

Improved SUSY QCD corrections to Higgs boson decays into quarks and squarks

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Higgs boson decays in the MSSM with large $\tan \beta$

MSSM has two Higgs scalar doublets
(H_1, H_2).

VEVs: $\langle H_i \rangle = v_i / \sqrt{2}$.

$$m_W^2 = g_2^2 \bar{v}^2 / 4 \equiv g_2^2 (v_1^2 + v_2^2) / 4, \quad \tan \beta \equiv v_2 / v_1.$$

Mass eigenstates (h^0, H^0, A^0, H^\pm).

Couplings to quarks

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}} = -h_b \bar{b}_R q_L H_1 - h_t \bar{t}_R q_L H_2 + (\text{h.c.}).$$

$$q_L = (t_L, b_L)$$

$$h_b = \frac{\sqrt{2} m_b}{\bar{v} \cos \beta} = \frac{h_b(\text{SM})}{\cos \beta}, \quad h_t = \frac{\sqrt{2} m_t}{\bar{v} \sin \beta} = \frac{h_t(\text{SM})}{\sin \beta}$$

Large h_b for large $\tan \beta$

Higgs decays in large $\tan \beta$ case

$(h^0, H^0, A^0) \rightarrow b\bar{b}$, $H^\pm \rightarrow t\bar{b}$ are usually dominant.

large decay widths by enhanced Yukawa coupling h_b

$(h^0, H^0, A^0) \rightarrow \tilde{b}_i \tilde{b}_j^*$, $H^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{t}_i \tilde{b}_j^*$ ($i, j = 1, 2$) can be also dominant if kinematically allowed and left-right squark mixing are large.

Light (\tilde{t}, \tilde{b}) by RGE flow and $\tilde{q}_L - \tilde{q}_R$ mixing

$$g_{H\tilde{b}\tilde{b}} \sim (h_b^2, h_b A_b, h_b \mu)$$



$\tilde{b}_L - \tilde{b}_R$ mixing parameters

Radiative corrections to above decays: important in SUSY phenomenology

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ SUSY QCD corrections
in the "on-shell scheme"

(lowest order Higgs-(s)quark couplings are
given in terms of pole M_q , $M_{\bar{q}}$,
and on-shell $\theta_{\bar{q}}$)

Often $|\Delta\Gamma_{OS}^{(QCD)}| > \Gamma^0$

giving unreliable numerical results

$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \ln \frac{m_\phi}{m_b})$ gluon corrections:

Absorbed by using (non-SUSY) QCD running
coupling at tree-level

$$g_{\phi bb}(Q) \propto m_b(Q)_{SM}, \quad Q \sim m_\phi$$

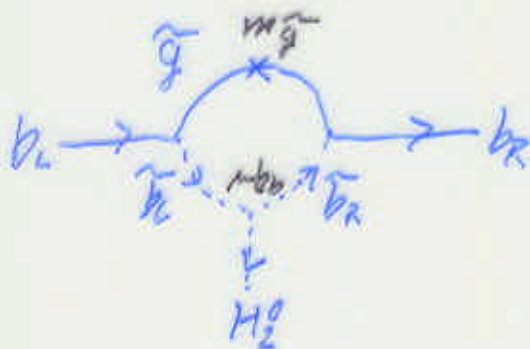
However, gluino loop corrections can be also
very large.

gluino-squark loop corrections

$$\Delta\Gamma^{(\tilde{g})}((H^0, A^0) \rightarrow b\bar{b}, H^+ \rightarrow t\bar{b}) \sim \mathcal{O}\left(\frac{\alpha_s}{\pi} \tan\beta\right)$$

$\gg \frac{\alpha_s}{\pi}$ for large ($\tan\beta \gg 1, m_{\tilde{g}}, \mu$)
 $|\Delta\Gamma^{(\tilde{g})}| > \Gamma^0$ possible.

Origin: effective $\bar{b}bH_2$ coupling



Babu-Kolda
 Carena-Mrenna-Wagner
 Chankowski-Pokorski

$$\rightarrow -h_b \Delta_b \bar{b}_R b_L H_2^{0*}$$

$\Delta_b = 0$ if SUSY is exact.

$$\Delta_b \sim \frac{\alpha_s m_{\tilde{g}} \mu}{\pi m_{\tilde{b}}^2} \ll 1$$

(no danger in perturbation)

c.f. other loops



$$\Delta_b \sim \frac{h_b^2 \mu A_t}{m_{\tilde{g}}^2}$$

Effective Higgs-bottom couplings after squarks are integrated out.

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{\text{eff}} = -h_b \bar{b}_R (b_L H_1^0 - t_L H_1^-) \\ - h_b \Delta_b \bar{b}_R (b_L H_2^{0*} + t_L H_2^-) + (\text{h.c.}).$$

$$m_b(Q)_{\text{MSSM}} = h_b \bar{v} \cos \beta / \sqrt{2}, \\ m_b(Q)_{\text{SM}} = \frac{h_b \bar{v}}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \beta [1 + \Delta_b \tan \beta] \\ = m_b(Q)_{\text{MSSM}} + \delta m_b^{(\tilde{g})} \text{ (leading)}$$

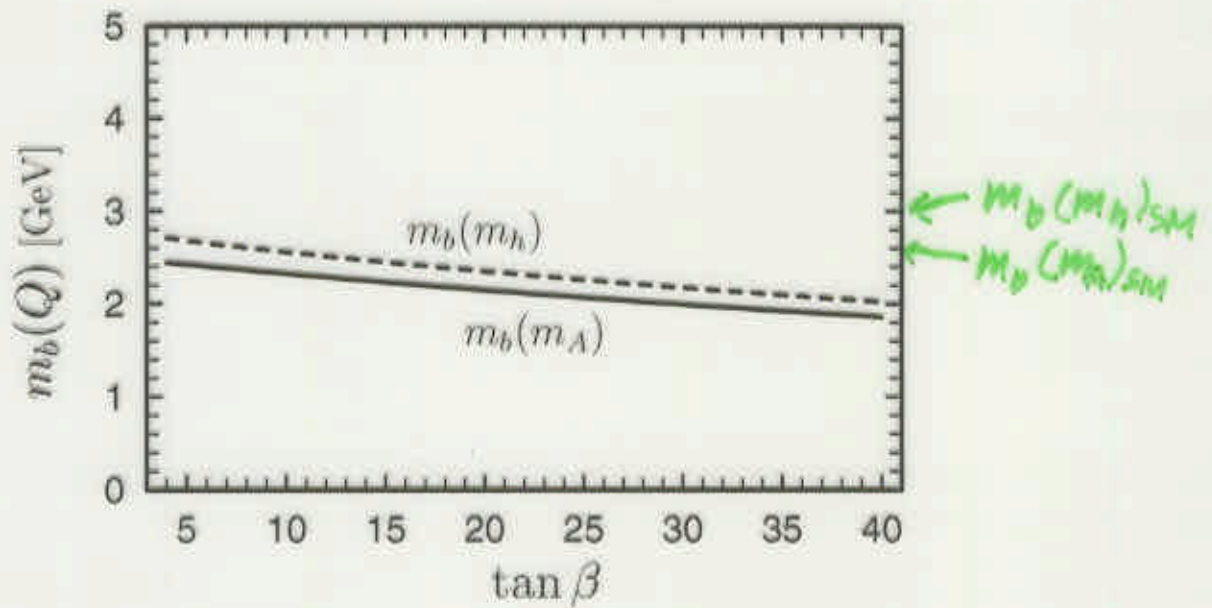
Large counterterm
despite $|\Delta_b| \ll 1$

Hempfling
Hall-Ratazzi-Sarid
Carena et al.
Pierce et al.

$$\text{sgn}(\Delta_b) = \text{sgn}(\mu)$$

SUSY threshold correction to b - τ Yukawa unification

SUSY QCD running $m_b(Q)$



Parameters:

$$M_b = 5 \text{ GeV}, m_b(m_h, m_A)_{SM} \sim (3.0, 2.6) \text{ GeV},$$

$$(M_{\tilde{Q}}(\bar{t}), M_{\tilde{U}}, M_{\tilde{D}}) = (300, 270, 330) \text{ GeV},$$

$$A_t = 150 \text{ GeV}, A_b(Q) = -700 \text{ GeV (where } Q = m_h \text{ or } m_A),$$

$$m_{\tilde{g}} = 350 \text{ GeV}, \mu = 260 \text{ GeV},$$

$$m_A = 800 \text{ GeV}, m_h = 93 - 103 \text{ GeV}.$$

Higgs-bottom effective couplings:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{int}}^{\text{eff}} = & -\frac{h_b \bar{v}}{\sqrt{2}} [\cos \beta + \Delta_b \sin \beta] \bar{b} b \\
 & -\frac{h_b}{\sqrt{2}} [\cos \alpha + \Delta_b \sin \alpha] H^0 \bar{b} b \\
 & +\frac{h_b}{\sqrt{2}} [\sin \alpha - \Delta_b \cos \alpha] h^0 \bar{b} b \\
 & +\frac{i h_b}{\sqrt{2}} [\sin \beta - \Delta_b \cos \beta] A^0 \bar{b} \gamma_5 b \\
 & +h_b [\sin \beta - \Delta_b \cos \beta] H^- \bar{b}_R t_L + (\text{h.c.}).
 \end{aligned}$$

Different contributions of Δ_b to m_b and couplings:

Origin of large $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s \tan \beta)$ gluino corrections to Γ renormalized by M_b or $m_b(Q)_{\text{SM}}$.

Example: $A^0 \bar{b} b$ coupling

$$\begin{aligned}
 g_{Abb} &= \frac{i h_b(Q \sim m_A)}{\sqrt{2}} [\sin \beta - \Delta_b \cos \beta] \\
 &= \frac{i m_b(Q)_{\text{SM}}}{\bar{v}} \tan \beta \left[1 - \frac{1}{\sin \beta \cos \beta} \frac{\Delta_b}{1 + \Delta_b \tan \beta} \right] \\
 &= \frac{i m_b(Q)_{\text{MSSM}}}{\bar{v}} \tan \beta [1 - \Delta_b \cot \beta]
 \end{aligned}$$

$m_b(Q)_{\text{MSSM}}$ is appropriate for tree-level couplings of A^0 , H^0 , and H^\pm (with $m_A \gg m_Z$) to b quark.
($m_b(Q)_{\text{SM}}$ is better for $h^0 \bar{b} b$ coupling.)

Higgs-squark couplings

Depend on m_q , \tilde{q}_L - \tilde{q}_R mixing angle $\theta_{\tilde{q}}$, trilinear soft SUSY breaking A_q ,

Example:

$$G(A^0 \tilde{b}_i^* \tilde{b}_j) = \frac{ig_2}{2m_W} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & m_b(A_b \tan \beta + \mu) \\ -m_b(A_b \tan \beta + \mu) & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

Large SUSY corrections ($> \mathcal{O}(1)$) to $\Gamma(\phi \rightarrow \tilde{b}\tilde{b}^*, H^+ \rightarrow \tilde{t}\tilde{b}^*)$ appear in the on-shell scheme for squarks.

Origin: large counterterms for $(m_b, m_b A_b)$

Appropriate tree-level couplings are given in terms of $\overline{\text{DR}}$ running $(m_q(Q), A_q(Q))$ and on-shell $\theta_{\tilde{q}}$

- * no enhanced vertex corrections
- * $\delta\theta_{\tilde{q}}$ cancels large off-diagonal squark wave function corrections

Procedure of numerical calculation of the corrected widths

Input parameters:

on-shell: $M_t = 175 \text{ GeV}, M_b = 5 \text{ GeV},$
 $(M_{\tilde{Q}}(\tilde{t}), M_{\tilde{U}}, M_{\tilde{D}}) = (300, 270, 330) \text{ GeV},$
 $A_t = 150 \text{ GeV},$

running: $A_b(Q)(Q = m_\phi),$

tree: $\tan \beta, m_{\tilde{g}} = 350 \text{ GeV}, \mu, m_A = 800 \text{ GeV}$

\Rightarrow obtain running parameters ($m_t(Q), m_b(Q), A_t(Q)$) and on-shell ($m_{\tilde{q}_i}, \theta_{\tilde{q}}$)

$$m_b(Q)_{\text{MSSM}} = m_b(Q)_{\text{SM}} + \delta m_b^{(\tilde{g})}$$

$\delta m_b^{(\tilde{g})}$ depends on the \tilde{b} parameters.

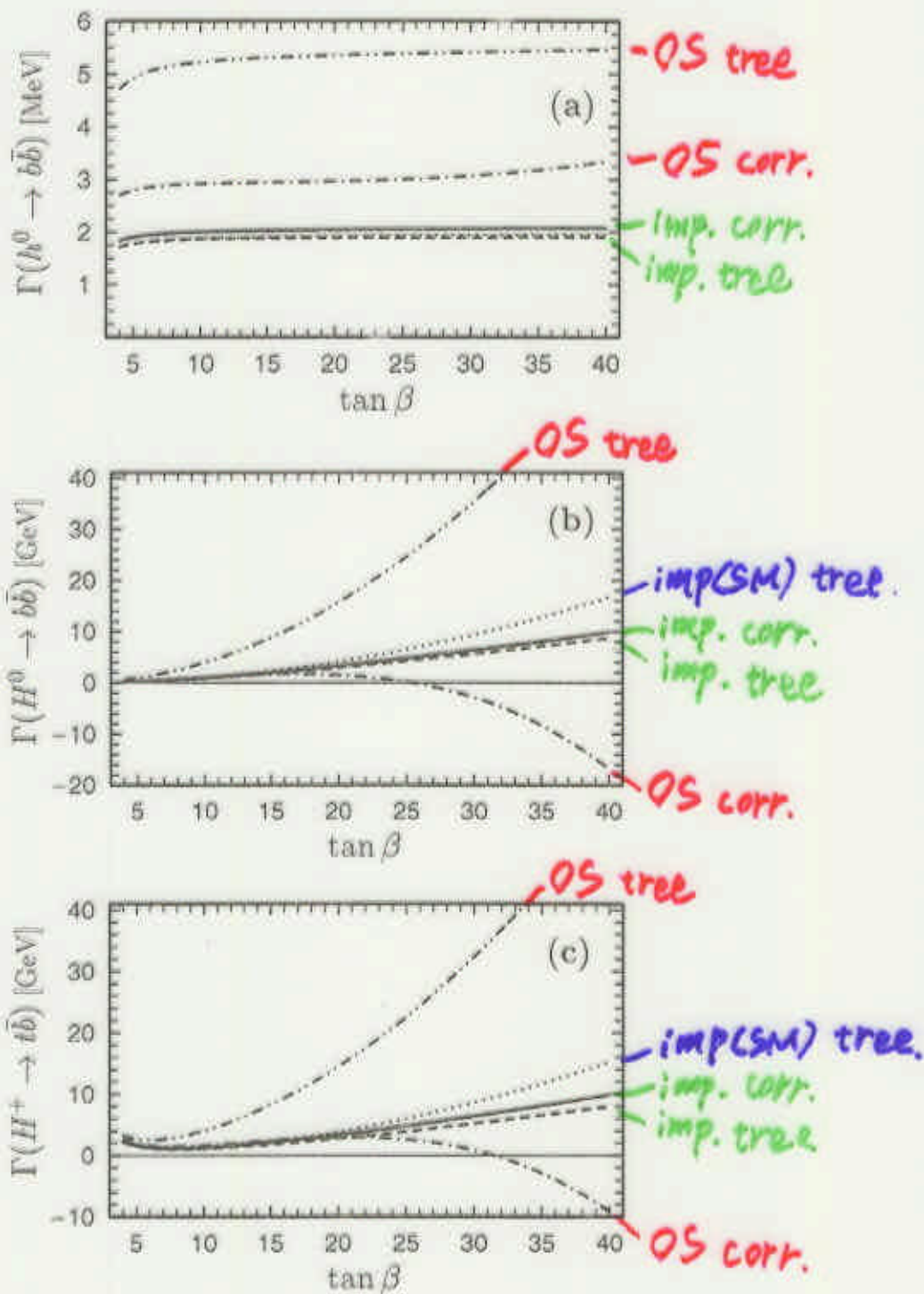
$$\delta m_b^{(\tilde{g})} = -\frac{\alpha_s}{3\pi} \left[m_b (B_1(m_b^2, m_{\tilde{g}}^2, m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2) + B_1(m_b^2, m_{\tilde{g}}^2, m_{\tilde{b}_2}^2) + 1) \right. \\ \left. + m_{\tilde{g}} \sin 2\theta_{\tilde{b}} (B_0(m_b^2, m_{\tilde{g}}^2, m_{\tilde{b}_1}^2) - B_0(m_b^2, m_{\tilde{g}}^2, m_{\tilde{b}_2}^2)) \right].$$

We calculate $\delta m_b^{(\tilde{g})}$ by using running $m_{\tilde{b}_i}, \theta_{\tilde{b}}$, and $m_b(Q)_{\text{MSSM}}$ at $Q \sim m_{\tilde{b}}$ (with iteration). All large higher-order gluino corrections are then resummed.

Rigorous proof in Carena et al., NPB 577 (2000) 88

Decay widths into quarks

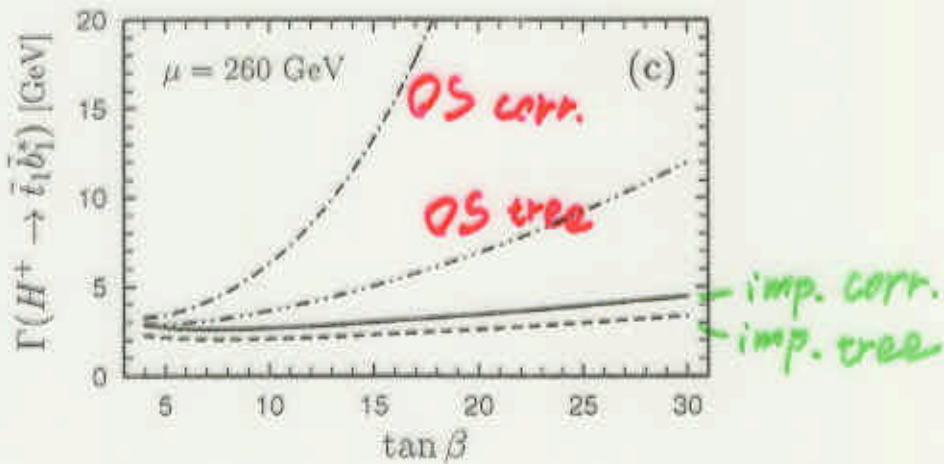
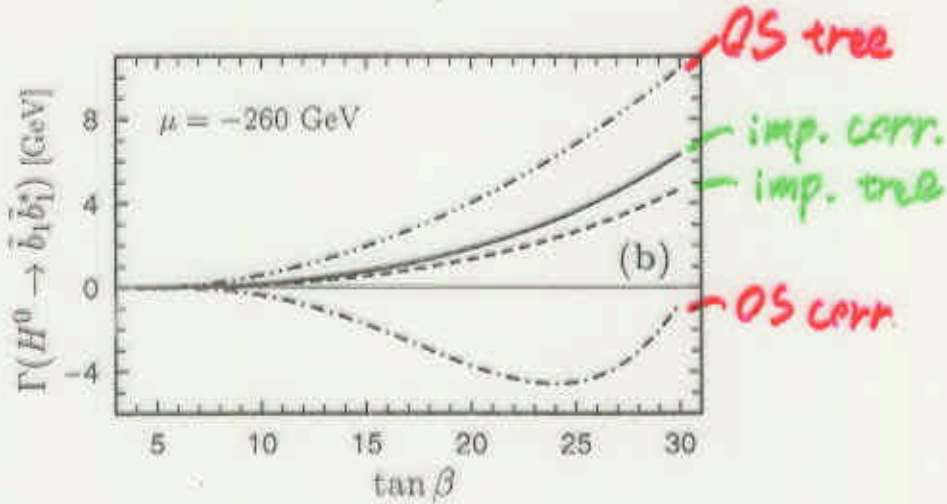
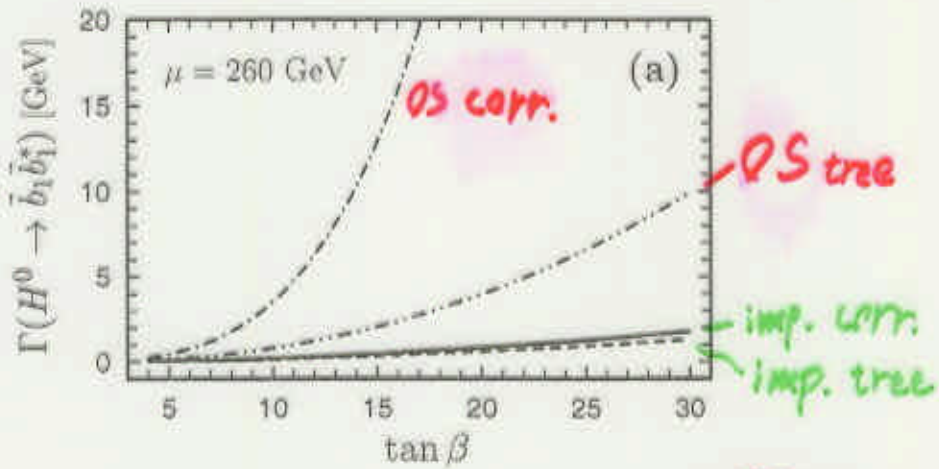
significantly improved perturbation expansion



$A_0 = -700 \text{ GeV}, M_2 = +260 \text{ GeV}$

Decay widths into squarks

significantly improved perturbation expansion



$$A_b = -700 \text{ GeV}$$

Summary

- The $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$ SUSY QCD corrections to the decay widths of the MSSM Higgs bosons into b and \tilde{b} are very large for large $\tan\beta$, when the on-shell scheme for quarks and squarks is adopted, which makes the numerical results unreliable.
- We improved the above corrections by defining appropriate tree-level couplings of the Higgs bosons to quarks and squarks, in terms of running $m_q(Q)_{\text{SM}}$, $m_q(Q)_{\text{MSSM}}$, $A_q(Q)$, and on-shell $\theta_{\tilde{q}}$.
- Numerical convergence of the corrected decay widths was greatly improved.
- This method of improvement is also useful in studying other processes with Higgs-(s)quark couplings.