CP violation in semi-leptonic decays of the top quark within MSSM

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Abstract. We calculate the *CP* violating effects in the top quark semi-leptonic three body decays induced by the supersymmetric *CP*-odd phase of the top squark trilinear soft breaking term $\arg(A_t)$. The light top squark mass is assumed to be close to the top quark mass, $m_{\tilde{t}} \sim m_t$. The *CP* conserving phase is provided by the χ^+ and χ^0 cut. We find that the partial rate asymmetry is on the 0.1% level. In the most favorable parameter region the decay rate asymmetry can reach up to 0.55%.

1 Introduction

Top quark physics is sensitive to new physics, which may exist near the electro-weak scale, due to its large mass. Experimental and theoretical research of CP violation in the top sector is one way to reveal new physics. To study the top quark CP odd effects have as their own advantage that the uncertainties coming from hardron matrix elements can be avoided.

If m_t is near to $m_{\text{newphysics}}$, the CP asymmetry effects in top quark decays can be induced by new particles. Until now a lot of work on CP asymmetry effects in the top quark decays[1] has been done within the supersymmetric model. Most of this work has made the assumption that the mass of the light top squark is much smaller than that of the top quark. Grzadkowski and Keung calculated the CP violating effects induced by the $\tilde{t}\tilde{b}\tilde{g}$ loop [2]. This contribution requires the condition $m_{\tilde{t}} + m_{\tilde{g}} < m_t$, which has already been excluded. Christova and Fabbrichesi computed the effects induced by the $\tilde{t}\tilde{b}\chi^0$ loop [3], which requires $m_{\tilde{t}} + m_{\chi^0} < m_t$. Bar–Shalom et al. gave the CPasymmetry in top quark decays induced by $\tilde{t}\chi^+\chi^0$. It is at best 0.3% when the light stop mass is between ~ 50 GeV and ~ 70 GeV [4].

However, if the light top squark mass $m_{\tilde{t}_1}$ is approximately as heavy as the top quark, the CP asymmetry effect in top quark two body decays induced by supersymmetric CP odd phases will not be observable, because the top squark cannot run on shell to produce the necessary absorptive cut. In this work we considered this case under the assumption that the light chargino is much lighter than $m_{\tilde{t}_1}$. Under this condition, the χ^0 (which is always assumed to be the LSP) and χ^+ can provide the necessary absorptive cut in top quark three body decays, such as in the process $t \to b\nu_{\tau}\tau$ considered in the present work. These two particles can be on shell in the top quark three body decay loop diagrams when the invariant mass of the

lepton pair is sufficiently large. To our knowledge, a study on CP asymmetry in the top quark three body decays in the supersymmetric model misses in the literature, though such effects have been studied in Weinberg's three Higgs doublets model [5].

In the present work the mass of the light top squark is assumed to be above 140 GeV. Taking into account the direct experimental limit on super particles [6] and the indirect limit coming from the neutron EDM limit [7], we take μ to be real and to be the lightest neutralino to be above 30 GeV and the lighter chargino to be above 65 GeV. The large mass of the stop leads to relatively small CP violating effects. Nevertheless, the CP odd effects can reach up to 0.55% in the most favorable parameter space.

This paper is organized as follows: in Sect. 2 we analyze the possible new CP violating sources in MSSM and present our simplifying assumptions in performing the calculation. In Sect. 3 we sketch the main steps of our calculations. In Sect. 4 we present our numerical results and in Sects. 5 and 6 we discuss and summarize our results. The mass matrices for charginos, neutralinos and squarks are given in Appendix A. In Appendix B we give the relevant pieces of the Lagrangian for our calculations, and some analytic results are presented in Appendix C.

2 *CP* violating phases in the low energy supersymmetric model

The most general form of the low energy Lagrangian of MSSM [8,9], which is $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$ gauge invariant and does not violate the SM conservation laws, can be written as

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{kinetic terms} + \int d^2 \theta W + \mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}}.$$
 (1)

The superpotential W is given by

$$W = \epsilon_{ij} (\mu \hat{H}_{i}^{1} \hat{H}_{j}^{2} + l^{IJ} \hat{H}_{i}^{1} \hat{L}_{j}^{I} \hat{R}^{J} + u^{IJ} \hat{H}_{i}^{2} \hat{Q}_{j}^{I} \hat{U}^{J} + d^{IJ} \hat{H}_{i}^{1} \hat{Q}_{j}^{I} \hat{D}^{J}),$$
(2)

where $\epsilon_{12} = -1$. The hat "~" indicates that the corresponding letter represents a superfield. The capital indices I, J denote generations. i, j refer to the components of a SU(2) doublet. The l, d, u are the Yukawa coupling matrices. The soft breaking terms can be divided into three pieces,

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}} = \mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{gaugino}} + \mathcal{L}_{\text{trilinear}}.$$
 (3)

These are the scalar particle mass terms, gaugino mass terms and the trilinear soft breaking terms, respectively. They are given by

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar}} = \epsilon_{ij} \mu_s H_i^1 H_j^2 - m_{H_1}^2 |H_i^1|^2 - m_{H_2}^2 |H_i^2|^2 - (m_L^2)^{IJ} L_i^{I^*} \cdot L_i^J - (m_R^2)^{IJ} R^{I^*} \cdot R^J - (m_Q^2)^{IJ} Q_i^{I^*} \cdot Q_i^J - (m_D^2)^{IJ} D^{I^*} \cdot D^J - (m_U^2)^{IJ} U^{I^*} \cdot U^J,$$
(4)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{gaugino}} = \frac{1}{2} (m_1 \lambda_B \lambda_B + m_2 \lambda_W^i \lambda_W^i + m_3 \lambda_G^a \lambda_G^a)$$
+H.C., (5)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{trilinear}} = \epsilon_{ij} ((A_E l)^{IJ} H_i^1 L_j^I R^J + (A_D d)^{IJ} H_i^1 Q_j^I D^J + (A_U u)^{IJ} H_i^2 Q_j^I U^I) + \text{H.C.},$$
(6)

where m_1, m_2, m_3 are the U(1), SU(2) and SU(3) gauginos masses, respectively. Fields in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar}}$ and $\mathcal{L}_{\text{trilinear}}$ are scalar components of the corresponding superfields.

In general, all the coupling parameters in the above expressions except those of the diagonal terms in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar}}$ may be complex which may be the CP violating sources. However, not all of them are physical and, even the physical parameters are too many to be disposed of. In actual calculations, simplifying assumptions must be made. We get the physical CP violating phases by the following steps.

First, we take the GUT assumption that the m_i s are universal at the GUT scale and can be set real by a phase rotation [10]. Thus, the m_i s are real at any scale. Second, we adjust the global phase between the two Higgs superfields so that μ_s is real. This adjustment makes the two vacuum expectation values of the neutral Higgs fields v_1 , v_2 real [9]. After the adjustment the phases of the two Higgs superfields are fixed and μ is complex in general. Third, l^{IJ} , d^{IJ} , and u^{IJ} in the superpotential are diagonalized and the unphysical phases are absorbed by quark superfields similar to that done in the standard model. This leaves a CP violating phase $\delta_{\rm KM}$ in the kinetic terms after the superfields are redefined. Fourth, to suppress the FCNC process in the SUSY extension of SM, as an approximation we require that all the matrices in $\mathcal{L}_{\rm soft}$, m_L^2 , m_R^2 , m_Q^2 , m_U^2 , m_D^2 , A_U , A_D and A_E are flavor diagonal in



Fig. 1. The tree-level Feynman diagram for the process $t \to b \nu_\tau \bar{\tau}$

the basis where l^{IJ} , d^{IJ} and u^{IJ} are diagonal (flavor alignment [11]). Then the Hermitian matrices in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar}}$ are now all real. The phases of all squarks are fixed after the third step. Therefore, A_D s, A_U s are generally complex. In conclusion, δ_{KM} , $\arg(\mu)$, $\arg(A_D)$ s and $\arg(A_U)$ s are the CP violating phases in the low energy supersymmetric model under our assumptions.

 $\operatorname{arg}(\mu)$ cannot be larger than the order ~ $\mathcal{O}(10^{-2} - 10^{-3})$ by the constraint from the experimental limit of the neutron EDM [7]. In our calculation, we always take μ to be real and thus no CP violating effects are induced by μ . The CP violating effects induced by $A_{D,U}$ are greatly suppressed because they are proportional to the masses of the corresponding quarks which can be neglected compared with the squark mass parameters in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{scalar}}$ except that induced by A_t which is associated with the top quark (see the form of squark mass matrices in (A.8) and (A.9) in Appendix A). Thus, $\operatorname{arg}(A_t)$ is the only new CP violating source in our calculation.

After the interaction terms in the potential are diagonalized, the MSSM Lagrangian will be expressed by mass eigenstates instead of gauge eigenstates. The CP violating phases are then transferred to the gauge interaction vertices (see Appendix B for related Lagrangian pieces). This is reflected by mixing matrices in the interaction vertices. The mixing matrices Z^+, Z^-, Z_N which diagonalize charginos and neutralinos are real if μ is taken real. The mixing matrices Z_t for the top squark is in general complex due to the complexity of A_t . This implies that the CPviolating effects come from $\arg(A_t)$. The mixing matrices will be discussed in detail in Appendix A.

3 Calculation

We now discuss the CP violating effects in the process $t \rightarrow b\nu_{\tau}\bar{\tau}$ (as depicted in Fig. 1) within the framework of MSSM. First denote the invariant mass of $\bar{\tau}$ and ν_{τ} as $(q^2)^{1/2}$, where $q = p_{\nu_{\tau}} + p_{\bar{\tau}}$. $p_{\nu_{\tau}}$ and $p_{\bar{\tau}}$ are the fourmomenta of ν_{τ} and $\bar{\tau}$. We calculated the CP asymmetry when $q^2 > m_W^2$. This condition opens a new window so that the χ^+ and χ^0 cut may give an absorptive part to the amplitudes for the loop diagrams as depicted in Fig. 2.

Several points should be indicated at the moment.

(1) There should be a minus sign in front of the amplitudes for box diagrams relative to that for triangle diagrams. This is due to one more commutation of the

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Fig. 2a–f. The SUSY induced *CP* violating one-loop diagrams for the process $t \to b\nu_{\tau}\bar{\tau}$

fermion operators in the Wick contraction procedure for writing down the S-matrix elements for these two diagrams [12].

- (2) There are two kinds of box diagrams. If by convention we assign the "fermion number" +1 to a quark or a lepton and -1 to their antiparticles and let the arrow denotes the flow of the "fermion number" then there are clashes of arrows in Figs. 2a and c. This is due to the Majorana nature of χ^0 and χ^+ [8].
- (3) We have assumed that the absorptive part of the amplitudes for the loop diagrams are induced by the χ^0 χ cut [13]. \tilde{t} or $\tilde{\tau}$ can also be on shell and give new contribution to the absorptive part under the condition $m_{\tilde{t}} + m_{\chi^0} < m_t$ or $m_{\chi} > m_{\tilde{\tau}}$, respectively. We excluded these two cases for simplicity for the following reasons. Under our assumption about the stop mass, $m_{\tilde{t}} + m_{\chi^0} < m_t$ can be satisfied only in a very narrow SUSY parameter region, which is simply excluded in our calculation. $m_{\chi} > m_{\tilde{\tau}}$ means the CP odd effect will appear as $(q^2)^{1/2} > 160 \text{ GeV}$ (we take $m_{\tilde{\nu}} = 130 \text{ GeV}$) which has too small a branching ratio and can be ignored.

Two quantities are defined to represent the CP asymmetry effects,

$$A_{CP}^{t,e} = \frac{\Gamma - \bar{\Gamma}}{\Gamma + \bar{\Gamma}}$$

$$=\frac{\int_{L_{t,e}}^{m_t^2} dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma(q^2)}{dq^2} - \int_{L_{t,e}}^{m_t^2} dq^2 \frac{d\bar{\Gamma}(q^2)}{dq^2}}{\int_{L_{t,e}}^{m_t^2} dq^2 \frac{d\Gamma(q^2)}{dq^2} + \int_{L_{t,e}}^{m_t^2} dq^2 \frac{d\bar{\Gamma}(q^2)}{dq^2}},$$
(7)

$$L_t = (m_{\chi} + m_{\chi^0})^2, \tag{8}$$

$$L_e = (100 \,\mathrm{GeV})^2,$$
 (9)

where $\frac{\mathrm{d}\Gamma(q^2)}{\mathrm{d}q^2}$ and $\frac{\mathrm{d}\bar{\Gamma}(q^2)}{\mathrm{d}q^2}$ are the differential widths of the top quark and top anti-quark. A_{CP}^t reflects the CP odd effect appearing when the invariant mass $(q^2)^{1/2}$ is just above the threshold. A_{CP}^e reflects the CP asymmetry effect when we measure the decay events with fixed L_e , which is taken to be $(100 \,\mathrm{GeV})^2$ in this work. The assumption is due to the fact that the values of m_{χ^+}, m_{χ^0} are not known at present.

We have only considered the contribution to the denominator in (7) from the tree-level diagrams which gives $\Gamma = \overline{\Gamma}$. The numerator comes from the interference of the one-loop diagrams with the tree-level diagram, as

$$\Delta \Gamma = \Gamma - \bar{\Gamma} = \Delta |M|^2 \cdot \text{phase space}$$

= $(|M|^2 - |\bar{M}|^2) \cdot \text{phase space}.$ (10)

The three body final state "phase space" is

phase space =
$$\frac{1}{2m_t} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 p_b}{(2\pi)^3 2E_b} \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 p_{\bar{\tau}}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\bar{\tau}}} \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 p_{\nu_{\tau}}}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\nu_{\tau}}} \cdot (2\pi)^4 \delta(p_t - p_b - p_{\bar{\tau}} - p_{\nu_{\tau}}).$$
(11)

The above expression multiplied by a $\delta((p_{\bar{\tau}} + p_{\nu_{\tau}})^2 - q^2)$ gives the phase space for fixed q^2 . M, \bar{M} are the amplitudes for the process $t \to b\nu_{\tau}\bar{\tau}$ and its CP conjugate process $\bar{t} \to \bar{b}\nu_{\tau}\tau$, respectively.

M can be expressed as

$$M = aA_1 + \sum_{i} b^i A_2^i,$$
(12)

where the two terms come from tree-level and one-loop diagrams respectively. a^i, b^i contain the CP violating phases both from the KM matrix element V_{tb} and from the stop mixing matrix elements Z_t^{ij} . A_2^i develops an absorptive part for q^2 beyond the threshold. \overline{M} can be expressed as

$$\bar{M} = a^* A_1 + \sum_i {b^i}^* A_2^i.$$
(13)

So, we have

$$\Delta |M|^2 = -4 \sum_i \operatorname{Im}(a^* b^i) \operatorname{Im}(A_2^i A_1^*).$$
(14)

 $\operatorname{Im} A_2^i$ is given by the Cutkosky rule,

$$\sum_{i} b^{i} \mathrm{Im} A_{2}^{i} = \frac{1}{2} \int \mathrm{d} \varPhi \ \hat{A}(t \to b \chi^{+} \chi^{0}) \\ \times \hat{A}(\chi^{+} \chi^{0} \to \bar{\tau} \nu_{\tau}), \qquad (15)$$

where

$$d\Phi = \int \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\chi^0}} \frac{d^3k'}{(2\pi)^3 2E_{\chi^+}} \cdot (2\pi)^4 \delta(p_t - p_b - k - k')$$
(16)

is the phase space of χ^0 , χ^+ as they are on shell. k, k' are the four-momenta of χ^0 and χ^+ , respectively.

After summing up all spins of external particles we get, e.g., the interference term of Fig. 2a and the tree-level graph of the form

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\text{spin}} \Delta |M|^{2}(a)
= -2 \sum_{i} \text{Im}(a^{*}b^{i}) \sum_{\text{spin}} \text{Im}(A_{2}^{i}A_{1}^{*})
= \frac{g^{6}}{q^{2} - m_{W}^{2}} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{2}} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^{3}k}{E} \delta((q-k)^{2} - m_{\chi}^{2})
\times \frac{\sum_{i} \mathcal{X}_{a}^{i}F_{i}}{\mathcal{P}_{1}\mathcal{P}_{2}},$$
(17)

where we have introduced \mathcal{X}_{a}^{i} s to represent quantities like $\operatorname{Im}(a^{*}b^{i})$ in (14) arising from the SUSY couplings and the corresponding F_{i} s to represent quantities like $\operatorname{Im}(A_{2}A_{1}^{*})$ which are Lorentz invariant functions of the four-momenta of χ^{0} , b, $\bar{\tau}$ and ν_{τ} . \mathcal{P}_{1} and \mathcal{P}_{2} are denominators of the two boson propagators in the loop graphs. Note that the SM phase from V_{tb} is cancelled in the interference term between the amplitude for the tree diagram and those for the one-loop diagrams.

We get the analytic expressions for $\frac{1}{2}\sum_{spin}\Delta|M|^2$ by integrating the phase space of χ^0 and χ^+ in $\vec{q} = 0$ system. The analytic results are given in Appendix C. By expressing the formulae in Lorentz invariant form, we translate the formulae to the top quark rest system. In this system the final state three body phase space integration is implemented numerically.

All the \mathcal{X}^i s for each graphs are proportional to ξ_t^j (for detailed expressions of \mathcal{X}^i s, see Appendix C), so we can write

$$A_{CP} = \xi_t^1 \cdot f_{CP}, \tag{18}$$

where

$$\xi_t^j = \text{Im}Z_t^{1j^*} Z_t^{2j} = \frac{(-1)^j}{2} \sin(2\theta_t) \sin\phi_t; \qquad (19)$$

 θ_t and ϕ_t are given in (A.13) and (A.9) of Appendix A. In terms of parameters in the top squark mass matrix we get

$$\xi_t^j = \frac{(-1)^{j-1} m_t \cdot \operatorname{Im} A_t}{\sqrt{\Delta}}.$$
(20)

From the expression of Δ in (A.13) of Appendix A we can see that $|\xi_t^i|$ can be as large as $\frac{1}{2}$ when the following conditions are satisfied at the same time: $L_f = R_f$, $\mu = 0$ and A_t is purely imaginary. This is certainly difficult to reach.



Fig. 3. The *CP* asymmetry A_{CP} plotted as a function of $\arg(A_t)$ for $\tan \beta = 1.2$, $m_2 = 150 \,\text{GeV}$, $\mu = -40 \,\text{GeV}$, $M = 200 \,\text{GeV}$, c = 0.2. When $m_{\tilde{t}_1} = 150 \,\text{GeV}$, A_{CP} reaches its maximum

4 Numerical results

We now turn to our main numerical results. The calculation is based on the low energy MSSM scenario whose parameter freedom has been greatly reduced as described in Sect. 2. Another simplifying assumption taken in our calculation is the universal relationship between the gaugino masses, i.e., $m_1 = \frac{5}{3}m_2 \tan^2 \theta_W$, where θ_W is the weak mixing angle [14]. We write the parameters $m_{\tilde{t}L}^2$, $m_{\tilde{t}R}^2$ in the top squark mass matrix as

$$m_{\tilde{t}L}^2 = M^2 - cm_t^2, \, m_{\tilde{t}R}^2 = M^2 - 2cm_t^2$$
(21)

where M is an arbitrary mass scale for the scalar particles.

Neglecting the masses of τ and quarks except the top quark we are left with ten SUSY parameters, i.e., μ , m_2 , $\tan\beta$, c, M, $|A_t|$, $\arg(A_t)$, $m_{\tilde{\tau}L}$, $m_{\tilde{\tau}R}$ and $m_{\tilde{\nu}}$. We take $m_{\tilde{\tau}L} = m_{\tilde{\tau}R} = m_{\tilde{\nu}} = 130 \, {\rm GeV}$ to which the results are insensitive, and always take $|A_t| = M$, $c = 0.1 \sim 1$. The other free SUSY parameters are restricted by the experimental limits on the masses of super particles [6] and our assumption $m_{\tilde{t}_1} \geq 140 \, {\rm GeV}$. In particular, we asume that $m_{\chi^{0}_1}$, the mass of the lightest neutralino, is above 30 GeV and $m_{\chi^{+}_1}$, the mass of the light chargino, is above 65 GeV. Another limit for the parameter space is adopted for simplicity in that we require $m_{\chi^{0}_1} + m_{\chi^+_1} > 100 \, {\rm GeV}$ and $m_{\chi^{0}_1} + m_{\tilde{t}_1} > m_t$. The SM parameters are taken as $m_t = 175 \, {\rm GeV}, \, |V_{tb}|^2 = 1$, $\alpha = 1/128, \, m_{\rm W} = 80.33 \, {\rm GeV}$, $\sin^2 \theta_{\rm W} = 0.232$ and $m_b = m_{\tau} = 0$.

A consequence of the above scenario, especially that $\arg(\mu)=0$ and $m_b=0$ is that Figs. 2c, d and f do not acquire any CP violating phase. So only Figs. 2a, b and e are

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Fig. 4. The quantity f_{CP} defined in (18) plotted as a function of $\arg(A_t)$. All the parameters are the same as in Fig. 3

considered. It is found numerically that more than 90% of the contributions to A_{CP} come from the triangle diagram Fig. 2e. Because of this, the results are not sensitive to the values of $m_{\tilde{\tau}}$ and $m_{\tilde{\nu}}$.

We have studied the CP asymmetry, A_{CP} , as a function of the SUSY parameters $\arg(A_t)$, μ , $\tan\beta$, m_2 and $m_{\tilde{t}_1}$. In all the figures there are two curves for the same values of the fixed parameters of which the curve giving larger A_{CP} represents A_{CP}^t while that giving a smaller value represents A_{CP}^e .

In Fig. 3 we show the A_{CP} as a function of $\arg(A_t)$. We can see that A_{CP} is approximately a sine function of $\arg(A_t)$ as can be seen in (18) and (19). f_{CP} defined in (18) is plotted in Fig. 4. We see that f_{CP} is just like a parabola. As a result A_{CP} does not reach its maximum when A_t is purely imaginary; rather, it is maximal at $\arg(A_t) \approx \pm 0.7\pi$. f_{CP} depends on $\arg(A_t)$ through the top squark mass matrix (see Appendix A).

In Figs. 5–7, we plotted A_{CP} as a function of the Higgs mass parameter μ for tan $\beta = 1.2, 5, 15$, respectively, for different values of m_2 . The global feature of the three figures is that A_{CP} decreases dramatically as $|\mu|$ increases. Notice that in the high tan β scenario A_{CP} becomes quite insensitive to the sign of μ . A_{CP} is almost symmetric about $|\mu|$ for tan $\beta = 15$. However, as tan $\beta = 1.2 \ A_{CP}$ is not small only for negative μ . Another feature of the figures is that for fixed tan β and μ , A_{CP}^e decreases whereas A_{CP}^t increases as m_2 becomes larger. The reason evidently is that the threshold varies with m_2 .

The dependence of A_{CP} on $\tan \beta$ is plotted in Fig. 8 and Fig. 9, for several values of m_2 and for $\mu = -70 \text{ GeV}$ and $\mu = -50 \text{ GeV}$, respectively. An interesting feature of these two figures is that A_{CP}^t decreases as $\tan \beta$ increases



Fig. 5. The *CP* asymmetry A_{CP} plotted as a function of SUSY parameter μ , for several values of m_2 , for $\tan \beta = 1.2$, M = 160 GeV, c = 0.15, $\arg(A_t) = 0.5\pi$



Fig. 6. The CP asymmetry A_{CP} plotted as a function of the SUSY parameter μ , for several values of m_2 , tan $\beta = 5$. All the other parameters are the same as that of Fig. 3

whereas A_{CP}^e increases. This is because a low $\tan \beta$ gives a strong Yukawa coupling for the top quark so that we get a large A_{CP}^t . However, a large $\tan \beta$ makes the threshold lower and thus elevates A_{CP}^e . As $\tan \beta > 4$, we can see from Fig. 8 that A_{CP}^t is almost insensitive to $\tan \beta$.

The dependence of A_{CP} on m_2 is plotted in Fig. 10, for several values of $\tan \beta$. We can see that the major part of



Fig. 7. The *CP* asymmetry A_{CP} plotted as a function of the SUSY parameter μ , for several values of m_2 , $\tan \beta = 15$. All the other parameters are the same as that of Fig. 3

the curve A_{CP}^e falls into the region between 0.1%–0.2%. For tan $\beta = 2$, A_{CP} rises as m_2 increases whereas for a large tan βA_{CP} slightly drops as m_2 increases.

Finally, we give the dependence of A_{CP} on the top squark mass in Fig. 11 for $\mu = -50$ GeV. It is found that A_{CP} depends essentially only on $m_{\tilde{t}_1}$, not separately on M and c. A_{CP} decreases with $m_{\tilde{t}_1}$ just as what has been expected. When $m_{\tilde{t}_1}$ is around 140 GeV A_{CP} can reach up to 0.5%.

In summary, A_{CP}^e is around the 0.1% level in the major part of the parameter space that we have discussed. In a very narrow region of the parameter space, A_{CP}^e can reach the 0.5% level.

5 Discussion

We would like to point out two points in this section.

(1) The branching ratio for top quark decay drops rapidly when the W boson is off shell. For $(q^2)^{1/2} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ the branching ratio for $b\nu_{\tau}\tau$ final state is only about $\frac{1}{1000}$ according to our calculation. However, we have already mentioned that the contributions to A_{CP} come mainly from the triangle diagrams in Fig. 2, so A_{CP} for different final states have the same sign and approximately the same size. Therefore, we can make a combining analysis for the data of the three body CP asymmetries for different three fermion final states $(\tau, \nu_{\tau}), (\mu, \nu_{\mu}), (e, \nu_e)$, and all allowed three quark decays . The total branching ratio for top quark three body decays for $(q^2)^{1/2} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ can reach up to about 1/100. However, there are CP asymmetries of the order $(\alpha_s/\pi)^2$ for three quark decays coming from



Fig. 8. The *CP* asymmetry A_{CP} plotted as a function of $\tan \beta$, for several values of m_2 , $\mu = -70$ GeV, M = 160 GeV, c = 0.15, $\arg(A_t) = 0.5\pi$

gluon and gluino corrections, which may be of the same order as considered here. This needs to be studied further if one attempts to quantitatively compare the theoretical and experimental CP asymmetries for three quark decays.

(2) The total width of top and anti-top quark are equal, $\Gamma = \overline{\Gamma}$, due to the *CPT* theorem. The following relation holds:

$$\left(\Gamma(t \to b f \bar{f}') - \bar{\Gamma}(\bar{t} \to \bar{b} \bar{f} f') \right)_{\chi^0 \chi^+} = - \left(\Gamma(t \to b \chi^0 \chi^+) - \bar{\Gamma}(\bar{t} \to \bar{b} \chi^0 \chi^-) \right)_{f \bar{f}'}, (22)$$

where $f\bar{f}'$ represent all the W boson decay products. This relation holds under the constraint $q^2 > L$ ($L \leq$ $(m_{\chi^0} + m_{\chi})^2)$ on both sides of (22) as in the definition of A_{CP} in (7), for when the constraint is not satisfied both sides of (22) vanish. This relation can easily be seen from Figs. 1, 2 and 12. The four interference terms contributing to the r.h.s. of (22) between the two triangle diagrams and the two tree-level diagrams in Fig. 12 correspond to the interference terms between the four box diagrams in Fig. 2 and the tree-level diagram in Fig. 1. The other two interference terms of the fermion loop diagram with the two tree-level graphs in Fig. 12 correspond to those of the triangle diagrams in Fig. 2 with the tree-level diagrams in Fig. 1. The relative minus sign on the r.h.s. of (22) can be explained as follows. We must add a minus sign to the amplitude for Fig. 12e due to the closed fermion loop. Such a minus sign is absent in the corresponding amplitude in Fig. 2 . On the contrary, there is a minus sign in front of the box diagram in Fig. 2. No such minus sign is present in



Fig. 9. The *CP* asymmetry A_{CP} plotted as a function of $\tan \beta$, for several values of m_2 , $\mu = -50$ GeV, M = 160 GeV, c = 0.15, $\arg(A_t) = 0.5\pi$

Fig. 12c, and d. Thus, the CPT relation (22) manifests itself through the Cutkosky rule in (15).

6 Summary

In this work we considered the CP asymmetries induced by MSSM new phases in the semi-leptonic three body decays of the top quark under the assumption that the top squark is so heavy that no CP odd effects are observable in top quark two body decays in one-loop level. In our calculation A_{CP} can reach up to 0.55% in the most favorable case. Considering the small total branching ratio for $(q^2)^{1/2} > 100 \text{ GeV}$ which is about 1/100 for all three body decays it is really hard to detect such small effects experimentally.

However, several constraints in our calculations can be relaxed. For example, the gaugino mass parameters m_1 and m_2 can be complex and give new CP violating sources if we do not make the universal assumption about the gauginos masses in GUT scale. Another possible CPsource is from the Higgs mass parameter μ . According to recent studies on the neutron EDM, cancellation among different contributions can take place so that μ can have a large imaginary part even when super particles are in the $\mathcal{O}(100 \,\text{GeV})$ level [15]. If this is the case, a complex μ can introduce additional CP asymmetries in top quark decays. And if we relax the constraint on the $m_{\tilde{t}_1}$ to be slightly above 100 GeV, the $m_{\tilde{t}_1}$ and m_{χ^0} cut can also give a contribution to A_{CP} in three body decays. Another improvement may come from the branching ratio enhancement. The direct experimental constraint on $m_{\chi^0} + m_{\chi^+}$ is



Fig. 10. The *CP* asymmetry A_{CP} plotted as a function of m_2 for M = 160 GeV, c = 0.15, $\arg(A_t) = 0.5\pi$, $\mu = -50 \text{ GeV}$ for $\tan \beta = 2$ and $\mu = -60 \text{ GeV}$ for $\tan \beta = 5, 10$

even below $m_{\rm W}$ today [6]. As $(q^2)^{1/2}$ decreases the branching ratio for top quark three body decays increases rapidly (e.g., the branching ratio for all three body decays is about 1/35 for $(q^2)^{1/2} > 90$ GeV). So, if $m_{\chi^0} + m_{\chi^+}$ is not much heavier than $m_{\rm W}$, the A_{CP} in the three body decays is hopefully detectable in the LHC which may be able to produce $10^7 - 10^8 t\bar{t}$ pairs.

On the contrary, if m_{χ^+} and $m_{\tilde{t}}$ are both heavier than, e.g., 140 GeV, all the windows for CP asymmetries induced by super particles will be shut up. CP odd effects in top quark decays induced by MSSM particles can only exist beyond one-loop order. This will be beyond experimental possibilities in the near future.

A Appendix A

There are different conventions for super particles mass matrices adopted in the literature so that it is very easy to make sign errors. To avoid sign errors we once again derived the MSSM Lagrangian. For most part we adopted the conventions described by Rosiek [9]. The original MSSM Lagrangian is given by (1)—(6) of which all fields are gauge eigenstates. We should point out that the $\epsilon_{12} =$ -1 convention will give an extra minus sign to the parameter μ compared to those adopting the convention $\epsilon_{12} = 1$ (if a universal relation for the gauginos is taken only the relative sign between the gauginos and μ is significant). To get the physical spectrum of the particles one should carry out the standard procedure of gauge symmetry breaking. After SSB super-particles will mix and form different mass eigenstates.

$$M_{\chi^0} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & 0 & -M_Z \cos\beta \sin\theta_W & M_Z \sin\beta \sin\theta_W \\ 0 & m_2 & M_Z \cos\beta \cos\theta_W & -M_Z \sin\beta \cos\theta_W \\ -M_Z \cos\beta \sin\theta_W & M_Z \cos\beta \cos\theta_W & 0 & -\mu \\ M_Z \sin\beta \sin\theta_W & -M_Z \sin\beta \cos\theta_W & -\mu & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$
(A.5)



Fig. 11. The *CP* asymmetry A_{CP} plotted as a function of the mass of the light top squark, for different values of m_2 , $\tan \beta = 2.5$, $\mu = -50$ GeV, $\arg(A_t) = 0.5\pi$

The charged Higgsinos and charged winos mix and give two mass eigenstates named charginos. The mass matrix of the charginos is

$$M_{\chi} = \begin{bmatrix} m_2 & \sqrt{2}M_{\rm W}\sin\beta \\ \sqrt{2}M_{\rm W}\cos\beta & \mu \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (A.1)

The mixing matrices satisfy

$$(Z^{-})^{\mathrm{T}} M_{\chi} Z^{+} = \operatorname{diag}(m_{\chi_{1}}, m_{\chi_{2}}),$$
 (A.2)

and is defined by

$$\begin{pmatrix} -i\lambda^-\\\psi_{H_1}^2 \end{pmatrix} = Z^- \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1^-\\\varphi_2^- \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (A.3)$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} -i\lambda^+\\ \psi^1_{H_2} \end{pmatrix} = Z^+ \begin{pmatrix} \varphi^+_1\\ \varphi^+_2 \end{pmatrix}.$$
(A.4)

In the above equations $\lambda^{\pm} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\lambda_{\rm W}^1 \mp i \lambda_{\rm W}^2)$ where $\lambda_{\rm W}^{1,2}$ are the first and second components of the wino as in (5). $\psi_{H_1}^2$ is the first (or up) fermion component of the second Higgs super field doublet. The fields on the left hand side of the above equations are gauge eigenstates and the fields on the right hand side are mass eigenstates. The four-component Dirac spinor charginos are defined by



Fig. 12a–e. The tree-level and one-loop Feynman diagrams for the process $t \rightarrow b\chi^0 \chi^+$

 $\chi_i^+ = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_i^+ \\ \varphi_i^- \end{bmatrix}$. The mass term which will appear in the final form of the Lagrangian is $-m_{\chi_i}\bar{\chi_i}\chi_i$.

The third component of the wino, bino and neutral Higgsinos combine to give four Majarana neutralinos. The mass matrix for the neutralinos is (see (A.5) on top of the page) which is diagonalized by

$$Z_N^{\rm T} M_{\chi^0} Z_N = \text{diag}\left(m_{\chi_1^0}, m_{\chi_2^0}, m_{\chi_3^0}, m_{\chi_4^0}\right).$$
(A.6)

 Z_N is defined by

$$\begin{pmatrix} -\mathrm{i}\lambda_B \\ -\mathrm{i}\lambda_W^3 \\ \psi_{H_1}^1 \\ \psi_{H_2}^2 \end{pmatrix} = Z_N \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_1^0 \\ \varphi_2^0 \\ \varphi_3^0 \\ \varphi_4^0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (A.7)$$

where λ_B is a bino. All fields on the left hand side of the above equation are gauge eigenstates and those on the right hand side are mass eigenstates. The four-component Dirac spinor form for neutralinos is $\chi_i^0 = \begin{bmatrix} \varphi_i^0 \\ \overline{\varphi}_i^0 \end{bmatrix}$. The mass term in the final form of the Lagrangian of the neutralino is $-(1/2)m_{\chi_i^0}\bar{\chi}_i^0\chi_i^0$.

Ignoring generation mixing, the mass eigenstates of the squarks are obtained by mixing the left-handed and right-handed eigenstates of squarks. Its mass matrix is

$$M_{\tilde{f}}^2 = \begin{bmatrix} L_f & C_f \\ C_f^* & R_f \end{bmatrix}$$

$$L_f = m_f^2 + \cos 2\beta (T_{3f} - Q_f \sin^2 \theta_{\rm W}) M_Z^2 + m_{\tilde{f}_L}^2,$$
(A.8)

$$R_f = m_f^2 + \cos 2\beta Q_f \sin^2 \theta_W M_Z^2 + m_{\tilde{f}_R}^2,$$

$$C_f = -m_f (r_f \mu + A_f^*) = |C_f| e^{i\phi_f},$$
(A.9)

where T_{3f} is 1/2 for an up squark and -1/2 for a down squark. Q_f is the charge of the sparticle and r_f is $\cot \beta$ for an up squark and $\tan \beta$ for a down squark. $m_{\tilde{f}_L}^2$, $m_{\tilde{f}_R}^2$, and A_f are the corresponding diagonal elements of m_Q^2 , $m_U^2(m_D^2)$ and $A_U(A_D)$ in $\mathcal{L}_{\text{soft}}$, respectively. The mixing matrix satisfies

$$Z_f^{\dagger} M_{\tilde{f}}^2 Z_f = \text{diag}\left(m_{\tilde{f}_1}^2, m_{\tilde{f}_2}^2\right).$$
 (A.10)

They are defined, e.g., for an up squark, by

$$\begin{pmatrix} \tilde{Q}_L^U\\ \tilde{U}_R^* \end{pmatrix} = Z_U \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{U}_1\\ \tilde{U}_2 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (A.11)$$

where \tilde{Q}_L^U is the up component of a left-handed up squark doublet, \tilde{U}_R is the right-handed up squark. $\tilde{U}_{1,2}$ are the two mass eigenstates of the up squarks. The conjugate of \tilde{U}_R in (A.11) comes from adopting the charge conjugate of a left hand fermion to represent its righted hand component in the original MSSM Lagrangian. The final form of the squark mass term in the Lagrangian is $-m_{U_i}^2 \tilde{U}_i^* \tilde{U}_i$. In particular, the mixing matrix for a top squark is given by

$$Z_t = \begin{bmatrix} \cos\theta_t e^{i\phi_t/2} & -\sin\theta_t e^{i\phi_t/2} \\ \sin\theta_t e^{-i\phi_t/2} & \cos\theta_t e^{-i\phi_t/2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (A.12)$$

where ϕ_t is defined in (A.9) and

$$\tan \theta_t = \frac{2|C_t|}{L_t - R_t - \sqrt{\Delta}}, \Delta = (L_t - R_t)^2 + 4|C_t|^2.$$
(A.13)

The formulae for the down squark are similar to those for the up squark. Note the definition of the mixing matrix for a down squark given by [9] is the complex conjugate of the mixing matrix given here.

B Appendix B

In this Appendix we list the relevant pieces of the SUSY Lagrangian in terms of the mass eigenstates [9].

$$\mathcal{L}_{t\tilde{t}\chi^0} = g\tilde{t}_i^*\chi_j^0[A^{ij}P_{\rm L} + B^{ij}P_R]t + \text{H.C.}, \qquad (B.1)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{b\tilde{t}\chi} = g\tilde{t}_i \bar{b} [C^{ij} P_{\rm L} + D^{ij} P^R] V_{tb}^* \chi_j^c + \text{H.C.}, \qquad (B.2)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{b\tilde{b}\chi^{0}} = g\tilde{b}_{i}^{*}\chi_{j}^{0}[E^{ij}P_{\rm L} + F^{IJ}P_{R}]b + \text{H.C.},$$
(B.3)

$$\mathcal{L}_{t\tilde{b}\gamma} = g\tilde{b}_i^* \bar{\chi}_j [G^{ij} P_{\rm L} + H^{ij} P_R] V_{tb}^* t + \text{H.C.}, \qquad (B.4)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\tau\tilde{\tau}\chi^0} = g\tilde{\tau}_i^*\chi_j^0 [M^{ij}P_{\rm L} + N^{ij}P_R]\tau + \text{H.C.}, \qquad (B.5)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu\tilde{\tau}\chi} = g U^{ij} \tilde{\tau}_i^* \bar{\chi}_j P_{\rm L} \nu_\tau + \text{H.C.}, \qquad (B.6)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\tau\tilde{\nu}\chi} = -g\tilde{\nu}_{\tau}^{*}\chi_{i}^{c}[Z_{1i}^{+}P_{\rm L} + l^{\tau}Z_{2i}^{-*}P_{R}] + \text{H.C.}, \qquad (\text{B.7})$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\nu\tilde{\nu}\chi^0} = gW_i\tilde{\nu}^*_{\tau}\chi^0_i P_{\rm L}\nu_{\tau} + \text{H.C.}, \qquad (B.8)$$

$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi\chi^0 W} = g\bar{\chi_i}\nu^{\mu}[O^{ij}P_{\rm L} + V^{ij}P_R]\chi^0 W^+_{\mu} + \text{H.C.}, \quad (B.9)$$

where

$$\begin{cases} A^{ij} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2\cos\theta}} Z^{1i}{}^{i}{}^{i}_{t} \left(\frac{1}{3}Z_{N}^{1j}\sin\theta + Z_{N}^{2j}\cos\theta\right) - u^{t}Z_{t}^{2i}{}^{s}Z_{N}^{4j}}, \\ B^{ij} = \frac{2\sqrt{2\sin\theta}}{3\cos\theta} Z_{t}^{2i}{}^{s}Z_{N}^{1j} - u^{t}Z_{t}^{1i}{}^{s}Z_{N}^{4j}}, \\ C^{ij} = -d^{b}Z_{t}^{1i}Z_{2j}^{-j}, \\ D^{ij} = -Z_{t}^{1i}Z_{1j}^{+*} + u^{t}Z_{t}^{2i}Z_{2j}^{+*}, \\ E^{ij} = \frac{-g}{\sqrt{2}\cos\theta} Z_{b}^{1i} \left(\frac{1}{3}Z_{N}^{1j}\sin\theta - Z_{N}^{2j}\cos\theta\right) + d^{b}Z_{b}^{2i}Z_{N}^{3j}, \\ F^{ij} = \frac{-\sqrt{2}\sin\theta}{3\cos\theta} Z_{b}^{2i}Z_{N}^{1j} + d^{b}Z_{b}^{1i}Z_{N}^{3j*}, \\ G^{ij} = -Z_{b}^{1i}Z_{1j}^{-} - d^{b}Z_{b}^{2i}Z_{2j}^{-}, \\ H^{ij} = u^{t}Z_{b}^{1i}Z_{2j}^{+*}, \\ M^{ij} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\cos\theta}} Z_{\tau}^{2i}(Z_{N}^{1j}\sin\theta + Z_{N}^{2j}\cos\theta) + l^{\tau}Z_{\tau}^{1i}Z_{N}^{3j}, \\ N^{ij} = \frac{-\sqrt{2\sin\theta}}{\cos\theta} Z_{\tau}^{2i}Z_{N}^{1j*} + l^{\tau}Z_{\tau}^{1i}Z_{N}^{3j*}, \\ U^{ij} = -(Z_{\tau}^{1i}Z_{1j}^{-} + l^{\tau}Z_{\tau}^{2i}Z_{2j}^{-}), \\ W_{i} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\cos\theta} (Z_{N}^{1i}\sin\theta - Z_{N}^{2i}\cos\theta), \\ \begin{cases} O^{ij} = Z_{N}^{2i}Z_{1j}^{+*} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}Z_{N}^{4j}Z_{2j}^{+*}, \\ V^{ij} = Z_{N}^{2i*}Z_{1j}^{-} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}Z_{N}^{3i*}Z_{2j}^{-}; \end{cases} \end{cases}$$
(B.10)

 u^t , d^b and l^{τ} are the Yukawa coupling parameters for top, bottom and τ respectively. They are given by

$$u^{t} = \frac{m_{t}}{\sqrt{2}m_{W}\sin\beta},$$

$$d^{b} = \frac{-m_{b}}{\sqrt{2}m_{W}\cos\beta},$$

$$l^{\tau} = \frac{-m_{\tau}}{\sqrt{2}m_{W}\cos\beta}.$$
 (B.11)

The vertex in (B.9) can be expressed as

$$\mathcal{L}_{\chi\chi^{0}W} = -g\bar{\chi_{j}^{c}}\nu^{\mu}[O^{ij^{*}}P_{R} + V^{ij^{*}}P_{L}]\chi_{i}^{0}W_{\mu}^{-} + \text{H.C.},$$
(B.12)

which can be used to read off the Feynman rule directly for Fig. 2e.

C Appendix C

In this section we give the formulae for the quantity (1/2) $\sum \Delta |M|^2$ in (17) for Figs. 2c and e in detail. In the following formulae the \mathcal{X}^i s are not separated out explicitly as in (17) for convenience. All the formulae and variables are given in the $\vec{q} = 0$ system. The imaginary part of the amplitude for Fig. 2c is

$$\operatorname{Im} A(c) = \frac{g^4}{2(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 k}{2E} \delta((q-k)^2 - m_{\chi}^2) \\ \cdot \left\{ \bar{u}(p_{\nu}) \Gamma_{\bar{\nu}\nu\chi^0}(\not{k} + m_{\chi^0}) \Gamma_{\bar{t}t\chi^0} u(p_t) \bar{u}(p_b) \right. \\ \left. \times \Gamma_{\bar{t}b\chi}(\not{q} - \not{k} - m_{\chi}) \Gamma_{\bar{\nu}\tau\chi} v(p_{\tau}) \right\} \Big/ \\ \left\{ \left[(p_t - k)^2 - m_{\tilde{t}}^2 \right] \left[(p_{\nu} - k)^2 - m_{\tilde{\nu}}^2 \right] \right\} \quad (C.1)$$

where $k = (E, \vec{k})$ is the four-momentum of χ^0 and the Γ s are the interaction vertex factors. The quantity (1/2)

$$\begin{split} \sum_{\text{spin}} \Delta |M|^2 \text{ for Fig. 2c is} \\ \frac{1}{2} \sum \Delta |M|^2(c) \\ &= \frac{g^6}{q^2 - m_W^2} \frac{|\vec{k}|}{4\pi\sqrt{q^2}} \Biggl\{ \frac{1}{A'a} (2T + LE'_{\nu_\tau} |\vec{k}| \cos \alpha) \\ &+ \frac{2\rho b \cos \alpha}{A'B'a} - \frac{a(S + LB'/4) + T + \frac{1}{2} LE'_{\nu_\tau} |\vec{k}| \cos \alpha}{A'a^2} \\ &\times \log \frac{1+a}{1-a} + \frac{1}{A'B'ab} (-\Omega + \rho(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} \cos \alpha)) \log \frac{1-b}{1+b} \\ &+ \frac{1}{A'B'} (\Sigma - \frac{\Omega}{a} + \frac{\rho}{a^2}) \frac{1}{\sqrt{K}} \\ &\times \log \frac{1-ab \cos \alpha + \sqrt{K}}{1-ab \cos \alpha - \sqrt{K}} \Biggr\}, \end{split}$$
(C.2)

where

$$\begin{split} \rho &= -2\mathcal{X}_{a}^{2}p_{\nu} \cdot p_{\tau}|\vec{k}|^{2}|\vec{p_{t}}|^{2},\\ \Omega &= (\mathcal{X}_{a}^{1}m_{\chi^{0}}m_{t} - 2\mathcal{X}_{a}^{2}(p_{b} \cdot p_{\nu} + k \cdot q))p_{\nu} \cdot p_{\tau}|\vec{k}||\vec{p_{t}}| \\ &+ 4\mathcal{X}_{a}^{2}p_{\nu} \cdot p_{\tau}EE_{t}|\vec{k}||\vec{p_{t}}| - 2T^{'}E_{\nu_{\tau}}^{'}E - B^{'}T,\\ \Sigma &= 2\mathcal{X}_{a}^{1}m_{\chi^{0}}m_{t}p_{b} \cdot p_{\nu}p_{\nu} \cdot p_{\tau} + (2\mathcal{X}_{a}^{2}(p_{b} \cdot p_{\nu} + k \cdot q)) \\ &- \mathcal{X}_{a}^{1}m_{\chi^{0}}m_{t})p_{\nu} \cdot p_{\tau}EE_{t} \\ &+ \mathcal{X}_{a}^{1}m_{\chi^{0}}m_{t}p_{\nu} \cdot p_{\tau}k \cdot q - 2\mathcal{X}_{a}^{2}p_{\nu} \cdot p_{\tau}(EE_{t})^{2} \\ &+ 2S^{'}E_{\nu_{\tau}}^{'}E - LE_{\nu_{\tau}}^{'}E^{2} + B^{'}S + LB^{'}/4 \\ &- \mathcal{X}_{a}^{2}(p_{b} \cdot p_{\nu}p_{t} \cdot p_{\tau} - p_{b} \cdot p_{t}p_{\nu} \cdot p_{\tau} + p_{t} \cdot p_{\nu}p_{b} \cdot p_{\tau}),\\ K &= a^{2} + b^{2} - a^{2}b^{2}\sin^{2}\alpha - 2ab\cos\alpha. \end{split}$$
(C.3)

In the above formulae, $E'_{\nu_{\tau}}$ is the energy of p_{ν} in the $\vec{q} = 0$ system. α is the angle between the three-momenta of the top quark and ν_{τ} in the $\vec{q} = 0$ system. q^2 is the invariant mass square of the final state lepton pair. The other quantities are defined as

$$\begin{split} A &= m_t^2 + m_{\chi^0}^2 - m_{\tilde{t}}^2, \\ B &= m_{\chi^0}^2 - m_{\tilde{\nu}}^2, \\ A' &= A - 2EE_t, \\ B' &= B - 2EE'_{\nu_{\tau}}, \\ a &= \frac{2|\vec{k}||\vec{p}_t|}{A'}, \\ b &= \frac{2E'_{\nu_{\tau}}|\vec{k}|}{B'}, \\ L &= \mathcal{X}_a^2 p_t \cdot p_b, \\ S &= \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{X}_a^1 m_{\chi^0} m_t p_b \cdot q + \mathcal{X}_a^2 p_b \cdot p_\nu p_t \cdot q \\ &+ \mathcal{X}_a^2 (p_b \cdot p_\tau - p_t \cdot p_\nu) EE_t + \mathcal{X}_a^2 p_t \cdot p_\nu k \cdot q, \\ T &= \mathcal{X}_a^2 (p_b \cdot p_\tau - p_t \cdot p_\nu) |\vec{k}||\vec{p}_t|, \\ S' &= \frac{1}{2}\mathcal{X}_a^1 m_{\chi^0} m_t (p_b \cdot p_\tau - p_b \cdot p_\nu) + \mathcal{X}_a^2 p_b \cdot p_\nu p_t \cdot q \\ &+ \mathcal{X}_a^2 (p_b \cdot p_\tau + p_t \cdot p_\nu) EE_t - \mathcal{X}_a^2 p_t \cdot p_\nu k \cdot q, \\ T' &= \mathcal{X}_a^2 (p_b \cdot p_\tau + p_t \cdot p_\nu) |\vec{k}||\vec{p}_t|. \end{split}$$
(C.4)

The non-Lorentz invariant four-vector components are expressed as

$$E_{\nu_{\tau}}' = \frac{\sqrt{q^2}}{2},$$

$$E_t = \frac{m_t^2 + q^2}{2\sqrt{q^2}},$$

$$|\vec{p_t}| = \frac{m_t^2 - q^2}{2\sqrt{q^2}},$$

$$E = \frac{m_t^2 + q^2}{2m_t},$$

$$|\vec{k}| = \sqrt{E^2 - m_{\chi^0}^2},$$

$$\cos \alpha = \frac{m_t^2 + q^2 - 4p_t \cdot p_{\nu}}{m_t^2 - q^2}.$$
(C.5)

The $\mathcal{X}_a^{1,2}$ are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}_{a}^{1} &= -\mathrm{Im}B^{i1}D^{i1}Z_{11}^{+}W^{1*}, \\ \mathcal{X}_{a}^{2} &= -\mathrm{Im}A^{i1}D^{i1}Z_{11}^{+}W^{1*}. \end{aligned} \tag{C.6}$$

The elements of the mixing matrices in the above equations are taken in accordance to the fact that only $m_{\chi_1^0}$ and $m_{\chi_1^+}$ are considered in our calculations.

The corresponding formulae for Fig. 2e are

$$\operatorname{Im} A(e) = \frac{g^4}{2\sqrt{2}(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{\mathrm{d}^3 k}{2E} \delta((q-k)^2 - m_{\chi}^2) \Big\{ \bar{u}(p_b) \Gamma_{\tilde{\tau}b\chi} \\ \times (\not{k} - \not{q} + m_{\chi}) \gamma^{\mu} \Gamma_{\chi\chi^0 W} \Gamma_{\tilde{t}t\chi^0} u(p_t) \bar{u}(p_{\nu}) \gamma_{\mu} P_{\mathrm{L}} v(p_{\tau}) \Big\} \Big/ \\ \Big\{ (q^2 - m_{\mathrm{W}}^2) [(p_t - k)^2 - m_{\tilde{t}}^2] \Big\}.$$
(C.7)

The quantity $(1/2) \sum_{\text{spin}} \Delta |M|^2$ for Fig. 2e is

$$\frac{1}{2} \sum \Delta |M|^2 = \frac{-g^6}{(q^2 - m_W^2)^2} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}\pi} \frac{|\vec{k}|}{\sqrt{q^2}} \frac{1}{A'a} \left\{ 2\left(Y - \frac{X}{a}\right) + \left(Z - \frac{Y}{a} + \frac{X}{a^2}\right) \log \frac{1+a}{1-a} \right\}, \quad (C.8)$$

where

$$\begin{split} X &= 2\mathcal{X}_{e}^{3}[E_{\nu_{\tau}}^{'}|\vec{P_{t}}|\cos\alpha(p_{b}\cdot p_{\tau} - p_{t}\cdot p_{\nu}) - |\vec{P_{t}}|^{2}p_{\nu}\cdot p_{\tau} \\ &+ \frac{1}{2}E_{\nu_{\tau}}^{'}{}^{2}\cos^{2}\alpha p_{t}\cdot p_{b}]|\vec{k}|^{2}, \\ Y &= \Omega - S|\vec{P_{t}}||\vec{k}| + TE_{\nu_{\tau}}^{'}\cos\alpha, \\ Z &= \Sigma + SEE_{t} + T^{'}EE_{\nu_{\tau}}^{'} + H, \\ S &= (2\mathcal{X}_{e}^{3}p_{b}\cdot p_{\nu} - \mathcal{X}_{e}^{4}m_{\chi^{0}}m_{t})p_{\nu}\cdot p_{\tau}, \\ T &= 2\mathcal{X}_{e}^{2}m_{\chi}m_{t}p_{b}\cdot p_{\nu} - \mathcal{X}_{e}^{4}m_{\chi^{0}}m_{t}p_{b}\cdot p_{t} \\ &- 2\mathcal{X}_{e}^{3}q\cdot p_{t}p_{b}\cdot p_{\nu}, \\ T^{'} &= 2\mathcal{X}_{e}^{2}m_{\chi}m_{t}p_{b}\cdot p_{\nu} - \mathcal{X}_{e}^{4}m_{\chi^{0}}m_{t}(p_{b}\cdot p_{\nu} - p_{b}\cdot p_{\tau}) \\ &- 2\mathcal{X}_{e}^{3}p_{b}\cdot p_{\nu}(p_{t}\cdot p_{\nu} - p_{t}\cdot p_{\tau}), \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \Omega &= 2\mathcal{X}_{e}^{3}\{-p_{b}\cdot p_{\tau}EE_{\nu_{\tau}}^{'}|\vec{k}|(|\vec{P_{t}}|+E_{t}\cos\alpha) \\ &+p_{t}\cdot p_{\nu}EE_{\tau}^{'}|\vec{k}|(E_{t}\cos\alpha-|\vec{P_{t}}|)+(2EE_{t}-k\cdot q) \\ &\times|\vec{P_{t}}||\vec{k}|p_{\nu}\cdot p_{\tau}-k\cdot qE_{\nu_{\tau}}^{'}|\vec{k}|\cos\alpha_{0}\cdot p_{\nu}\}, \\ \Sigma &= 2\mathcal{X}_{e}^{3}\{E^{2}E_{t}E_{\nu_{\tau}}^{'}(p_{b}\cdot p_{\tau}+p_{t}\cdot p_{\nu})-EE_{\tau}^{'}k\cdot qp_{t}\cdot p_{\nu} \\ &-(EE_{t}-k\cdot q)EE_{t}p_{\nu}\cdot p_{\tau}-E_{\nu_{\tau}}^{'}(E^{2}-\frac{1}{2}|\vec{k}|^{2})p_{t}\cdot p_{b}\}, \\ H &= \mathcal{X}_{e}^{4}m_{\chi^{0}}m_{t}p_{\nu}\cdot p_{\tau}k\cdot q+2(\mathcal{X}_{e}^{1}m_{\chi^{0}}m_{\chi}p_{t}\cdot p_{\tau} \\ &+\mathcal{X}_{e}^{4}m_{\chi^{0}}m_{t}p_{\nu}\cdot p_{\tau})p_{b}\cdot p_{\nu}-\mathcal{X}_{e}^{3}m_{\chi^{0}}^{2}(p_{b}\cdot p_{\nu}p_{t}\cdot p_{\tau} \\ &-p_{b}\cdot p_{t}p_{\nu}\cdot p_{\tau}+p_{t}\cdot p_{\nu}p_{b}\cdot p_{\tau}). \end{split}$$

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The parameters \mathcal{X}_e^i s are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}_{e}^{1} &= \mathrm{Im}A^{i1}D^{i1}(-V^{11^{*}}), \\ \mathcal{X}_{e}^{2} &= \mathrm{Im}B^{i1}D^{i1}(-V^{11^{*}}), \\ \mathcal{X}_{e}^{3} &= \mathrm{Im}A^{i1}D^{i1}(-O^{11^{*}}), \\ \mathcal{X}_{e}^{4} &= \mathrm{Im}B^{i1}D^{i1}(-O^{11^{*}}). \end{aligned}$$
(C.10)

From the above expressions and the expressions for A, and D in (B.10) we can see that the \mathcal{X} s are proportional to $\xi_t^i = \operatorname{Im}(Z_t^{1i^*}Z_t^{2i})$ as pointed out in Sect. 3.

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