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# Fine Tuning in the Constrained Exceptional Supersymmetric Standard Model

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#### Abstract

Supersymmetric unified models in which the Z' couples to the Higgs doublets, as in the  $E_6$  class of models, have large fine tuning dominated by the experimental mass limit on the Z'. To illustrate this we investigate the degree of fine tuning throughout the parameter space of the Constrained Exceptional Supersymmetric Standard Model (cE<sub>6</sub>SSM) that is consistent with a Higgs mass  $m_h \sim 125$  GeV. Fixing tan  $\beta = 10$ , and taking specific values of the mass of the Z' boson, with  $M_{Z'} \sim 2 - 4$  TeV. We find that the minimum fine tuning is set predominantly from the mass of Z' and varies from  $\sim 200-400$  as we vary  $M_{Z'}$  from  $\sim 2-4$  TeV. However, this is significantly lower than the fine tuning in the Constrained Minimal Supersymmetric Standard Model (cMSSM), of  $\mathcal{O}(1000)$ , arising from the large stop masses required to achieve the Higgs mass.

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# 1 Introduction

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) has been accumulating data since 2009 with no observation of new physics beyond the standard model (BSM) so far, placing strong limits on new coloured states in extensions of the standard model. For example, in supersymmetric (SUSY) models there are strong experimental limits on the first and second generation squark and gluino masses [1,2] which imply that they must be at least an order of magnitude larger than the electroweak (EW) scale. Within constrained versions of SUSY, where the stop masses are linked to first and second generation squarks masses, this can considerably increase fine tuning since the EW scale is very sensitive to stop masses, through the electroweak symmetry breaking conditions.

At the same time Atlas and CMS have recently observed a new state consistent with a Standard-Model-like Higgs boson at  $m_h = 125 - 126$  GeV [3,4], which is within the range for it to be consistent with the lightest Higgs in supersymmetric models. In the minimal supersymmetric standard model (MSSM) this introduces further tension with naturalness since the light Higgs mass at tree-level is bounded from above by the Z boson mass ( $M_Z$ ). The large radiative contributions from stops needed to raise it to the observed value typically imply very large fine tuning. For example the constrained MSSM (cMSSM) [5] has been shown to require fine tuning of  $\mathcal{O}(1000)$  if it is to contain a 125 GeV Higgs mass [6,7].

Here we consider fine tuning in an alternative class of constrained SUSY models which involves both an extra singlet field, denoted S, and an extra U(1) gauge symmetry at low energy (TeV scale). As the singlet acquires a VEV, denoted s, it produces a  $\mu$  term, denoted  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$ , and it breaks the extra U(1) gauge symmetry, giving rise to a massive Z' boson. Such models can increase the tree-level physical Higgs boson mass above the  $M_Z$  limit of the MSSM, due to both F-term contributions of the singlet and the D-term contributions associated with the Z', allowing lighter stop masses and hence reducing fine tuning due to stop loops. The exceptional supersymmetric standard model (E<sub>6</sub>SSM) [8,9] is an example of such a model, inspired by the  $E_6$  group. At tree-level, the light Higgs mass is given as,

$$m_h^2 \approx \underbrace{M_Z^2 \cos^2 2\beta}_{\text{MSSM}} + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} v^2 \sin^2 2\beta + \frac{M_Z^2}{4} (1 + \frac{1}{4} \cos 2\beta)^2 + \Delta m_h^2, \tag{1}$$

where,  $\tan \beta = \frac{v_2}{v_1}$  is the ratio between the two Higgs doublets' vacuum expectation values (VEVs),  $\lambda$  is the Yukawa coupling of the singlet field to the Higgs doublets, and  $\Delta m_h^2$  represents loop corrections.

Indeed, Eq. 1 shows that the  $E_6SSM$  allows larger tree-level Higgs masses than the NMSSM [10], which in turn allows larger tree-level Higgs masses than the MSSM. This means that the  $E_6SSM$  does not rely on such a large a contribution from the radiative correction term  $\Delta m_h^2$  in order to reproduce the Higgs mass. As a result the  $E_6SSM$  permits lower stop masses than either the NMSSM or the MSSM. In addition the  $\lambda$  coupling in the

 $E_6SSM$  can be larger at low energies, while still remaining perturbative all the way up to the GUT scale, than is the case in the NMSSM.

One might conclude that this should lead to lower fine tuning in the  $E_6SSM$  than either the NMSSM or MSSM, since the large stop masses are usually the main source of fine tuning in SUSY models. However, the origin of the extra term in Eq. 1 is due to D-terms arising from the coupling of the Higgs doublets to the extra U(1) gauge symmetry, and such D-terms also contribute to the minimisation conditions of the Higgs doublets. Indeed, as we shall discuss, one of the minimisation conditions of the  $E_6SSM$  can be written in the form,

$$c\frac{M_Z^2}{2} = -\mu_{\text{eff}}^2 + \frac{(m_d^2 - m_u^2 \tan^2 \beta)}{\tan^2 \beta - 1} + d\frac{M_{Z'}^2}{2},\tag{2}$$

where c, d are functions of  $\tan \beta$  which are of order  $\sim \mathcal{O}(1)$ ,  $m_d^2, m_u^2$  are soft Higgs mass squared parameters and  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  arises from the singlet VEV. Written in this form it is clear that the D-terms are a double edged sword since they also introduce a new source of tree-level fine tuning, due to the Z' mass squared term in Eq. 2, which will increase quadratically as  $M_{Z'}^2$ , eventually coming to dominate the fine tuning for large enough values of  $M_{Z'}$ . This tree-level fine tuning can be compared to that due to  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  which typically requires this parameter to be not much more than 200 GeV, and similar limits also apply to  $M_{Z'}$ . With the current CMS experimental mass limit for the Z' in the E<sub>6</sub>SSM of  $M_{Z'} \gtrsim 2.08$  TeV [19] it is clear that there is already a significant, perhaps dominant, amount of fine tuning due to the Z' mass limit.

In this paper we investigate this new and important source of fine tuning, namely that due to the  $M_{Z'}$  limit, and compare it to the usual other sources of fine tuning in the framework of the Constrained E<sub>6</sub>SSM (cE<sub>6</sub>SSM) [13–16]. Although the impact of a SM-like Higgs with  $m_h \sim 125$  GeV on the parameters has recently been considered in [17,18], fine tuning was not considered. In fact the present study here is the first time that fine tuning has been considered in any supersymmetric  $E_6$  model with a low energy Z'. To obtain the required Higgs mass in the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM, it turns out that the SM singlet field, S, must have a VEV  $s \geq 5$ TeV as pointed out in [17]. This corresponds to a mass of the Z' boson predicted by the model of 1.9 TeV, which almost reaches the experimental bound of 2 TeV [19]. Thus, all the parameter space we study respects the experimental limit on  $M_{Z'}$ . Fixing  $\tan \beta = 10$ , and taking specific values of the mass of the Z' boson,  $M_{Z'}$ , ranging from 1.9 to 3.8 TeV we find that the current minimum fine tuning in the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM, consistent with a Higgs mass  $m_h \sim 125$ GeV, varies from  $\sim 200 - 400$ , and is already dominated by the  $M_{Z'}$  limit. However, this is significantly lower than the fine tuning in the cMSSM of  $\mathcal{O}(1000)$  arising from the large stop masses required to achieve the Higgs mass.

The rest of the paper is organised as follows: Section two provides a short overview of the  $E_6SSM$ . Then, the scalar Higgs potential and the electroweak symmetry breaking (EWSB) conditions are discussed in Section three. In Section four we discuss the fine tuning measure we use, and derive a fine tuning master formula for the  $E_6SSM$  with a brief description of our semi-numerical procedure of calculating fine tuning. Section five is where we present our results and discussion, then we conclude the study in Section six.

# 2 The $E_6SSM$

The Exceptional Supersymmetric Standard Model ( $E_6SSM$ ) is a non-minimal supersymmetric extension of the SM, which provides a low energy alternative to the MSSM and NMSSM. It is well motivated both from more fundamental theories due to its connection to  $E_6$  GUTs, heterotic and F- string theory [12] and at the same time as a low energy effective model, providing solutions to phenomenological problems. For instance, as mentioned in the Introduction, the  $E_6SSM$  allows a larger Higgs mass at tree-level than in both the MSSM and the NMSSM, thereby requiring smaller contributions from loops. In addition it also solves the  $\mu$ problem associated with the MSSM by dynamically producing the  $\mu$ -term at the TeV scale, without introducing the domain walls or tadpole problems that can appear in the NMSSM.

The E<sub>6</sub>SSM is based on the Exceptional Lie group  $E_6$ . This contains both of SO(10) and SU(5) as subgroups,

$$E_6 \to SO(10) \times U(1)_{\psi}$$
 (3)

$$SO(10) \to SU(5) \times U(1)_{\chi},$$
(4)

and hence also contains the Standard Model gauge group, which is a subgroup SU(5). A linear combination of the two extra  $U(1)_{\psi}$  and  $U(1)_{\chi}$  groups can survive to low energies, where it is spontaneously broken by a SM singlet field, S. This generates the mass of the associated Z' boson and the exotic quarks, as well as dynamically producing a  $\mu_{eff}$  term. The model allows right-handed (RH) neutrinos to have Majorana masses at some scale between the GUT and low scales. This is achieved by choosing this linear combination to be,

$$U(1)_N = \frac{\sqrt{15}}{4} U(1)_{\psi} + \frac{1}{4} U(1)_{\chi}$$
(5)

such that the RH neutrinos are not charged under  $U(1)_N$ , hence it is possible to explain the tiny neutrino masses via seesaw mechanisms.

At low energies, the group structure of the model is that of the SM, along with the additional  $U(1)_N$  symmetry,

$$E_6 \to SU(5) \times U(1)_N \tag{6}$$

$$SU(5) \to SU(3)_c \times SU(2)_w \times U(1)_Y$$
(7)

The matter content of the model is contained in the complete 27-dimensional representation which decomposes under  $SU(5) \times U(1)_N$  to,

$$27 \longrightarrow (10,1)_i + (5^*,2)_i + (5^*,-3)_i + (5,-2)_i + (1,5)_i + (1,0)_i \tag{8}$$

Ordinary Quarks and Leptons are contained in the representations: (10, 1) and  $(5^*, 2)$ . The Higgs doublets and exotic quarks are contained in  $(5^*, -3)$  and (5, -2). The singlets are contained in (1, 5), and finally the right handed neutrinos are included in (1, 0).

Moreover, the model requires three 27 representations, hence i = 1, 2, 3, in order to ensure anomaly cancellation. This means that there are three copies of each field present in the model. However, only the third generation (by choice) of the two Higgs doublets, and the SM singlet acquire VEVs. The other two generations are called inert. Furthermore, in order to keep gauge coupling unification, non-Higgs fields that come from extra incomplete 27', 27'representations are added to the model. As a result, a  $\mu'$  term, which is not necessary related to the weak scale, is present in the model.

The full superpotential consistent with the low energy gauge structure of the  $E_6SSM$  contains includes both  $E_6$  invariant invariant terms and  $E_6$  breaking terms, full details of which are given in [8]. However as in the MSSM it is necessary to forbid proton decay and therefore a generalisation of R-parity should be imposed, and additionally because the  $E_6SSM$  includes three generations of every chiral superfield, there needs to be a suppression of new terms which can induce flavour changing neutral currents. To achieve this we impose either a  $Z_2^L$  symmetry<sup>4</sup> (Model I) or a  $Z_2^B$  symmetry<sup>5</sup> (Model II) along with an approximate  $Z_2^H$  symmetry, under which all fields are odd except for the third generation Higgs superfields, which may arise from a family symmetry [20, 21].

The  $Z_2^H$  invariant superpotential then reads,

$$W_{E_6SSM} \approx \lambda_i \hat{S}(\hat{H}_i^d \hat{H}_i^u) + \kappa_i \hat{S}(\hat{D}_i \overline{D}_i) + f_{\alpha\beta} \hat{S}_\alpha (\hat{H}_d \hat{H}_\beta^u) + \tilde{f}_{\alpha\beta} \hat{S}_\alpha (\hat{H}_\beta^d \hat{H}_u) + \frac{1}{2} M_{ij} \hat{N}_i^c \hat{N}_j^c + \mu' (\hat{H}' \overline{\hat{H}'}) + h_{4j}^E (\hat{H}_d \hat{H}') \hat{e}_j^c + h_{4j}^N (\hat{H}_u \hat{H}') \hat{N}_j^c + W_{MSSM} (\mu = 0),$$

$$(9)$$

where the indices  $\alpha, \beta = 1, 2$  and i = 1, 2, 3 denote the generations. S is the SM singlet field,  $H_u$ , and  $H_d$  are the Higgs doublet fields corresponding to the up and down types. Exotic quarks and the additional non-Higgs fields are denoted by D and H' respectively.

Finally to ensure that only third generation Higgs like fields get VEVs a certain hierarchy between the Yukawa couplings must exist. Defining  $\lambda \equiv \lambda_3$ , we impose  $\kappa_i, \lambda_i \gg f_{\alpha\beta}, \tilde{f}_{\alpha\beta}, h_{4j}^E, h_{4j}^N$ . Moreover, we do not impose any unification of the Yukawa couplings at the GUT scale.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>All superfields except the leptons and survival Higgs are even.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>All the exotic quark, lepton and survival Higgs superfields are odd while all the other superfields remain even.

# 3 The Higgs potential and the EWSB conditions

The scalar Higgs potential is,

$$V(H_d, H_u, S) = \lambda^2 |S|^2 (|H_d|^2 + |H_u|^2) + \lambda^2 |H_d.Hu|^2 + \frac{g_2^2}{8} (H_d^{\dagger} \sigma_a H_d + H_u^{\dagger} \sigma_a H_u) (H_d^{\dagger} \sigma_a H_d + H_u^{\dagger} \sigma_a H_u) + \frac{g'^2}{8} (|H_d|^2 - |H_u|^2)^2 + \frac{g'_1^2}{2} (Q_1 |H_d|^2 + Q_2 |H_u|^2 + Q_s |S|^2)^2 + m_s^2 |S|^2 + m_d^2 |H_d|^2 + m_u^2 |H_u|^2 + [\lambda A_\lambda S H_d.H_u + c.c.] + \Delta_{\text{Loops}}$$
(10)

where,  $g_2$ ,  $g'(=\sqrt{3/5}g_1)$ , and  $g'_1$  are the gauge couplings of  $SU(2)_L$ ,  $U(1)_Y$  (GUT normalized), and the additional  $U(1)_N$ , respectively.  $Q_1 = -3/\sqrt{40}$ ,  $Q_2 = -2/\sqrt{40}$ , and  $Q_s = 5/\sqrt{40}$  are effective  $U(1)_N$  charges of  $H_u$ ,  $H_d$  and S, respectively.  $m_s$  is the mass of the singlet field, and  $m_{u,d} \equiv m_{H_{u,d}}$ .

The Higgs field and the SM singlet acquire VEVs at the physical minimum of this potential,

$$\langle H_d \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \langle H_u \rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ v_2 \end{pmatrix}, \langle S \rangle = \frac{s}{\sqrt{2}},$$
 (11)

It is reasonable exploit the fact that  $s \gg v$ , which will help in simplifying our master formula for fine tuning as will be seen in Section 4. Then, from the minimisation conditions,

$$\frac{\partial V_{E_6SSM}}{\partial v_1} = \frac{\partial V_{E_6SSM}}{\partial v_2} = \frac{\partial V_{E_6SSM}}{\partial s} = 0, \tag{12}$$

the Electroweak Symmetry Breaking (EWSB) conditions are,

$$\frac{M_Z^2}{2} = -\frac{1}{2}\lambda^2 s^2 + \frac{(m_d^2 - m_u^2 \tan^2 \beta)}{\tan^2 \beta - 1} + \frac{g_1^{\prime 2}}{2} \left(Q_1 v_1^2 + Q_2 v_2^2 + Q_s s^2\right) \frac{(Q_1 - Q_2 \tan^2 \beta)}{\tan^2 \beta - 1}$$
(13)

$$\sin 2\beta \approx \frac{\sqrt{2\lambda}A_{\lambda}s}{m_d^2 + m_u^2 + \lambda^2 s^2 + \frac{g_1'^2}{2}Q_s s^2(Q_1 + Q_2)},\tag{14}$$

$$m_s^2 \approx -\frac{1}{2}g_1'^2 Q_s^2 s^2 = -\frac{1}{2}M_{Z'}^2, \tag{15}$$

where  $M_Z^2 = \frac{1}{4}({g'}^2 + g_2^2)(v_2^2 + v_1^2)$  and  $M_{Z'}^2 \approx g_1'^2 Q_s^2 s^2$ . Eq. 13 can be written in the form,

$$c\frac{M_Z^2}{2} = -\mu_{\text{eff}}^2 + \frac{(m_d^2 - m_u^2 \tan^2 \beta)}{\tan^2 \beta - 1} + d\frac{M_{Z'}^2}{2},$$
(16)

where c, d are functions of  $\tan \beta$  which are of order  $\sim \mathcal{O}(1)$  and we have written  $\mu_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\lambda s}{\sqrt{2}}$ . Written in this form it is clear that fine tuning will increase as  $M_{Z'}$  increases. Another source of fine tuning is the large  $|\mu_{\text{eff}}|$  term as mentioned in the introduction since satisfying Eq. 16 will require this term to compensate for any increase in either the second term (term  $2: \sim m_u^2, m_d^2$ ) or the last term (term  $3: \sim M_{Z'}^2$ ).

The increasing experimental limits on  $M_{Z'}(\sim s)$  results in constraining the parameter space of the E<sub>6</sub>SSM such that only relatively large values of  $m_0$  and  $m_{1/2}$  result in successful solutions to the EWSB conditions (Fig. 1- 11).

Moreover, imposing universal boundary conditions, which is what characterises the  $cE_6SSM$ , means that all low energy SUSY parameters can be expanded in terms of a few GUT-scale universal and fundamental input parameters, namely,

$$m_0, m_{1/2}, A, \lambda_i(0), \kappa_i(0), h_{t,b,\tau}(0)$$
 (17)

where,  $m_0, m_{1/2}$  and A are a universal scalar mass, a universal gaugino mass, and a universal trilinear coupling, respectively, and (0) means taking the parameter at the GUT scale (in the Results section, we refer to  $\lambda_3(0)$  and  $\kappa_{1,2,3}(0)$  as  $\lambda_0$  and  $\kappa_0$ , respectively).

This is accomplished by using the one-loop RGEs of the scalar masses, so that one can express  $m_{H_u}^2$  at the SUSY scale,  $M_S$ , as,

$$m_{H_u}^2(M_S) = z_1 m_0^2 + z_2 m_{1/2}^2 + z_3 A^2 + z_4 m_{1/2} A.$$
 (18)

Then, it is possible to write,

$$\frac{M_Z^2}{2} \approx \sum_{i=1}^n F_i z_i a_i^2 \tag{19}$$

where, a denotes the fundamental parameters, z is the coefficient corresponding to each parameter, and is calculated numerically. F is some factor, possibly, involving  $\tan \beta$ .

Whence, one can calculate (analytically or numerically) the sensitivity of  $M_Z$  to each fundamental parameter, and this leads us to fine tuning.

#### 4 Fine tuning and the master formula

To study the degree of fine tuning, a quantitative measure needs to be applied. Here we use the conventional fine tuning measure [22, 23], where the fractional change in the observable is calculated for a given fractional change in the input parameter,

$$\Delta_a = \left| \frac{\partial \ln M_Z}{\partial \ln a} \right|,\tag{20}$$

where  $M_Z$  is the mass of the Z boson<sup>6</sup> and a is one of the fundamental parameter in the set  $\{m_0, m_{1/2}, A, \lambda(0), \kappa(0)\}$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Note that some authors choose  $M_Z^2$  instead of  $M_Z$ . Both measures can be easily linked since  $\frac{1}{2}\Delta_a(M_Z^2) = \Delta_a(M_Z)$ . Our choice was made to enable straightforward comparisons with the results in [7].

For example,  $\Delta_a = 10$  and 200 correspond to a 10% and 0.5% tuning in the parameter a, respectively. Moreover, for a given point in the parameter space, fine tuning is the maximum value of fine tuning in the set  $\{\Delta_a\}$ , and is denoted  $\Delta_{max}$  (or simply  $\Delta$ ).

This measure has been used extensively within the literature e.g. [24–46].

#### 4.1 Alternative tuning measures

Some concerns have been raised in the literature regarding the use of this measure and its use is not universal with a number of alternative measures having been introduced and applied [47–61]. The  $\{\Delta_a\}$  measure the sensitivity of the parameters to the observable and as such are very dependent on the parametrization chosen. In particular whether one takes  $p_i$  to be the parameter or instead chooses  $a = p_i^2$  introduces a factor two difference, and this factor two will then appear for every point in the parameter space. To remove this global sensitivity one can choose some normalisation [47–50] on the  $\Delta_a$ , however this then introduces questions about the bounds on the parameters and the probability is not clearly defined or understood.

Additionally the overall tuning is chosen by taking  $\Delta$  as the maximum of the individual sensitivities { $\Delta_a$ }, but a proposed alternative is to combine them in quadrature, like uncorrelated errors [55–58]. Clearly these measures can differ substantially, but it is not obvious which should be chosen. A new measure [60] defined tuning<sup>7</sup> as the ratio of the parameter space volume (defined by fixed dimensionless variations in the parameters) to the same volume with the additional constraint that the dimensional variations of the observable are no greater than those of the parameters. As such this measure automatically combined the tuning from each parameter into a single tuning defined in terms of parameter space volume. For simple cases studied it was shown that this new measure was in greater agreement with the conventional measure than the alternative where the sensitivities are combined in quadrature, which might be understood as being due to large correlations between the individual sensitivities.

Finally all the measures described so far define tuning as a theoretical feature of a point in parameter space, measuring how natural a point is. As such these measures quantify how natural phenomenologically acceptable points are once experimental limits have ruled out points which were initially favoured as being natural (or more natural). Instead within Bayesian analyses natural expectations for parameter space points, given by the prior distribution, are combined with experimental data to determine the probability defined as a degree of belief. If one must fine tune the parameters to get the measured values of observables correct, then this will correspond to only a tiny fraction of the total integrated prior volume, and therefore fine tuned scenarios should be automatically penalised. However in practice in MSSM studies  $M_Z$  is often fixed to it's experimental value at the outset, reducing the dimensionality of the parameter space and missing the fine tuning. To fix this one can

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>This measure also allows one to combine several observables and had a normalised version of the tuning measure to deal with global sensitivity in a similar manner to [47-50], but with a slightly different normalisation and interpretation in terms of probabilities.

start off with a full set of parameters with the chosen prior distribution, unconstrained by EWSB requirements and then perform a Jacobian transformation [7, 62, 63, 65, 66]. The Jacobian factor accounts for the missed fine tuning and introduces similar derivatives as those appearing the sensitivity criterion, so it then appears as an effective "fine tuning prior".

In the MSSM the conventional measure of fine tuning is numerically very close to this effective fine tuning prior (see e.g. [7]) and has sometimes been used directly as a fine tuning prior [33,67], without directly calculating the Jacobian factor.

Nonetheless the conventional tuning remains a very simple and useful measure and has continued to be used widely with the literature. We will employ it here for the following reasons:

- 1. It is the most widely used tuning measure with which one can compare;
- 2. It gives a good approximation of the effective fine tuning prior;
- 3. It is simple to understand and apply;
- 4. It provides a better match to the more complicated multi-parameter measure [60] than combining sensitivities in quadrature.

In particular please note that the simplicity and wide use is very important since this is the first quantitative investigation into tuning in this model and therefore comparison to what has been done in other models is of greater significance. Applying this measure provides a quantification of the severity of tuning in the model, shows which regions have the least fine tuning and could be used as an "effective fine tuning prior" in future Bayesian studies of the model.

#### 4.2 Master Formula

Having concluded the discussion on the motivation and suitability of this measure we now proceed to apply it in a quantitative analysis of fine tuning. To do so we first derive and present the master formula which gives the explicit expression from which the fine tuning is calculated. Using Equations 13, 14, 15 and 20, we derive this master formula for fine tuning in the  $E_6SSM^8$ ,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Note we have left two terms in the second line of Eq. 21 written in terms of derivatives of  $\cos^2 \beta$  and  $\sin^2 \beta$  with respect to *a*. Substituting for soft masses here would unnecessarily clutter the expression and we note that these terms are numerically negligible since their contribution to fine tuning is very small (< O(1)). This is due to the fact that they will be multiplied by an overall factor of order  $O(< 10^{-12})$ .

$$\Delta_{a} \approx c^{-1} \times \frac{a}{M_{Z}^{2}(\tan^{2}\beta - 1)} \left\{ \frac{(1 - \tan^{2}\beta)}{2} \frac{\partial(\lambda^{2}s^{2})}{\partial a} + \frac{\partial m_{d}^{2}}{\partial a} - \tan^{2}\beta \frac{\partial m_{u}^{2}}{\partial a} \right. \\ \left. + \frac{g_{1}^{\prime 2}}{2} (Q_{1} - \tan^{2}\beta Q_{2}) \left( Q_{s} \frac{\partial s^{2}}{\partial a} + \frac{4M_{Z}^{2}}{\bar{g}^{2}} \frac{\partial}{\partial a} (Q_{1}\cos^{2}\beta + Q_{2}\sin^{2}\beta) \right) \right. \\ \left. - \frac{\tan\beta}{\cos 2\beta} \left[ 1 + \frac{M_{Z}^{2}}{m_{d}^{2} + m_{u}^{2} + \lambda^{2}s^{2} + \frac{g_{1}^{\prime 2}}{2} Q_{s}s^{2}(Q_{1} + Q_{2})} \right] \times \right. \\ \left. \times \left[ \sqrt{2} \frac{\partial(\lambda A_{\lambda}s)}{\partial a} - \sin 2\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial a} (m_{d}^{2} + m_{u}^{2} + \lambda^{2}s^{2} + \frac{g_{1}^{\prime 2}}{2} Q_{s}(Q_{1} + Q_{2})s^{2}) \right] \right\},$$

$$\left. \left. \left. \left. \left[ \sqrt{2} \frac{\partial(\lambda A_{\lambda}s)}{\partial a} - \sin 2\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial a} (m_{d}^{2} + m_{u}^{2} + \lambda^{2}s^{2} + \frac{g_{1}^{\prime 2}}{2} Q_{s}(Q_{1} + Q_{2})s^{2}) \right] \right] \right\},$$

$$\left. \left. \left[ \left. \left[ \sqrt{2} \frac{\partial(\lambda A_{\lambda}s)}{\partial a} - \sin 2\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial a} (m_{d}^{2} + m_{u}^{2} + \lambda^{2}s^{2} + \frac{g_{1}^{\prime 2}}{2} Q_{s}(Q_{1} + Q_{2})s^{2}) \right] \right] \right\},$$

$$\left. \left. \left[ \left. \left[ \sqrt{2} \frac{\partial(\lambda A_{\lambda}s)}{\partial a} - \sin 2\beta \frac{\partial}{\partial a} (m_{d}^{2} + m_{u}^{2} + \lambda^{2}s^{2} + \frac{g_{1}^{\prime 2}}{2} Q_{s}(Q_{1} + Q_{2})s^{2}) \right] \right] \right\},$$

where

$$c = \left[1 - \frac{4}{(\tan^2 \beta - 1)} \frac{g_1'^2}{\bar{g}^2} (Q_1 - \tan^2 \beta Q_2) \times (Q_1 \cos^2 \beta + Q_2 \sin^2 \beta)\right],$$
(22)

and  $\bar{g}^2 = ({g'}^2 + g_2^2)$ . For  $\tan \beta = 10$ ;  $c^{-1} \simeq 0.88$ .

The aim is to expand the low energy parameters, including s, in terms of the GUT-scale universal input parameters using the E<sub>6</sub>SSM RGEs as mentioned in the previous section. Next, the formula is implemented into a private cE<sub>6</sub>SSM spectrum generator (described in [15, 16]) and fine tuning at each point in the scanned parameter space is calculated. In order to ensure accuracy of the results, the derivatives in the master formula for  $a = \lambda(0)$ and  $a = \kappa(0)$  are calculated numerically. And in order to calculate,

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial a}s^2,$$
 (23)

we use

$$s^2 = -\frac{2}{g_1'^2 Q_s^2} m_s^2, \tag{24}$$

where, as usual,  $m_s^2$  is expanded in terms of the GUT parameters.

Finally, throughout our study, we fix  $\tan \beta = 10$  since larger and smaller values restrict the availability of  $m_h \sim 125$  GeV, and the parameter space [17].

### 5 Results and discussion

The scans are taken for fixed s = 5 - 10 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 1.9 - 3.8$  TeV. We scan over

$$-3 \lesssim \lambda_3(0) \lesssim 0$$
 and  $0 \lesssim \kappa_1(0) = \kappa_2(0) = \kappa_3(0) \lesssim 3$  (25)

while fixing  $\lambda_{1,2}(0) = 0.1$  and  $\tan \beta = 10$ . The sign of  $\lambda \equiv \lambda_3(0)$  is a free parameter in our convention since we are setting s and  $m_{1/2} > 0$ . However as with previous studies [17] we found that most of the parameter space is covered with  $\lambda < 0$ , while  $\lambda > 0$  covers a much smaller region of the parameter space. Therefore we focused on  $\lambda < 0$  in our study. The other GUT parameters:  $m_0, m_{1/2}$  and  $A_0$  are obtained as an output so that the EWSB conditions are satisfied to one-loop order. Then we plot both  $m_h$  and  $\Delta_{max}$  in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$ plane. The key at the top-left of all plots corresponding to  $m_h$  shows the central value in a bin of width  $\pm 0.5$  GeV, while that corresponding to  $\Delta$  shows the central value in a bin of width  $\pm 50$ .

Moreover, we select a benchmark point corresponding to each value of s. These points possess the smallest fine tuning in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane consistent with a Higgs mass within the  $124 < m_h < 127$  GeV range, and  $m_{\tilde{g}} \ge 850$  GeV. They are denoted as a black dot in Figures 1- 12. These points and the relevant physical masses are summarised in Table 1 in Appendix A.

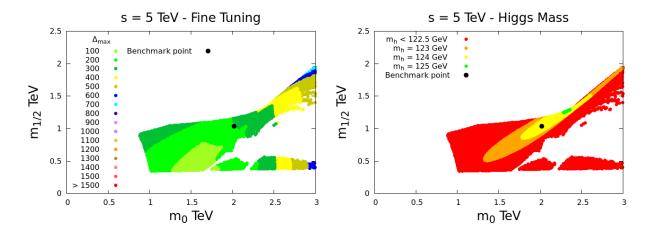


Figure 1:  $\Delta_{max}$  (left) and  $m_h$  (right) in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 10$  and s = 5 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 1.9$  TeV. We also fixed  $\lambda_{1,2}(0) = 0.1$  while scanning over  $-3 \le \lambda_3(0) \le 0$  and  $0 \le \kappa_{1,2,3}(0) \le 3$ . The benchmark point corresponds to  $m_0 = 2020, m_{1/2} = 1033$  GeV.

In the left panel of Fig. 1 the results for s = 5 TeV, corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 1.9$  TeV, are shown with fine tuning contours, ranging from 100 to above 800 for the highest  $m_0$ . For each value of  $m_0$  and  $m_{1/2}$ , the parameters  $\lambda$ ,  $\kappa$ , and A take different values. Since the Higgs mass strongly depends both on stop corrections and  $\lambda$ , it will also take different values denoted by the Higgs mass contours displayed in the right panel of Fig. 1. Since both fine tuning and the Higgs mass vary over the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane the mass of the Higgs discovered at the LHC plays a crucial rule in fixing the level of tuning, though this dependence is significantly more complicated than in the MSSM. Thus, although for s = 5 TeV the tuning can in principle be as low as 100, in order to obtain  $m_h \sim 124$  GeV the fine tuning must be more than twice as large as this. A benchmark representing points with the lowest tuning compatible with data shown as black dot in Fig. 1 having  $\Delta_{BM} = 251$  with  $m_h \approx 124$  GeV. Note that  $m_h \sim 125$ GeV is almost impossible to achieve for s = 5 TeV (represented by the very small green region in the right panel). In addition, the value  $M_{Z'} = 1.9$  TeV slightly violates the CMS limit  $M_{Z'} \gtrsim 2.08$  TeV [19], although this limit does not take into account the presence of lighter singlet states which increase the Z' width and reduce the leptonic branching ratio, weakening this limit as discussed in [13].

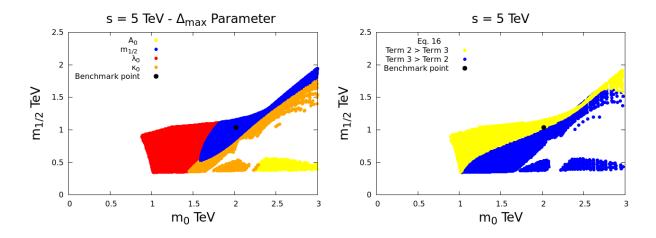


Figure 2: The left panel highlights the parameter responsible for the largest amount of fine tuning,  $\Delta_{max}$ , in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 10$  and s = 5 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 1.9$  TeV. On the right a coarse scan shows which terms Eq. 16 give the largest contribution, with regions where the largest contribution comes from term 2, which is proportional to  $m_d^2 - m_u^2 \tan^2 \beta$ , are shown in yellow and while regions where the dominant contribution is from term 3, proportional to  $M_{Z'}^2$  are shown in blue.

One also needs to take into account LHC constraints from squark and gluino searches which rule out  $m_{1/2} \lesssim 1$  TeV corresponding to a gluino mass  $m_{\tilde{q}} \lesssim 850$  GeV [17].

In Appendix A we provide a set on benchmark points corresponding to  $m_{1/2} \sim 1$  TeV and these benchmark points are denoted by small black dots on the Figures. We emphasise that the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM has not been studied by any of the LHC experiments, and that the gluino mass limits in the E<sub>6</sub>SSM may differ from those of the MSSM as discussed recently [68]. Therefore, in choosing our minimum tuning benchmarks, the limits we assumed are quite conservative. From the results in [17], we find that in the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM the gluino mass is approximately given by  $m_{\tilde{g}} \sim 0.85m_{1/2}$  and the first and second generation squark masses are given by  $m_{\tilde{q}} \sim (1.3 - 1.8)m_0$ , depending on  $m_{1/2}$ . In the future (for example when the full 8 TeV data set is analysed) the allowed values of  $m_0$  and  $m_{1/2}$  are expected to increase according to these approximate relations. Therefore, we show in Appendix B (Table 2) the minimum allowed fine tuning associated with gluino mass in the  $1 \leq m_{\tilde{g}} \leq 1.5$  TeV range, and the usual range for the singlet VEV s = 5 - 10 TeV. Clearly, the fine tuning in the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM is not as large as that in the CMSSM, where increasing  $m_{\tilde{g}}$  to 1.5 TeV leads to minimum fine tuning > 1000 as found in [7], while it varies between  $\sim 600 - 800$  in the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM.

At first sight, the distribution of fine tuning in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane could seem counter intuitive since one might expect the region of smaller values of  $m_0$  and  $m_{1/2}$  to possess lower fine tuning. However, the variation of  $\Delta_{max}$  can be understood by studying which parameter contributes the maximum fine tuning at each point in the parameter space. We show this in Fig. 2 (left panel) where it is clear that the region of small  $m_0$  and  $m_{1/2}$  is dominated by large fine tuning in the parameter  $\lambda_0$ , resulting from a large  $|\mu_{\text{eff}}|$  term in this region. In addition,  $\kappa_0$  can contribute to  $\Delta_{max}$  since  $A_{\lambda}$  and  $m_s$  are strongly dependent on this parameter. The physical origin of the fine tuning in  $\kappa_0$  is due to the loops of exotic Dparticles which serve to radiatively drive the singlet mass squared negative which triggers electroweak symmetry breaking. Finally,  $m_0$  can be the source of fine tuning for very large values of  $m_0$  which is the region extending beyond what we show in the plots.

The relative fine tuning in the input parameters  $\{m_0, m_{1/2}, A, \lambda(0), \kappa(0)\}$  does not directly tell us any information about the relative importance of the second and third terms on the right-hand side of Eq. 16, both of which can independently be large and hence lead to a large  $|\mu_{\text{eff}}|$  which is manifested as large fine tuning in  $\lambda_0$ . It is therefore instructive to directly compare the magnitudes of the second and third terms of Eq. 16, where the former is proportional to  $m_u^2$  and  $m_d^2$ , hence sfermions, and the latter is proportional to  $M_{Z'}^2$ . In Fig. 2 (right panel) we scan the parameter space for s = 5 TeV, and for each point we show which of the two terms is larger. The larger of the two would be responsible for the fine tuning at the corresponding point. It is clear, then, that  $M_{Z'}$  (blue region) not only controls the minimum fine tuning allowed, but also is the dominating source of fine tuning over large regions of the parameter space. This is true for all the other values of s. However, some substantial contribution to fine tuning comes from sfermions as seen in the yellow region.

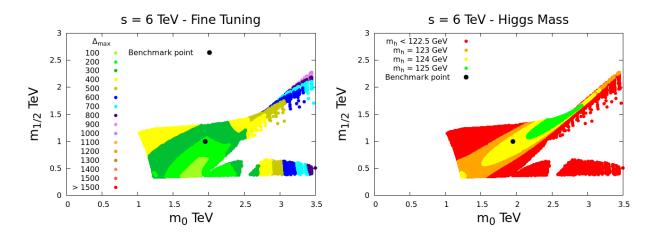


Figure 3:  $\Delta_{max}$  (left) and  $m_h$  (right) in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 10$  and s = 6 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 2.3$  TeV. The benchmark point corresponds to  $m_0 = 1951, m_{1/2} = 1003$  GeV.

As we increase s to 6 TeV (shown in Fig. 3), we simultaneously satisfy the CMS mass limit on the Z' mass, with  $M_{Z'} = 2.3$  TeV, and we obtain more points with the heavier Higgs mass  $m_h = 125$  GeV. Interestingly, the benchmark point in this case has a fine tuning  $\Delta_{BM} = 233$  for  $m_h \approx 124$  GeV which is slightly smaller than for the previous case with s = 5 TeV. Additionally, in the left panel in Fig. 3 a tiny region of  $\Delta_{max} = 200$  appears as a small circle inside the  $\Delta_{max} = 300$  band. While it is still  $\lambda_0$  that is responsible for  $\Delta_{max}$  in that area as seen in the left panel in Fig. 4, this region is associated with a slightly smaller  $|\mu_{\text{eff}}|$  ( $|\lambda_0|$ ) and larger  $\kappa_0$  than in the adjacent regions, an effect which was not present in the

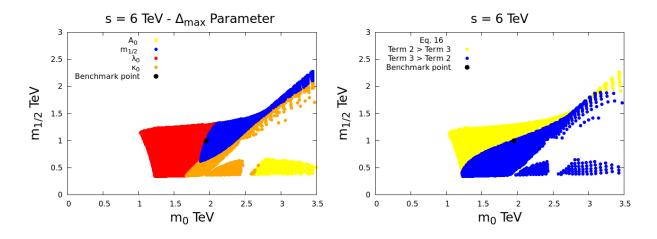


Figure 4: The left panel highlights the parameter responsible for the largest amount of fine tuning,  $\Delta_{max}$ , in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 10$  and s = 6 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 2.3$  TeV. On the right a coarse scan shows which terms Eq. 16 give the largest contribution, with regions where the largest contribution comes from term 2, which is proportional to  $m_d^2 - m_u^2 \tan^2 \beta$ , are shown in yellow and while regions where the dominant contribution is from term 3, proportional to  $M_{Z'}^2$  are shown in blue.

results of s = 5 TeV.

Moreover, Fig. 4 shows that the origin of fine tuning depends on the point in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$ plane consistent with the Higgs mass and the LHC limits of squark and gluino masses, estimated above as  $m_{\tilde{g}} \sim 0.85 m_{1/2}$  and  $m_{\tilde{q}} \sim (1.3 - 1.8) m_0$ . For example if the squark and gluino masses are increased then it is possible that fine tuning is dominated by fine tuning in  $m_{1/2}$  or in  $\lambda_0$  via large  $|\mu_{\text{eff}}|$  which could be due to heavy stop masses rather than large  $M_{Z'}$  according to the right panel in Fig. 4.

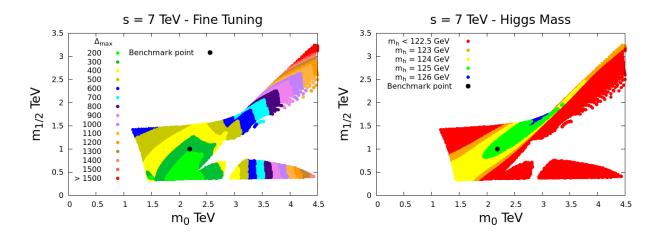


Figure 5:  $\Delta_{max}$  (left) and  $m_h$  (right) in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 10$  and s = 7 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 2.6$  TeV. The benchmark point corresponds to  $m_0 = 2186, m_{1/2} = 1004$  GeV.

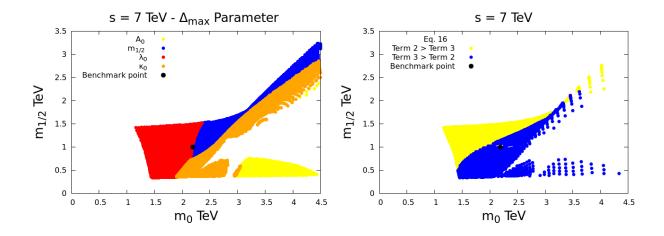


Figure 6: The left panel highlights the parameter responsible for the largest amount of fine tuning,  $\Delta_{max}$ , in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 10$  and s = 7 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 2.6$  TeV. On the right a coarse scan shows which terms Eq. 16 give the largest contribution, with regions where the largest contribution comes from term 2, which is proportional to  $m_d^2 - m_u^2 \tan^2 \beta$ , are shown in yellow and while regions where the dominant contribution is from term 3, proportional to  $M_{Z'}^2$  are shown in blue.

For s = 7 TeV, corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 2.6$  TeV, the region with  $m_h \sim 125$  GeV expands in comparison to s = 5 and 6 TeV, as can be seen by comparing the right panel in Fig. 5, to the previous plots. In addition a very small region with  $m_h \sim 126$  GeV appears for the first time. In the left panel of Fig. 5, fine tuning starts from 200, and reaches 600 outside the middle region. In addition, the tiny circle of points with smaller fine tuning than its surroundings in the small  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  region, which appeared previously in the results for s = 6 TeV, now grows a little.

The chosen benchmark point has  $\Delta_{BM} = 270$  for  $m_h \approx 125$  GeV. Notice how increasing s, hence  $M_{Z'}$ , affects the lowest fine tuning possible in the parameter space, confirming that it is the  $M_{Z'}$  term in Eq. 16 dominating fine tuning and defining its lowest value as can be seen in the right panel of Fig. 6. As before, this conclusion depends on the particular point in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane.

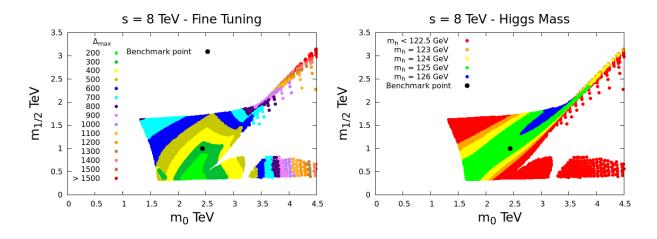


Figure 7:  $\Delta_{max}$  (left) and  $m_h$  (right) in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 10$  and s = 8 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 3.0$  TeV. The benchmark point corresponds to  $m_0 = 2441, m_{1/2} = 1002$  GeV.

For s = 8 TeV the Higgs mass  $m_h \sim 125$  GeV dominates over most of the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$ plane as shown in the right panel of Fig. 7. Also the  $m_h \sim 126$  GeV region has become larger. However, fine tuning starts from 300, and the portion of the parameter space with  $\Delta_{max} \geq 500$  is now more apparent than in the s = 7 TeV case. The Benchmark point has  $\Delta_{BM} = 302$  for  $m_h \approx 125$  GeV. The dominance of the  $M_{Z'}$  term in Eq. 16 for fine tuning can be seen in the right panel of Fig. 8, with this conclusion dependent on the particular point in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane.

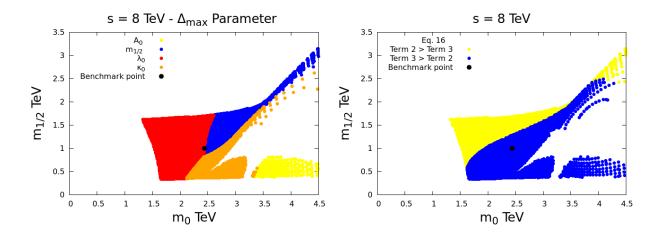


Figure 8: The left panel highlights the parameter responsible for the largest amount of fine tuning,  $\Delta_{max}$ , in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 10$  and s = 8 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 3.0$  TeV. On the right a coarse scan shows which terms Eq. 16 give the largest contribution, with regions where the largest contribution comes from term 2, which is proportional to  $m_d^2 - m_u^2 \tan^2 \beta$ , are shown in yellow and while regions where the dominant contribution is from term 3, proportional to  $M_{Z'}^2$  are shown in blue.

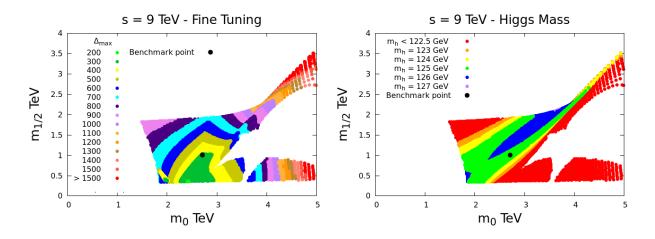


Figure 9:  $\Delta_{max}$  (left) and  $m_h$  (right) in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 10$  and s = 9 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 3.4$  TeV. The benchmark point corresponds to  $m_0 = 2709, m_{1/2} = 1001$  GeV.

As we reach s = 9 TeV, corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 3.4$  TeV, which is shown in Fig. 9, we see that the region where  $m_h \sim 125$  GeV starts to shrink and is replaced by  $m_h \sim 126$ GeV. If the Higgs mass is indeed  $m_h \sim 126$  GeV then there is a preference for s = 9 TeV, especially for smaller values of  $m_0$  and  $m_{1/2}$ . This illustrates the importance of an accurate determination in the Higgs mass for selecting the most appropriate value of s. Fine tuning

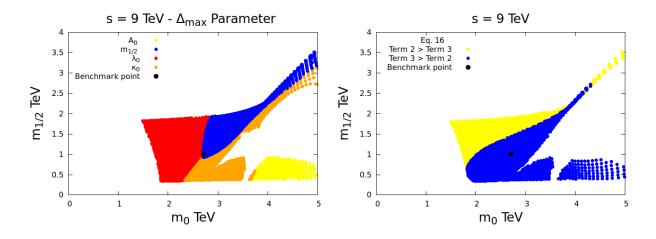


Figure 10: The left panel highlights the parameter responsible for the largest amount of fine tuning,  $\Delta_{max}$ , in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 10$  and s = 9 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 3.4$  TeV. On the right a coarse scan shows which terms Eq. 16 give the largest contribution, with regions where the largest contribution comes from term 2, which is proportional to  $m_d^2 - m_u^2 \tan^2 \beta$ , are shown in yellow and while regions where the dominant contribution is from term 3, proportional to  $M_{Z'}^2$  are shown in blue.

starts from 200, although a very small region, and quickly increases to 500 such that a significant portion of the parameter has  $\Delta_{max} \gtrsim 500$ . The benchmark point has  $\Delta_{BM} = 330$  for  $m_h \approx 125$  GeV. The dominance of the  $M_{Z'}$  term in Eq. 16 for fine tuning can be seen in the right panel of Fig. 10, as usual dependent on the particular point in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane.

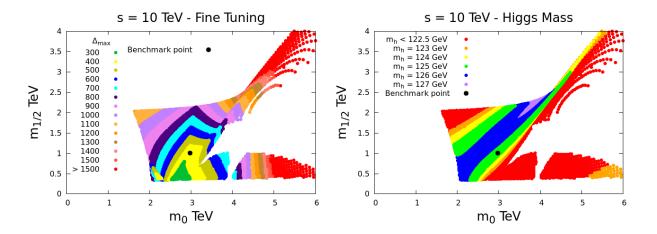


Figure 11:  $\Delta_{max}$  (left) and  $m_h$  (right) in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 10$  and s = 10 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 3.8$  TeV. The benchmark point corresponds to  $m_0 = 2975, m_{1/2} = 1005$  GeV.

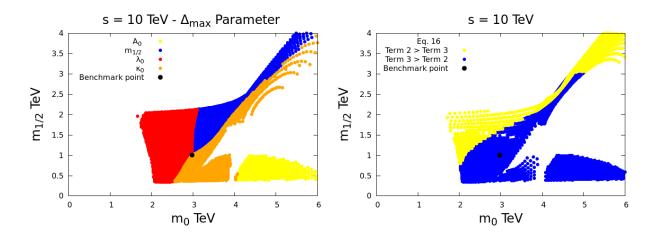


Figure 12: The left panel highlights the parameter responsible for the largest amount of fine tuning,  $\Delta_{max}$ , in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane for  $\tan \beta = 10$  and s = 10 TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 3.8$  TeV. On the right a coarse scan shows which terms Eq. 16 give the largest contribution, with regions where the largest contribution comes from term 2, which is proportional to  $m_d^2 - m_u^2 \tan^2 \beta$ , are shown in yellow and while regions where the dominant contribution is from term 3, proportional to  $M_{Z'}^2$  are shown in blue.

Finally, for s = 10 TeV, corresponding to  $M_{Z'} = 3.4$  TeV, in the left panel of Fig. 11 the fine tuning starts from 300, and the parameter space is severely restricted in terms of fine tuning as it is mostly covered by points with  $\Delta_{max} > 500$ . In addition, the region of  $m_h \sim 125$  GeV has shrunk and now occupies a smaller portion than the  $m_h \sim 126$  GeV region. In addition a small region with  $m_h \sim 127$  GeV now exists prominently for the first time (only a miniscule region existed for s = 9 TeV). Moreover, as seen before, the left panel in Fig. 11 contains short lines of points in the small  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  region with smaller fine tuning than their surrounding points for the same reason as before, namely that  $|\mu_{\text{eff}}|$  can be somewhat smaller.

The benchmark point has fine tuning  $\Delta_{BM} = 359$  and  $m_h \approx 125$  GeV. The dominance of the  $M_{Z'}$  term in Eq. 16 for fine tuning can be seen in the right panel of Fig. 12, with the familiar dependence on the particular point in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane.

# 6 Conclusion

Supersymmetric unified models in which the singlet VEV is responsible simultaneously both for  $\mu_{\text{eff}}$  and for the Z' mass, as in the  $E_6$  class of models for example, have relatively large fine tuning which is typically dominated by the experimental mass limit on the Z'. To illustrate this, we have investigated the degree of fine tuning throughout the parameter space of the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM. In fact this is the first time that fine tuning has been studied in any  $E_6$  model containing a TeV scale Z'. To quantify fine tuning we have derived a fine tuning master formula for the E<sub>6</sub>SSM and implemented it in a spectrum generator for the constrained version of the model. Using this we scanned the parameter space of the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM. The results are presented in the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$ plane for fixed tan  $\beta = 10$  and various s values corresponding to  $M_{Z'} \sim 2-4$  TeV. This value of tan  $\beta = 10$  is the optimum choice for achieving a large enough Higgs mass in the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM and so we have exclusively focussed on it here. We selected benchmark points corresponding to each value of s which possess the smallest fine tuning while allowing a Higgs mass within the 124  $< m_h < 127$  GeV range, and  $m_{\tilde{g}} \geq 850$  GeV. They are the black dot points in Figures 1- 12. These benchmark points and the relevant physical masses are summarised in Table 1 for a gluino mass of about 900 GeV. Table 2 shows how the minimum fine tuning changes as the gluino mass limit increases up to 1.5 TeV. As remarked earlier, the fine tuning in the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM is always significantly smaller than that in the cMSSM, for all gluino masses.

It is clear that the Z' mass (determined by the s VEV value) has a significant effect on the naturalness of the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM model, with higher values leading to increased fine tuning. Therefore future improved direct mass limits on the Z' mass from the LHC will imply higher fine tuning. We have also seen an indirect relation between the Higgs boson mass and the Z' mass. For example if the Higgs mass turns out to be  $m_h \gtrsim 127$  GeV then we are driven to  $s \gtrsim 10$  TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} \gtrsim 3.8$  TeV requiring higher fine tuning. Conversely if the Higgs mass turns out to be  $m_h \lesssim 124$  GeV then  $s \gtrsim 5$  TeV corresponding to  $M_{Z'} \gtrsim 1.9$ TeV allowing lower fine tuning.

Given present limits, the results in Figures 1- 12 and Table 1 show that the present lowest value of fine tuning in the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM, consistent with a Higgs mass  $m_h \sim 125$  GeV, varies from  $\Delta \sim 200 - 400$  where the allowed lowest fine tuning values, taking into account the relevant experimental bounds, are dominated by  $M_{Z'}$  rather than the other sources of fine tuning. This is presently significantly lower than the fine tuning in the cMSSM of  $\Delta \sim 1000$  arising from the large stop masses required to achieve the Higgs mass.

In the future, the LHC lower limits on gluino and squark masses will improve, along with the Z' mass limit (or else a discovery will be made) and the Higgs boson mass will be more accurately specified. It is not completely clear where the dominant source of fine tuning in the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM will originate from in future. However the results in this paper allow this question to be addressed. The future Z' mass limit will determine the minimum s value permitted, while the Higgs mass and gluino and squark mass limits will determine the allowed regions of the  $m_0 - m_{1/2}$  plane, from which the fine tuning may be read off from the contour plots we provide.

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# A cE<sub>6</sub>SSM Benchmark points

Table 1 lists the details on the masses and parameters associated with each benchmark (BM) point that was chosen. We can see that  $m_0$  increases significantly as  $s (M_{Z'})$  becomes larger, while  $m_{1/2}$  is roughly constant. Upon choosing a BM point, we imposed the limit  $m_{1/2} > 1$  TeV to have gluino mass  $m_{\tilde{g}} > 850$  GeV. The gluino masses for our benchmark points are about 900 GeV or close to it, hence if the experimental limits on  $m_{\tilde{g}}$  are to be increased for constrained models, then fine tuning will increase as well. The lightest stop,  $\tilde{t}_1$ , masses range from 1.7 TeV to 2.4 TeV for the range of s we studied, and thereby is above the experimental limits.

	BM1	BM2	BM3	BM4	BM5	BM6
s [TeV]	5	6	7	8	9	10
$\tan \beta$	10	10	10	10	10	10
$\lambda_3(M_X)$	-0.2284	-0.2646	-0.25	-0.2376	-0.2260	-0.2171
$\lambda_{1,2}(M_X)$	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
$\kappa_{1,2,3}(M_X)$	0.1760	0.1923	0.2111	0.2288	0.2452	0.2601
$m_{1/2} \; [{ m GeV}]$	1033	1003	1004	1002	1001	1005
$m_0 \; [\text{GeV}]$	2020	1951	2186	2441	2709	2975
$A_0 \; [\text{GeV}]$	-83	500	661	781	846	888
$m_{\tilde{D}_1}(1,2,3)$ [GeV]	2252	2234	2659	3149	3680	4222
$m_{\tilde{D}_2}(1,2,3)$ [GeV]	3186	3501	3991	4499	5017	5540
$\mu_D(1,2,3)$ [GeV]	1782	2238	2752	3279	3812	4347
$ m_{\chi_6^0} $ [GeV]	1973	2349	2727	3105	3483	3861
$m_{h_3} \simeq \tilde{M}_{Z'}$ [GeV]	1889	2267	2645	3023	3401	3779
$ m_{\chi_5^0} $ [GeV]	1809	2189	2566	2944	3322	3699
$m_s(1,2)$ [GeV]	2448	2548	2897	3263	3639	4014
$m_{H_2}(1,2)$ [GeV]	1970	1847	2023	2218	2426.5	2633
$m_{H_1}(1,2)$ [GeV]	1887	1685	1824	1986	2167	2343
$\mu_{\tilde{H}}(1,2)$ [GeV]	492	569	642	711	777	841
$m_{\tilde{u}_1}(1,2) \; [\text{GeV}]$	2505	2461	2687	2934	3199	3468
$m_{\tilde{u}_1} \simeq m_{\tilde{d}_1}(1,2) \; [\text{GeV}]$	2553	2507	2729	2973	3235	3501
$m_{\tilde{d}_2}(1,2) [{ m GeV}]$	2571	2558	2810	3082	3372	3665
$m_{\tilde{e_1}}(\tilde{1},2,3) \; [\text{GeV}]$	2136	2107	2366	2641	2935	3224
$m_{\tilde{e}_2}(1,2,3)$ [GeV]	2267	2271	2550	2848	3159	3468
$m_{\tilde{\tau}_1} \; [\text{GeV}]$	2119	2090	2347	2623	2912	3200
$m_{\tilde{\tau}_2} \; [\text{GeV}]$	2259	2263	2541	2838	3148	3457
$m_{\tilde{b_1}}$ [GeV]	2202	2151	2340	2549	2777	3009
$m_{\tilde{b_2}}$ [GeV]	2552	2539	2789	3059	3347	3639
$m_{\tilde{t_1}}$ [GeV]	1741	1681	1839	2016	2212	2411
$m_{\tilde{t_2}}$ [GeV]	2215	2166	2354	2561	2787	3018
$ m_{\chi^0_{3,4}}  \simeq  m_{\chi^{\pm}_2}   [\text{GeV}]$	887	1174	1258	1329	1386	1443
$m_{h_2} \simeq m_A \simeq m_{H^{\pm}} [\text{GeV}]$	1890	2268	2646	3025	3403	3782
$m_h \; [\text{GeV}]$	124	124	125	125	125	125
$m_{\tilde{g}} \; [\text{GeV}]$	901	879	887	892	898	906
$ m_{\chi_1^{\pm}}  \simeq  m_{\chi_2^{0}} $ [GeV]	285	279	279	279	279	280
$ m_{\chi_1^0} $ [GeV]	162	157	158	158	158	158
$\Delta_{max}$	251	233	270	302	330	359

Table 1: Parameters and masses for the benchmarks with lowest fine tuning and Higgs masses in the range of  $m_h = 124 - 125$  GeV in the cE<sub>6</sub>SSM.

# **B** Fine tuning and $m_{\tilde{g}}$

As the lower limits on the gluino mass are expected to rise, Table 2 shows the minimum amount of the fine tuning corresponding to different values of gluino mass within  $m_{\tilde{g}} = 1-1.5$  TeV, and for s = 5 - 10 TeV. The corresponding Higgs mass is shown in parenthesis next to each value of fine tuning.

$s [{\rm TeV}]$	5	6	7	8	9	10				
$m_{\tilde{g}} \; [\text{TeV}]$	$\Delta  (m_h \; [\text{GeV}])$									
1	293(124)	297(124)	324(125)	367(125)	405(126)	443(126)				
1.1	388(125)	348(124)	358(124)	408(125)	454(126)	497(126)				
1.2	474 (124)	440(125)	400 (124)	448(125)	500(126)	550(126)				
1.3	-	556(125)	462(124)	484(124)	547(126)	600(126)				
1.4	-	658(125)	617(126)	525(124)	587(125)	650(126)				
1.5	-	-	767(125)	635(125)	628(125)	699(126)				

Table 2: For different values of the singlet VEV (s = 5 - 10 TeV) corresponding to  $M_{Z'} \sim 2 - 3.8$  TeV, the effect of rising the lower limit on the gluino mass between  $m_{\tilde{g}} = 1 - 1.5$  TeV on fine tuning is shown. Next to every fine tuning value, the corresponding Higgs mass (in GeV) is shown between parentheses. The dash means there's no  $m_h \sim 124 - 127$  GeV found in the scanned parameter space.

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