

D-term uplift, Moduli fixing and SVD in Heterotic-String Vacua



- Spinor-Vector Duality in the EFT limit
- Asymmetric free fermion – orbifold and string moduli
- *D*-term uplift in heterotic-string vacua

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Fermionic $Z_2 \times Z_2$ orbifolds

'Phenomenology of the Standard Model and Unification'

- Minimal Superstring Standard Model NPB 335 (1990) 347
(with Nanopoulos & Yuan)
- 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 (1995) 409 (with Dienes)
- Proton stability NPB 428 (1994) 111
- Squark degeneracy NPB 526 (1998) 21 (with Pati)
- Moduli fixing NPB 728 (2005) 83
- Classification 2003 – . . .

(with Kounnas, Rizos & ... Percival, Matyas)

Fermionic Construction

Left-Movers: $\psi^{\mu=1,2}$, χ_i , y_i , ω_i ($i = 1, \dots, 6$)

Right-Movers

$$\bar{\phi}_{A=1, \dots, 44} = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \bar{y}_i, \bar{\omega}_i & i = 1, \dots, 6 \\ \bar{\eta}_i & U(1)_i \quad i = 1, 2, 3 \\ \bar{\psi}_{1, \dots, 5} & SO(10) \\ \bar{\phi}_{1, \dots, 8} & SO(16) \end{array} \right.$$

$$V \longrightarrow V \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Diagram of a genus-2 surface with two handles (green solid lines) and two cycles (red dashed lines).} \end{array} \quad f \longrightarrow -e^{i\pi\alpha(f)} f$$

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

Models \longleftrightarrow Basis vectors + one-loop phases

Classification of fermionic $Z_2 \times Z_2$ orbifolds

Basis vectors:

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

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

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

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

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

$N = 4$ Vacua

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

$N = 4 \rightarrow N = 2$

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

$N = 2 \rightarrow N = 1$

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

impose: $c \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} = -1$ & 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**

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

A priori 55 independent coefficients $\rightarrow 2^{55}$ distinct vacua

PLB2021, Percival *et al* \rightarrow Satisfiability Modulo Theories $\rightarrow t \times 10^{-3}$

Mirror symmetry

Enhance $SO(10) \rightarrow E_6$

from $X = 1 + S + \sum_i e_i + z_1 + z_2 = \{\bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}, \bar{\eta}^{1,2,3}\}$

Euler characteristic $\chi = \#(\mathbf{27} - \overline{\mathbf{27}}) \longrightarrow -\chi$

Exchanges complex and Kähler structure moduli

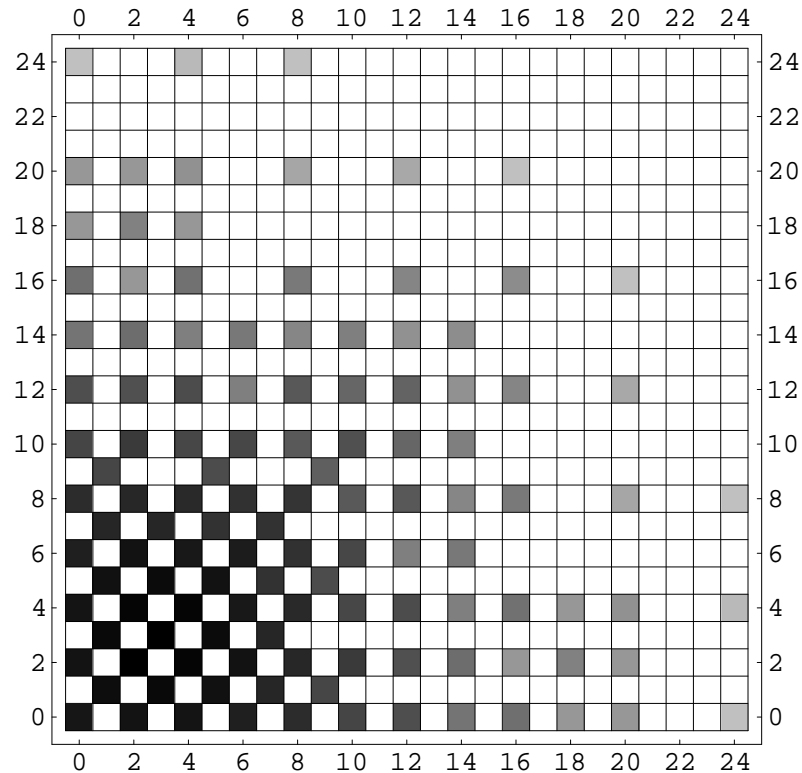
Moduli of the internal compactified space

Vafa–Witten 1994: Mirror symmetry in terms of discrete torsion

$$c\begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \end{pmatrix} = +1 \rightarrow c\begin{pmatrix} \bar{b}_1 \\ \bar{b}_2 \end{pmatrix} = -1$$

Spinor–vector duality:

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



Symmetric under exchange of rows and columns

$$E_6 : \quad 27 = 16 + 10 + 1 \quad \overline{27} = \overline{16} + 10 + 1$$

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

Spinor–Vector duality in Orbifolds:

Starting from: $Z_+ = (V_8 - S_8) \left(\sum_{m,n} \Lambda_{m,n} \right)^{\otimes 6} E_8 \times E_8,$

apply $Z_2 \times Z'_2 : g \times g'$

$$g : (0^7, 1|1, 0^7) \rightarrow \text{Wilson line} \rightarrow E_8 \times E_8 \rightarrow SO(16) \times SO(16)$$

$$g' : (x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7, x_8, x_9) \longrightarrow (-x_4, -x_5, -x_6, -x_7, +x_8, +x_9)$$

Note: A single space twisting $Z'_2 \Rightarrow N = 4 \rightarrow N = 2$

$$E_7 \rightarrow SO(12) \times SU(2)$$

• sector b

$$\Lambda_{p,q} \left\{ \frac{1}{2} \left(\left| \frac{2\eta}{\theta_4} \right|^4 + \left| \frac{2\eta}{\theta_3} \right|^4 \right) [P_\epsilon^+ Q_s \bar{V}_{12} \bar{C}_4 \bar{O}_{16} + P_\epsilon^- Q_s \bar{S}_{12} \bar{O}_4 \bar{O}_{16}] + \frac{1}{2} \left(\left| \frac{2\eta}{\theta_4} \right|^4 - \left| \frac{2\eta}{\theta_3} \right|^4 \right) [P_\epsilon^+ Q_s \bar{O}_{12} \bar{S}_4 \bar{O}_{16}] \right\} + \text{massive}$$

where

$$P_\epsilon^+ = \left(\frac{1 + \epsilon(-1)^m}{2} \right) \Lambda_{m,n} \quad P_\epsilon^- = \left(\frac{1 - \epsilon(-1)^m}{2} \right) \Lambda_{m,n}$$

$$\epsilon = +1 \Rightarrow P_\epsilon^+ = \Lambda_{2m,n} \quad P_\epsilon^- = \Lambda_{2m+1,n}$$

$$\epsilon = -1 \Rightarrow P_\epsilon^+ = \Lambda_{2m+1,n} \quad P_\epsilon^- = \Lambda_{2m,n}$$

and $12 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 2 = 32$

Spinor-Vector duality on Calabi–Yau threefolds with vector bundles :

- From the “Land” to the “Swamp” w Groot–Nibellink & Hurtado-Heredia, arXiv:2103.13442, spinor–vector duality on a resolved orbifold. The role of the discrete torsion in the effective field theory limit
- Vafa–Witten 1994, the role of a discrete torsion in the $Z_2 \times Z_2$ orbifold in mirror symmetry
FGNHH, 2211.01397 (2,0) GLSM \longrightarrow discrete torsion in the EFT limit
- In similar spirit \longrightarrow the imprint of the worldsheet modular properties in the effective field theory limit

Mathematical implications

- On Calabi–Yau threefolds, the couplings correspond to intersections of curves \longleftrightarrow rational curves on CY manifolds
- mirror symmetry is instrumental in counting of rational curves on CY 3–folds \longleftrightarrow instrumental in enumerative geometry
- A tool developed for that purpose are the Gromov–Witten invariants

Questions

- Perform a similar analysis of correlators on spinor–vector dual vacua;
- What are the analogue of the Gromov–Witten invariants in the case of spinor–vector duality
- spinor–vector duality \longrightarrow a tool to study CY manifolds with bundles
- moduli spaces of $(2, 0)$ string compactifications
- Is it complete? Is it constraining the viable effective field limit of stringy quantum gravity.
- ...

A Swampland Conjecture(?):

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- Every EFT $(2, 0)$ heterotic–string compactification has to be connected to a $(2,2)$ heterotic–string compactification by an orbifold or by continuous interpolation. If not \rightarrow it is in the swampland
- Completeness?!

Moduli → WS Thirring interactions $(R - \frac{1}{R}) J_L^i(z) \bar{J}_R^j(\bar{z}) = (R - \frac{1}{R}) y^i \omega^i \bar{y}^j \bar{\omega}^j$

To identify the untwisted moduli in the free fermionic models

→ find the operators of the form

$$J_L^I(z) \bar{J}_R^J(\bar{z}) \equiv y^I \omega^I \bar{y}^J \bar{\omega}^J$$

that are allowed by the orbifold (fermionic) symmetry group

$$Z_2 \times Z_2 \quad \{ 1, S, z_1, z_2 \} + \{ b_1, b_2 \}$$

$$\rightarrow SO(4)^3 \times E_6 \times U(1)^2 \times E_8$$

The Thirring interactions that remain invariant are

$$\begin{aligned} & J_L^{1,2} \bar{J}_R^{1,2} \quad ; \quad J_L^{3,4} \bar{J}_R^{3,4} \quad ; \quad J_L^{5,6} \bar{J}_R^{5,6} \\ & y^{1,2} \omega^{1,2} \bar{y}^{1,2} \bar{\omega}^{1,2} \quad ; \quad y^{3,4} \omega^{3,4} \bar{y}^{3,4} \bar{\omega}^{3,4} \quad ; \quad y^{5,6} \omega^{5,6} \bar{y}^{5,6} \bar{\omega}^{5,6} \end{aligned}$$

These moduli are always present in symmetric $Z_2 \times Z_2$ orbifolds

in realistic models

$$\{ 1, S, z_1, z_2 \} \oplus \{ b_1, b_2 \} \oplus \{ \alpha, \beta, \gamma \}$$

$$N = 4$$

$$N = 1$$

$$E_8 \times E_8$$

$$Z_2 \times Z_2$$

new feature Asymmetric orbifold $y^i \omega^i \bar{y}^i \bar{\omega}^i \rightarrow -y^i \omega^i \bar{y}^i \bar{\omega}^i$

the key focus: boundary conditions of the internal fermions

$$\{ y, \omega \mid \bar{y}, \bar{\omega} \}$$

WS fermions that have same B.C. in all basis vectors are paired

pairing of LR fermions \rightarrow Ising model \rightarrow symmetric real fermions

pairing of LL & RR fermions \rightarrow complex fermions \rightarrow asymmetric

STRING DERIVED STANDARD-LIKE MODEL (PLB278)

	ψ^μ	χ^{12}	χ^{34}	χ^{56}	$y^{3,\dots,6}$	$\bar{y}^{3,\dots,6}$	$y^{1,2}, \omega^{5,6}$	$\bar{y}^{1,2}, \bar{\omega}^{5,6}$	$\omega^{1,\dots,4}$	$\bar{\omega}^{1,\dots,4}$	$\bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}$	$\bar{\eta}^1$	$\bar{\eta}^2$	$\bar{\eta}^3$	$\bar{\phi}^{1,\dots,8}$
1	1	1	1	1	1, ..., 1	1, ..., 1	1, ..., 1	1, ..., 1	1, ..., 1	1, ..., 1	1, ..., 1	1	1	1	1, ..., 1
<i>S</i>	1	1	1	1	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	0	0	0	0, ..., 0
<i>b</i> ₁	1	1	0	0	1, ..., 1	1, ..., 1	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	1, ..., 1	1	0	0	0, ..., 0
<i>b</i> ₂	1	0	1	0	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	1, ..., 1	1, ..., 1	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	1, ..., 1	0	1	0	0, ..., 0
<i>b</i> ₃	1	0	0	1	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	0, ..., 0	1, ..., 1	1, ..., 1	1, ..., 1	0	0	1	0, ..., 0

	ψ^μ	χ^{12}	χ^{34}	χ^{56}	$y^3 y^6$	$y^4 \bar{y}^4$	$y^5 \bar{y}^5$	$\bar{y}^3 \bar{y}^6$	$y^1 \omega^5$	$y^2 \bar{y}^2$	$\omega^6 \bar{\omega}^6$	$\bar{y}^1 \bar{\omega}^5$	$\omega^2 \omega^4$	$\omega^1 \bar{\omega}^1$	$\omega^3 \bar{\omega}^3$	$\bar{\omega}^2 \bar{\omega}^4$	$\bar{\psi}^{1,\dots,5}$					$\bar{\eta}^1$	$\bar{\eta}^2$	$\bar{\eta}^3$	$\bar{\phi}$		
α	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1 1 1 0 0					0	0	0	1 1 1		
β	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1 1 1 0 0					0	0	0	1 1 1		
γ	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{2}$					$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1

Asymmetric *BC* \Rightarrow all untwisted moduli are projected out!

all $y_i \omega_i \bar{y}_i \bar{\omega}_i$ are disallowed

can be translated to asymmetric bosonic identifications

$$X_L + X_R \rightarrow X_L - X_R$$

moduli fixed at enhanced symmetry point

Free Fermionic Webs of Heterotic T-folds :

- w Groot-Nibellink & Benjamin Percival, arXiv:2606.16443,
free fermion \longleftrightarrow asymmetric orbifolds via bosonisation
- the space of possible bosonisations via permutations.
symmetric vs asymmetric is in the eye of the bosonisation
- enhanced T-duality group \longleftrightarrow generalised T-folds
- intrinsically asymmetric \longleftrightarrow all geometrical moduli are projected out
- moduli are projected in groups of four: 0, 4, 8, 12

(See Benjamin Percival parallel session talk)

“anomalous” $U(1)_A \Rightarrow$ FI-term in $N = 1$ supersymmetric vacua

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

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

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

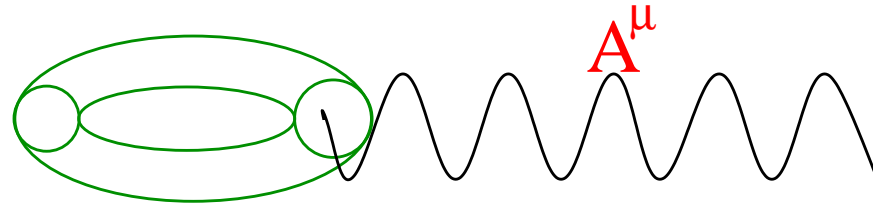
nonvanishing correlators

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

gauge & string invariant

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

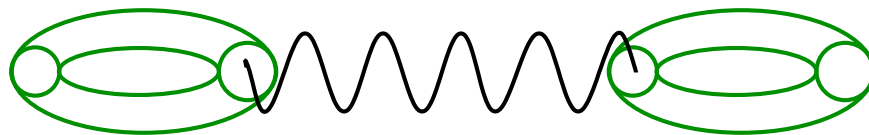
An anomalous $U(1)_A \longleftrightarrow$ Recurring feature in $N = 0$ string vacua



The calculation of the “FI-term” follows through

→ Alonzo Diaz-Avalos parallel session talk for details

$$V = \frac{1}{2} g_s^2 \zeta^2$$



Partition functions and the cosmological constant

Full Partition Function for Free Fermionic models:

$$Z_{T_oT} = \int_{\mathcal{F}} \frac{d^2\tau}{\tau_2^2} Z_B Z_F \equiv \Lambda$$

Integral over the inequivalent tori

• Fermionic contribution:

$$Z_F = \sum_{Sp.Str.} c \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{pmatrix} \prod_f Z \begin{bmatrix} \alpha(f) \\ \beta(f) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Z \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{\theta_1}{\eta}}, \quad Z \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{\theta_2}{\eta}}, \quad Z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{\theta_3}{\eta}}, \quad Z \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = \sqrt{\frac{\theta_4}{\eta}},$$

• Bosonic : $Z_B = \frac{1}{\tau_2 \eta^2 \bar{\eta}^2}$ from spacetime Bosons.

Evaluated using $q \equiv e^{2\pi i\tau}$ expansion

$$Z = \sum_{n,m} a_{mn} \int_{\mathcal{F}} \frac{d^2\tau}{\tau_2^3} q^m \bar{q}^n \quad \begin{cases} d\tau_1 & \longrightarrow \text{analytic} \\ d\tau_2 & \longrightarrow \text{numeric} \end{cases}$$

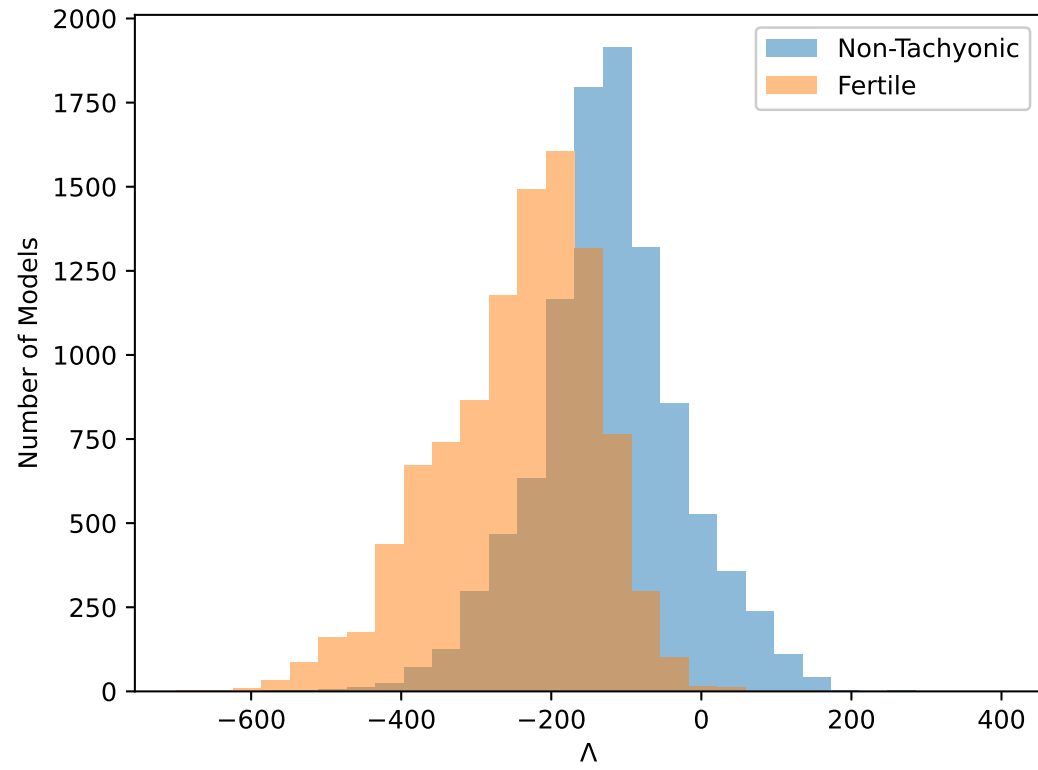
q – expansion of Z

$$I_{mn} = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{if } m+n < 0 \wedge m-n \notin \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \\ \text{Finite} & \text{Otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- On-Shell Tachyons cause divergence
- Off-Shell Tachyons allowed (necessary)

Modular invariance $\longrightarrow m - n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Distribution of Λ



Away from the free fermionic point:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Z &= \int \frac{d^2\tau}{\tau_2^2} \frac{\tau_2^{-1}}{\eta^{12}\bar{\eta}^{24}} \frac{1}{2^3} \left(\sum (-)^{a+b+ab} \vartheta \left[\begin{matrix} a \\ b \end{matrix} \right] \vartheta \left[\begin{matrix} a+h_1 \\ b+g_1 \end{matrix} \right] \vartheta \left[\begin{matrix} a+h_2 \\ b+g_2 \end{matrix} \right] \vartheta \left[\begin{matrix} a+h_3 \\ b+g_3 \end{matrix} \right] \right)_{\psi^\mu, \chi} \\
 &\times \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\epsilon, \xi} \bar{\vartheta} \left[\begin{matrix} \epsilon \\ \xi \end{matrix} \right]^5 \bar{\vartheta} \left[\begin{matrix} \epsilon+h_1 \\ \xi+g_1 \end{matrix} \right] \bar{\vartheta} \left[\begin{matrix} \epsilon+h_2 \\ \xi+g_2 \end{matrix} \right] \bar{\vartheta} \left[\begin{matrix} \epsilon+h_3 \\ \xi+g_3 \end{matrix} \right] \right)_{\bar{\psi}^{1\dots 5}, \bar{\eta}^{1,2,3}} \\
 &\times \left(\frac{1}{2} \sum_{H_1, G_1} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{H_2, G_2} (-)^{H_1 G_1 + H_2 G_2} \bar{\vartheta} \left[\begin{matrix} \epsilon+H_1 \\ \xi+G_1 \end{matrix} \right]^4 \bar{\vartheta} \left[\begin{matrix} \epsilon+H_2 \\ \xi+G_2 \end{matrix} \right]^4 \right)_{\bar{\phi}^{1\dots 8}} \\
 &\times \left(\sum_{s_i, t_i} \Gamma_{6,6} \left[\begin{matrix} h_i | s_i \\ g_i | t_i \end{matrix} \right] \right)_{(y\omega\bar{y}\bar{\omega})^{1\dots 6}} \times e^{i\pi\Phi(\gamma, \delta, s_i, t_i, \epsilon, \xi, h_i, g_i, H_1, G_1, H_2, G_2)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Gamma_{1,1}[h] = \frac{R}{\sqrt{\tau_2}} \sum_{\tilde{m}, n} \exp \left[-\frac{\pi R^2}{\tau_2} |(2\tilde{m} + g) + (2n + h) \tau|^2 \right]$$

SUSY broken by the choice of the phase Φ :

- explicit breaking *e.g.* $c\left(\begin{smallmatrix} S \\ z_1 \end{smallmatrix}\right) = +1$

gravitino is projected out with mass $M \sim M_S$

- Shreck-Schwaz mechanism \rightarrow Supersymmetry is broken sponateneously

$$\Phi(X^5 + 2\pi R) = e^{iQ} \Phi(X^5) \quad Q \text{ fermion number}$$

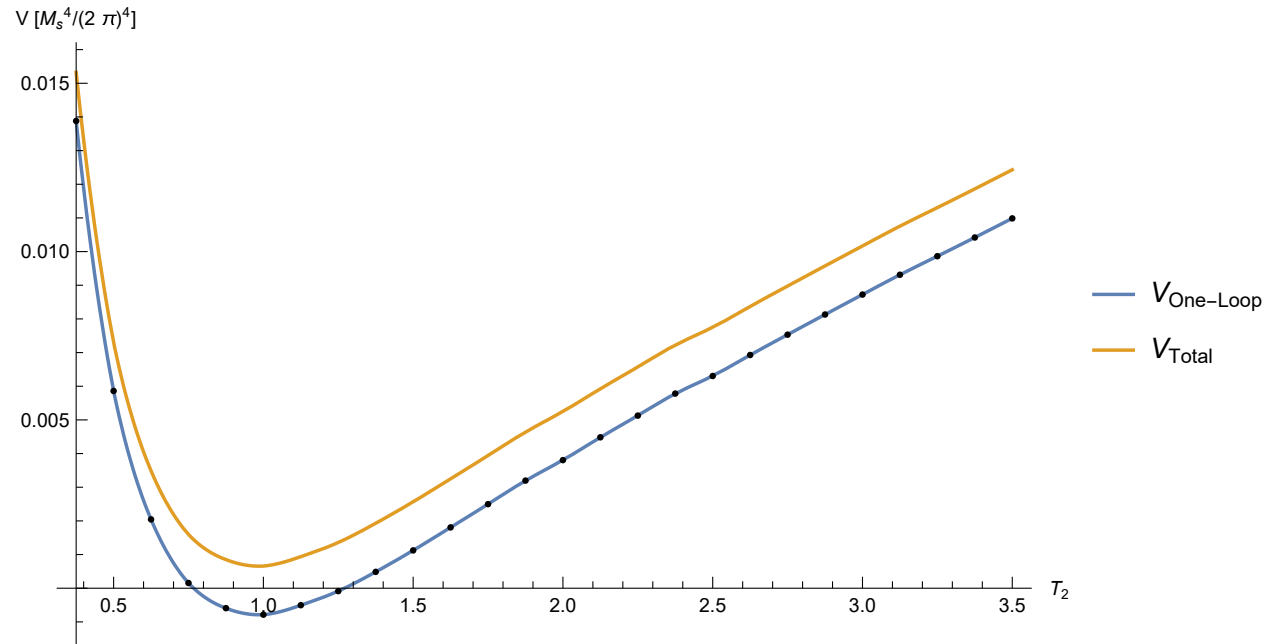
$$g = (-1)^F \delta \quad \delta \rightarrow X = X + \pi R \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad c\left(\begin{smallmatrix} S \\ e_i \end{smallmatrix}\right) = +1$$

$$M_{\frac{3}{2}} \sim \frac{1}{R}$$

Supersymmetry is restored in the $R \rightarrow \infty$ limit

Uplift with explicit breaking

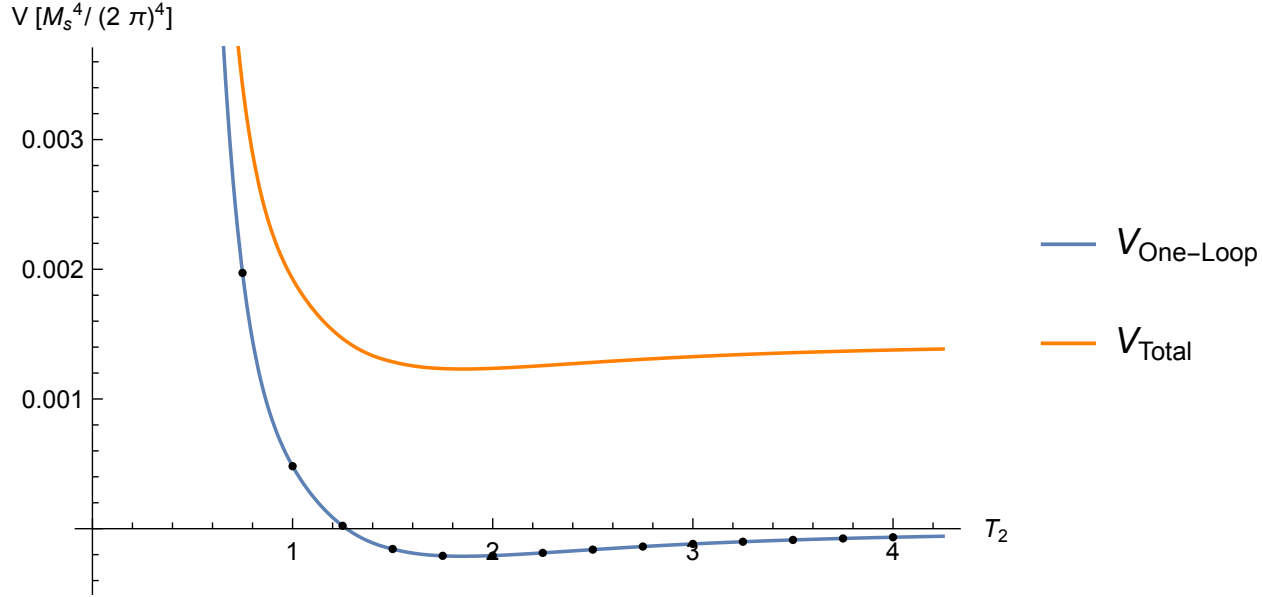
$(g_s \sim 1)$



$$\Lambda = -0.000785598\mathcal{M}^4$$

$$V_D = 0.00144365\mathcal{M}^4$$

Uplift with Scherk–Schwarz breaking



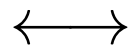
$$\Lambda = -0.000215338\mathcal{M}^4$$

$$V_D = 0.00144365\mathcal{M}^4$$

Conclusions

- Mirror symmetry, SVD \longrightarrow How do they constrain the EFT limit ?
- Moduli spaces of (2,0) string compactifications

Symmetric



Asymmetric

Classical geometry

quantum geometry

Role of non-geometric backgrounds \longleftrightarrow Moduli Fixing

- Non-SUSY string phenomenology

Role of the “Fayet-Iliopoulos” term in non-SUSY string vacua

D -term up lift \longrightarrow Towrad string dynamics and vacuum selection