

A heterotic benchmark model



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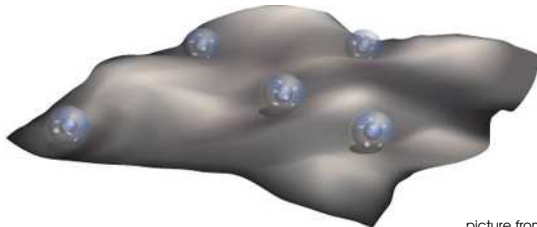
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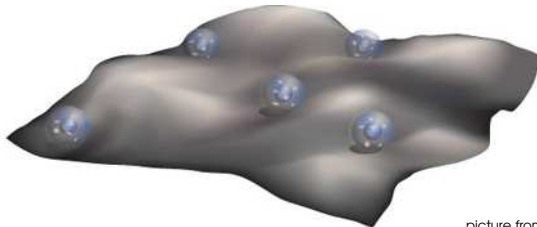
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☞ SM vacuum a priori as good as many others

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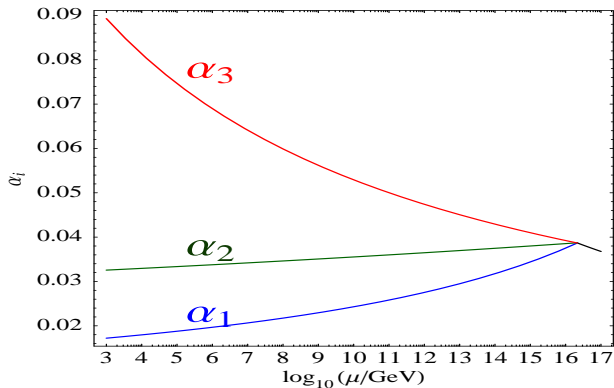


Our approach:

“First search for golf courses, and then for golf balls”

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- ☺ MSSM gauge coupling unification
- ☺ One generation of **observed matter** fits into **16** of **SO(10)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{SO}(10) &\rightarrow \mathbf{SU}(3) \times \mathbf{SU}(2) \times \mathbf{U}(1)_Y = G_{\text{SM}} \\
 \mathbf{16} &\rightarrow (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2})_{1/6} \oplus (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{-2/3} \oplus (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1})_{1/3} \\
 &\quad \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_1 \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2})_{-1/2} \oplus (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_0
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doublets: **needed**

triplets: **excluded**

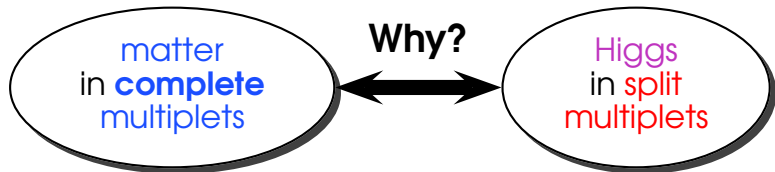
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} ... we take
these hints
seriously



convincing answer:

'localized gauge groups'

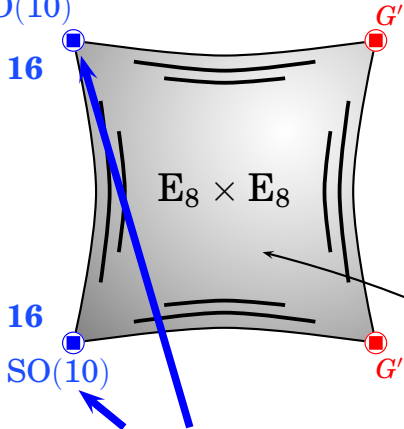
Local grand unification (a specific realization)

SO(10)

16

16

SO(10)



Buchmüller, Hamaguchi, Lebedev, M.R. (2004-2006)
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'low-energy'
 effective theory

standard
 model

as an inter-
 section of
 SO(10), G' ...
 in $E_8 \times E_8$

2 SM generation(s):

localized in region with
 SO(10) symmetry

Higgs doublets:

live in the 'bulk'

Higher-dimensional GUTs vs. heterotic orbifolds

top-down

→ Orbifold compactifications of the heterotic string

Dixon, Harvey, Vafa, Witten (1985-86)
 Ibáñez, Nilles, Quevedo (1987)
 Ibáñez, Kim, Nilles, Quevedo (1987)
 Font, Ibáñez, Nilles, Quevedo (1988)
 Font, Ibáñez, Quevedo, Sierra (1990)

Katsuki, Kawamura, Kobayashi, Ohtsubo, Ono, Tanioka (1990)

...

- has UV completion
- automatically consistent
- explain representations

bottom-up

→ Orbifold GUTs

Kawamura (1999-2001)
 Altarelli, Feruglio (2001)
 Hall, Nomura (2001)
 Hebecker, March-Russell (2001)
 Asaka, Buchmüller, Covi (2001)
 Hall, Nomura, Okui, Smith (2001)

...

- simple geometrical interpretation
- shares many features with 4D GUTs

combine both approaches

implement field-theoretic GUTs in non-prime orbifold compactifications of the heterotic string

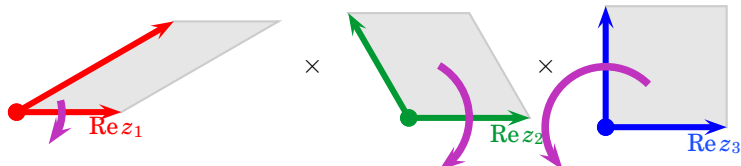
Kobayashi, Raby, Zhang (2004)
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 Faraggi, Förste, Timirgaziu (2006)
 Kim, Kyae (2006)
 Lebedev, Nilles, Raby, Ramos-Sánchez, M.R., Vaudrevange, Wingerter (2006-7)

A heterotic 'benchmark' model

Model definition and spectrum

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$$\begin{aligned}
 V &= \left(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 \right) \left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right) \\
 W_2 &= \left(0, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, 0, 0, 0 \right) \left(4, -3, -\frac{7}{2}, -4, -3, -\frac{7}{2}, -\frac{9}{2}, \frac{7}{2} \right) \\
 W_3 &= \left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{6} \right) \left(\frac{1}{3}, 0, 0, \frac{2}{3}, 0, \frac{5}{3}, -2, 0 \right)
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$$\subset \text{SU}(5) \subset \text{SO}(10)$$

$$G = [\overbrace{\text{SU}(3) \times \text{SU}(2) \times \text{U}(1)_Y}^{\text{GUT normalization}} \times \text{U}(1)_{B-L}] \times [\text{SU}(4) \times \text{SU}(2)'] \times \text{U}(1)^7$$

GUT normalization



gauge coupling unification

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

$$t_{B-L} = (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}) (0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, 0, 0)$$

normalization not as in SO(10)

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↳ Spectrum

$$\text{spectrum} = 3 \times \text{generation} + \text{vector-like w.r.t. } G_{\text{SM}} \times \text{U}(1)_{B-L}$$

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1	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}; \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{(-1/2, 0)}$	h_d	1	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}; \mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1})_{(1/2, 0)}$	h_u
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$B-L$ allows to discriminate

- between lepton and Higgs fields
- between neutrinos and other singlets

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appear to be 'overconstraining'.

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where b is the coefficient of $h_u h_d$, i.e.

$$\mathcal{L} \supset -(|\mu|^2 + m_{h_u}^2) |h_u|^2 - (|\mu|^2 + m_{h_d}^2) |h_d|^2 - b (h_u h_d + \text{c.c.})$$

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see also the recent similar discussion by Hebecker, March-Russell, Ziegler

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Brümmer et al. (in preparation)

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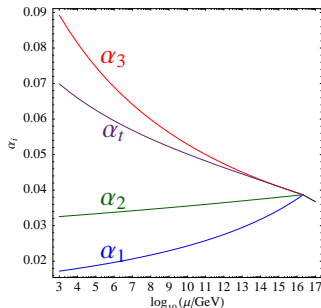
	field-theoretic description	state
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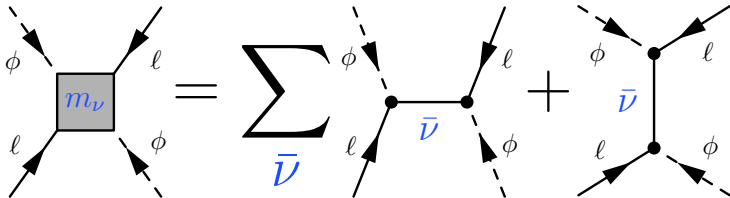
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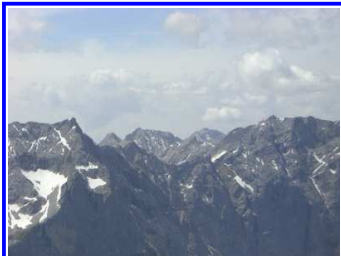
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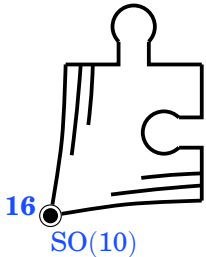
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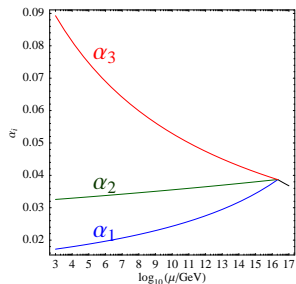
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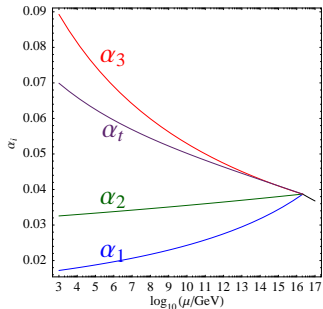
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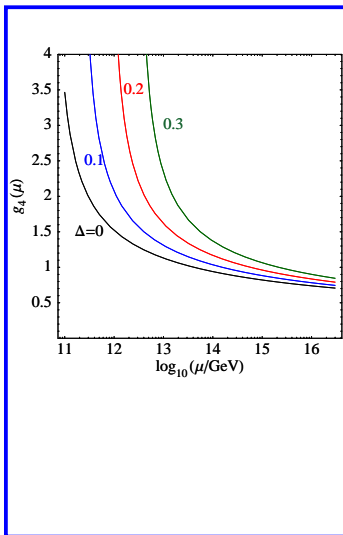
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