

*Quasi-realistic heterotic-string models with  
vanishing one-loop cosmological constant and  
perturbatively broken supersymmetry?*

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# *Outline*

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- Supersymmetry breaking in string theory and in quantum field theory
- Free fermionic heterotic string models with minimal Higgs spectrum
- Flat directions
  - F and D-flat constraints
  - stringent and general f-flatness
  - basis of flat directions
- Conclusions

**QFT:** Supersymmetry preserved at the classical level  $\longrightarrow$   
no supersymmetry breaking in perturbation theory  
(supersymmetry breaking only by non perturbative effects)

**String Theory (Free-Fermionic Models):**

The presence of  $U(1)_A$  gives rise to a FY D-term



breaking of Susy at one-loop level



Susy restored by imposing F and D-flatness on the vacuum

Can susy be broken at perturbative level ?

# *Models with minimal Higgs spectrum*

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- Asymmetric boundary conditions on the compact space coordinates reduce the Higgs spectrum to a pair of untwisted doublets (hep-th/0504016) .
- A consequence is the projection of untwisted singlet fields (hep-th/0610118) .



If flat directions are not found  
supersymmetric moduli are fixed!!!

## *D and F flatness constraints* *in free fermionic models*

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- $\langle \mathbf{D}_A \rangle = \langle \mathbf{D}_\alpha \rangle = \mathbf{0} ; \langle \mathbf{F}_i = \partial \mathbf{W} / \partial \chi_i \rangle = \mathbf{0} ;$
- $D_A = \sum Q^k_A | \chi_k |^2 + \xi ;$
- $D_\alpha = \sum Q^k_\alpha | \chi_k |^2 , \alpha \neq A ;$

$$\xi = g^2(\text{Tr } Q_A) M_{\text{Pl}}^2 / 192 \pi^2$$

## *General results so far....*

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- In free fermionic models solutions to F and D-flatness constraints have always been found.
- In general there is a moduli space of solutions (supersymmetric and degenerate)
- Solutions can be given by
  - non-Abelian singlets (type 1 solutions)
  - non-Abelian fields (type 2 solutions)
- The analysis and classification of flat directions is performed by a systematic method.

## Stringent flat directions

- F-flatness of a vev direction in the low energy spectrum may be proven to a given order by cancellation of F-term components but this flatness is lost if there is no cancellation at the next higher order
- Stringent F-flatness requires that each component has vanishing vacuum expectation value, for ex.:

$$W = \dots + \bar{\Phi}_{45}(\bar{\Phi}_{46} \bar{\Phi}'_{56} + \bar{\Phi}'_{46} \bar{\Phi}_{56}) + \Phi_{45}(\Phi_{46} \Phi'_{56} + \Phi'_{46} \Phi_{56}) + \dots$$

$$F_{\Phi_{45}} = \bar{\Phi}_{46} \bar{\Phi}'_{56} + \bar{\Phi}'_{46} \bar{\Phi}_{56}$$

usual condition

$$\langle F_{\Phi_{45}} \rangle = 0$$

stringent flatness condition

$$\langle \bar{\Phi}_{46} \bar{\Phi}'_{56} \rangle = 0 ; \langle \bar{\Phi}'_{46} \bar{\Phi}_{56} \rangle = 0$$

## *Why do we look for stringent F-flatness?*

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- Can be proved to all orders:  
the analysis is restricted to a finite set of possible dangerous superpotential terms (SVD method)
- It makes easier the classification of flat directions
- It is a stronger constraint which gives less fine-tuned solutions



**if none of these terms survive**  
**F-flatness safe to all orders!!**



# A specific model

- **NAHE set**  $\{1, S, b_1, b_2, b_3\}$
- One-loop **GSO projection coefficients**
- **Additional boundary condition basis vectors**

	$\psi^\mu$	$\chi^{12}$	$\chi^{34}$	$\chi^{56}$	$\bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}$	$\bar{\eta}^1$	$\bar{\eta}^2$	$\bar{\eta}^3$	$\bar{\phi}^{1,\dots,8}$
$\alpha$	0	0	0	0	1 1 1 0 0	1	0	0	1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0
$\beta$	0	0	0	0	1 1 1 0 0	0	1	0	0 0 1 1 0 0 0 0
$\gamma$	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0 0 0 0 $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$

  

	$y^3 y^6$	$y^4 \bar{y}^4$	$y^5 \bar{y}^5$	$\bar{y}^3 \bar{y}^6$	$y^1 \omega^5$	$y^2 \bar{y}^2$	$\omega^6 \bar{\omega}^6$	$\bar{y}^1 \bar{\omega}^5$	$\omega^2 \omega^4$	$\omega^1 \bar{\omega}^1$	$\omega^3 \bar{\omega}^3$	$\bar{\omega}^2 \bar{\omega}^4$
$\alpha$	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
$\beta$	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
$\gamma$	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0

## *continued...*

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- Observable gauge group  $\longrightarrow SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_C \times U(1)_L \times U(1)_{1,2,3} \times U(1)_{4,5,6}$
- Hidden gauge group  $\longrightarrow SU(2)_{1,2,3,4} \times SU(4)_{H_1} \times U(1)_{H_1}$
- Anomalous U(1)  $\longrightarrow U_A = -2U_1 - 2U_2 + 2U_3 - U_4 + U_5 - U_6, \quad \text{Tr}Q_A = 180.$

- Anomaly free combinations for all U(1)s  $\longrightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} U'_1 &= U_1 - U_2, & U'_2 &= U_1 + U_2 + 2U_3, \\ U'_3 &= U_4 + U_5, & U'_4 &= U_4 - U_5 - 2U_6, \\ U'_5 &= U_1 + U_2 - U_3 - 2U_4 + 2U_5 - 2U_6. \end{aligned}$$

## *D-flat maximally orthogonal basis of VeVs*

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- **Each direction is uniquely identified by a particular VeV**
- **Each direction can have positive, negative or zero anomalous charge**
- **A physical D-flat direction has anomalous charge with sign opposite to  $\xi$  and is given by**

$$D_{\text{phys}} = \sum_{i=1}^{\# \text{ basis dirs.}} a_i D_i$$

# Directions with only non-Abelian singlets

FD	$\frac{Q_A}{15}$	$\Phi_{46}$	$\Phi_{45}$	$\Phi_{56}$	$V_3$	$V_2$	$V_6$	$V_5$	$V_9$	$V_8$	$N_1^c$	$N_2^c$	$N_3^c$	$\Phi'_{46}$	$\Phi_{45}$
		$\bar{\Phi}_{56}$	$e_1^c$	$e_2^c$	$e_3^c$	$H_7$	$H_6$	$H_5$							
$\mathcal{D}'_1$	1	1	-2	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	3	2	2	2							
$\mathcal{D}'_2$	2	2	-1	-1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	6	1	4	7							
$\mathcal{D}'_3$	2	-1	-1	2	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	6	1	7	4							
$\mathcal{D}'_4$	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	2	-2	1	-1	0							
$\mathcal{D}'_5$	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-2	0	0
		0	0	0	0	1	-1	0							
$\mathcal{D}'_6$	0	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	2	0	-2	1	0	-1							
$\mathcal{D}'_7$	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
$\mathcal{D}'_8$	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		1	0	0	0	0	0	0							
$\mathcal{D}'_9$	0	0	-1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
$\mathcal{D}'_{10}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	-1	0	-1	-1							
$\mathcal{D}'_{11}$	0	0	1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	-2	0	0
		0	0	0	0	1	0	-1							
$\mathcal{D}'_{12}$	0	-1	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	-2	-1	-1	-2							
$\mathcal{D}'_{13}$	0	0	1	-1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0	0	0	-2	-1	-2	-1							

do not carry negative charge!!

do not have vector-like partner fields!!

No physical D-flat directions!!

*...including non-Abelian charged fields...*

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Set of 50 maximally orthogonal D-flat basis directions; among them

- negative, positive and zero anomalous charged directions
- many of the fields have vector-like partners

## Constraints on the coefficients to get physical D-flat directions

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- Negative anomalous charge

$$-2 \sum_{i=1}^2 a_i - \sum_{i=3}^9 a_i + \sum_{i=30}^{44} a_i + 2 \sum_{i=45}^{50} a_i < 0$$

- Non-negative norm square vev for non-vector like components (ex.  $e_3^c$ )

$$\begin{aligned} & -6 \sum_{i=1}^2 a_i - 3a_3 - 6 \sum_{i=4}^6 a_i - 2a_7 - 6 \sum_{i=8}^9 a_i - 2 \sum_{i=18}^{19} a_i - a_{20} + a_{21} \\ & -2 \sum_{i=23}^{24} a_i - a_{25} - 2a_{26} + 2a_{27} - 2a_{28} + 2a_{29} + 6a_{30} + 6a_{32} + a_{38} \\ & + 3 \sum_{i=39}^{40} a_i + 6a_{42} + 6 \sum_{i=45}^{47} a_i + 2 \sum_{i=48}^{49} a_i + 6a_{50} \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

- For the set of non-vector like fields

$$a_i \geq 0$$

## *F-flatness constraints on the coefficients*

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Each superpotential term induces several stringent F-term constraints on the coefficients  $a_i$  of physical flat directions

For non-Abelian singlets  $\longrightarrow$  two or more singlets with no vevs

For non-Abelian fields  $\longrightarrow$

$$W = \dots + \Phi_{45}(\bar{\Phi}_{46}\bar{\Phi}'_{56} + \bar{\Phi}'_{46}\bar{\Phi}_{56}) + \bar{\Phi}_{45}(\Phi_{46}\Phi'_{56} + \Phi'_{46}\Phi_{56}) \\ + \Phi'_{45}(\bar{\Phi}_{46}\Phi_{56} + \bar{\Phi}'_{46}\Phi'_{56}) + \bar{\Phi}'_{45}(\Phi_{46}\bar{\Phi}_{56} + \Phi'_{46}\bar{\Phi}'_{56}) \dots + \dots$$

Ex.:

$$\begin{aligned} &\langle \Phi_{45} \rangle, \langle \bar{\Phi}'_{45} \rangle, \langle \bar{\Phi}_{45} \rangle, \langle \Phi'_{45} \rangle \neq 0, \quad \text{or} \\ &\langle \bar{\Phi}_{46} \rangle, \langle \bar{\Phi}'_{46} \rangle, \langle \Phi_{46} \rangle, \langle \Phi'_{46} \rangle \neq 0, \quad \text{or} \\ &\langle \bar{\Phi}'_{56} \rangle, \langle \bar{\Phi}_{56} \rangle, \langle \Phi'_{56} \rangle, \langle \Phi_{56} \rangle \neq 0. \end{aligned}$$

## *Systematic investigation performed*

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- Physical D-flat directions which are linear combinations of only up to 6 basis elements
- Assume all the Vevs to be of the same order of magnitude
- Fix the range where the coefficients can vary
- Impose the Anomalous D-flat constraints
- Applying the SVD method we test stringent F-flatness to all order
- Check F-flatness to eight order superpotential terms



But... No physical D-flat directions satisfying stringent F-costraints  
have been found to all order!!!  
No F-flat to eight order!!

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We can enlarge the set of D-flat directions



Increase the number of  $a_i$  coefficients



Increase the number of unique Vevs  
associated to each direction



The probability to satisfy stringent F-flatness  
constraints decreases

## *Conclusion*

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- Is supersymmetry breaking in string theory the same mechanism as in quantum field theory?
- Heterotic free fermionic models with minimal untwisted Higgs spectrum reveal interesting phenomenology.
- Analysis of flat directions in a systematic way
- **Existence of a supersymmetric model at the classical level with perturbatively broken supersymmetry ?**