

R-charge Conservation and More in Factorizable and Non-Factorizable Orbifolds

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Introduction & Motivation

- ▶ Heterotic orbifolds provide fertile framework for realistic string **model building**

Blaszczyk, Buchmüller, Groot Nibbelink, Hamaguchi, Kim, Kobayashi, Kyae, Lebedev, Nilles, Quevedo, Raby, Ramos-Sánchez, Ratz, Rühle, Trapletti, Vaudrevange, Wingerter, ...

- ▶ Need to know couplings to understand **dynamics** of LEEFT
- ▶ Worldsheet CFT of orbifold compactifications is **free**
- ▶ **Selection rules** determine which couplings are forced to vanish
- ▶ **R-Symmetries**
 - ▶ solve numerous **problems** of supersymmetric SM extensions
e.g. Chen, Fallbacher, Ratz, Vaudrevange
 - ▶ expected to originate from **geometric symmetries** in the UV

Outline

- ▶ Heterotic orbifolds & symmetries
- ▶ R-charge conservation from correlation functions
- ▶ Conclusions

Heterotic orbifolds & symmetries

- ▶ Toroidal heterotic $P = \mathbb{Z}_N$ orbifold compactification:

$$M_{10} = M_{3,1} \times \frac{T^6}{\mathbb{Z}^N} = M_{3,1} \times \frac{\mathbb{C}^3}{\mathbb{Z}_N \ltimes \Gamma_6} = M_{3,1} \times \frac{\mathbb{C}^3}{S}$$

$\Gamma_6 = \Gamma_2 \times \Gamma'_2 \times \Gamma''_2$ and $\mathbb{Z}^N \ni \theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3) \leftrightarrow$ orbifold is **factorizable**

- ▶ Orbifold boundary conditions:

$$Z^j(\sigma + \pi, \tau) = (\theta^k Z)^j(\sigma, \tau) + \lambda^j \quad (\theta^k, \lambda) \in S \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

- ▶ Action of P is not free \rightarrow twisted strings located at **fixed points**:

$$\theta^k z_f = z_f + \lambda,$$

which fall in **conjugacy classes**: $z_f \sim z'_f \Leftrightarrow z'_f = h z_f$.

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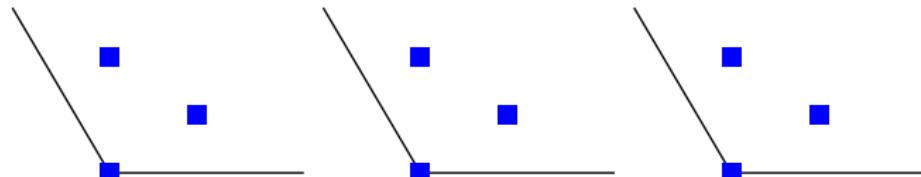
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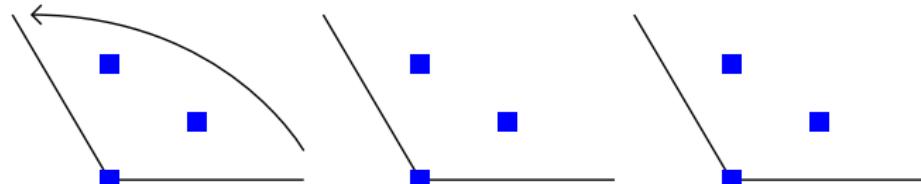
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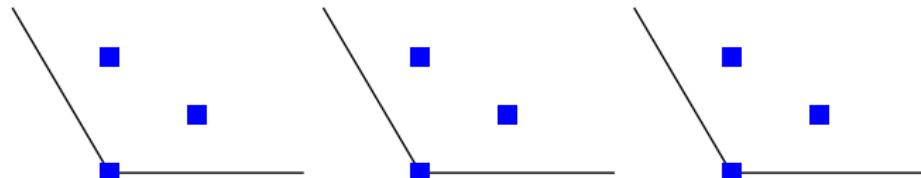
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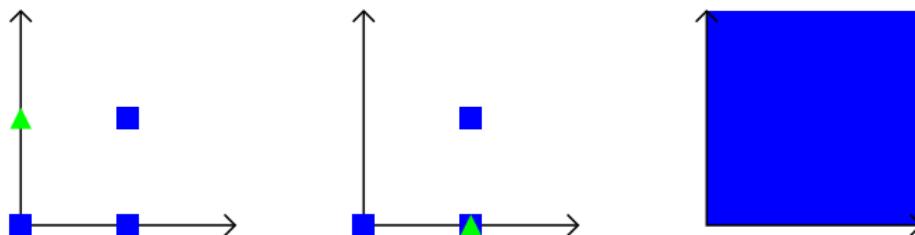
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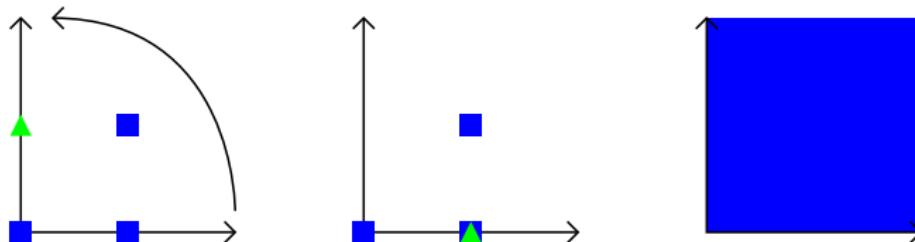
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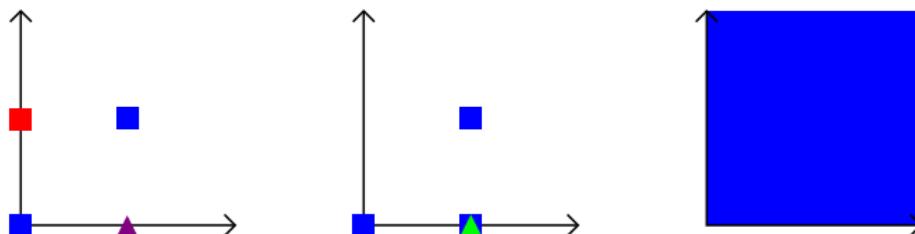
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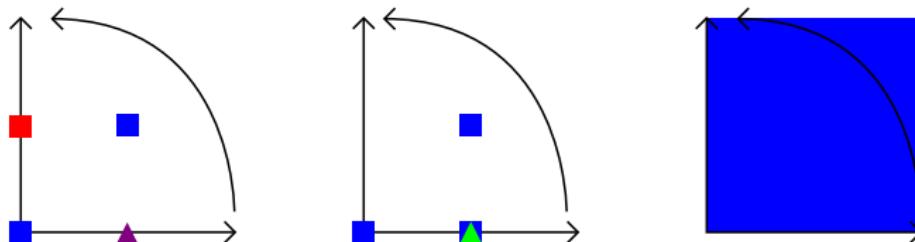
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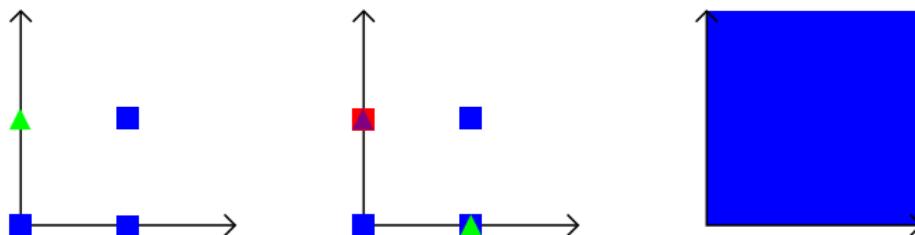
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\mathbb{Z}_7	$SU(7)$	$\frac{1}{7}(1, 2, -3)$	θ
\mathbb{Z}_{8-I}	$SO(5) \times SO(9)$	$\frac{1}{8}(2, 1, -3)$	$\theta, (\theta_1)^2$
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\mathbb{Z}_{12-I}	$SU(3) \times F_4$	$\frac{1}{12}(4, 1, -5)$	θ, θ_1
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Lauer, Mas, Nilles '91; Erler, Jungnickel, Lauer, Mas '92

cf. $|\psi\rangle = |f\rangle + e^{-2\pi i \gamma} |\theta f\rangle + \dots + e^{-2\pi i(l-1)\gamma} |\theta^{l-1} f\rangle$
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- ▶ Rule 5: Depending on $\{k_\alpha\}$
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 - ▶ only holomorphic instantons: $N_L^i \geq \bar{N}_L^i$
 - ▶ no instantons: $N_L^i = \bar{N}_L^i$

Kobayashi, Parameswaran, Ramos-Sánchez, Zavala '11

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Consider **example:** T^2/\mathbb{Z}_6 on G_2 lattice:

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- ▶ **θ^2 sector fixed points:** $z_f = 0$, $e_2/2$, $2e_2/3$
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- ▶ **overall factor**

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{F} \sim & e^{-2\pi i \gamma_3} \left((1)^{\mathcal{N}_L - \bar{\mathcal{N}}_L} + (\theta^2)^{\mathcal{N}_L - \bar{\mathcal{N}}_L} + (\theta^4)^{\mathcal{N}_L - \bar{\mathcal{N}}_L} \right) \\ & + e^{-2\pi i \gamma_2} \left((\theta)^{\mathcal{N}_L - \bar{\mathcal{N}}_L} + (\theta^3)^{\mathcal{N}_L - \bar{\mathcal{N}}_L} + (\theta^5)^{\mathcal{N}_L - \bar{\mathcal{N}}_L} \right)\end{aligned}$$

- ▶ Selection rule:

$$\boxed{\sum_{\alpha=1}^3 \mathcal{N}_{L\alpha} - \bar{\mathcal{N}}_{L\alpha} = 0 \pmod{3}}$$