

# ASPECTS OF FREE FERMIONIC HETEROTIC-STRING MODELS

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- AEF, 1990's (top quark mass, CKM, MSSM w Cleaver and Nanopoulos)
- AEF, C. Kounnas, J. Rizos, 2003-2009
- AEF, PLB2002, work in progress with Angelantonj, Tsulaia

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# DATA $\rightarrow$ STANDARD MODEL

$$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_Y \rightarrow SU(5) \rightarrow SO(10)$$

$$\left[ \begin{pmatrix} \nu \\ e \end{pmatrix} + D_L^c \right] + \left[ U_L^c + \begin{pmatrix} u \\ d \end{pmatrix} + E_L^c \right] + N_L^c$$
$$\bar{5} \quad + \quad 10 \quad + \quad 1 \quad \quad \quad \frac{\quad}{16}$$

## STANDARD MODEL $\rightarrow$ UNIFICATION

### ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE:

Logarithmic running, proton longevity, neutrino masses

### PRIMARY GUIDES:

3 generations

SO(10) embedding

## Realistic free fermionic models

### 'Phenomenology of the Standard Model and string unification'

- Top quark mass  $\sim 175\text{--}180\text{GeV}$  PLB 274 (1992) 47
- Generation mass hierarchy NPB 407 (1993) 57
- CKM mixing NPB 416 (1994) 63 (with Halyo)
- Stringy seesaw mechanism PLB 307 (1993) 311 (with Halyo)
- Gauge coupling unification NPB 457 (1993) 409 (with Dienes)
- Proton stability NPB 428 (1994) 111
- Squark degeneracy NPB 526 (1998) 21 (with Pati)
- Minimal Superstring Standard Model PLB 455 (1999) 135  
(with Cleaver & Nanopoulos)
- Moduli fixing NPB 728 (2005) 83

# Free Fermionic Construction

Left-Movers:  $\psi_{1,2}^\mu$ ,  $\chi_i$ ,  $y_i$ ,  $\omega_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, 6$ )

Right-Movers

$$\bar{\phi}_{A=1, \dots, 44} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \bar{y}_i, \bar{\omega}_i & i = 1, \dots, 6 \\ \bar{\eta}_i & i = 1, 2, 3 \\ \bar{\psi}_{1, \dots, 5} \\ \bar{\phi}_{1, \dots, 8} \end{array} \right.$$

$$f \longrightarrow -e^{i\pi\alpha(f)} f$$

$$V \longrightarrow V$$

$$Z = \sum_{\text{all spin structures}} c\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \vec{\alpha} \\ \vec{\beta} \end{smallmatrix}\right) Z\left(\begin{smallmatrix} \vec{\alpha} \\ \vec{\beta} \end{smallmatrix}\right)$$

Models  $\longleftrightarrow$  Basis vectors + one-loop phases

## Model building – Construction of the physical states

$$b_j \quad j = 1, \dots, N \quad \rightarrow \quad \Xi = \sum_j n_j b_j$$

$$\text{For } \vec{\alpha} = (\vec{\alpha}_L; \vec{\alpha}_R) \in \Xi \Rightarrow H_{\vec{\alpha}}$$

$$\alpha(f) = 1 \Rightarrow |\pm\rangle \quad ; \quad \alpha(f) \neq 1 \Rightarrow f, f^* \quad , \quad \nu_{f, f^*} = \frac{1 \mp \alpha(f)}{2}$$

$$M_L^2 = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\vec{\alpha}_L \cdot \vec{\alpha}_L}{8} + N_L = -1 + \frac{\vec{\alpha}_R \cdot \vec{\alpha}_R}{8} + N_R = M_R^2 \quad ( \equiv 0 )$$

GSO projections 
$$e^{i\pi(\vec{b}_i \cdot \vec{F}_\alpha)} |s\rangle_{\vec{\alpha}} = \delta_\alpha c^* \begin{pmatrix} \vec{\alpha} \\ \vec{b}_i \end{pmatrix} |s\rangle_{\vec{\alpha}}$$

$$Q(f) = \frac{1}{2}\alpha(f) + F(f) \quad \rightarrow \quad \text{U(1) charges}$$

## Calculation of Mass Terms

nonvanishing correlators

$$\langle V_1^f V_2^f V_3^b \cdots V_N^b \rangle$$

gauge & string invariant

“anomalous”  $U(1)_A$

$$\text{Tr} Q_A \neq 0 \Rightarrow D_A = 0 = A + \sum Q_k^A |\langle \phi_k \rangle|^2$$

$$D_j = 0 = \sum Q_k^j |\langle \phi_k \rangle|^2$$

$$\langle W \rangle = \langle \frac{\partial W_N}{\partial \eta_i} \rangle = 0 \quad N = 3 \dots$$

Supersymmetric vacuum  $\langle F \rangle = \langle D \rangle = 0$ .

nonrenormalizable terms  $\rightarrow$  effective renormalizable operators

$$V_1^f V_2^f V_3^b \cdots V_N^b \rightarrow V_1^f V_2^f V_3^b \frac{\langle V_4^b \cdots V_N^b \rangle}{M^{N-3}}$$

## The NAHE set:

$$1 = \{\psi^\mu, \chi^{1,\dots,6}, y^{1,\dots,6}, \omega^{1,\dots,6} \mid \bar{y}^{1,\dots,6}, \bar{\omega}^{1,\dots,6}, \bar{\eta}^{1,2,3}, \bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}, \bar{\phi}^{1,\dots,8}\}$$

$$S = \{\psi^\mu, \chi^{1,\dots,6}\},$$

$N = 4$  Vacua

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

$N = 4 \rightarrow N = 2$

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

$N = 2 \rightarrow N = 1$

$$b_3 = \{\chi^{12}, \chi^{34}, \omega^{12}, \omega^{34} \mid \bar{\omega}^{12}, \bar{\omega}^{34}, \bar{\eta}^3, \bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}\},$$

$N = 2 \rightarrow N = 1$

$Z_2 \times Z_2$  orbifold compactification

$\implies$  Gauge group  $SO(10) \times SO(6)^{1,2,3} \times E_8$

beyond the NAHE set

Add  $\{\alpha, \beta, \gamma\}$

	$\psi^\mu$	$\chi^{12}$	$\chi^{34}$	$\chi^{56}$	$y^3 y^6$	$y^4 \bar{y}^4$	$y^5 \bar{y}^5$	$\bar{y}^3 \bar{y}^6$	$y^1 \omega^5$	$y^2 \bar{y}^2$	$\omega^6 \bar{\omega}^6$	$\bar{y}^1 \bar{\omega}^5$	$\omega^2 \omega^4$	$\omega^1 \bar{\omega}^1$	$\omega^3 \bar{\omega}^3$	$\bar{\omega}^2 \bar{\omega}^4$	$\bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}$	$\bar{\eta}^1$	$\bar{\eta}^2$	$\bar{\eta}^3$	$\bar{\phi}^{1,\dots,8}$
$\alpha$	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1 1 1 0 0	1	0	0	1 1 0 0 0
$\beta$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1 1 1 0 0	0	1	0	0 0 1 1 0
$\gamma$	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	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 $\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$

number of generations is reduced to three

$$SO(10) \longrightarrow SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_{T_{3R}} \times U(1)_{B-L}$$

$$U(1)_Y = \frac{1}{2}(B - L) + T_{3R} \in SO(10) !$$

$$SO(6)^{1,2,3} \longrightarrow U(1)^{1,2,3} \times U(1)^{1,2,3}$$



## The massless spectrum

Three twisted generations

$$b_1, \quad b_2, \quad b_3$$

Untwisted Higgs doublets

$$h_{11,0,0} \quad \bar{h}_{1-1,0,0}$$

$$h_{20,1,0} \quad \bar{h}_{20,-1,0}$$

$$h_{30,0,1} \quad \bar{h}_{30,0,-1}$$

Sector  $b_1 + b_2 + \alpha + \beta$

$$h_{\alpha\beta}{}_{-\frac{1}{2},-\frac{1}{2},0,0,0,0} \quad \bar{h}_{\alpha\beta}{}_{\frac{1}{2},\frac{1}{2},0,0,0,0}$$

$\oplus$   $SO(10)$  singlets

Sectors  $b_j + 2\gamma \quad j = 1, 2, 3 \quad \longrightarrow \quad$  hidden matter multiplets

“standard”  $SO(10)$  representations

NAHE +  $\{ \alpha, \beta, \gamma \} \longrightarrow$  exotic vector-like matter  $\longrightarrow$  superheavy

$\oplus$  Quasi-realistic phenomenology

## Fermion mass hierarchy

### Fermion mass terms

$$c g f_i f_j h \left( \frac{\langle \phi \rangle}{M} \right)^{N-3}$$

$c$  - calculable coefficients  $g$  - gauge coupling

$$f_i, f_j \in b_j \quad j = 1, 2, 3$$

$h \rightarrow$  light Higgs multiplets

$$M \sim 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$$

$\langle \phi \rangle$  generalized VEVs, several sources

## Top quark mass prediction

$$\text{only } \lambda_t = \langle t^c Q_t \bar{h}_1 \rangle = \sqrt{2}g \neq 0 \quad \text{at } N = 3$$

$$W_4 \longrightarrow b^c Q_b h_{\alpha\beta} \Phi_1 + \tau^c L_\tau h_{\alpha\beta} \Phi_1$$
$$\implies \lambda_b = \left( c_b \frac{\langle \phi \rangle}{M} \right) \quad \lambda_\tau = \left( c_\tau \frac{\langle \phi \rangle}{M} \right)$$

$$\longrightarrow \lambda_b = \lambda_\tau = 0.35g^3 \sim \frac{1}{8}\lambda_t$$

Evolve  $\lambda_t$  ,  $\lambda_b$  to low energies

$$m_t = \lambda_t v_1 = \lambda_t \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \sin \beta$$

$$m_b = \lambda_b v_2 = \lambda_b \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \cos \beta$$

where  $v_0 = \frac{2m_W}{g_2(M_Z)} = 246\text{GeV}$  and  $(v_1^2 + v_2^2) = \frac{v_0^2}{2}$

$$m_t = \lambda_t(m_t) \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\tan \beta}{(1 + \tan^2 \beta)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \implies m_t \sim 175\text{GeV} \quad \text{PLB274(1992)47}$$

Find anomaly free solution

$$M_d \sim \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon & \frac{V_2 \bar{V}_3 \Phi_{\alpha\beta}}{M^3} & 0 \\ \frac{V_2 \bar{V}_3 \Phi_{\alpha\beta} \xi_1}{M^4} & \frac{\bar{\Phi}_2^- \xi_1}{M^2} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\Phi_1^+ \xi_2}{M^2} \end{pmatrix} v_2,$$

$$\frac{V_2 \bar{V}_3 \Phi_{\alpha\beta}}{M^3} = \frac{\sqrt{5} g^6}{64 \pi^3} \approx 2 - 3 \times 10^{-4}.$$

$\epsilon < 10^{-8}$ . Fix  $\xi_1, \xi_2, \bar{\Phi}_2^-$  to fit  $m_b, m_s$

$$\Rightarrow |V| \sim \begin{pmatrix} 0.98 & 0.2 & 0 \\ 0.2 & 0.98 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Three generation mixing

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$$|J| \sim 10^{-6}$$

$$\text{NAHE} \oplus (\xi_2 = \{\bar{\psi}_{1,\dots,5}, \bar{\eta}^1, \bar{\eta}^2, \bar{\eta}^3\} = 1) \rightarrow \{1, S, \xi_1, \xi_2, b_1, b_2\}$$

Gauge group:  $SO(4)^3 \times E_6 \times U(1)^2 \times E_8$  and 24 generations.

toroidal compactification  $(6_L + 6_R)$   $g_{ij}, b_{ij}$

$$g_{ij} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix} \quad b_{ij} = \begin{cases} g_{ij} & i \neq j \\ 0 & i = j \\ -g_{ij} & i \neq j \end{cases}$$

$R_i \rightarrow$  the free fermionic point  $\rightarrow$  G.G.  $SO(12) \times E_8 \times E_8$

mod out by a  $Z_2 \times Z_2$  with standard embedding

$\Rightarrow SO(4)^3 \times E_6 \times U(1)^2 \times E_8$  with 24 generations

Exact correspondence

In the realistic free fermionic models

replace  $X = \{\bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}, \bar{\eta}^1, \bar{\eta}^2, \bar{\eta}^3\} = 1$

with  $2\gamma = \{\bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}, \bar{\eta}^1, \bar{\eta}^2, \bar{\eta}^3, \bar{\phi}^{1,\dots,4}\} = 1$

Then  $\{\vec{1}, \vec{S}, \vec{\xi}_1 = \vec{1} + \vec{b}_1 + \vec{b}_2 + \vec{b}_3, 2\gamma\} \rightarrow$  N=4 SUSY and

$$SO(12) \times SO(16) \times SO(16)$$

apply  $b_1 \times b_2 \rightarrow Z_2 \times Z_2 \rightarrow$  N=1 SUSY and

$$SO(4)^3 \times SO(10) \times U(1)^3 \times SO(16)$$

$$b_1, \quad b_2, \quad b_3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (3 \times 8) \cdot 16 \quad \text{of} \quad SO(10)_O$$

$$b_1 + 2\gamma, \quad b_2 + 2\gamma, \quad b_3 + 2\gamma \quad \Rightarrow \quad (3 \times 8) \cdot 16 \quad \text{of} \quad SO(16)_H$$

$$\text{Alternatively, } c \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{pmatrix} = +1 \quad \rightarrow \quad -1$$

# $Z_2 \times Z_2$ orbifolds

A torus    One complex parameter     $Z = Z + n e_1 + m e_2$

$T^2 \times T^2 \times T^2 \longrightarrow$  Three complex coordinates  $z_1$ ,  $z_2$  and  $z_3$

$Z_2$  orbifold :     $Z = -Z + \sum_i m_i e_i \longrightarrow$  4 fixed points

$$Z = \{ 0, 1/2 e_1, 1/2 e_2, 1/2 (e_1 + e_2) \}$$

$T^2 \times T^2 \times T^2$	$\alpha : (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rightarrow (-z_1, -z_2, +z_3) \rightarrow 16$
$Z_2 \times Z_2$	$\beta : (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rightarrow (+z_1, -z_2, -z_3) \rightarrow 16$
	$\alpha\beta : (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rightarrow (-z_1, +z_2, -z_3) \rightarrow 16$
	<u>48</u>



$\gamma : (z_1, z_2, z_3) \rightarrow (z_1+1/2, z_2+1/2, z_3+1/2) \longrightarrow 24$

Basis vectors: consistent modular blocks 4,8 periodic fermions

$$1 = \{\psi^\mu, \chi^{1,\dots,6}, y^{1,\dots,6}, \omega^{1,\dots,6} \mid \bar{y}^{1,\dots,6}, \bar{\omega}^{1,\dots,6}, \bar{\eta}^{1,2,3}, \bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}, \bar{\phi}^{1,\dots,8}\}$$

$$S = \{\psi^\mu, \chi^{1,\dots,6}\},$$

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

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

$$e_i = \{y^i, \omega^i \mid \bar{y}^i, \bar{\omega}^i\}, \quad i = 1, \dots, 6, \quad N = 4 \text{ Vacua}$$

$$b_1 = \{\chi^{34}, \chi^{56}, y^{34}, y^{56} \mid \bar{y}^{34}, \bar{y}^{56}, \bar{\eta}^1, \bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}\}, \quad N = 4 \rightarrow N = 2$$

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

Vector bosons: NS,  $z_{1,2}, z_1 + z_2, x = 1 + s + \sum e_i + z_1 + z_2$

impose: Gauge group  $SO(10) \times U(1)^3 \times \text{hidden}$



Independent phases  $c \begin{bmatrix} v_i \\ v_j \end{bmatrix} = \exp[i\pi(v_i|v_j)]:$  **upper block**

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$$\begin{array}{c}
 1 \\
 S \\
 e_1 \\
 e_2 \\
 e_3 \\
 e_4 \\
 e_5 \\
 e_6 \\
 z_1 \\
 z_2 \\
 b_1 \\
 b_2
 \end{array}
 \begin{pmatrix}
 1 & S & e_1 & e_2 & e_3 & e_4 & e_5 & e_6 & z_1 & z_2 & b_1 & b_2 \\
 -1 & -1 & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm \\
 & & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\
 & & & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm & \pm \\
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 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Apriori 55 independent coefficients  $\rightarrow 2^{55}$  distinct vacua**

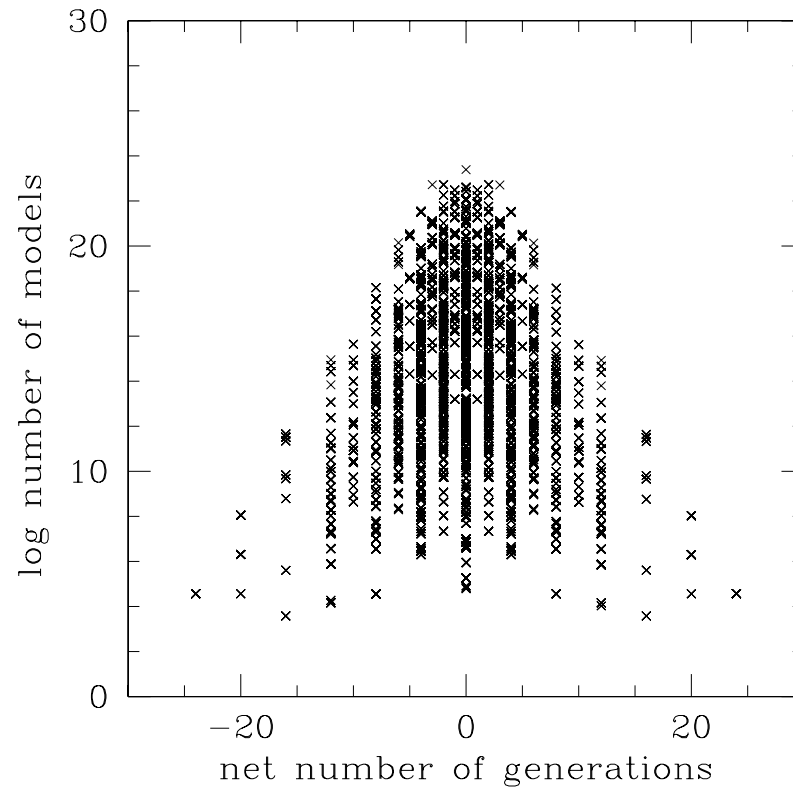
**Impose: Gauge group  $SO(10) \times U(1)^3 \times SO(8)^2$**

**$\rightarrow 40$  independent coefficients**

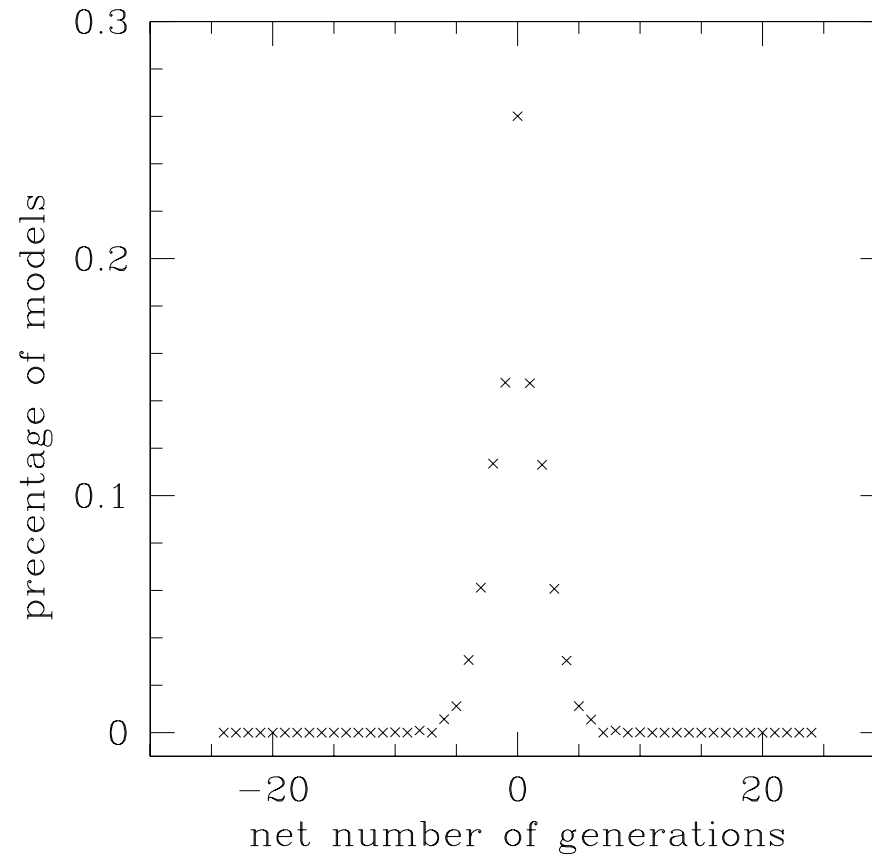
## RESULTS:

FKR I: Random sampling of phases.  $SO(10) \times U(1)^3 \times \text{hidden}$

FKR II: Complete classification.  $SO(10) \times U(1)^3 \times SO(8)^2$



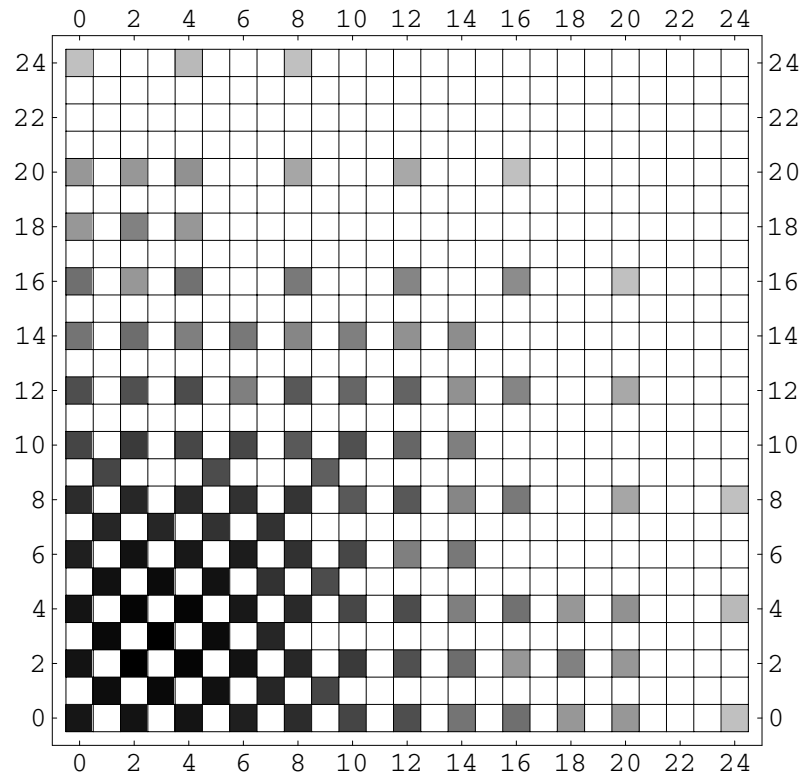
RESULTS ARE SIMILAR



$7 \times 10^9$  models  $\sim$  15% with 3 gen FKRI

## Spinor–vector duality:

Invariance under exchange of  $\#(16 + \overline{16}) < - > \#(10)$



Symmetric under exchange of rows and columns

Self-dual:  $\#(16 + \overline{16}) = \#(10)$  without  $E_6$  symmetry

Future:

Understand in geometrical terms:

Progress:

Tristan Catelin-Jullien, AEF, C. Kounnas, J. Rizos, NPB2009 →

Operational understanding in terms of partition function free phases

## NAHE-based partition functions:

Question:

$$\frac{T^6}{Z_2 \times Z_2} \rightarrow 48 \text{ fixed points}$$

$$\frac{SO(12)}{Z_2 \times Z_2} \rightarrow 24 \text{ fixed points}$$

$$Z_2 \text{ shift} : 48 \longleftrightarrow 24$$

Is this the same vacuum? In general, no.

shift that reproduces the  $SO(12)$  lattice at the free fermionic point?

## Possible shifts:

$$A_1 : X_{L,R} \rightarrow X_{L,R} + \frac{1}{2}\pi R,$$

$$A_2 : X_{L,R} \rightarrow X_{L,R} + \frac{1}{2} \left( \pi R \pm \frac{\pi\alpha'}{R} \right),$$

$$A_3 : X_{L,R} \rightarrow X_{L,R} \pm \frac{1}{2} \frac{\pi\alpha'}{R}.$$

Using the level-one  $SO(2n)$  characters

$$O_{2n} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mathcal{V}_3^n}{\eta^n} + \frac{\mathcal{V}_4^n}{\eta^n} \right),$$

$$V_{2n} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mathcal{V}_3^n}{\eta^n} - \frac{\mathcal{V}_4^n}{\eta^n} \right),$$

$$S_{2n} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mathcal{V}_2^n}{\eta^n} + i^{-n} \frac{\mathcal{V}_1^n}{\eta^n} \right),$$

$$C_{2n} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\mathcal{V}_2^n}{\eta^n} - i^{-n} \frac{\mathcal{V}_1^n}{\eta^n} \right).$$

The partition function of the heterotic string on  $SO(12)$  lattice:

$$Z_+ = (V_8 - S_8) \left[ |O_{12}|^2 + |V_{12}|^2 + |S_{12}|^2 + |C_{12}|^2 \right] (\bar{O}_{16} + \bar{S}_{16}) (\bar{O}_{16} + \bar{S}_{16}) ,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} Z_- = (V_8 - S_8) & \left[ \left( |O_{12}|^2 + |V_{12}|^2 \right) (\bar{O}_{16}\bar{O}_{16} + \bar{C}_{16}\bar{C}_{16}) \right. \\ & + \left( |S_{12}|^2 + |C_{12}|^2 \right) (\bar{S}_{16}\bar{S}_{16} + \bar{V}_{16}\bar{V}_{16}) \\ & + (O_{12}\bar{V}_{12} + V_{12}\bar{O}_{12}) (\bar{S}_{16}\bar{V}_{16} + \bar{V}_{16}\bar{S}_{16}) \\ & \left. + (S_{12}\bar{C}_{12} + C_{12}\bar{S}_{12}) (\bar{O}_{16}\bar{C}_{16} + \bar{C}_{16}\bar{O}_{16}) \right] . \end{aligned}$$

where  $\pm$  refers to

$$c \begin{pmatrix} \xi_1 \\ \xi_2 \end{pmatrix} = \pm 1$$

connected by :

$$Z_- = Z_+ / a \otimes b ,$$

$$a = (-1)^{F_L^{\text{int}} + F_\xi^1} , \quad b = (-1)^{F_L^{\text{int}} + F_\xi^2} .$$



Starting from:

$$Z_+ = (V_8 - S_8) \left( \sum_{m,n} \Lambda_{m,n} \right)^{\otimes 6} (\bar{O}_{16} + \bar{S}_{16}) (\bar{O}_{16} + \bar{S}_{16}) ,$$

where as usual, for each circle,

$$p_{L,R}^i = \frac{m_i}{R_i} \pm \frac{n_i R_i}{\alpha'} ,$$

and

$$\Lambda_{m,n} = \frac{q^{\frac{\alpha'}{4} p_L^2} \bar{q}^{\frac{\alpha'}{4} p_R^2}}{|\eta|^2} .$$

Add shifts :  $(A_1, A_1, A_1)$  ,  $(A_3, A_3, A_3)$

(48  $\rightarrow$  24 yes)

(SO(12)? no)

## Uniquely:

$$g : (A_2, A_2, 0),$$

$$h : (0, A_2, A_2),$$

where each  $A_2$  acts on a complex coordinate

(48  $\rightarrow$  24 yes)

( $SO(12)$ ? yes)

# A STRINGY DOUBLET-TRIPLT SPLITTING MECHANIS

	$\psi^\mu$	$\chi^{12}$	$\chi^{34}$	$\chi^{56}$	$y^3 y^6$	$y^4 \bar{y}^4$	$y^5 \bar{y}^5$	$\bar{y}^3 \bar{y}^6$	$y^1 \omega^5$	$y^2 \bar{y}^2$	$\omega^6 \bar{\omega}^6$	$\bar{y}^1 \bar{\omega}^5$	$\omega^2 \omega^4$	$\omega^1 \bar{\omega}^1$	$\omega^3 \bar{\omega}^3$	$\bar{\omega}^2 \bar{\omega}^4$	$\bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}$	$\bar{\eta}^1$	$\bar{\eta}^2$	$\bar{\eta}^3$	$\bar{\phi}$
$\alpha$	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1 1 1 0 0	1	0	0	1 1 0
$\beta$	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1 1 1 0 0	0	1	0	0 0 1
$\gamma$	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	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

NAHE  $\rightarrow \chi_j \bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5} \bar{\eta}_j + c.c. \rightarrow (5 + \bar{5})_j = 10_j$  of  $SO(10)$

$\alpha, \beta \rightarrow SO(10) \rightarrow SO(6) \times SO(4)$

$$\Delta_j = |\alpha_L(T_2^j) - \alpha_R(T_2^j)|$$

$$\Delta_j = 0 \rightarrow D_j, \bar{D}_j$$

$$\Delta_j = 1 \rightarrow h_j, \bar{h}_j$$

$h_1, \bar{h}_1, D_1, \bar{D}_1, h_2, \bar{h}_2, D_2, \bar{D}_2$  are projected out

$$h_3, \bar{h}_3$$

remain in the spectrum

## Conclusions

Phenomenological string models produce interesting lessons

Spinor–vector duality

relevance of non–standard geometries

Free Fermionic Models  $\longrightarrow$   $Z_2 \times Z_2$  orbifold near the self–dual point

Duality & Self–Duality  $\Leftrightarrow$  String Vacuum Selection