

Electroweak corrections in the Two-Higgs-Doublet Model and a Singlet Extension of the Standard Model

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We present the next-to-leading-order calculation of the partial decay widths of light CP-even Higgs bosons decaying into four fermions in the Two-Higgs-Doublet Model and a Singlet Extension of the Standard Model. Different renormalization schemes are applied in the calculation, which is implemented into the analysis tool PROPHECY4F. Some sample results on the Higgs \rightarrow 4 fermions decay widths illustrate how the corrections reduce the dependence on the renormalization scale and the choice of the scheme.

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1. Introduction

Precision Higgs physics at the LHC, among other things, requires precise predictions within specific Standard Model (SM) extensions, including at least next-to-leading order (NLO) corrections in the electroweak (EW) sector. In particular, the renormalization of those extended models deserves great care, in order to obtain a phenomenologically sound parametrization of observables in terms of appropriate input parameters. In this context, perturbative stability and the issue of gauge independence play a central role. Here we briefly summarize recent work on the renormalization of two types of SM extensions: the Two-Higgs-Doublet Model (THDM) and a Singlet Extension of the SM (SESM). Many SM extensions with non-minimal Higgs sectors contain a second Higgs doublet or a Higgs singlet, so that the THDM and the SESM can serve as low-energy effective theories for such models.

As an application of the renormalization procedures of the THDM and SESM, we discuss results from recent NLO calculations for the decay of the light CP-even Higgs boson into four fermions, $h \to WW/ZZ \to 4f$, as presented in more detail in Ref. [1, 2] and Ref. [3], respectively. This class of Higgs decays is one of the best studied decay channels, in particular the decay into four charged leptons, which delivers a very clean experimental signal and plays an important role in the Higgs mass measurement.

2. The Two-Higgs-Doublet Model and its renormalization

The Higgs potential V of the THDM is assumed to be

$$V = m_{11}^{2} \Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1} + m_{22}^{2} \Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2} - m_{12}^{2} (\Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2} + \Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1}) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{1} (\Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1})^{2} + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{2} (\Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2})^{2}$$
$$+ \lambda_{3} (\Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1}) (\Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2}) + \lambda_{4} (\Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2}) (\Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1}) + \frac{1}{2} \lambda_{5} \left[(\Phi_{1}^{\dagger} \Phi_{2})^{2} + (\Phi_{2}^{\dagger} \Phi_{1})^{2} \right],$$
(2.1)

where Φ_1 , Φ_2 are the two Higgs doublets, m_{11}^2 , m_{12}^2 , m_{22}^2 the mass parameters, and $\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_5$ the quartic Higgs couplings. The symmetry of the Higgs potential under $\Phi_1 \to -\Phi_1$ is only softly broken by non-vanishing values of m_{12}^2 [4]. In addition, we assume CP-conservation so that all parameters in the Higgs potential are real. The two Higgs doublets can be decomposed as

$$\Phi_1 = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1^+ \\ (\eta_1 + i\chi_1 + \nu_1)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \Phi_2 = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_2^+ \\ (\eta_2 + i\chi_2 + \nu_2)/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}, \qquad (2.2)$$

where v_1 , v_2 are the Higgs vacuum expectation values and ϕ_1^+ , ϕ_2^+ , η_1 , η_2 , χ_1 , χ_2 the charged, the neutral CP-even, and the neutral CP-odd fields, respectively. The fields with the same quantum numbers can mix, and the resulting mass eigenstates correspond to two CP-even Higgs bosons, h and H, where h denotes the lighter CP-even Higgs boson, one CP-odd Higgs boson A_0 , two charged Higgs bosons H^{\pm} , and a neutral and two charged Goldstone bosons, G_0 and G^{\pm} .

We replace the original set of parameters of the Higgs and gauge sector m_{11}^2 , m_{22}^2 , m_{12}^2 , λ_1 , λ_2 , λ_4 , v_1 , v_2 , g_1 , g_2 , λ_3 , λ_5 with g_1 and g_2 being the U(1) and the SU(2) gauge couplings, respectively, by t_h , t_H , M_h , M_H , M_{A_0} , M_{H^+} , M_W , M_Z , e, β , α (or λ_3), λ_5 with t_h and t_H being the tadpole parameters. The masses of the CP-even, CP-odd, and charged Higgs bosons are M_h , M_H , M_{A_0} , M_{H^+} , the masses of the W and the Z boson are M_W and M_Z . The electric unit charge is denoted by

e. The parameter β is defined via the ratio of the two Higgs vacuum expectation values, $\tan \beta = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$. In our different renormalization schemes¹, we use either the quartic coupling λ_3 or the mixing angle of the CP-even Higgs bosons α as an input.

In all four renormalization schemes (see Ref. [1] for details), the Higgs- as well as the gauge-boson masses are chosen on-shell, and the electric charge is defined via the ee γ vertex in the Thomson limit. The angles α , β (or λ_3 instead of α) and the coupling λ_5 are treated as $\overline{\rm MS}$ parameters. The various renormalization schemes differ in the treatment of tadpole contributions:

- Variant 1: The renormalized tadpole parameters t_{ϕ}^{ren} with $\phi = h, H$ vanish. The corresponding counterterm δt_{ϕ} is chosen in such a way that explicit one-loop tadpole contributions are canceled. However, this treatment introduces gauge dependences in the relation between bare parameters [6], and, hence, also in the relation between renormalized parameters and physical predictions.
- Variant 2: Following a procedure proposed by Fleischer and Jegerlehner (FJ) [8], the bare tadpole parameters t_{ϕ}^{bare} vanish. Gauge dependences in the relation between bare parameters and in the relation between the renormalized parameters and physical predictions do not occur. The inclusion of explicit tadpole contributions can, e.g., be avoided using the same setup as in the " $t_{\phi}^{\text{ren}} = 0$ "-variant if appropriate finite contributions in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ counterterms of α and β are taken into account.

The following four different renormalization schemes [1] are applied:

- $\overline{\text{MS}}(\lambda_3)$ scheme: λ_3 and β are independent parameters and fixed in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ scheme, and the renormalized tadpole parameters vanish. The mixing angle α can be calculated from λ_3 and the other independent parameters using tree-level relations. The relation between independent parameters and predicted observables do not depend on a gauge parameter within the class of R_ξ gauges at NLO, since λ_3 is a basic coupling in the Higgs potential and thus does not introduce gauge dependences, and since the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ renormalization of β is gauge-parameter independent in R_ξ gauges at NLO [6].
- MS(α) scheme: This scheme coincides with the MS(λ₃) scheme except that now α is chosen as independent parameter instead of λ₃. This scheme suffers from some gauge dependence in the relation between renormalized parameters and predicted observables. Hence, for a meaningful comparison with data, all predictions using this renormalization scheme should be performed in the same gauge. We use the 't Hooft–Feynman gauge.
- FJ(α) scheme: α and β are independent parameters, and the tadpoles are treated following the gauge-independent FJ prescription, $t_{\phi}^{\text{bare}} = 0$. Similar schemes are also described in Refs. [6], however, the treatment of m_{12}^2 and λ_5 differs.
- FJ(λ_3) scheme: β and λ_3 are independent parameters, as in the $\overline{MS}(\lambda_3)$ scheme, but the bare tadpole parameters are chosen to vanish.

The parameters α , β , and the Higgs-quartic-coupling parameter λ_5 depend on a renormalization scale μ_r in all four schemes. The μ_r dependence of α , β , and λ_5 is calculated by solving the renormalization group equations in the four different renormalization schemes.

¹Further renormalization schemes of the THDM are discussed in Refs. [5, 6, 7].

3. The Singlet Extension of the SM and its renormalization

The Higgs potential *V* of the SESM is assumed to be

$$V = -\mu_2^2 \Phi^{\dagger} \Phi + \frac{\lambda_2}{4} (\Phi^{\dagger} \Phi)^2 + \lambda_{12} \sigma^2 \Phi^{\dagger} \Phi - \mu_1^2 \sigma^2 + \lambda_1 \sigma^4, \tag{3.1}$$

where Φ is the Higgs doublet, σ a real Higgs singlet field, μ_1^2 , μ_2^2 the mass parameters, and $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_{12}$ the quartic Higgs couplings. The potential is \mathbb{Z}_2 -symmetric with respect to $\sigma \to -\sigma$, and all the parameters in V are real quantities. This choice represents the most simple singlet extension, which nevertheless bears generic features (such as Higgs mixing) of more comprehensive versions, which, e.g., make use of charged singlet scalars [9]. The Higgs fields are decomposed as

$$\Phi = \begin{pmatrix} \phi^+ \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (v_2 + h_2 + i\chi) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \sigma = v_1 + h_1, \tag{3.2}$$

where v_1 , v_2 are the Higgs vacuum expectation values and ϕ^+ , χ denote the would-be Goldstone-boson fields. The fields $h_{1,2}$ mix to two CP-even Higgs bosons h and H with masses M_h and M_H , where $M_h < M_H$ by definition.

We replace the original set of parameters of the Higgs and gauge sector μ_1^2 , μ_2^2 , λ_1 , λ_2 , λ_{12} , v_1 , v_2 , g_1 , g_2 , by t_h , t_H , M_h , M_H , M_W , M_Z , e, α , λ_{12} , with t_h and t_H being again the tadpole parameters and the SM-like parameters M_W , M_Z , e, etc., are playing the same role as in the THDM described above. In our different renormalization schemes², we use the Higgs masses, the quartic coupling λ_{12} , and the mixing angle α of the Higgs bosons as input.

In our renormalization schemes (see Ref. [3] for details), all particle masses are chosen on-shell, the electric charge is defined in the Thomson limit, while the angle α and the coupling λ_{12} are treated as $\overline{\rm MS}$ parameters. As in the THDM, we employ the two different variants of tadpole treatments described in the previous section, called $\overline{\rm MS}$ and FJ in the following. We recall that among those two schemes only the FJ scheme delivers are gauge-independent parametrization of amplitudes in terms of the input parameters, while all results in the $\overline{\rm MS}$ scheme are tied to a specific gauge, which is taken as the 't Hooft–Feynman gauge.

4. Numerical results for the partial decay width for $h \rightarrow WW/ZZ \rightarrow 4f$

4.1 Outline of the calculation

The computer program PROPHECY4F [11] provides a "**PROP**er description of the **H**iggs d**EC**a**Y** into **4** Fermions" and calculates observables for the decay process $h\rightarrow WW/ZZ\rightarrow 4f$ at NLO EW+QCD in the SM. We have extended PROPHECY4F implementing the corresponding decay of the light, neutral CP-even Higgs boson of the THDM in such a way that the features of PROPHECY4F and its applicability basically remain the same. We have performed two independent calculations and implementations, as described in Refs. [1, 2] in detail:

• For one calculation, we have used a model file generated by FeynRules [12], and for the other one an inhouse model file. The amplitudes for the virtual corrections have been

²Further renormalization schemes of the SESM are discussed in Refs. [7, 10].

generated with two different versions of FeynArts [13] and algebraically reduced with FormCalc [14] in the first calculation and with inhouse Mathematica routines in the second.

- Masses of final-state fermions are neglected, but masses are taken into account in closed fermion loops. Hence, the contribution of diagrams with a closed fermion loop coupling to the Higgs boson does not vanish. We have implemented four different THDM types (Type 1, Type 2, "flipped", "lepton-specific") that differ in how the down-type quarks and charged leptons couple to the two Higgs doublets. Since the up-type quarks couple always in the same manner in all of the four types of THDM and since the dominating contribution originates from the top-quark loop, the differences between the types are negligible.
- Infrared divergences are treated applying dipole subtraction [15].
- The W and Z resonances are treated in the complex-mass scheme as described in Ref. [16]. The evaluation of loop integrals is performed with the Collier library [17].

4.2 Numerical results for $h \rightarrow WW/ZZ \rightarrow 4f$ in the THDM

In this section, we show some sample results for the partial decay width $\Gamma^{h\to 4f}_{THDM}$ for h \to WW/ZZ \to 4f for a scenario (scenario A) inspired by Ref. [18] for the Type 1 THDM:

$$M_h = 125 \text{ GeV}, \quad M_H = 300 \text{ GeV}, \quad M_{A_0} = M_{H^+} = 460 \text{ GeV}, \quad \lambda_5 = -1.9, \quad \tan \beta = 2. \quad (4.1)$$

Within our calculation, we choose the central renormalization scale as the average mass of all scalar degrees of freedom, $\mu_0 = (M_h + M_H + M_{A_0} + 2M_{H^+})/5$.

In Fig. 1, the renormalization scale dependence of $\Gamma_{THDM}^{h\to 4f}$, which is obtained by summing over all partial widths of the h boson with massless 4f final states, is shown. We fix $\cos(\beta-\alpha)=c_{\beta-\alpha}=0.1$ (scenario Aa). The two plots correspond to the input parameters given in the $\overline{MS}(\alpha)$ and the FJ(α) renormalization schemes. The dashed curves represent the leading-order (LO) results, however, it should be noted that the input parameters have been converted to the respective scheme denoted by the different line colours. Hence, the strict LO result is only represented by the line corresponding to the input scheme, i.e. for example, in the left plot, the strict LO curve is given by the dark blue $\overline{MS}(\alpha)$ line. The differences between the dashed lines at the scale μ_0 are only due to conversion effects, while at the other scales also the different running behaviour of the \overline{MS} parameters in the different schemes plays a role. Note that it is important to specify not only the parameter values of a certain scenario, but also the renormalization scheme, in which these parameters are to be interpreted. The solid lines show the NLO result including only the EW corrections. A clear plateau around the central renormalization scale μ_0 is visible, and there is a clear reduction on the scale dependence going from LO to NLO.

A detailed discussion of further results, including also differential distributions and more delicate THDM scenarios, can be found in Refs. [1, 2].

4.3 Numerical results for $h \rightarrow WW/ZZ \rightarrow 4f$ in the SESM

In this section, we show some sample results for the partial decay width $\Gamma_{SESM}^{h\to 4f}$ for $h\to WW/ZZ\to 4f$ for a scenario (BHM200⁺) inspired by Ref. [19] for the SESM:

$$M_{\rm h} = 125 \text{ GeV}, \quad M_{\rm H} = 200 \text{ GeV}, \quad s_{\alpha} = 0.29, \quad \lambda_{12} = 0.07.$$
 (4.2)

As central renormalization scale we choose $\mu_0 = M_h$.

In Fig. 2, the renormalization scale dependence of $\Gamma_{\text{SESM}}^{h\to 4f}$ is shown. The two plots correspond to the input parameters given in the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ and FJ scheme, respectively. The dashed curves represent the LO results, and the input parameters have been converted to the respective scheme denoted by the different line colours. Hence, the strict LO result is only represented by the line corresponding to the input scheme, i.e. for example, in the left plot, the strict LO curve is given by the magenta $\overline{\text{MS}}$ line. The differences between the dashed lines at the scale μ_0 are only due to conversion effects, while at the other scales also the different running behaviour of the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ parameters α and λ_{12} in the different schemes plays a role. The solid lines show the NLO result including QCD+EW corrections. A very broad plateau around the central renormalization scale μ_0 is visible, with a drastic reduction on the scale dependence going from LO to NLO. The residual scale dependence and the scheme dependence are generically (i.e. also for typical scenarios with larger $M_{\rm H}$) reduced from the few-percent level at LO to less than $\lesssim 0.3\%$ at NLO, which is covered by the size of missing higher-order corrections of NLO predictions.

A detailed discussion of further results, including differential distributions, can be found in Ref. [3].

5. Conclusions

We have briefly summarized proposals for the renormalization of the THDM and an SESM, a subject that deserves great care in order to obtain a phenomenologically sound parametrization of observables in terms of appropriate input parameters. In this context, perturbative stability and the issue of gauge independence play a central role. The proposed renormalization schemes are based on on-shell renormalization conditions for particles masses and the electromagnetic coupling and

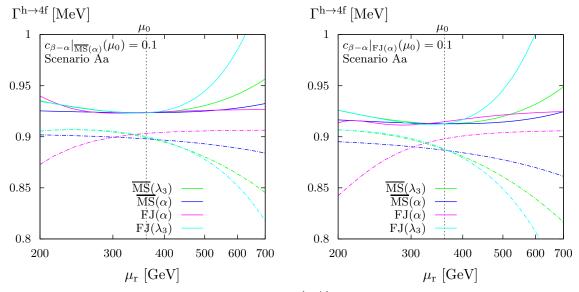


Figure 1: The renormalization scale dependence of $\Gamma^{h\to 4f}_{THDM}$ for two of the four different input schemes: $\overline{MS}(\alpha)$ (left) and $FJ(\alpha)$ (right). In each plot, the parameters are converted to the other schemes, $\overline{MS}(\lambda_3)$ (green), $\overline{MS}(\alpha)$ (blue), $FJ(\alpha)$ (magenta), and $FJ(\lambda_3)$ (turquoise). The solid lines include NLO EW corrections, the dashed ones show the LO result. (Figure taken from Ref. [2].)

on \overline{MS} conditions for the non-standard parameters that are not directly related to observables, such as mixing angles or scalar self-couplings. The use of those \overline{MS} conditions leads to a dependence of the renormalization schemes on the treatment of tadpoles, i.e. on the details how the vacuum state is defined. We employ and compare results from two different tadpole schemes.

As an application of the described schemes, we have calculated the NLO corrections to all decays of the light CP-even Higgs bosons of the THDM and the SESM into four fermions, $h \rightarrow$ $WW/ZZ \rightarrow 4f$. We have shown typical results of the two models with moderately heavy Higgsboson masses and mixing angles near the alignment regions. For those cases, we find textbook-like reductions of the perturbative uncertainties (dependence on the renormalization scale and schemes) in the transition from LO to NLO. In this context we emphasize that it is generally important to specify not only the parameter values of a certain scenario, but also the renormalization scheme, in which these parameters are to be interpreted. For a meaningful comparison of results in different schemes, the parameters have to be properly translated between the schemes. A detailed discussion of further results in the THDM and the SESM, covering more scenarios and corrections to differential distributions, can be found in Refs. [1, 2] and Ref. [3], respectively. While the THDM renormalization schemes start to show problems with perturbative stability in specific parameter regions (mass degeneracy of Higgs bosons, large mass gaps between Higgs bosons, extreme mixing, etc.), the proposed schemes for the SESM behave rather robust. Generically, we find that the shapes of differential distributions for $h \to 4f$ will not help to tell the THDM and SESM from the SM, since the corrections beyond the SM do not lead to further distortions on the distributions.

The extended version of PROPHECY4F, which covers the extensions to the THDM and the SESM, will be available from its hepforge webpage³ soon.

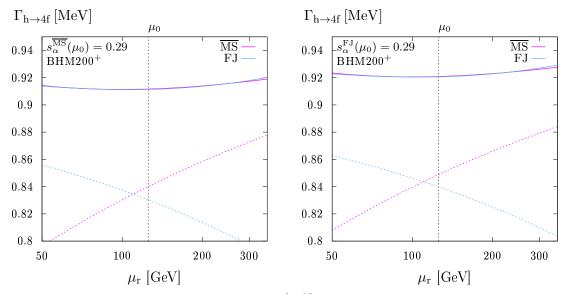


Figure 2: The renormalization scale dependence of $\Gamma_{SESM}^{h\to 4f}$ for two input schemes: \overline{MS} (left) and FJ (right). In each plot, the parameters are converted to the other schemes, \overline{MS} (magenta) and FJ (turquoise). The solid lines include NLO QCD+EW corrections, the dashed ones show the LO result. (Figure taken from Ref. [3].)

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