Heavy scalar top quark decays in the complex MSSM: A full one-loop analysis

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We evaluate all two-body decay modes of the heavy scalar top quark in the minimal supersymmetric standard model with complex parameters (cMSSM) and no generation mixing. The evaluation is based on a full one-loop calculation of all decay channels, also including hard QED and QCD radiation. The renormalization of the complex parameters is described in detail. The dependence of the heavy scalar top quark decay on the relevant cMSSM parameters is analyzed numerically, including also the decay to Higgs bosons and another scalar quark or to a top quark and the lightest neutralino. We find sizable contributions to many partial decay widths and branching ratios. They are roughly of $O(10\%)$ of the tree-level results, but can go up to 30% or higher. These contributions are important for the correct interpretation of scalar top quark decays at the LHC and, if kinematically allowed, at the ILC. The evaluation of the branching ratios of the heavy scalar top quark will be implemented into the Fortran code FEYNHIGGS.

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I. INTRODUCTION

One of the most important tasks at the LHC is to search for physics effects beyond the standard model (SM), where the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) [1] is one of the leading candidates. Supersymmetry (SUSY) predicts two scalar partners for all SM fermions as well as fermionic partners to all SM bosons. Another important task is investigating the mechanism of electroweak symmetry breaking. The most frequently investigated models are the Higgs mechanism within the SM and within the MSSM. Contrary to the case of the SM, in the MSSM two Higgs doublets are required. This results in five physical Higgs bosons instead of the single Higgs boson in the SM; three neutral Higgs bosons, $h_n$ ($n = 1, 2, 3$), and two charged Higgs bosons, $H^\pm$.

If SUSY is realized in nature and the scalar quarks and/or the gluino are in the kinematic reach of the LHC, it is expected that these strongly interacting particles are copiously produced. This includes the production of scalar top quark pairs or the production of two gluinos with the subsequent (possible) decay to a scalar top quark and a top quark. An interesting production channel of Higgs bosons at the LHC is the decay of the heavy scalar top quark to the lighter scalar top (scalar bottom) quark and a neutral (charged) Higgs boson, see, for instance, Refs. [2, 3] and references therein. At the ILC (or any other future $e^+e^-$ collider such as CLIC) a precision determination of the properties of the observed particles is expected [4, 5]. (For combined LHC/ILC analyses and further prospects see Ref. [6]). Thus, if kinematically accessible, Higgs production via scalar top quark decays could offer important information about the stop and Higgs sector of the MSSM.

In order to yield a sufficient accuracy, one-loop corrections to the various scalar top quark decay modes have to be considered. We take into account all two-body decay modes of the heavy scalar top quark, $\tilde{t}_2$, in the minimal supersymmetric standard model with complex parameters (cMSSM), but we neglect flavor violation effects and resulting decay channels that rather play a role for the decay of the light scalar top quark, $\tilde{t}_1$, in special regions of the MSSM parameter space [7]. More specifically, we calculate the full one-loop corrections to the partial decay widths

$$\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h_n) \quad (n = 1, 2, 3), \quad (1)$$
$$\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 Z), \quad (2)$$
$$\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{\chi}_k^0) \quad (k = 1, 2, 3, 4), \quad (3)$$
$$\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{g}), \quad (4)$$
$$\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow b\tilde{H}^+) \quad (i = 1, 2), \quad (5)$$

It should be noted that the purely loop induced decay channels $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 y/g$ have been neglected because they yield exactly zero, see Sec. III for further details.
\[
\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_i W^+) \quad (i = 1, 2),
\]
\[
\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow b \tilde{\chi}^+_j) \quad (j = 1, 2),
\]
where \(\tilde{\chi}^0_k\) denotes the neutralinos, \(\tilde{g}\) the gluino, \(\tilde{\chi}^+_j\) the charginos, \(t\) and \(b\) the top and bottom quark, and \(Z\) and \(W^\pm\) the SM gauge bosons. The total decay width is defined as the sum of the partial decay widths (1) to (7), where for a given parameter point several channels may be kinematically forbidden.

As explained above, we are especially interested in the branching ratios (BR) of the decays of the \(\tilde{t}_2\) to a Higgs boson and another squark, Eqs. (1) and (5), as part of an evaluation of a Higgs production cross section. This can be an interesting production channel at the LHC (see, for instance, Ref. [8], where \(pp \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1^\pm \tilde{t}_1^0\) is analyzed, or Ref. [9], where searches for \(C\bar{P}\)-odd Higgs bosons in top squark decays are discussed). However, in order to reach a high accuracy, all two-body decay channels should be evaluated at one-loop. On the other hand, because we are interested in two-body modes (involving Higgs bosons), it is not necessary to investigate three- or four-body decay modes as these only play a significant role once the two-body decay modes are kinematically forbidden, and thus the relevant BR are zero.

We also concentrate on the decays of \(\tilde{t}_2\) and do not investigate \(\tilde{t}_2^\pm\) decays. In the presence of complex phases this would lead to somewhat different results. However, such an analysis of \(C\bar{P}\)-violating effects is beyond the scope of this paper.

Higher-order contributions to scalar fermion decays have been evaluated in various analyses over the last decade. However, they were in most cases restricted to one specific channel. In many cases only parts of a one-loop calculation has been performed, and no higher-order corrections in the cMSSM are available so far. More specifically, the available literature comprises the following. First, \(\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)\) corrections to partial decay widths of various squark decay channels in the MSSM with real parameters (rMSSM) were derived: to the decay of a squark to a quark and a chargino or neutralino in Ref. [10], to the decay of a squark to a quark and a gluino in Refs. [11,12], to the decay of a squark to a squark and a SM gauge boson in Ref. [13], and to the neutral Higgs boson radiation of a scalar top or bottom quark in Ref. [14]. (Those \(\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)\) corrections have been implemented into the code SDECAY [15].) A tree-level analysis on several \(\tilde{t}\) and \(\tilde{b}\) decay modes was presented in Ref. [16]. In a second step, Yukawa corrections to the partial decay widths of a scalar quark were evaluated in Refs. [17,18]. Finally, full one-loop contributions were derived, for the decay of a squark to a quark and a chargino or neutralino in Ref. [19], and for the decay of a scalar fermion to a scalar fermion and a gauge boson in Ref. [20]. One-loop corrections to scalar quark decays in the rMSSM, derived in a pure \(\overline{\text{DR}}\) scheme (see below) have been made available in the program package SFOLD [21]. Also the partial decay width of a \(C\bar{P}\)-even and a \(C\bar{P}\)-odd Higgs boson to scalar quarks at the one-loop level is available; see Refs. [22,23], respectively. A more recent evaluation can be found in Ref. [24]. Tree-level analyses for the decay of a \(\tilde{t}\) or a \(\tilde{b}\) in the cMSSM have been published in Refs. [25,26], and a one-loop calculation of a scalar top quark decaying to a bottom quark and a chargino in the cMSSM is presented in Ref. [27], where an LHC specific analysis can be found in Ref. [28]. Finally, results in an effective Lagrangian approach can be found in Ref. [29].

Several methods have been discussed in the literature to extract the complex parameters of the model from experimental measurements. Branching ratios at a linear collider were analyzed at the tree level in Ref. [26]. Triple products of decaying scalar top or bottom quarks have been examined in Ref. [30] (without specifying the production modes) and in Refs. [31–33] at the LHC. Rate asymmetries for decaying top squarks are analyzed in Ref. [27], again without specifying the production modes, and especially for the LHC in Ref. [28]. Depending on the realized cMSSM parameter space and on some further assumptions on the LHC performance, it seems to be possible to obtain limits on, e.g., the phases of \(M_1, A_0,\) and \(A_t\) at the LHC. No corresponding analysis, to our knowledge, of the phase of \(M_3\) has been performed so far.

In this paper we present for the first time a full one-loop calculation for all two-body decay channels of the heavier scalar top in the cMSSM (with no generation mixing), taking into account soft and hard QED and QCD radiation. In Sec. II we review the renormalization of all relevant sectors of the cMSSM. Details about the calculation can be found in Sec. III, and the numerical results for all decay channels are presented in Sec. IV. The conclusions can be found in Sec. V. The results will be implemented into the Fortran code FENNYHIGGS [34–37].

II. THE COMPLEX MSSM AND ITS RENORMALIZATION

All the channels (1)–(7) are calculated at the one-loop level, including hard QED and QCD radiation. This requires the simultaneous renormalization of several sectors of the cMSSM, including the colored sector with top and bottom quarks and their scalar partners as well as the gluon and the gluino, the Higgs and gauge boson sector with all the Higgs bosons as well as the Z and the W boson and the chargino/neutralino sector. In the following subsections we briefly review these sectors and their renormalization. To our knowledge, it is the first time that such a complete renormalization of the cMSSM has been performed.

A. The colored sector of the cMSSM

The colored sector of the cMSSM can be divided into a quark/squark part, a gluino part and a gluon part. The quark/squark part contains the soft SUSY-breaking mass parameters \(M_{\tilde{q}_i}, M_{\tilde{g}_k}\), the trilinear couplings \(A_q\), the quark
masses $m_q$ as well as the quark and the squark fields\(^2\) $q$ and $\tilde{q}$, while the gluino part comprises the soft SUSY-breaking gaugino mass parameter $M_3$ and the gluino field $\tilde{g}$. From the gluon part, only the renormalization of the strong coupling constant $\alpha_s$ is needed for our calculation.

### 1. The top and bottom quark/squark sector

The part of the Fourier transformed Lagrangian that is bilinear in the quark and the squark fields with $q = \{t, b\}$ and $\tilde{q} = \{\tilde{t}, \tilde{b}\}$ can be written as

$$
M_{\tilde{q}} = \begin{pmatrix}
M^2_{\tilde{q}_L} + m_q^2 + M_Z^2c_2\beta(I^3_q - m_q X_q)
\end{pmatrix}
\begin{pmatrix}
m_q X_q
\end{pmatrix}
$$

with

$$X_q = A_q - \mu^* \kappa, \quad \kappa = \{\cot \beta, \tan \beta\} \text{ for } q = \{t, b\},$$

$$c_2\beta = \cos 2\beta. \quad \text{(10)}$$

The soft SUSY-breaking mass parameter $M_{\tilde{q}_L}$ is equal for all members of an $SU(2)_L$ doublet, while the soft SUSY-breaking mass parameter $M_{\tilde{q}_R}$ can be different for scalar top and scalar bottom type quarks. $Q_q$ and $I^3_q$ denote the charge and isospin of $q$. $A_q$ is the trilinear soft-breaking parameter, $\mu$ the Higgs superfield mixing parameter, $\tan \beta = v_2/v_1$ denotes the ratio of the two vacuum expectation values in the Higgs sector (see Sec. II B), $M_Z$ and $M_W$ are the Z and W boson mass, respectively, and $c_\omega \equiv \cos \theta_\omega = M_W/M_Z$, with $\theta_\omega$ being the weak mixing angle, and $s_\omega = \sqrt{1 - c_\omega^2}$. The mass matrix can be diagonalized with the help of a unitary transformation $U_q$,

$$D_q = U_q M_{\tilde{q}} U_q^\dagger = \begin{pmatrix}
m^2_{\tilde{q}_1} & 0 \\
0 & m^2_{\tilde{q}_2}
\end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{(11)}$$

$$U_q = \begin{pmatrix}
U_{\tilde{q}_{11}} & U_{\tilde{q}_{12}} \\
U_{\tilde{q}_{21}} & U_{\tilde{q}_{22}}
\end{pmatrix},$$

where the scalar quark masses, $m_{\tilde{q}_1}$, $m_{\tilde{q}_2}$, will always be mass ordered\(^3\) i.e. $m_{\tilde{q}_2} \gg m_{\tilde{q}_1}$, and are given by

$$m^2_{\tilde{q}_{12}} = \frac{1}{2} (M^2_{\tilde{q}_L} + M^2_{\tilde{q}_R}) + m_q^2 + \frac{1}{2} I^3_q M_Z^2 c_2 \beta + \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(M^2_{\tilde{q}_L} - M^2_{\tilde{q}_R} + M_Z^2 c_2 \beta I^3_q - 2 Q_q s_\omega^2)^2 + 4 m_q^2 |X_q|^2}. \quad \text{(12)}$$

For the parameter and the field renormalization of the quark/squark sector we follow the procedure described in Ref. [38]. The quark mass and the squark mass matrix are replaced by the renormalized mass and mass matrix, respectively, and their counterterms,

$$m_q \rightarrow m_q + \delta m_q, \quad \text{(13)}$$

$$M_{\tilde{q}} \rightarrow M_{\tilde{q}} + \delta M_{\tilde{q}}. \quad \text{(14)}$$

The mass matrix counterterm $\delta M_{\tilde{q}}$ is obtained by applying the renormalization procedure—replacement of the parameters by the renormalized ones and the corresponding counterterms—for each parameter and expanding with respect to the introduced counterterms,

$$\delta M_{\tilde{q}_{11}} = \delta M^2_{\tilde{q}_L} + 2 m_q \delta m_q - M_Z^2 c_2 \beta Q_q \delta s_\omega^2 + (I^3_q - Q_q s_\omega^2)(c_2 \beta \delta M^2_Z + M_Z^2 \delta c_2 \beta), \quad \text{(15)}$$

\(^2\)It should be noted that for the renormalization of the quark/squark sector we focus on the third generation—which is the relevant part for our calculation—but, in principle, it can be generalized to the other generations.

\(^3\)Because of the mass ordering, $\tilde{b}_3 \approx \tilde{b}_L$ is possible, which should be remembered when choosing a set of independent parameters—in our numerical examples, however, $\tilde{b}_2$ is rather $\tilde{b}_R$-like.
where $\delta m^2_{q_1}$ and $\delta m^2_{q_2}$ are the counterterms of the squark masses squared. In the mass matrix in Eq. (11) as well as in the first term of the right-hand side of Eq. (19) the squark mixing parameter $Y_q$ vanishes as it should at tree level because the unitary matrix $U_q$ is chosen in that way to diagonalize the mass matrix $M_q$. However, already at one-loop level, the squark mixing parameter $Y_q$ receives a nonvanishing counterterm $\delta Y_q$ (which can be related to the counterterms of a mixing angle and a phase; see Ref. [39]). Using Eq. (19) one can express the counterterms of a mixing angle and a phase; see $Y_{q}$ at one-loop level, the squark mixing parameter $Y_q$.

Following this renormalization procedure yields for the bottom squark mixing parameter $\delta Y_b$ by the other counterterms [see Eqs. (51) and (52)].

For the field renormalization of the quark and the squark fields the following procedure is applied:

$$\omega_{-q} \to \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{Lq} \right) \omega_{-q},$$

$$\omega_{+q} \to \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{Rq} \right) \omega_{+q},$$

$$\tilde{q}_i \to \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{q} \right]_{ij} \tilde{q}_j. $$

$[\delta Z_{q}]_{ij}$ with $i, j = 1, 2, 3$ are the field renormalization constants and $\delta Z_{Lq}$ and $\delta Z_{Rq}$ the field renormalization constants for the left- and right-handed quark fields, respectively.

Following this renormalization procedure yields for the renormalized squark self-energies

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{q_{11}}(p^2) = \Sigma_{q_{11}}(p^2) + \frac{1}{2} (p^2 - m_{q_1}^2) [\delta Z_{q} + \delta Z_{q}^*]_{11} - \delta m^2_{q_1},$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{q_{12}}(p^2) = \Sigma_{q_{12}}(p^2) + \frac{1}{2} (p^2 - m_{q_2}^2) [\delta Z_{q} + \delta Z_{q}^*]_{12} - \delta m^2_{q_2},$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{q_{21}}(p^2) = \Sigma_{q_{21}}(p^2) + \frac{1}{2} (p^2 - m_{q_1}^2) [\delta Z_{q} + \delta Z_{q}^*]_{21} - \delta m^2_{q_1},$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{q_{22}}(p^2) = \Sigma_{q_{22}}(p^2) + \frac{1}{2} (p^2 - m_{q_2}^2) [\delta Z_{q} + \delta Z_{q}^*]_{22} - \delta m^2_{q_2}.$$

The renormalized quark self-energy, $\hat{\Sigma}_q$, can be decomposed into left/right-handed and scalar left/right-handed parts, $\Sigma_{q/L}$ and $\Sigma_{q/S}$, respectively,

$$\hat{\Sigma}_q(p) = \delta \omega \cdot \hat{\Sigma}_{q}^L(p^2) + \delta \omega \cdot \hat{\Sigma}_{q}^R(p^2) + \omega \cdot \hat{\Sigma}_{q}^S(p^2) + \omega \cdot \hat{\Sigma}_{q}^{SR}(p^2)$$

where the components are given by

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{q}^L(p^2) = \Sigma_{q}^L(p^2) + \frac{1}{2} (\delta Z_{q}^L + \delta Z_{q}^R - \delta m_{q}),$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{q}^R(p^2) = \Sigma_{q}^R(p^2) - \frac{1}{2} (\delta Z_{q}^L + \delta Z_{q}^R - \delta m_{q}),$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{q}^S(p^2) = \Sigma_{q}^S(p^2) - \frac{1}{2} (\delta Z_{q}^L + \delta Z_{q}^R - \delta m_{q}).$$

It should be noted that $\tilde{\Re} \hat{\Sigma}_q^SR(p^2) = (\tilde{\Re} \hat{\Sigma}_q^SL(p^2))^*$ holds due to $CPT$ invariance.

We now review our choice of renormalization conditions where we follow the renormalization scheme of Ref. [38] with our favored “$m_a$, $A_b$ DR” scheme for the bottom quark/squark part. However, we expand this scheme to include also external bottom quarks (which was not investigated in Ref. [38]). In this case we deviate from the $m_b$, $A_b$ DR scheme and renormalize the bottom quark mass on-shell; see below. The problems found in Ref. [38] with this scheme do not arise in the processes with external bottom quarks considered in this paper as no external bottom squarks occur, and the trilinear coupling $A_b$ is only needed at leading order in these processes.

The original parameters that we count as parameters of the top and bottom quark/squark sector are the soft SUSY-breaking mass parameters $M_{q_{11}}$, $M_{q_{12}}$, and $M_{q_{22}}$, the complex trilinear couplings $A_i = |A_i| e^{i \phi_{A_i}}$ and $A_{b} = |A_b| e^{i \phi_{A_b}}$, and the Yukawa couplings $y_t$ and $y_b$ which can be chosen to be real [the Cabibbo-Kobayashi-Maskawa (CKM) matrix is set to unity in our calculation and generation mixing effects are neglected]. Consequently, there are nine parameters to be defined in the top and bottom quark/squark sector. Instead of using the original parameters we choose the top squark masses $m_{q_1}$, $m_{q_2}$ and one bottom squark mass, $m_{q_3}$, as well as the quark masses $m_t$ and $m_b$ as independent input parameters. Also, in the scalar top quark sector a renormalization condition is chosen that fixes the counterterm $\delta Y_i$ instead of $\delta A_i$. For the parameters of the top quark/squark sector we impose on-shell (OS) conditions...
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while in the bottom quark/squark sector a mixed $\overline{\text{DR}}/\text{OS}$ scheme is employed:

(i–iii) The two top squark masses and the one bottom squark mass are determined via on-shell conditions,

\[ \text{Re} \tilde{\Sigma}_{i_2}(m_{\tilde{t}}^2) = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2), \]

yielding

\[ \delta m_{\tilde{t}}^2 = \text{Re} \tilde{\Sigma}_{i_2}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \quad (i = 1, 2), \]

\[ \delta m_{\tilde{b}}^2 = \text{Re} \tilde{\Sigma}_{i_2}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2). \]

\(\tilde{\text{Re}}\) denotes the real part with respect to contributions from the loop integrals, but leaves the complex couplings unaffected.\(^5\)

(iv) The top quark mass is also defined on-shell,

\[ \text{Re} \tilde{\Sigma}_{(p)r}(p)|_{p^2=m_t^2} = 0, \]

yielding the one-loop counterterm \(\delta m_t\),

\[ \delta m_t = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \{m_1^2 \Sigma_{i_1}(m_t^2) + \Sigma_{i_2}(m_t^2)\} + \{\Sigma_{i_1}(m_t^2) + \Sigma_{i_1}(m_t^2)\}, \]

referring to the Lorentz decomposition of the self-energy \(\tilde{\Sigma}_{i_2}(p)\); see Eq. (29).

(v) For the bottom quark mass we use two different definitions depending on whether in the considered decay channel a bottom quark appears as an external particle or not:

(a) In the case that no external bottom quarks are involved, the bottom quark mass is defined as \(\overline{\text{DR}}\) mass with the corresponding counterterm,

\[ \delta A_b = \frac{1}{m_b} \left[ U_{b_1b_1}^* \left( \text{Re} \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \right)_{\text{div}} - \text{Re} \Sigma_{b_2}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \right]_{\text{div}} + \frac{1}{2} U_{b_1b_1}^* U_{b_2b_2} \left( \text{Re} \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \right)_{\text{div}} + \text{Re} \Sigma_{b_2}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2)_{\text{div}} + \text{Re} \Sigma_{b_2}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2)_{\text{div}} + \left[ \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) + \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \right]_{\text{div}} \]

which also counts for two separate renormalization conditions as \(A_b\) is a complex parameter. The divergent parts of \(\delta \mu\) and \(\delta \tan \beta\) can be extracted from Eqs. (181) and (120c), respectively.

With these renormalization conditions all independent parameters in the top and bottom quark/squark sector are defined. The dependent parameters can be expressed in terms of those independent ones and the same applies for the corresponding

\[ \delta m_b^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \left( m_b \left[ \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) + \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \right]_{\text{div}} + \left[ \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) + \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \right]_{\text{div}} \right). \]

(b) If bottom quarks appear as external particles then we define the bottom quark mass on-shell,

\[ \text{Re} \tilde{\Sigma}_{b_1}(p)(b)p|_{p^2=m_b^2} = 0, \]

to ensure the on-shell properties of the external particles that yield the following counterterm:

\[ \delta m_b^{\text{OS}} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \left( m_b \left[ \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) + \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \right] + \left[ \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) + \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \right] \right). \]

To have consistent input in all the decay channels we calculate the on-shell bottom quark mass \(m_b^{\text{OS}}\) starting from the \(\overline{\text{DR}}\) mass,

\[ m_b^{\text{OS}} = m_b^{\overline{\text{DR}}} + \delta m_b^{\overline{\text{DR}}} - \delta m_b^{\text{OS}}. \]

The value of \(m_b^{\overline{\text{DR}}}\) is obtained as described in Eq. (65).

It should be noted that the problems found in Ref. [38] with an on-shell renormalization condition for \(m_b\) (leading, e.g., to unphysically large contributions to \(\delta A_b\)) do not occur as long as no external scalar bottom quarks appear at the same time and the parameter \(A_b\) is only needed at leading order. For example, the proposed scheme would presumably fail in the process \(b\bar{b} \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1 \tilde{b}_1\), which, however, is beyond the scope of our paper.

(vi, vii) The complex counterterm of the nondiagonal entry of Eq. (19), which corresponds to two separate conditions, is fixed as [38–40]

\[ \delta Y_t = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re} \left\{ \Sigma_{t_1}(m_{\tilde{t}}^2) + \Sigma_{t_1}(m_{\tilde{t}}^2) \right\}. \]

(viii, ix) In the scalar bottom quark sector the trilinear coupling is defined as a \(\overline{\text{DR}}\) parameter with the counterterm,

\[ \delta A_b = \frac{1}{m_b} \left[ U_{b_1b_1}^* \left( \text{Re} \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \right)_{\text{div}} - \text{Re} \Sigma_{b_2}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \right]_{\text{div}} + \frac{1}{2} U_{b_1b_1}^* U_{b_2b_2} \left( \text{Re} \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \right)_{\text{div}} + \text{Re} \Sigma_{b_2}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2)_{\text{div}} + \text{Re} \Sigma_{b_2}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2)_{\text{div}} + \left[ \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) + \Sigma_{b_1}(m_{\tilde{b}}^2) \right]_{\text{div}} \]

5It should be noted that we impose later an extra renormalization condition concerning the \(\tilde{b}_1\) mass to solve infrared problems; see Eq. (46) below.
counterterms. With respect to this renormalization scheme the (one-loop corrected) on-shell $\tilde{b}_1$ mass, $m_{\tilde{b}_1}^{OS}$, differs from the mass parameter $m_{\tilde{b}_1}$. As an external particle $\tilde{b}_1$ should fulfill the on-shell properties, which in turn requires that it should have the mass

$$ (m_{\tilde{b}_1}^{OS})^2 = (m_{\tilde{b}_1})^2 + (\delta m_{\tilde{b}_1}^{dep})^2 - \tilde{\Sigma}_{\tilde{b}_1}(m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2), \quad (45) $$

where $\delta m_{\tilde{b}_1}^{dep}$ is the dependent mass counterterm that results from imposing only the renormalization conditions (i)-(ix). On the other hand, using $m_{\tilde{b}_1}$ for the internal $\tilde{b}_1$ squarks and $m_{\tilde{b}_1}^{OS}$ for the external $\tilde{b}_1$ squarks (which would formally be correct with respect to the considered loop order) leads to nonvanishing infrared (IR) singularities (for details see Ref. [38]).

To circumvent this problem we impose a further OS renormalization condition

$$ \delta m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2 = \tilde{\Sigma}_{\tilde{b}_1}(m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2). \quad (46) $$

As now all the squark masses within one generation are renormalized as on-shell, an explicit restoration of the $SU(2)$ relation is needed. This is performed in requiring that the left-handed (bare) soft SUSY-breaking mass parameter is the same in the bottom as in the top squark sector at the one-loop level,

$$ M_{\tilde{q}_t}(\tilde{b}) + \delta M_{\tilde{q}_t}(\tilde{b}) = M_{\tilde{q}_t}(\tilde{t}) + \delta M_{\tilde{q}_t}(\tilde{t}). \quad (47) $$

More precisely, we define (see also Refs. [13,14,41])

$$ M_{\tilde{q}_b}(\tilde{b}) = M_{\tilde{q}_t}(\tilde{t}) + \delta M_{\tilde{q}_t}(\tilde{t}) - \delta M_{\tilde{q}_b}(\tilde{b}) \quad (48) $$

with

$$ \delta M_{\tilde{q}_b}(\tilde{q}) = [U_{\tilde{q}_b}]^2 \delta m_{\tilde{q}_b}^2 + [U_{\tilde{q}_t}]^2 \delta m_{\tilde{q}_t}^2 - U_{\tilde{q}_b t} U_{\tilde{q}_b t}^\dagger \delta Y_q - U_{\tilde{q}_b t} U_{\tilde{q}_t t}^\dagger \delta Y_t - 2m_{\tilde{q}_b} \delta m_{\tilde{q}_b} + M_{\tilde{q}_b}^2 \cot^2 \beta \delta M_{\tilde{q}_b}^2 \delta s_W^2 - (t^3 - Q_q \delta s_W^2)(c_{2\beta} \delta M_{\tilde{q}_b}^2 + M_{\tilde{q}_b}^2 \delta c_{2\beta}). \quad (49) $$

where $\delta M_{\tilde{q}_b}(\tilde{q})$ is derived with the help of Eqs. (15) and (20). Now $M_{\tilde{q}_b}(\tilde{b})$ is used in the scalar bottom mass matrix instead of the parameter $M_{\tilde{q}_b}$ in Eq. (9) when calculating the values of $m_{\tilde{b}_1}$ and $m_{\tilde{b}_2}$. However, with this procedure, also the mass of the $\tilde{b}_2$ squark is shifted, which contradicts our choice of independent parameters. To keep this choice, also the right-handed soft SUSY-breaking mass parameter $M_{\tilde{b}_R}$ receives a shift:

$$ M_{\tilde{b}_R}^2 = \frac{m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2|A_{\tilde{b}_1}|^2 - \mu \tan \beta^2}{M_{\tilde{q}_b}^2(b) + m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2 + M_{\tilde{q}_b}^2 c_{2\beta}(T^1_b - Q_b \delta s_W^2) - m_{\tilde{b}_2}^2 - M_{\tilde{q}_b}^2 c_{2\beta} Q_b \delta s_W^2 + m_{\tilde{b}_2}^2}. \quad (50) $$

Taking into account this shift in $M_{\tilde{b}_R}$, up to one-loop order, the resulting mass parameter $m_{\tilde{b}_1}$ is the same as the on-shell mass Eq. (45).

In the top and bottom quark/squark sector the counterterm for the trilinear top coupling $\delta A_t$ and the counterterm $\delta Y_b$ are given as a combination of the independent parameters that can be derived from the relation of Eqs. (16) and (21),

$$ \delta A_t = \frac{1}{m_t} [U_{111} U_{121}^* (\delta m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2 - \delta m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2) + U_{112} U_{122}^* \delta Y_t + U_{211} U_{221}^* \delta Y_t - (A_t - \mu^* \cot \beta) \delta m_{\tilde{t}_1}] + (\delta \mu^* \cot \beta - \mu^* \cot^2 \beta \delta \tan \beta) \delta \tan \beta \quad (51) $$

and

$$ \delta Y_b = \frac{1}{|U_{b11}|^2 - |U_{b12}|^2} [U_{b11} U_{b21}^* (\delta m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2 - \delta m_{\tilde{b}_2}^2) + m_b (U_{b11} U_{b22}^* (\delta A_b - \mu \delta \tan \beta - \tan \beta \delta \mu) - U_{b12} U_{b21}^* (\delta A_b - \mu^* \delta \tan \beta - \tan \beta \delta \mu^*)) + (U_{b11} U_{b22}^* (A_b^* - \mu \delta \tan \beta) - U_{b12} U_{b21}^* (A_b - \mu^* \delta \tan \beta)) \delta m_{\tilde{b}_R}]. \quad (52) $$

where $\delta \tan \beta$ and $\delta \mu$ will be defined within the Higgs/gauge sector in Sec. II B, Eq. (120c) and the chargino/neutralino sector in II C, Eq. (181), respectively.

Now, the parameter renormalization for the top and bottom quark/squark sector is accomplished but the field renormalization still has to be done. We determine the $Z$ factors of the quark and squark fields in the OS scheme. In the quark sector we have

$$ \tilde{\Sigma}_{q}(p) q(p)|_{p^2 = m_{\tilde{q}}^2} = 0, \quad (53) $$

$$ \lim_{p^2 \to m_{\tilde{q}}^2} \frac{\hat{p} + m_{\tilde{q}} \tilde{\Sigma}_{q}(p)}{p^2 - m_{\tilde{q}}^2} q(p) = 0, \quad (54) $$

where these two equations determine not only the quark mass counterterms [see Eqs. (37) and (40)] and the real part of the $Z$ factors but also the difference of the imaginary parts of the quark $Z$ factors, $\text{Im} \delta Z_q^b - \text{Im} \delta Z_q^l$ (analogously to the chargino/neutralino case in Sec. II C). This leaves us the freedom to impose additionally

$$ \text{Im} \delta Z_q^l = - \text{Im} \delta Z_q^b. \quad (55) $$

With these equations we find

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6It can be found, up to $O(\alpha_s)$ in Eq. (8.43) of [40].

7If the mass of the $b_1$ squark is chosen as independent mass as $\tilde{b}_2 = \tilde{b}_1$ then the shift of $M_{\tilde{b}_R}$ has to be performed with respect to $m_{\tilde{b}_1}$. In the case of a pure OS scheme (see e.g. [42,43] for the rMSSM) the shifts Eqs. (48) and (50) result in a mass parameter $m_{\tilde{b}_1}$, which is exactly the same as in Eq. (45). This constitutes an important consistency check of these two different methods.}
The value of $\frac{1}{2}$ corresponds to the chosen renormalization. We start by defining the heavy scalar top quark decays in the complex plane yielding

$$\text{Re} \delta Z_{q_i}^{M/R} = -\text{Re}[\Sigma'^{(R)}(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) + \Sigma'^{(L)}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2) + \Sigma'^{(E)}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2)] + m_q \Sigma'^{(R)}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2) + \Sigma'^{(E)}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2)],$$

with an accuracy of $|1 - (m_{bR}^{\text{DR}}(m_b)/m_{bL}^{\text{DR}}(m_b))| < 10^{-5}$. Reaching the $n$th step of the iteration where $\delta m_{bR}^{\text{DR}}$ and $\delta m_{bL}^{\text{OS}}$ are given in Eqs. (39) and (41), respectively.

The quantity $\Delta_b$ [46–48] resums the $O((\alpha_s, \tan \beta)^n)$ and $O((\alpha_s, \tan \beta)^n)$ terms and is given by

$$\Delta_b = \frac{2 \alpha_s(m_t)}{3 \pi} \tan \beta M_3^2 \mu^* I(m_{\tilde{q}_1}^2, m_{\tilde{q}_2}^2, m_{\tilde{g}}^2) + \frac{\alpha_s(m_t)}{4 \pi} \tan \beta M_3^2 \mu^* I(m_{\tilde{q}_1}^2, m_{\tilde{q}_2}^2, |\mu|^2)$$

with

$$I(a, b, c) = -\frac{ab \ln(b/a) + ac \ln(a/c) + bc \ln(c/b)}{(a - c)(c - b)(b - a)}.$$

Here $\alpha_s$ is defined in terms of the top Yukawa coupling $y_t(m_t) = \sqrt{2} m_t(m_t)/\nu$ as $\alpha_s = y_t^2(m_t)/(4\pi)$ with $\nu = 1/\sqrt{2} G_F = 246.218$ GeV and $m_t(m_t) = m_t$. Setting in the evaluation of $\Delta_b$ the scale to $m_t$, it is shown to yield in general a more stable result [49] as long as two-loop corrections to $\Delta_b$ are not included. $M_3$ is the soft SUSY-breaking parameter for the gluinos; see below. We have neglected any CKM mixing of the quarks.

### 2. The gluino sector

The gluinos appear as external particles, for instance, in the decay $\tilde{t}_2 \to t \tilde{g}$. Therefore, a renormalization procedure for the gluino field and the corresponding parameters is necessary.

The Fourier transformed Lagrangian bilinear in the gluino fields is given by

$$L_{\text{g} \tilde{a}}^{\text{bi}} = \bar{\tilde{g}}_{\text{org}}^a \tilde{g}_{\text{org}}^a + \bar{\tilde{a}}_{\text{org}}^a \tilde{a}_{\text{org}}^a + \bar{\tilde{g}}_{\text{org}}^a M_3 \omega - \bar{\tilde{a}}_{\text{org}}^a M_3 \omega - \bar{\tilde{g}}_{\text{org}}^a M_3 \omega + \bar{\tilde{a}}_{\text{org}}^a$$

with $M_3$ being the soft-breaking gluino mass parameter, which is in general complex,

$$M_3 = |M_3|e^{i\varphi_3}.\quad (69)$$

The gluino field $\tilde{g}_{\text{org}}^a$ can be redefined using a phase transformation

$$\omega \tilde{g}_{\text{org}}^a = e^{-i(\varphi_3/2)} \omega \tilde{g}_{\text{org}}^a$$

such that the gluino phase $\varphi_3$ appears only in the gluino couplings, but not in the mass term with the gluino mass $m_{\tilde{g}} = |M_3|$.\footnote{It should be noted that in Ref. [49] a different scale has been advocated due to the emphasis on the two-loop contributions presented in this paper. The plots, however, show that $m_t$ is a good scale choice if only one-loop corrections are included.}
The renormalization is performed as follows [50]:
\[ M_3 \rightarrow M_3 + \delta M_3 = M_3 + \delta |M_3| e^{i\varphi_3} + i M_3 \delta \varphi_3, \]
\[ \omega_{-\tilde{g}^a} \rightarrow \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{\tilde{g}} \right) \omega_{-\tilde{g}^a}, \]
\[ \omega_{+\tilde{g}^a} \rightarrow \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{\tilde{g}} \right) \omega_{+\tilde{g}^a}. \]  

(71)

Note that, analogous to the mixing matrix, only the gluino phase appearing in \( M_3 \) is renormalized but not the one appearing due to the redefinition of the gluino field.

The renormalized gluino self-energies read
\[ \hat{\Sigma}_{L/R}^{\tilde{g}}(p^2) = \Sigma_{L/R}^{\tilde{g}}(p^2) + \frac{1}{2}(\delta Z_{\tilde{g}} + \delta Z_{\tilde{g}}^{\ast}), \]
\[ \hat{\Sigma}_{\tilde{g}}^{SL}(p^2) = \Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^{SL}(p^2) - m_{\tilde{g}} \delta Z_{\tilde{g}} - \delta M_3 e^{-i\varphi_3}, \]
\[ \hat{\Sigma}_{\tilde{g}}^{SR}(p^2) = \Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^{SR}(p^2) - m_{\tilde{g}} \delta Z_{\tilde{g}}^{\ast} - \delta M_3^{\ast} e^{i\varphi_3}. \]  

(72)

(73)

(74)

We choose OS renormalization conditions for the gluino,
\[ \lim_{p^2 \rightarrow m_{\tilde{g}}^2} \left( \frac{\hat{\Sigma}(p)\tilde{g}^{\ast}(p)}{p^2 - m_{\tilde{g}}^2} \right) = 0, \]
\[ \lim_{p^2 \rightarrow m_{\tilde{g}}^2} \left( \frac{\hat{\Sigma}(p)\tilde{g}^{\ast}(p)}{p^2 - m_{\tilde{g}}^2} \right) = 0, \]  

(75)

(76)

with \( \hat{\Sigma}(p) \) defined according to Eq. (29). Because of the Majorana nature of the gluino this leads to three independent conditions, yielding—with \( \Sigma^{\prime}(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) \equiv \frac{\partial \Sigma(p^2)}{\partial p^2} |_{p^2=m_{\tilde{g}}^2} \)—
\[ \delta |M_3| = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}(m_{\tilde{g}}^{\prime}[\Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^{SL}(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) + \Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^{SR}(m_{\tilde{g}}^2)]) \]
\[ + \left[ \Sigma_{L}^{SL}(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) + \Sigma_{L}^{SR}(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) \right], \]
\[ \delta Z_{\tilde{g}} = -\text{Re}(m_{\tilde{g}}^{\prime}[\Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^{SL}(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) + \Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^{SR}(m_{\tilde{g}}^2)]) \]
\[ + m_{\tilde{g}}^{\prime}[\Sigma_{L}^{SL}(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) + \Sigma_{L}^{SR}(m_{\tilde{g}}^2)]]. \]  

(77)

(78)

We have then chosen \( \delta \varphi_3 = 0 \), which is similar to the quark case: There, we use a real Yukawa coupling due to the possibility of redefining the quark fields and have a complex Z factor at one-loop order, which keeps the Yukawa coupling real also at one-loop order; in contrast the gluino phase still appears in the Lagrangian after the redefinition of the fields but this phase factor can be considered as a “transformation matrix” and does not obtain a counterterm. Note that in the chargino/neutralino sector we keep the diagonal Z factors real and have complex parameters.

### 3. The strong coupling constant

The strong coupling constant is renormalized as
\[ \alpha_s \rightarrow Z_{\alpha_s}, \alpha_s = (1 + \delta Z_{\alpha_s}) \alpha_s. \]  

(80)

For \( Z_{\alpha_s} \), we are using a \( \overline{\text{MS}} \) renormalization condition yielding
\[ \delta Z_{\alpha_s} = -\frac{1}{2} \Sigma_{GG}^{\prime}(p^2)|_{p^2=0,\text{div}}, \]  

(81)

where \( \Sigma_{GG}^{\prime} \) denotes the derivative of the transverse part of the gluon self-energy.

The decoupling of the heavy particles and the running is taken into account in the definition of \( \alpha_s \); starting point is [44]
\[ \alpha_s^{\overline{\text{MS}},(3)}(M_Z) = 0.1176, \]  

(82)

where the running of \( \alpha_s^{\overline{\text{MS}},(n)}(\mu_R) \) can be found in Ref. [44]. From the \( \overline{\text{MS}} \) value the \( \overline{\text{DR}} \) value is obtained at the two-loop level via [51]
\[ \alpha_s^{\overline{\text{DR}},(n)}(\mu_R) = \alpha_s^{\overline{\text{MS}},(n)}(\mu_R) \left[ 1 + \alpha_s^{\overline{\text{MS}},(n)}(\mu_R) \frac{\mu_R}{4\pi} \right] \]
\[ + \left( \frac{\alpha_s^{\overline{\text{MS}},(n)}(\mu_R)}{\pi} \right) \frac{11 - n_f}{12}. \]  

(83)

For \( \mu_R > m_t \), we have \( n_f = 6 \). Within the MSSM, at one-loop level, \( \alpha_s \) reads
\[ \alpha_s^{\overline{\text{MS}},(6)}(\mu_R) = \alpha_s^{\overline{\text{DR}},(6)}(\mu_R) \left[ 1 + \frac{\alpha_s^{\overline{\text{DR}},(6)}(\mu_R)}{\pi} \left( \ln \frac{\mu_R}{m_{\tilde{g}}} + \ln \frac{\mu_R}{M_{\tilde{g}}} \right) \right], \]  

(84)

with \( M_{\tilde{g}} \) being defined as the geometric average of all squark masses, \( M_{\tilde{g}} = \Pi_{\tilde{q}}(m_{\tilde{q}}, m_{\tilde{q}_2})^{(1/12)} \). The log terms originate from the decoupling of the SQCD particles from the running of \( \alpha_s \) at lower scales \( \mu_R \leq \mu_{\text{dec}} = m_{\tilde{g}} \). For simplification we have chosen \( m_{\tilde{g}} \), (representing the energy scale of the considered decays and as a typical SUSY scale) also as a decoupling scale.

**B. The Higgs and gauge boson sector of the cMSSM**

The MSSM Higgs potential \( V_H \),
\[ V_H = m_1^2 H_1^1 H_1^1 + m_2^2 H_2^1 H_2^1 - \epsilon_{ij} (m_{ij}^2 H_i^1 H_j^1 + \frac{1}{8}(g_1^2 + g_2^2)(H_i^1 H_i^1 - H_j^1 H_j^1)) \]
\[ + \frac{1}{2} g_3^2 (H_1^1 H_2^2 + H_2^1 H_1^2)^2 \]  

(85)

with \( [i, j] = \{1, 2\} \) and \( \epsilon^{12} = 1 \), contains both the \( U(1) \) and \( SU(2)_L \) gauge coupling constants \( g_1 \) and \( g_2 \), respectively, which are considered to be part of the gauge boson sector as well as the soft SUSY-breaking parameters \( m_{ij} \), \( m_1^2 \), and \( m_2^2 \) (with \( m_1^2 = \tilde{m}_1^2 + |\mu|^2 \), \( m_2^2 = \tilde{m}_2^2 + |\mu|^2 \)), which are part of the Higgs sector. For this reason we do not separate those two sectors but treat them within one section. The \( H_{ij} \) with \( [i, j] = \{1, 2\} \) are the components of the two Higgs doublets that can be decomposed in the following way:

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\[ \mathcal{H}_1 = \begin{pmatrix} H_{11} \\ H_{12} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\phi_1 - i \chi_1) \\ -\phi_1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad (86) \]

\[ \mathcal{H}_2 = \begin{pmatrix} H_{21} \\ H_{22} \end{pmatrix} = \epsilon \xi \begin{pmatrix} \phi_2^+ \\ v_2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\phi_2 + i \chi_2) \end{pmatrix}. \]

Besides the vacuum expectation values \( v_1 \) and \( v_2 \), in Eq. (86) a possible new phase \( \xi \) between the two Higgs doublets is introduced.

\[ L_{\text{gauge}}^{\text{Higgs}} = T_\phi^i \phi_1^i + T_\phi^i \phi_2^i + T_{\chi}^i \chi_1 + T_{\chi}^i \chi_2 + \frac{1}{2}(\phi_1^i, \phi_2^j, \chi_1^i, \chi_2^j)(p^2 \mathbb{1} - M_{\phi \phi \chi \chi}) \]

\[ + (\phi_1^+, \phi_2^+)(p^2 \mathbb{1} - M_{\phi^+ \phi^+})^T \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^- \\ \phi_2^- \end{pmatrix} - \frac{1}{2}Z_\mu[(p^2 - M_\mu^2)g_{\mu \nu} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi_Z}\right)p^\mu p^\nu]Z_\nu - \frac{g_2}{\sqrt{2}Z_\mu}ip^\mu(v_1 \chi_1 + v_2 \chi_2)Z_\mu \]

\[ + i\rho M_\mu Z_\mu G - \frac{1}{2}e_iZ_\mu Z_\nu w^2 - W_\mu^i[(p^2 - M_\mu^2)g_{\mu \nu} - \left(1 - \frac{1}{\xi_W}\right)p^\mu p^\nu]w_\nu + \frac{g_2}{\sqrt{2}}p^\mu[w_\mu(v_1 \phi_1^- + v_2 \phi_2^-)] \]

\[ + (v_1 \phi_1^+ + v_2 \phi_2^+)W^- - \rho M_w(W_\mu G^- + G^+ W^-) - \xi_w M_w G^+ G^-, \quad (87) \]

where we have used the decomposition of Eq. (86). The coefficients of the linear terms are called tadpoles with \( T_\phi^i \), \( T_{\chi}^i \), \( i = \{1, 2\} \) being the tadpole parameters. \( M_{\phi \phi \chi \chi} \) and \( M_{\phi^+ \phi^+} \) are the Higgs mass matrices. The terms containing the neutral and the charged Goldstone boson fields, \( G \) and \( G^\pm \), and the gauge parameters, \( \xi_Z \) and \( \xi_W \), respectively, are coming from the gauge-fixing part of the Lagrangian. The interaction fields can be transformed into mass eigenstates (see Refs. [37,40,54] for details, especially on notation) with the help of the real and orthogonal transformation matrices \( U_{n(0)} \) and \( U_c(0) \).

\[ \begin{pmatrix} h \\ H \\ A \\ G \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \chi_1 \\ \chi_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{pmatrix} h \\ H \\ A \end{pmatrix} = U_{n(0)}^\dagger \Phi_{\phi \chi \chi} U_{n(0)} \]

\[ M_{h H A G}^{\text{diag}} = U_{n(0)}^\dagger M_{\phi \phi \chi \chi} U_{n(0)}^\dagger, \quad (88) \]

and

\[ (T_h, T_H, T_A, T_G) = (T_\phi^i, T_\phi^j, T_{\chi}^i, T_{\chi}^j)U_{n(0)}^\dagger, \quad (89) \]

\[ \begin{pmatrix} H^- \\ G^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^- \\ \phi_2^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{with} \quad \begin{pmatrix} H^- \\ G^- \end{pmatrix} = U_c(0)^\dagger \Phi_{\phi^+ \phi^+} U_c(0) \]

\[ M_{H^- G^-}^{\text{diag}} = U_c(0)^\dagger M_{\phi^+ \phi^+} U_c(0)^\dagger, \quad (90) \]

In total, the Higgs and gauge boson sector contains 7 real parameters: \( g_1, g_2, m_{h1}^2, m_{h2}^2, v_1, v_2, \) and \( \xi \) and one complex one \( m_{12} \). \( \mu \) is defined within the chargino/neutralino sector; see Sec. II.C. With the help of a Peccei-Quinn transformation [52] \( \mu \) and \( m_{12}^2 \) can be redefined [53] such that the complex phase of \( m_{12}^2 \) vanishes.

The part of the Fourier transformed Lagrangian that is linear or bilinear in the massive gauge boson and Higgs boson fields is the following:\(^{10}\)

\[ \Phi_{\text{diag}} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \chi_1 \\ \chi_2 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \text{where the diagonal elements of} \quad M_{h H A G}^{\text{diag}} \quad \text{and} \quad M_{H^- G^-}^{\text{diag}} \quad \text{are the tree-level masses denoted as} \quad m_h, m_H, m_A, m_G \quad \text{and} \quad m_{H^-}, m_{G^-}, \quad \text{respectively. It should be noted that the tadpole parameter} \quad T_G \quad \text{can be expressed by} \tan \beta, \quad \text{the entries of} \quad U_{n(0)} \quad \text{and} \quad T_A. \]

Throughout our calculation we use the ’t Hooft–Feynman gauge, \( \xi_Z = \xi_W = 1 \). Concerning the renormalization procedure, we follow the usual approach where the gauge-fixing terms do not receive a net contribution from the renormalization transformations. Accordingly, no counterterms as given below arise from the gauge-fixing terms.

We replace the 8 original parameters \( v_1, v_2, g_1, g_2, m_{12}^2, m_{72}^2, m_{22}^2, \) and \( \xi \) by the Z and W boson mass \( M_Z, M_W \), the electric charge \( e \), \( \tan \beta \), the mass of the charged Higgs boson \( M_{H^\pm} \), and the tadpole parameters \( T_h, T_H, \) and \( T_A \) (where we have chosen \( m_{12}^2 \) to be real, which is always possible with the help of a Peccei-Quinn transformation).

Details about this replacement can be found in Ref. [37]. The minimization of the Higgs potential in lowest order leads to the requirement that the tadpole coefficients \( T_{h H A} \) in Eq. (87) must vanish (the tadpole coefficient \( T_G \) vanishes automatically if \( T_A = 0 \) holds, as \( T_G \) can be written in terms of \( T_A \)). In particular, the condition \( T_A = 0 \) implies that the complex phase \( \xi \) has to vanish, see e.g. Ref. [37], so that the Higgs sector in lowest order is \( CP \) conserving.

In order to derive the counterterms entering the one-loop corrections to the Higgs boson masses and effective couplings, we renormalize the parameters appearing in the linear and bilinear terms of the Higgs potential.\(^{11}\)

\[ \tan \beta \rightarrow \tan \beta(1 + \delta \tan \beta), \]
\[
\begin{align*}
\mathcal{H}_1 & \rightarrow \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{\mathcal{H}_1} \right) \mathcal{H}_1, \\
\mathcal{H}_2 & \rightarrow \left( 1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{\mathcal{H}_2} \right) \mathcal{H}_2.
\end{align*}
\]

(97)

In the mass eigenstate basis, the field renormalization matrices read

\[
\begin{pmatrix} h \\ H \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} h \\ H \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \delta Z_{hh} & \delta Z_{hH} & \delta Z_{hA} & \delta Z_{hG} \\ \delta Z_{hH} & \delta Z_{HH} & \delta Z_{HA} & \delta Z_{HG} \\ \delta Z_{hA} & \delta Z_{HA} & \delta Z_{AA} & \delta Z_{AG} \\ \delta Z_{hG} & \delta Z_{HG} & \delta Z_{AG} & \delta Z_{GG} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} h \\ H \end{pmatrix}
\]

(98a)

and

\[
\begin{pmatrix} H^- \\ G^- \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} H^+ \\ G^+ \end{pmatrix} + \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \delta Z_{H^-H^+} & \delta Z_{G^-G^+} \\ \delta Z_{H^-G^+} & \delta Z_{G^-G^+} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} H^- \\ G^- \end{pmatrix}
\]

(98b)

where, according to (97), \( \delta Z_{hh}, \ldots, \delta Z_{GG} \) are not independent but can be derived via \( U_{\text{u}} \text{diag}(\delta Z_{\mathcal{H}_1}, \delta Z_{\mathcal{H}_2}, \delta Z_{\mathcal{H}_3}) U_{\text{u}}^\dagger \) and \( U_{\text{u}} \text{diag}(\delta Z_{\mathcal{H}_1}, \delta Z_{\mathcal{H}_2}) U_{\text{u}}^\dagger \), yielding the following expressions for the field renormalization constants in Eq. (98)\(^{12}\):

\[
\begin{align*}
\delta Z_{hh} & = \sin^2 \alpha \delta Z_3 + \cos^2 \alpha \delta Z_{3'} , \\
\delta Z_{AA} & = \sin^2 \alpha \delta Z_{3'} + \cos^2 \alpha \delta Z_3 , \\
\delta Z_{hH} & = \sin \alpha \cos \alpha (\delta Z_3 - \delta Z_{3'}), \\
\delta Z_{AG} & = \sin \beta \cos \beta (\delta Z_3 - \delta Z_{3'}), \\
\delta Z_{HH} & = \cos^2 \alpha \delta Z_{3'} + \sin^2 \alpha \delta Z_3 , \\
\delta Z_{GG} & = \cos^2 \beta \delta Z_{3'} + \sin^2 \beta \delta Z_3 , \\
\delta Z_{H^-H^+} & = \delta Z_{AA}, \\
\delta Z_{H^-G^+} & = \delta Z_{G^-H^+} = \delta Z_{AG} , \\
\delta Z_{G^-G^+} & = \delta Z_{GG}.
\end{align*}
\]

\(^{12}\)It should be noted that (99g) is sufficient to yield an UV-finite result for decays involving a charged Higgs boson. To obtain also an IR finite result and to ensure the on-shell properties of the outgoing charged Higgs boson, another Z factor has to be taken into account; see Eq. (134) below.
the incoming scalar or vector particle. Then we have the
following renormalized self-energies:
\[
\hat{\Sigma}_{hG}(p^2) = \Sigma_{hG}(p^2) - \delta m^2_{hG},
\]
(101)
\[
\hat{\Sigma}_{HG}(p^2) = \Sigma_{HG}(p^2) - \delta m^2_{HG},
\]
(102)
\[
\hat{\Sigma}_{AG}(p^2) = \Sigma_{AG}(p^2) + \delta Z_{AG}(p^2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2_{A}) - \delta m^2_{AG},
\]
(103)
\[
\hat{\Sigma}_{H^+ G^+}(p^2) = \Sigma_{H^+ G^+}(p^2) + \delta Z_{H^+ G^+}(p^2 - \frac{1}{2}M^2_{H^+}) - \delta m^2_{H^+ G^+},
\]
(104)
\[
\hat{\Sigma}_{kZ}(p^2) = \Sigma_{kZ}(p^2),
\]
(105)
\[
\hat{\Sigma}_{hZ}(p^2) = \Sigma_{hZ}(p^2),
\]
(106)
\[
\hat{\Sigma}_{AZ}(p^2) = \Sigma_{AZ}(p^2) - \delta m^2_{AZ},
\]
(107)
\[
\hat{\Sigma}_{H^- W^+}(p^2) = \Sigma_{H^- W^+}(p^2) - \delta m^2_{H^- W^+},
\]
(108)
with the mass counterterms expressed as [37]
\[
\delta m^2_{hG} = \frac{e \cos(\beta - \alpha)}{2M_{Z}c_{W}} \delta T_{A},
\]
(109)
\[
\delta m^2_{HG} = -\frac{e \sin(\beta - \alpha)}{2M_{Z}c_{W}} \delta T_{A},
\]
(110)
\[
\delta m^2_{AG} = \frac{e(\sin(\beta - \alpha) \delta T_{H} - \cos(\beta - \alpha) \delta T_{h})}{2M_{Z}c_{W}},
\]
(111)
\[
- \cos^{2}\beta(M^2_{H^+} - M^2_{W}) \delta \tan \beta,
\]
\[
\delta m^2_{H^+ G^+} = \frac{e(\sin(\beta - \alpha) \delta T_{H} - \cos(\beta - \alpha) \delta T_{h} + i \delta T_{A})}{2M_{Z}c_{W}},
\]
(112)
\[
- \cos^{2}\beta M^2_{H^+} \delta \tan \beta,
\]
\[
\delta m^2_{AZ} = +iM_{Z} \cos \beta[\cos \beta \delta \tan \beta
\]
\[+\frac{1}{2} \sin \beta(\delta Z_{\mathcal{H}} - \delta Z_{\mathcal{A}})],
\]
(113)
\[
\delta m^2_{H^- W^+} = -M_{W} \cos \beta[\cos \beta \delta \tan \beta
\]
\[+\frac{1}{2} \sin \beta(\delta Z_{\mathcal{H}} - \delta Z_{\mathcal{A}})].
\]
(114)
\[
\alpha \text{ denotes the angle that diagonalizes the } \mathcal{CP}\text{-even Higgs}
\]
\[
\text{boson mass matrix at the tree level. It should be noted that}
\text{according to Eq. (87), no mixing of the } \mathcal{CP}\text{-even Higgs}
\]
\[
\text{fields and the } Z \text{ boson fields occurs at tree level.}
\]
\[
\text{Consequently, there are no counterterm contributions to}
\text{this mixing at one-loop level; see Eqs. (105) and (106).}
\]
\[
\text{In the following we list our renormalization conditions}
\text{and the resulting counterterms:}
\text{(i–iii) We impose on-shell renormalization conditions}
\text{for the masses of the SM gauge bosons and the charged}
\text{Higgs boson,}
\]
\[
\bar{\Re} \hat{\Sigma}_{ZZ}(M_{Z}^2) = 0, \quad \bar{\Re} \hat{\Sigma}_{WW}(M_{W}^2) = 0,
\]
\[
\bar{\Re} \hat{\Sigma}_{W^{+}W^{-}}(M_{W}^2 + \delta M_{W}^2) = 0.
\]
(115)
\[
\text{The gauge boson self-energies } \Sigma^{T}_{W} \text{ are the transverse parts of}
\text{the full self-energies. Equation (115) yields for the mass}
\text{counterterms,}
\]
\[
\delta M_{Z}^2 = \bar{\Re} \hat{\Sigma}^{T}_{ZZ}(M_{Z}^2), \quad \delta M_{W}^2 = \bar{\Re} \hat{\Sigma}^{T}_{WW}(M_{W}^2),
\]
(116)
\[
\text{(iv) The electric charge is defined via the standard}
\text{on-shell conditions requiring that no corrections occur to}
\text{the electron positron-photon vertex with on-shell external}
\text{particles at zero photon momentum. This yields } \delta Z_{e}
\text{ expressed through the photon and photon- } Z \text{ self-energies,}
\]
\[
\delta Z_{e} = \frac{1}{2} \Sigma^{T}_{\gamma\gamma}(0) + \frac{s_{W}}{c_{W}} \Sigma^{T}_{\gamma Z}(0),
\]
(117)
\[
\text{(v–vii) The tadpole parameters are renormalized such}
\text{that the complete one-loop tadpole contributions vanish,}
\]
\[
T^{(1)}_{[h,H,A]} + \delta T^{(1)}_{[h,H,A]} = 0,
\]
(118)
\[
\text{where } T^{(1)}_{[h,H,A]} \text{ denote the contributions coming from the}
\text{genuine one-loop tadpole graphs. These conditions lead to}
\]
\[
\delta T_{h} = -T_{h}^{(1)}, \quad \delta T_{H} = -T_{H}^{(1)}, \quad \delta T_{A} = -T_{A}^{(1)}.
\]
(119)
\[
\text{(viii) The last parameter that has to be defined is } \tan \beta.
\text{We do that together with the Higgs boson field renormalization}
\text{constants } \delta Z_{\mathcal{H}}, \delta Z_{\mathcal{A}}, \text{ and } \delta \tan \beta [55],
\]
\[
\delta Z_{\mathcal{H}} = \delta Z_{\mathcal{D}}^{\mathcal{D}} = -\bar{\Re} \hat{\Sigma}^{T}_{[h,h]}(0)|_{a - 0, \text{div}},
\]
(120a)
\[
\delta Z_{\mathcal{A}} = \delta Z_{\mathcal{D}}^{\mathcal{D}} = -\bar{\Re} \hat{\Sigma}^{T}_{[h,h]}(0)|_{a - 0, \text{div}},
\]
(120b)
\[
\delta \tan \beta = \delta \tan \beta^{\mathcal{D}} = \frac{1}{2} \tan \beta(\delta Z_{\mathcal{H}} - \delta Z_{\mathcal{A}}).
\]
(120c)
i.e. the counterterms in Eq. (120) contribute only via divergent parts, and the finite result depends on the renormalization scale $\mu_R$. For the setting of $\mu_R$ see Sec. IVA.

The $\overline{\text{DR}}$ renormalization of the parameter $\tan \beta$, which is manifestly process independent, is convenient since there is no obvious relation of this parameter to a specific physical observable that would favor a particular on-shell definition. Furthermore, the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ renormalization of $\tan \beta$ has been shown to yield stable numerical results [55–57]. This scheme is also gauge independent at the one-loop level within the class of $R_z$ gauges [56].

Finally, the field renormalization constants of the gauge bosons have to be determined. Applying an on-shell condition for the gauge boson fields, the field renormalization constants can be derived as

$$\delta Z_{ZZ} = - \widetilde{\text{Re}}\Sigma_{ZZ}^L(M_Z^2), \quad \delta Z_{WW} = - \widetilde{\text{Re}}\Sigma_{WW}^L(M_W^2). \quad (121)$$

In other sectors, one may need the following counterterms expressed by independent ones:

$$\delta \sin \beta = \cos^3 \beta \delta \tan \beta, \quad \delta \cos \beta = - \sin \beta \cos^2 \beta \delta \tan \beta. \quad (123)$$

We have checked (at the one-loop level) that the following Slavnov-Taylor identities [58–60] hold:

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{hG}(p^2) - \frac{ip^2}{M_Z} \hat{\Sigma}_{hZ}(p^2) = 0, \quad (124)$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{hG}(p^2) - \frac{ip^2}{M_Z} \hat{\Sigma}_{hZ}(p^2) = 0, \quad (125)$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{AG}(p^2) - \frac{ip^2}{M_Z} \hat{\Sigma}_{AZ}(p^2) + (p^2 - m_A^2)f_0(p^2) = 0, \quad (126)$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{GG}(p^2) - \frac{2ip^2}{M_Z} \hat{\Sigma}_{GZ}(p^2) - \frac{p^2}{M_Z^2} \hat{\Sigma}_{ZZ}(p^2) = 0, \quad (127)$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{H^-G^+}(p^2) - \frac{p^2}{M_W^2} \hat{\Sigma}_{H^-W^+}(p^2) + (p^2 - M_{H^+}^2)f_{\pm}(p^2) = 0, \quad (128)$$

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{G^+G^-}(p^2) - \frac{2p^2}{M_W^2} \hat{\Sigma}_{G^-W^+}(p^2) - \frac{p^2}{M_W^2} \hat{\Sigma}_{WW}(p^2) = 0, \quad (129)$$

$$\text{where } \Sigma^L \text{ denotes the longitudinal part of the self-energy and}$$

$$f_0(p^2) = - \frac{\alpha}{16\pi s_W c_W} \sin(\beta - \alpha) \cos(\beta - \alpha) \times [B_0(p^2, m_V^2, M_Z^2) - B_0(p^2, m_{H^+}^2, M_Z^2)], \quad (130)$$

$$f_{\pm}(p^2) = - \frac{\alpha}{16\pi s_W c_W} \sin(\beta - \alpha) \cos(\beta - \alpha) \times [B_0(p^2, m_V^2, M_W^2) - B_0(p^2, m_{H^+}^2, M_W^2)]. \quad (131)$$

The definition for the $B_0$ function can be found in Ref. [61]. The Slavnov-Taylor identities also hold for the unrenormalized self-energies (where the tadpole contributions must not be neglected).

The Higgs boson field renormalization constants are necessary to render the one-loop calculations of partial decay widths with external Higgs bosons UV finite. The $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme for the field renormalization constants is used in the calculation of the Higgs masses within FEYNHIGGS in order to avoid the possible occurrence of unphysical threshold effects. As the results of FEYNHIGGS are used within the numerical evaluation in Sec. IV, it is appropriate and consistent to follow the same renormalization procedure. As always, Higgs bosons appearing as external particles in a physical process have to obey proper on-shell conditions. A vertex with an external on-shell Higgs boson $h_n$ ($n = 1, 2, 3$), $\Gamma_{h_n}$, is obtained from the tree-level vertices $\Gamma_h$, $\Gamma_{H^+}$, and $\Gamma_A$ via the complex matrix $Z$ [37],

$$\Gamma_{h_n} = [Z]_{n1}\Gamma_h + [Z]_{n2}\Gamma_{H^+} + [Z]_{n3}\Gamma_A + \ldots. \quad (132)$$

where the ellipsis represents contributions from the mixing with the Goldstone boson and the Z boson; see Sec. III. It should be noted that the transformation with $Z$ is not a unitary transformation; see Ref. [37] for details.

Also the charged Higgs boson appearing as an external particle in a $t$ decay has to obey the proper on-shell conditions. The corrections to the charged Higgs boson propagator lead to an extra $Z$ factor,

$$\hat{Z}_{H^-H^+} = [1 + \text{Re}\hat{\Sigma}_{h_n}^L(p^2)|_{p^2 = M_{h_n}^2}]^{-1}. \quad (133)$$

Expanding both sides of Eq. (133) up to one-loop order and using $\hat{Z}_{H^-H^+} = 1 + \delta \hat{Z}_{H^-H^+}$ leads to

$$\delta \hat{Z}_{H^-H^+} = - \text{Re}\hat{\Sigma}_{h_n}^L(p^2)|_{p^2 = M_{h_n}^2} = - \text{Re}\Sigma_{h_n}^L(M_{h_n}^2) - \delta Z_{H^-H^+}. \quad (134)$$

Analogous to the procedure for the neutral Higgs bosons, see Ref. [37],

$$\sqrt{\hat{Z}_{H^-H^+}} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta \hat{Z}_{H^-H^+} \quad (135)$$

has to be applied to a process with an external charged Higgs boson. Within the presented calculations, for the charged Higgs bosons, we include contributions from $\sqrt{\hat{Z}_{H^-H^+}}$ strictly at the one-loop level i.e. the correction coming from $\frac{1}{2} \delta \hat{Z}_{H^-H^+}$ of Eq. (134) multiplied by the
corresponding tree-level vertex contribution.\textsuperscript{15} As for the neutral Higgs bosons, there are contributions from the mixing with the Goldstone boson and the $W$ boson, which we deal with separately calculating the mixing explicitly and strictly at one-loop order. The $Z$ factor $\tilde{Z}_{\mu}^f$ is UV finite by definition. However, it contains IR divergences that cancel with (IR divergent) soft photon contributions from the one-loop diagrams; see Sec. III.

C. The chargino/neutralino sector of the eMSSM

The chargino/neutralino sector contains two soft SUSY-breaking gaugino mass parameters $M_1$ and $M_2$ corresponding to the bino and the wino fields, respectively, as well as the Higgs superfield mixing parameter $\mu$, which, in general, can be complex.\textsuperscript{16} The gauge boson masses and $\tan\beta$ that also appear in this sector have already been defined within the context of the Higgs and gauge boson sector; see Sec. II B. For our calculation we also need to renormalize the chargino and neutralino fields.

The starting point for the renormalization procedure of the chargino/neutralino sector is the part of the Fourier transformed MSSM Lagrangian that is bilinear in the chargino and neutralino fields,

\begin{equation}
\begin{align*}
\mathcal{L}^{\text{bil.}}_{\tilde{\chi}_i^{-}, \tilde{\chi}_k^0} &= \tilde{\chi}_i^0 \bar{\chi}_i^0 \chi_k \bar{\chi}_k^0 + \tilde{\chi}_i^0 \bar{\chi}_i^0 \chi_k \bar{\chi}_k^0 \\
&\quad - \tilde{\chi}_i^0 [\bar{\chi}_i^0 \chi_k \bar{\chi}_k^0 [UX^* V^T ]_{ij} \omega_j + \chi_j \bar{\chi}_j^0 + \tilde{\chi}_j^0 \bar{\chi}_j^0 + \tilde{\chi}_j^0 \bar{\chi}_j^0] \\
&\quad - \frac{1}{2} (\tilde{\chi}_i^0 \bar{\chi}_i^0 + \tilde{\chi}_k^0 \bar{\chi}_k^0 + \tilde{\chi}_j^0 \bar{\chi}_j^0) (\nu^* Y^*)_{kl} \omega_l + \chi_l \bar{\chi}_l^0 + \tilde{\chi}_l^0 \bar{\chi}_l^0) \\
&\quad - (\nu^* Y^*)_{kl} \omega_l + \chi_l \bar{\chi}_l^0 + \tilde{\chi}_l^0 \bar{\chi}_l^0).
\end{align*}
\end{equation}

already expressed in terms of the chargino and neutralino mass eigenstates $\tilde{\chi}_i^-$ and $\tilde{\chi}_k^0$, respectively, and $i$, $j$, $k$, $l = 1, 2$ and $1, 2, 3, 4$. The mass eigenstates can be determined via unitary transformations where the corresponding matrices diagonalize the chargino and neutralino mass matrix, $X$, and $Y$, respectively.

In the chargino case, two $2 \times 2$ matrices $U$ and $V$ are necessary for the diagonalization of the chargino mass matrix\textsuperscript{17} $X$,

\begin{equation}
M_{k^-} = V^* X^T U^T = \begin{pmatrix} m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^-} & 0 \\ 0 & m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^-} \end{pmatrix}
\end{equation}

with

\begin{equation}
X = \begin{pmatrix} M_2 & \sqrt{2} \sin\beta M_W \\ \sqrt{2} \cos\beta M_W & \mu \end{pmatrix},
\end{equation}

where $M_{k^-}$ is the diagonal mass matrix with the chargino masses $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^-}$, $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^-}$ as entries, which are determined as the (real and positive) singular values of $X$. The singular value decomposition of $X$ also yields results for $U$ and $V$. Using the transformation matrices $U$ and $V$, the interaction Higgsino and Wino spinors $\tilde{H}_1^-$, $\tilde{H}_2^-$, and $\tilde{W}^\pm$, which are two component Weyl spinors, can be transformed into the mass eigenstates

\begin{equation}
\tilde{\chi}_i^- = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_{i1}^L \\ \psi_{i2}^L \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad \psi_{i1}^L = U_{ij} \left( \begin{array}{c} \tilde{W}_i^- \\ \tilde{H}_1^- \end{array} \right)_j
\end{equation}

and

\begin{equation}
\psi_{i2}^L = V_{ij} \left( \begin{array}{c} \tilde{W}_i^+ \\ \tilde{H}_2^- \end{array} \right)_j
\end{equation}

where the $i$th mass eigenstate can be expressed in terms of either the Weyl spinors $\psi_{i1}^L$ and $\psi_{i2}^L$ or the Dirac spinor $\tilde{\chi}_i^-$. In the neutralino case, as the neutralino mass matrix $Y$ is symmetric, one $4 \times 4$ matrix is sufficient for the diagonalization

\begin{equation}
M_{k^0} = N^* Y N^T = \text{diag}(m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_3^0}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_4^0})
\end{equation}

with

\begin{equation}
Y = \begin{pmatrix} M_1 & 0 & -M_Z s_w \cos\beta & M_Z s_w \sin\beta \\ 0 & M_2 & M_Z c_w \cos\beta & -M_Z c_w \sin\beta \\ -M_Z s_w \cos\beta & M_Z c_w \cos\beta & 0 & -\mu \\ M_Z s_w \sin\beta & -M_Z c_w \sin\beta & -\mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}
\end{equation}

The unitary $4 \times 4$ matrix $N$ and the physical neutralino masses $m_{\tilde{\chi}_k^0}$ ($k = 1, 2, 3, 4$) result from a numerical Takagi factorization\textsuperscript{62} of $Y$. Starting from the original bino/wino/Higgsino basis, the mass eigenstates can be determined with the help of the transformation matrix $N$,

\begin{equation}
\tilde{\chi}_k^0 = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_k^0 \\ \psi_k^L \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{with} \quad \psi_k^0 = N_{kl} \begin{pmatrix} B_k^0 \\ \tilde{W}_k^0 \\ \tilde{H}_1^0 \\ \tilde{H}_2^0 \end{pmatrix}_l.
\end{equation}

\textsuperscript{15}In our calculational setup we add Eq. (134) to (99g).

\textsuperscript{16}Often, $M_2$ is chosen to be real, which is possible without loss of generality as not all the possible phases of the MSSM Lagrangian are physical and there is a certain freedom of choice; see the discussion in Sec. IV C.

\textsuperscript{17}Corresponding to the convention used in FEYNARTS/FORMCALC, we express the chargino part in terms of negative chargino fields, which is in contrast to [50]. As we keep the commonly used definition of the matrix $X$ the transposed matrix appears in the expression for $M_{k^-}$.
where $\psi^0_k$ denotes the two-component Weyl spinor and $\tilde{\chi}^0_k$ the four-component Majorana spinor of the $k$th neutralino field.

Concerning the renormalization we follow the prescription of Ref. [50]. The following replacements of the parameters and the fields are performed according to the multiplicative renormalization procedure:

$$M_1 \rightarrow M_1 + \delta M_1,$$

$$M_2 \rightarrow M_2 + \delta M_2,$$

$$\mu \rightarrow \mu + \delta \mu,$$

$$\omega - \tilde{\chi}^0_i \rightarrow \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{\tilde{\chi}^0}^{ij} \right] \omega - \tilde{\chi}^0_i \quad (i, j = 1, 2),$$

$$\omega + \tilde{\chi}^0_i \rightarrow \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z^*_{\tilde{\chi}^0}^{ij} \right] \omega + \tilde{\chi}^0_i \quad (i, j = 1, 2).$$

The replacements of the matrices $M_{\tilde{\chi}}$ and $M_{\chi^0}$ can be expressed as

$$M_{\tilde{\chi}} \rightarrow M_{\tilde{\chi}} + \delta M_{\tilde{\chi}} = M_{\tilde{\chi}} + V^\dagger \delta X U^\dagger,$$

$$M_{\chi^0} \rightarrow M_{\chi^0} + \delta M_{\chi^0} = M_{\chi^0} + N^\dagger \delta Y N^\dagger.$$  

Now the renormalized self-energies are given by

$$\omega - \tilde{\chi}^0_i \rightarrow \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{\tilde{\chi}^0}^{ij} \right] \omega - \tilde{\chi}^0_i \quad (k, l = 1, 2, 3, 4),$$

$$\omega + \tilde{\chi}^0_i \rightarrow \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z^*_{\tilde{\chi}^0}^{ij} \right] \omega + \tilde{\chi}^0_i \quad (k, l = 1, 2, 3, 4).$$

It should be noted that the parameter counterterms are complex counterterms that each need two renormalization conditions to be fixed. The transformation matrices are not renormalized, so that, using the notation of replacing a matrix by its renormalized matrix and a counterterm matrix

$$X \rightarrow X + \delta X,$$

$$Y \rightarrow Y + \delta Y$$

with

$$\delta X = \begin{pmatrix} \delta M_2 & \sqrt{2} \delta (M_W \sin \beta) \\ \delta (M_Z \cos \beta) & -\delta \mu \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\delta Y = \begin{pmatrix} \delta M_{Z_s \cos \beta} & \delta (M_{Z_s \cos \beta}) \\ \delta (M_{Z_c \sin \beta}) & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$[\tilde{\Sigma}^{[T]}_{\tilde{\chi}^0} (p^2)]_{kl} = [\Sigma^{[T]}_{\tilde{\chi}^0} (p^2)]_{kl} + \frac{1}{2} [\delta Z_{\chi^0}^{ij} + \delta Z_{\chi^0}^{ji}]_{kl},$$

$$[\tilde{\Sigma}^{[R]}_{\tilde{\chi}^0} (p^2)]_{ij} = [\Sigma^{[R]}_{\tilde{\chi}^0} (p^2)]_{ij} + \frac{1}{2} [\delta Z_{\chi^0}^{ij} + \delta Z_{\chi^0}^{ji}]_{ij},$$

$$[\tilde{\Sigma}^{[SL]}_{\chi^0} (p^2)]_{ij} = [\Sigma^{[SL]}_{\chi^0} (p^2)]_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{\chi^0}^{ij} M_{\chi^0} + \frac{1}{2} M_{\chi^0} \delta Z_{\chi^0}^{ij} + \delta M_{\chi^0},$$

$$[\tilde{\Sigma}^{[SR]}_{\chi^0} (p^2)]_{ij} = [\Sigma^{[SR]}_{\chi^0} (p^2)]_{ij} - \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_{\chi^0}^{Tij} M_{\chi^0} + \frac{1}{2} M_{\chi^0} \delta Z_{\chi^0}^{ij} + \delta M_{\chi^0}.$$  

Instead of choosing the three complex parameters $M_1$, $M_2$, and $\mu$ as independent parameters, we impose on-shell conditions for the two chargino masses and the mass of the lightest neutralino and extract the expressions for the counterterms of $M_1$, $M_2$, and $\mu$, accordingly. In a recent analysis [63] it was emphasized that in the case of the renormalization of two chargino and one neutralino mass, always the most binolike neutralino has to be renormalized.
in order to find a numerically stable result. Also, in Ref. [64] the problem of large unphysical contributions due to a non-binolike lightest neutralino is discussed. In our numerical setup, see Sec. IV, the lightest neutralino is always rather binolike. On the other hand, it would be trivial to change our prescription from the lightest neutralino to any other neutralino. In Ref. [63] it was also suggested that the numerically most stable result is obtained via the renormalization of one chargino and two neutralinos. However, in our approach, this choice leads to IR divergences, since the chargino mass changes (from the tree-level mass to the one-loop pole mass) by a finite shift due to the renormalization procedure. Using the shifted mass for the external particle but the tree-level mass for internal particles results in IR divergences. On the other hand, in general, inserting the shifted chargino mass everywhere yields UV divergences. Consequently, we stick to our choice of imposing on-shell conditions for the two charginos and one neutralino. The conditions read

\[ \left[ \text{Re} \bar{\Sigma}_F^{-i}(p) \right]_{ii} \tilde{\chi}_i^{-i}(p) \bigg|_{p^2 = m_i^2} = 0 \quad (i = 1, 2), \]

(163)

\[ \left[ \text{Re} \bar{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}^0}(p) \right]_{11} \tilde{\chi}_i^{0i}(p) \bigg|_{p^2 = m_i^2} = 0. \]

(164)

These conditions can be rewritten in terms of six equations defining six real parameters and field renormalization constants or three complex ones,

\[ \tilde{\text{Re}}[m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-}(\tilde{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-} (m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-}^2) + \tilde{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-}^R (m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-}^2))]_{ii} = 0, \]

(165)

\[ \tilde{\text{Re}}[m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-}(\tilde{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-} (m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-}^2) - \tilde{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-}^R (m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-}^2))]_{ii} = 0, \]

(166)

\[ \tilde{\text{Re}}[\tilde{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}^0}(m_{\tilde{\chi}}^2) + \tilde{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}^0}(m_{\tilde{\chi}}^2) + \tilde{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}^0}(m_{\tilde{\chi}}^2)]_{11} = 0, \]

(167)

\[ \tilde{\text{Re}}[\tilde{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}^0}(m_{\tilde{\chi}}^2) - \tilde{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}^0}(m_{\tilde{\chi}}^2) - \tilde{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}^0}(m_{\tilde{\chi}}^2)]_{11} = 0. \]

(168)

For the further determination of the field renormalization constants we also impose

\[ \lim_{p_2 \to m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-}^-} \left( \frac{\hat{\phi} + m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-}}{p_2^2 - m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-}^-} \right) \tilde{\text{Re}} \bar{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}_i^-}(p)_{ii} \tilde{\chi}_i^{-i}(p) = 0 \]

(169)

\[ \lim_{p_1 \to m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}^-} \left( \frac{\hat{\phi} + m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}}{p_1^2 - m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}^-} \right) \tilde{\text{Re}} \bar{\Sigma}_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}(p)_{11} \tilde{\chi}_i^{0i}(p) = 0. \]

(170)

This leads to the following set of equations:

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**FIG. 1.** Generic Feynman diagrams for the decay \( \tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_i h_n (n = 1, 2, 3) \). \( F \) can be a SM fermion, chargino, neutralino, or gluino; \( S \) can be a sfermion or a Higgs boson; \( V \) can be a \( \gamma, Z, W^\pm \), or \( g \). Not shown are the diagrams with a \( Z - h_n \) or \( G - h_n \) transition contribution on the external Higgs boson leg.
FIG. 2. Generic Feynman diagrams for the decay $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 Z$. $F$ can be a SM fermion, chargino, neutralino, or gluino; $S$ can be a sfermion or a Higgs boson; $V$ can be a $\gamma$, $Z$, $W^\pm$, or $g$.

FIG. 3. Generic Feynman diagrams for the decay $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t} g$. $F$ can be a SM fermion, chargino, neutralino, or gluino; $S$ can be a sfermion or a Higgs boson; $V$ can be a $\gamma$, $Z$, $W^\pm$, or $g$.

FIG. 4. Generic Feynman diagrams for the decay $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t} \tilde{\chi}_k^0$ ($k = 1, 2, 3, 4$). $F$ can be a SM fermion, chargino, neutralino, or gluino; $S$ can be a sfermion or a Higgs boson; $V$ can be a $\gamma$, $Z$, $W^\pm$, or $g$. 

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FIG. 5. Generic Feynman diagrams for the decay $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow b \tilde{\chi}_j^+ (j = 1, 2)$. $F$ can be a SM fermion, chargino, neutralino, or gluino; $S$ can be a sfermion or a Higgs boson; $V$ can be a $\gamma$, $Z$, $W^\pm$, or $g$.

FIG. 6. Generic Feynman diagrams for the decay $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_i H^+ (i = 1, 2)$. $F$ can be a SM fermion, chargino, neutralino, or gluino; $S$ can be a sfermion or a Higgs boson; $V$ can be a $\gamma$, $Z$, $W^\pm$, or $g$. Not shown are the diagrams with a $W^+ - H^+$ or $G^+ - H^+$ transition contribution on the external Higgs boson leg.

FIG. 7. Generic Feynman diagrams for the decay $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_i W^+ (i = 1, 2)$. $F$ can be a SM fermion, chargino, neutralino, or gluino; $S$ can be a sfermion or a Higgs boson; $V$ can be a $\gamma$, $Z$, $W^\pm$, or $g$. 
TABLE II. The stop and sbottom masses in S1 and S2 and at FRITZSCHE values of $\frac{t}{C_{20}}$ for the numerical investigation; all masses are in GeV and rounded to 1 MeV.

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TABLE II. The stop and sbottom masses in S1 and S2 and at different tan$\beta$ for the numerical investigation; all masses are in GeV and rounded to 1 MeV.

where we have used again the shorthand $\Sigma'(m^{2}) = \frac{\delta \Sigma}{\delta \rho^{2}} |_{\rho^{2} = m^{2}}$. It should be noted that Eq. (174) is already fulfilled due to the Majorana nature of the neutralinos. Inserting Eqs. (155)–(162) for the renormalized self-energies in Eqs. (165)–(168) and solving for $[\delta M_{X_{i}}]_{ii}$ and $[\delta M_{X_{i}}]_{ij}$ results in

$$\text{Re}[\delta M_{X_{i}}]_{ii} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[m_{X_{i}}(\Sigma_{X_{i}}^{L} - (m_{X_{i}}^{2}) + \Sigma_{X_{i}}^{R}(m_{X_{i}}^{2})) + \Sigma_{X_{i}}^{R}(m_{X_{i}}^{2})]_{ii},$$

$$\text{Re}[\delta M_{X^{\phi}}]_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[m_{X_{i}}(\Sigma_{X_{i}}^{L} - (m_{X_{i}}^{2}) + \Sigma_{X_{i}}^{R}(m_{X_{i}}^{2}))],$$

$$\text{Re}[\delta M_{Z_{i}}]_{ii} = \frac{1}{2} \text{Re}[m_{X_{i}}(\Sigma_{X_{i}}^{L} - (m_{X_{i}}^{2}) + \Sigma_{X_{i}}^{R}(m_{X_{i}}^{2}))],$$

where we have used already Eqs. (172) and (174). Using Eqs. (151)–(154), these conditions lead to Eqs. (179).

$$\delta M_{1} = \frac{1}{(N_{11}^{*})^{2}} \left[ 2N_{11}^{*} \delta(M_{Z_{w}} \cos \beta) - N_{14}^{*} \delta(M_{Z_{w}} \sin \beta) \right] - N_{12}^{*} \left[ 2N_{12}^{*} \delta(M_{Z_{c_{w}} \cos \beta}) - 2N_{14}^{*} \delta(M_{Z_{c_{w}} \sin \beta}) \right] + N_{12}^{*} \delta M_{2} + 2N_{11}^{*} N_{14}^{*} \delta \mu + [m_{X_{i}}(\text{Re}[\Sigma_{X_{i}}^{L}(m_{X_{i}}^{2})] + i \text{Im}[\Sigma_{X_{i}}^{L}(m_{X_{i}}^{2})])_{ii1}],$$

$$\delta M_{2} = \frac{1}{2(U_{11}^{*} U_{12}^{*} V_{11}^{*} V_{12}^{*} - U_{12}^{*} U_{11}^{*} V_{12}^{*} V_{11}^{*})} \left[ U_{12}^{*} V_{12}^{*} \left( m_{X_{i}} \text{Re}[\Sigma_{X_{i}}^{L}(m_{X_{i}}^{2})] + \text{Re}[\Sigma_{X_{i}}^{R}(m_{X_{i}}^{2})] - i \text{Im}[\Sigma_{X_{i}}^{L}(m_{X_{i}}^{2})] \right) \\
+ 2 \text{Re}[\Sigma_{X_{i}}^{SL}(m_{X_{i}}^{2})]_{ii1} - U_{12}^{*} U_{12}^{*} m_{X_{i}} \text{Re}[\Sigma_{X_{i}}^{L}(m_{X_{i}}^{2})] + \text{Re}[\Sigma_{X_{i}}^{R}(m_{X_{i}}^{2})] - i \text{Im}[\Sigma_{X_{i}}^{L}(m_{X_{i}}^{2})] \right]_{ii2} + \left[ U_{12}^{*} U_{12}^{*} V_{12}^{*} V_{12}^{*} \delta(\sqrt{2} M_{w} \sin \beta) + 2U_{12}^{*} U_{12}^{*} (V_{12}^{*} V_{12}^{*} - V_{12}^{*} V_{12}^{*}) \delta(\sqrt{2} M_{w} \cos \beta) \right].$$
Equations (171)–(173) define the real part of the diagonal field renormalization constants of the chargino fields and of the lightest neutralino field. We generalize the latter result for the diagonal field renormalization constants of the other neutralino fields imposing Eq. (173) also for the components \( k = 2, 3, 4 \)—though we do not define them fully on-shell; see below. The imaginary parts of the diagonal field renormalization constants are still undefined. For the definition of the imaginary parts, we use Eqs. (176) and (178), where the latter one is generalized for the components \( k = 2, 3, 4 \) and is imposed to hold also for those neutralinos. Now, for the charginos and the lightest neutralino Eqs. (176) and (178) already define the imaginary parts of \( \delta \mathbf{M} \) and \( \delta \mathbf{M} \) for the imaginary part of the field renormalization constants of the charginos and the lightest neutralino is required, and we just set them to zero [see below Eqs. (185) and (188)] which is possible as all divergences are absorbed by other counterterms. The off-diagonal field renormalization constants are fixed by the condition that
Finally, this yields for the field renormalization constants [50],

$$\text{Re}[\delta Z^{L/R}_{\tilde{t} i}]_{ii} = -\tilde{\text{Re}}[\Sigma^{L/R}_{\tilde{t} i} (m^2_{\tilde{t} i}) + m^2_{\tilde{t} i} (\Sigma^{L'}_{\tilde{t} i} (m^2_{\tilde{t} i}))$$

$$+ \Sigma^{R}_{\tilde{t} i} (m^2_{\tilde{t} i}) + m^2_{\tilde{t} i} (\Sigma^{SL}_{\tilde{t} i} (m^2_{\tilde{t} i}))$$

$$+ \Sigma^{SR}_{\tilde{t} i} (m^2_{\tilde{t} i})]_{ii}. \quad (184)$$

Finally, this yields for the field renormalization constants [50],

$$\text{Im}[\delta Z^{L/R}_{\tilde{t} i}]_{ii}$$

$$= \pm \frac{1}{m_{\tilde{t} i}} \left[ \tilde{\text{Re}}\left\{ \Sigma^{SR}_{\tilde{t} i} (m^2_{\tilde{t} i}) - \Sigma^{SL}_{\tilde{t} i} (m^2_{\tilde{t} i}) \right\} - \text{Im}\delta M_{\tilde{t} i} \right]_{ij} \quad (185)$$

$$= 0. \quad (186)$$

$$(\tilde{\text{Re}} \Sigma - \tilde{\text{Re}} \Sigma)$$
The equations (163) and (164) result in three on-shell masses in the neutralino/chargino sector. Therefore the three neutralino masses \(m_\tilde{\chi}^0_2, m_\tilde{\chi}^0_3, m_\tilde{\chi}^0_4\) require a finite shift for their on-shell value. We have checked that this shift (for the scenarios under investigation in Sec. IV) is numerically small and does not change our results. Consequently, these shifts, though formally necessary, are not further taken into account to simplify the numerical evaluation.

The field renormalization constants for squark, quark, gluino, gauge boson as well as chargino and neutralino fields that have been derived in Secs. II A, II B, and II C are constructed via the multiplicative renormalization procedure in a symmetry conserving way, absorb the divergences accordingly, and are defined via on-shell renormalization conditions. In the presence of complex phases and nonvanishing absorptive parts of the self-energy type corrections, further wave function corrections...
may arise that are not part of the field renormalization constant but can be taken into account by additional $Z$ factors; see the Appendix.

**III. CALCULATION OF LOOP DIAGRAMS**

In this section we give some details about the calculation of the higher-order corrections to the partial decay widths of scalar quarks. Sample diagrams are shown in Figs. 1–7. Not shown are the diagrams for real (hard or soft) photon and gluon radiation. They are obtained from the corresponding tree-level diagrams by attaching a photon (gluon) to the electrically (color) charged particles. The internal generically depicted particles in Figs. 1–7 are labeled as follows: $F$ can be a SM fermion $f$, chargino $\tilde{\chi}^+_f$ or neutralino $\tilde{\chi}^0_f$, or gluino $\tilde{g}$; $S$ can be a sfermion $\tilde{f}$ or a Higgs boson $h_n$; $V$ can be a photon $\gamma$, gluon $g$, or a massive SM gauge boson, $Z$ or $W^\pm$. For internally appearing Higgs bosons no higher-order corrections to their masses or couplings are taken into account; these corrections would correspond to effects beyond one-loop order.\(^\text{18}\) For external Higgs bosons, as described in Sec. II B, the appropriate $Z$ factors are applied and on-shell masses (including higher-order corrections) are used.

Also not shown are the diagrams with a gauge boson (Goldstone-)Higgs boson self-energy contribution on the external Higgs boson leg. They appear in the decay $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h_n$, Fig. 1, with a $Z/G - h_n$ transition and in the

\(^{18}\)We found that using loop corrected Higgs boson masses in the loops leads to a UV divergent result.
decay $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1 H^+$, Fig. 6, with a $W^+/G^+ - H^+$ transition.\footnote{From a technical point of view, the $W^+/G^+ - H^+$ transitions have been absorbed into the respective counterterms, while the $Z/G - h_u$ transitions have been calculated explicitly.} The corresponding self-energy diagram belonging to the process $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 Z$ or $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1 W^+$, respectively, yields a vanishing contribution for external on-shell gauge bosons due to $\varepsilon \cdot p = 0$ for $p^2 = M_Z^2 (p^2 = M_W^2)$, where $p$ denotes the external momentum and $\varepsilon$ the polarization vector of the gauge boson.

Furthermore, in general, in Figs. 1–7 we have omitted diagrams with self-energy type corrections of external (on-shell) particles. While the contributions from the real parts of the loop functions are taken into account via the renormalization constants defined by on-shell renormalization conditions, the contributions coming from the imaginary part of the loop functions can result in an additional (real) correction if multiplied by complex parameters (such as $A_t$). In the analytical and numerical evaluation, these diagrams have been taken into account via the prescription described in the Appendix. The impact of these contributions will be discussed in Sec. IV.

Within our one-loop calculation we neglect finite width effects that can help to cure threshold singularities. Consequently, in the close vicinity of those thresholds our calculation does not give a reasonable result. Switching to a complex mass scheme \cite{66} would be another possibility to cure this problem, but its application is beyond the scope of our paper.

Finally it should be noted that the purely loop induced decay channels $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 \gamma/g$ yield exactly zero due to the

\begin{figure}
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\includegraphics[width=\textwidth]{fig12.png}
\caption{$\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t g)$. Tree-level and full one-loop corrected partial decay widths are shown with the parameters chosen according to S1 and S2 (see Table I), with $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ varied. The upper left plot shows the partial decay width; the upper right plot shows the corresponding relative size of the corrections. The lower left plot shows the BR; the lower right plot shows the relative correction of the BR. The vertical lines indicate where $m_{\tilde{t}_2} + m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 1000$ GeV, i.e. the maximum reach of the ILC(1000).}
\end{figure}
fact that the decay width is proportional to $\epsilon \cdot p$ and the photon/gluon is on-shell, i.e. $\epsilon \cdot p = 0$.

The diagrams and corresponding amplitudes have been obtained with FEYNARTS [67]. The model file, including the MSSM counterterms, is largely based on Ref. [50], however, adjusted to match exactly the renormalization prescription described in Sec. II. The further evaluation has been performed with FORMCALC [68].

### A. Ultraviolet divergences

As regularization scheme for the UV divergences we have used constrained differential renormalization [69], which has been shown to be equivalent to dimensional reduction [70] at the one-loop level [68]. Thus the employed regularization scheme preserves SUSY [71,72] and guarantees that the SUSY relations are kept intact, e.g. that the gauge couplings of the SM vertices and the Yukawa couplings of the corresponding SUSY vertices also coincide to one-loop order in the SUSY limit. Therefore no additional shifts, which might occur when using a different regularization scheme, arise. All UV divergences cancel in the final result.

### B. Infrared divergences

The IR divergences from diagrams with an internal photon or gluon have to cancel with the ones from the corresponding real soft radiation. In the case of QED we have included the soft photon contribution following the description given in Ref. [61]. In the case of QCD we have modified this prescription by replacing the product of electric charges by the appropriate combination of color charges (linear combination of $C_A$ and $C_F$ times $\alpha_s$). The

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FIG. 13. $\Gamma(t_\tilde{t} \rightarrow t\tilde{t}_\gamma)$. Tree-level and full one-loop corrected partial decay widths are shown with the parameters chosen according to S1 and S2 (see Table I), with $m_{\tilde{t}}$ varied. The upper left plot shows the partial decay width; the upper right plot shows the corresponding relative size of the corrections. The lower left plot shows the BR; the lower right plot shows the relative correction of the BR. The vertical lines indicate where $m_{\tilde{t}} + m_{\tilde{t}} = 1000$ GeV, i.e. the maximum reach of the ILC(1000).
IR divergences arising from the diagrams involving a $\gamma$ (or a $g$) are regularized by introducing a photon (or gluon) mass parameter, $\lambda$. While for the QED part this procedure always works, in the QCD part due to its non-Abelian character this method can fail. However, since no triple or quartic gluon vertices appear, $\lambda$ can indeed be used as a regulator (the appearance of the non-Abelian gluino-gluino-gluon vertex does not pose a problem here [12]). All IR divergences, i.e. all divergences in the limit $\lambda \to 0$, cancel once virtual and real diagrams for one decay channel are added.

Special care has to be taken in the decay modes involving scalar bottom quarks. Using tree-level sbottom masses yields a cancellation of IR divergences to all orders for all $\tilde{t}_2$ decay modes. However, inserting the one-loop corrected sbottom masses (see Sec. II A 1), as required for consistency, we found cancellation to all orders of the related IR divergences, except for the decay modes $\tilde{t}_2 \to \tilde{b}_iW^+$. Within these decays the tree-level relation required by the SU(2) symmetry $M_{\tilde{q}_L}(i) = M_{\tilde{q}_L}(\tilde{b})$, corresponding to

$$
|U_{\tilde{t}_{11}}|^2 m_{\tilde{b}_1} + |U_{\tilde{t}_{12}}|^2 m_{\tilde{b}_2} = |U_{\tilde{t}_{11}}|^2 m_{\tilde{b}_1} + |U_{\tilde{t}_{12}}|^2 m_{\tilde{b}_2} - m_{\tilde{b}} + m_{\tilde{b}} - M_W^2 \cos 2\beta,
$$

has to be fulfilled to yield a cancellation of all IR divergences. On the other hand, the requirement of on-shell sbottom

\[ Equation (190) \] has been deduced via

\[ M_{\tilde{q}_L}(i) = M_{\tilde{q}_L}(\tilde{b}) \]

has to be fulfilled to yield a cancellation of all IR divergences. On the other hand, the requirement of on-shell sbottom

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has to be fulfilled to yield a cancellation of all IR divergences. On the other hand, the requirement of on-shell sbottom
masses as well as an intact $SU(2)$ relation at the one-loop level leads to the necessity of a shift in the scalar bottom masses; see Eq. (48). Therefore Eq. (190) is “violated” at the one-loop level, introducing a two-loop IR divergence in $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1W^+)$. In order to eliminate this two-loop IR divergence we introduced a counterterm in the $\tilde{t}_2\tilde{b}_1W$ vertex,

$$
\delta Z_{\mu} = \left[ |U_{\tilde{b}_11}|^2 m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2 + |U_{\tilde{b}_12}|^2 m_{\tilde{b}_2}^2 \right]
- \left[ |U_{\tilde{t}_21}|^2 m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 + |U_{\tilde{t}_22}|^2 m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 \right] \times \text{IRdiv},
$$

to restore the tree-level $SU(2)$ relation. The left term in Eq. (191) contains only “tree-level” values, while the index “shift” refers to inserting the one-loop masses and mixing matrices. The IR divergence has been taken from Eq. (B.5) of Ref. [73] (it can also be found in Ref. [74]), and reads (in our case)

$$
\text{IRdiv} = \frac{\alpha}{6\pi M_W} \left[ \frac{2x_t \ln(x_t)}{m_{\tilde{t}_2}(1-x_t^2)} \ln\left(\frac{m_{\tilde{b}_1}M_W}{\lambda^2}\right) - \frac{x_b \ln(x_b)}{m_{\tilde{b}_1}(1-x_b^2)} \ln\left(\frac{m_{\tilde{b}_2}M_W}{\lambda^2}\right) \right],
$$

with

$$
x_t = \sqrt{\frac{1 - 4m_{\tilde{b}_2}M_W/(m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2 + i0 - (M_W - m_{\tilde{t}_2})^2)^2 - 1}{1 - 4m_{\tilde{b}_2}M_W/(m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2 + i0 - (M_W - m_{\tilde{t}_2})^2)^2 + 1}}.
$$
\[
\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \to t\tilde{g}) = \frac{|C(\tilde{t}_2, \tilde{t}_1, h_n)|^2 \lambda^{1/2}(m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2, m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2, m_{h_n}^2)}{16 \pi m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2} \quad (n = 1, 2, 3),
\]
(195)

\[
\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \to t\tilde{Z}) = \frac{|C(\tilde{t}_2, \tilde{t}_1, \tilde{Z})|^2 \lambda^{3/2}(m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2, m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2, M_{\tilde{Z}}^2)}{16 \pi M_{\tilde{Z}}^2 m_{\tilde{t}_2}^3},
\]
(196)

\[
\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \to t\tilde{g}) = \frac{4 \lambda^{1/2}(m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2, m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2, m_{\tilde{g}}^2)}{16 \pi m_{\tilde{t}_2}^3}.
\]
(197)

**C. Tree-level formulas**

For completeness we show here also the formulas that have been used to calculate the tree-level decay widths:
\[
\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b} \tilde{\chi}_1^+) = \left[ |C(\tilde{t}_2, t, \tilde{\chi}_1^+) L|^2 + |C(\tilde{t}_2, t, \tilde{\chi}_1^+) R|^2 \right] (m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 - m_b^2 - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1}^2) - 4 \text{Re}\{C(\tilde{t}_2, t, \tilde{\chi}_1^+) L C(\tilde{t}_2, t, \tilde{\chi}_1^+) R m_{\tilde{t}_2} m_{\tilde{\chi}_1} \}
\times \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2, m_b^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_1}^2)}{16\pi m_{\tilde{t}_2}^3} \quad (k = 1, 2, 3, 4),
\]

\[
\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow b \tilde{\chi}_1^+) = \left[ |C(\tilde{t}_2, b, \tilde{\chi}_1^+) L|^2 + |C(\tilde{t}_2, b, \tilde{\chi}_1^+) R|^2 \right] (m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2 - m_b^2 - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1}^2) - 4 \text{Re}\{C(\tilde{t}_2, b, \tilde{\chi}_1^+) L C(\tilde{t}_2, b, \tilde{\chi}_1^+) R m_b m_{\tilde{\chi}_1} \}
\times \frac{\lambda^{1/2}(m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2, m_b^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_1}^2)}{16\pi m_{\tilde{t}_2}^3} \quad (j = 1, 2),
\]

\[
\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^+ H^+) = \frac{|C(\tilde{t}_2, \tilde{b}_i, H^+)|^2 \lambda^{1/2}(m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2, m_{\tilde{b}_i}^2, M_{H^+}^2)}{16\pi m_{\tilde{t}_2}^3} \quad (i = 1, 2),
\]

FIG. 17. $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow b \tilde{\chi}_1^+)$ Tree-level and full one-loop corrected partial decay widths are shown with the parameters chosen according to S1 and S2 (see Table I), with $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ varied. The upper left plot shows the partial decay width; the upper right plot shows the corresponding relative size of the corrections. The lower left plot shows the BR; the lower right plot shows the relative correction of the BR. The vertical lines indicate where $m_{\tilde{t}_2} + m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 1000$ GeV, i.e. the maximum reach of the ILC(1000).
\[ \Gamma_{\text{full}}(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow x y) \equiv \Gamma_{\text{full}}(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow x y), \quad (i = 1, 2), \]

where \( \delta \Gamma = \Gamma_{\text{full}} - \Gamma_{\text{tree}} \)

\[ \delta \Gamma_{\text{tot}}/\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^\text{tree} = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{full}}^\text{tot} - \Gamma_{\text{tree}}^\text{tot}}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^\text{tree}}. \]

We also show the absolute and relative changes of the branching ratios,

\[ \delta \Gamma_{\text{tot}}/\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^\text{tree} = \frac{\Gamma_{\text{full}}^\text{tot} - \Gamma_{\text{tree}}^\text{tot}}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}^\text{tree}}. \]
The last quantity is crucial to analyze the impact of the one-loop corrections on the phenomenology at the LHC and the ILC.

### A. Parameter settings

The renormalization scale $\mu_R$ has been set to the mass of the decaying particle, i.e. $\mu_R = m_\tilde{t}_2$. The SM parameters are chosen as follows, see also Ref. [44]:

\begin{equation}
\text{BR} = \frac{\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow xy)}{\Gamma_{\text{tot}}},
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\delta \text{BR}/\text{BR} = \frac{\text{BR}^{\text{full}} - \text{BR}^{\text{tree}}}{\text{BR}^{\text{full}}}.\end{equation}

The last quantity is crucial to analyze the impact of the one-loop corrections on the phenomenology at the LHC and the ILC.

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(i) Fermion masses (on-shell masses, if not indicated differently):

\begin{align*}
m_e &= 0.51099891 \text{ MeV}, & m_{\mu} &= 0 \text{ MeV}, \\
m_\mu &= 105.658367 \text{ MeV}, & m_{\nu_\tau} &= 0 \text{ MeV}, \\
m_\tau &= 1776.84 \text{ MeV}, & m_{\tau} &= 0 \text{ MeV}, \\
m_\tau &= 53.8 \text{ MeV}, & m_d &= 53.8 \text{ MeV}, \\
m_c &= 1.27 \text{ GeV}, & m_s &= 104 \text{ MeV}, \\
m_t &= 171.2 \text{ GeV}, & m_t = (m_b) &= 4.2 \text{ GeV}.
\end{align*}

According to Ref. [44], $m_t$ is an estimate of a so-called “current quark mass” in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme at the scale $\mu = 2 \text{ GeV}$. $m_c$ and $m_b$ are the “running” masses in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme. The top quark mass as

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21 Using the most up-to-date values from Ref. [76] would have a negligible impact on our numerical results.
As default value within FEYNHIGGS, \( m_\tau \) is used. Furthermore we have neglected the (in our case small) corrections of \( \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \alpha_s, \alpha_s \alpha_t, \alpha_t^2) \) (via a small modification in the code) and used the top pole mass for the evaluation of the MSSM Higgs boson sector quantities.
the MSSM Higgs boson searches at LEP \[78,79\]. Too small values of the lightest Higgs boson mass would be reached for \(\tan\beta \leq 9.4 (4.6)\) within S1 (S2) as given in Table I. In order to avoid completely unrealistic spectra, the following exclusion limits \[44\] hold in our two scenarios \[24\]:

\[
\begin{align*}
\tilde{m}_t &> 95 \text{ GeV}, & \tilde{m}_{\tilde{b}_1} &> 89 \text{ GeV}, & \tilde{m}_{\tilde{g}} &> 379 \text{ GeV}, \\
\tilde{m}_{\tilde{t}_1} &> 73 \text{ GeV}, & \tilde{m}_{\tilde{q}} &> 46 \text{ GeV}, \\
\tilde{m}_{\tilde{q}^c} &> 94 \text{ GeV}, & \tilde{m}_{\tilde{g}} &> 308 \text{ GeV}.
\end{align*}
\]

A few examples of the scalar top and bottom quark masses in S1 and S2 are shown in Table II. The values of \(m_{\tilde{t}_2}\) allow copious production of the heavier stop at the LHC. For other choices of the gluino mass, \(m_{\tilde{g}} > m_{\tilde{t}_1}\), which would leave no visible effect for most of the decay modes of the \(\tilde{t}_2\), the heavier stop could also be produced in gluino decays at the LHC. Furthermore, in S1 (even for the nominal value of \(m_{\tilde{t}_1}\) as given in Table I) the production of \(\tilde{t}_2\) at the ILC(1000), i.e. with \(\sqrt{s} = 1000 \text{ GeV}\), via \(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1^\pm \tilde{t}_2\) will be possible, with all the subsequent decay modes (1)–(7) being open. The clean environment

FIG. 21. \(\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1 W^+)\). Tree-level and full one-loop corrected partial decay widths are shown with the parameters chosen according to S1 and S2 (see Table I), with \(m_{\tilde{g}}\) varied. The upper left plot shows the partial decay width; the upper right plot shows the corresponding relative size of the corrections. The lower left plot shows the BR; the lower right plot shows the relative correction of the BR. The vertical lines indicate where \(m_{\tilde{t}_1} + m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 1000 \text{ GeV}\), i.e. the maximum reach of the ILC(1000).

\[23\]While in these scenarios we are not aiming to yield a light Higgs boson mass value around \(\sim 125 \text{ GeV}\), it should be noted that such a value is in principle in agreement with not too heavy scalar top quarks \[80\] that can be produced via \(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1^\pm \tilde{t}_2\) at the ILC(1000).

\[24\]The relatively light scalar quark masses and especially the light gluino mass are potentially in conflict with recent SUSY searches at the LHC \[81\] (although no fully model-independent results have been published). However, as stressed above, the parameters are chosen to be able to analyze as many decay modes as possible simultaneously. For a realistic collider analysis these bounds \[81\] will have to be taken into account.
of the ILC would permit a detailed study of the scalar top decays. For the lowest values shown in the plots below, $m_{\tilde{t}_{2}} \geq 570$ GeV, we find (via a tree-level calculation) $\sigma(e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1\tilde{t}_2) = 1.5$ fb, i.e. an integrated luminosity of $\sim 1$ ab$^{-1}$ would yield about 1500 $\tilde{t}_2$. This number drops to $\sim 280\tilde{t}_2$ for the masses shown in Table II. The ILC environment would result in an accuracy of the relative branching ratio [Eq. (208)] close to the statistical uncertainty: a BR of 30% could be determined to $\sim 5\%$ for the lowest $m_{\tilde{t}_{2}}$ values and to about 11% for the values given in Table II. Depending on the combination of allowed decay channels a determination of the branching ratios at the few percent level might be achievable in the high-luminosity running of the ILC(1000).

The numerical results we will show in the next subsections are of course dependent on choice of the SUSY parameters. Nevertheless, they give an idea of the relevance of the full one-loop corrections. As an example, the largest decay width is $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_2W^+$, dominating the total decay width, $\Gamma_{\text{tot}}$, and thus the various branching ratios. For other choices of $m_{\tilde{g}}$ with $m_{\tilde{g}} > m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ the corrections to the decay widths would stay the same, but the branching ratios would look very different. Channels (and their respective one-loop corrections) that may look unobservable due to the smallness of their BR in the plots shown below, could become important if other channels are kinematically forbidden.

**B. Full one-loop results for varying $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$**

The results shown in this and the following subsections consist of tree, which denotes the tree-level value and of
full, which is the partial decay width including all one-loop corrections as described in Sec. III. We start the numerical analysis with partial decay widths of \( \sim t_2 \) evaluated as a function of \( m_\sim t_2 \), starting at \( m_\sim t_2 = 570 \) GeV up to \( m_\sim t_2 = 3 \) TeV, which roughly coincides with the reach of the LHC for high-luminosity running. The upper panels contain the results for the absolute value of the various partial decay widths, \( \Gamma(\sim t_2 \to \sim t_1 h_n) \) (left) and the relative correction from the full one-loop contributions (right). The lower panels show the same results for \( BR(\sim t_2 \to xy) \).

Since in this section all parameters are chosen to be real, no contributions from absorptive parts of self-energy type corrections on external legs can contribute. This will be different in Sec. IV C.

In Figs. 8–10 we show the results for the process \( \sim t_2 \to \sim t_1 h_n \) \( (n = 1, 2, 3) \) as a function of \( m_\sim t_2 \). These are of particular interest for LHC analyses [8,9] (as emphasized in the Introduction). The dips at \( m_\sim t_i \approx 819, 948, 971, 1264, 1303 \) GeV (for all three figures) in the scenario S1 are effects due to the thresholds \( m_i + m_{\sim t_2,3,4} = m_\sim t_i \) and \( m_i + m_\sim t = m_{\sim t_i} \) (in this order) of the self-energies \( \Sigma_{i1,2,3}(m_{\sim t_i}^2) \) in the renormalization constants \( [\delta Z_i]_{11,12,13}; \delta Y_i; \delta m_{\sim t_i}^2 \). One can see that the size of the corrections of the partial decay widths is especially large very close to the production threshold from which on the considered decay mode is kinematically possible. Away from this

\[ \text{FIG. 23. } \Gamma(\sim t_2 \to \sim t_1 h_1). \text{ Tree-level (tree) and full one-loop (full) corrected partial decay widths are shown. Also shown are the full one-loop corrected partial decay widths including absorptive contributions ("abs"). The parameters are chosen according to S1 and S2 (see Table I, with } \varphi_{A_1} \text{ varied. The upper left plot shows the partial decay width; the upper right plot shows the corresponding relative size of the corrections. The lower left plot shows the BR; the lower right plot shows the relative correction of the BR.} \]
threshold relative corrections of $\sim +10\%$, $-20\%$, $-5\%$ are found for $h_1$, $h_2$, $h_3$, respectively. In (all) the plots the value of $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ for which $m_{\tilde{t}_1} + m_{\tilde{t}_2} = 1000$ GeV is shown as a vertical line, i.e. the region where the heavier stop can be produced at the ILC(1000). In these regions the size of the corrections amounts up to $\sim +20\%$, $-10\%$, $+10\%$ for the three neutral Higgs bosons. The BRs are at the few percent level for all three channels for the two numerical scenarios. The relative change in the BRs for the masses accessible at the ILC(1000) are about $+10\%$, $-25\%$, and $-5\%$. Depending on the MSSM parameters (and the channels kinematically allowed) the one-loop contributions presented here can be relevant for analyses at the ILC as well as at the LHC.

Next, in Fig. 11 we show results for the decay $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \to \tilde{t}_1 Z)$. The dips due to the thresholds in $[\delta Z_{\tilde{t}_1}]_{11,21}$, $\delta Y_{t_t}$, and $\delta m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2$ are the same as before. The relative corrections to the partial decay width in $S_1$ range between $+8\%$ at low $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$, i.e. in the “ILC(1000) regime,” to $-5\%$ at large $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$, with the exception of the region close to thresholds. Within $S_2$ the relative corrections stay below $-5\%$. The BR($\tilde{t}_2 \to \tilde{t}_1 Z$) is larger than 15% for the smallest $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ values in the two scenarios. This drops below 3% for $m_{\tilde{t}_2} \geq 2.5$ TeV. The relative change for masses accessible at the ILC(1000) is found at the few percent level.

The results for the decay $\tilde{t}_2 \to t \tilde{g}$ are presented in Fig. 12. We see that for the relative corrections of the partial decay width up to 48% (22%) are reached for $m_{\tilde{t}_2} = 570(980)$ GeV in $S_1$ ($S_2$), i.e. at the smallest...
possible value and decrease for increasing $m_{\tilde{t}_1}$. It should be noted that in this case the hard and soft QCD radiation can be very large and the two compensate each other. The BR turns out to be very large and growing with $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$, where values larger than 50% are found. Within S1 the relative corrections can reach up to $\pm 20\%$ in the production threshold region and are larger than $+12\%$ in the parameter space accessible at the ILC(1000). For large $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ the corrections range between $+11\%$ and $+15\%$ in the two scenarios.

Now we turn to the decays $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{h}_k$ ($k = 1, 2, 3, 4$), with the results shown in Figs. 13–16. Since $\mu, M_1$, and $M_2$ are roughly of the same order, the four states are a mixture of gauginos and Higgsinos. Consequently, the partial decay widths are found to be roughly the same. The larger partial decay widths for the decay modes $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{h}_k$ with $k = 1, 2$ ($k = 3, 4$) are found in S1 (S2) and are $\sim 15$–$25$ GeV. For S1 we find relative one-loop corrections ranging between $0\%$ and $\sim -30\%$ for $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{h}_1)$ and $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{h}_2)$, where the smaller values are reached for small $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$. $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{h}_3)$ receives one-loop contributions between $+8\%$ and $-16\%$, while for $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{h}_4)$ we find $-18\%$ to $-35\%$ with the exception of very small $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$, where the partial decay width itself is negligible. Within S2 the corrections stay at the few percent level for $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{h}_1)$, while for $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{h}_2)$, $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{h}_3)$, and $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{h}_4)$ they range between $-10\%$ and $-30\%$. Following the size of the partial decay widths, also the branching ratios are roughly the same for the four decay modes. The relative changes in the BRs for $m_{\tilde{t}_1} + m_{\tilde{t}_i} \leq 1000$ GeV are $\sim -15\%, -18\%, -6\%$, and $-30\%$. 

FIG. 25. $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h_3)$. Tree-level (tree) and full one-loop (full) corrected partial decay widths are shown. Also shown are the full one-loop corrected partial decay widths including absorptive contributions (abs). The parameters are chosen according to S1 and S2 (see Table I), with $\varphi_{A_k}$ varied. The upper left plot shows the partial decay width, the upper right plot the corresponding relative size of the corrections. The lower left plot shows the BR, the lower right plot the relative correction of the BR.
for $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$, respectively. Especially, for this parameter range, for the decays to the two lighter neutralinos the branching ratios are $\sim 5\%$ and $\sim 10\%$, i.e. the one-loop corrections can be crucial to match the anticipated ILC precision.

Next in Figs. 17 and 18 we present the results for $\tilde{t}_2 \to t\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ with $k = 1, 2$ ($k = 3, 4$). For $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \to b\tilde{\chi}_1^0)$ we find relative corrections starting at $-5\%$ at low $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ in S1 down to $-35\%$ at high $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ in both scenarios. The partial decay width $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \to b\tilde{\chi}_2^0)$ is very small in S1 for $m_{t_i} + m_{\tilde{t}_2} < 1000$ GeV. Because of this smallness, and additionally pronounced due to the vicinity of the production threshold, the relative size of the corrections becomes huge and is not reliable anymore. For higher $m_{t_i}$ values we find relative corrections between $-20\%$ ($-10\%$) to $-30\%$ in S1 (S2). A large branching ratio of $\sim 14\%$ in the ILC(1000) accessible regime is reached in S1 in the decay $\tilde{t}_2 \to b\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, where the one-loop corrections are $\sim -20\%$. Again the one-loop corrections can be crucial to match the ILC precision.

We now turn to the decay modes $\tilde{t}_2 \to \tilde{b}_i H^+$ ($i = 1, 2$). Results are shown in Figs. 19 and 20, (which have been used for the investigations in Ref. [38]). In Fig. 19 several peaks and dips can be observed. Within S1 the first (fourth) peak at $m_{\tilde{t}_2} = 571(638)$ GeV stems from the threshold $m_{t_i} + M_{H^+}(M_W) = m_{\tilde{b}_i}$ in the self-energies $\Sigma_{\tilde{b}_{i1,2}}(m_{\tilde{b}_i}^2)$ entering the renormalization constants $[\delta Z_{\tilde{b}_{i1,2}}]_{1,2}$. The second dip at $m_{\tilde{t}_2} = 596$ GeV comes from the threshold...
\[ m_{\tilde{g}} + m_{\tilde{b}} = m_{\tilde{b}_1} \]. The third and the fifth dip come from the same threshold \( m_t + m_{\tilde{b}_1} = m_{\tilde{b}_1} \) at \( m_{\tilde{b}_1} = 601, 823 \) GeV, respectively.\(^{27}\) The sixth dip at \( m_{\tilde{b}_1} = 1282 \) GeV comes from the threshold \( m_t + m_{\tilde{b}_1} = m_{\tilde{b}_1} \). Within S2 the peak/dip at \( m_{\tilde{b}_1} = 1130 \) GeV is the threshold \( m_{\tilde{b}_1} + M_W = m_{\tilde{b}_1} \). The other peaks/dips do not appear as the values for the stop masses are different. Also in Fig. 20 some peaks/dips appear. Within S1 the first peak/dip is visible at \( m_{\tilde{b}_1} = 571 \) GeV, due to the threshold \( m_{\tilde{b}_1} + M_H = m_{\tilde{b}_1} \) (in the self-energy \( \Sigma_{\tilde{b}_1}(m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2) \) entering the renormalization constant \( [\delta \Sigma_{\tilde{b}_1}]_2 \)). Within S2 the “apparently single” dip is in reality two dips at \( m_{\tilde{b}_1} = 1163(1164) \) GeV coming from the thresholds \( m_{\tilde{b}_1} + m_A(m_H) = m_{\tilde{b}_1} \) (it should be noted that the internal Higgs boson masses are tree-level masses).

The absolute value of the partial decay widths is relatively small, staying below \( \sim 1.2(0.2) \) GeV for \( \Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1 H^+) \) [\( \Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_2 H^+) \)]. The relative size of the one-loop corrections to \( \Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1 H^+) \) ranges between \( \sim -12\% \) and \( -27\% \) \( (-20\%) \) in S1 (S2). For \( \Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_2 H^+) \) very large corrections are found for the smallest \( m_{\tilde{t}_2} \) values, dropping to values close to zero for larger masses. Because of the small partial decay widths, also the branching ratios are at or below the 1\% level. Only if other channels were kinematically suppressed, these decays could play a relevant role, and the one-loop effects could be expected at the level of one-loop contributions to the partial decay widths itself.

\(^{26}\)It should be remembered that \( m_{\tilde{b}_1} \) changes its value when the value of \( m_{\tilde{t}_2} \) is changed.

\(^{27}\)For these two different input parameters \( (m_{\tilde{t}_2} = 601, 823 \) GeV) we get coincidentally \( m_{\tilde{b}_1} \approx 349.14 \) GeV.
Results for the other decay modes involving scalar top and bottom quarks, $t_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_i W^+$ ($i = 1, 2$), are shown in Figs. 21 and 22. Also these decay modes have been analyzed in detail in Ref. [38]. The peaks/dips are the same ones as for the decays $t_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_i H^+$. On top of that due to different renormalization constants entering the calculation one observes the following: within $S_1$ peaks appear at $m_{\tilde{t}_2} = 618(656, 657)$ GeV due to $m_{\tilde{b}_1} + M_Z(m_{\tilde{b}_1}, m_H) = m_{\tilde{b}_2}$, and at $m_{\tilde{t}_2} = 721$ GeV due to $m_t + m_{\tilde{b}_2} = m_{\tilde{t}_2}$. The “knee” at $m_{\tilde{t}_2} \approx 1303$ GeV results from $m_t + m_{\tilde{b}_2} = m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ in $\Sigma_{\tilde{t}_2}(m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2)$ entering the renormalization constant $\delta Y_t$. Within $S_2$ one hardly visible dip can be found at $m_{\tilde{t}_2} = 1039$ GeV from $m_{\tilde{b}_1} + M_Z = m_{\tilde{b}_2}$. The knee at $m_{\tilde{t}_2} = 1163(1164)$ GeV is the same one as in Fig. 20. The absolute size of $\Gamma(t_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_i W^+)$ is found to be between $\sim 5$ GeV and $\sim 25$ GeV, depending on $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ and the scenario. $\Gamma(t_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_2 W^+)$, on the other hand, is found to be tiny for nearly all $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ values. However, the smallness of $\Gamma(t_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_2 W^+)$ is a purely coincidental effect. A slightly smaller $m_{\tilde{b}_2}$ would yield a width of $O(0.1)$ GeV. The relative corrections to $\Gamma(t_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1 W^+)$ range between $+10\% \ (\pm 15\%)$ and $-5\% \ (0\%)$ for $S_1 \ (S_2)$. For $\Gamma(t_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_2 W^+)$ we find corrections of $\sim -10\% \ (-30\%)$ to $+18\% \ (+3\%)$ in $S_1 \ (S_2)$, where it has to be kept in mind that the partial decay width itself is tiny in our scenarios $S_1$ and $S_2$. The branching ratio for $t_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1 W^+$ can reach up to $\sim 18\%$ in the parameter range with $m_{\tilde{t}_2} + m_t < 1000$ GeV. Here the relative one-loop effect on the BR is $\sim -5\%$ and could be important to reach the ILC precision.
C. Full one-loop results for varying $\varphi_{A_i}$

In this subsection we analyze the various partial decay widths\footnote{Again we note, that we do not investigate the decays of $\tilde{t}_1^0$ here, which would correspond to an analysis of $CP$ asymmetries, which is beyond the scope of this paper.} and branching ratios as a function of $\varphi_{A_i}$. The other parameters are chosen according to Table I. Thus, within S1 we have $m_{\tilde{t}_1} + m_{\tilde{t}_2} = 910$ GeV, i.e. the production channel $e^+e^- \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1^0\tilde{t}_2$ is open at the ILC(1000). Consequently, the accuracy of the prediction of the various partial decay widths and branching ratios should be at the same level (or better) as the anticipated ILC precision. It should be noted that the tree-level prediction depends on $\varphi_{A_i}$ via the stop mixing matrix.

When performing an analysis involving complex parameters it should be noted that the results for physical observables are affected only by certain combinations of the complex phases of the parameters $\mu$, the trilinear couplings $A_t, A_b, \ldots$, and the gaugino mass parameters $M_1, M_2, M_3$ [53,82]. It is possible, for instance, to rotate the phase $\varphi_{M_2}$ away. Experimental constraints on the (combinations of) complex phases arise, in particular, from their contributions to electric dipole moments of the electron and the neutron (see Refs. [83,84] and references therein), of the deuteron [85] and of heavy quarks [86]. While SM contributions enter only at the three-loop level, due to its complex phases the MSSM can contribute already at one-loop order. Large phases in the first two generations of sfermions can only be accommodated if these generations are assumed to be very heavy [87] or

FIG. 29. $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1^0\tilde{y}_2)$. Tree-level (tree) and full one-loop (full) corrected partial decay widths are shown. Also shown are the full one-loop corrected partial decay widths including absorptive contributions (abs). The parameters are chosen according to S1 and S2 (see Table I), with $\varphi_{A_i}$ varied. The upper left plot shows the partial decay width, the upper right plot the corresponding relative size of the corrections. The lower left plot shows the BR, the lower right plot the relative correction of the BR.
large cancellations occur [88]; see, however, the discussion in Ref. [89]. A recent review can be found in Ref. [90]. Accordingly (using the convention that $\varphi_{M_i} = 0$, as done in this paper), in particular, the phase $\varphi_{M_2}$ is tightly constrained [91], while the bounds on the phases of the third generation trilinear couplings are much weaker. The phases of $\varphi_{M_2}$, $\varphi_{A_t}$, and $\varphi_{A_b}$ enter only in the combinations $(\varphi_{A_t} + \varphi_{M_2})$ (or in different combinations together with phases of $M_1$ or $M_3$). Setting $\varphi_{M_2} = 0$ (see above) as well as $\varphi_{M_1} = \varphi_{\tilde{g}} = 0$ (we do not consider these phases in this paper) leaves us with $\varphi_{A_t}$ and $\varphi_{A_b}$ as the only complex valued parameters. The dependence on $\varphi_{A_t}$ on the partial decay widths involving scalar bottom quarks has been analyzed in detail in Ref. [38]. Consequently, we focus on a complex $A_t$ and keep $A_b$ real.

Since now a complex $A_t$ can appear in the couplings, contributions from absorptive parts of self-energy type corrections on external legs can arise, and their impact will be discussed. The corresponding formulas for an inclusion of these absorptive contributions via finite wave function correction factors can be found in the Appendix.

As before we start with the decays to Higgs bosons, $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h_n (n = 1, 2, 3)$ shown in Figs. 23–25. The arrangement of the panels is the same as in the previous subsection. In Fig. 23, where the partial decay width $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h_1)$ is given as a function of $\varphi_{A_t}$, one can see that the size of the corrections to the partial decay width vary substantially.

\footnote{In a slight abuse of the language “full” still refers to corrections without absorptive contributions.}
The one-loop effects range from $+21 \, (+16)\%$ to $+6 \, (+4)\%$ in S1 (S2). The effect of the absorptive parts of self-energy type corrections on external legs (called “absorptive contributions” from now on) are at the few percent level. For $\varphi_{A_i} = 0, \pi, 2\pi$ these effects vanish (by construction).

It should be kept in mind that the parameters are chosen such that $e^+e^- \rightarrow t\bar{t}_1\bar{t}_2$ is kinematically possible at the ILC (1000) in S1, where the knowledge of such a large variation can be very important. Also for $\bar{t}_2 \rightarrow \bar{t}_1 h_2$, shown in Fig. 24, the variation with $\varphi_{A_j}$ is very large, ranging from $-6\%$ to $-24\%$, again with a non-negligible shift from the absorptive contributions. The wiggles in the size of the relative corrections to the partial decay width is a result of small numerical variations and not visible in the upper left panel showing the full decay width. These variations are enhanced due to the smallness of the tree-level partial width; see Eq. (204). The results for $\bar{t}_2 \rightarrow \bar{t}_1 h_3$ can be found in Fig. 25. Also here the size of the corrections shows a large variation with $\varphi_{A_i}$, again with non-negligible absorptive contributions. Within S2 for real and negative $A_1$ the partial width becomes extremely small at tree level, leading to (formally) very large relative one-loop corrections. The one-loop effects on the branching ratios also vary strongly with $\varphi_{A_i}$, following the same pattern as the partial decay widths. Effects up to $\pm 8\%$ are reached for $\text{BR}(\bar{t}_2 \rightarrow \bar{t}_1 h_1)$, while the other two decay modes reach large corrections only where the BRs are relatively small, $\leq 1\%$. The one-loop corrections to $\Gamma(\bar{t}_2 \rightarrow \bar{t}_1 h_2)$, however, can easily exceed the ILC precision.
In Fig. 26 we present the phase dependence for the decay mode $t_2 \rightarrow t\chi_{1}^{0}$. While in S1 the effect of the one-loop corrections to $\Gamma(t_2 \rightarrow t\chi_{1}^{0})$ varies from $\sim +8\%$ to $\sim +5\%$, within S2 only a very small variation can be observed. These numbers change if the absorptive contributions are taken into account. In both scenarios substantially larger variations are found. Within S1 (S2) the branching ratio varies with $\varphi_{A_t}$ between $\sim 11\%$ and $\sim 15\%$ (9.5\% and 11\%). Again the variation of the relative correction of the BR increases visibly via the inclusion of the absorptive contributions. The relative corrections reach $-4\%$ ($-9\%$) and are relevant to match the ILC precision in S1.

Next we show the results for $t_2 \rightarrow t\tilde{g}$ in Fig. 27. In both numerical scenarios we find a substantial variation of the one-loop effects with $\varphi_{A_t}$. The effects range from $+28\%$ ($+36\%$ ($+24\%$) in S1 (S2), where the effect of the absorptive contributions remains relatively small. The branching ratio varies strongly with $\varphi_{A_t}$ in S1, ranging from $\sim 38\%$ to $\sim 25\%$, while in S2 it is larger and varies less, being around $\sim 41\%$. The one-loop corrections in S1 vary between $+14\%$ and $+18\%$ and are important for physics at the LHC and the ILC. Within S2 they are found to be $\sim 8\%$.

In Figs. 28–31 we present the variation of $\Gamma(t_2 \rightarrow b\chi_{k}^{0})$ ($k = 1, 2, 3, 4$) as a function of $\varphi_{A_t}$. As for the variation with $m_{t_2}$ also here for $k = 1, 2$ ($k = 3, 4$) larger values of the partial decay width are found in S1 (S2) with a similar size as before. The one-loop effects on $\Gamma(t_2 \rightarrow b\chi_{k}^{0})$ for $\varphi_{A_t} = 0$ are relatively small, at the $+3\%$ ($-3\%$) level in S1 (S2). The variation of $\varphi_{A_t}$, however, now yields

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FIG. 32. $\Gamma(t_2 \rightarrow b\chi_{k}^{0})$. Tree-level (tree) and full one-loop (full) corrected partial decay widths are shown. Also shown are the full one-loop corrected partial decay widths including absorptive contributions (abs). The parameters are chosen according to S1 and S2 (see Table I), with $\varphi_{A_t}$ varied. The upper left plot shows the partial decay width, the upper right plot the corresponding relative size of the corrections. The lower left plot shows the BR, the lower right plot the relative correction of the BR.
The absorptive contributions in this case can change the result strongly, leading especially in S2 to a substantially different shape. For the partial width \( \Gamma(t_2 \to \tilde{t} \tilde{t}^-) \), the variation in S2 is small. Within S1, however, the effects for \( \phi_{A_t} = 0 \) are at the \( \sim +5\% \) level, while they reach nearly \(-15\%\) for intermediate \( \phi_{A_t} \). The absorptive contributions are small. The last partial decay width of the four decay modes, \( \Gamma(t_2 \to \tilde{t} \tilde{t}^-) \), shows a large variation at the one-loop level of nearly \(-20\%\) in S1, where, however, the partial width itself is very small. For \( \phi_{A_t} = \pi \) a width of \( \sim 2\text{ GeV} \) is reached with a variation at the \(-10\%\) level. Within S2 the variation is \(-12\%\) to \(-18\%\) and \(-6\%\) in S1 (S2).

The results for \( \Gamma(t_2 \to b \tilde{b}^+) \) (\( j = 1, 2 \)) are shown in Figs. 32 and 33. For \( \Gamma(t_2 \to b \tilde{b}^+) \) the decay width changes substantially with \( \phi_{A_t} \). The relative corrections are mostly between \(-5\%\) and \(-20\%\), except in S2 for \( \phi_{A_t} \sim \pi \), where the variation is \(-40\%\).
$\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1 H^+)$. Tree-level (tree) and full one-loop (full) corrected partial decay widths are shown. Also shown are the full one-loop corrected partial decay widths including absorptive contributions (abs). The parameters are chosen according to S1 and S2 (see Table I), with $\varphi_{A_t}$ varied. The upper left plot shows the partial decay width, the upper right plot the corresponding relative size of the corrections. The lower left plot shows the BR, the lower right plot the relative correction of the BR.

$\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow b \tilde{\chi}_i^+)$. The absorptive contributions lead to a visible shift in the relative one-loop corrections in S2, where the largest effects are found again where $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow b \tilde{\chi}_1^+)$ is small. For $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow b \tilde{\chi}_2^+)$ we find a similar size of the corrections. Larger relative corrections of up to $-32\%$ are reached only in S1 where the decay width itself becomes very small. Within S1 the larger branching ratio values of $7\%$--$12\%$ are found for $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow b \tilde{\chi}_1^+$. Here the relative corrections are between $-18\%$ and $-30\%$, with some variation induced by the absorptive contributions, which can be relevant for the LHC and the ILC. For $\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow b \tilde{\chi}_2^+$ the larger BR is found in S2, where values around $8\%$ are found. The one-loop effects nearly reach $-40\%$, which can be relevant for the LHC. Finally it should be noted that the apparently very large corrections on BR($\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow b \tilde{\chi}_1^+$) in S2 do not correspond to a negative BR. At $\varphi_{A_t} \sim \pi$ the loop corrections are negative and comparably to the (very small) tree-level width, leading to BR$^{\text{full}} \ll$ BR$^{\text{tree}}$ in Eq. (208). The effect of these relatively large loop corrections around $\varphi_{A_t} \sim \pi$ can be sizably lowered by including higher-order corrections as, e.g., $|\mathcal{M}_{\text{loop}}|^2$.

Now we turn to the decay modes involving scalar bottom quarks, which have also been analyzed in Ref. [38]. In Figs. 34 and 35 the results for $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_i H^+) (i = 1, 2)$ are presented. While we find $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1 H^+)$ at the $\sim 1$ GeV level, $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_2 H^+)$ is only around the 0.1 GeV level. The relative variation of $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_1 H^+)$ ranges from $\sim -13\%$ for large values of the width to $\sim -23\%$ for small values, with some variations induced by the absorptive contributions. For $\Gamma(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_2 H^+)$ in S1 the relative variation can
become very large, \(-60\%\) (with a clearly visible shift from the absorptive contributions) but the partial decay width is negligibly small. Within S2, \(\Gamma(t_2 \rightarrow b_2 H^+) \sim 0.1\) GeV is realized the relative variation is at the 10% level. As for the variation with \(m_{t_2}\) we find only small values for the branching ratios at the 1\% (0.1\%) level for the decay to the lighter (heavier) sbottom. The one-loop effects on the BRs are only important if other channels are kinematically suppressed. In this case the effects can be of the same order as for the partial decay widths itself. Again, the apparent very large effect on \(\text{BR}(t_2 \rightarrow b_2 H^+)\) in S1 still corresponds to a positive BR; see Eq. (208).

The other decay modes involving scalar bottom quarks, \(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{b}_i W^+\) (\(i = 1, 2\)) are analyzed in Figs. 36 and 37. As in the analysis with \(m_{t_2}\) varied, we find \(\Gamma(t_2 \rightarrow b_1 W^+)\) at the 11 (25) GeV level in S1 (S2). The relative correction without absorptive contributions changes sizably in S1, ranging between 0\% and +12\%. Taking into account the absorptive contributions this strongly reduces to 5\% and 7\%. Within S2 the corrections without absorptive contributions are around +5\% for all \(\varphi_{A_t}\), but the absorptive contributions have the opposite effect of strongly enhancing the variation. \(\Gamma(t_2 \rightarrow b_1 W^+)\), again as in Sec. IV B, is very small and stays below \(-0.03\) GeV. The variation of this negligibly small partial decay width is found to be between -6\% and +6\%; the shift from the absorptive contributions remains relatively small. Consequently, a relevant branching ratio is found only for \(t_2 \rightarrow b_1 W^+\), where values around \(-20\%\) (\(\sim 16\%\)) are found in S1 (S2). The relative effects of the one-loop corrections can

\[\begin{array}{c}
\Gamma/\text{GeV} \\
0.14 \\
0.12 \\
0.10 \\
0.08 \\
0.06 \\
0.04 \\
0.02 \\
0.00 \\
0.02 \\
0.04 \\
0.06 \\
0.08 \\
0.10 \\
0.12 \\
0.14 \\
\end{array}\]

\[\begin{array}{c}
\delta\Gamma/\Gamma^{\text{tree}} \\
20\% \\
10\% \\
0\% \\
-10\% \\
-20\% \\
-30\% \\
-40\% \\
-50\% \\
-60\% \\
-70\% \\
-80\% \\
-90\% \\
-100\% \\
\end{array}\]
reach $-7\%$ ($-10\%$), which is potentially important for physics at the ILC and the LHC.

D. The total decay width

Finally we show the results for the total decay width of $\tilde{t}_2$. In Fig. 38 the upper panels show the absolute and relative variation with $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$. The lower panels depict the result for varying $\varphi_{A_1}$. In S1 for small $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$, $m_{\tilde{t}_2} + m_{\tilde{t}_1} \leq 1000$ GeV the size of the relative corrections of $\Gamma_{\text{tot}}$ ranges between $+15\%$ and $+8\%$. For larger $m_{\tilde{t}_2}$ in the two numerical scenarios the variation ranges between $\sim +7\%$ down to $\sim -5\%$ for $m_{\tilde{t}_2} = 3$ TeV. The variation with $\varphi_{A_1}$ is found to be large in both numerical scenarios. Within S1 we find values of the relative correction between $+13\%$ and $+7\%$, decreasing to a range of $+9.5\%$ and $+11\%$ once the absorptive contributions are taken into account. For S2 the absolute values as well as the relative correction of $\Gamma_{\text{tot}}$, are larger than in S1. The size of the relative corrections ranges between $+11\%$ and $+15.5\%$, where the absorptive contributions do not change the overall size of the effects but only affect the dependence on $\varphi_{A_1}$.

V. CONCLUSIONS

We evaluate all partial decay widths corresponding to a two-body decay of the heavy scalar top quark in the minimal supersymmetric standard model with complex parameters. The decay modes are given in Eqs. (1)–(7). The evaluation is based on a full one-loop calculation of all decay channels, also including hard QED and QCD radiation. Such a calculation is necessary to derive a reliable
prediction of any two-body decay branching ratio. Three-body decay modes can become sizable only if all the two-body decay channels are kinematically (nearly) closed and have thus been neglected throughout the paper.

We first reviewed the one-loop renormalization procedure of the cMSSM, which is relevant for our calculation. This includes the $t$/$\tilde{t}$ and $b$/$\tilde{b}$ sector (which has been chosen according to the analysis in Refs. [38]), the gluino sector, and the strong coupling constant. We furthermore reviewed the required renormalization of the Higgs and SM gauge boson sector as well as the chargino and neutralino sector in the cMSSM.

We have discussed the calculation of the one-loop diagrams, the treatment of UV- and IR divergences that are canceled by the inclusion of (hard and soft) QCD and QED radiation. Our calculation setup can easily be extended to other two-body decay modes in the cMSSM. In fact in order to test our method we checked the finiteness of various other partial decay widths (considering neutralino, chargino, and Higgs boson decays).

For the numerical analysis we have chosen two parameter sets that allow simultaneously all two-body decay modes (but could potentially be in conflict with the most recent SUSY search results from the LHC). The masses of the scalar top quarks in these scenarios are 260 and 650 GeV, and 720 and 1200 GeV for the lighter and the heavier stop, respectively. Consequently, both scenarios result in copious scalar top quark production at the LHC. A decay of the heavy stop to a lighter stop (or sbottom) and a neutral (or charged) Higgs boson can serve as a source of Higgs bosons at the LHC, thus a precise knowledge of stop branching ratios is required. The first scenario also allows
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\[ \tilde{t}_1^\dagger \tilde{t}_2 \] production at the ILC(1000), where statistically dominated experimental measurements of the heavy stop branching ratios will be possible. Depending on the integrated luminosity a precision at the few percent level seems to be achievable.

In our numerical analysis we have shown results for varying \( m_{\tilde{t}_2} \) and \( \varphi_{A_t} \), the phase of the trilinear coupling \( A_t \). In the results with varied \( m_{\tilde{t}_2} \) only the lighter values allow \( \tilde{t}_1^\dagger \tilde{t}_2 \) production at the ILC(1000), whereas the results with varied \( \varphi_{A_t} \) have sufficiently light scalar top quarks to permit \( e^+ e^- \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1^\dagger \tilde{t}_2 \). In the two numerical scenarios we compared the tree-level partial widths with the one-loop corrected partial decay widths. In the analysis with \( \varphi_{A_t} \) varied we showed explicitly the effect of the absorptive parts of self-energy type corrections on external legs. We also analyzed the relative change of the partial decay widths to demonstrate the size of the loop corrections on each individual channel. In order to see the effect on the experimentally accessible quantities we also show the various branching ratios at tree level (all channels are evaluated at tree level) and at the one-loop level (with all channels evaluated including the full one-loop contributions). Furthermore we presented the relative change of the BRs that can directly be compared with the anticipated experimental accuracy.

We found sizable, roughly \( O(10\%) \), corrections in all the channels. For some parts of the parameter space (not only close to thresholds) also larger corrections up to 30% or 40% have been observed. This applies especially to the \( \text{BR}(\tilde{t}_2 \rightarrow \tilde{t}_1 h_n) \) with \( n = 1, 2, 3 \). The size of the full one-loop corrections to the partial decay widths and the

![Graphs showing total decay widths and relative size of corrections](image)
branching ratios also depends strongly on $\varphi_A$. The one-loop contributions, again being roughly of $\mathcal{O}(10\%)$, often vary by a factor of 2–3 as a function of $\varphi_A$. In some cases the absorptive contributions can change the result visibly. All results are given in detail in Secs. IV B and IV C.

The numerical results we have shown are, of course, dependent on the choice of the SUSY parameters. Nevertheless, they give an idea of the relevance of the full one-loop corrections. The largest partial decay width, if kinematically allowed, is $\Gamma(l_2 \rightarrow t\bar{g})$ in our scenarios, dominating the total decay width, $\Gamma_{tot}$, and thus the various branching ratios. For other choices of $m_{\tilde{g}}$ with $m_{\tilde{g}} > m_{\chi_1^0}$, the corrections to the partial decay widths would stay the same, but the branching ratios would look very different. Decay channels (and their respective one-loop corrections) that may look unobservable due to the smallness of their BR in our numerical examples could become important if other channels are kinematically forbidden.

Following our analysis it is evident that the full one-loop corrections are mandatory for a precise prediction of the various branching ratios. The results for the scalar top quark decays will be implemented into the Fortran code FEYNHIGGS.

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APPENDIX A: ABSORPTIVE PARTS FROM SELF-ENERGY TYPE CONTRIBUTIONS

As indicated in the main text, contributions to the partial decay widths can arise from the product of the imaginary parts of the loop functions (absorptive parts) of the self-energy type contributions in the external legs and the imaginary parts of complex couplings entering the decay vertex or the self-energies. In our calculation these corrections are taken into account via wave function correction factors $\delta \tilde{Z}$ (which should not be confused with the field renormalization constants $Z$, which have been introduced via the multiplicative renormalization procedure). For the off-diagonal wave function correction factors, this procedure has been checked against explicitly including the (renormalized) self-energy type corrections of the external legs, and full agreement has been found. The corrections from the absorptive parts can be sizable.

It is possible to combine the wave function correction factors with the field renormalization constants in a single $Z$ factor, $Z$, see e.g. Ref. [92] and references therein.

However, if the external particles were stable the wave function corrections would be fully taken into account via the field renormalization constants. The $Z$ factors listed in Sec. II also ensure that the external (stable) particle does not mix with other fields, which is one of the on-shell properties. In our scenarios, this is true e.g. the lightest neutralino.

In the case of quasi-stable particles, additional contributions to the mixing can occur so that the field renormalization constants only partly ensure no mixing (for a more detailed explanation, see the subsection scalar quarks below). Extra diagonal contributions can also be taken into account via $Z$ factors. Here we briefly list all the resulting constants.

1. Scalar quarks

(i) For an on-shell particle state, no mixing with another state should occur, corresponding to

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{\tilde{q}12}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2) = 0, \quad \hat{\Sigma}_{\tilde{q}21}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2) = 0,$$

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in the case of squarks. Partly, this is already fulfilled due to our renormalization conditions Eq. (59) in Sec. II A 1. As the considered external particles are quasi-stable, in spite of the renormalization conditions above, there remains a contribution of the imaginary parts of the loop functions. This contribution is taken into account via wave function correction factors $\delta \tilde{Z}$, which are different for incoming squarks/outgoing antisquarks (unbarred) and outgoing squarks/incoming antisquarks (barred),

$$[\delta \tilde{Z}]_{12} = \frac{\Im \Sigma_{\tilde{q}12}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2)}{(m_{\tilde{q}}^2 - m_{\tilde{q}}^2)},$$

$$[\delta \tilde{Z}]_{21} = \frac{\Im \Sigma_{\tilde{q}21}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2)}{(m_{\tilde{q}}^2 - m_{\tilde{q}}^2)}.$$  

31There is still an ongoing discussion whether the diagonal field renormalization constants take into account all the contributions needed to ensure the on-shell properties of the external particles or whether an extra wave function correction factor $\delta \tilde{Z}$ is needed.

30Which means that considering them as external particles is an approximation, which is justified because in our decays the contributions from the (additional) diagonal $\delta \tilde{Z}$ are numerically rather negligible.
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\[
[\delta \tilde{Z}_q]_{12} = +2i \frac{\text{Im} \Sigma_{q_{12}}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2)}{(m_{\tilde{q}_1} - m_{\tilde{q}_2})^2},
\]
\[
[\delta \tilde{Z}_q]_{21} = -2i \frac{\text{Im} \Sigma_{q_{21}}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2)}{(m_{\tilde{q}_1} - m_{\tilde{q}_2})^2},
\]

where \(\text{Im}\) takes only the imaginary part of the loop functions. Compact expressions for practical numerical calculations are obtained via the combined \(Z\) factors \(\delta \tilde{Z}\),

\[
[\delta \tilde{Z}_q]_{12} = [\delta Z_q + \delta \tilde{Z}_q]_{12} = +2 \frac{\Sigma_{q_{12}}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2) - \delta Y_q}{(m_{\tilde{q}_1} - m_{\tilde{q}_2})^2},
\]
\[
[\delta \tilde{Z}_q]_{21} = [\delta Z_q + \delta \tilde{Z}_q]_{21} = -2 \frac{\Sigma_{q_{21}}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2) - \delta Y_q}{(m_{\tilde{q}_1} - m_{\tilde{q}_2})^2},
\]

\[
[\delta \tilde{Z}_q^*]_{12} = [\delta Z_q^* + \delta \tilde{Z}_q^*]_{12} = +2 \frac{\Sigma_{q_{12}}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2) - \delta Y_q}{(m_{\tilde{q}_1} - m_{\tilde{q}_2})^2},
\]
\[
[\delta \tilde{Z}_q^*]_{21} = [\delta Z_q^* + \delta \tilde{Z}_q^*]_{21} = -2 \frac{\Sigma_{q_{21}}(m_{\tilde{q}}^2) - \delta Y_q}{(m_{\tilde{q}_1} - m_{\tilde{q}_2})^2},
\]

(ii) The diagonal contributions result in the following combined \(Z\) factors:

\[
[\delta Z_q]_{ii} = [\delta Z_q + \delta \tilde{Z}_q]_{ii} = -[\text{Re} \Sigma'_{q_i}(m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2) + \text{Im} \Sigma'_{q_i}(m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2)]
= -\Sigma'_{q_i}(m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2),
\]
\[
[\delta \tilde{Z}_q]_{ii} = [\delta Z_q^* + \delta \tilde{Z}_q^*]_{ii} = -[\text{Re} \Sigma'_{q_i}(m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2) + \text{Im} \Sigma'_{q_i}(m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2)]
= [\delta Z_q^*]_{ii}.
\]

It should be noted that \(\text{Re} \Sigma_{ij}(p^2) = [\text{Re} \Sigma_{ji}(p^2)]^*\) holds due to \(CPT\) invariance and the quark field renormalization constants obey \([\text{Re} \delta Z_q]_{ji} = [\text{Re} \delta Z_q^*]_{ij} = [\delta Z_q]_{ij}\), which is exactly the case without absorptive contributions as described in Sec. II A 1.

In the following we will only give the \(Z\) factors that combine the renormalization factors and the additional wave function correction factors. The derivation is analogous to the one performed in the squark sector.

2. Quarks

The new (diagonal) combined factors \(Z_q\), taking into account the absorptive part of the self-energy type contribution on an external quark leg are different for incoming quarks/outgoing antiquarks (unbarred) and outgoing quarks/incoming antiquarks (barred),

\[
\delta Z_q^{L/R} = -\left[\Sigma_q^{L/R}(m_q^2) + m_q^2(\Sigma_q^L(m_q^2) + \Sigma_q^R(m_q^2))\right]
+ m_q(\Sigma_q^L(m_q^2) + \Sigma_q^R(m_q^2)) + \frac{1}{2m_q}[\Sigma_q^L(m_q^2) - \Sigma_q^R(m_q^2)].
\]

\[
\delta \tilde{Z}_q^{L/R} = -\left[\Sigma_q^{L/R}(m_q^2) + m_q^2(\Sigma_q^L(m_q^2) + \Sigma_q^R(m_q^2))\right]
+ m_q(\Sigma_q^L(m_q^2) + \Sigma_q^R(m_q^2)) + \frac{1}{2m_q}[\Sigma_q^L(m_q^2) - \Sigma_q^R(m_q^2)].
\]

The diagonal quark field renormalization constants obey \(\text{Re} \delta \tilde{Z}_q^{L/R} = [\delta Z_q^{L/R}]^*\), which is exactly the case without absorptive contributions as described in Sec. II A 1.

There are no additional off-diagonal terms to the absorptive contributions because the CKM matrix has been set to unity.

3. Gluinos

The new combined factors \(Z_{\tilde{g}}\), taking into account the absorptive part of the self-energy type contribution on the external gluino leg are unbarred (barred) for an incoming (outgoing) gluino,

\[
\delta Z_{\tilde{g}}^{L/R} = -\left[\Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^{L/R}(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) + m_{\tilde{g}}^2(\Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^L(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) + \Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^R(m_{\tilde{g}}^2))\right]
+ m_{\tilde{g}}(\Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^L(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) + \Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^R(m_{\tilde{g}}^2)) + \frac{1}{2m_{\tilde{g}}}[\Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^L(m_{\tilde{g}}^2) - \Sigma_{\tilde{g}}^R(m_{\tilde{g}}^2)].
\]

\[
\delta \tilde{Z}_{\tilde{g}}^{L/R} = \delta Z_{\tilde{g}}^{R/L}.
\]

The last formula holds due to the Majorana character of the gluino and the \(Z\) factors obey \(\text{Re} \delta \tilde{Z}_{\tilde{g}}^{L/R} = \text{Re} \delta Z_{\tilde{g}}^{R/L} = \delta Z_{\tilde{g}}^* \delta Z_{\tilde{g}}\), which is exactly the case without absorptive contributions as described in Sec. II A 2.

4. Higgs bosons

Finite contributions from the neutral Higgs wave function correction factors are taken into account via the \(Z\) matrix, see Eq. (132), which is a complex quantity. The application of the \(Z\) matrix at the amplitude level automatically takes any absorptive contribution into account.

For the charged Higgs bosons, the new combined factors \(\tilde{Z}_{H^+H^+}^{\text{unbarred}}\) (barred) for an incoming (outgoing) Higgs read
\[ \delta Z^{H^- H^+} = -\Sigma^{H^- H^+} (M_{H^\pm}^2). \]  
\[ \delta \tilde{Z}^{H^- H^+} = \delta Z^{H^- H^+}. \]  
\[ \text{instead of Eq. (99g) in addition with Eq. (134).} \]  

5. Vector bosons

For the vector bosons, the new combined factors \( Z_{WW,ZZ} \) are
\[ \delta Z_{ZZ} = -\Sigma^{Z_Z} (M_Z^2), \quad \delta Z_{WW} = -\Sigma^{Z_W} (M_W^2). \]  
\[ \delta \tilde{Z}_{ZZ} = \delta Z_{ZZ}, \quad \delta \tilde{Z}_{WW} = \delta Z_{WW}. \]  

However, we found that the additional corrections from vector boson self-energies due to the imaginary parts do not give a contribution (because in this paper all SUSY masses are larger than \( M_Z \)), and hence no change in the \( Z \) factors is required.

6. Charginos and neutralinos

More details to the new combined factors \( Z_{\tilde{e}^-} \) and \( Z_{\tilde{e}^0} \) (taking into account the absorptive part of the self-energy type contributions on the external legs) can be found in Ref. [93]. In our notation they read (unbarred for an incoming neutralino or a negative chargino, barred for an outgoing neutralino or negative chargino)
\[ \delta Z^{L/R}_{\tilde{e}} |_{ii} = -\left[ \Sigma^{L/R}_{\tilde{e}} (m_{\tilde{e}}^2) + m_{\tilde{e}}^2 (\Sigma^{L/R}_{\tilde{e}} (m_{\tilde{e}}^2)) + \Sigma^{R/L}_{\tilde{e}} (m_{\tilde{e}}^2) \right]_{ii} + \frac{1}{2m_{\tilde{e}}^2} \left[ \Sigma^{SL/\bar{S}R}_{\tilde{e}} (m_{\tilde{e}}^2) \right]_{ii} - m_{\tilde{e}}^2 \delta M_{\tilde{e}}^0 + \delta M_{\tilde{e}}^0 \]  
\[ \delta Z^{L/R}_{\tilde{e}} |_{jj} = \left[ \Sigma^{L/R}_{\tilde{e}} (m_{\tilde{e}}^2) + m_{\tilde{e}}^2 (\Sigma^{L/R}_{\tilde{e}} (m_{\tilde{e}}^2)) + \Sigma^{R/L}_{\tilde{e}} (m_{\tilde{e}}^2) \right]_{jj} + \frac{1}{2m_{\tilde{e}}^2} \left[ \Sigma^{SL/\bar{S}R}_{\tilde{e}} (m_{\tilde{e}}^2) \right]_{jj} - m_{\tilde{e}}^2 \delta M_{\tilde{e}}^0 - m_{\tilde{e}}^2 \delta M_{\tilde{e}}^0. \]  

The chargino/neutralino \( Z \) factors obey \( \Re \delta Z^{L/R}_{\tilde{e}} = [\Re \delta Z^{L/R}_{\tilde{e}}]^\dagger \) which is exactly the case without absorptive contributions as described in Sec. II.C, or in other words \( \delta Z^{L/R}_{\tilde{e}} = [\delta Z^{L/R}_{\tilde{e}}]^\dagger + [\delta Z^{L/R}_{\tilde{e}}]^\dagger \). The Eqs. (A24) and (A25) hold due to the Majorana character of the neutralinos.
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