

# Quasi-Realistic Heterotic String Vacua

## Left Right Symmetric Model

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# Introduction

- The motivation of this project is to create quasi-realistic string vacua
- This project uses the free fermionic construction of heterotic superstring theory
- The basis vectors chosen produce a Left Right symmetric model
- Therefore the visible gauge group at the string scale is  $SU(3) \times U(1) \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R$

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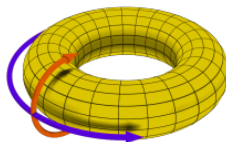
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- The string worldsheet can be mapped to a genus  $g$  Riemann surface
- We are interested in the partition function which is the integrand of the vacuum to vacuum amplitude
- Therefore we are considering a  $g = 1$  Riemann surface *i.e* a torus

# Free Fermionic Construction

When the fermions are propagated around the two incontractible loops they pick up a phase

$$f \rightarrow -e^{i\pi\alpha(f)} f \quad \text{where } \alpha(f) \in (-1, 1]$$



Assigning different boundary conditions to each of the fermions around these loops results in different models

# Free Fermionic Construction

The states on the worldsheet are

	Label	Description
Left-moving	$X^\mu$	Bosonic coordinates with spacetime index, $\mu = 0, \dots, 3$
	$\psi^\mu$	Majorana-Weyl superpartners of the bosonic coordinates with spacetime index
	$\chi^{1,\dots,6}$	Majorana-Weyl superpartners to the six compactified dimensions
	$y^{1,\dots,6}, w^{1,\dots,6}$	Majorana-Weyl fermions that correspond to the bosons describing the six compactified dimensions in the bosonic formulation
Right-moving	$\bar{X}^\mu$	Bosonic coordinates with spacetime index
	$\bar{y}^{1,\dots,6}, \bar{w}^{1,\dots,6}$	Majorana-Weyl fermions that correspond to the bosons describing the six compactified dimensions in the orbifold formulation
	$\bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}, \bar{\eta}^{1,2,3}$	Complex fermions that describe the visible gauge sector
	$\bar{\phi}^{1,\dots,8}$	Complex fermions that describe the hidden gauge sector

There are 18 free fermions in the left moving supersymmetric sector and 44 free fermions in the right moving sector

# ABK Rules

A model is defined by specifying two ingredients

- A set of boundary condition basis vectors
- The one loop phases  $C \begin{pmatrix} b_i \\ b_j \end{pmatrix}$  for all pairs of the basis vectors

# ABK Rules

- The basis vectors and one loop coefficients must satisfy the ABK rules
- These are derived from modular invariance conditions

# Spacetime Spin Statistics Index

The Spacetime Spin Statistics Index is

$$\delta_{b_i} = e^{i\pi b_i(\psi^\mu)} = \begin{cases} -1 & b_i(\psi^\mu) = 1 \\ +1 & b_i(\psi^\mu) = 0 \end{cases}$$

- If the basis vector specifies  $\psi^\mu$  is periodic then  $\delta_{b_i} = -1$
- If the basis vector specifies  $\psi^\mu$  is anti-periodic then  $\delta_{b_i} = 0$

# GSO Projections

- The equation for the GSO projection is

$$e^{i\pi b_i \cdot F_\alpha} |s\rangle_\alpha = \delta_\alpha C \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ b_i \end{pmatrix}^* |s\rangle_\alpha$$

- This selects the states that are either kept in or projected out of the spectrum
- If the equation is satisfied by a state then it is kept, else it is projected out.

# Current Project

The current project has the basis vectors

$$\mathbb{1} = \{\psi_{1,2}^\mu, \chi^{12}, \chi^{34}, \chi^{56}, y^{12}, y^{34}, y^{56}, w^{12}, w^{34}, w^{56} \mid \bar{y}^{12}, \bar{y}^{34}, \bar{y}^{56}, \bar{w}^{12}, \bar{w}^{34}, \bar{w}^{56}, \bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}, \bar{\eta}^{1,2,3}, \bar{\phi}^{1,\dots,8}\}$$

$$S = \{\psi_{1,2}^\mu, \chi^{12}, \chi^{34}, \chi^{56}\}$$

$$e_i = \{y^i, w^i \mid \bar{y}^i, \bar{w}^i\}$$

$$b_1 = \{\chi^{34}, \chi^{56}, y^{34}, y^{56} \mid \bar{y}^{34}, \bar{y}^{56}, \bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}, \bar{\eta}^1\}$$

$$b_2 = \{\chi^{12}, \chi^{34}, y^{12}, y^{56} \mid \bar{y}^{12}, \bar{y}^{56}, \bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}, \bar{\eta}^2\}$$

$$z_1 = \{\bar{\phi}^{1,\dots,4}\}$$

$$z_2 = \{\bar{\phi}^{5,\dots,8}\}$$

$$z_3 = \{\bar{\phi}^{1,2}, \bar{\phi}^{7,8}\}$$

$$\alpha = \{\bar{\psi}^{1,2,3} = \frac{1}{2}, \bar{\eta}^{1,2,3} = \frac{1}{2}, \bar{\phi}^{1,2} = \frac{1}{2}\}$$



# Matter Spectrum $B_{pqrs}$

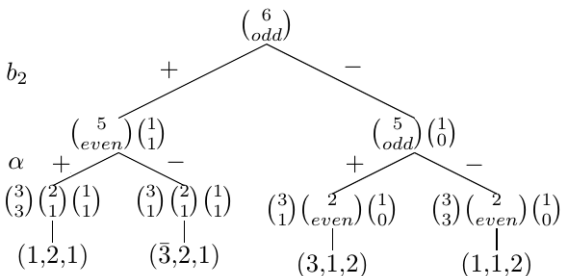
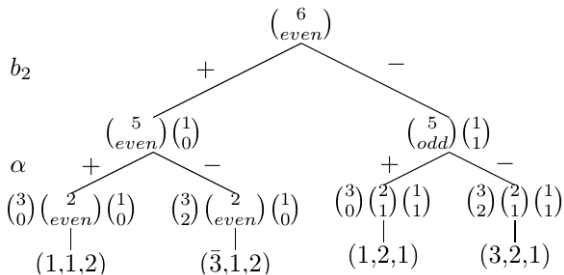
- The observable matter spectrum can be calculated by performing the GSO projections on  $B_{pqrs}$  which is a linear combination of basis vectors
- For example

$$\begin{aligned} B_{pqrs}^{(1)} &= S + b_1 + pe_3 + qe_4 + re_5 + se_6 \\ &= \{\psi^\mu, \chi^{1,2}, (1-p)y^3\bar{y}^3, pw^3\bar{w}^3, (1-q)y^4\bar{y}^4, qw^4\bar{w}^4, \\ &\quad (1-r)y^5\bar{y}^5, rw^5\bar{w}^5, (1-s)y^6\bar{y}^6, sw^6\bar{w}^6, \bar{\eta}^1, \bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}\} \end{aligned}$$

# Matter Spectrum $B_{pqrs}^{(1)}$

- Under the GSO projection of the basis vector  $b_1$  the fermions  $\{\bar{\eta}^1, \bar{\psi}^1, \dots, \bar{\psi}^5\}$  are isolated
- Under  $b_2$  this splits to give  $\{\bar{\eta}^1\}, \{\bar{\psi}^1, \dots, \bar{\psi}^5\}$
- Performing the  $\alpha$  GSO projection splits this into the Left Right Symmetric model

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- The program can also check for vacua criteria such as light or heavy Higgs, exotic matter states *etc.*

# Conclusions

- The choice of basis vectors generates string models which are left right symmetric
- The program currently does give models with  $\mathcal{N} = 1$  supersymmetry and 3 chiral generations of matter
- Further work to be completed is to fully complete the section of the program which tests the matter spectrum
- The program must also be extended to correctly test for light and heavy Higgs particles, exotic states and gauge group enhancements



# Conclusions

Thank you for listening

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