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# MSSM Higgs Boson Production via Weak Boson Fusion

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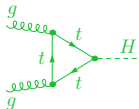
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- ▶ Weak boson fusion:  
Standard Model (SM)  
vs  
Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM)
- ▶ Corrections from the Higgs sector
- ▶ SUSY contributions: Results

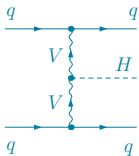
# Higgs Production in the Standard Model

## Different production channels:

- **Gluon fusion:**

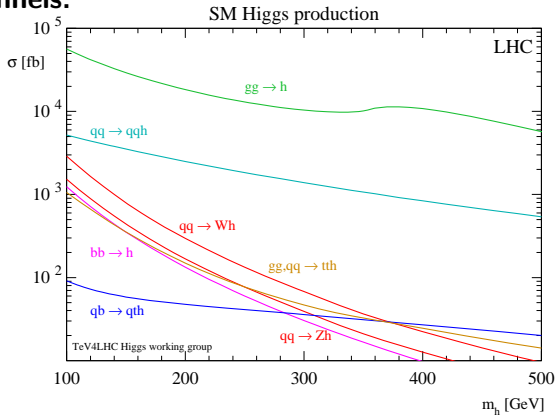
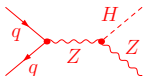


- **Weak boson fusion:**

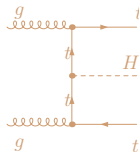


**clear exp. signature (two jets in forward region)**

- **Associated production with a gauge boson**

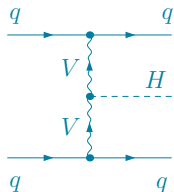


- **Associated production with a heavy top-antitop pair**



# Weak Boson Fusion at the Born Level

Standard Model (SM):



coupling  $VVH \sin(\beta - \alpha)$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{SM} \sin^2(\beta - \alpha)$$

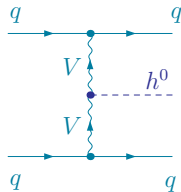
For large parts of the parameter space:

$$\sin(\beta - \alpha) \approx 1$$

$\Rightarrow$  Difference between SM and MSSM?

Consider: NLO contributions

MSSM:



coupling  $VVh^0$

$$= \sigma_{MSSM}$$

$$V = \{W, Z\}$$

$\alpha$  = mixing angle of  
CP-even MSSM  
Higgs bosons

$\tan \beta$  = ratio of MSSM  
Higgs vacuum  
expect. values

$\sigma$  = cross section

# Weak Boson Fusion at Higher Orders

## Known contributions:

### Standard Model:

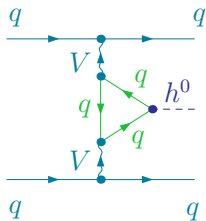
- NLO QCD corrections [Han, Valencia, Willenbrock; Spira; Figy, Oleari, Zeppenfeld; Berger, Campbell]
- NLO QCD and NLO electroweak corrections [Ciccolini, Denner, Dittmaier]
- Estimate of the size of the NNLO QCD corrections [Harlander, Vollinga, Weber]
- Interference effects of gluon and weak boson fusion are negligible [Andersen, Binoth, Heinrich, Smillie; Bredenstein, Hagiwara, Jäger]

### MSSM:

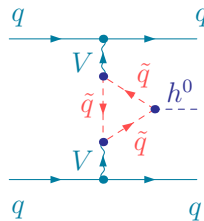
- NLO SUSY QCD vertex corrections with degenerate squark masses [Djouadi, Spira]
- Complete NLO SUSY contributions [Hollik, Plehn, Rauch, H.R.]

# NLO Corrections in the MSSM

**Standard Model** like:



**SUSY** like:



In the loop: either **Standard Model** or **SUSY** type particles (R-parity)

Standard Model NLO contributions known

$\Rightarrow$  only calculate SUSY contributions

**Problem:** MSSM Higgs sector differs from the Standard Model one

**Solution:** Generate MSSM and Standard Model amplitude and subtract:

$$\text{SUSY} = \text{MSSM} - \text{SM} \sin(\beta - \alpha)$$

The diagrammatic equation shows three circular diagrams representing amplitudes. The first circle is labeled 'SUSY', the second 'MSSM', and the third 'SM'. They are connected by an equals sign and a minus sign. To the right of the minus sign is the expression  $\sin(\beta - \alpha)$ .

# Corrections with Origin in the Higgs Sector

At Born level: Mass of the lightest Higgs boson:  $M_{h^0} \leq M_Z \approx 91 \text{ GeV}$

With quantum corrections:

$$M_{h^0} \lesssim 135 \text{ GeV}$$

⇒ Large quantum corrections to the Higgs mass

⇒ have to be taken into account (large kinematical effect)

Also: Higgs couplings get corrections:

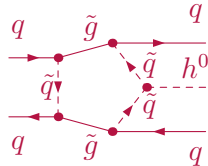
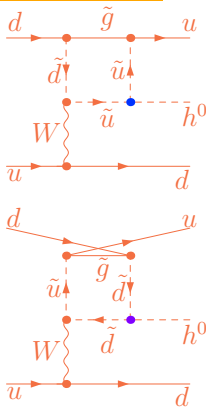
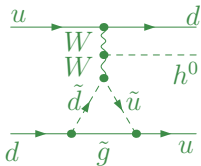
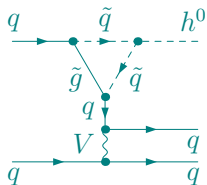
- finite momentum effects → Feynman diagrams: FeynHiggs [Hahn, Heinemeyer, Hollik, H.R., Weiglein]
- self consistent couplings → effective potential: SubH [Carena, Espinosa, Quiros, Wagner]

small corrections,  
small uncertainty

	$ \Delta\sigma/\sigma(\text{ud} \rightarrow \text{udh}) $	$(\sigma_{\alpha_{\text{eff}}} - \sigma_{\text{full}})/\sigma$
<b>effective theory</b>		
$\alpha_{\text{eff}}$	-0.389 %	-0.122 %
full	-0.266 %	
<b>Feynman diagrams</b>		
$\alpha_{\text{eff}}$	-0.393 %	-0.076 %
full	-0.317 %	
<b>Feynman diagrams, loop-improved <math>Z_{\text{FH}}</math></b>		
$\alpha_{\text{eff}}$	-0.343 %	-0.115 %
full	-0.228 %	

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# SUSY-Corrections: SUSY-QCD-Contributions



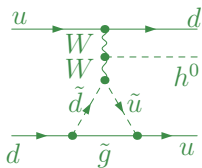
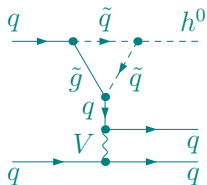
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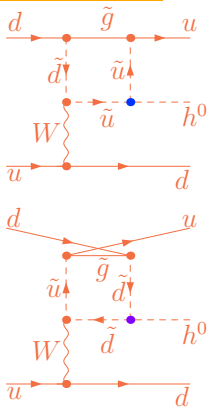


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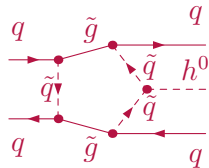


In total:  
SUSY QCD  
contributions  
are tiny.

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# SUSY-Corrections: Different Contributions

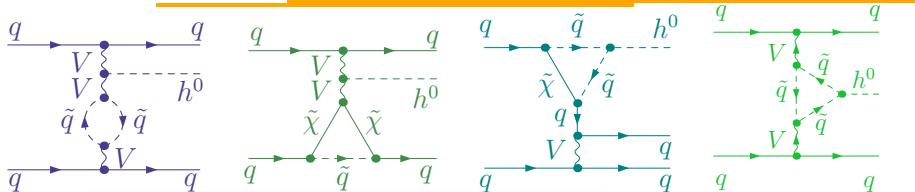


diagram	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma$ [%]	diagram	$\Delta\sigma/\sigma$ [%]
$\Delta\sigma \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha)$		$\Delta\sigma \sim \mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$	
self energies	0.199		
$qqW + qqZ$	-0.392	$qqW + qqZ$	-0.0148
$qqh$	-0.0260	$qqh$	0.00545
$WW h + ZZ h$	-0.329		
box	0.0785	box	-0.00518
pentagon	0.000522	pentagon	-0.000308

sum of all  $\Delta\sigma/\sigma = -0.484\%$

- SUSY-QCD corrections are tiny.
- SUSY-electroweak corrections are dominant.

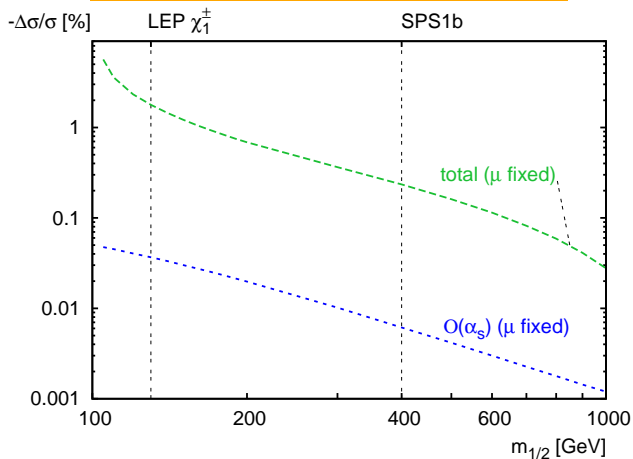
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# SUSY-Corrections: SPS Points

	$(\sigma^{\text{one-loop}} - \sigma^{\text{BORN}})/\sigma^{\text{BORN}} [\%]$			
	$WW_h + ZZ_h$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha)$	$\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s)$	all
SPS1a	-0.329	-0.469	-0.015	-0.484
SPS1b	-0.162	-0.229	-0.006	-0.235
SPS2	-0.147	-0.129	-0.002	-0.131
SPS3	-0.146	-0.216	-0.006	-0.222
SPS4	-0.258	-0.355	-0.008	-0.363
SPS5	-0.606	-0.912	-0.010	-0.922
SPS6	-0.226	-0.309	-0.010	-0.319
SPS7	-0.206	-0.317	-0.006	-0.323
SPS8	-0.157	-0.206	-0.004	-0.210
SPS9	-0.094	-0.071	-0.003	-0.074

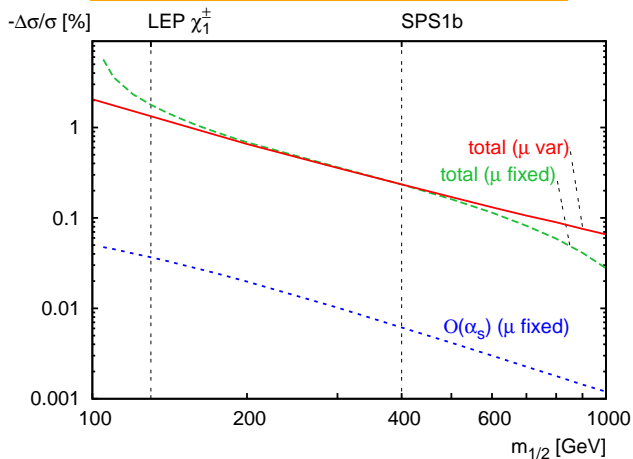
- Again: SUSY QCD corrections are tiny, SUSY electroweak corrections are dominant.
- Typical size: less or around 1 %

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# Conclusions

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- Higgs production via weak boson fusion is an important discovery mode for a Higgs boson.
- At the loop level: SUSY particles occur in the MSSM.
- SUSY QCD corrections are very tiny.
- SUSY electroweak corrections are at the percent level.



# Corrections with Origin in the Higgs Sector

Higgs self couplings, mixing angle and masses for **parameter point SPS1a**:

	effective theory [Carena, Espinosa, Quiros, Wagner]		Feynman diagrams [Hahn, Heinemeyer, Hollik, R, Weiglein]		
	$\alpha_{\text{eff}}$	full	$\alpha_{\text{eff}}$	full	
$\lambda_{HHH}$	0.208	0.198	0.210	0.210	triple Higgs couplings without $\frac{-3em_W}{2c_W^2 s_W}$
$\lambda_{HHh}$	-0.285	-0.275	-0.284	-0.279	
$\lambda_{Hhh}$	-0.216	-0.219	-0.220	-0.257	
$\lambda_{hhh}$	0.952	1.503	0.950	1.276	
$\alpha_{\text{eff}}$	-0.1132		-0.1158		mix. angle
$m_h$	109.8 GeV		111.0 GeV		masses
$m_H$	391.5 GeV		391.6 GeV		

- $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$ : Mixing angle  $\alpha$  in the Born coupling is replaced by  $\alpha_{\text{eff}}$ .
- full: Also, genuine loop-corrections to the couplings are included.