

Can the scale-invariant NMSSM Naturally give 125 GeV Higgs?

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What can we learn if $m_h \approx 125\text{GeV}$?

Recent reports from ATLAS and CMS collaborations:

First hints for Higgs at LHC with $m_h \approx 125\text{GeV}$

If there is a $m_h \approx 125\text{GeV}$, further implication for underlying new physics?

- **A pure SM Higgs?**

- Wide mass range can be accommodated (including 125GeV) by varying Higgs quartic coupling $\lambda = \frac{m_h}{v_{EW}}$;

But well-known problem: **quadratic divergence of radiative correction to m_h** \Rightarrow **significant fine-tuning** related to gauge hierarchy $M_{pl}/M_{EW}...$

- **A SUSY Higgs?** – *supersymmetry*: elegant solution to cancel quadratic divergence in δm_h^2

But in MSSM m_h is “restricted” to be light at tree-level:

$$m_h^2 \approx m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \frac{3}{(4\pi)^2} \frac{m_t^4}{v^2} \left[\ln \frac{m_t^2}{m_t^2} + \frac{X_t^2}{m_t^2} \left(1 - \frac{X_t^2}{12m_t^2} \right) \right]$$

where $X_t = A_t - \mu \cos \beta$, $m_h^{\text{tree}} = m_Z \cos 2\beta \lesssim 90\text{GeV}$,
Get to 125GeV ? **Large loop correction needed:**

- 1 $X_t \sim 0$, $m_t \sim 5 - 10\text{TeV}$
- 2 Maximal m_t mixing, large $X_t \approx \sqrt{6}m_t \gtrsim 1.5\text{TeV}$

– both reintroduce finetuning through $\delta m_{H_u}^2$

(Draper, Meade, Reece and Shih *arxiv: 1112.3068*, Hall, Pinner and Ruderman *arxiv: 1112.2703...*)

⇒ **125GeV Higgs in MSSM betray Naturalness!**

Does this mean 125GeV Higgs threatens natural SUSY “in general”?

- **No!** That's only for MSSM = **Minimal** supersymmetric SM. Non-minimal SUSY models, with extensions?...
- Theoretical appeal of SUSY: worth giving a harder try...

Interest of our work:

- **?Natural?** in all aspects to get 125GeV Higgs in a minimal, well-motivated extension of MSSM: **scale-invariant NMSSM**
Natural: no EW tuning (m_Z, m_h), no tuning in model parameters

- Existing works for 125GeV Higgs in scale-invariant NMSSM: pick benchmark points from numerical scan over all parameters

Ellwanger [arXiv:1112.3548](#), Kang, Li and Li [arxiv: 1201.5305...](#)

– ‘black-box’-like, hard to see hint for underlying UV physics, hidden new source of tuning...

- Our goal:** More analytic, systematic approach, clearer view

Separate discussions for “**pushup**” and “**pulldown**” regions, different cases: with **small A -terms** for singlet (favors gauge mediation) or **moderate A -terms** (favors gravity/anomaly mediation), preserve **perturbativity up to GUT scale** or accept **lower Landau pole**

⇒ hint, guidelines for viable UV model

Review of Higgs sector in Scale Invariant NMSSM

Scale invariant NMSSM:

Simple extension of MSSM by adding a singlet chiral superfield S with coupling $\lambda SH_u H_d$ in superpotential

- Generates μ -term when $\langle S \rangle \neq 0$ – a neat solution for μ -problem, esp. for gauge mediation
- Generates extra quartic coupling $\lambda^2 |H_u H_d|^2 \Rightarrow$ potential of raising m_h with moderate λ
- Scale invariant: no dimensionful terms in superpotential (Z_3 protected)– do not reintroduce μ -term type problem

$$W_{NMSSM} = \lambda SH_u H_d + \frac{\kappa}{3} S^3$$

$$V_{\text{soft}} = m_{H_u}^2 |H_u|^2 + m_{H_d}^2 |H_d|^2 + m_S^2 |S|^2 + \lambda A_\lambda H_u H_d S + \frac{1}{3} \kappa A_\kappa S^3$$

Mass matrix for CP even scalar sector \mathcal{M}_h^2 :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda^2 v^2 \sin^2 2\beta + m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta & 2rv^2 \cot 2\beta & 2\lambda^2 sv - 2v^2 R \\ \cdot & -2v^2 r + \frac{2\lambda\kappa s^2 + 2A_\lambda s}{\sin 2\beta} & -2Rv \cot 2\beta \\ \cdot & \cdot & \kappa s(4\kappa s + A_\kappa) + \frac{v^2}{s} A_\lambda \lambda \sin 2\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

where $r \equiv \left(\frac{\lambda^2}{2} - \frac{M_Z^2}{v^2} \right) \sin^2 2\beta$, $R = \frac{1}{v} \lambda (\kappa s + A_\lambda) \sin 2\beta$
– Higgs related,

Mass matrix for CP odd scalar sector \mathcal{M}_A^2 :

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{2\lambda s(A_\lambda + \kappa s)}{\sin 2\beta} & \lambda v(A_\lambda - 2\kappa s) \\ \cdot & \frac{\lambda v^2(A_\lambda + 4\kappa s) \sin 2\beta}{2s} - 3\kappa A_\kappa s \end{pmatrix}$$

– Provide additional bound from Υ decay etc.



Higgs mass in NMSSM:

$$m_h^2(\text{NMSSM}) = (M_H^2)_{11} + \delta m_{\text{mix}}^2 + \delta m_{\text{loop}}^2$$

where $(M_H^2)_{11} = \lambda^2 v^2 \sin^2 2\beta + m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta$ —maximized at low $\tan \beta$, δm_{mix}^2 is shift due to mixing, δm_{loop}^2 is loop correction dominated by stop. :

- **Pull-down** region: $\delta m_{\text{mix}}^2 < 0$, when $(M_H^2)_{11} < (M_H^2)_{33}$, i.e. heavier singlet sector
- **Push-up** region: $\delta m_{\text{mix}}^2 > 0$, when $(M_H^2)_{11} > (M_H^2)_{33}$, i.e. lighter singlet sector

Insist on “electroweak naturalness”:

$\mu \lesssim 200\text{GeV}$, $m_{\tilde{t}} \lesssim 500\text{GeV} \Rightarrow$ Require $m_{\tilde{t}}$ at natural value, focus on (major) contribution coming from $(M_H^2)_{11} + \delta m_{\text{mix}}^2$

Overview: 125GeV vs. tuning NMSSM parameters

$m_h \approx 125\text{GeV}$ + Other constraints/preference:

- **LEP bound:** chargino bound $\Rightarrow \mu \gtrsim 105\text{GeV}$; scalar with mass $\ll 115\text{GeV}$ has $g_{ZZS} \lesssim 0.1 g_{ZZh}(\text{SM})\dots$
- **Perturbativity up to GUT scale:** $\lambda \lesssim 0.7$ for $\kappa \approx 0$

Combining these considerations:

specific tuning of model parameters required in NMSSM.

Quantification of fine-tuning – sensitivity measure:

- Electroweak naturalness: $\Delta_{EW} = \max \left| \frac{\partial \log m_h^2(m_Z^2)}{\partial \log X_i} \right|$, natural: $\Delta_{EW} \lesssim 5$ (Barbieri, Giudice 1987)
- **New type of naturalness:** $\Delta_{NMSSM} = \max \left| \frac{\partial \log \delta m_{\text{mix}}^2}{\partial \log X_i} \right|$ where $\delta m_{\text{mix}}^2 \equiv m_h^2(\text{tree}) - (M_H^2)_{11}$, natural: $\Delta_{NMSSM} \lesssim 5$

Our finding: $\Delta_{NMSSM} \gtrsim 5$ (with moderate A_λ, A_κ) or accept Landau pole below GUT scale...

Analytic analysis: clear view before numerics

Recall \mathcal{M}_h^2 in basis of (h, H, S) where $\langle h \rangle = v_{EW}$, $\langle H \rangle = 0$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda^2 v^2 \sin^2 2\beta + m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta & 2rv^2 \cot 2\beta & 2\lambda^2 sv - 2v^2 R \\ \cdot & -2v^2 r + \frac{2\lambda\kappa s^2 + 2A_\lambda s}{\sin 2\beta} & -2Rv \cot 2\beta \\ \cdot & \cdot & \kappa s(4\kappa s + A_\kappa) + \frac{v^2}{s} A_\lambda \lambda \sin 2\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

Good approximation to focus on (h, S) sub-matrix? Easier to do analytic analysis...

- **“Pull-down”**: $(M_h^2)_{11} < (M_h^2)_{33}$. In case of small A_λ, A_κ ,
 $\Rightarrow \lambda v < 2\kappa s$, $\theta_{12,23} \sim \frac{\lambda v}{2\kappa s} \frac{\cos 2\beta}{\sin^2 2\beta} \theta_{13} \ll \theta_{13}$, can safely decouple H for m_h consideration
- **“Push-up”**: $(M_h^2)_{11} > (M_h^2)_{33}$. In case of small A_λ, A_κ ,
 $\Rightarrow \lambda v > 2\kappa s$, $\theta_{12,23} \sim \frac{\cos 2\beta}{\sin^2 2\beta} \theta_{13}$, can safely decouple H when $\tan \beta \approx 1$

Pull-down Region

Simplified mass matrix:

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^2 v^2 \sin^2 2\beta + m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta & 2\lambda^2 sv - (2\lambda\kappa sv + \lambda A_\lambda v) \sin 2\beta \\ & 4\kappa^2 s^2 + A_\kappa \kappa s + \frac{v^2}{2s} A_\lambda \lambda \sin 2\beta \end{pmatrix}$$

\Rightarrow Lighter mass eigenstate as SM Higgs: $\rho \equiv \frac{\kappa}{\lambda}$

$$m_h^2(\text{tree}) \approx m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \lambda^2 v^2 \sin^2 2\beta - \lambda^2 v^2 \frac{\left[\sin 2\beta \left(1 + \frac{A_\lambda}{2\kappa s} \right) - \frac{1}{\rho} \right]^2}{1 + \frac{A_\kappa}{4\kappa s} + \frac{A_\lambda \sin 2\beta v^2}{8\kappa \rho s^3}}$$

In limit of $A_\lambda, A_\kappa \rightarrow 0$ (as expected in GMSB models):

$$m_h^2(\text{tree}) \approx m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \lambda^2 v^2 \sin^2 2\beta - \lambda^2 v^2 \left(\sin 2\beta - \frac{1}{\rho} \right)^2$$

- **Preserving GUT perturbativity:** $\lambda \lesssim 0.7$, $\tan \beta \gtrsim 1.5$,
 $m_h(\text{tree})^{\text{max}} \approx 118\text{GeV} < 125\text{GeV}!!$
- Need loop contribution: **Electroweak naturalness**
 $m_{\tilde{t}} \lesssim 500\text{GeV} \Rightarrow m_h(\text{tree})^{\text{need}} \gtrsim 110\text{GeV}$

Tuning Vs. GUT

Tight space between $m_h^2(\text{tree})^{\text{max}}$ and $m_h^2(\text{tree})^{\text{need}}$
 $\Rightarrow \delta m_h^2(\text{mix}) \rightarrow 0$, fine cancelation between model parameters
 in NMSSM

- $A_\lambda, A_\kappa \rightarrow 0$: $\delta m_h^2(\text{mix}) = -\lambda^2 v^2 \left(\sin 2\beta - \frac{1}{\rho} \right)^2$
 \Rightarrow tune: $\lambda - \kappa \sin 2\beta \approx 0 \Rightarrow \kappa \sim 0.6$

$\Delta_{\text{NMSSM}} \sim \left| \frac{\partial \log \delta m_{\text{mix}}^2}{\partial \log \lambda} \right| > 5$, i.e. worse than 20% tuning

However, $\lambda \approx 0.7, \kappa \approx 0.6 \Rightarrow$ perturbativity breaks well below GUT scale!

\Rightarrow In the limit of small A_λ, A_κ (expected in GMSB),
NMSSM can not simultaneously preserve GUT and accommodate 125GeV Higgs, even with tuning!



- **At least $A_\lambda \neq 0$:** requiring $\lambda \lesssim 0.7$ for GUT, still need tuning

$$\delta m_h^2(\text{mix}) \rightarrow 0, \text{ now: } \delta m_h^2(\text{mix}) = -\lambda^2 v^2 \frac{\left[\sin 2\beta \left(1 + \frac{A_\lambda}{2\kappa s} \right) - \frac{1}{\rho} \right]^2}{1 + \frac{A_\kappa}{4\kappa s} + \frac{A_\lambda \sin 2\beta v^2}{8\kappa \rho s^3}},$$

$$\text{tune: } (\lambda - \kappa \sin 2\beta)s - A_\lambda \approx 0$$

- Allow $\kappa \ll \lambda$, **can preserve GUT perturbativity**
- **Worse than 20% tuning persists:** $A_\lambda - 2\mu \approx 0$

Other option: Give up (conventional) GUT, accept lower Landau pole: $\lambda \gtrsim 0.7$, tuning typically alleviated

Pull-down Region

Numerical results for Pull-down region

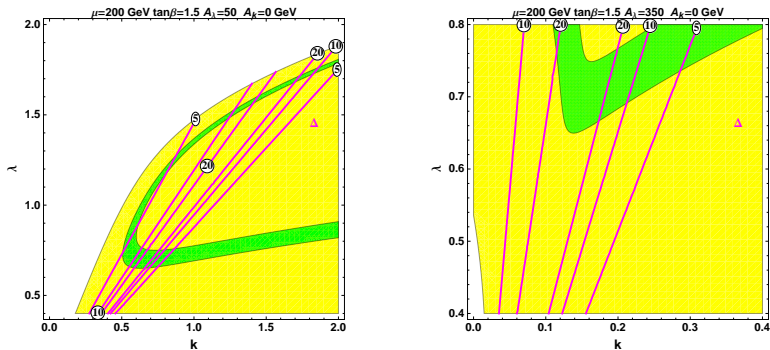


Figure: Allowed regions for “pull-down” scenario: yellow region allowed by vacuum condition and CP odd scalar bound, green band gives 110 – 125GeV Higgs. Pink lines indicates tuning level Δ_{NMSSM}
Left: small A_λ, A_k ; **Right:** large A_λ

Push-up Region

Simplified mass matrix: taking $\tan\beta = 1$ to safely decouple H

$$\mathcal{M}^2 = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda^2 v^2 & 2\lambda^2 sv - (2\lambda\kappa sv + \lambda A_\lambda v) \\ \cdot & 4\kappa^2 s^2 + A_\kappa \kappa s + \frac{v^2}{2s} A_\lambda \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

Can “push-up” do better than “pull-down”? naturally get $m_h \approx 125\text{GeV}$ and preserve GUT?

- **Hope:** mixing now gives extra “increase” in m_h , may alleviate tension between $\lambda \lesssim 0.7$ and $m_h \approx 125\text{GeV}$
- **New constraint now:** a singlet-like scalar $m_S < m_h$, LEP constraint on Z -coupling with scalar lighter than $115\text{GeV} \Rightarrow$ limited “push-up” effect allowed from mixing

Simplified step-function for LEP bound on mixing as function of light scalar mass: (hep-ex/0602042)

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 \theta \leq & \quad 0.01, & \quad 0\text{GeV} < m_2 < 80\text{GeV} \\ & \quad 0.1, & \quad 80\text{GeV} < m_2 < 100\text{GeV} \\ & \quad 0.4, & \quad 100\text{GeV} < m_2 < 110\text{GeV} \end{aligned}$$

In region where $\sin^2 \theta \lesssim 0.1$, $m_2 < 100\text{GeV}$,
 $\tan 2\theta = 2M_{13}/(M_{11} - M_{33}) \ll 1$.

Expand the mass eigenvalues w.r.t. θ :

$$\begin{aligned} m_1^2 &= M_{11} + \theta^2(M_{11} - M_{33}) \\ m_2^2 &= M_{33} - \theta^2(M_{11} - M_{33}) \end{aligned}$$

⇒ **Bounds on matrix elements and degree of tuning**

defined by $\Delta_{NMSSM} = \max \left| \frac{\partial \log \delta m_{\text{mix}}^2}{\partial \log X_i} \right|$:

- Region-I: $\theta^2 = 0.1$, $80 < m_2 < 100$, $m_1 = 110$
 $108^2 \lesssim M_{11} \lesssim 109^2$, $83 \lesssim M_{33} \lesssim 101^2$, $13^2 \lesssim M_{13} \lesssim 21^2 \Rightarrow$
 $\sim 4\%$ tuning.
- Region-II: $\theta^2 = 0.01$, $0 < m_2 < 80$, $m_1 = 110$
 $109.5^2 \lesssim M_{11} \lesssim 109.7^2$, $0 \lesssim M_{33} \lesssim 80^2$, $7.5^2 \lesssim M_{13} \lesssim 11^2$
 $\Rightarrow < 1\%$ tuning.

– **Worse tuning than “pull-down” case because of LEP bound!**

Next: check implication on model parameters $\lambda, \kappa, A_\kappa, A_\lambda$

M_{11} lies in narrow region $108^2 - 110^2 \Rightarrow \lambda \approx 0.6$

- **Case-I: $A_\kappa = 0, A_\lambda = 0$**

Bound on $M_{13} \Rightarrow \lambda \approx 0.6 \Rightarrow \kappa \approx \lambda \approx 0.6$

$\Rightarrow M_{33} = 4\kappa^2 s^2 > M_{11}$! contradicts pushup condition

$M_{11} > M_{33}$. **This region does not work in any way.**

- **Case-II: $A_\kappa \neq 0, A_\lambda = 0$**

Still need tuning $\lambda \approx \kappa$, pushup condition and M_{33} bound can be accommodated by choosing proper value of $A_\kappa < 0$.

But not viable if we require perturbativity up to GUT scale because $\kappa \approx \lambda \approx 0.6$...

- **Case-III: $A_\kappa < 0$ and $A_\lambda > 0$**

3-parameter tuning $(\lambda - \kappa)s - A_\lambda/2 \approx 0$. Assuming $\kappa \ll \lambda$, tuning $A_\lambda - 2\mu \approx 0$, **this case viable, preserve perturbativity up to GUT scale with $< 5\%$ tuning.**

Push-up Region

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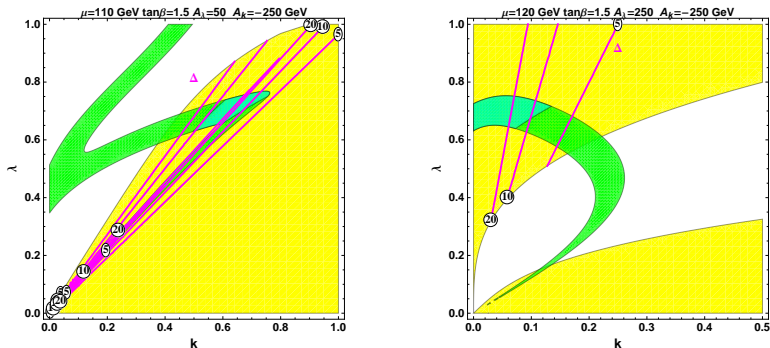


Figure: Allowed regions for “push-up” scenario: yellow region allowed by vacuum condition and CP odd scalar bound, green band gives 110 – 125GeV Higgs, cyan region: also allowed by LEP. Pink lines indicates tuning level Δ_{NMSSM} . **Left:** small A_λ , $A_{k_c} < 0$; **Right:** large $A_\lambda > 0$, $A_{k_c} < 0$

Conclusions

We study the implication of a possible **125GeV Higgs** on **scale-invariant NMSSM**; analytic approach \Rightarrow clearer picture:

- Preserving EW naturalness, $m_h \approx 125\text{GeV}$ typically requires **tuning/fine cancelation among model parameters in NMSSM** to get $\delta m_h^2(\text{mix}) \ll m_h^2$
Pressure of tuning from: GUT perturbativity or LEP bounds
- **Sizeable A_λ, A_κ** are necessary to get $m_h \approx 125\text{GeV}$ and preserve perturbativity up to GUT scale, yet still in tuned way
- **The only region for good naturalness:** give up (conventional) GUT, **allow low Landau pole**

May provide guidelines for viable UV models that have NMSSM as EFT...

Backup Slides

Pull-down with no tuning

Other option: Give up GUT, accept lower Landau pole: $\lambda \gtrsim 0.7$, tuning typically alleviated (UV: Fat Higgs models...)

When $A_\lambda, A_\kappa \rightarrow 0$ rewrite as

$$m_h^2(\text{tree}) \approx m_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta - \lambda^2 v^2 \left(\frac{1}{\rho^2} - \frac{2}{\rho} \sin 2\beta \right) \quad (\rho \equiv \kappa/\lambda)$$

- High Landau Pole $10\text{TeV} \lesssim \Lambda < M_{\text{GUT}}$: $\kappa < \lambda/(\sin 2\beta)$, may cause another type of tuning when taking $\rho \ll 1$, fine cancelation between two terms inside (...)
- Low Landau Pole $\Lambda \lesssim 10\text{TeV}$: $\kappa > \lambda/(\sin 2\beta)$, natural in all aspects

Pushup Region-III: larger mixing region where $\tan 2\theta > 1$, now expand w.r.t $\epsilon = (M_{11} - M_{33})/(2M_{13}) < 1$:

$$m_1^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right) M_{11} + \left(1 - \epsilon - \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right) M_{33} \right]$$

$$m_2^2 = \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(1 - \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right) M_{11} + \left(1 + \epsilon + \frac{1}{\epsilon}\right) M_{33} \right]$$

⇒ Bounds on matrix elements:

- Region-III: $\sin^2 \theta \approx 0.4$, $100 \lesssim m_2 \lesssim 110$, $m_1 = 110$
 $107^2 \lesssim M_{11} \lesssim 111^2$, $103^2 \lesssim M_{33} \lesssim 109^2$, $33^2 \lesssim M_{13} \lesssim 46^2$

Comments for large mixing case:

- Large mass of lighter mass eigenstate as required by **LEP bound** ⇒ *Large mixing is mostly due to near-degeneracy*
 $M_{11} \approx M_{33}$ —**a new type of tuning at < 5% level**
- Still need $0.6 \lesssim \lambda \lesssim 0.65$, small M_{13} ⇒ in case of $A_\lambda = A_\kappa = 0$, $0.55 \lesssim \kappa \lesssim 0.6$, violates pushup condition. Discussion about 3 cases of possible A-terms mostly follows that for small mixing case...