Non-Supersymmetric Heterotic Model Building

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Overview

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Non-SUSY SO(16) \times SO(16)

- Motivation
- 10D formulation
- Orbifolds of SO(16)×SO(16)
- $\mathcal{N} = 0$ model building

Non-SUSY smooth compactifications

- CY threefolds
- (No) tachyons

Conclusion & outlook

• Conventional approach to systematic SUSY model-building Anderson,Blaszczyk,Bouchard,Braun,Buchmuller,Donagi,Gray,Groot Nibbelink,He,Kim,Lebedev,OL,Lukas,Nilles,Oehlmann,Ovrut,Ramos-Sánchez,Ratz,Rühle,Trapletti,Vaudrevange,Wingerter...

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 - begin with E₈×E₈ on SUSY preserving compactification e.g. orbifolds, CY, non-geometric constructions...
 - look for MSSM-like models
 - introduce SUSY to obtain SM-like model

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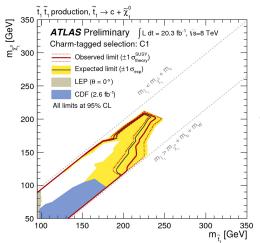


Figure : ATLAS analysis on experimental bounds for stop and neutralino masses, published 20 July 2013

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- Search for non-SUSY string models
- Previous studies
 - Free fermionic construction with non-SUSY B.C. Dienes'94,'06, Faraggi,Tsulaia'07
 - Non-SUSY orbifolds of heterotic theories Chamseddine, Derendinger, Quiros'88, Taylor'88, Toon'90, Sasada'95, Font, Hernandez'02
 - Non-SUSY orientifold of type II theories Sagnotti'95, Angelantonj'98 Blumenhagen, Font, Luest'99, Aldazabal, Ibanez, Quevedo'99
 - Non-SUSY RCFT's
 - Gato-Rivera, Schellekens'07

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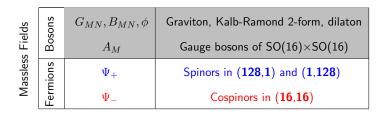
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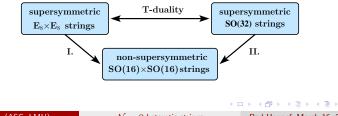
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| s Fields | osons | G_{MN}, B_{MN}, ϕ | Graviton, Kalb-Ramond 2-form, dilaton |
|----------|-----------------|------------------------|--|
| | Bos | A_M | Gauge bosons of $SO(16) \times SO(16)$ |
| Massless | ions | Ψ_+ | Spinors in (128,1) and (1,128) |
| | ⊥ Ler Ler | Ψ_{-} | Cospinors in (16 , 16) |

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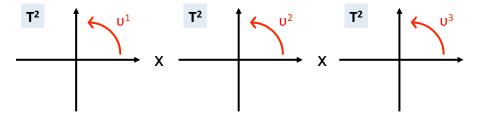
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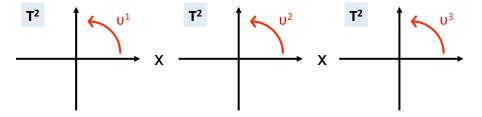
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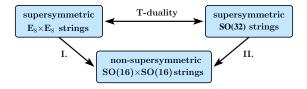


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• Shift on gauge 16-torus by $V: X_L^I \sim X_L^I + \pi V^I$

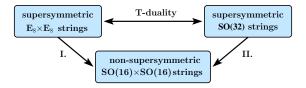
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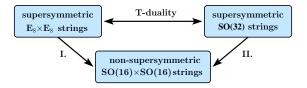
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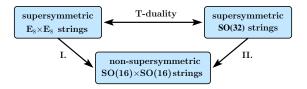
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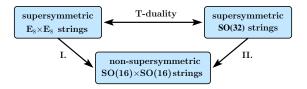
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- Choose SUSY-preserving singular geometries
 - well-studied, exploit previous techniques
 - abelian symmetric toroidal orbifolds fully classified Fischer, Ratz, Torrado, Vaudrevange'12
 - gain computational control

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Orbifolds of $SO(16) \times SO(16)$: Tachyons

• Tachyons from twisted right-movers

| Orbifold | Twist | Tachyons | Orbifold | Twist | Tachyons |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------|---|--|-----------|
| T^6/\mathbb{Z}_3 | $\frac{1}{3}(1,1,-2)$ | forbidden | $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ | $\frac{1}{2}(1,-1,0); \frac{1}{2}(0,1,-1)$ | forbidden |
| T^6/\mathbb{Z}_4 | $\frac{1}{4}(1,1,-2)$ | forbidden | $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ | $\frac{1}{2}(1,-1,0); \frac{1}{4}(0,1,-1)$ | possible |
| T^6/\mathbb{Z}_{6-1} | $\frac{1}{6}(1,1,-2)$ | possible | $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2 	imes \mathbb{Z}_{6-1}$ | $\frac{1}{2}(1,-1,0); \frac{1}{6}(1,1,-2)$ | possible |
| T^6/\mathbb{Z}_{6-H} | $\frac{1}{6}(1,2,-3)$ | possible | $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_2 	imes \mathbb{Z}_{6-H}$ | $\frac{1}{2}(1,-1,0); \frac{1}{6}(0,1,-1)$ | possible |
| T^6/\mathbb{Z}_7 | $\frac{1}{7}(1,2,-3)$ | possible | $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ | $\frac{1}{3}(1,-1,0); \frac{1}{3}(0,1,-1)$ | possible |
| T^6/\mathbb{Z}_{8-1} | $\frac{1}{8}(1,2,-3)$ | possible | $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$ | $\frac{1}{3}(1,-1,0); \frac{1}{6}(0,1,-1)$ | possible |
| T^6/\mathbb{Z}_{8-H} | $\frac{1}{8}(1,3,-4)$ | possible | $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ | $\frac{1}{4}(1,-1,0); \frac{1}{4}(0,1,-1)$ | possible |
| T^6/\mathbb{Z}_{12-I} | $\frac{1}{12}(1,4,-5)$ | possible | $T^6/\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$ | $\frac{1}{6}(1,-1,0); \frac{1}{6}(0,1,-1)$ | possible |
| T^6/\mathbb{Z}_{12-II} | $\frac{1}{12}(1,5,-6)$ | possible | | | |

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Orbifolds of $SO(16) \times SO(16)$: Tachyons

• Tachyons from twisted right-movers

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• When tachyons possible in a geometry, not all models tachyonic, some of the tachyons remain unlevel-matched or are killed by orbifold projection

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• An example of one-Higgs SM-like model with gauge group

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| Sector | Massless spectrum: chiral fermions / complex bosons |
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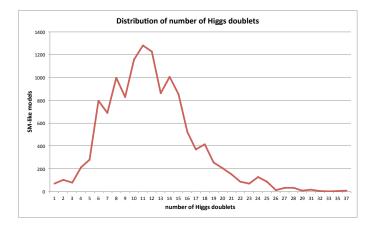
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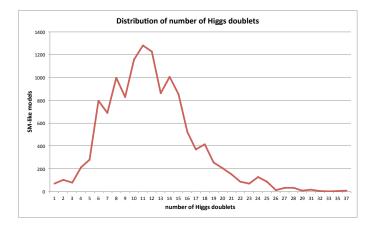
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| Lattices in the theory | | |
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| N=1, $E_8 \times E_8$ | N=0, SO(16)×SO(16) | |
| $V_4\otimesR_8\otimesR_8$ | ${f V}_4\otimes{f R}_8\otimes{f R}_8$ | |
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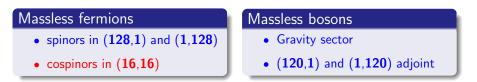
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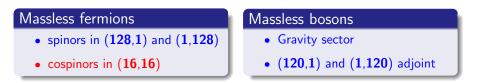


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| | Massless Fields | 10D Space-time interpretation |
|----------|------------------------|--|
| Bosons | G_{MN}, B_{MN}, ϕ | Graviton, Kalb-Ramond 2-form, dilaton |
| | A_M | Gauge bosons of $SO(16) \times SO(16)$ |
| Fermions | Ψ_+ | Spinors in (128,1) and (1,128) |
| | Ψ_{-} | Cospinors in (16 , 16) |

- Bosons and Spinors come from untwisted sector of \mathbb{Z}_2^{SUSY}
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 - perform 10D orbifold-like construction to break SUSY
 - \Rightarrow SUSY broken already at tree level

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- $\bullet\,$ Cosmological constant Λ and destabilizing dilaton tadpole
 - \blacktriangleright in general value of Λ finite but not \sim zero
 - \blacktriangleright contributions to Λ of tachyons and tower of massive states

- Why SUSY?
 - hierarchy problem, Higgs mass
 - unification of gauge couplings
 - dark matter candidate
 - compelling extension of Poincaré group
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- Results from a first approach scan

| Orbifold | | Inequivalent | Tachyon-free | SM-like tachyon-free models | | |
|----------|---------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| twist | #(geom) | scanned models | percentage | total | one-Higgs | two-Higgs |
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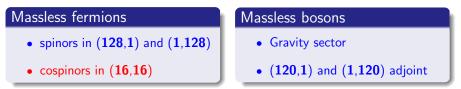
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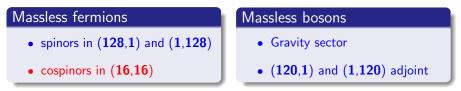
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|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Gauge group G | chiral fermions / complex bosons | | |
| $\frac{1}{3}(0,2^3,0^4)(0^8)$ | $3(3,1;16)_2 + 3(\overline{3},\overline{16};1)_1 + 27(1,\overline{16};1)_{-3}$ | | |
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where Z^a would-be chiral extension to massless complex scalars

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