

# $Z'$ in heterotic orbifolds

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  - pheno: dark matter? observable exotics?
  - new interactions?

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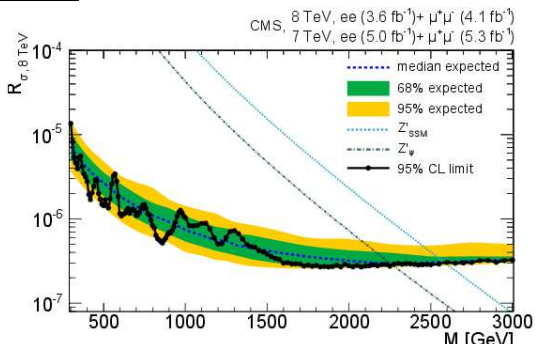
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Can we call it advantage?

We can look for them at LHC right now!

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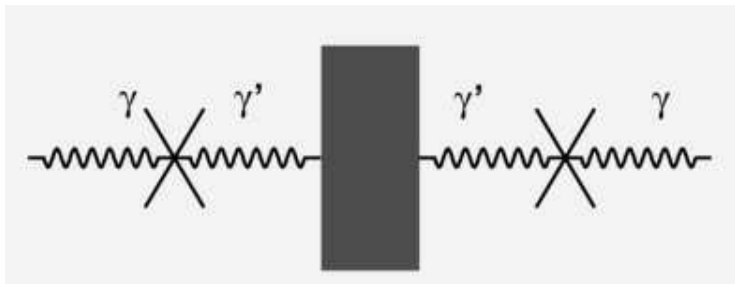
- kinetic mixing & dark matter
- gauge coupling magnitude & unification

# Kinetic Mixing & Dark Matter

Goodsell, SR-S, Ringwald

# Hidden photons

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further: **suppressed** couplings to SM matter

# Our scope

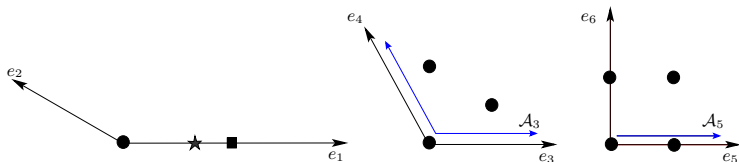
Compactify the heterotic string on  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ -II orbifolds

- Minilandscape  $\rightarrow \mathcal{O}$  (300) candidatos a MSSM

Lebedev, Nilles, Raby, S.R-S., Ratz, Wingerter, Vaudrevange ('06-'08)

- 4D EFT is known

Dixon, Friedan, Martinec, Shenker ('87), Kaplunovsky, Louis ('91), Mayr, Stieberger ('93),...



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Stringy kinetic mixing 😊

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**Result 1:** In heterotic orbifolds, stringy threshold corrections:

$$\Delta_{ab} = \sum_i \frac{b_{ab}^i |G^i|}{16\pi^2 |G|} \left[ \log \left( |\eta(T_i)|^4 \text{Im}(T_i) \right) + \log \left( |\eta(U_i)|^4 \text{Im}(U_i) \right) \right]$$

$$b_{ab}^i = \frac{1}{2} \left( -2 \text{tr}_{V, \mathcal{N}=2}^i(Q_a Q_b) + \text{tr}_{H, \mathcal{N}=2}^i(Q_a Q_b) \right)$$

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**Result 2:** We find for **all** MSSM candidates of the minilandscape<sup>a</sup>

$$\Delta_{XY} \neq 0, \quad 10^{-2} \lesssim \Delta_{XY} \lesssim 10^{-1}$$

Contrary to previous findings

Dienes, Kolda, March-Russell ('96)

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<sup>a</sup>Supposing T-moduli stabilization  $\langle T \rangle \sim \mathcal{O}(1)$

Dundee, Raby, Westphal; Parameswaran, SR-S, Zavala; Kappl, Petersen, Raby, Ratz, Schieren, Vaudrevange



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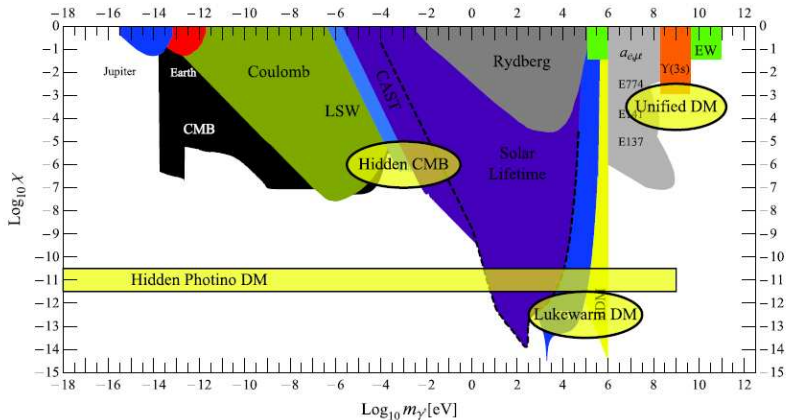
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If e.g.  $N = 7, n = 5, m = 8 \rightarrow m_\xi \sim 10 \text{ GeV}$  para  $z \sim 10^7$  ☺

Models of this type exist!! ☺

# Feasible?

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## $Z'$ gauge couplings & unification

Alapisco, SR-S

# Broadening our framework

See e.g. Patrick Vaudrevange's talk

There are plenty of MSSM candidates beyond the minilandscape

$P$	lattice	# MSSM-like models
$\mathbb{Z}_6$ -I	1	31
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$\mathbb{Z}_8$ -I	1	271
$\mathbb{Z}_8$ -I	2	164
$\mathbb{Z}_8$ -I	3	402
$\mathbb{Z}_8$ -II	1	1264
$\mathbb{Z}_8$ -II	2	448

Compare to models found by Nilles+Vaudrevange (1403.1597) and by Groot-Nibbelink+Orestis (1308.5145)

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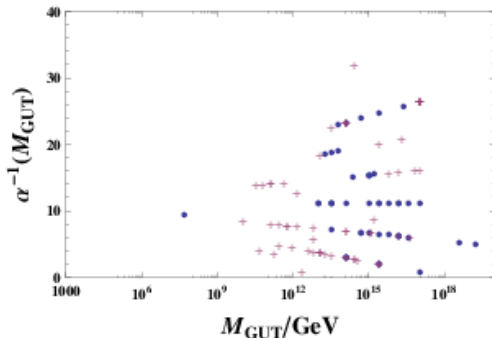
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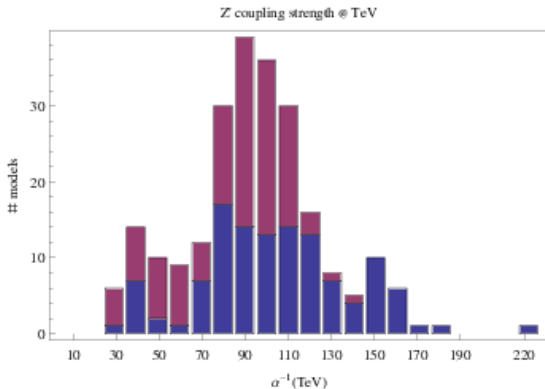
- What's the size of  $g_s$  @  $M_{GUT}$ ?
- What's the size of  $\alpha_{Z'}$  @ low energies?



based on 1-loop RGEs

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_s^{-1}(M_{GUT}) = \frac{4\pi}{g_s^2(M_{GUT})} = 4\pi \langle S \rangle \in (1, 25)$$

# Results



$$\text{with } \Lambda \sim M_{GUT} e^{-2\pi\alpha_s^{-1}(M_{GUT})/b},$$
$$m_{3/2} \sim \Lambda^3 / M_{Pl}^2$$

and letting  $\alpha_{Z'}$  run down according to the RGEs

$$\implies g_{Z'}^2 \in (1/20, 1/2)$$

# Conclusions

- Broadening the search for (inequivalent) MSSM-like models, one finds many more models 😊 → full classification still missing
- Many  $Z'$  candidates in string models, some of which may be light
- There are couplings in semi-realistic models that may lead to admissible dark matter scenarios 😊
- Computing the running of couplings, unification still possible with additional  $U(1)$ s 😊
- @  $M_{GUT}$ ,  $4\pi\langle S \rangle \in (1, 25)$  → dilaton constraint? 😊
- @  $\sim TeV$ ,  $g_{Z'}^2 \in (1/20, 1/2)$ !! 😊
- $m_{Z'}$  very difficult to obtain without a new hierarchy 😞

To be done

- Threshold corrections ?
- Phenomenology and classification of  $Z'$ 's (Lebedev, SR-S)
- Full classification of orbifold models with  $Z'$  (Escalante, SR-S)
- Hierarchy associated to accidental symmetries?
- Stability and constraints due to Higgs/cosmological data?
- Proper study of proton stability in the various cases?