

Abstract

The idea of grand unification in a minimal supersymmetric SU(5) × SU(5) framework is revisited. It is shown that the unification of gauge couplings into a unique coupling constant can be achieved at a high-energy scale compatible with proton decay constraints. This requires the addition of a minimal particle content at intermediate energy scales. In particular, the introduction of the SU(2)_L triplets belonging to the (15, 1) + (15̄, 1) representations, as well as of the scalar triplet Σ₃ and octet Σ₈ in the (24, 1) representation, turns out to be crucial for unification. The masses of these intermediate particles can vary over a wide range, and even lie in the TeV region. In contrast, the exotic vector-like fermions must be heavy enough and have masses above 10¹⁰ GeV. We also show that, if the SU(5) × SU(5) theory is embedded into a heterotic string scenario, it is not possible to achieve gauge coupling unification with gravity at the perturbative string scale.

Particle Content

Matter chiral multiplets

$$\psi = \begin{bmatrix} D_1^c \\ D_2^c \\ D_3^c \\ e \\ -\nu \end{bmatrix} \sim (\bar{5}, 1) \quad \chi = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & U_3^c & -U_2^c & -u_1 & -d_1 \\ -U_3^c & 0 & U_1^c & -u_2 & -d_2 \\ U_2^c & -U_1^c & 0 & -u_3 & -d_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 & 0 & -E^c \\ d_1 & d_2 & d_3 & E^c & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim (10, 1)$$

$$\psi^c = \begin{bmatrix} D_1 \\ D_2 \\ D_3 \\ e^c \\ -\nu^c \end{bmatrix} \sim (1, 5) \quad \chi^c = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{bmatrix} 0 & U_3 & -U_2 & -u_1^c & -d_1^c \\ -U_3 & 0 & U_1 & -u_2^c & -d_2^c \\ U_2 & -U_1 & 0 & -u_3^c & -d_3^c \\ u_1^c & u_2^c & u_3^c & 0 & -E \\ d_1^c & d_2^c & d_3^c & E & 0 \end{bmatrix} \sim (1, \bar{10})$$

Higgs chiral multiplets

Φ_L ∼ (24, 1) and Φ_R ∼ (1, 24), for the first breaking of SU(5)_L × SU(5)_R at the scale Λ but preserve the discrete left-right symmetry. Left-right symmetry breaking at the scale Λ_{LR}: ω ∼ (5, 5̄), ω̄ ∼ (5̄, 5), Ω ∼ (10, 10̄) and Ω̄ ∼ (10̄, 10). The last two steps are driven by the additional Higgs fields φ_R ∼ (1, 5̄), φ_R^c ∼ (1, 5) and φ_L ∼ (5, 1), φ_L^c ∼ (5̄, 1), respectively. The representations T_L ∼ (15, 1), T_L^c ∼ (15̄, 1), T_R ∼ (1, 15) and T_R^c ∼ (1, 15) are crucial for unification and for the Majorana masses of neutrinos generation.

Motivations

- Left-Right Symmetry à la Pati-Salam
- R-parity conservation can be automatic
- No tree level proton decay via lepto-quark gauge bosons
- Can be easily embedded in superstring constructions

Breaking Pattern

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{SU}(5)_L \times \text{SU}(5)_R \\ \downarrow \Lambda \\ \text{SU}(3)_L \times \text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{U}(1)_L \times \text{SU}(3)_R \times \text{SU}(2)_R \times \text{U}(1)_R \\ \downarrow \Lambda_{LR} \\ \text{SU}(3)_C \times \text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{SU}(2)_R \times \text{U}(1)_{B-L} \\ \downarrow v_R \\ \text{SU}(3)_C \times \text{SU}(2)_L \times \text{U}(1)_Y \\ \downarrow v_L \\ \text{SU}(3)_C \times \text{U}(1)_{em} \end{array}$$

Gauge Coupling Unification

$$k_1 = 13/3, k_2 = 1 \text{ and } k_3 = 2$$

$$\alpha_U = k_3 \alpha_s(\Lambda) = k_2 \alpha_w(\Lambda) = k_1 \alpha_y(\Lambda)$$

$$\sin^2 \theta_W = \frac{\alpha_y}{\alpha_y + \alpha_w} = \frac{1}{1 + k_1/k_2} = \frac{3}{16}$$

Proton Decay

Proton decay via dimension-six operators through heavy gauge bosons is suppressed, since at tree level the latter do not mediate transitions involving only light fermions. The presence of color Higgs triplets H_C^L and H_C^R induce proton decay through dimension-five operators: χχχψ and χ^cχ^cχ^cψ^c, which lead to the effective operators QQQL. This requires that the mass scales of left and right color Higgs triplets should be heavy enough. In the absence of the fields φ_{L,R} and φ_{L,R}^c not only proton is stable at the renormalizable level.

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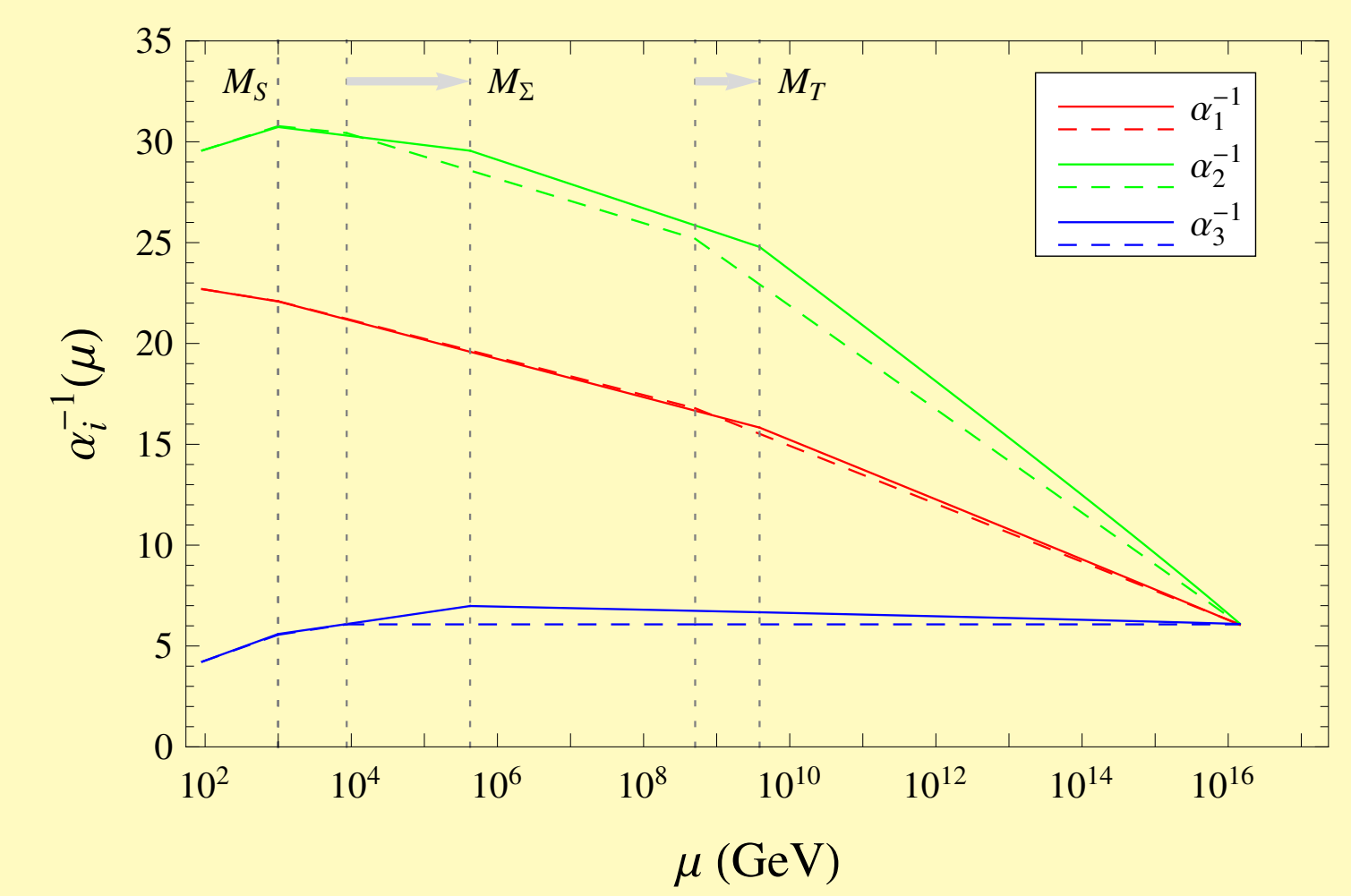
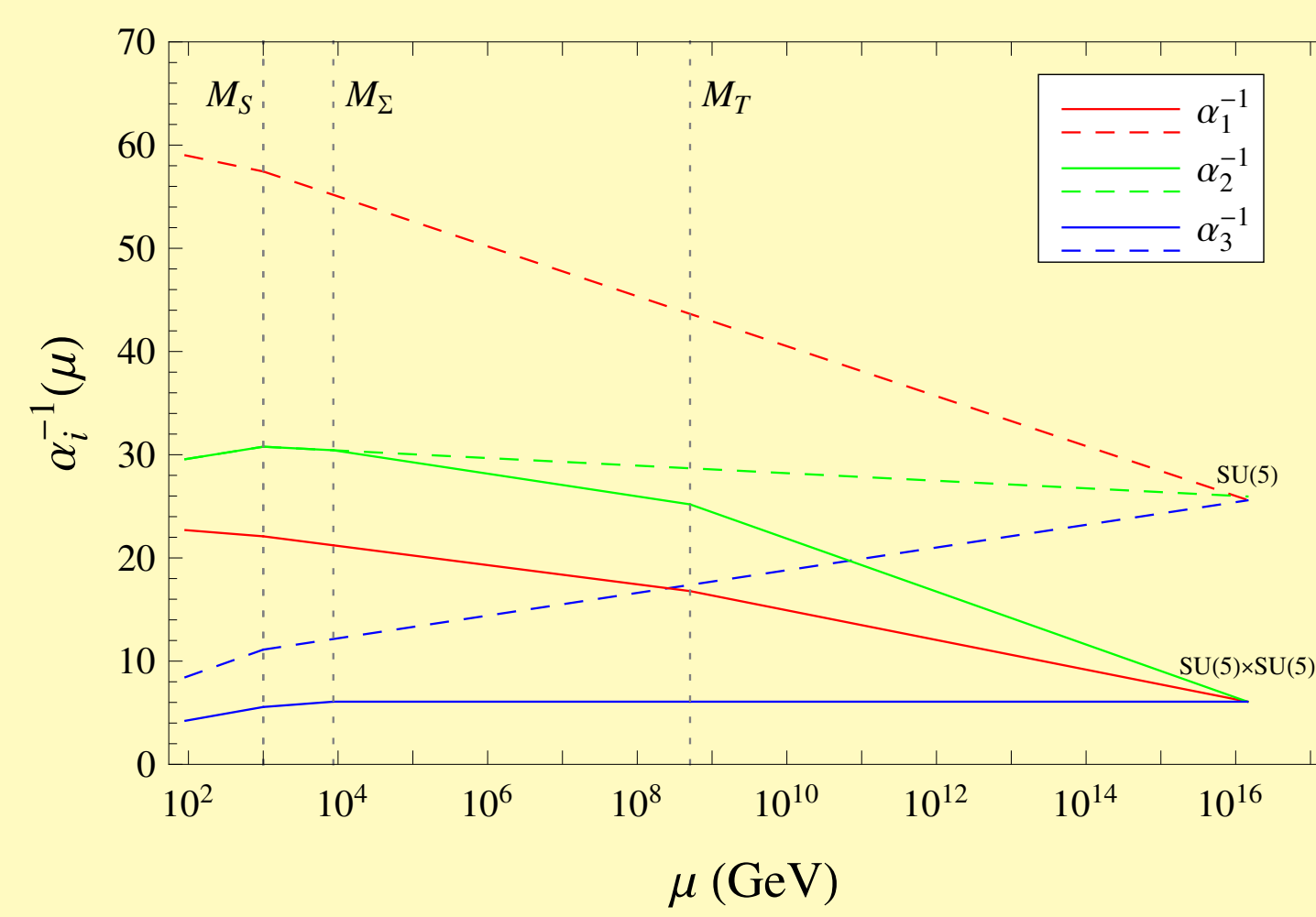
Generalised Seesaw

$$W_Y = \psi^c Y_1 \omega \psi + \chi^c Y_2 \Omega \chi + \sqrt{2} \psi Y_3 \chi \phi_L^c + \sqrt{2} \psi^c Y_3 \chi^c \phi_R^c + \frac{1}{4} \chi Y_4 \chi \phi_L + \frac{1}{4} \chi^c Y_4 \chi^c \phi_R$$

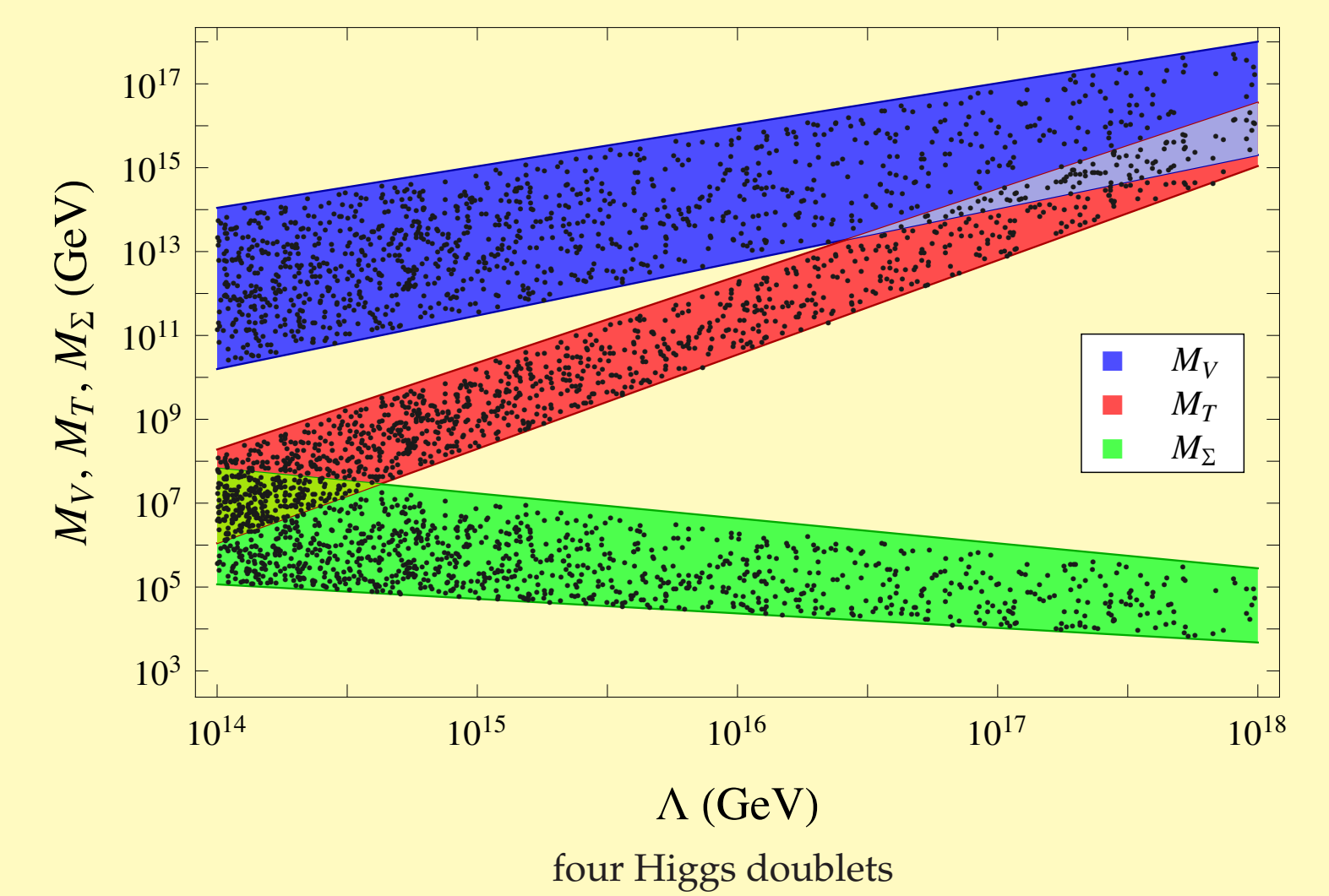
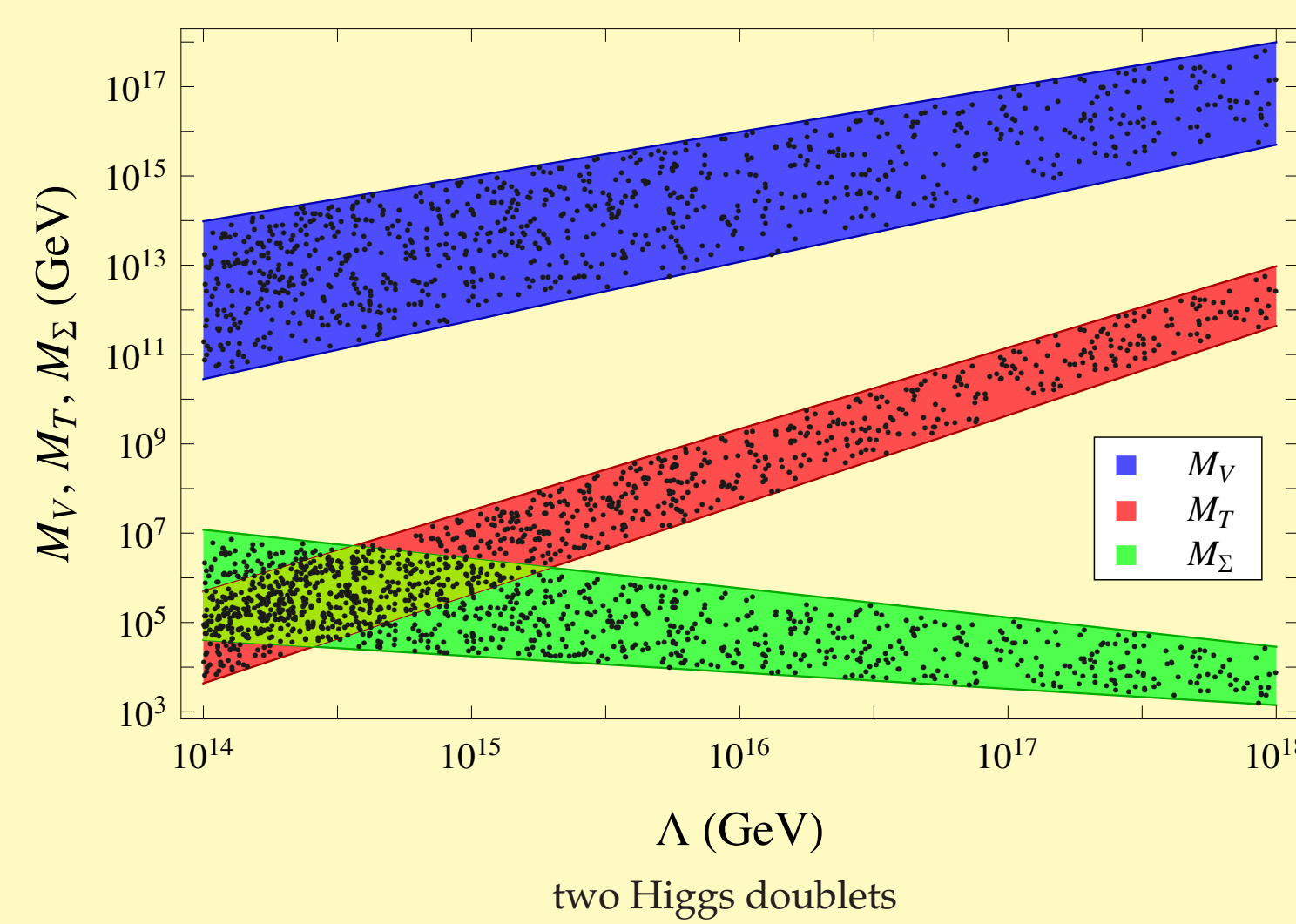
$$\langle \omega \rangle_k^k = \langle \Omega \rangle_{12}^{12} = \langle \Omega \rangle_{23}^{23} = \langle \Omega \rangle_{31}^{31} = \langle \Omega \rangle_{45}^{45} = \Lambda_{LR}, \langle \phi_{L,R} \rangle = (0, 0, 0, 0, v_{uL,R})^T, \langle \phi_{L,R}^c \rangle = (0, 0, 0, 0, v_{dL,R})^T, \text{ with } v_{L,R}^2 = v_{uL,R}^2 + v_{dL,R}^2$$

$$\mathcal{L}_m = (u \ U) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y_4 v_{uL} \\ Y_4 v_{uR} & -Y_2 \Lambda_{LR} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} u^c \\ U^c \end{pmatrix} + (d \ D) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y_3^T v_{dL} \\ Y_3 v_{dR} & -Y_1 \Lambda_{LR} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d^c \\ D^c \end{pmatrix} + (e \ E) \begin{pmatrix} 0 & Y_3 v_{dL} \\ Y_3^T v_{dR} & -Y_2 \Lambda_{LR} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} e^c \\ E^c \end{pmatrix}$$

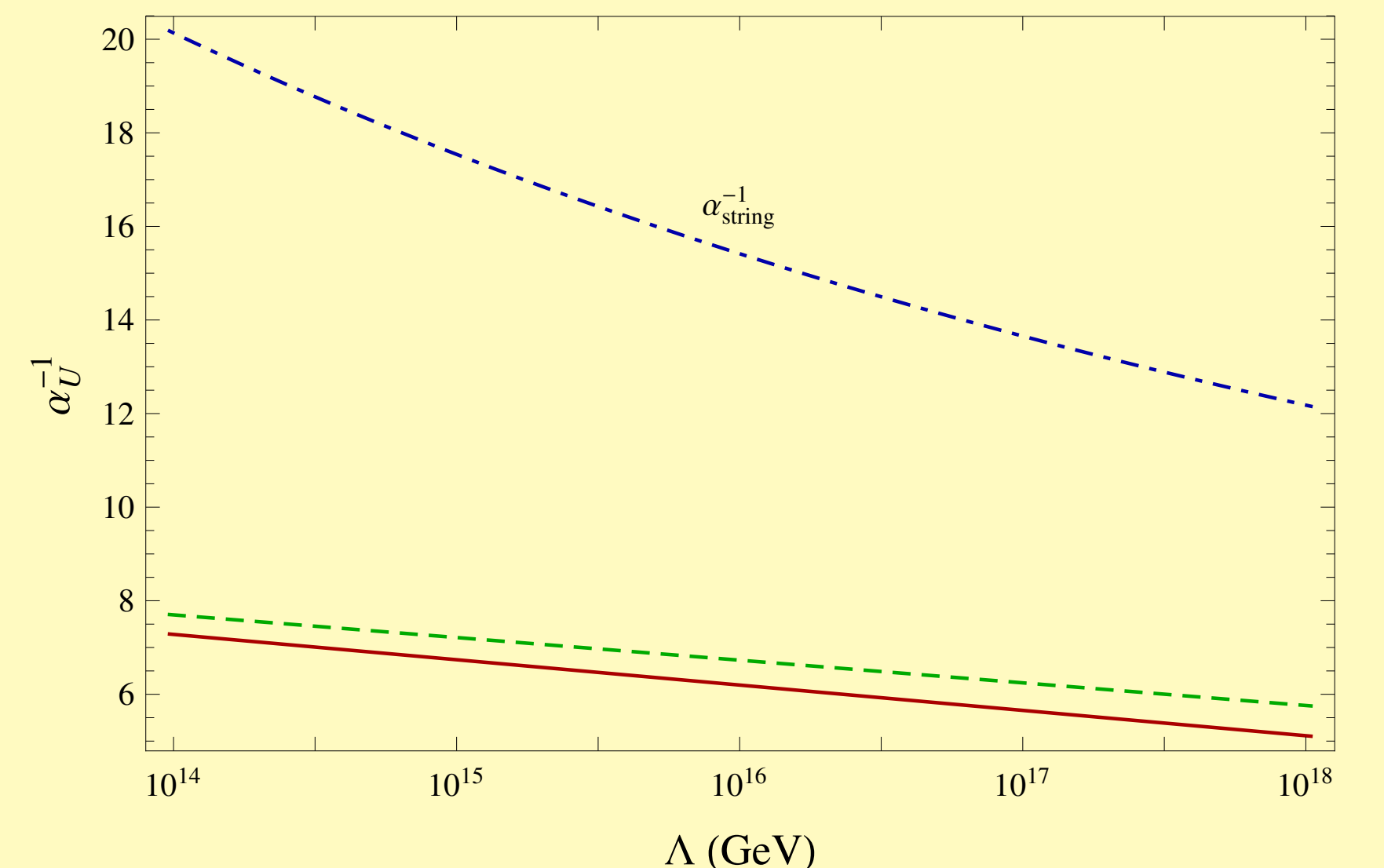
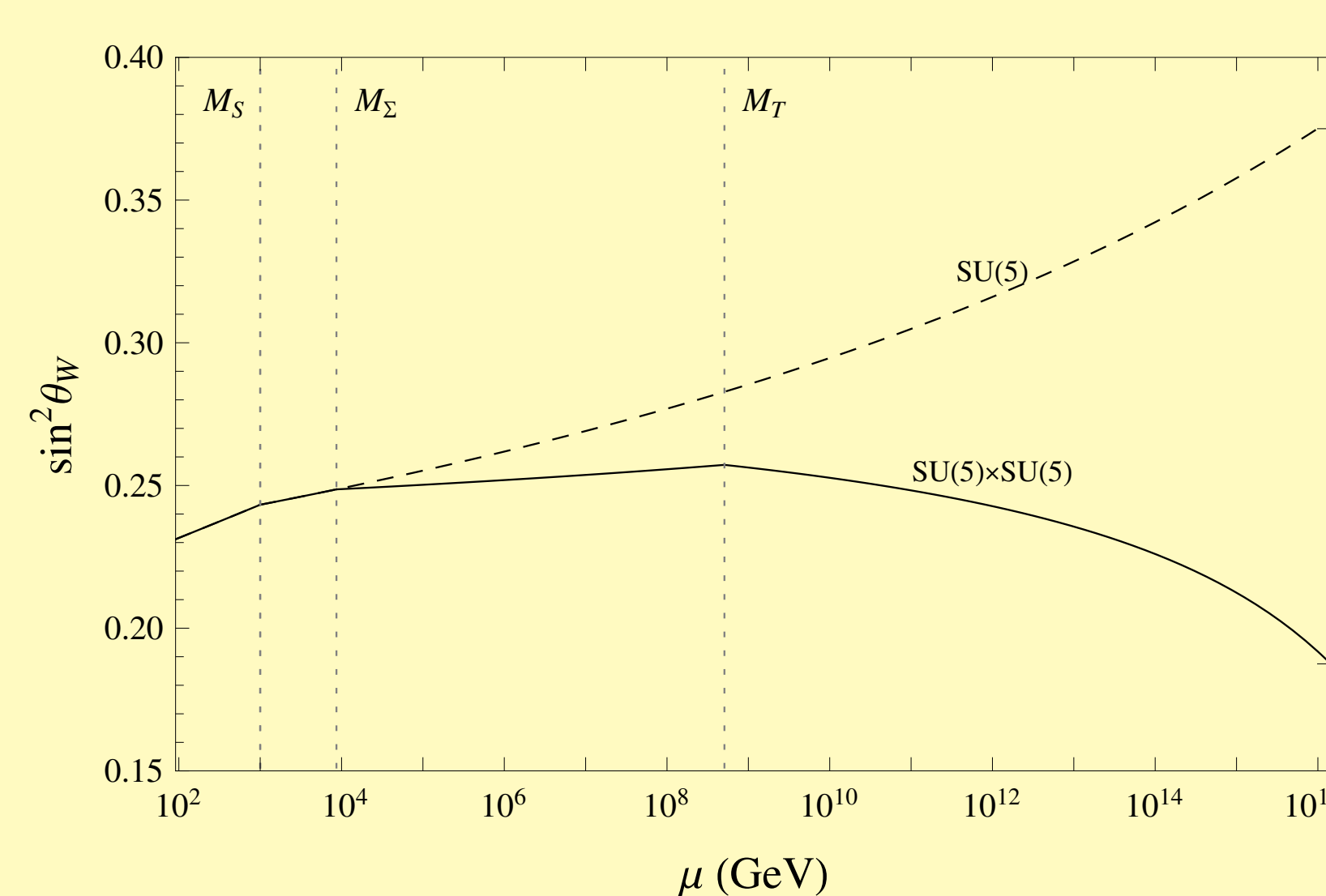
Results



$$\Lambda \simeq 2 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}, M_S = 1 \text{ TeV}, M_\Sigma = 10 \text{ TeV and } M_T = 10^9 \text{ GeV}$$



$$\sqrt{(\alpha_{1\Lambda}^{-1} - \alpha_{2\Lambda}^{-1})^2 + (\alpha_{1\Lambda}^{-1} - \alpha_{3\Lambda}^{-1})^2 + (\alpha_{2\Lambda}^{-1} - \alpha_{3\Lambda}^{-1})^2} \leq 0.1 \text{ at two loops}$$



sin² θ_W evolution and String Scale Unification