

Lorentz violation and vacuum structure in string theories

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String theory = A quantum gravity



Tiny string vibrates,
→ Many kinds of particles

Graviton, scalar fields, tensor fields, ...

- Can determine the spacetime dimensions ... 10 dim!
- Reduces to ordinary quantum field theory at low energy
- Complete definition not found yet

String supports antimatter feeling different gravity?

- Answer 1 : **Broken CPT**

Matter and antimatter have different mass eigenstates

- Answer 2 : **“Fifth force”**

Highly supersymmetrized hypothetical world has cancellation of gravity by scalar/tensor forces, called “BPS”

Scalar (axion, dilaton,...), tensor (RR-field, NSNS field,...)

These particles can be light, after moduli stabilization

But It is unlikely that these couple to baryon charge.



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CPT theorem (for 4d quantum field theory)

Local interaction + **Lorentz** invariance \rightarrow CPT invariance

[Luders '54] [Pauli '55]

In string theory?

Locality : subtle

Lorentz : by hand!

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Locality : subtle

String = extended object
= non-local ?



String interaction is local, but action looks non-local

$$S = \int d^d x \left[(\partial_\mu \phi(x))^2 + (\exp(\partial_\nu \partial^\nu) \phi(x))^3 \right] + \dots$$

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Lorentz : by hand!

Superstring needs Lorentz violation, because.....

Consistently formulated in 10 spacetime dimensions

→ Reconciled only by “Space compactification” $10 = 4 + 6$

→ Inevitable breaking of 10 dim. Lorentz symmetry!
But 4d Lorentz is kept by hand!

Question : Why 4+6 ? Why not $1+1+1+1+1+\dots+1$?

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Normally **string phenomenology keeps 4d Lorentz by hand.**

- 6d Calabi-Yau compactification in heterotic string theory.
- D-brane wrapping 6d torus in type II superstring theory.
- F-theory compactifications.

Reason : simpler, and

we do not know spontaneous breaking mechanism

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Look back: A historical side of **String and Lorentz breaking**

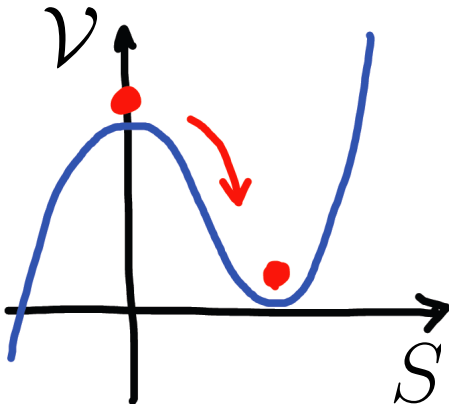
CPT breaking by a constant vector

- Standard Model Extension [Colladay, Kostelecky '97]

[Myers, Pospelov '02]

$$\mathcal{L}'_a \equiv a_\mu \bar{\psi} \gamma^\mu \psi$$

Vector condensation in string theory [Kostelecky, Samuel '89]



$$\mathcal{V}(S, A_\mu) = -S^2 + S^3 - S A_\mu A^\mu$$

This seems not the case in string theory
If present, vector would be Planck scale

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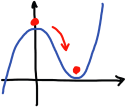



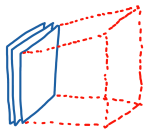
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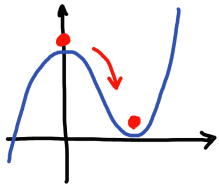
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Spontaneous compactification scenarios

	Scenario	4d Lorentz breaking	Evaluation
1. 	Vacuum condensation	Spontaneous	?
2. 	Winding string	Explicit	Δ
3. 	Braneworld	?	?
4. 	Matrix universe	Spontaneous	Δ
5. 	Emergent spacetime	Explicit	?

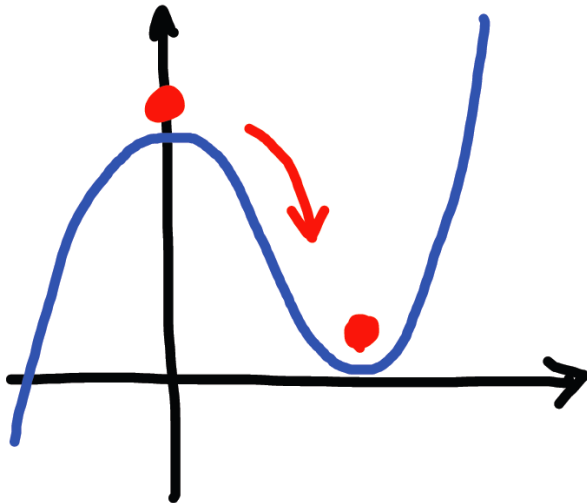
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Vacuum condensation

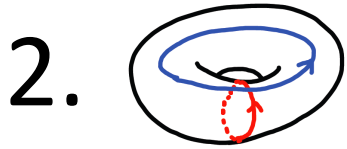
Lorentz breaking: Spontaneous, Evaluation: ?

Tachyon condensation [Kostelecky, Samuel, '89] [Sen '98]



Bosonic string has tachyonic instability

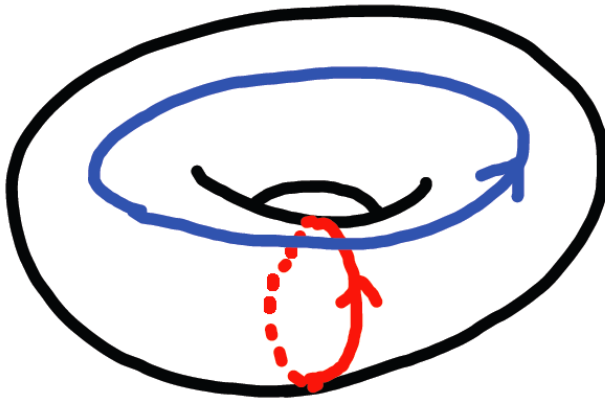
→ Spontaneous disappearance
of spatial dimensions



Winding string

Lorentz breaking: Explicit, Evaluation: Δ

Brandenberger-Vafa scenario [Brandenberger, Vafa, '88]

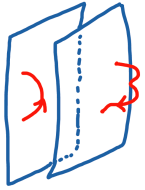


Early hot universe
compactified on 10-dim. torus

Winding strings reconnected
→ Only 4 dim. are freed

Our universe is a torus = 4d Lorentz breaking

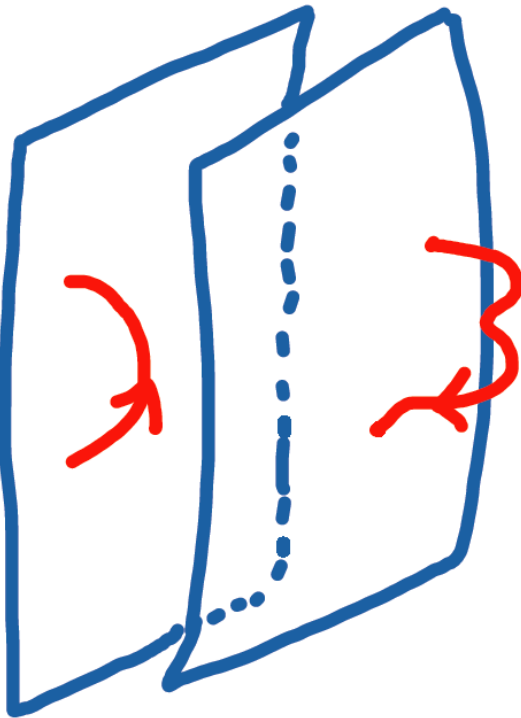
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Braneworld

Lorentz breaking : ? Evaluation: ?

Brane gas cosmology [Alexander, '01],[Brandenberger,et.al]



D-branes: hypersurfaces on which strings can end

Braneworld: We live on D3-branes

D_p-D_pbar annihilation in 10 dim.

→ creation of D(p-2) brane

“D₉→D₇→D₅→D₃.”

4. 

Matrix universe

Lorentz breaking: Spontaneous, Evaluation: Δ

IIB Matrix Model [Ishibashi, Kawai, Kitazawa, Tsuchiya '96]



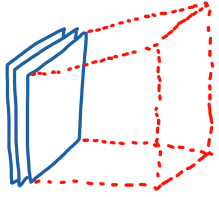
Small D-branes forming a bound state

→ 4 large dimensions + 6 compact dimensions

Our space is non-commutative, CPT can be broken

[Mocioiu, Pospelov, Roiban '01]

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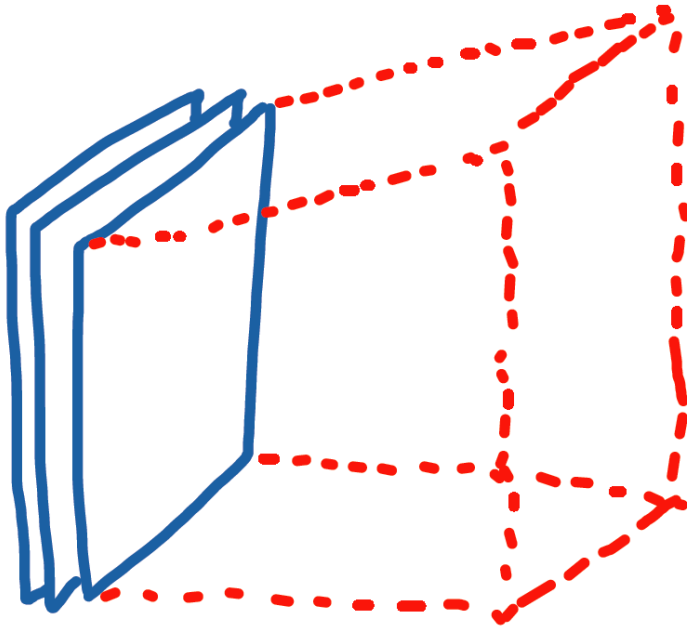


Emergent spacetime

Lorentz breaking: Explicit, Evaluation: ?

AdS/CFT correspondence [Maldacena '98]

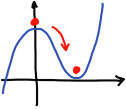



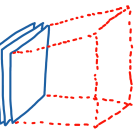
M-theory [Witten '95]



Gauge theory at strong coupling
→ Additional emergent dimension
without Lorentz symmetry

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