

Phenomenological consequences of Higgs inflation in the NMSSM at the electroweak scale

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It has been shown that the Next-to-Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (NMSSM) is a valid theory to describe inflation by Higgs bosons. In this model, the inflaton is a linear combination of the Higgs doublets while the Higgs singlet stabilizes the Higgs potential during inflation. The inflaton has a non-minimal coupling to gravity which appears in the low-energy effective Superpotential. Different from the \mathbb{Z}_3 -invariant NMSSM an additional bilinear μ parameter is introduced which changes the phenomenology at the electroweak scale.

We investigate the impact of this inflation-inspired model on low-energy physics with the focus set on vacuum stability and Higgs phenomenology. We explore the extended parameter space and point out differences compared to the standard \mathbb{Z}_3 -invariant NMSSM due to the additional μ term. Thereby, we take into account various experimental constraints.

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