

Hidden photons in heterotic orbifolds

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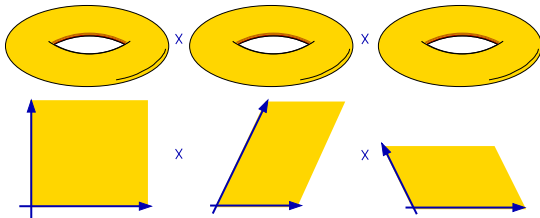
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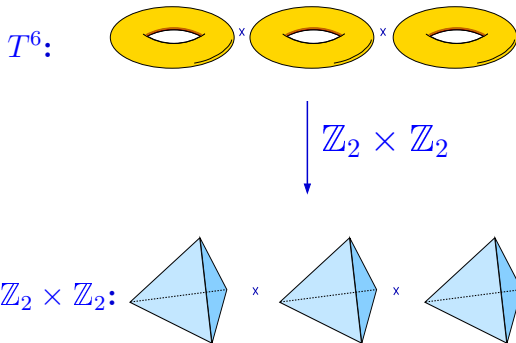
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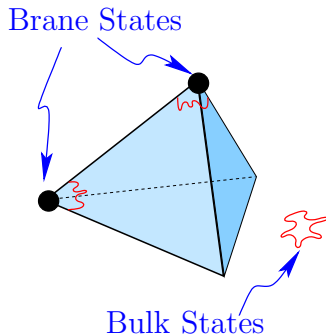


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6D $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ orbifold

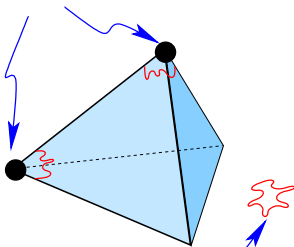


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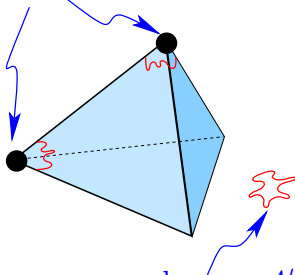
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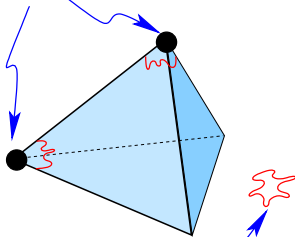
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(several) U(1) charge operators: $Q_a = t_a^I H_I$

H_I : Cartan generators of $E_8 \times E_8$ t_a : U(1) “generators”

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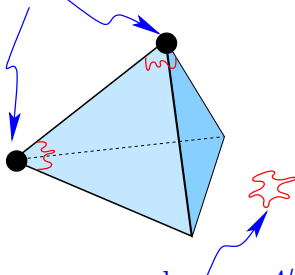


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$$E_8 \times E_8 \xrightarrow{V, W_\alpha} \mathcal{G}_{4D} \quad t_a \cdot V = t_a \cdot W_\alpha = 0 \pmod{1}$$

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Modular symmetries: $SL(2, \mathbb{Z})^{3+n} \xrightarrow{W_\alpha} \text{discrete } \mathcal{G}_{mod}$

Love, Todd (1996)

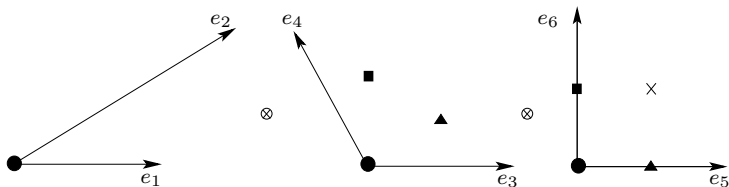
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Our program:

- look for models with $\mathcal{G}_{4D} = \mathcal{G}_{SM} \times \mathcal{G}'$
- 3 SM families + Higgses
- vectorlike exotics
- identify promising vacua where
 - exotics get large masses, and
 - $\mathcal{G}' \rightarrow \mathcal{G}_{hidden}$
- does any $U(1)_{hidden} \subset \mathcal{G}_{hidden}$ survive?
- study phenomenology of hidden sector: kinetic mixing
- (assume moduli stabilization and decoupling of exotics @ M_d)

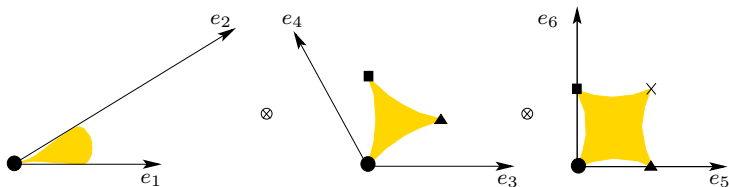
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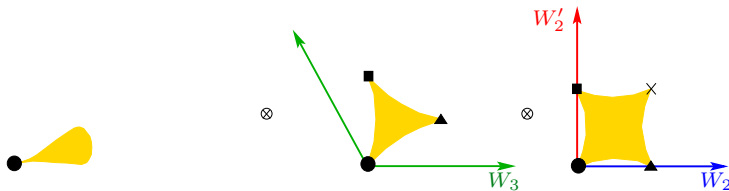
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3 possible Wilson lines (WL): W_3 order 3, W_2 & W_2' order 2



267 **MSSM** candidates:

- supergravity multiplet
 - $\mathcal{G}_{4D} = \mathcal{G}_{SM} \times \mathcal{G}_{hid}$
 - 3 SM families + Higgses
 - vectorlike exotics
 - Y *correctly* normalized
 - heavy top
 - TeV gravitino mass
 - seesaw
 - R -parity, flavor symmetries
 - vacua with(out) $U(1)_X$
- } demanded
- } for free !! ☺

Lebedev, Nilles, Raby, SR-S, Ratz, Vaudrevange, Wingerter (2006-2008)

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In SUSY theories

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{canonical}} \supset \int d^2\theta \left\{ \frac{1}{4} W_a W_a + \frac{1}{4} W_b W_b - \frac{1}{2} \chi_{ab} W_a W_b \right\}$$

with

$$\frac{\chi_{ab}}{g_a g_b} = \frac{b_{ab}}{16\pi^2} \log \frac{M_S^2}{\mu^2} + \Delta_{ab}$$

$$\text{hidden U(1)} \rightarrow b_{ab} = 0$$

1-loop threshold corrections $\Rightarrow$ computable in heterotic orbifolds

Dixon, Kaplunovsky, Louis (1990)

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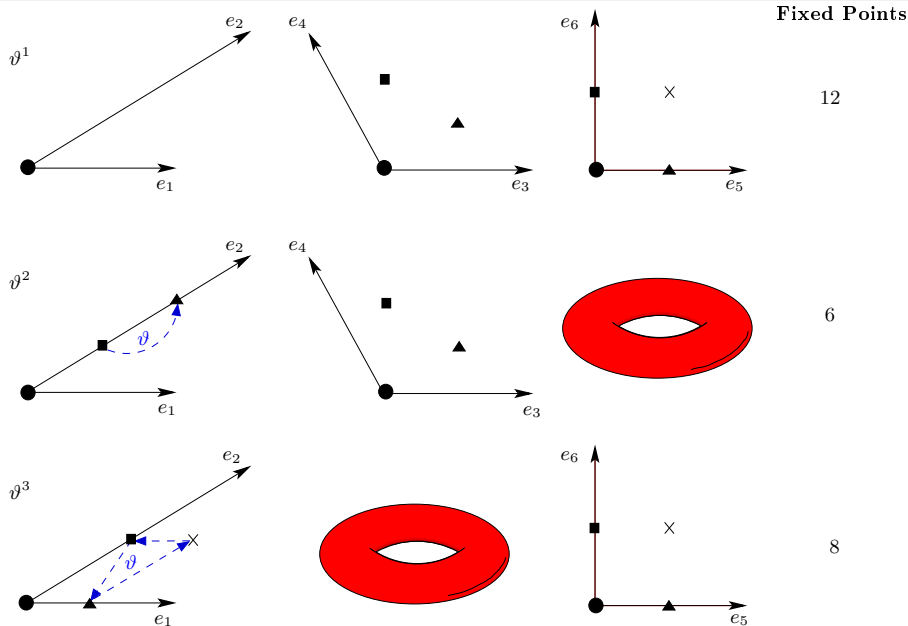
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$$\Delta_{ab} = \sum_i \frac{b_{ab}^i |G^i|}{16\pi^2 |G|} \left[\log \left(|\eta(p_i T_i)|^4 \text{Im}(T_i) \right) + \log \left(|\eta(q_i U_i)|^4 \text{Im}(U_i) \right) \right]$$

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if the $\mathcal{N} = 1$ U(1) generators are

$$t_a = \sum_{i=1}^r m_a^{b',i} \hat{\alpha}_i^{b'} + \sum_{b'=r+1}^{16} n_a^{b'} t_{b'}, \quad m_a^{b',i}, n_a^{b'} \in \mathbb{R}$$

and
$$\left(b_{\text{U}(1)}^{\mathcal{N}=2} \right)_{a'b'} = \frac{1}{2} \left(-2 \text{tr}_{V, \mathcal{N}=2} (Q_{a'} Q_{b'}) + \text{tr}_{H, \mathcal{N}=2} (Q_{a'} Q_{b'}) \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow b_{ab}^i = \left(m_a^{b'} C^{b'} m_b^{b'} \right) b_{b'}^{\mathcal{N}=2} + 2 \left(n_a b_{\text{U}(1)}^{\mathcal{N}=2} n_b \right)$$

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$|G|$: order of the $\mathcal{N} = 1$ twist

$|G^i|$: order of the $\mathcal{N} = 2$ twist in the i -th plane

p_i, q_i : coefs. of the modular-transformations in the i -th plane

Kinetic mixing in the Minilandscape

In $\mathbb{Z}_6$ -II heterotic orbifolds:

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Most of the $U(1)$ s **acquire** masses close to M_S

4% of the models have $b_{ab} = 0$ and

$$10^{-4} \lesssim \Delta_{YX} \lesssim 10^{-2}$$

assuming moduli T_2, T_3, U_3 stabilized ~ 1

Contrary to previous results

Dienes, Kolda, March-Russell (1997)

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$\mathbb{Z}_6$ -II Gauge embedding

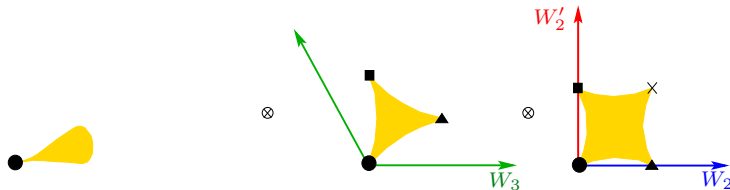
$$V = \frac{1}{6}(-2, -3, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)$$

$$\mathcal{W}_2 = \frac{1}{4}(0, 2, 6, -10, -2, 0, 0, 0)(5, -1, -5, -5, -5, -5, -5, 5)$$

$$\mathcal{W}_3 = \frac{1}{6}(-1, 3, 7, -5, 1, 1, 1, 1)(5, 1, -5, -5, -5, -3, -3, 3)$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{4D} = \mathrm{SU}(3)_C \times \mathrm{SU}(2)_L \times \mathrm{U}(1)_Y \times [\mathrm{SU}(8) \times \mathrm{U}(1)_X \times \mathrm{U}(1)_{\mathrm{anom}} \times \mathrm{U}(1)^3]$$

$$\mathcal{G}_{\mathrm{mod}} = \mathrm{SL}(2, \mathbb{Z}) \times \Gamma_1(3)_{T_2} \times \Gamma_1(2)_{T_3} \times \Gamma^1(2)_{U_3}$$



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$\langle n \rangle \sim \mathcal{O}(M_{\text{Pl}}) + \text{string couplings}$



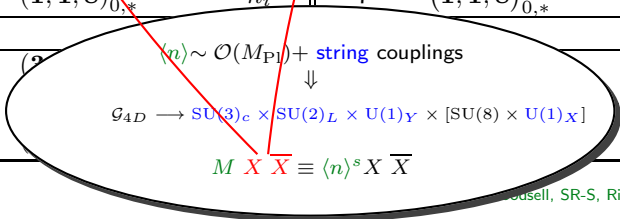
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7	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}; \mathbf{8})_{0,*}$	h_i	7	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}; \bar{\mathbf{8}})_{0,*}$	$\bar{h}_i$
8	$(\mathbf{2}, \mathbf{1}; \mathbf{1})_{1/2,0}$				$\bar{w}_i$
8					$s_i^{-\pm}$
4					m_i^-



Busse, SR-S, Ringwald (2011)

Kinetic mixing in a realistic model

$\mathbb{Z}_2 \mathcal{N} = 2$ theory: $SU(4) \times SU(3) \times U(1)^3 \times [SU(8) \times U(1)]$

$U(1)$ generators:

$$t_{13'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}(-1, 5, -1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1)(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),$$

$$t_{14'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}(-1, 0, 4, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1)(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),$$

$$t_{15'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0)(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),$$

$$t_{16'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{32}}(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)(1, -1, -1, -1, -1, 3, 3, -3).$$

Matter spectrum:

#	Irrep	$U(1)$ charges	#	Irrep	$U(1)$ charges
2	(1, 3, 1)	$(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0)$	8	(1, 3, 1)	$(\sqrt{\frac{2}{15}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0)$
2	(6, 1, 1)	$(-\sqrt{\frac{3}{10}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0)$	8	(1, 1, 8)	$(0, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{8}})$
8	(4, 1, 1)	$(\sqrt{\frac{3}{10}}, \frac{3}{\sqrt{20}}, 0, 0)$			

Kinetic mixing in a realistic model

β function coefficients

$$b_{\text{SU}(4)}^{\mathcal{N}=2} = b_{\text{SU}(3)}^{\mathcal{N}=2} = 4, \quad b_{\text{SU}(8)}^{\mathcal{N}=2} = -8$$

$$b_{\text{U}(1)}^{\mathcal{N}=2} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{83}{10} & \frac{12}{5}\sqrt{6} & \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} & 0 \\ \frac{12}{5}\sqrt{6} & \frac{66}{5} & 6\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} & 0 \\ \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{\frac{3}{5}} & 6\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}} & \frac{53}{2} & -8 \\ 0 & 0 & -8 & 4 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Overlap of the hypercharge and $\text{U}(1)_X$

$$n_Y = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{20}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 0 \right), \quad m_Y^{\text{SU}(4)} = \left(\frac{1}{12}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{4} \right),$$

$$m_Y^{\text{SU}(3)} = \left(-\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{3} \right), \quad m_Y^{\text{SU}(8)} = 0$$

$$n_X = (0, 0, 0, 1), \quad m_X^{b'} = 0 \text{ for all } b'$$

$$\implies b_{YX}^2 = 8\sqrt{2}$$

Kinetic mixing in a realistic model

$\mathbb{Z}_3 \mathcal{N} = 2$ theory: $SU(4) \times SU(2)_a \times SU(2)_b \times U(1)^3 \times [SU(8) \times U(1)]$

$U(1)$ generators

$$t_{13'} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt{11}}(11, -5, 5, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),$$

$$t_{14'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{66}}(0, 6, 5, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),$$

$$t_{15'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{32}}(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0)(1, -1, -1, -1, -1, 3, 3, -3).$$

$$t_{16'} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(0, 0, -1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1)(0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0),$$

Matter spectrum:

#	Irrep	$U(1)$ charges	#	Irrep	$U(1)$ charges
1	(6, 1, 1, 1)	$(\frac{3}{\sqrt{11}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{66}}, 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}})$	3	(1, 1, 1, $\bar{8}$)	$(0, 0, -\frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}})$
1	(1, 2, 2, 1)	$(\frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}, \sqrt{\frac{8}{33}}, 0, \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}})$	3	(1, 1, 1, $\bar{8}$)	$(\frac{2}{\sqrt{11}}, -\sqrt{\frac{3}{22}}, -\frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}})$
3	(6, 1, 1, 1)	$(\frac{1}{3\sqrt{11}}, -\frac{7}{3\sqrt{66}}, 0, \frac{5}{3\sqrt{6}})$	6	(1, 1, 1, 1)	$(-\frac{8}{3\sqrt{11}}, -\frac{5}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{33}}, 0, \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}})$
3	(4, 2, 1, 1)	$(-\frac{7}{6\sqrt{11}}, \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{33}}, 0, \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}})$	3	(1, 1, 1, 1)	$(-\frac{8}{3\sqrt{11}}, \frac{23}{3\sqrt{66}}, 0, -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}})$
3	(4, 1, 2, 1)	$(-\frac{1}{6\sqrt{11}}, -\frac{13}{3\sqrt{66}}, 0, -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{6}})$	3	(1, 1, 1, 1)	$(-\frac{2}{3\sqrt{11}}, -\frac{19}{3\sqrt{66}}, 0, -\frac{7}{3\sqrt{6}})$
3	(1, 2, 2, 1)	$(-\frac{5}{3\sqrt{11}}, \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{33}}, 0, -\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}})$	3	(1, 1, 1, 1)	$(-\frac{4}{3\sqrt{11}}, -\frac{5}{3\sqrt{66}}, -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}, -\frac{5}{3\sqrt{6}})$
3	(1, 1, 1, 8)	$(\frac{2}{3\sqrt{11}}, -\frac{7}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{33}}, \frac{1}{6\sqrt{2}}, \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}})$	3	(1, 1, 1, 1)	$(-\frac{2}{\sqrt{11}}, \sqrt{\frac{3}{22}}, \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}})$
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Kinetic mixing in a realistic model

β function coefficients

$$b_{\text{SU}(4)}^{\mathcal{N}=2} = 12, \quad b_{\text{SU}(2)_a}^{\mathcal{N}=2} = b_{\text{SU}(2)_b}^{\mathcal{N}=2} = 16, \quad b_{\text{SU}(8)}^{\mathcal{N}=2} = -4$$

$$b_{\text{U}(1)}^{\mathcal{N}=2} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{490}{33} & -\frac{131}{33}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & -\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{11}} & \frac{13}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{33}} \\ -\frac{131}{33}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} & \frac{2171}{99} & \frac{28}{3\sqrt{33}} & -\frac{25}{9\sqrt{11}} \\ -\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{11}} & \frac{28}{3\sqrt{33}} & \frac{10}{3} & \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{13}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{33}} & -\frac{25}{9\sqrt{11}} & \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}} & \frac{227}{9} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Overlap of the hypercharge and $\text{U}(1)_X$

$$\begin{aligned} m_Y^{\text{SU}(4)} &= \left(\frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}\right), & m_Y^{\text{SU}(2)_b} &= -\frac{1}{2}, \\ n_Y &= 0, & m_Y^{b'} &= 0 \text{ for other } b', \\ n_X &= (0, 0, 1, 0), & m_X^{b'} &= 0 \text{ for all } b' \end{aligned}$$

$$\implies b_{YX}^3 = 0$$

Kinetic mixing in a realistic model

In our model $b_{YX} = 0$ and

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useful for phenomenology ??

Phenomenology of Hidden Photons

TOY Dark force scenario

If $\langle n_i \rangle \sim \mathcal{O}(0.1)$, then

$$W_{pert} = \frac{10^{-5}}{M_S} (\xi^+ \xi^-) (h \bar{h}) + 10^{-8} M_S (h \bar{h})$$

Via $\text{SU}(8)$ strong interactions, SUSY breaking with $m_{3/2} \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$ and $M_S = z\Lambda$

$$W_{np} = 7 \left(\frac{\Lambda^{23}}{\langle h \bar{h} \rangle} \right)^{1/7}$$

Since $\langle h \bar{h} \rangle = \Lambda^2 (10^{-8} z)^{-7/8}$, dark matter mass

$$W \supset 10^2 M_S z^{-23/8} \xi^+ \xi^-$$

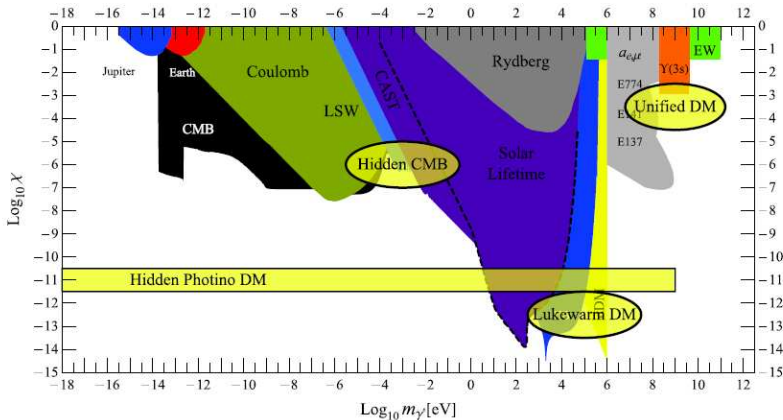
yielding $m_\xi \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$ for $z \sim 10^7$ ☺

Further, $m_{\gamma'} \sim 10 m_\xi \sim 100 \text{ GeV}$ ☺

Morrissey, Poland, Zurek (2009)

To be seen at LHC?

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -\frac{1}{4}F^{\mu\nu}F_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{4}B^{\mu\nu}B_{\mu\nu} - \frac{1}{2}\chi F^{\mu\nu}B_{\mu\nu} + \frac{1}{2}m_{\gamma'}^2 B^\mu B_\mu$$



Goodsell, Jaeckel, Redondo, Ringwald (2009)

- In semi-realistic heterotic orbifolds, vacua with $U(1)_{hidden}$
- Found a method to compute kinetic mixing in heterotic orbifolds ✓
- Mixing between $U(1)_{hidden}$ and Y possible:

$$10^{-4} \lesssim \Delta_{XY} \lesssim 10^{-2} \quad \checkmark$$

- Possible to obtain promising dark matter candidates – observable? ✓