

TOPICS IN
RCFT
ORIENTIFOLDS

ORIENTIFOLD PARTITION FUNCTIONS

● Closed $\frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{ij} \chi_i(\tau) Z_{ij} \chi_i(\bar{\tau}) + \sum_i K_i \chi_i(2\tau) \right]$

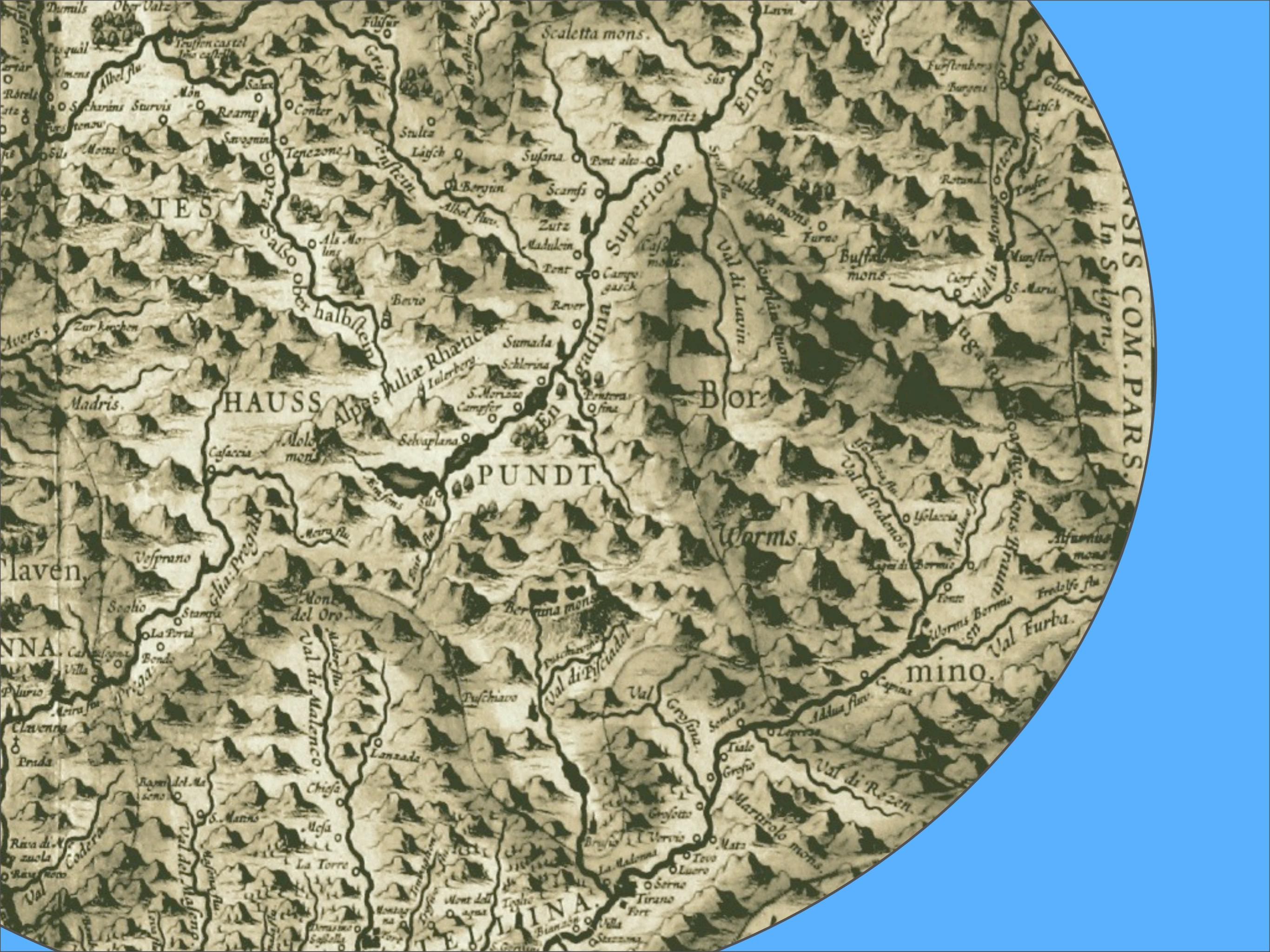
● Open $\frac{1}{2} \left[\sum_{i,a,n} N_a N_b A^i_{ab} \chi_i\left(\frac{\tau}{2}\right) + \sum_{i,a} N_a M^i_a \hat{\chi}_i\left(\frac{\tau}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\right) \right]$

i : Primary field label (finite range)

a : Boundary label (finite range)

χ_i : Character

N_a : Chan-Paton (CP) Multiplicity





Free Fields



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Free Fields

What we can compute

- Exact perturbative string spectra
- Gauge couplings in rational points

What we can't do (yet)

- Compute Yukawa couplings
- Compute couplings to moduli
- Perturbations around rational points
- Moduli stabilization
- ...

ALGEBRAIC CHOICES

- Basic CFT ($N=2$ tensor⁽¹⁾, free fermions⁽²⁾...)
- Chiral algebra extension
May imply space-time symmetry (e.g. Susy: GSO projection).
But this is optional!
Reduces number of characters.
- Modular Invariant Partition Function (MIPF)
May imply bulk symmetry (e.g Susy), not respected by all boundaries.
Defines the set of boundary states
(Sagnotti-Pradisi-Stanev completeness condition)
- Orientifold choice

⁽¹⁾ Dijkstra, Huiszoon, Schellekens (2005);

Anastasopoulos, Dijkstra, Kiritsis, Schellekens (2006)

⁽²⁾ Kiritsis, Lennek, Schellekens, to appear.

CONSISTENCY CONDITIONS

- Tadpole cancellation
- Absence of axion mixing for Y
- Global anomalies*

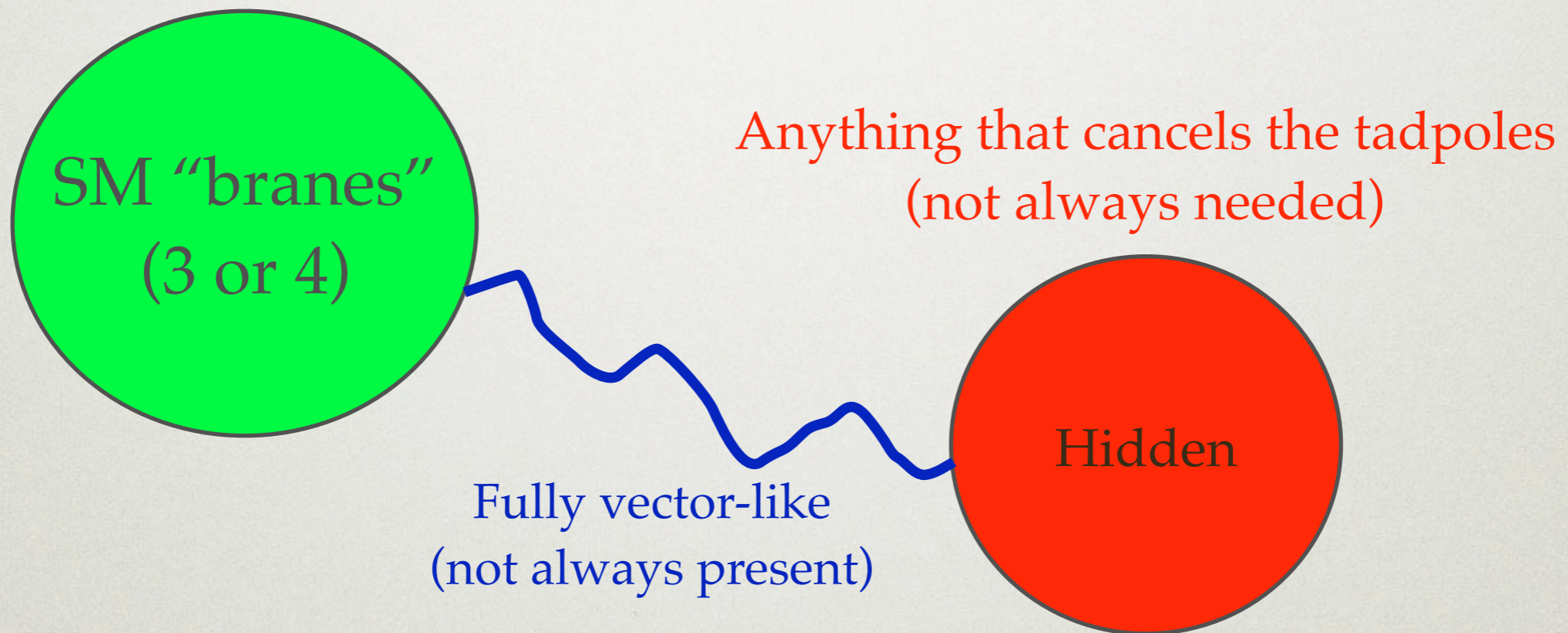
Same as for all other orientifold models

(*) “probe branes” (Uranga)

B. Gato-Rivera and A.N Schellekens, *Phys.Lett.B632:728-732,2006*

SM REALIZATION

3 families
+ anything vector-like

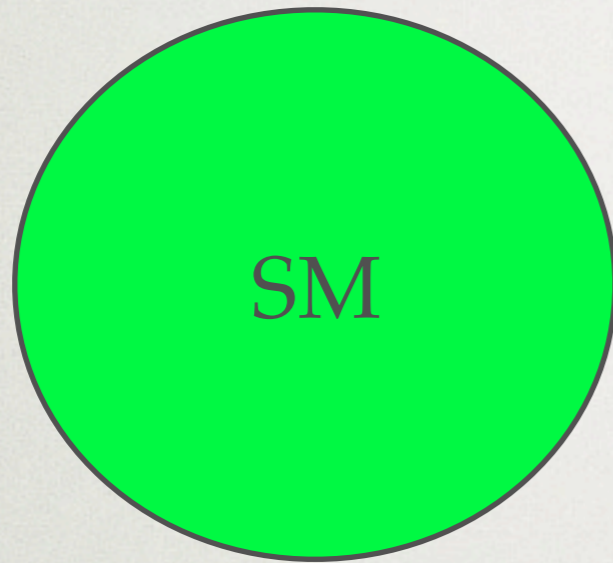


Vector-like: mass allowed by $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$

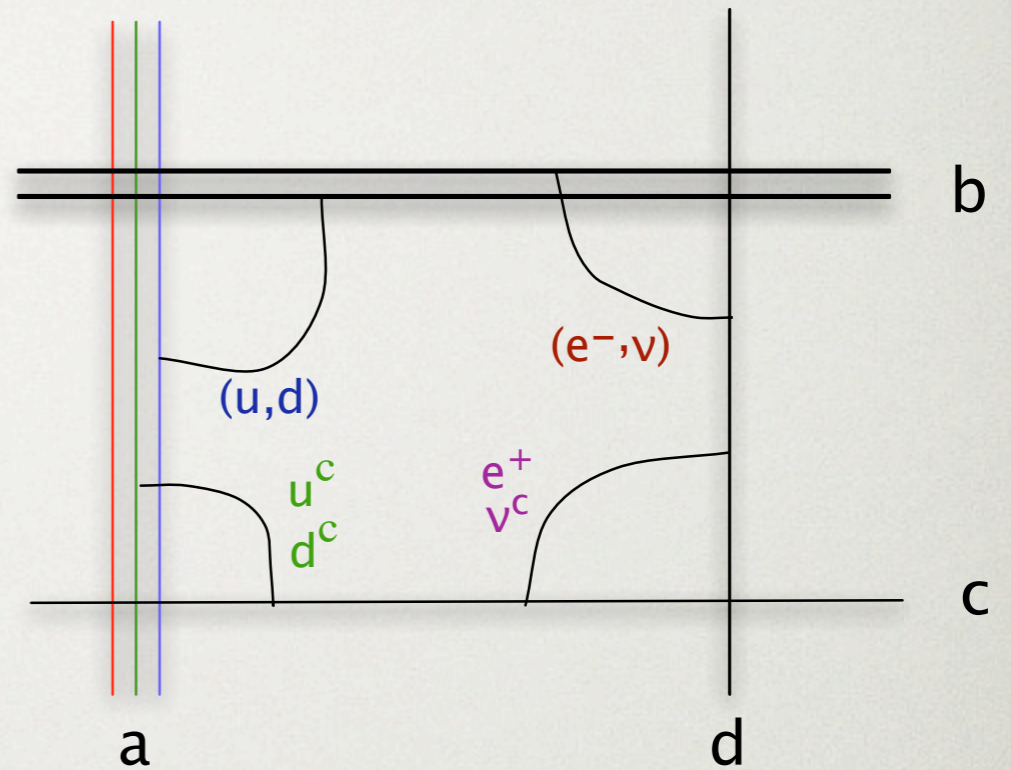
Fully vector-like: mass allowed by all gauge symmetries

DHS RESULTS (2004-2005)

Huiszoon, Dijkstra, Schellekens



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210000 distinct tadpole-free spectra found

Best imaginable result:

The exact MSSM spectrum

Gauge group: $U(3) \times Sp(2) \times U(1) \times U(1)$

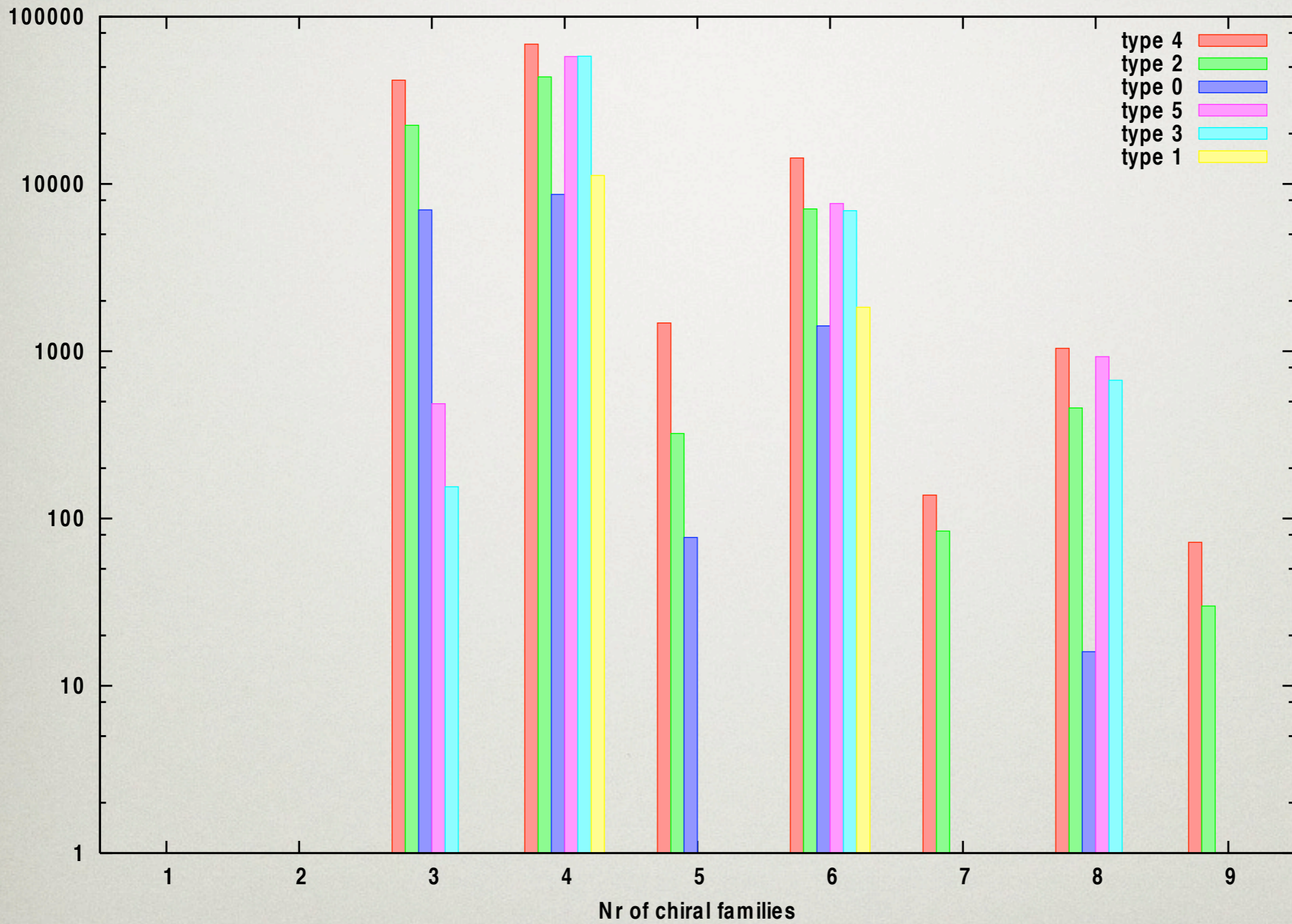
7	x	(V	,	V	,	0	,	0	)	chirality	3
3	x	(V	,	0	,	V	,	0	)	chirality	-3
3	x	(V	,	0	,	V*	,	0	)	chirality	-3
9	x	(0	,	V	,	0	,	V	)	chirality	3
5	x	(0	,	0	,	V	,	V	)	chirality	-3
3	x	(0	,	0	,	V	,	V*)	chirality	3
6	x	(V	,	0	,	0	,	V)		
10	x	(0	,	V	,	V	,	0)		
2	x	(Ad	,	0	,	0	,	0)		
2	x	(A	,	0	,	0	,	0)		
6	x	(S	,	0	,	0	,	0)		
14	x	(0	,	A	,	0	,	0)		
10	x	(0	,	S	,	0	,	0)		
9	x	(0	,	0	,	Ad	,	0)		
6	x	(0	,	0	,	A	,	0)		
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3	x	(0	,	0	,	0	,	Ad)		
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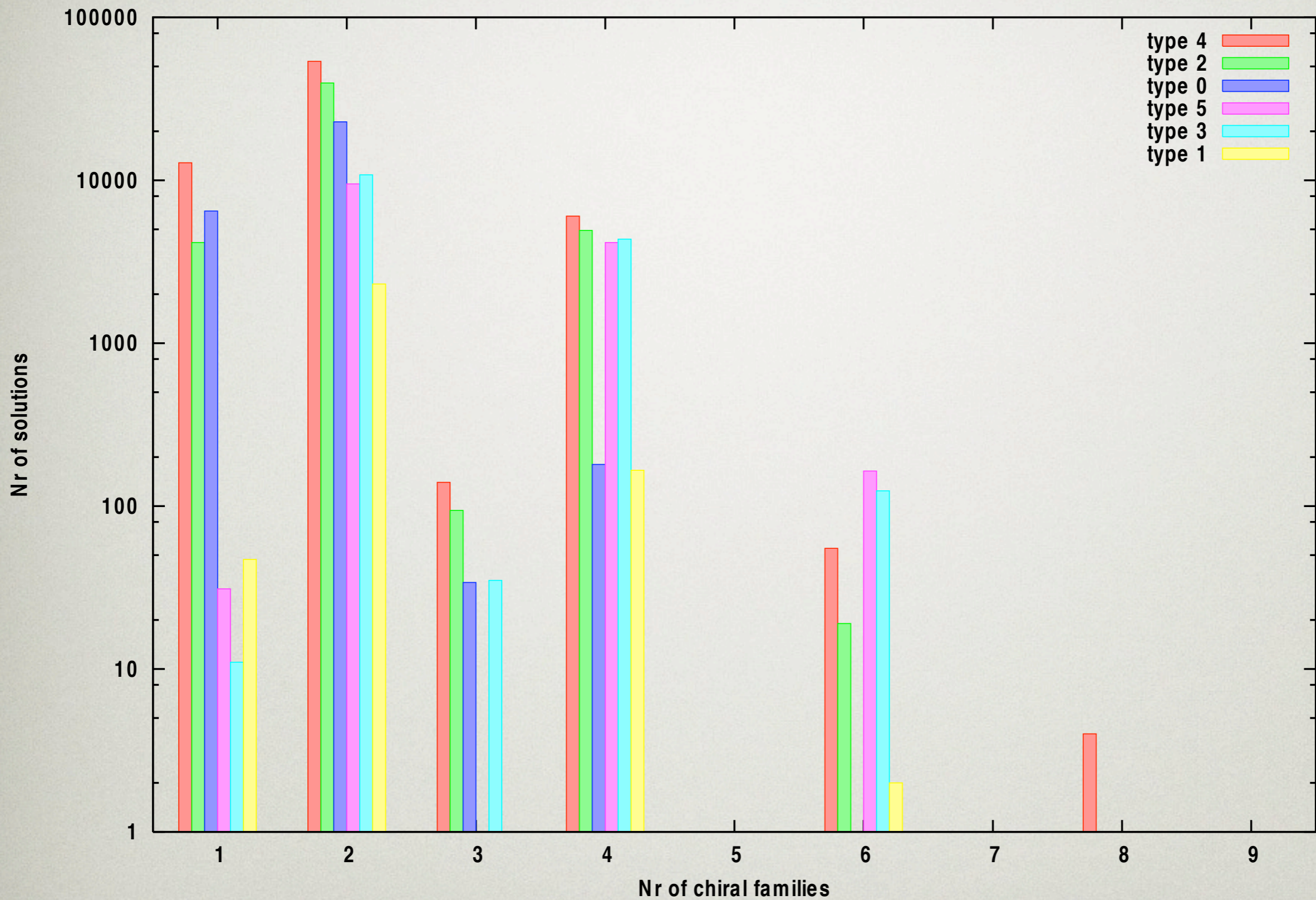
No hidden sector

B-L Massive (axion mixing)

Gauge group:

Exactly $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$





cf. Gmeiner et. al.

ADKS RESULTS (2005-2006)

Anastasopoulos, Dijkstra, Kiritsis, Schellekens

SEARCH CRITERIA

Require only:

- $U(3)$ from a single brane
- $U(2)$ from a single brane
- Quarks and leptons, Y from at most four branes
- $G_{CP} \supset SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)$
- Chiral G_{CP} fermions reduce to quarks, leptons (plus non-chiral particles)
- Massless Y

CHAN-PATON GROUP

$$G_{CP} = U(3)_a \times \left\{ \begin{array}{l} U(2)_b \\ Sp(2)_b \end{array} \right\} \times G_c \quad (\times G_d)$$

Embedding of Y:

$$Y = \alpha Q_a + \beta Q_b + \gamma Q_c + \delta Q_d + W_c + W_d$$

Q: Brane charges (for unitary branes)

W: Traceless generators

CLASSIFICATION

$$Y = \left(x - \frac{1}{3}\right)Q_a + \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)Q_b + \underbrace{xQ_c + (x - 1)Q_d}_{\text{Distributed over c and d}}$$

Distributed over
c and d

Allowed values for x

1/2	Madrid model, Pati-Salam, Flipped SU(5)
0	(broken) SU(5)
1	Antoniadis, Kiritsis, Tomaras model
-1/2, 3/2	
any	Trinification ($x = 1/3$) (orientable)

RESULTS

- 19345 chirally distinct spectra
(19 of *Madrid* type)
- 1900 distinct ones with tadpole solutions
(≈ 1900 distinct *hep-th* papers)

STATISTICS

Value of x	Total
0	24483441
1/2	138837612
1	30580
-1/2, 3/2	0
any	1250080

A CURIOSITY

Gauge group $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1) \times [U(2)_{\text{Hidden}}]$

U3 S2 U1 U1 U2

3 x (V ,V ,0 ,0 ,0)	chirality 3	Q
3 x (0 ,0 ,V ,V ,0)	chirality -3	E*
1 x (V ,0 ,0 ,V* ,0)	chirality -1	U*
2 x (V ,0 ,V ,0 ,0)	chirality -2	D*
2 x (0 ,V ,0 ,V ,0)	chirality 2	L
3 x (V ,0 ,0 ,V ,0)	chirality -1	D*+(D+D*)
3 x (0 ,V ,V ,0 ,0)	chirality 1	L+H ₁ +H ₂
2 x (V ,0 ,V* ,0 ,0)	chirality -2	U*
1 x (0 ,0 ,V ,V* ,0)	chirality 1	N*
4 x (A ,0 ,0 ,0 ,0)		U+U*
2 x (0 ,0 ,0 ,S ,0)		E+E*

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Truly hidden
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2 x (0 ,V ,0 ,V ,0)	chirality 2	L
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3 x (0 ,V ,V ,0 ,0)	chirality 1	L+H ₁ +H ₂
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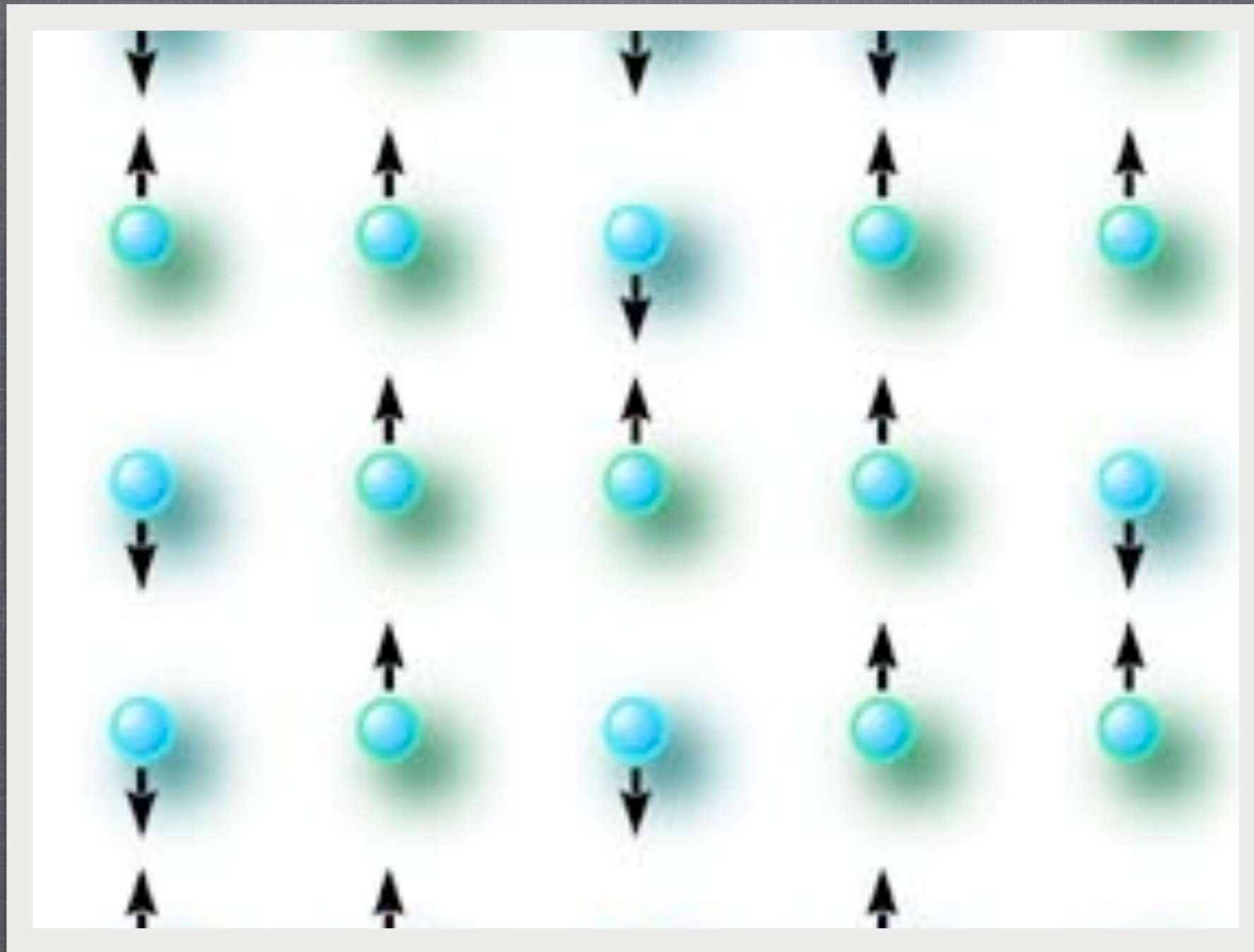
Free-field realization with (2)⁶ Gepner model
 (Kiritsis, Schellekens, Tsulaia, to appear)

FREE THEORIES

Motivation:

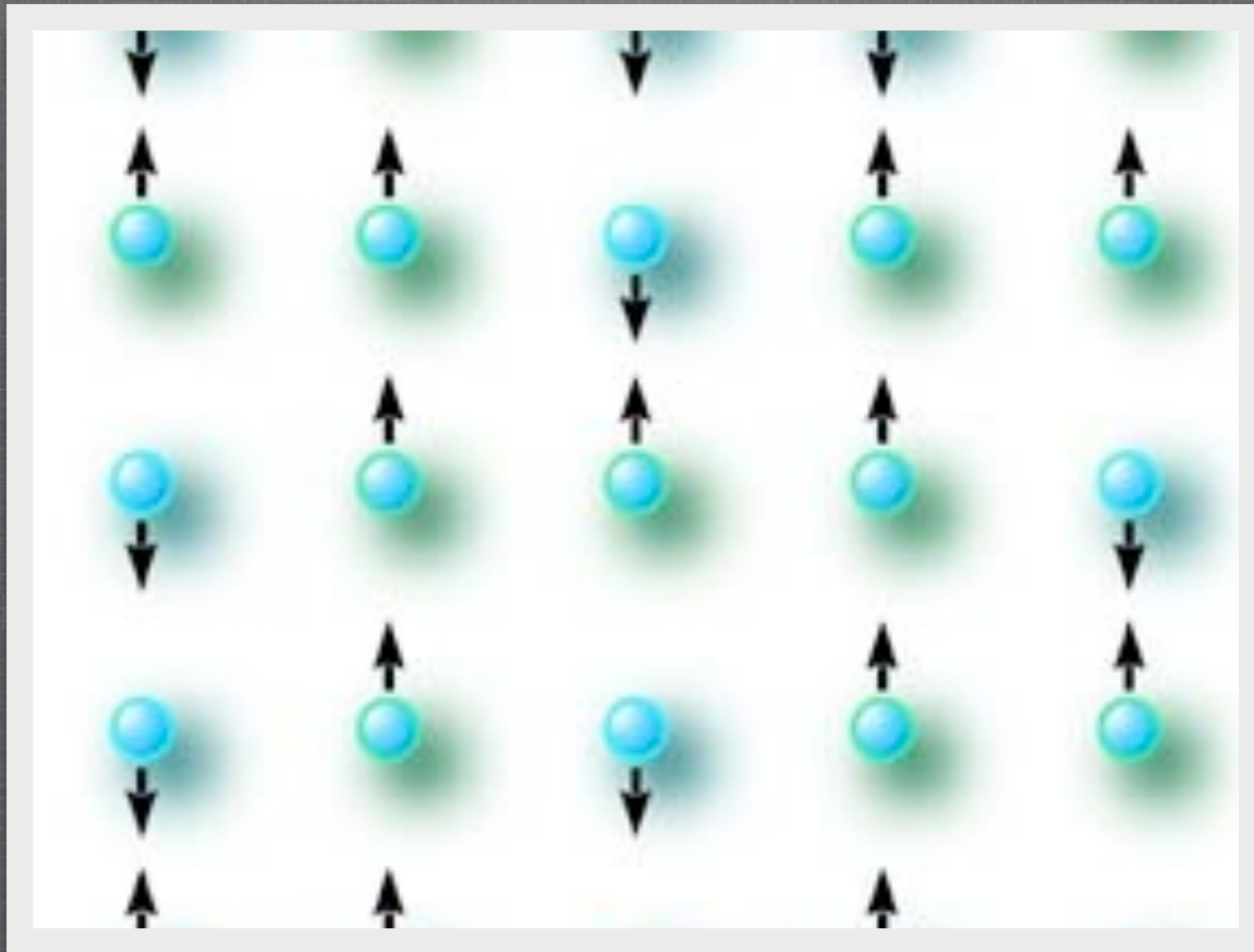
- Compare with other approaches
- Allow computation of more quantities

FREE FERMIONS



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M. Lennek, E. Kiritsis, A.N. Schellekens



NUMBER OF MIPFS

Tensor product of 18 real free fermions or “Ising Models”.
World-sheet susy via KLT-ABK “triplet constraint”.

Complex fermions: $(\text{Ising})^2 \rightarrow D_1$ (within triplets).

$(\text{NSR}) (D_1)^9$	685 MIPFs
$(\text{NSR}) (D_1)^7 (\text{Ising})^4$	7466 MIPFs
$(\text{NSR}) (D_1)^5 (\text{Ising})^8$	75427 MIPFs
$(\text{NSR}) (D_1)^3 (\text{Ising})^{12}$	534700 MIPFs

Far more MIPFs than for Gepner Models (≈ 5000)

Hodge numbers

359	(51, 3, 4)	917	(21, 21, 8)	(K3 × T2)
359	(3, 51, 4)	2214	(19, 19, 4)	
2962	(31, 7, 4)	13225	(15, 15, 4)	
2962	(7, 31, 4)	6152	(13, 13, 8)	
4066	(27, 3, 4)	12	(13, 13, 4)	
4066	(3, 27, 4)	92684	(11, 11, 4)	
6	(25, 1, 4)	1187	(9, 9, 16)	(Tori)
6	(1, 25, 4)	3550	(9, 9, 8)	
1720	(21, 9, 4)	100838	(9, 9, 4)	
1720	(9, 21, 4)	103414	(7, 7, 4)	
16866	(19, 7, 4)	4252	(5, 5, 8)	
16866	(7, 19, 4)	15018	(5, 5, 4)	
29118	(17, 5, 4)	12209	(3, 3, 4)	
29118	(5, 17, 4)	4	(1, 1, 8)	
11132	(15, 3, 4)			
11132	(3, 15, 4)			
65072	(12, 6, 4)			
65072	(6, 12, 4)			

cf. Donagi and Faraggi, 2004
($Z_2 \times Z_2$ orbifolds)

SEARCH RESULTS

(NSR) $(D_1)^9$

SM configuration, no
tadpole cancellation

(NSR) $(D_1)^7$ (Ising)⁴

Nothing

(NSR) $(D_1)^5$ (Ising)⁸

Nothing

(NSR) $(D_1)^3$ (Ising)¹²

Nothing

(using random MIPF selection)

SM CONFIGURATION (FREE BOSONS)

U(4)	U(2)	U(2)	mult.
0	V^*	V	2
V^*	0	V	1
V	V	0	2
V^*	0	V^*	2
V	V^*	0	1

Exact! No non-chiral states!

Also a $U(3) \times U(1)$ version

NON-SUPERSYMMETRIC SPECTRA

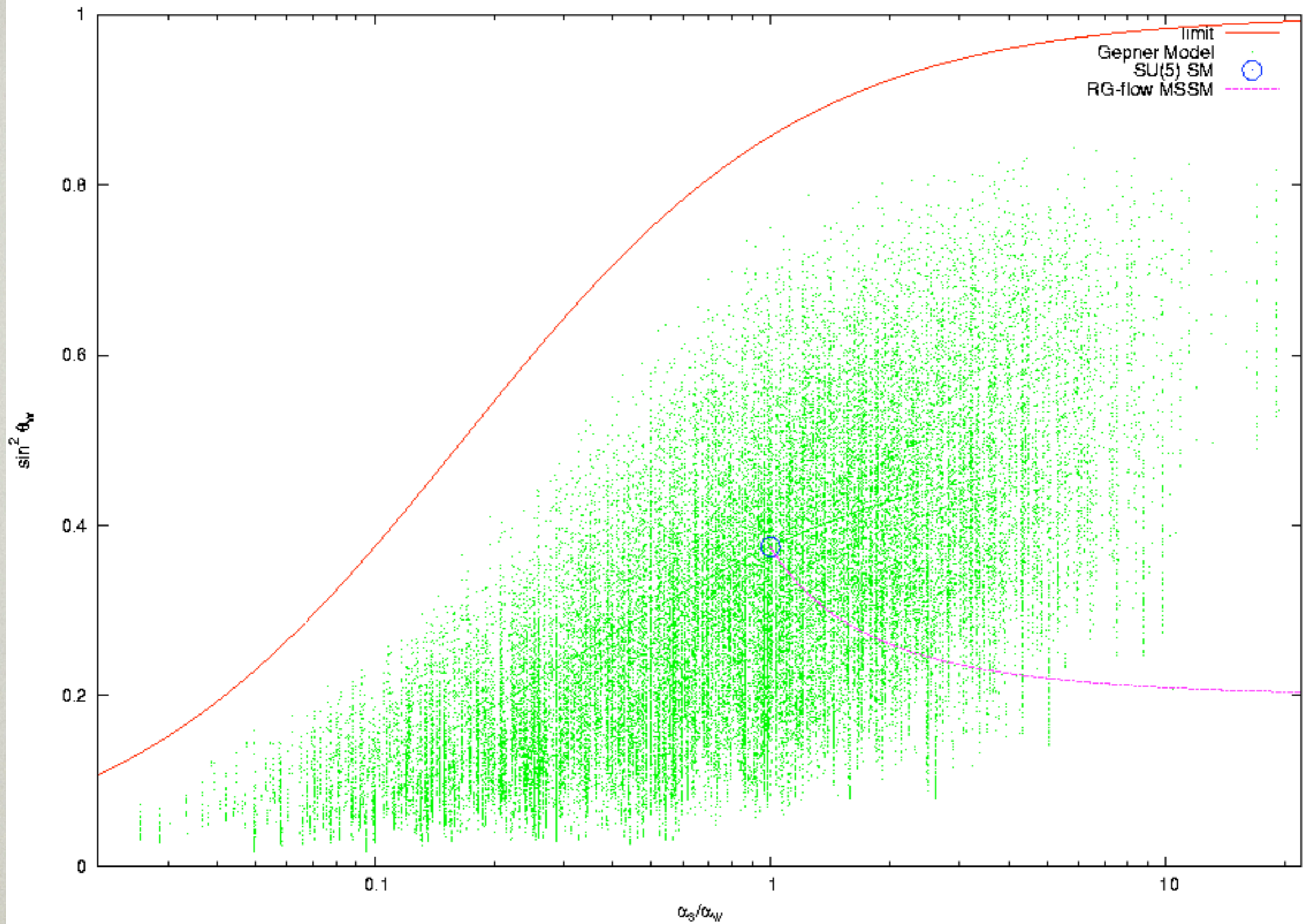
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*But: does string theory predict low energy supersymmetry
or GUT unification at 10^{16} GeV?*

NON-SUPERSYMMETRIC STRINGS

Additional complications:

- Tachyons: Closed sector, Open sector
- Tadpoles: Separate equations for NS and R.

Best imaginable outcome:

- Exactly the standard model (open sector)

But even then, there will be plenty of further problems: tadpoles at genus 1, how to compute anything of interest without the help of supersymmetry, etc.

cf. Ibañez, Marchesano, Rabadan

CLOSED SECTOR

Four ways of removing closed string tachyons:

- Chiral algebra extension (non-susy)
All characters non-supersymmetric, but tachyon-free.
- Automorphism MIPF
No tachyons in left-right pairing of characters.
- Susy MIPF
*Non-supersymmetric CFT, but supersymmetric bulk.
Allows boundaries that break supersymmetry.*
- Klein Bottle
This introduces crosscap tadpoles. Requires boundaries with non-zero CP multiplicity.

CLOSED SECTOR

Do these possibilities occur?

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- Automorphism MIPF
- Susy MIPF
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CLOSED SECTOR

Do these possibilities occur?

- Chiral algebra extension (non-susy) ✗
- Automorphism MIPF ✓ (44054 MIPFs)
- Susy MIPF ✓ (40261 MIPFs)
- Klein Bottle ✓ (186951 Orientifolds)

EXAMPLES OF TADPOLE AND TACHYON-FREE SPECTRA

Orientifolds of tachyon-free non-supersymmetric
oriented closed strings (automorphism MIPFs)

CFT 11111111, Extension 176, MIPF 35, orientifold 0

Gauge group $Sp(4)$

Bosons: $2 \times (S)$ (Symmetric Tensor)

Fermions: None

CFT 11111111, Extension 70, MIPF 56, orientifold 0

Gauge group $Sp(4)$

Bosons: None (Symmetric Tensor)

Fermions: $2 \times (S)$

CFT 11111111, Extension 176, MIPF 21, orientifold 0

Gauge group $Sp(4)$

Bosons: None

Fermions: None

CFT 1112410, Extension 157, MIPF 63, orientifold 0

Gauge group $O(4) \times U(1) \times U(2)$

Fermions

2 x (V , 0 , V) chirality -2
2 x (0 , V , V) chirality 2
2 x (0 , V , V*) chirality -2
6 x (0 , 0 , A) chirality -2
4 x (V , V , 0)
2 x (S , 0 , 0)
6 x (0 , Ad , 0)
4 x (0 , S , 0)
2 x (0 , 0 , Ad)

Bosons

2 x (V , 0 , V)
2 x (A , 0 , 0)
3 x (V , V , 0)
6 x (0 , Ad , 0)
3 x (0 , A , 0)
4 x (0 , S , 0)
3 x (0 , 0 , Ad)
4 x (0 , 0 , S)

Chiral!

CFT 1111111, Extension 67, MIPF 508, orientifold 0

Gauge group $Sp(2) \times U(1)$

Fermions

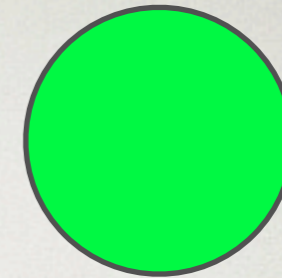
8 x (V, V)
6 x (S, 0)
6 x (0, Ad)
8 x (0, S)

Bosons

8 x (V, V)
5 x (S, 0)
5 x (0, Ad)
8 x (0, S)

FINDING THE SM

SEARCH FOR NON-SUSY SM CONFIGURATIONS



Total number of tachyon-free boundary state combinations satisfying our criteria:

3456601

Subdivided as follows

Bulk Susy	3389835	98.1%
Tachyon-free automorphism	66378	1.9%
Tachyon-free Klein bottle projection	388	0.01%

AN EXAMPLE

CFT 44716, Extension 124, MIPF 27, Orientifold 0
N=1 Susy Bulk symmetry

Spectrum type 20088 (Not on ADKS list)

Gauge Group $U(3) \times U(2) \times Sp(4) \times U(1)$

(broken by axion couplings to $SU(3) \times SU(2) \times Sp(4) \times U(1)$)

3 x (A ,0 ,0 ,0) chirality 3
3 x (0 ,A ,0 ,0) chirality 3
4 x (0 ,0 ,0 ,A) chirality -2
5 x (0 ,0 ,0 ,S) chirality -3
3 x (V ,0 ,V ,0) chirality -1
1 x (V ,0 ,0 ,V) chirality 1
1 x (0 ,V ,0 ,V) chirality 1
1 x (0 ,0 ,V ,V) chirality 1
5 x (V ,V ,0 ,0) chirality 3
1 x (0 ,V ,V ,0) chirality -1
3 x (Ad,0 ,0 ,0)
3 x (0 ,Ad,0 ,0)
4 x (0 ,0 ,0 ,Ad)
2 x (0 ,0 ,A ,0)
4 x (S ,0 ,0 ,0)
4 x (0 ,S ,0 ,0)
2 x (V ,0 ,0 ,V*)
2 x (0 ,V ,0 ,V*)
2 x (V ,V* ,0 ,0)

3 x (S ,0 ,0 ,0)
3 x (0 ,S ,0 ,0)
4 x (0 ,0 ,0 ,A)
5 x (0 ,0 ,0 ,S)
3 x (V ,0 ,V ,0)
2 x (V ,0 ,0 ,V)
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5 x (V ,V ,0 ,0)
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2 x (Ad,0 ,0 ,0)
2 x (0 ,Ad,0 ,0)
3 x (0 ,0 ,0 ,Ad)
1 x (0 ,0 ,S ,0)
4 x (A ,0 ,0 ,0)
4 x (0 ,A ,0 ,0)

2 x (V ,V* ,0 ,0)

3 x (A ,0 ,0 ,0) chirality 3

3 x (S ,0 ,0 ,0)

3 x (0 ,A ,0 ,0) chirality 3

3 x (0 ,S ,0 ,0)

4 x (0 ,0 ,0 ,A) chirality -2

4 x (0 ,0 ,0 ,A)

5 x (0 ,0 ,0 ,S) chirality -3

5 x (0 ,0 ,0 ,S)

3 x (V ,0 ,V ,0) chirality -1

3 x (V ,0 ,V ,0)

1 x (V ,0 ,0 ,V) chirality 1

2 x (V ,0 ,0 ,V)

1 x (0 ,V ,0 ,V) chirality 1

2 x (0 ,V ,0 ,V)

1 x (0 ,0 ,V ,V) chirality 1

3 x (0 ,0 ,V ,V)

5 x (V ,V ,0 ,0) chirality 3

5 x (V ,V ,0 ,0)

1 x (0 ,V ,V ,0) chirality -1

1 x (0 ,V ,V ,0)

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4 x (A ,0 ,0 ,0)

4 x (0 ,S ,0 ,0)

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$5 \times (0, 0, 0, S)$ chirality -3	$5 \times (0, 0, 0, S)$
$3 \times (V, 0, V, 0)$ chirality -1	$3 \times (V, 0, V, 0)$
$1 \times (V, 0, 0, V)$ chirality 1	$2 \times (V, 0, 0, V)$
$1 \times (0, V, 0, V)$ chirality 1	$2 \times (0, V, 0, V)$
$1 \times (0, 0, V, V)$ chirality 1	$3 \times (0, 0, V, V)$
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$2 \times (0, 0, A, 0)$	$1 \times (0, 0, S, 0)$
$4 \times (S, 0, 0, 0)$	$4 \times (A, 0, 0, 0)$
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$2 \times (0, V, 0, V^*)$	
$2 \times (V, V^*, 0, 0)$	$2 \times (V, V^*, 0, 0)$

FINDING HIDDEN SECTORS

A tachyon-free, tadpole-free hidden sector could be found for 896 of the 3456601 SM configurations.

All of these have bulk susy.

“Statistically” 16 would be expected for the tachyon-free automorphism, 0 for tachyon-free Klein bottles.

All 896 have a supersymmetric spectrum (exact boson fermion matching). They are probably identical to supersymmetric models from earlier searches.

CONCLUSIONS

- Non-supersymmetric, tadpole and tachyon-free standard models must exist, but are still hidden in the noise.
- Better chance with 1, 2 or 4 families.
- Supersymmetry is very persistent.