Static weak dipole moments of the τ lepton via renormalizable scalar leptoquark interactions

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The weak dipole moments of elementary fermions are calculated at the one-loop level in the framework of a renormalizable scalar leptoquark model that forbids baryon number violating processes and so is free from the strong constraints arising from experimental data. In this model there are two scalar leptoquarks accommodated in a $SU_L(2) \times U_Y(1)$ doublet: One of these leptoquarks is nonchiral and has electric charge of 5/3e, whereas the other one is chiral and has electric charge 2/3e. In particular, a nonchiral leptoquark contributes to the weak properties of an up fermion via a chirality-flipping term proportional to the mass of the virtual fermion, and can also induce a nonzero weak electric dipole moment provided that the leptoquark couplings are complex. The numerical analysis is focused on the weak properties of the τ lepton since they offer good prospects for experimental study. The constraints on leptoquark couplings are briefly discussed for a nonchiral leptoquark with nondiagonal couplings to the second and third fermion generations, a third-generation nonchiral leptoquark, and a third-generation chiral leptoquark. It is found that although the chirality-flipping term can enhance the weak properties of the τ lepton via the top quark contribution, such an enhancement would be offset by the strong constraints on the leptoquark couplings. So, the contribution of scalar leptoquarks to the weak magnetic dipole moment of the τ lepton are smaller than the standard model (SM) contributions but can be of similar size to those arising in some SM extensions. A nonchiral leptoquark can also give contributions to the weak electric dipole moment larger than the SM one but well below the experimental limit. We also discuss the case of the off-shell weak dipole moments and, for completeness, analyze the behavior of the τ electromagnetic properties.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The study of the static electromagnetic properties of charged leptons has long played a central role in experimental particle physics. The magnetic dipole moment (MDM) and the electric dipole moment (EDM), which can only arise for spinning particles, have drawn as much attention as that devoted to other particle properties. Although the electron MDM, a_e , has been an instrumental probe of quantum electrodynamics, any new physics contribution to a_e is too small to be at the reach of detection, so experimental measurements are commonly employed to determine the value of the fine structure constant rather than to look for evidence of new physics. A different scenario arises in the case of the muon MDM, a_{μ} , which receives sizeable contributions from all sectors of the standard model (SM). Even more, a_u can be determined with a very high precision both experimentally and theoretically; thus it has become a powerful benchmark to test the SM with very high accuracy and to search for effects of physics beyond the SM. The most recent experimental determination of a_{μ} , which has reached a precision of 0.7 parts per million [1], leads to a discrepancy with the SM prediction at the level of 3.6 standard deviations,

$$\Delta a_{\mu} = a_{\mu}^{\text{Exp.}} - a_{\mu}^{\text{SM}} = 287(80) \times 10^{-11}, \quad (1)$$

where the experimental and theoretical errors have been added in quadrature. Although such a discrepancy may be a signal of new physics, a more accurate calculation of the hadronic light-by-light contribution is yet to be obtained.

On the other hand, our knowledge of the τ lepton electromagnetic properties is still unsatisfactory, which stems from the fact that the τ lifetime is very short, which makes difficult to measure the interaction with an electromagnetic field. The most stringent current bound on a_{τ} with 95% C.L., $-0.052 < a_{\tau} < 0.013$, was obtained by looking for deviations from the SM in the cross section of the process $e^+e^- \rightarrow e^+e^-\tau^+\tau^-$ using the data collected by the DELPHI collaboration at the CERN large electron positron (LEP2) collider during the years 1997-2000 [2], while the theoretical SM prediction is $a_{\tau}^{\text{SM}} = 1177.21(5) \times 10^{-6}$ [3]. It turns out that a precise measurement of the tau MDM is required, as it could confirm or rule out the possibility that the Δa_{μ} discrepancy is a signal of new physics: The natural scaling of heavy particle effects on a lepton MDM implies that $\Delta a_{\tau}/\Delta a_{\mu} \sim m_{\tau}^2/m_{\mu}^2$, so if the current a_{μ} discrepancy is interpreted as a new physics effect, we would expect that $\Delta a_{\tau} \simeq 10^{-6}$. Although the SM prediction disagrees with this value, some of its extensions, such as the seesaw model

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[4], the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) with a mirror fourth generation [5], and unparticle physics [6], predict that a_{τ} lies in the interval of 10^{-6} to 10^{-10} .

As for the EDM, it represents a useful tool for the study of the discrete symmetry *CP* and provides a potential probe to unravel its origin. However, the only EDMs that can be directly measured are those of the neutron, the proton, the deuteron, and the muon, whereas the EDM of other particles can only be indirectly determined. Although an experimental signal of an EDM is yet to be detected, the best current upper limits on the electron and muon EDMs come from the study of the thallium EDM [7] and the E821 experiment at Brookhaven [8], respectively,

$$d_e < (6.9 \pm 7.4) \times 10^{-28} \text{ ecm},$$
 (2)

$$d_{\mu} < (-0.1 \pm 0.9) \times 10^{-19} \text{ ecm},$$
 (3)

whereas the experimental detection of the τ EDM poses the same difficulties as its MDM. Nevertheless, the τ EDM was searched for in the $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tau^+\tau^-$ reaction by the Belle Collaboration [9] at the KEK collider. The achieved sensitivity, in units of 10^{-16} ecm, was

$$-0.22 < \operatorname{Re}(d_{\tau}) < 0.45,\tag{4}$$

$$-0.25 < \text{Im}(d_{\tau}) < 0.08. \tag{5}$$

In the SM, the EDM of a lepton is predicted to be negligibly small as it arises at the three-loop level of perturbation theory, which can be a blow for its experimental detection. However, several SM extensions predict sizeable contributions that can be within experimental reach. Although the short lifetime of the τ represents a challenge, this lepton emerges as a natural candidate to search for new physics effects such as a large EDM because of its mass and wide spectrum of decay channels.

The study of τ physics plays a significant role in *B* factories. For instance, the ill-fated Super *B* accelerator, with its 75 ab⁻¹, was expected to measure the τ EDM with a resolution of $|\text{Re}(d_{\tau})| = 7.2 \times 10^{-20} \text{ ecm [10]}$, whereas the expected resolution of the real and imaginary parts of a_{τ} was estimated to be of the order of $(0.75-1.7) \times 10^{-6}$ [11]. With a lower planned luminosity, the upgraded Belle II facility at the KEK *B* factory will offer unique perspectives for the study of τ physics in both high precision measurements of the SM parameters and new physics searches. The electromagnetic dipole moments of the τ lepton may be measured via the radiative leptonic decays $\tau^- \rightarrow \ell^- \nu_{\tau} \bar{\nu}_{\ell} \gamma$ ($\ell = e, \mu$) [12]. However, this method is only sensitive to large values of a_{τ} , so a more detailed analysis will determine the feasibility of this proposal.

Contrary to the attention drawn to the static electromagnetic properties of fermions, a lot of work is still necessary for a better understanding of their weak properties, namely the *CP*-conserving weak magnetic dipole moment (WMDM) and the *CP*-violating weak electric dipole moment (WEDM), which are the coefficients of fivedimensional operators in the effective Lagrangian of the $\bar{f}fZ$ interaction and can be extracted from the following terms of the respective vertex function:

$$\Gamma_Z^{\mu}(q^2) = F_2(q^2) i \sigma^{\mu\nu} q_{\nu} + F_3(q^2) \sigma^{\mu\nu} \gamma_5 q_{\nu}, \qquad (6)$$

where $q = p_2 - p_1$ is the Z gauge boson transferred fourmomentum. The WMDM, a_f^W , and the WEDM, d_f^W , are defined at the Z pole: $a_f^W = -2m_f F_2(m_Z^2)$ and $d_f^W = -eF_3(m_Z^2)$. Since a_f^W and d_f^W are the coefficients of chirality-flipping terms, they are expected to give contributions proportional to some positive power of the mass of the involved fermion. This allows one to construct observable quantities that can be experimentally proven; this is particularly suited for heavy fermions, among which the τ lepton, the *b* quark, and the *t* quark are the most promising candidates. In particular, a large value of the WEDM of charged fermions would lead to a considerable deviation of the total Z width from its SM value [13], which can provide an indirect upper limit on the corresponding WEDM. Along these lines, the study of the $Z \rightarrow \tau^+ \tau^$ decay at center-of-mass energies near the Z resonance represents a promising tool to search for signals of the weak dipole moments of the τ lepton. This process could allow one to measure a_{τ}^{W} and d_{τ}^{W} through the transverse and normal polarizations of the τ leptons [14]. By following this approach, the ALEPH Collaboration obtained the current best limit on the τ WMDM and WEDM, with 95% C.L. [15]:

$$\operatorname{Re}(a_{\tau}^{W}) < 1.1 \times 10^{-3},$$
 (7)

$$\text{Im}(a_{\tau}^{W}) < 2.7 \times 10^{-3},$$
 (8)

$$\operatorname{Re}(d_{\tau}^{W}) < 0.5 \times 10^{-17} \text{ ecm},$$
 (9)

$$\text{Im}(d_{\tau}^{W}) < 1.1 \times 10^{-17} \text{ ecm},$$
 (10)

which were extracted from the data collected at CERN from 1990 to 1995, corresponding to an integrated luminosity of 155 pb⁻¹. These bounds are far above the SM predictions $a_{\tau}^{W} = -(2.10+0.61i) \times 10^{-6}$ [16] and $d_{\tau}^{W} < 8 \times 10^{-34}$ ecm [13]. However, the CERN large hadron collider (LHC) could open a door for the experimental study of these properties. Along these lines, a study of the $pp \rightarrow \tau^{+}\tau^{-}$ and $pp \rightarrow Zh \rightarrow \tau^{+}\tau^{-}h$ cross sections including anomalous Z couplings was presented in Ref. [17]. It was found that an analysis at the LHC would allow experimentalists to measure the deviations from the SM and extract constraints on the τ electromagnetic and weak dipole moments.

The weak properties of a fermion have been studied in several SM extensions, such as models allowing tree-level

flavor changing neutral currents [18], the two Higgs doublet model (THDM) [19], the minimal supersymmetric standard model [20], the minimal supersymmetric version of the SM with complex parameters [21], and in the context of unparticle physics [6]. Prompted by a recent work [22] on the study of the simplest renormalizable scalar leptoquark models with no proton decay (see also Ref. [23]), we will consider one of such models for our study. This model is interesting as there is a nonchiral leptoquark that could give rise to large contributions to the weak properties of a charged lepton due to a chirality-flipping term. Furthermore, very recently it was shown that such a scalar leptoquark, with mass below 1 TeV, can provide an explanation for the observed branching ratios of the $B \rightarrow$ $D^*\tau\bar{\nu}$ decays [24]. The rest of this article is organized as follows. A brief review on the scalar leptoquark model we are interested in along with the details of the calculation of the weak properties of a fermion is presented in Sec. II. Section III is devoted to the numerical analysis of our results, with particular emphasis to the τ lepton weak properties, including a short discussion on the case of the off-shell dipole moments. For completeness we will also discuss the τ electromagnetic properties. The conclusions and outlook are presented in Sec. IV.

II. WEAK DIPOLE MOMENTS OF A FERMION IN SCALAR LEPTOQUARK MODELS

The vanishing of gauge anomalies in the SM due to the interplay of charged fermions hints at a profound link between lepton and quarks in a more fundamental theory, such as the one conjectured long ago by Pati and Salam [25], which gives rise to new leptoquark particles carrying both lepton and baryon numbers. Leptoquark particles can be of scalar or vector type and are also predicted in grand unified theories (GUTs) [26], composite models [27], technicolor models [28], superstring-inspired E₆ models [29], etc. For a more comprehensive listing of this class of models along with low-energy constraints, the reader may want to refer to [30]. Of special interest are leptoquark models in which baryon and lepton numbers are individually conserved, thereby forbidding any tree-level contribution to proton decay induced by leptoquark couplings to diquarks. As a result, in such models the leptoquark mass can be as light as the electroweak scale, which contrasts with some GUT-inspired leptoquark models in which it must lie around the Planck scale in order to avoid a rapid proton decay.

Because of the complexity inherent to leptoquark models, it has been customary to analyze their potential effects in a model-independent fashion via the effective Lagrangian approach: The most general four-dimensional $SU_c(3) \times SU_L(2) \times U_Y(1)$ invariant Lagrangian parameterizing both scalar and vector leptoquark couplings, and satisfying both baryon and lepton number conservation, was first presented in [31]. Quite recently, the authors of Ref. [22] brought attention to the only two minimal renormalizable models where scalar leptoquarks are introduced via a single representation of $SU_c(3) \times SU_L(2) \times$ $U_{Y}(1)$ and in which there is no proton decay induced via tree-level leptoquark exchange. This fact was also stressed previously in Ref. [23]. We will focus on one of these models, dubbed model I in Ref. [22], and will calculate the corresponding contribution to the WMDM and the WEDM of a fermion. Although the WEDM of heavy fermions has already been studied in the context of leptoquark models [32,33], to our knowledge there is no previous analysis of the behavior of the contributions of leptoquarks to the WMDM. In the model I of Ref. [22] there is a nonchiral leptoquark (it has both left- and right-handed couplings) that gives rise to a chirality-flipping contribution to the electromagnetic and weak properties of a fermion. Such a term is proportional to the internal quark mass and it is worth examining if there is an enhancement in the contribution from a heavy internal fermion.

In the model we are interested in, there is a scalar leptoquark doublet $R_2^T = (R_{1/2}, R_{-1/2})$ with quantum numbers (3; 2; 7/6) under the SU_c(3) × SU_L(2) × U_Y(1) gauge group. For our calculation we only need to consider the following zero-fermion-number effective interaction [31,34]:

$$\mathcal{L}_{F=0} = h_{2L}^{ij} R_2^T \bar{u}_R^i i \tau_2 \mathcal{C}_L^j + h_{2R}^{ij} \bar{q}_L^i e_R^j R_2 + \text{H.c.}, \qquad (11)$$

with $\ell_L^{iT} = (\nu_L^i, e_L^i)$ and $q_L^{iT} = (u_L^i, d_L^i)$.

From the above Lagrangian we obtain the interaction of a lepton-quark pair with two scalar leptoquarks $S_1 \equiv R_{1/2}$ and $S_2 \equiv R_{-1/2}$, with electric charge of 5/3e and 2/3e. We write the interaction Lagrangian as

$$\mathcal{L}_{F=0} = \bar{e}^i (\lambda_L^{ij} P_L + \lambda_R^{ij} P_R) u^j S_1^* + \bar{e}^i \eta_R^{ij} P_R d^j S_2^* + \text{H.c.},$$
(12)

where $P_{L,R}$ are the chiral projection operators and *i*, *j* are generation indices. The flavor eigenstates were rotated to the mass eigenstates and so the λ_L^{ij} , λ_R^{ij} , and η_R^{ij} couplings already encompass this information. Notice that while S_1 has both left- and right-handed couplings to a charged lepton and an up quark, S_2 has only right-handed couplings.

For our purpose we will also need the leptoquark couplings with the photon and the Z boson, which are extracted from the leptoquark kinetic Lagrangian and can be written in the form

$$\mathcal{L} = ieQ_{S_k}S_k\overset{\leftrightarrow}{\partial}_{\mu}S_k^*A^{\mu} - \frac{ig}{c_W}g_{ZS_kS_k}S_k\overset{\leftrightarrow}{\partial}_{\mu}S_k^*Z^{\mu} + \text{H.c.}, \quad (13)$$

where $g_{ZS_1S_1} = 1/2 - s_W^2 Q_{S_1}$ and $g_{ZS_2S_2} = -1/2 - s_W^2 Q_{S_2}$. Here Q_{S_k} is the leptoquark electric charge in units of *e*. For completeness, we present the SM interactions of the photon and the *Z* gauge boson with a fermion pair: A. BOLAÑOS, A. MOYOTL, AND G. TAVARES-VELASCO

$$\mathcal{L} = ieQ_i\bar{f}_i\gamma_\mu f_i A^\mu - \frac{ig}{c_W}\bar{f}_i\gamma_\mu (g_L^i P_L + g_R^i P_R)f_i Z^\mu.$$
(14)

In particular, we will need below $g_L^u = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2s_W^2}{3}$ and $g_R^u = -\frac{2s_W^2}{3}$ for the contribution of an up quark to the τ weak properties. The corresponding Feynman rules can be extracted straightforwardly from the above Lagrangians.

A. Weak dipole moments of a fermion

At the one-loop level, the weak properties of the fermion f_i are induced by a scalar leptoquark and a fermion f_j via the Feynman diagrams of Fig. 1. The method of Feynman parameters yields the following results:

$$a_{i}^{W} = -\frac{3\sqrt{x_{i}}}{32\pi^{2}s_{W}c_{W}} [\sqrt{x_{i}}(|\lambda_{L}^{ij}|^{2}F_{L}(x_{i}, x_{j}, x_{Z}) + |\lambda_{R}^{ij}|^{2}F_{R}(x_{i}, x_{j}, x_{Z})) + 2\sqrt{x_{j}}\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{L}^{ij}\lambda_{R}^{ij*})G(x_{i}, x_{j}, x_{Z})],$$
(15)

where we have defined $x_A = m_A^2/m_{S_k}^2$ and

$$F_{L,R}(z_1, z_2, z_3) = g_{L,R}^j F_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) + g_{ZS_k S_k} F_2(z_1, z_2, z_3),$$
(16)

$$G(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \frac{1}{2} (g_L^j + g_R^j) G_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) + g_{ZS_k S_k} G_2(z_1, z_2, z_3).$$
(17)

The F_a and G_a functions, which stand for the contributions of each of the Feynman diagrams of Fig. 1, can be written as

$$F_{a}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) = 8 \int_{0}^{1} \frac{(1-x)x}{\sqrt{z_{3}\chi_{a}(x, z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3})}} \arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{z_{3}}\xi_{a}(x)}{\sqrt{\chi_{a}(x, z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3})}}\right) dx,$$
(18)

and

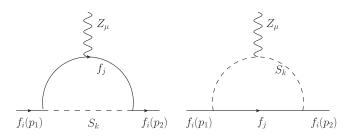


FIG. 1. Feynman diagrams inducing the fermion weak dipole moments via a scalar leptoquark S_k . When the external fermion f_i is a lepton (quark), the internal fermion f_j is a quark (lepton). Bubble diagrams do not contribute to the dipole moments.

 $G_a(z_1, z_2, z_3)$

$$=8\int_{0}^{1}\frac{(1-x)}{\sqrt{z_{3}\chi_{a}(x,z_{1},z_{2},z_{3})}}\arctan\left(\frac{\sqrt{z_{3}}\xi_{a}(x)}{\sqrt{\chi_{a}(x,z_{1},z_{2},z_{3})}}\right)dx,$$
(19)

with the auxiliary functions χ , η , and ξ_i defined by $\chi(x, z_1, z_2, z_3) = 4\eta(x, z_1, z_2) - z_3\xi_a^2(x)$, $\eta(x, z_1, z_2) = (1-x)(z_2 - xz_1) + x$, $\xi_1(x) = 1 - x$, and $\xi_2(x) = x$.

As for the weak electric dipole moment of fermion f_i , it can be written in the form

$$d_i^W = \frac{3e\sqrt{x_i x_j}}{32m_i s_W c_W \pi^2} \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_L^{ij} \lambda_R^{ij*}) G(x_i, x_j, x_Z).$$
(20)

As mentioned above, there is a chirality-flipping term proportional to the internal fermion mass when the leptoquark is nonchiral. Below, we will concentrate on the potential effects of such a leptoquark on the weak properties of the τ lepton, as there can be an important enhancement from the *t* quark contribution.

B. Electromagnetic dipole moments of a fermion

For the completeness of our analysis we will also need the contributions from scalar leptoquarks to the static electromagnetic properties of a fermion, which follow easily from our calculation by taking the limit $m_Z \rightarrow 0$ and replacing the Z couplings with the photon ones. It can be helpful to test the validity of our results. We thus obtain the scalar leptoquark contribution to the magnetic dipole moment a_i and the electric dipole moment d_i of fermion f_i ,

$$a_{i} = -\frac{3\sqrt{x_{i}}}{32\pi^{2}} [\sqrt{x_{i}}(|\lambda_{L}^{ij}|^{2} + |\lambda_{R}^{ij}|^{2})F^{\gamma}(x_{i}, x_{j}) + 2\sqrt{x_{j}}\operatorname{Re}(\lambda_{L}^{ij}\lambda_{R}^{ij*})G^{\gamma}(x_{i}, x_{j})], \qquad (21)$$

and

$$d_i = \frac{3e\sqrt{x_i x_j}}{32m_i \pi^2} \operatorname{Im}(\lambda_L^{ij} \lambda_R^{ij*}) G^{\gamma}(x_i, x_j), \qquad (22)$$

where

$$F^{\gamma}(z_1, z_2) = Q_j F_1^{\gamma}(z_1, z_2) + Q_{S_k} F_2^{\gamma}(z_1, z_2), \quad (23)$$

$$G^{\gamma}(z_1, z_2) = Q_j G_1^{\gamma}(z_1, z_2) + Q_{S_k} G_2^{\gamma}(z_1, z_2), \quad (24)$$

with the F_a^{γ} and G_a^{γ} functions given by

$$F_a^{\gamma}(z_1, z_2) = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{(1-x)x\xi_a(x)}{(1-x)(z_2 - xz_1) + x} dx, \qquad (25)$$

$$G_a^{\gamma}(z_1, z_2) = 2 \int_0^1 \frac{(1-x)\xi_a(x)}{(1-x)(z_2 - xz_1) + x} dx.$$
(26)

The equations can be integrated explicitly in the limit of a very heavy leptoquark, in which case we obtain

$$F_1^{\gamma}(0,z) = \frac{1}{3(1-z)^4} (2+3z-6z^2+z^3+6z\,\log(z)),$$
(27)

$$F_2^{\gamma}(0,z) = \frac{1}{3(1-z)^4} \left(1 - 6z + 3z^2 + 2z^3 - 6z^2 \log(z)\right),$$
(28)

$$G_1^{\gamma}(0,z) = -\frac{1}{(1-z)^3} (3 - 4z + z^2 + 2\log(z)), \quad (29)$$

$$G_2^{\gamma}(0,z) = \frac{1}{(1-z)^3} (1-z^2 + 2z \, \log(z)).$$
(30)

These results are in agreement with previous results for the magnetic [35,36] and the electric [37] dipole moments induced by scalar leptoquarks. In addition, we present in Appendix A an alternative calculation of the weak and electromagnetic properties of a fermion in terms of Passarino-Veltman scalar functions, which can be used to perform a cross check of our results.

III. NUMERICAL ANALYSIS

A. Leptoquark constraints

In the following analysis we will concentrate on the τ lepton electromagnetic and weak properties as they offer good prospects for their experimental study. We will consider a charge 5/3e nonchiral scalar leptoquark as it is expected to give the dominant contribution to the electromagnetic and weak properties of the τ lepton in the model we are considering. The phenomenology of such a leptoquark has been studied considerably in the past [30,34,38] and very recently [22,24] with constraints from the $Z \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ decay, the muon MDM, LFV decays and the τ EDM. There are strong constraints from low-energy physics [30,34,38] on leptoquarks that couple to the firstgeneration fermions, so we will assume a leptoquark that only has non-negligible couplings to fermions of the second and third generations. As for the leptoquark mass, the most stringent constraint on the mass of a thirdgeneration chiral scalar leptoquark, $m_S > 526$ GeV, was obtained from the analysis of the data from the LHC [39]. It was assumed that such a leptoquark decays mainly into a bottom quark and a τ lepton, such as occurs with the S_2 leptoquark. Since it is required that S_1 and S_2 are mass degenerate or have a small mass splitting to avoid large contributions to the oblique parameters [40], we will assume a leptoquark with a mass larger than 500 GeV.

Below we will focus on three illustrative scenarios and will discuss briefly the constraints on the leptoquark coupling constants to present a realistic analysis. We will then analyze the behavior of the τ electromagnetic and weak properties as a function of the leptoquark mass and will also discuss the case of the off-shell dipole moments.

1. Scenario I: A nonchiral leptoquark with nondiagonal couplings to the second and third fermion generations

We first analyze the scenario in which there exists a nonchiral leptoquark that can have complex nondiagonal couplings to lepton-quark pairs of the second and third generations. In this scenario, the CP-even electromagnetic and weak properties of the τ lepton receive the contributions of a nonchiral leptoquark accompanied by the c or the t quarks and can be enhanced by the chirality-flipping term. In addition, there can be nonzero CP-violating properties. On the negative side, such a leptoquark can give rise to large contributions to the muon MDM and the lepton-flavorviolating (LFV) decay $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$, which in turn can impose strong constraints on the leptoquark couplings. We note that a similar scenario is posed by a scalar singlet leptoquark, such as the one whose behavior was analyzed in [41], which can also be nonchiral but is known to give dangerous contributions to the proton decay via its diquark couplings.

If one assumes that the discrepancy on the muon MDM (1) is due entirely to our scalar leptoquark, the allowed region for its respective contribution, with 95% C.L., is $130.2 \times 10^{-11} \le \Delta a_{\mu}^{\text{NP}} \le 443.8 \times 10^{-11}$. We assume that either the *c* or the *t* quark contribution is responsible for the a_{μ} discrepancy and obtain the allowed regions on the m_S vs $|\text{Re}(\lambda_L^{\mu q} \lambda_R^{\mu q})|$ plane with 95% C.L., which we show in Fig. 2. Although the product $\text{Re}(\lambda_L^{\mu t} \lambda_R^{\mu t})$ is tightly constrained, a less stringent constraint would be obtained if the *t* quark contribution was canceled out by the *c* quark contribution.

If the leptoquark has nondiagonal couplings to the second and third generations, the LFV $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_k \gamma$ decay can proceed via the Feynman diagrams of Fig. 3. The contribution of leptoquark S_k and quark q to the $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_k \gamma$ decay amplitude can be written in the form

$$\mathcal{M}(\ell_i \to \ell_k \gamma) = -\frac{ie}{m_{S_k}} \bar{\ell}_k(p_k) [A_L(x_i, x_q, x_k) P_L + A_R(x_i, x_q, x_k) P_R] \sigma_{\mu\nu} \ell_i(p_i) q^{\nu} \varepsilon^{\mu}(q),$$
(31)

where the A_L and A_R coefficients are given by

$$A_{L}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) = \frac{3}{16\pi^{2}} [\lambda_{L}^{kq} \lambda_{L}^{iq*} \sqrt{z_{1}} I(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) + \lambda_{R}^{kq} \lambda_{R}^{qi*} \sqrt{z_{3}} I(z_{3}, z_{2}, z_{1}) + \lambda_{L}^{kq} \lambda_{R}^{iq*} \sqrt{z_{2}} J(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3})],$$
(32)

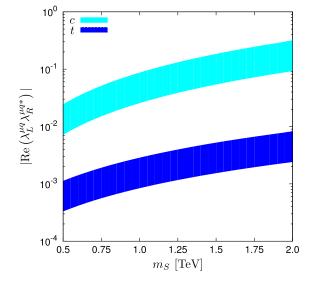


FIG. 2 (color online). Allowed areas with 95% C.L. on the m_S vs $|\text{Re}(\lambda_L^{\mu q} \lambda_R^{\mu q_*})|$ plane consistent with the current experimental limit on the muon MDM. The light-shaded (dark-shaded) area corresponds to the allowed region for the contribution of the *c*(*t*) quark. It is assumed that either the *c* or the *t* quark contribution is responsible for the a_{μ} discrepancy. Notice that the left- and right-handed leptoquark couplings must have opposite signs in order to give a positive contribution to the muon MDM.

and $A_R = A_L(L \leftrightarrow R)$. This decay was already studied in [42], but we have made our own evaluation for completeness; we present the *I* and *J* functions in Appendix B in terms of Feynman parameter integrals and Passarino-Veltman scalar functions. The respective decay width is given by

$$\Gamma(\ell_i \to \ell_k \gamma) = \frac{m_i x_i \alpha}{4} \left[1 - \frac{x_k}{x_i} \right]^3 (|A_L(x_i, x_q, x_k)|^2 + |A_R(x_i, x_q, x_k)|^2).$$
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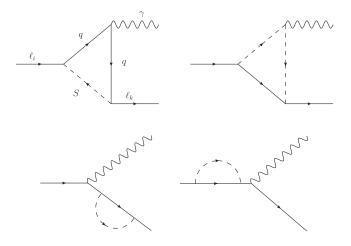


FIG. 3. Feynman diagrams for the radiative decay $\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_k \gamma$ induced at the one-loop level by quarks and scalar leptoquarks.

As far as the experimental constraints on LFV decays are concerned, quite recently the upper bound on the decay rate for the $\mu \rightarrow e\gamma$ decay was improved up to 5.7×10^{-13} by the MEG Collaboration [43], but the bounds on the LFV τ decays are much weaker: BR($\tau \rightarrow e\gamma$) < 3.3×10^{-8} and BR($\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$) < 4.4×10^{-8} [44]. Since both the $\mu\bar{q}S$ and $\tau\bar{q}S$ vertices, with q = c, t, enter into the amplitude of the $\tau \rightarrow \mu\gamma$ decay, it can only be useful to constrain the product $\lambda^{\mu q} \lambda^{\tau q}$, so a bound on $\lambda^{\tau q}$ will be largely dependent on $\lambda^{\tau q}$.

For simplicity we take $|\lambda_L^{\ell q}| = |\lambda_R^{\ell q}| \equiv \lambda^{\ell q}$ ($\ell = \mu, \tau$) and consider that either the c quark or the t quark contribution is the only contribution responsible for the a_{μ} discrepancy, i.e., we assume that the $\lambda^{\mu q}$ coupling takes on values inside the allowed area shown in Fig. 2. We then obtain the plot of Fig. 4, where we show the allowed region on the m_S vs $\lambda^{\tau q}$ plane consistent with both the experimental constraints on the muon MDM and the LFV decay $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$. We observe that, in order to explain the a_{μ} discrepancy and be consistent with the $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$ decay, the $\lambda^{\tau c}$ coupling must reach values of the order of about 10^{-1} , whereas $\lambda^{\tau t}$ must reach values 1 order of magnitude smaller. A word of caution is in order here: The allowed areas of Fig. 4 would alter if the q quark contribution was not assumed to be the only contribution responsible for the a_{μ} discrepancy, which in turn could be explained by other contributions of the same model.

2. Scenario II: A third-generation nonchiral leptoquark

This scenario is similar to the first scenario except that there are no leptoquark-mediated LFV processes and

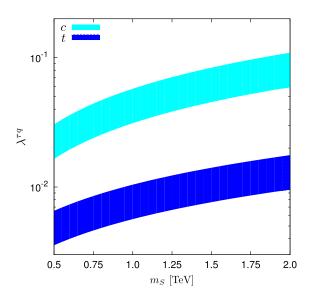


FIG. 4 (color online). Allowed area with 95% C.L. on the m_S vs $\lambda^{\tau q}$ plane consistent with the experimental limits on the muon MDM and the $\tau \rightarrow \mu \gamma$ decay. We considered $|\lambda_L^{\ell q}| = |\lambda_R^{\ell q}| \equiv \lambda^{\ell q}$ ($\ell = \mu, \tau$ and q = c, t), with $\lambda^{\mu q}$ lying inside the allowed area shown of Fig. 2. The light-shaded (dark-shaded) region is the allowed area for the *c* quark (*t* quark) contribution.

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therefore the constraints on the leptoquark couplings are less stringent than in scenario I. The electromagnetic and weak properties of the τ lepton, which would only receive the contribution of the nonchiral leptoquark and the *t* quark, can still be enhanced by the chirality-flipping term, and there can be nonzero *CP*-violating properties provided that the leptoquark couplings are complex. Therefore, this scenario can provide the largest values of the electromagnetic and weak properties of the τ lepton. Constraints on the couplings of such a leptoquark were obtained in Ref. [34] by performing a global fit to the LEP2 data on *Z* physics. It was found that leptoquark couplings of the order of about 10^{-1} are allowed provided that the leptoquark mass is of the order of 600 GeV.

3. Scenario III: A third-generation chiral leptoquark

Although a chiral scalar leptoquark with couplings to fermions of the second generation would yield a negative contribution to the muon MDM, which is disfavored by the experimental data, such a contribution would vanish for a third-generation leptoquark. In this case the only contributions to the electromagnetic and weak properties of the τ lepton arise from the chiral leptoquark accompanied by the t quark. Apart from the fact that this scenario does not induce *CP*-violating properties, it appears to be unfavorable for large values of the electromagnetic and weak properties, as they would be naturally suppressed due to the absence of the chirality-flipping term. Constraints on this class of leptoquarks were obtained in Ref. [45] from the experimental measurement of the partial decays $Z \rightarrow \ell^+ \ell^-$. It was found that a third-generation leptoquark with a mass larger than about 500 GeV and a coupling to the t quark and the τ lepton of electroweak strength q are compatible.

B. Behavior of the electromagnetic and weak properties of the τ lepton

In general, the $f\bar{f}V$ vertex is gauge invariant and gauge independent only when the gauge boson is on its mass shell, therefore the pinch technique was used in [46] to construct gauge-independent electromagnetic and weak dipole form factors. It was argued [47], however, that off-shell form factors are not uniquely defined and so they do not represent observable quantities. In the case of the leptoquark contribution to the weak and electromagnetic dipole moments, there are no internal gauge bosons circulating in the loops, and so there is no dependence on the gauge-fixing parameter. Our results for the weak dipole moments can thus be easily generalized for arbitrary squared momentum $q^2 \equiv s$ of the gauge boson by replacing $x_Z \rightarrow s/m_{S_k}^2$ in Eqs. (15) and (20). The electromagnetic dipole form factors follow easily after exchanging the Zcouplings with the photon ones. The resulting quantities can be useful to assess the sensitivity of the effects of leptoquark particles on the dipole form factors, as suggested in the analysis presented in [19] within the framework of the THDM. Below we will analyze the τ electromagnetic properties for $\sqrt{s} = 0$ and $\sqrt{s} = 10.5$ GeV. On the other hand, the τ weak properties will be analyzed for $\sqrt{s} = m_Z$ and $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV. The values of \sqrt{s} used for the off-shell gauge bosons are the center-of-mass energies of a *B* factory and the future next linear collider, respectively. Furthermore, in our study below we will consider the interval $10^{-2}-10^{-1}$ for $\lambda^{\tau q}$ and 500–2000 GeV for m_S , which are in accordance with the bounds from experimental data discussed above. Here $\lambda^{\tau q}$ represents the leptoquark coupling constants.

We first assume that the leptoquark couplings are real and calculate the following leptoquark contributions to the τ MDM: that of a nonchiral leptoquark with nondiagonal couplings to a lepton-quark pair of the second and third families and that of a third-generation chiral leptoquark. In the former case there are contributions from the c and the tquarks, but in the latter there is only a contribution from the t quark. We show in Fig. 5 the contours of the τ MDM in the m_S vs $\lambda^{\tau q}$ plane for $\sqrt{s} = 0$ and $\sqrt{s} = 10.5$ GeV, with $\lambda^{\tau q} = \lambda_L^{\tau q} \neq 0$ and $\lambda_R^{\tau q} = 0$ for the chiral leptoquark (i.e. a left-handed leptoquark), and $\lambda^{\tau q} = \lambda_L^{\tau q} = \lambda_R^{\tau q}$ for the nonchiral leptoquark. Note that the MDM is insensitive to the chirality of the leptoquark, so our results are valid for either a left- or a right-handed leptoquark. As mentioned above, there is an enhancement of the nonchiral leptoquark contribution due to the presence of the chirality-flipping term, but it would be significant only in the case of the t quark, whose contribution can reach values slightly above the 10^{-8} level for $\lambda^{\tau t} \sim 10^{-2}$ and up to $10^{-7} - 10^{-6}$ for $\lambda^{\tau t} \sim 10^{-1}$. However, in the case of the c quark, a small value of the coupling constant would offset the enhancement from the chirality-flipping term; this contribution would be below the 10^{-9} level for $\lambda^{\tau c} \simeq 10^{-2}$. In the case of a third-generation chiral leptoquark, although its couplings were of the order of 10^{-1} , its contributions would be lower than the contribution of a nonchiral leptoquark accompanied by the t quark, provided that the couplings of the nonchiral leptoquark are of the order of 10^{-2} . In general, the contribution of a chiral leptoquark is slightly dependent on the quark mass, which is due to the absence of the chirality-flipping term. If the photon goes off shell, with $\sqrt{s} = 10.5$ GeV, there is a slight increase in the real part of a_{τ} , and at the same time an imaginary part is developed in the case of the c quark contribution since $\sqrt{s} > 2m_c$. Such an imaginary part would be slightly smaller than the corresponding real part.

We now show the contours of the a_{τ}^{W} in the m_{S} vs $\lambda^{\tau q}$ plane in Fig. 6 for $\sqrt{s} = m_{Z}$ and $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV. Again we show the contributions of a nonchiral leptoquark accompanied by the *c* or the *t* quarks and, since the WMDM is sensitive to the chirality of the leptoquark, we now show the contributions of both a left- and a right-handed leptoquark. The largest contribution to the static a_{τ}^{W} would arise from a nonchiral leptoquark accompanied by the *t* quark, which

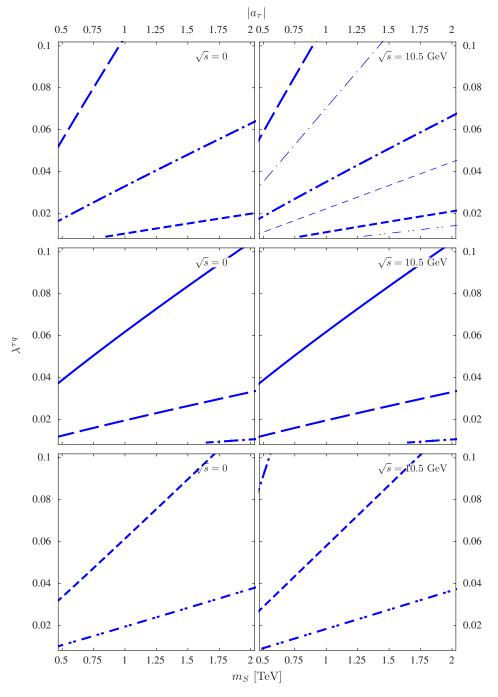


FIG. 5 (color online). Contours of a_{τ} in the m_S vs $\lambda^{\tau q}$ plane for a nonchiral leptoquark accompanied by the *c* quark (upper plots), and nonchiral leptoquark accompanied by the *t* quark (middle plots), and a third-generation chiral scalar leptoquark (lower plots). The thick (thin) lines represent the contours of the absolute value of the real (imaginary) part of a_{τ} . The values of the contours are 10^{-7} (full lines), 10^{-8} (long-dashed lines), 10^{-9} (dash-dotted lines), 10^{-10} (short-dashed line), and 10^{-11} (dash-dot-dotted lines). For the nonchiral leptoquark $\lambda^{\tau q} = \lambda_L^{\tau q} = \lambda_R^{\tau q} = \lambda_R^{\tau q}$ and $\lambda_L^{\tau q} = 0$.

can reach the level of 10^{-9} for $\lambda^{\tau t} = 10^{-2}$ and 10^{-7} for $\lambda^{\tau t} = 10^{-1}$, whereas the contribution of a nonchiral leptoquark and the *c* quark is about 2 orders of magnitude smaller. The latter contribution now develops an imaginary part that is slightly smaller than the real part. As far as the third-generation chiral leptoquark is concerned, the

contribution of a left-handed leptoquark can be as large as 10^{-10} for $m_S \simeq 500$ GeV and $\lambda_L^{\tau t} \simeq 10^{-1}$ but it is much smaller than the contribution of a nonchiral leptoquark and the *t* quark for smaller $\lambda_L^{\tau q}$ and larger m_S . On the other hand, the contribution of a right-handed leptoquark is about 1 order of magnitude smaller than that of a left-handed one.

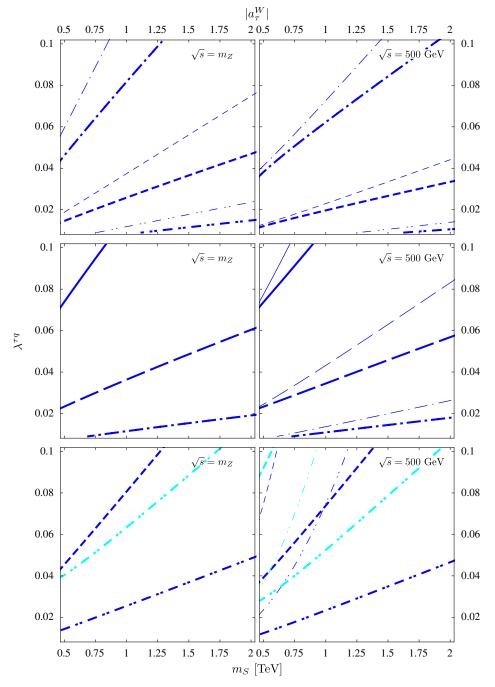


FIG. 6 (color online). Contours of a_{τ}^{W} in the m_{S} vs $\lambda^{\tau q}$ plane for a nonchiral leptoquark accompanied by the *c* quark (upper plots), a nonchiral leptoquark accompanied by the *t* quark (middle plots), a left-handed third-generation chiral scalar leptoquark (darker lines of the lower plots) and a right-handed third-generation chiral scalar leptoquark (lighter lines of the lower plots). The thick (thin) lines represent the contours of the absolute value of the real (imaginary) part of a_{τ}^{W} and the values of the contours are 10^{-7} (full lines), 10^{-8} (long-dashed lines), 10^{-9} (dash-dotted lines), 10^{-10} (short-dashed line), and 10^{-11} (dash-dotted lines). For the nonchiral leptoquark $\lambda^{\tau q} = \lambda_{L}^{\tau q} = \lambda_{R}^{\tau q}$, whereas for the left-handed and right-handed leptoquark $\lambda^{\tau q} = \lambda_{L}^{\tau q}$ and $\lambda^{\tau q} = \lambda_{R}^{\tau q}$, respectively.

In general the enhancement due to the chirality-flipping term, which appears only in the nonchiral leptoquark contribution, is less pronounced in the case of the WMDM than in the case of the MDM. When the *Z* gauge boson goes off shell, the real part of the leptoquark contributions to a_r^W shows a rather similar behavior to that

observed in the case of an on-shell Z gauge boson, but all the contributions develop an imaginary part, which is smaller than the corresponding real part. Although there is an increase in the magnitude of the contributions when the Z gauge boson goes off shell, with the largest increase observed in the contribution of a nonchiral leptoquark accompanied by the *c* quark, such an increase is moderate. To summarize, the largest contribution to a_{τ}^{W} would arise from a third-generation nonchiral leptoquark even if its couplings were 1 order of magnitude below than those of a third-generation chiral leptoquark.

We now turn to analyze the *CP*-violating properties of the τ lepton, which can only arise when the leptoquark is nonchiral and its couplings are complex. These properties are proportional to $\sin \delta_q$, with δ_q the relative phase between the $\lambda_L^{\tau q}$ and $\lambda_R^{\tau q}$ coupling constants. We first show in Fig. 7 the contours of the contribution to the τ EDM arising from a nonchiral scalar leptoquark accompanied by the *c* or the *t* quark in the m_S vs $\lambda^{\tau q}$ plane, for $\sqrt{s} = 0$ and $\sqrt{s} = 10.5$ GeV. We observe that, irrespectively of the value of \sqrt{s} , the *t* quark contribution to d_τ can be as large as $10^{-23}-10^{-20}$ ecm for $\lambda^{\tau t} \sim 10^{-1}$ and $m_S \sim 500$ GeV, but it is 2 orders of magnitude below for $\lambda^{\tau t} \sim 10^{-2}$ and $m_S \sim 2000$ GeV. On the other hand, the *c* quark contribution is much smaller and can only reach the level of 10^{-22} ecm even if $\lambda^{\tau c} \sim 10^{-1}$. Apart from a slight increase

in the real part of d_{τ} , the only noticeable difference between the contributions of an on-shell and an off-shell photon is the imaginary part that is developed by the c quark contribution, which is smaller than corresponding real part. Finally, we analyze the leptoquark contribution to the WEDM of the τ lepton, which is also nonvanishing only for a nonchiral leptoquark with complex couplings. In Fig. 8 we show the contours of the contribution of such a leptoquark to $d_{\tau}^{W}/\sin \delta_{q}$ in the m_{s} vs $\lambda^{\tau q}$ plane for $\sqrt{s} = m_{z}$ and $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV. As expected, the *t* quark yields the dominant contribution, with values ranging between 10^{-23} and 10^{-21} ecm, whereas the c quark contribution is much smaller. When $\sqrt{s} = 500$ GeV, the behavior of the real part of the contribution of the t quark remains almost unchanged with respect to the case of an on-shell Z gauge boson, though an imaginary part is developed. A more pronounced change is observed in the behavior of the contribution of the c quark, which can reach larger values as \sqrt{s} increases; this is evident by the downward shift of the contour lines, as larger values of d_{τ}^{W} can be reached for smaller values of $\lambda^{\tau q}$.

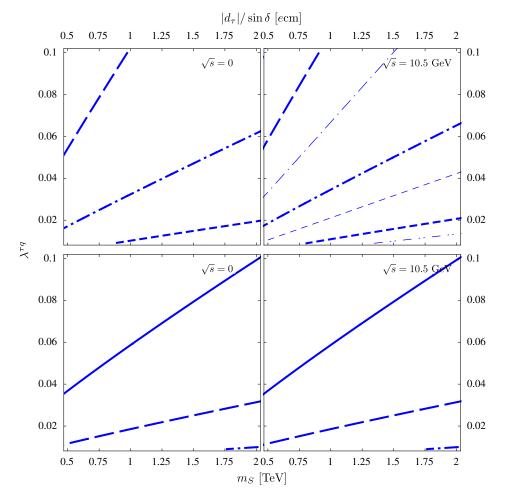


FIG. 7 (color online). Contours of $d_{\tau}/\sin \delta$ in the m_S vs $\lambda^{\tau q}$ plane for a nonchiral leptoquark accompanied by the *c* quark (upper plots) and the *t* quark (lower plots). The thick (thin) lines represent the contours of the absolute value of the real (imaginary) part of d_{τ} . The values of the contours are 10^{-21} (full lines), 10^{-22} (long-dashed lines), 10^{-23} (dash-dotted lines), 10^{-24} (short-dashed line), and 10^{-25} (dash-dotted lines), in units of *e*cm. We set $\lambda^{\tau q} = \lambda_R^{\tau q}$.

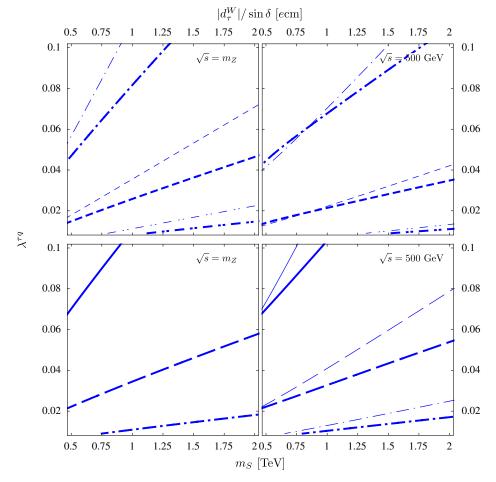


FIG. 8 (color online). The same as in Fig. 7 but for $d_{\tau}^{W}/\sin\delta$.

In summary, the τ static electromagnetic and weak properties induced by a scalar leptoquark can reach the values shown in Table I in the scenarios discussed above, considering values for the coupling constants consistent with the constraints from experimental data. For comparison purposes, we also include the predictions of other extensions of the SM. The reader is referred to the original references for the particular values of the parameters used to obtain these estimates. Notice that there can be additional suppression in these values as we show the largest ones we can expect in every model. In the case of scenario I, although the electromagnetic and weak properties can be enhanced by the contribution of the *t* quark, such an enhancement would likely be offset since the leptoquark couplings are strongly constrained. On the other hand, although the constraints on the leptoquark couplings are less stringent in scenario III than in scenarios I and II, the electromagnetic and weak properties of the τ lepton are naturally suppressed in such a scenario due to the absence of a chirality-flipping term. In conclusion, scenario II

TABLE I. Estimate for the contribution of a scalar leptoquark to the static electromagnetic and weak properties of the τ lepton assuming a value of 10^{-2} (10^{-1}) for the nonchiral (chiral) leptoquark couplings and a leptoquark mass of 500 GeV in the three scenarios discussed in the text, where δ stands for the imaginary phase between the left- and right-handed leptoquark couplings. When the photon or the Z gauge boson are off shell, there can be an increase in the values shown in the table and, in addition, an absorptive part can develop. We also include the predictions of the MSSM [20,21], the THDM [16,19], and unparticle physics (UP) [6].

a_{τ}	$d_{\tau} \ [ecm]$	$\operatorname{Re}(a_{\tau}^{W})$	$\operatorname{Im}(a_{\tau}^{W})$	$\operatorname{Re}(d^W)_{\tau} \ [ecm]$	$\operatorname{Im}(d^W_{\tau})$ [ecm]
10 ⁻⁸	$10^{-22} \times \sin \delta$	10 ⁻⁹	10 ⁻¹⁰	$10^{-22} \times \sin \delta$	$10^{-24} \times \sin \delta$
10^{-9}		10^{-10}			
10^{-6} [5]	10^{-18} [48]	10^{-6} [20]	10 ⁻⁷ [20]	10^{-21} [21]	
10-6	10^{-24} [19]	10^{-10} [16]		10^{-22} [19]	
10^{-6}	10-21	10-9	10^{-9}	10 ⁻²⁴	10^{-24}
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seems to be the one that can give rise to the largest values of the τ electromagnetic and weak properties, as the constraints on the leptoquark couplings are less stringent than in scenario I. Furthermore, in this scenario there can be nonzero CP-violating properties, which are absent in scenario III. The respective contributions, however, would be smaller than in other SM models such as the MSSM. For an off-shell photon or Z gauge boson there is no appreciable difference in the order of magnitude of the real part of the electromagnetic and weak dipole moments, though depending on the value of s an imaginary part can develop in the case of the c quark contribution to the electromagnetic properties and the t contribution to the weak dipole moments. Such an imaginary part is absent in the case of on-shell gauge bosons. It is worth mentioning that, for a very heavy scalar leptoquark, the only difference between the MDM and the WMDM of distinct charged leptons would arise from the actual value of the coupling constants, since there would be no appreciable difference arising from the numerical values of the loop functions due to the small values of the lepton masses.

A comment is in order here regarding previous evaluations of the CP-violating electromagnetic and weak properties of the τ lepton induced by scalar leptoquarks. The authors of Ref. [32] present expressions for d_{τ} and d_{τ}^{W} at arbitrary s obtained via the Passarino-Veltman method. We have checked that there is agreement between those results and the ones presented in Appendix A after the replacement $x_Z \rightarrow s/m_{S_k}^2$ is done. On the other hand, the authors of Ref. [33] present integral formulas for the imaginary and real part of d_{τ} and d_{τ}^{W} , which were obtained via the Cutkosky rules. In these works the CP-violating dipole moments are numerically evaluated for leptoquark coupling constants of the order of unity or larger and a leptoquark mass below 500 GeV. Although we do not consider that region of the parameter space, since we present an up-to-date analysis using parameter values that are still in accordance with current experimental data in order to obtain a realistic estimate of the electromagnetic and weak properties of the τ lepton, we have verified that our results agree numerically with those presented in the aforementioned works. Furthermore, as stated before, to our knowledge, there is no previous analysis of the leptoquark contribution to the WMDM of the τ lepton.

IV. CONCLUSIONS AND FINAL REMARKS

We have calculated the static weak properties of a fermion induced by a scalar leptoquark motivated by a recent work on the analysis of the simplest renormalizable scalar leptoquark models with no proton decay [22]. We consider one of such models, the one that predicts a nonchiral scalar leptoquark that can induce the weak properties of the τ lepton at the one-loop level, the study of which is interesting as there are good prospects for experimental study. For completeness we also study the τ

electromagnetic properties. We analyze three particular scenarios and discuss the constraints on the leptoquark couplings to obtain a realistic estimate; namely, we consider a nonchiral leptoquark with nondiagonal couplings to the second and third generations, a third-generation nonchiral leptoquark, and a third-generation chiral leptoquark. In the case of the nonchiral leptoquark there can be a significant enhancement due a chirality-flipping term proportional to the top quark mass, but such term is absent in the case of a chiral leptoquark, and its contributions to the τ electromagnetic and weak properties are naturally suppressed. However, the chirality-flipping term can also give rise to large contributions to LFV processes and leptonic Z decays, thereby imposing strong constraints on the leptoquark couplings. Therefore, the enhancement given by the chirality-flipping term is partially offset by the small value of the coupling constants. We find that the most promising scenario for the largest contributions to the electromagnetic and weak properties of the τ lepton is that of a third-generation nonchiral leptoquark, which can induce contributions to the MDM and WMDM of the same order of magnitude than those predicted by SM extensions such as the THDM, namely $\operatorname{Re}(a_{\tau}^{W}) \simeq 10^{-9}$ and $\text{Im}(a_{\tau}^{W}) \simeq 10^{-10}$, though these contributions are well below the SM ones. A nonchiral leptoquark can also contribute to the CP-violating EDM and WEDM, namely $\operatorname{Re}(d_{\tau}^W) \simeq$ 10^{-22} ecm and $\text{Im}(d_{\tau}^{W}) \simeq 10^{-24}$ ecm, which are much larger than the SM values but still far from the experimental limits. In particular, the values of the leptoquark contribution to d_{τ} and d_{τ}^{W} are considerably smaller than the ones found in previous works since we consider values of the coupling constant and mass of the leptoquark consistent with current experimental data. We also analyzed the scenario in which the photon or the Z gauge boson are off shell and found that one cannot expect an increase of more than 1 order of magnitude of the real part of the electromagnetic and weak dipole moments. However, an imaginary part can be developed provided that $\sqrt{s} > 2m_a$, which would be smaller than the real part.

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APPENDIX A: RESULTS IN TERMS OF PASSARINO-VELTMAN SCALAR FUNCTIONS

As a cross check for our calculation we have obtained results for the weak and dipole moments by the Passarino-Veltman reduction scheme. We will express our results in terms of two-point B_0 and three-point C_0 scalar functions, which can be evaluated via the numerical FF routines [49].

1. Fermion weak dipole moments

For the F_a and G_a functions appearing in the fermion WEDM and WEDM of Eqs. (16) and (17) we obtain

$$F_{1}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) = \frac{2}{z_{1}(4z_{1} - z_{3})^{2}} (2(z_{1}^{2} + (2z_{2} - z_{3} + 2)z_{1} - 3(z_{2} - 1)^{2} + (z_{2} - 2)z_{3})z_{1}C_{1}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) + (2z_{1}(z_{1} - 5z_{2} + 5) + (z_{1} + z_{2} - 1)z_{3})\Delta_{1}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) + (4z_{1} - z_{3})((z_{2} - 1)\Delta_{2}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) + z_{1})), \quad (A1)$$

$$F_{2}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) = \frac{12(z_{1} + z_{2} - 1)}{(4z_{1} - z_{3})^{2}} (\Delta_{3}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) - (z_{1} + z_{2} - 1)C_{2}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3})) - \frac{2}{z_{1}(z_{3} - 4z_{1})} ((1 - z_{2})\Delta_{4}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) - (z_{1} - z_{2} + 1)\Delta_{3}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) + 2(z_{1} + 2z_{2} - 1)z_{1}C_{2}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) + z_{1}),$$
(A2)

$$G_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \frac{4}{4z_1 - z_3} ((1 + z_1 - z_2)C_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) - \Delta_1(z_1, z_2, z_3)),$$
(A3)

$$G_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \frac{2}{4z_1 - z_3} ((2(1 + z_1 - z_2) - z_3)C_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) + 2\Delta_3(z_1, z_2, z_3)),$$
(A4)

with the Δ_i and C_i functions given in terms of scalar functions (we use the notation of Ref. [50]) as follows:

$$\Delta_1(x, y, z) = B_0(xm_S^2, m_S^2, ym_S^2) - B_0(zm_S^2, ym_S^2, ym_S^2),$$
(A5)

$$\Delta_2(x, y, z) = B_0(0, ym_S^2, m_S^2) - B_0(zm_S^2, ym_S^2, ym_S^2), \quad (A6)$$

$$\Delta_3(x, y, z) = B_0(xm_S^2, m_S^2, ym_S^2) - B_0(zm_S^2, m_S^2, m_S^2),$$
(A7)

$$\Delta_4(x, y, z) = B_0(0, ym_S^2, m_S^2) - B_0(zm_S^2, m_S^2, m_S^2), \quad (A8)$$

$$C_1(x, y, z) = m_S^2 C_0(xm_S^2, xm_S^2, zm_S^2, m_S^2, ym_S^2, m_S^2), \quad (A9)$$

$$C_2(x, y, z) = m_S^2 C_0(xm_S^2, xm_S^2, zm_S^2, ym_S^2, m_S^2, ym_S^2).$$
 (A10)

Notice that the Δ_i and C_i functions are ultraviolet finite and independent of the leptoquark mass. The results for the *CP*-violating d_{τ}^W are in agreement with the results presented in Ref. [32] when x_Z is replaced by $\frac{s}{m_Z^2}$.

2. Fermion electromagnetic dipole moments

For completeness we also present the results for the MDM and the EDM of a fermion in terms of scalar functions. The F_a^{γ} and G_a^{γ} functions of Eqs. (23) and (24) are given by

$$F_1^{\gamma}(z_1, z_2) = -\frac{1}{z_1^2 \lambda(z_1, z_2)} (2z_2(2z_1 + \lambda(z_1, z_2))\Delta_5(z_1, z_2) - 2(z_1(1 - z_1 + z_2) + \lambda(z_1, z_2))\Delta_6(z_1, z_2) + z_1(4z_2 + \lambda(z_1, z_2) - 4) + 2(z_2 - 1)\lambda(z_1, z_2) + 4z_1^2),$$
(A11)

$$F_{2}^{\gamma}(z_{1}, z_{2}) = -\frac{1}{z_{1}^{2}\lambda(z_{1}, z_{2})} (2z_{2}(z_{1}(z_{2}+1) - (z_{2}-1)^{2})\Delta_{5}(z_{1}, z_{2}) + 2((z_{2}-1)^{2} + (z_{1}-2)z_{1})\Delta_{6}(z_{1}, z_{2}) + z_{1}^{3} + (z_{2}-1)(z_{2}+3)z_{1} - 2(z_{2}-1)^{3}),$$
(A12)

$$G_{1}^{\gamma}(z_{1},z_{2}) = -\frac{1}{z_{1}\lambda(z_{1},z_{2})} (2(z_{1}^{2} - (2z_{2}+1)z_{1} + (z_{2}-1)z_{2})\Delta_{5}(z_{1},z_{2}) + 2(z_{1}-z_{2}+1)\Delta_{6}(z_{1},z_{2}) + 2(z_{1}-z_{2}+1)^{2}),$$
(A13)

$$G_2^{\gamma}(z_1, z_2) = -\frac{1}{z_1 \lambda(z_1, z_2)} (2(z_1 - z_2 + 1)z_2 \Delta_5(z_1, z_2) + 2(z_1 + z_2 - 1)\Delta_6(z_1, z_2) + 2(z_1^2 - (z_2 - 1)^2)), \quad (A14)$$

with

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 $\Delta_7(x, y) = B_0(xm_s^2, ym_s^2, m_s^2) - B_0(0, ym_s^2, m_s^2),$

 $C_3(x, y, z) = m_s^2 C_0(xm_s^2, zm_s^2, 0, ym_s^2, m_s^2, ym_s^2),$

 $C_4(x, y, z) = m_s^2 C_0(xm_s^2, zm_s^2, 0, m_s^2, ym_s^2, m_s^2).$

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APPENDIX B: LEPTON FLAVOR VIOLATING
DECAY
$$\ell_i \rightarrow \ell_k \gamma$$

We now present the results for the decay amplitude (31)

 $\Delta_5(x, y) = B_0(0, ym_s^2, ym_s^2) - B_0(xm_s^2, ym_s^2, m_s^2), \quad (A15)$

 $\Delta_6(x, y) = B_0(0, m_S^2, m_S^2) - B_0(xm_S^2, ym_S^2, m_S^2), \quad (A16)$

and $\lambda(x, y) = (1 + y - x)^2 - 4y$.

we now present the results for the decay amplitude (31). There are only contributions from the triangle diagrams of Fig. 3; the bubble diagrams give rise to ultraviolet divergent terms that violate electromagnetic gauge invariance and are exactly canceled out by similar terms arising from the triangle diagrams. The I and J functions appearing in the coefficients A_L and A_R of Eq. (32) are given by

$$I(z_1, z_2, z_3) = Q_q I_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) + Q_s I_2(z_1, z_2, z_3),$$
(B1)

$$J(z_1, z_2, z_3) = Q_q J_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) + Q_s J_2(z_1, z_2, z_3), \quad (B2)$$

with the I_a and J_a functions given by

$$I_a(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \int_0^1 \frac{\xi_a(x)}{(1-x)x(z_1-z_3)^2} \left((x-1)x(z_1-z_3) - (x+(z_2-xz_3)(1-x))\log\left(\frac{\eta(x, z_1, z_2)}{\eta(x, z_3, z_2)}\right) \right) dx, \quad (B3)$$

and

$$J_a(z_1, z_2, z_3) = -\int_0^1 \frac{\xi_a(x)}{x(z_1 - z_3)} \log\left(\frac{\eta(x, z_1, z_2)}{\eta(x, z_3, z_2)}\right) dx,$$
(B4)

where $\xi_a(x)$ and $\eta(x, z_1, z_2)$ were defined after Eq. (19). These equations also reproduce the lepton MDM and EDM given in Eqs. (21) and (22).

Finally, we present the I_a and J_a functions in terms of Passarino-Veltman functions:

$$I_{1}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) = \frac{1}{(z_{1} - z_{3})^{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2z_{1}} ((z_{2} - 1)(z_{3} - 2z_{1}) - z_{1}z_{3})\Delta_{7}(z_{1}, z_{2}) + \frac{1}{2} (z_{2} + z_{3} - 1)\Delta_{7}(z_{3}, z_{2}) \right) + \frac{1}{z_{1} - z_{3}} \left(\frac{1}{2} - z_{2}C_{3}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) \right),$$
(B5)

$$I_{2}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) = \frac{1}{(z_{1} - z_{3})^{2}} \left(\frac{1}{2z_{1}} ((1 - z_{2})(z_{3} - 2z_{1}) - z_{1}z_{3})\Delta_{7}(z_{1}, z_{2}) - \frac{1}{2}(z_{2} - z_{3} - 1)\Delta_{7}(z_{3}, z_{2}) \right) + \frac{1}{(z_{3} - z_{1})} \left(\frac{1}{2} - C_{4}(z_{1}, z_{2}, z_{3}) \right),$$
(B6)

$$J_1(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \frac{1}{z_1 - z_3} (\Delta_5(z_3, z_2) + \Delta_7(z_1, z_2)) - C_3(z_1, z_2, z_3),$$
(B7)

$$J_2(z_1, z_2, z_3) = \frac{1}{z_1 - z_3} \left(\Delta_7(z_1, z_2) - \Delta_7(z_3, z_2) \right), \qquad (B8)$$

with

$$+\frac{1}{z_{1}-z_{3}}\left(\frac{1}{2}-z_{2}C_{3}(z_{1},z_{2},z_{3})\right),$$
(B5)
$$z_{1},z_{2},z_{3}) = \frac{1}{(z_{1}-z_{3})^{2}}\left(\frac{1}{2z_{1}}\left((1-z_{2})(z_{3}-2z_{1})-z_{1}z_{3}\right)\Delta_{7}(z_{1},z_{2})-\frac{1}{2}(z_{2}-z_{3}-1)\Delta_{7}(z_{3},z_{2})\right)$$

$$+\frac{1}{(z_{3}-z_{1})}\left(\frac{1}{2}-C_{4}(z_{1},z_{2},z_{3})\right),$$
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