

Can measurements of 2HDM parameters provide hints for high scale supersymmetry?

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The absence of any sign of supersymmetric (SUSY) particle at the current run of the LHC has pushed the SUSY breaking scale much above the electroweak (EW) scale. We show that considering the two-Higgs-doublet models (2HDM) as the effective low energy manifestation of such high scale SUSY, one can still get a hint for the SUSY breaking scale from the measurement of the 2HDM parameters at the low energy.

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1. Introduction

In the post-Higgs discovery era, the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) has not seen any sign of new physics yet. Moreover, the LHC Higgs data has shown an affinity towards the Standard Model (SM) values [1, 2]. This has already pushed the scale of many Beyond the Standard Model (BSM) scenarios to higher values if not discarded at all. Therefore, BSMs that are able to attain an *alignment limit* [3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8], where a SM-like Higgs can be recovered, hold the key for future survival. The two-Higgs-doublet models (2HDM) [9, 10] extensions are among those. Besides providing an alignment limit, 2HDMs also have the desirable property that the oblique electroweak ρ parameter remains unity at the tree level. Interestingly, the scalar sector of the minimal supersymmetric models (MSSM) [11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16] are structured around two-Higgs doublets.

In this proceeding [17], we consider that the 2HDM is an effective low-energy manifestation of some fundamental ultraviolet (UV) complete scenario with an enhanced symmetry at the high scale. Therefore, the interesting question would be to know if the measurement of 2HDM parameters at the low-energy scale can provide us any hint of its embedding UV scenario that has an inaccessible mass scale. We show that by studying the renormalization group (RG) running of the 2HDM parameters, we would be able to test. In particular, we consider the MSSM framework [18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26] as the UV complete scenario with considerable high SUSY breaking scale. We follow a bottom-up approach and assume the 2HDM scalar masses and mixings at the low energy scale beforehand. Then we run the Higgs quartic couplings using the 2HDM RG equations [27, 28, 29] and check if they satisfy the SUSY boundary conditions at some higher scale. Our approach is preferable as it is independent of the details of the underlying theory which are hidden in the matching conditions at the high energy scale.

2. Effective two-Higgs-doublet model

The two-Higgs-doublet model is built upon two SU(2) doublet scalars (with hypercharge $Y = +1$), ϕ_1 and ϕ_2 , and the most general gauge-invariant scalar potential can be written as [3]

$$\begin{aligned}
 V = & m_{11}^2 \phi_1^\dagger \phi_1 + m_{22}^2 \phi_2^\dagger \phi_2 - (m_{12}^2 \phi_1^\dagger \phi_2 + \text{h.c.}) \\
 & + \frac{\lambda_1}{2} (\phi_1^\dagger \phi_1)^2 + \frac{\lambda_2}{2} (\phi_2^\dagger \phi_2)^2 + \lambda_3 (\phi_1^\dagger \phi_1) (\phi_2^\dagger \phi_2) + \lambda_4 (\phi_1^\dagger \phi_2) (\phi_2^\dagger \phi_1) \\
 & + \left[\frac{\lambda_5}{2} (\phi_1^\dagger \phi_2)^2 + (\lambda_6 (\phi_1^\dagger \phi_1) + \lambda_7 (\phi_2^\dagger \phi_2)) (\phi_1^\dagger \phi_2) + \text{h.c.} \right]. \quad (2.1)
 \end{aligned}$$

These three bilinear mass parameters and 7 quartic couplings can be understood as the $\overline{\text{MS}}$ parameters that can arise at the EW scale from a more complete theory at higher energies. It is evident that the potential has an additional U(1) global symmetry [30], If the parameters $m_{12}, \lambda_5, \lambda_6, \lambda_7$ are all zero while the U(1) is broken and there remains only an unbroken discrete Z_2 symmetry. If $m_{12}, \lambda_6, \lambda_7$ are zero. The Z_2 symmetry is only softly broken if m_{12} remains non-zero. The Z_2 charge assignments in the fermion sector leads to four different variants of 2HDM. Consequently, when ϕ_1 coupled only to down-type fermions and ϕ_2 only to up-type fermions, is named as the type II 2HDMs. This discrete symmetry is useful to avoid the large flavor changing neutral currents and appears, as an approximate symmetry, in supersymmetric models.

We assume all the parameters in the potential to be real. The physical basis is specified by seven parameters which are obtained after the electroweak symmetry breaking. These are the four physical scalar masses (m_h , m_H , m_A and m_+), the total vacuum expectation value (vev) $v = \sqrt{v_1^2 + v_2^2}$, $\tan\beta = v_2/v_1$, and the alignment angle $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$ (here α is the mixing angle in the CP-even sector).

Practically, the complete spectrum of the 2HDMs can be determined from the knowledge of the scalar quartic coupling. For example, if some symmetry principle fixes the quartic couplings of Eq. (2.1), e.g. supersymmetry, at some scale Λ_S , then the remaining three bilinear parameters can be solved from the knowledge of v ($= 246$ GeV), m_h ($\simeq 125$ GeV) and $\tan\beta$ (or alternatively $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$). Defining the combination of λ_i and $\tan\beta$, as follows (see [23, 31] for details):

$$g_{11} = \lambda_1 \cos^4 \beta + \lambda_2 \sin^4 \beta + 2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5) \sin^2 \beta \cos^2 \beta + 4\lambda_6 \cos^3 \beta \sin \beta + 4\lambda_7 \sin^3 \beta \cos \beta, \quad (2.2a)$$

$$g_{12} = \cos \beta \sin \beta (\lambda_2 \sin^2 \beta - \lambda_1 \cos^2 \beta + (\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5) \cos 2\beta) + 3(\lambda_7 - \lambda_6) \sin^2 \beta \cos^2 \beta + \lambda_6 \cos^4 \beta - \lambda_7 \sin^4 \beta, \quad (2.2b)$$

$$g_{22} = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) \cos^2 \beta \sin^2 \beta - 2(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4) \cos^2 \beta \sin^2 \beta + \lambda_5 (\sin^4 \beta + \cos^4 \beta) + (\lambda_7 - \lambda_6) \sin 2\beta \cos 2\beta, \quad (2.2c)$$

$$g_+ = \frac{1}{2} (\lambda_5 - \lambda_4). \quad (2.2d)$$

the diagonalization of the mass matrices determines the couplings in terms of the known m_h and v .

$$g_{11}v^2 = m_H^2 \cos^2(\beta - \alpha) + m_h^2 \sin^2(\beta - \alpha), \quad (2.3a)$$

$$g_{22}v^2 = m_H^2 \sin^2(\beta - \alpha) + m_h^2 \cos^2(\beta - \alpha) - m_A^2, \quad (2.3b)$$

$$g_{12}v^2 = (m_h^2 - m_H^2) \cos(\beta - \alpha) \sin(\beta - \alpha), \quad (2.3c)$$

$$g_+v^2 = m_+^2 - m_A^2, \quad (2.3d)$$

Therefore, once all the quartic couplings λ_i s are known, the scalar masses and mixing angles can be easily determined from the above relations.

2.1 Supersymmetric Boundary Conditions

The MSSM Higgs sector relies upon a two higgs doublet structure. Assuming that all supersymmetric particles are much heavier than the EW scale, the Higgs quartic couplings come from the supersymmetric D -terms and, at tree level, are simple functions of the $SU(2)_W$ and $U(1)_Y$ gauge couplings g and g_Y . The matching conditions thus turns out to be [12, 32]

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \frac{1}{4} (g^2 + g_Y^2), \quad \lambda_3 = \frac{1}{4} (g^2 - g_Y^2), \quad \lambda_4 = -\frac{g^2}{2}, \quad \lambda_5 = \lambda_6 = \lambda_7 = 0, \quad (2.4)$$

All the mass terms are also generated at tree level. It is to be noted that the m_{12} term, which breaks the discrete Z_2 symmetry softly, is related to the bilinear $B\mu$ term in the SUSY potential. Therefore, at tree level, the MSSM leads to a type II 2HDM. The relations of Eq. (2.4) should be understood to hold at a scale Λ_S , where the general 2HDM is matched to the MSSM. Below Λ_S ,

the RG evolution of the 2HDM parameters should be used to obtain the potential at the EW scale. Since the boundary condition $\lambda_5 = \lambda_6 = \lambda_7 = 0$ increases the symmetry of the quartic part of the Lagrangian, these couplings will not be generated by the RG evolution and will still be zero at lower energies.

It is worth mentioning that in the MSSM, the Z_2 symmetry is broken by the μ -term in the superpotential (μ being the Higgsino mass parameter), and this breaking affects the higher order matching of all the λ_i at the scale Λ_S . Specifically, $\lambda_{5,6,7}(\Lambda_S)$ may arise at higher loops but will always be proportional, at least, to μ/Λ_S [33], which we can be safely considered as small. Further, since RG evolution cannot generate them, it is reasonable to assume $\lambda_5 \simeq \lambda_6 \simeq \lambda_7 \simeq 0$.

The above assumptions¹ lead us to only four quartic couplings, that can be determined from the scalar masses and mixings by inverting Eqs. (2.2a)–(2.2d) and using Eq. (2.3) as follows,

$$\lambda_1 = g_{11} + g_{22} \tan^2 \beta - 2g_{12} \tan \beta, \quad (2.5a)$$

$$\lambda_2 = g_{11} + g_{22} \cot^2 \beta + 2g_{12} \cot \beta, \quad (2.5b)$$

$$\lambda_3 = g_{11} - g_{22} + 2g_{12} \cot(2\beta) + 2g_+, \quad (2.5c)$$

$$\lambda_4 = -2g_+. \quad (2.5d)$$

Once these couplings are determined at the EW scale, including appropriate radiative corrections[22, 34], we can use the 2HDM RGE to check whether their values correspond to the MSSM boundary conditions at a high scale.

3. Renormalization Group Running and SUSY scale

To obtain a qualitative understanding of the RG evolution, we can begin by simply using the one loop RGE, checking the stability of these results under higher order corrections *a posteriori*. At one loop, the RG evolution of the gauge couplings is very simple and can be easily integrated. We will be interested here in the combination $(g^2 + g_Y^2)/4$ which, in a supersymmetric framework, would fix the boundary values for λ_1 and λ_2 . The RG evolution of this combination at one loop is given by, $\mathcal{D}(g^2 + g_Y^2) = \frac{-3g^4 + 7g_Y^4}{8\pi^2}$, where $\mathcal{D} \equiv d/d(\log M)$. Using the EW values $(-3g^4 + 7g_Y^4)/(8\pi^2)|_{M_z} \simeq 0.003$, *i.e.* this combination remains essentially constant at one loop. On the other hand, the one loop RGE for the quartic couplings depend on the gauge as well as Yukawa couplings [9].

In Fig. 1, we show the two-loop RG running of the quartic couplings λ_1 , λ_2 and the coupling combination $-(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)$ for which the boundary values at Λ_S is fixed at $(g^2 + g_Y^2)/4$. The dashed line in the figure shows this fixed value. As expected from the one loop RGE of the quartic couplings, only λ_2 deviates significantly from its initial boundary value at the EW scale unlike the other two. The significant contribution from top Yukawa coupling to λ_2 at the low $\tan \beta \sim 1 - 3$ helps in large deviation of λ_2 at EW scale.

In Fig. 2, we take the bottom-up approach and show the running of λ_1 starting from boundary values set at the EW scale and then evolving upto high scale. This helps to understand how large can λ_1 be at the EW scale to match with the boundary value $(g^2 + g_Y^2)/4$ at the high scale. In the

¹The correction from the full SUSY spectrum will always be inversely proportional to the high SUSY scale Λ_S and thus can be safely ignored.

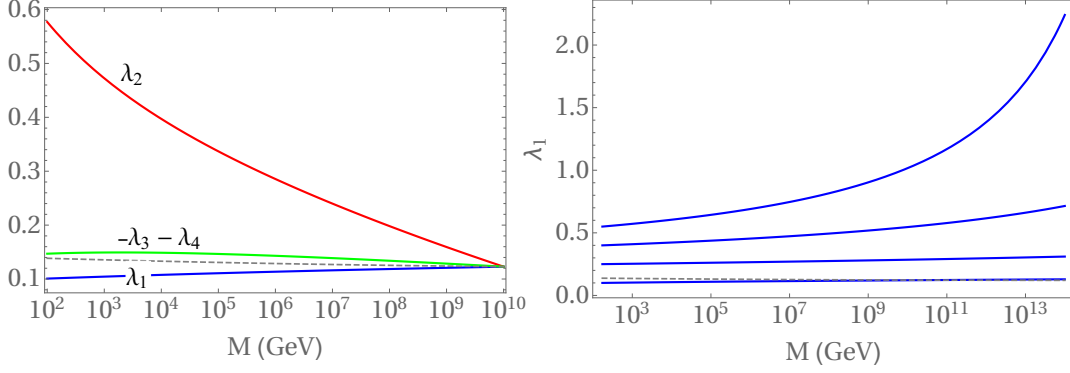


Figure 1: Two-loop RG evolution of λ_1 , λ_2 & $-\lambda_3 - \lambda_4$ starting from boundary values at $\Lambda_S = ues$ (from bottom to top, $\lambda_1 = 0.10, 0.25, 0.40, 0.55$), 10^{10} GeV with $\tan\beta = 1.7$, as compared to the evolution of $(g^2 + g_Y^2)/4$ (dashed line) [17]. **Figure 2:** Evolution of λ_1 for different initial values at $\Lambda_S = ues$ (from bottom to top, $\lambda_1 = 0.10, 0.25, 0.40, 0.55$), 10^{10} GeV with $\tan\beta = 1.7$, as compared to the evolution of $(g^2 + g_Y^2)/4$ (dashed line) [17].

figure, initial EW values of the other quartics are set at $\lambda_2 = 0.56$, $\lambda_3 = 0.015$ and $\lambda_4 = -0.16$. One should note that the evolution of λ_1 is independent of λ_2 at one loop. We can see that, indeed, λ_1 evolves very little for small values of λ_1 at the EW scale until $\lambda_1 \leq 0.40$. This conclusion is, in practice, independent of $\tan\beta$ for $\tan\beta \leq 10$. However, since λ_1 grows with the scale, we should expect its value to be slightly smaller than $(g^2 + g_Y^2)/4 \simeq 0.15$ at the EW scale, if it is to be determined by gauge couplings at the high scale.

Hence, in summary, the following features need to be satisfied in the Higgs quartic measurement at the low scale to have MSSM as the favoured high scale scenario.

- The values of λ_1 and $-(\lambda_3 + \lambda_4)$, at the EW scale, are in the vicinity of $(g^2 + g_Y^2)/4 \simeq 0.14$ and must be below ~ 0.4 .
- The value of λ_2 should then be significantly larger than $(g^2 + g_Y^2)/4$, due to the large negative contribution to the RGE from the top Yukawa coupling.
- We can get a qualitative estimate of the SUSY scale, Λ_S , as the scale where λ_2 reaches its high scale boundary value, $(g^2 + g_Y^2)/4$.

4. SUSY scale determination: Uncertainties and Constraints

For further illustration of our remarks in the last section, we perform a numerical study of the available parameter space at low energy, provided the quartic couplings have been fixed by the supersymmetric boundary conditions at Λ_S . In Fig. 3, we display the solution regions in terms of physical parameters (mass and mixing angles) for two different choices of Λ_S , 10^{10} and 10^{16} GeV. We only concentrate in the $\tan\beta > 1$ region for possible interesting phenomenology following the flavor constraints on type II 2HDM as flavor data discard $\tan\beta < 1$ [35, 36]. The thickness in the allowed parameter region from this analysis, shaded as red, comes from the experimental uncertainties in the Higgs mass $m_h = 125.0 \pm 0.6$ GeV and top pole mass $m_t = 173 \pm 1$ GeV. The central continuous line corresponds to their central values. The values of $\tan\beta$ disfavored from

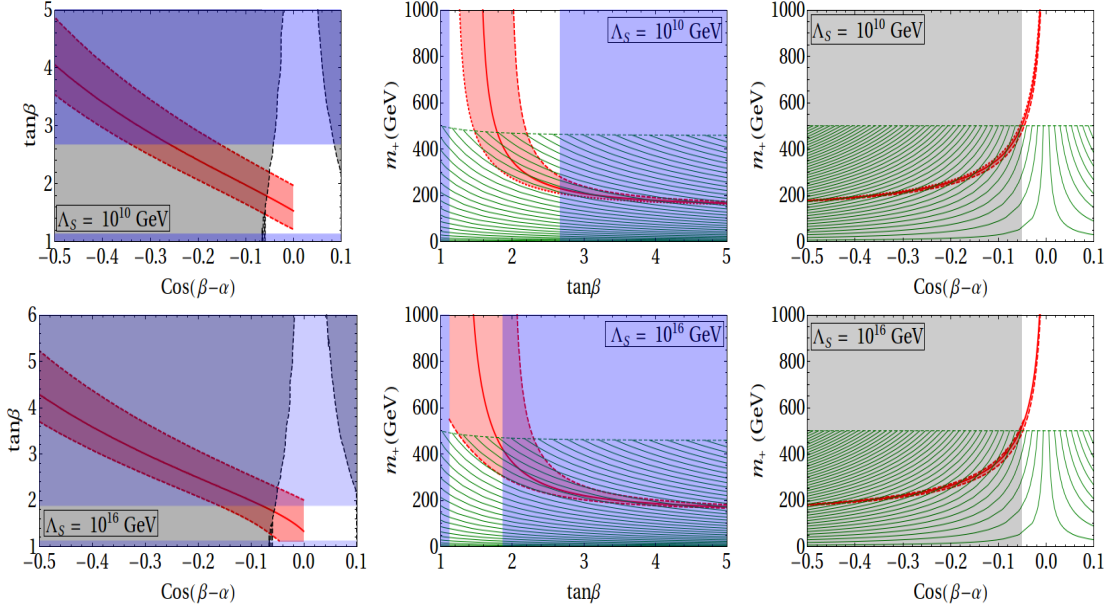


Figure 3: Solution curves in different planes for two different choices of Λ_S [17]. The widths of the solution regions (in red) arise from 2σ experimental uncertainties in m_t and m_h . The regions disallowed from absolute stability (from M_Z all the way to Λ_S) have been shaded in blue, while the hatched regions are disfavored from $BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$ at 95% C.L. The shaded regions in gray are ruled out from the LHC Higgs data.

absolute stability (from M_Z to Λ_S) of the scalar potential has been shaded in blue. The hatched region in the middle and right panels of Fig. 3 is disfavored at 95% C.L. from $BR(b \rightarrow s\gamma)$ [37]. The gray shaded region in the left panel is forbidden by the Higgs data at 95% C.L. [38]. The gray region in the right panel, however, represents a disallowed region using a conservative bound on $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$ from the Higgs data[38, 39].

The important features that emerge from our analysis are the following:

- For a large supersymmetric scale, only low $\tan\beta$ values can reproduce the observed Higgs mass. For example, $1.2 \leq \tan\beta \leq 2.2$ for $\Lambda_S = 10^{10}$ GeV.
- For large Λ_S , an *upper* limit on $\tan\beta$ is imposed by the requirement of absolute stability, in addition to a lower limit that stability usually offers in a generic 2HDM where the top Yukawa is proportional to $m_t/(v \sin\beta)$ [7].
- The $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$ vs m_+ plot shows a strong correlation irrespective of the SUSY scale. This is easily understood as this mixing comes from the diagonalization of the neutral Higgs mass matrix in the Higgs basis, with offdiagonal elements $\mathcal{O}(v^2)$ and a large diagonal entry $\mathcal{O}(m_+^2)$.

4.1 Sensitivity on $\tan\beta$ and m_t

As mentioned earlier, λ_2 shows most significant growth than other quartic couplings, if we start from small boundary values at high energy. Hence, λ_2 is our best bet to determine the scale

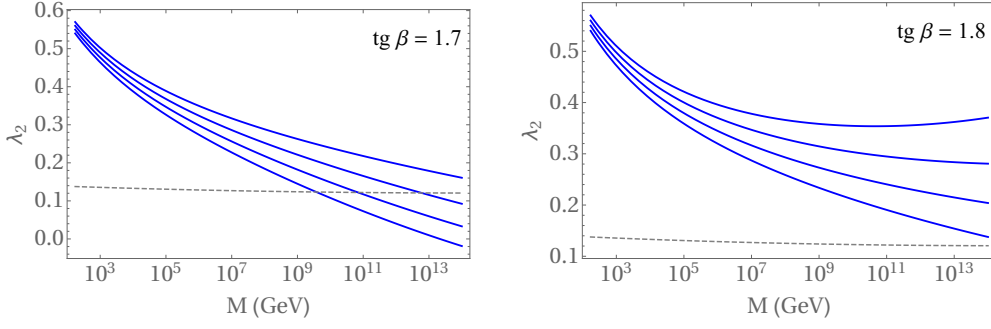


Figure 4: Evolution of λ_2 (low to high scale) as a function of the scale M , for different initial values (from bottom to top, $\lambda_2 = 0.54, 0.55, 0.56, 0.57$), as compared with $(g^2 + g_Y^2)/4$ (dashed line) for different $\tan\beta$ values [17].

Λ_S at which it reaches the boundary value $(g^2 + g_Y^2)/4$. However, the evolution is highly sensitive to the values of top pole mass m_t and $\tan\beta$ at the EW scale, as well as to the initial λ_2 value.

In Fig. 4, we plot the evolution of λ_2 for two close values of $\tan\beta$ and several closely spaced EW values of λ_2 consistent with the observed Higgs mass. It is worth mentioning, that in producing this figure, we choose $m_t = 173$ GeV; however, the intrinsic top mass error of about 1 GeV can always be reproduced by a shift in $\tan\beta$. Therefore, the main effect of these uncertainties is a change in the top Yukawa coupling. One can translate both uncertainties as $\Delta\tan\beta = \tan\beta(1 + \tan^2\beta)(\Delta m_t/m_t)$, which shows that $\Delta m_t = 1$ GeV corresponds to $\Delta\tan\beta \sim 0.01$ for $\tan\beta = 1$ and $\Delta\tan\beta \sim 0.06$ for $\tan\beta = 2$.

It is possible to get an *a posteriori* explanation for the obtained values of λ_2 and $\tan\beta$ at the EW scale. Under the assumptions of sub-TeV nonstandard scalars and very small $\cos(\beta - \alpha)$, Eq. (2.3) gives $g_{11}v^2 \simeq m_h^2$. To a good approximation, we can also write

$$\lambda_1(M_Z) \simeq \lambda_1(\Lambda_S) = \lambda_2(\Lambda_S) = \frac{(g^2 + g_Y^2)}{4} = -\{\lambda_3(\Lambda_S) + \lambda_4(\Lambda_S)\} \simeq -\{\lambda_3(M_Z) + \lambda_4(M_Z)\} \quad (4.1)$$

Now, using Eq. (2.2a), we obtain

$$m_h^2 = M_Z^2 \cos^2(2\beta) + \Delta\lambda_2 v^2 \frac{\tan^4\beta}{(1 + \tan^2\beta)^2} = M_Z^2 \left(\frac{\tan^2\beta - 1}{\tan^2\beta + 1} \right)^2 + \Delta\lambda_2 v^2 \left(\frac{\tan^2\beta}{1 + \tan^2\beta} \right)^2, \quad (4.2)$$

where, $\Delta\lambda_2 = \lambda_2(M_Z) - \lambda_2(\Lambda_S)$. Eq. (4.2) can easily be recognized as the usual expression for the radiatively improved Higgs mass in the MSSM. This implies that the mass of the observed Higgs boson is essentially determined by the RG evolution of λ_2 and the value of $\tan\beta$. For a fixed value of $\tan\beta$, the low energy value of λ_2 is uniquely determined by m_h . The larger the gap between Λ_S and M_Z , the more room λ_2 gets to grow under RG evolution, thereby requiring a smaller $\tan\beta$ to reproduce the observed Higgs mass.

Our analysis shows that an estimate of the SUSY scale is very sensitive to the precise values of the input parameters, especially $\tan\beta$, and as shown in Fig. 4. We would need to determine $\tan\beta$ at a few percent level to fix Λ_S precisely. The ambiguity in the determination of the SUSY scale may partly be attributed to a common solution region for Λ_S in a large range. On the other hand,

if $\tan\beta$ turns out to be close to 2.2 (say), then one can, for example, make a definitive conclusion that $\Lambda_S \leq 10^{10}$ GeV. Such a precise measurement of $\tan\beta$ would, perhaps, require us to wait for the future linear colliders. Nonetheless, the analysis presented in this work is good enough to provide an initial hint for the location of the scale where SUSY is expected to appear.

5. Conclusions

We explored an effective 2HDM arising from a more fundamental theory at a high scale, Λ_S , which fixes the parameters of the Higgs potential. In particular, we have focused on the high-scale MSSM as an example, where the Higgs quartic couplings are determined by the supersymmetry breaking D -terms as functions of the gauge couplings. We have found that very high-scale MSSM scenarios are still compatible with the observed Higgs mass for $\tan\beta \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$. We emphasize that our methodology is quite general and can be applied not only to SUSY but to a wide variety of UV scenarios in which all the quartic couplings of the 2HDM potential of Eq. (2.1) are fixed at a high scale, Λ_S . We show that the possibility of determining the supersymmetric scale, Λ_S can be counted on the RG evolution of λ_2 as the scale where it reaches its boundary value, $(g^2 + g_Y^2)/4$. However, this strategy crucially depends on whether $\tan\beta$ can be determined with a percent level precision in order to make a reasonable prediction for the MSSM scale; a linear collider would be essential to make further inroads.

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