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Gluino-driven Radiative Breaking, Higgs Boson Mass, Muon g - 2, and the Higgs Diphoton Decay in SUGRA Unification

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We attempt to reconcile seemingly conflicting experimental results on the Higgs boson mass, the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon, null results in search for supersymmetry at the LHC within the 8 TeV data and results from *B*-physics, all within the context of supersymmetric grand unified theories. Specifically, we consider a supergravity grand unification model with non-universal gaugino masses where we take the SU(3)_C gaugino field to be much heavier than the other gaugino and sfermion fields at the unification scale. This construction naturally leads to a large mass splitting between the slepton and squark masses, due to the mass splitting between the electroweak gauginos and the gluino. The heavy Higgs bosons and Higgsinos also follow the gluino toward large masses. We carry out a Bayesian Monte Carlo analysis of the parametric space and find that it can simultaneously explain the large Higgs mass, and the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon, while producing a negligible correction to the Standard Model prediction for $\mathcal{B}r(B_s^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-)$. We also find that the model leads to an excess in the Higgs diphoton decay rate. A brief discussion of the possibility of detection of the light particles is given. Also discussed are the implications of the model for dark matter.

I. INTRODUCTION

The CMS and ATLAS collaborations have discovered and measured [1-5] the mass of a new boson which is most likely the Higgs boson [6–9] responsible for breaking electroweak symmetry. In supersymmetry, one would identify this as the light CP-even Higgs boson [10–16], h^0 . Both experiments agree that the mass is between 125 and 126 GeV. It is quite remarkable that the observed Higgs boson mass lies close to the upper limit predicted in grand unified supergravity models [17–20] which is roughly $130 \,\text{GeV}$ [10, 15, 21–24]. (For a recent review of Higgs and supersymmetry see [25].) Because the mass of the h^0 boson in supersymmetry [26–28] is less than that of the Z boson at the tree level, a large loop correction is necessary to match the measured value. The dominant one-loop Higgs self energy correction arises from its coupling to the top supermultiplet so that

$$\Delta m_{h^0}^2 \simeq \frac{3m_t^4}{2\pi^2 v^2} \ln \frac{M_{\rm S}^2}{m_t^2} + \frac{3m_t^4}{2\pi^2 v^2} \left(\frac{X_t^2}{M_{\rm S}^2} - \frac{X_t^4}{12M_{\rm S}^4}\right) , \quad (1)$$

where $v = 246 \,\text{GeV}$, M_{S} is the average stop mass, $X_t = A_t - \mu \cot \beta$, μ is the Higgs mixing parameter and A_t is the trilinear coupling (both at the electroweak scale), and $\tan \beta = \langle H_2 \rangle / \langle H_1 \rangle$, where H_2 gives mass to the up quarks while H_1 gives mass to the down quarks and leptons. Since $\Delta m_{h^0}^2$ has a logarithmic dependence of M_{S} , a sizable $\Delta m_{h^0}^2$ correction implies that the scale M_{S} is high, lying in the several TeV region.

A high SUSY scale is also suggested by the ATLAS and CMS collaborations. So far, the LHC has delivered 5.3 fb^{-1} and 23 fb^{-1} of integrated luminosity [29] at 7 TeV

and 8 TeV respectively to both CMS and ATLAS. Analysis of large portions of this data in search of supersymmetry has only yielded null results, though it is important to note that the parametric exclusion limits provided are typically only on minimal or simplified models. Whenever one works with non-minimal models of supersymmetry, it is necessary to evaluate the signal efficiencies specific to one's model and determine the credible region. The null searches can be evaded obviously by just raising the masses of the superpartners, and thereby raising the scale of SUSY, but it can also be done by producing mass hierarchies and mass splittings that are atypical in minimal models.

The search for the rare decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-$ also has important implications for supersymmetry. The LHCb collaboration has recently observed [30] this rare decay, determining the branching ratio $\mathcal{B}r\left(B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+\mu^-\right) =$ $(3.2^{+1.5}_{-1.2}) \times 10^{-9}$, which is in excellent agreement with the Standard Model, and thus requires the supersymmetric contribution [31–33] to this decay to be very small. This contribution is mediated by the neutral Higgs bosons and will involve a flavor-changing scalar quark loop. (It is also sensitive to *CP* violation [34, 35].) In the large $\tan \beta$ limit, the branching ratio is approximately [36–38]

$$\mathcal{B}r\left(B_s^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^-\right) \simeq 3.5 \times 10^{-5} \left(\frac{\tau_{B_s}}{1.5 \,\mathrm{ps}}\right) \left(\frac{f_{B_s}}{230 \,\mathrm{MeV}}\right)^2 \\ \times \left(\frac{|V_{ts}^{\mathrm{eff}}|}{0.040}\right)^2 \left(\frac{\tan\beta}{50}\right)^6 \left(\frac{m_t}{m_A}\right)^4 \\ \times \frac{(16\pi^2)^2 \epsilon_Y^2}{(1 + (\epsilon_0 + \epsilon_Y y_t^2) \tan\beta)^2 (1 + \epsilon_0 \tan\beta)^2} , \quad (2)$$

where τ_{B_s} is the mean lifetime, f_{B_s} is the decay constant, and V_{ts}^{eff} is the effective CKM matrix element. The loop factors ϵ_0 and ϵ_Y are given in terms of soft breaking parameters of the 3rd generation $m_{\widetilde{Q}}, m_{\widetilde{U}}, m_{\widetilde{D}}$, which are

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the masses of the left-handed squark, up-type squark, and down-type squark, as well as the gluino mass $m_{\tilde{g}}$, the strong coupling constant α_s , and the *CP*-odd Higgs mass m_A :

$$\epsilon_{0} = -\frac{2\alpha_{s}}{3\pi} \frac{\mu}{m_{\tilde{g}}} H(m_{\tilde{Q}}^{2}/m_{\tilde{g}}^{2}, m_{\tilde{D}}^{2}/m_{\tilde{g}}^{2})$$
(3)

$$\epsilon_Y = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \frac{A_t}{\mu} H(m_{\tilde{Q}}^2/\mu^2, m_{\tilde{U}}^2/\mu^2)$$
(4)

$$H(x_1, x_2) = \frac{x_1 \ln x_1}{(1 - x_1)(x_1 - x_2)} + \frac{x_2 \ln x_2}{(1 - x_2)(x_2 - x_1)}.$$
 (5)

We note that the branching ratio given by Eq. (2) is suppressed by the factor $(m_t/m_A)^4$ and so a large weak scale of SUSY which implies a large m_A , naturally leads to a small contribution to $\mathcal{B}r (B_s^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-)$. Additionally, we see in Eq. (2) the factor $(\tan \beta/50)^6$, which implies that the SUSY contribution to $B_s^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-$ is further suppressed if $\tan \beta \lesssim 50$. Together these effects also reduce the SUSY contribution [37, 39] to $\mathcal{B}r (B \to X_s \gamma)$ to negligible value.

While the observation of a high Higgs boson mass, null results on the discovery of sparticles and the observation of no significant deviation in the $B_s^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-$ branching ratio from the Standard Model result all appear to indicate a high scale for SUSY, the opposite is indicated by the Brookhaven experiment E821 [40] which measures $a_{\mu} = \frac{1}{2}(g_{\mu} - 2)$ to deviate from the Standard Model prediction [41, 42] at the 3 σ level. If this deviation is taken to arise from supersymmetry, then

$$a_{\mu}^{\text{SUSY}} = \delta a_{\mu} = (287 \pm 80.) \times 10^{-11} .$$
 (6)

The SUSY contribution [43–50] arises from $\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}-\tilde{\nu}_{\mu}$ and $\tilde{\chi}^{0}-\tilde{\mu}$ loops. A rough estimate of the supersymmetric correction is

$$\delta a_{\mu} \simeq \operatorname{sgn}(M_{2}\mu) \left(130 \times 10^{-11}\right) \left(\frac{100 \,\mathrm{GeV}}{M_{\mathrm{SUSY}}}\right)^{2} \tan\beta \ , \ (7)$$

where $M_{\rm SUSY}$ is the SUSY scale. In order to obtain a SUSY correction of size indicated by Eq. (6) the masses of sparticles in the loops, i.e., the masses of $\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}$, $\tilde{\chi}^{0}$, $\tilde{\mu}$, and $\tilde{\nu}_{\mu}$ must be only about a few hundred GeV.

Another result which may be a signal of SUSY concerns the excess seen in the diphoton decay rate of the Higgs, which is above the Standard Model prediction. This excess is parametrized by the signal strength

$$R_{\gamma\gamma} = \frac{\sigma(pp \to H)_{\rm obs}}{\sigma(pp \to H)_{\rm SM}} \times \frac{\Gamma(H \to \gamma\gamma)_{\rm obs}}{\Gamma(H \to \gamma\gamma)_{\rm SM}}$$
(8)

and is reported as $R_{\gamma\gamma} = 1.6 \pm 0.4$ at CMS [3] and $R_{\gamma\gamma} = 1.8 \pm 0.5$ at ATLAS [4]. The excess is not statistically conclusive and can easily be attributed to a simple fluctuation or to QCD uncertainties [51]. Still it is worth-while to consider how SUSY can contribute to this loop-induced decay (considering h^0 in place of H). The excess in the diphoton rate has been discussed in a variety of

models by various authors (see, e.g., [14, 52, 53] and the references therein). Within the MSSM, the largest contributions would arise via a $\tilde{\tau}$ triangle, provided that its mass is not too high. (We discuss the calculation of $R_{\gamma\gamma}$ in more detail in Section V A.) So, if the diphoton result is real, we have another indication of low scale SUSY.

Assuming that the $g_{\mu} - 2$ and the diphoton rate hold up, one has apparently conflicting results for the weak scale of SUSY. On the one hand, the high Higgs boson mass, null results on the observation of sparticles at the LHC, and the lack of any significant deviation in the $\mathcal{B}r(B_s^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-)$ branching ratio from the Standard Model prediction point to a high SUSY scale, i.e., a SUSY scale lying in the several TeV range. On the other hand, the 3σ deviation in a_{μ} and a fledgling excess in the diphoton decay of the Higgs boson decay point to a low SUSY scale lying in the sub-TeV range. These results cannot be simultaneously satisfied in minimal models [54, 55] as they point to split scale SUSY with one scale governing the colored sparticle masses and the heavy Higgs boson masses, and the other SUSY scale governing the uncolored sparticle masses. To generate this split scale SUSY, we construct in this work a supergravity grand unified model [17–19] by introducing non-universalities in the gaugino sector with the feature that the gaugino mass in the $SU(3)_C$ sector is much larger than the other soft masses. In this model, radiative electroweak symmetry breaking [56-58] (for a review see [59]) is driven by the gluino mass. In this work, we label this model as $_{\widetilde{a}}$ SUGRA. We will show that $_{\widetilde{a}}$ SUGRA satisfies all of the experimental results simultaneously by exploiting a feature of the renormalization group equations which leads to a splitting between the squarks, gluino, Higgs bosons, and Higgsinos which become very heavy, and the sleptons, bino and winos which are allowed to remain light at the electroweak scale. (The sfermion masses still unify at a high scale.) We will use a Bayesian Monte Carlo analysis of $_{\tilde{a}}$ SUGRA to show that it satisfies all experimental results and determine the credible regions in the parameters and sparticle masses.

The outline of the rest of the paper is as follows: In Section II, we discuss the general framework of non-universal SUGRA models with specific focus on $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA where the gaugino mass in the $SU(3)_C$ color sector is much larger than other mass scales in the model. In Section III, we discuss the statistical framework used in our Bayesian Monte Carlo analysis of a simplified parametric space for $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA. In Section IV we explore the impact of LHC searches for sparticles on $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA using event-level data and signal simulations. The results of our analyses as well as the details of Higgs diphoton rate are presented in Section V. Concluding remarks are given in Section VI.

II. THE $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA MODEL

Supergravity grand unification [17–19] is a broad framework which depends on three arbitrary functions:

the superpotential, the Kähler potential, and the gauge kinetic energy function. Simplifying assumptions on the Kähler potential and the gauge kinetic energy function lead to universal boundary conditions for the soft parameters which is the basis of the model referred to as mSUGRA/CMSSM. The parameter space of mSUGRA is given by m_0 , $m_{1/2}$, A_0 , $\tan \beta$, and $\operatorname{sgn}(\mu)$, where m_0 is the universal scalar mass, $m_{1/2}$ is the universal gaugino mass, A_0 is the universal trilinear coupling, and $\tan \beta = \langle H_2 \rangle / \langle H_1 \rangle$. Here H_2 gives mass to the up quarks and H_1 gives mass to the down quarks and the leptons, and μ is the Higgs mixing parameter which enters in the superpotential as $\mu H_1 H_2$.

However, the supergravity grand unification framework does allow for non-universalities of the soft parameters, i.e., non-universalities for the scalar masses, for the trilinear couplings and for the gaugino masses¹. In $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA, we consider supergravity grand unification with universal boundary conditions in all sectors except in the gaugino sector. In this sector, we specify that the SU(3)_C gaugino mass, M_3 , be much larger than the universal scalar mass and also much larger than the gaugino masses M_2, M_1 in the SU(2)_L, U(1)_Y sectors, i.e.,

$$M_3 \gg m_0, M_1, M_2$$
 (9)

The constraints of Eq. (9) ensure that the radiative breaking of electroweak symmetry will be driven by the gluino (hence, $_{\tilde{q}}$ SUGRA). Now, the gluino mass enters in the renormalization group equations for the squark masses and thus the squark masses will be driven to values proportional to the gluino mass as we move down from the GUT scale toward the electroweak scale. Consequently, a gluino mass in the ten TeV region will also generate a squark mass in the several TeV region. On the other hand, the RGEs for the sleptons do not depend on the gluino mass at the one-loop level and if m_0, M_1, M_2 are $\mathcal{O}(100 \,\text{GeV})$, the masses of the sleptons as well as the electroweak gauginos at the electroweak scale will likely remain this size. Thus the RG evolution creates a natural splitting of masses between the squarks and the sleptons at the electroweak scale even though they have a common mass at the grand unification scale. The renormalization of these soft masses for a sample point in $_{\tilde{\alpha}}$ SUGRA is shown in Fig. 1. The huge mass splitting between the squark and slepton masses at low scales even though they are unified at high scales is reminiscent of the gauge coupling unification where the three gauge couplings α_i which are split at the electroweak scale but come together at the grand unification scale. We note that the split spectrum of aSUGRA is very different in nature from that of what is commonly called "split supersymmetry" [74], which consists of light Higgsinos $H_{u,d}$,

 B, W, \tilde{g} and one Higgs doublet but does not allow for light sfermions.

In GUT models, non-universal gaugino masses can arise from superfields that transform as a non-singlet IRs of the GUT group and get VEVs in the spontaneous breaking and give masses to the gauginos. The general form of the gaugino mass term in the Lagrangian is

$$-\frac{\langle F \rangle_{ab}}{M_{\rm Pl}} \frac{1}{2} \lambda_a \lambda_b + \text{H.c.}$$
(10)

where $\langle F \rangle_{ab}$ is a non-zero VEV of mass dimension 2, and $M_{\rm Pl}$ is the Planck mass. The λ 's belong to the adjoint of the GUT group: **24** for SU(5) and **45** for SO(10). Now only the symmetric product of the adjoints enters in the analysis. Thus for SU(5) one has $(\mathbf{24} \otimes \mathbf{24})_{\rm sym} = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{24} \oplus \mathbf{75} \oplus \mathbf{200}$, while for SO(10) one has $(\mathbf{45} \otimes \mathbf{45})_{\rm sym} = \mathbf{1} \oplus \mathbf{54} \oplus \mathbf{210} \oplus \mathbf{770}$. With the use of singlet and non-singlet breaking, one can produce a hierarchy in the gaugino masses so that Eq. (9) holds. We note that non-universalities of gaugino masses arise also in string based models, see, e.g., [75].

In our study of $_{\tilde{q}}$ SUGRA, we introduce gaugino sector non-universalities by having $m_{1/2} \rightarrow \widetilde{m}_{1/2} \equiv M_1 = M_2$ and $M_3 = 10 \, \widetilde{m}_{1/2}$ as an illustrative example, so that at the unification scale, $M_1 : M_2 : M_3 = 1 : 1 : 10$. We now show how this choice can be constructed by combining singlet and non-singlet breaking in SU(5) and in SO(10). In SU(5) we consider the linear combination 1 + a 24 + b 75. Now the singlet breaking gives the ratio $M_1: M_2: M_3 = 1: 1: 1$, the 24-plet gives the ratio [69] -1/2: -3/2: 1 while the 75-plet gives the ratio [69] -5:3:1. Choosing a = -8/11 and b = -1/11 leads to the desired ratio $M_1: M_2: M_3 = 1: 1: 10$. This scheme also applies to SO(10) since SU(5) \subset SO(10). However, for SO(10) we can also consider gaugino mass terms in representations of $SU(4) \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \subset SO(10)$ and label the breaking terms by $SU(4) \times SU(2)_R$ representations as subscripts. In this case we consider the breaking $1 + a \, \mathbf{210}_{(1,1)} + b \, \mathbf{210}_{(15,1)}$ where the $\mathbf{210}_{(1,1)}$ gives the gaugino mass ratio [69] of -3/5:1:0 and $\mathbf{210}_{(15,1)}$ gives the gaugino mass ratio [69] of -4/5:0:1. Thus we can choose a = -3/4 and b = 3/2 to get the desired 1:1:10 ratio. We limit ourselves to this ratio for the rest of the analysis in this paper. However, many features of this analysis will persist with different ratios of $M_1: M_2: M_3$ as long as $M_3 \gg m_0, M_1, M_2$.

In \tilde{g} SUGRA, radiative electroweak symmetry breaking is dominated by the large gluino mass which is responsible for giving large masses to the squarks. We contrast this work with other recent works which have attempted to explain $g_{\mu} - 2$ in the context of a high Higgs boson mass. This is attempted in [52] with the assumption of a light slepton and heavy squark spectrum. The analysis also tries to correlate $g_{\mu} - 2$ with the diphoton rate. However, this model is not a high scale model and the analysis is limited to assumptions of the spectrum at the electroweak scale. In [76] the authors assumed a split family supersymmetry. The analysis of [77] uses non-

¹ The literature on non-universalities in SUGRA models is enormous. For a sample of early and later works see [60–72] and for a review see [73].

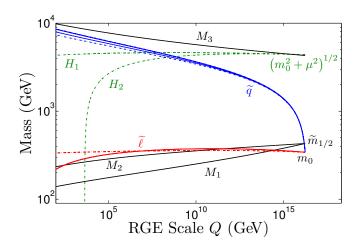


FIG. 1. Two-loop renormalization group evolution of the soft parameters in $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA. The input parameters used here are those of the best-fit point determined from our analysis in Section III. The fields are labeled in the figure and also in color. The gaugino fields are presented in black and the Higgs fields are presented in green. The squarks and sleptons are in blue and red, where the left-handed fields are solid and the right-handed fields are dot-dashed. Additionally, m_0 is the soft mass for the scalars, $\tilde{m}_{1/2}$ is the common mass of the U(1)_Y and SU(2)_L gaugino fields, and μ is the Higgs mixing parameter.

universal gaugino masses in an SU(5) model but the details of the model are significantly different from the work presented here. The work [78] also addresses the issue of getting light uncolored and heavy colored particles but the analysis is within a gauge mediated supersymmetry breaking. Similar scenarios are studied in [79, 80] where the authors also attempt to reconcile the experimental results using non-universal gaugino masses.

The attractive feature of $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA is that the relatively large value of M_3 automatically drives the squarks to be massive while the sleptons as well as the bino and the light wino are left alone. This is illustrated in Fig. 1 where we display the renormalization group flow for a sample point from our analysis. We wish to show that this simple feature automatically satisfies all of the empirical results that we have discussed here that hint at the supersymmetric spectrum. To this end, we perform a Bayesian Monte Carlo analysis of $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA with the illustrative example of the 1 : 1 : 10 gaugino mass ratio, which we discuss in the sections that follow.

III. STATISTICAL FRAMEWORK

We study here the parameter space of $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA for the case where the ratio of the gaugino masses at the GUT scale is 1 : 1 : 10. In this case, $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA is parametrized by $m_0, \tilde{m}_{1/2}, A_0$, and $\tan \beta$ (having selected sgn (μ) = 1). Here, $\tilde{m}_{1/2} = M_1 = M_2$ while $M_3 = 10 \tilde{m}_{1/2}$. The dimensionful parameters $m_0, \tilde{m}_{1/2}$, and A_0 are all specified at the GUT scale. The ratio of the two Higgs VEVs $\tan \beta = \langle H_2 \rangle / \langle H_1 \rangle$, is specified at M_Z . We further include four Standard Model nuisance parameters to create an 8D parameter space. Namely, we add the top quark pole mass, the running bottom quark mass, the strong coupling, and the EM coupling. We create from these the parameter space Θ :

$$\boldsymbol{\Theta} = \left\{ m_0, \widetilde{m}_{1/2}, A_0, \tan\beta, m_t^{\text{pole}}, \\ m_b(m_b)^{\overline{\text{MS}}}, \alpha_{\text{s}}(M_Z)^{\overline{\text{MS}}}, \alpha_{\text{EM}}^{-1}(M_Z)^{\overline{\text{MS}}} \right\} .$$
(11)

For each parameter $\theta_i \in \Theta$, we begin by selecting uniform distributions in the allowed ranges prior to considering the experimental data. The prior distributions that we have selected for our parameters are uniform on either a linear or a log scale:

$$m_{0} \in [50, 5000] \text{ GeV (log)}$$

$$\tilde{m}_{1/2} \in [50, 2500] \text{ GeV (log)}$$

$$A_{0} \in [-50, 50] \text{ TeV (linear)}$$

$$\tan \beta \in [3, 60] \text{ (linear)}.$$
(12)

The nuisance parameters in Θ are uniform in a 2σ range (linear scale) around the central values, which are specified in Table I.

Next we collect the relevant observables into \mathbf{D} , which is a set of pairs of central values and uncertainties of experimental measurements. The observables include the precise measurements of the nuisance parameters, along with the results from flavor physics $\mathcal{B}r\left(B_s^0\to\mu^+\mu^-\right)$ and $\mathcal{B}r(B \to X_s \gamma)$, the muon anomalous magnetic moment δa_{μ} , the measured mass of the (ostensibly) light *CP*-even Higgs boson, as well as limits on superpartner masses. We further include the fit to the thermal relic density of dark matter, $\omega_{\chi} \equiv \Omega_{\chi} h^2$, from CMB temperature fluctuations measured by WMAP (9 year dataset) [85] and Planck (15.5 month dataset) [86]. In $_{\tilde{a}}$ SUGRA, the lightest neutralino is indeed a candidate for cold dark matter, but we wish to allow for multicomponent models of dark matter, and so we only consider the upper limit of ω_{χ} . The central values and uncertainties of **D** are specified in Table I.

The goal now is to update our a priori guess for the probability distributions of the parameters in Θ (given in Eq. (12)) with the empirical information in \mathbf{D} , giving the posterior probability distribution. This distribution can then be marginalized to determine the credible region of one or two parameters. The calculation of the posterior probability distribution is achieved using Bayesian inference, but we first need to be able to compare a parametric point in our model to the empirical data in \mathbf{D} . This requires a set of mappings $\xi_i : \mathbf{\Theta} \to \mathbb{R}$ corresponding to each $d_i \in \mathbf{D}$, which just give the theoretical calculation for the observable corresponding to each d_i . These mappings are computed using numerical codes incorporated in our analysis software SUSYKIT [87].

Now we can move on to constructing the posterior probability distribution, which is given by

Observable	Central value	Exp. Error	Th. Error	Distribution	Ref.
SM Nuisance Parameters					
$m_t^{ m pole}~({ m GeV})$	173.5	1.0	_	Gaussian	[81]
$m_b(m_b)^{\overline{\mathrm{MS}}}$ (GeV)	4.18	0.03	-	Gaussian	[81]
$(M_Z)^{\overline{ ext{MS}}}$	0.1184	7×10^{-4}	-	Gaussian	[81]
$\alpha_{\rm EM}^{-1}(M_Z)^{\overline{\rm MS}}$	127.933	0.014	-	Gaussian	[81]
Measured					
$\delta a_{\mu} \times 10^{11}$	287	80	10	Gaussian	[40-42]
$\mathcal{B}r\left(B_s^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^-\right) \times 10^9$	3.2	1.92	14%	Gaussian	[30]
$\mathcal{B}r\left(B \to X_s\gamma\right) \times 10^4$	3.55	0.26	0.21	Gaussian	[82]
$\mathcal{B}r\left(B^+ \to \tau^+ \nu\right) \times 10^4$	1.79	0.48	0.38	Gaussian	[82]
ω_{χ}	0.1126	0.0036	10%	Upper-Gaussian	[83]
h^0 Mass (GeV)	125.7	0.2	2.0	Gaussian	[3, 4]
95% CL Particle Mass Limits (GeV)					
h^0	122.5	_	_	Lower – Step Func.	[84]
h^0	129	—	-	Upper – Step Func.	[84]
$\widetilde{\chi}_1^0$	46	_	5%	Lower – Error Func.	[81]
$\widetilde{\chi}^0_2$	62.4	_	5%	Lower – Error Func.	[81]
$\widetilde{\chi}^0_3$	99.9	_	5%	Lower – Error Func.	[81]
$\widetilde{\chi}_4^0$	116	_	5%	Lower – Error Func.	[81]
$\widetilde{\chi}_1^\pm$	94	_	5%	Lower – Error Func.	[81]
\widetilde{e}_R	107	_	5%	Lower – Error Func.	[81]
$\widetilde{\mu}_R$	94	—	5%	Lower – Error Func.	[81]
$\widetilde{ au}_1$	81.9	_	5%	Lower – Error Func.	[81]
\widetilde{b}_1	89	—	5%	Lower – Error Func.	[81]
\widetilde{t}_1	95.7	—	5%	Lower – Error Func.	[81]
\widetilde{g}	500	—	5%	Lower – Error Func.	[81]
\widetilde{q}	1100	-	5%	Lower – Error Func.	[81]

TABLE I. Summary of the observables used to construct the likelihood function. The distribution labeled "Upper-Gaussian" used for the ω_{χ} observable means that there is only a decrease in likelihood for values larger than the central value. The 95% CL limits are evaluated using the complementary error function, as the bound is smeared by the theoretical uncertainty. Limits specified with a step function distribution indicate a hard cut, where points on the wrong side of the limit are assigned zero likelihood.

Bayes' theorem

$$P(\boldsymbol{\Theta}|\mathbf{D}) = \frac{P(\mathbf{D}|\boldsymbol{\Theta})P(\boldsymbol{\Theta})}{P(\mathbf{D})} .$$
(13)

 $P(\Theta)$ is the prior distribution given in Eq. (12). The denominator is the so-called Bayesian evidence $\mathcal{Z} = P(D)$, which can be used in model selection tests, but as we are only interested in parameter estimation, it serves as a normalization constant. The final factor is the likelihood function $\mathfrak{L} = P(\mathbf{D}|\Theta)$, which is constructed by the "pulls" method

$$-2\ln\mathfrak{L} = \sum_{d_i\in\mathbf{D}} \frac{\left(\xi_i(\mathbf{\Theta}) - d_i\right)^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \tau_i^2} \tag{14}$$

where σ_i and τ_i are the experimental and theoretical uncertainties, respectively. This is straightforward for the case that a measurement with precision is reported. In many cases only the 95% CL limits are given. In those cases, a smearing due to the implicit theoretical uncertainty in the computation is used and the likelihood is

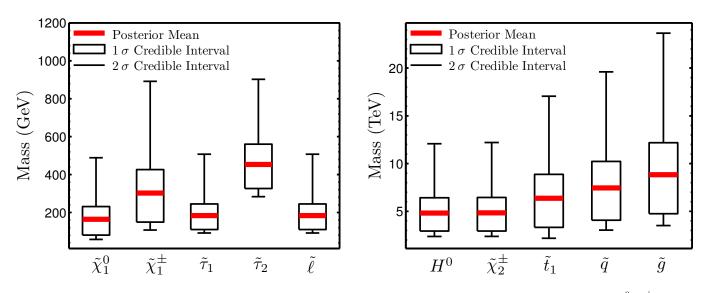


FIG. 2. A display of the mass spectrum for sparticles and the Higgs boson with split scales, i.e., a low scale for $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$, $\tilde{\tau}_1$, $\tilde{\tau}_2$, $\tilde{\ell}$, and a high scale for H^0 , $\tilde{\chi}_2^{\pm}$, \tilde{t}_1 , \tilde{q} , \tilde{g} . Shown are the credible intervals in the superpartner masses from the Bayesian analysis of $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA. The lighter superpartners are presented in the left panel, and the heavier are presented in the right panel. The posterior means are indicated in red.

computed from the complementary error function. A hard cut on an observable can also be made by using a step function, i.e. assigning zero likelihood to points that are on the wrong side of a limit. The numerical values used to construct the likelihood function is given in Table I.

Our analysis was performed using our software package SUSYKIT [87], which uses the efficient multi-modal ellipsoidal nested sampling algorithm implemented in the MULTINEST [88–90] library. Additionally, SUSYKIT interfaces with several standard numerical codes such as SOFTSUSY [91], MICROMEGAS [92, 93], FEYN-HIGGS [94, 95], and SUPERISO RELIC [96, 97]. SUSYKIT is written entirely in C++11 and is largely inspired by the FORTRAN-90 code SUPERBAYES [98, 99].

We specify the MULTINEST sampling parameters $n_{\text{live}} = 5,000$ and tol = 0.01. The analysis has required the evaluation of the likelihood function at 1.1 million points to sufficiently explore the parametric space. The result is a chain of 81,000 Monte Carlo sample points which is used to compute 1D and 2D marginalized distributions in our principal and derived parameters, and to establish credible regions in these parameters. We found that the credible regions entered areas that would be excluded by the LHC in minimal SUSY GUT models such as mSUGRA, so we found it necessary to evaluate the impact of LHC searches on \tilde{q} SUGRA.

IV. LHC ANALYSIS

In order to evaluate the impact of null results in the searches for supersymmetry at the LHC on $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA, we construct an auxiliary likelihood function, \mathcal{L}_{LHC} , based

on the Monte Carlo event generation and detector simulation for our sample points.

We begin by generating 200,000 events for each sample point in our chain using PYTHIA [100, 101] considering $2 \rightarrow 2$ SUSY production processes with $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV. We find that the total cross section for these processes is $\mathcal{O}(100\,\mathrm{fb})$ and the dominant modes involve the production of $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$, $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$, $\tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$, $\tilde{\ell}$, $\tilde{\tau}_1$, $\tilde{\tau}_2$, and, $\tilde{\ell}$ and $\tilde{\nu}$. This is to be expected because in $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA, the scalar quark fields all become heavy as they are renormalized to the electroweak scale, while the scalar leptons are allowed to remain light to produce contributions to δa_{μ} and the Higgs diphoton decay rate. By investigating the dominant decays of these particles, we decide that supersymmetry searches in leptonic final states are the most relevant to $_{\widetilde{g}}\mathrm{SUGRA}.$ We have used the 3ℓ and same-sign 2ℓ searches at CMS [102] using 9.2 fb⁻¹ at $\sqrt{s} = 8$ TeV to construct our \mathcal{L}_{LHC} , in a manner similar to [55]. These searches are performed using 108 and 4 event bins respectively, which serve as counting experiments and are naturally Poisson distributed. Therefore \mathfrak{L}_{LHC} is computed by

$$\mathfrak{L}_{\mathrm{LHC}} = \prod_{i \in \mathrm{bins}} \mathfrak{L}_i \ . \tag{15}$$

Each \mathfrak{L}_i would be a simple Poisson likelihood, except that one of the parameters to the Poisson distribution, the expected background yield, b_i , can have a large uncertainty, δb_i . Thus, it is necessary to convolve the Poisson distribution with a distribution for the background yield. Naïvely this would be a Gaussian distribution, however in the case that the relative error in the background yield is large, i.e., $\delta b_i/b_i \gtrsim 20\%$, then a non-trivial portion of the convolution is due to contributions from negative

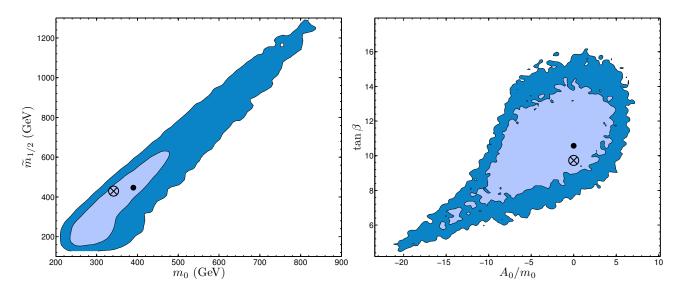


FIG. 3. An exhibition of the 1σ and 2σ credible regions of the marginalized posterior probability distributions for the parameters of interest of $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA. Left panel: the credible regions in m_0 and $\tilde{m}_{1/2}$. Right panel: the credible regions in the dimensionless parameter A_0/m_0 and $\tan\beta$. The location of the best-fit point is indicated by a circled 'X' and the posterior mean is given with a solid dot.

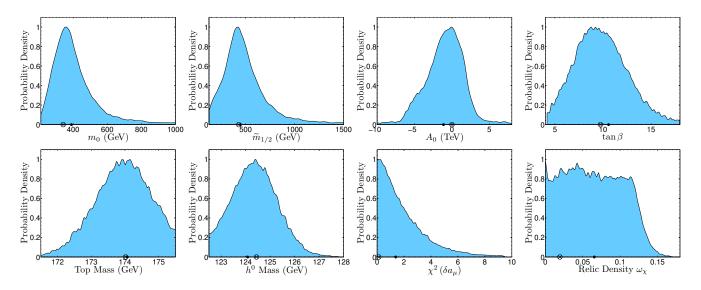


FIG. 4. A display of the marginalized posterior probability distributions for $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA in the parameters of interest as well as some important derived quantities. The top row (left to right) gives the posterior PDF for m_0 , $\tilde{m}_{1/2}$, A_0 , and $\tan \beta$, and the bottom row (left to right) displays the same for the top quark mass, the light CP even Higgs boson mass, the contribution to $-2 \ln \mathfrak{L}$ due to the anomalous magnetic moment of the muon (which we have denoted as $\chi^2(\delta a_{\mu})$, and the thermal relic density of cold dark matter, ω_{χ} . The location of the best-fit point is indicated by a circled 'X' and the posterior mean is given with a solid dot.

 b_i , or even if the integration is limited to non-negative background, a large portion of the PDF may be omitted. Thus as a heuristic, we use the following definition for \mathcal{L}_i :

$$\mathfrak{L}_{i} = \int_{0}^{\infty} \operatorname{Pois}(s_{i} + \bar{b}; o_{i}) F(b_{i}, \delta b_{i}; \bar{b}) , \qquad (16)$$

where i is the event bin, Pois is the Poisson probability mass function, s_i is the expected signal yield, o_i is the number of observed events, and as defined already b_i is the expected background yield, and δb_i is the uncertainty in the background. The function F is defined according to our heuristic

$$F(b_i, \delta b_i; \bar{b}) = \begin{cases} \mathcal{N}(b_i, \delta b_i; \bar{b}) , \, \delta b_i/b_i < 20\% \\ \ln \mathcal{N}(b_i, \delta b_i; \bar{b}) , \, \delta b_i/b_i \ge 20\% \end{cases} , (17)$$

where \mathcal{N} is the Gaussian distribution and $\ln \mathcal{N}$ is the log-

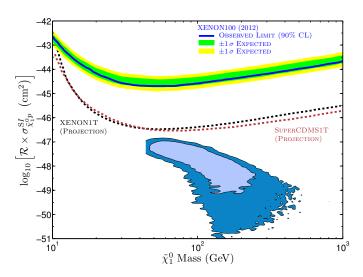


FIG. 5. A display of the 1σ and 2σ credible regions of the marginalized posterior PDF of $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA in the plane of the spin-independent $p-\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ cross section and the $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ mass. The current limit from XENON100 is displayed as well as the projected sensitivities for XENON1T and SuperCDMS1T.

normal distribution. As a further heuristic, it is necessary to account for cases when either $b_i = 0$ or $\delta b_i = 0$. These cases are clearly oversights in the CMS *preliminary* analysis summary; still they must be addressed. We choose a sentinel value $\Delta = 10^{-6}$ and use $\delta b_i = \Delta$ if δb_i is zero and we set $b_i = \delta b_i$ if b_i is zero.

The expected signal yield s_i is the product of the efficiency ϵ_i with the total SUSY cross section and the integrated luminosity. The efficiency ϵ_i is the proportion of the total generated events that would be counted in the i^{th} bin, and is determined by running the events through a detector simulation, which we have carried out with PGS4 [103]. Jet objects were reconstructed using the anti- k_{T} algorithm, with a distance parameter of 0.5. We implemented the cuts to place events into bins in a modified version of PARVICURSOR [104]. The object selection criteria, event vetoes, and geometrical cuts are reproduced as in [102].

To combine the likelihood from these searches to the likelihood function described in Section III, we first compute the likelihood for the Standard Model according to this analysis by turning off the signal, $\mathfrak{L}_{\mathrm{SM}} = \mathfrak{L}_{\mathrm{LHC}}|_{s=0}$. We then add the likelihood ratio statistic to the full likelihood function,

$$-2\ln\mathfrak{L} \to -2\ln\mathfrak{L} - 2\ln\left(\min\left\{\frac{\mathfrak{L}_{\rm LHC}}{\mathfrak{L}_{\rm SM}}, 1\right\}\right), \quad (18)$$

which is approximately χ^2 distributed, and is a natural addition to the other "pull" terms in our likelihood function. Having computed the updated likelihood due to these CMS searches, it is necessary to re-weight the samples by a factor exp ($\Delta \ln \mathfrak{L}$). We can now proceed to determine the marginalized posterior probability distributions within our parameters of interest.

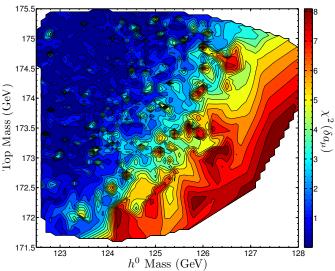


FIG. 6. A display of level curves in the statistic $\chi^2 (\delta a_\mu)$, which is the contribution to $-2 \ln \mathfrak{L}$ due to δa_μ . The level curves are given in the plane of the top mass and h^0 mass. The level curves are constructed by interpolating equally-weighted sample points. The interpolation is also colored by $\chi^2(\delta a_\mu)$ so that blue region indicates a good agreement with δa_μ and the red region indicates a poor agreement.

V. RESULTS

In this section we present the results from our Bayesian analysis. Given our likelihood function, we determine the Bayesian evidence of $_{\tilde{q}}$ SUGRA to be $\ln \mathcal{Z} = -11.9 \pm 0.042$. We provide this for reference, as we do not perform a model selection test. The best-fit point in our analysis is determined to have $\chi^2_{\rm min} = 2.73$, and leaving out some of the nuisance parameters, is specified by $(m_0, \widetilde{m}_{1/2}, A_0, \tan\beta, m_t^{\text{pole}}) =$ (341, 429, 298, 9.73, 174) where the massive parameters are specified in GeV. This point illustrates the general result of $_{\tilde{a}}$ SUGRA that high h^0 mass and δa_{μ} can be simultaneously satisfied. Additionally, the large scalar quark and gluino masses allow for consistency with $\mathcal{B}r\left(B_s^0 \to \mu^+\mu^-\right)$ and $\mathcal{B}r\left(B \to X_s\gamma\right)$. The credible regions in the masses of the heavier particles in $_{\tilde{q}}$ SUGRA are presented in the right panel of Fig. 2, and the light particles of $_{\tilde{q}}$ SUGRA that create the δa_{μ} contribution as well as the contribution to the diphoton Higgs decay are given in the left panel.

The 1σ and 2σ credible regions in our parameters of interest are given in Fig. 3, where we have chosen to use the dimensionless parameter A_0/m_0 . The 1D posterior distributions in these parameters are given in the top panels of Fig. 4, though here we did give the distribution for the dimensionful parameter A_0 .

While $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA largely achieves the correct h^0 mass and δa_{μ} contribution as shown in the middle two lower panels of Fig. 4, the posterior distribution in the top mass is shifted up from the central value by 0.5 GeV to 174 GeV, which is evident in the lower left panel of Fig. 4. The tension between the top mass, the h^0 mass and δa_{μ} is clearly displayed in Fig. 6 where we have interpolated sample points from a slice in our likelihood function and presented level curves in " $\chi^2(\delta a_{\mu})$ " which is the contribution to $-2 \ln \mathfrak{L}$ due to δa_{μ} . It is evident that the higher h^0 mass and δa_{μ} is best matched in $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA for a slightly heavier top quark.

We point out that this tension is not overly significant in $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA for two reasons. First, there is a large theoretical uncertainty in the calculation of the h^0 mass at the 2-loop level, which when considered does lift most of the tension. Next, we specified in $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA $M_3 = 10 \tilde{m}_{1/2}$, where 10 is an arbitrary choice. Allowing the coefficient to be a new degree of freedom or simply selecting several different choices will likely resolve this tension as well.

In our Bayesian analysis, we have sampled the parameter space using the older WMAP7 value for ω_{γ} in \mathcal{L} but we can see from the fourth panel from the left in the bottom row of Fig. 4 that the slightly larger value indicated by WMAP9 and Planck would simply enlarge our credible region. Additionally, we see in Fig. 5 that $_{\tilde{q}}$ SUGRA is not currently constrained by the best available limit on the direct detection of $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ dark matter, and is slightly beyond the projected sensitivity of XENON1T and Super-CDMS1T, creating a sort of nightmare scenario for dark matter experiments, as our dark matter signal would be competing with the cosmic neutrino background. The LSP in our model is consistently a bino, and the $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$ is a wino. There is virtually no mixing with the Higgsino sector as the Higgsino mass parameter μ becomes very large due to the large M_3 . The sensitivity to dark matter experiments can be increased by adjusting the ratio of M_1 to M_2 to allow for greater bino-wino mixing within the LSP state.

One of the exceptional aspects of \tilde{g} SUGRA is the presence of many light superpartners that have thus far evaded detection at the LHC. We concede that the searches that we considered here are not by any means comprehensive, but they are designed to constrain the production modes most prevalent in \tilde{g} SUGRA. The limits are evaded largely due to the stringent selection criteria and the difficulty in identifying τ leptons. Additionally, the mass hierarchy of \tilde{g} SUGRA limits the possibility of cascading decays.

We note that the parametric space of $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA, naturally fits into the Hyperbolic Branch [105–107] of radiative breaking of the electroweak symmetry. This is due to the fact that the stop masses are driven to be large by the gluino, giving a large $Q = \sqrt{m_{\widetilde{t}_1} m_{\widetilde{t}_2}}$, and it was shown in [108, 109] that $Q \gtrsim 1$ TeV corresponds to a hyperbolic geometry of soft parameters that give radiative EWSB (a large SUSY scale in the tens of TeV also arises in a certain class of string motivated models [110, 111]). Still, $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA as it stands produces a large value of μ with respect to the Z mass. Specifically, a large value of M_3 which

enters in the corrections to the H_2 field mass.

A. Higgs Diphoton Decay

In the Standard Model, the loop-induced decay of the Higgs into two photons is mediated mainly by the W, top, and to a lesser extent, the bottom quark. The partial width reads [112]

$$\Gamma(H \to \gamma \gamma) = \frac{\alpha_{\rm EM}^2 m_H^2}{256v^2 \pi^3} \left| \sum_{f=t,b} N_{c,f} Q_f^2 A_{1/2}(\tau_f) + A_1(\tau_W) \right|^2$$
(19)

where $\tau_i = 4m_i^2/m_H^2$, and the spin form factors are

$$A_{1/2}(\tau) = 2\tau \left(1 - (\tau - 1)f(\tau)\right)$$
(20)

$$A_1(\tau) = -(2+3\tau - 3\tau(\tau - 2)f(\tau))$$
(21)

and the universal scaling function $f(\tau)$ is

$$f(\tau) = \begin{cases} \arcsin^2 \left(\tau^{-1/2}\right) & : \tau \ge 1\\ -\frac{1}{4} \left(\ln\frac{1+\sqrt{1-\tau}}{1-\sqrt{1-\tau}} - \imath\pi\right)^2 & : \tau < 1 \end{cases}$$
(22)

Supersymmetry corrects this partial width [28] by factors involving the Higgs mixing angle α and β arising from the two Higgs doublets. Additionally, new amplitudes are available mediated by the charged Higgs, charginos, and sfermions. The couplings to the charginos arise from Higgsino–gaugino mixing, but in $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA the Higgsinos are very heavy thus the lighter chargino is always purely charged wino while the heavier one is purely charged Higgsino. This means that overall the chargino contribution is small either because the coupling is suppressed or because the mass is too large. The charged Higgs exchange is also suppressed due to its large mass. Thus the largest contributions can come only from the sfermion sector, which in $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA is dominated by the staus.

In the decoupling limit where $M_A \gg M_Z$ which corresponds to $\alpha = \beta - \pi/2$, the Higgs coupling to the staus is given by [52, 53]

$$g_{h^{0}\tilde{\tau}_{i}\tilde{\tau}_{i}} = I_{3}^{\tau}c_{i} \mp Q_{\tau}\sin^{2}\theta_{\mathrm{W}}\cos 2\theta_{\tilde{\tau}}$$
$$\mp \frac{m_{\tau}(A_{\ell} - \mu \tan\beta)}{2M_{\tau}^{2}}\sin 2\theta_{\tilde{\tau}} - \frac{m_{\tau}^{2}}{M_{\tau}^{2}} \quad (23)$$

with $c_1 = \cos^2 \theta_{\tilde{\tau}}$, and $c_2 = \sin^2 \theta_{\tilde{\tau}}$. The '-' case corresponds to i = 1, and the '+' case corresponds to i = 2. The partial width in $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA including the amplitude due to status then reads

$$\Gamma\left(h^{0} \to \gamma\gamma\right) = \frac{\alpha_{\rm EM}^{2} m_{H}^{2}}{256v^{2}\pi^{3}} \left| \sum_{f=t,b} N_{c,f} Q_{f}^{2} A_{1/2}(\tau_{f}) + A_{1}(\tau_{W}) + \sum_{i=1,2} g_{h^{0}\tilde{\tau}_{1}\tilde{\tau}_{2}} \frac{M_{Z}^{2}}{m_{\tilde{\tau}}^{2}} A_{0}(\tau_{i}) \right|^{2}$$
(24)

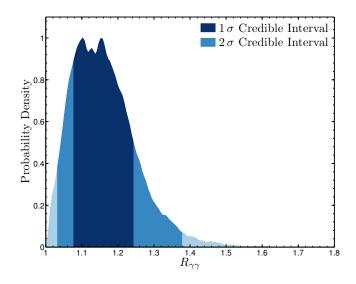


FIG. 7. A display of the marginalized posterior probability density of $R_{\gamma\gamma}$ from our analysis. The 1σ and 2σ credible intervals are indicated in darker blues. We define $R_{\gamma\gamma}$ as the ratio of the diphoton partial width of the light *CP*-even Higgs boson to the corresponding width for a Standard Model Higgs of the same mass (see Eq. (8)).

and the spin zero form factor is

$$A_0(\tau) = -\tau (1 - \tau f(\tau)) .$$
 (25)

We identify the ratio of this partial width to the Standard Model width given in Eq. (19) as $R_{\gamma\gamma}$. (We have taken the ratio of the theoretical and observed h^0 production to be unity.) We compute this ratio for each of our Monte Carlo samples and construct the 1D posterior PDF in this derived parameter which we present in Fig. 7. We find that $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA generically produces a ~ 20% boost to this decay mode over the Standard Model case. The 2σ credible interval is [1.03, 1.38], which is quite consistent with the preliminary results arriving from the LHC, but is also consistent with the SM prediction.

In the future the Higgs boson couplings will be measured with greater precision and $R_{\gamma\gamma}$ will be more precisely known. In this case the experimental value of $R_{\gamma\gamma}$ will become a constraint to be imposed on the model. Under this constraint the predictions of the model related to the color particles will remain unchanged. However, a smaller $R_{\gamma\gamma}$ would indicate a smaller $g_{\mu} - 2$ correction to the standard model result. It is possible that the use of M_1, M_2 as free parameters may allow one the possibility of a significant $g_{\mu} - 2$ correction while $R_{\gamma\gamma}$ remains consistent with the SM value. A separate analysis is needed to investigate this possibility.

VI. CONCLUSION

The recent observation of the Higgs boson mass around 125 GeV points to large loop corrections which can be

achieved with a large weak scale of SUSY. A large SUSY scale also explains the suppression of SUSY contributions to the decay $B_s^0 \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-$, to be consistent with the recently measured branching ratio for this process. On the other hand, the experimental observation of a 3σ effect in δa_{μ} and a possible excess in the diphoton rate $R_{\gamma\gamma}$ in the Higgs boson decay over the standard model prediction cannot be explained with a high SUSY scale. Thus the two sets of data point to a two scale SUSY spectrum, one a high scale consisting of colored particles, i.e., the squarks and the gluinos, and the Higgs bosons (aside from the lightest Higgs) and the other a low scale for masses of uncolored particles including sleptons and the electroweak gauginos.

In this work we discuss the high scale supergravity grand unified model, \tilde{a} SUGRA, which includes the feature of a two scale sparticle spectrum where the sparticle spectrum is widely split at the electroweak scale. This is accomplished within supergravity grand unification with non-universal gaugino masses such that $M_3 \gg$ M_1, M_2, m_0 . As an illustration we consider the specific case where M_1 : M_2 : $M_3 = 1$: 1: 10 at the unification scale, $M_1 = M_2 = \widetilde{m}_{1/2}$ and $M_3 \gg m_0$. This case is designed to be mainly illustrative and can be easily embedded within SU(5) and SO(10). Using a Bayesian Monte Carlo analysis, It is found that this construction simultaneously explains the high h^0 mass, null results for squarks and gluino searches at the LHC, a negligible correction to the branching ratio for $B_s^0 \to \mu^+ \mu^-$, a 3σ deviation of $g_{\mu} - 2$ from the Standard Model prediction as well as the nascent excess in the Higgs diphoton signal.

The observable sparticle spectrum at the LHC in this model consists of light sleptons and light electroweak gauginos. However, sleptons and electroweak gauginos are typically difficult to observer at the LHC and thus far have evaded detection in multi-lepton searches in experiments at the ATLAS and the CMS detectors with the 7 TeV and 8 TeV data. The most promising $2 \rightarrow 2$ processes that can generate sparticles at the LHC in this model are $pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm} \tilde{\chi}_1^{\mp}, \tilde{\chi}_2^0 \tilde{\chi}_1^{\pm}$. The identifying signatures of such processes will indeed be multi-leptons and missing energy. It is hoped that at increased energies and with larger luminosities such signals will lie in the observable region. However, a detailed analysis of the signals is needed, requiring a knowledge of the backgrounds.

Another aspect of the simplified $_{\widetilde{g}}$ SUGRA model relates to the spin-independent $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 - p$ cross section. This cross section is found to be rather small for the case when the gaugino masses are chosen in the ratio 1 : 1 : 10. The reason for this smallness is easily understood. The constraint $M_1 = M_2$ at the GUT scale, leads to an LSP which is essentially purely bino with very little Higgsino or wino content. The purely bino nature of the LSP leads to a suppressed $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 - p$ cross section (see e.g., [113]) which lies beyond the reach of the current and projected sensitivities for direct-detection experiments. However, the above result is very specific to the $M_1: M_2: M_3 = 1: 1: 10$ assumption and a modification of the above should allow $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 - p$ cross section within the observable range in the projected sensitivities for directdetection experiments. We note that while our analysis was performed using the older WMAP7 measurement of the cold dark matter relic density, the newer measurements from WMAP9 and Planck (with 15.5 months of data) only slightly increase the measurement. As we only apply the upper limit from these measurements to allow for the possibility of multi-component theories of dark matter, the newer results would only expand the credible regions of our parameter space and either increase or not affect at all the likelihood of our best-fit point.

Finally, we note that the large squark masses in $_{\tilde{g}}$ SUGRA would also help stabilize the proton against decay from baryon and lepton number violating dimension five operators [109, 114, 115] (for a review see [116]).

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