Fermionic decays of neutral MSSM Higgs bosons
at the one-loop level

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Abstract

The results of a complete one-loop calculation for the fermionic decay width \( \Gamma(h^0, H^0, A^0 \rightarrow f \bar{f}) \) of the neutral MSSM Higgs bosons are presented and the dominant light Higgs decay channel \( h^0 \rightarrow b \bar{b} \) is discussed in detail. The enhancement of \( \Gamma(h^0 \rightarrow b \bar{b}) \) compared to the standard Higgs decay is shown for pseudoscalar masses \( M_A \leq 300 \text{ GeV} \), where the one-loop contributions in the MSSM and SM are different. Simpler approximation formulae for the Higgs decays are given and their quality is discussed by introducing an effective neutral scalar mixing angle \( \sin^2 \alpha_{eff} \). Finally the Higgs branching ratios in \( b \bar{b}, c \bar{c}, \tau^+\tau^- \) are calculated.
1 Introduction

Supersymmetry is at present the most predictive framework for physics beyond the standard model [1]. One theoretical motivation is the cancellation of quadratically divergent contributions to the mass of the scalar Higgs particle. This problem of naturalness is solved in supersymmetric theories. Supersymmetric models allow the unification of gauge couplings at the GUT scale $\mathcal{O}(10^{15} \text{ GeV})$ [2].

The minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) is considered as the most general supersymmetric extension of the standard model (SM) at low energies [3]. The Higgs sector of the MSSM is that of a 2-Higgs-doublet model, where the coefficients of the Higgs potential are restricted by supersymmetry. As a consequence of the supersymmetric Higgs potential, a light Higgs boson exists with a tree level upper mass bound given by the $Z^0$ mass. Radiative corrections to the Higgs mass spectrum, however, predict an upper limit of the light Higgs mass $\mathcal{O}(130 \text{ GeV})$ [4, 5]. Calculations were performed at the one-loop level using renormalization group technique [6], effective potential approximation [7] and one-loop calculations with top and stop contributions [8, 9]. Two-loop effects to the upper limit of the lightest Higgs boson mass are discussed in [10].

Production and decay properties of the Higgs boson are characteristic quantities for the experimental Higgs search at LEP 2, at a 500 GeV $e^+e^-$ collider and LHC. Precise predictions of these quantities require the inclusion of radiative corrections. The one-loop Higgs production cross section and their respective branching ratios (decay width) at $e^+e^-$ and $pp$ colliders may allow to distinguish between a standard or MSSM Higgs sector. As a first step, complete on-shell renormalization schemes for the MSSM Higgs sector were presented [8, 9, 11, 12].

In this article the complete one-loop partial decay width of the neutral MSSM Higgs bosons $h^0$ ($H^0, A^0$) $\rightarrow f\bar{f}$ is calculated within the on-shell scheme [12]. The dominant fermionic decay width of the light MSSM Higgs boson is discussed in detail and the branching ratios of the light scalar Higgs $h^0$ in $b\bar{b}$, $c\bar{c}$, $\tau^+\tau^-$ are presented. The discussion points out the differences of the MSSM and the standard Higgs decay width and branching ratios.

Section 2 presents an overview of the Higgs production and decay mechanisms, including radiative corrections. The fermionic decay width with full one-loop corrections is
calculated in section 3. Finally the numerical results for the decay width and branching ratios are discussed in section 4 for QED/QCD, gluino and weak MSSM virtual contributions. Vertex corrections and self energies are given in the appendix.

2 Decay channels of the neutral Higgs boson

Once a Higgs boson is found, it is of importance to investigate its characteristic decay properties. The observed cross section is composed by the production cross section for $e^+e^- \rightarrow Zh(H)$ or $e^+e^- \rightarrow Ah(H)$ and the branching ratios for the subsequent decays of the scalar bosons. The decay width (respectively the branching ratios) as well as the mass-width correlation are the quantities to differentiate between Higgs bosons of various origin. In the following we briefly review the decay modes of the neutral MSSM Higgs particles and discuss the most important fermionic decays in some more detail. Except from a small part of the parameter space, the fermionic decays are the only decay modes of the light Higgs allowed at tree level. The bosonic decays $H^0 \rightarrow ZZ,WW$ (which are dominant above the threshold in case of the standard Higgs) are kept small also for increasing $M_{H^0}$ by the factor $\cos^2(\alpha - \beta)$.

In Tab. 1 we list the various decay channels of the neutral Higgs bosons indicating the level of the theoretical predictions by:

- full electroweak: complete 1-loop electroweak calculation performed and available
- QCD: QCD corrections performed and available
- improved Born: decay width is calculated including the complete 1-loop scalar 2-point functions.

The signature $\circ$ denotes the corresponding decay mode as proceeding through 1-loop in lowest order.

3 Fermionic Higgs decays

3.1 Tree level structure

The Higgs sector of the MSSM consists of two scalar doublets $H_1, H_2$ with opposite hypercharge $Y_1 = -Y_2 = -1$ and vacuum expectation values $v_1, v_2$ \cite{1,2}. The Higgs potential contains two independent free parameters, which can conveniently be chosen as $\tan \beta = v_2/v_1$ and $M_A$, where $M_A$ is the mass of the $A^0$ boson.

In lowest order the Yukawa coupling of the standard (MSSM) Higgs bosons to fermions reads:

$$T_{Hff} = -\frac{iem_f}{2s_W M_W} \cdot \kappa_f^H,$$  \hspace{1cm} (3.1)
Table 1: Decay channels of the neutral Higgs bosons

|   | $f\bar{f}$ | $ZZ$ | $Z\gamma$ | $\gamma\gamma$ | $hh$ | $AA$ | $Zh$ |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| $h^0 \to$ | full EW$^1$ QCD$^3$ | full EW$^2$ | full EW$^2$ QCD$^4$ | full EW$^2$ QCD$^5$ | full EW$^2$ | full EW$^2$ | full EW$^2$ |
| $H^0 \to$ | full EW$^1$ QCD$^3$ | full EW$^2$ | full EW$^2$ QCD$^4$ | full EW$^2$ QCD$^5$ | full EW$^2$ | full EW$^2$ | full EW$^2$ |
| $A^0 \to$ | full EW$^1$ QCD$^3$ | full EW$^2$ | full EW$^2$ QCD$^4$ | full EW$^2$ QCD$^5$ | - | - | full EW$^2$ |

$^1$ Dabelstein, Hollik
$^2$ Chankowski, Pokorski, Rosiek [11, 13]
$^3$ Braaten, Leveille [14]; Bardin et al. [15]; Drees, Hikasa [16], Chankowski et al. [13]
$^4$ Djouadi, Spira, van der Bij, Zerwas [17]
$^5$ Djouadi, Spira, Zerwas [18]
$^6$ Gunion, Haber [19], improved by the Higgs 2-point functions from Chankowski, Pokorski, Rosiek [13]
$^7$ Ng, Pois, Yuan; Djouadi, Drees [20]

where the weak mixing angle $s_W = \sin \theta_W$ is introduced in the convention of $s_W^2 = 1 - M_Z^2/M_W^2$ [21]. The coefficients $\kappa_f^H$ are listed in Tab. 2 for the neutral Higgs particles of the standard model ($H = SM$) and the MSSM ($H = h^0, H^0, A^0$). In lowest order, the partial decay width $H \to f\bar{f}$ of a neutral Higgs boson $H$ can be written in the following way:

$$\Gamma_0(H \to f\bar{f}) = \frac{N_C G_F m_H^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} \beta^n m_H |\kappa_f^H|^2,$$

where $n = 3, 3, 3, 1$ for $H = H_{SM}, h^0, H^0, A^0$. In the following $H$ always denotes one of
the neutral Higgs particles, and
\[\tilde{\beta} = \sqrt{1 - \frac{4m_f^2}{m_H^2}}.\]

\(G_F\) is the Fermi constant, related to \(M_W\) by
\[G_F = \frac{\pi \alpha}{\sqrt{2} s_w^2 M_W^2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \Delta r},\]

where \(\Delta r\) is the (SM or MSSM) radiative correction to the \(\mu^-\) decay amplitude [22].

Radiative corrections in the MSSM Higgs sector modify the tree-level decay rate Eq. (3.2) substantially, with the main effect from loops involving the top quark and its scalar partner \(\tilde{t}\). The complete decay width comprises the following radiative corrections to

(i) the physical neutral scalar MSSM Higgs

(ii) the full one-loop decay amplitude \(H \to f \bar{f}\)

(iii) \(\Delta r\) in the MSSM.

### 3.2 One-loop structure \(H \to f \bar{f}\)

In this article the one-loop decay amplitudes \(H \to f \bar{f}\) are calculated within the complete one-loop renormalization scheme for the MSSM Higgs sector described in [12]. The one-loop decay widths for \(h^0, H^0, A^0 \to f \bar{f}\) with full electroweak MSSM corrections read:

\[\Gamma_1(h^0 \to f \bar{f}) = \frac{N_C G_F m_f^2}{4 \sqrt{2\pi}} M_{h^0} \bar{\beta}^3 |\kappa_{f h^0}|^2 \cdot Z_{h^0} \left( |1 + Z_{h^0 h^0} \kappa_{f h^0}^\dagger \kappa_{h^0}^f|^2 + 2\Re\{1 + Z_{h^0 h^0} \kappa_{h^0}^f \kappa_{h^0}^f\} \Delta T_{h^0} \right) (1 - \Delta r_{MSSM})\]

\[\Gamma_1(H^0 \to f \bar{f}) = \frac{N_C G_F m_f^2}{4 \sqrt{2\pi}} M_{H^0} \bar{\beta}^3 |\kappa_{f H^0}|^2 \cdot Z_{H^0} \left( |1 + Z_{H^0 H^0} \kappa_{f H^0}^\dagger \kappa_{H^0}^f|^2 + 2\Re\{1 + Z_{H^0 H^0} \kappa_{H^0}^f \kappa_{H^0}^f\} \Delta T_{H^0} \right) (1 - \Delta r_{MSSM})\]

\[\Gamma_1(A^0 \to f \bar{f}) = \frac{N_C G_F m_f^2}{4 \sqrt{2\pi}} M_{A^0} \bar{\beta}^3 |\kappa_{f A^0}|^2 \left( 1 + 2\Re\{\Delta T_{A^0}\} \right) (1 - \Delta r_{MSSM})\]
$Z_{h^0}$ and $Z_{H^0}$ are finite wave function renormalizations of the external light and heavy Higgs particles:

$$
Z_{h^0} = \text{Res}_{M_{h^0}} \Delta_{h^0} = \frac{1}{1 + \hat{\Sigma}_{h^0}(k^2) - \left(\frac{\hat{\Sigma}_{h^0,H^0}(k^2)}{k^2 - m^2_{h^0} + \Sigma_{h^0}(k^2)}\right)} \mid k^2 = M^2_{h^0},
$$

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$$

where $\Delta_{h^0}$, $\Delta_{H^0}$ are the diagonal $h^0$, $H^0$-propagators and $\hat{\Sigma}_{h^0}$, $\hat{\Sigma}_{H^0}$, $\hat{\Sigma}_{hH}$ are the renormalized $h^0$, $H^0$ self energies and mixing \[\text{[12]}\]. The $h^0$-$H^0$ mixing enters in terms of

$$
Z_{h^0H^0} = -\frac{\hat{\Sigma}_{h^0H^0}(M^2_{h^0})}{M^2_{h^0} - m^2_{h^0} + \Sigma_{H^0}(M^2_{h^0})}
$$

$$
Z_{H^0h^0} = -\frac{\hat{\Sigma}_{h^0H^0}(M^2_{H^0})}{M^2_{H^0} - m^2_{H^0} + \Sigma_{h^0}(M^2_{H^0})}.
$$

The pseudoscalar Higgs self energy and $A^0G^0$ mixing in the decay width $\Gamma_1(A^0 \to f \bar{f})$, Eq. (3.4), do not contribute, because the renormalization condition sets the residue of the pseudoscalar Higgs propagator equal to one. The Slavnov-Taylor identity yields:

$$
k^2\hat{\Sigma}^{A^0G^0}(k^2) - M_Z \hat{\Sigma}^{A^0G^0}(M^2_{A^0}) = 0,
$$

where $\hat{\Sigma}^{A^0G^0}(M^2_{A^0}) = 0$ \[\text{[12]}\].

The renormalized vertex correction $\Delta T_h$ in Eq. (3.4) is the sum of the one-loop vertex diagrams $\Delta T_i$ given in appendix A and a counterterm CT:

$$
\Delta T_{h^0,H^0,A^0} = \sum_{i=1}^N \left( \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \Delta T_i \right)_{h^0,H^0,A^0} + CT.
$$

The counterterm CT reads:

$$
CT = \frac{\delta m_f}{m_f} + \frac{\delta Z^f_L + \delta Z^f_R}{2} + \frac{\delta v}{v},
$$

with the non-universal contribution from the fermion self energies (App. A):

$$
\frac{\delta m_f}{m_f} + \frac{\delta Z^f_L + \delta Z^f_R}{2} = \Sigma_S(m^2_f) - 2m^2_f(\Sigma_S'(m^2_f) + \Sigma_V'(m^2_f)),
$$

and the universal part:

$$
\frac{2}{v} \frac{\delta v}{v} = \frac{\delta v}{v} = -\Sigma_A(M^2_A) + \frac{\tan \beta - \cot \beta}{M_Z} \Sigma_{AZ}(M^2_A) - \\
(-\Sigma'(0) + 2 \frac{s_W}{c_W} \Sigma_{1Z}(0) + \frac{c^2_W}{s^2_W} \Sigma_{2Z}(M^2_Z) - \frac{s^2_W}{s^2_W} \Sigma_{3W}(M^2_W)).
$$
3.3 The one-loop mixing angle $\sin \alpha$

Introducing universal one-loop coupling coefficients via
\[
\kappa_{h^0,1-loop}^f = \sqrt{Z_{h^0} (\kappa_{h^0}^f + Z_{h^0 H^0} \kappa_{H^0}^f)}
\]
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\]

an effective universal one-loop mixing angle $\alpha_{1-loop}$ can be defined through the coefficients in Tab. 2:
\[
\sin^2 \alpha_{1-loop} = \cos^2 \beta \cdot (\kappa_{h^0,1-loop}^f)^2, \quad f = b \quad \text{and} \quad -\pi/2 \leq \alpha_{1-loop} \leq 0.
\]

A good approximation for this mixing angle $\alpha_{1-loop}$, including only the leading one-loop term
\[
\omega_t = \frac{N_C G_F m_t^4}{\sqrt{2} \pi^2 \sin^2 \beta} \left( \log \left( \frac{m_{t_1} m_{t_2}}{m_t^2} \right) + \frac{A_t (A_t + \mu \cot \beta)}{m_{t_1}^2 - m_{t_2}^2} \log \frac{m_{t_1}^2}{m_{t_2}^2} \right.
\]
\[
+ \frac{A_t^2 (A_t + \mu \cot \beta)^2}{(m_{t_1}^2 - m_{t_2}^2)^2} \left( 1 - \frac{m_{t_1}^2 + m_{t_2}^2}{m_{t_1}^2 - m_{t_2}^2} \log \frac{m_{t_1}^2}{m_{t_2}^2} \right)
\]
\[
\chi_t = \frac{N_C G_F m_t^4}{\sqrt{2} \pi^2 \sin^2 \beta} \left( \frac{\mu (A_t + \mu \cot \beta)}{m_{t_1}^2 - m_{t_2}^2} \log \frac{m_{t_1}^2}{m_{t_2}^2} \right.
\]
\[
+ \frac{2 \mu A_t (A_t + \mu \cot \beta)^2}{(m_{t_1}^2 - m_{t_2}^2)^2} \left( 1 - \frac{m_{t_1}^2 + m_{t_2}^2}{m_{t_1}^2 - m_{t_2}^2} \log \frac{m_{t_1}^2}{m_{t_2}^2} \right)
\]
\[
\sigma_t = \frac{N_C G_F m_t^4}{\sqrt{2} \pi^2 \sin^2 \beta} \frac{\mu^2 (A_t + \mu \cot \beta)^2}{(m_{t_1}^2 - m_{t_2}^2)^2} \left( 1 - \frac{m_{t_1}^2 + m_{t_2}^2}{m_{t_1}^2 - m_{t_2}^2} \log \frac{m_{t_1}^2}{m_{t_2}^2} \right).
\]

follows from the diagonalization of the one-loop Higgs mass matrix [23]
\[
\mathcal{M}_{\text{Higgs}} = \frac{\sin 2\beta}{2} \begin{pmatrix}
\cot \beta M^2_Z + \tan \beta M^2_A + \sigma_t & -M^2_Z - M^2_A + \lambda_t \\
-M^2_Z - M^2_A + \lambda_t & \tan \beta M^2_Z + \cot \beta M^2_A + \omega_t
\end{pmatrix}.
\]

This approximate effective mixing angle $\alpha_{eff}$ is determined by
\[
\tan \alpha_{eff} = \frac{- (M_A^2 + M_Z^2 - \lambda_t) \tan \beta}{M_Z^2 + M_A^2 \tan^2 \beta + \sigma_t \tan \beta - (1 + \tan^2 \beta) M_{h^0,eff}^2},
\]

where $M_{h^0,eff}$ is the solution for the light Higgs mass [7]
\[
M_{H,h,eff}^2 = \frac{M_A^2 + M_Z^2 + \omega_t + \sigma_t}{2} \pm \left( \frac{(M_A^2 + M_Z^2)^2 + (\omega_t - \sigma_t)^2}{4} - M_A^2 M_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta \right.
\]
\[
+ \frac{(\omega_t - \sigma_t) \cos 2\beta}{2} (M_A^2 - M_Z^2) - \frac{\lambda_t \sin 2\beta}{2} (M_A^2 + M_Z^2) + \frac{\lambda_t^2}{4} \right)^{1/2}.
\]
The mixing angle $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$ corresponds to the effective potential approach with top and stop contributions.

Incorporating also the other correction terms of Eq. (3.4), a complete one-loop effective mixing angle $\alpha_f$ can be defined

$$\frac{\Gamma_1(h^0 \rightarrow f\bar{f}) \cos^2 \beta}{\Gamma_{\text{SM},0}(h \rightarrow f\bar{f})} = \sin^2 \alpha_{\text{1-loop}} + \delta_V^f - \Delta r_{\text{MSSM}} \equiv \sin^2 \alpha_f \quad (I_3^f = -1/2)$$

$$\frac{\Gamma_1(h^0 \rightarrow f\bar{f}) \sin^2 \beta}{\Gamma_{\text{SM},0}(h \rightarrow f\bar{f})} = \cos^2 \alpha_{\text{1-loop}} + \delta_V^f - \Delta r_{\text{MSSM}} \equiv \cos^2 \alpha_f \quad (I_3^f = +1/2)$$

(3.16)

with the full one-loop width $\Gamma_1$, Eq. (3.4), normalized to the standard tree level width $\Gamma_{\text{SM},0}$. Besides the universal mixing angle $\alpha_1$, defined in Eq. (3.11), $\Delta r_{\text{MSSM}}$ is another universal contribution, whereas the residual, mainly vertex correction $\delta_V^f$ is fermion specific making the complete one-loop effective mixing angle flavour dependent. A momentum dependent mixing angle $\alpha$ has been defined in [24].

For $f = b$, $\sin^2 \alpha_b$ is shown in Figs. 1 a,b as a function of the renormalized light Higgs mass $M_{h^0}$ and for fixed $\tan \beta$ values. Together with the complete result (dashed line), the approximations in Eqs. (3.11, 3.14) are also shown (dotted, full). In the range $\tan \beta \leq 30$ the full calculation is about 8% below the approximation (3.14). Figs. 1 c,d plot $\sin^2 \alpha$ as a function of the pseudoscalar mass $M_A$ and with the same set of parameters as in Figs. 1 a,b. The presentation in Figs. 1 c,d shows the complete result and the approximations $\sin^2 \alpha_{\text{eff}}$, $\sin^2 \alpha_{\text{1-loop}}$ for large pseudoscalar mass $M_A > 150$ GeV more precisely than Figs. 1 a,b in the Higgs mass range near the upper limit of the light Higgs mass $M_{h^0}$.

4 Discussion

Radiative corrections to the partial decay width $H \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ include QED/QCD, weak MSSM and virtual gluino contributions. The following subsections discuss these corrections and present the numerical sizes individually. QED/QCD corrections are identical with the standard Higgs decay $H_{\text{SM}} \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ contributions. Weak MSSM contributions give sizeable contributions to the partial decay width of the neutral light and heavy Higgs boson in the intermediate pseudoscalar Higgs mass range $M_A$. Vertex corrections with virtual gluino exchange are discussed separately for the decay channel $h^0(H^0, A^0) \rightarrow f\bar{f}$. Finally the branching ratios $h^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}, \tau^+\tau^-$ are presented.
4.1 QED and QCD corrections

QED/QCD corrections to the partial decay width $H \to f \bar{f}$ appear through vertex diagrams with virtual photons/gluons and final state photon/gluon radiation [14, 15, 16]:

$$\Delta \Gamma_{QED} = \Delta \Gamma_{QED}^V + \Delta \Gamma_{QED}^B = \Gamma_1 \cdot \delta_{QED},$$  \hspace{1cm} \text{(4.1)}$$

where $\delta_{QED}$ for the scalar Higgs bosons reads:

$$\delta_{QED}^S = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} Q_f^2 \Delta_S = A(\tilde{\beta}) \frac{1 + 34 \tilde{\beta}^2 - 13 \tilde{\beta}^4}{16 \beta^3} \log \frac{1 + \tilde{\beta}}{1 - \tilde{\beta}} + \frac{3}{8 \beta^2} \log \frac{1 + \tilde{\beta}}{1 - \tilde{\beta}}.$$

$$\Delta_S = \frac{A(\tilde{\beta})}{\beta} \frac{1 + 34 \tilde{\beta}^2 - 13 \tilde{\beta}^4}{16 \beta^3} \log \frac{1 + \tilde{\beta}}{1 - \tilde{\beta}} + \frac{3}{8 \beta^2} \log \frac{1 + \tilde{\beta}}{1 - \tilde{\beta}}.$$

\hspace{1cm} \text{(4.2)}$$

The pseudoscalar Higgs decay width $A \to f \bar{f}$ receives a QED correction $\delta_{QED}^P$ different from Eq. (4.2), [16]:

$$\delta_{QED}^P = \frac{\alpha}{\pi} Q_f^2 \Delta_P = \frac{A(\tilde{\beta})}{\tilde{\beta}} \frac{19 + 2 \tilde{\beta}^2 + 3 \tilde{\beta}^4}{16 \beta^3} \log \frac{1 + \tilde{\beta}}{1 - \tilde{\beta}} + \frac{3}{8 \beta^2} \log \frac{1 + \tilde{\beta}}{1 - \tilde{\beta}}.$$

$$\Delta_P = \frac{A(\tilde{\beta})}{\tilde{\beta}} \frac{19 + 2 \tilde{\beta}^2 + 3 \tilde{\beta}^4}{16 \beta^3} \log \frac{1 + \tilde{\beta}}{1 - \tilde{\beta}} + \frac{3}{8 \beta^2} \log \frac{1 + \tilde{\beta}}{1 - \tilde{\beta}}.$$

\hspace{1cm} \text{(4.3)}$$

where

$$A(\tilde{\beta}) = (1 + \tilde{\beta}^2).$$

$$\Delta_P = \frac{A(\tilde{\beta})}{\tilde{\beta}} \frac{19 + 2 \tilde{\beta}^2 + 3 \tilde{\beta}^4}{16 \beta^3} \log \frac{1 + \tilde{\beta}}{1 - \tilde{\beta}} + \frac{3}{8 \beta^2} \log \frac{1 + \tilde{\beta}}{1 - \tilde{\beta}}.$$

\hspace{1cm} \text{(4.4)}$$

In the region $m_f^2 \ll M_H^2$ the QED correction for both scalar and pseudoscalar Higgs particles, sufficiently accurate, is given by:

$$\delta_{QED} \simeq \frac{\alpha}{\pi} Q_f^2 \left[-3 \log \left(\frac{M_H}{m_f}\right) + \frac{9}{4}\right].$$

\hspace{1cm} \text{(4.5)}$$

The renormalization group improved QCD corrected decay width reads [14]:

$$\Gamma_{1,QCD} = \Gamma_1 \cdot \frac{m_q^2(M_H^2)}{m_{q,0}^2} \left[1 + \frac{\alpha_s(M_H^2)}{\pi} C_F \left(\Delta_{S,P} + 3 \log \left(\frac{M_H}{m_{q,0}}\right)\right)\right].$$

\hspace{1cm} \text{(4.6)}$$
where \( m_q(M_H^2) \) is the effective quark mass from the renormalization group equation \[25\]

\[
m_q(q^2) = m_{q,0} \left( \frac{\beta_0 \alpha_s(q^2)}{2\pi} \right)^{-\gamma_0/2\beta_0} \left[ 1 + \frac{\beta_1 \gamma_0 - \beta_0 \gamma_1 \alpha_s(q^2)}{\beta_0^2} \right] + \left( \frac{(\beta_1 \gamma_0 - \beta_0 \gamma_1)^2}{2\beta_0^4} + \frac{\gamma_0(\beta_2 \gamma_0 - \beta_0^2)}{\beta_0^2} + \frac{\gamma_1 \beta_1 - \gamma_2}{\beta_0} \right) \left( \frac{\alpha_s(q^2)}{8\pi} \right)^2 + \ldots ,
\]

(4.7)

and \( m_q(m_{q,0}^2) = m_{q,0} \) is the on-shell mass. The coefficients in Eq. (4.7) are:

\[
\begin{align*}
\beta_0 &= \frac{33 - 2N_f}{3} \\
\beta_1 &= 102 - \frac{38}{3}N_f \\
\beta_2 &= \frac{2857}{2} - \frac{5033}{18}N_f + \frac{325}{54}N_f^2 \\
\gamma_0 &= -8 \\
\gamma_1 &= -\frac{404}{3} + \frac{40}{9}N_f \\
\gamma_2 &= \frac{2}{3} \left[ \frac{140}{27}N_f^2 + \left( 160 \zeta(3) + \frac{2216}{9} \right)N_f - 3747 \right],
\end{align*}
\]

(4.8)

where \( \zeta(3) \approx 1.2020569 \ldots \) and \( N_f = 6 \) for \( q^2 > 4m_t^2 \). The strong coupling constant \( \alpha_s \) with three-loop contributions is given by:

\[
\alpha_s(q^2) = \frac{4\pi}{\beta_0 L_q} \left[ 1 - \frac{\beta_1 \log L_q + \beta_1^2 \log^2 L_q + \beta_2 \log L_q}{\beta_0^2 L_q^2} - \frac{\beta_1^2 \log^2 L_q}{\beta_0^3 L_q^2} + \frac{2\beta_0 - \beta_1^2}{\beta_0^4 L_q^3} \right],
\]

(4.9)

where \( L_q = \log(q^2/\Lambda_{QCD}^2 N_f) \) and \( \Lambda_{QCD}^{N_f=5} = 150 \text{ MeV} \). \( \Lambda_{QCD}^{N_f=6} \) follows from the condition:

\[
\alpha_s^{(5)}(m_t) = \alpha_s^{(6)}(m_t).
\]

(4.10)

The QED corrections are small for \( b \)-quarks (\( -\delta_{QED} < 0.4\% \) for \( M_H \) up to 1 TeV) and somewhat bigger for \( c \)-quarks (\( < 1.8\% \)) and \( \tau \)-leptons (\( < 4\% \)). QED contributions to top quark decays are \( \leq 0.4\% \) for \( M_H > 500 \text{ GeV} \). Near the top production threshold, the Coulomb singularity appears and non-perturbative effects have to be taken into account (we do not consider these subtleties here). The fermionic decay width for a scalar Higgs vanishes for \( M_H \to 2m_t \) \[16\], whereas for the pseudoscalar Higgs a finite contribution remains.

The QCD corrections to the hadronic decay width in terms of the on-shell masses are large: in the \( b\bar{b} \) (\( c\bar{c} \)) channel, \( \delta_{QCD} = -39\% \) for a light Higgs < \( 2M_W \), increasing up to
−60% (−75%) for 1 TeV Higgs boson. The dominant part can be absorbed in the running quark masses. For \( M_H \) sufficiently above the \( t\bar{t} \) threshold, the QCD corrections to the \( H \to t\bar{t} \) width are typically \( \delta_{QCD} \leq 15\% \).

### 4.2 Weak MSSM corrections

The partial decay width \( h^0 \to b\bar{b} \) is the dominant decay channel for a light scalar MSSM Higgs and a standard Higgs with a mass below \( M_H < 140 \text{ GeV} \). A precise prediction of the \( H \to b\bar{b} \) decay width and the fermionic \( b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}, \tau^+\tau^- \) branching ratios requires the inclusion of radiative corrections at the one-loop level. One-loop contributions to the \( b\bar{b} \) decay channel are discussed in detail for the light (heavy) scalar and pseudoscalar Higgs decay width \( h^0(H^0, A^0) \to b\bar{b} \). The \( c\bar{c}, \tau^+\tau^- \) decay channels are presented within the context of the Higgs branching ratios in the following subsection.

The one-loop contributions from the residual MSSM particles are contained in the electroweak decay width \( \Gamma_1 \), Eq. (3.4). Figs. 2 a,b show the one-loop decay width \( \Gamma_1 \) for the light Higgs decay channel \( h^0 \to b\bar{b} \) as a function of the light Higgs mass \( M_{h^0} \). In Fig. 2 a, \( \tan\beta = 2, 30 \) while \( \tan\beta = 0.5, 8 \) values are presented in Fig. 2 b. Soft breaking parameters are \( m_{s_f} = 700 \text{ GeV}, \mu = 100 \text{ GeV}, M = 550 \text{ GeV} \) and no mixing of left-right sfermion states is assumed. The sfermion mass matrix is given in Eq. (4.13). Appendix B contains the chargino and neutralino mass matrix. The \( h^0 \to b\bar{b} \) decay width dependence on the top-quark mass \( m_t \) is shown for \( m_t = 160 \text{ GeV} \) (dotted line), \( m_t = 175 \text{ GeV} \) (solid line) and \( m_t = 190 \text{ GeV} \) (dashed line), as favoured by the CDF data for the top-quark mass [26]. In Figs. 2 a,b the upper limit of the light Higgs mass \( M_{h^0} \) increases \( \sim m_t^4 \), as discussed in Eq. (3.15). For a light Higgs mass \( M_{h^0} < 80 \text{ GeV} \) and \( \tan\beta \geq 5 \) the partial decay width \( h^0 \to b\bar{b} \) is almost insensitive on \( m_t \). \( \Gamma_1(h^0 \to b\bar{b}) \) increases with \( \sim m_t^4 \) for a light Higgs mass \( M_{h^0} > 80 \text{ GeV} \). This \( m_t^4 \) dependence of the partial decay width is a universal contribution of the external Higgs two-point functions, described by the one-loop mixing angle \( \sin^2\alpha_{eff} \), in Eq. (3.14). Figs. 2 c,d show the partial decay width as a function of the pseudoscalar Higgs mass \( M_A \). The decay width \( \Gamma_1(h^0 \to b\bar{b}) \) reaches a maximum near \( 90 \text{ GeV} < M_A < 110 \text{ GeV} \) and decreases for \( M_A > 110 \text{ GeV} \). Figs. 2 a-d also show the standard Higgs partial decay width \( H_{SM} \to b\bar{b} \) with one-loop weak corrections [13, 27]. The mass \( M_{H_{SM}} \) is chosen to be equal the light MSSM Higgs mass \( M_{h^0} \). In Figs. 2 c,d the solid (dashed) standard Higgs decay width corresponds to the MSSM \( \tan\beta \) values 30 (2) in Fig. 2 c and 8 (0.5) in Fig. 2 d. As a result, \( \Gamma_1(h^0 \to b\bar{b}) \) in the MSSM is enhanced for all \( \tan\beta \) values compared to the standard decay width. For large pseudoscalar masses \( M_A \to \infty \), however, the MSSM decay width approaches
the standard model result closely. This behaviour is discussed in terms of Eq. (3.11), where \( \sin^2 \alpha \rightarrow \cos^2 \beta \) in the limit \( M_A \rightarrow \infty \). In Fig. 2 the pseudoscalar Higgs mass range is chosen up to 300 GeV. The gap between the MSSM and the standard decay width is sizeable for \( M_A = 300 \) GeV. Larger pseudoscalar masses tend to approach the standard model decay width as can be seen in Figs. 2 c,d. Even in the limit of a large pseudoscalar mass \( M_A \), the genuine vertex corrections to the MSSM (SM) Higgs decay width are different, due to the presence of virtual supersymmetric particles in Eq. (3.4).

The sfermion mass dependence on \( \Gamma_1(h^0 \rightarrow \bar{b}b) \) is shown in Figs 3 a,b as a function of the light Higgs mass \( M_{h^0} \) and for tan \( \beta \) values tan \( \beta = 2, 30 \) (Fig. 3 a), tan \( \beta = 0.5, 8 \) (Fig. 3 b). No mixing of left-right sfermion states is assumed. In Figs. 3 a,b the sfermion soft breaking parameters are \( m_{sf} = 1 \) TeV (solid line), \( m_{sf} = 500 \) GeV (dotted), \( m_{sf} = 300 \) GeV (short dashed) and \( m_{sf} = 200 \) GeV (long dashed). The upper limit of the light Higgs mass and the partial decay width \( \Gamma_1(h^0 \rightarrow \bar{b}b) \) increases \( \sim \log\left(\frac{m_t}{m_{\tilde{t}}^2}\right) \), Eq. (3.15). Mixing effects from the left and right sfermions states are shown in Fig. 3 c for tan \( \beta = 2, 30 \). The off-diagonal mixing parameter \( A'_t \) in Eq. (4.14) is \( A'_t = 0, 100 \) GeV, 200 GeV, 300 GeV, 400 GeV. These mixings increase the light Higgs \( M_{h^0} \) and the partial decay width \( \Gamma_1(h^0 \rightarrow \bar{b}b) \) simultaneously.

Effects from gaugino soft breaking parameters \( M, \mu \) are displayed in Fig. 3 d. The dependence of the partial decay width \( \Gamma_1(h^0 \rightarrow \bar{b}b) \) on \( M \) is shown for \( M = 100, 200 \) GeV to be very small. \( \mu \) enters the sfermion mass matrix, Eq. (4.13), in the off-diagonal entries and in the Higgs-sfermion couplings. In Fig. 3 d no left-right mixing is present by fine-tuning the \( A \) parameter. Large tan \( \beta \) values (tan \( \beta \geq 30 \)), however, show sizeable effects for the partial decay width, since the parameter \( A \) increases with tan \( \beta \), \( \mu \) and contributes to the \( H\tilde{f}_L\tilde{f}_R \) couplings. For lower tan \( \beta \) values the partial decay width is almost insensitive on \( \mu \).

Figs. 4 a,b show the one-loop partial decay width \( \Gamma_1 \) of the heavy Higgs boson \( H^0 \rightarrow \bar{b}b \) as a function of the heavy Higgs mass \( M_{H^0} \) for values tan \( \beta = 0.5, 2, 8, 30 \). The top quark mass dependence of the decay width \( \Gamma_1(H \rightarrow \bar{b}b) \) is presented in Fig. 4 a for \( m_t = 160 \) GeV (dotted line), 175 GeV (solid) and 190 GeV (dashed), while Figs. 4 b shows the decay width for several sfermion soft breaking parameters \( m_{sf} = 1 \) TeV (solid line), 500 GeV (dotted), 300 GeV (short dashed) and 200 GeV (long dashed). The soft breaking parameters are described in the figure caption. For a heavy scalar Higgs mass \( M_{H^0} > 180 \) GeV and tan \( \beta > 2 \) the decay width \( \Gamma_1 \) is almost insensitive on \( m_t \). \( \Gamma_1(H^0 \rightarrow \bar{b}b) \) increases for large tan \( \beta \) values.
The pseudoscalar one-loop decay width \( \Gamma_1(A^0 \rightarrow b\bar{b}) \) is shown in Fig. 4 c for fixed soft breaking parameters and \( \tan \beta \) values. The partial decay width \( \Gamma_1(A^0 \rightarrow f\bar{f}) \) for down(up) type fermions increases (decreases) with \( \sim \tan^2 \beta (\cot^2 \beta) \). Vertex corrections \( \delta \Gamma_b = 2\Re \Delta T_{A^0} \) in Eq. (3.4) are shown in Fig. 4 d as a function of the pseudoscalar mass \( M_{A^0} \). The top quark mass dependence of the vertex corrections is presented for \( m_t = 160, 175, 190 \) GeV (dotted, solid, dashed line). The one-loop contributions \( \delta \Gamma_b \) are large \( \approx 15\% \) for \( \tan \beta = 0.5 \). For \( \tan \beta \geq 2 \), \( \delta \Gamma_b \approx 3 - 8\% \) and decreases with larger pseudoscalar masses \( M_{A^0} \).

4.3 Vertex corrections of virtual gluinos

The supersymmetric partners of the \( SU(3) \) gluons, the gluinos \( \tilde{g}_a \), appear as virtual states in the \( H \rightarrow q\bar{q} \) vertex corrections (together with squarks) with the strong coupling constant \( \alpha_s \). They contribute a shift \( \delta \Gamma_{Gl} \) in the decay width for \( h^0, H^0, A^0 \rightarrow q\bar{q} \).

\[
\Gamma_{1,Gl}(H \rightarrow q\bar{q}) = \Gamma_1(H \rightarrow q\bar{q}) \left( 1 + \delta \Gamma_{Gl} \right),
\]

where

\[
\delta \Gamma_{Gl} = 2\Re \left( \Delta T_{Gl}^H + \Sigma_{S,Gl}^f(m_q^2) - 2m_q^2(\Sigma_{S,Gl}^{f'}(m_q^2) + \Sigma_{V,Gl}^f(m_q^2)) \right),
\]

is the one-loop gluino contribution to the decay width \( H \rightarrow q\bar{q} \). The vertex correction \( \Delta T_{Gl}^H \) and self energies \( \Sigma_{S,Gl}^f, \Sigma_{V,Gl}^f \) are given in Eq. (4.18, 4.22).

Mixing effects from virtual squarks in the vertex corrections \( \Delta T_{Gl}^H \) and quarks self energies \( \Sigma_{S,Gl}^f \) are described by a \( 2 \times 2 \) squark mass matrix:

\[
\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{q}}^2 = \begin{pmatrix}
M_Q^2 + m_q^2 + M_Z^2(I_3 - Q_q s_W^2) \cos 2\beta & m_q(A_q + \mu \{ \cot \beta, \tan \beta \}) \\
m_q(A_q + \mu \{ \cot \beta, \tan \beta \}) & M_{(U, D)}^2 + m_q^2 + M_Z^2 Q_q s_W^2 \cos 2\beta
\end{pmatrix}
\]

with SUSY soft breaking parameters \( M_Q, M_{U,D}, A_q, \) and \( \mu \). The notation in the off-diagonal entries in Eq. (4.13):

\[
A'_q = A_q + \mu \{ \cot \beta, \tan \beta \}
\]

will be used. In the following discussion the soft breaking parameters are taken to be equal \( m_{s_f} = M_Q = M_{U,D} \). Up and down type squarks in (4.13) are distinguished by setting \( f=u,d \) and the \( \{ u, d \} \) entries in the parenthesis. The parameter \( \mu \) in the off-diagonal matrix elements in (4.13) is also present in the gaugino sector. The sfermion masses, obtained from diagonalizing (4.13) are:

\[
m_{\tilde{q}_i}^2 = \frac{1}{2}(\text{Tr}\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{q}}^2 \pm \sqrt{(\text{Tr}\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{q}}^2)^2 - 4\text{Det}\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{q}}^2}) , \ i = 1, 2
\]

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where the corresponding rotation matrices
\[
U(\theta_{\tilde{q}}) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos \theta_{\tilde{q}} & \sin \theta_{\tilde{q}} \\ -\sin \theta_{\tilde{q}} & \cos \theta_{\tilde{q}} \end{pmatrix},
\]
are described by the sfermion mixing angle $\theta_{\tilde{q}}$:
\[
\tan 2\theta_{\tilde{q}} = \frac{2m_{\tilde{q}}(A_{\tilde{q}} + \mu \{\cot \beta, \tan \beta\})}{M_{\tilde{q}}^2 - M_{\tilde{U}, \tilde{D}}^2 + M_{\tilde{Z}}^2(I_3 - 2Q_3 s_W^2) \cos 2\beta}.
\]

The one-loop vertex correction for the scalar neutral Higgs decay $h^0(H^0) \to q\bar{q}$ is given by:
\[
\Delta T_{Gl}^{h^0 (H^0)} = -\alpha_s \frac{2}{3\pi} \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \frac{T_{i,j}^{h^0 (H^0)}}{T_{h^0 (H^0) ff}^{h^0 (H^0)}} \left[ 2m_{\tilde{q}} \delta_{ij} C_1^{ij} - m_{\tilde{q}i} \Delta_{ij} C_0 \right](M_{h^0 (H^0)}, m_{\tilde{q}i}, m_{\tilde{q}j}, m_{\tilde{g}l}) ,
\]
where $T_{h^0 (H^0) ff}$ in Eq. (4.18) are the tree-level couplings, $\delta_{ij}$ is the unit matrix and
\[
\Delta_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} \sin 2\theta_{\tilde{q}} & \cos 2\theta_{\tilde{q}} \\ \cos 2\theta_{\tilde{q}} & -\sin 2\theta_{\tilde{q}} \end{pmatrix}.
\]
The pseudoscalar Higgs decay $A^0 \to q\bar{q}$ yields the vertex correction:
\[
\Delta T_{A^0} = -\alpha_s \frac{2}{3\pi} \sum_{i,j=1}^2 \frac{T_{i,j}^{A^0}}{T_{A^0}^{h^0 (H^0) ff}} \epsilon_{ij} m_{\tilde{q}i} C_0 (M_{A^0}, m_{\tilde{q}i}, m_{\tilde{q}j}, m_{\tilde{g}l}) \gamma_5 ,
\]
with $T_{A^0 ff}$ in Eq. (4.19) from Tab. 2 and $\epsilon_{12} = -\epsilon_{21} = 1$. $T_{i,j}^{H}$ are the $H-\tilde{q}_i-\tilde{q}_j$ couplings in the squark mass eigenstate fields, obtained by the transformation:
\[
T_{i,j}^{H} = U(\theta_{\tilde{q}})_{i,a} T_{a,b}^{H} U^\dagger(\theta_{\tilde{q}})_{b,j} ,
\]
where
\[
T_{a,b}^{h^0} = i g \left( \frac{M_{\tilde{q}}(I_3 - Q_3 s_W^2) \sin(\alpha + \beta) - m_{\tilde{q}}^2 \{\cos \alpha, -\sin \alpha\}}{M_{\tilde{q}i} \{\sin \alpha, -\cos \alpha\}} - \frac{m_{\tilde{q}} \{\sin \alpha, -\cos \alpha\} - A_{\tilde{q}} \{\sin \alpha, -\sin \alpha\}}{2M_{\tilde{q}i} \{\sin \alpha, -\cos \alpha\}} \right) ,
\]
\[
T_{a,b}^{A^0} = -ig \left( \frac{M_{\tilde{q}}(I_3 - Q_3 s_W^2) \cos(\alpha + \beta) + m_{\tilde{q}}^2 \{\sin \alpha, \cos \alpha\}}{M_{\tilde{q}i} \{\sin \alpha, -\cos \alpha\}} - \frac{m_{\tilde{q}} \{\sin \alpha, \cos \alpha\} + A_{\tilde{q}} \{\sin \alpha, \cos \alpha\}}{2M_{\tilde{q}i} \{\sin \alpha, -\cos \alpha\}} \right) ,
\]
\[
T_{a,b}^{A^0} = g \left( \frac{0}{M_{\tilde{q}i} \{\sin \alpha, -\cos \alpha\}} - \frac{m_{\tilde{q}} \{\sin \alpha, -\cos \alpha\} - A_{\tilde{q}} \{\cot \beta, \tan \beta\}}{2M_{\tilde{q}i} \{\sin \alpha, -\cos \alpha\}} \right) ,
\]
(4.21)
The integrals $B_0$, $B_1$, $C_0$, $C_1$ are defined in appendix A.

The numerical analysis of the gluino contributions $\delta \Gamma_{Gl}$ is shown in Fig. 5. Light (heavy) scalar and pseudoscalar Higgs boson decays $H \rightarrow b\bar{b}$ are presented in Figs. 5 (a,b), (c,d), (e,f). In Figs. 5 a,c,e the one-loop corrections are shown as a function of the Higgs mass and for two fixed gluino mass parameters $m_{\tilde{g}} = 500$ GeV (solid line), 200 GeV (dotted line). The sfermion mass is $m_{s_f} = 700$ GeV (solid line), $m_{s_f} = 500$ GeV (dotted line) and no left-right mixing is present. The contribution $\delta \Gamma_{Gl}$ decreases for larger gluino masses $m_{\tilde{g}}$ and larger Higgs masses $M_H$. The corrections are sizeable $\simeq 30\%$ for large $\tan \beta = 30$ values and a light mass $M_{h^0}$ below the upper mass limit. Mixing effects from left-right sfermion states are shown in Fig. 5 b,d,f as a function of the $\mu$ parameter and all other parameters fixed. The corrections $\delta \Gamma_{Gl}$ are $\sim \mu$ and become large (20%) for lighter Higgs masses and $|\mu| \geq 250$ GeV.

### 4.4 Fermionic branching ratios $H \rightarrow f \bar{f}$

Branching ratios of the fermionic Higgs decay channels are experimentally measurable, even if the partial decay width $\Gamma(H \rightarrow f \bar{f})$ can not be measured directly. In the following the branching ratios of the light neutral scalar MSSM Higgs $h^0$ and the standard Higgs $H_{SM}$ in $b\bar{b}$, $c\bar{c}$, $\tau^+\tau^-$ are presented. Here we restrict the discussion to the fermionic branching ratio $R_f$, given by:

$$R_f = \frac{\Gamma_1(H \rightarrow f \bar{f})}{\sum_{f=\tau,c,b,t} \Gamma_1(H \rightarrow f \bar{f})} ,$$

where the light fermion contributions are negligible. Figs. 6 a,b show the light neutral MSSM branching ratios $R_f$ for $b\bar{b}$ (Fig. 6 a) and the $c\bar{c}$, $\tau^+\tau^-$ decay channels (Fig. 6 b), where the full one-loop contributions from section 4.2 are included. No QED/QCD and gluino contributions are included in the figure. In Fig. 6 the branching ratio $R_f$ is a function of the light Higgs mass $M_{h^0}$ and values $\tan \beta = 0.5, 2, 8, 30$ are shown for a top-quark mass $m_t = 175$ GeV and soft breaking parameters $m_{s_f} = 700$ GeV, $\mu = 100$
GeV, \( M = 550 \) GeV. The \( h^0 \to b\bar{b} \) decay rate is 87 – 95% for \( 0.5 \leq \tan \beta \leq 30 \). \( R_f \) decreases for the \( b \) and \( \tau \) decay channels (increases for \( c \)) near the upper limit of the light MSSM Higgs mass. In the limit \( M_A \to \infty \) the branching ratio \( R_f \) reaches the standard model result closely, as shown by the dotted lines in Figs. 6 a,b. Deviations from the standard model result are model dependent supersymmetric vertex contributions. \( b \) and \( \tau \) decay ratios \( R_f \) are between 0 – 9% and 4 – 6% in the range \( 0.5 \leq \tan \beta \leq 30 \).

The branching ratio \( R_f \) in Eq. (4.23), where the approximation formulae Eq. (3.14) for the partial decay width is used instead:

\[
\Gamma'_1(H \to f\bar{f}) = \frac{N_C G_F m_f^2}{4\sqrt{2}\pi} M_H \beta^n |\kappa_{H,\text{eff}}^f|^2 ,
\]

(4.24)

with \( \kappa_{h^0,\text{eff}}^d = -\frac{\sin \alpha_{\text{eff}}^f}{\cos \beta} \), ..., yields a qualitative good prediction within 0.1% for \( \tan \beta \geq 2 \) and 0.6% for \( \tan \beta = 0.5 \) compared to the complete result. The approximate result Eq. (4.24) is plotted by the dashed line. In the ratio \( R_f \), Eq. (4.23), the universal contributions \( \Delta r \) and the vertex correction part \( \delta v/v \) from the one-loop decay width Eq. (3.4) cancel. Therefore the complete result for the branching ratio \( R_f \) and the approximation formulae, Eq. (4.24) are in good agreement.

5 Conclusions

The fermionic partial decay width \( \Gamma_1(H \to f\bar{f}) \) for the neutral MSSM Higgs bosons \( h^0, H^0, A^0 \) is calculated with full one-loop MSSM contributions for the decay channels \( b\bar{b}, c\bar{c}, \tau^+\tau^- \). In the calculation, the renormalization scheme for the supersymmetric Higgs sector [12] was used. The tree-level decay width for down (up) type fermions is enhanced (suppressed) compared to the standard model Higgs decay width. One-loop corrections in the pseudoscalar Higgs mass range \( 80 \) GeV \( \leq M_A \leq 110 \) GeV give large corrections \( \sim m_t^4 \) to the decay width \( \Gamma_1(h^0(H^0) \to f\bar{f}) \). The diagonalization of the neutral scalar Higgs mass matrix, described by the mixing angle \( \alpha_{\text{1-loop}} \), receives the dominant contributions from \( \text{top and stop} \) loops \( \mathcal{O}(m_t^4) \). The mixing angle \( \sin^2 \alpha \) is calculated with full one-loop contributions \( \sin^2 \alpha_{\text{1-loop}} \), in the effective potential approximation \( \sin^2 \alpha_{\text{eff}} \) and as a flavour dependent effective mixing angle \( \sin^2 \alpha_f \). The mixing angles \( \sin^2 \alpha_{\text{1-loop}}, \sin^2 \alpha_{\text{eff}} \) and \( \sin^2 \alpha_f \) are in agreement within 8%. For large pseudoscalar Higgs masses \( M_A \to \infty \) the decay width \( \Gamma_1(h^0 \to f\bar{f}) \) approaches the standard model result. In this limit, non-universal model dependent one-loop contributions to the decay width \( \Gamma_1 \) can distinguish between a standard and MSSM Higgs boson and depend in detail on the chosen parameters. Virtual gluino vertex corrections give sizeable contributions to the
$H \to b\bar{b}$ decay width (branching ratios). The branching ratios for the light neutral scalar Higgs decay $h^0 \to b\bar{b}$, $c\bar{c}$, $\tau^+\tau^-$ are presented. The full calculation and the approximation formulae Eq. (4.24) are in agreement within $0.2 - 0.6\%$.

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A Vertex corrections and self energies

The Feynman rules of the minimal supersymmetric standard model are given in [4]. All analytical formulae are calculated in the 't Hooft-Feynman gauge. The two- and three-point functions $B_0$, $B_1$, $B_{22}$, $C_0$, $C_1$ and $C_2$ are defined at the end of appendix A. $f'$ denotes the isospin partner for the external fermion $f$ in the same isodoublet.

- Scalar MSSM $h^0(H^0) \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ vertex corrections*:

\[ \Delta T_1 = V_1^s (k^2, m_f, m_f, m_f, M_Z, v_f, a_f) \]
with \[ v_f = \frac{l_3^f}{2s_W c_W}, a_f = \frac{l_3^f}{2s_W c_W} \]
\[ \Delta T_2 = \frac{m_{f'}}{8m_f s_W^2 m_{f'}^2} \kappa_H^f \kappa_H^{f'} V_1^s (k^2, m_f, m_f, m_f, m_{W}, 1, -1) \]
\[ \Delta T_3 = -\frac{m_{f'}}{8M_W^2 m_f s_W^2 m_{f'}^2} \kappa_H^f \kappa_H^{f'} V_2^s (k^2, m_f, m_f, m_{f'}, m_{H^+}, \lambda_f, \mu_f) \]
with \[ \lambda_f = \begin{cases} m_f \tan \beta + m_{f'} \cot \beta & , f = d \\ m_{f'} \tan \beta + m_f \cot \beta & , f = u \end{cases} \]
\[ \mu_f = \begin{cases} -m_f \tan \beta + m_{f'} \cot \beta & , f = d \\ +m_{f'} \tan \beta - m_f \cot \beta & , f = u \end{cases} \]
\[ \Delta T_4 = -\frac{m_{f'}}{8M_W^2 m_f s_W^2 m_{f'}^2} \kappa_H^f \kappa_H^{f'} V_2^s (k^2, m_f, m_f, m_{f'}, M_W, v_f, \pi_f) \]
with \[ \nu_f = \begin{cases} m_{f'} - m_f & , f = d \\ m_f - m_{f'} & , f = u \end{cases} \]
\[ \pi_f = \begin{cases} m_{f'} + m_f & , f = d \\ -m_f - m_{f'} & , f = u \end{cases} \]
\[ \Delta T_5 = \frac{m_f^2 (\kappa_H^{f'} \kappa_H^f)^2}{4M_W^2 s_W^2} V_2^s (k^2, m_f, m_f, m_{H^0}, 1, 0) \]
\[ \Delta T_6 = \frac{m_f^2 (\kappa_H^{f'} \kappa_H^f)^2}{4M_W^2 s_W^2} V_2^s (k^2, m_f, m_f, m_{h^0}, 1, 0) \]
\[ \Delta T_7 = -\frac{m_f^2 (\kappa_H^{f'} \kappa_H^f)^2}{4M_W^2 s_W^2} V_2^s (k^2, m_f, m_f, M_{A^0}, 0, 1) \]

*The upper(lower) line in the parentheses is the $h^0 (H^0) \rightarrow f\bar{f}$ vertex correction.
\[ \Delta T_8 = -\frac{m_f^2}{4M_W^2} V_2^s (k^2, m_f, m_f, M_Z, 0, 1) \]

\[ \Delta T_9 = \frac{M_W}{m_f s_W^2 k_f^2} \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{2,2,2} V_3^s (k^2, m_f, m_{\chi^+}, m_{\chi^0}, m_{\tilde{\nu}}, v_{jk}, a_{jk}, a_{ik}, v_{ik}, O_{ij}, O_{ji}) \]

\[ \text{with } v_{ik}^{d,u} = \begin{cases} 
(V_{i1}, U_{i1}) \cos \tilde{\theta}_f - \frac{m_f}{\sqrt{2} M_W} \frac{V_{i2} U_{i2}}{\sin \beta \cos \beta} \sin \tilde{\theta}_f, & k = 1 \\
(V_{i1}, U_{i1}) \sin \tilde{\theta}_f + \frac{m_f}{\sqrt{2} M_W} \frac{V_{i2} U_{i2}}{\sin \beta \cos \beta} \cos \tilde{\theta}_f, & k = 2 
\end{cases} \]
\[ \text{and } a_{ik}^{d,u} = \begin{cases} 
-\frac{m_f}{\sqrt{2} M_W} \frac{V_{i2} U_{i2}}{\sin \beta \sin \beta} \cos \tilde{\theta}_f, & k = 1 \\
-\frac{m_f}{\sqrt{2} M_W} \frac{V_{i2} U_{i2}}{\sin \beta \sin \beta} \sin \tilde{\theta}_f, & k = 2 
\end{cases} \]

\[ O_{ij}^H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{cases} 
V_{ij} U_{j2} \sin \alpha - V_{i2} U_{j1} \cos \alpha, & H = h^0 \\
V_{ij} U_{j2} \cos \alpha + V_{i2} U_{j1} \sin \alpha, & H = H^0 
\end{cases} \]

\[ \Delta T_{10} = \frac{2 M_W}{m_f k_f^2} \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{4,4,2} V_3^s (k^2, m_f, m_{\chi^0}, m_{\chi^0}, m_{\tilde{\nu}}, v_{jk}, a_{jk}, a_{ik}, v_{ik}, O_{ij}^H, O_{ji}^H) \]

\[ \text{with } v_{ik}^{d,u} = \begin{cases} 
(Q_f N_{i1}' + \frac{1/2 + s_W^2 N_{i2}'}{s_W c_W}) \cos \tilde{\theta}_f - \frac{m_f}{2 M_W s_W (\cos \beta \sin \beta)} \sin \tilde{\theta}_f, & k = 1 \\
(Q_f N_{i1}' + \frac{1/2 + s_W^2 N_{i2}'}{s_W c_W}) \sin \tilde{\theta}_f + \frac{m_f}{2 M_W s_W (\cos \beta \sin \beta)} \cos \tilde{\theta}_f, & k = 2 
\end{cases} \]
\[ \text{and } a_{ik}^{d,u} = \begin{cases} 
\frac{m_f N_{i3}}{2 M_W s_W (\cos \beta \sin \beta)} \cos \tilde{\theta}_f - (Q_f N_{i1}' - \frac{Q_f s_W N_{i2}'}{s_W c_W}) \sin \tilde{\theta}_f, & k = 1 \\
\frac{m_f N_{i3}}{2 M_W s_W (\cos \beta \sin \beta)} \sin \tilde{\theta}_f + (Q_f N_{i1}' - \frac{Q_f s_W N_{i2}'}{s_W c_W}) \cos \tilde{\theta}_f, & k = 2 
\end{cases} \]

\[ O_{ij}^H = \frac{1}{2} \begin{cases} 
Q_{ij} \sin \alpha + S_{ij} \cos \alpha, & H = h^0 \\
Q_{ij} \cos \alpha - S_{ij} \sin \alpha, & H = H^0 
\end{cases} \]
\[ Q_{ij} = (N_{i3}(N_{j2} - N_{j1} \tan \theta_W) + N_{j3}(N_{i2} - N_{i1} \tan \theta_W))/2 \\
S_{ij} = (N_{i4}(N_{j2} - N_{j1} \tan \theta_W) + N_{j4}(N_{i2} - N_{i1} \tan \theta_W))/2 
\]

\[ \Delta T_{11} = \frac{1}{4 m_f s_W^2 k_f^2} \left\{ \begin{array}{c}
-\cos(\beta - \alpha) \\
\sin(\beta - \alpha)
\end{array} \right\} V_4^s (k^2, m_f, M_W, m_{H+}, m_{H'}, 1/2, -1/2, \lambda_f, \mu_f) \]

\[ \Delta T_{12} = \frac{1}{2 s_W c_W k_f^2} \left\{ \begin{array}{c}
\cos(\beta - \alpha) \\
-\sin(\beta - \alpha)
\end{array} \right\} V_4^s (k^2, m_f, M_Z, M_A, m_f, v_f, a_f, 0, -1) \cdot \begin{cases} 
\tan \beta, & f = d \\
\cot \beta, & f = u 
\end{cases} \]

\[ \Delta T_{13} = \frac{1}{4 m_f s_W^2 k_f^2} \left\{ \begin{array}{c}
\sin(\beta - \alpha) \\
\cos(\beta - \alpha)
\end{array} \right\} V_4^s (k^2, m_f, M_W, M_W, m_{H'}, 1/2, -1/2, \nu_f, \pi_f) \]
\begin{align*}
\Delta T_{14} &= \frac{1}{2 s_W c_W k_H f} \left\{ \sin(\beta - \alpha) \cos(\beta - \alpha) \right\} V_4^s (k^2, m_f, M_Z, M^2, m_f, v_f, a_f, 0, -1) \\
&\cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
1 & , f = d \\
-1 & , f = u
\end{array} \right.
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\Delta T_{15} &= -\frac{1}{4 m_f s_W^2 c_W k_H f} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\sin(\beta - \alpha) + \cos 2\beta \sin(\beta - \alpha)/(2 c_W^2) \\
\cos(\beta - \alpha) - \cos 2\beta \cos(\beta - \alpha)/(2 c_W^2)
\end{array} \right\} . \\
&\cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, m_{H^+}, m_{H^+}, m_{H^0}, \lambda_f, \mu_f, \lambda_f, -\mu_f)
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\Delta T_{16} &= \frac{m_f (k_f^2) \nu}{4 s_W^2 c_W^2 k_H f} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
3 \cos 2\alpha \sin(\alpha + \beta) \\
2 \sin 2\alpha \sin(\beta + \alpha) - \cos(\beta + \alpha) \cos 2\alpha
\end{array} \right\} . \\
&\cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, m_{H^0}, m_{H^0}, m_f, 1, 0, 1, 0)
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\Delta T_{17} &= \frac{m_f (k_f^2) \nu}{4 s_W^2 c_W^2 k_H f} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
-2 \sin 2\alpha \cos(\beta + \alpha) - \sin(\beta + \alpha) \cos 2\alpha \\
3 \cos 2\alpha \cos(\beta + \alpha)
\end{array} \right\} . \\
&\cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, m_{H^0}, m_{H^0}, m_f, 1, 0, 1, 0)
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\Delta T_{18} &= \frac{m_f \sin \alpha \cos \alpha (k_f^2 H^0 \nu)}{2 s_W^2 c_W^2 k_H f} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
(2 \sin 2\alpha \sin(\alpha + \beta) - \cos(\alpha + \beta) \cos 2\alpha) \\
-(2 \sin 2\alpha \cos(\alpha + \beta) + \sin(\alpha + \beta) \cos 2\alpha)
\end{array} \right\} . \\
&\cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, M_A, M^2, m_f, 0, 1, 0, 1)
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\Delta T_{19} &= -\frac{m_f \cos 2\beta (k_f^2 A^0 \nu)}{4 s_W^2 c_W^2 k_H f} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\sin(\beta + \alpha) \\
-\cos(\beta + \alpha)
\end{array} \right\} . \\
&\cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, M_Z, M^2, m_f, 0, 1, 0, 1)
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\Delta T_{20} &= \frac{m_f \cos 2\beta}{4 s_W^2 c_W^2 k_H f} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
\sin(\beta + \alpha) \\
-\cos(\beta + \alpha)
\end{array} \right\} . \\
&\cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, M_W, M^2, m_f, v_f, \pi_f, v_f, -\pi_f)
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\Delta T_{21} &= \frac{-\cos 2\beta}{8 m_f s_W^2 c_W^2 k_H f} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
-\sin(\beta + \alpha) \\
\cos(\beta + \alpha)
\end{array} \right\} . \\
&\cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, M_W, M^2, m_f, v_f, \pi_f, v_f, -\pi_f)
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\Delta T_{22} &= \frac{-m_f \sin 2\beta}{2 s_W^2 c_W^2 k_H f} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
-\sin(\beta + \alpha) \\
\cos(\beta + \alpha)
\end{array} \right\} . \\
&\cdot V_5 (k^2, m_f, M^2, M_A, m_f, 0, 1, 0, 1) \cdot \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
\tan \beta & , f = d \\
-\cot \beta & , f = u
\end{array} \right.
\end{align*}

\begin{align*}
\Delta T_{23} &= \frac{1}{4 M_W^2 m_f s_W^2 k_H f} \left\{ \begin{array}{l}
-\cos(\beta - \alpha) (m^2_{H^+} - m^2_{h^0}) \\
\sin(\beta - \alpha) (m^2_{H^+} - m^2_{h^0})
\end{array} \right\} .
\end{align*}
\[\Delta T_{24} = \frac{M_W^2}{4 m_f s_W \kappa_H} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \sin (\beta - \alpha) \\ \cos (\beta - \alpha) \end{array} \right\} V_6^s (k^2, m_f, M_W, M_W, m_f, 1, -1, 1, -1)\]

\[\Delta T_{25} = \frac{2 M_W^2}{m_f s_W \kappa_H} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \sin (\beta - \alpha) \\ \cos (\beta - \alpha) \end{array} \right\} V_6 (k^2, m_f, M_Z, M_Z, m_f, v_f, a_f, v_f, a_f)\]

\[\Delta T_{26} = \frac{M_W}{2 s_W m_f \kappa_H} \sum_{i=1}^{2} \left[ (\cos^2 \tilde{\theta}_{f'} u_{H,1} + \sin^2 \tilde{\theta}_{f'} u_{H,2} + \sin 2 \tilde{\theta}_{f'} u_{H,3}) \right.\]

\[\cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, m_{\tilde{f}'}, m_{\tilde{f}'}, m_{\chi^0}, v_{i_1}^f + a_{i_1}^f, v_{i_1}^f - a_{i_1}^f, v_{i_2}^f - a_{i_2}^f, v_{i_1}^f + a_{i_1}^f)\]

\[\left. + (\sin^2 \tilde{\theta}_{f'} u_{H,1} + \cos^2 \tilde{\theta}_{f'} u_{H,2} - \sin 2 \tilde{\theta}_{f'} u_{H,3}) \right]\]

\[\cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, m_{\tilde{f}'}, m_{\tilde{f}'}, m_{\chi^0}, v_{i_2}^f + a_{i_1}^f, v_{i_2}^f - a_{i_2}^f, v_{i_2}^f - a_{i_2}^f, v_{i_2}^f + a_{i_2}^f)\]

\[\left. + (\sin 2 \tilde{\theta}_{f'} (u_{H,2} - u_{H,1}) + 2 \cos 2 \tilde{\theta}_{f'} u_{H,3}) \right) \cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, m_{\tilde{f}'}, m_{\tilde{f}'}, m_{\chi^0}, v_{i_2}^f + a_{i_1}^f, v_{i_2}^f - a_{i_2}^f, v_{i_2}^f - a_{i_2}^f, v_{i_2}^f + a_{i_2}^f) \right] \]

\[\Delta T_{27} = \frac{M_W}{m_f \kappa_H} \sum_{i=1}^{4} \left[ (\cos^2 \tilde{\theta}_{f} u_{H,1} + \sin^2 \tilde{\theta}_{f} u_{H,2} + \sin 2 \tilde{\theta}_{f} u_{H,3}) \right.\]

\[\cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, m_{\tilde{f}}, m_{\tilde{f}}, m_{\chi^0}, v_{i_1}^f + a_{i_1}^f, v_{i_1}^f - a_{i_1}^f, v_{i_1}^f - a_{i_1}^f, v_{i_1}^f + a_{i_1}^f)\]

\[\left. + (\sin^2 \tilde{\theta}_{f} u_{H,1} + \cos^2 \tilde{\theta}_{f} u_{H,2} - \sin 2 \tilde{\theta}_{f} u_{H,3}) \right]\]

\[\cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, m_{\tilde{f}}, m_{\tilde{f}}, m_{\chi^0}, v_{i_2}^f + a_{i_2}^f, v_{i_2}^f - a_{i_2}^f, v_{i_2}^f - a_{i_2}^f, v_{i_2}^f + a_{i_2}^f)\]

\[\left. + (\sin 2 \tilde{\theta}_{f} (u_{H,2} - u_{H,1}) + 2 \cos 2 \tilde{\theta}_{f} u_{H,3}) \right) \cdot V_5^s (k^2, m_f, m_{\tilde{f}}, m_{\tilde{f}}, m_{\chi^0}, v_{i_2}^f + a_{i_1}^f, v_{i_2}^f - a_{i_2}^f, v_{i_2}^f - a_{i_2}^f, v_{i_2}^f + a_{i_2}^f) \right] \] \tag{A.1}

where

\[ (u_{h_0,j}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{m}{c^2} \left( \pm \frac{1}{2} - Q \pm s_W \right) \sin (\alpha + \beta) - \frac{m^2}{M_W} \{ \cos (\alpha, -\sin \alpha) \} \\
\frac{m}{c^2} Q \pm s_W \sin (\alpha + \beta) - \frac{m^2}{M_W} \{ \cos (\alpha, -\sin \alpha) \} \\
\frac{-m}{c^2} \sin (\beta, \cos \beta) \{ \mu \sin \alpha - A_u \cos \alpha, \mu \cos \alpha - A_d \sin \alpha \} \end{pmatrix} \]

\[ (u_{H_0,j}) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{-M}{c^2} \left( \pm \frac{1}{2} - Q \pm s_W \right) \cos (\alpha + \beta) - \frac{m^2}{M_W} \{ \cos (\alpha, \cos \alpha) \} \\
\frac{-M}{c^2} Q \pm s_W \cos (\alpha + \beta) - \frac{m^2}{M_W} \{ \cos (\alpha, \cos \alpha) \} \\
\frac{-m}{c^2} \sin (\beta, \cos \beta) \{ \mu \cos \alpha + A_u \sin \alpha, \mu \sin \alpha + A_d \cos \alpha \} \end{pmatrix} \tag{A.2} \]
• Pseudoscalar MSSM $A^0 \rightarrow f \bar{f}$ vertex correction:

$$\Delta T_1 = V_1^p(k^2, m_f, m_f, m_f, M_Z, v_f, a_f)$$

$$\Delta T_2 = \frac{m_f}{8m_f s_W^2} \frac{|\kappa^{f}_{A^0}|}{|\kappa^{f}_{A^0}|} V_1^p(k^2, m_f, m_f, m_f, M_W, 1, -1)$$

$$\Delta T_3 = -\frac{m_f}{8M_W m_f s_W^2} \frac{|\kappa^{f}_{A^0}|}{|\kappa^{f}_{A^0}|} V_2^p(k^2, m_f, m_f, m_f, m_{H^+}, \lambda_f, \kappa_f)$$

$$\Delta T_4 = -\frac{m_f}{8M_W m_f s_W^2} \frac{|\kappa^{f}_{A^0}|}{|\kappa^{f}_{A^0}|} V_2^p(k^2, m_f, m_f, m_f, M_W, v_f, \pi_f)$$

$$\Delta T_5 = \frac{m_f^2 (\kappa_{H^0})^2}{4M_W^2 s_W^2} V_2^p(k^2, m_f, m_f, m_f, M_{H^0}, 1, 0)$$

$$\Delta T_6 = \frac{m_f^2 (\kappa_{h^0})^2}{4M_W^2 s_W^2} V_2^p(k^2, m_f, m_f, m_f, M_{h^0}, 1, 0)$$

$$\Delta T_7 = -\frac{m_f^2 |\kappa_{A^0}|^2}{4M_W^2 s_W^2} V_2^p(k^2, m_f, m_f, M_A, 0, 1)$$

$$\Delta T_8 = -\frac{m_f^2}{4M_W^2 s_W^2} V_2^p(k^2, m_f, m_f, M_Z, 0, 1)$$

$$\Delta T_9 = \frac{M_W}{m_f s_W^2 |\kappa_{A^0}|} \sum_{i,j,k=1}^{2,2,2} V_3^p(k^2, m_f, m_{\tilde{\chi}_j^0}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}, m_{\tilde{f}_k^+}, \tilde{f}_k^+, v_{jk}^f, a_{jk}^f, a_{ik}^f, a_{ik}^f, O_{ij}^A, Q_{ij}^A)$$

with $O_{ij}^A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(V_{i1}U_{j2} \sin \beta + V_{i2}U_{j1} \cos \beta)$

$$\Delta T_{10} = \frac{2M_W}{m_f |\kappa_{A^0}|} \sum_{i,j=1}^{4,4,2} V_3^p(k^2, m_f, m_{\tilde{\chi}_j^0}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}, m_{\tilde{f}_k^+}, \tilde{f}_k^+, v_{jk}^f, a_{jk}^f, a_{ik}^f, a_{ik}^f, v_{ik}^f, P_i^A, P_j^A)$$

with $P_{ij}^A = \frac{1}{2}(Q_{ij} \sin \beta - S_{ij} \cos \beta)$

$$\Delta T_{11} = \frac{1}{4s_W^2 m_f |\kappa_{A^0}|} V_1^p(k^2, m_f, M_W, m_{H^+}, m_f, 1/2, -1/2, \lambda_f, \mu_f)$$

$$\Delta T_{12} = \cos(\beta - \alpha) \kappa_{h^0}^f \frac{1}{2s_W c_W |\kappa_{A^0}|} V_4^p(k^2, m_f, M_Z, m_{h^0}, m_f, v_f, -a_f, 1, 0)$$

$$\Delta T_{13} = -\sin(\beta - \alpha) \kappa_{H^0}^f \frac{1}{2s_W c_W |\kappa_{A^0}|} V_4^p(k^2, m_f, M_Z, m_{H^0}, m_f, v_f, -a_f, 1, 0)$$
\[
\Delta T_{14} = \frac{m_f \cos 2 \beta \sin(\beta + \alpha) \kappa_{H^0}^f}{2 s_W c_W} V_5^p (k^2, m_f, M_A, m_{h^0}, m_f, 0, 1, 1, 0)
\]
\[
\Delta T_{15} = -\frac{m_f \cos 2 \beta \sin(\beta + \alpha) \kappa_{H^0}^f}{2 s_W c_W} V_5^p (k^2, m_f, M_A, m_{h^0}, m_f, 0, 1, 1, 0)
\]
\[
\Delta T_{16} = -\frac{m_f \sin 2 \beta \cos(\beta + \alpha) \kappa_{H^0}^f \kappa_{H^0}^{f'}}{2 s_W c_W m_{H^0}} V_5^p (k^2, m_f, M_Z, m_{h^0}, m_f, 0, 1, 1, 0)
\]
\[
\Delta T_{17} = \frac{m_f \sin 2 \beta \sin(\beta + \alpha) \kappa_{H^0}^{f'}}{2 s_W c_W} V_5^p (k^2, m_f, M_Z, m_{h^0}, m_f, 0, 1, 1, 0)
\]
\[
\Delta T_{18} = -\frac{1}{2 s_W m_f |\kappa_{A^0}^f|} V_5^p (k^2, m_f, M_W, m_{H^+}, m_f, v_f, \pi_f, \lambda_f, \mu_f)
\]
\[
\Delta T_{19} = \frac{m_f'}{2 m_f s_W |\kappa_{A^0}^f|} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
\mu - A_u \cot \beta , & f = d \\
\mu - A_d \tan \beta , & f = u 
\end{array} \right. 
\]
\[
\cdot \sum_{i=1}^{2} V_5^p (k^2, m_f, m_{f_1}, m_{f_2}, m_{\chi_i^+}, v_{ii_1} + a_{i_1}^f, v_{ii_1} - a_{i_1}^f, v_{ii_2} - a_{i_2}^f, v_{ii_2} + a_{i_2}^f)
\]
\[
\Delta T_{20} = \frac{-m_f'}{m_f |\kappa_{A^0}^f|} \left\{ \begin{array}{ll}
\mu - A_u \cot \beta , & f = d \\
\mu - A_d \tan \beta , & f = u 
\end{array} \right. 
\]
\[
\cdot \sum_{i=1}^{4} V_5^p (k^2, m_f, m_{f_1}, m_{f_2}, m_{\chi_i^0}, v_{ii_1} + a_{i_1}^f, v_{ii_1} - a_{i_1}^f, v_{ii_2} - a_{i_2}^f, v_{ii_2} + a_{i_2}^f),
\]

where

\[ N_{j1}' = N_{j1} c_W + N_{j2} s_W \quad , \quad N_{j2}' = -N_{j1} s_W + N_{j2} c_W . \]

The chargino and neutralino mass matrix \(V_{ij}, U_{ij}^*, N_{ij}\) are given in appendix B. The vertex correction diagrams are described by the following functions with masses and couplings in its arguments.

\[
V_1^{s,p}(k^2, m_f, m_1, m_2, m_3, v, a) =
\]
\[
4 \left( \pm m_1^2 (v^2 - a^2) + m_f m_1 (v^2 + a^2) + (m_f^2 - k^2/2)(v^2) \right) C_0
\]
\[
+ \left( m_f m_1 (1 \pm 1) (v^2 + a^2) - (4m_f^2 - k^2)(v^2 - a^2) \right) C_1^+ + (v^2 - a^2)
\]
\[
(4C_{20} + (4m_f^2 - k^2) C_2^+ + k^2 C_2^- - 1) \right) (k^2, m_1, m_2, m_3)
\]
\[
V_2^{s,p}(k^2, m_f, m_1, m_2, m_3, v, a) =
\]
\[
\left( \pm (m_f^2 + m_1^2)(v^2 - a^2) + 2m_f m_1 (v^2 + a^2) \right) C_0 \mp 4m_f^2 (v^2 - a^2) C_1^+
\]
\[
-2(1 \pm 1) m_f m_1 (v^2 + a^2) C_1^+ \pm (v^2 - a^2) (4C_{20} + (4m_f^2 - k^2)C_2^+)
\]

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\[ +k^2 C_2^{-} - 1/2 \] (k^2, m_1, m_2, m_3)

\[ V_{3}^{s,p}(k^2, m_f, m_1, m_2, m_3, v, a, v', a', v'', a'') = \]
\[ - \left[ (m_f^2(\pm v a' a'' + a a'') + m_f m_2 (\pm v a' a'' + a v')) + m_f m_1 (v a' a'' \pm a v') + m_1 m_2 (v v' a'' \pm a a'') \right] C_0 \]
\[ - 2 m_f (m_2 (\pm v a' a'' + a v')) + m_1 (v a' a'' + a v') + 2 m_f (\pm v v' a'' + a a'')) C_1^+ + (v v' a'' \pm a a'')) (4 C_{20} + (4 m_f^2 - k^2) C_2^+ + k^2 C_2^- - 1/2) \] (k^2, m_1, m_2, m_3)

\[ V_{5}^{s,p}(k^2, m_f, m_1, m_2, m_3, v, a, v', a') = \]
\[ \left[ 2 m_f m_3 (v v' + a a') (C_0 - 2 C_1^+) + 4 (v v' - a') \right] (m_f^2 - k^2) C_1^+ - k^2 C_1^- - 2 (v v' - a') (4 C_{20} - 1/2 + (4 m_f^2 - k^2) C_2^+ + k^2 C_2^-) \] (k^2, m_1, m_2, m_3)

Fermion self energies are represented by the scalar functions \( \Sigma_{S,V,A}^f \) through the decomposition in the scalar, vector and axialvector part:

\[ \Sigma^f(k) = k \Sigma^f_{S}(k^2) + k \gamma_5 \Sigma^f_{A}(k^2) + m_f \Sigma^f_{S}(k^2). \] (A.3)

Standard model and genuine SUSY self energy contributions are listed separately in the following:

\[ \Sigma_{S,2-Higgs}^f(k^2) = -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left[ (v_f^2 - a_f^2) (4 B_0(k^2, m_f, M_Z) - 2) - \frac{m_f^2}{2 s_W^2 M_W^2} \right] \]
\[
\Sigma_{f,SUSY}^f (k^2) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left[ \sum_{i=1}^{2} \frac{\tilde{m}_{\tilde{\chi}_i^+}^2}{m_f s_W^2} (v_{i1}^f a_{i1}^f B_0(k^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^+}, m_{f_1}^f) + v_{i2}^f a_{i2}^f B_0(k^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^+}, m_{f_2}^f)) + \sum_{i=1}^{4} \frac{2m_{\tilde{H}_i^0}}{m_f} (v_{i1}^{f\prime} a_{i1}^{f\prime} B_0(k^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}, m_{f_1}^f) + v_{i2}^{f\prime} a_{i2}^{f\prime} B_0(k^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}, m_{f_2}^f)) \right]
\]

\[
\Sigma_{f, Higgs}^f (k^2) = \frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left[ \left( v_f^2 + a_f^2 \right) (2B_1(k^2, m_f, M_Z) + 1) \right] + \frac{1}{4s_W^2} \left( B_1(k^2, m_f, M_W) + 1 + \frac{m_f^2}{4s_W^2 M_W^2} \right) \left( (\kappa_{h_0}^f)^2 B_1(k^2, m_f, M_{h_0}) + (\kappa_{h_0'}^f)^2 B_1(k^2, m_f, M_{h_0'}) + B_1(k^2, m_f, M_{H^0}) + B_1(k^2, m_f, M_{H^0'}) + |\kappa_{A_0}^f|^2 B_1(k^2, m_f, M_{A_0}) \right) + \frac{m_f^2}{4s_W^2 M_W^2} \left( (m_f^2 + m_f^2)^2 B_1(k^2, m_f, M_W) + m_f^2 \tan^2 \beta + 2m_f^2 \cot^2 \beta \right) B_1(k^2, m_f, M_{H^0}) \right]
\]

\[
\Sigma_{A, SUSY}^f (k^2) = -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left[ -2v_f a_f (2B_1(k^2, m_f, M_Z) + 1) \right] - \frac{1}{4s_W^2} \left( 2B_1(k^2, m_f, M_W) - 1 \right) + \frac{1}{4s_W^2 M_W^2} \left( (m_f^2 - m_f^2) B_1(k^2, m_f, M_W) + (m_f^2 \tan^2 \beta - m_f^2 \cot^2 \beta) B_1(k^2, m_f, M_{H^0}) \right)
\]

\[
\Sigma_{A, Higgs}^f (k^2) = -\frac{\alpha}{4\pi} \left[ \left( \frac{-v_f^2 + a_f^2}{2} \right) B_1(k^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^+}, m_{f_1}) + \frac{-v_f^2 + a_f^2}{2} B_1(k^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^+}, m_{f_2}) \right] + 2s_W^2 \left( \frac{-v_f^2 + a_f^2}{2} B_1(k^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_0^0}, m_{f_1}) + \frac{-v_f^2 + a_f^2}{2} B_1(k^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_0^0}, m_{f_2}) \right)
\]

(A.4)
The 2-point functions $B_0$, $B_1$ are defined

\[
B_0(k^2, m_1, m_2) = \Delta - \int_0^1 dx \log \frac{x^2 k^2 - x(k^2 + m_1^2 - m_2^2) + m_1^2 - i\epsilon}{\mu^2},
\]
\[
B_1(k^2, m_1, m_2) = -\frac{k^2 + m_1^2 - m_2^2}{2k^2} B_0(k^2, m_1, m_2) + \frac{m_1^2 - m_2^2}{2k^2} B_0(0, m_1, m_2),
\]
(A.5)

where

\[
\Delta = \frac{2}{\varepsilon} - \gamma + \log 4\pi, \quad \varepsilon = 4 - D,
\]

and the mass scale $\mu$ are the UV-parameters from dimensional regularization in D-dimensions.

The 3-point functions $C_0$, $C_1^{+,-}$, $C_2^{0,+,-}$ are for equal external fermion masses $p^2 = p'^2 = m_f^2$:

\[
\frac{i}{(4\pi)^2} C_0(k^2, m_1, m_2, m_3) = \int \frac{d^4k}{(2\pi)^4} \frac{1}{D_1 D_2 D_3},
\]
(A.6)

with $k^2 = (p - p')^2$ and the denominators

\[
D_1 = (k - p')^2 - m_1^2 + i\epsilon
\]
\[
D_2 = (k - p)^2 - m_2^2 + i\epsilon
\]
\[
D_3 = k^2 - m_3^2 + i\epsilon.
\]

and for different masses $m_1$, $m_2$, $m_3$:

\[
(p + p')^2 C_1^+(k^2, m_1, m_2, m_3) = B_0(k^2, m_1, m_2) - \frac{B_0(m_f^2, m_1, m_3) + B_0(m_f^2, m_2, m_3)}{2} + \frac{2m_f^2 + 2m_3^2 - m_1^2 - m_2^2}{2} C_0
\]
\[
2k^2 C_1^-(k^2, m_1, m_2, m_3) = B_0(m_f^2, m_1, m_3) - B_0(m_f^2, m_2, m_3) + (m_2^2 - m_1^2) C_0
\]
\[
4C_2^0(k^2, m_1, m_2, m_3) = B_0(k^2, m_1, m_2) + (m_1^2 + m_2^2 - 2m_3^2 - 2m_f^2) C_1^+ + (m_1^2 - m_2^2) C_1^- + 2m_3^2 C_0 + 1
\]
\[
(p + p')^2 C_2^+(k^2, m_1, m_2, m_3) = \frac{1}{4} [B_1(m_f^2, m_3, m_2) + B_1(m_f^2, m_3, m_1) + 2B_0(k^2, m_1, m_2) + 2(2m_3^2 - m_1^2 - m_2^2 + 2m_f^2) C_1^+] - C_2^0
\]
\[
k^2 C_2^-(k^2, m_1, m_2, m_3) = -\frac{1}{4} (B_1(m_f^2, m_3, m_2) + B_1(m_f^2, m_3, m_1)) + 2 (m_1^2 - m_2^2) C_1^- - C_2^0.
\]

The analytic expression for the scalar vertex integral $C_0$ can be found in [28].
B Gaugino mass matrix

The chargino $2 \times 2$ mass matrix is given by

$$
\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}} = \begin{pmatrix} M & M_W \sqrt{2} \sin \beta \\ M_W \sqrt{2} \cos \beta & -\mu \end{pmatrix},
$$

(B.1)

with the SUSY soft breaking parameters $\mu$ and $M$ in the diagonal matrix elements. The physical chargino mass states $\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}_i$ are the rotated wino and charged Higgsino states:

$$
\tilde{\chi}^+_i = V_{ij} \psi^+_j \\
\tilde{\chi}^-_i = U_{ij} \psi^-_j; \ i, j = 1, 2.
$$

(B.2)

$V_{ij}$ and $U_{ij}$ are unitary chargino mixing matrices obtained from the diagonalization of the mass matrix (B.1):

$$
U^* \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}} V^{-1} = \text{diag}(m^2_{\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}_1}, m^2_{\tilde{\chi}^{\pm}_2}).
$$

(B.3)

The neutralino $4 \times 4$ mass matrix yields:

$$
\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{\chi}^{0}} = \begin{pmatrix} M' & 0 & -M_Z \sin \theta_W \cos \beta & M_Z \sin \theta_W \sin \beta \\ 0 & M & M_Z \cos \theta_W \cos \beta & -M_Z \cos \theta_W \sin \beta \\ -M_Z \sin \theta_W \cos \beta & M_Z \cos \theta_W \cos \beta & 0 & \mu \\ M_Z \sin \theta_W \sin \beta & -M_Z \cos \theta_W \sin \beta & \mu & 0 \end{pmatrix}
$$

(B.4)

where the diagonalization introduces the unitary matrix $N_{ij}$ by:

$$
N^* \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{\chi}^{0}} N^{-1} = \text{diag}(m_{\tilde{\chi}^{0}_i}).
$$

(B.5)
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**FIGURE CAPTIONS**

**Figure 1.** The mixing angle $\sin^2 \alpha$ as a function of the physical light Higgs mass $M_{h^0}$ for $\tan \beta = 2, 30$ in Fig. 1a) and $\tan \beta = 0.5, 8$ in Fig. 1b). Figs. 1 c,d) show the same data for $\sin^2 \alpha$ as a function of the pseudoscalar mass $M_{A^0}$. The solid line is $\sin^2 \alpha_{sff}$ in the effective potential approximation of Eq. (3.14). $\sin^2 \alpha_{\text{1-loop}}$ in the full one-loop calculation of Eq. (3.11) is shown by the dotted line and $\sin^2 \alpha_b$ in Eq. (3.16) with the non-universal $h^0 \to b\bar{b}$ vertex correction is the dashed result. The parameters in Fig. 1 are $m_t = 175$ GeV, $m_{s_f} = 700$ GeV, $\mu = 100$ GeV, $M = 550$ GeV, no sfermion left-right mixing.

**Figure 2.** Figs. 2a,b) show the decay width $\Gamma_{h^0 \to b\bar{b}}$, including the full weak MSSM one-loop corrections as a function of the physical light MSSM Higgs mass $M_{h^0}$ for $\tan \beta = 2, 30$ in Fig. 2a) and $\tan \beta = 0.5, 8$ in Fig. 2b). $m_t = 175$ GeV (solid line), $m_t = 160$ GeV (dotted line) and $m_t = 190$ GeV (dashed line). No sfermion mixing. The standard Higgs decay width $\Gamma_{h^0 \to b\bar{b}}$ with one-loop electroweak corrections is labeled in Fig. 2. Figs. 2c,d) contain the data of Figs. 2a,b) as a function of the pseudoscalar Higgs mass $M_{A^0}$. The standard Higgs mass is chosen to be equal the physical light Higgs mass $M_{h^0}$.

**Figure 3.** The $h^0 \to b\bar{b}$ decay width dependence on the sfermion masses is plotted in Figs. 3a,b) as a function of the physical light MSSM Higgs mass $M_{h^0}$. $\tan \beta = 2, 30$ in Fig. 3a) and $\tan \beta = 0.5, 8$ in Fig. 3b). All sfermion soft breaking parameters are equal, $m_{s_f} = 1$ TeV (solid line), $m_{s_f} = 500$ GeV (dotted line), $m_{s_f} = 300$ GeV (short dashed line) and $m_{s_f} = 200$ GeV (long dashed line) and no sfermion mixing is assumed. In Fig. 3c) mixing effects of sfermions are shown for $\tan \beta = 2, 30$. $A'_t = 0$ (solid line), $A'_t = 100$ GeV (dotted line), $A'_t = 200$ GeV (short dashed), $A'_t = 300$ GeV (long dashed) and $A'_t = 400$ GeV (dot dashed), see Eq. (4.14). Gaugino contributions to the decay width $h^0 \to b\bar{b}$ are plotted in Fig. 3d) for $M = 100$ GeV (dotted) and $M = 200$ GeV (dashed). The $\mu$ parameters are described in the figure.

**Figure 4.** Figs. 4 a,b) show the $H^0 \to b\bar{b}$ decay width with full MSSM one-loop contributions for $\tan \beta = 0.5, 2, 8, 30$ as a function of the physical heavy Higgs mass $M_{H^0}$. In Fig. 4a) the top-quark mass is $m_t = 175$ GeV (solid line), $m_t = 160$ GeV (dotted line) and $m_t = 190$ GeV (dashed line). The soft breaking parameters are $m_{s_f} = 700$ GeV, $\mu = 100$ GeV, $M = 550$ GeV. Fig. 4b) shows the dependence on sfermion masses for a constant top-quark mass $m_t = 175$ GeV. The lines correspond to $m_{s_f} = 1$ TeV.
The pseudoscalar $A^0 \to b\bar{b}$ decay width is plotted in Fig. 4c) as a function of the pseudoscalar mass $M_{A^0}$ with full MSSM one-loop contributions. Fig. 4d) shows the $A^0 \to b\bar{b}$ vertex corrections $\delta \Gamma_b = 2\Re e \Delta T_{A^0}$, Eq. (3.4), for $\tan \beta = 0.5, 2, 30$ and top-quark masses $m_t = 175$ GeV (solid line), $m_t = 160$ GeV (dotted line), $m_t = 190$ GeV (dashed line). In Figs. 4c,d) $m_{sf} = 700$ GeV, $\mu = 100$ GeV, $M = 550$ GeV.

**Figure 5.** Gluino contributions to the one-loop vertex corrections are plotted in Figs. 5a,b) for the $h^0 \to b\bar{b}$ decay width, Figs. 5c,d) for $H^0 \to b\bar{b}$ and in Figs. 5e,f) for $A^0 \to b\bar{b}$. In Figs. 5a,c,e) the $H \to b\bar{b}$ decay width is plotted as a function of the respective Higgs mass. $\tan \beta = 0.5, 2, 8, 30$ with a gluino mass $m_{gl} = 500$ GeV (solid line), $m_{gl} = 200$ GeV (dotted line). Sfermion soft breaking masses are $m_{sf} = 700$ GeV (solid line) and $m_{sf} = 500$ GeV (dotted line), $m_t = 175$ GeV, $\mu = 100$ GeV, $M = 550$ GeV. Figs. 5b,d,f) show the $\mu$ parameter dependence on the $H \to b\bar{b}$ vertex corrections for pseudoscalar masses $M_{A^0} = 50$ GeV, 150 GeV, 250 GeV. $\tan \beta = 8$, $m_t = 175$ GeV, $m_{gl} = 200$ GeV, $m_{sf} = 500$ GeV, $M = 550$ GeV and $A_f = 0$.

**Figure 6.** The light Higgs boson decay branching ratios $h^0 \to f\bar{f}$ for the decay channels $f = b$ (Fig. 6a), $\tau, c$ (Fig. 6b) with full one-loop MSSM contributions (solid line) and in the approximation of Eq. (3.14) (dashed). The branching ratios are plotted as functions of the physical light Higgs mass $M_{h^0}$ for $\tan \beta = 0.5, 2, 8, 30$. The dotted curves are the standard Higgs branching ratios. $m_t = 175$ GeV, $m_{sf} = 700$ GeV, $\mu = 100$ GeV, $M = 550$ GeV, no sfermion left-right mixing.
Figure 1:
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Figure 5:
$h^0 \rightarrow ff$ branching ratios

- $m_t = 175$ GeV
- $m_{\tilde{t}_R} = 700$ GeV
- $\mu = 100$ GeV
- $M = 550$ GeV

Figure 6: