
Collider phenomenology of the E_6 SSM

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Introduction

- SUSY leads to a partial unification of the SM gauge interactions with gravity within SUGRA models.
- But MSSM being incorporated in supergravity suffers from the μ problem. Indeed

$$W_{SUGRA} \simeq W_0(h_m) + \mu(h_m)(\hat{H}_d\hat{H}_u) + h_t(\hat{Q}\hat{H}_u)\hat{U}^c + h_b(\hat{Q}\hat{H}_d)\hat{D}^c + \dots,$$

where $\mu(h_m) \sim M_{Pl}$ or $\mu(h_m) = 0$.

- The correct pattern of EW symmetry breaking requires

$$\mu(h_m) \sim 100 - 1000 \text{ GeV}.$$

- In the superstring inspired E_6 models gauge symmetry forbids any bilinear terms in W allowing interaction

$$W_{E_6} = \lambda\hat{S}(\hat{H}_d\hat{H}_u) + \dots$$

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- At high energies E_6 may be broken to

$$E_6 \rightarrow SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_W \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)',$$

$$U(1)' = U(1)_\chi \cos \theta + U(1)_\psi \sin \theta,$$

where $E_6 \rightarrow SO(10) \times U(1)_\psi$, $SO(10) \rightarrow SU(5) \times U(1)_\chi$.

- $\theta = \arctan \sqrt{15}$ corresponds to $U(1)_N$ symmetry under which right-handed neutrinos have zero charge.
- Only in this **exceptional SUSY model** (E_6 SSM) right-handed neutrino may be superheavy shedding light on the origin of lepton mass hierarchy.
- At the EW scale field S acquires VEV breaking $U(1)_N$ and providing natural solution of the μ -problem

$$\mu_{eff} = \lambda \langle S \rangle .$$

Exceptional SUSY model

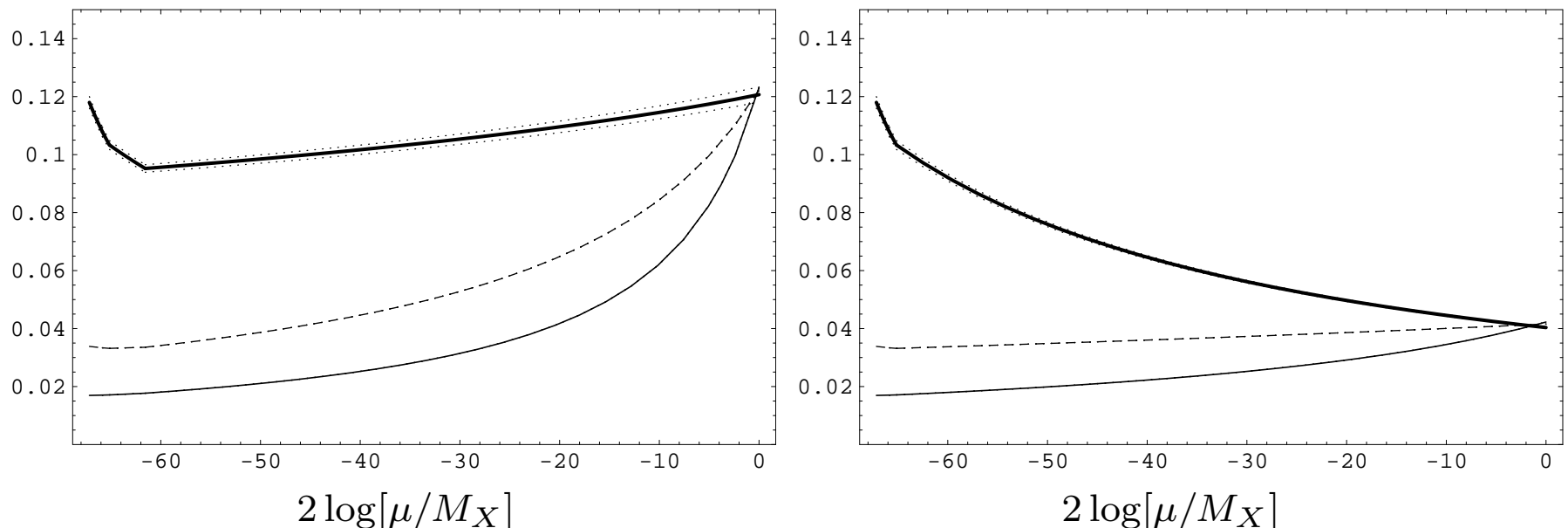
- To ensure anomaly cancellation the particle content of the E_6 SSM is extended to include three complete 27_i representations of E_6 .
- In addition the spectrum of the E_6 SSM is supplemented by $SU(2)$ doublet and anti-doublet from extra $27'$ and $\overline{27}'$ (L_4 and \overline{L}_4) to preserve gauge coupling unification in the one-loop approximation.
- Together with survivors the particle content of the E_6 SSM becomes

$$3 \times 27_i + L_4 + \overline{L}_4 = 3 \left[Q_i, u_i^c, d_i^c, L_i, e_i^c \right] + 3(D_i, \overline{D}_i) + 3(H_i^u) + 3(H_i^d) + 3(S_i) + 3(N_i^c) + L_4 + \overline{L}_4 .$$

- D_i and \overline{D}_i are exotic quarks.
 - H_i^d and H_i^u are either Higgs or inert Higgs fields.
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- In the E_6 SSM two-loop corrections to $\alpha_i(\mu)$ are large and could spoil gauge coupling unification.
- However it was argued that within the E_6 SSM gauge coupling unification can be achieved for any value of $\alpha_3(M_Z)$ which is in agreement with current data [S.F.King, S.Moretti, RN, Phys.Lett.B 650 (2007) 57].

Two-loop RG flow of $\alpha_i(\mu)$ in the E_6 SSM and MSSM



- To prevent rapid proton decay the invariance under some discrete symmetry should be imposed.
- To suppress baryon number violating and flavour changing processes one can postulate Z_2^H symmetry under which all superfields except $H_d \equiv H_{1,3}$, $H_u \equiv H_{2,3}$ and $S \equiv S_3$ are odd.
- The Z_2^H symmetry reduces the structure of Yukawa interactions to:

$$\begin{aligned}
W_{E_6SSM} \simeq & \lambda \hat{S}(\hat{H}_u \hat{H}_d) + \lambda_{\alpha\beta} \hat{S}(\hat{H}_\alpha^d \hat{H}_\beta^u) + \kappa_i \hat{S}(\hat{D}_i \hat{\bar{D}}_i) + \\
& + f_{\alpha\beta} \hat{S}_\alpha(\hat{H}_d \hat{H}_\beta^u) + \tilde{f}_{\alpha\beta} \hat{S}_\alpha(\hat{H}_\beta^d \hat{H}_u) + h_{4j}^E (\hat{H}_d \hat{L}_4) \hat{e}_j^c + \mu' (\hat{L}_4 \hat{\bar{L}}_4) \\
& + \frac{1}{2} M_{ij} \hat{N}_i^c \hat{N}_j^c + h_{4j} (\hat{H}_u \hat{L}_4) \hat{N}_j^c + h_{ij} (\hat{H}_u \hat{L}_i) \hat{N}_j^c + W_{MSSM}(\mu = 0),
\end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha, \beta = 1, 2$ and $i = 1, 2, 3$.

- \hat{H}_u , \hat{H}_d and \hat{S} play the role of Higgs superfields.

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- The Z_2^H symmetry can only be approximate since it ensures that the lightest exotic quark is stable.
 - If D -quarks were stable they would be confined in heavy hadrons which relative concentrations would be 10^{-10} per nucleon.
 - The experimental limits on the abundances of such stable relics vary from 10^{-15} to 10^{-30} per nucleon [T.K. Hemmick et al., Phys.Rev.D 41 (1990) 2074.]
 - There are two different ways to impose an appropriate Z_2 symmetry leading to the baryon and lepton number conservation which imply
 - exotic quarks are diquarks, i.e. $B_{D,\bar{D}} = \mp 2/3$;
 - exotic quarks are leptoquarks, i.e. $B_{D,\bar{D}} = \pm 1/3, L_{D,\bar{D}} = \pm 1$.
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- The terms which allow D and \bar{D} to decay are given by

$$W_1 = g_{ijk}^Q D_i (Q_j Q_k) + g_{ijk}^q \bar{D}_i d_j^c u_k^c .$$

if exotic quarks are diquarks and

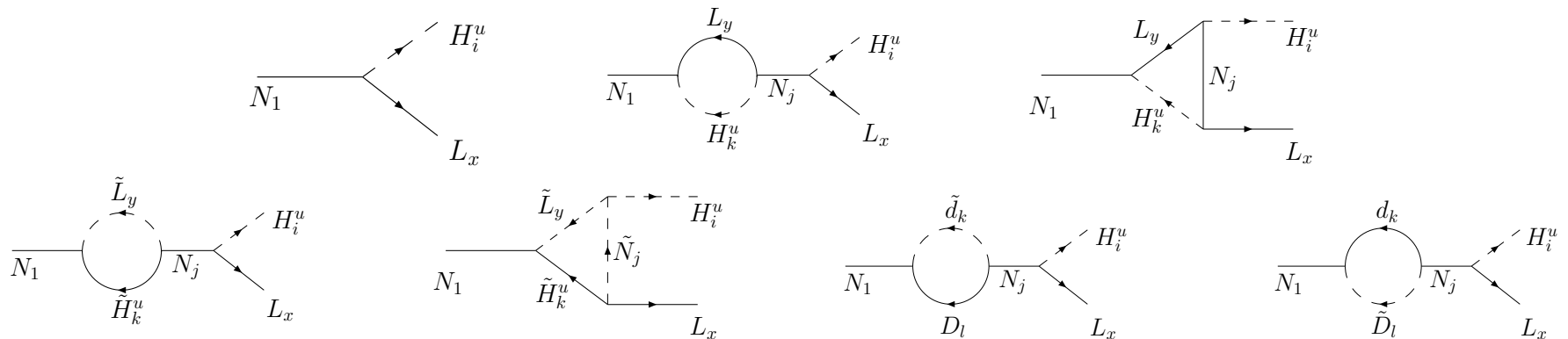
$$W_2 = g_{ijk}^E e_i^c D_j u_k^c + g_{ijk}^D (Q_i L_j) \bar{D}_k ,$$

if exotic quarks are leptoquarks.

- Since Z_2^H symmetry violating operators give rise to FCNC processes ($K^0 - \bar{K}^0$ oscillations, $\mu \rightarrow e^- e^+ e^-$ and etc.) the corresponding Yukawa couplings are expected to be small ($\lesssim 10^{-4} - 10^{-3}$).
- In the E_6 SSM lepton asymmetry can be dynamically generated via the decay of N_1^c and then gets converted into baryon asymmetry due to **sphaleron interactions**.

- New exotic particles predicted by the E_6 SSM contribute to the generation of lepton asymmetry.
- In the E_6 SSM the substantial lepton CP asymmetries can be induced even for $M_1 \simeq 10^6$ GeV that may allow to avoid **gravitino problem** [S.King,R.Luo,D.Miller,RN, JHEP 12 (2008) 042].
- New particles predicted by the E_6 SSM can be discovered at the LHC in the near future.

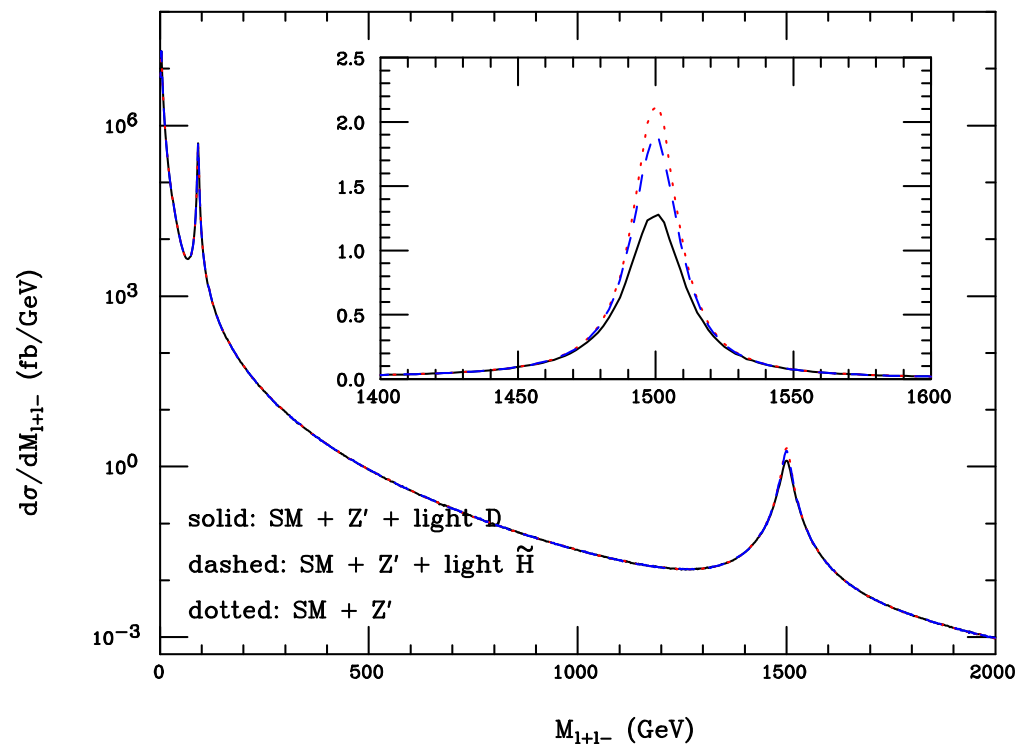
Diagrams that contribute to the generation of lepton asymmetry



Z' and exotica phenomenology

- At the LHC Z' can be discovered if it has a mass below $4 - 4.5 \text{ TeV}$ [J.Kang, P.Langacker, Phys.Rev.D 71 (2005) 035014].
- Its diagnostic via asymmetries should be possible up to $M_{Z'} \simeq 2 - 2.5 \text{ TeV}$ [M.Dittmar, A.Nicollerat, A-S.Djouadi, Phys.Lett.B 583 (2004) 111.].

Cross section for Drell-Yan production at the LHC



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- If exotic quarks are light their production cross section at the LHC can be comparable with $\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + X)$.
 - Assuming that D and \bar{D} couple most strongly with the third family quarks and leptons the exotic quarks decay either via

$$\bar{D} \rightarrow t + \tilde{b}, \quad \bar{D} \rightarrow b + \tilde{t}$$

if exotic quarks \bar{D}_i are diquarks or via

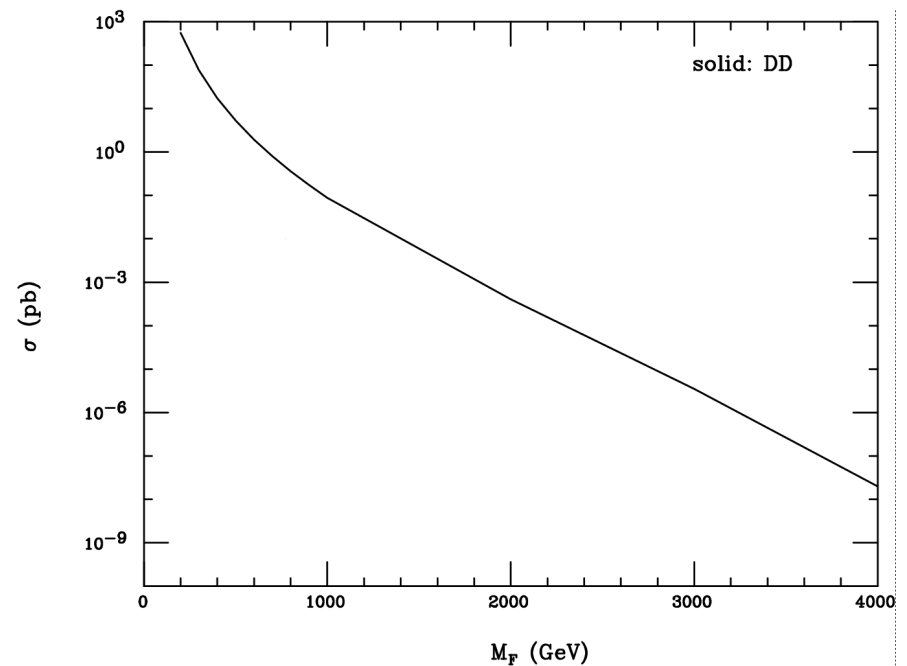
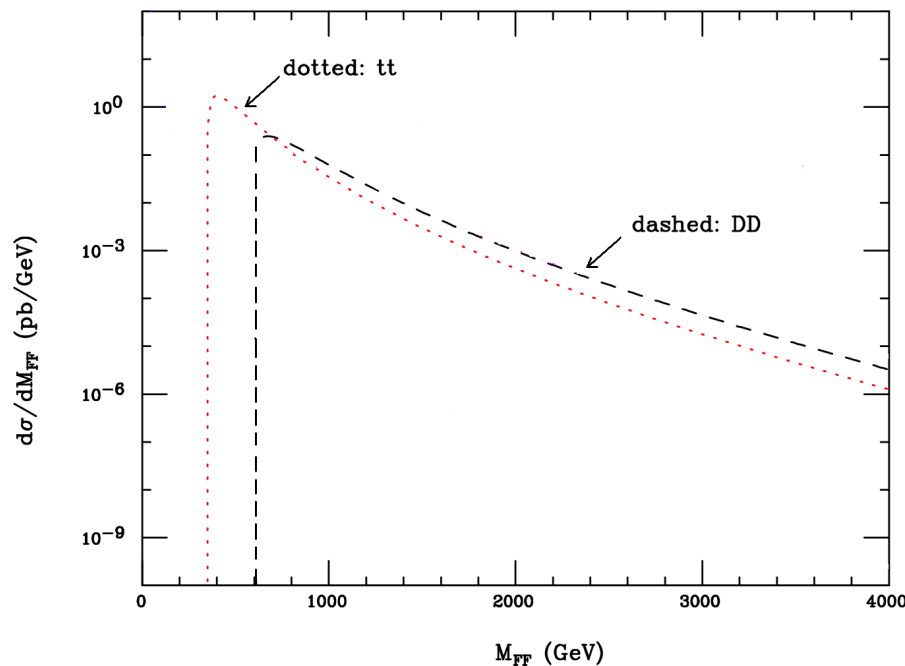
$$\begin{aligned} D &\rightarrow t + \tilde{\tau}, & D &\rightarrow \tau + \tilde{t}, \\ D &\rightarrow b + \tilde{\nu}_\tau, & D &\rightarrow \nu_\tau + \tilde{b}, \end{aligned}$$

if exotic quarks D_i are leptoquarks.

- Because $\tilde{f} \rightarrow f + \chi^0$ the exotic quark will produce either t and b -quarks or t -quark and τ -lepton in the final state with rather high probability.
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- Since $\sigma(pp \rightarrow D\bar{D} + X)$ may be comparable with $\sigma(pp \rightarrow t\bar{t} + X)$ the presence of light exotic quark results in enhancement of the cross sections of
 - $pp \rightarrow QQ\bar{Q}Q'\bar{Q}' + E_T^{miss} + X$ if D and \bar{D} are diquarks;
 - $pp \rightarrow QQ\bar{Q}l\bar{l} + E_T^{miss} + X$ if D and \bar{D} are leptoquarks.

Cross sections for pair production of exotic quarks at the LHC



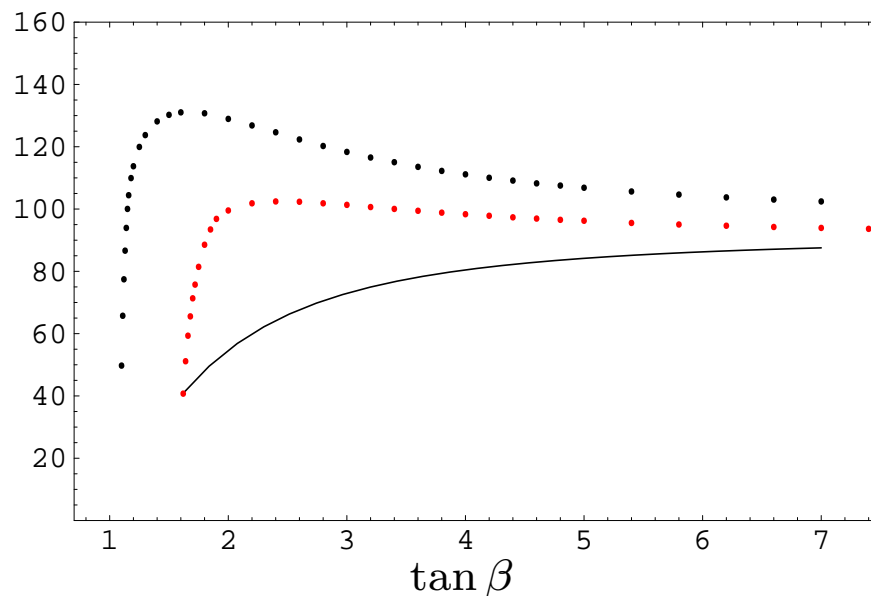
Higgs phenomenology

- The E_6 SSM Higgs sector involves H_d , H_u and S .
- At the physical vacuum $\langle H_d \rangle = \frac{v_1}{\sqrt{2}}$, $\langle H_u \rangle = \frac{v_2}{\sqrt{2}}$, $\langle S \rangle = \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}}$,
where $v^2 = v_1^2 + v_2^2 = (246 \text{ GeV})^2$ and $\tan \beta = v_2/v_1$.
- At the tree level CP is preserved in the Higgs sector of the E_6 SSM so that the Higgs spectrum contains
 - one pseudoscalar m_A^2 ,
 - two charged states $m_{H^\pm}^2 = m_A^2 + O(M_Z^2)$,
 - three scalars $m_{h_3}^2 = m_A^2 + O(M_Z^2)$, $m_{h_2}^2 = M_{Z'}^2 + O(M_Z^2)$.
- The mass of the lightest Higgs particle in the E_6 SSM is limited from above

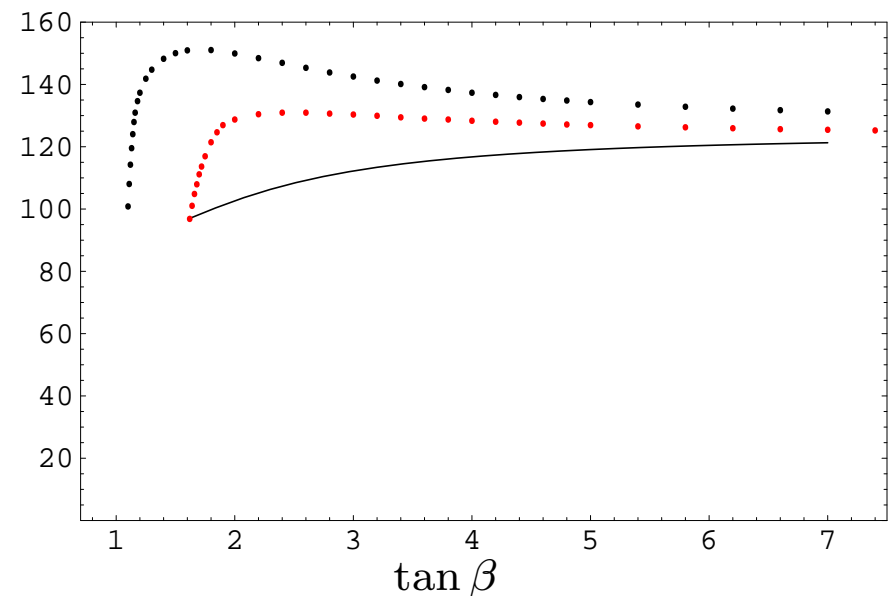
$$m_{h_1}^2 \lesssim M_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} v^2 \sin^2 2\beta + g_1'^2 v^2 (\tilde{Q}_1 \cos^2 \beta + \tilde{Q}_2 \sin^2 \beta)^2 + \Delta.$$

- Larger values of $\alpha_i(t)$ increase the allowed range of the Yukawa couplings at the EW scale.
- As a result the upper limit on m_{h_1} in the E_6 SSM is considerably larger than in the MSSM and NMSSM.
- Even at the tree level m_{h_1} can be heavier **120 GeV**.

Tree level upper bound on m_{h_1}

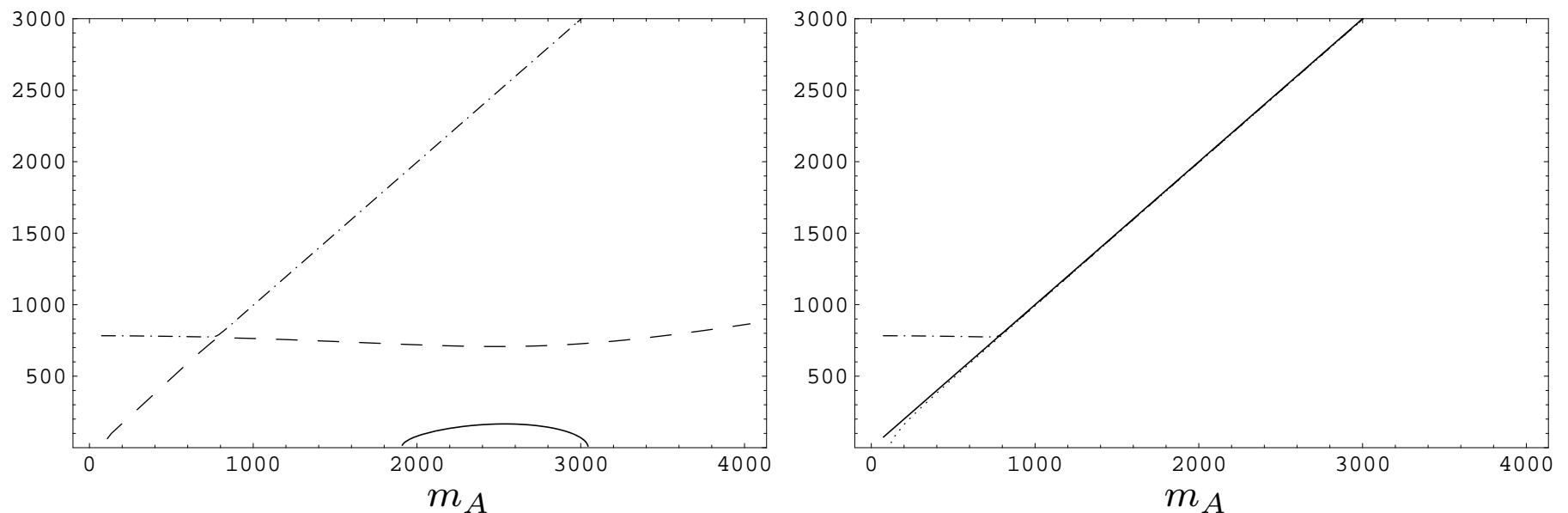


Two-loop upper bound on m_{h_1}



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- In the two-loop approximation the upper bound on m_{h_1} does not exceed **150 – 155 GeV**.
 - When $m_{h_1} > 130 – 135 \text{ GeV}$ the requirement of vacuum stability maintains mass hierarchy in the Higgs spectrum so that charged, CP-odd and heaviest CP-even states lie beyond the TeV range.

One-loop Higgs boson spectrum



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- In the E_6 SSM two lightest Inert neutralinos have masses which are less than $60 - 65 \text{ GeV}$ so that they tend to be lightest and next-to-lightest SUSY particles (LSP and NLSP).
 - The lightest Inert neutralino can account for the observed dark matter relic density if it has mass close to half the Z mass.
 - This scenario implies that two lightest Inert neutralinos have large couplings to the SM-like Higgs boson.
 - As a result the SM-like Higgs boson decays more than 95% of the time into either LSPs or NLSPs.
 - In the considered case the decays of the lightest Higgs boson into $l^+l^- + X$ might play an essential role in the Higgs searches.

Conclusions

- We have presented a self-consistent E_6 inspired SUSY model with extra $U(1)_N$ factor.
 - The E_6 SSM predicts Z' boson and exotic quarks which can lead to the spectacular new physics signals at the LHC.
 - New particles and interactions that appear in the E_6 SSM can play a key role in generation of baryon asymmetry of the Universe.
- The SM-like Higgs boson mass in the E_6 SSM does not exceed $150 - 155$ GeV.
- If the lightest Inert neutralino with mass $\sim M_Z/2$ plays the role of dark matter the SM-like Higgs boson decays more than 95% of the time into either LSPs or NLSPs.
- The discovery of the exotic particles and extra Z' boson predicted by the E_6 SSM may provide a window into superstring theory.