

WITT OVERGROUPS FOR UNIPOTENT ELEMENTS  
IN EXCEPTIONAL ALGEBRAIC GROUPS  
OF BAD CHARACTERISTIC

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**Abstract.** Let  $G$  be a simple exceptional algebraic group defined over an algebraically closed field of bad characteristic. The decompositions as a product of Witt groups of the connected component of the double centralizer  $Z(C_G(u))^\circ$  for unipotent elements  $u$  is given up to isogeny. For type  $G_2$ ,  $F_4$  and  $E_6$  minimal dimensional connected overgroups for unipotent elements are constructed in  $G$  whenever  $u \in C_G(u)^\circ$ .

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