

# Higher order corrections to Higgs production in Weak Boson Fusion

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# The MSSM Higgs Sector

- In the MSSM, the Higgs sector needs to contain two Higgs doublets, which leads to 5 physical Higgs states:

$$h_0, H_0, A_0, H^+, H^-$$

- At tree level the Higgs sector is described by  $\tan\beta$  and  $M_A$
- The tree level masses  $m_h$  and  $m_H$  are found by diagonalising the Higgs mass matrix

$$M_H^{2,tree} = \begin{pmatrix} M_A^2 \sin^2 \beta + M_Z^2 \cos^2 \beta & -(M_A^2 + M_Z^2) \sin \beta \cos \beta \\ -(M_A^2 + M_Z^2) \sin \beta \cos \beta & M_A^2 \cos^2 \beta + M_Z^2 \sin^2 \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

↓ diagonalisation,  $\alpha$

$$M_H^{2,tree} = \begin{pmatrix} m_H^{2,tree} & 0 \\ 0 & m_h^{2,tree} \end{pmatrix}$$

# The Complex MSSM

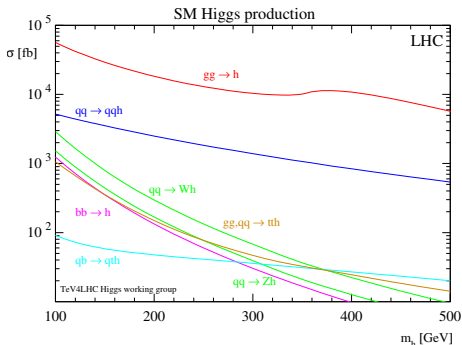
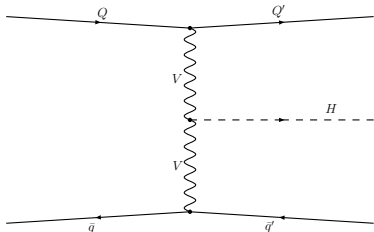
- In general, some of the parameters of the MSSM can be complex. For instance,
  - gluino mass parameter  $M_3$
  - trilinear coupling parameter  $A$
- When complex phases are included, interesting (non-excluded) phenomenology can result
- Complex phases allow mixing between all three neutral Higgs bosons

$$M(p^2) = \begin{pmatrix} m_h^2 - \hat{\Sigma}_{hh}(p^2) & -\hat{\Sigma}_{hH}(p^2) & -\hat{\Sigma}_{hA}(p^2) \\ -\hat{\Sigma}_{hH}(p^2) & m_H^2 - \hat{\Sigma}_{HH}(p^2) & -\hat{\Sigma}_{HA}(p^2) \\ -\hat{\Sigma}_{hA}(p^2) & \hat{\Sigma}_{HA}(p^2) & m_A^2 - \hat{\Sigma}_{AA}(p^2) \end{pmatrix}$$

# Weak Boson Fusion

Weak boson fusion is expected to be the second largest contributor to Higgs Boson production at the LHC

$$Q + \bar{q} \rightarrow Q' + h/H + \bar{q}'$$



From: [hep-ph/0607308](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0607308), T Hahn, S Heinemeyer, F Maltoni, G Weiglein, S Willenbrock

## WBF - Status

- NLO QCD corrections in the SM have been implemented in public Monte Carlo codes  
(see, for instance, [hep-ph/0407066](#), T Figy, C Oleari, D Zeppenfeld)
- The QCD corrections to weak boson fusion are relatively small
- Full SM one-loop corrections have been obtained and implemented in a Monte Carlo program  
([hep-ph/0710.4749](#), [hep-ph/0806.3624](#), M Ciccolini, A Denner, S Dittmaier)
- An estimation of  $\mathcal{O}(\alpha^3 \alpha_S^2)$  contributions has been published  
([hep-ph/0809.3693](#), J Vollinga)
- The pure SUSY-loop corrections to the total cross section have been investigated  
([hep-ph/0804.2676](#), W Hollik, T Plehn, M Rauch, H Rzehak)
- Loop level interference effects have been calculated  
([hep-ph/0709.3513](#), J Andersen, T Binoth, G Heinrich, J Smillie; [hep-ph/0801.4231](#), A Bredenstein, K Hagiwara, B Jäger)

# vbfno

By using Monte Carlo programs, cross section distributions can be calculated, providing a useful tool for experimentalists.

**vbfno**\* is a public parton level Monte Carlo program that provides predictions for weak boson fusion in the Standard Model and includes NLO QCD corrections.

- Arbitrary cuts can be implemented
- Various scales and PDF sets can be chosen
- Several relevant processes are included:
  - Higgs production
  - Single W/Z boson production with leptonic decay
  - WW/ZZ pair production with subsequent leptonic decays of W/Z bosons

\* [hep-ph/0306109](http://hep-ph/0306109), T Figy, C Oleari, D Zeppenfeld

# Effective Couplings

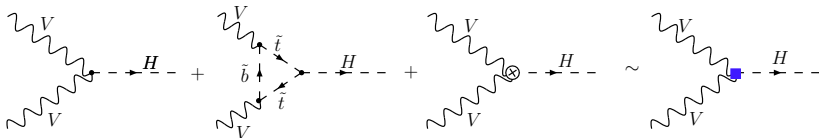
- The most general HVV coupling is:

$$T^{\mu\nu}(q_1, q_2) = a_1(q_1, q_2) g^{\mu\nu} + a_2(q_1, q_2) (q_1 \cdot q_2 g^{\mu\nu} - q_2^\mu q_1^\nu) + a_3(q_1, q_2) \epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho\sigma} q_{1\rho} q_{2\sigma}$$

- At tree level

$$a_1^{SM} = \frac{ieM_W}{\sin(\theta_W)}; \quad a_1^{MSSM} = \frac{ieM_W}{\sin(\theta_W)} \sin(\beta - \alpha); \quad a_2 = 0; \quad a_3 = 0;$$

- New physics (e.g. a heavy particle loop) can be represented by the effective coupling  $T^{\mu\nu}$





# VVH Coupling and Azimuthal Angles

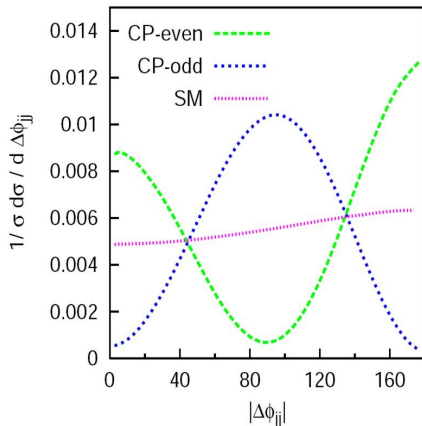


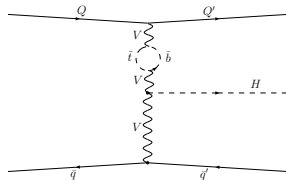
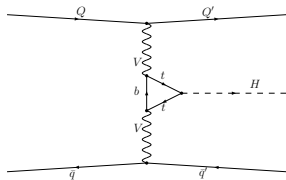
Figure from: [hep-ph/0609075](https://arxiv.org/abs/hep-ph/0609075), T Figy, V Hankele, G Klamke, D Zeppenfeld

The LHC will (hopefully) provide information about

- Strength of the HVV coupling
- Tensor structure of the HVV coupling

# Calculation of Higher Order Corrections to WBF

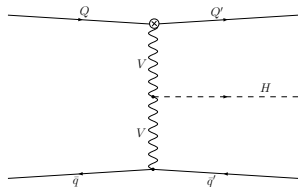
- The programs\* `FeynArts`, `FormCalc`, `LoopTools` and `FeynHiggs` have been used



- Higgs vertex couplings and weak boson self energies are incorporated into an effective coupling  $T^{\mu\nu}$
- For these diagram-types, the full Standard Model corrections and all fermion/sfermion corrections in the MSSM are included

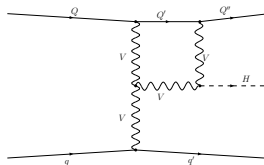
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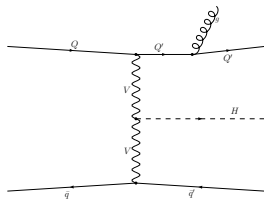


- When only (s)fermionic corrections are being considered, the corrections to  $qqV$  are calculated using the counterterm coupling
- When bosons are included too, the full matrix element is calculated
- $qqV$  vertex corrections are included for the full Standard Model and for fermions and sfermions in the MSSM

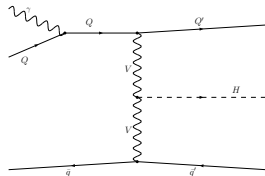
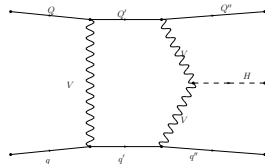
# Bosonic Corrections to WBF



- All bosonic corrections have been implemented in the Standard Model



- Outlook: Implementing these diagram-types in the MSSM

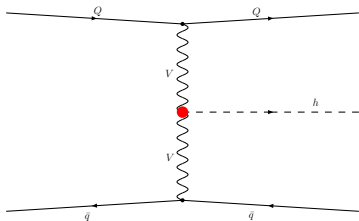


## Boxes and pentagons

- The boxes and pentagons are included by calculating the full matrix element squared, using code generated by a modified version of `FormCalc`
- In order to check this procedure, the Born amplitude and the corrections to the Higgs vertex were calculated using this method, and the results cross checked against the simpler formfactor calculation

# Higgs propagator corrections in the MSSM

- Radiative corrections lead to further mixing between Higgs bosons
- Finite wavefunction normalisation factors have been used to give outgoing particles the correct on-shell properties to take this mixing into account



$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Gamma}_1 \\ \hat{\Gamma}_2 \\ \hat{\Gamma}_3 \end{pmatrix} = \hat{Z} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\Gamma}_h \\ \hat{\Gamma}_H \\ \hat{\Gamma}_A \end{pmatrix}$$

# Higgs propagator corrections in the MSSM

- The non-unitary  $\hat{Z}$  matrix is given by

$$\hat{Z} = \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{Z_h} & \sqrt{Z_h}Z_{hH} & \sqrt{Z_h}Z_{hA} \\ \sqrt{Z_H}Z_{Hh} & \sqrt{Z_H} & \sqrt{Z_h}Z_{HA} \\ \sqrt{Z_h}Z_{Ah} & \sqrt{Z_A}Z_{AH} & \sqrt{Z_A} \end{pmatrix}$$

- When producing a Higgs  $i$ ,  $\sqrt{Z_i}$  is a normalisation factor (dependent on the  $ii$  propagator), and  $Z_{ij}$  involves the  $ij$  propagator and takes account of diagrams where there is a tree level Higgs  $j$  connected directly to the vertex.
- These corrections can be very important numerically. They are calculated using `FeynHiggs`, which includes the dominant two-loop contributions as well as the full one-loop corrections.

# $\Delta m_b$ corrections

- Higher order corrections can significantly affect the relation between the bottom quark mass and the Yukawa coupling  $\lambda_b$

$$\lambda_b = \frac{m_b}{v_1} \rightarrow \frac{m_b}{v_1} \frac{1}{1 + \Delta m_b}$$

- $\Delta m_b$  is output by `FeynHiggs`
- These corrections can potentially be large, especially for the heavy Higgs



# The Higgs vertex

- In the Standard Model, the HWW counterterm coupling is simply

$$\Gamma_{HWW}^{CT} = \frac{ieM_W}{\sin(\theta_w)} \left( \delta\tilde{Z}_e + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta M_W^2}{M_W^2} + \delta Z_W - \frac{\delta \sin(\theta_w)}{\sin(\theta_w)} + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_H \right)$$

- In the MSSM, however, this counterterm is more complicated

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma_{hWW}^{CT} = & \frac{ieM_W}{\sin(\theta_w)} \sin(\beta - \alpha) \left( \delta\tilde{Z}_e + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\delta M_W^2}{M_W^2} + \delta Z_W + \right. \\ & \left. \frac{\delta \sin(\theta_w)}{\sin(\theta_w)} + \frac{1}{2} \delta Z_h + \sin(\beta) \cos(\beta) \frac{\cos(\beta - \alpha)}{\sin(\beta - \alpha)} \delta \tan(\beta) \right) \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \frac{ieM_W}{\sin(\theta_w)} \cos(\beta - \alpha) \delta Z_{Hh} \end{aligned}$$

- We work in a scheme where  $\alpha$  is not renormalised

# Renormalisation constants

- The Higgs field renormalisation terms are calculated in the  $\overline{DR}$  scheme

$$\delta Z_h = - \left[ \text{Re} \Sigma'_{hh}(m_h^2) \right]^{div}$$

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$$\delta Z_{hH} = \frac{\sin(\alpha)\cos(\alpha)}{\cos(2\alpha)} (\delta Z_h - \delta Z_H)$$

$$\delta \tan\beta = \frac{1}{2\cos(2\alpha)} (\delta Z_h - \delta Z_H)$$

- The lowest order electromagnetic coupling  $\alpha_{em}$  is parametrised either by the coupling at the scale  $M_Z$  or by the Fermi constant

$$\alpha_{em}(M_Z) = \frac{\alpha_{em}(0)}{1 - \Delta\alpha}$$

$$\alpha_{em} = \frac{\sqrt{2}G_F M_W^2 \cos^2(\theta_w)}{\pi(1 + \Delta r)}$$

# Charge Renormalisation

- The constant  $\delta\tilde{Z}_e$  incorporates both charge renormalisation and the  $\Delta\alpha$  or  $\Delta r$  contributions

$$\delta\tilde{Z}_e = \delta Z_e - \frac{1}{2}\Delta\alpha \qquad \delta\tilde{Z}_e = \delta Z_e - \frac{1}{2}\Delta r$$

- Charge renormalisation has the form

$$\delta Z_e = \frac{1}{2}\Pi^\gamma(0) - \frac{\sin(\theta_w)}{\cos(\theta_w)} \frac{\Sigma_{\gamma Z}(0)}{M_Z^2}$$

- In the fermion / sfermion sector,  $\delta\tilde{Z}_e$  can be written as

$$\delta\tilde{Z}_e = \frac{\delta \sin(\theta_w)}{\sin \theta_w} - \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\Sigma_W(0) - \delta M_W^2}{M_W^2} \right)$$

# Soft and collinear divergences

- We work in the limit of zero quark mass for the external (1st and 2nd generation) quarks
- The IR and collinear divergences are regularised by a small photon mass and small quark masses respectively
- We use the dipole subtraction formalism described in **hep-ph/9904440\***
- As an additional check on the IR divergences, we have also used the soft photon approximation as an alternative to dipole subtraction

\*hep-ph/9904440, S Dittmaier

## Renormalisation checks

Several checks have been performed to ensure that the final answer is finite:

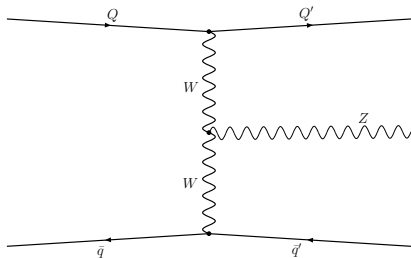
- The UV divergences are checked analytically in the 3rd generation quark (and squark) sector and checked numerically in the other sectors
- In the fermion / sfermion sector, the Standard Model and MSSM corrections are separately finite
- In the fermion / sfermion sector, the Higgs vertex, the quark vertex and the weak boson self energy contributions are all separately finite
- The result is independent of all renormalisation parameters (the UV divergence, the regulator quark mass and the photon mass)

# Calibration Process

$$Q + \bar{q} \rightarrow Q' + Z + \bar{q}'$$

The search for (and understanding of) Higgs production via weak boson fusion at the LHC depends on understanding the detector response

- Feynman diagrams are analagous for Z / H production
- $M_Z \sim M_H$ , so the kinematics of the tag jets are similar



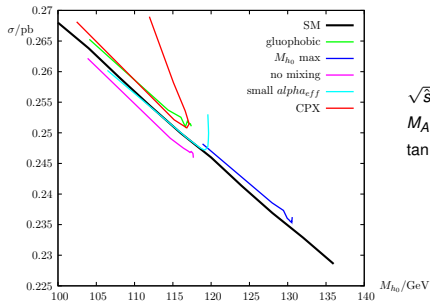
See [hep-ex/0502009](#), D Green

# MSSM benchmark scenarios

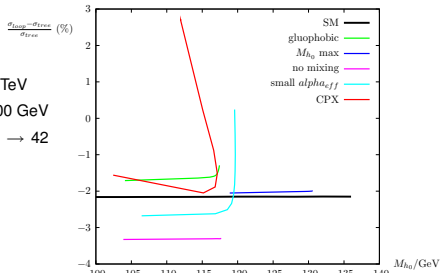
- In the MSSM  $M_A / M_{H^\pm}$  and  $\tan \beta$  are taken to be free parameters
- Other parameters are fixed according to a benchmark prescription
- The benchmarks used here are
  - Gluophobic Higgs scenario
  - No-mixing scenario
  - $M_h$ -max scenario
  - Small  $\alpha_{eff}$  scenario
  - CPX scenario

# Partonic Cross Sections - $h_0$

- Partonic cross sections have been calculated for the process:  $u + c \rightarrow u + h_0 + c$



$\sqrt{s} = 1 \text{ TeV}$   
 $M_A = 500 \text{ GeV}$   
 $\tan \beta : 3 \rightarrow 42$

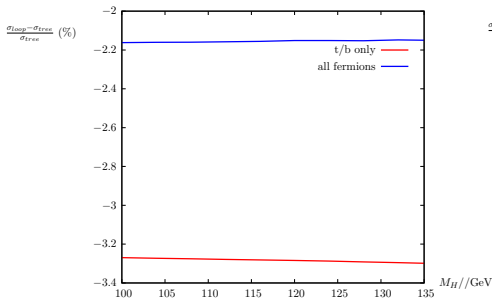


- The partonic cross section is  $\sim 0.25 \text{ pb}$ , with loop corrections at the % level

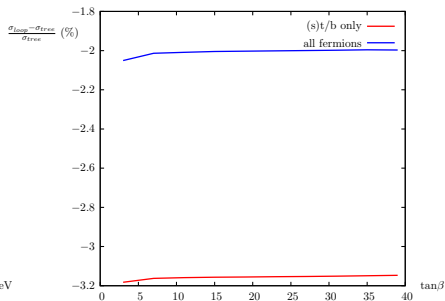


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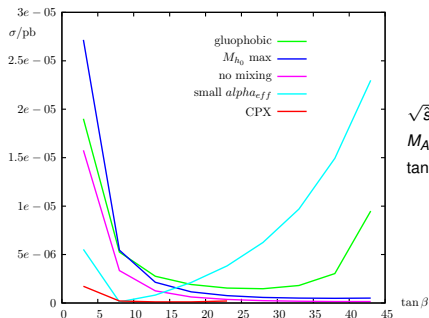
Standard Model



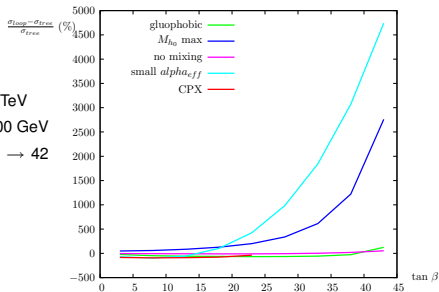
CPX scenario,  $M_A = 500 \text{ GeV}$

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- The loop corrections are extremely large, but the total cross section is still very small

# Experimental cuts

- We use the PDF set MRST2004qed
- Cuts are implemented\*
  - $p_t > 20 \text{ GeV}$
  - $|\eta_{ij}| \leq 4.5$
  - $|\eta_{j_1} - \eta_{j_2}| > 4$
- A range of distributions are output

\*Cuts from [hep-ph/0403297](#): T Figy, D Zeppenfeld

# Comparison: Standard Model

The adapted `vbfnlo` code compares well with the previously published full Standard Model calculations\*.

$M_H$ [GeV]	120	150	200
$\sigma_{LO}$ , <b>hep-ph/0710.4749</b> [fb]	1876	1590	1221
$\sigma_{LO}$ , <code>vbfnlo</code> [fb]	1874	1588	1220
$\Delta\sigma_{NLO}$ , <b>hep-ph/0710.4749</b> [fb]	-220	-188	-132
$\Delta\sigma_{NLO}$ , <code>vbfnlo</code> [fb]	-217	-190	-128

\* **hep-ph/0710.4749**, M Ciccolini, A Denner, S Dittmaier

## Comparison: Standard Model

- Numerical inputs, cuts and PDF sets are the same
- The results presented in **hep-ph/0710.4749** include more corrections than the adapted `vbfnlo`
- `vbfnlo` assumes the Higgs decays into two massless particles
- These `vbfnlo` cross sections have numerical errors of  $\sim \pm 0.5\text{pb}$  at LO and  $\sim \pm 5\text{pb}$  at NLO

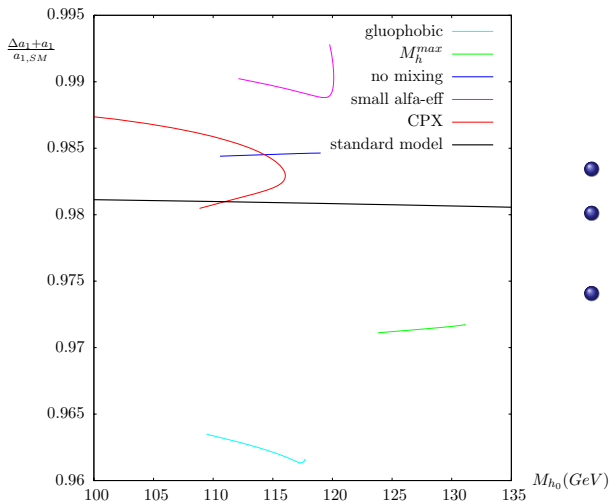
# Comparison: the real MSSM

SPS point	$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma}$ [%] <b>hep-ph/0804.2676</b>	$\frac{\Delta\sigma}{\sigma}$ [%] vbf <sub>nl</sub> o
1a	-0.469	-0.44
1b	-0.229	-0.21
2	0.129	0.17
3	-0.216	-0.31
4	-0.355	0.01
5	-0.912	-2.01
6	-0.309	-0.32
7	-0.317	-0.07
8	-0.206	-0.01
9	-0.071	-0.03

- The pure SUSY-loop contributions have been published\*
- The adapted vbf<sub>nl</sub>o can study weak boson fusion calculating loops with only fermions, loops with only sfermions or both contributions
- Different corrections are included in the published and the adapted vbf<sub>nl</sub>o results - a more detailed comparison is in progress

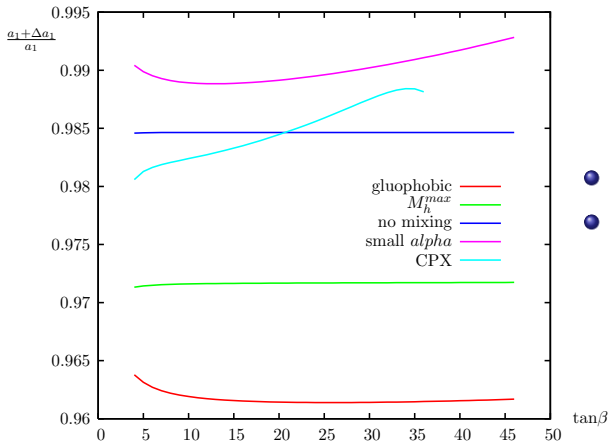
\* hep-ph/0804.2676, W Hollik, T Plehn, M Rauch, and H Rzehak

# Decoupling regime: $h_1$ formfactor $a_1$



- $M_A/M_{H^+} = 500$  GeV
- In the MSSM,  $\tan\beta$  is varied between 3 and 53
- In the decoupling regime, we expect the SUSY effects to be small

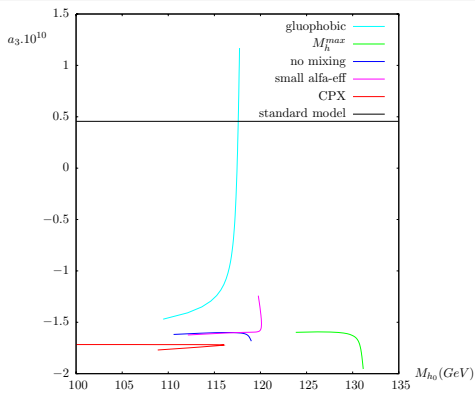
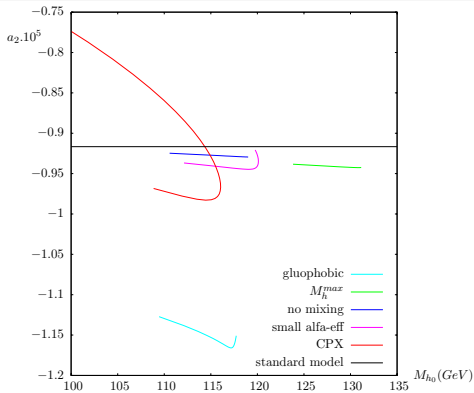
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- The loop effects in the decoupling regime are at the % level



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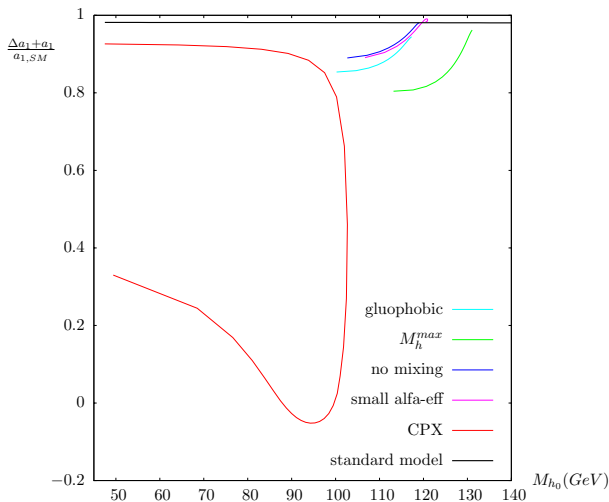


$$M_A/M_{H^+} = 500 GeV$$

- These values are almost certainly too small to be experimentally visible\*

\*EPJC 51, 386, C Ruwiedel, M Schumacher, N Wermes

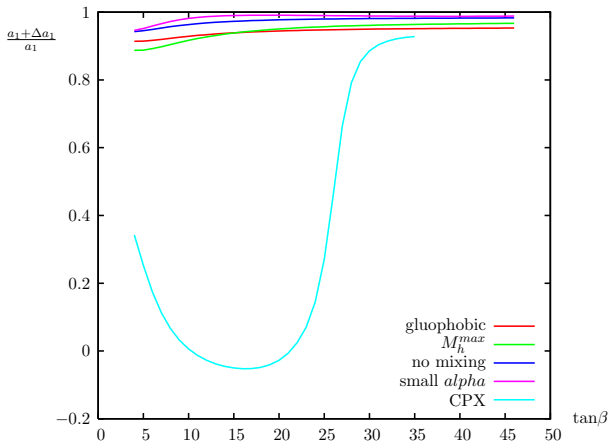
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$$M_A/M_{H^+} = 150 GeV$$

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- Away from the decoupling regime, deviations from the Standard Model are pronounced

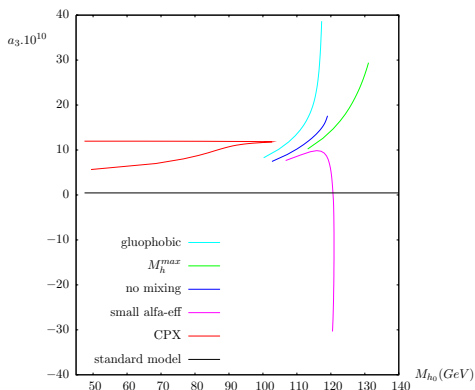
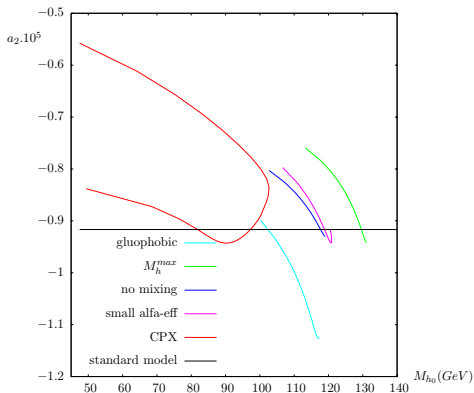
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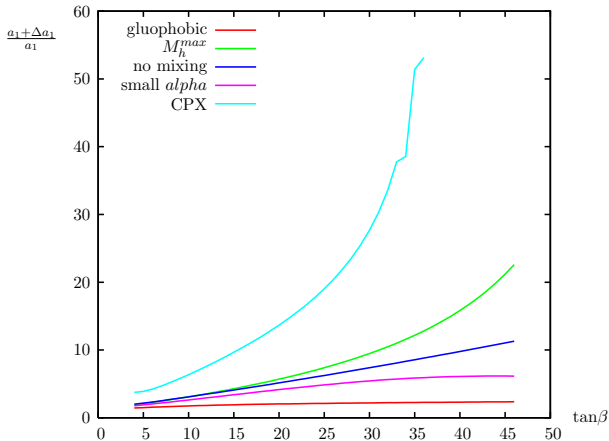
The loop (and, more importantly, Higgs propagator) corrections are extremely significant

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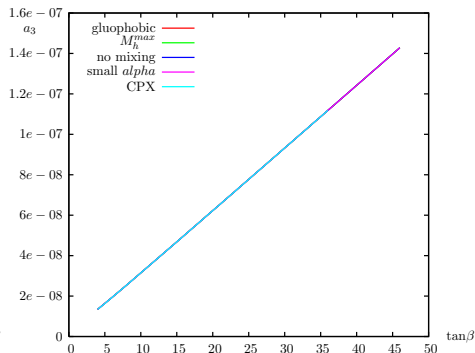
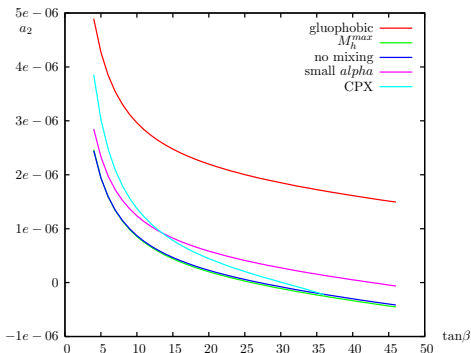
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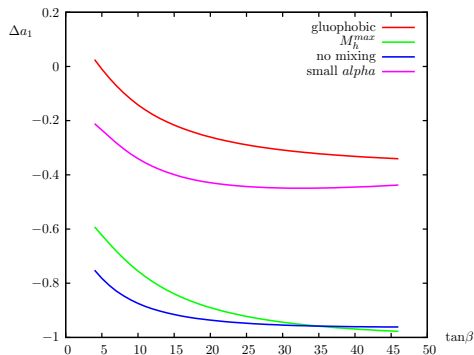
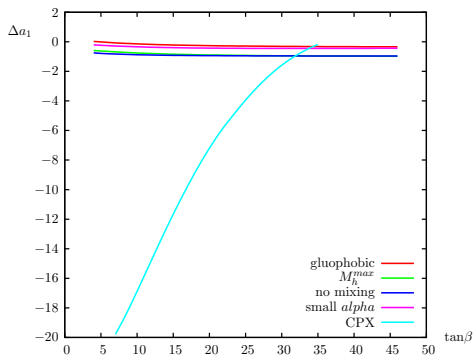
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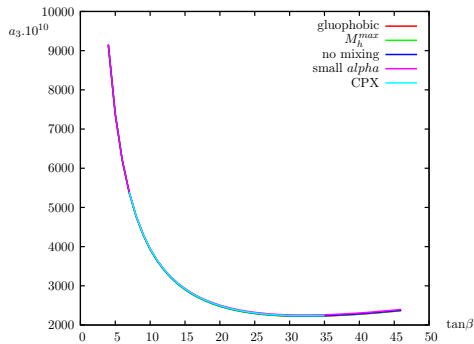
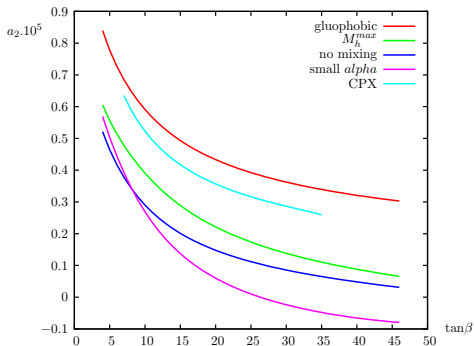
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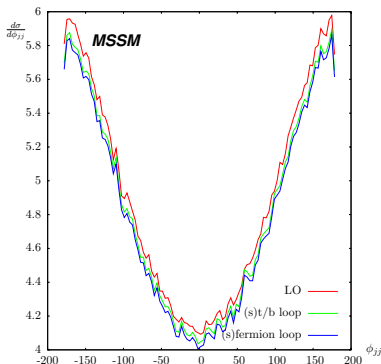
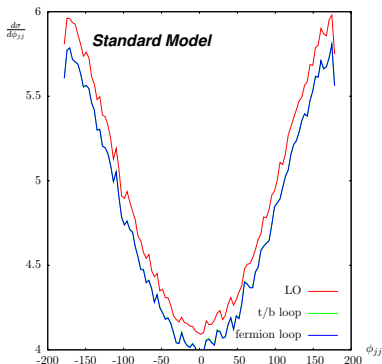


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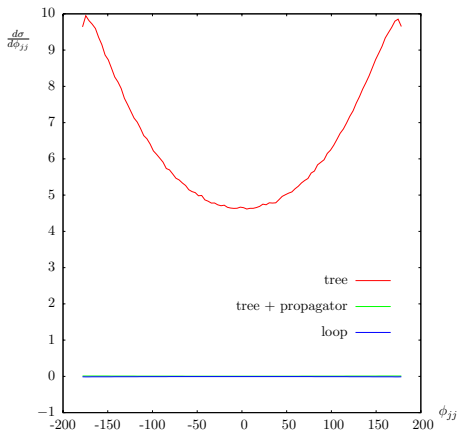
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$M_h$ -max scenario,  $M_A = 500$  GeV (decoupling regime)  
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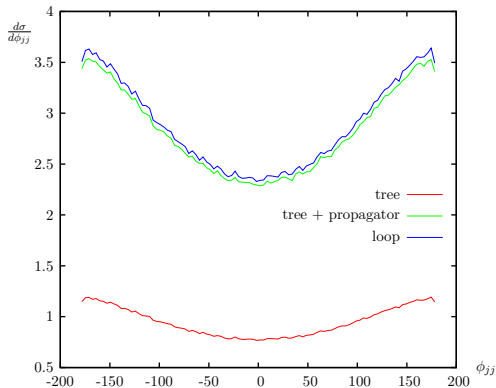
## Producing the lightest Higgs in the complex MSSM



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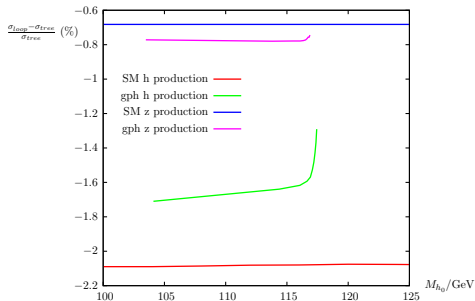
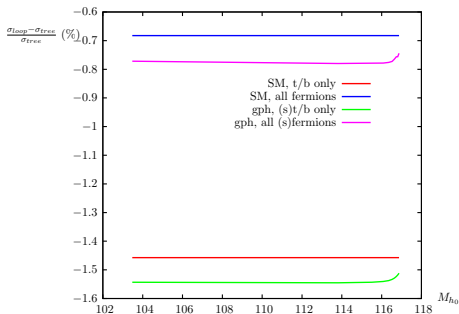
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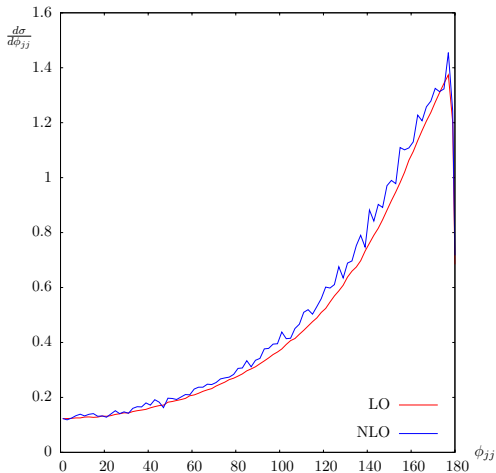
# Z production - Partonic Cross Sections

For the partonic process:  $u + s \rightarrow d + Z + c$



Gluophobic scenario,  $M_A = 500$  GeV

# Z Production - MC Results



# Summary

- Weak boson fusion provides
  - Higgs discovery channel
  - Study of electroweak symmetry breaking and BSM
- Complete corrections in the SM have been calculated and implemented in a modified `vbfnlo`
- The fermion/sfermion loop corrections in the MSSM have been implemented
- There is reasonable agreement with the literature
- Fermion/sfermion corrections are typically  $\sim 3\text{-}4\%$  for the production of the lightest Higgs in the decoupling regime
- Corrections for the heavier Higgs bosons are generally large
- A possible calibration process is being studied
- **Outlook:** Remaining SUSY corrections