

New constraints on the flavour structure of left-handed squarks

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„Do squarks have to be degenerate? Constraining
the mass splitting with $K - \bar{K}$ and $D - \bar{D}$ mixing.“

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1. Introduction

The squark mass mixing matrix:

$$\mathbf{M}_{\tilde{q}}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{q}LL}^2 & \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{q}LR}^2 \\ \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{q}RL}^2 & \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{q}RR}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

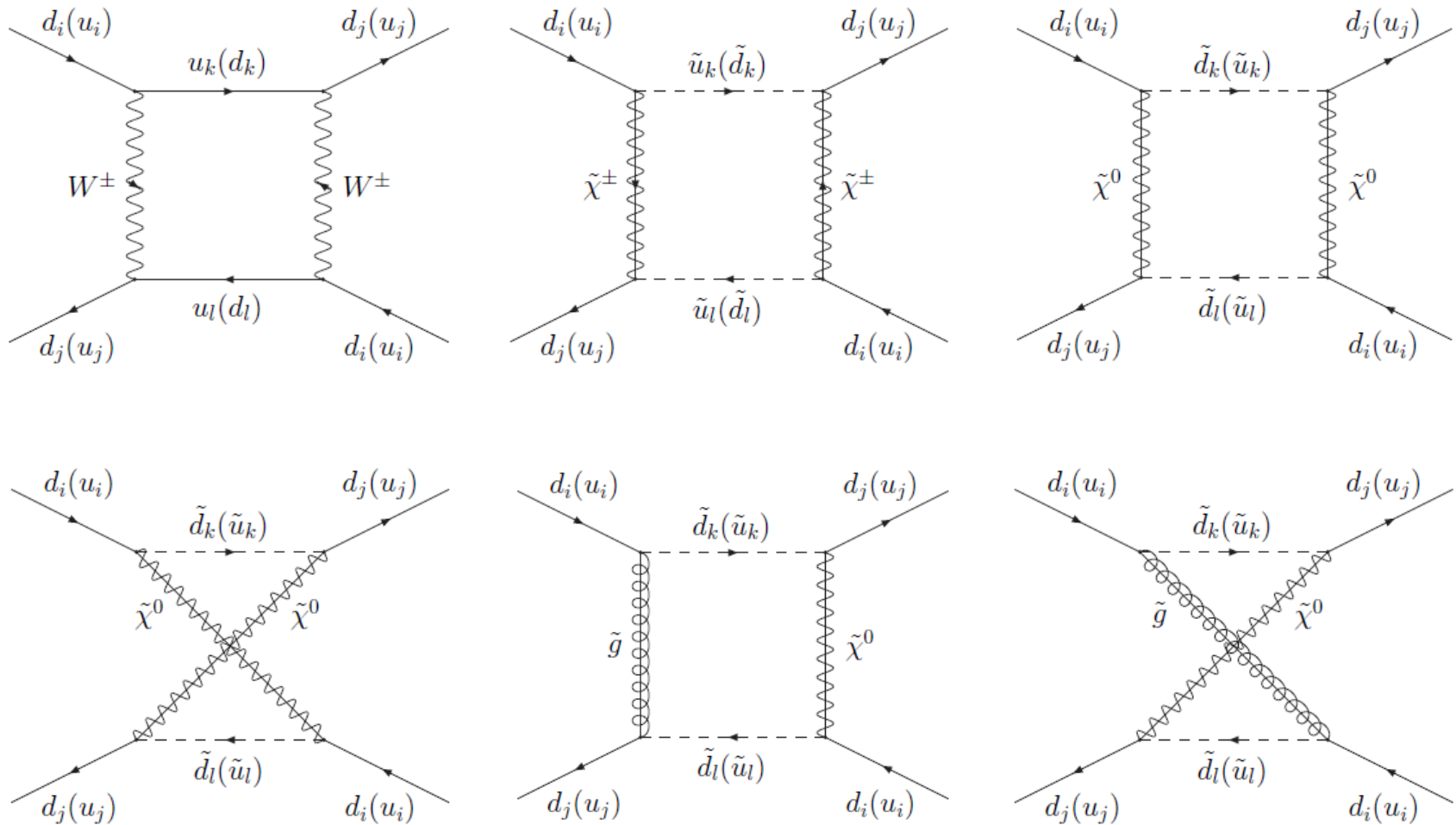
SU(2)_L gauge invariance:

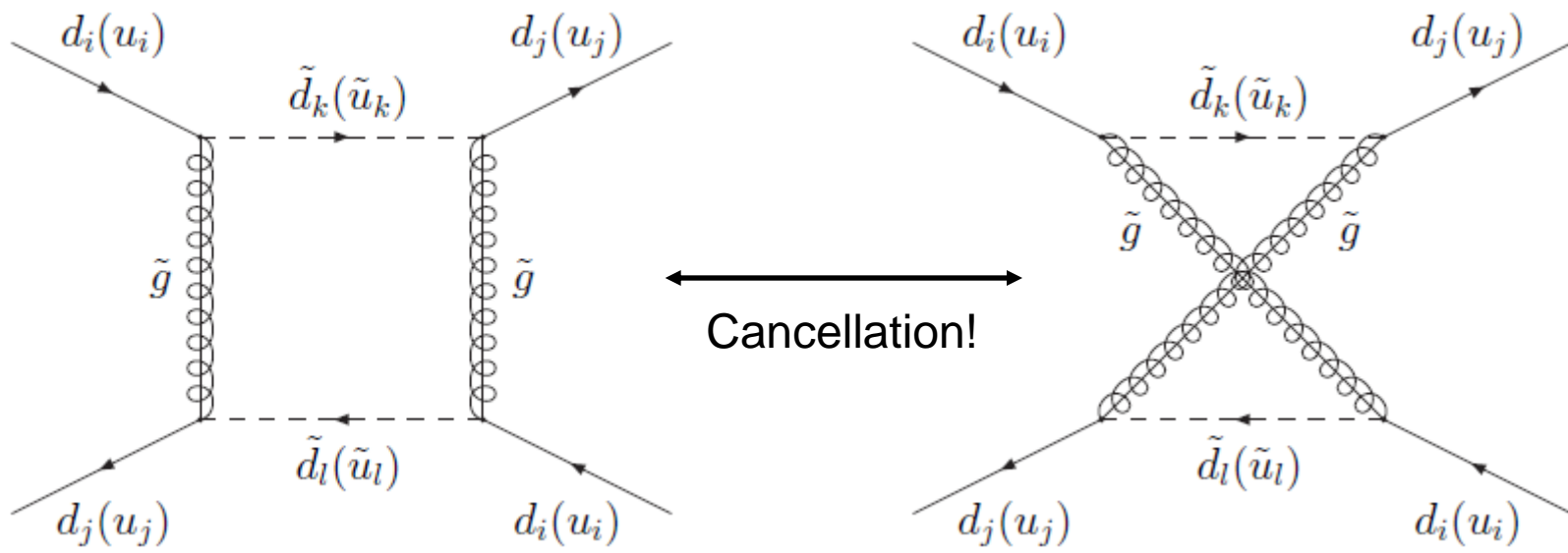
$$\mathbf{M}_{\tilde{u}LL}^2 = \mathbf{K} \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{d}LL}^2 \mathbf{K}^\dagger \quad \mathbf{K}: \text{CKM matrix}$$

Mass insertion parametrisation:

$$\delta_{ij}^{\tilde{q}XY} = \frac{\mathbf{M}_{\tilde{q}XY}^2}{\tilde{\mathbf{M}}^2} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{M}}^2 = \frac{1}{6} \sum_k \mathbf{M}_{\tilde{q}}^2{}_{kk}$$

2. Meson mixing in the MSSM





$$m_{\tilde{g}} \approx 1.5m_{\tilde{q}}$$

Meson-antimeson mixing: FCNC process, suppressed in the SM, because:

- loop induced.
- of smallness of the CKM elements.
- of GIM suppression.

Operator product expansion:

$$\langle M | H_{\text{full}} | \bar{M} \rangle = \sum_i C_i \mu \langle M | Q_i \mu | \bar{M} \rangle$$

Most important contribution from

$$Q_1 = \bar{q}_1^\alpha \gamma_\mu P_L q_2^\alpha \bar{q}_1^\beta \gamma^\mu P_L q_2^\beta$$

→ Wilson coefficient

$$C_1 = C_1^{\text{SM}} + C_1^{\tilde{\chi}^\pm \tilde{\chi}^\pm} + C_1^{\tilde{\chi}^0 \tilde{\chi}^0} + C_1^{\tilde{g}\tilde{g}} + C_1^{\tilde{g}\tilde{\chi}^0}$$

3. Electroweak contributions

Electroweak contribution suppressed by a factor g_2^4 / g_s^4 in comparison to the gluino contribution.

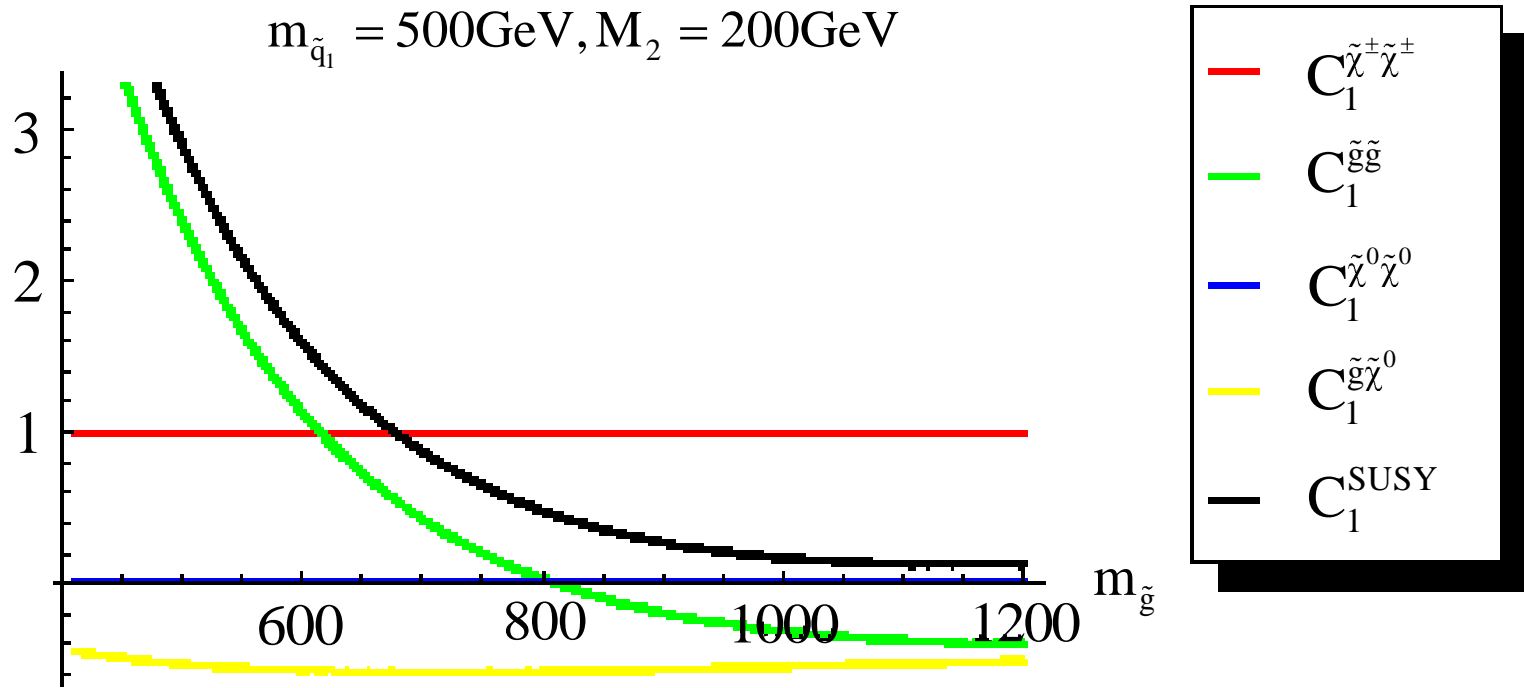
↳ **Neglected in most analyses.**

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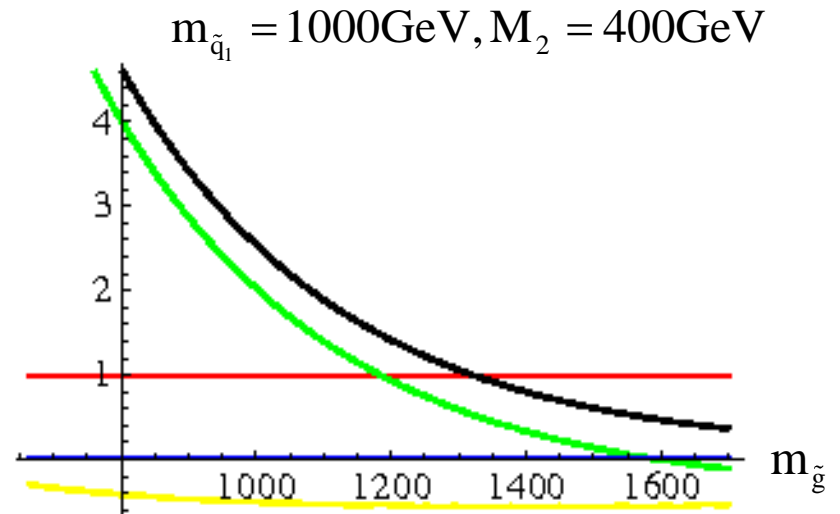
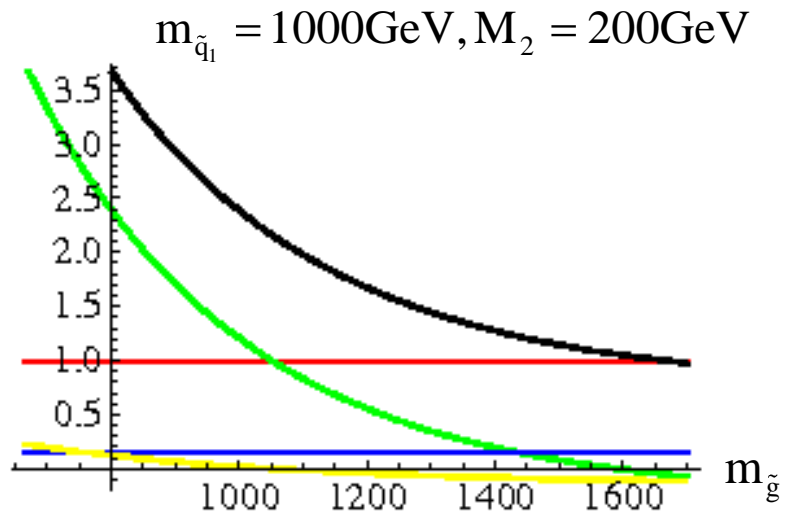
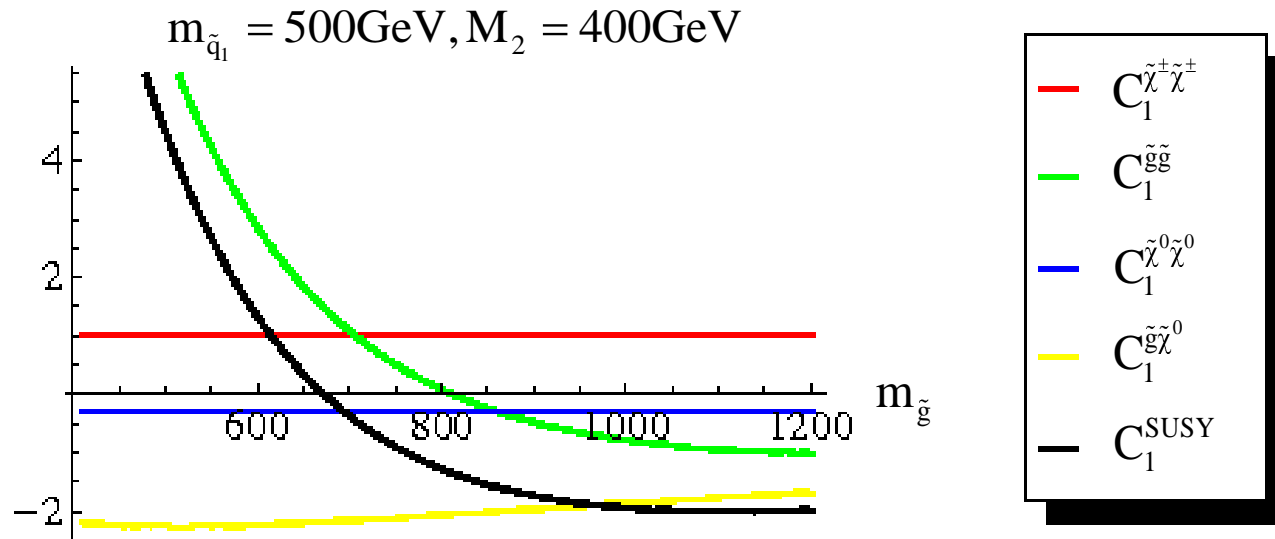
- Winos couple to \tilde{q}_L with g_2 .
- Cancellation between the crossed and uncrossed gluino boxes for $m_{\tilde{g}} \approx 1.5m_{\tilde{q}}$.
- No such cancellation in the chargino box diagrams.



If $\delta_{ij}^{\tilde{q}LL} \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ **Neglecting the gaugino contribution is not justified.**



Size of the real part of Wilson coefficient C_1 normalised to the chargino contribution.



4. Constraining the mass splitting of the first two generations of left-handed squarks

Experimental bounds from FCNCs

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- Super GIM mechanism necessary.
 - Bounds on the mass insertions $\delta_{ij}^{\tilde{q}XY}$.

Question: Which regions in the MSSM parameter space with non-degenerate squarks are compatible with $K-\bar{K}$ and $D-\bar{D}$ mixing?

Constraints from $\Delta m_{K,D}^{\text{NP}} \leq \Delta m_{K,D}^{\text{exp}}$ and $|\epsilon_K^{\text{NP}}| \leq 0.6 |\epsilon_K^{\text{exp}}|$.

(Blum et al., PRL 102 (2009) 211802; Agashe et al. hep-ph/0509117); see analyses from UTfit and CKMfitter collaborations.

Four scenarios:

1. Complete alignment in the up sector:

$$M_{\tilde{u}LL}^2 = \text{diag } m_{\tilde{q}_1}^2, m_{\tilde{q}_2}^2, m_{\tilde{q}_2}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{SU } 2} \delta_{12}^{\tilde{d}LL} = \lambda \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{q}_1}^2 - m_{\tilde{q}_2}^2}{\tilde{M}^2}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^5)$$

→ **Constraints from Kaon mixing.**

Wolfenstein parameter $\lambda = 0.23$.

2. Complete alignment in the down sector:

$$M_{\tilde{d}LL}^2 = \text{diag } m_{\tilde{q}_1}^2, m_{\tilde{q}_2}^2, m_{\tilde{q}_2}^2 \xrightarrow{\text{SU } 2} \delta_{12}^{\tilde{u}LL} = \lambda \left(1 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2}\right) \left(\frac{m_{\tilde{q}_2}^2 - m_{\tilde{q}_1}^2}{\tilde{M}^2}\right) + \mathcal{O}(\lambda^5)$$

→ **Constraints from D- \bar{D} mixing**

3. Intermediate alignment:

(Blum et al., PRL 102 (2009) 211802, arXiv: 0903.2118v1 [hep-ph].)

$$\mathbf{M}_{\tilde{u}LL}^2 = \mathbf{V}_d^\dagger \cdot \text{diag } m_{\tilde{q}1}^2, m_{\tilde{q}2}^2, m_{\tilde{q}2}^2 \cdot \mathbf{V}_d \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{V}_d = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_d & \sin \theta_d & 0 \\ -\sin \theta_d & \cos \theta_d & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

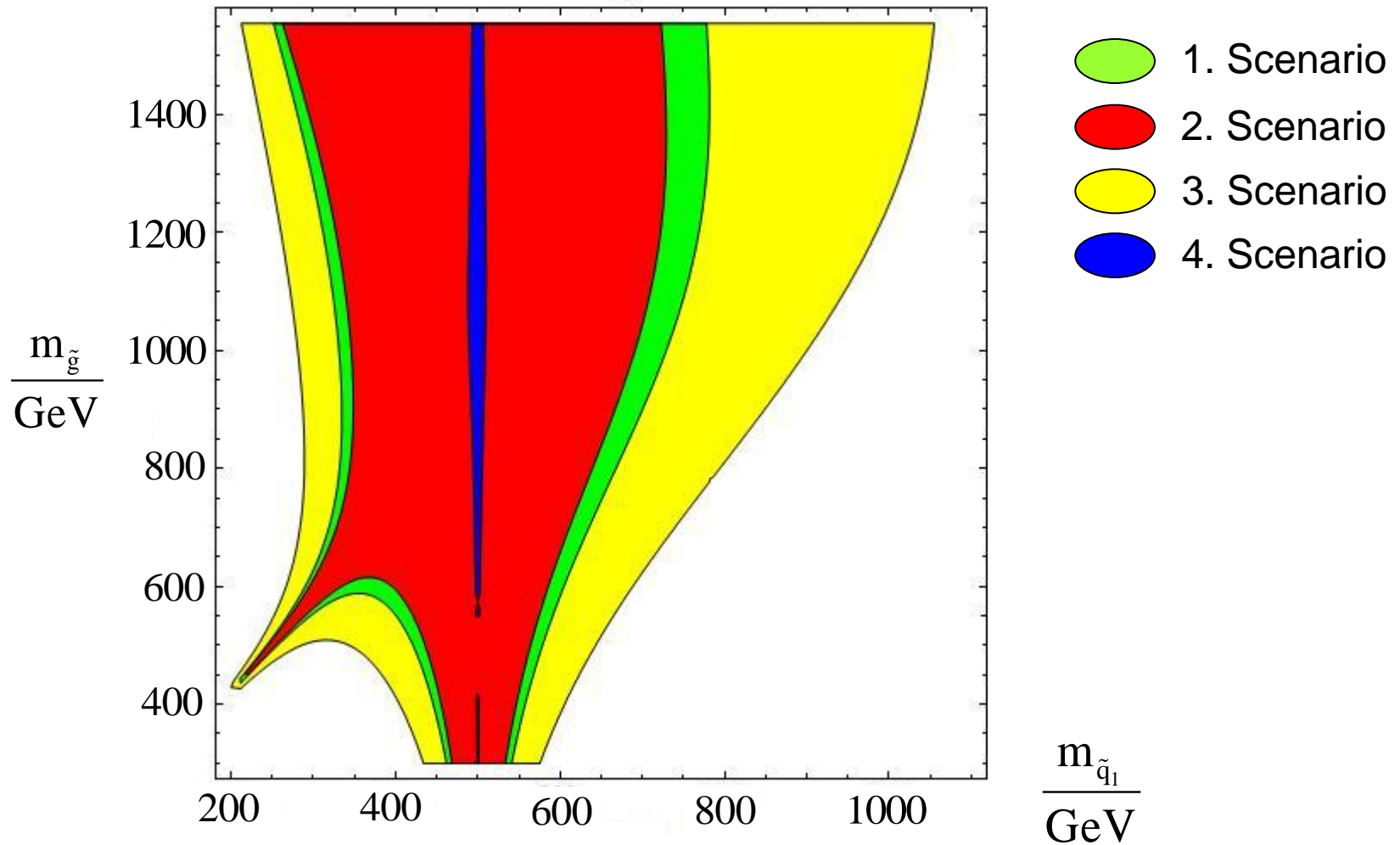
$$\theta_d = f \left(|C_1^K|, |C_1^D|, \theta_c \right) = 6.9^\circ$$

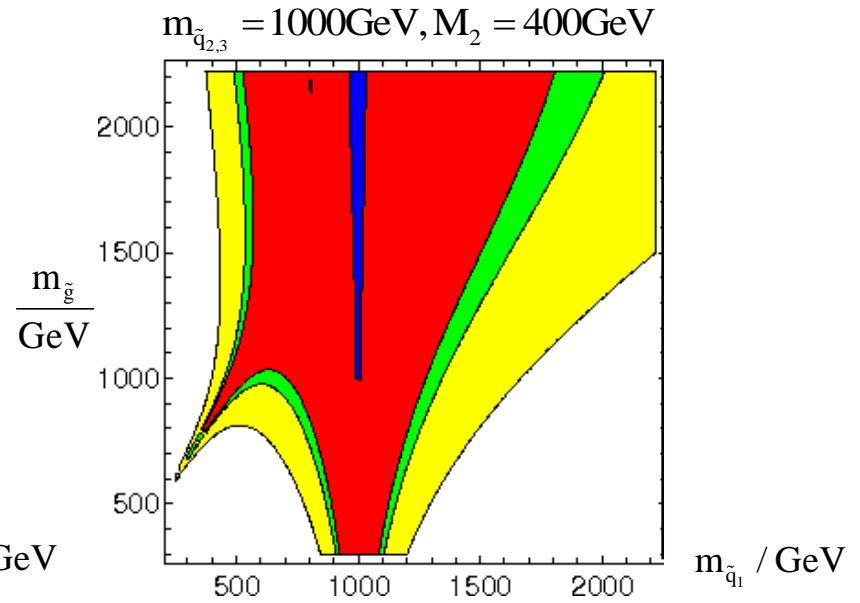
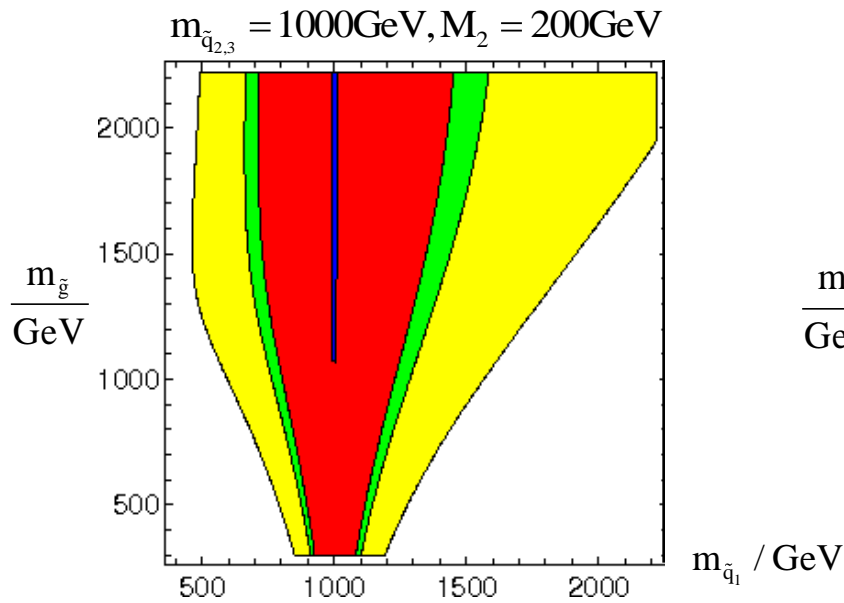
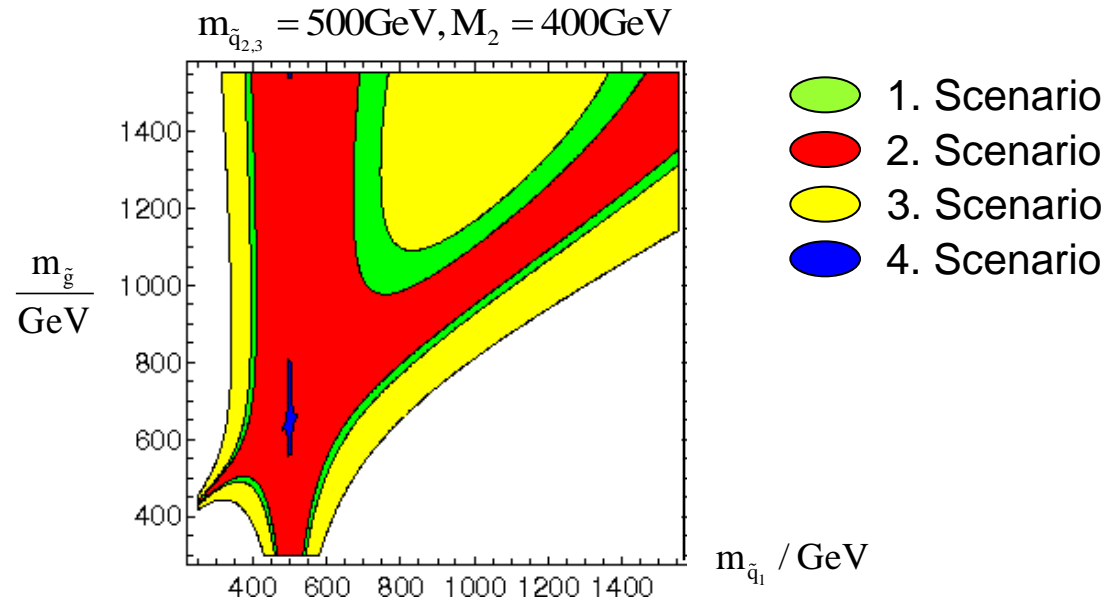
4. Off-diagonal element with maximal phase:

$$\mathbf{M}_{\tilde{d}LL}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} m_{\tilde{q}}^2 & \tilde{M}^2 \left| \delta_{12}^{\tilde{d}LL} \right| e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} & 0 \\ \tilde{M}^2 \left| \delta_{12}^{\tilde{d}LL} \right| e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}} & m_{\tilde{q}}^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & m_{\tilde{q}}^2 \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{Maximal imaginary part of } C_1^K.$$

\Downarrow
 Maximal constraint on the mass splitting from $|\varepsilon_K|$.

$$m_{\tilde{q}_{2,3}} = 500\text{GeV}, M_2 = 200\text{GeV}$$





5. Summary and Conclusions

- We examined the constraints on the mass splitting between the first two generations of left-handed squarks from K - \bar{K} and D - \bar{D} mixing.
- We considered the gluino as well as the electroweak contributions and examined their size.
- The gluino contribution suffers from the cancellation between the crossed and uncrossed boxes for $m_{\tilde{g}} \approx 1.5m_{\tilde{q}}$.
 - \Rightarrow In the presence of $\delta_{ij}^{\tilde{q}LL}$ the electroweak contribution can be of the same order as the gluino contribution, especially if $m_{\tilde{q}} < m_{\tilde{g}}$ and $M_2 = (\alpha_2 / \alpha_3)m_{\tilde{g}}$.
- There are strong constraints on the mass splitting of the first two generations of left-handed squarks for light gluino masses.
- For $m_{\tilde{g}} \approx m_{\tilde{q}}$ there are large regions allowed with highly non-degenerate squark masses.
 - \Rightarrow Interesting for LHC benchmark scenarios and models with Abelian flavour symmetries.