

# Phenomenology of superstrings and extra dimensions

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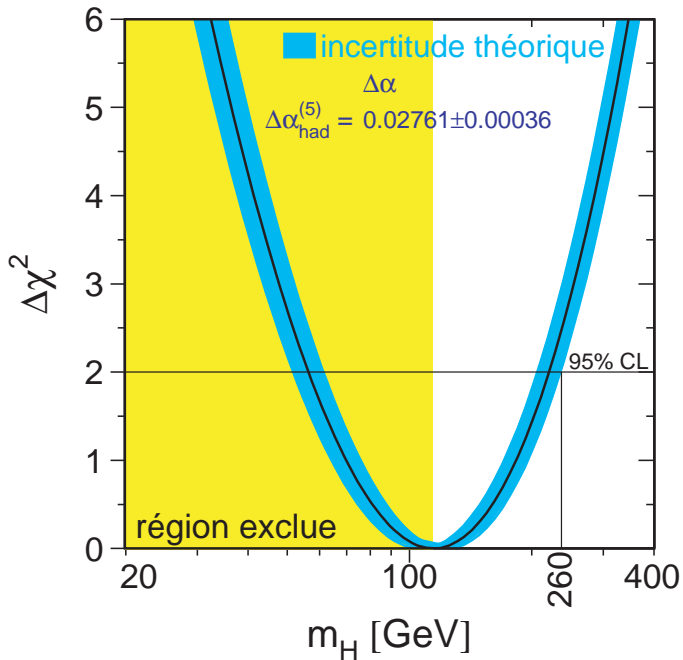
# Standard Model

- very accurate description of nature at present energies
- EW breaking sector (Higgs) not yet discovered

→ many questions:

- are there elementary scalars in nature?
- minimal (1 scalar) or more complex sector?
- global  $\chi^2$  fit of precision tests : Higgs is light  $\Rightarrow$ 
  - confidence for discovery at LHC/Tevatron
  - perturbative physics at higher energies

Higgs mass  $\leftrightarrow$  quartic coupling:  $m_H^2 = 2\lambda v^2 \Rightarrow \lambda < 1$



# Why Beyond the Standard Model?

Theory reasons:

- Include gravity
- Charge quantization
- Mass hierarchies:  $m_{\text{electron}}/m_{\text{top}} \simeq 10^{-5}$     $M_W/M_{\text{Planck}} \simeq 10^{-16}$

Experimental reasons:

- Neutrino masses
  - Dirac type  $\Rightarrow$  new states
  - Majorana type  $\Rightarrow$  Lepton number violation, new states
- Unification of gauge couplings
- Dark matter

# Newton's law

$$m \bullet \leftarrow r \rightarrow \bullet m \quad F_{\text{grav}} = G_N \frac{m^2}{r^2} \quad G_N^{-1/2} = M_{\text{Planck}} = 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$$

Compare with electric force:  $F_{\text{el}} = \frac{e^2}{r^2} \Rightarrow$

effective dimensionless coupling  $G_N m^2$  or in general  $G_N E^2$  at energies  $E$

$$E = m_{\text{proton}} \Rightarrow \frac{F_{\text{grav}}}{F_{\text{el}}} = \frac{G_N m_{\text{proton}}^2}{e^2} \simeq 10^{-40} \Rightarrow \text{Gravity is very weak !}$$

At what energy gravitation becomes comparable to the other interactions?

$$M_{\text{Planck}} \simeq 10^{19} \text{ GeV} \rightarrow \text{Planck length: } 10^{-33} \text{ cm}$$

$10^{15} \times$  the LHC energy!

# (Hyper)charge quantization

All color singlet states have integer charges **Why?**

$$SU(3) \times SU(2) \times U(1)_Y \quad Q = T_3 + Y$$

$$q = (3, 2)_{1/6} \quad q = \begin{pmatrix} u_{2/3} \\ d_{-1/3} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$u^c = (\bar{3}, 1)_{-2/3}$$

$$d^c = (\bar{3}, 1)_{1/3}$$

$$\ell = (1, 2)_{-1/2} \quad \ell = \begin{pmatrix} \nu_0 \\ e_{-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$e^c = (1, 1)_1$$

In a non-abelian theory charges are quantized

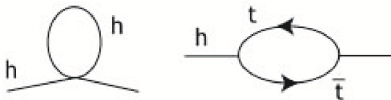
e.g.  $SU(2)$ :  $T_3$  eigenvalues are 1/2-integers

# Mass hierarchy problem

Higgs mass: very sensitive to high energy physics

1-loop radiative corrections:

dominant contributions:



$$\mu_{\text{eff}}^2 = \mu_{\text{bare}}^2 + \left( \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} - \frac{3\lambda_t^2}{8\pi^2} \right) \Lambda^2 + \dots$$

UV cutoff:  $\int^\Lambda \frac{d^4 k}{k^2}$  scale of new physics

High-energy validity of the Standard Model :  $\Lambda \gg \mathcal{O}(100)$  GeV  $\Rightarrow$

“unnatural” fine-tuning between  $\mu_{\text{bare}}^2$  and radiative corrections

order by order

# Mass hierarchy problem

example:  $\Lambda \sim \mathcal{O}(M_{\text{Planck}}) \sim 10^{19}$  GeV, loop factor  $\sim 10^{-2}$

$$\Rightarrow \mu_{1\text{-loop}}^2 \sim 10^{-2} \times 10^{38} = \pm 10^{36} \text{ (GeV)}^2$$

$$\text{need } \mu_{\text{bare}}^2 \sim \mp 10^{36} \text{ (GeV)}^2 - 10^4 \text{ (GeV)}^2$$

- adjustment at the level of 1 part per  $10^{32}$   $\mu_{\text{bare}}^2 / \mu_{1\text{ loop}}^2 = -1 \mp 10^{-32}$
- new adjustment at the next order, etc

$$\text{highest order } N: (10^{-2})^N \times 10^{38} \lesssim 10^4 \Rightarrow N \gtrsim 18 \text{ loops !}$$

- no fine tuning :  $10^{-2} \Lambda^2 \lesssim 10^4 \text{ (GeV)}^2 \Rightarrow \Lambda \lesssim 1 \text{ TeV}$

→ new physics within LHC range !

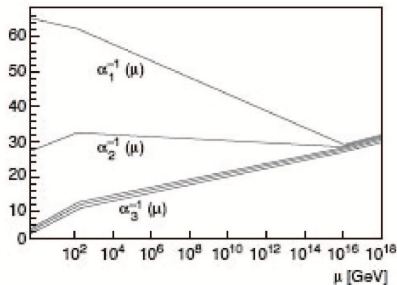


# Gauge coupling unification

Energy evolution of gauge couplings  $\alpha_i = \frac{g_i^2}{4\pi}$ :

$$\frac{d\alpha_i}{d \ln Q} = -\frac{b_i}{2\pi} \alpha_i^2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \alpha_i^{-1}(Q) = \alpha_i^{-1}(Q_0) - \frac{b_i}{2\pi} \ln \frac{Q}{Q_0}$$

low energy data  $\rightarrow$  extrapolation at high energies:

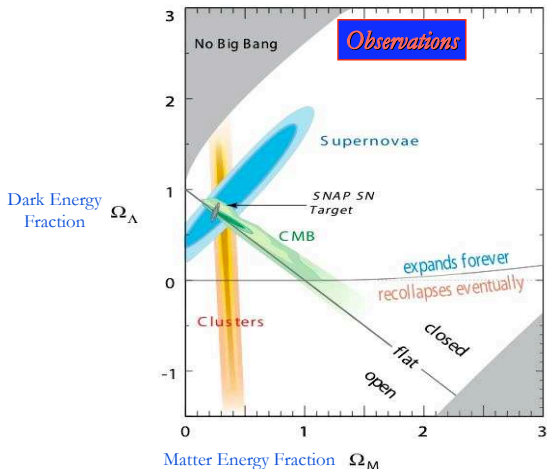


$\Rightarrow$  unification at  $M_{GUT} \simeq 10^{15} - 10^{16}$  GeV

# Observable Universe

- Ordinary baryonic matter: only a tiny fraction
- Non-luminous (dark) matter: 25-30%

Natural explanation: new stable Weakly Interacting Massive Particle (WIMP)



# Directions Beyond the Standard Model

## guidance the mass hierarchy

- 1 Compositeness
- 2 Symmetry:
  - supersymmetry
  - little Higgs
  - conformal
  - higher dim gauge field
- 3 Low UV cutoff:
  - low scale gravity  $\Rightarrow$  · large extra dimensions
  - warped extra dimensions
  - DGP localized gravity
  - low string scale  $\Rightarrow$  · low scale gravity
  - ultra weak string coupling
  - large  $N$  degrees of freedom
  - higgsless
- 4 Live with the hierarchy: landscape of vacua, environmental selection  
 $\rightarrow$  split supersymmetry

# Compositeness

strong dynamics at  $\sim \text{TeV} \Rightarrow$  Higgs bound state of fermion bilinears

as the pions in QCD and chiral symmetry breaking

$\rightarrow$  concrete proposal: technicolor

generic models  $\Rightarrow$  · FCNC

· conflict with EW precision data

$\Rightarrow$  highly disfavored

# Symmetry

Examples of naturally small masses

- Fermions: chiral symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_F = i\bar{\psi}_L \not{D}\psi_L + i\bar{\psi}_R \not{D}\psi_R + m(\bar{\psi}_L\psi_R + \bar{\psi}_R\psi_L)$$

$m = 0$  respects:  $\psi_L \rightarrow \psi_L$  ;  $\psi_R \rightarrow e^{i\theta}\psi_R$

$\Rightarrow$  radiative corrections:  $\delta m \propto g^2 m$       $g$  : gauge coupling

e.g. QED:  $\psi \equiv$  electron,  $g \equiv e$

no  $g^2\Lambda$  term: linear divergence cancels between electron and positron  
in a relativistic quantum field theory

- Vector bosons: gauge symmetry

$$\mathcal{L}_V = -\frac{1}{4}F_{\mu\nu}^2 - \frac{1}{2}m^2 A_\mu^2$$

$m = 0$  respects:  $A_\mu \rightarrow A_\mu + \partial_\mu\omega$      e.g. QED: photon mass vanishes

# Symmetry

- Scalars: ?

- Shift symmetry : Goldstone boson

$$\phi \rightarrow \phi + c \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathcal{L}_{\text{GB}}(\partial_\mu \phi) = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \frac{1}{\Lambda^4} [(\partial_\mu \phi)^2]^2 + \dots$$

⇒ Higgs quartic coupling should vanish **to lowest order**

Higgs : pseudo-Goldstone boson? → Little Higgs models

symmetry broken by new gauge interactions

- scale invariance:  $x^\mu \rightarrow ax^\mu$   $\varphi_d \rightarrow a^{-d}\varphi(ax)$

conformal dimension

scalar field:  $d = 1$

$$\mathcal{L}_S = \frac{1}{2}(\partial_\mu \phi)^2 + \lambda\phi^4 \quad \text{invariant}$$

however broken hardly by radiative corrections **renormalization scale**

→ embed SM in a conformal invariant theory ?

## A different strategy:

- 1) connect scalars to fermions or gauge fields postulating new symmetries
- 2) use chiral or gauge symmetry to protect their mass

- $\delta\phi = \xi\psi \Rightarrow$  supersymmetry
- $\delta\phi = \epsilon A \Rightarrow$  extra dimensions

component of a higher-dimensional gauge field

# Advantages of SUSY

- natural elementary scalars
- gauge coupling unification: theory perturbative up to the GUT scale
- LSP: natural dark matter candidate
- extension of space-time symmetry: new Grassmann dimensions
- prediction of light Higgs
- rich spectrum of new particles within LHC reach



# Problems of SUSY

- too many parameters: soft breaking terms  
SUSY breaking mechanism  $\Rightarrow$  dynamical aspect of the hierarchy  
+ theory of soft terms
- SM global symmetries are not automatic  
 $B, L$  from R-parity, conditions on soft terms for FCNC suppression
- SUSY GUTs: no satisfactory model  
doublet/splitting, large Higgs reps, strong coupling above  $M_{\text{GUT}}$
- $\mu$  problem: SUSY mass parameter but of the order of the soft terms
- SUSY not yet discovered  $\Rightarrow$  already a few % fine-tuning  
'little' hierarchy problem

# Strings and extra dimensions

Standard Model of **electroweak** + **strong** Interactions

- Quantum Field Theory: **Quantum Mechanics** + **Special Relativity**
- Principle: gauge invariance  $U(1) \times SU(2) \times SU(3)$

String theory

- **Quantum Mechanics** + **General Relativity**

Consistent theory : 9 spatial dimensions !

**six new dimensions of space**

matter and gauge interactions may be localized  
in less than 9 dimensions  $\Rightarrow$

**our universe on a membrane ?**

*p*-plane: extended in *p* spatial dimensions

*p* = 0: particle, *p* = 1: string,...

# Extra Dimensions

## how they escape observation?

finite size  $R$

Kaluza and Klein 1920

energy cost to send a signal:

$$E > R^{-1} \leftarrow \text{compactification scale}$$

## experimental limits on their size

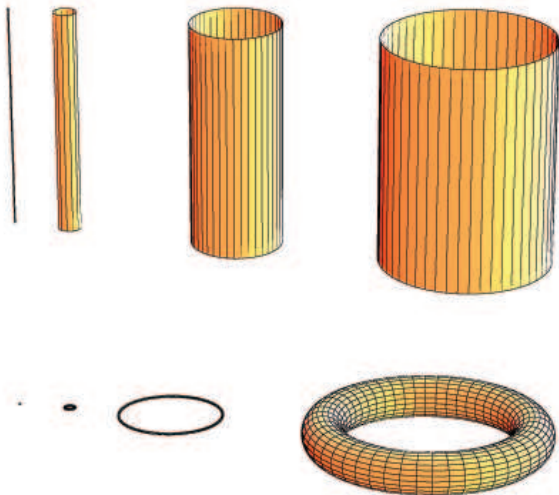
light signal :  $E \gtrsim 1 \text{ TeV}$

$$R \lesssim 10^{-16} \text{ cm}$$

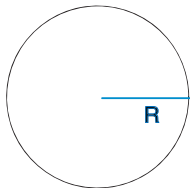
## how to detect their existence?

motion in the internal space  $\Rightarrow$  mass spectrum in 3d

# Dimensions $D=??$



example: - one internal circular dimension  
- light signal



plane waves  $e^{ipy}$  periodic under  $y \rightarrow y + 2\pi R$

$\Rightarrow$  quantization of internal momenta:  $p = \frac{n}{R}$  ;  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

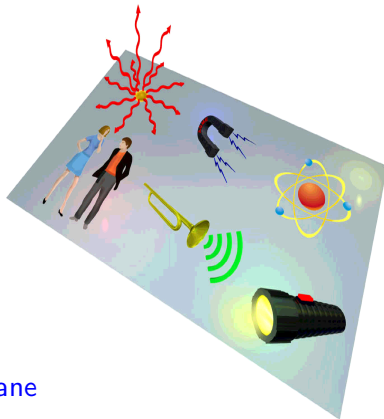
$\Rightarrow$  3d: tower of Kaluza Klein particles with masses  $M_n = n/R$

$$p_0^2 - \vec{p}^2 - p_5^2 = 0 \Rightarrow p^2 = p_5^2 = \frac{n^2}{R^2}$$

$E \gg R^{-1}$  : emission of many massive photons

$\Leftrightarrow$  propagation in the internal space

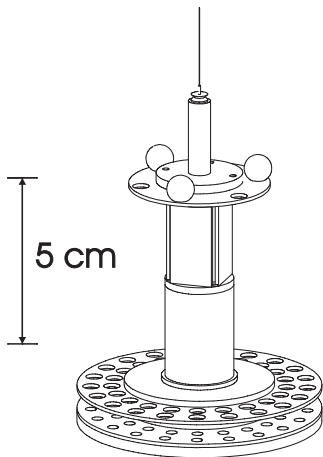
# Our universe on a membrane



Two types of new dimensions:

- longitudinal: **along the membrane**
- transverse: **“hidden” dimensions**

only gravitational signal  $\Rightarrow R_{\perp} \lesssim 1 \text{ mm} !$



$R_{\perp} \lesssim 45 \mu\text{m}$  at 95% CL

- dark-energy length scale  $\approx 85 \mu\text{m}$



# Low scale gravity

Extra large  $\perp$  dimensions can explain the apparent weakness of gravity

total force = observed force  $\times$  volume  $\perp$

total force  $\simeq \mathcal{O}(1)$  at 1 TeV

$n$  dimensions of size  $R_{\perp}$

$n = 1 : R_{\perp} \simeq 10^8$  km

excluded

$n = 2 : R_{\perp} \simeq 0.1$  mm  $(10^{-12}$  GeV)

possible

$n = 6 : R_{\perp} \simeq 10^{-13}$  mm  $(10^{-2}$  GeV)

- distances  $> R_{\perp}$  : gravity 3d

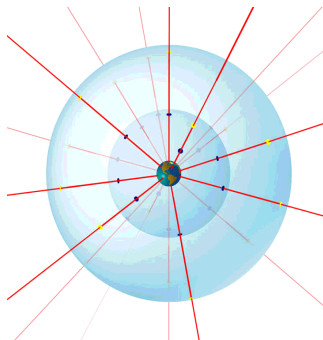
however for  $< R_{\perp}$  : gravity  $(3+n)$ d

- strong gravity at  $10^{-16}$  cm  $\leftrightarrow$   $10^3$  GeV

$10^{30}$  times stronger than thought previously!

# Gravity modification at submillimeter distances

**Newton's law:** force decreases with area



3d: force  $\sim 1/r^2$

$(3+n)$ d: force  $\sim 1/r^{2+n}$

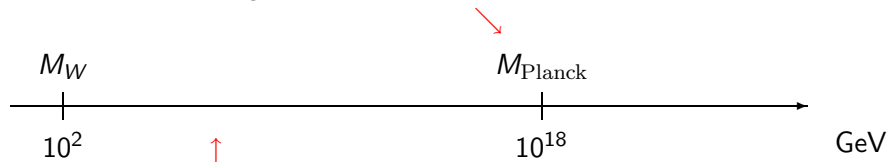
observable for  $n = 2$ :  $1/r^4$  with  $r \lesssim .1$  mm

# At what energies strings may be observed?

- What is their size/tension  $l_s \leftrightarrow M_s$ ?
- What is the size of the extra dimensions?

Before 1994:  $M_{\text{string}} \simeq M_{\text{Planck}} \sim 10^{18}$  GeV

$l_{\text{string}} \simeq 10^{-32}$  cm



After 1994:  $M_{\text{string}}$  is an arbitrary parameter

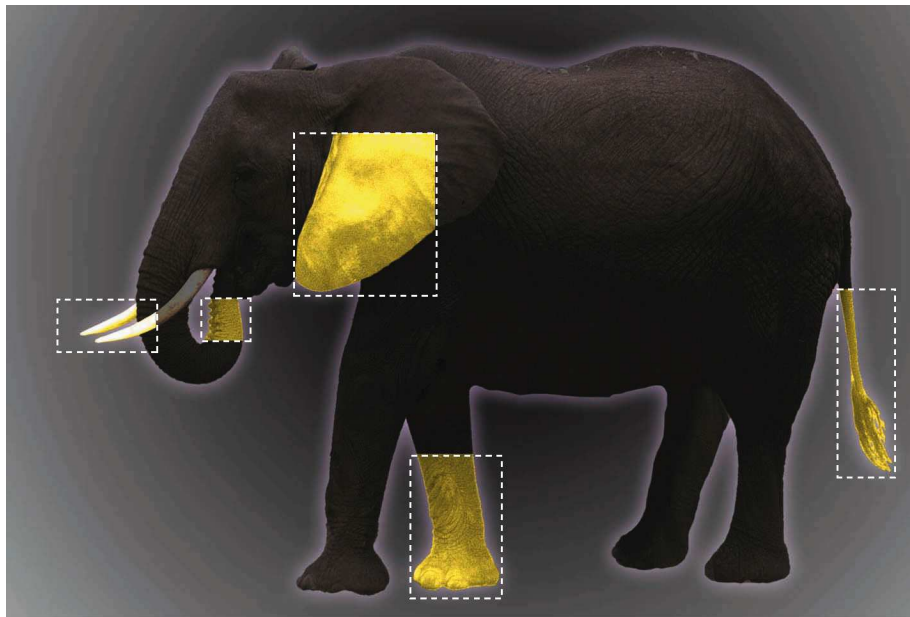
Interesting possibility:  $M_{\text{string}} \sim M_W \Rightarrow$

realize the idea of hidden dimensions

explain the hierarchy  $M_W/M_{\text{Planck}}$

I.A.-Arkani Hamed-Dimopoulos-Dvali '98

# What is String Theory?



- Heterotic string: Natural framework for SUSY and unification

However mismatch between string and GUT scales

$$M_s = gM_{\text{Planck}} \simeq 50M_{\text{GUT}}$$

- Framework of type I string theory : D-brane world

Natural separation of  
global SUSY from gravity



D-branes/open strings



closed strings

# Type I string theory $\Rightarrow$ D-brane world

- gravity: closed strings
- gauge interactions: open strings  
with their ends attached on membranes

Dirichlet branes or D-branes

Dimensions of finite size:  $n$  transverse  
calculability  $\Rightarrow R_{\parallel} \simeq l_{\text{string}} ; R_{\perp}$  arbitrary

$6 - n$  parallel

$$M_P^2 \simeq \frac{1}{\alpha^2} M_s^{2+n} R_{\perp}^n \quad \alpha = g_s$$

Planck mass in  $4 + n$  dims:  $M_*^{2+n}$

small  $M_s/M_P$  : extra-large  $R_{\perp}$

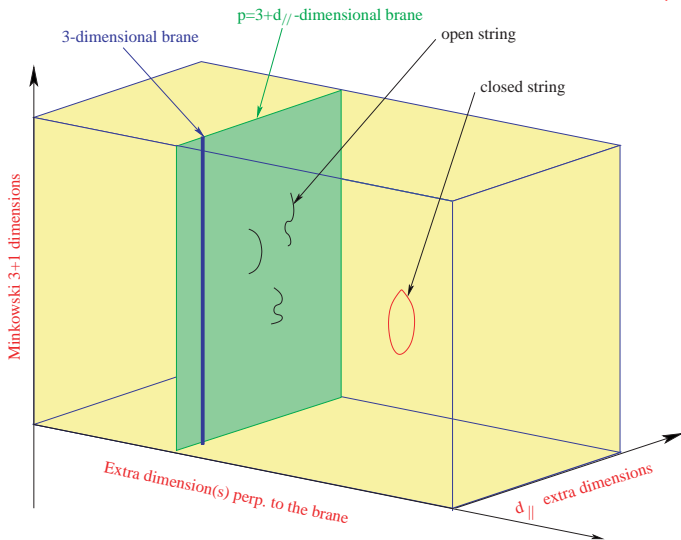
$$M_s \sim 1 \text{ TeV} \Rightarrow R_{\perp} \sim .1 - 10^{-13} \text{ mm} \quad (n = 2 - 6)$$

weak string coupling:  $g_s = \alpha$

# Braneworld

2 types of compact extra dimensions:

- parallel ( $d_{\parallel}$ ):  $\lesssim 10^{-16}$  cm (TeV)
- transverse ( $\perp$ ):  $\lesssim 0.1$  mm (meV)



# Experimental predictions

- particle accelerators
  - Large TeV dimensions    seen by gauge interactions
  - Extra large hidden dimensions    transverse  $\Rightarrow$  strong gravity
  - massive string vibrations
- microgravity experiments
  - gravity modifications at short distances  
  new submillimeter forces



# Large TeV dimensions

longitudinal dimensions:  $R^{-1} \lesssim M_s \Rightarrow R^{-1}$  first scale of new physics

increasing the energy I.A. '90

- could happen for some of the internal dims
- explain coupling constant ratios  $g_2/g_3$
- susy breaking
- fermion masses displace light generations

Massive tower of Kaluza Klein modes for Standard Model particles

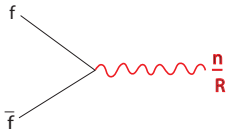
$$M_n^2 = M_0^2 + \frac{n^2}{R^2} \quad ; \quad n = \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

$\Rightarrow$  excited states of photon,  $W^\pm$ , Z, gluons

## Localized fermions (on 3-brane intersections)

⇒ single production of KK modes

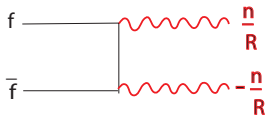
I.A.-Benakli '94



- strong bounds indirect effects:  $R^{-1} \gtrsim 3 \text{ TeV}$
- new resonances but at most  $n = 1$

## Otherwise KK momentum conservation

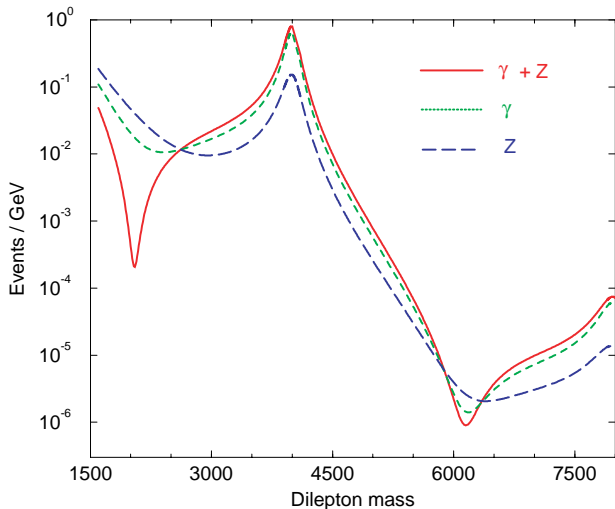
⇒ pair production of KK modes (universal dims)



- weak bounds  $R^{-1} \gtrsim 300\text{-}500 \text{ GeV}$
- no resonances
- lightest KK stable : dark matter candidate

Servant-Tait '02

$$R^{-1} = 4 \text{ TeV}$$



- no observation in dijets  $\Rightarrow R^{-1} \gtrsim 20 \text{ TeV}$  ; 95% CL
- more than one dimension : stronger limits

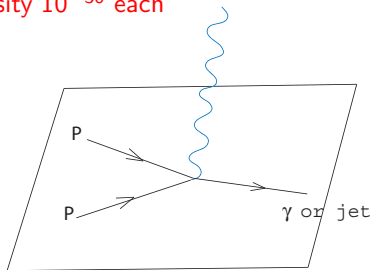
# Hidden submillimeter dimensions

⇒ strong gravity at the TeV: gravitational radiation in the bulk

3d: Kaluza Klein gravitons very light

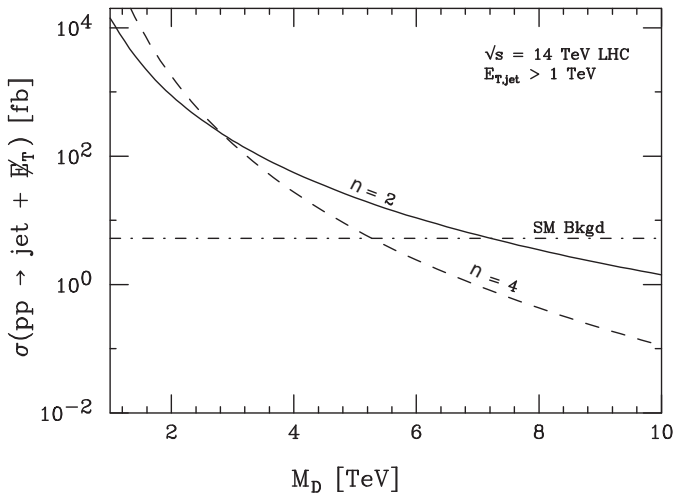
: high energy: huge number of particles produced

LHC:  $10^{30}$  massive gravitons of intensity  $10^{-30}$  each



Signal: missing energy

Angular distribution ⇒ spin of the graviton



- no observation  $\Rightarrow R_{\perp} \lesssim 10^{-2} - 10^{-12}$  mm ( $n = 2 - 6$ ); 95% CL

- more dimensions  $\Rightarrow$  weaker limits

# Limits on $R_{\perp}$ in mm

Experiment	$R_{\perp}(n=2)$	$R_{\perp}(n=4)$	$R_{\perp}(n=6)$
<b>Collider bounds</b>			
LEP 2	$4.8 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.9 \times 10^{-8}$	$6.8 \times 10^{-11}$
Tevatron	$5.5 \times 10^{-1}$	$1.4 \times 10^{-8}$	$4.1 \times 10^{-11}$
LHC	$4.5 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.6 \times 10^{-10}$	$2.7 \times 10^{-12}$
NLC	$1.2 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.2 \times 10^{-9}$	$6.5 \times 10^{-12}$
<b>Astrophysics/cosmology bounds</b>			
SN1987A	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-8}$	$6 \times 10^{-10}$
COMPTEL	$5 \times 10^{-5}$	-	-

# Supernova constraints

cooling due to graviton production e.g.  $NN \rightarrow NN + \text{graviton}$

number of gravitons:  $\sim (TR_{\perp})^n$   $T \gg R_{\perp}^{-1}$   
 $\sim 10 \text{ MeV}$

$\Rightarrow$  production rate:  $P_{\text{gr}} \sim \frac{1}{M_p^2} (TR_{\perp})^n \sim \frac{T^n}{M_*^{(2+n)}}$

$P_{\text{gr}} < P_{\nu} : M_*|_{n=2} \gtrsim 50 \text{ TeV} \Rightarrow M_s \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV}$

# Massive string vibrations

indirect effects: virtual exchanges  $\Rightarrow$  effective interactions

e.g. four-fermion operators

Actual limits: Matter fermions on

- same set of branes  $\Rightarrow M_s \gtrsim 500$  GeV      dim-8:  $\frac{g^2}{M_s^4}(\bar{\psi}\partial\psi)^2$
- brane intersections :  $M_s \gtrsim 2 - 3$  TeV      dim-6:  $\frac{g^2}{M_s^2}(\bar{\psi}\psi)^2$

High energies  $\Rightarrow$

- direct production: string physics
- strong gravity: production of micro-black holes?



## *Relevance to low-energy physics*

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Question:

Can we make **model-independent**  
low-energy **string predictions**  
from parton amplitudes  
in superstring theory ?

String signatures at LHC ?



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## Model-independent tree parton amplitudes

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$N$ -point parton superstring amplitudes in  $D = 4$ :

$N$ -gluon  
 $2$ -fermion +  $(N - 2)$ -gluon

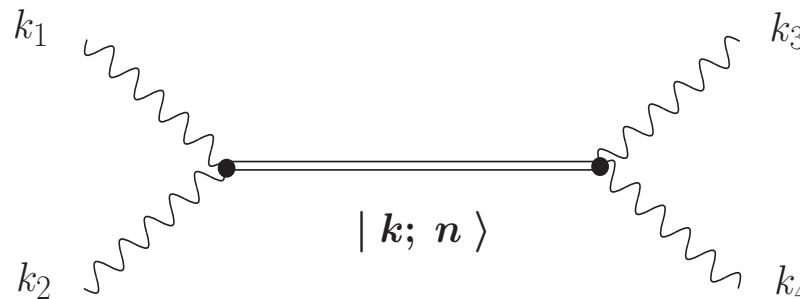
- completely model independent
- for any string compactification
- any number of supersymmetries
- even with broken supersymmetry

**No intermediate exchange of KKs, windings or emission of graviton !**

**Universal sum** over infinite exchange of string Regge (SR) excitations:

masses:  $M_n^2 = M_{\text{string}}^2 n$

maximal spin:  $n + 1$



## *Physics of large extra dimensions and low string scale*

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What about strong gravity effects ?

Black hole production at energies  $\sim \frac{M_{\text{string}}}{g_{\text{string}}^2}$

Horowitz-Polchinski '96  
Meade-Randall '07

$$n \sim g_{\text{string}}^{-2} > 1$$

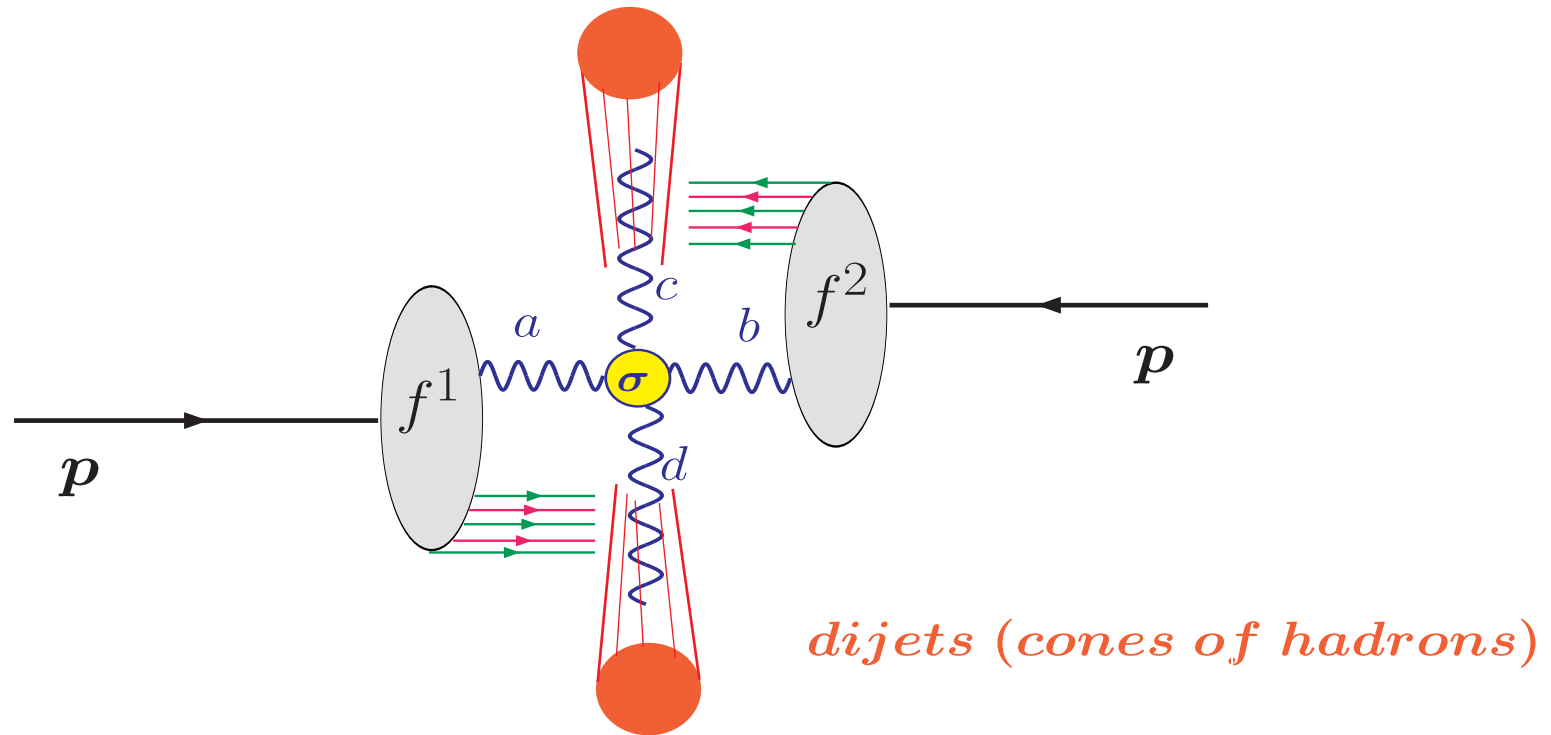
$$g_{\text{string}} \simeq \alpha \sim 0.1$$

$\implies$  For  $g_{\text{string}} < 1$  strong gravity effects occur above  $M_{\text{string}}$

$\implies$  We may first see SR's from 1-st, ...,  $n$ -th level

## Dijet signals for low $M_{\text{string}}$ at LHC

Two jets:



$$\sigma(pp \rightarrow 2 \text{ jets}) = \sum_{a,b,c,d} \int dx_1 dx_2 f_a^1(x_1; Q^2) f_b^2(x_2; Q^2) \sigma_{ab \rightarrow cd}(\underbrace{x_1 x_2 s}_{\hat{s}}, \underbrace{Q^2}_{\hat{t}}; \alpha')$$

Look for **resonances of string Regge excitations** propagating in  $s$ -channel

## Cross sections

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$$\left. \begin{array}{l} |\mathcal{M}(gg \rightarrow gg)|^2 \quad , \quad |\mathcal{M}(gg \rightarrow q\bar{q})|^2 \\ |\mathcal{M}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow gg)|^2 \quad , \quad |\mathcal{M}(qg \rightarrow qg)|^2 \end{array} \right\} \text{completely model-independent:} \\ \text{for any CY orientifold !}$$

Lüst-Stieberger-Taylor '08

$$|\mathcal{M}(gg \rightarrow gg)|^2 = g_{YM}^4 \left( \frac{1}{s^2} + \frac{1}{t^2} + \frac{1}{u^2} \right) \\
 \times \left[ \frac{9}{4} (s^2 V_s^2 + t^2 V_t^2 + u^2 V_u^2) - \frac{1}{3} (sV_s + tV_t + uV_u)^2 \right]$$

$$|\mathcal{M}(gg \rightarrow q\bar{q})|^2 = g_{YM}^4 \frac{t^2 + u^2}{s^2} \left[ \frac{1}{6} \frac{1}{tu} (tV_t + uV_u)^2 - \frac{3}{8} V_t V_u \right]$$

$$V_s = -\frac{tu}{s} B(t, u) = 1 - \frac{2}{3}\pi^2 tu + \dots \quad V_t : s \leftrightarrow t \quad V_u : s \leftrightarrow u$$

YM-limits agree with e.g. book "*Collider Physics*" by Barger, Phillips

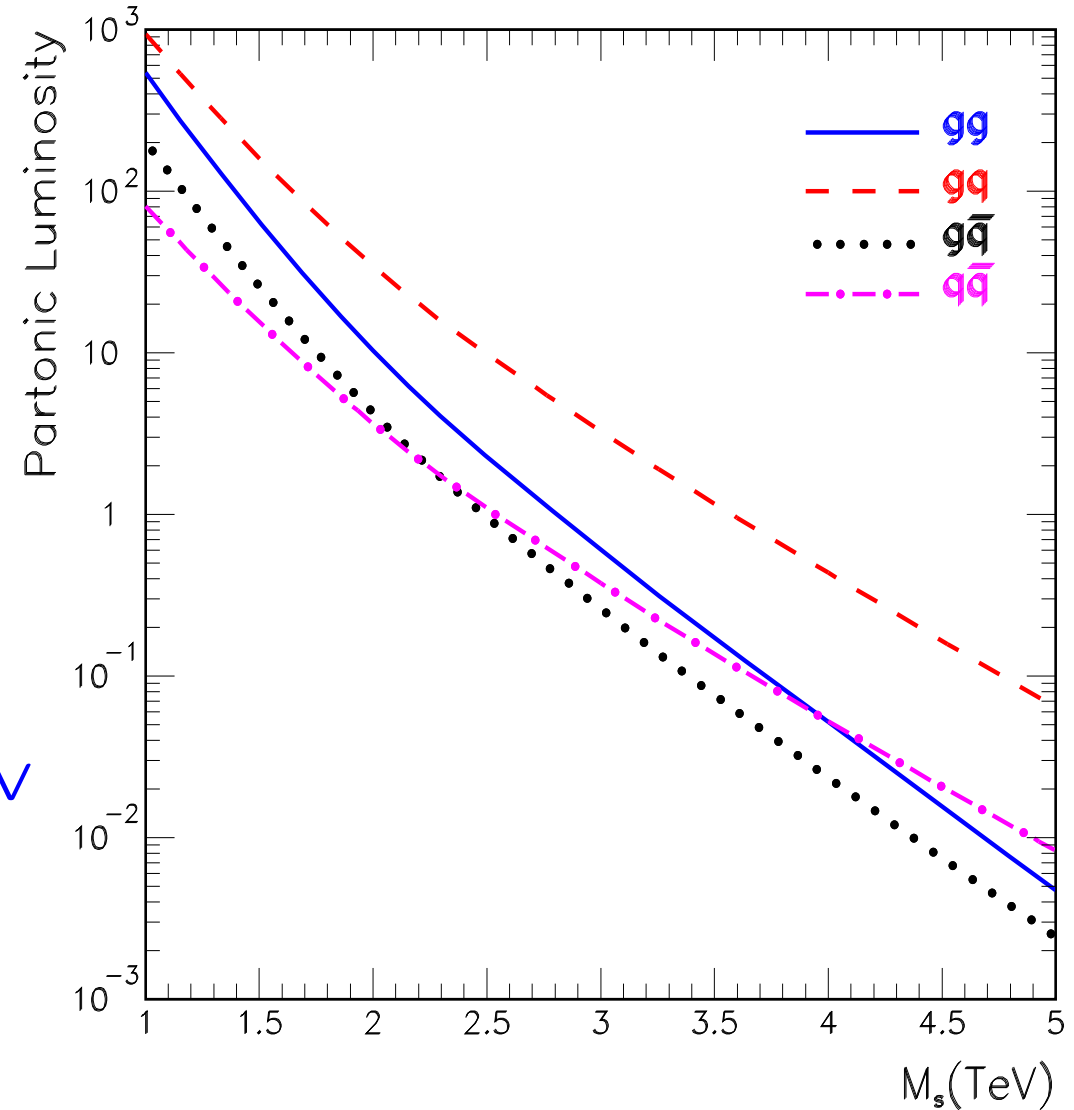
In addition we need:

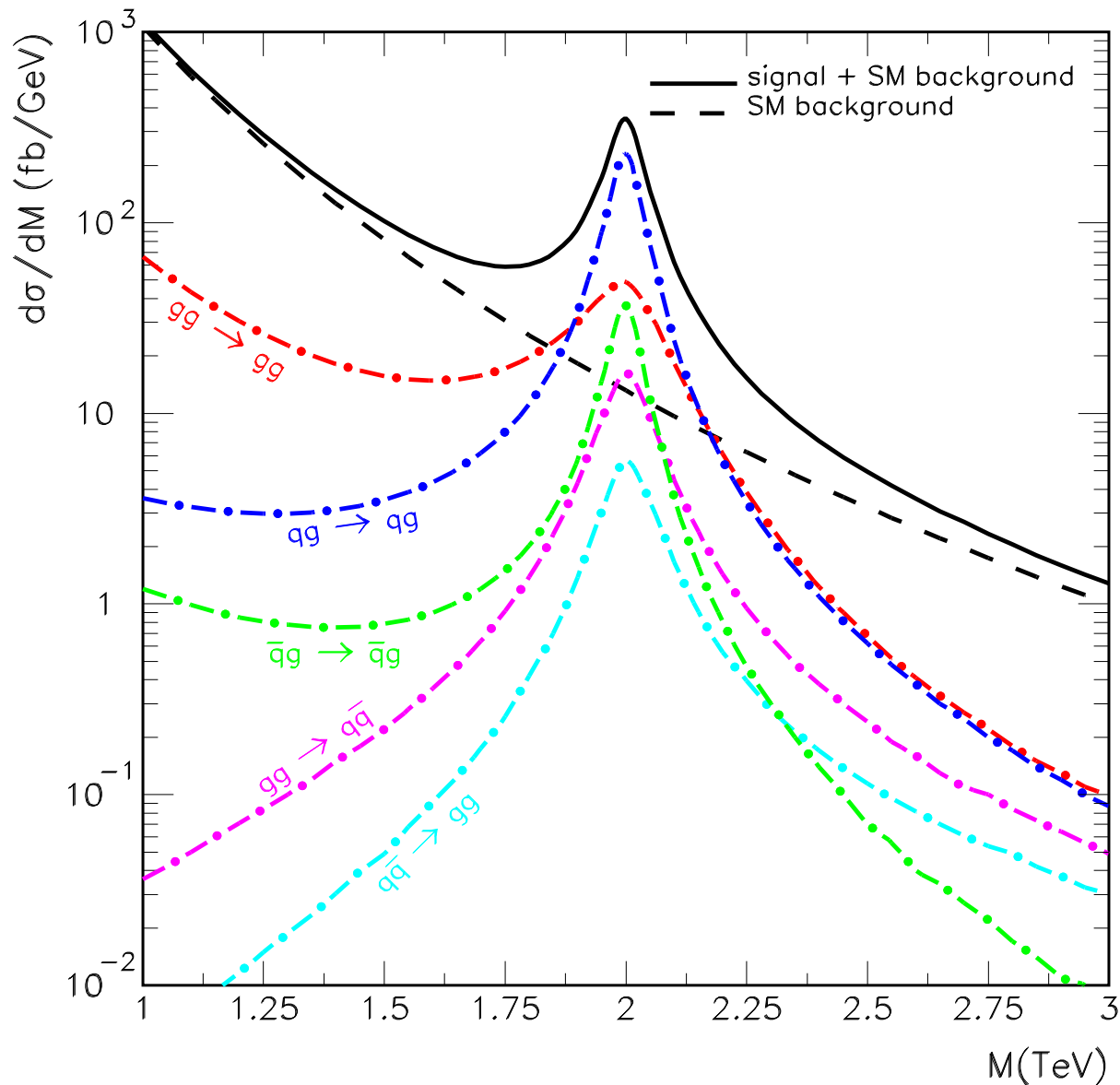
$$|\mathcal{M}(q\bar{q} \rightarrow q\bar{q})|^2, |\mathcal{M}(qq \rightarrow qq)|^2$$

depend on geometry KK and windings

however they are suppressed:

- QCD color factors favor gluons over quarks in the initial state
- Parton luminosities in pp above 1TeV are lower for  $qq, q\bar{q}$  than for  $gg, gq$





Any superstring theory with

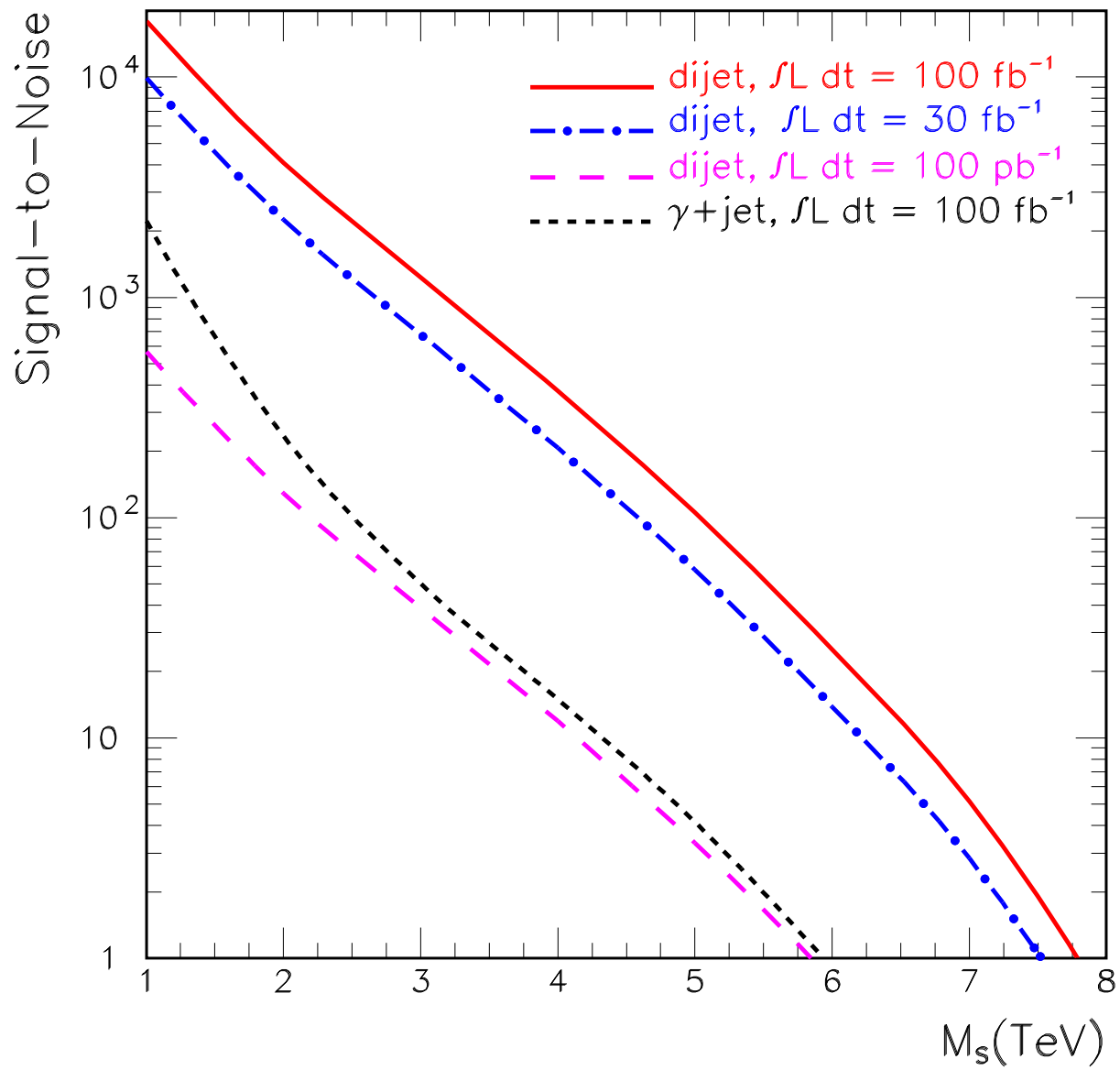
low  $M_{\text{string}}$  and  $g_{\text{string}} < 1$

**Universal** deviation from SM  
in jet distribution

$M_{\text{string}} = 2 \text{ TeV}$

$\Gamma_{SR} = 15 - 150 \text{ GeV}$

Anchordoqui, Goldberg, Lüst,  
Nawata, Taylor, Stieberger '08



Discovery reach



# SUSY in the bulk?

- global SUSY: no need to be there **at least for hierarchy**
- SUGRA: probably unbroken in the bulk  $\Rightarrow$   
**very weakly broken (volume suppressed)**

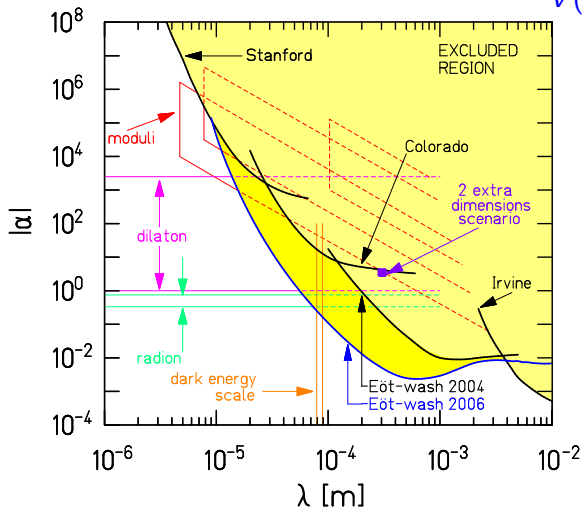
New forces at submm scales **e.g. radion, gauge fields**

- Radion  $\equiv \ln V_{\perp}$ 
  - mass:  $(\text{TeV})^2/M_P \sim 10^{-4} \text{ eV} \rightarrow \text{mm range}$
  - coupling:  $\frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial m}{\partial \ln V_{\perp}} = \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+2}} \times \text{gravity}$

$\Rightarrow$  can be experimentally tested for all  $n \geq 2$

# Experimental limits on short distance forces

$$V(r) = -G \frac{m_1 m_2}{r} (1 + \alpha e^{-r/\lambda})$$



Radion :  $M_* \gtrsim 6 \text{ TeV}$  95% CL

Adelberger et al. '06

# Light $U(1)$ gauge bosons

$m_A = g_A M$  : small mass  $\Rightarrow$  small coupling

$A$  in the bulk with localized mass

$$g_A \sim 1/\sqrt{V_\perp} \quad \Rightarrow \quad m_A \gtrsim M_s^2/M_P \simeq 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$$

$A$  propagates in part of the bulk

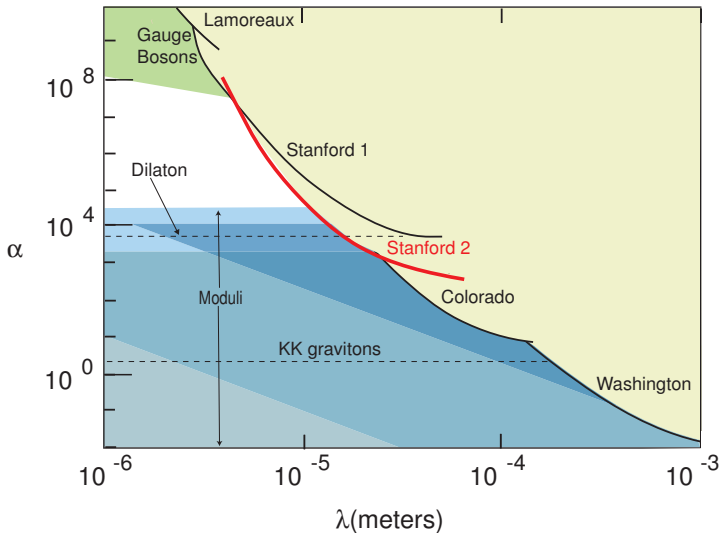
$\Rightarrow$  new submm forces:  $g_A \sim 1/\sqrt{V_\perp} \gtrsim M_s/M_P \sim 10^{-16}$

$\Rightarrow \gtrsim 10^6 - 10^8 \times$  gravity

$m_{\text{proton}}/M_*$

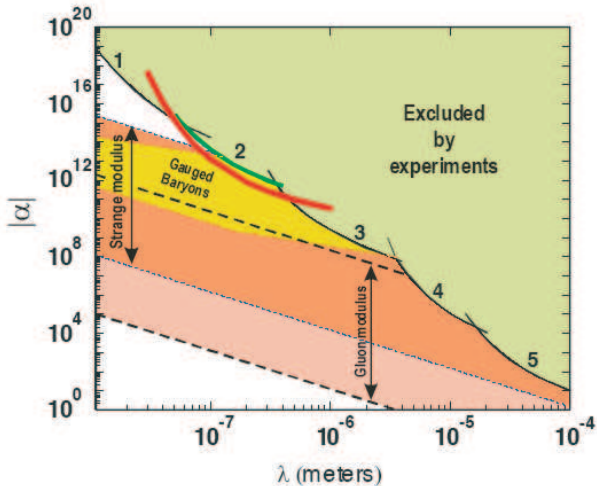
an order of magnitude improvement on bounds in the range  $6\text{-}20\ \mu\text{m}$

Smullin-Geraci-Weld-Chiaverini-Holmes-Kapitulnik '05



an order of magnitude improvement in the range 10-200 nm

Decca et al '07



5: Colorado

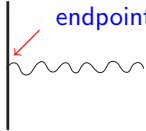
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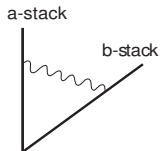
1: Mohideen et al.

# A D-brane embedding of the Standard Model

Generic spectrum:  $N$  coincident branes  $\Rightarrow U(N)$

a-stack  
  
endpoint transformation:  $\mathbf{N}_a$  or  $\bar{\mathbf{N}}_a$   $U(1)_a$  charge:  $+1$  or  $-1$   
 $\Rightarrow$  "baryon" number

- open strings from the same stack  $\Rightarrow$  adjoint gauge multiplets of  $U(N_a)$
- stretched between two stacks  $\Rightarrow$  bifundamentals of  $U(N_a) \times U(N_b)$



- oriented strings : need at least 4 brane-stacks
- existence of bulk with large dimensions :

minimal choice:  $U(3) \times U(2) \times U(1) \times U(1)_{\text{bulk}}$

color branes ( $g_3$ )  $\swarrow$   $\nwarrow$  weak branes ( $g_2$ )

fermion generation  $U(3) \times U(2) \times U(1)$

$$\begin{array}{ll} Q & (\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}; \mathbf{1}, w, 0)_{1/6} \quad w = \pm 1 \\ u^c & (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}; -\mathbf{1}, 0, x)_{-2/3} \quad x = \pm 1, 0 \\ d^c & (\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}; -\mathbf{1}, 0, y)_{1/3} \quad y = \pm 1, 0 \\ L & (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{1}, z)_{-1/2} \quad z = \pm 1, 0 \\ l^c & (\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{0}, 1)_1 \end{array}$$

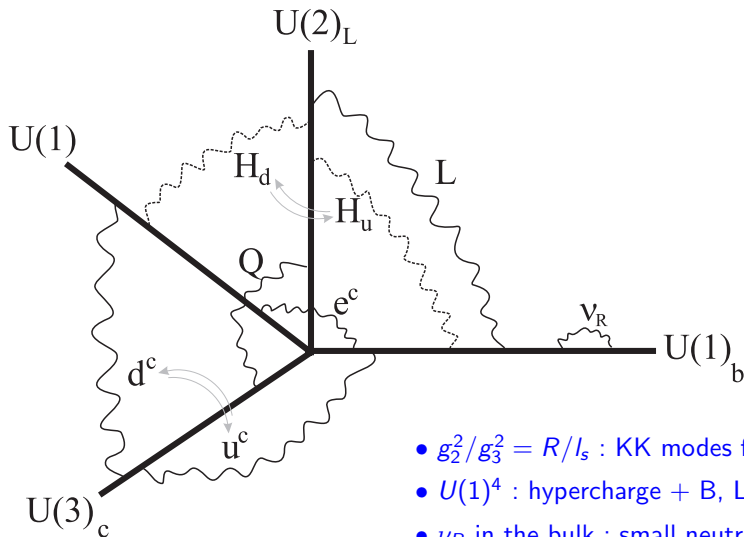
hypercharge  $Y = c_1 Q_1 + c_2 Q_2 + c_3 Q_3 \Rightarrow 2$  possibilities:

$$c_3 = -1/3 \quad c_2 = \pm 1/2 \quad x = -1 \quad y = 0 \quad w = \pm 1 \quad z = -1/0$$

$$c_3 = 2/3 \quad c_2 = \pm 1/2 \quad x = 0 \quad y = 1 \quad w = \mp 1 \quad z = -1/0$$

I.A.-Kiritsis-Tomas '00; I.A.-Kiritsis-Rizos-Tomas '02

# Standard Model on D-branes



- $g_2^2/g_3^2 = R/l_s$  : KK modes for  $SU(2)_L$
- $U(1)^4$  : hypercharge + B, L, PQ global
- $\nu_R$  in the bulk : small neutrino masses
- $U(1)$  on top of  $U(2)$  or  $U(3)$   $\Rightarrow$  prediction for  $\sin^2 \theta_W$



The remaining three  $U(1)$ 's : anomalous

Green-Schwarz anomaly cancellation  $\Rightarrow$

- they become massive (absorb three axions)

gauge field:  $\delta A = d\Lambda \Rightarrow$  axion:  $\delta a = -M\Lambda$

$$-\frac{1}{4g_A^2} F_A^2 - \frac{1}{2} (da + MA)^2 + \frac{a}{M} k_I^A \text{Tr} F_I \wedge F_I$$

$\swarrow$  cancel the anomaly

$\Rightarrow U(1)_A$  mass:  $m_A = g_A M$

- the global symmetries remain in perturbation

- Baryon number  $\Rightarrow$  proton stability

- Lepton number  $\Rightarrow$  protect small neutrino masses

no Lepton number  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{M_s} LLHH \rightarrow$  Majorana mass:  $\frac{\langle H \rangle^2}{M_s} LL$

$\swarrow \sim \text{GeV}$

# R-neutrinos: open strings in the bulk

R-neutrino:  $\nu_R(x, y)$   $y$ : bulk coordinates

Arkani Hamed-Dimopoulos-Dvali-March Russell '98

Dienes-Dudas-Gherghetta '98

$$S_{int} = g_s \int d^4x H(x) L(x) \nu_R(x, y=0)$$

$$\langle H \rangle = v \Rightarrow \text{mass-term: } \frac{g_s v}{R_{\perp}^{n/2}} \nu_L \nu_R^0 \leftarrow 4\text{d zero-mode}$$

$$\text{Dirac neutrino masses: } m_{\nu} \simeq \frac{g_s v}{R_{\perp}^{n/2}} \simeq v \frac{M_s}{M_p}$$

$$\simeq 10^{-3} - 10^{-2} \text{ eV for } M_s \simeq 1 - 10 \text{ TeV}$$

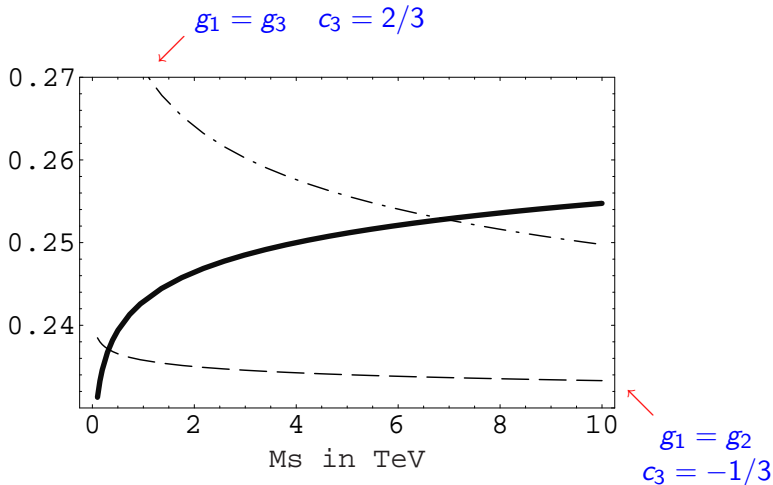
$$m_{\nu} \ll 1/R_{\perp} \Rightarrow \text{KK modes unaffected}$$

$$Y = c_1 Q_1 + c_2 Q_2 + c_3 Q_3 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{g_Y^2} = \frac{2c_1^2}{g_1^2} + \frac{4c_2^2}{g_2^2} + \frac{9c_3^2}{g_3^2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^2 \theta_W &= \frac{g_Y^2}{g_2^2 + g_Y^2} = \frac{1}{g_2^2/g_Y^2 + 1} = \frac{1}{1 + 4c_2 + 2c_1^2 g_2^2/g_1^2 + 6c_3^2 g_2^2/g_3^2} \\ &= \frac{1}{2 + 2g_2^2/g_1^2 + 6c_3^2 g_2^2/g_3^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$g_1 = g_2 = g_3 \Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta_W = \begin{cases} 3/14 & c_3 = -1/3 \\ 3/20 & c_3 = 2/3 \end{cases}$$

# $\sin^2 \theta_W(M_S)$



$\Rightarrow$  correct prediction for  $\sin^2 \theta_W$  for  $M_S \sim$  a few TeV

# Origin of EW symmetry breaking?

little hierarchy:  $m_W/M_s \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{-1})$

possible solution: radiative breaking

I.A.-Benakli-Quiros '00

$$V = \mu^2 H^\dagger H + \lambda (H^\dagger H)^2$$

$\mu^2 = 0$  at tree but becomes  $< 0$  at one loop

non-susy vacuum

simplest case: one Higgs from the same brane

$\Rightarrow$  tree-level  $V$  same as susy:  $\lambda = \frac{1}{8}(g^2 + g'^2)$

D-terms

$\mu^2 = -g^2 \varepsilon^2 M_s^2 \leftarrow$  effective UV cutoff

$$\varepsilon^2(R) = \frac{R^3}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty dl l^{3/2} \frac{\theta_2^4}{16l^4 \eta^{12}} \left( il + \frac{1}{2} \right) \sum_n n^2 e^{-2\pi n^2 R^2 l}$$

Diagrammatic annotations for the integral:

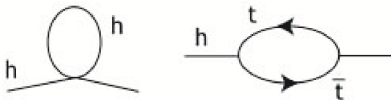
- UV  $\swarrow$  (pointing to the upper limit  $\infty$ )
- IR  $\nearrow$  (pointing to the lower limit  $0$ )
- $e^{-\pi l}$   $\nearrow$  (pointing to the exponential term)
- $1$   $\searrow$  (pointing to the constant term  $1/2$ )

# Mass hierarchy problem

Higgs mass: very sensitive to high energy physics

1-loop radiative corrections:

dominant contributions:



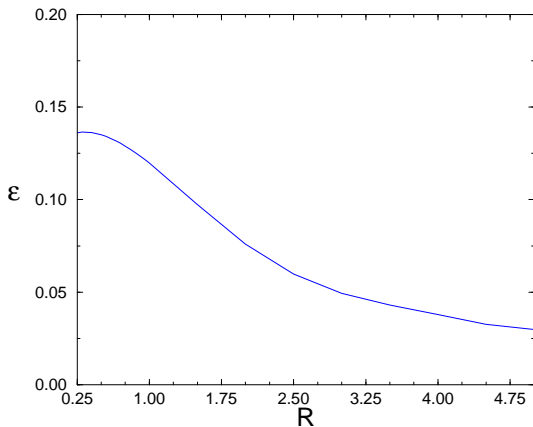
$$\mu_{\text{eff}}^2 = \mu_{\text{bare}}^2 + \left( \frac{\lambda}{8\pi^2} - \frac{3\lambda_t^2}{8\pi^2} \right) \Lambda^2 + \dots$$

UV cutoff:  $\int^\Lambda \frac{d^4 k}{k^2}$  scale of new physics

High-energy validity of the Standard Model :  $\Lambda \gg \mathcal{O}(100) \text{ GeV} \Rightarrow$

“unnatural” fine-tuning between  $\mu_{\text{bare}}^2$  and radiative corrections

order by order



$R \rightarrow 0 : \epsilon(R) \simeq 0.14$     large transverse dim     $R_{\perp} = l_s^2/R \rightarrow \infty$

$R \rightarrow \infty : \epsilon(R)M_s \sim \epsilon_{\infty}/R$      $\epsilon_{\infty} \simeq 0.008$     UV cutoff:  $M_s \rightarrow 1/R$

Higgs = component of a higher dim gauge field

$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{\infty}$  calculable in the effective field theory

Quartic Higgs coupling  $\Rightarrow$  mass prediction:

- tree level :  $M_H = M_Z$

- low-energy SM radiative corrections top quark sector :  $M_H \sim 120$  GeV

Also  $M_S$  or  $1/R \sim$  a few or several TeV



- point particle: 0-brane

charged under 1-form gauge potential  $A_\mu dx^\mu$

- string: 1-brane

charged under 2-form gauge field  $B_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu$

- $p$ -brane:  $(p + 1)$ -form gauge potential  $C_{p+1}$

D $p$ -brane:  $C_{p+1}$  RR closed string state

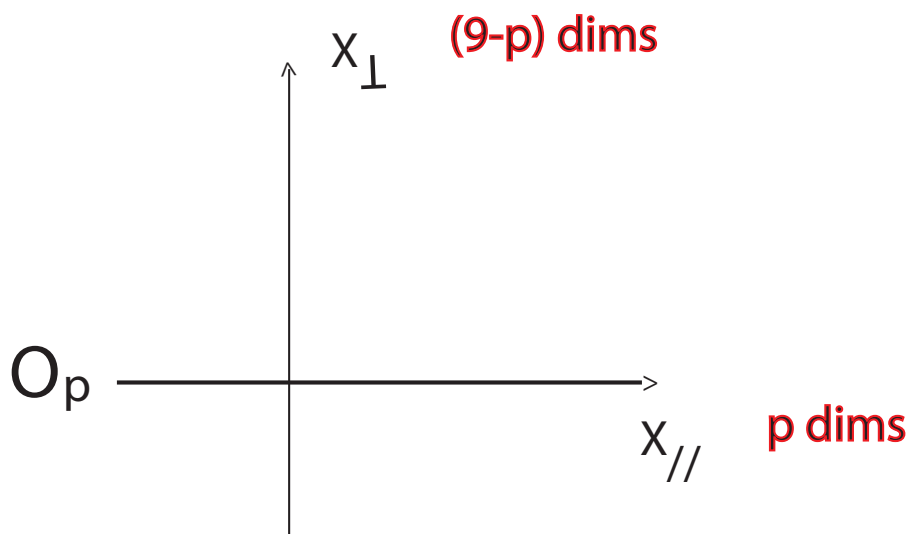
Gauss-law in compact space  $\Rightarrow$

neutrality condition  $\equiv$  RR tadpole cancellation

**SUSY:** RR charge  $\leftrightarrow$  brane tension

charge neutrality  $\leftrightarrow$  zero energy

Orientifold: (hyper)surface where closed strings  
change orientation



$$X_{\perp} \rightarrow -X_{\perp} \quad p\text{-plane localized at } X_{\perp} = 0$$

$$z \rightarrow \bar{z} \quad \text{worldsheet orientation flip}$$

non-dynamical object with RR charge  $\Rightarrow$

can have negative tension

## Brane supersymmetry breaking

I.A.-Dudas-Sagnotti, Aldazabal-Uranga '99

Stable configurations of branes with orientifolds

- absence of tachyons
- bulk susy breaking suppressed by  $R_{\perp}$

	D	$\bar{D}$	O	$\bar{O}$
RR charge	+	-	-	+
tension	+	+	-	-
linear SUSY	$Q_e$	$Q_o$	$Q_e$	$Q_o$
NL SUSY	$Q_o$	$Q_e$		

Model I: DO or  $\bar{D}\bar{O}$

local charge conservation, brane SUSY (locally)

Model II:  $\bar{D}O$  or  $D\bar{O}$

brane SUSY breaking (linear), NL SUSY

Non-linear SUSY on the brane  $\Rightarrow$   
(nearly) massless goldstino  $\chi$

Dudas-Mourad, Pradisi-Riccioni '01

Standard realization of Volkov-Akulov  $\Rightarrow$   
universal coupling to stress-tensor

$$\mathcal{L}_\chi = -\frac{i}{2}\chi\sigma^\mu\overleftrightarrow{\partial}_\mu\bar{\chi} + i\kappa^2(\chi\overleftrightarrow{\partial}^\mu\sigma^\nu\bar{\chi})T_{\mu\nu}$$

$\kappa$ : goldstino decay constant

But not the most general

e.g. a new 4-fermion operator not fixed by NL SUSY

Brignole-Feruglio-Zwirner '97, I.A.-Benakli-Laugier '01

General analysis of goldstino couplings  
to SM fields in D-brane models

I.A.-Tuckmantel '04

Matter on intersection of two brane stacks:

$$\frac{1}{2\kappa^2} = T_1 + T_2 \quad T_i = \frac{M_s^4}{4\pi^2 g_i^2} N_i$$

$$\delta\mathcal{L}_\chi = i\sqrt{2}\kappa F_{\mu\nu} f \sigma^\mu \partial^\nu \bar{\chi} + 2\kappa D_\mu \phi (f \partial^\mu \chi) + \text{h.c.} \\ + 2\kappa^2 (\partial_\mu \chi f_1) (\partial^\mu \bar{\chi} \bar{f}_2) + \mathcal{O}(\kappa^3)$$

$F$ : gauge fields,  $f$ : Weyl fermions,  $\phi$ : scalars

- universal coefficients independent of brane-angles
- 3rd term: fixes the field theory ambiguity of 4-fermion operator
- 1st term: hypercharge + fermion singlet
- 2nd term: higgs + lepton doublets

preserves lepton number if  $L(\chi) = -1$

I.A.-Tuckmantel-Zwirner '04

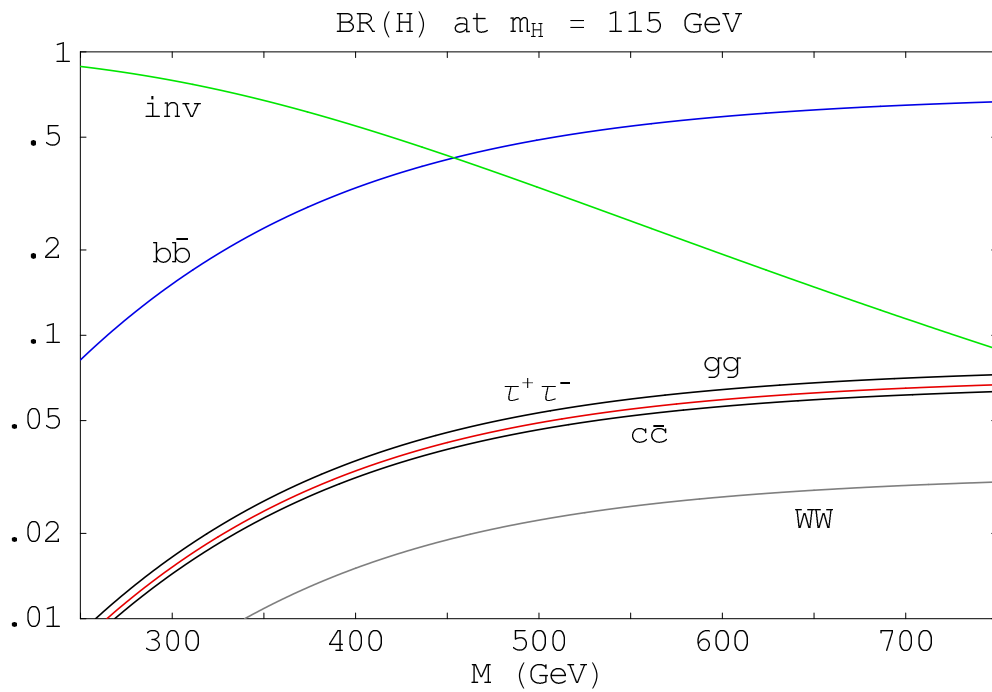
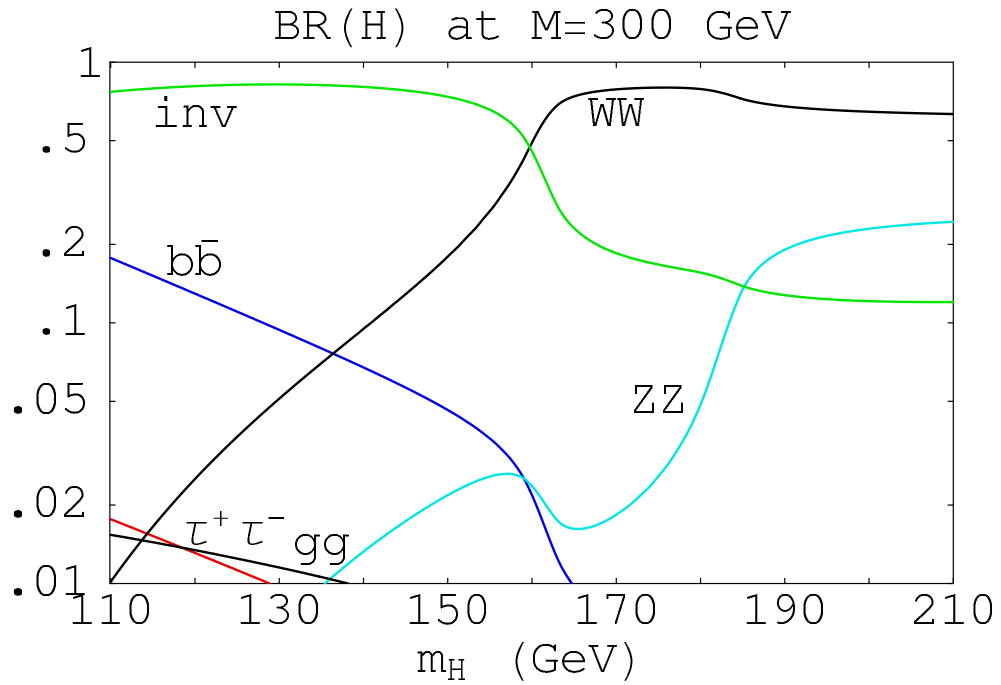
$$Z, H \rightarrow \nu \chi \quad W^\pm \rightarrow l^\pm \chi \Rightarrow$$

- bounds:  $M_s \gtrsim 500 \text{ GeV}$  (e.g. invisible  $Z$  width)

- signal: invisible Higgs decay

dominant or non-negligible in a large range of  $(M_s, M_H)$

$$M_s \simeq 2M$$



# Conclusions

TeV strings and large extra dimensions: Physical reality or imagination?

- Well motivated theoretical framework  
with many testable experimental predictions  
new resonances, missing energy
- Stimulus for micro-gravity experiments  
look for new forces at short distances  
higher dim graviton, scalars, gauge fields

But: - unification has to be dropped  
- physics is radically changed above string scale

LHC: will explore the physics beyond the Standard Model

# Non-compact extra dimensions and localized gravity

- no problem with fixing the size moduli
  - new approach to the hierarchy problem
  - gravity modification at large distances
- curved space : **Randall-Sundrum '99**
- flat space : **Dvali-Gabadadze-Porrati '00**  
more attractive for string theory realization



spacetime = slice of  $\text{AdS}_5$       our universe = 4d flat boundary

$$ds^2 = e^{-2k|y|} \eta_{\mu\nu} dx^\mu dx^\nu + dy^2 \quad \text{UV-brane} \rightarrow 0 \leq y \leq \pi r_c \leftarrow \text{IR-brane}$$

- fine-tuned tensions:  $T = -T' = 24M^3 k^2$        $\Lambda = -24M^3 k^2$
- exponential hierarchy:  $M_W = M_P e^{-2\pi k r_c}$
- IR-brane can move to infinity:  $r_c \rightarrow \infty$

$$M_P^2 = M^3 \frac{1 - e^{-2\pi k r_c}}{k} \leftarrow \text{internal volume } V \text{ finite} \Rightarrow$$

- always 4d gravity localized on the UV-brane

$$\text{potential: } \frac{1}{r} + \frac{1}{k^2 r^3} \leftarrow \text{deviations } (r_c \rightarrow \infty)$$

$$k^{-1} \lesssim 0.1 \text{ mm} : M > 10^8 \text{ GeV}, T^{1/4} > 1 \text{ TeV} \Rightarrow \text{matter in the bulk}$$

viable models: AdS/CFT duals to strongly coupled 4d field theories

compositeness, technicolor-type

## Magnetized branes and moduli stabilization

- SUSY breaking by internal magnetic fields or equivalently branes at angles
- Minimal Standard Model embedding
- Gaugino masses
- A new mechanism of gauge mediation
- Moduli stabilization

### Oblique internal magnetic fields

- Effective field theory

## General framework

Type I string theory with magnetic fluxes on 2-cycles of the compactification manifold

- Dirac quantization:  $H = \frac{m}{nA} \equiv \frac{p}{A}$

$H$ : constant magnetic field

$m$ : units of magnetic flux

$n$ : brane wrapping

$A$ : area of the 2-cycle

- Spin-dependent mass shifts for charged states

$\Rightarrow$  SUSY breaking

- Exact open string description:

$qH \rightarrow \theta = \arctan qH\alpha'$  weak field  $\Rightarrow$  field theory

- T-dual representation: branes at angles

$(m, n)$ : wrapping numbers around the 2-cycle directions

6d  $\rightarrow$  4d on  $T^2$  with abelian magnetic field  $H$

$$\delta M^2 = (2k + 1)|qH| + 2qH \cdot \Sigma \leftarrow \text{spin operator}$$

$k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$  : Landau level

Landau multiplicity:  $mn$

• spin-0:  $\Sigma = 0 \Rightarrow$  mass gap

• spin-1/2:  $\Sigma = \pm 1/2 \Rightarrow$  chiral 0-mode

$$k = 0 \quad : \quad \delta M^2 = |qH| \pm qH$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta M^2 = 0 \quad \text{for } \Sigma = -1/2 \text{ (} qH > 0 \text{)}$$

• spin-1:  $\Sigma = \pm 1 \Rightarrow$  tachyon

Nielsen-Olesen instability

$$k = 0 \quad : \quad \delta M^2 = |qH| \pm 2qH$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta M^2 = -qH \quad \text{for } \Sigma = -1 \text{ (} qH > 0 \text{)}$$

Exact open string description:

$$q \rightarrow q_L + q_R \quad \text{endpoint charges}$$

$$qH \rightarrow \theta_L + \theta_R \quad ; \quad \theta_{L,R} = \arctan q_{L,R} H \alpha'$$

weak field limit  $\Rightarrow$  field theory

$$H \text{ constant} \Rightarrow F_{kl} = \epsilon_{kl} H \quad A_k = -\frac{1}{2} F_{kl} x^l$$

world-sheet boundary action:

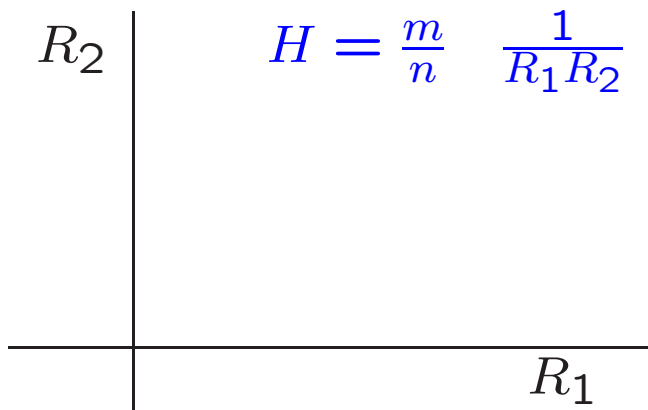
$$q \int A_k \partial x^k = -H \int \left( q_L x^k \overleftrightarrow{\partial} x^l \Big|_{\sigma=0} + q_R x^k \overleftrightarrow{\partial} x^l \Big|_{\sigma=\pi} \right)$$

internal rotation current

$$\Rightarrow \text{frequency shift by } \theta_{L,R} : \tan \theta_{L,R} = q_{L,R} H$$

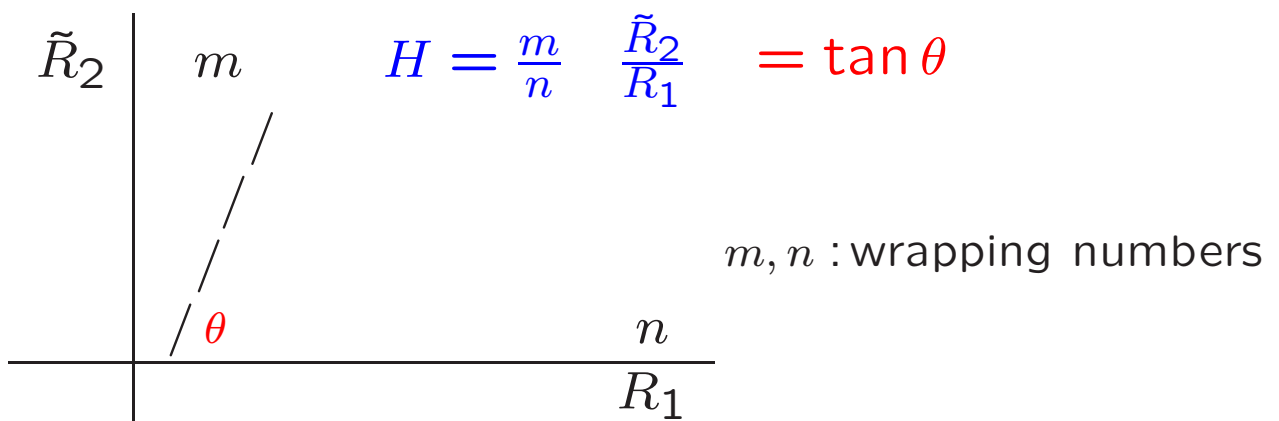
T-dual representation: branes at angles

magnetized D9-brane wrapped on  $T^2$



$$R_2 \rightarrow \alpha' / R_2 \equiv \tilde{R}_2 \Rightarrow \text{D8-brane}$$

wrapped around a direction of angle  $\theta$  in  $T^2$

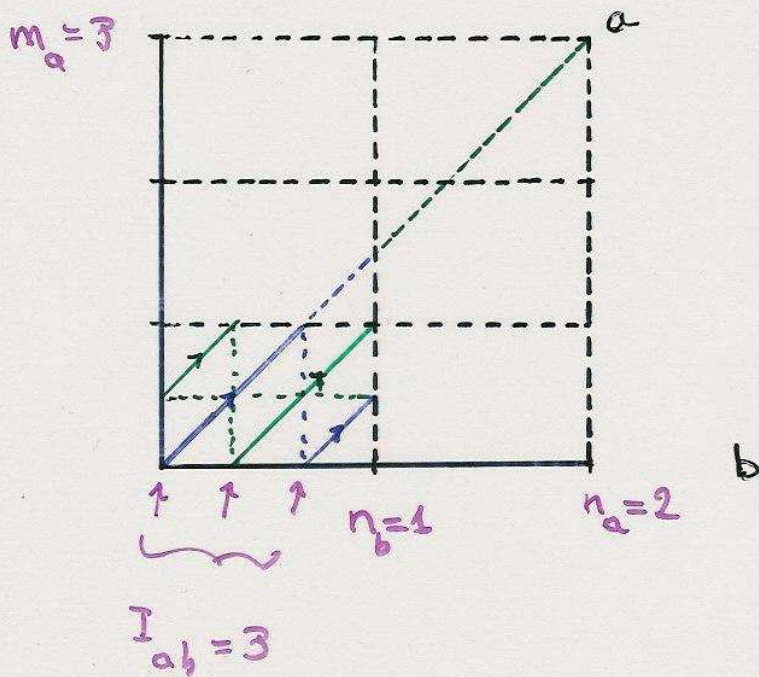


Chirality = intersection number

e.g.  $I_{ab} = m_a n_b - m_b n_a$

= intersection nb of branes a, b

ex.  $m_b = 0$   $n_b = 1$   $\Rightarrow I_{ab} = m_a$



$(T^2)^3$  generalization:  $H_I$  with  $I = 1, 2, 3$

$$\delta M^2 = \sum_I \{(2k_I + 1)|qH_I| + 2qH_I\Sigma_I\}$$

- spin-1/2: one chiral 0-mode

$$\delta M^2 = 0 \text{ for } k_I = 0 \text{ and } \Sigma_I = -1/2 \text{ (} qH_I > 0 \text{)}$$

- spin-1: tachyon can be avoided Bachas 95

$$\begin{array}{r} |H_1| + |H_2| - |H_3| > 0 \\ |H_1| - |H_2| + |H_3| > 0 \\ - |H_1| + |H_2| + |H_3| > 0 \end{array}$$

massless scalar  $\Leftrightarrow$  partial brane susy restoration

Angelantonj-I.A.-Dudas-Sagnotti 00

$$\theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = 0$$



## Generic spectrum

Turn on  $H_I^a$  in several  $U(1)_a$  directions

$\Rightarrow$  Gauge group:  $\prod_a U(N_a) \leftarrow SU(N_a) \times U(1)_a$

- Neutral strings: adjoint representations

$\Rightarrow$  massless gauge supermultiplets

- Charged strings  $\Rightarrow$  massless chiral fermions

but in general massive scalars

$\Rightarrow$  Generic spectrum of split SUSY:

- massless gauginos
- massive squarks and sleptons
- massless Higgs  $\Leftrightarrow$  non chiral susy intersection  
two Higgs multiplets

Non oriented strings  $\Rightarrow$  orientifold planes

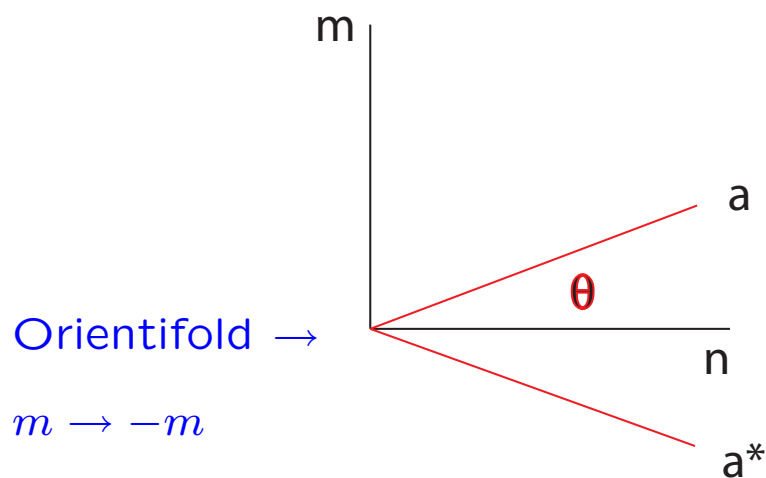
$\Rightarrow$  mirror branes

identified with branes under orientifold action

D-brane  $a$ :  $(m, n)$  ;  $n > 0$     anti-brane:  $(m, -n)$

Orientifold:  $(0, x)$

Mirror brane  $a^*$ :  $(-m, n)$



- strings stretched between two mirror stacks

$\Rightarrow$  antisymmetric or symmetric of  $U(N_a)$

## Minimal Standard Model embedding

New possibilities using intersecting branes

- no large dimensions for low string scale
- no need for B or L conservation
- but need  $\sin^2 \theta_W = \frac{3}{8}$

General analysis using 3 brane stacks

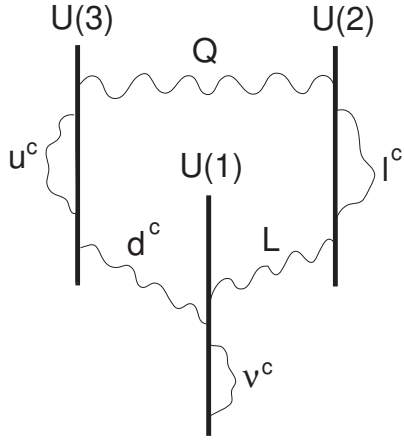
$$\Rightarrow U(3) \times U(2) \times U(1)$$

antiquarks  $u^c, d^c$  ( $\bar{3}, 1$ ):

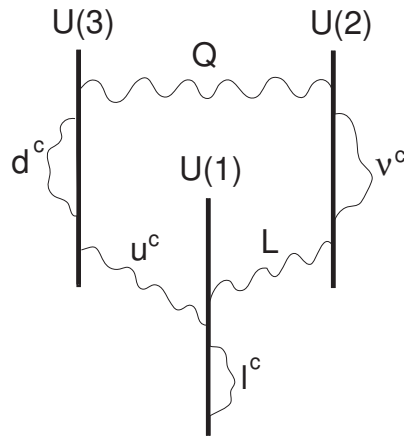
antisymmetric of  $U(3)$  or

bifundamental  $U(3) \leftrightarrow U(1)$

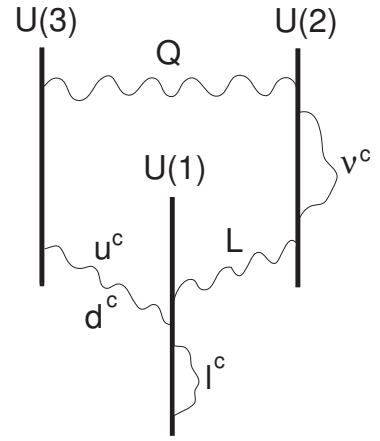
$\Rightarrow$  3 models: antisymmetric is  $u^c, d^c$  or none



Model A



Model B



Model C

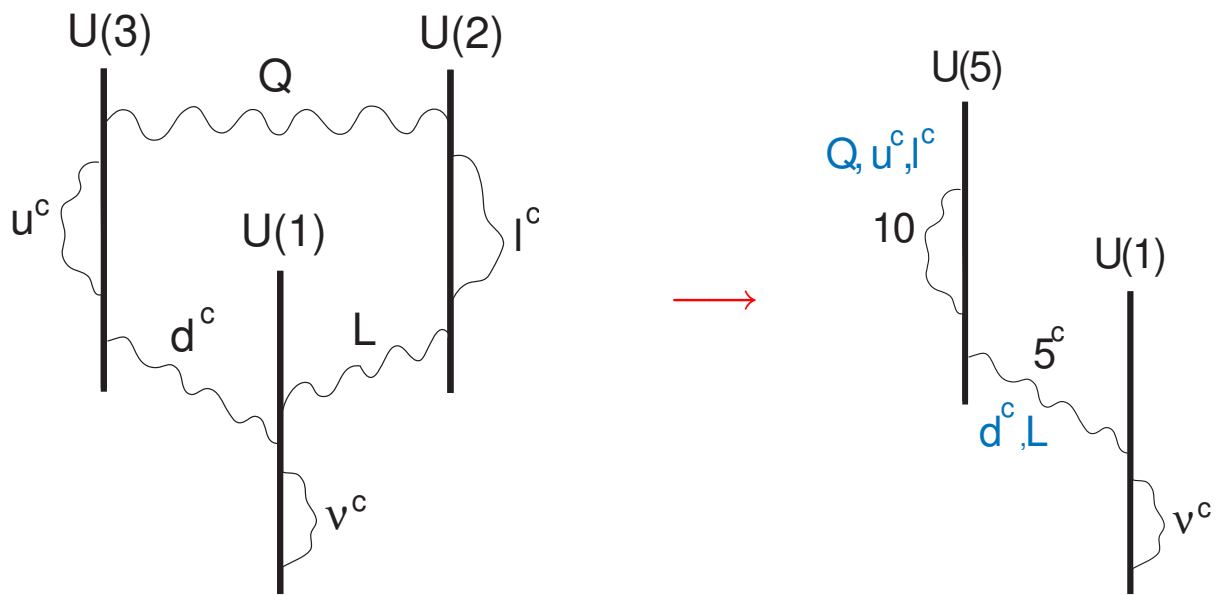
$Q$	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}; 1, 1, 0)_{1/6}$	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}; 1, \varepsilon_Q, 0)_{1/6}$	$(\mathbf{3}, \mathbf{2}; 1, \varepsilon_Q, 0)_{1/6}$
$u^c$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}; 2, 0, 0)_{-2/3}$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}; -1, 0, 1)_{-2/3}$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}; -1, 0, 1)_{-2/3}$
$d^c$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}; -1, 0, \varepsilon_d)_{1/3}$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}; 2, 0, 0)_{1/3}$	$(\bar{\mathbf{3}}, \mathbf{1}; -1, 0, -1)_{1/3}$
$L$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}; 0, -1, \varepsilon_L)_{-1/2}$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}; 0, \varepsilon_L, 1)_{-1/2}$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}; 0, \varepsilon_L, 1)_{-1/2}$
$l^c$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}; 0, 2, 0)_1$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}; 0, 0, -2)_1$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}; 0, 0, -2)_1$
$\nu^c$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}; 0, 0, 2\varepsilon_\nu)_0$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}; 0, 2\varepsilon_\nu, 0)_0$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{1}; 0, 2\varepsilon_\nu, 0)_0$

$$Y_A = -\frac{1}{3}Q_3 + \frac{1}{2}Q_2$$

$$Y_{B,C} = \frac{1}{6}Q_3 - \frac{1}{2}Q_1$$

$$\text{Model A} \quad : \quad \sin^2 \theta_W = \frac{1}{2 + 2\alpha_2/3\alpha_3} \Big|_{\alpha_2=\alpha_3} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$\text{Model B, C} \quad : \quad \sin^2 \theta_W = \frac{1}{1 + \alpha_2/2\alpha_1 + \alpha_2/6\alpha_3} \Big|_{\alpha_2=\alpha_3} = \frac{6}{7 + 3\alpha_2/\alpha_1}$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 Q & \quad (3, 2; 1, 1, 0)_{1/6} \\
 u^c & \quad (\bar{3}, 1; 2, 0, 0)_{-2/3} \\
 d^c & \quad (\bar{3}, 1; -1, 0, \varepsilon_d)_{1/3} \\
 L & \quad (1, 2; 0, -1, \varepsilon_L)_{-1/2} \\
 l^c & \quad (1, 1; 0, 2, 0)_1 \\
 \nu^c & \quad (1, 1; 0, 0, 2\varepsilon_\nu)_0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Y_A = -\frac{1}{3}Q_3 + \frac{1}{2}Q_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 \theta_W = \frac{1}{2 + 2\alpha_2/3\alpha_3} \Big|_{\alpha_2=\alpha_3} = \frac{3}{8}$$

- Higgs can be easily implemented

massless  $\Rightarrow$  susy intersection

$$H_1, H_2 : U(2) \leftrightarrow U(1) \quad \text{like } L$$

Model A

Model B, C

$H_1$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}; 0, -1, \varepsilon_{H_1})_{-1/2}$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}; 0, \varepsilon_{H_1}, \mathbf{1})_{-1/2}$
$H_2$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}; 0, \mathbf{1}, \varepsilon_{H_2})_{1/2}$	$(\mathbf{1}, \mathbf{2}; 0, \varepsilon_{H_2}, -\mathbf{1})_{1/2}$

- 2 extra  $U(1)$ 's
  - **Model A,B**: one combination can be  $B - L$   
broken by a SM singlet VEV at high scale  
or survive at low energies
  - **Model C**: Baryon symmetry
  - The other/both is/are anomalous

## Spectrum multiplicities

$$(N_a, \bar{N}_b): I_{ab} = \det W_a \det W_b \int_{T^6} (F_{(1,1)}^a - F_{(1,1)}^b)^3$$

$$(N_a, N_b): I_{ab^*} \leftarrow F^{b^*} = -F^b$$

$$T^6 = \prod_i T_i^2 \Rightarrow I_{ab} = \prod_i (m_i^a n_i^b - n_i^a m_i^b)$$

$$I_{aa^*} = \prod_i \left\{ \frac{1}{2} (2m_i^a n_i^a \mp 2m_i^a) \pm 2m_i^a \right\}$$

number of intersections along orientifold axis  $(0, x)$

$$= \begin{cases} \text{Antisymmetric} : \frac{1}{2} \left( \prod_i 2m_i^a \right) \left( \prod_j n_j^a + 1 \right) \\ \text{Symmetric} : \frac{1}{2} \left( \prod_i 2m_i^a \right) \left( \prod_j n_j^a - 1 \right) \end{cases}$$

- non-chiral multiplicity: extract the vanishing factors
- $I_{ab^*} = 0 \rightarrow I_{ab}$  even  $\Rightarrow$ 
  - odd nb of generations: constant NS  $B$ -field
  - quantization  $\rightarrow$  magnetic fluxes  $m$  half-integers

Magnetic fluxes can be used to stabilize moduli

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e.g.  $T^6$ : 36 moduli (geometric deformations)

internal metric:  $6 \times 7/2 = 21 = 9 + 2 \times 6$

type IIB RR 2-form:  $6 \times 5/2 = 15 = 9 + 2 \times 3$

complexification  $\Rightarrow$   $\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} \text{Kähler class} & J \\ \text{complex structure} & \tau \end{array} \right.$

9 complex moduli for each

magnetic flux:  $6 \times 6$  antisymmetric matrix  $F$

complexification  $\Rightarrow$

$F_{(2,0)}$  on holomorphic 2-cycles: potential for  $\tau$

$F_{(1,1)}$  on mixed (1,1)-cycles: potential for  $J$



$T^6$  parametrization/complexification

$$x^i \equiv x^i + 1 \quad y_i \equiv y_i + 1 \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

$$z^i = x^i + \tau^{ij} y_j$$

$\tau$ :  $3 \times 3$  complex structure matrix

$\delta g_{i\bar{j}}$  : Kähler deformations

$$\rightarrow J = \delta g_{i\bar{j}} i dz_i \wedge d\bar{z}_j$$

$W$  : covering map

of the brane world-volume over  $T^6$

$N = 1$  SUSY conditions:

1.  $F_{(2,0)} = 0 \Rightarrow \tau$

$$\tau^\top p_{xx} \tau - (\tau^\top p_{xy} + p_{yx} \tau) + p_{yy} = 0$$

2.  $J \wedge J \wedge F_{(1,1)} = F_{(1,1)} \wedge F_{(1,1)} \wedge F_{(1,1)} \Rightarrow J$

vanishing of a Fayet-Iliopoulos term

$$\xi \sim F \wedge F \wedge F - J \wedge J \wedge F$$

e.g.  $T^6 = \prod_{i=1}^3 T_i^2 \leftarrow$  orthogonal 2-torus

$$\tau_i = iR_i^x / R_i^y \quad J_i = R_i^x R_i^y \quad H_i^a = F_i^a / J_i$$

$$H_1 + H_2 + H_3 = H_1 H_2 H_3 \Leftrightarrow \theta_1 + \theta_2 + \theta_3 = 0$$

3.  $\det W(J \wedge J \wedge J - J \wedge F \wedge F) > 0$

action positivity

Main ingredients for moduli stabilization

- “oblique” (non-commuting) magnetic fields  
⇒ fix off-diagonal components of the metric  
e.g. can be made diagonal
- Non linear DBI action ⇒ fix overall volume  
not valid in six dimensions:  $J \wedge F = 0$
- Kähler class RR moduli:  
absorbed by magnetized  $U(1)$ 's → massive  
⇒ need at least 9 brane stacks

Stack #	Fluxes	Fixed moduli	5 – brane localization
#1 $N_1 = 1$	$(F_{x_1 y_2}^1, F_{x_2 y_1}^1) = (1, 1)$	$\tau_{31} = \tau_{32} = 0$ $\tau_{11} = \tau_{22}$ $\text{Re}J_{1\bar{2}} = 0$	$[x_3, y_3]$
#2 $N_2 = 1$	$(F_{x_1 y_3}^2, F_{x_3 y_1}^2) = (1, 1)$	$\tau_{21} = \tau_{23} = 0$ $\tau_{11} = \tau_{33}$ $\text{Re}J_{1\bar{3}} = 0$	$[x_2, y_2]$
#3 $N_3 = 1$	$(F_{x_1 x_2}^3, F_{y_1 y_2}^3) = (1, 1)$	$\tau_{13} = 0, \tau_{11}\tau_{22} = -1$ $\text{Im}J_{1\bar{2}} = 0$	$[x_3, y_3]$
#4 $N_4 = 1$	$(F_{x_2 x_3}^4, F_{y_2 y_3}^4) = (1, 1)$	$\tau_{12} = 0$ $\text{Im}J_{2\bar{3}} = 0$	$[x_1, y_1]$
#5 $N_5 = 1$	$(F_{x_1 x_3}^5, F_{y_1 y_3}^5) = (1, 1)$	$\text{Im}J_{1\bar{3}} = 0$	$[x_2, y_2]$
#6 $N_6 = 1$	$(F_{x_2 y_3}^6, F_{x_3 y_2}^6) = (1, 1)$	$\text{Re}J_{2\bar{3}} = 0$	$[x_1, y_1]$

Last column: 5-brane charge localization on the 2-cycles  $[x_i, y_i]$

Fix areas of the 3  $T^2$ 's  $\Rightarrow$  add 3 more stacks:

Stack #	Multiplicity	Fluxes
#7	$N_7 = 1$	$(F_{x_1y_1}^7, F_{x_2y_2}^7, F_{x_3y_3}^7) = (-4, -4, 3)$
#8	$N_8 = 2$	$(F_{x_1y_1}^8, F_{x_2y_2}^8, F_{x_3y_3}^8) = (-3, 1, 1)$
#9	$N_9 = 3$	$(F_{x_1y_1}^9, F_{x_2y_2}^9, F_{x_3y_3}^9) = (-2, 3, 0)$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} F_1^7 & F_2^7 & F_3^7 \\ F_1^8 & F_2^8 & F_3^8 \\ F_1^9 & F_2^9 & F_3^9 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} J_2 J_3 \\ J_1 J_3 \\ J_1 J_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} F_1^7 F_2^7 F_3^7 \\ F_1^8 F_2^8 F_3^8 \\ F_1^9 F_2^9 F_3^9 \end{pmatrix}$$

here:  $i = 1, 2, 3 \equiv i\bar{i}$

$$\Rightarrow \tau_{ij} = i\delta_{ij} \quad (J_{x_1y_1}, J_{x_2y_2}, J_{x_3y_3}) = 4\pi^2\alpha' \sqrt{\frac{3}{22}}(44, 66, 19)$$

• large volume:

- rescale all fluxes and all  $J_i \Rightarrow$  three large  $T^2$   
tadpole conditions remain invariant

## Tadpole conditions

$$Q_9 = \sum_a N_a \det W_a = 16 \leftarrow \text{O9 charge}$$

$$Q_5 = \sum_a N_a \det W_a \epsilon^{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta\sigma\tau} p_{\gamma\delta}^a p_{\sigma\tau}^a = 0$$

$$\forall \text{ 2-cycle } \alpha, \beta = 1, \dots, 6$$

SUSY + tadpole conditions seem incompatible

- use 9 magnetized branes to fix all moduli

impose SUSY conditions

- introduce an extra brane(s)

to satisfy RR tadpole cancellation

$\Rightarrow$  dilaton potential from the FI D-term

$\Rightarrow$  two possibilities:

- keep SUSY by turning on charged scalar VEVs

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D-term condition (2) is modified to:

$$qv^2(J \wedge J \wedge J - J \wedge F \wedge F) = -(F \wedge F \wedge F - F \wedge J \wedge J)$$

- EFT validity  $\Rightarrow v < 1$  in string units
- Infinite family of (large volume) solutions

invariance:  $\{F_a, J\} \rightarrow \{\Lambda F_a, \Lambda J\}$  for  $\Lambda \in \mathbb{N}$

- break SUSY in a dS or AdS vacuum

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## Tadpole cancellations + fix charged scalar VEVs

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#9	$N_9 = 3$	$(F_{x_1y_1}^9, F_{x_2y_2}^9, F_{x_3y_3}^9) = (-2, 3, 0)$
#10	$N_{10} = 2$	$(F_{x_1y_1}^{10}, F_{x_2y_2}^{10}, F_{x_3y_3}^{10}) = (5, 1, 2)$
#11	$N_{11} = 2$	$(F_{x_1y_1}^{11}, F_{x_2y_2}^{11}, F_{x_3y_3}^{11}) = (0, 4, 1)$

$$\Rightarrow \tau_{ij} = i\delta_{ij} \quad (J_{x_1y_1}, J_{x_2y_2}, J_{x_3y_3}) = 4\pi^2\alpha' \sqrt{\frac{3}{22}}(44, 66, 19)$$

$$v_{10}^2\alpha' \simeq \frac{0.71}{q} \simeq 0.35 \quad v_{11}^2\alpha' \simeq \frac{0.31}{q} \simeq 0.15$$

$v_{10}, v_{11}$ : antisymmetric reps ( $q = 2$ )  $\Rightarrow$

$$SU(2) \times SU(3) \times U(2)^2 \rightarrow SU(2) \times SU(3) \times SU(2)^2$$



D-term SUSY breaking  $\Rightarrow$

problem with Majorana gaugino masses

- lowest order: exact R-symmetry
- higher orders: suppressed by the string scale

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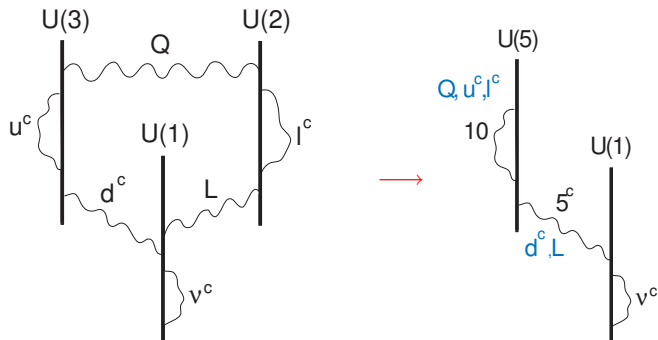
However in toroidal models:

- gauge multiplets have extended SUSY
- $\Rightarrow$  Dirac gaugino masses without  $\mathcal{R}$
- non chiral intersections have  $N = 2$  SUSY

$\Rightarrow$  Higgs in  $N = 2$  hypermultiplet

$\Rightarrow$  New gauge mediation mechanism

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Full string embedding with all geometric moduli stabilized:

I.A.-Panda-Kumar '07

- all extra  $U(1)$ 's broken  $\Rightarrow$  gauge group just **susy**  $SU(5)$
- gauge non-singlet chiral spectrum: 3 generations of quarks + leptons
- SUSY can be broken in an extra  $U(1)$  factor by D-term  $\Rightarrow$   
new mechanism of gauge mediation: Dirac gauginos,  $N = 2$  Higgs potential

# High string scale: $M_s \sim M_{\text{GUT}}$

Appropriate framework for SUSY + unification:

- intersecting branes in extra dimensions: IIA, IIB, F-theory
- internal magnetic fields in type I
- Heterotic M-theory

2 approaches: - Standard Model directly from strings  
- 'orbifold' GUTs: matter in incomplete representations

Main problems: - gauge coupling unification is not automatic  
different coupling for every brane stack  
- extra states: vector like 'exotics' or worse  
they also destroy unification in orbifold GUTs

Main steps of model building:

- 1 obtain MSSM spectrum and couplings
  - MSSM: part of total massless spectrum
  - 'fit' Yukawa couplings using moduli freedom (flat directions)  
that can be fixed by turning on fluxes (discrete parameters)
- 2 dynamical SUSY breaking in a 'hidden' sector
  - ⇒ gravity or gauge mediation to the MSSM sector

What can we learn from the LHC?

If SUSY is found use experimental data on sparticle masses and couplings to constrain classes of models/compactifications