\beta}
$$

\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{P23}^{2} = \left[A_{ud} - \tilde{A}_{ud} - 2(\lambda_{P}^{M} - \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M})s \right] vs_{
$$

The neutral Goldstone boson $G^0 = \cos \beta a^0 - \sin \beta a^0 u$ can be isolated through the rotation with angle β , and we are left with the 2×2 matrix \mathcal{M}^2 , in the basis (a^0_a, a^0_b) with $a^0_a \equiv \cos \beta a^0 + \sin \beta a^0$. with the 2 \times 2 matrix $\mathcal{M}_{P'}^2$ in the basis (a_D^{δ}, a_S^0) , with $a_D^0 \equiv \cos\beta a_u^0 + \sin\beta a_d^0$,

$$
\mathcal{M}_{P'11}^{2} = \frac{2}{s_{2\beta}} \left[(A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + (\lambda_{P}^{M} + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \lambda_{M})s) s - (\lambda_{5}s_{2\beta} - \lambda_{6}s_{\beta}^{2} - \lambda_{7}c_{\beta}^{2}) v^{2} - m_{12}^{2} \right]
$$

\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{P'22}^{2} = \left[A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + 4(\lambda_{P}^{M} + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M})s \right] \frac{v^{2}s_{2\beta}}{2s} - \left[3A_{S} + \frac{\tilde{A}_{S}}{3} + (4\kappa_{S}^{2} + \tilde{\kappa}_{S}^{2})s \right] s
$$

\n
$$
- \left[(A_{us} + 4\tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{u}s) s_{\beta}^{2} + (A_{ds} + 4\tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{d}s) c_{\beta}^{2} \right] \frac{v^{2}}{s} - 2\mu_{S}^{2} - \frac{\lambda_{T}}{s}
$$

\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{P'12}^{2} = \left[A_{ud} - \tilde{A}_{ud} - 2(\lambda_{P}^{M} - \tilde{\lambda}_{M}^{P})s \right] v.
$$
\n(2.19)

 $\mathcal{M}_{P'}^2$ is diagonalized in the subblock of the physical states (a_D^0, a_S^0) by the orthogonal matrix P' to give the two physical CP -odd squared mass $m_{a_1^0}^2$, $m_{a_2^0}^2$, such that

$$
diag(m_{a_1^0}^2, m_{a_2^0}^2) = P' \mathcal{M}_{P'}^2 P'^{-1}.
$$
\n(2.20)

Finally, the CP-even squared mass matrix, in the basis (h_d^0, h_u^0, h_S^0) , reads

$$
\mathcal{M}_{S11}^{2} = \left[(A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + (\lambda_{P}^{M} + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \lambda_{M})s) s + (\lambda_{6}s_{\beta}^{2} - 3\lambda_{7}c_{\beta}^{2})v^{2} - m_{12}^{2} \right]t_{\beta} + 2\lambda_{1}v^{2}c_{\beta}^{2}
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{S22}^{2} = \left[(A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + (\lambda_{P}^{M} + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \lambda_{M})s) s + (\lambda_{7}c_{\beta}^{2} - 3\lambda_{6}s_{\beta}^{2})v^{2} - m_{12}^{2} \right]t_{\beta}^{-1} + 2\lambda_{2}v^{2}s_{\beta}^{2}
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{S33}^{2} = \left[A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} \right] \frac{v^{2}s_{2\beta}}{2s} + \left[A_{S} + \tilde{A}_{S} + 2(2\kappa^{2} + \kappa_{S}^{2} + \tilde{\kappa}_{S}^{2})s \right]s - (A_{us}s_{\beta}^{2} + A_{ds}c_{\beta}^{2})\frac{v^{2}}{s} - \frac{\lambda_{T}}{s}
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{S12}^{2} = -\left[A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + (\lambda_{P}^{M} + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \lambda_{M})s \right]s + \left[(\lambda_{3} + \lambda_{4} + \lambda_{5})s_{2\beta} - 3(\lambda_{6}s_{\beta}^{2} + \lambda_{7}c_{\beta}^{2}) \right]v^{2} + m_{12}^{2}
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{S13}^{2} = -\left[A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + 2(\lambda_{P}^{M} + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \lambda_{M})s \right]v s_{\beta} + 2\left[A_{ds} + (\lambda_{P}^{d} + 2\tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{d})s \right]v c_{\beta}
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{M}_{S23}^{2} = -\left[A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + 2(\lambda_{P}^{M} + \tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \
$$

which is diagonalized by a 3×3 orthogonal matrix S, resulting in three CP-even squared masses $m_{h_1^0}^2$, $m_{h_2^0}^2$, $m_{h_3^0}^2$, such that

diag
$$
(m_{h_1^0}^2, m_{h_2^0}^2, m_{h_3^0}^2) = S \mathcal{M}_S^2 S^{-1}
$$
. (2.22)

We are thus finally left with seven physical Higgs particles once the three Goldstone bosons G^0 , G^{\pm} , giving mass to the W^{\pm} and Z^{0} bosons, have been discarded. In the particular case of the $U(1)$ ['] gauge symmetry, however, the P.Q.
axion (associated to the vanishing eigenvalue of \mathcal{M}^2 .) is axion (associated to the vanishing eigenvalue of \mathcal{M}_{p}^2) is also unphysical (giving mass to the Z' -boson gauge field of the $U(1)$ ' symmetry [[22](#page-35-21)]), so that we are left with only one CP -odd physical mass CP-odd physical mass.

III. RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EFFECTIVE PARAMETERS

A. Masses and mixing angles as physical input

From an experimental point of view, the λ_i parameters are not directly accessible: they will enter as combinations within the expressions for the Higgs masses and selfcouplings. The latter can hopefully be accessed through the experimental measurement of physical quantities. Inverting the system, we can therefore trade some λ_i parameters for such physical input. In the simplest case, one would directly use the Higgs masses and their mixing angles, assuming these can be measured (e.g., from fermion/ gauge couplings), as the new, physical input. For the 2-doublet $+1$ -singlet system, such quantities provide us with 12 conditions (input measurements) on the λ_i 's: the masses of the two CP-odd bosons, three CP-even and one (complex) charged Higgs; the mixing angles from the CP-even (3), CP -odd (1) and the Goldstone (1: β) sectors; finally, the electroweak VEV, $v = \sqrt{v_u^2 + v_d^2}$ (from M_W for example). Should those 12 relations prove insufficient to determine all the λ_i 's (as is obviously the case for the most general potential), one would have to resort to Higgs self-couplings (or input from another sector) in order to fully determine the parameters. Accessing such self-couplings would require that double or triple Higgs productions are kinematically open. This task would most comprehensibly be done at future linear colliders. In the meanwhile, the measurements of masses and mixing angles still allow for a partial inversion.

We will assume in the following that all the Higgs masses have been measured. Note that this hypothesis is somewhat optimistic since singlet-like fields do not couple directly to SM fermions and gauge bosons and, hence, are essentially elusive: only when there is substantial mixing with the doublet states can we expect to access them without having to rely on multi-Higgs couplings. As for the mixing angles, assuming all the Higgs states have been observed in SM decay channels, one can derive them from the couplings to fermions (note that leptonic decay channels are likely to give cleaner information) and gauge bosons. For a type II model, we have (taken from Ref. [[18](#page-35-17)])

$$
h_i^0 t_L t_R^c = -\frac{Y_t}{\sqrt{2}} S_{i2} \t h_i^0 b_L b_R^c = \frac{Y_b}{\sqrt{2}} S_{i1}
$$

\n
$$
h_i^0 \tau_L \tau_R^c = \frac{Y_\tau}{\sqrt{2}} S_{i1} \t a_i^0 t_L t_R^c = -i \frac{Y_t}{\sqrt{2}} c_\beta P'_{i1}
$$

\n
$$
a_i^0 b_L b_R^c = i \frac{Y_b}{\sqrt{2}} s_\beta P'_{i1} \t a_i^0 \tau_L \tau_R^c = i \frac{Y_\tau}{\sqrt{2}} s_\beta P'_{i1}
$$

\n
$$
H^+ b_L t_R^c = Y_t c_\beta \t H^- t_L b_R^c = -Y_b s_\beta
$$

\n
$$
H^- \nu_{\tau L} \tau_R^c = -Y_\tau s_\beta,
$$
\n(3.1)

where

$$
Y_t = \frac{m_t}{v s_\beta}, \quad Y_b = \frac{m_b}{v c_\beta}, \quad Y_\tau = \frac{m_\tau}{v c_\beta}, \tag{3.2}
$$

and (we mention here only the one Higgs to two gauge couplings; note that, albeit more difficult to measure, two Higgs to one gauge as well as quartic couplings shall play a very important role for testing the model),

$$
h_i^0 Z_\mu Z_\nu = g_{\mu\nu} \frac{g^{\prime 2} + g^2}{\sqrt{2}} \nu(c_\beta S_{i1} + s_\beta S_{i2})
$$

$$
h_i^0 W_\mu^+ W_\nu^- = g_{\mu\nu} \frac{g^2}{\sqrt{2}} \nu(c_\beta S_{i1} + s_\beta S_{i2}).
$$
 (3.3)

Combining Higgs couplings to the vector bosons with those to up/down fermions, one can access e.g., S_{i1}/S_{i2} . Moreover, one may be tempted to use Higgs decays into two photons to extract information about the mixing angles: even admitting that such processes are dominated by quark loops, the corresponding relation of branching ratios to mixing angles is already nontrivial and would require an involved extraction procedure for exploitation.

Unitarity relations could also prove useful. For example, a "missing" matrix element S_{ij} could be reconstructed from

$$
\sum_{k=0}^{3} S_{ik} S_{jk} = \delta_{ij} = \sum_{k=0}^{3} S_{ki} S_{kj} \quad i, j = 1, 2, 3. \tag{3.4}
$$

A possible (naive) strategy to reconstruct the mixing angles would be the following: having measured the charged Higgs decay into third generation quarks, one could then deduce t_{β} , since the ratio m_{th}/v is fixed by SM measurements. Then the (doublet) elements S_{i1} , S_{i2} , P'_{i1} could be obtained unambiguously from the decays of neutral Higgs states into fermions and gauge bosons. The unitarity relations would finally provide the magnitude of the S_{i3} and P'_{i2} (singlet) elements.

Note finally that while a full experimental determination of the Higgs mass matrices may seem overly optimistic in the short run, there exists a practical case where we have access to such data: it is that of the output of spectrum generators (e.g., the publicly available NMSSMTOOLS, [\[32](#page-35-31)]). We will resort to that practical application in the last part of the present paper.

B. Partial reconstruction in the general case

Considering the general potential of Eq. [\(2.2\)](#page-2-0) and discarding any assumption as to an underlying model, a complete reconstruction of the 29 parameters (28 of which are relevant) cannot succeed with only the 12 mass/mixing conditions, which calls for the measurement of Higgs self-couplings. Yet, information from Eqs. (2.17) (2.17) , (2.20) (2.20) , and (2.22) can already be implemented in a partial reconstruction,

$$
\begin{cases}\n[(A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)s - m_{12}^2]_{\frac{2}{32\beta}}^2 = m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}^2 + \lambda_P^1 \\
(A_{ud} - 2\lambda_P^M s)v = m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}^{\prime} P_{i2}^{\prime} + \lambda_P^{12} \\
-3A_S s + (A_{ud} + 4\lambda_P^M s) \frac{v^2 s_{2\beta}}{2s} - \frac{\lambda_T}{s} = m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i2}^{\prime 2} + \lambda_P^2 \\
\frac{2}{s_{2\beta}} \left[(A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)s - \frac{\lambda_4}{2} v^2 s_{2\beta} - m_{12}^2 \right] = m_{H^{\pm}}^2 + \lambda_{\pm} \\
[(A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)s - m_{12}^2] t_\beta + 2\lambda_1 v^2 c_\beta^2 = m_{h_i^0}^2 S_{i1}^2 - \lambda_S^1 \\
[(A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)s - m_{12}^2] t_\beta^{-1} + 2\lambda_2 v^2 s_\beta^2 = m_{h_i^0}^2 S_{i2}^2 - \lambda_S^2 \\
A_S s + 4\kappa^2 s^2 + A_{ud} \frac{v^2}{2s} s_{2\beta} - \frac{\lambda_T}{s} = m_{h_i^0}^2 S_{i3}^2 - \lambda_S^3 \\
-(A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)s + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) v^2 s_{2\beta} + m_{12}^2 = m_{h_i^0}^2 S_{i1} S_{i2} - \lambda_S^{12} \\
-(A_{ud} + 2\lambda_P^M s)s_{2\beta} + 2\lambda_P^A s s_{2\beta} = m_{h_i^0}^2 S_{i1} S_{i3} - \lambda_S^{13} \\
-(A_{ud} + 2\lambda_P^M s)s_{2\beta} + 2\lambda_P^A s s_{2\beta} = m_{h_i^0}^2 S_{i2} S_{i3} - \lambda_S^{23}\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(3.5)

where $\lambda_P^{1,2,3}$, λ_P^{12} , λ_{\pm} , $\lambda_S^{1,2,3}$, $\lambda_S^{12,13,23}$ are given by

$$
\begin{cases}\n\lambda_{P}^{1} = -\frac{2}{s_{2\beta}} [2(\tilde{A}_{ud} + (\tilde{\lambda}_{M}^{P} + \lambda_{M})s)s - (\lambda_{5}s_{2\beta} - \lambda_{6}s_{\beta}^{2} - \lambda_{7}c_{\beta}^{2})v^{2}] \\
\lambda_{P}^{12} = (\tilde{A}_{ud} - 2\tilde{\lambda}_{M}^{P}s)v \\
\lambda_{P}^{2} = -(\tilde{A}_{ud} + 4\tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M}s)\frac{v^{2}s_{2\beta}}{2s} + \left[\frac{\tilde{A}_{3}}{3} + (4\kappa_{S}^{2} + \tilde{\kappa}_{S}^{2})s\right]s + [(A_{us} + 4\tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{u}s)s_{\beta}^{2} + (A_{ds} + 4\tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{d}s)c_{\beta}^{2}] \frac{v^{2}}{s} + 2\mu_{S}^{2} \\
\lambda_{\pm} = -\frac{2}{s_{2\beta}} \left[(\tilde{A}_{ud} + (\tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \lambda_{M})s)s - (\frac{1}{2}\lambda_{5}s_{2\beta} - \lambda_{6}s_{\beta}^{2} - \lambda_{7}c_{\beta}^{2})v^{2} \right] \\
\lambda_{S}^{1} = [(\tilde{A}_{ud} + (\tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \lambda_{M})s)s + (\lambda_{6}s_{\beta}^{2} - 3\lambda_{7}c_{\beta}^{2})v^{2}]t_{\beta} \\
\lambda_{S}^{2} = [(\tilde{A}_{ud} + (\tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \lambda_{M})s)s + (\lambda_{7}c_{\beta}^{2} - 3\lambda_{6}s_{\beta}^{2})v^{2}]t_{\beta}^{-1} \\
\lambda_{S}^{3} = \tilde{A}_{ud} \frac{v^{2}s_{2\beta}}{2s} + \tilde{A}_{S}s + 2(\kappa_{S}^{2} + \tilde{\kappa}_{S}^{2})s^{2} - (A_{us}s_{\beta}^{2} + A_{ds}c_{\beta}^{2})\frac{v^{2}}{s} \\
\lambda_{S}^{12} = -(\tilde{A}_{ud} + (\tilde{\lambda}_{P}^{M} + \lambda_{M})s)s + [\lambda_{5}s_{2\beta} - 3(\lambda_{6}s_{\beta}^{2} + \lambda_{7}c_{\beta}^{2})]v^{2} \\
\lambda
$$

Our (arbitrary) choice in ordering the parameters within Eqs. (3.5) (3.5) and (3.6) was guided by the terms that are relevant at leading order in the n/NMSSM and the UMSSM potentials. Beyond $m_{H_d}^2$, $m_{H_u}^2$, m_S^2 , which are common to the three models, those are given by

NMSSM:
$$
\lambda_{1-4}
$$
, $\lambda_p^{u,d}$, λ_p^M , κ^2 , A_{ud} , A_S
\nnMSSM: λ_{1-4} , m_{12}^2 , $\lambda_p^{u,d}$, λ_T , A_{ud}
\nUMSSM: λ_{1-4} , $\lambda_p^{u,d}$, κ^2 , A_{ud} .

These parameters were collected on the left-hand side of Eq. ([3.5](#page-7-0)), while the remaining ones enter the right-hand side through Eq. (3.6) .

Note that the relations of Eq. [\(3.5\)](#page-7-0) hold at any order (since Eq. (2.2)) is the most general renormalizable potential satisfying the gauge symmetry). A practical use of Eq. ([3.5\)](#page-7-0) would lie in a model-independent analysis of a 2-doublet $+1$ singlet potential (in order to discriminate among models, constrain them through precision tests). Then the 12 mass conditions can be used to simplify 12 (arbitrarily chosen) parameters, hence leaving the remaining couplings as the relevant degrees of freedom intervening in/to be determined from the Higgs self-couplings. Not much predictivity should be expected, however, in this general case.

C. Reconstruction at the classical level in the constrained models

We focus here on the specific cases inspired by the SUSY models: \mathcal{V}_T^S , \mathcal{V}_{PQ}^S , $\mathcal{V}_{PQ'}^S$ and $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^S$. Note that such potentials are considered at the classical order: quantum effects and explicit/spontaneous breaking of the symmetries in principle destabilize those potentials to generate the most general one. At this leading order, however, the Eqs. [\(3.6\)](#page-7-1) vanish, leaving Eqs. [\(3.5](#page-7-0)) in a very simple form. Note additionally the further requirements for each potential:

$$
\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^S: m_{12}^2 = \lambda_T = 0
$$

$$
\mathcal{V}_T^S: A_S = \kappa^2 = \lambda_M^P = 0
$$

$$
\mathcal{V}_{PQ}^S: A_S = \lambda_M^P = m_{12}^2 = \lambda_T = 0
$$

$$
\mathcal{V}_{PQ'}^S: A_S = A_{ud} = m_{12}^2 \lambda_T = 0.
$$

We end up with 11 classical parameters and 11 conditions⁴ for both the potentials $\hat{\mathcal{V}}_{PQ}^S$ and $\mathcal{V}_{PQ'}^S$. In these cases, all the parameters in the Higgs potential can thus be reconstructed (at leading order) from Higgs masses and mixings: this procedure is explicitly carried out in Appendix [A,](#page-17-0) Eqs. $(A5)$ and $(A6)$.

In the case of $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^S$, the 13 classical parameters cannot be fully determined from the twelve conditions. The remaining degree of freedom is conveniently chosen as the singlet VEV s ; the reconstruction is also given in [A](#page-17-0)ppendix A , Eqs. ([A1\)](#page-18-1) and [\(A2\)](#page-18-2). Several tracks can be followed in order to determine this remaining degree of freedom. The first one, sticking to the Higgs potential, would consist in relying on trilinear couplings, such as $h_i^0 H^+ H^-$ or $h_i^0 a_j^0 a_j^0$, where the neutral Higgs fields would be largely singlet in nature: kinematical limits and the elusive nature of singlets would tend to disfavor this strategy. Another possibility would be to input information from some other sector (if any): measurement of the Higgsino masses in the NMSSM could provide the missing information. Finally, a more predictive option would be to enforce some additional requirement, such as relations among the tree-level couplings: the tree-level relations of the NMSSM, $\frac{\lambda_{p}^{\mu}}{\lambda_{p}^{d}} = 1$ or $rac{\kappa^2(a\lambda_p^u + b\lambda_p^d)}{(\lambda_p^h)^2 \cdot (a+b)} = 1$ (where a, b are real numbers), for instance, or a measure of the P.Q. symmetry breaking, such as $\frac{(a+b)\lambda_p^M}{a\lambda_p^u+b\lambda_p^d} \sim$ $\sim \frac{\kappa}{\lambda}$, may be used as guidelines.

Finally for \mathcal{V}_T^S , we have 12 parameters and 12 conditions. Yet a full inversion is not possible either, because CP-even and CP-odd singlet masses are explicitly degenerate in this potential, leaving a bound system. The remaining degree of freedom is again chosen as the singlet VEV s in [A](#page-17-0)ppendix A, Eq. [\(A7\)](#page-19-1), but could be replaced by e.g., λ_T , as a measure of the violation of \mathbb{Z}_3 , for example.

So far, we have considered only the Higgs potentials separately. Moving explicitly to the underlying SUSY models, however, the λ_i 's are further constrained by the tree-level relations resulting from their supersymmetric origins: we count seven parameters in the nMSSM Higgs sector $(\lambda_T, m_{12}^2, m_{H_u}^2, m_{H_d}^2, m_S^2, \lambda, A_\lambda)$, seven in the NMSSM as well $(m_{H_u}^2, m_{H_d}^2, m_S^2, \lambda, A_\lambda, \kappa, A_\kappa)$ and six in the UMSSM $(m_{H_u}^2, m_{H_d}^2, m_S^2, \lambda, A_\lambda, g_{Z'};$ note that we regard the Higgs charges under $U(1)$ ['] as fixed). Those parameters
are then overconstrained by Eq. (3.5) and one should thus are then overconstrained by Eq. (3.5) and one should thus consider the remaining conditions as a measurement of the deviation from tree-level conditions due to higher orders (we remind here that the tree-level relations induced by the model of origin among the parameters of the potential are likely to be spoiled by quantum corrections). Depending on the information at our disposal in the remaining spectrum (e.g., SUSY masses), such conditions may be used to estimate the missing parameters (e.g., sfermion masses or trilinear soft couplings) or regarded as precision tests of the model. Note that if the SUSY spectrum is sufficiently documented as well, this measurement of the Higgs parameters at leading order would allow for a (perturbative) computation of all the λ_i 's within the specific models at higher orders.

D. Reconstruction at the loop level: NMSSM vs nMSSM

Now we want to apply this formalism to higher-order effects. The purpose is simple: it has been shown that, in

⁴The explicit presence of a P.Q. axion, identified as a_1^0 , leads to one trivial condition in the CP-odd sector.

the MSSM, the bulk of the corrections in Higgs-to-Higgs couplings could be absorbed in writing such couplings in terms of the corrected masses (see for example Refs. [[42](#page-35-41),[43](#page-35-42)] and the third reference in Ref. [[44](#page-35-43)]); could a similar recipe apply to the 2-doublet $+1$ singlet setup? A first strategy is the one presented at the end of the previous subsection. In a definite model, the Higgs spectrum may allow for a determination of the Higgs parameters at leading order; then, provided sufficient information from the other sectors stands at our disposal, reconstructing all the λ_i 's at higher order is simply a matter of perturbative calculations. Yet, this approach relies on a heavy machinery and on input which is external to the Higgs sector. We would like to consider cases where input from the Higgs sector only (or almost only) would already improve on the simple tree-level expression for the Higgs self-couplings.

In principle, whatever the potential looked like at the classical level, quantum corrections will generate contributions to all the parameters in the general potential— Eq. [\(2.2\)](#page-2-0)—(unless a symmetry protects certain parameters, but we have seen that such symmetries are spontaneously broken by the Higgs VEVs anyway). Therefore, while the partial inversion of the general case [Eqs. (3.5) and (3.6)] is still possible, little predictivity or practical use is to be expected from such relations, because the number of undetermined parameters is high. To extract meaningful information, beyond the leading order, from the Higgs spectrum, one would need the corrected potential to retain a sufficiently simple form beyond the classical order.

To be more specific, we consider a tree-level potential of the form (H representing any of the Higgs fields, μ^2 , a bilinear, A, a trilinear, and λ_i , a quartic coupling),

$$
\mathcal{V}_{\text{tree}} = \mu^2 H^2 + A H^3 + \lambda H^4. \tag{3.7}
$$

We now include the radiative corrections, which shift the potential as

$$
\mathcal{V}_{\text{eff}} = (\mu^2 + \delta \mu^2)H^2 + (A + \delta A)H^3 + (\lambda + \delta \lambda)H^4
$$

+ $\delta \tilde{\mu}^2 H^2 + \delta \tilde{A}H^3 + \delta \tilde{\lambda}H^4,$ (3.8)

where $\delta \mu^2$, δA and $\delta \lambda$ represent corrections to parameters existing at tree level, while $\delta \tilde{\mu}^2$, $\delta \tilde{A}$ and $\delta \tilde{\lambda}$ denote new couplings that were forbidden by symmetries at tree level and emerge only at the radiative level. Neglecting numerical coefficients, the corrected Higgs mass $m²$ and the trilinear self-coupling g will read (schematically)

$$
\begin{cases}\nm^2 \simeq \mu^2 + \delta \mu^2 + \delta \tilde{\mu}^2 + (A + \delta A + \delta \tilde{A}) \langle H \rangle + (\lambda + \delta \lambda + \delta \tilde{\lambda}) \langle H \rangle^2 = m_{\text{tree}}^2 + O(\delta, \tilde{\delta}) \\
g \simeq A + \delta A + \delta \tilde{A} + (\lambda + \delta \lambda + \delta \tilde{\lambda}) \langle H \rangle = g_{\text{tree}} + O(\delta, \tilde{\delta})\n\end{cases} \tag{3.9}
$$

(with the short-hand notation $\delta/\tilde{\delta}$ for loop-induced corrections to parameters present/absent at tree level.) We now assume that we have access to the mass m^2 , either from experimental data or from a spectrum generator. Using g_{tree} in the computation of physical quantities (branching ratios, cross sections) will result in an error of order $O(\frac{\delta_0 \tilde{\delta}}{g})$. If we use the expression for the corrected mass to inverse (partially) the relation between mass and tree-level parameters, we obtain $\delta = \delta_{m^2} + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\delta})$, where δ_{m^2} symbolizes the result of the inversion procedure. The trilinear couplings result of the inversion procedure. The trilinear couplings then provide $g_{m^2} = g + \mathcal{O}(\tilde{\delta})$, resulting in an error of $\mathcal{O}(\frac{\tilde{\delta}}{g})$
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at the level of cross sections/branching ratios. Claiming that the inversion procedure carries any improvement with respect to a simple tree-level evaluation holds at the sole condition that radiative corrections δ to tree-level parameters are more important, in magnitude, than the contributions $\tilde{\delta}$ to other operators. Otherwise, even if we identify the parameters subject to large contributions, it is unlikely that the mass matrices would suffice in determining both these parameters and those intervening at tree level, unless we input some additional tree-level relations, as in the case of the matching conditions in Eqs. (2.5) , (2.11) (2.11) (2.11) , and (2.12) .

This discussion shows that, to extract some benefits beyond the leading order—from the conditions relating masses to effective parameters, we need to identify which terms are potentially subject to large radiative corrections. A simple criterion can be invoked at the one-loop level: it is that of the leading logarithms. To identify those, we simply resort to the Coleman-Weinberg [\[29\]](#page-35-27) one-loop effective potential and analyze the outcome for the special case of the SUSY-inspired models under scrutiny. This method has long been employed for the computation of corrections to the Higgs masses, both in the MSSM [\[44\]](#page-35-43) and in the NMSSM [\[18,](#page-35-17)[32\]](#page-35-31) (and references therein). In this approach, the effective corrections to the scalar potential at a scale Λ are determined by the field-dependent, tree-level mass matrices $M_{\Phi}^2(S, H_d, H_u, ...)$ of the various fields Φ enter-
ing the spectrum according to (in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ -scheme, but note ing the spectrum, according to (in the \overline{DR} -scheme, but note that we shall be interested in the logarithms only)

$$
\Delta \mathcal{V}_{\rm eff}^{\Lambda}(S, H_d, H_u, \ldots) = \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \sum_{\Phi} C_{\Phi} M_{\Phi}^4 \left[\ln \left(\frac{M_{\Phi}^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \right].
$$
\n(3.10)

Here C_{Φ} , which counts the degrees of freedom, takes the values 1 for real scalar fields, 2 for complex ones, -2 for Majorana fermions, -4 for Dirac fermions and 3 for real gauge fields. Note that we are interested in the Higgs potential solely, so that we will retain dependence on S, H_d , H_u only, within M_{Φ}^2 . Moreover, we consider no EW-violating effects so that we will not expand the doublet fields H_d , H_u around their VEVs (except within logarithms). Additionally, the $SU(2)_L$ symmetry can then be invoked to retain only the neutral Higgs fields S, H_d^0, H_u^0 (the dependence on the charged Higgs fields can then be restored afterwards in virtue of $SU(2)_L$: only the λ_3 and λ_4 parameters cannot be disentangled in this fashion, but both parameters being present at tree level in the models we consider, this will be of little consequence for our analysis). We then determine the contributions to the parameters of Eq. ([2.2](#page-2-0)) by letting the singlet take its VEV, $S = s + S$, then truncating Eq. (3.10) (3.10) (3.10) to renormalizable terms, finally projecting on the couplings of Eq. [\(2.2\)](#page-2-0).

The results of our analysis of the large logarithms, in the cases of the NMSSM and nMSSM, are provided in Appendix [C.](#page-22-0) The situation of the NMSSM is quite simple: leading logarithms favor \mathbb{Z}_3 -conserving terms. We can thus claim, for this model, that the inversion procedure for the \mathbb{Z}_3 -conserving potential, presented in the previous subsection and Eqs. $(A1)$ $(A1)$ and $(A2)$ $(A2)$, improves on the tree-level implementation of the couplings and actually includes leading logarithms automatically. Note that, as defined in Eqs. [\(A1](#page-18-1)) and ([A2](#page-18-2)), the effective \mathbb{Z}_3 -conserving parameters are directly determined in terms of physical quantities, meaning that they do not depend on the renormalization scale Λ : they are simply the parameters of the effective \mathbb{Z}_3 -conserving potential associated with the physical Higgs spectrum. What we checked explicitly in the Coleman-Weinberg approach (which depends on the renormalization scale Λ) is that this constrained form of an effective potential was legitimate at least up to leading logarithms. Beyond, the effect of the \mathbb{Z}_3 -violating terms (due to the truncation of the potential to operators of mass dimension \leq 4) cannot be neglected. In the case of the nMSSM, however, potentially large logarithms affect nonclassical terms. In fact, all the sectors contribute to the \mathbb{Z}_3 -conserving parameters (including those vanishing at tree level in this model). Additionally, logarithms originating from the nMSSM Higgs sector (the only sector which is sensitive to the breakdown of \mathbb{Z}_3 at tree level) also affect \mathbb{Z}_3 -violating terms. Inclusion of the leading higher-order effects from the inversion procedure of subsection $IIIC$, Eq. $(A7)$ $(A7)$, thus seems dubious in this case. It seems natural to ascribe this difference of behavior, between nMSSM and NMSSM, to the protection of the parameters by the \mathbb{Z}_3 -symmetry, which albeit spontaneously broken by the singlet VEV, continues to favor \mathbb{Z}_3 -conserving terms within the NMSSM. We should thus expect a similar property, whatever the \mathbb{Z}_3 -symmetric model is (SUSY or not), and, beyond the \mathbb{Z}_3 -symmetry, in any model retaining a symmetry (or approximate symmetry) at low energy, e.g., PQ or PQ' .

IV. PHENOMENOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE NMSSM

We now explain how, with the formalism derived above, we can improve the computation of some observables in the NMSSM. As we have already highlighted, there is one practical case where the Higgs spectrum is fully available: it is that of the spectrum generators. The Higgs masses are often, in such a case, corrected, while couplings are typically taken at tree level. In the case of the NMSSM, we have shown that leading quantum corrections could be absorbed within the tree-level parameters of the Higgs potential. This allows us, at a very cheap cost, to improve the accuracy of the Higgs self-couplings by reexpressing them in terms of the Higgs masses and mixing angles provided by the spectrum generator. We refer to Appendix \overline{B} \overline{B} \overline{B} for the explicit expressions of the couplings in terms of the effective parameters. We implement this recipe both within NMSSMTOOLS_3.2.0 $\left[32,33\right]$ $\left[32,33\right]$ $\left[32,33\right]$ $\left[32,33\right]$ and within SLOOPS $\left[36,37\right]$ $\left[36,37\right]$ $\left[36,37\right]$ $\left[36,37\right]$ $\left[36,37\right]$ and investigate phenomenological consequences.

A. Impact on Higgs constraints within NMSSMTOOLS_3.2.0

NMSSMTOOLS_3.2.0 includes several phenomenological constraints on the NMSSM parameter space, originating e.g., from LEP $[45]$, TeVatron $[46]$ $[46]$ $[46]$, B- and Y-physics $[47]$ as well as early (now outdated but in the process of getting updated) LHC data [\[48](#page-36-3)]. The Higgs sector evidently plays a central part in the interplay of these experimental limits, and we would like to investigate whether our analysis could have meaningful consequences at this level.

The basic routine MHIGGS.F of the NMSSMTOOLS package computes the corrections to the Higgs mass matrices, incorporating typically leading logarithmic effects (although leading two-loop contributions from the fermion sector are also implemented) at a scale determined by the stops and sbottoms, then rescaling the fields at the EW scale, finally adding pole corrections (this whole procedure is more precisely described in Appendix C.3 of Ref. [[18](#page-35-17)]). In this subsection, we shall be relying on this routine for the calculation of the Higgs masses and mixing angles from the NMSSM parameter input. Note, however, that NMSSMTOOLS offers a second possibility, which consists of the evaluation of the Higgs masses according to Ref. [[49](#page-36-4)], including the full one-loop corrections as well as the two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s + \alpha_b \alpha_s)$ (with $\alpha_{t,b} = Y_{t,b}^2/4\pi$) effects in the effective potential approach. This option will be used in the next subsections. Whatever the source of the masses and mixing matrices, however, we will treat the latter as input for the physical Higgs matrices, allowing us to compute the λ_i 's.
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couplings implemented within NMSSMTOOLS_3.2.0 are actually not purely tree-level couplings; potentially large radiative corrections from the quarks of the third generation are included as well as explained in the last paragraph of Appendix A.2 of Ref. [\[18\]](#page-35-17). One can check that these corrections arise from (s)fermion contributions to λ_{12} (as one can recover, considering our results for the Coleman-Weinberg analysis in Appendix C ; such effects are thus in principle automatically incorporated within our procedure (given that the corresponding contributions to the Higgs mass are also implemented within NMSSMTOOLS). The choice of the singlet VEV s deserves an additional comment, since it cannot be extracted from the masses. After comparing with a few variants leading to minor deviations (a few percent) at the numerical level, we settled for the simple definition $s = \mu_{\text{eff}}/\lambda$, with μ_{eff} and λ the parameters inputed in NMSSMTOOLS. Note that this choice is coherent with the recurrent use of μ_{eff}/λ as the singlet VEV within the routines of NMSSMTOOLS.

To perform the comparison, we simply implement our corrected λ_i 's [see Eqs. ([A1\)](#page-18-1) and ([A2](#page-18-2))] and the ensuing triple Higgs couplings [Eqs. $(B7)$ $(B7)$ $(B7)$ – $(B9)$] within the routine DECAY.F of NMSSMTOOLS, computing the Higgs decays. A flag enables us to choose between the original setup of NMSSMTOOLS and our modified version, which we denote in the following as NMSSMTOOLS*.

Admittedly, the modification is essentially a fringe effect, and one needs to go to a region of the parameter space where the Higgs self-couplings intervene very finely to discover substantial deviation between the two approaches. We thus consider a specific region in the NMSSM parameter space, characterized by a light CP-even Higgs with mass typically under 100 GeV, sizeable singlet-doublet mixing $S_{13}^2 \sim 0$ -100% and a light CP-odd Higgs with mixing 3_{13} – 0–100 π and a right Cr-odd ringgs with
mass <10.5 GeV, allowing for $h_1^0 \rightarrow 2a_1^0$ decays. Such a
scenario is possible e.g. in an approximate Peccei-Quinn scenario is possible e.g., in an approximate Peccei-Quinn limit $\frac{k}{\lambda} \ll 1$, with the following parameters (NMSSMTOOLS) input: refer to Refs. [\[32](#page-35-31)[,33\]](#page-35-32); we use the index ''sferm'' to denote any of the sfermions): $\tan \beta = 5$, $\lambda = 0.5$, $\kappa =$ 0.05, $6M_1 = 3M_2 = M_3 = 1.2 \text{ TeV} = m_{\text{stem}} = -A_{\text{stem}}$, $\mu_{\text{eff}} \in [100; 900]$ GeV, $|A_{\kappa}| < 30$ GeV and $M_{A} \in$ $[0; 4]$ TeV. Incidentally for those points, the doublet-like state h_i^0 ($i = 1$ or 2, depending on the specific point)
reaches a mass of \sim 125 GeV in the limit of singlet-doublet reaches a mass of \sim 125 GeV in the limit of singlet-doublet
decoupling $S^2 \sim 0$. Note, however, that we did not spedecoupling $S_{i3}^2 \sim 0$. Note, however, that we did not spe- $\frac{1}{3}$ decoupling $\frac{1}{3}$ decoupling to the control of a Higgs state at control of a Higgs state at 125 GeV (so that for significant mixing, we may have typically $m_{h_1^0}^2 \sim 90$ GeV while $m_{h_2^0}^2 \sim 150$ GeV): we simply mean to show that our procedure is liable to affect the output of NMSSMTOOLS. Note finally that, for simplicity, we discard constraints from $(g - 2)_{\mu}$, which may be taken care of separately by tuning the slepton sector. All other collider constraints—from LEP, $B - \gamma Y$ -physics, TeVatron or early LHC data—within NMSSMTOOLS_3.2.0 are kept.

We first specialize to the case $\mu_{\text{eff}} = 300 \text{ GeV}$: the lightest CP-even Higgs is then dominantly singlet $(S_{13}^2 \sim 70{\text -}100\%)$. We display our results for this scenario 13^{13} 13^{13} T/0-100%). We display our results for this scenario in Fig. 1. The black dots represent points on which we scanned (with no collider constraints applied; note that their distribution is an artifact of the scan and should not be paid particular attention), and the white dots represent the output of NMSSMTOOLS with the original Higgs couplings. Our results (NMSSMTOOLS*), with corrected Higgs couplings, are depicted by the light gray dots. Since we scan over two variables, the output is two-dimensional in the $(m_{a_1}^0, S_{13}^2)$ plane. In the plane
 (m_s, S_1^2) the constraint $m_s \le 10.5 \text{ GeV} \le m_s$ and reduces $(m_{h_1^0}, S_{13}^2)$, the constraint $m_{a_1^0} < 10.5$ GeV $\ll m_{h_1^0}$ reduces the apparent dimensionality to one. To investigate the whole $(m_{h_1^0}, S_{13}^2)$ -plane, one may additionally scan on the parameter μ_{eff} , which we show on Fig. [2.](#page-12-0) There, however, the plot on the left-hand side corresponds to the case of purely tree-level couplings (forthe white dots), which we obtained by removing the fermion corrections from the original couplings implemented in NMSSMTOOLS. The obvious conclusion is that, although partially compatible, the white and light gray dots do not exactly coincide, so that the details of the constraints are affected by our procedure. Note that both points admitted by NMSSMTOOLS while excluded by NMSSMTOOLS* and points admitted by NMSSMTOOLS* while excluded by NMSSMTOOLS are to be found.

We insist, however, on the fact that such displacement effects in the acceptable points of the parameter space are noticeable only because we considered a region where phenomenological constraints on the Higgs spectrum and

FIG. 1 (color online). Constraints in the planes defined by $(m_{a_1}^0, S_{13}^2)$ (left-hand side) and $(m_{h_1}^0, S_{13}^2)$ (right-hand side) for $\mu_{\text{eff}} =$
300 GeV. Black dots correspond to the points on which we perform t 300 GeV. Black dots correspond to the points on which we perform the scan (without collider constraints); yellow (white) dots are allowed by NMSSMTOOLS_3.2.0 while red (light gray) dots signal points allowed with self-Higgs couplings defined as in our procedure NMSSMTOOLS*.

FIG. 2 (color online). Constraints in the plane defined by $(m_{h_1^0}, S_{13}^2)$ for $\mu_{\text{eff}} \in [100; 900]$ GeV. On the left-hand side, the scan with the couplings while the corresponding one on the right-end side is obtaine the white dots uses tree-level Higgs couplings, while the corresponding one on the right-end side is obtained with the couplings implemented in NMSSMTOOLS, adding fermion corrections. The color code is otherwise similar to that of the previous figure.

decays are particularly severe, due to the presence of very light Higgs states that need to be sufficiently ''invisible'' to escape experimental limits. A slight perturbation of the λ_i 's is then liable to result in insufficient $h_i^0 \rightarrow 2a_1^0$
(invisible) branching ratio excessive decays into e.g. SM (invisible) branching ratio, excessive decays into e.g., SM fermions and/or excessive a_1^0 -signals in *B*-physics; in such cases, an increased ''invisibility'' of the light Higgs states, that is increased singlet components, is required. If, on the contrary, the perturbation of the λ_i 's stabilizes the invisibility of the light Higgs states, additional parameter space becomes available. Given the sensitivity of such regions to perturbations and the complex interplay of constraints at stake there, it is very difficult to predict to what extent the allowed parameter space would be shifted. In any case, a detailed new analysis on the NMSSM parameter space is beyond the scope of this work. Our procedure simply ensures the consistency of the calculation at leading-log order, the couplings being adequately related to the spectrum.

B. Implementation in SLOOPS

In SLOOPS, the complete spectrum and set of vertices are generated at tree level from the NMSSM—SUSY and soft—parameters through the LANHEP package [\[50\]](#page-36-5). There, g, g' , v_u , v_d are determined by the physical input M_Z , M_W , v and tan β . Then the radiative part of the Higgs potential needs to be implemented: the tree-level Higgs parameters λ_i^0 , given in Eq. [\(2.5\)](#page-3-2), are thus shifted as $\lambda_i = \lambda_0^0 + \Lambda \lambda_1 \Lambda_2$, defining the radiative corrections to the $\lambda_i^0 + \Delta \lambda_i$, $\Delta \lambda_i$ defining the radiative corrections to the parameters λ_i of Eq. (2.4). Yet the corrected Higgs masses parameters λ_i of Eq. [\(2.4\)](#page-3-0). Yet, the corrected Higgs masses are not computed within SLOOPS, but imported from NMSSMTOOLS through the SLHA interface. Applying the inversion procedure [Eqs. $(A1)$ and $(A2)$ $(A2)$], we obtain the \mathbb{Z}_3 -invariant $\Delta \lambda_i$'s from the inputed masses, diagonalizing angles and tree level λ_i^0 's. From now on we will call this procedure the ''effective physical potential approach'' (PhA). The complete set of Feynman rules is then derived automatically in the FORMCALC [[51](#page-36-6)] conventions, the latter performing the calculation of the decay width.

A powerful feature of SLOOPS is the ability to check gauge invariance of results through a generalized nonlinear gauge fixing, which was adapted to the NMSSM [[38\]](#page-35-37). The gauge-fixing Lagrangian can be written in a general form

$$
\mathcal{L}_{GF} = -\frac{1}{\xi_W} F^+ F^- - \frac{1}{2\xi_Z} |F^Z|^2 - \frac{1}{2\xi_A} |F^A|^2, \qquad (4.1)
$$

where the nonlinear functions of the fields F are given by $F^+ = (\partial_\mu - ie\tilde{\alpha}A_\mu - igc_W\tilde{\beta}Z_\mu)W^{\mu +}$

+
$$
i\xi_W \frac{g}{2} (\nu + \tilde{\delta}_1 H_1 + \tilde{\delta}_2 H_2 + \tilde{\delta}_3 H_3
$$

+ $i(\tilde{\kappa}G^0 + \tilde{\rho}_1 A_1 + \tilde{\rho}_2 A_2)G^+$

$$
F^Z = \partial_\mu Z^\mu + \xi_Z \frac{g}{2c_W} (\nu + \tilde{\epsilon}_1 H_1 + \tilde{\epsilon}_2 H_2 + \tilde{\epsilon}_3 H_3)G^0
$$

$$
F^A = \partial_\mu A^\mu.
$$
(4.2)

The parameters $\tilde{\alpha}$, $\tilde{\beta}$, ..., $\tilde{\epsilon}_3$ are generalized gauge-fixing parameters. We also set $\xi_{A,Z,W} = 1$ to keep a simple form for the gauge boson propagators.

The ghost Lagrangian \mathcal{L}_{Gh} is established by requiring that the full effective Lagrangian is invariant under BRST transformations. This implies that the full quantum Lagrangian, with \mathcal{L}_C the classical Lagrangian,

$$
\mathcal{L}_{Q} = \mathcal{L}_{C} + \mathcal{L}_{GF} + \mathcal{L}_{Gh},\tag{4.3}
$$

be such that $\delta_{BRS} L_Q = 0$ and hence $\delta_{BRS} L_{GF} =$
 $-\delta_{SSE} L_Q$, [52] The BRST transformation for the gauge $-\delta_{BRS}\mathcal{L}_{Gh}$ [[52](#page-36-7)]. The BRST transformation for the gauge
fields can be found for example in Ref. [52]. The NMSSM fields can be found for example in Ref. [\[52\]](#page-36-7). The NMSSM specific transformations for the scalar fields can be found in Ref. [[38](#page-35-37)]. For the decay $h_i^0 \to \gamma \gamma$, not all the parameters are relevant, only $\tilde{\alpha}$ and $\tilde{\delta}$ are relevant, only $\tilde{\alpha}$ and $\tilde{\delta}$.

C. The decay $H \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$

The diphoton decay is an interesting process to investigate due to the relevance of this channel in the recent discovery at LHC and because the gauge invariance is fully at play there. Indeed, in the SM, the W-boson loop, together with the top-quark one (the latter being of course gauge invariant, as the remaining contributions), dominate the decay. The calculation of the diphoton rate in the nonlinear gauge was originally performed in Ref. [[53](#page-36-8)] in order to simplify the calculation of the Higgs decay into two photons in the SM. In short details, with the specific choice $\tilde{\alpha} = -1$, the $W^{\pm}G^{\mp}\gamma$ coupling vanishes and the gaugeboson loop calculation is made easier. In our calculation we will refrain from adopting this choice in order to preserve the ability of checking the cancellation of the unphysical gaugedependent part in the gauge loops. We will discuss this effect only at one-loop order, meaning that we consider only the LO decay width; this will be sufficient for our purposes since we do not aim at a more precise evaluation. Nevertheless, it is worth reminding that the full two-loop $EW + QCD$ corrections for the SM-like Higgs decay into $\gamma\gamma$ are known and under 2% [\[54\]](#page-36-9) below the W^+W^- threshold. The full twoloop SUSY corrections are as yet unknown; furthermore, our procedure would not be suited for such a calculation as the renormalization of the tree-level Higgs potential would be mandatory whereas our renormalization is effective and explicitly breaks SUSY. We only aim at showing how one may consistently use the radiatively corrected Higgs masses for an improved LO calculation of this decay.

Once we trade the " λ_i " parameters for the masses, using Eqs. $(A1)$ $(A1)$ and $(A2)$, we can reexpress the Higgs selfcouplings, obtained from the restricted \mathbb{Z}_3 -invariant potential, in terms of them. From now on we will call " λ representation" of the trilinear Higgs couplings their expression in terms of the λ_i 's. Moreover, when the λ_i 's are explicitly replaced by Higgs masses, VEVs and mixing angles, we will speak of ''mass representation.'' As far as the diphoton signal is concerned, the relevant couplings are those connecting the CP-even Higgs with the charged ones but also with the charged Goldstones. In the mass representation they are given by 5

$$
g_{h_i^0H^+H^-} = \frac{1}{\nu\sqrt{2}} \Big\{ m_{h_i^0}^2 \Big(\frac{\sin\beta^2}{\cos\beta} S_{i1} + \frac{\cos\beta^2}{\sin\beta} S_{i2} \Big) + 2m_{H^\pm}^2 (\cos\beta S_{i1} + \sin\beta S_{i2}) - \frac{2m_{a_i^0}^2 P'_{j1} P'_{j2} S_{i3}}{3 \sin 2\beta} - m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{j1}^2 \Big(\frac{S_{i1}}{\cos\beta} + \frac{S_{i2}}{\sin\beta} - \frac{4}{3} \frac{\nu}{s} S_{i3} \Big) \Big\} g_{h_i^0G^+G^-} = \frac{1}{\nu\sqrt{2}} \{m_{h_i^0}^2 (\cos\beta S_{i1} + \sin\beta S_{i2}) + 2M_W^2 \tilde{\delta}_i \},
$$
\n(4.4)

where $m_{h_i^0}^2$, $m_{a_i^0}^2$ and $m_{H^{\pm}}^2$ are the *physical* masses and the mixing elements S_{ij} , P'_{ij} form the matrices diagonalizing the effective mass matrices Eqs. (2.20) (2.20) and (2.22) (2.22) (2.22) . Note

also that in the nonlinear gauge the $h_i^0 G^+ G^-$ couplings depend explicitly on the gauge through the parameters $\tilde{\delta}_i$. These parameters also appear within the ghost sector in the couplings $h_i^0 \bar{c}^{\pm} c^{\pm}$, where \bar{c}^{\pm} , c^{\pm} are the charged ghost fields. The nonlinear gauge parameter $\tilde{\alpha}$ also appears in the course of the calculation. It originates from couplings with physical fields like $W^{\pm}W^{\mp}\gamma$, $W^{\pm}W^{\mp}\gamma\gamma$ and unphysical ones $G^{\pm}W^{\mp}\gamma$, $\bar{c}^{\pm}c^{\mp}\gamma$, $\bar{c}^{\pm}c^{\mp}\gamma\gamma$ (see for example Ref. [\[52\]](#page-36-7)). The latter quartic coupling emerges from the nonlinear gauge condition only. All these couplings arise purely from the ghost and Goldstone part of the gauge sector and are not modified by the effective potential of the Higgs sector.

For the numerical evaluation, as explained before, we obtain the Higgs masses and the mixing elements from NMSSMTOOLS and the values are fed into SLOOPS through the SLHA interface. Here we use the second possibility offered by NMSSMTOOLS to compute the Higgs masses following Ref. [[49](#page-36-4)]. There pole-mass corrections can be taken into account or not. In both cases the mixing matrices are computed in the effective potential approximation (i.e., at $p^2 = 0$, where p is the external momentum entering the Higgs self-energies).

As an illustration of the gauge invariance of the parameter reconstruction [Eqs. $(A1)$ $(A1)$ and $(A2)$ $(A2)$ $(A2)$], we considered two benchmark points from Ref. [[55\]](#page-36-10), named NMP2 and NMP5 after the conventions in Ref. [\[55](#page-36-10)]. Their respective Higgs sector parameters are recalled in Table [I](#page-13-0), together with the soft SUSY-breaking masses of the stop sector $M_{\tilde{Q}_L^3}$, $M_{\tilde{t}_R}$ and of the gluino sector M_3 . All remaining soft masses and trilinear parameters that are not given in Table [I](#page-13-0) are set at 1 TeV. The resulting Higgs spectrum is summarized in Table [II](#page-14-0) and computed within NMSSMTOOLS according to the procedure [\[49\]](#page-36-4) with and without the pole-mass corrections.

In addition to the masses given in the SLHA output, we also need the mixing elements S_{ij} and P'_{ij} to obtain the couplings entering the diphoton decay width. In the effective potential approach (EPA) used in Ref. [\[49\]](#page-36-4), they are obtained by diagonalizing the radiatively corrected Higgs mass matrices in the \overline{DR} scheme anew. However, the definition of the diagonalizing matrices is ambiguous since the self energies entering the radiatively corrected mass

TABLE I. Benchmark points taken from Ref. [\[55\]](#page-36-10) for the diphoton decay width.

Parameter	NMP ₂	NMP ₅
$tan \beta$	2	3
λ	0.6	0.66
к	0.18	0.12
$\mu_{\rm eff}$ [GeV]	200	200
A_{λ} [GeV]	405	650
A_{κ} [GeV]	-10	-10
$M_{\tilde{Q}^3_L}$ [GeV]	700	600
$M_{\tilde{t}_R}$ [GeV]	700	600
M_3 [GeV]	600	600

⁵For the sake of clarity we reproduce the expression of the charged Higgs coupling. It can also be found in Appendix [B,](#page-19-2) together with its general expression in the λ representation.

TABLE II. Higgs spectrum of the benchmark points considered. For the NMP2 point the lightest CP-even Higgs is SM-like and for NMP5 it is the second-tolightest one.

	NMP ₂		NMP ₅	
Mass [GeV]	No pole	Pole	No pole	Pole
$m_{h_1^0}$	129.4	126.5	96.1	95.6
$m_{h_2^0}$	133.1	132.4	128.9	126.5
$m_{h_3^0}$	470.8	464.5	659.9	655.8
$m_{a_1^0}$	116.4	115.7	93.9	93.2
$m_{a_2^0}$	468.7	462.8	660.1	656.5
$m_{H^{\pm}}$	454.4	454.5	644.8	644.9

matrices depend on the external momentum. In Ref. [[49](#page-36-4)] the rotation matrices are defined as those that diagonalize the mass matrices at $p^2 = 0$. Then, whether pole-mass corrections are taken into account or not leads to the same diagonalization matrices S and P' . This can be seen formally as a missing higher-order correction, but, in this fashion, the *physical* Higgs mass matrix would not correspond to the \overline{DR} one in the EPA. This inconvenience is circumvented in the physical effective approach (PhA) as we force the radiatively corrected mass matrices to be the physical ones by imposing Eqs. $(A1)$ $(A1)$ and $(A2)$ $(A2)$.

To reproduce the EPA method using pole masses within SLOOPS, we take the \overline{DR} masses for the reconstruction of the potential of Eq. (2.4) (2.4) (2.4) but the pole masses for the kinematics of the process. Therefore the Higgs mass appearing in the coupling of Eq. ([4.4](#page-13-1)) is the DR mass, which differs from the energy at which the decay is evaluated. This mismatch in the EPA with pole masses will lead to a violation of gauge invariance within our generalized nonlinear gauge, as we will show numerically. On the other hand, in the PhA, we reconstruct the potential of Eq. (2.4) (and consequently the Higgs mass matrices as well) directly from the pole masses, which are also still used in the kinematics. This procedure will guarantee that gauge invariance is maintained because Eqs. $(A1)$ and $(A2)$ $(A2)$ are fulfilled. At the numerical level we will vary the parameters $\tilde{\alpha}$, $\tilde{\delta}_i$ within SLOOPS to exemplify the gauge invariance of the calculation in the PhA method. The results are presented in Table [III](#page-14-1). They were cross-checked with the standard NMSSMTOOLS version and with NMSSMTOOLS*. The corresponding output of NMSSMTOOLS, whether in the standard or modified version, does not check internally any consistency requirement, such as gauge-invariance, and simply uses an analytic, precomputed expression for the effective $h_i^0 \gamma \gamma$ couplings. The excellent agreement among the results of NMSSMTOOLS and the computation of SLOOPS for vanishing nonlinear gauge parameters (i.e., in a linear gauge) is therefore a welcomed feature. The sources for possible discrepancies between SLOOPS and NMSSMTOOLS lie in the treatment of the sfermion sector: in SLOOPS it is treated purely at tree level, whereas NMSSMTOOLS includes several corrections to the spectrum and couplings [[33\]](#page-35-32). For the two benchmark points investigated this difference is almost invisible because the sfermion sector is essentially decoupled.

These illustrative examples show however evidently that the EPA calculation is not gauge invariant. The origin of this breakdown can be traced back to the observation that Eqs. $(A1)$ and $(A2)$ $(A2)$ are not satisfied. In more restricted gauges the gauge dependence would be seen at higher orders only. As stated above, setting $\tilde{\alpha} = -1$ removes the $G^{\pm}W^{\mp} \gamma$ coupling and varying $\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}$ then gives gaugeinvariant results in both procedures; they differ only by a finite and gauge-independent piece. This is due to the fact that the $\tilde{\delta}_{1,2}$ gauge-dependent parts only appear proportionally to $M_W^2/v\sqrt{2}$. On the contrary, in the general case, $\tilde{\alpha}$ -dependent parts are proportional to the Higgs mass $m_{h_i^0}$, originating from the kinematics (i.e., the center of mass energy \sqrt{s}), and the $g_{h_i^0 G^+ G^-}$ coupling, see Eq. [\(4.4\)](#page-13-1). Recall that in the EPA the mass appearing in the coupling $g_{h_i^0G^+G^-}$ is not equal to the pole mass, which is used for the on-shell

TABLE III. Gauge invariance test for the computation of $\Gamma(h_{1,2}^0 \to \gamma \gamma)$ (in GeV) in the EPA
and PhA procedures. Only the PhA approach passes the gauge invariance test within st oops. and PhA procedures. Only the PhA approach passes the gauge invariance test within SLOOPS. There is no such test available with NMSSMTOOLS, whether or not it is the modified version.

	NMP ₂	
$\Gamma(h_1^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$	$\tilde{\alpha} = \tilde{\delta}_1 = 0$	$\tilde{\alpha} = \tilde{\delta}_1 = 10$
SLOOPS (EPA)	$1.138108952362.10^{-5}$	$4.490893854783.10^{-5}$
SLOOPS (PhA)	$1.125710969262.10^{-5}$	$1.125710969261.10^{-5}$
NMSSMTOOLS 3.2.0	$1.12699441.10^{-5}$	
NMSSMTOOLS*	$1.12737737.10^{-5}$	
	NMP ₅	
$\Gamma(h_2^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma)$	$\tilde{\alpha} = \tilde{\delta}_2 = 0$	$\tilde{\alpha} = \tilde{\delta}_2 = 10$
SLOOPS (EPA)	$1.053756232511.10^{-5}$	$3.628709516521.10^{-5}$
SLOOPS(PhA)	$1.044860481657.10^{-5}$	$1.044860481613.10^{-5}$
NMSSMTOOLS 3.2.0	$1.04342526.10^{-5}$	
NMSSMTOOLS*	$1.04361857.10^{-5}$	

decay. The gauge-dependence of the EPA is precisely caused by this mismatch between the ''kinematical'' mass and the mass appearing in the coupling of Eq. [\(4.4\)](#page-13-1) if pole-mass corrections are applied. In the opposite case, that of the PhA, the kinematical mass and the one appearing in the coupling are the same and the gauge- dependent part $\propto \tilde{\alpha}$ vanishes. We can render the EPA approach gauge invariant if no pole-mass corrections are applied (this would then be a "PhA with \overline{DR} masses"). However, in this last case, some precision is lost since looking back to Table [II,](#page-14-0) there is a 2–3 GeV mass difference between pole and running masses. Within our reconstruction, the charged Higgs contribution is modified through the $g_{h_i^0 H^+ H^-}$ coupling: we do not expect significant modifications with respect to previous calculations, in the MSSM limit of the NMSSM, since it is known that the charged Higgs contribution to the diphoton decay width in the MSSM remains small (see for example Ref. [\[12\]](#page-35-11)). In the NMSSM with large λ (a form of the so-called " λ -SUSY" models [\[16](#page-35-15)], which typically leads to a Landau pole below the GUT scale) and a relatively light charged Higgs mass, one could modify significantly $g_{h_i^0, H^+H^-}$, without requiring large doublet-singlet mixing. This was explicitly shown in Ref. [\[56](#page-36-11)].

Note, however, that a serious issue would arise with the gauge-dependent calculation of $h_i^0 \rightarrow \gamma \gamma$ if one would
choose to use it in order to derive some fundamental choose to use it in order to derive some fundamental parameters at the Lagrangian level, which should preferably be determined from gauge-independent observables. As a final remark concerning this section, beyond maintaining gauge invariance, the PhA is clearly advantageous as it enables us to use the pole masses easily in the calculation of the decay width, in a consistent way, without resorting to the technical task of computing the "pole-corrected" mixing elements S_{ij} , P'_{ij} .

D. Comparison with MICROMEGAS

A comparable approach, based on an effective potential approach, had been carried out in MICROMEGAS [[34](#page-35-33),[35](#page-35-34)], a code computing the DM relic density $\Omega_{\gamma} h^2$ in (e.g.,) the NMSSM. Since light Higgs states can be present, annihilation channels into $h_1^0 h_1^0$, $h_1^0 a_1^0$, $a_1^0 a_1^0$ can contribute significantly to $\Omega_{\chi} h^2$ and such channels are affected by radiative corrections in the Higgs sector. The effective scalar potential was implemented in this code as (see Ref. [\[35\]](#page-35-34), where a slightly different version was proposed),

$$
\mathcal{V}_{\text{rad}} = \lambda_1^M |H_u|^2 + \lambda_2^M |H_d|^2 + \lambda_3^M |H_u|^2 |H_d|^2
$$

+ $\lambda_4^M |H_u \cdot H_d|^2 + \frac{\lambda_5^M}{2} [(H_u \cdot H_d)^2 + \text{H.c.}]$
+ $\lambda_1^s |S|^2 |H_u|^2 + \lambda_2^s |S|^2 |H_d|^2$
+ $\left[\frac{\lambda_5^s}{2} S^2 (H_u \cdot H_d) + \lambda_p^s S^4 + \text{H.c.} \right] + \frac{\lambda_5^s}{2} |S|^4.$ (4.5)

This potential is to be understood as a radiative potential, which means that all the parameters are loop induced. To make a connection with our conventions we have

$$
\Delta \lambda_1 = \lambda_2^M, \qquad \Delta \lambda_2 = \lambda_1^M, \n\Delta \lambda_3 = \lambda_3^M, \qquad \Delta \lambda_4 = \lambda_4^M, \n\Delta \lambda_p^u = \lambda_1^s, \qquad \Delta \lambda_p^d = \lambda_2^s, \qquad \Delta \kappa^2 = \lambda_3^s,
$$
\n(4.6)

where the $\Delta \lambda_i$ are the loop-induced part of the λ_i parameters appearing in Eq. [\(2.4](#page-3-0)) when we split them as $\lambda_i = \lambda_i^0 + \Delta \lambda_i$.
The remaining parameters λ^s , λ^M and λ^s have no equivalent The remaining parameters λ_p^s , λ_5^M and λ_5^s have no equivalent in our restricted potential of Eq. [\(2.4](#page-3-0)) but correspond, in our conventions for the general potential $[Eq. (2.2)]$ $[Eq. (2.2)]$ $[Eq. (2.2)]$, to

$$
\lambda_5^M = \lambda_5, \quad \lambda_p^s = \tilde{\kappa}_S^2/4, \quad \tilde{\lambda}_P^M = \lambda_S^s/2. \tag{4.7}
$$

Conversely, our parameters A_{ud} , A_s and λ_P^M receive no correction in the MICROMEGAS approach, which, obviously, does not rely on the \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetry. As a consequence, while an inversion procedure is also possible with the potential of Eq. ([4.5](#page-15-0)), the radiative corrections to the masses will be distributed in a different way among the λ_i 's, leading to differences at the level of the Higgs self-couplings.

We remind here that if one aims at improving on the tree-level couplings, as is obviously the purpose of a radiative potential, i.e., of Eq. [\(4.5\)](#page-15-0), it becomes crucial to identify the λ_i 's that are subject to large quantum corrections: that was our discussion in Sec. [III C.](#page-8-0) An arbitrary truncation of the potential, albeit allowing for an inversion in terms of the Higgs masses provided it is sufficiently simple, is not a receivable option because the accuracy contained within the couplings brings no improvement with respect to the tree-level evaluation. Our study of the large logarithms within the Coleman-Weinberg approach tends to convince us that our choice of a \mathbb{Z}_3 -invariant potential should be preferred, while the choice in Eq. [\(4.5\)](#page-15-0) seems arbitrary. Possible reasons for this choice within MICROMEGAS could lie on the facts that the loop corrections to λ_5 are sizeable in the MSSM, and one could have expected the same behavior in the NMSSM, while the parameters λ_p^s and λ_5^s (or rather $\tilde{\kappa}_S^2$ and $\tilde{\lambda}_P^M$ in our conventions) appear in the trilinear couplings $h_i^0 h_j^0 h_k^0$ and $h_i^0 a_j^0 a_k^0$ with a factor s (questionably an enhancement factor in the MSSM limit): see Eqs. $(B5)$ $(B5)$ and $(B6)$ $(B6)$. However, other parameters in the general potential of Eq. (2.2) share this latter property and are still arbitrarily absent. We will see in a numerical example that ensuing deviations between our implementation and that in MICROMEGAS could be significant.

We considered a point in the NMSSM parameter space where the DM relic density $\Omega_{\chi} h^2$ is in the correct experimental range (at the 2σ level: $0.1 \le \Omega_{\chi} h^2 \le 0.124$ [\[57](#page-36-12)]), when computed with MICROMEGAS_{2.4.1} and the Higgs radiative potential of Eq. ([4.5](#page-15-0)). This specific point passes warnings from NMSSMTOOLS_3.2.0 as well, and features a SM-like CP-even Higgs mass around 125 GeV. The NMSSMTOOLS input for this point is given in Table [IV.](#page-16-0) The main channel contributing to $\Omega_{\chi} h^2$ is $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow a_1^0 a_1^0$
(at 72%) and the rest of the contributions involve fermions (at 72%) and the rest of the contributions involve fermions in the final state, dominated by the $b\bar{b}$ final state. The process $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow a_1^0 a_1^0$ is dominated by the s-channel ex-
change of the SM-like Higgs h^0 close to its mass shell, as change of the SM-like Higgs h_2^0 close to its mass shell, as can be seen on Table [V,](#page-16-1) where the Higgs spectrum, the lightest neutralino mass $m_{\tilde{\chi}^0_1}$ and the resulting relic density are provided.

The decay modes $h_{2,3}^0 \rightarrow 2a_1^0$ are kinematically open.
the compare these decay widths within the three codes: Let us compare these decay widths within the three codes: SLOOPS, with our effective implementation $[Eq. (A1)$ $[Eq. (A1)$ and [\(A2](#page-18-2))], MICROMEGAS using the radiative potential in Eq. ([4.5](#page-15-0)) and NMSSMTOOLS_3.2.0, where only the leading logarithms in top/bottom corrections are taken into account. The output of NMSSMTOOLS* is also considered. The results are displayed in Table [VI](#page-16-2). We observe significant discrepancies between SLOOPS/NMSSMTOOLS*_3.2.0 (which are in remarkable agreement), on one side, MICROMEGAS_2.4.1/NMSSMTOOLS_3.2.0 (which also show some disagreement between them), on the other. Our calculation for the main channel $h_2^0 \rightarrow 2a_1^0$ [that we denote
henceforth as $\Gamma^{S}(h^0 \rightarrow a^0 a^0)$] is about a factor 1.2 larger henceforth as $\Gamma^{S}(h_2^0 \to a_1^0 a_1^0)$] is about a factor 1.2 larger
than the MICROMEGAS result (labeled as $\Gamma^{M}(h_2^0 \to a_2^0 a_1^0)$) than the MICROMEGAS result (labeled as $\Gamma^{M}(h_{2}^{0} \rightarrow a_{1}^{0} a_{1}^{0})$).
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Giving the modified prediction of $\Omega_{\chi} h^2$ within our procedure is beyond the scope of this work, but we can nevertheless make a rough estimation of this quantity. As the process $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow a_1^0 a_1^0$ is dominated by the h_2^0 reso-
nance and only the $h_2^0 a_2^0 a_1^0$ coupling is modified, we can nance, and only the $h_2^0 a_1^0 a_1^0$ coupling is modified, we can reasonably approximate,

$$
\frac{\sigma^S(\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \to a_1^0 a_1^0)}{\sigma^M(\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \to a_1^0 a_1^0)} \sim \frac{\Gamma^S(h_2^0 \to a_1^0 a_1^0)}{\Gamma^M(h_2^0 \to a_1^0 a_1^0)} \sim 1.2.
$$
 (4.8)

Denoting σ_r^M as the contribution of the rest of the processes to the cross sections involved in $\Omega_{\chi}^{M}h^{2}$, the relic density computed within MICROMEGAS, we can write the sum of all contributions $\sigma_{tot}^M(\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \to X)$ as, X standing for any rele-
vant final state vant final state,

TABLE IV. SUSY point for the comparison between MICROMEGAS, SLOOPS and NMSSMTOOLS. $M_{\tilde{l}}$ and $M_{\tilde{q}}$ are common sleptons and squarks soft masses.

Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
M_1 [GeV]	84.49	t_{β}	2
M_2 [GeV]	359	λ	0.63
M_3 [GeV]	1200	к	0.05
A_f [GeV]	-1500	A_{λ} [GeV]	694
$M_{\tilde{l}}$ [GeV]	200	A_{κ} [GeV]	Ω
$M_{\tilde{q}}$ [GeV]	600	$\mu_{\rm eff}$ [GeV]	300

TABLE V. Resulting spectrum and $\Omega_{\chi} h^2$ from the data point presented in Table [IV.](#page-16-0)

Spectrum	
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_{1}^{0}}$ [GeV]	63.2
$m_{h_1^0}$ [GeV]	110.9
$m_{h_2^0}$ [GeV]	126.4
$m_{h_3^0}$ [GeV]	727.8
$m_{a_1^0}$ [GeV]	59.7
$m_{a_2^0}$ [GeV]	732.4
$m_{H^{\pm}}$ [GeV]	721.7
Relic density	
$\Omega_{\chi}h^2$	0.103

$$
\sigma_{\text{tot}}^M(\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \to X) = \sum_X \sigma^M(\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \to X)
$$

=
$$
\sigma^M(\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \to a_1^0 a_1^0) + \sigma_r^M.
$$
 (4.9)

The MICROMEGAS calculation gives $\sigma^M(\tilde{\chi}^0_1 \tilde{\chi}^0_1 \rightarrow a_1^0 a_1^0)/$
 $\sigma^M_{tot}(\tilde{\chi}^0_1 \tilde{\chi}^0_1 \rightarrow X) = 72\%$, as we already mentioned, and

the ratio of relic densities in both approaches is approxithe ratio of relic densities in both approaches is approximately determined by $\Omega_A^M h^2 / \Omega_X^S h^2 \simeq \sigma_{tot}^S / \sigma_{tot}^M$, where $\Omega_S h^2$ is the ralic abundance in our calculation and $\Omega_{\chi}^{S}h^2$ is the relic abundance in our calculation and

$$
\sigma_{\text{tot}}^S = \sigma^S(\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow a_1^0 a_1^0) + \sigma_r^S. \tag{4.10}
$$

Moreover, we have $\sigma_r^S = \sigma_r^M$, since the remaining relevant
contributions, are, annihilations, into light fermions, and contributions are annihilations into light fermions and hence unaffected by corrections in the Higgs sector. Thus we obtain the following estimate:

$$
\Omega_\chi^S h^2 \simeq 0.090. \tag{4.11}
$$

A reduction of the relic density with respect to the MICROMEGAS calculation was to be anticipated since in our computation the annihilation into light pseudoscalars is enhanced, thus depleting the abundance of relic neutralinos more efficiently. In turn, and contrarily to the prediction of MICROMEGAS, this point would actually lie outside the cosmologically interesting region if one relies on our estimate. Of course the derived value of $\Omega_{\chi} h^2$ also depends crucially on the precision of the evaluation of $m_{h_2^0}$ (and $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$) since the annihilation $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow a_1^0 a_1^0$ occurs at the h_2^0 reso-
nance. These considerations are of particular significance nance. These considerations are of particular significance when one considers that the PLANCK satellite [\[58](#page-36-13)] should improve the experimental determination of cosmological parameters [\[59\]](#page-36-14) soon. For a discussion concerning the

TABLE VI. Comparison of the decay widths $h_{2,3}^0 \rightarrow 2a_1^0$.

Decay [GeV]	$\Gamma(h_2^0 \rightarrow a_1^0 a_1^0)$	$\Gamma(h_3^0 \rightarrow a_1^0 a_1^0)$
SLOOPS	3.56610^{-2}	1.90010^{-4}
MICROMEGAS 2.4.1	2.96010^{-2}	4.66510^{-5}
NMSSMTOOLS 3.2.0	2.73010^{-2}	1.23310^{-4}
NMSSMTOOLS* 3.2.0	3.56610^{-2}	1.90010^{-4}

accuracies required from colliders to match the precision of the relic density measurement, see for example Ref. [\[60](#page-36-15)].

V. CONCLUSIONS

This study of the Higgs potential with two Higgs doublets and one gauge singlet has put forward several points of interest that we would like to summarize briefly here.

The most general effective renormalizable Lagrangian of the 2-doublet $+1$ -singlet setup contains 28 (plus one superfluous) parameters, far beyond the 11 parameters of the 2HDM, even after complex phases have been discarded. Therefore, if future experimental measurements should point toward such a rich Higgs sector, a full reconstruction of its potential through experimental data in the Higgs sector could succeed only after an exhaustive measurement of the Higgs self-couplings, beyond that of the masses and mixing angles: if the purpose for such a reconstruction is sound from the point of view of model identification and precision tests, it is also probably condemned to a very long delay, as far as the experimental phase is concerned. This situation is eventually that of most models, albeit constrained, once considered at the radiative level, for symmetries are spontaneously broken by the Higgs VEVs, and loop corrections end up contributing to all possible terms in the potential. We emphasize, however, that a precise determination, in a general parametrical form, of the potential at future (linear) colliders, shall help discriminate among such models and constrain their parameters: in turn, the predictions of specific models for the parameters of the Higgs potential should be known at the radiative level so as to allow for comparison/precision tests.

Requirements for additional symmetries, beyond the EW-invariance, or matching conditions originating from more elaborate models, may constrain the effective potential at the classical order. Provided its form is simple enough, an identification at leading order of the parameters of the underlying model is achievable from the Higgs spectrum solely. Then, assuming the remaining sectors of the model are sufficiently documented as well, a full determination of the effective potential within the more fundamental model is essentially a matter of perturbative calculation. We lent particular attention to the \mathbb{Z}_3 -invariant and PQ-conserving potentials, which could both be embedded within a SUSY extension of the SM, the NMSSM or the UMSSM, respectively; the PQ'-conserving potential (R-symmetric limit of the NMSSM); or the potential driven by an underlying nMSSM. A reconstruction of the classical parameters was explicitly carried out, at leading order, for those models.

Further achievements seemed within reach in models ensuring a residual symmetry at the EW scale. Our test model here was the NMSSM, and the study of the large logarithms within the Coleman-Weinberg approach confirmed that the leading logarithmic effects would not spoil the \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetry, extending the validity of our parameter reconstruction in terms of the Higgs spectrum to this order. By contrast, in the nMSSM, where no residual symmetry is present at low energy, logarithms do not observe the classical form, spoiling a reconstruction beyond LO.

We finally considered a few phenomenological consequences of this parameter reconstruction at the leading logarithmic order in the NMSSM. We based our discussion on the Higgs spectrum computed in the public code NMSSMTOOLS and implemented the reconstruction both within NMSSMTOOLS, directly, and within SLOOPS. The latter allowed us to visit the diphoton decay of the SMlike CP-even scalar again and clarified the conditions for a gauge-independent implementation. Comparison with the previous implementation of an effective Higgs potential within MICROMEGAS was also carried out: different choices in the radiative potential result in different Higgsto-Higgs couplings at the order of leading logarithms, as the radiative effects encoded within the masses are distributed differently among the parameters of Eq. (2.2) ; while the form in Eq. (4.5) is seemingly arbitrary, our choice $[Eq. (2.4)]$ $[Eq. (2.4)]$ $[Eq. (2.4)]$ is justified by the analysis of the logarithms appearing in the Coleman-Weinberg approach and should thence prove a priori more reliable. As far as the phenomenology of the NMSSM is concerned, we found fine effects in collider constraints or the calculation of the DM relic density, appearing essentially for points of the parameter space which rely heavily on Higgs-to-Higgs couplings, such as those entering the processes $h_1^0 \rightarrow a_1^0 a_1^0$ or $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^0 \rightarrow a_1^0 a_1^0$, mediated by a CP-even
Higgs in the s channel Higgs in the s channel.

Finally, let us mention that although the state discovered at LHC is in a favorable mass range for singlet extensions of the MSSM, a long stage of experimental measurements and identifications of additional Higgs states lies ahead of us, should the 2-doublet $+1$ -singlet setup be realized at all in nature.

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APPENDIX A: PARAMETER RECONSTRUCTION FOR SIMPLE CLASSICAL POTENTIALS

We provide here the results of the inversion procedure described in Sec. [III C](#page-8-0) for a few classical potentials. Note

that, for completeness, one should also replace the parameters within Eq. ([2.15](#page-5-2)) to fully determine the potential.

\mathbb{Z}_3 -invariant potential $\mathcal{V}_{\mathbb{Z}_3}^S$:

The quartic doublet couplings are entirely determined by the Higgs mass matrices:

$$
\begin{cases}\n\lambda_{1} = \frac{1}{2v^{2}} \bigg[\frac{m_{h_{i}^{0}}^{2} S_{i1}^{2}}{\cos^{2} \beta} - m_{a_{i}^{0}}^{2} P_{i1}^{2} \tan^{2} \beta \bigg] \\
\lambda_{2} = \frac{1}{2v^{2}} \bigg[\frac{m_{h_{i}^{0}}^{2} S_{i2}^{2}}{\sin^{2} \beta} - \frac{m_{a_{i}^{0}}^{2} P_{i1}^{2}}{\tan^{2} \beta} \bigg] \\
\lambda_{3} = \frac{1}{2v^{2}} \bigg[2m_{H^{\pm}}^{2} + \frac{2m_{h_{i}^{0}}^{2} S_{i1} S_{i2}}{\sin^{2} \beta} - m_{a_{i}^{0}}^{2} P_{i1}^{2} \bigg] \\
\lambda_{4} = \frac{1}{v^{2}} \big[m_{a_{i}^{0}}^{2} P_{i1}^{2} - m_{H^{\pm}}^{2} \big]\n\end{cases} (A1)
$$

One degree of freedom remains, which can be chosen conveniently as the singlet VEV s. One then obtains for the remaining parameters,

$$
\begin{cases}\nA_{ud} = \frac{1}{3} \bigg[\frac{\sin 2\beta}{s} m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}^2 + \frac{1}{v} m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}' P_{i2}' \bigg] \\
\lambda_p^M = \frac{1}{3s} \bigg[\frac{\sin 2\beta}{2s} m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}^2 - \frac{1}{v} m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}' P_{i2}' \bigg] \\
A_S = \frac{1}{3s} \bigg[\frac{v^2 \sin^2 2\beta}{2s^2} m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}^2 - m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i2}' - \frac{v \sin 2\beta}{2s} m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}' P_{i2}' \bigg] \\
\kappa^2 = \frac{1}{4s^2} \bigg[m_{h_i^0}^2 S_{i3}^2 + \frac{1}{3} m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i2}' - \frac{v^2 \sin^2 2\beta}{3s^2} m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}'^2 \bigg] \\
\lambda_p^u = \frac{m_{h_i^0}^2 S_{i2} S_{i3}}{2sv \sin \beta} + \frac{1}{3s \tan \beta} \bigg[\frac{\sin 2\beta}{s} m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}'^2 - \frac{1}{2v} m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}' P_{i2}' \bigg] \\
\lambda_p^d = \frac{m_{h_i^0}^2 S_{i1} S_{i3}}{2sv \cos \beta} + \frac{\tan \beta}{3s} \bigg[\frac{\sin 2\beta}{s} m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}'^2 - \frac{1}{2v} m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}' P_{i2}' \bigg] \\
\end{cases} (A2)
$$

In replacement of s, one may use any combination of these latter equations to define a new parameter. For instance,

$$
\varepsilon_{(a,b)} \equiv \frac{\lambda_P^M(a+b)}{a\lambda_P^u + b\lambda_P^d} \Leftrightarrow s = \frac{\nu \sin 2\beta m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}^2 [1 - 2\varepsilon_{(a,b)}(\frac{a}{\tan\beta} + b \tan\beta)]}{2m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}' P_{i2}' [1 - \frac{\varepsilon_{(a,b)}}{2}(\frac{a}{\tan\beta} + b \tan\beta)] + 3\varepsilon_{(a,b)} m_{h_i^0}^2 S_{i3}(a\frac{S_{i1}}{\sin\beta} + b\frac{S_{i2}}{\cos\beta})}.
$$
(A3)

 $\varepsilon_{(a,b)}$ coincides with κ/λ in the NMSSM at tree level and may be regarded as a measurement of the breakdown of the Peccei-Quinn symmetry. Alternatively,

$$
\rho_{ud} \equiv \frac{\lambda_p^u}{\lambda_p^d} - 1 \Leftrightarrow s = \frac{2v \sin 2\beta m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}^2 [1 - (1 + \rho_{ud}) \tan^2 \beta]}{m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i1}^{\prime} P_{i2}^{\prime} [1 - (1 + \rho_{ud}) \tan^2 \beta] - 3m_{h_i^0}^2 S_{i3} \left[\frac{S_{i1}}{\cos \beta} - (1 + \rho_{ud}) \tan^2 \beta \frac{S_{i2}}{\sin \beta} \right]}.
$$
(A4)

 ρ_{ud} vanishes at tree level in the NMSSM and may represent another possibility.

Peccei-Quinn-invariant potential ${\cal V}^{\scriptscriptstyle S}_{\scriptscriptstyle PQ}$:

The system is fully determined by the following mass matrices:

$$
\begin{cases}\n\lambda_{1} = \frac{1}{2\nu^{2}} \left[\frac{m_{h_{0}}^{2} S_{i1}^{2}}{\cos^{2} \beta} - m_{a_{2}^{0}}^{2} P_{21}^{2} \tan^{2} \beta \right] \\
\lambda_{2} = \frac{1}{2\nu^{2}} \left[\frac{m_{h_{0}}^{2} S_{i2}^{2}}{\sin^{2} \beta} - \frac{m_{a_{2}^{0}}^{2} P_{21}^{2}}{\tan^{2} \beta} \right] \\
\lambda_{3} = \frac{1}{2\nu^{2}} \left[2m_{H^{\pm}}^{2} + \frac{2m_{h_{0}}^{2} S_{i1} S_{i2}}{\sin^{2} \beta} - m_{a_{2}^{0}}^{2} P_{21}^{2} \right] \\
\lambda_{4} = \frac{1}{\nu^{2}} \left[m_{a_{2}^{0}}^{2} P_{21}^{2} - m_{H^{\pm}}^{2} \right] \\
A_{ud} = \frac{m_{a_{2}^{0}}^{2} P_{21}^{2} P_{22}^{2}}{\nu} \\
\kappa^{2} = \frac{\mu_{2}^{2} \sin^{2} \beta}{\nu^{2} \sin^{2} \beta} \left[m_{h_{0}}^{2} S_{i3}^{2} - m_{a_{2}^{0}}^{2} P_{22}^{2} \right] \\
\lambda_{\mu}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2\nu^{2} \sin^{2} \beta} \frac{P_{22}^{2}}{P_{21}^{2}} \left[\frac{m_{h_{0}}^{2} S_{i2} S_{i3}}{\cos \beta} + m_{a_{2}^{0}}^{2} P_{21}^{2} P_{22}^{2} \right] \\
\lambda_{\mu}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2\nu^{2} \sin^{2} \beta} \frac{P_{22}^{2}}{P_{21}^{2}} \left[\frac{m_{h_{0}}^{2} S_{i2} S_{i3}}{\cos \beta} + m_{a_{2}^{0}}^{2} P_{21}^{2} P_{22}^{2} \right]\n\lambda_{\mu}^{\mu} = \frac{1}{2\nu^{2} \cos^{2} \beta} \frac{P_{22}^{2}}{P_{21}^{2}} \left[\frac{m_{h_{0}}^{2} S_{i1} S_{i3}}{\sin \beta} + m_{a_{2}^{0}}^{2} P_{21}
$$

Peccei-Quinn'-invariant potential ${\cal V}^{\scriptscriptstyle S}_{PQ'}$:

The system is fully determined by the mass matrices:

$$
\begin{cases}\n\lambda_{1} = \frac{1}{2\nu^{2}} \left[\frac{m_{h}^{2}S_{i1}^{2}}{c_{0}s^{2}\beta} - m_{a2}^{2}P_{21}^{2} \tan^{2}\beta \right] \\
\lambda_{2} = \frac{1}{2\nu^{2}} \left[\frac{m_{h1}^{2}S_{i2}^{2}}{\sin^{2}\beta} - \frac{m_{a2}^{2}P_{21}^{2}}{\tan^{2}\beta} \right] \\
\lambda_{3} = \frac{1}{2\nu^{2}} \left[2m_{H^{\pm}}^{2} + \frac{2m_{h1}^{2}S_{i1}S_{i2}}{\sin^{2}\beta} - m_{a2}^{2}P_{21}^{2} \right] \\
\lambda_{4} = \frac{1}{\nu^{2}} \left[m_{a2}^{2}P_{21}^{2} - m_{H^{\pm}}^{2} \right]\n\lambda_{\phi} = \frac{m_{a2}^{2}S_{i2}^{2}}{2\nu^{2} \sin^{2}\beta} \\
\lambda_{\phi}^{M} = \frac{m_{a2}^{2}S_{i2}^{2}}{2\nu^{2} \sin^{2}\beta} \\
\kappa^{2} = -\nu \sin^{2}\beta \frac{P'_{21}}{P'_{22}} \\
\kappa^{2} = \frac{m_{h1}^{2}S_{i3}^{2}}{4\nu^{2} \sin^{2}\beta} \left(\frac{P'_{22}}{P'_{1}} \right)^{2} \\
\lambda_{\phi}^{u} = \frac{1}{4\nu^{2} \sin^{2}\beta} \frac{P'_{22}}{P'_{21}} \left[m_{a2}^{2}P'_{21}P'_{22} - \frac{m_{h1}^{2}S_{i2}S_{i3}}{\cos\beta} \right] \\
\lambda_{\phi}^{d} = \frac{1}{4\nu^{2} \cos^{2}\beta} \frac{P'_{22}}{P'_{21}} \left[m_{a2}^{2}P'_{21}P'_{22} - \frac{m_{h1}^{2}S_{i2}S_{i3}}{\cos\beta} \right]\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(4.6)

nMSSM-inspired potential $\mathcal{V}_T^{\mathcal{S}}$:

Although only 12 parameters are to be determined within the potential, application of the constraints of Eq. ([2.5](#page-3-2)) leave one degree of freedom, due to the degenerescence of the CP-even and CP-odd singlet in this model, $m_{h_i^0}^2 S_{i3}^2 = m_{a_i^0}^2 P_{i2}^2$. We again choose s to be this degree of freedom. The remaining parameters read

$$
\begin{cases}\n\lambda_{1} = \frac{1}{2v^{2}} \left[\frac{m_{\rho}^{2} S_{i1}^{2}}{\cos^{2} \beta} - m_{a_{i}^{2}}^{2} P_{i1}^{2} \tan^{2} \beta \right] \\
\lambda_{2} = \frac{1}{2v^{2}} \left[\frac{m_{\rho}^{2} S_{i2}^{2}}{\sin^{2} \beta} - \frac{m_{a_{i}^{2}}^{2} P_{i1}^{2}}{\tan^{2} \beta} \right] \\
\lambda_{3} = \frac{1}{2v^{2}} \left[2m_{H^{\pm}}^{2} + \frac{2m_{\rho_{i}^{2}}^{2} S_{i1} S_{i2}}{\sin^{2} \beta} - m_{a_{i}^{2}}^{2} P_{i1}^{2} \right] \\
\lambda_{4} = \frac{1}{v^{2}} \left[m_{a_{i}^{2}}^{2} P_{i1}^{2} - m_{H^{\pm}}^{2} \right] \\
\lambda_{T} = \frac{v}{2} \sin^{2} \beta m_{a_{i}^{2}}^{2} P_{i1}^{1} P_{i2}^{2} - s m_{a_{i}^{2}}^{2} P_{i2}^{2} \\
\lambda_{T} = \frac{v}{2} \sin^{2} \beta m_{a_{i}^{2}}^{2} P_{i1}^{1} P_{i2}^{2} - s m_{a_{i}^{2}}^{2} P_{i2}^{2} \\
A_{ud} = \frac{m_{a_{i}^{2}}^{2} P_{i1}^{2} P_{i2}^{2}}{v} \\
A_{ud} = \frac{m_{a_{i}^{2}}^{2} P_{i1}^{2} P_{i2}^{2}}{v} \\
\lambda_{P}^{u} = \frac{1}{2v s} \left[\frac{m_{\rho_{i}^{2}}^{2} S_{i2} S_{i3}}{\sin \beta} + \frac{m_{a_{i}^{2}}^{2} P_{i1}^{2} P_{i2}^{2}}{\tan \beta} \right] \\
\lambda_{P}^{d} = \frac{1}{2v s} \left[\frac{m_{\rho_{i}^{2}}^{2} S_{i1} S_{i3}}{\cos \beta} + m_{a_{i}^{2}}^{2} P_{i1}^{1} P_{i2}^{1} \tan \beta \right]\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(A7)

APPENDIX B: TRILINEAR HIGGS-TO-HIGGS COUPLINGS

In this Appendix we give the physical trilinear Higgs-to-Higgs couplings $h_i^0H^+H^-$, $h_i^0a_j^0a_k^0$ and $h_i^0h_j^0h_k^0$ in the λ representation obtained from the general potential Eq. [\(2.2\)](#page-2-0) and in the mass representation from the restricted \mathbb{Z}_3 potential Eq. [\(2.4\)](#page-3-0) only (as in the general potential the results are cumbersome). In the following, the matrix P_{ij} is defined as the 3×3 diagonalization matrix which rotates the gauge eigenstates (a_d^0, a_u^0, a_s^0) directly to the physical basis $(a_0^0, a_0^0, a_0^0, a_0^0)$ such that (a_1^0, a_2^0, G^0) such that,

$$
\begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ G^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P'_{11} s_{\beta} & P'_{11} c_{\beta} & P'_{12} \\ P'_{21} s_{\beta} & P'_{21} c_{\beta} & P'_{22} \\ c_{\beta} & -s_{\beta} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0^0 \\ a_u^0 \\ a_5^0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P_{11} & P_{12} & P_{13} \\ P_{21} & P_{22} & P_{23} \\ P_{31} & P_{32} & P_{33} \end{bmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} a_0^0 \\ a_u^0 \\ a_5^0 \end{pmatrix}
$$
(B1)

with P' defined from Eq. ([2.20\)](#page-5-1). To cast the couplings in a more compact form, we also define the following mixing elements combinations,

$$
(\Pi^{A})^{a,b,c}_{i,j,k} = S_{ia}[P_{jb}P_{kc} + P_{jc}P_{kb}]
$$
\n(B2)

$$
(\Pi^{S})^{a,b,c}_{i,j,k} = S_{ia}S_{jb}S_{kc} + S_{ia}S_{jc}S_{kb} + S_{ib}S_{ja}S_{kc} + S_{ib}S_{jc}S_{ka} + S_{ic}S_{ja}S_{kb} + S_{ic}S_{jb}S_{ka}.
$$
 (B3)

1. Trilinear couplings in the λ representation

CP-even Higgs to charged Higgses $h_i^0 H^+ H^-$ coupling

$$
g_{h_i^0H^+H^-} = \frac{\lambda_1 v s_\beta s_{2\beta} S_{i1}}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{\lambda_2 v c_\beta s_{2\beta} S_{i2}}{\sqrt{2}} + \sqrt{2} \lambda_3 v [c_\beta^3 S_{i1} + s_\beta^3 S_{i2}] - \frac{(\lambda_4 + \lambda_5) v s_{2\beta}}{\sqrt{2}} [s_\beta S_{i1} + c_\beta S_{i2}] -\frac{\lambda_6 v c_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} [s_{2\beta} S_{i1} - (1 - 3c_{2\beta}) S_{i2}] + \frac{\lambda_7 v s_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} [(1 + 3c_{2\beta}) S_{i1} - s_{2\beta} S_{i2}] + \frac{s_{2\beta}}{\sqrt{2}} [A_{ud} + \tilde{A}_{ud} + 4(\lambda_p^M + \tilde{\lambda}_p^M + \lambda_M) s)] S_{i3} +\sqrt{2} [(A_{ds} + (\lambda_p^d + 2\tilde{\lambda}_p^d) s) s_\beta^2 + (A_{us} + (\lambda_p^u + 2\tilde{\lambda}_p^u) s) c_\beta^2] S_{i3}.
$$
\n(B4)

CP-even Higgs to two CP-odd Higgs $h_i^0 a_i^0 a_j^0$

$$
g_{h_i^0 a_j^0 a_k^0} = \frac{\lambda_1 v c_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{1,1,1}_{i,j,k} + \frac{\lambda_2 v s_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{2,2,2}_{i,j,k} + \frac{(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)v}{\sqrt{2}} [c_\beta(\Pi^A)^{1,2,2}_{i,j,k} + s_\beta(\Pi^A)^{2,1,1}_{i,j,k}] - \frac{\lambda_7 v s_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{1,1,1}_{i,j,k} - \frac{\lambda_6 v c_\beta}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{2,2,2}_{i,j,k} - \frac{v(\lambda_5 c_\beta - \lambda_6 s_\beta)}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{1,2,2}_{i,j,k} - \frac{v(\lambda_5 s_\beta - \lambda_7 c_\beta)}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{2,1,1}_{i,j,k} - \sqrt{2}v [(\lambda_5 c_\beta + \lambda_6 s_\beta)(\Pi^A)^{2,1,2}_{i,j,k} (\lambda_5 s_\beta + \lambda_7 c_\beta)(\Pi^A)^{1,2,1}_{i,j,k}] + \frac{A_{ud} - 2\lambda_{I}^{M} s}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{1,2,3}_{i,j,k} + \frac{A_{ud} - 2\lambda_{I}^{M} s}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{2,1,3}_{i,j,k} + \frac{A_{ud} + 2\lambda_{I}^{M} s}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{3,1,2}_{i,j,k} - \frac{\tilde{A}_{ud} - 2\tilde{\lambda}_{I}^{M} s}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{1,2,3}_{i,j,k} - \frac{\tilde{A}_{ud} - 2\tilde{\lambda}_{I}^{M} s}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{3,1,2}_{i,j,k} + \frac{A_{ds} + 2\tilde{\lambda}_{I}^{d} s}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{3,1,1}_{i,j,k} + \frac{A_{us} + 2\tilde{\lambda}_{I}^{M} s}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{3,2,2}_{i,j,k} - \frac{3A_s - \tilde{A}_s - 3(2\kappa^2 - 3\kappa_5^2)s}{3\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^A)^{3,3,3}_{i,j,k} - \sqrt{2}(\lambda_I^
$$

Triple CP-even Higgs coupling $h_i^0 h_j^0 h_k^0$

$$
g_{h_i^0 h_j^0 h_k^0} = \frac{\lambda_1 v c_{\beta}}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^S)^{1,1,1}_{i,j,k} + \frac{\lambda_2 v s_{\beta}}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^S)^{2,2,2}_{i,j,k} + \frac{(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) v}{\sqrt{2}} [c_{\beta} (\Pi^S)^{1,2,2}_{i,j,k} + s_{\beta} (\Pi^S)^{2,1,1}_{i,j,k}] - \frac{\lambda_6 v}{\sqrt{2}} [c_{\beta} (\Pi^S)^{2,2,2}_{i,j,k} + 3 s_{\beta} (\Pi^S)^{1,2,2}_{i,j,k}] - \frac{\lambda_7 v}{\sqrt{2}} [s_{\beta} (\Pi^S)^{1,1,1}_{i,j,k} + 3 c_{\beta} (\Pi^S)^{2,1,1}_{i,j,k}] + \frac{(\lambda_p^d c_{\beta} - \lambda_p^M s_{\beta}) v}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^S)^{1,3,3}_{i,j,k} + \frac{(\lambda_p^u s_{\beta} - \lambda_p^M c_{\beta}) v}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^S)^{2,3,3}_{i,j,k} + \frac{\lambda_p^d s}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^S)^{3,1,1}_{i,j,k} + \frac{\lambda_p^u s}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^S)^{3,2,2}_{i,j,k} + \frac{(2\tilde{\lambda}_p^d c_{\beta} - (\lambda_M + \tilde{\lambda}_p^M) s_{\beta}) v}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^S)^{1,3,3}_{i,j,k} + \frac{(2\tilde{\lambda}_p^u s_{\beta} - (\lambda_M + \tilde{\lambda}_p^M) c_{\beta}) v}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^S)^{2,3,3}_{i,j,k} + \sqrt{2} (\tilde{\lambda}_p^d s (\Pi^S)^{3,1,1}_{i,j,k} + \tilde{\lambda}_p^u s (\Pi^S)^{3,2,2}_{i,j,k}) - \frac{A_{ud} + 2\lambda_p^M s}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^S)^{3,1,2}_{i,j,k} + \frac{A_s + 6\kappa^2 s}{3\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^S)^{3,3,3}_{i,j,k} - \frac{\tilde{A}_{ud} + 2(\lambda_M + \tilde{\lambda}_p^M) s}{\sqrt{2}} (\Pi^S)^{3,1,2}_{i,j,k} + \frac{\tilde{A}_s
$$

2. Trilinear couplings in the mass representation for the \mathbb{Z}_3 -conserving potential

To obtain the mass representation we trade the \mathbb{Z}_3 -conserving λ_i 's of the couplings in the λ representation (see previous subsection) against the masses, mixing angles and VEVs [Eqs. [\(A1\)](#page-18-1) and [\(A2\)](#page-18-2)] and set the remaining ones to zero.

 CP -even Higgs to charged Higgses $h_i^0H^+H^-$ coupling

$$
g_{h_i^0 H^+ H^-} = \frac{1}{\nu \sqrt{2}} \Big\{ m_{h_i^0}^2 \Big(\frac{\sin \beta^2}{\cos \beta} S_{i1} + \frac{\cos \beta^2}{\sin \beta} S_{i2} \Big) + 2 m_{H^\pm}^2 (\cos \beta S_{i1} + \sin \beta S_{i2}) - \frac{2 m_{a_i^0}^2 P'_{j1} P'_{j2} S_{i3}}{3 \sin 2\beta} - m_{a_i^0}^2 P'_{j1} \Big(\frac{S_{i1}}{\cos \beta} + \frac{S_{i2}}{\sin \beta} - \frac{4}{3} \frac{\nu}{s} S_{i3} \Big) \Big\}. \tag{B7}
$$

CP-even Higgs to two CP-odd Higgs $h_i^0 a_i^0 a_j^0$

$$
g_{\hbar_i^0 a_j^0 a_k^0} = \sum_{l=1}^{3} \frac{m_{\hbar_i^0}^2}{2\sqrt{2}} \Biggl\{ \frac{g_{l1}^2}{v_{C\beta}} (\Pi^A)^{1,1,1}_{i,j,k} + \frac{S_{l2}^2}{v_{S\beta}} (\Pi^A)^{2,2,2}_{i,j,k} + \frac{S_{l3}^2}{s} (\Pi^A)^{3,3,3}_{i,j,k} + S_{l1} S_{l2} \Biggl[\frac{(\Pi^A)^{1,2,2}_{i,j,k}}{v_{S\beta}} + \frac{(\Pi^A)^{2,1,1}_{i,j,k}}{v_{C\beta}} \Biggr]
$$

+
$$
S_{l3} \Biggl[S_{l1} \Biggl(\frac{(\Pi^A)^{3,1,1}_{i,j,k}}{v_{C\beta}} + \frac{(\Pi^A)^{1,3,2}_{i,j,k}}{s} \Biggr) + S_{l2} \Biggl(\frac{(\Pi^A)^{3,2,2}_{i,j,k}}{v_{S\beta}} + \frac{(\Pi^A)^{2,1,1}_{i,j,k}}{s} - t_{\beta}^2 (\Pi^A)^{2,2,2}_{i,j,k} + \frac{(\Pi^A)^{2,1,1}_{i,j,k}}{s} - t_{\beta}^2 (\Pi^A)^{1,3,3}_{i,j,k} + c_{\beta} (\Pi^A)^{3,3,3}_{i,j,k} + c_{\beta} (\Pi^A)^{3,1,3}_{i,j,k} + c_{\beta} (\Pi^A)^{3,1,3}_{i,j,k} + c_{\beta} (\Pi^A)^{3,1,3}_{i,j,k} + c_{\beta} (\Pi^A)^{3,1,3}_{i,j,k} + c_{\beta} (\Pi^A)^{3,2,3}_{i,j,k} \Biggr)
$$

-
$$
\frac{2v_{S_2}}{s} (\Pi^A)^{3,3,1}_{i,j,k} + t_{\beta}^{-1} (\Pi^A)^{3,2,2}_{i,j,k} + (\Pi^A)^{3,1,2}_{i,j,k} + \frac{v_{S_2}}{s_{S\beta}} \Biggl(s_{\beta} (\Pi^A)^{1,3,3}_{i,j,k} + c_{\beta} (\Pi^A)^{3,1,3}_{i,j,k} + c_{\beta} (\Pi^A)^{3,2,3}_{i,j,k} \Biggr)
$$

+
$$
\frac{1}{3s} \Big
$$

Triple CP-even Higgs coupling $h_i^0 h_j^0 h_k^0$

$$
g_{h_i^0 h_j^0 h_k^0} = \sum_{l=1}^3 \frac{m_{h_i^0}^2}{2\sqrt{2}} \Biggl\{ \frac{S_{l1}^2 (\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{1,1,1}}{\nu c_\beta} + S_{l1} S_{l2} \Biggl[\frac{(\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{2,1,1}}{\nu c_\beta} + \frac{(\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{1,2,2}}{\nu s_\beta} \Biggr] + S_{l1} S_{l_3} \Biggl[\frac{(\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{3,1,1}}{\nu c_\beta} + \frac{(\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{1,3,3}}{s} \Biggr] + S_{l2} S_{l_3} \Biggl[\frac{(\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{3,2,2}}{\nu s_\beta} + \frac{(\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{2,3,3}}{s} \Biggr] + \frac{S_{l3}^2 (\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{3,3,3}}{s} \Biggr] + \sum_{l=1}^2 \frac{m_{a_l^0}^2}{2\sqrt{2}} \Biggl\{ P_{l1}^2 \Biggl[\frac{t_\beta^{-1} (\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{2,1,1} - (\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{1,1,1}}{\nu c_\beta} + \frac{4}{3s} \Biggl((\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{3,1,1} + t_\beta^{-1} (\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{3,1,2} + \frac{\nu c_\beta^2}{s} \Biggl(\frac{(\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{1,3,3}}{2s_\beta} - \frac{\nu (\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{3,3,3}}{6s} \Biggr) \Biggr) \Biggr] + P_{l2}^2 \Biggl[\frac{t_\beta (\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{1,1,2} - (\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{2,2,2}}{\nu s_\beta} + \frac{4}{3s} \Biggl((\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{3,2,2} + t_\beta (\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{3,1,2} + \frac{\nu s_\beta^2}{s} \Biggl(\frac{(\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{2,3,3}}{2c_\beta} - \frac{\nu (\Pi^S)_{i,j,k}^{3,3,3}}{6s} \Biggr) \Biggr) \Biggr] -
$$

APPENDIX C: COLEMAN-WEINBERG ANALYSIS OF THE HIGGS POTENTIAL IN THE NMSSM AND THE nMSSM

The two models under consideration essentially differ, at tree level, by their Higgs sectors. Additionally, one should require the limit $\kappa^2 \rightarrow 0$ in the nMSSM neutralino sector, with respect to that of the NMSSM.

SM fermion contributions:

In the base of Dirac fermions (u, d, ν_e, e) , the squared mass matrix of SM fermions in terms of neutral Higgs fields reads (we omit color and generation indices)

$$
\mathcal{M}_f^2(H_{u,d}^0) = \begin{bmatrix} Y_u^2 |H_u^0|^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Y_d^2 |H_d^0|^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & Y_e^2 |H_d^0|^2 \end{bmatrix}
$$
 (C1)

leading to the potential

$$
\delta \mathcal{V}_{\rm eff}^{\Lambda, f} (H_u^0, H_d^0, S) = -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \sum_f Y_f^4 |H_f^0|^4 \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{Y_f^2 |H_f^0|^2}{\Lambda^2} \Big) - \frac{3}{2} \Big]
$$

$$
\simeq -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \sum_f Y_f^4 |H_f^0|^4 \ln \Big(\frac{Y_f^2 v_f^2}{\Lambda^2} \Big) + \cdots,
$$
 (C2)

where we have kept only the leading, $SU(2)_L$ -invariant, logarithmic terms. We deduce the following corresponding contributions to the Higgs potential:

$$
\begin{cases}\n\lambda_1^f \simeq -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \sum_{f=d,e} Y_f^4 \ln\left(\frac{m_f^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) \\
\lambda_2^f \simeq -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} \sum_u Y_u^4 \ln\left(\frac{m_u^2}{\Lambda^2}\right)\n\end{cases} \tag{C3}
$$

SM gauge boson contributions:

In the base of real vector fields $(\gamma^0, W^1, W^2, Z^0)$, the squared mass matrix of SM gauge bosons in terms of neutral Higgs fields reads

$$
\mathcal{M}_G^2(H_{u,d}^0) = \frac{1}{2} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & g^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & g^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & g^2 + g'^2 \end{bmatrix} (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2),
$$
\n(C4)

leading to the potential (note that in the $SU(2)_L$ -conserving limit, these fields are massless)

$$
\delta \mathcal{V}_{\rm eff}^{\Lambda,f}(H_u^0, H_d^0, S) = \frac{3}{64\pi^2} \left\{ \frac{g^4}{2} (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2)^2 \left[\ln \left(\frac{g^2 (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2)}{2\Lambda^2} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \right] \right. \\ \left. + \frac{(g^2 + g'^2)^2}{4} (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2)^2 \left[\ln \left(\frac{(g^2 + g'^2)(|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2)}{2\Lambda^2} \right) - \frac{3}{2} \right] \right\}
$$

$$
\approx \frac{3}{256\pi^2} \left[2g^4 \ln \left(\frac{M_W^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) + (g^2 + g'^2)^2 \ln \left(\frac{M_Z^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) \right] (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2)^2 \dots, \tag{C5}
$$

providing us with the couplings

$$
\begin{cases}\n\lambda_1^G \simeq \frac{3}{128\pi^2} \bigg[2g^4 \ln \bigg(\frac{M_W^2}{\Lambda^2} \bigg) + (g^2 + g'^2)^2 \ln \bigg(\frac{M_Z^2}{\Lambda^2} \bigg) \bigg] \\
\lambda_2^G \simeq \frac{3}{128\pi^2} \bigg[2g^4 \ln \bigg(\frac{M_W^2}{\Lambda^2} \bigg) + (g^2 + g'^2)^2 \ln \bigg(\frac{M_Z^2}{\Lambda^2} \bigg) \bigg] \\
\lambda_3^G + \lambda_4^G \simeq \frac{3}{128\pi^2} \bigg[2g^4 \ln \bigg(\frac{M_W^2}{\Lambda^2} \bigg) + (g^2 + g'^2)^2 \ln \bigg(\frac{M_Z^2}{\Lambda^2} \bigg) \bigg]\n\end{cases} \tag{C6}
$$

Sfermion contributions:

The sfermion squared mass matrix, in the base $(\tilde{F}_L, \tilde{F}_R^{c*})$ for a flavor f, is given by

$$
\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{F}}^{2}(S, H_{u}^{0}, H_{d}^{0}) = \begin{bmatrix} m_{\tilde{F}_{L}}^{2} + |Y_{f}H_{f}^{0}|^{2} + \frac{g^{2}y_{L}^{f} - 2g^{2}I_{3}^{f}}{4}(|H_{u}^{0}|^{2} - |H_{d}^{0}|^{2}) & Y_{f}(A_{f}H_{f}^{0} - \lambda S^{*}H_{\tilde{f}}^{0*}) \\ Y_{f}(A_{f}H_{f}^{0*} - \lambda SH_{\tilde{f}}^{0}) & m_{\tilde{F}_{R}}^{2} + |Y_{f}H_{f}^{0}|^{2} + \frac{g^{2}y_{R}^{f}}{4}(|H_{u}^{0}|^{2} - |H_{d}^{0}|^{2}) \end{bmatrix}.
$$
 (C7)

Defining $T_{\tilde{F}} = (\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{F}}^2)_{11} + (\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{F}}^2)_{22}$ and $R_{\tilde{F}}^2 = [(\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{F}}^2)_{11} - (\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{F}}^2)_{22}]^2 + 4[\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{F}}^2]_{12}^2$, we obtain the eigenvalues $m_{\tilde{F}_{\pm}}^2 =$ $\frac{1}{2}[T_{\tilde{F}} \pm \sqrt{R_{\tilde{F}}^2}]$ and the Higgs potential

$$
\delta \mathcal{V}_{\rm eff}^{\Lambda, \tilde{F}}(H_u^0, H_d^0, S) = \frac{1}{128\pi^2} \sum_{f} \Biggl\{ (T_{\tilde{F}}^2 + R_{\tilde{F}}^2) \Biggl[\ln \Biggl(\frac{T_{\tilde{F}}^2 - R_{\tilde{F}}^2}{4\Lambda^4} \Biggr) - 3 \Biggr] + 2T_{\tilde{F}} \cdot R_{\tilde{F}} \ln \Biggl(\frac{T_{\tilde{F}} + R_{\tilde{F}}}{T_{\tilde{F}} - R_{\tilde{F}}} \Biggr) \Biggr\}.
$$
 (C8)

One derives the following couplings:

$$
(m_{H_2}^2)^F = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \sum_{f} \left\{ \delta_{f_1\lambda} f_f^2 (\mathcal{A}_L^f + \mathcal{A}_R^f + A_f^2 \mathcal{B}_{L,R}^f) + \frac{g^2 Y_L^f - 2g^2 I_L^f}{4} \mathcal{A}_L^f + \frac{g^2 Y_R^f}{4} \mathcal{A}_R^f \right\}
$$

\n
$$
(m_{H_2}^2)^F = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \sum_{f} \left\{ \delta_{f(d,e)} Y_f^2 (\mathcal{A}_L^f + \mathcal{A}_R^f + A_f^2 \mathcal{B}_{L,R}^f) + \frac{g^2 Y_L^f - 2g^2 I_L^f}{4} \mathcal{A}_L^f + \frac{g^2 Y_L^f - 2g^2 I_L^f}{4} \mathcal{A}_R^f \right\}
$$

\n
$$
\lambda_1^f = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \sum_{f} \left\{ \delta_{f(d,e)} \left[\left(Y_f^2 + \frac{g'^2 Y_L^f}{4} \right)^2 \ln \left(\frac{m_{F_2}^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) + \left(Y_f^2 + \frac{g'^2 Y_L^f - 2g^2 I_L^f}{4} \right)^2 \ln \left(\frac{m_{F_2}^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) \right] \right.
$$

\n
$$
+ \delta_{f,a} \left[\left(\frac{g'^2 Y_L^f}{4} \right)^2 \ln \left(\frac{m_{F_2}^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) + \left(\frac{g'^2 Y_L^f - 2g^2 I_L^f}{4} \right)^2 \ln \left(\frac{m_{F_2}^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) \right.
$$

\n
$$
+ \delta_{f,a} \left[\left(\frac{g'^2 Y_L^f}{4} \mathcal{B}_H^f \right) \ln \left(\frac{m_{F_2}^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) + \left(\frac{g'^2 Y_L^f - 2g^2 I_L^f}{4} \right)^2 \ln \left(\frac{m_{F_2}^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) \right.
$$

\n
$$
+ \delta_{f,a} \left[\left(\frac{g'^2 Y_L^f}{
$$

$$
\lambda_{7}^{\tilde{F}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}} \sum_{f} \left\{ \delta_{f(d,e)} Y_{f}^{2} A_{f} \lambda_{S} \left[\left(Y_{f}^{2} + \frac{g^{\prime 2} (Y_{L}^{f} + Y_{R}^{f}) - 2g^{2} I_{3}^{f}}{8} \right) C_{L,R}^{\tilde{F}} - \left(Y_{f}^{2} A_{f}^{2} - \frac{g^{\prime 2} (Y_{L}^{f} - Y_{R}^{f}) - 2g^{2} I_{3}^{f}}{8} \Delta m_{L,R}^{2\tilde{F}} \right) \mathcal{D}\tilde{F}_{L,R} \right\} + \delta_{fu} Y_{f}^{2} A_{f} \lambda_{S} \left[\frac{g^{\prime 2} (Y_{L}^{f} + Y_{R}^{f}) - 2g^{2} I_{3}^{f}}{8} C_{L,R}^{\tilde{F}} - \left(Y_{f}^{2} \lambda^{2} s^{2} - \frac{g^{\prime 2} (Y_{L}^{f} - Y_{R}^{f}) - 2g^{2} I_{3}^{f}}{8} \Delta m_{L,R}^{2\tilde{F}} \right) \mathcal{D}\tilde{F}_{L,R} \right] \right\} (\lambda_{p}^{\mu})^{\tilde{F}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}} \sum_{f=d,e} Y_{f}^{2} \lambda^{2} \mathcal{B}\tilde{F}_{L,R} \quad (\lambda_{p}^{d})^{\tilde{F}} = \frac{1}{16\pi^{2}} \sum_{f=u} Y_{f}^{2} \lambda^{2} \mathcal{B}\tilde{F}_{R}, \tag{C9}
$$

where we have used the notations

$$
\mathcal{A}_{L}^{\tilde{F}} = m_{\tilde{F}_{L}}^{2} \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{m_{\tilde{F}_{L}}^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} \Big) - 1 \Big]; \qquad \mathcal{A}_{R}^{\tilde{F}} = m_{\tilde{F}_{R}}^{2} \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{m_{\tilde{F}_{R}}^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} \Big) - 1 \Big]; \qquad \Delta m_{L,R}^{2\tilde{F}} = m_{\tilde{F}_{L}}^{2} - m_{\tilde{F}_{R}}^{2}
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{B}_{L,R}^{\tilde{F}} = \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{F}_{L}}^{2} - m_{\tilde{F}_{R}}^{2}} \Big[\mathcal{A}_{L}^{\tilde{F}} - \mathcal{A}_{R}^{\tilde{F}} \Big]^{m_{\tilde{F}_{L,R}}^{2} \to m^{2}} \ln \Big(\frac{m^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}} \Big)
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{C}_{L,R}^{\tilde{F}} = \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{F}_{L}}^{2} - m_{\tilde{F}_{R}}^{2}} \ln \Big(\frac{m_{\tilde{F}_{L}}^{2}}{m_{\tilde{F}_{R}}^{2}} \Big)^{m_{\tilde{F}_{L,R}}^{2} \to m^{2}} \frac{1}{m^{2}}
$$
\n
$$
\mathcal{D}_{L,R}^{\tilde{F}} = \frac{1}{(m_{\tilde{F}_{L}}^{2} - m_{\tilde{F}_{R}}^{2})^{3}} \Big[m_{\tilde{F}_{L}}^{2} \Big(\ln \Big(\frac{m_{\tilde{F}_{L}}^{2}}{m_{\tilde{F}_{R}}^{2}} \Big) - 2 \Big) + m_{\tilde{F}_{R}}^{2} \Big(\ln \Big(\frac{m_{\tilde{F}_{L}}^{2}}{m_{\tilde{F}_{R}}^{2}} \Big) + 2 \Big) \Big]^{m_{\tilde{F}_{L,R}}^{2} \to m^{2}} \frac{1}{6m^{4}}.
$$
\n
$$
(C10)
$$

Chargino contributions:

The chargino squared mass matrix, in a base of Dirac (winos, Higgsinos), is given by

$$
\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{\pm}}^2(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) = \begin{bmatrix} M_2^2 + g^2 |H_d^0|^2 & g(M_2 H_u^{0*} + \lambda S H_d^0) \\ g(M_2 H_u^0 + \lambda S^* H_d^{0*}) & \lambda^2 |S|^2 + g^2 |H_u^0|^2 \end{bmatrix}.
$$
 (C11)

Defining $T_{\chi^{\pm}} = (\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{\pm}}^2)_{1} + (\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{\pm}}^2)_{22}$ and $R_{\tilde{F}}^2 = [(\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{\pm}}^2)_{11} - (\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{\pm}}^2)_{22}]^2 + 4|\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{\pm}}^2|_{12}^2$, we obtain the eigenvalues $m_{(\chi^{\pm})_{\pm}}^2 = \frac{1}{2} [T_{\chi^{\pm}} \pm \sqrt{R_{\chi^{\pm}}^2}]$ and the Higgs potential

$$
\delta \mathcal{V}_{\rm eff}^{\Lambda, \chi^{\pm}}(H_u^0, H_d^0, S) = -\frac{1}{64\pi^2} \Big\{ (T_{\chi^{\pm}}^2 + R_{\chi^{\pm}}^2) \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{T_{\chi^{\pm}}^2 - R_{\chi^{\pm}}^2}{4\Lambda^4} \Big) - 3 \Big] + 2T_{\chi^{\pm}} \cdot R_{\chi^{\pm}} \ln \Big(\frac{T_{\chi^{\pm}} + R_{\chi^{\pm}}}{T_{\chi^{\pm}} - R_{\chi^{\pm}}} \Big) \Big\}.
$$
 (C12)

One can derive the following couplings:

$$
(m_{H_{u,d}^{0}}^{2})^{\chi^{\pm}} = -\frac{g^{2}}{8\pi^{2}(M_{2}^{2} - \lambda^{2}s^{2})^{3}} \Big\{ M_{2}^{8} \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_{2}^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\right) - 1 \Big] - 3M_{2}^{6} \lambda^{2}s^{2} \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_{2}^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\right) - 1 \Big] + 3M_{2}^{4} \lambda^{4}s^{4} \Big[2\ln\left(\frac{M_{2}^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{\lambda^{2}s^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\right) - \frac{8}{3} \Big] - M_{2}^{2} \lambda^{6}s^{6} \Big[\ln\left(\frac{\lambda^{2}s^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\right) - 7 \Big] - \lambda^{8}s^{8} \Big\}
$$

\n
$$
(m_{12}^{2})^{\chi^{\pm}} = -\frac{g^{2}M_{2}\lambda^{3}s^{3}}{8\pi^{2}(M_{2}^{2} - \lambda^{2}s^{2})^{3}} \Big\{ M_{2}^{4} \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_{2}^{2}}{\lambda^{2}s^{2}}\right) - 3 \Big] + 3M_{2}^{2} \lambda^{2}s^{2} \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_{2}^{2}}{\lambda^{2}s^{2}}\right) + \frac{2}{3} \Big] + \lambda^{4}s^{4} \Big\}
$$

\n
$$
(A_{(u,d)s})^{\chi^{\pm}} = \frac{g^{2} \lambda^{4}s^{3}}{4\pi^{2}(M_{2}^{2} - \lambda^{2}s^{2})^{3}} \Big\{ 2M_{2}^{4} \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_{2}^{2}}{\lambda^{2}s^{2}}\right) - \frac{3}{2} \Big] + 4M_{2}^{2} \lambda^{2}s^{2} - \lambda^{4}s^{4} \Big\}
$$

\n
$$
(\tilde{A}_{ud})^{\chi^{\pm}} = -\frac{g^{2}M_{2}\lambda^{3}s^{2}}{8\pi^{2}(M_{2}^{2} - \lambda^{2}s^{2})^{3}} \Big\{ M_{2}^{4} \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_{2}^{2}}{\lambda^{2}s^{2}}\right) - 3 \Big] + 3M_{2}^{2} \lambda^{2}s^{2} \Big
$$

$$
(\lambda_{1,2})x^* = -\frac{g^4}{8\pi^2(M_2^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \Big\{ M_2^6 \ln\left(\frac{M_2^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) - 3M_2^4 \lambda^2 s^2 \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_2^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) - \frac{2}{3} \Big] + 3M_2^2 \lambda^4 s^4 \Big[\ln\left(\frac{\lambda^2 s^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) - \frac{2}{3} \Big] - \lambda^6 s^6 \ln\left(\frac{\lambda^2 s^2}{\Lambda^2}\right) \Big\}
$$
\n
$$
(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)X^* = -\frac{g^4}{8\pi^2(M_2^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \Big\{ M_2^6 - 2M_2^4 \lambda^2 s^2 \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_2^2}{\lambda^2 s^2}\right) - \frac{1}{2} \Big] - 2M_2^2 \lambda^4 s^4 \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_2^2}{\lambda^2 s^2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \Big] - \lambda^6 s^6 \Big\}
$$
\n
$$
(\lambda_5)X^* = \frac{g^4 M_2^2 \lambda^2 s^2}{8\pi^2 (M_2^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \Big\{ M_2^6 \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_2^2}{\lambda^2 s^2}\right) - 2 \Big] + \lambda^2 s^2 \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_2^2}{\lambda^2 s^2}\right) + 2 \Big] \Big\}
$$
\n
$$
(\lambda_M)X^* = \frac{g^2 \lambda^3 s M_2}{8\pi^2 (M_2^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \Big\{ 2M_2^4 \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_2^2}{\lambda^2 s^2}\right) - \frac{3}{2} \Big] + 4M_2^2 \lambda^2 s^2 - \lambda^4 s^4 \Big\}
$$
\n
$$
(\lambda_M^P)X^* = -\frac{g^2 \lambda^3 s M_2}{16\pi^2 (M_2^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \Big\{ 2M_2^4 \Big[\ln\left(\frac{M_2^2}{\lambda^2 s^2}\right) - \frac{3}{2} \Big] +
$$

$$
(\tilde{A}_{S}^{2})^{\chi^{\pm}} = \frac{3\lambda^{4}s}{4\pi^{2}}(\kappa^{2})^{\chi^{\pm}} = -\frac{\lambda^{4}}{16\pi^{2}} \bigg[\ln\bigg(\frac{M_{2}^{2}}{\Lambda^{2}}\bigg) - \frac{3}{2} \bigg]; \quad (\kappa_{S}^{2})^{\chi^{\pm}} = \frac{\lambda^{4}}{48\pi^{2}}; \quad (\tilde{\kappa}_{S}^{2})^{\chi^{\pm}} = -\frac{\lambda^{4}}{6\pi^{2}}.
$$

Neutralino contributions:

The (Hermitian) neutralino squared mass matrix is determined by its entries in the base of Weyl spinors $(-i\tilde{b}^0, -i\tilde{w}_3^0, \tilde{h}_u^0, \tilde{h}_d^0, \tilde{h}_s^0),$

$$
(\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{0}}^{2})_{11}(S, H_{u}^{0}, H_{d}^{0}) = M_{1}^{2} + \frac{g^{2}}{2}(|H_{u}^{0}|^{2} + |H_{d}^{0}|^{2}) \qquad (\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{0}}^{2})_{22}(S, H_{u}^{0}, H_{d}^{0}) = M_{2}^{2} + \frac{g^{2}}{2}(|H_{u}^{0}|^{2} + |H_{d}^{0}|^{2})
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{0}}^{2})_{12}(S, H_{u}^{0}, H_{d}^{0}) = -\frac{gg'}{2}(|H_{u}^{0}|^{2} + |H_{d}^{0}|^{2}) \qquad (\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{0}}^{2})_{33}(S, H_{u}^{0}, H_{d}^{0}) = \lambda^{2}(|S|^{2} + |H_{d}^{0}|^{2}) + \frac{g^{2} + g^{2}}{2}|H_{u}^{0}|^{2}
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{0}}^{2})_{44}(S, H_{u}^{0}, H_{d}^{0}) = \lambda^{2}(|S|^{2} + |H_{u}^{0}|^{2}) + \frac{g^{2} + g^{2}}{2}|H_{d}^{0}|^{2} \qquad (\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{0}}^{2})_{34}(S, H_{u}^{0}, H_{d}^{0}) = (\lambda^{2} - \frac{g^{2} + g^{2}}{2})H_{u}^{0}H_{d}^{0*}
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{0}}^{2})_{55}(S, H_{u}^{0}, H_{d}^{0}) = 4\kappa^{2}|S|^{2} + \lambda^{2}(|H_{u}^{0}|^{2} + |H_{d}^{0}|^{2}) \qquad (\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{0}}^{2})_{35}(S, H_{u}^{0}, H_{d}^{0}) = \lambda^{2}S^{*}H_{u}^{0} - 2\lambda\kappa SH_{u}^{0*}
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{0}}^{2})_{45}(S, H_{u}^{0}, H_{d}^{0}) = \lambda^{2}S^{*}H_{d}^{0} - 2\lambda\kappa SH_{u}^{0*} \qquad (\mathcal{M}_{\chi^{0}}^{2})_{13}(S, H_{u}^{0}, H_{d
$$

One can expand its eigenvalues in terms of doublet fields,

$$
m_i^2(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) = m_i^{2(0)}(S) + m_i^{2(1)}(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) + m_i^{2(2)}(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) + O((H_{u,d}^0)^5)
$$

$$
\begin{cases} m_i^{2(1)}(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) = m_i^{2(1u)}(S)|H_u^0|^2 + m_i^{2(1d)}(S)|H_d^0|^2 + (m_i^{2(1ud)}(S)H_u^0H_d^0 + \text{H.c.})\\ m_i^{2(2)}(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) = m_i^{2(2d)}(S)|H_d^0|^4 + m_i^{2(2u)}(S)|H_u^0|^4 + m_i^{2(2ud)}(S)|H_u^0|^2|H_d^0|^2 + \cdots \end{cases}
$$
(C15)

The associated potential is then given by:

$$
\delta \mathcal{V}_{\rm eff}^{\Lambda, \chi^0}(H_u^0, H_d^0, S) = -\frac{1}{32\pi^2} \sum_i m_i^4(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{m_i^2(S, H_u^0, H_d^0)}{\Lambda^2} \Big) - \frac{3}{2} \Big]
$$

=
$$
-\frac{1}{32\pi^2} \sum_i \Big\{ m_i^{4(0)}(S) \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{m_i^{2(0)}(S)}{\Lambda^2} \Big) - \frac{3}{2} \Big] + 2 m_i^{2(0)}(S) m_i^{2(1)}(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{m_i^{2(0)}(S)}{\Lambda^2} \Big) - 1 \Big]
$$

+
$$
\Big(2m_i^{2(0)}(S) m_i^{2(2)}(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{m_i^{2(0)}(S)}{\Lambda^2} \Big) - 1 \Big] + m_i^{4(1)}(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) \ln \Big(\frac{m_i^{2(0)}(S)}{\Lambda^2} \Big) + O(H_{u,d}^5) \Big\} .
$$
(C16)

L.

 $\mathcal{M}_{\chi_0}^2(S, H_{u,d}^0 = 0)$ is already diagonal with the eigenstates $\{M_1^2, |E_1\rangle\}$, $\{M_2^2, |E_2\rangle\}$, $\{\lambda^2|S|^2, |E_3\rangle\}$ and $\{\lambda\kappa^2|S|^2, |E_5\rangle\}$ $({E_i})$ stands for the canonical base of \mathbb{C}^5), from which one obtains easily the following pure-singlet parameters:

$$
\begin{cases}\n(\lambda_T)^{\chi^0} = \frac{1}{12\pi^2} (\lambda^4 + 8\kappa^4) s^3 \\
(m_S^2)^{\chi^0} = -\frac{1}{4\pi^2} (\lambda^4 + 8\kappa^4) s^2 \\
(\mu_S^2)^{\chi^0} = -\frac{1}{8\pi^2} (\lambda^4 + 8\kappa^4) \\
s^2 (\tilde{A}_S)^{\chi^0} = \frac{3}{4\pi^2} (\lambda^4 + 8\kappa^4) \\
s(\kappa^2)^{\chi^0} = -\frac{1}{16\pi^2} \left\{ \lambda^4 \left[\ln \left(\frac{\lambda^2 s^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \right] + 8\kappa^4 \left[\ln \left(\frac{4\kappa^2 s^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) + \frac{3}{2} \right] \right\} \\
(\kappa_S^2)^{\chi^0} = \frac{1}{48\pi^2} (\lambda^4 + 8\kappa^4) \\
(\tilde{\kappa}_S^2)^{\chi^0} = -\frac{1}{6\pi^2} (\lambda^4 + 8\kappa^4)\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(C17)

The $O(H^2)$ masses also come without much effort,

$$
m_1^{2(1)} = \frac{g'^2}{M_1^2 - \lambda^2 |S|^2} [M_1^2 (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2) + 2\lambda M_1 \text{Re}(SH_u^0 H_d^0)]
$$

\n
$$
m_2^{2(1)} = \frac{g^2}{M_2^2 - \lambda^2 |S|^2} [M_2^2 (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2) + 2\lambda M_2 \text{Re}(SH_u^0 H_d^0)] m_3^{2(1)} + m_4^{2(1)}
$$

\n
$$
= \frac{g'^2}{\lambda^2 |S|^2 - M_1^2} [\lambda^2 |S|^2 (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2) + 2\lambda M_1 \text{Re}(SH_u^0 H_d^0)] + \frac{g^2}{\lambda^2 |S|^2 - M_2^2} [\lambda^2 |S|^2 (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2)
$$

\n
$$
+ 2\lambda M_2 \text{Re}(SH_u^0 H_d^0)] + \frac{2\lambda^2}{(\lambda^2 - 4\kappa^2) |S|^2} [\lambda^2 |S|^2 (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2) - 4\kappa \lambda \text{Re}(S^*^2 H_u^0 H_d^0)]
$$

\n
$$
m_5^{2(1)} = \frac{8\lambda^2}{(4\kappa^2 - \lambda^2) |S|^2} [\kappa^2 |S|^2 (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2) - \kappa \lambda \text{Re}(S^*^2 H_u^0 H_d^0)].
$$

\n(C18)

from which we can derive the following couplings (we focus on the logarithmic terms):

$$
(m_{H_{u,d}}^2)^{\chi^0} = -\frac{g'^2}{16\pi^2(M_1^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \Big\{ M_1^4 [M_1^4 - 3M_1^2 \lambda^2 s^2 + 6\lambda^4 s^4] \ln \left(\frac{M_1^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) - \lambda^4 s^4 [3M_1^2 + \lambda^2 s^2] \ln \left(\frac{\lambda^2 s^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) \Big\}
$$

$$
- \frac{g^2}{16\pi^2(M_2^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \Big\{ M_2^4 [M_2^4 - 3M_2^2 \lambda^2 s^2 + 6\lambda^4 s^4] \ln \left(\frac{M_2^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) - \lambda^4 s^4 [3M_2^2 + \lambda^2 s^2] \ln \left(\frac{\lambda^2 s^2}{\Lambda^2} \right) \Big\}
$$

$$
(m_{12}^2)^{\chi^0} = \frac{g'^2 M_1^3 \lambda^3 s^3}{8\pi^2 (M_1^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} [M_1^2 + 3\lambda^2 s^2] \ln \left(\frac{M_1^2}{\lambda^2 s^2} \right) + \frac{g^2 M_2^3 \lambda^3 s^3}{8\pi^2 (M_2^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} [M_2^2 + 3\lambda^2 s^2] \ln \left(\frac{M_2^2}{\lambda^2 s^2} \right)
$$

$$
(A_{(u,d)s})^{\chi^0} = \frac{g'^2 M_1^4 \lambda^4 s^3}{4\pi^2 (M_1^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \ln \left(\frac{M_1^2}{\lambda^2 s^2} \right) + \frac{g^2 M_2^4 \lambda^4 s^3}{4\pi^2 (M_2^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \ln \left(\frac{M_2^2}{\lambda^2 s^2} \right)
$$

$$
(A_{ud})^{\chi^0} = \frac{g'^2 M_1}{16\pi^2 (M_1^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \Big\{ M_1^4 [M_1^2 - 5\lambda^2 s^2] \ln \left(\frac{M_1^2}{\lambda^2}\right) - \lambda^2 s^2 [2M_1^4 + 3M_1^2 \lambda^2 s^2 - \lambda^4 s^4] \ln \left(\frac{\lambda^2 s^2}{\lambda^2}\right) \Big\}
$$

+
$$
\frac{g^2 M_2}{16\pi^2 (M_2^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \Big\{ M_2^4 [M_2^2 - 5\lambda^2 s^2] \ln \left(\frac{M_2^2}{\lambda^2}\right) - \lambda^2 s^2 [2M_2^4 + 3M_2^2 \lambda^2 s^2 - \lambda^4 s^4] \ln \left(\frac{\lambda^2 s^2}{\lambda^2}\right) \Big\}
$$

$$
(\tilde{\lambda}_{ud})^{\chi^0} = -\frac{g'^2 M_1^3 \lambda^3 s^2}{16\pi^2 (M_1^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} [M_1^2 + 3\lambda^2 s^2] \ln \left(\frac{M_1^2}{\lambda^2 s^2}\right) - \frac{g^2 M_2^3 \lambda^3 s^2}{16\pi^2 (M_2^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} [M_2^2 + 3\lambda^2 s^2] \ln \left(\frac{M_2^2}{\lambda^2 s^2}\right)
$$

$$
(\lambda_{u,d}^p)^{y^0} = -\frac{g'^2 \lambda^2}{16\pi^2 (M_1^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \Big\{ M_1^4 [M_1^2 + \lambda^2 s^2] \ln \left(\frac{M_1^2}{\lambda^2}\right) - \lambda^2 s^2 [4M_1^4 - 3M_1^2 \lambda^2 s^2 + \lambda^4 s^4] \ln \left(\frac{\lambda^2 s^2}{\lambda^2}\right) \Big\}
$$

$$
- \frac{g'^2 \lambda^2}{16\pi^2 (M_1^2 - \lambda^2 s^2)^3} \Big\{ M_2^4 [M_2^2 + \lambda^2 s^2] \ln \left(\frac{M_2^2}{\lambda^2}\right) - \lambda^2 s^2
$$

The limit $\kappa^2 \rightarrow 0$ for the nMSSM is straightforward.

Charged-Higgs contributions—NMSSM:

In the base (H_u^-, H_d^-) , the Hermitian squared mass matrix of charged-Higgs bosons in terms of neutral Higgs fields reads
Le use the general notation of a \mathbb{Z} -conserving potential: those parameters should be replaced (we use the general notation of a \mathbb{Z}_3 -conserving potential; those parameters should be replaced, in practice, by their treelevel value; we also define λ_p , replacing $\lambda_p^{u,d}$, which coincide at tree-level; same thing for λ , replacing $\lambda_{1,2}$):

$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^{\pm}}^{2})_{11}(S, H_{u,d}^{0}) = M_{\text{EW}}^{2} + (A_{ud} + \lambda_{P}^{M} s) \frac{s}{\tan\beta} + \lambda |H_{u}^{0}|^{2} + \lambda_{3} |H_{d}^{0}|^{2} + \lambda_{P}(|S|^{2} - s^{2})
$$

$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^{\pm}}^{2})_{22}(S, H_{u,d}^{0}) = M_{\text{EW}}^{2} + (A_{ud} + \lambda_{P}^{M} s) s \tan\beta + \lambda |H_{d}^{0}|^{2} + \lambda_{3} |H_{u}^{0}|^{2} + \lambda_{P}(|S|^{2} - s^{2})
$$

$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^{\pm}}^{2})_{12}(S, H_{u,d}^{0}) = A_{ud}S + \lambda_{P}^{M} S^{*2} - \lambda_{4} (H_{u}^{0} H_{d}^{0})^{*}.
$$
 (C20)

We have introduced M_{EW}^2 to replace constant terms generated by the electroweak VEV and regularizing the (otherwisevanishing) Goldstone mass (which does not correspond to a Goldstone boson since $SU(2)_L$ is conserved in our approach).
In practice, this M_{EW}^2 should be chosen as M_W^2 , typically, since it replaces the longitudina Now, defining $T \equiv \text{Tr} \mathcal{M}_{H^{\pm}}^2(S, H_{u,d}^0)$ and $R^2 \equiv T^2 - 4 \det \mathcal{M}_{H^{\pm}}^2(S, H_{u,d}^0)$, we obtain the two eigenvalues $m_{h/H}^2(S, H_{u,d}^0) =$
 $\frac{1}{2}[T - (H - H_{u,d}^0)]$ as well as the notential $\frac{1}{2}[T-/+R]$, as well as the potential,

$$
\delta \mathcal{V}_{\rm eff}^{\Lambda, H^{\pm}}(H_u^0, H_d^0, S) = \frac{1}{128\pi^2} \Big\{ (T^2 + R^2) \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{T^2 - R^2}{4\Lambda^4} \Big) - 3 \Big] + 2T \cdot R \ln \Big(\frac{T + R}{T - R} \Big) \Big\}.
$$
 (C21)

Then we focus on the following logarithms (the notation $\langle \cdot \rangle$ means that Higgs fields are replaced by their VEVs):

$$
\begin{cases}\n\ln\left(\frac{T^2 - R^2}{4\Lambda^2}\right) \simeq \ln\left[\frac{M_{\text{EW}}^2}{\Lambda^4} \left(M_{\text{EW}}^2 + \frac{2(A_{ud} + \lambda_p^M s)s}{\sin 2\beta}\right)\right] + \cdots \equiv \ln\left(\frac{m_h^2 m_H^2}{\Lambda^4}\right) + \cdots \\
\ln\left(\frac{T + R}{T - R}\right) \simeq \ln\left[1 + \frac{2(A_{ud} + \lambda_p^M s)s}{\sin 2\beta M_{\text{EW}}^2}\right] + \cdots \equiv -\ln\left(\frac{m_h^2}{m_H^2}\right) + \cdots\n\end{cases} \tag{C22}
$$

Expanding their coefficients, we obtain the leading charged-Higgs contributions to the Higgs-potential parameters. Note that the coefficients multiplying $\ln\langle \frac{m_h^2}{m_H^2} \rangle$ are in general very complicated. Here, for simplicity, we give only the leading term in $\sin 2\beta \rightarrow 0$ ($\tan \beta \rightarrow \infty$),

$$
(\lambda_{T})^{H^{\pm}} \simeq \frac{\lambda_{j} \lambda_{r}^{H} \lambda_{r}^{S} \sin 2\beta}{32\pi^{2} (\lambda_{sat} + \lambda_{r}^{H} \sin \beta)} (3A_{sat} + 12\lambda_{r}^{H}) \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}} \right\rangle
$$
\n
$$
(m_{H_{\nu}}^{2})^{H^{\pm}} \simeq \frac{1}{32\pi^{2}} \Biggl[\frac{2(\lambda_{sat} + \lambda_{r}^{H} \sin \beta)}{\sin 2\beta} + \lambda_{s} \sin^{2}\beta + (\lambda + \lambda_{s}) (M_{Lw}^{2} - \lambda_{rs}^{2}) \Biggr] \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2} m_{H}^{2}}{\Lambda^{4}} \right\rangle
$$
\n
$$
+ \frac{2\lambda_{1} s (A_{sat} + \lambda_{r}^{H} \sin \beta)}{32\pi^{2}} \Biggl[\frac{2(\lambda_{sat} + \lambda_{r}^{H} \sin \beta)}{\sin 2\beta} + \lambda_{s} \sec^{2}\beta + (\lambda + \lambda_{s}) (M_{Lw}^{2} - \lambda_{rs}^{2}) \Biggr] \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2} m_{H}^{2}}{\Lambda^{4}} \right\rangle
$$
\n
$$
+ \frac{2\lambda_{2} s (A_{sat} + \lambda_{r}^{H} \sin \beta)}{32\pi^{2}} \Biggl[\frac{2(\lambda_{sat} + \lambda_{r}^{H} \sin \beta)}{\lambda_{st}^{2}} \sin \left(\frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}} \right) \Biggr] \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2} m_{H}^{2}}{\Lambda^{4}} \right\rangle - 2\lambda_{rs} (A_{sat} + \lambda_{r}^{H} \sin \beta)} \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}}{\Lambda^{4}} \right\rangle
$$
\n
$$
(m_{h_{2}}^{2})^{H^{\pm}} \simeq \frac{1}{16\pi^{2} (\Lambda_{sat} + \lambda_{r}^{H} \sin \beta)} \Biggl[\lambda_{sat}^{2} + 2\lambda_{F} \Biggl(M_{EW}^{2} - \lambda_{F} s^{2} + \frac{s(A_{sat} + \lambda_{r}^{H} \sin \beta)}{\sin 2\beta} \Biggr) \Big
$$

Charged-Higgs contributions—nMSSM:

The charged-Higgs boson squared mass matrix now reads

$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^{\pm}}^{2})_{11}(S, H_{u,d}^{0}) = M_{\text{EW}}^{2} + (A_{ud}s - m_{12}^{2})\tan^{-1}\beta + \lambda |H_{u}^{0}|^{2} + \lambda_{3}|H_{d}^{0}|^{2} + \lambda_{P}(|S|^{2} - s^{2})
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^{\pm}}^{2})_{22}(S, H_{u,d}^{0}) = M_{\text{EW}}^{2} + (A_{ud}s - m_{12}^{2})\tan\beta + \lambda |H_{d}^{0}|^{2} + \lambda_{3}|H_{u}^{0}|^{2} + \lambda_{P}(|S|^{2} - s^{2})
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^{\pm}}^{2})_{12}(S, H_{u,d}^{0}) = A_{ud}s - m_{12}^{2} - \lambda_{4}(H_{u}^{0}H_{d}^{0})^{*}.
$$
\n(C24)

Applying the same recipe as in the previous paragraph, we obtain the following corrections:

$$
(\lambda_{7})^{\mu z} \simeq -\frac{A_{\text{rad}}m_{12}^{2}}{32\pi^{2}}\left\{\ln\left(\frac{m_{\text{a}}^{2}m_{\text{B}}^{2}}{A^{4}}\right) - \ln\left(\frac{m_{\text{a}}^{2}}{m_{\text{H}}^{2}}\right\}\right\}
$$
\n
$$
(m_{H_{\mu}}^{2})^{\mu z} \simeq \frac{1}{32\pi^{2}}\left\{\left[\frac{2(A_{\text{rad}}s-m_{12}^{2})}{\sin 2\beta}\right\}\ln\left(\frac{m_{\text{b}}^{2}}{m_{\text{H}}^{2}}\right)\right\}
$$
\n
$$
+\frac{2\lambda_{3}(A_{\text{rad}}s-m_{12}^{2})}{\sin 2\beta}\ln\left(\frac{m_{\text{b}}^{2}}{m_{\text{H}}^{2}}\right)\right\}
$$
\n
$$
(m_{H_{\mu}}^{2})^{\mu z} \simeq \frac{1}{32\pi^{2}}\left\{\left[\frac{2(A_{\text{rad}}s-m_{12}^{2})}{\sin 2\beta}\right\}\ln\left(\frac{m_{\text{b}}^{2}}{m_{\text{H}}^{2}}\right)\right\}
$$
\n
$$
(m_{\text{a}}^{2})^{\mu z} \simeq \frac{1}{32\pi^{2}}\left\{\left[A_{\text{rad}}^{2} - m_{12}^{2}\right]}{\sin 2\beta}\ln\left(\frac{m_{\text{b}}^{2}}{m_{\text{H}}^{2}}\right)\right\}
$$
\n
$$
(m_{\text{a}}^{2})^{\mu z} \simeq \frac{1}{32\pi^{2}}\left\{\left[A_{\text{rad}}^{2} + 2\lambda_{P}(\Delta_{\text{E}}^{2}w - \lambda_{P}s^{2} + \Delta_{\text{ad}}^{2}s-m_{12}^{2})\right]\ln\left(\frac{m_{\text{a}}^{2}m_{\text{B}}^{2}}{2\lambda_{P}^{2}}\right)\ln\left(\frac{m_{\text{b}}^{2}}{A^{4}}\right)\right\}
$$
\n
$$
(m_{\text{a}}^{2})^{\mu z} \simeq \frac{1}{32\pi^{2}}\left\{\left[A_{\text{rad}}^{2} + 2\lambda_{P}(\Delta_{\text{E}}^{
$$

$$
(\tilde{\lambda}_{M}^{P})^{H^{\pm}} \simeq \frac{\lambda_{4} \lambda_{P} s A_{ud} \sin^{3} 2 \beta}{64 \pi^{2} (A_{ud} s - m_{12}^{2})} \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}} \right\rangle \qquad (\kappa^{2})^{H^{\pm}} \simeq \frac{1}{32 \pi^{2}} \left\{ \lambda_{P}^{2} \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2} m_{H}^{2}}{\Lambda^{4}} \right\rangle - \frac{\lambda_{P} A_{ud}^{2} \sin 2 \beta}{A_{ud} s - m_{12}^{2}} \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}} \right\rangle \right\}
$$

$$
(\kappa_{S}^{2})^{H^{\pm}} \simeq -\frac{A_{ud}^{3} \lambda_{P} s \sin^{5} 2 \beta}{64 \pi^{2} (A_{ud} s - m_{12}^{2})^{2}} \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}} \right\rangle \qquad (\tilde{\kappa}_{S}^{2})^{H^{\pm}} \simeq \frac{\lambda_{P} A_{ud}^{2} \sin^{3} 2 \beta}{32 \pi^{2} (A_{ud} s - m_{12}^{2})^{2}} (3 A_{ud} s - m_{12}^{2}) \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}} \right\rangle. \qquad (C25)
$$

Neutral Higgs contributions—NMSSM:

The 6×6 symmetric squared mass matrix is given by its entries, in the base $(h_u^0, h_d^0, h_S^0, a_u^0, a_d^0, a_S^0)$,

$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2)_{11} = M_{EW}^2 + (A_{ud} + \lambda_p^M s) \frac{s}{\tan\beta} + \lambda_p (|S|^2 - s^2) + \lambda (2|H_u^0|^2 + \text{Re}(H_u^{02})) + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)|H_d^0|^2
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2)_{22} = M_{EW}^2 + (A_{ud} + \lambda_p^M s) s \tan\beta + \lambda_p (|S|^2 - s^2) + \lambda (2|H_d^0|^2 + \text{Re}(H_d^{02})) + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)|H_u^0|^2
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2)_{12} = -A_{ud} \text{Re}(S) - \lambda_p^M \text{Re}(S^2) + 2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) \text{Re}(H_u^0) \text{Re}(H_d^0)
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2)_{33} = (A_S + 4\kappa^2 s) s + 2A_S (\text{Re}(S) - s) + 2\kappa^2 (2|S|^2 + \text{Re}(S^2) - 3s^2) + \lambda_p (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2) - 2\lambda_p^M \text{Re}(H_u^0 H_d^0)
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2)_{13} = -A_{ud} \text{Re}(H_u^0) - 2\lambda_p^M \text{Re}(S^* H_u^0) + 2\lambda_p \text{Re}(S) \text{Re}(H_u^0)
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2)_{23} = -A_{ud} \text{Re}(H_u^0) - 2\lambda_p^M \text{Re}(S^* H_u^0) + 2\lambda_p \text{Re}(S) \text{Re}(H_d^0)
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2)_{34} = M_{EW}^2 + (A_{ud} + \lambda_p^M s) s \tan\beta + \lambda_p (|S|^2 - s^2) + \lambda (2|H_u^0|^2 - \text{Re}(H_u^{02})) + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)|H_u^0|^2
$$

\n
$$
(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2)_{44} = M_{EW}^2 + (A_{
$$

One can expand its eigenvalues in terms of doublet fields,

$$
m_i^2(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) = m_i^{2(0)}(S) + m_i^{2(1)}(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) + m_i^{2(2)}(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) + O((H_{u,d}^0)^5). \tag{C27}
$$

The associated potential is then given by

$$
\delta \mathcal{V}_{\rm eff}^{\Lambda, H^0}(H_u^0, H_d^0, S) = \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \sum_i m_i^4(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{m_i^2(S, H_u^0, H_d^0)}{\Lambda^2} \Big) - \frac{3}{2} \Big]
$$

=
$$
\frac{1}{64\pi^2} \sum_i \Big[m_i^{4(0)}(S) \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{m_i^{2(0)}(S)}{\Lambda^2} \Big) - \frac{3}{2} \Big] + 2 m_i^{2(0)}(S) m_i^{2(1)}(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{m_i^{2(0)}(S)}{\Lambda^2} \Big) - 1 \Big]
$$

+
$$
\Big(2 m_i^{2(0)}(S) m_i^{2(2)}(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) \Big[\ln \Big(\frac{m_i^{2(0)}(S)}{\Lambda^2} \Big) - 1 \Big] + m_i^{4(1)}(S, H_u^0, H_d^0) \ln \Big(\frac{m_i^{2(0)}(S)}{\Lambda^2} \Big) \Big) + O(H_{u,d}^5) \Big\}.
$$
(C28)

The large logarithms are then those terms multiplying $\ln(\frac{m_i^{2(0)}(S)}{\Lambda^2}) \approx \ln(\frac{m_i^{2(0)}(S)}{\Lambda^2})$ $\frac{S^{(3)}}{\Lambda^2}$ + \cdots . Thus, our primary task is diagonalizing $\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2$ perturbatively with respect to the doublet fields.

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We first consider $\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, H_{u,d}^0 = 0)$ in order to obtain $m_i^{2(0)}(S)$. We denote as $|E_i\rangle = (\delta_{ij})_{j=1,\dots,6}$ the elements of the propicel has $\delta(E_i)$ for the subspaces $\text{Vacl}(E \setminus E \setminus E \setminus \text{and } \text{Vacl}(E \setminus E \setminus \text{and } \text{Va$ canonical base of \mathbb{R}^6 . The subspaces Vec{ $\{E_1, E_2\}$, $\{E_4\}$, $\{E_5\}$ and Vec{ $\{E_3\}$, $\{E_6\}$ obviously decouple in $\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, H_{u,d}^0 = 0)$.
In the doublet sector, one notices that the eigenstate eq In the doublet sector, one notices that the eigenstate equation $(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, H^0_{u,d} = 0) - m^2)\sum_{i=1,2,4,5} x_i |E_i\rangle = 0$ is equivalent to $(\tilde{M}^2_{u,d} - m^2)(\epsilon - \epsilon)^T = 0$ where $\epsilon = u + uv, \epsilon = u$ and $\tilde{M}^2_{u,d}$ is the 2 \times 2 $(\tilde{\mathcal{M}}^2 - m^2)(z_1, z_2)^T = 0$, where $z_1 \equiv x_1 + ix_3$, $z_2 = x_2 - ix_4$ and $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}^2$ is the 2 × 2 (complex) Hermitian matrix determined by the following entries: by the following entries:

$$
\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{11}^2 = M_{EW}^2 + (A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s) \frac{s}{\tan \beta} + \lambda_P (|S|^2 - s^2)
$$

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$$
\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{22}^2 = M_{EW}^2 + (A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s) s \tan \beta + \lambda_P (|S|^2 - s^2)
$$
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$$
\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{12}^2 = -A_{ud} S^* - \lambda_P^M S^2.
$$
\n(C29)

One recognizes $\mathcal{M}_{H^{\pm}}^2(S, H_{u,d}^0 = 0)$ up to the sign of the off-diagonal terms. $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}^2$ is diagonalized by the eigenstates,

$$
m_{h^0/H^0}^2 = M_{EW}^2 + \frac{(A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)s}{\sin 2\beta} + \lambda_P(|S|^2 - s^2) - / + \left[\frac{((A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)s)}{\sin 2\beta}\right]^2 + (|A_{ud}S^* + \lambda_P^M S^2|^2 - (A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)^2 s^2)\right]^{1/2}
$$

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$$
(z_1)_{h^0} = \frac{m_{H^0}^2 - \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{11}^2}{\sqrt{(m_{H^0}^2 - \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{11}^2)^2 + |\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{12}^2|^2}} = x_D; \qquad (z_2)_{h^0} = \frac{-\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{12}^{2*}}{\sqrt{(m_{H^0}^2 - \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{11}^2)^2 + |\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{12}^2|^2}} = -y_D^*
$$

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$$
(z_1)_{H^0} = \frac{\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{12}^2}{\sqrt{(m_{H^0}^2 - \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{11}^2)^2 + |\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{12}^2|^2}} = y_D; \qquad (z_2)_{H^0} = \frac{m_{H^0}^2 - \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{11}^2}{\sqrt{(m_{H^0}^2 - \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{11}^2)^2 + |\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_{12}^2|^2}} = x_D. \qquad (C30)
$$

The following relations will prove useful later:

$$
x_D^2 + |y_D|^2 = 1; \t x_D^2 - |y_D|^2 = \frac{2}{\tan 2\beta} \frac{(A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)s}{m_{h^0}^2(S) - m_{H^0}^2(S)}; \t x_D y_D = \frac{A_{ud} S^* + \lambda_P^M S^2}{m_{h^0}^2(S) - m_{H^0}^2(S)}.
$$
 (C31)

 $Z_1 \equiv ((z_1)_{h^0}, (z_2)_{h^0})^T$ and $Z_2 \equiv ((z_1)_{H^0}, (z_2)_{H^0})^T$ are eigenvectors of $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}^2$ in the complex sense. In the real sense, iZ_1 and iZ_2 form two other linearly independent (and degenerate to Z_1 , Z Z_1Z_2 form two other linearly independent (and degenerate to Z_1 , Z_2) eigenstates. We thus obtain the following doublet eigenstates of $\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, H_{u,d}^0 = 0)$:

$$
m_{h^0}^2; \begin{cases} |h_1^0\rangle = x_D|E_1\rangle - \text{Re}(y_D)|E_2\rangle - \text{Im}(y_D)|E_4\rangle \\ |h_2^0\rangle = -\text{Im}(y_D)|E_2\rangle + x_D|E_3\rangle + \text{Re}(y_D)|E_4\rangle \\ m_{H^0}^2; \begin{cases} |H_1^0\rangle = \text{Re}(y_D)|E_1\rangle + x_D|E_2\rangle + \text{Im}(y_D)|E_3\rangle \\ |H_2^0\rangle = -\text{Im}(y_D)|E_1\rangle + \text{Re}(y_D)|E_3\rangle - x_D|E_4\rangle \end{cases} \tag{C32}
$$

For the remaining singlet states, $\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, H_{u,d}^0 = 0)$ is diagonalized by

$$
m_{h_S^0/a_S^0} = (-A_S + 2\kappa^2 s)s + 4\kappa^2 (|S|^2 - s^2) + |-2[|A_S S + \kappa^2 S^{*2}|^2]^{1/2}; \begin{cases} |h_S^0\rangle = x_S |E_3\rangle - y_S |E_6\rangle \\ |a_S^0\rangle = y_S |E_3\rangle + x_S |E_6\rangle \end{cases}
$$

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$$
x_S \equiv \frac{\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, 0)_{66} - m_{h_S^0}^2}{\sqrt{(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, 0)_{66} - m_{h_S^0}^2)^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, 0)_{66}|^2}}; \qquad y_S \equiv \frac{\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, 0)_{36}}{\sqrt{(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, 0)_{66} - m_{h_S^0})^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, 0)_{36}|^2}}.
$$
 (C33)

$$
x_S = \frac{\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, 0)_{66} - m_{h_S^0}^2}{\sqrt{(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, 0)_{66} - m_{h_S^0}^2)^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, 0)_{36}|^2}}; \qquad y_S = \frac{\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, 0)_{36}}{\sqrt{(\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, 0)_{66} - m_{h_S^0}^2)^2 + |\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, 0)_{36}|^2}}.
$$

It is convenient to introduce the notation $z_S = x_S + iy_S$ and note the following relations:

$$
|z_{S}|^{2} = 1; \t z_{S}^{2} = 4 \frac{A_{S} S + \kappa^{2} S^{*2}}{m_{h_{S}^{0}}^{2}(S) - m_{a_{S}^{0}}^{2}(S)}.
$$
 (C34)

At this stage, one can already determine the pure-singlet parameters of the potential. Similarly to the charged case [Eq. ([C21\)](#page-27-0)], one can formulate the first term in Eq. ([C28](#page-30-0)) in terms of $T_D = \frac{1}{2}(m_{H^0}^2 + m_{h^0}^2)$, $R_D = \frac{1}{2}(m_{H^0}^2 - m_{h^0}^2)$, $T_S =$ $m_{h_S^0}^2 + m_{a_S^0}^2$ and $R_S = m_{h_S^0}^2 - m_{a_S^0}^2$. Moreover, the contributions from the doublet are trivially identical to those in the charged case and here, as well, we give only the leading term in $\sin 2\beta \to 0$ for the coefficient multiplying $\ln \left(\frac{m_h^2}{m_H^2} \right)$. The logarithmically enhanced parameters are then

$$
(\lambda_{T})^{H^{0}} \approx \frac{\lambda_{P} \lambda_{B}^{H} s^{3} \sin 2\beta}{32\pi^{2} (\lambda_{ud} + \lambda_{P}^{H} s)} (5\lambda_{ud} + 12\lambda_{P}^{H} s) \ln\left(\frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}}\right) - \frac{A_{S} s(A_{S} + 2\kappa^{2} s)}{128\pi^{2}} \ln\left(\frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}}\right)
$$

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$$
(m_{S}^{2})^{H^{0}} \approx \frac{1}{32\pi^{2}} \Biggl\{ \left(\lambda_{ud}^{2} + 2\lambda_{P} \left(M_{EW}^{2} - \lambda_{P} s^{2} + \frac{s(A_{ud} + \lambda_{P}^{H} s)}{\sin 2\beta}\right) \right] \ln\left(\frac{m_{h}^{2} m_{H}^{2}}{\Lambda^{4}}\right)
$$

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$$
- \frac{2\lambda_{P} s(A_{ud} + \lambda_{P}^{H} s)}{\sin 2\beta} \ln\left(\frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}}\right) + \frac{1}{2} [A_{S}^{2} - 2A_{S} \kappa^{2} s - 2A_{S} \kappa^{2} s + 8\kappa^{10} s^{5} \right] \ln\left(\frac{m_{h}^{2}}{A^{4}}\right)
$$

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$$
- \frac{3A_{S}^{5} + 10A_{S}^{4} \kappa^{2} s + 2A_{S}^{3} \kappa^{4} s^{2} - 60A_{S}^{2} \kappa^{4} s^{3} - 20A_{S} \kappa^{8} s^{4} + 8\kappa^{10} s^{5}}{8(A_{S} + \kappa^{2} s)^{3}}
$$

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$$
(\mu_{S}^{2})^{H^{0}} \approx - \frac{3\lambda_{P}^{H} A_{V} s^{2} \sin 2\beta}{16\pi^{2} (A_{ud} + \lambda_{P}^{H} s)} (2A_{ud} + 3\lambda_{P}^{H} s) \ln\left(\frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}}\right)
$$

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$$
+ \frac{3A_{S}}{256\pi^{2}} \frac{A_{S}^{4} + 2A_{S}^{2} \
$$

The next step consists in considering $O(H^2)$ corrections to the neutral eigenvalues. Note that, for the eigenvalue $m_i^{2(0)}(S)$ of $\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, H_{u,d}^0 = 0)$, with Tr_i the trace on the corresponding eigenspace,

$$
\operatorname{Tr}_{i}[m_{i}^{2(2)}(S, H_{u}^{0}, H_{d}^{0})] = \operatorname{Tr}_{i}\bigg\{\mathcal{M}_{H^{0}}^{2(2)} + \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\mathcal{M}_{H^{0}}^{2(1)} P_{j} \mathcal{M}_{H^{0}}^{2(1)}}{m_{i}^{2(0)}(S) - m_{j}^{2(0)}(S)}\bigg\},\tag{C36}
$$

where $\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^{2(1,2)}$ stands for the matrices with terms of $O(H^{1,2})$ in $\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2$, and P_j corresponds to the projector on the eigenspace
of the eigenvalue $m^{2(0)}$ Defining $n = 1$; -1 for $D = H^0$; h^0 and of the eigenvalue $m_j^{2(0)}$. Defining $\eta = 1$; -1 for $D = H^0$; h^0 and $h^0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\bar{S} = h_S^0$; a_S^0 and using the relations [\(C31\)](#page-31-0) and (C34) we obtain the following matrix elements: and $(C34)$ $(C34)$ $(C34)$, we obtain the following matrix elements:

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$$
\mathcal{M}_{H^9}^{(2)}|D\rangle = \langle D_S \rangle + \frac{\eta}{m_{H^9}^2 - m_{h^0}^2} \langle D_A \rangle \qquad \langle D_S \rangle = [2\lambda + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4] (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2)
$$

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$$
\langle D_A \rangle = \frac{2(A_{ud} + \lambda_H^{M} s)s}{\tan 2\beta} [2\lambda - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4] (|H_u^0|^2 - |H_d^0|^2) - 4(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) [A_{ud} \text{Re}(S H_u^0 H_d^0) + \lambda_H^{M} \text{Re}(S^{\alpha 2} H_u^0 H_d^0)]
$$

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$$
\langle S | \mathcal{M}_{H^9}^{(2)} |S \rangle = \langle S_S \rangle + \frac{\epsilon}{m_{h^9}^2 - m_{\alpha}^2} \langle S_A \rangle \qquad \langle S_S \rangle = \lambda_P (|H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2)
$$

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$$
\langle S_S \rangle = -8\lambda_H^{M} [A_S \text{Re}(S H_u^0 H_d^0) + \kappa^2 \text{Re}(S^{\alpha 2} H_u^0 H_d^0)]
$$

\n
$$
\langle S | \mathcal{M}_{H^9}^{(11)} |S \rangle = \langle 1; 1 \rangle + \frac{\eta}{m_{H^9}^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2} \langle -1; 1 \rangle + \frac{\epsilon}{m_{\pi^0}^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2} \langle 1; -1 \rangle + \frac{\eta}{m_{H^9}^2 - m_{\pi^0}^2} \frac{\epsilon}{m_{\pi^0_2}^2} - 1; -1 \rangle
$$

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$$
\langle 1; 1 \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \{A_{ud}^2 + 4\lambda_H^{M2} |S|^2 + 2\lambda_B^2 |S|^2 \} \{ |H_u^0|^2 + |H_d^0|^2 \} - 2\lambda_P [A_{ud} \text{Re}(S H_u^0 H_d^0) + 2\lambda_H^M \text{Re}(S^{\alpha 2} H_u^0 H_d^0)]
$$

\n
$$
\langle -1; 1 \rangle = 2\lambda_P [A_{ud}^2 |S|^2 + 2\lambda_H^{M2} |S|^4 +
$$

Getting back to [\(C28\)](#page-30-0), one obtains the $O(H^2)$ coefficients,

$$
(m_{H_u}^2)^{H^0} \simeq \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \Biggl[\left(A_{ud}^2 + 4\lambda \left(M_{EW}^2 + \lambda_P s^2 + 2\cos^2 \beta \frac{(A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)s}{\sin 2\beta} \right) + 2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)(M_{EW}^2 - \lambda_P s^2 + 2\sin^2 \beta \frac{(A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)s}{\sin 2\beta}) \Biggr] \ln \left(\frac{m_h^2 m_H^2}{\Lambda^4} \right) + \left[A_{ud}^2 - 2\lambda_P s (A_S + 2\kappa^2 s) \right] \ln \left(\frac{m_{h_g}^2 m_{ag}^2}{\Lambda^4} \right) + \cdots \Biggr] \n(m_{H_d}^2)^{H^0} \simeq \frac{1}{64\pi^2} \Biggl[\left(A_{ud}^2 + 4\lambda \left(M_{EW}^2 + \lambda_P s^2 + 2\sin^2 \beta \frac{(A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)s}{\sin 2\beta} \right) + 2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) \left(M_{EW}^2 - \lambda_P s^2 + 2\cos^2 \beta \frac{(A_{ud} + \lambda_P^M s)s}{\sin 2\beta} \right) \Biggr] \ln \left(\frac{m_h^2 m_H^2}{\Lambda^4} \right) + \left[A_{ud}^2 - 2\lambda_P s (A_S + 2\kappa^2 s) \right] \ln \left(\frac{m_{h_g}^2 m_{ag}^2}{\Lambda^4} \right) + \cdots \Biggr] \n(A_{ud})^{H^0} \simeq \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \Biggl\{ (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_P) A_{ud} \ln \left(\frac{m_h^2 m_H^2}{\Lambda^4} \right) + (\lambda_P A_{ud} + 2\lambda_P^M A_S) \ln \left(\frac{m_{h_g}^2 m_{ag}^2}{\Lambda^4} \right) + \cdots \Biggr\} \n(\lambda_P^u)^{H^0} \simeq \frac{1}{32\pi^2} \Biggl\{ (\lambda_P (2\lambda \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_P) + \lambda_P^{M2}) \ln \left(\frac{m_h^2 m_H^2}{\Lambda^4} \right) + 2(\lambda_P (4\kappa^
$$

The logarithms involving ratios of Higgs masses (symbolized by...) are too complicated to write down explicitly. They also appear within contributions to the \mathbb{Z}_3 -violating parameters. We could check however that such contributions to \mathbb{Z}_3 -violating parameters vanished in relevant limits $(m_{h_3^0, a_3^0}^2 \ll m_{H^0}^2 \bigoplus \sin 2\beta \to 0, m_{H^0}^2 \ll m_{h_3^0, a_3^0}^2, m_{a_3^0}^2 \to 0).$

We skip the computation of corrections to the quartic doublet parameters here as well as for the neutralino contributions: such a task, although straightforward (perturbative calculation of the eigenvalues of a matrix up to the fourth order), promises to be technically tedious.

Neutral-Higgs contributions—nMSSM:

We can draw some conclusions from the study in the NMSSM case. For simplicity, we will confine here contributions to pure singlet parameters, so that we need only consider $\mathcal{M}_{H^0}^2(S, H_{u,d}^0 = 0)$. Obviously, doublet and sin-
glet sectors will decouple again, and the doublet sector will glet sectors will decouple again, and the doublet sector will generate the same corrections to the λ_i 's as the charged Higgs sector. As for the singlet sector, it is particularly simple in the nMSSM since no dependence in S appears. We thus obtain the leading logarithms to the following pure-singlet coefficients:

$$
\begin{cases}\n(\lambda_{T})^{H^{0}} \simeq -\frac{A_{ud}m_{12}^{2}}{32\pi^{2}} \left\{ \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}m_{H}^{2}}{\Lambda^{4}} \right\rangle - \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}} \right\rangle \right\} \\
(m_{S}^{2})^{H^{0}} \simeq \frac{1}{32\pi^{2}} \left\{ \left[A_{ud}^{2} + 2\lambda_{P} \left(M_{EW}^{2} - \lambda_{P} s^{2} + \frac{A_{ud}s - m_{12}^{2}}{\sin 2\beta} \right) \right] \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}m_{H}^{2}}{\Lambda^{4}} \right\rangle + \frac{2\lambda_{P}(A_{ud}s - m_{12}^{2})}{\sin 2\beta} \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}} \right\rangle \right\} \\
(\mu_{S}^{2})^{H^{0}} \simeq \frac{A_{ud}^{2}m_{12}^{2} \sin^{2} 2\beta}{64\pi^{2} (A_{ud}s - m_{12}^{2})} \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}} \right\rangle \\
(\Lambda_{S})^{H^{0}} \simeq -\frac{3\lambda_{P} A_{ud}^{3} s^{2} \sin^{3} 2\beta}{32\pi^{2} (A_{ud}s - m_{12}^{2})^{2}} \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}} \right\rangle \\
(\kappa_{S}^{2})^{H^{0}} \simeq \frac{1}{32\pi^{2}} \left\{ \lambda_{P}^{2} \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}m_{H}^{2}}{\Lambda^{4}} \right\rangle - \frac{\lambda_{P} A_{ud}^{2} \sin 2\beta}{A_{ud}s - m_{12}^{2}} \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}}{m_{H}^{2}} \right\rangle \right\} \\
(\kappa_{S}^{2})^{H^{0}} \simeq -\frac{A_{ud}^{3} \lambda_{P} \sin^{5} 2\beta}{64\pi^{2} (A_{ud}s - m_{12}^{2})^{2}} \ln \left\langle \frac{m_{h}^{2}}{\lambda_{H}^{4}} \right\rangle \\
(\kappa_{S}^{2})^{H^{0}} \sime
$$

Summary of the analysis:

Among the potentially large logarithms, we may distinguish among those of the form $\ln \frac{m^2}{\Lambda^2}$, which compare a given sector to the scale Λ , typically chosen as the mass of the third-generation squarks, or to another sector, and those sensitive to hierarchies within a sector $\ln_{m_j^2}^{m_i^2}$.

In the case of the NMSSM, the logarithms $\ln \frac{m^2}{\Lambda^2}$ obviously appear only in the corrections to the \mathbb{Z}_3 -conserving parameters. Moreover, when logarithms of the type $\ln_{\overline{m_i^2}}^{\overline{m_i^2}}$ appear within \mathbb{Z}_3 -violating parameters, they tend $\frac{m_j}{m_j}$ to be balanced by prefactors vanishing in the hierarchical limit (typically $\frac{m_i^2 m_j^2}{(m_i^2 - m_j^2)}$), so that they cannot be regarded as an enhancement factor (contrary to when they appear in \mathbb{Z}_3 -conserving parameters, where the prefactor does not necessarily vanish in this limit). One can thus conclude that leading logarithms preserve the \mathbb{Z}_3 -induced structure of the potential.

For the nMSSM, the \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetry is actually still present at tree level in all the sectors of the spectrum, with the exception of the Higgs sector, where it is explicitly violated. Consequently, large logarithms still favor the \mathbb{Z}_3 -conserving terms (even though they are not all present at the classical level), while \mathbb{Z}_3 -violating effects perdure in the Higgs sector. In that case, large logarithms seem likely to destroy the classical structure.

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