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A Tale of Two $U(1)$ s: Kinetic Mixing from Lattice WGC States

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We point out that the states required by the Lattice Weak Gravity Conjecture, along with certain genericity conditions, imply the existence of non-vanishing kinetic mixing between massless Abelian gauge groups in the low-energy effective theory. We begin with an estimate using a lattice of states satisfying the WGC up to some coefficients of order unity. We refine our estimate by considering a KK compactification of a 5D $U(1)$ gauge theory on S^1 and estimate the magnitude of kinetic mixing between the gauge and KK $U(1)$ s. We end with a brief discussion of potential phenomenological implications and possible loopholes to evade the bounds set by our estimates.

Summary

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