

Phenomenological Heterotic Theory:
Standard Models, the Renormalization Group
And All That

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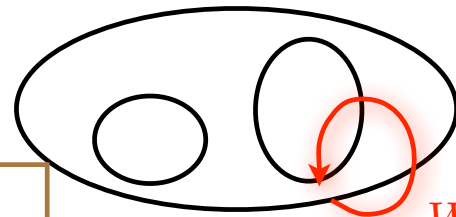
Smooth Heterotic Compactifications

- **SU(4)** Heterotic Standard Models

$$D = 10, \quad g_{MN}, \quad A_M^a, \quad E_8$$



$$X, \quad D = 6$$



$V, G = SU(4)$
“slope” stable

$$W, F = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$$

$$\mathbb{R}^4$$

$N = 1$ SUSY

$$\begin{aligned} H^1(V)^F &\Rightarrow \text{matter} \\ H^1(V^*)^F &\Rightarrow \text{conjugate matter} \\ H^1(\wedge^2 V)^F &\Rightarrow \text{Higgs} \\ H^1(V \otimes V^*)^F &\Rightarrow \text{Bundle Moduli} \end{aligned}$$

\mathbb{R}^4 Theory Gauge Group:

$$G = SU(4) \Rightarrow E_8 \rightarrow Spin(10)$$

Choose the $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ Wilson lines to be Braun, He, Ovrut, Pantev 2006

$$\chi_Y = e^{iY_Y \frac{2\pi}{3}}, \quad \chi_{B-L} = e^{iY_{B-L} \frac{2\pi}{3}}$$

where

$$Y_Y = 6Y, \quad Y_{B-L} = 3(B-L)$$

\Rightarrow

$$F = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \Rightarrow Spin(10) \rightarrow SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_{B-L}$$

gauged
↓

\mathbb{R}^4 Theory Spectrum:

$n_r = (h^1(X, U_R(V)) \otimes \mathbf{R})^{\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3} \Rightarrow$ **3 families of quarks/leptons**

$$Q_L = (3, 2, 1, 1), \quad u_R = (\bar{3}, 1, -4, -1), \quad d_R = (\bar{3}, 1, 2, -1)$$

$$L_L = (1, 2, -3, -3), \quad e_R = (1, 1, 6, 3), \quad \nu_R = (1, 1, 0, 3)$$

and **1** pair of Higgs-Higgs conjugate fields

$$H = (1, 2, 3, 0), \quad \bar{H} = (1, \bar{2}, -3, 0)$$

under $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_Y \times U(1)_{B-L}$.

No further **vector-like pairs** or **exotics**.

That is, we get exactly the matter spectrum of the **MSSM**

with **3 right-handed neutrinos**! In addition, there are

$n_1 = h^1(X, V \times V^*)^{\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3} = 13$ vector bundle moduli $\phi = (1, 1, 0, 0)$

Denote this low energy theory as a **B-L MSSM**.

However-

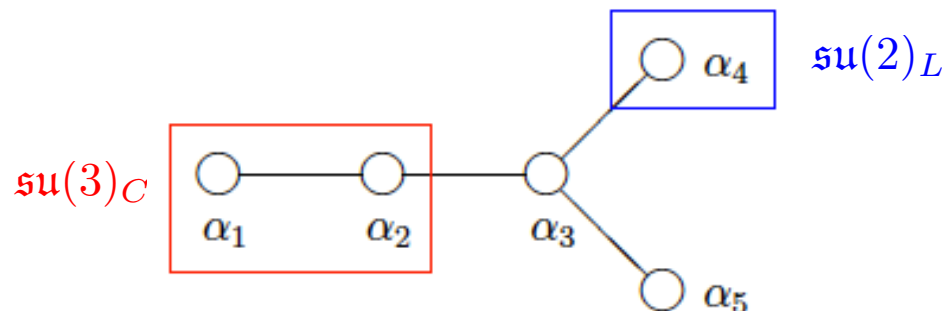
$Tr(Y_Y Y_{B-L})_{\mathfrak{so}(10)} \neq 0 \Rightarrow$ initial $U(1)_Y U_{B-L}$ operator mixing

$Tr(Y_Y Y_{B-L})_{3 \oplus 2 \oplus 1 \oplus 1} \neq 0 \Rightarrow U(1)_Y U_{B-L}$ mixing evolves with scale

Greatly **complicates** the RG and low energy analysis!

Question: Are there other inequivalent choices of Wilson lines leading to a B-L MSSM with **no** U(1)U(1) kinetic mixing?

$\mathfrak{so}(10)$ Dykin Diagram ·



First, find the most general element of the Cartan subalgebra $\mathfrak{h} \subset \mathfrak{so}(10)$ that commutes with $\alpha^1, \alpha^2, \beta, \alpha^4$. The result is

$$H_{3 \oplus 2} = a(H_1 + H_2 + H_3) + b(H_4 + H_5)$$

\Rightarrow the elements of $\mathfrak{so}(10)$ that commute with $\mathfrak{su}(3)_C \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)_L$ form a two-dimensional subspace $\mathfrak{h}_{2 \oplus 3} \subset \mathfrak{h}$. Any basis is of potential interest.

However,

$$H_1 + H_2 + H_3, \quad H_4 + H_5$$

arise “naturally”. We call this the “**canonical basis**” and explore its properties. One can identify

$$Y_{B-L} = 2(H_1 + H_2 + H_3) = 3(B - L)$$

$$Y_{T_{3R}} = H_4 + H_5 = 2\left(Y - \frac{1}{2}(B - L)\right) = 2T_{3R}$$

Now choose the $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ Wilson lines to be

$$\chi_{T_{3R}} = e^{iY_{T_{3R}} \frac{2\pi}{3}}, \quad \chi_{B-L} = e^{iY_{B-L} \frac{2\pi}{3}}$$

Note that

$$\chi_{T_{3R}}^3 = \chi_{B-L}^3 = 1$$

\Rightarrow

$$Spin(10) \rightarrow SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{T_{3R}} \times U(1)_{B-L}$$

Canonical Spectrum:

The Spin(10) spectrum is determined from $H^1(X, U_R(V))$.

For $R = 16$

$$H^1(X, V) = RG^{\oplus 3}$$

where

$$RG = 1 \oplus \chi_1 \oplus \chi_2 \oplus \chi_1^2 \oplus \chi_2^2 \oplus \chi_1\chi_2 \oplus \chi_1^2\chi_2 \oplus \chi_1\chi_2^2 \oplus \chi_1^2\chi_2^2$$

and $\chi_1 = \chi_{T_{3R}}, \chi_2 = \chi_{B-L}$. Note that

$$h^1(X, V) = 27$$

\Rightarrow **27** **16** representations. The action of the Wilson lines on each **16** is

$$\begin{aligned} 16 = & \chi_{T_{3R}}^2 \cdot \chi_{B-L}^2(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1, -1, -1) \oplus \chi_{T_{3R}} \cdot \chi_{B-L}^2(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, 1, 1, -1) \\ & \oplus 1 \cdot \chi_{B-L}(\mathbf{3}, 2, 0, 1) \oplus 1 \cdot 1(1, 2, 0, -3) \oplus \chi_{T_{3R}}^2 \cdot 1(1, 1, -1, 3) \\ & \oplus \chi_{T_{3R}} \cdot 1(1, 1, 1, 3) . \end{aligned}$$

Then $(H^1(X, V) \otimes 16)^{\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3}$ consists of **3** families of quarks/leptons

each transforming as

$$Q = (U, D)^T = (3, 2, 0, \frac{1}{3}), \quad u = (\bar{3}, 1, -\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{3}), \quad d = (\bar{3}, 1, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{3})$$
$$L = (N, E)^T = (1, 2, 0, -1), \quad \nu = (1, 1, -\frac{1}{2}, 1), \quad e = (1, 1, \frac{1}{2}, 1)$$

under $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{T_{3R}} \times U(1)_{B-L}$.

For $R = 10$

$$h^1(X, \wedge^2 V) = 4$$

\Rightarrow 4 10 representations. We find that $(H^1(X, \wedge^2 V) \otimes 10)^{\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3}$

has 1 pair of Higgs-Higgs conjugate fields

$$H = (1, 2, \frac{1}{2}, 0), \quad \bar{H} = (1, 2, -\frac{1}{2}, 0)$$

That is,

- *When the two Wilson lines corresponding to the canonical basis are turned on simultaneously, the resulting low energy spectrum is precisely that of the MSSM—that is, three families of quark/lepton chiral superfields, each family with a right-handed neutrino supermultiplet, and one pair of Higgs-Higgs conjugate chiral multiplets. There are no vector-like pairs or exotic particles.*

Note in the above analysis that each quark/lepton and Higgs arises from a different **16** or **10** of *Spin(10)*.

Canonical Kinetic Mixing:

For arbitrary $U(1)_1 \times U(1)_2$

$$\mathcal{L}_{kinetic} = -\frac{1}{4}((F_{\mu\nu}^1)^2 + 2\alpha F_{\mu\nu}^1 F^{2\mu\nu} + (F_{\mu\nu}^2)^2 + \dots)$$

For $U(1)_{T_{3R}} \times U(1)_{B-L}$, $(H_i|H_j) = \delta_{ij} \Rightarrow$ the “Killing” bracket

$$(Y_{T_{3R}}|Y_{B-L}) = 0 \Rightarrow Tr(Y_{T_{3R}} Y_{B-L})_{\mathfrak{so}(10)} = 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\text{no}} \text{ initial mixing}$$

- *Since the generators of the canonical basis are Killing orthogonal in $\mathfrak{so}(10)$, the value of the kinetic field strength mixing parameter α must vanish at the unification scale. That is, $\alpha(M_u) = 0$.*

For arbitrary $U(1)_1 \times U(1)_2$

$$\mathcal{L}_{kinetic} = -\frac{1}{4}((F_{\mu\nu}^1)^2 + 2\alpha F_{\mu\nu}^1 F^{2\mu\nu} + (F_{\mu\nu}^2)^2 + \dots)$$

with covariant derivative

$$D = \partial - iT^1 g_1 A^1 - iT^2 g_2 A^2$$

Redefining the gauge fields by rotation and rescaling one finds

$$\mathcal{L}_{kinetic} = -\frac{1}{4}((\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}^1)^2 + (\mathcal{F}_{\mu\nu}^2)^2)$$

with the covariant derivative in the “upper triangular” form

$$D = \partial - i(T^1, T^2) \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{G}_1 & \mathcal{G}_M \\ 0 & \mathcal{G}_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \mathcal{A}^1 \\ \mathcal{A}^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathcal{G}_1 = g_1, \quad \mathcal{G}_2 = \frac{g_2}{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}}, \quad \mathcal{G}_M = \frac{-g_1\alpha}{\sqrt{1-\alpha^2}}$$

That is, kinetic mixing reappears as an off-diagonal \mathcal{G}_M in the covariant derivative. Note that

$$\alpha \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{G}_2 \rightarrow g_2, \quad \mathcal{G}_M \rightarrow 0$$

The RGE for \mathcal{G}_M is

$$\frac{d\mathcal{G}_M}{dt} = \frac{1}{16\pi^2} \beta_M$$

where

$$\beta_M = \mathcal{G}_2^2 \mathcal{G}_M B_{22} + \mathcal{G}_M^3 B_{11} + 2\mathcal{G}_1^2 \mathcal{G}_M B_{11} + 2\mathcal{G}_2 \mathcal{G}_M^2 B_{12} + \mathcal{G}_1^2 \mathcal{G}_2 B_{12}$$

and

$$B_{ij} = \text{Tr}(T^i T^j)_{3 \oplus 2 \oplus 1 \oplus 1}$$

Assuming $\mathcal{G}_M = 0$ at the initial scale, it can only “regrow” from from the last term. \Rightarrow kinetic mixing will vanish at all scales iff

$$\text{Tr}(T^1 T^2)_{3 \oplus 2 \oplus 1 \oplus 1} = 0$$

For generic $U(1)_1 \times U(1)_2$ this is **not** the case.

However, for the **canonical** basis

$$\text{Tr}(Y_{T_{3R}} Y_{B-L})_{16} = 0$$

Furthermore,

$$[Y_{T_{3R}}]_{H,\bar{H}} = (1)\mathbf{1}_2 \oplus (-1)\mathbf{1}_2 \quad , \quad [Y_{B-L}]_{H,\bar{H}} = (0)\mathbf{1}_2 \oplus (0)\mathbf{1}_2$$

\Rightarrow

$$\text{Tr}(Y_{Y_{3R}} Y_{B-L})_{H\bar{H}} = 0$$

Conclusion:

- *The generators of the canonical basis are such that $\text{Tr}(T^1 T^2) = 0$ when the trace is performed over the matter and Higgs spectrum of the MSSM. This guarantees that if the original kinetic mixing parameter vanishes, then α and, hence, \mathcal{G}_M will remain zero under the RG at any scale. This property of not having kinetic mixing greatly simplifies the renormalization group analysis of the $SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{T_{3R}} \times U(1)_{B-L}$ low energy theory.*

What about **non-canonical** bases? We can prove a **theorem** that

- *The only basis of $\mathfrak{h}_{3\oplus 2} \subset \mathfrak{h}$ for which $U(1)_{Y_1} \times U(1)_{Y_2}$ kinetic mixing vanishes at all values of energy-momentum is the canonical basis $Y_{T_{3R}}, Y_{B-L}$ and appropriate multiples of this basis.*

Sequential Wilson Line Breaking

$\pi_1(X/(\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3)) = \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3 \Rightarrow$ 2 independent classes of non-contractible curves. \Rightarrow each Wilson line has a mass scale $\propto r^{-1}$ of the curve it “wraps”. Denote these by $M_{\chi_{T_{3R}}}$, $M_{\chi_{B-L}}$.

Three possibilities: $M_{\chi_{T_{3R}}} \simeq M_{\chi_{B-L}}$, $M_{\chi_{B-L}} > M_{\chi_{T_{3R}}}$ or $M_{\chi_{T_{3R}}} > M_{\chi_{B-L}}$. First consider

$$\underline{M_{\chi_{B-L}} > M_{\chi_{T_{3R}}}} :$$

Recall $Y_{B-L} = 2(H_1 + H_2 + H_3) = 3(B - L)$. In addition to $\mathfrak{su}(3)_C \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)_L$ this commutes with α_5 and, hence, $\mathfrak{su}(2)_R$.

\Rightarrow

$$Spin(10) \rightarrow SU(3)_C \times SU(2)_L \times SU(2)_R \times U(1)_{B-L}$$

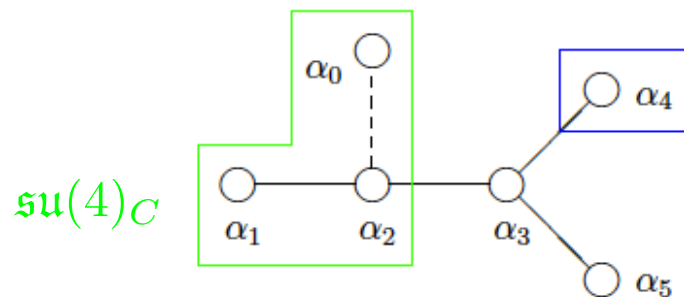
Gauge group of the “left-right” model. At $M_I = M_{\chi_{T_{3R}}}$

$\chi_{T_{3R}}$ turns on and breaks $SU(2)_R \rightarrow U(1)_{T_{3R}}$.

Second, consider

$$\underline{M_{\chi_{T_{3R}}} > M_{\chi_{B-L}} :}$$

Recall $Y_{T_{3R}} = H_4 + H_5 = 2(Y - \frac{1}{2}(B - L)) = 2T_{3R}$. In addition to $\mathfrak{su}(3)_C \oplus \mathfrak{su}(2)_L$ this commutes with



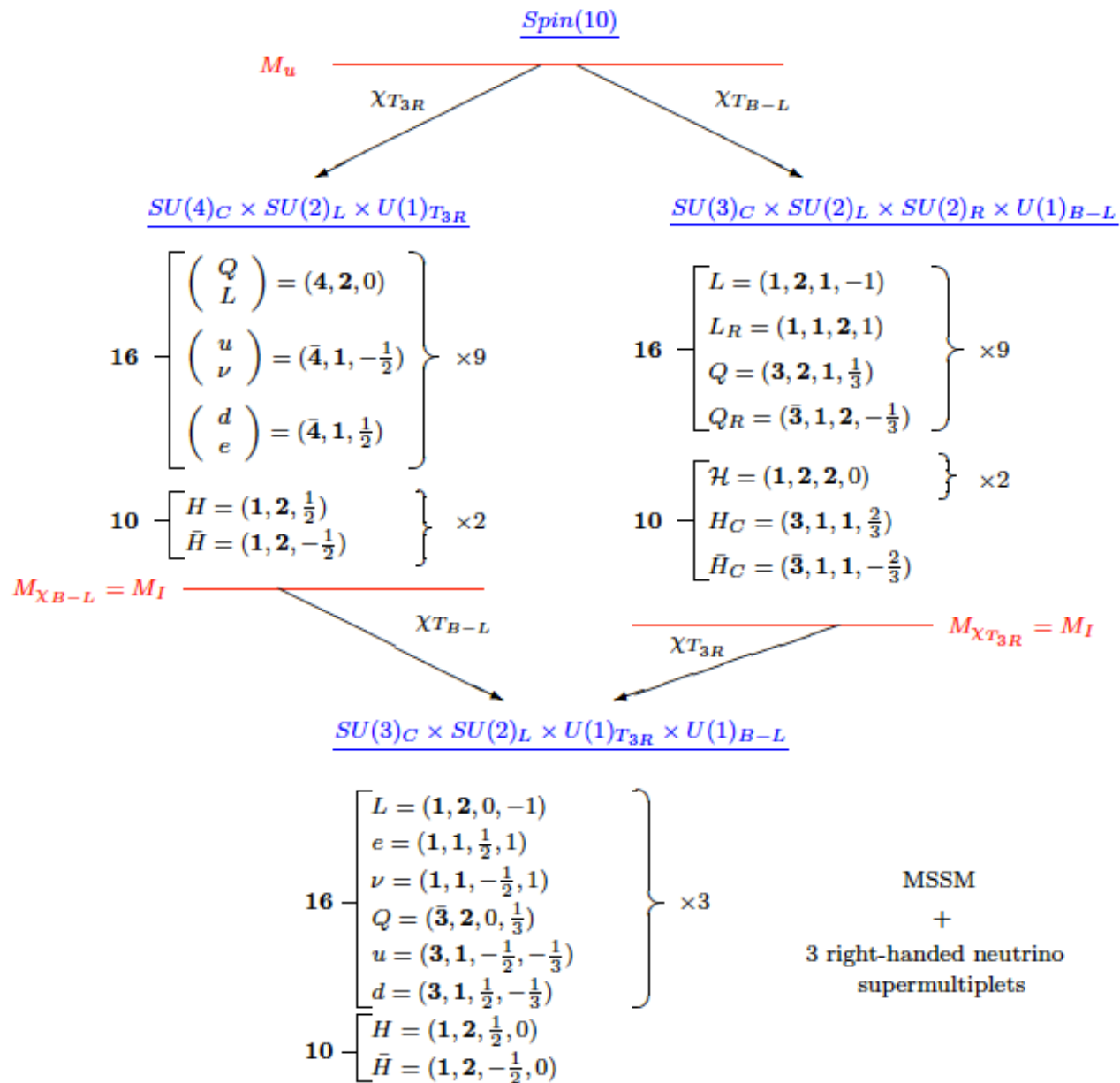
\Rightarrow

$$Spin(10) \rightarrow SU(4)_C \times SU(2)_L \times U(1)_{T_{3R}}$$

Gauge group of the “Pati-Salam” model. At $M_I = M_{\chi_{B-L}}$

χ_{B-L} turns on and breaks $SU(4)_C \rightarrow SU(3)_C \times U(1)_{B-L}$.

In each case, can compute the exact zero-mode spectrum in the intermediate region.



- The two sequential Wilson line breaking patterns of *Spin*(10).

The 3R/B-L Breaking Scale

At a scale $M_{B-L} < M_I$ must spontaneously break

$$U(1)_{T_{3R}} \times U(1)_{B-L} \rightarrow U(1)_Y$$

Since $\mathcal{G}_M = 0$ in the canonical basis \Rightarrow the $U(1)_{T_{3R}} \times U(1)_{B-L}$ covariant derivative is

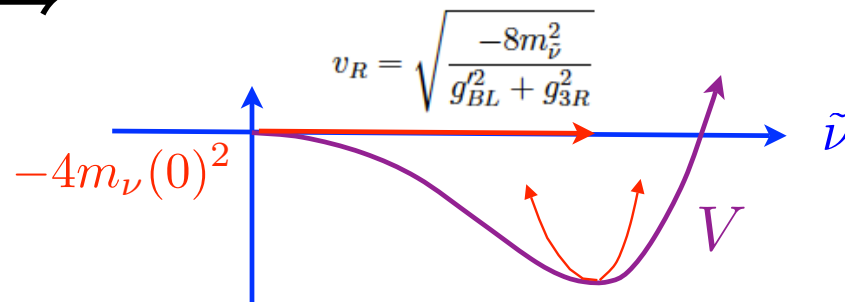
$$D = \partial - i \left(Y - \frac{1}{2}(B-L), \sqrt{\frac{3}{8}}(B-L) \right) \begin{pmatrix} g_{3R} & \boxed{0} \\ 0 & g_{BL} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} W_R^0 \\ B_{B-L} \end{pmatrix}$$

The potential for a right-handed sneutrino $\tilde{\nu}$ is approximately

$$V = m_{\tilde{\nu}}^2 |\tilde{\nu}|^2 + \frac{1}{8} (g_{BL}'^2 + g_{3R}^2) |\tilde{\nu}|^4$$

where $g_{BL}' = \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}} g_{BL}$ and $m_{\tilde{\nu}}^2$ is the soft ~~SUSY~~ parameter.

RG scaling \Rightarrow



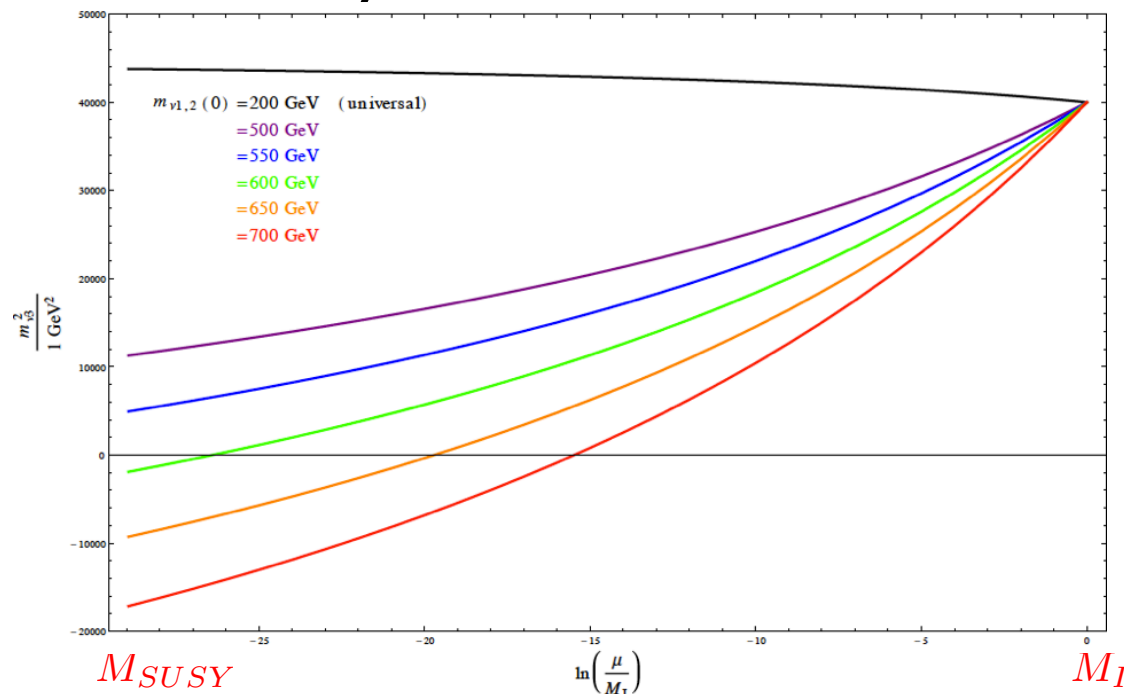
In the **canonical basis**, **no kinetic mixing** implies we can solve the sneutrino soft breaking mass RGEs **analytically**. For example, in the “left-right” model

$$16\pi^2 \frac{d}{dt} m_\nu^2 = -3g_{B-L}^2 |M_{B-L}|^2 - 2g_{I_3^R}^2 |M_{I_3^R}|^2 + \frac{3}{4}g_{B-L}^2 S_{B-L} - g_{I_3^R}^2 S_{I_3^R}$$

$$16\pi^2 \frac{d}{dt} S_{B-L} = 12g_{B-L}^2 S_{B-L}$$

$$16\pi^2 \frac{d}{dt} S_{I_3^R} = 14g_{I_3^R}^2 S_{I_3^R}$$

Taking $M_{1/2} = 200 \text{ GeV}$ and all soft masses universal except the first and second family sneutrinos \Rightarrow



$\leftarrow m_{\nu_3}^2(0) = (200 \text{ GeV})^2$

$$M_C \simeq M_{\chi_{heavy}} \simeq M_u \text{-----} \alpha_u$$

left – right or Pati – Salam

$$M_{\chi_{light}} \simeq M_I \text{-----}$$

B – L MSSM

$$M_{B-L} \text{-----} \alpha_1 = \frac{5}{3\alpha_{3R}^{-1} + 2\alpha_{BL}^{-1}}$$

MSSM

$$\sqrt{\tilde{t}_L \tilde{t}_R} \simeq M_{SUSY} \text{-----}$$

SM

$$M_Z \simeq M_{EW} \text{-----} \alpha_1 = 0.017, \quad \alpha_2 = 0.034, \quad \alpha_3 = 0.118$$

Example: Taking the “left-right” model, choosing

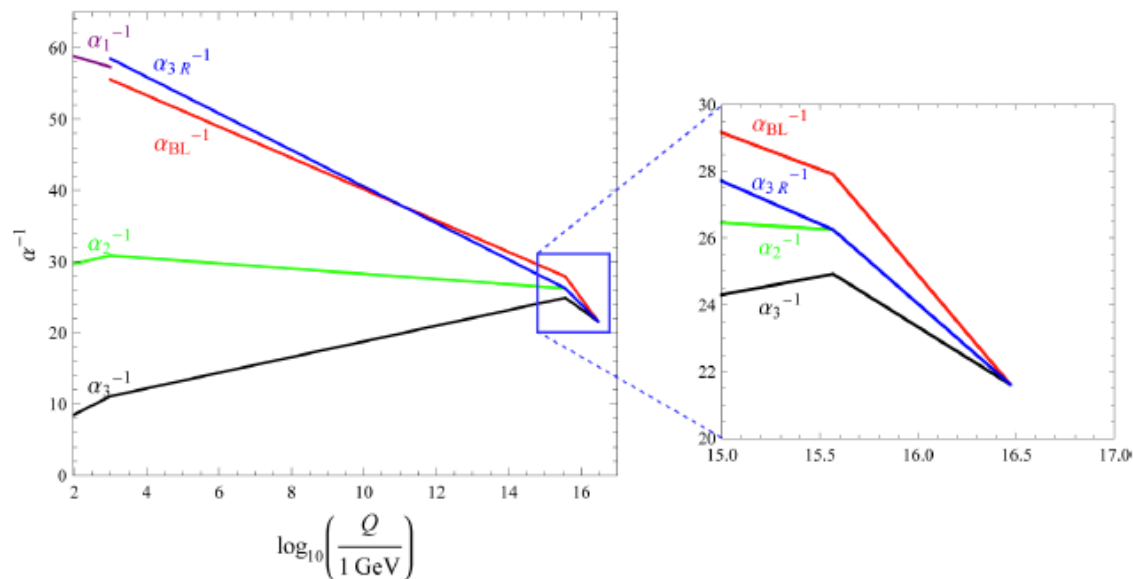
$$M_{SUSY} = 1 \text{ TeV}, \quad M_{B-L} = 1 \text{ TeV}$$

and enforcing gauge unification, we find

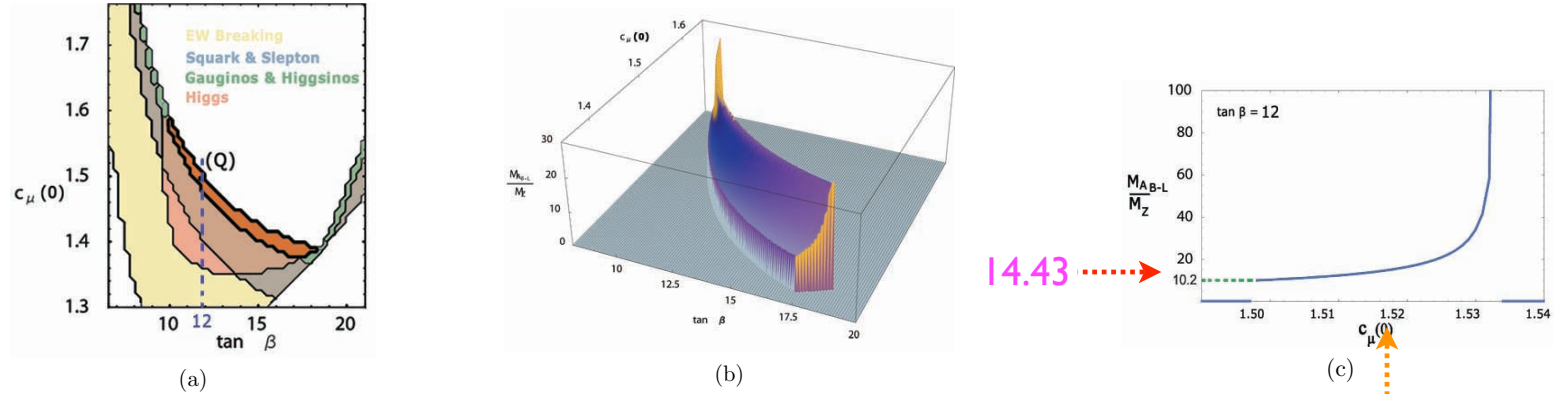
$$M_u = 3.0 \times 10^{16} \text{ GeV}, \quad M_I = 3.7 \times 10^{15} \text{ GeV}$$

$$\alpha_u = 0.046, \quad \alpha_{3R}(M_{B-L}) = 0.0171, \quad \alpha_{BL}(M_{B-L}) = 0.0180$$

The running gauge parameters are



- One-loop RGE running of the inverse gauge couplings, α_i^{-1} in the case of the left-right model with $M_{B-L} = 1 \text{ TeV}$ with an enlarged image of the intermediate region.



(a) Figure 5: Plot (a) shows the $c_\mu(0)$ - $\tan\beta$ plane corresponding to point (B) in Figure 2 with the phenomenologically allowed region indicated in dark brown. The mass spectrum at (Q) was presented in Table 3. A plot of the hierarchy M_{B-L}/M_Z over the allowed region is given in (b). Graph (c) shows the hierarchy as a function of $c_\mu(0)$ along the $\tan\beta = 12$ line passing through (Q).

| Particle | Symbol | Mass [GeV] | Particle | Symbol | Mass [GeV] |
|-----------|--|------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|
| Squarks | $\tilde{Q}_{1,2}$ | 850 | Higgs | h^0 | 127 |
| | $\tilde{t}_{1,2}, \tilde{b}_{1,2}$ | 775, 953 | | H^0 | 382 |
| | $\tilde{b}_3^{(1)}, \tilde{b}_3^{(2)}$ | 670, 915 | | A^0 | 381 |
| | $\tilde{t}_3^{(1)}, \tilde{t}_3^{(2)}$ | 456, 737 | | H^\pm | 390 |
| Sleptons | $\tilde{L}_{1,2}$ | 1255 | Neutralinos | \tilde{N}_1^0 | 97 |
| | $\tilde{\tau}_{1,2}$ | 1237 | | \tilde{N}_2^0 | 189 |
| | $\tilde{\tau}_3^{(1)}, \tilde{\tau}_3^{(2)}$ | 1217, 1246 | | \tilde{N}_3^0 | 499 |
| Charginos | $\tilde{\chi}^\pm, \tilde{\chi}'^\pm$ | 190, 510 | | \tilde{N}_4^0 | 509 |
| Gluinos | \tilde{g} | 712 | Z' | A_{B-L}, \tilde{A}_{B-L} | 1314, 1348 |

Table 3: The predicted spectrum at point (Q) in Figure 3. The tilde denotes the superpartner of the respective particle. The superpartners of left-handed fields are depicted by an upper case label whereas the lower case is used for right-handed fields. The mixing between the third family left- and right-handed scalar fields is incorporated.