

Two-loop $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ corrections to the Higgs boson masses in the CP-violating NMSSM

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ABSTRACT: We present our computation of the $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ two-loop corrections to the Higgs boson masses of the CP-violating Next-to-Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (NMSSM) using the Feynman-diagrammatic approach in the gaugeless limit at vanishing external momentum. We choose a mixed $\overline{\text{DR}}$ -on-shell (OS) renormalisation scheme for the Higgs sector and apply both $\overline{\text{DR}}$ and OS renormalisation in the top/stop sector. For the treatment of the infrared divergences we apply and compare three different regularisation methods: the introduction of a regulator mass, the application of a small momentum expansion, and the inclusion of the full momentum dependence. Our new corrections have been implemented in the Fortran code NMSSMCALC that computes the Higgs mass spectrum of the CP-conserving and CP-violating NMSSM as well as the Higgs boson decays including the state-of-the-art higher-order corrections. Our numerical analysis shows that the newly computed corrections increase with rising λ and κ , remaining overall below about 3% compared to our previously computed $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_t + \alpha_s))$ corrections, in the region compatible with perturbativity below the GUT scale. The renormalisation scheme and scale dependence is of typical two-loop order. The impact of the CP-violating phases in the new corrections is small. We furthermore show that the Goldstone Boson Catastrophe due to the infrared divergences can be treated in a numerically efficient way by introducing a regulator mass that approximates the momentum-dependent results best for squared mass values in the permille range of the squared renormalisation scale. Our results mark another step forward in the program of increasing the precision in the NMSSM Higgs boson observables.

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1 Introduction

The Standard Model (SM) of particle physics belongs to the most successful theories ever tested. Despite its success the SM lacks explanations for a variety of open problems such as for example the nature of Dark Matter (DM) or the observed baryon-antibaryon asymmetry in the universe. Models based on supersymmetry (SUSY) [1–14] are promising beyond-the-SM (BSM) candidates that offer solutions to many problems the SM cannot address. In SUSY models the Higgs and gauge sectors are related so that in the Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (MSSM) [15–18] the tree-level mass m_h of the lightest Higgs boson is bounded from above by the Z -boson mass m_Z . Higher-order corrections, where those from the top/stop sector play the dominant role, can shift the upper bound to larger values. In order to reach the experimentally measured value of 125.09 GeV [19] for the SM-like Higgs boson mass, however, a large soft-SUSY breaking mass scale m_{SUSY} and/or a large mixing in the stop sector is required so that naturalness arguments in favor of supersymmetry become questionable. In the Next-to-MSSM (NMSSM) [20–31] the situation is more relaxed as it features additional F -term contributions raising the tree-level Higgs mass to a higher value so that higher-order corrections can be smaller compared to the MSSM and still lead to the required Higgs mass value.

In the meantime, the Higgs boson mass has turned into a precision observable with an uncertainty of a few hundred MeV [19]. The precise knowledge of the Higgs boson mass is important as it is a crucial input parameter for all Higgs boson observables [32] and determines the stability of the electroweak vacuum [33–35]. Therefore, in order to make meaningful interpretations of the experimental results, the experimental accuracy has to be matched by the precision of the theory predictions. Only then sensible limits on the still allowed parameter space of the model can be derived from the experimental results and possibly distinguish between new physical models in case of discovery, cf. e.g. ref. [36]. Consequently, a tremendous effort has been put in the computation of the higher-order corrections to supersymmetric Higgs boson masses. These calculations can be grouped into three classes that are based on fixed-order (FO), effective field theory (EFT) or hybrid techniques that make use of FO as well as EFT results. A comprehensive and complete overview on the status of the higher-order calculations in the MSSM and NMSSM in the various approaches has been given in the recent review [37]. In the following, we briefly review the most relevant studies related to the computations and implementations of the higher-order corrections to the Higgs boson masses in the NMSSM with a \mathbb{Z}^3 symmetry.

In the CP-conserving NMSSM, the leading one-loop contributions to the Higgs boson masses were presented in [28, 38–44] while the full one-loop corrections were provided in [45, 46] for the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme and in refs. [47, 48] for a mixed $\overline{\text{DR}}$ -on-shell (OS) renormalisation scheme. Two-loop corrections at the order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s + \alpha_b\alpha_s)$ in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme were obtained in the effective potential approach in [45]. The authors of [49] have provided the two-loop corrections beyond $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s + \alpha_b\alpha_s)$ in the gaugeless limit and in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme by differentiating numerically or analytically the generic two-loop effective potential presented in [50]. Including CP-violating phases, the leading one-loop corrections were provided in [51–55]. Subsequently, the full one-loop and logarithmically enhanced

two-loop effects were computed in [56] using the renormalisation group approach. Our group calculated the full one-loop corrections with momentum dependence in [57] and the two-loop corrections of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ [58] and of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)$ [59] in the approximation of vanishing external momentum in the gaugeless limit using the Feynman-diagrammatic approach.¹ The renormalisation is based on a mixed $\overline{\text{DR}}$ -OS scheme in the Higgs sector with an OS condition for the SM vacuum expectation value (VEV), the charged Higgs boson mass and the possibility to choose between the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ or OS scheme in the renormalisation of the top/stop sector. The independent calculations of the full one-loop corrections were also presented in [62] and in [64] applying the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ and mixed $\overline{\text{DR}}$ -OS schemes, respectively. In [62], the two-loop contributions including the CP-violating effects were also discussed using the effective potential approach. The issue of residual gauge dependences in the higher-order Higgs mass corrections was discussed in [65, 66].

There exist numerous codes implementing the higher-order corrections to the NMSSM Higgs boson masses, some of them also partly calculate the Higgs boson decays. The full one-loop and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s + \alpha_b\alpha_s)$ correction in [45] were incorporated into NMSPEC while one-loop corrections from [64] were implemented in NMHDECAY_CPV [67], they are parts of NMSSMTools [68–70]. The program package can be interfaced with SOFTSUSY [71, 72], which includes the possibility of \mathbb{Z}^3 violation. The results of [46, 49, 62] were made available in SARAH [49, 73–77] with SPheno [78, 79]. This is also possible by interfacing SARAH with the package FlexibleSUSY [80, 81]. The code FlexibleEFTHiggs [82] combines an effective field theory approach with a FO calculation to compute the SM-like Higgs pole mass in various models, including the NMSSM. We have implemented our FO calculations at one-loop and two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)$ in the program package NMSSMCALC² [83] which also computes the Higgs boson decay widths and branching ratios both for the CP-conserving and CP-violating case.³ Comparisons of the NMSSM Higgs boson mass computations of the various codes were performed in [90] for the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme and in [91] for the mixed $\overline{\text{DR}}$ -OS scheme.

In the present paper, we provide the two-loop corrections controlled by the NMSSM superpotential parameters λ and κ using the diagrammatic approach in the mixed $\overline{\text{DR}}$ -OS scheme of NMSSMCALC, that was missing in our previous calculations of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)$ [59]. These corrections can be important for light singlet-like Higgs boson states as well as for the doublet-like states in case of large singlet-doublet mixings. In fact these corrections cannot be simply separated from the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)$ corrections due to Feynman diagrams proportional to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda))$ terms. Hence we combine them and denote them as $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ corrections. These corrections in fact have been presented in [49, 50, 62] using the effec-

¹Note that besides mass corrections we also provided higher-order corrections to the trilinear Higgs self-couplings, namely the one-loop corrections to the trilinear Higgs self-couplings in the CP-conserving NMSSM [60] and the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ corrections in the CP-violating NMSSM [61].

²The code can be downloaded from the url: <https://www.itp.kit.edu/~maggie/NMSSMCALC/>.

³Recently, we published the code NMSSMCALCEW [84, 85] that includes besides the state-of-the-art QCD corrections already included in NMSSMCALC the SUSY-EW and SUSY-QCD corrections to the neutral and charged Higgs bosons in the CP-conserving and CP-violating case. One-loop corrected decay widths are also included in the code SloopS [86–88]. A generic implementation of the two-body partial decays widths at the full one-loop level [89] exists in the SARAH and SPheno framework.

tive potential approach in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ renormalization scheme and have been implemented in SARAH. However, what has been missing in the results is the two-loop OS effects from the electroweak VEV in the transition from the OS VEV to the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ VEV. In our present paper this effect is taken into account by using an OS renormalization scheme for the VEV. As common practice, we use the combination of the gaugeless limit (the weak mixing angle θ_W is kept fixed and $e \rightarrow 0$ which leads to massless Goldstone bosons) and the vanishing external momentum approximations. On the one hand, these approximations are simple and good in practice. On the other hand they can give rise to the appearance of infrared (IR) divergences which are present in Feynman diagrams with two and more Goldstone bosons in the internal lines. This problem is known as Goldstone Boson Catastrophe (GBC) [92–99]. A practical solution to this problem has been introduced in the computation of the Higgs boson masses for general renormalisable field theories by using a small external momentum expansion in the IR-divergent diagrams [99] and was implemented in SARAH [63]. In this paper, we address the issue of IR divergences in the CP-conserving and CP-violating NMSSM in the Feynman-diagrammatic approach going beyond the limit of vanishing/small external momentum expansion while using an OS scheme for the electroweak VEV, the charged Higgs boson as well as an OS or $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme in the top/stop sector and discuss our practical treatment in the code NMSSMCALC.

The paper is organised as follows. Section 2 introduces our notation as well as the NMSSM at tree level. Section 3 discusses the different renormalisation schemes and the derivation of all necessary one- and two-loop counterterms. In section 4 we describe our treatment of the GBC. The set-up of the calculation and the numerical analysis is given in section 5. Section 6 is dedicated to the numerical analysis of the newly calculated contributions. We conclude in section 7.

2 The NMSSM tree-level spectrum

We work in the \mathbb{Z}_3 symmetric NMSSM. For the two-loop corrections of $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ we use the gaugeless limit and hence follow the same notation as in our previous calculations [59, 61]. We describe here only the Higgs, higgsino and top/stop sectors which are relevant for our renormalisation procedure. For the purpose of introducing model parameters, we present here all terms appearing in the NMSSM superpotential

$$\mathcal{W}_{\text{NMSSM}} = \left[y_e \hat{H}_d \cdot \hat{L} \hat{E}^c + y_d \hat{H}_d \cdot \hat{Q} \hat{D}^c - y_u \hat{H}_u \cdot \hat{Q} \hat{U}^c \right] - \lambda \hat{S} \hat{H}_d \cdot \hat{H}_u + \frac{1}{3} \kappa \hat{S}^3, \quad (2.1)$$

with the quark and lepton superfields $\hat{Q}, \hat{U}, \hat{D}, \hat{L}, \hat{E}$, and the Higgs doublet superfields \hat{H}_d, \hat{H}_u and the singlet superfield \hat{S} . Charge conjugated fields are denoted by the superscript c . Color and generation indices have been suppressed. The symplectic product $x \cdot y = \epsilon_{ij} x^i y^j$ ($i, j = 1, 2$) is built with the anti-symmetric tensor $\epsilon_{12} = \epsilon^{12} = 1$. The parameters λ, κ are complex in general. For simplicity, the Yukawa couplings y_x ($x = e, d, u$) are chosen to be diagonal matrices. This setting has a negligible effect on the Higgs mass calculation since only the Yukawa couplings of the third generation are important. Furthermore, we chose the convention that the y_x ($x = e, d, u$) are real by rephasing the left and right-handed

Weyl-spinor fields as $x_{L,R} \rightarrow x_{L,R} e^{i\varphi_{L,R}}$. The soft SUSY breaking Lagrangian reads

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathcal{L}_{\text{soft, NMSSM}} = & -m_{H_d}^2 H_d^\dagger H_d - m_{H_u}^2 H_u^\dagger H_u - m_{\tilde{Q}}^2 \tilde{Q}^\dagger \tilde{Q} - m_{\tilde{L}}^2 \tilde{L}^\dagger \tilde{L} - m_{\tilde{u}_R}^2 \tilde{u}_R^* \tilde{u}_R - m_{\tilde{d}_R}^2 \tilde{d}_R^* \tilde{d}_R \\
 & - m_{\tilde{e}_R}^2 \tilde{e}_R^* \tilde{e}_R - \left(\epsilon_{ij} [y_e A_e H_d^i \tilde{L}^j \tilde{e}_R^* + y_d A_d H_d^i \tilde{Q}^j \tilde{d}_R^* - y_u A_u H_u^i \tilde{Q}^j \tilde{u}_R^*] + \text{h.c.} \right) \\
 & - \frac{1}{2} \left(M_1 \tilde{B} \tilde{B} + M_2 \tilde{W}_i \tilde{W}_i + M_3 \tilde{G} \tilde{G} + \text{h.c.} \right) \\
 & - m_S^2 |S|^2 + \left(\epsilon_{ij} \lambda A_\lambda S H_d^i H_u^j - \frac{1}{3} \kappa A_\kappa S^3 + \text{h.c.} \right), \tag{2.2}
 \end{aligned}$$

where again the summation over quark and lepton generation indices is implicit. The \tilde{Q} , \tilde{u}_R , \tilde{d}_R and \tilde{L} , \tilde{e}_R stand for the complex scalar components of the corresponding quark and lepton superfields. The soft SUSY breaking gaugino mass parameters M_k ($k = 1, 2, 3$) of the bino, wino and gluino fields \tilde{B} , \tilde{W}_l ($l = 1, 2, 3$) and \tilde{G} as well as the soft SUSY breaking trilinear couplings A_x ($x = \lambda, \kappa, u, d, e$) are complex in the CP-violating NMSSM whereas the soft SUSY breaking mass parameters of the scalar fields, m_X^2 ($X = S, H_d, H_u, \tilde{Q}, \tilde{u}_R, \tilde{d}_R, \tilde{L}, \tilde{e}_R$), are real.

2.1 The Higgs boson sector

The tree-level Higgs boson potential inferred from $\mathcal{L}_{\text{soft, NMSSM}}$ and the F -terms of $\mathcal{W}_{\text{NMSSM}}$ reads

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_H = & (|\lambda S|^2 + m_{H_d}^2) H_d^\dagger H_d + (|\lambda S|^2 + m_{H_u}^2) H_u^\dagger H_u + m_S^2 |S|^2 \\
 & + \left| \kappa S^2 - \lambda H_d \cdot H_u \right|^2 + \left(\frac{1}{3} \kappa A_\kappa S^3 - \lambda A_\lambda S H_d \cdot H_u + \text{h.c.} \right), \tag{2.3}
 \end{aligned}$$

where we neglected the D -terms originating from the gauge sector as they vanish in the gaugeless limit and hence are not needed in the following. Note that gaugeless limit means that the $U(1)_Y$ and $SU(2)_L$ gauge couplings $g_1 \rightarrow 0$ and $g_2 \rightarrow 0$ while $\tan \theta_W = g_2/g_1$ is kept constant, where θ_W is the weak mixing angle. This is equivalent to the limit of vanishing electric charge and tree-level vector boson masses, $e, M_W, M_Z \rightarrow 0$, while keeping $\tan \theta_W$ constant.

Expanding the Higgs boson fields around their VEVs v_u, v_d , and v_s , respectively, yields

$$H_d = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{v_d + h_d + i a_d}{\sqrt{2}} \\ h_d^- \end{pmatrix}, \quad H_u = e^{i\varphi_u} \begin{pmatrix} h_u^+ \\ \frac{v_u + h_u + i a_u}{\sqrt{2}} \end{pmatrix}, \quad S = \frac{e^{i\varphi_s}}{\sqrt{2}} (v_s + h_s + i a_s), \tag{2.4}$$

with the CP-violating phases $\varphi_{u,s}$. The three VEVs can be traded for $\tan \beta$, the SM VEV v and the effective μ parameter μ_{eff} as

$$t_\beta \equiv \tan \beta = v_u / v_d \tag{2.5}$$

$$v^2 = v_u^2 + v_d^2 \approx (246 \text{ GeV})^2 \tag{2.6}$$

$$\mu_{\text{eff}} = \frac{e^{i\varphi_s}}{\sqrt{2}} v_s \lambda. \tag{2.7}$$

The MSSM limit can be obtained by taking the limit $\lambda, \kappa \rightarrow 0$, $v_s \rightarrow \infty$ while keeping μ_{eff} and κ/λ constant. Using the Higgs potential given in eq. (2.3) we define tree-level tadpoles and mass terms in the broken phase,

$$V_H \supset \mathbf{t}\phi + \phi^T \mathcal{M}_{\phi\phi} \phi + \mathbf{h}^{c,\dagger} \mathcal{M}_{h^+h^-} \mathbf{h}^c, \quad (2.8)$$

with $\phi = (h_d, h_u, h_s, a_d, a_u, a_s)^T$, $\mathbf{h}^c = (h_d^{-*}, h_u^+)$,

and the tadpole coefficients

$$(\mathbf{t})_j = t_{\phi_j} = \frac{\partial V_H}{\partial \phi_j}, \quad j = 1, \dots, 6, \quad (2.9)$$

where only five of them are independent and $t_{a_u} = t_{a_d}/t_\beta$. The tadpoles vanish at tree level but affect the higher-order corrections. We keep them, however, for the renormalisation procedure, and set them to zero afterwards. The explicit expressions for the tadpoles and the squared mass matrices $\mathcal{M}_{\phi\phi}$ and $\mathcal{M}_{h^+h^-}$ can be found in ref. [59]. The reference also contains a detailed discussion about the two-fold rotation of the neutral Higgs bosons first separating the Goldstone component with the rotation $\mathcal{R}^G(\beta_n)$, i.e. transforming from the basis $(h_d, h_u, h_s, a_d, a_u, a_s)$ to $(h_d, h_u, h_s, a, a_s, G^0)$, and second rotating into the mass basis $(h_1, h_2, h_3, h_4, h_5, G^0)$ with the rotation matrix \mathcal{R} ,

$$\mathcal{M}_{hh} = \mathcal{R}^G(\beta_n) \mathcal{M}_{\phi\phi} (\mathcal{R}^G(\beta_n))^T \quad (2.10)$$

$$\mathcal{M}'_{hh} = \mathcal{R} \mathcal{M}_{hh} \mathcal{R}^T \quad (2.11)$$

$$= \text{diag}(m_{h_1}^2, m_{h_2}^2, m_{h_3}^2, m_{h_4}^2, m_{h_5}^2, m_{G^0}^2),$$

with

$$m_{G^0}^2 = \frac{c_\beta t_{h_d} + s_\beta t_{h_u}}{v}, \quad (2.12)$$

where we kept the dependence on the tadpole parameters explicitly for $m_{G^0}^2$ for the later discussion of the cancellation of the IR divergences in section 4. It should be noted that \mathcal{M}'_{hh} is only diagonal for vanishing tadpole parameters. For the charged Higgs fields a single rotation $\mathcal{R}^{G^-}(\beta_c)$ is used,

$$\mathcal{R}^{G^-}(\beta_c) \mathcal{M}_{h^+h^-} (\mathcal{R}^{G^-}(\beta_c))^T = \text{diag}(m_{G^\pm}^2, M_{H^\pm}^2), \quad (2.13)$$

where the charged Goldstone boson mass

$$m_{G^\pm}^2 = \frac{s_\beta t_{h_u} + c_\beta t_{h_d}}{v} \quad (2.14)$$

as well as all off-diagonal elements vanish for vanishing tadpoles. The rotation angles β_n and β_c coincide with β at tree level, $\beta_c = \beta_n = \beta$, which has been already applied in eqs. (2.12) and (2.14). We distinguish them since β_n and β_c as mixing angles do not need to obtain a counterterm while β arising from the ratio of VEVs has to be renormalised and receives a non-vanishing counterterm. After the renormalisation they are set equal to the tree-level value of β again. Note that we denote all masses apart from the charged Higgs boson mass M_{H^\pm} by small letters m in order to indicate that they are tree-level

masses while we will denote loop-corrected masses by capital M . As discussed later, M_{H^\pm} will be renormalised on-shell so that there the distinction between tree-level mass and loop-corrected mass does not apply.

In accordance with the SUSY Les Houches Accord (SLHA) [100, 101] and for purpose of renormalisation, we decompose the complex parameters A_λ and A_κ into their imaginary and real parts and λ and κ into their absolute values and phases φ_λ and φ_κ , respectively.⁴ The phases enter the tree-level Higgs mass matrix in two combinations together with φ_u and φ_s ,

$$\varphi_y = \varphi_\kappa - \varphi_\lambda + 2\varphi_s - \varphi_u \tag{2.15}$$

$$\varphi_w = \varphi_\kappa + 3\varphi_s, \tag{2.16}$$

where φ_y is the only CP-violating phase at tree level in the Higgs sector. In case of vanishing φ_y , the CP-even components, h_u, h_d, h_s , do not mix with the CP-odd ones, a_d, a_u, a_s . We furthermore trade $\text{Im}A_{\lambda,\kappa}$ as well as $m_{H_{u,d},S}^2$ for the tadpole parameters t_{a_d, a_s} and $t_{h_d, u, s}$, respectively, by using the tadpole conditions, cf. ref. [59] for details. In contrast to the MSSM, the trilinear and quartic Higgs couplings in the NMSSM do not vanish in the gaugeless limit, but involve $\lambda, \kappa, A_\lambda, A_\kappa$. The $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ corrections get contributions from two-loop diagrams containing these Higgs self-couplings. This causes the appearance of the GBC, which will be discussed in detail in section 4.

In NMSSMCALC, we have two possibilities to choose the set of input parameters in the Higgs sector: either

$$\left\{ t_{h_d}, t_{h_u}, t_{h_s}, t_{a_d}, t_{a_s}, M_{H^\pm}^2, v, s_{\theta_W}, e, \tan \beta, |\lambda|, v_s, |\kappa|, \text{Re}A_\kappa, \varphi_\lambda, \varphi_\kappa, \varphi_u, \varphi_s \right\}, \tag{2.17}$$

or

$$\left\{ t_{h_d}, t_{h_u}, t_{h_s}, t_{a_d}, t_{a_s}, v, s_{\theta_W}, e, \tan \beta, |\lambda|, v_s, |\kappa|, \text{Re}A_\lambda, \text{Re}A_\kappa, \varphi_\lambda, \varphi_\kappa, \varphi_u, \varphi_s \right\}. \tag{2.18}$$

In the first choice the charged Higgs mass is an input while $\text{Re}A_\lambda$ is an input in the second one. These parameters need to be renormalised at one- and two-loop level.

2.2 The squark sector

The relation between the top mass and the top quark Yukawa coupling is given by,

$$m_t = \frac{v_u y_t}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i(\varphi_u + \varphi_L - \varphi_R)}, \tag{2.19}$$

in which m_t and y_t are real by our convention. We use the freedom of choice of the phases φ_L, φ_R of the left- and right-handed top-quark fields and define $\varphi_L = -\varphi_R = -\varphi_u/2$. As result, the stop mass matrix in the $(\tilde{t}_L, \tilde{t}_R)^T$ basis in the gaugeless limit is given by

$$\mathcal{M}_{\tilde{t}} = \begin{pmatrix} m_{\tilde{Q}_3}^2 + m_t^2 & m_t \left(A_t^* e^{-i\varphi_u} - \frac{\mu_{\text{eff}}}{\tan \beta} \right) \\ m_t \left(A_t e^{i\varphi_u} - \frac{\mu_{\text{eff}}^*}{\tan \beta} \right) & m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2 + m_t^2 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{2.20}$$

$$\text{diag}(m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2, m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2) = \mathcal{U}^{\tilde{t}} \mathcal{M}_{\tilde{t}} \mathcal{U}^{\tilde{t}\dagger}, \tag{2.21}$$

⁴Also λ and κ are read in by NMSSMCALC in terms of their real and complex parts, in accordance with the SLHA. For the numerical analysis, however, we choose a different, more convenient, format in terms of absolute values and phases.

where $\mathcal{U}^{\tilde{t}}$ rotates the left- and right-handed stop fields $\tilde{t}_{L,R}$ into the mass eigenstates $\tilde{t}_{1,2}$. Similar to our previous calculations [59, 61], the bottom quark mass is set to zero everywhere, hence the right-handed sbottom states decouple and only left-handed sbottom states are involved in the computation. The parameters in the squark sector that need to be renormalised at one-loop level are

$$m_t, m_{\tilde{Q}_3}, m_{\tilde{t}_R} \quad \text{and} \quad A_t. \quad (2.22)$$

2.3 The electroweakino sector

The mass generation for the wino, bino, higgsino and singlino interaction states does not change significantly w.r.t. ref. [59] except that we do not assume $\lambda = \kappa = 0$. Therefore we only shortly repeat the used notation in this section. Since the gauged Weyl-fermions do not couple to any other particles in the gaugeless limit we only consider the 3×3 sub-matrix \mathbf{M}_{χ^0} in the basis $(\tilde{H}_d^0, \tilde{H}_u^0, \tilde{S})^T$ for the neutralinos,

$$\mathbf{M}_{\chi^0} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -\mu_{\text{eff}} & -\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} v s_{\beta} e^{i\varphi_u} \\ -\mu_{\text{eff}} & 0 & -\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} v c_{\beta} \\ -\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} v s_{\beta} e^{i\varphi_u} & -\frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{2}} v c_{\beta} & \sqrt{2} \kappa v_s e^{i\varphi_s} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (2.23)$$

$$\text{diag}(m_{\tilde{\chi}_3^0}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_4^0}, m_{\tilde{\chi}_5^0}) = N^* \mathbf{M}_{\chi^0} N^{\dagger} \quad (2.24)$$

and the 1×1 matrix for the charginos,

$$m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^{\pm}} = \mu_{\text{eff}} V_{22}^* U_{22}^* \equiv |\mu_{\text{eff}}|, \quad (2.25)$$

where the neutralino masses are ordered as $|m_{\tilde{\chi}_3^0}| \leq |m_{\tilde{\chi}_4^0}| \leq |m_{\tilde{\chi}_5^0}|$ and U, V denote the 2×2 unitary matrices for the rotation from the gauge to the mass basis of the charginos. Note, that we absorbed the phase of μ_{eff} into the chargino mixing matrix V so that the higgsino couplings entering the two-loop diagrams will depend on $e^{i\varphi_{\mu_{\text{eff}}}}$. In contrast to the previous $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)$ corrections, the singlino and mixed singlino-higgsino states now will also contribute in the two-loop diagrams. The vertex and propagator counterterms involving charginos and neutralinos enter one-loop counterterm inserted diagrams. We therefore need to renormalise them at one-loop level. However, all parameters in the electroweakino sector are also present in the Higgs sector so that we do not need further renormalisation conditions.

3 Renormalisation of the NMSSM Higgs bosons at the two-loop order

The loop corrected Higgs boson mass spectrum is obtained by iteratively solving⁵

$$\det \left(\mathbb{1}_{5 \times 5} p^2 - \mathcal{M}'_{hh, 5 \times 5} + \hat{\Sigma}_{hh}(p^2) \right) = 0 \quad (3.1)$$

⁵We have confirmed that the contributions from the Goldstone components are numerically negligible. Thus we drop them in the final calculation.

for the squared mass matrix $\mathcal{M}'_{hh,5\times 5} = m_{h_i}^2 \delta_{ij}$ ($i, j = 1, \dots, 5$), where the m_{h_i} denote the tree-level masses of the tree-level mass eigenstates h_i . The numerical recipe for the iterative solution is described in ref. [59]. The $(\hat{\Sigma}_{hh})_{ij} \equiv \hat{\Sigma}_{ij}$ stand for the renormalised self-energies for the $h_i \rightarrow h_j$ transition and contain the one- and two-loop contributions which are denoted by the superscripts (1) and (2), respectively,

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{ij} = \hat{\Sigma}_{ij}^{(1)}(p^2) + \hat{\Sigma}_{ij}^{(2)}(p^2). \quad (3.2)$$

The one-loop renormalised Higgs self-energies have already been obtained with full momentum dependence in the CP-conserving and CP-violating NMSSM in refs. [47, 57] to which we refer for further details. The two-loop renormalised Higgs self-energies consist of the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s)$ corrections, which we computed in [58], and the $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ contributions computed in this paper,

$$\hat{\Sigma}^{(2)}(p^2)_{ij} = \hat{\Sigma}_{ij}^{(2), \alpha_t \alpha_s}(0) + \hat{\Sigma}_{ij}^{(2), (\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2}(p^2). \quad (3.3)$$

Note that the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s)$ corrections are evaluated in the approximation of vanishing external momentum. In the $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ corrections, however, we can choose between including the finite momentum dependence or the Goldstone boson mass as regulator for the IR divergences (see section 4). We therefore keep the momentum dependence in the following formulae. We will drop the superscript $(\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2$ on the self-energies for simplicity of the expressions. The neutral Higgs renormalised self-energies⁶ are written as sum of the unrenormalised self-energies Σ_{ij} and the counterterms at one-loop level as

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Sigma}_{ij}^{(1)}(p^2) &= \Sigma_{ij}^{(1)}(p^2) + \frac{1}{2} p^2 \left[\mathcal{R}(\delta^{(1)} \mathcal{Z}^\dagger + \delta^{(1)} \mathcal{Z}) \mathcal{R}^T \right]_{ij} \\ &\quad - \left[\mathcal{R} \left(\frac{1}{2} \delta^{(1)} \mathcal{Z}^\dagger \mathcal{M}_{hh} + \frac{1}{2} \mathcal{M}_{hh} \delta^{(1)} \mathcal{Z} + \delta^{(1)} \mathcal{M}_{hh} \right) \mathcal{R}^T \right]_{ij}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.4)$$

and at two-loop level

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{ij}^{(2)}(p^2) = \Sigma_{ij}^{(2)}(p^2) + \frac{1}{2} p^2 \left[\mathcal{R} \left(\frac{1}{2} (\delta^{(1)} \mathcal{Z})^\dagger \delta^{(1)} \mathcal{Z} + \delta^{(2)} \mathcal{Z}^\dagger + \delta^{(2)} \mathcal{Z} \right) \mathcal{R}^T \right]_{ij} - (\delta^{(2)} M^2)_{ij}, \quad (3.5)$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} (\delta^{(2)} M^2)_{ij} &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\mathcal{R} \left(\frac{1}{2} (\delta^{(1)} \mathcal{Z})^\dagger \mathcal{M}_{hh} \delta^{(1)} \mathcal{Z} + \delta^{(1)} \mathcal{Z}^\dagger \delta^{(1)} \mathcal{M}_{hh} + \delta^{(1)} \mathcal{M}_{hh} \delta^{(1)} \mathcal{Z} + \delta^{(2)} \mathcal{Z}^\dagger \mathcal{M}_{hh} \right. \right. \\ &\quad \left. \left. + \mathcal{M}_{hh} \delta^{(2)} \mathcal{Z} \right) \mathcal{R}^T \right]_{ij} + (\mathcal{R} \delta^{(2)} \mathcal{M}_{hh} \mathcal{R}^T)_{ij}. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

In the above formulae, \mathcal{M}_{hh} and \mathcal{R} are the tree-level Higgs mass matrix and the rotation matrix defined in eq. (2.10) and eq. (2.11). The Higgs mass counterterm matrix at n -loop level is denoted by $\delta^{(n)} \mathcal{M}_{hh}$ and is obtained by replacing the parameters P_i on which it depends by their renormalised quantities plus corresponding counterterms δP_i up to n -loop order, i.e. $P_i \rightarrow P_i + \delta^{(1)} P_i + \dots + \delta^{(n)} P_i$, and expanding accordingly. Its explicit

⁶For the inclusion of Goldstone components, i, j take the values 1 to 6 where h_6 is identified with G^0 .

expression can be found in the appendix G of ref. [59]. The Higgs field renormalisation constant matrix is given by

$$\delta^{(n)} \mathcal{Z} = \mathcal{R}^G \delta^{(n)} \mathcal{Z}^G \left(\mathcal{R}^G \right)^T \quad (3.7)$$

with

$$\delta^{(n)} \mathcal{Z}^G = \text{diag}(\Delta^{(n)} Z_{H_d}, \Delta^{(n)} Z_{H_u}, \Delta^{(n)} Z_S, \Delta^{(n)} Z_{H_d}, \Delta^{(n)} Z_{H_u}, \Delta^{(n)} Z_S), \quad n = 1, 2 \quad (3.8)$$

where the renormalisation constants $\Delta^{(n)} Z_\Phi$, $\Phi = H_u, H_d, S$ for the doublet and singlet fields will be given in section 3.1.

Similarly for the charged Higgs boson sector, the one-loop and two-loop renormalised self-energies for the transitions $h_i^+ \rightarrow h_j^+$ with $h_1^+ \equiv G^+$ and $h_2^+ \equiv H^+$ are given by eq. (3.4) and eq. (3.5), respectively, with the following replacements

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{M}_{hh} &\rightarrow \mathcal{M}_{h^+h^-}, & \mathcal{R} &\rightarrow \mathcal{R}^{G^-} \\ \delta^{(n)} \mathcal{M}_{hh} &\rightarrow \delta^{(n)} \mathcal{M}_{h^+h^-}, & \delta^{(n)} \mathcal{Z} &\rightarrow \delta^{(n)} \mathcal{Z}_{h^+h^-}, \quad n = 1, 2, \end{aligned} \quad (3.9)$$

where the charged Higgs mass matrix $\mathcal{M}_{h^+h^-}$ and the rotation matrix \mathcal{R}^{G^-} are defined in eq. (2.13) and the charged Higgs field renormalisation constant matrix is given by

$$\delta^{(n)} \mathcal{Z}_{h^+h^-}^G = \text{diag}(\Delta^{(n)} Z_{H_d}, \Delta^{(n)} Z_{H_u}). \quad (3.10)$$

A list of all two-loop diagrams considered in this work to calculate the unrenormalised self-energies for the charged and neutral Higgs bosons is given in appendix C.2.

3.1 One-loop and two-loop counterterms

The Feynman integrals are calculated in dimensional regularisation in $D = 4 - 2\epsilon$ dimensions. Therefore, intermediate results will contain ultraviolet (UV) divergences of the order $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-2})$ and $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-1})$. To render the renormalised self-energies UV-finite the relevant parameters need to be renormalised to either one- or two-loop order depending on the explicit dependence of the tree-level Higgs boson masses on the parameters. In our case, this means that the top/stop and the electroweakino sector need to be renormalised only at one-loop order while all other parameters are required up to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-2})$. Note that the chargino and neutralino masses are derived quantities and depend on the (one-loop) counterterms of the input parameters. In the choice of the renormalisation schemes we follow our previous two-loop calculations [59, 61]. Note that for parameters defined in the OS scheme, we also study the dependence on $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^1)$ -terms in the corresponding one-loop counterterms which are potentially multiplied with $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-1})$ -terms from loop-integrals and other one-loop counterterms, thereby generating additional finite contributions. In this section we give explicit expressions for all needed one-loop counterterms after applying our approximations. The remaining one-loop counterterms have already been computed in refs. [47, 57] which worked out the renormalisation of the full NMSSM at the one-loop level in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$, OS and the mixed $\overline{\text{DR}}$ -OS scheme.

3.1.1 The Higgs sector

In the Higgs sector we apply a mixed $\overline{\text{DR}}$ -OS renormalisation scheme. Working in the gaugeless limit at two-loop order the counterterm of the electric charge vanishes. Furthermore, the counterterms of the phases φ_α ($\alpha = s, u, \kappa, \lambda$) can be set to zero in order to obtain a UV-finite result. Since the charged Higgs mass M_{H^\pm} can be traded for $\text{Re}A_\lambda$ and vice versa we have the following two possible sets of input parameters together with the applied renormalisation conditions,

$$\underbrace{t_{h_d}, t_{h_u}, t_{h_s}, t_{a_d}, t_{a_s}, M_{H^\pm}^2, v, s_{\theta_W}}_{\text{on-shell scheme}}, \underbrace{\tan \beta, |\lambda|, v_s, |\kappa|, \text{Re}A_\kappa}_{\overline{\text{DR}} \text{ scheme}}, \quad (3.11)$$

in case $M_{H^\pm}^2$ is used as independent input, or

$$\underbrace{t_{h_d}, t_{h_u}, t_{h_s}, t_{a_d}, t_{a_s}, v, s_{\theta_W}}_{\text{on-shell scheme}}, \underbrace{\tan \beta, |\lambda|, v_s, |\kappa|, \text{Re}A_\lambda, \text{Re}A_\kappa}_{\overline{\text{DR}} \text{ scheme}}, \quad (3.12)$$

for $\text{Re}A_\lambda$ as independent input. All above listed parameters are renormalised at two-loop level except for the sine s_{θ_W} of the Weinberg angle θ_W where only the non-vanishing one-loop counterterm contributes. The matrix-valued Higgs field renormalisation constants are needed up to two-loop level and are defined via $\overline{\text{DR}}$ conditions as explained in the following.

Higgs Boson wave-function renormalisation constants. The field renormalisation of the Higgs boson gauge eigenstates⁷ ($\Phi = H_{u,d}, S$),

$$\Phi \rightarrow \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \Delta^{(1)} Z_\Phi + \frac{1}{2} \Delta^{(2)} Z_\Phi \right) \Phi, \quad (3.13)$$

with

$$\Delta^{(1)} Z_\Phi = \delta^{(1)} Z_\Phi \quad \text{and} \quad \Delta^{(2)} Z_\Phi = \delta^{(2)} Z_\Phi - \left(\frac{\delta^{(1)} Z_\Phi}{2} \right)^2, \quad (3.14)$$

is carried out in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme. We obtain the counterterms in two equivalent ways. They are computed by either using Feynman diagrams or the renormalisation group equations (RGEs). For the former, they are given by the UV-divergent part of the derivative of the unrenormalised self-energies with respect to the momentum squared

$$\delta^{(n)} Z_\Phi = - \left. \frac{\partial \Sigma_{\phi\phi}^{(n)}(p^2)}{\partial p^2} \right|_{\text{div}}, \quad n = 1, 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \phi = h_d, h_u, h_s. \quad (3.15)$$

For the latter, they can be written as [102, 103]

$$\delta^{(1)} Z_\Phi = \gamma_{\phi\phi}^{(1)} \frac{1}{\epsilon}, \quad (3.16)$$

$$\delta^{(2)} Z_\Phi = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_{\phi\phi}^{(2)} \frac{1}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \left[(\gamma_{\phi\phi}^{(1)})^2 + \sum_x \beta^{(1)}(x) \frac{\partial \gamma_{\phi\phi}^{(1)}}{\partial x} \right] \frac{1}{\epsilon^2}, \quad (3.17)$$

⁷All off-diagonal renormalisation constants have been verified to vanish at one- and two-loop order.

where $\gamma_{\phi\phi}$ is the anomalous dimension of the corresponding scalar field $\phi = h_d, h_u, h_s$, $x = \{y_t, \lambda, \kappa\}$ with $y_t = \sqrt{2}m_t/(vs_\beta)$ and $\beta^{(1)}(x)$ is the one-loop beta function of the coupling x . The functions $\gamma_{\phi\phi}$ and $\beta(y_t)$ at one- and two-loop level can be obtained from either [102, 103] or the package SARAH. Note that the RGE results are in the pure $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme which means that all parameters are renormalised in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme. In the following we will use the superscript $\overline{\text{DR}}$ on the wave-function renormalisation constants to indicate the pure $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme while we use the superscript OS for the scheme where y_t and v are renormalised in the OS scheme. Our diagrammatic results in the pure $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme are in full agreement with the RGE results. At one-loop order, we find

$$\delta^{(1)}Z_{H_d}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = -k|\lambda|^2\frac{1}{\epsilon}, \tag{3.18}$$

$$\delta^{(1)}Z_{H_u}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = -k\left(|\lambda|^2 + 3y_t^{\overline{\text{DR}^2}}\right)\frac{1}{\epsilon}, \tag{3.19}$$

$$\delta^{(1)}Z_S^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = -2k\left(|\lambda|^2 + |\kappa|^2\right)\frac{1}{\epsilon}, \tag{3.20}$$

while the two-loop results yield,

$$\delta^{(2)}Z_{H_d}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = -\frac{k^2}{2}|\lambda|^2\left[2|\kappa|^2 + 3|\lambda|^2 + 3y_t^{\overline{\text{DR}^2}}\right]\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right), \tag{3.21}$$

$$\delta^{(2)}Z_{H_u}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = -\frac{k^2}{2}|\lambda|^2\left[2|\kappa|^2 + 3|\lambda|^2 + 9\frac{y_t^{\overline{\text{DR}^4}}}{|\lambda|^2}\right]\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right), \tag{3.22}$$

$$\delta^{(2)}Z_S^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = -4k^2\left[|\kappa|^4 + |\kappa|^2|\lambda|^2 + \frac{|\lambda|^4}{2} + \frac{3}{4}|\lambda|^2y_t^{\overline{\text{DR}^2}}\right]\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon^2} - \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right), \tag{3.23}$$

where $k = 1/(4\pi)^2$. A closer look at eq. (3.19) shows that the scheme change from $\overline{\text{DR}}$ to OS in the top/stop sector introduces additional higher-order contributions via the one-loop field constant $\delta^{(1)}Z_{H_u}$

$$\delta^{(2)}Z_{H_d}^{\text{OS}} = \delta^{(2)}Z_{H_d}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} \tag{3.24}$$

$$\delta^{(2)}Z_{H_u}^{\text{OS}} = \delta^{(2)}Z_{H_u}^{\overline{\text{DR}}}(y_t^{\text{OS}}) + \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial y_t^{\text{OS}}}\delta^{(1)}Z_{H_u}^{\overline{\text{DR}}}\right)\left(\delta^{(1)}y_t^{\text{OS}}|_{\text{fin}}\right) \tag{3.25}$$

$$\delta^{(2)}Z_{H_s}^{\text{OS}} = \delta^{(2)}Z_{H_s}^{\overline{\text{DR}}}. \tag{3.26}$$

As noted above, the field constants denoted by the superscript OS are actually still $\overline{\text{DR}}$ -renormalised, i.e. only the UV-divergent parts are taken into account, but only refer to the additional UV-divergent sub-loop contributions from the top/stop sector. Note that we write the one-loop OS counterterm in the following form

$$\delta^{(1)}y_t^{\text{OS}} = \delta^{(1)}y_t^{\text{OS}}|_{\text{fin}} + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\delta^{(1)}y_t^{\text{OS}}|_{\epsilon^{-1}} + \epsilon\delta^{(1)}y_t^{\text{OS}}|_{\epsilon} \tag{3.27}$$

and similarly for all other one-loop OS counterterms. Solving the top mass counterterm eq. (3.67) for $\delta^{(1)}y_t$ and expanding eq. (3.25) to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^{-1})$ we find

$$\delta^{(2)}Z_{H_u}^{\text{OS}} - \delta^{(2)}Z_{H_u}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = -\frac{1}{\epsilon}\frac{3m_t^{\text{OS}^2}}{4\pi^2v^2s_\beta^2}\left(\frac{\delta^{(1)}m_t^{\text{OS}}|_{\text{fin}}}{m_t^{\text{OS}}} - \frac{\delta^{(1)}v^{\text{OS}}|_{\text{fin}}}{v^{\text{OS}}}\right), \tag{3.28}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta^{(1)} m_t^{\text{OS}}|_{\text{fin}} &= m_t^3 \left(-c_\beta^2 B_1(m_t^2, 0, M_{H^\pm}^2) + \frac{s_\beta^2}{2} + B_0(m_t^2, m_{\tilde{Q}_3}^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^+}^2) + B_1(m_t^2, m_{\tilde{Q}_3}^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^+}^2) \right) \\
 &\quad + m_t^3 \sum_{i=1}^5 \left((\mathcal{R}_{i2}^2 - \mathcal{R}_{i5}^2) B_0(m_t^2, m_t^2, m_{h_i}^2) - (\mathcal{R}_{i2}^2 + \mathcal{R}_{i5}^2) B_1(m_t^2, m_t^2, m_{h_i}^2) \right) \\
 &\quad + \sum_{i=1}^3 \sum_{j=1}^2 \left[m_t^3 B_1(m_t^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_j}^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}^2) |N_{i2}|^2 + m_t^2 B_0(m_t^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_j}^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}^2) (m_t |N_{i2}|^2 \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + e^{-i\varphi_u} m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0} (N_{i2}^*)^2 \mathcal{U}_{i2}^{\tilde{t}} \mathcal{U}_{i1}^{*\tilde{t}} + e^{i\varphi_u} m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0} N_{i2}^2 \mathcal{U}_{i1}^{\tilde{t}} \mathcal{U}_{i2}^{*\tilde{t}} \right] \quad (3.29)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \delta^{(1)} v^{\text{OS}}|_{\text{fin}} &= \frac{3}{32\pi^2 s_{\theta_W}^2 v} \left(c_{2\theta_W} |\mathcal{U}_{11}^{\tilde{t}}|^2 F_0(m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2, m_{\tilde{Q}_3}^2) + c_{2\theta_W} |\mathcal{U}_{21}|^2 F_0(m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2, m_{\tilde{Q}_3}^2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. - c_{\theta_W}^2 |\mathcal{U}_{11}^{\tilde{t}}|^2 |\mathcal{U}_{12}^{\tilde{t}}|^2 F_0(m_{\tilde{t}_1}^2, m_{\tilde{t}_2}^2) \right) + \frac{1}{16\pi^2 v s_{\theta_W}^2} \Delta v, \quad (3.30)
 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Delta v &= -c_{2\theta_W} A_0(M_{H^\pm}^2) + c_{2\theta_W} \sum_{i=1}^3 \left[(|N_{i1}|^2 + |N_{i2}|^2) F_1(m_{\tilde{\chi}_\pm}^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}^2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 8m_{\tilde{\chi}_\pm} m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0} \text{Re}(e^{i\varphi_s} N_{i1}^* N_{i2}) B_0(0, m_{\tilde{\chi}_\pm}^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}^2) \right] \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{4} c_{2\theta_W} \sum_{i,j=1}^3 \left[|(N_{i1}^* N_{j1} - N_{i2}^* N_{j2})|^2 F_1(m_{\tilde{\chi}_j^0}^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}^2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. + 4m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0} m_{\tilde{\chi}_j^0} B_0(0, m_{\tilde{\chi}_\pm}^2, m_{\tilde{\chi}_i^0}^2) (N_{i1}^* N_{j1} - N_{i2}^* N_{j2})^2 \right] \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{i=1}^5 \left[2s_{\theta_W}^2 (\mathcal{R}_{i1}^2 + \mathcal{R}_{i2}^2 + \mathcal{R}_{i4}^2) A_0(m_{h_i}^2) + c_{2\theta_W} F_2(m_{h_i}^2, M_{H^\pm}^2) \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \times \left((s_\beta \mathcal{R}_{i1} - c_\beta \mathcal{R}_{i2})^2 + \mathcal{R}_{i4}^2 \right) + F_2(m_{h_i}^2, 0) \left(-s_{\theta_W}^2 (c_\beta \mathcal{R}_{i1} + s_\beta \mathcal{R}_{i2})^2 \right) \right] \\
 &\quad - \frac{1}{8} c_{2\theta_W} \sum_{i,j=1}^5 F_2(m_{h_i}^2, m_{h_j}^2) \left((s_\beta \mathcal{R}_{j1} - c_\beta \mathcal{R}_{j2}) \mathcal{R}_{i4} + (s_\beta \mathcal{R}_{i1} - c_\beta \mathcal{R}_{i2}) \mathcal{R}_{j4} \right) \quad (3.31)
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$F_0(x, y) = x + y - \frac{2xy}{x-y} \log \frac{x}{y}, \quad (3.32)$$

$$F_1(x, y) = x + y - 2 \frac{x^2 \overline{\log}(x) - y^2 \overline{\log}(y)}{x-y}, \quad (3.33)$$

$$F_2(x, y) = 3x + 3y - 2 \frac{x^2 \overline{\log}(x) - y^2 \overline{\log}(y)}{x-y}, \quad (3.34)$$

and where A_0 and B_0 denote the scalar one-loop one-point and two-point functions and B_1 the tensor one-loop two-point function [104] and $\overline{\log}(x) = \log(x/\mu_R^2)$ with the renormalization scale μ_R .

In the Feynman diagrammatic approach we have computed $\delta^{(2)}Z_\Phi$ in two different ways. In one computation we kept the full momentum dependence in the UV-divergent parts of all diagrams. We then evaluated each contribution with non-zero momentum and found the sum of all contributions being independent of p^2 . In another computation we took the limit $p^2 \rightarrow 0$ right after taking the derivative. Here, the coefficients of intermediate results of the single poles feature logarithmic and quadratic IR divergences. As will be discussed later in section 4, a mass regulator can be introduced to deal with the IR divergences. We found full agreement with the finite p^2 -result and no dependence on the mass regulator in the sum of all Feynman diagrams when using the IR-safe loop functions defined in appendix A, which gives us yet another possibility to verify if a mass-regularisation scheme is actually useful.

The VEV and the weak mixing angle counterterm. The VEV counterterm in the OS scheme is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\delta^{(n)}v^{\text{OS}}}{v^{\text{OS}}} &= \frac{c_{\theta_w}^2}{2s_{\theta_w}^2} \left(\frac{\delta^{(n)}M_Z^2}{M_Z^2} - \frac{\delta^{(n)}M_W^2}{M_W^2} \right) + \frac{\delta^{(n)}M_W^2}{2M_W^2} + \delta_{n2}\delta^{(2)}\bar{v}, \quad n = 1, 2, \quad (3.35) \\ \delta^{(2)}\bar{v} &= -\frac{1}{8s_{\theta_w}^4} \left[\left(\frac{\delta^{(1)}M_W^2}{M_W^2} \right)^2 - 2c_{\theta_w}^2(1 + 2s_{\theta_w}^2) \frac{\delta^{(1)}M_W^2}{M_W^2} \frac{\delta^{(1)}M_Z^2}{M_Z^2} \right. \\ &\quad \left. + c_{\theta_w}^2(1 + 3s_{\theta_w}^2) \left(\frac{\delta^{(1)}M_Z^2}{M_Z^2} \right)^2 \right] \end{aligned}$$

where δ_{nm} is the Kronecker delta. The weak mixing angle counterterm at one-loop order reads

$$\delta^{(1)}s_{\theta_w} = \frac{c_{\theta_w}^2}{2s_{\theta_w}} \left(\frac{\delta^{(1)}M_Z^2}{M_Z^2} - \frac{\delta^{(1)}M_W^2}{M_W^2} \right), \quad (3.36)$$

where $M_{W/Z}^2$ are the squared vector-boson masses. The vector bosons are renormalised OS with the corresponding counterterms given by

$$\frac{\delta^{(n)}M_W^2}{M_W^2} = \frac{\Sigma_W^{(n),T}(0)}{M_W^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\delta^{(n)}M_Z^2}{M_Z^2} = \frac{\Sigma_Z^{(n),T}(0)}{M_Z^2}, \quad (3.37)$$

with $\Sigma_V^{(n),T}$ ($V = W, Z$) denoting the transverse part of the unrenormalised n -loop vector boson self-energy evaluated at zero external momentum. Note that whereas $\delta^{(n)}M_V^2$ and M_V^2 are separately zero in the gaugeless limit, their ratio entering the counterterms of the VEV and $\sin\theta_W$ is non-zero.

In the pure $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme, the one-loop counterterm $\delta^{(1)}s_{\theta_w}^{\overline{\text{DR}}}$ vanishes while the explicit evaluation of the UV-divergent part of the VEV counterterm is found to be

$$\frac{\delta^{(n)}v^{\overline{\text{DR}}}}{v^{\overline{\text{DR}}}} = \frac{s_\beta^2}{2} \Delta^{(n)}Z_{H_u}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} + \frac{c_\beta^2}{2} \Delta^{(n)}Z_{H_d}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} + \delta_{2n} \frac{s_{2\beta}^2}{32} \left(\delta^{(1)}Z_{H_d}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} - \delta^{(1)}Z_{H_u}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} \right)^2. \quad (3.38)$$

This is in accordance with the relation given in refs. [102, 103]

$$\frac{\delta^{(n)}v_i^{\overline{\text{DR}}}}{v_i^{\overline{\text{DR}}}} = \frac{1}{2} \Delta^{(n)}Z_{H_i}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} \quad i = u, d, s, \quad (3.39)$$

which connects the counterterm of the VEV v_i to the field renormalisation constant of the respective field H_i . Exploiting $v = \sqrt{v_u^2 + v_d^2}$ yields eq. (3.38).

Note that since the $\Sigma_{Z,W}^{(2),T}$ are evaluated at vanishing external momentum, we encounter intermediate IR divergences due to the appearance of massless Goldstone boson propagators. However, these divergences cancel in the sum of all two-loop self-energy diagrams. This will be discussed in detail in section 4.

Tadpole parameters. Requiring the tree-level minimum of the potential to be the *true* minimum, higher-order tadpole contributions must be fully compensated by their counterterms, i.e.⁸

$$\delta^{(1)}t_\phi = t_\phi^{(1)} \tag{3.40a}$$

$$\delta^{(2)}t_\phi = t_\phi^{(2)} - \frac{\delta^{(1)}\mathcal{Z}_{\phi\phi}}{2}\delta^{(1)}t_\phi, \tag{3.40b}$$

where $t_\phi^{(n)}$ is the n -loop tadpole contribution of the external field ϕ , $\phi = h_d, h_u, h_s, a_d, a_s$. In eqs. (3.11) and (3.12), we call this in slight abuse of the language an OS condition even though the tadpoles are strictly speaking not associated with any on-shell field. The full set of all two-loop tadpole diagrams considered in this work is given in appendix C.1.

Charged Higgs boson mass. As mentioned earlier, we have the option to choose either $\text{Re}A_\lambda$ in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme as input parameter or $M_{H^\pm}^2$ in the OS scheme.

In the approximation of vanishing external momentum, the mixing between the charged Higgs boson and the charged Goldstone boson is negligible. If the external momentum squared is set equal to the charged Higgs boson mass squared one may have to consider this mixing effect, however. We follow our definition of the charged Higgs mass counterterms at one- and two-loop order given in ref. [59]. For convenience, we present here the most important formulae. At one-loop order, the charged Higgs boson mass counterterm in the OS scheme is given by

$$\delta^{(1)}M_{H^\pm}^2 = \Sigma_{H^-H^-}^{(1)}(p^2 = 0) - M_{H^\pm}^2\delta^{(1)}\mathcal{Z}_{H^-H^-}, \tag{3.41}$$

while at two-loop order we have

$$\begin{aligned} \delta^{(2)}M_{H^\pm}^2 &= \Sigma_{H^-H^-}^{(2)}(p^2 = 0) - M_{H^\pm}^2 \left[\frac{1}{4} \left(\delta^{(1)}\mathcal{Z}_{H^-H^-} \right)^2 + \delta^{(2)}\mathcal{Z}_{H^-H^-} \right] \\ &\quad - \delta^{(1)}\mathcal{Z}_{H^-H^-}\delta^{(1)}M_{H^\pm}^2 - \delta^{(1)}\mathcal{Z}_{H^-G^-}\delta^{(1)}m_{H^-G^-}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.42}$$

with

$$\delta^{(n)}\mathcal{Z}_{H^-H^-} = \cos^2\beta\Delta^{(n)}Z_{H_u} + \sin^2\beta\Delta^{(n)}Z_{H_d} \tag{3.43}$$

$$\delta^{(1)}\mathcal{Z}_{H^-G^-} = \cos\beta\sin\beta(-\delta^{(1)}Z_{H_d} + \delta^{(1)}Z_{H_u}) \tag{3.44}$$

$$\delta^{(1)}m_{H^-G^-} = \frac{-c_\beta^2 M_{H^\pm}^2 v \delta^{(1)}t_\beta + c_\beta \delta^{(1)}t_{h_u} - \delta^{(1)}t_{h_d} s_\beta}{v} + \frac{i\delta^{(1)}t_{a_d}}{s_\beta v}. \tag{3.45}$$

⁸Note that there is a typo in $\delta^{(2)}t_\phi$ in [59].

In case $\text{Re}A_\lambda$ is given as independent input parameter, the charged Higgs mass counterterms have to be obtained as functions of all other counterterms by inserting their respective loop expansions in the formula for the charged Higgs boson mass. For the explicit formulae of the counterterms and details on the calculation of the loop-corrected charged Higgs boson mass, we refer to [59].

Some of the two-loop charged Higgs boson self-energy diagrams suffer from IR divergences, but the sum of all contributions is indeed IR-finite and does not depend on the regulator mass.

Ratio of the VEVs $\tan \beta$. The parameter $\tan \beta$ is given by the ratio of the VEVs v_u and v_d . Using eq. (3.39) its counterterm can be related to the field renormalisation constants which are calculated in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme so that the one-loop $\overline{\text{DR}}$ counterterm is given by

$$\delta^{(1)} \tan \beta = \frac{\tan \beta}{2} \left(\delta^{(1)} Z_{H_u} - \delta^{(1)} Z_{H_d} \right) = \frac{3}{2} k \tan \beta y_t^2 \frac{1}{\epsilon}, \quad (3.46)$$

while the two-loop expansion yields

$$\delta^{(2)} \tan \beta = \frac{\tan \beta}{2} \left(\Delta^{(2)} Z_{H_u} - \Delta^{(2)} Z_{H_d} \right) + \frac{\tan \beta}{4} \left[\left(\delta^{(1)} Z_{H_d} \right)^2 - \delta^{(1)} Z_{H_d} \delta^{(1)} Z_{H_u} \right], \quad (3.47)$$

where $\Delta^{(2)} Z_{H_{u,d}}$ were defined in eq. (3.14). As can be inferred from eq. (3.47) the two-loop counterterm of $\tan \beta$ also depends on $\delta^{(2)} Z_{H_u}$ which receives additional UV-divergent shifts when we change the renormalisation scheme of the top/stop sector. Accordingly, $\delta^{(2)} \tan \beta$ will be affected by such a scheme change.

Superpotential parameters, soft-SUSY-breaking parameters and singlet VEV.

Due to SUSY-non-renormalisation theorems [105–110], the superpotential parameters are renormalised through the field renormalisation constants. Therefore, we have two possibilities to construct the one-loop counterterms: (i) using RGEs for the superpotential parameters [49, 73–77], (ii) using the calculated field renormalisation constants together with the non-renormalisation theorems. At one-loop order we verified that the two methods yield consistent results, resulting in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ counterterms

$$\delta^{(1)} |\lambda| = \frac{1}{2} \beta_{|\lambda|}^{(1)} \frac{1}{\epsilon} = -\frac{|\lambda|}{2} \sum_i^{H_u, H_d, S} \delta^{(1)} Z_i = \frac{k|\lambda|}{2} \left(2|\kappa|^2 + 4|\lambda|^2 + 3y_t^2 \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon} \quad (3.48)$$

$$\delta^{(1)} |\kappa| = \frac{1}{2} \beta_{|\kappa|}^{(1)} \frac{1}{\epsilon} = -\frac{3|\kappa|}{2} \delta^{(1)} Z_S = 3k|\kappa| \left(|\kappa|^2 + |\lambda|^2 \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}. \quad (3.49)$$

The $\overline{\text{DR}}$ counterterm of the singlet VEV can be obtained by using eq. (3.39),

$$\delta^{(1)} v_S = \frac{v_S}{2} \delta^{(1)} Z_S. \quad (3.50)$$

The $\overline{\text{DR}}$ counterterm of the soft SUSY breaking coupling $\text{Re}A_\kappa$ can be obtained from either the one-loop RGE or a diagrammatic calculation and reads

$$\delta^{(1)} \text{Re}A_\kappa = 6k \left(|\kappa|^2 \text{Re}A_\kappa + |\lambda|^2 \text{Re}A_\lambda \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}. \quad (3.51)$$

Likewise, the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ counterterm for $\delta^{(1)}\text{Re}A_\lambda$ can be extracted from the RGEs, if $\text{Re}A_\lambda$ is chosen as input instead of the charged Higgs boson mass,

$$\delta^{(1)}\text{Re}A_\lambda^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = k \left(2|\kappa|^2\text{Re}A_\kappa + 4|\lambda|^2\text{Re}A_\lambda + 3\text{Re}A_t y_t^2 \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}. \quad (3.52)$$

Performing a one-loop counterterm expansion of the following expression⁹

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re}A_\lambda = & -\frac{|\kappa|v_s \cos(\varphi_w)}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{s_{2\beta} \cos(\varphi_y - \varphi_w)}{\sqrt{2}|\lambda|c_{\beta-\beta_c}^2 v_s} \left(m_{H^\pm}^2 + \frac{1}{2}|\lambda|^2 c_{\beta-\beta_c}^2 v^2 \right. \\ & \left. - \frac{s_\beta \left(c_\beta c_{\beta_c}^2 t_{h_u} + s_\beta s_{\beta_c}^2 t_{h_d} \right) + c_{\beta-\beta_c}^2 t_{a_d} \tan(\varphi_y - \varphi_w)}{c_\beta s_\beta^2 v} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (3.53)$$

in the gaugeless limit yields a relation between the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ counterterm of $m_{H^\pm}^2$ and $\text{Re}A_\lambda$ which was used to cross-check the UV-pole of the charged Higgs boson self-energy.

Furthermore, eqs. (3.51) and (3.53) reveal the implicit dependence of the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ counterterm $\delta^{(1)}\text{Re}A_\kappa$ on OS defined parameters. This parametrisation of $\delta^{(1)}\text{Re}A_\kappa$ is useful to study the generation of additional two-loop contributions when performing a scheme change by expanding $\delta^{(1)}A_\kappa$ about $\delta^{(1)}X^{\text{OS}}$, $X = \{v, M_{H^\pm}, t_i\}$ leading to terms of the form $(\partial_{X^{\text{OS}}}\delta^{(1)}A_\kappa) (\delta^{(1)}X^{\text{OS}}|_{\text{fin}})$ which will be discussed in section 3.2.

At two-loop order the missing two-loop counterterms are constructed by demanding UV-finiteness in some components of the renormalised neutral self-energies,

$$\delta^{(2)}|\lambda| : \quad \left[c_\beta \hat{\Sigma}_{h_1 h_1} + s_\beta \hat{\Sigma}_{h_1 h_2} \right] \Big|_{\text{UV-div}} = 0 \quad (3.54a)$$

$$\delta^{(2)}v_s : \quad \left[c_\beta \hat{\Sigma}_{h_1 h_3} - s_\beta \hat{\Sigma}_{h_2 h_3} \right] \Big|_{\text{UV-div}} = 0 \quad (3.54b)$$

$$\delta^{(2)}|\kappa| : \quad \left[\hat{\Sigma}_{h_2 h_3} \right] \Big|_{\text{UV-div}} = 0 \quad (3.54c)$$

$$\delta^{(2)}\text{Re}A_\kappa : \quad \left[\hat{\Sigma}_{h_3 h_3} \right] \Big|_{\text{UV-div}} = 0, \quad (3.54d)$$

which were verified to also render all other components UV-finite. We found that the solutions to this system of equations are in agreement with the following expressions of the counterterms for $|\lambda|$, $|\kappa|$ and v_s in the pure $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme,

$$\delta^{(2)}|\lambda| = -\frac{|\lambda|}{2} \left[\sum_{i,j}^{H_u, H_d, S} \left(\Delta^{(2)} Z_i - \frac{1}{4} \delta^{(1)} Z_i \delta^{(1)} Z_j (1 + \delta_{ij}) \right) \right] \quad (3.55)$$

$$\delta^{(2)}|\kappa| = -3\frac{|\kappa|}{2} \left(\Delta^{(2)} Z_S - \left(\delta^{(1)} Z_S \right)^2 \right) \quad (3.56)$$

$$\delta^{(2)}v_s = \frac{v_s}{2} \Delta^{(2)} Z_S, \quad (3.57)$$

where eq. (3.57) is in agreement with eq. (3.39) while eqs. (3.55) and (3.56) can also be derived from the NMSSM superpotential, eq. (2.1), using the SUSY-non-renormalisation theorem.

Even though the superpotential parameters are renormalised in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme, eq. (3.55) changes w.r.t. the single-pole when changing from $\overline{\text{DR}}$ to OS in v and/or the top/stop sector. This is due to the change in $\delta^{(2)}Z_{H_u}$, cf. eq. (3.28).

⁹The phases φ_w and φ_y have been defined in eqs. (2.15) and (2.16), respectively.

3.1.2 The higgsino sector

The chargino and neutralino masses are derived quantities that depend on the input parameters v , v_s , β , λ and κ , cf. section 2.3. These parameters appear already in the Higgs sector, we therefore do not need additional renormalisation conditions. The chargino mass counterterm is found by expanding the tree-level mass in the gaugeless limit and reads

$$\delta^{(1)}m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^\pm} = \delta|\mu_{\text{eff}}| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left(v_s \delta^{(1)}|\lambda| + |\lambda| \delta^{(1)}v_s \right), \quad (3.58)$$

while the neutralino mass counterterm matrix¹⁰ is given by,

$$N^* \delta^{(1)}\mathbf{M}_{\chi^0} N^\dagger, \quad (3.59)$$

where the non-vanishing components of the symmetric matrix $\delta^{(1)}\mathbf{M}_{\chi^0}$ are

$$\left(\delta^{(1)}\mathbf{M}_{\chi^0} \right)_{12} = -e^{i(\varphi_\lambda + \varphi_s)} \delta|\mu_{\text{eff}}| \quad (3.60)$$

$$\left(\delta^{(1)}\mathbf{M}_{\chi^0} \right)_{13} = -\frac{e^{i\varphi_u} v \lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \left(c_\beta^3 \delta^{(1)} \tan \beta + s_\beta \frac{\delta^{(1)}|\lambda|}{|\lambda|} + s_\beta \frac{\delta^{(1)}v}{v} \right) \quad (3.61)$$

$$\left(\delta^{(1)}\mathbf{M}_{\chi^0} \right)_{23} = -\frac{c_\beta v \lambda}{\sqrt{2}} \left(\frac{\delta^{(1)}|\lambda|}{|\lambda|} + \frac{\delta^{(1)}v}{v} - c_\beta s_\beta \delta^{(1)} \tan \beta \right) \quad (3.62)$$

$$\left(\delta^{(1)}\mathbf{M}_{\chi^0} \right)_{33} = \sqrt{2} e^{i\varphi_s} |\kappa| v_s \left(\frac{\delta^{(1)}|\kappa|}{|\kappa|} + \frac{\delta^{(1)}v_s}{v_s} \right). \quad (3.63)$$

They only enter in one-loop diagrams with a mass counterterm insertion. As a further cross-check, we verified that these counterterms render the renormalised chargino/neutralino self-energies in the gaugeless limit UV-finite.

3.1.3 The squark sector

In the squark sector we apply both the OS and the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ renormalisation scheme for the following set of parameters at one-loop level,

$$m_t, m_{\tilde{Q}_3}, m_{\tilde{t}_R} \quad \text{and} \quad A_t. \quad (3.64)$$

Expanding the OS and $\overline{\text{DR}}$ counterterms of the parameters $X = m_t, m_{\tilde{Q}_3}, m_{\tilde{t}_R}, A_t$ in terms of the dimensional regulator ε , we have

$$\delta X^{\text{OS}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \delta X_{\varepsilon^{-1}} + \delta X_{\text{fin}} + \varepsilon \delta X_\varepsilon \quad (3.65)$$

$$\delta X^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = \frac{1}{\varepsilon} \delta X_{\varepsilon^{-1}}, \quad (3.66)$$

where we have kept the terms proportional to ε in the expansion of the OS one-loop counterterms, since we want to investigate the dependence of our results on these terms. We follow our definitions of the one-loop counterterms of the squark sector in ref. [59]. We therefore do not repeat the squark counterterm definitions here, but only present analytic

¹⁰This matrix is not diagonal in general.

expressions¹¹ for these counterterms in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme. The one-loop counterterm for top quark mass reads

$$\delta^{(1)}m_{\bar{t}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left[vs_{\beta}\delta^{(1)}y_t + y_t \left(s_{\beta}\delta^{(1)}v + c_{\beta}^3 v \delta^{(1)}\tan\beta \right) \right], \quad (3.67)$$

where $\delta^{(1)}v$ is obtained from eq. (3.38), $\delta^{(1)}\tan\beta$ is defined in eq. (3.46) and the counterterm for top quark Yukawa coupling reads

$$\delta^{(1)}y_t = \frac{1}{2}\beta_{y_t}^{(1)} = y_t \frac{k}{2} \left(|\lambda|^2 + 6y_t^2 \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}. \quad (3.68)$$

The one-loop counterterm for the top-quark trilinear coupling is given by

$$\delta^{(1)}A_t = k \left(|\lambda|^2 A_{\lambda} + 6A_t y_t^2 \right) \frac{1}{\epsilon}, \quad (3.69)$$

while the counterterms for $m_{\tilde{Q}_3}$ and $m_{\tilde{t}_R}$ read

$$\delta^{(1)}(m_{\tilde{Q}_3}^2) = \frac{1}{2}\beta_{m_{\tilde{Q}_3}^2} \frac{1}{\epsilon} = \frac{k}{\epsilon} y_t^2 \left(|A_t|^2 + m_{\tilde{Q}_3}^2 + m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2 + c_{\beta}^2 M_{H^{\pm}}^2 - \frac{1}{2}|\lambda|^2 v_s^2 \right) \quad (3.70)$$

$$\delta^{(1)}(m_{\tilde{t}_R}^2)^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = 2\delta^{(1)}(m_{\tilde{Q}_3}^2). \quad (3.71)$$

We have found full agreement between the UV-divergent parts of all top/stop counterterms of the OS and the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme.

3.2 Independence of $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^1)$ counterterms

At $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s)$ [58, 61, 111] and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)$ in the MSSM limit [59] it was shown that finite contributions generated by the $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^1)$ -terms of the top/stop counterterms can be compensated by a finite shift in the two-loop wave-function renormalisation constant $\delta^{(2)}Z_{H_u}$.

However, in the present $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_{\kappa} + \alpha_{\lambda})^2)$ calculation additional finite contributions are generated in the renormalised self-energies by $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^1)$ -terms of on-shell counterterms of v , the charged Higgs boson mass and the tadpoles. In order to keep the parameters $\tan\beta$, λ , and $\text{Re}A_{\kappa}$ as pure $\overline{\text{DR}}$ parameters, which also corresponds to the aforementioned and applied RGEs, finite parts have to be taken into account in the respective counterterms. These finite parts can be derived from eqs. (3.19), (3.22), (3.47), (3.51) and (3.55),

$$\delta^{(2)}Z_{H_u}^{\text{OS}} \Big|_{\text{fin}} = \sum_{\alpha}^{v, m_t} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha^{\text{OS}}} \delta^{(1)}Z_{H_u} \right) \left(\epsilon \delta^{(1)}\alpha^{\text{OS}} \Big|_{\epsilon^1} \right) \quad (3.72a)$$

$$\delta^{(2)}\tan^{\text{OS}}\beta \Big|_{\text{fin}} = \frac{\tan\beta}{2} \delta^{(2)}Z_{H_u}^{\text{OS}} \Big|_{\text{fin}} \quad (3.72b)$$

$$\delta^{(2)}|\lambda^{\text{OS}}| \Big|_{\text{fin}} = -\frac{|\lambda|}{2} \delta^{(2)}Z_{H_u}^{\text{OS}} \Big|_{\text{fin}} \quad (3.72c)$$

$$\delta^{(2)}\text{Re}A_{\kappa}^{\text{OS}} \Big|_{\text{fin}} = \sum_{\alpha} \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial \alpha} \delta^{(1)}\text{Re}A_{\kappa} \right) \left(\epsilon \delta^{(1)}\alpha^{\text{OS}} \Big|_{\epsilon^1} \right), \quad \alpha = \{v, M_{H^{\pm}}^2, t_{h_d, h_u, a_d}\}. \quad (3.72d)$$

¹¹These results are consistent with the results from the RGEs for y_t obtained by SARAH [49, 73–77].

The superscript “OS” on the left-hand side refers to the OS-nature of the implicit parameters v , m_t , t_i and $M_{H^\pm}^2$. In addition, also the SM VEV counterterm receives a finite contribution, $\left(\partial_v \delta^{(1)} v|_{\epsilon^{-1}}\right) \left(\delta^{(1)} v|_{\epsilon^1}\right)$, from the $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ expansion at two-loop order. These finite parts in the counterterms cancel the $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon^1)$ contributions from the one-loop counterterm insertion diagrams in the self-energies.

Therefore, the implementation of the calculation in `NMSSMCALC` for simplicity does not contain the $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon)$ contributions in the OS one-loop counterterms and does not include any finite terms in the two-loop $\overline{\text{DR}}$ counterterms. This leads to the same results for the renormalised self-energies but requires less computational resources.

4 Two-loop corrections in the gaugeless limit

We are working in the gaugeless limit where one neutral (G^0) and two charged Goldstone bosons (G^\pm) are massless. In this limit, in contrast to the MSSM, the couplings between two Goldstone bosons with one/two neutral Higgs bosons, two charged Higgs bosons, one/two W and one/two Z bosons do not vanish in the NMSSM. In the computation of the tadpoles and self-energies at vanishing external momentum IR divergences appear due to the massless Goldstone bosons and the non-vanishing couplings. In this section we discuss our approaches to treat these IR divergences in the computation of the tadpoles, charged Higgs boson, W and Z boson self-energies and the neutral Higgs boson self-energies.

Before this study, there was only the code `SARAH` which implemented the two-loop corrections controlled by the NMSSM superpotential parameters λ and κ [63]. The code makes use of the two-loop effective potential for a general renormalisable theory computed in [50]. A solution of the IR divergences, which are also known as the Goldstone Boson Catastrophe,¹² has been presented in ref. [99]. In the effective potential approach, the tadpoles and Higgs self-energies are derived from the first and second field derivatives of the effective potential $V_H^{\text{eff}}(x^{\text{run}})$ where x^{run} denotes $\overline{\text{MS}}$ or $\overline{\text{DR}}$ parameters in the model. The minimum of the effective potential is obtained by solving the tadpole equations order by order. At the minimum of the tree-level potential the running Goldstone boson squared-mass¹³ $(m_G^{\text{run}})^2$ is zero, but is non-zero in general (it can be very small or negative [94]). In $V_H^{\text{eff}}(x^{\text{run}})$, there are terms which are proportional to $(m_G^{\text{run}})^2 \overline{\log}(m_G^{\text{run}})^2$, where

$$\overline{\log}(X^2) = \log\left(\frac{X^2}{\mu_R^2}\right), \tag{4.1}$$

with μ_R denoting the renormalisation scale. Therefore the tadpole equations contain terms proportional to $\overline{\log}(m_G^{\text{run}})^2$ which are divergent in the limit $(m_G^{\text{run}})^2 \rightarrow 0$ and have an unphysical imaginary part if $(m_G^{\text{run}})^2 < 0$. The solution¹⁴ proposed in [99] at two-loop

¹²Originally, the term *Goldstone Boson Catastrophe* goes back to spurious IR divergences and imaginary parts encountered in the SM effective potential in the Landau gauge and its first derivative [112].

¹³For simplification, we do not distinguish between the masses of the neutral, positively and negatively charged Goldstone bosons here. In general, their running masses can be different.

¹⁴It is close to the solutions worked out in refs. [94–96, 113] for the SM and extended for the MSSM in ref. [97]. The Goldstone contributions are resummed by integrating out all heavy degrees of freedom when calculating the $n - 1$ loop-corrected Goldstone boson mass and using this *effective* Goldstone boson mass in the minimization of the n -loop effective potential. It was shown in ref. [98], that this procedure resums the spurious IR divergences to all orders in perturbation theory.

order is in fact to replace

$$(m_G^{\text{run}})^2 = (M_G^{\text{OS}})^2 - \Sigma_{GG}^{(1)} \tag{4.2}$$

where the OS mass is set to be zero and $\Sigma_{GG}^{(1)}$ denotes the one-loop unrenormalised self-energy for the Goldstone boson component. Using the above relation directly in the expressions of the tadpoles and self-energies given in [114] a cancellation is found of the divergent terms $\overline{\log}(m_G^{\text{OS}})^2$ in the tadpoles at two-loop order. However, the divergences remain in some sets of neutral Higgs boson self-energy diagrams. These diagrams are then identified and calculated using a small momentum expansion.

In contrast to the previous study, we use the Feynman diagrammatic approach to directly calculate scalar one- and two-point functions at the two-loop order and do not use the available general expressions for the self-energies. Our intermediate results contain UV and IR divergences. The UV divergences are canceled by the counterterms of the parameters and fields introduced via the renormalisation procedure as discussed in the previous section. We are flexible in our choice of the renormalisation schemes for different parameters. In particular, we renormalise the tadpoles in the OS scheme. This means that the masses of all Goldstone bosons are always on-shell and zero at all orders in the perturbation theory. Using this OS scheme we find the full cancellation of the IR divergences in the tadpoles, charged Higgs, W and Z boson self-energies, but only a partial cancellation in the neutral Higgs boson self-energies. For the sets of diagrams that contain Goldstone bosons but do not have IR divergences we set the mass of Goldstone boson equal to zero and do not mention them furthermore in this section. We now discuss the sets of one- and/or two-loop diagrams where IR divergences appear. In appendix B, tables 5 and 6, we give the complete list of all IR-divergent two-loop tadpole and self-energy topologies together with the loop integrals causing the IR divergences. In the last column of these tables we specify whether the IR divergence is spurious, i.e. cancels against contributions of other diagrams, or whether a non-zero external momentum needs to be included for the regularisation.

We regulate all IR divergences in three different ways: (i) By using a mass regulator everywhere. This allows us to study which IR divergences are actually spurious. We expect a residual dependence on the mass regulator only in the subset of diagrams that require momentum regularisation for a physical result but which can in principle also be treated by mass regularisation, see section 4.1. (ii) By using a mass regulator only in the subset which features spurious IR divergences. In the remaining subset with the genuine IR divergences, we use non-zero external momentum and apply analytically known results for the small momentum expansion of the loop integrals. This is equivalent to the generalised effective potential approximation introduced in refs. [63, 99] and is described in detail in section 4.2. (iii) By including the full external momentum dependence in the computation of all Feynman diagrams of $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ making use of TSIL [115]. This requires only the regularisation of the spurious IR divergences, see section 4.3.

4.1 Infrared mass regulator

Using a mass regulator M_R^2 in IR-divergent loop integrals, cf. [63] for the NMSSM, induces not only $\overline{\log}^n M_R^2$ -terms which diverge in the limit $M_R \rightarrow 0$, but also $\mathcal{O}(M_R^2)$ -

terms which actually vanish in the IR-limit. Therefore, for an arbitrary loop integral $f(m_1^2, \dots, m_i^2, m_j^2, \dots, m_n^2)$ which diverges for any combination of $m_i, m_j \rightarrow 0$, we expand $f(m_1^2, \dots, M_R^2, M_R^2, \dots, m_n^2)$ around $M_R^2 = 0$ up to first non-vanishing order in $\overline{\log}^n M_R^2$ and $M_R^{-2n \leq -2}$. Therefore, some of the involved two-loop integrals are identical to those in the expansion in the small Goldstone boson mass used in the resummation procedure of the generalised effective potential [97, 99]. However, since we also want to regulate those divergences that do not cancel out in the sum of all diagrams, we require a larger set of expanded loop functions which is given in appendix A. Performing the expansion instead of simply setting the Goldstone mass equal to a finite mass value should reduce the dependence on the regulator mass further.

In order to investigate the cancellation of the IR divergences we divide the topologies that contain IR divergences into five sets, cf. tables 5 and 6 in the appendix. Set A includes topologies without external momentum flowing into the loop, i.e. the tadpole topologies 1–3 in table 5 and the self-energy topologies 8, 10 and 13 in table 6. It is evident that these must form IR-finite subsets. Set B contains the self-energy topologies 4, 7, 11 with two Goldstone bosons with the same momentum in table 6. This set B is also IR-finite. The self-energy topologies 4, 7 and 11 with two Goldstone bosons that couple with one external line belong to set C while the self-energy topologies with three Goldstone bosons belong to set E. Set D contains the self-energy topologies 5, 6, 9 and 12. Tadpoles contain only topologies of set A, while the charged Higgs self-energy contains topologies of the sets A and B. The W and Z boson self-energies contain topologies of the sets A, B, D, and E where each of these sets is separately IR-finite. The cancellation happens due to the contributions from the finite parts of the neutral and charged Goldstone boson counterterms $(\delta^{(1)}m_{G^0}^2)_{\text{fin}}$ and $(\delta^{(1)}m_{G^\pm}^2)_{\text{fin}}$ which are related to the finite part of the one-loop counterterms as,

$$(\delta^{(1)}m_{G^0}^2)_{\text{fin}} = (\delta^{(1)}m_{G^\pm}^2)_{\text{fin}} = \frac{s_\beta(\delta^{(1)}t_{h_u})_{\text{fin}} + c_\beta(\delta^{(1)}t_{h_d})_{\text{fin}}}{v}. \quad (4.3)$$

The neutral Higgs boson self-energies contain all five sets of diagrams. The first derivative of the UV parts of the self-energies with respect to the momentum squared are used to compute the wave function renormalisation constants (WFRs) $\delta^{(n)}Z_\Phi$. We find that the WFRs are IR finite. This is consistent with [116, 117] where it was shown that the WFRs do not depend on the regulator mass as long as appropriate counterterms are introduced, cf. [118] for a recent application. For the neutral Higgs boson self-energies we do not see such a cancellation in the sets D, and E but only in the sets A, B and C. Individual contributions to the sets D and E may contain divergences proportional to $1/M_R^2$, however in the sum they are canceled out. The remaining IR divergence depends on the mass regulator as $\overline{\log}M_R^2$ and $\overline{\log}^2M_R^2$. A detailed study of the phenomenological impact of the residual M_R^2 dependence on the Higgs boson mass corrections is performed in section 6.3.

4.2 Partial momentum dependence

A solution of the GBC not involving a mass regulator and without the need of the time consuming numerical evaluation of all loop integrals including external momentum is given

by the generalised effective potential approximation [99]. Here only the subset of diagrams of figure 12 with a residual dependence on M_R^2 is computed at $p^2 \neq 0$. Additionally, the number of independent mass scales is significantly reduced for this particular subset making it possible to evaluate it analytically either with exact p^2 dependence or approximately around $p^2 = 0$.

As mentioned in the previous section, there exist residual IR divergences in the sets D and E of the neutral Higgs boson self-energies. These IR divergences can be avoided by using non-zero external momentum. The obvious and fastest way is to use a small momentum expansion only in these sets which is similar to the implementation of the effective potential approximation in SARAH [63]. For the sake of comparison we also apply this method in our code. For sets D and E we calculate Feynman diagrams with full momentum dependence and use the expansion of the loop integral around $p^2 = 0$. In this evaluation the masses of the Goldstone bosons are set to zero. In the expansion we removed terms of $\mathcal{O}(p^2)$ but kept terms proportional to $1/p^2$, $\overline{\log}(p^2)$ and terms independent of p^2 . The necessary special cases for the loop integrals have already been worked out in refs. [63, 99, 115, 119–122].

Even when using finite external momentum, the individual diagrams in set C, D and E still feature an IR divergence $\mathcal{O}(\overline{\log}M_R^2)$ originating from the integrals $\mathbf{V}(x, 0, z, u)$ and $\mathbf{C}(x, 0, 0)$ which cancels in the sum of all contributions. The cancellation can be obtained by making use of the identity

$$\mathbf{V}(x, 0, z, u) = -\tilde{V}(x, z, u) - \mathbf{B}(z, u)|_{p^2=0} \mathbf{C}(x, 0, 0). \quad (4.4)$$

The integral $\tilde{V}(0, z, u)$ is IR-finite for $p^2 \neq 0$ (since it scales with $\log p^2$) and has been calculated in ref. [63]^{15,16} Therefore, the choice of regulating $\mathbf{C}(x, 0, 0)$ is not important as there is no dependence on this function in the final result. The small momentum approximation, however, breaks down latest near the various thresholds involved in the diagrams, making the full momentum dependence necessary for a reliable result.

At one-loop order, we find that a strict expansion of the massless scalar two-point integral around $p^2 = 0$ gives the same dependence on the momentum-regulator, $\mathbf{B}(0, 0)|_{p^2 \approx 0} \propto -\ln p^2$, as the dependence on the mass regulator when starting with $p^2 = 0$ and expanding around a small Goldstone boson mass $\mathbf{B}(M_R^2, M_R^2)|_{p^2=0} \propto -\ln M_R^2$. This might raise the question whether the two expansions are also connected at the two-loop level. However, we only expand the IR-divergent two-loop integrals around $p^2 = 0$ but use the exact analytic result for the one-loop integral (without expanding it). This leads to additional constant and $\log p^2$ terms which are also present in the full-momentum calculation.

4.3 Full momentum dependence

In this approach the full momentum dependence is taken into account in all two-loop diagrams of the $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ corrections in the gaugeless limit. This has not been

¹⁵Note that our notation slightly differs from appendix A.1.1 in ref. [63]. Their $\mathbf{B}(x, y')$ and $\mathbf{P}(z, u)$ corresponds to our $\mathbf{C}(x, y, y)$ and $-\mathbf{B}(z, u)|_{p^2=0}$.

¹⁶There is a sign mistake in the corresponding identity in ref. [63] eq. (A.5). However, the implementation in SARAH has the correct sign.

done in the literature for the NMSSM before our study. The momentum dependence for the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ corrections has been studied in refs. [66, 111, 123, 124] within the MSSM using differential equations and sector decomposition for the numerical evaluation of the loop integrals. We expect that the momentum dependence in the NMSSM is comparable to the one of the MSSM $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ corrections which were found to be at most about one GeV for the loop-corrected SM-like Higgs boson mass compared to the zero momentum approximation.

Applying the integral basis used by TSIL the generalisation of our framework to non-zero external momentum is straightforward. There is only one class of diagrams, figure 11 (h), which requires more care as it contains additional $1/p^2$ -terms that do not allow to numerically take the limit $p^2 \rightarrow 0$. Therefore, we set $p^2 = 0$ before invoking TARCER in this particular diagram when using the zero/partial-momentum approximation and assume arbitrary p^2 when reducing the integral for the full-momentum calculation. Using $p^2 \neq 0$ in all two-loop diagrams requires the inclusion of additional wave-function renormalisation constants in eq. (3.5). We have checked that this indeed restores UV-finiteness in the full momentum approach. Further modifications to the two-loop counterterms are not necessary. However, the use of an OS scheme for the charged Higgs boson mass would in principle also generate additional finite shifts originating from the momentum dependence of the charged Higgs boson self-energy. For simplicity, we do not include momentum dependence in the calculation of the OS charged Higgs mass counterterm and the VEV counterterm.

The Higgs boson masses are obtained by iteratively solving for the pole of the (two-loop) propagator, eq. (3.1). However, so far the p^2 -dependence was only taken into account at the one-loop level in NMSSMCALC such that the result of the two-loop self-energies had to be calculated only once. The inclusion of external momentum in the new two-loop self-energy corrections would require them to take part in the iterative procedure and thus slow down the overall runtime by several orders of magnitude. Therefore, we chose a fixed value of $p^2 = (m_{h_i}^2 + m_{h_j}^2)/2$, where $m_{h_{i,j}}$ are the tree-level Higgs boson masses, for the calculation of the new self-energy corrections $\hat{\Sigma}_{ij}^{(2)}(p^2)$. This approximation would in principle require a more detailed study to estimate its numerical impact. However, in ref. [63] the same situation was studied for the SM with the result that the Higgs boson mass prediction varies only by a few MeV if the external momentum is varied by several orders of magnitude.

Note that results for the NMSSM Higgs mass corrections including the momentum-dependent contributions while at the same time applying the gaugeless limit should be taken with care, cf. also the discussion in [37]. While in the MSSM the momentum-dependent and the electroweak gauge contributions are of similar size, in the NMSSM there are additional F -term contributions of $\mathcal{O}(\lambda, \kappa)$ which could yield an additional enhancement of the momentum-dependent corrections if $\lambda, \kappa \propto \mathcal{O}(1)$, especially through the mixing of heavy and light Higgs components in the self-energies. Therefore, the new momentum-dependent results should be taken with care as their contributions could be either comparable or sub-dominant to the missing electroweak gauge coupling contributions depending on the considered parameter point. We leave the inclusion of the gauge-dependent contributions for future work.

5 Set-up of the calculation and of the numerical analysis

5.1 Tools, checks and NMSSMCALC release

We performed two independent calculations to derive the here presented new two-loop corrections to the NMSSM Higgs boson masses and cross-checked the results against each other. Both of them used `SARAH` 4.14.3 [49, 73–77] to generate the model file including the vertex counterterms. This file was used in `FeynArts` 3.1 [125, 126] to generate all required one- and two-loop Feynman diagrams for the calculation of the mass corrections. We used `FeynCalc` 9.2.0 [127, 128] for the evaluation of the fermion traces and the tensor reduction of the one- and two-loop integrals and the amplitudes with the counterterm-inserted diagrams. For the reduction to the two-loop master integrals including the full momentum dependence we additionally used `TARCER` 2.0 [129], a patched version that comes with `FeynCalc`. We use the loop integrals defined in `TSIL` [115]. They are the basis integrals of `TARCER` extended by a few convenient functions.

The two implementations differ in the way the tensor reduction is performed, namely: (i) setting $p^2 = 0$ before the reduction and writing the result in terms of one- and two-loop tadpole integrals and (ii) using general p^2 -dependence during the whole procedure. While method (i) is only able to regulate the GBC using a mass regulator as described in section 4.1, method (ii) is more flexible and also able to include partial as well as full external momentum dependence as described in sections 4.2 and 4.3. In addition to the consistency checks regarding UV-finiteness discussed in the previous sections, the two implementations have been cross-checked against each other in the limit $p^2 = 0$.

In section 6 we also investigate the p^2 dependence of our results. The computation at non-zero p^2 , however, significantly increases the complexity and runtime of the code due to the dependence on the external library `TSIL`. Even though `TSIL` was specifically designed for the evaluation of two-loop self-energy integrals, the runtime of one parameter point with a naive `Fortran` implementation can be of $\mathcal{O}(\text{hours-days})$ because of the large amount of different mass scales and diagrams entering at the considered order. Therefore, the second implementation is not part of the public `NMSSMCALC` release but only consists of private `Mathematica` notebooks that make heavy use of caching and parallelisation in order to speed up the computation. Non-zero p^2 results can be provided on request. Taking the computation with full momentum dependence as a reference result, we will perform comparisons with the results obtained when using a mass regulator by choosing different sample values of the regulator mass. We observed that the phenomenological impact of using a mass regulator rather than partial external momentum is negligible compared to the overall size of the new two-loop corrections in the considered parameter space for the specific value of the regulator mass given by $M_R^2 = 10^{-3}\mu_0^2$. Therefore, the use of a mass regulator is considered to be a good compromise between accuracy and fast numerical performance.

The updated version of `NMSSMCALC` including the new two-loop corrections to the NMSSM Higgs boson masses in the CP-conserving and CP-violating NMSSM can be downloaded from the url:

<https://www.itp.kit.edu/~maggie/NMSSMCALC/>

On this webpage we give a description of the new files that have been included. In the input file `inp.dat`, besides the option to choose the computation of the new two-loop corrections in the block `MODSEL` we added a new block `REGFACTOR` that allows to choose the size of the regulator mass which by default is set to $M_R^2 = 10^{-3}\mu_0^2$ (cf. the discussion in section 6.3). Note, that our new two-loop computation becomes numerically unstable for nearly degenerate Higgs mass values. Therefore, in `NMSSMCALC` we automatically switch to the computation of the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ corrections for $|m_{H_i} - m_{H_{i\pm 1}}| \leq 10^{-3} \text{ GeV}$ where the $m_{H_{i,\pm 1}}$ denote the tree-level Higgs masses in the gaugeless limit. This is also done in case the user has chosen in the input file to compute the $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2 + \alpha_t\alpha_s)$ corrections. In the output file the actually computed loop-order will be stated.

5.2 The parameter scan

For the numerical discussion of our results we performed a scan in the NMSSM parameter space in order to obtain parameter scenarios that are in accordance with the most recent experimental constraints. We checked the parameter points of our random scan against compatibility with experimental constraints from the Higgs data by using `HiggsBounds` 5.9.0 [130–132] and `HiggsSignals` 2.6.1 [133]. The required effective NMSSM Higgs boson couplings normalised to the corresponding SM values have been obtained with the Fortran code `NMSSMCALC` [83]. One of the neutral CP-even Higgs bosons, called h from now on, is required to behave as the SM-like Higgs boson and have a mass in the range

$$122 \text{ GeV} \leq m_h \leq 128 \text{ GeV}, \tag{5.1}$$

when including all previous and the newly calculated two-loop corrections of this paper where we use per default the mixed $\overline{\text{DR}}$ -OS scheme specified above and OS renormalisation in the top/stop and charged Higgs boson sector and an infrared mass regulator M_R with $M_R^2 = 10^{-3}\mu_R^2$. The SM input values have been chosen as [134, 135]

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha(M_Z) &= 1/127.955, & \alpha_s^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(M_Z) &= 0.1181, \\ M_Z &= 91.1876 \text{ GeV}, & M_W &= 80.379 \text{ GeV}, \\ m_t &= 172.74 \text{ GeV}, & m_b^{\overline{\text{MS}}}(m_b^{\overline{\text{MS}}}) &= 4.18 \text{ GeV}, \\ m_c &= 1.274 \text{ GeV}, & m_s &= 95.0 \text{ MeV}, \\ m_u &= 2.2 \text{ MeV}, & m_d &= 4.7 \text{ MeV}, \\ m_\tau &= 1.77682 \text{ GeV}, & m_\mu &= 105.6584 \text{ MeV}, \\ m_e &= 510.9989 \text{ keV}, & G_F &= 1.16637 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ GeV}^{-2}. \end{aligned} \tag{5.2}$$

We follow the SLHA format [100] in which the soft SUSY breaking masses and trilinear couplings are understood as $\overline{\text{DR}}$ parameters at the scale

$$\mu_0 = M_{\text{SUSY}} = \sqrt{m_{\tilde{Q}_3} m_{\tilde{t}_R}}. \tag{5.3}$$

This is also the renormalisation scale that we use in the computation of the higher-order corrections. In table 1 we summarize the ranges applied in the parameter scan. In order to roughly ensure perturbativity below the GUT scale we require that both λ and κ remain below 0.7. According to the SLHA format, also λ , κ , μ_{eff} and $\tan\beta$ are understood to

parameter	scan range [TeV]	parameter	scan range
M_{H^\pm}	[0.5, 1]	$\tan \beta$	[1, 10]
M_1, M_2	[0.4, 1]	λ	[0.01, 0.7]
M_3	2	κ	$\lambda \cdot \xi$
μ_{eff}	[0.1, 1]	ξ	[0.1, 1.5]
$m_{\tilde{Q}_3}, m_{\tilde{t}_R}$	[0.4, 3]	A_t	[-3, 3] TeV
$m_{\tilde{X} \neq \tilde{Q}_3, \tilde{t}_R}$	3	$A_{i \neq t}$	[-2, 2] TeV

Table 1. Scan ranges for the random scan over the NMSSM parameter space. Values of $\kappa = \lambda \cdot \xi > 0.7$ are omitted. All soft breaking masses $m_{\tilde{X}}$ with $\tilde{X} = \tilde{b}_R, \tilde{L}, \tilde{\tau}$ and trilinear couplings A_i with $i = b, \tau, \kappa$, are set equal to 3 TeV.

be $\overline{\text{DR}}$ parameters at the scale M_{SUSY} . Note that in the scan we kept all CP-violating phases equal to zero. For the investigation of the impact of CP violation we will then turn on individual phases. We retain scan points with a χ^2 computed by HiggsSignals-2.6.1 that is consistent with an SM χ^2 within 2σ .¹⁷ We omit parameter points with any of the following mass configurations,

- (i) $m_{\chi_i^{(\pm)}}, m_{h_i} > 1 \text{ TeV}, m_{\tilde{t}_2} > 2 \text{ TeV},$
- (ii) $m_{h_i} - m_{h_j} < 0.1 \text{ GeV}, m_{\chi_i^{(\pm)}} - m_{\chi_j^{(\pm)}} < 0.1 \text{ GeV}$
- (iii) $m_{\chi_1^\pm} < 94 \text{ GeV}, m_{\tilde{t}_1} < 1 \text{ TeV}.$

The first constraint ensures that no large logarithms appear that would jeopardize the validity of a fixed-order calculation. The second condition (ii) excludes degenerate mass configurations for which the two-loop part of the NMSSMCALC code is not yet optimised.¹⁸ The third condition takes into account model-independent lower limits for the lightest chargino and stop masses.

6 Results

In the subsequent numerical analysis we show scatter plots summarising the overall behaviour of our new results and perform specific investigations for two sample parameter points. The first point, P10S, has been chosen among our allowed parameter points and is defined as follows:

Parameter point P10S. All complex phases are set to zero and the remaining input parameters are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\lambda| = 0.46, \quad |\kappa| = 0.43, \quad \text{Re}(A_\kappa) = -4 \text{ GeV}, \quad |\mu_{\text{eff}}| = 200 \text{ GeV}, \quad \tan \beta = 3.7, \\
 M_{H^\pm} = 640 \text{ GeV}, \quad m_{\tilde{Q}_3} = 1 \text{ TeV}, \quad m_{\tilde{t}_R} = 1.8 \text{ TeV}, \quad m_{\tilde{X} \neq \tilde{Q}_3, \tilde{t}_R} = 3 \text{ TeV}, \\
 A_t = 2 \text{ TeV}, \quad A_{i \neq t, \kappa} = 0 \text{ GeV}, \quad |M_1| = 2|M_2| = 800 \text{ GeV}, \quad M_3 = 2 \text{ TeV}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{6.1}$$

¹⁷In HiggsSignals-2.6.1, the SM χ^2 obtained with the latest data set is 84.44. We allowed the NMSSM χ^2 to be in the range [78.26, 90.62].

¹⁸The limit $\lambda, \kappa \rightarrow 0$ is also numerically difficult. In this limit we advise to use the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ corrections instead.

	h_1	h_2	h_3	a_1	a_2
tree-level	87.64	365.32	646.65	103.09	639.83
main component	h_u	h_s	h_d	a_s	a_d
one-loop	133.97 (115.21)	359.42 (359.35)	646.67 (646.4)	116.51 (116.8)	639.78 (639.8)
two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$	119.09 (119.98)	359.36 (359.37)	646.5 (646.43)	116.76 (116.69)	639.81 (639.79)
two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$	125.58 (120.15)	359.36 (359.37)	646.6 (646.43)	116.76 (116.69)	639.81 (639.79)
two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$	125.03 (120.18)	359.68 (359.59)	646.62 (646.47)	116.58 (116.63)	639.77 (639.78)

Table 2. P10S: mass values in GeV and main components of the neutral Higgs bosons at tree-level, one-loop, two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$, two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ and at two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ obtained by using OS renormalisation in the top/stop sector. Numbers in brackets are results obtained in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme. The main component stays the same at all orders in both schemes.

In accordance with the SLHA format μ_{eff} is taken as input parameter, from which v_s and φ_s can be computed using eq. (2.7). We call this point P10S in order to mark that the SM-like Higgs boson mass value around 125 GeV is obtained for the OS renormalisation in the top/stop sector. Table 2 summarizes the mass values that we obtain for P10S at tree level, at one-loop order and at two-loop level including the previously available $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ corrections and finally the corrections including our new results, the $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2 + \alpha_t\alpha_s)$ corrections. From now on, we denote these by α_{new}^2 , i.e.

$$\alpha_{\text{new}}^2 \equiv (\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2 + \alpha_t\alpha_s. \tag{6.2}$$

The numbers in brackets are the values that we obtain for $\overline{\text{DR}}$ renormalisation in the top/stop sector.

The table also contains the information on the main singlet/doublet and scalar/pseudoscalar component of the respective mass eigenstate. The stop masses in the OS and the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OS: } & m_{\tilde{t}_1}^{\text{OS}} = 1022.64 \text{ GeV}, & m_{\tilde{t}_2}^{\text{OS}} = 1815.54 \text{ GeV}, \\ \overline{\text{DR}}: & m_{\tilde{t}_1}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = 991.64 \text{ GeV}, & m_{\tilde{t}_2}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = 1815.40 \text{ GeV}. \end{aligned}$$

In this scenario the h_u -like Higgs boson with mass around 125.03 GeV at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ (OS renormalisation in the top/stop sector) is given by the lightest Higgs boson h_1 . Being h_u -like it behaves SM-like (as it couples maximally to top quarks and hence the LHC Higgs signal strengths are reproduced). The remaining spectrum features an a_s -like and h_s -like Higgs boson in the low to intermediate mass range with mass values around 117 and 360 GeV, respectively, and a doublet-like scalar and pseudoscalar around 640 GeV at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$. Since the admixture determines the Higgs coupling strengths and consequently

the size of the loop corrections, in the following plots we label the Higgs bosons according to their dominant admixture and not by their mass ordering unless stated otherwise.¹⁹ In this way we make sure to consistently compare and interpret the impact of the loop corrections.

Defining the absolute value of the relative correction to the mass value when going successively from loop order a in the tables to loop order b in the next row by $|m^b - m^a|/m^a$, we see that the h_u -like mass changes considerably upon inclusion of the one-loop corrections, by 53% in the OS and by 31% in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme. Since in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme we already partly resum higher-order corrections, the relative $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s)$ correction compared to the one-loop result is only 4% while in the OS scheme we have a reduction by 11%, moving the obtained mass values in the two schemes close to each other. The inclusion of the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)$ correction in addition increases the discrepancy again, as already observed in our publication [59]. We have a relative correction of 5% in the OS and of close to 0% in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme. Our newly calculated corrections move the two values a little bit closer again. The $\overline{\text{DR}}$ result is increased by a very small amount and the OS value is slightly reduced. Still the absolute difference between the two results amounts to about 5 GeV. As expected the overall size of the two-loop corrections is much smaller than the one-loop corrections and amounts to a few percent. This behaviour is also reflected in figure 1 that we will discuss in the next section.

While the parameter point P10S is characterized by a small singlet admixture to the h_u -like Higgs mass we also present results for a parameter point P20S which features large singlet admixture to the h_u -like mass in order to investigate the impact of our newly computed corrections. It is defined by

Parameter point P20S. All complex phases are set to zero and the remaining input parameters are given by

$$\begin{aligned}
 |\lambda| &= 0.59, & |\kappa| &= 0.23, & \text{Re}(A_\kappa) &= -546 \text{ GeV}, & |\mu_{\text{eff}}| &= 397 \text{ GeV}, & \tan\beta &= 2.05, \\
 M_{H^\pm} &= 922 \text{ GeV}, & m_{\tilde{Q}_3} &= 1.2 \text{ TeV}, & m_{\tilde{t}_R} &= 1.37 \text{ TeV}, & m_{\tilde{X} \neq \tilde{Q}_3, \tilde{t}_R} &= 3 \text{ TeV}, \\
 A_t &= -911 \text{ GeV}, & A_{i \neq t, \kappa} &= 0 \text{ GeV}, & |M_1| &= 656 \text{ GeV}, & |M_2| &= 679 \text{ GeV}, & M_3 &= 2 \text{ TeV}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{6.3}$$

For the stop masses we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{OS: } & m_{\tilde{t}_1}^{\text{OS}} = 1212.54 \text{ GeV}, & m_{\tilde{t}_2}^{\text{OS}} &= 1402.77 \text{ GeV}, \\
 \overline{\text{DR}}: & m_{\tilde{t}_1}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} = 1190.44 \text{ GeV}, & m_{\tilde{t}_2}^{\overline{\text{DR}}} &= 1392.33 \text{ GeV}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Comparing the mass values at the various loop orders in the OS scheme (table 3) and in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme (table 4) we observe the same behaviour as for the point P10S. However, in the OS scheme, the nature of the h_1 and h_2 mass eigenstates, respectively, change when moving from tree level to one-loop level and again when including the two-loop corrections. Thus h_1 (h_2) is h_s -like (h_u -like) at one-loop order but h_u -like (h_s -like) at two-loop order. This is due to large mixing effects between the h_u - and h_s -like states with a large singlet component in the h_u -like state. In the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme, on the other hand, h_1 (h_2)

¹⁹Note that the dominant admixture of a specific Higgs mass eigenstate can change when loop corrections are included.

	h_1	h_2	h_3	a_1	a_2
tree-level	96.86	112.10	926.25	511.34	925.86
main component	h_u	h_s	h_d	a_s	a_d
one-loop	129.01	135.09	926.69	512.55	925.08
main component	h_s	h_u	h_d	a_s	a_d
two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$	121.36	129.7	926.37	512.62	925.11
main component	h_u	h_s	h_d	a_s	a_d
two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$	126.09	130.04	926.49	512.62	925.11
main component	h_u	h_s	h_d	a_s	a_d
two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$	125.28	129.92	926.63	511.92	925.08
main component	h_u	h_s	h_d	a_s	a_d

Table 3. P20S: mass values in GeV and main components of the neutral Higgs bosons at tree-level, one-loop, two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$, two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ and at two-loop $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\kappa + \alpha_\lambda)^2 + \alpha_t\alpha_s)$ obtained by using OS renormalisation in the top/stop sector.

	h_1	h_2	h_3	a_1	a_2
tree-level	96.86	112.10	926.25	511.34	925.86
main component	h_u	h_s	h_d	a_s	a_d
one-loop	116.3	130.1	926.33	512.66	925.18
two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$	121.65	130.39	926.46	512.61	925.15
two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$	121.54	130.38	926.45	512.61	925.15
two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$	121.69	130.2	926.53	512.12	925.15

Table 4. P20S: same as table 3 but using $\overline{\text{DR}}$ renormalisation in the top/stop sector. The main component stays the same at all considered orders.

is always h_u -like (h_s -like). The partial resummation of higher-order corrections through $\overline{\text{DR}}$ renormalisation in the top/stop sector implies smaller one- and two-loop corrections as compared to the OS scheme and thereby less sensitivity to possible singlet admixture effects in the mass corrections.

The impact of our newly computed corrections with respect to the already available two-loop corrections at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_t + \alpha_s))$ is less than 1% for the two considered parameter points. However, we will show in the following subsections that the corrections can be enhanced for large values of λ and κ .

6.1 Impact of the new two-loop corrections

In the following we discuss in more detail the impact of our newly computed two-loop corrections, both for the point P10S with small singlet admixture and for the point P20S with large singlet admixture.

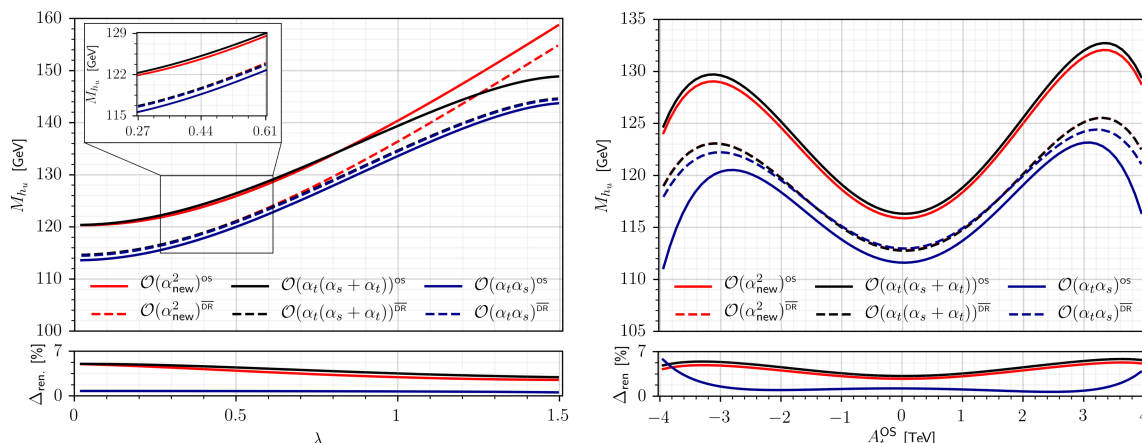


Figure 1. Upper panels: mass values of the h_u -like Higgs boson for the parameter point P10S at two-loop $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ (blue), $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ (black) and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ (red) in the OS (full) and $\overline{\text{DR}}$ (dashed) renormalisation scheme as a function of λ (left) and A_t^{OS} (right). The black and blue dashed lines (left) lie on top of each other. Lower panels: relative change Δ_{ren} (cf. text) due to renormalisation scheme change in the top/stop sector at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ (red), $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ (black) and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ (blue). The zoomed region shows the range of $|\lambda|$ that is compatible with `HiggsSignals` when using the new correction.

Small singlet admixture. In the upper panels of figure 1 we show for the parameter point P10S the two-loop corrected mass values at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ (blue), $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ (black) and including our newly computed corrections at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ (red) both for OS (full) and $\overline{\text{DR}}$ (dashed) renormalisation in the top/stop sector. The left figure shows the dependence on the NMSSM-specific parameter λ and the right figure the one on the soft-SUSY breaking trilinear coupling A_t^{OS} . The small insert in figure 1 (left) enlarges the parameter region compatible with the experimental Higgs data at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$. For this and all other benchmark points we simultaneously vary $\kappa = \lambda \cdot \kappa_0 / \lambda_0$ where κ_0, λ_0 are the starting values of the respective input parameters. This enables us to vary λ and κ over large ranges without encountering negative mass squares.

For a given renormalisation scheme, we define the relative size of the new two-loop corrections at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ to the mass M_h of the Higgs boson h with respect to the already available two-loop corrections at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_i^2)$, as

$$\Delta_{\alpha_i^2}^{\alpha_{\text{new}}^2} = \frac{|M_h^{\alpha_{\text{new}}^2} - M_h^{\alpha_i^2}|}{M_h^{\alpha_i^2}}, \quad (6.4)$$

with $\alpha_i^2 = \alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t)$ and $\alpha_i^2 = \alpha_t\alpha_s$, respectively. Here and in the following, loop-corrected Higgs mass values are always denoted by capital M . We find that in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme the relative impact of our new corrections with respect to the previous two-loop orders is about the same and varies between 0 and 7% for $\lambda = 0$ to 1.5. In the OS scheme the relative impact with respect to the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ corrections is in the same range as in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme while it varies between 6% and more than 10% for $\Delta_{\alpha_t\alpha_s}^{\alpha_{\text{new}}^2}$. Overall,

the new corrections increase with λ . When varying A_t^{OS} in the range -4 to 4 TeV, the relative corrections in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme are less than 1%. In the OS scheme this is also the case for $\Delta_{\alpha_t(\alpha_s+\alpha_t)}^{\alpha_{\text{new}}^2}$ while $\Delta_{\alpha_t\alpha_s}^{\alpha_{\text{new}}^2}$ varies between 4% and more than 10% for $A_t^{\text{OS}} = 0$ and $A_t^{\text{OS}} = \pm 4$ TeV, respectively. Overall, the impact of the new two-loop corrections is of the order of a few percent and increases for very large values of λ and κ as expected. From figure 1 (right) we furthermore infer that the corrections are asymmetric with respect to the sign of A_t^{OS} .

The lower panels in figure 1 show the relative change in the mass corrections at fixed loop order when switching the renormalisation scheme in the top/stop sector,

$$\Delta_{\text{ren}} = \frac{\left| M_h^{m_t(\overline{\text{DR}})} - M_h^{m_t(\text{OS})} \right|}{M_h^{m_t(\overline{\text{DR}})}}. \tag{6.5}$$

The comparison of the results in the two different renormalisation schemes gives one ingredient for the estimate of the uncertainty on the Higgs mass values due to missing higher-order corrections. In the whole plotted λ range at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ the impact is less than 1%, while it increases to values between about 3 and more than 5% upon inclusion of the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s+\alpha_t))$ and slightly less in the new $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ corrections, respectively. Also for the plotted A_t^{OS} values the renormalisation scheme dependence is larger for these loop orders (with values between 2.5 and more than 5%) than for $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ except for large negative A_t^{OS} values.

In general one needs to be careful in drawing conclusions on the remaining theoretical uncertainty at a given loop order as long as not all existing contributions at the investigated loop order are included. Since the scheme dependence induced by the top/stop sector is also not significantly reduced upon inclusion of the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_\lambda+\alpha_\kappa))$ corrections, the 3-loop corrections of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s^2)$ or even beyond might be required. However, in the rest of this section we show that there are cases with an h_u -like Higgs boson at 125 GeV, where the scheme dependence is significantly reduced.

Large singlet admixture. We now turn to the impact of our corrections for the benchmark point P20S which is characterized by a large singlet admixture to the h_u -like Higgs state. In figure 2 we show the absolute mass values as a function of λ (upper) and the dependence on the renormalisation scheme (lower) for P20S. The notation is the same as in figure 1 (left). Like in the case with small singlet admixture, all two-loop corrections are close to each other in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme for $\lambda \leq 1$, for $\lambda \geq 1$ the new corrections start to deviate from the previous ones reaching a relative correction $\Delta_{\alpha_i^2}^{\alpha_{\text{new}}^2} \approx 5\%$ ($\alpha_i^2 = \{\alpha_t(\alpha_s+\alpha_t), \alpha_t\alpha_s\}$). In the OS scheme the impact is slightly more pronounced. We find non-zero relative corrections $\Delta_{\alpha_t(\alpha_s+\alpha_t)}^{\alpha_{\text{new}}^2}$ in the OS scheme starting for $\lambda \geq 0.5$ increasing to up to 5% for $\lambda = 2$. The impact of the new corrections with respect to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$, however, varies from 6% at $\lambda = 0$ to zero for λ around 1.2 and up to 5% again at $\lambda = 2$. As for the renormalisation scheme dependence, cf. figure 2 (lower), for $\lambda \lesssim 0.75$ it is largest for the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ and the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s+\alpha_t))$ corrections while for larger λ values the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ corrections show the largest scheme dependence. Overall, the scheme dependence is of the order of a few percent, specifically in the region allowed by current collider constraints it

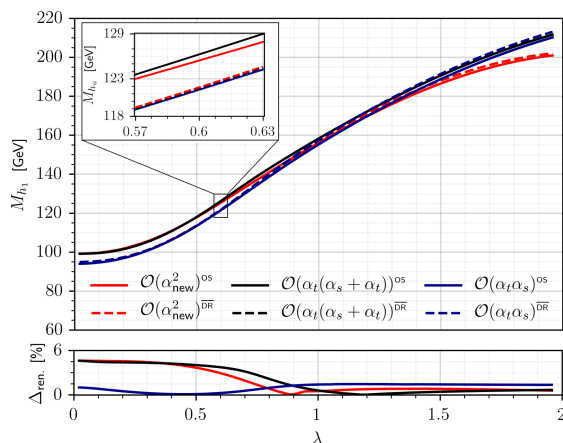


Figure 2. Same as figure 1 (left) but for the parameter point P20S. The black and blue dashed lines lie on top of each other.

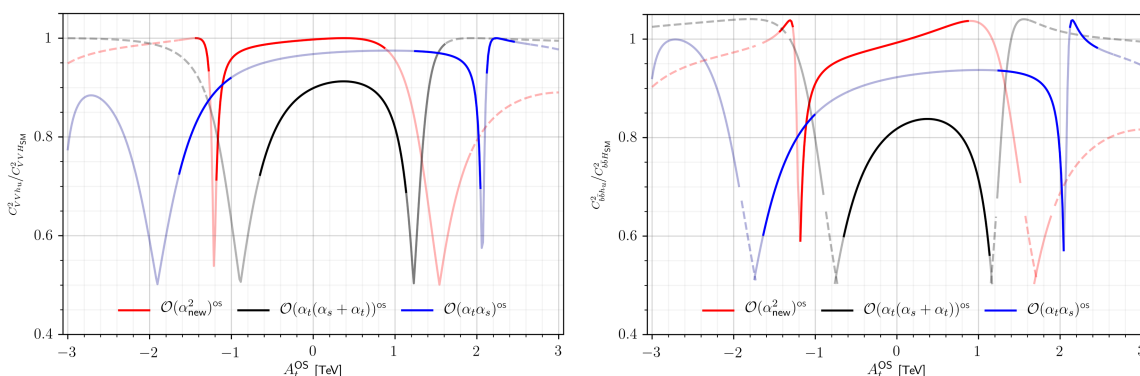


Figure 3. The couplings squared of the h_u -like Higgs boson to the massive vector bosons V ($V = W, Z$) (left) and to the bottom quarks (right) normalized to the corresponding SM values as a function of A_t^{OS} for P20S in the OS scheme at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ (red), $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ (black), and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ (blue). Transparent lines are either excluded by HiggsSignals or do not fulfill the Higgs mass constraint. Full lines correspond to h_u being the lightest Higgs h_1 , dashed lines to $h_u = h_2$.

is reduced by 1–2% w.r.t. the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ result. This shows that an estimate of the residual uncertainty due to missing higher-order corrections based on the renormalisation scheme variation in the top/stop sector cannot be made without taking into account the computation of the complete two-loop corrections since the top/stop sector contributes with mixed contributions such as $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa))$.

In figure 3 (left) we show, as a function of A_t^{OS} , the impact of the two-loop corrections on the phenomenologically important squared coupling $C_{VVh_u}^2$ of the h_u -like Higgs boson to the massive gauge bosons V ($V = Z, W$) normalized to the corresponding SM value $C_{VVH_{\text{SM}}}^2$. The right plot shows the squared bottom-quark coupling to the h_u -like Higgs boson $C_{bbh_u}^2$ normalized to the corresponding SM value $C_{bbH_{\text{SM}}}^2$. We have chosen OS renormalisation in the top/stop sector for this plot. The color code corresponds to the loop order, $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ (red), $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ (black), $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ (blue). The style change of the

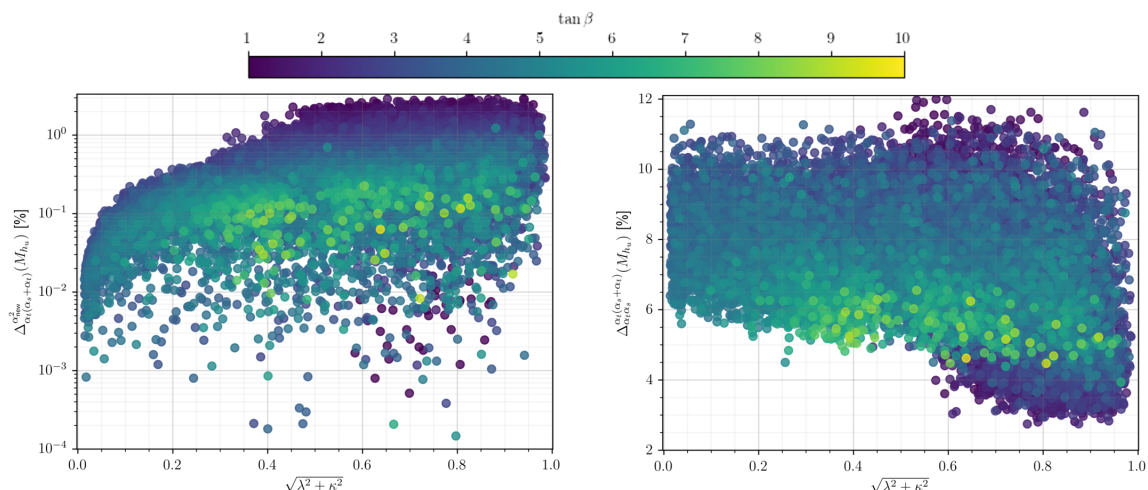


Figure 4. For all allowed parameter points: relative size (cf. text) $\Delta_{\alpha_t(\alpha_s+\alpha_t)}^{\alpha_{\text{new}}^2}$ (left) and $\Delta_{\alpha_t\alpha_s}^{\alpha_t(\alpha_s+\alpha_t)}$ (right) of the two-loop corrections to M_{h_u} as a function of $\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2}$. The color code indicates the value of $\tan\beta$.

lines signals the following. Transparent lines denote the A_t^{OS} range where the experimental Higgs signal constraints are not fulfilled any more. Full lines indicate the parameter region where the h_u -like Higgs boson is the lightest Higgs state in the spectrum, dashed lines correspond to the second-lightest Higgs boson being h_u -like. We have already seen in table 3 that the nature of the Higgs mass eigenstate can change depending on the loop order. We also see dips in the plots. Here the singlet-doublet admixture of the two lightest Higgs states becomes large inducing nearly same values for their respective coupling values to the SM particles. The comparison of the coupling values for the various two-loop orders (comparison of the red, blue and black lines) clearly shows that the Higgs couplings and hence the Higgs boson phenomenology is strongly affected by the order of included loop corrections. The comparison of the full and transparent regions shows how the allowed parameter range is impacted by the loop order. This underlines the need of precision calculations in order to be able to delineate the underlying parameter range through the measurement of the Higgs properties.

Whole parameter sample. In figures 4 and 5 we investigate the overall impact of our corrections by looking at the whole parameter sample. In figure 4 we show for all allowed parameter points obtained in our scan the relative sizes $\Delta_{\alpha_t(\alpha_s+\alpha_t)}^{\alpha_{\text{new}}^2}$ of our new two-loop corrections $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ to M_{h_u} with respect to the previous ones at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ (left) and compare them to the impact of our previously computed two-loop corrections in [59], i.e. the relative sizes $\Delta_{\alpha_t\alpha_s}^{\alpha_t(\alpha_s+\alpha_t)}$ of the two-loop corrections $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ with respect to the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ corrections (right). Note that in our scan we applied OS renormalisation in the top/stop sector. The points are displayed as a function of the NMSSM-specific parameter combination $\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2}$ with the color code indicating the $\tan\beta$ value. As expected, the maximally obtained values for the relative sizes of our new corrections increase with $\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2}$, remaining overall below about 3% since we did not consider too large values

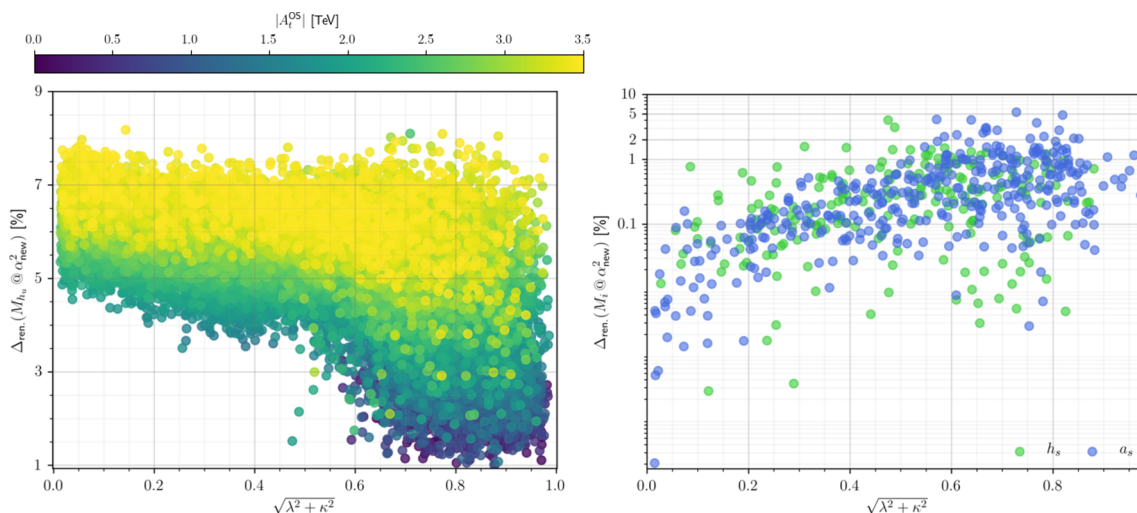


Figure 5. Scheme dependence Δ_{ren} at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ when using OS or $\overline{\text{DR}}$ conditions in the top/stop sector: left: for M_{h_u} for all allowed parameter points. Right: for M_{a_s} (blue) and M_{h_s} (green) for all parameter points where they are lighter than M_{h_u} . The color code in the left plot denotes the value of $|A_t^{\text{OS}}|$.

of λ and κ in our scan to ensure perturbativity below the GUT scale. The impact of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ with respect to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ is larger with maximum relative corrections of up to about 12%. The upper bound of the corrections does not depend on $\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2}$. The smallest corrections are obtained for large $\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2}$ and small $\tan\beta$. Larger singlet admixtures induce smaller couplings of the h_u -like Higgs boson to the top quarks and hence a smaller impact of the additional $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)$ but larger impact of the $\mathcal{O}((\lambda + \kappa)^2)$ corrections. For the singlet-like scalar Higgs bosons the effect of the newly computed corrections is smaller: for h_s (a_s) (not shown here) we find for most cases, when going from $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ to $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$, a relative increase in the mass values below 0.4% (0.1%) with some outliers up to 6% (3%).

In figure 5 (left) we show the relative change Δ_{ren} , see eq. (6.5), of our $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ corrections to the h_u like mass M_{h_u} for all allowed parameter points as a function of the NMSSM-specific combination $\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2}$ where the color code indicates the value of $|A_t^{\text{OS}}|$. The change of the renormalisation scheme requires a conversion of the involved top/stop sector parameters, so that Δ_{ren} clearly depends on the value of $|A_t^{\text{OS}}|$. This is also observed in the plot, where the largest effects from the change of the renormalisation scheme in the top/stop sector are found for large $|A_t^{\text{OS}}|$ values. The smallest renormalisation scheme dependence is obtained for small $|A_t^{\text{OS}}|$ and large $\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2}$. In this regime the impact of the new corrections from the Higgs- and electroweakino sectors becomes more pronounced while the top/stop sector contributes less. Therefore, the renormalisation scheme dependence introduced by the top/stop sector is reduced further. Overall the renormalisation scheme dependence at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ is larger than 5% if $|A_t^{\text{OS}}| > 2$ TeV. This is not surprising since we only consider points with $m_{\tilde{t}_2} < 2$ TeV in the scan. Corrections of the order $\mathcal{O}(A_t/m_{\tilde{t}_i})$ (and higher powers) become large and introduce a large scheme dependence if $|A_t| > m_{\tilde{t}_i}$.

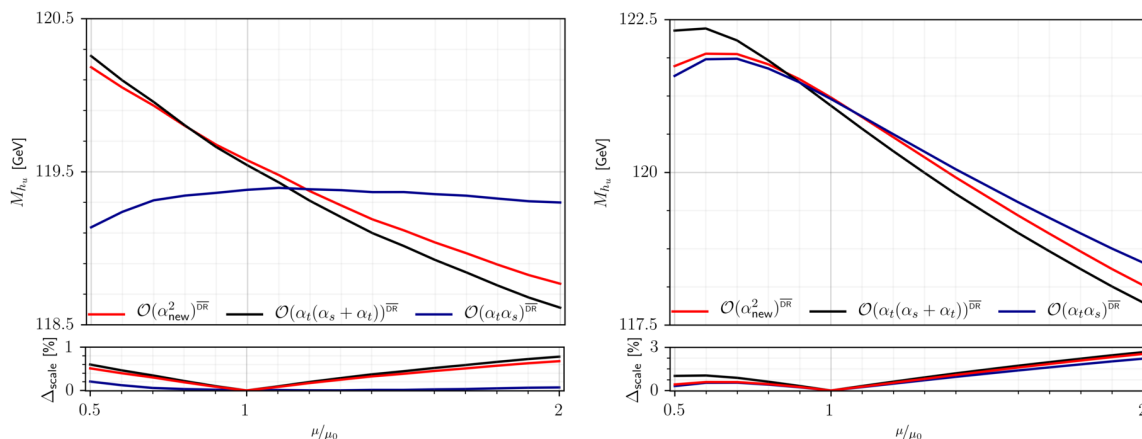


Figure 6. Upper panels: the h_u -like Higgs mass prediction at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s)$ (blue), $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ (black), and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ (red) with $\overline{\text{DR}}$ renormalisation in the top/stop sector as a function of the renormalisation scale μ normalized to the default scale $\mu_0 = M_{\text{SUSY}}$, cf. eq. (5.3), for P10S (left) and P20S (right). Lower panels: the scale dependence Δ_{scale} , eq. (6.6), in percent.

However, for $|A_t^{\text{OS}}| \lesssim 1 - 2 \text{ TeV}$ the scheme dependence is under good control (i.e. smaller than the overall size of the new two-loop corrections) in the NMSSM-specific parameter region $\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2} > 0.6$.

The right plot of figure 5 shows the renormalisation scheme dependence Δ_{ren} at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ for the singlet-like scalar h_s (green) and pseudoscalar a_s (blue) for all of the considered scenarios where they are lighter than h_u . A tendency of increasing maximum values for the renormalisation scheme dependence with rising NMSSM-specific couplings can be inferred from the plot. Since the states are mostly h_s -like, one would assume that they are less affected by higher-order corrections involving α_t in the new corrections. However, we find renormalisation scheme dependences of up to about 5% for very large λ and κ . This shows that corrections of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa))$ can indeed be important for singlet-like states if λ and κ become large. Overall the renormalisation scheme dependence is of typical sizes expected at two-loop order.

6.2 Renormalisation scale dependence

We now turn to the discussion of the renormalisation scale dependence of the two-loop corrected Higgs boson mass which can be taken as a rough estimate of the uncertainty due to missing higher-order corrections. The RGEs implemented in `NMSSMCALC` are used as described in appendix E of [59]. We define the scale dependence of the loop-corrected Higgs mass M_h at a given loop order as the relative change of the mass value at the scale μ with respect to our default scale $\mu_0 = M_{\text{SUSY}}$, hence

$$\Delta_{\text{scale}} = \frac{|M_h(\mu) - M_h(\mu_0)|}{M_h(\mu_0)}. \tag{6.6}$$

Figure 6 (upper) shows the scale dependence of our sample points P10S (left) and P20S (right) at the three two-loop orders $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ (red), $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ (black), and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s)$

(blue) with $\overline{\text{DR}}$ renormalisation in the top/stop sector as a function of a variation of the renormalisation scale μ between one half and twice the default scale μ_0 . The lower plots show the relative scale dependence Δ_{scale} . For both points the scale dependence is rather small and remains below 3% for all three two-loop corrections. For P10S we observe the smallest dependence for $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_s)$. It increases after including the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ corrections and is reduced again with our new corrections $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$. For P20S we find a similar relation between the different contributions. It has to be noted here that the renormalisation group equations applied in the generation of the plot include all two-loop contributions while for consistency at the three different two-loop orders only the respective contribution corresponding to the given included loop corrections should be taken into account in the renormalisation group equations so that the comparison of the three curves should be taken with caution. Still, overall we see that the inclusion of the two-loop corrections leads to rather small remaining scale dependences. However, the inclusion of the new corrections from the Higgs- and electroweakino sector does only lead to a minor reduction of the scale dependence. Therefore, we argue that the largest uncertainty comes from the top/stop sector requiring either higher orders or the resummation of large logarithms.

6.3 Numerical comparison of the three regulation schemes

In section 4 we discussed three regulation schemes to cure the Goldstone boson catastrophe, which we compare in this section for the parameter point P20S. In figure 7 (left) we show the loop-corrected mass values at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ including the full external momentum dependence in all diagrams of order $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$, as described in section 4.3, as a function of λ . The momentum is approximated by the fixed value $p^2 = (m_{h_i}^2 + m_{h_j}^2)/2$, where $m_{h_{i,j}}$ are the tree-level Higgs boson masses, for the calculation of the new self-energy corrections $\hat{\Sigma}_{ij}^{(2)}(p^2)$. At $\lambda = 0.2$ we observe a cross-over. Here h_u (red line) and h_s (black) are close in mass and change their roles with respect to the mass ordering. Below this λ value M_{h_u} is the second-lightest Higgs boson and above it is the lightest one. A second cross-over is observed at $\lambda = 1.63$ where h_u and h_s strongly mix and change their roles, so that above this λ value the h_u -like Higgs boson is the second-lightest Higgs state again. We furthermore see that the mass of the singlet-like Higgs boson h_s (black) shows a stronger dependence on the singlet-doublet coupling λ in contrast to those of the doublet-like Higgs bosons h_d (green) and a (dark green, dashed). Due to the strong mixing between h_u and h_s also the loop-corrected h_u -like Higgs mass shows a significant dependence on λ .

In figure 7 (right) we compare the loop-corrected mass $M_{h_1}^{\text{full-}p^2}$ at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ including external momentum in all diagrams of the order $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ with the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ result obtained with partial momentum dependence as described section 4.2, and denoted by p_{partial}^2 in the plot. We furthermore compare $M_{h_1}^{\text{full-}p^2}$ with the results of the mass computation where the IR divergence is regulated by a mass regulator, cf. section 4.1. Here, we consider four cases for the regulator mass M_R^2 , namely $R = M_R^2/\mu_0^2 = 10^{-5}, 10^{-3}, 1$ and 10^3 . Note that we included the full momentum dependence in all diagrams of the considered order whereas the partial momentum approximation and the regulator mass is only applied in the GBC subset which is always proportional to λ and κ . As expected partial momentum inclusion approximates the full momentum dependence best, as well as

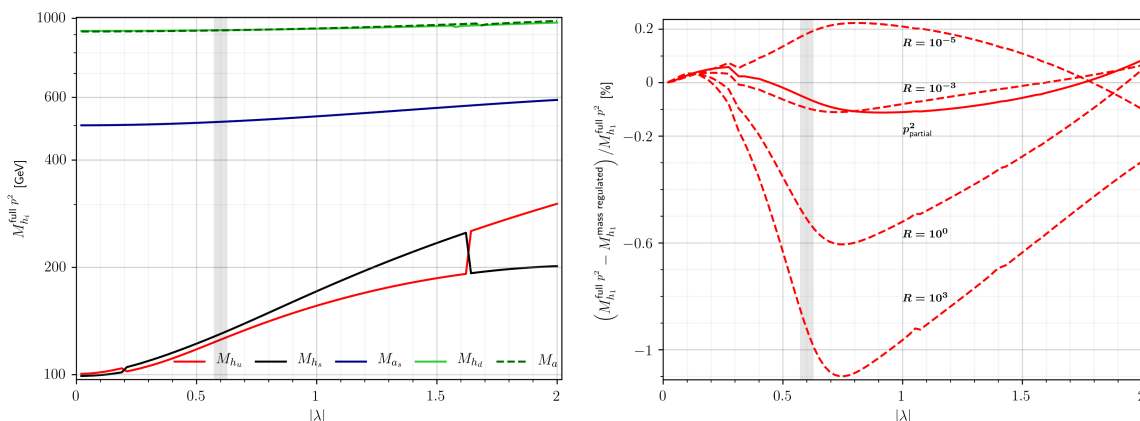


Figure 7. Left: mass spectrum $M_{h_i}^{\text{full}-p^2}$ for the point P20S at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ when including the external momentum in all diagrams of the order $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$, as a function of λ . Right: comparison of $M_{h_1}^{\text{full}-p^2}$ for the lightest state h_1 with the mass values obtained in the pure mass-regulated method (for $R = 10^{-5}, 10^{-3}, 1$ and 10^3 , dashed lines, see text for definition) as well as with the partial momentum expansion (solid line). The grey shaded region is compatible with experimental Higgs boson data.

the regulator mass result for $R = 10^{-3}$. For regulator masses departing more and more from $10^{-3}\mu_0^2$ the difference increases. The difference for all approximations shows a strong dependence on λ but agrees for $\lambda = 0$ as expected since the IR effects are related to λ . The largest deviation from $M_{h_1}^{\text{full}-p^2}$ amounts to ~ 1.5 GeV in the mass regulated scheme with $R = 10^3$. In contrast, the maximum deviation remains below 150 MeV for $R = 10^{-3}$ for this parameter point and λ varying between 0 and 2. We note that $R = 10^{-3}$ corresponds to a regulator mass of $\mathcal{O}(30 - 60 \text{ GeV})$ for typical values of the renormalization scale of $\mathcal{O}(1 - 2 \text{ TeV})$. This is in good agreement with the findings of [63] which have best agreement between their mass- and momentum-regulated results for a mass-regulator of $\mathcal{O}(100 \text{ GeV})$. The kinks in the plot are not an artifact of the numerical integration but are due to the strong dependence of the neutral Higgs mixing matrix on λ and the resulting change of certain sub-dominant admixtures when departing from the region allowed by the current collider constraints (grey shaded region).

The result that the full- and partial-momentum corrections do not deviate by more than 1–200 MeV shows that our incomplete calculation of the full-momentum corrections has to be taken with care as these corrections are of similar size as the momentum corrections of $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s\alpha_t)$ one might expect comparing to results from the MSSM [66, 111, 123, 124] (which are not calculated in this work) even for very large values of λ . Therefore, the calculation of the momentum-dependent corrections at the order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_s\alpha_t)$ is still an open task to be done.

In order to get a more general picture we compare the results in the various approximations for all of our allowed points. Figure 8 (left) shows the relative difference $\Delta_{R=10^{-3}}^{\text{partial}-p^2}(M_{h_u})$ between the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ -corrected M_{h_u} value obtained in the partial momentum approximation and in the mass-regulated computation with a regulator mass squared of $10^{-3}\mu_0^2$ for all allowed parameter points. Note that these two different treatments only af-

fect the IR-divergent diagrams. The results are shown as a function of the NMSSM-specific parameter $\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2}$ and the color code indicates $\tan\beta$. The maximum relative difference increases with $\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2}$ and saturates at values close to 1 permille. This behaviour is expected, since the IR-regulated diagrams — and therefore the dependence on the IR regulator mass — are always proportional to λ and κ . The right plot displays the relative difference in M_{h_u} when including full momentum dependence in the $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ contributions and the mass-regulated result for $R = 10^{-3}$ when considering a subset of one thousand random points.²⁰ Note that the full momentum dependence is also taken into account in all IR-finite diagrams of the order $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$. The maximum deviation shows only a weak dependence on $\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2}$ and reaches at most 2 permille for large values of $\sqrt{\lambda^2 + \kappa^2}$. The behaviour shows that the full-momentum corrections at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)$ (i.e. for $\lambda, \kappa \rightarrow 0$ in the right plot of figure 8) and those at $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ for finite λ are equally important. For the singlet-like masses of our parameter sample we found similar results. This allows us to conclude that the regulation of the GBC with a regulator mass of $R = 10^{-3}$ is a good compromise between accuracy and computational costs²¹ with a difference that remains in the subpercentage range. Also R is not too small in this case to lead to numerically unstable results. Comparing figure 8 (left) with figure 4 (left), we conclude that the error made for $R = 10^{-3}$ compared to the result obtained with partial momentum dependence is always around one order of magnitude smaller than the overall size of the new two-loop corrections. Therefore, all parameter samples that we present in this paper have been obtained with a regulator mass of $R = 10^{-3}$, unless stated otherwise. The value $R = 10^{-3}$ is also the default setting that we have implemented in our new version of NMSSMCALC that has been extended to the here presented new two-loop corrections.

6.4 CP-violating phases

In this section, we discuss the influence of the CP-violating phases on the loop corrections to the Higgs masses. In figure 9 (upper) we show by choosing the parameter point P20S as starting point the loop-corrected mass M_{h_u} of the h_u -like Higgs boson²² as a function of the CP-violating phases φ_λ (full) and φ_{A_t} (dashed) at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ (red), $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ (black), and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ (blue) for OS (left) and $\overline{\text{DR}}$ (right) renormalisation in the top/stop sector. In the phase variation only one phase is varied at a time. The phase φ_λ is varied such that the CP-violating phase φ_y (eq. (2.15)) appearing already at tree level is kept zero, more specifically $\varphi_\lambda = 2\varphi_s = 2/3\varphi_{\mu_{\text{eff}}}$ and $\varphi_\kappa = \varphi_u = 0$. We thereby ensure to study only radiatively induced CP-violating effects. Otherwise all CP-violating phases are kept zero. Note also that for illustrative reasons, the phases are varied in ranges beyond their allowed validity by the EDM constraints.²³ The lower inserts quantify the effect $\Delta_{\alpha_i^2}^{\alpha_{\text{new}}^2}$ of the newly calculated loop corrections with respect to the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ (black) and

²⁰This was done to save computational resources. We confirmed that this subset still contains all important features of the original sample.

²¹The computation time considerably increases when the full momentum dependence is included.

²²The kinks in the plot appear at parameter configurations where the h_u -like and h_s -like Higgs bosons swap their mass ordering and are therefore nearly degenerate.

²³Actually, non-zero φ_λ are excluded by the EDM constraints for these parameter points while φ_{A_t} is allowed in the whole range.

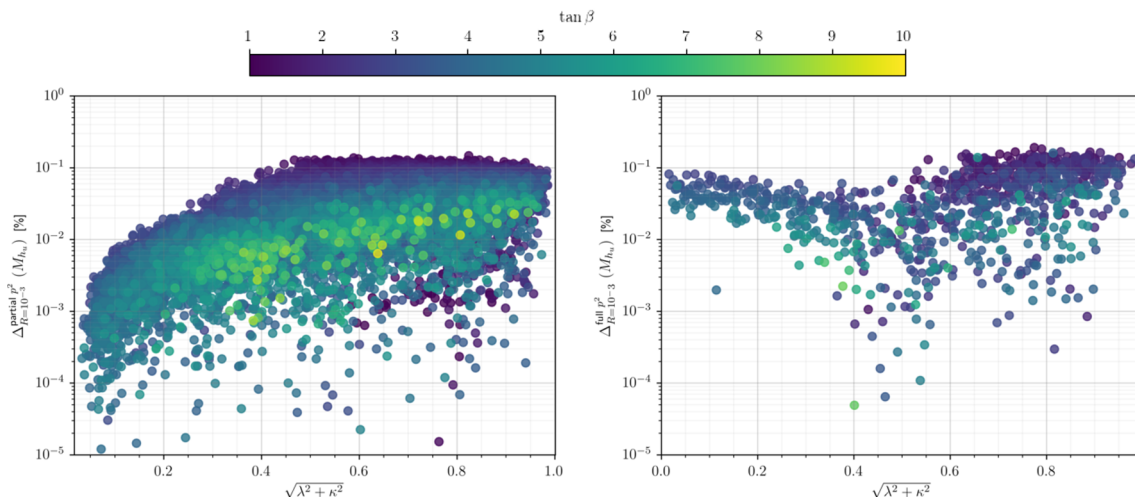


Figure 8. Left: relative difference in the Higgs boson mass prediction M_{h_u} when using partial external momentum or purely mass-regulated IR-divergences with $R = 10^{-3}$. Right: same but comparing the purely mass regulated result with the full-momentum one for a randomly selected subset of 1000 points.

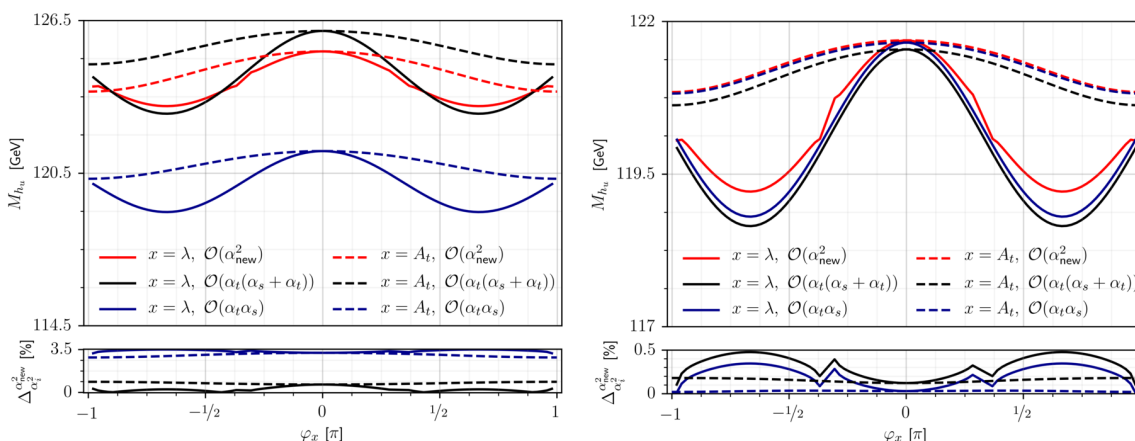


Figure 9. Upper panels: loop-corrected h_u -like Higgs boson mass M_{h_u} for P20S as function of φ_λ (solid) and φ_{A_t} (dashed) at order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_{\text{new}}^2)$ (red), $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t))$ (black), and $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ (blue) for OS (left) and $\overline{\text{DR}}$ (right) renormalisation in the top/stop sector. Lower panels: relative size of the new two-loop corrections with respect to the previously calculated two-loop results $\alpha_i = \alpha_t(\alpha_s + \alpha_t)$ (black) and $\alpha_t\alpha_s$ (blue). The phases are not varied simultaneously. For details, see text.

the $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t\alpha_s)$ (blue) corrections. Both in OS and $\overline{\text{DR}}$ renormalisation all three two-loop corrections show the same behaviour with respect to a variation of φ_{A_t} . This can also be inferred from the lower panels where the dashed lines are almost flat. The variation of the loop corrections with a change of the phases is more pronounced in the OS scheme than in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme, also the behaviour of the new corrections differs more from the other two two-loop orders. Still the curves for the relative deviation $\Delta_{\alpha_i^2}^{\alpha_{\text{new}}^2}$ do not vary much with a change of the phases. Overall the impact of the CP-violating phase on the new corrections with respect to the previous ones is small.

7 Conclusions and outlook

We have computed the $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ two-loop corrections to the Higgs boson masses of the CP-violating NMSSM in the Feynman-diagrammatic approach in the gaugeless limit and at vanishing external momentum. While these limits give a good approximation and simplify computations significantly, they may induce infrared divergences in two-loop Feynman diagrams with multiple massless Goldstone bosons. We have shown that using OS conditions for tadpoles at one-loop order makes the two-loop tadpoles, the charged Higgs, the W and the Z boson self-energies at vanishing external momentum at $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ IR finite, however, IR divergences remain in the neutral Higgs boson self-energies. For the treatment of the IR divergences we have followed three different approaches — the introduction of a regulator mass, the application of a small momentum expansion, and the inclusion of the full momentum dependence in all Feynman diagrams of $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$. By comparing the three methods, we found that the regulator mass approach reproduces the momentum-dependent results well for squared regulator masses that amount to a permille of the renormalisation scale squared. Due to the robustness of this approach we have implemented the new corrections using this value for the regulator mass as default in the published version of `NMSSMCALC`. In order to quantify the impact of our newly computed corrections we have performed a scan in the NMSSM parameter range and kept only those points that are compatible with experimental constraints. We found that our corrections increase with λ and κ as expected. For λ and κ values compatible with perturbativity below the GUT scale, the corrections are less than 3% relative to the already available $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t(\alpha_t + \alpha_s))$ corrections. Our new corrections reduce slightly the theoretical uncertainties due to missing higher-order corrections that we estimated by changing the renormalization scheme in the top/stop sector and by varying the renormalization scale. We have also shown that the impact of the new corrections on the Higgs mixings, which manifest themselves in the couplings between the Higgs bosons and the SM particles, is significant and strongly affects the compatibility with the Higgs data. The impact of the CP-violating phases on the new corrections has been found to be small. With our calculation we further improve the precision on the NMSSM Higgs boson masses and mixings. The next steps to be taken are the inclusion of the full gauge dependence and of non-zero momentum in the computation of the two-loop corrections.

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A Mass regulated one- and two-loop functions

This appendix complements the analytically known one- and two-loop self-energy integrals with a set of IR-regularised functions. We implicitly assume vanishing external momentum unless stated otherwise. In this limit, all two-(one-) loop integrals can be written in terms of two-(one-)loop tadpole integrals $I(x, y, z)$ ($A(x)$). The analytical solution of I has been studied e.g. in refs. [50, 136] in detail. While $I(x, y, z)$ and $A(x)$ themselves are IR-finite, their derivatives w.r.t. squared masses become divergent in the IR regime. In this regime, we replace vanishing scalar masses with a mass regulator $0 \rightarrow M_R^2$ in the loop functions and expand around the small regulator mass while keeping all terms of order $\mathcal{O}(\overline{\log}^{n \leq 2} M_R^2)$ and $\mathcal{O}(M_R^{-n \leq 0})$.

The notation and definition of the integrals closely follow those of refs. [115, 119]. In addition, we introduce the scalar three-point integral \mathbf{C}

$$\mathbf{C}(x, y, z) = \frac{\mathbf{B}(y, x) - \mathbf{B}(z, x)}{y - z} \tag{A.1}$$

in terms of the two-point integral \mathbf{B} , allowing us to keep track on the spurious IR-divergences $\mathbf{C}(x, 0, 0)$ which are not connected to the GBC but cancelled between counterterm-inserted diagrams and genuine two-loop diagrams involving the \mathbf{V} -integral introduced later.

The required IR-safe one-loop functions are

$$\mathbf{C}(x, 0, 0) = \partial \mathbf{B}(0, x) \tag{A.2}$$

$$\mathbf{C}(0, y, 0) = \frac{\mathbf{B}(y, 0) - \mathbf{B}(0, 0)}{x} \tag{A.3}$$

$$\mathbf{B}(0, 0) = -\overline{\log} M_R^2 + \epsilon \frac{(\zeta_2 + \overline{\log}^2 M_R^2)}{2} + \frac{1}{\epsilon} \tag{A.4}$$

$$\partial \mathbf{B}(0, 0) = -\frac{1}{2M_R^2} + \epsilon \frac{\overline{\log} M_R^2}{2M_R^2} \tag{A.5}$$

$$\partial \mathbf{B}(0, y) = \frac{B(0, y)}{y} + \frac{\overline{\log} M_R^2}{y} + \frac{\epsilon}{y} \left(1 - \overline{\log} y + \overline{\log}^2 y - \frac{\overline{\log}^2 M_R^2}{2} \right). \tag{A.6}$$

Diagrams that factorise into products of one-loop functions can contribute with finite terms like e.g. $\mathbf{A}(M_R^2)\mathbf{C}(M_R^2, M_R^2, M_R^2) = \frac{1}{2} + \overline{\log} M_R^2 + \frac{1}{2\epsilon} + \mathcal{O}(M_R^2)$ using a strict expansion in M_R^2 , where \mathbf{A} denotes the one-point function. However, these diagrams would vanish when including the full momentum dependence. Therefore, we always set the one-point function $\mathbf{A}(0) = 0$ before we start with the expansion in a small regulator mass.

We continue with the IR-regulated two-loop functions. For convenience, we define the following abbreviations for derivatives of the tadpole integral I :

$$\partial I(x, y, z) \equiv \frac{\partial}{\partial x'} I(x', y, z)|_{x'=x} \tag{A.7}$$

$$\partial^2 I(x, y, z) \equiv \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x' \partial y'} I(x', y', z)|_{x'=x, y'=y}. \tag{A.8}$$

For the NMSSM, we need the following special cases

$$\partial I(0, x, y) = \overline{\log} M_R^2 B(x, y) - \overline{T}(0, x, y) \quad (\text{A.9})$$

$$\partial^2 I(0, 0, z) = \frac{z(2\overline{\log} z - 5) - 2I(0, 0, z)}{z^2} + \frac{\overline{\log} M_R^2 (-2\overline{\log} z + \overline{\log} M_R^2 + 2)}{z} \quad (\text{A.10})$$

$$\partial^2 I(0, y, 0) = \frac{\overline{\log} y}{y} - \frac{\overline{\log} M_R^2}{y} \quad (\text{A.11})$$

$$\partial^2 I(0, y, y) = \frac{\overline{\log} y - \overline{\log} M_R^2 + 1}{2y} \quad (\text{A.12})$$

$$\partial^2 I(0, y, z) = z \frac{2I(0, y, z) - \overline{\log} y(4y + z) + (\overline{\log} y - 2)\overline{\log} z(y + z)}{(y - z)^3} \quad (\text{A.13})$$

$$+ \frac{y^2 \overline{\log} y + 5z(y + z)}{(y - z)^3} + \frac{\overline{\log} M_R^2 (z \overline{\log} y - z \overline{\log} z - y + z)}{(y - z)^2}. \quad (\text{A.14})$$

The function \overline{T} is IR-finite, has been introduced in ref. [119] and is identical to the function $R_{SS}(x, y)$ used in refs. [97, 99]. For completeness, we recall here only the expressions needed in the regularisation procedure:

$$\overline{T}(0, x, y) = \frac{(x + y)I(0, x, y) + 2(A(x) - y)(A(y) - x) + x^2 + y^2}{(x - y)^2} \quad (\text{A.15})$$

$$\overline{T}(0, x, x) = -\frac{1}{2}\overline{\log} x^2 - \overline{\log} x - \frac{3}{2}. \quad (\text{A.16})$$

With this set of functions we can define all remaining two-loop functions in an IR-regulated way. We start with the UV-divergent \mathbf{U} -integral at vanishing external momentum,

$$\mathbf{U}(x, y, z, u) = U(x, y, z, u) + \frac{\mathbf{B}(x, y)}{\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{\epsilon} - \frac{1}{\epsilon^2} \right) \quad (\text{A.17})$$

$$U(x, y, z, u) \stackrel{p^2=0}{=} \frac{I(z, u, y) - I(z, u, x)}{x - y} \quad (\text{A.18})$$

$$U(x, x, y, z) = -\partial I(x, y, z). \quad (\text{A.19})$$

Therefore we need to regulate

$$\mathbf{U}(0, 0, x, y) = -\partial I(0, x, y) + \frac{\zeta_2 + \overline{\log}^2 M_R^2}{2} + \frac{1 - 2\overline{\log} M_R^2}{2\epsilon} + \frac{1}{2\epsilon^2}. \quad (\text{A.20})$$

We have verified that the UV-IR mixing terms $\mathcal{O}(\overline{\log} M_R^2/\epsilon)$ cancel in the sub-loop renormalisation with counterterm-inserted diagrams that involve a vertex counterterm and an IR-divergent $\mathbf{B}(0, 0)$ integral.

The \mathbf{V} -integral

$$\mathbf{V}(x, y, z, u) = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{U}(x, y, z, u) \quad (\text{A.21})$$

can also contribute to the UV-IR mixing terms because its single pole can be written as

$$\mathbf{V}(x, 0, z, u)|_{\epsilon^{-1}} = -\frac{\partial}{\partial y} \mathbf{U}(x, y, z, u)|_{y=0}|_{\epsilon^{-1}} = -\frac{\mathbf{C}(x, 0, 0)}{\epsilon}. \quad (\text{A.22})$$

It precisely cancels against counterterm-inserted diagrams involving a Higgs boson mass counterterm and a three-point function. Furthermore, we need the following special cases of vanishing arguments,

$$\mathbf{V}(0,0,0,u) = -\frac{\overline{\log}u}{2M_R^2} - \frac{\overline{\log}u}{2u} - \frac{\overline{\log}M_R^2}{2M_R^2} + \frac{\overline{\log}M_R^2}{2u} + \frac{1}{2M_R^2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right) \quad (\text{A.23})$$

$$\mathbf{V}(0,0,z,z) = -\frac{\overline{\log}(z)}{2M_R^2} - \frac{\overline{\log}M_R^2}{2M_R^2} + \frac{1}{2M_R^2\epsilon} \quad (\text{A.24})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V}(0,0,z,u) = \frac{1}{2(z-u)^4} \Big\{ & -u\overline{\log}u \left[2z\overline{\log}z(u+z) + 2(\overline{\log}M_R^2 - 3)uz - (2\overline{\log}M_R^2 + 3)z^2 + u^2 \right] \\ & + z\overline{\log}z \left((2\overline{\log}M_R^2 + 3)u^2 - 2(\overline{\log}M_R^2 - 3)uz - z^2 \right) \\ & - 4uzI(z,0,u) + (u+z) \left(\overline{\log}M_R^2(z-u)^2 - 10uz \right) \Big\} \\ & + \frac{u\overline{\log}u - z\overline{\log}z - u + z}{2M_R^2(z-u)} - \frac{\overline{\log}M_R^2}{2M_R^2} + \frac{1}{2M_R^2\epsilon} \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A.25})$$

$$\mathbf{V}(x,0,z,u) = \frac{I(x,z,u) - I(0,z,u) - x\partial I(0,z,u)}{x^2} \quad (\text{A.26})$$

$$+ \frac{2\overline{\log}x - \overline{\log}^2 x + \overline{\log}^2 M_R^2 - 2}{2x} + \frac{\overline{\log}x - \overline{\log}M_R^2 - 1}{x\epsilon}. \quad (\text{A.27})$$

The UV-finite two-loop master integral \mathbf{M} at vanishing external momentum requires IR-regularisation for the following cases,

$$\mathbf{M}(x,0,z,0,v) = \frac{\partial I(0,x,v) - \partial I(0,z,v)}{x-z} \quad (\text{A.28})$$

$$\mathbf{M}(x,0,x,0,v) = \partial^2 I(0,x,v). \quad (\text{A.29})$$

Finally, the derivatives w.r.t. external momentum are needed for the calculation of the wave function renormalisation constants. They are regularised by

$$\partial_{p^2} \mathbf{U}(0,0,x,y)|_{\text{UV-div}} = \frac{\partial_{p^2} \mathbf{B}(0,0)}{\epsilon} \quad (\text{A.30})$$

$$\partial_{p^2} \mathbf{C}(x,0,0) = \frac{5 + 2\overline{\log}M_R^2 - \overline{\log}x}{2x^2} \quad (\text{A.31})$$

$$\partial_{p^2} \mathbf{C}(0,0,0) = -\frac{1}{12M_R^4} \quad (\text{A.32})$$

$$\partial_{p^2} \mathbf{B}(0,0) = \frac{1}{6M_R^2}, \quad (\text{A.33})$$

while the finite part of the \mathbf{U} -integral is not needed as we renormalise all wave functions in the $\overline{\text{DR}}$ scheme.

Keeping the \mathbf{M} , \mathbf{U} , \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{S} integrals even in the zero-momentum approximation (and expressing them in terms of the I integrals during the numerical evaluation) makes the transition to finite/partial external momentum dependence straightforward as we simply replace them by the functions computed with TSIL.

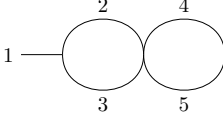
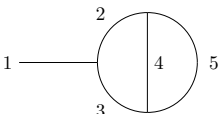
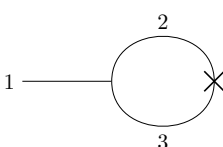
#	topology	conditions for IR-divergence	set	IR-divergent functions	momentum regularisable?
1		$m_2 = m_3 = 0$	A	$\mathbf{B}(0, 0)$	no
2		$m_2 = m_3 = 0$	A	$\mathbf{U}(0, 0, m_4^2, m_5^2), \mathbf{B}(0, 0)$	no
3		$m_2 = m_3 = 0$	A	$\mathbf{B}(0, 0)$	no

Table 5. All IR-divergent two-loop tadpole topologies generated with `FeynArts`. Note that IR divergences are only caused by vanishing scalar masses while all remaining lines can be scalars or fermions if the couplings allow for it. This is the case for topology 2 at the lines 3 and 4 which lead to the additional occurrence of a $\mathbf{B}(0, 0)$ after applying `TarcerRecurse`.

As a closing remark we want to mention that only the $\mathcal{O}(\overline{\log} M_R^2)$ and $\mathcal{O}(\overline{\log}^2 M_R^2)$ divergences are actually physical as they correspond to $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon_{\text{IR}}^{-1})$ and $\mathcal{O}(\epsilon_{\text{IR}}^{-2})$ terms in dimensional regularisation. As a further cross-check, we explicitly checked that indeed all $\mathcal{O}(M_R^{-n \leq -2})$ -terms cancel exactly in the sum of all two-loop diagrams.

B IR-divergent topologies

In this appendix we give all IR-divergent cases for the two-loop tadpole and self-energy topologies in table 5 and table 6. The first column shows the topology with labels on each generic propagator. The second column lists special cases of vanishing masses in the propagators that lead to IR-divergent loop functions. The third column collects the various sets discussed in section 4.1. The fourth column lists the IR-divergent loop functions that appear in all possible field-insertions after applying the `TARCER`'s algorithm. The last column indicates whether the IR-divergence cancels in the final result or if it requires the inclusion of external momentum.

While the tadpole diagrams cannot be treated with external momentum, the self-energy diagrams indeed need external momentum in a few cases. In addition, there are cases (such as for instance $m_3 = m_4 = 0$ in topology 4), where loop integrals do not require momentum-regularisation. In these cases, the IR-divergence was found to cancel against other diagrams that are connected by the BPHZ theorem [137] (such as topologies 4, 7 and 11). Therefore, the subset of topologies 4, 7 and 11 with at least one massive Higgs in the outer loop forms an IR-finite set. Similarly to the tadpole diagrams, the topologies 8, 10 and 13 form an IR-finite subset as well. After these considerations, only the diagrams in figure 12 are regularised by momentum.

#	topology	conditions for IR-divergence	set	IR-divergent functions	momentum regularisable?
4		$m_{3,4,5} = 0$	E	$\mathbf{C}(0, 0, 0)$	yes
		$m_4 = m_5 = 0$	B	$\mathbf{C}(0, m_{4/3}^2, 0)$	no
		$m_3 = m_{4/5} = 0$	C	$\mathbf{C}(m_5^2, 0, 0)$	no
5		$m_5 = m_6 = 0$	D	$\mathbf{U}(0, 0, m_3^2, m_4^2)$	yes
6		$m_4 = m_7 = 0$	D	$\mathbf{M}(m_3^2, m_4^2, m_6^2, m_7^2, m_5^2),$	yes
		$m_3 = m_6 = 0$	D	$\mathbf{B}(0, 0)$	
7		$m_{3,4,7} = 0$	E	$\mathbf{V}(0, 0, m_5^2, m_6^2), \mathbf{C}(0, 0, 0)$	yes
		$m_4 = m_7 = 0$	B	$\mathbf{V}(m_3^2, 0, m_5^2, m_6^2), \mathbf{C}(m_3^2, 0, 0)$	no
		$m_3 = m_{4/7} = 0$	C	$\mathbf{U}(0, 0, m_5^2, m_6^2), \mathbf{C}(0, m_{7/4}^2, 0)$	no
8		$m_3 = m_4 = 0$	A	$\mathbf{B}(0, 0)$	no
9		$m_3 = m_4 = 0$	D	$\mathbf{B}(0, 0)$	yes
		$m_5 = m_6 = 0$	D		
10		$m_5 = m_6 = 0$	A	$\mathbf{U}(0, 0, m_4^2, m_3^2), \mathbf{B}(0, 0)$	no
11		$m_{3,4,5} = 0$	E	$\mathbf{C}(0, 0, 0)$	yes
		$m_3 = m_4 = 0$	B	$\mathbf{C}(0, m_{4/3}^2, 0)$	no
		$m_{3/4} = m_5 = 0$	C	$\mathbf{C}(m_5^2, 0, 0)$	no
12		$m_3 = m_4 = 0$	D	$\mathbf{B}(0, 0)$	yes
13		$m_3 = m_4 = 0$	A	$\mathbf{B}(0, 0)$	no

Table 6. All two-loop self-energy topologies generated with `FeynArts`. Those IR divergences which are not regularisable by momentum should cancel in the total sum. For topologies 5 and 12 mirror diagrams exist which can be derived by renaming the indices accordingly.

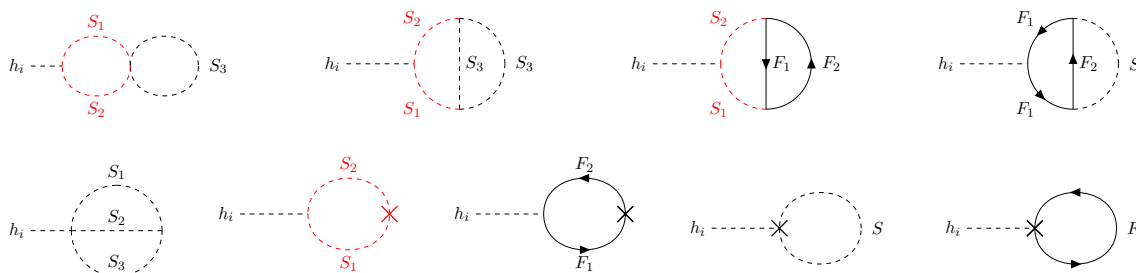


Figure 10. Generic two-loop tadpole diagrams considered in this work where S denotes scalars and F denotes fermions. Diagrams with red propagators become IR divergent for massless Goldstone bosons.

C Two-loop diagrams

C.1 Tadpoles

In figure 10 we show all types of tadpole diagrams that enter at our considered loop order. In the summation over internal fields we consider only those two-loop diagrams that obey the constraint

$$n_{h_i} + n_{h_j^\pm} + n_{\chi_k} + n_{\chi_l^\pm} \geq 2, \quad (\text{C.1})$$

where n_Φ is the number of internal propagators of the field type Φ . Diagrams with one loop are taken into account if they contain at least one Higgs boson, electroweakino, stop or top field. In addition, we also consider the diagrams given at $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t^2)$, cf. ref. [59] figures 14 and 15, but also taking into account terms of the order $\mathcal{O}(\alpha_t \alpha_\lambda)$.

The two-loop tadpole diagrams with red colored propagators shown in figure 10 suffer from IR divergences for $\Phi = G^0, G^\pm$. Using the mass regularised loop functions from appendix A we find that the sum of all contributions is indeed IR-finite and does not depend on the regulator mass.

C.2 Self-energies

In figure 11 we show all generic self-energy diagrams appearing in the calculation of the $\mathcal{O}((\alpha_t + \alpha_\lambda + \alpha_\kappa)^2)$ -corrected Higgs boson masses. The external fields (s_i) can be the neutral (h_i) or charged (h_2^\pm) Higgs bosons as well as massive vector bosons (Z or W^-).

The summation over the internal scalars and fermions running in the loops is performed with the same selection principle as for the tadpoles, eq. (C.1). The diagrams (b), (d), (p) and (q) pick up an additional factor of two to account for their mirrored versions.

C.3 Momentum regulated diagrams

For the sake of simplicity, we also list the full set of Feynman diagrams in figure 12 which feature a residual dependence on the IR mass regulator (i.e. the IR divergences in all other diagrams do cancel). Figure 12 can also be inferred from the information given in table 6.

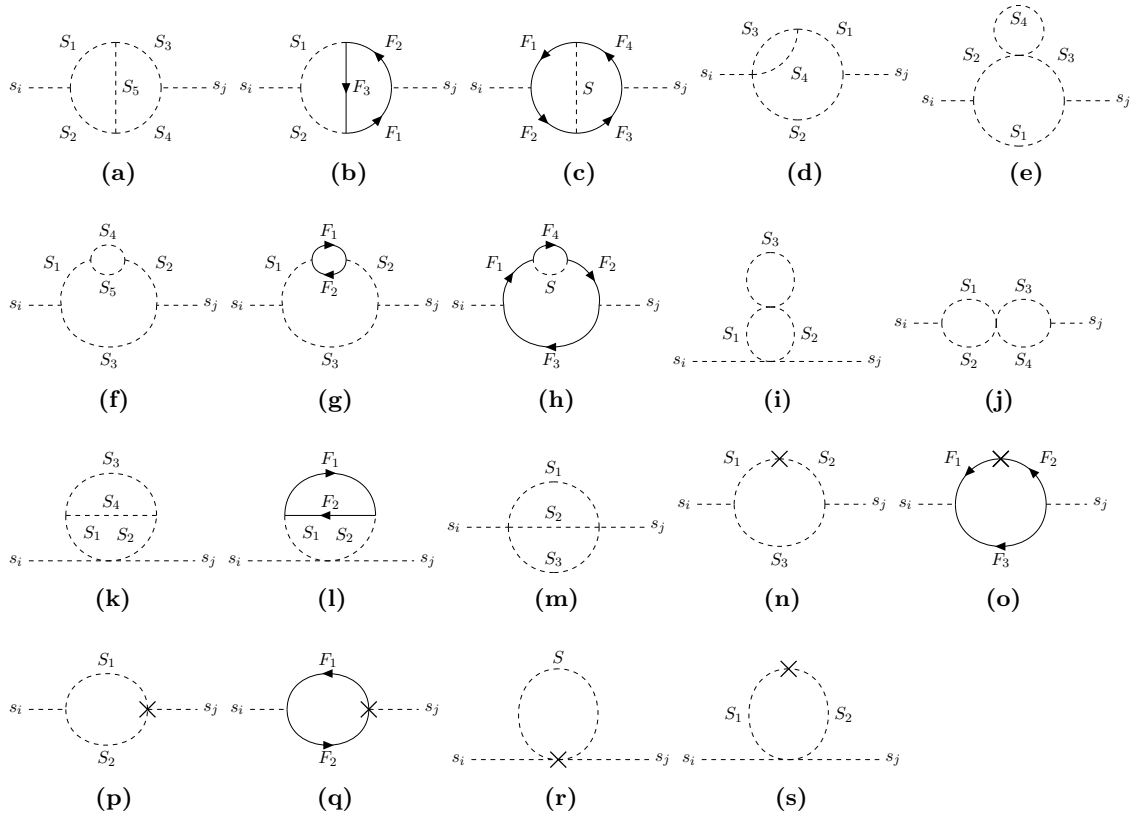


Figure 11. All generic two-loop self-energy diagrams with internal scalars S and fermions F . The external fields can be neutral/charged scalars as well as vector bosons (for the latter some diagrams such as (j) and (m) are not present due to gauge invariance and the $p^2 = 0$ approximation). The internal fields are selected according to eq. (C.1).

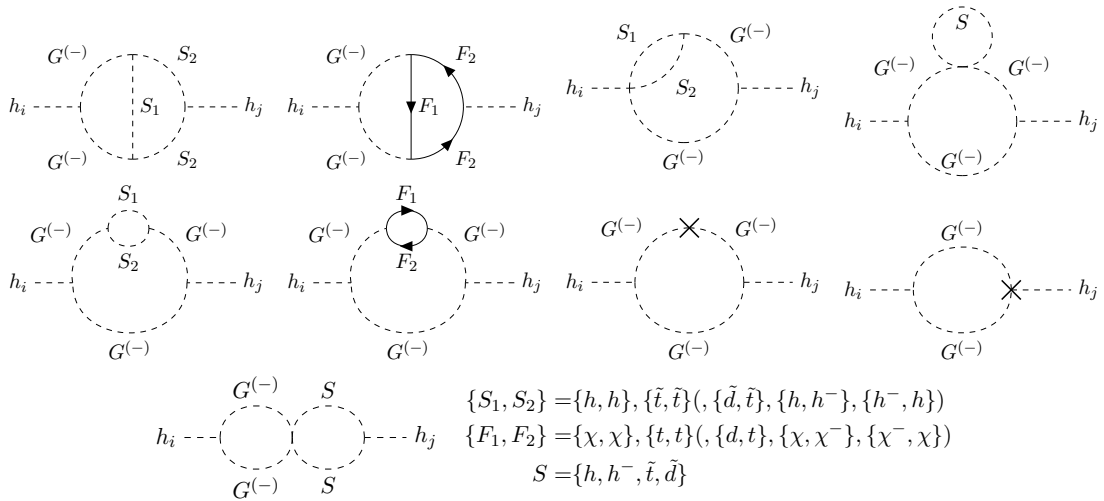


Figure 12. All two-loop self-energy diagrams with a residual dependence on the IR mass regulator, cf. appendix A, table 6. Note that the first and the last diagrams feature $\overline{\log^2} M_R^2$ divergences if $S_2 = G^{(-)}$, respectively $S = G^{(-)}$.

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