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# Physics of Low-scale string theories



- Motivations:
  - mass hierarchy
  - low scale string framework  
type I with large dimensions
  - SUSY in the bulk
- Experimental predictions
  - gravity modification at short distances
  - particle accelerators
- U(1) anomalies and masses
- Brane SUSY breaking
  - non-linear SUSY , radion stabilization
- A minimal embedding of the Standard Model
  - $\sin^2 \theta_W$  , proton stability , neutrino masses

## Hierarchy problem

why gravity is so weak compared to  
the other 3 known interactions?

Quantum theory: all masses of elementary  
particles  $\nearrow M_p \sim 10^{19} \text{ GeV}$

Supersymmetry: protection of hierarchy

due to cancellations between  
fermions and bosons

$$\Rightarrow m_{\text{susy}} \sim \text{TeV}$$

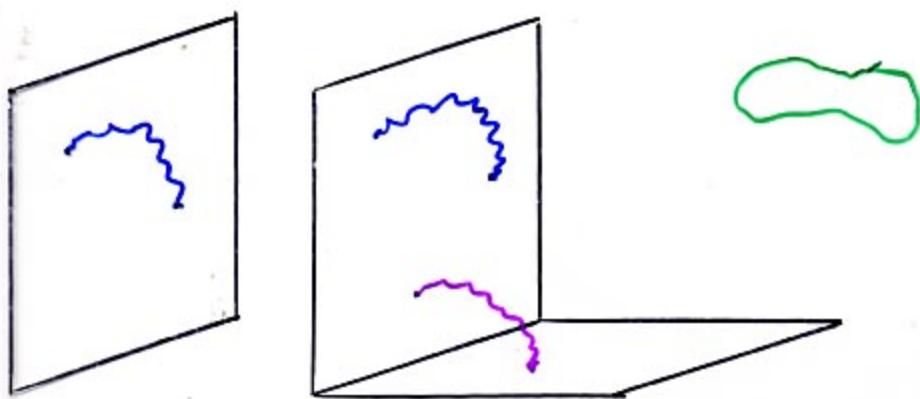
TeV strings: effective ultraviolet cutoff

$$M_s \sim \text{TeV}$$

I.A. - Arkani Hamed - Dimopoulos - Dvali

Type I strings provide a perturbative framework for model building with low string scale

- gravity : closed strings (bulk)
- gauge interactions : on D-branes



A particularly attractive possibility :

- bulk is SUSY
- brane SUSY breaking

Heterotic string :

gauge + gravity interactions appear at tree-level

$$S_H = \int d^10x \frac{1}{\lambda_H^2} \left( \frac{1}{\ell_H^8} R + \frac{1}{\ell_H^6} F^2 \right) + \dots$$

$d^4x$   $V$   $\sim \frac{1}{\ell_P^2}$   $\sim \frac{1}{g^2}$

$$\frac{1}{\ell_P^2} = \frac{1}{g^2} \frac{1}{\ell_H^2} \Rightarrow M_H = g M_P \sim 10^{18} \text{ GeV}$$

$$\frac{1}{g^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda_H^2} \frac{V}{\ell_H^6} \Rightarrow \lambda_H = g \frac{\sqrt{V}}{\ell_H^3} < 1 \Rightarrow V \sim \ell_H^6$$

$$S_I = \int d^4x \frac{1}{\lambda_I^2} \frac{1}{\ell_I^8} R + \int d^{p+1}x \frac{1}{\lambda_I^{p+1}} \frac{1}{\ell_I^{p-3}} F^2$$

sphere      disk  
 ↑                          ↑  
 $d^4x \quad V_{p-3}'' \quad V_{q-p}^\perp$   
  
 $\frac{1}{\ell_p^2}$   
  
 $d^{p+1}x \quad V_{p-3}''$   
  
 $\frac{1}{g^2}$

$$\frac{1}{g^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda_I} \frac{V_{p-3}''}{\ell_I^{p-3}} \Rightarrow \lambda_I = g^2 \frac{V_{p-3}''}{\ell_I^{p-3}} < 1 \Rightarrow V_I \sim \ell_I^{p-3}$$

$$\lambda_I \sim g^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\ell_p^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda_I^2} \frac{V_\perp V_{p-3}''}{\ell_I^8} \simeq \frac{1}{\lambda_I^2} \frac{V_\perp}{\ell_I^{q-p}} \frac{1}{\ell_I^2}$$

weak coupling  $\Rightarrow$  longitud dims  $\sim$  string size

transverse dims: no constraint

$n \perp$  dims of radius  $R_\perp \Rightarrow$

$$M_P^2 = \underbrace{\frac{1}{g^4}}_{M_P^{2+n} (4+n)} M_I^{2+n} R_\perp^n$$

$M_P^{2+n} (4+n)$  Planck mass of  $4+n$  dims

Largeness of  $M_P/M_I \Rightarrow$  extra-large  $R_\perp$

• string coupling:  $\lambda_I = g^2$

• gravity strong at  $M_{P(4+n)} \sim M_I \ll M_P$

$\uparrow$                        $\uparrow$   
TeV                       $10^{19}$  GeV  
 $10^{-16}$  cm               $10^{-33}$  cm

Extra large transverse dimensions ⇒  
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  $R_L$

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

$$n = 2 : R_\perp \simeq .1 \text{ mm} \quad (10^{-12} \text{ GeV})$$

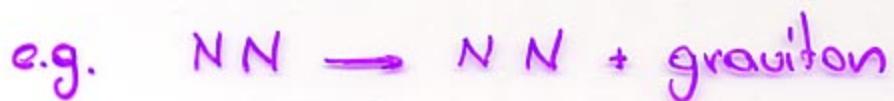
possible

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

- 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 !

Supernova constraints:

cooling due to graviton production



number of gravitons:  $\sim (Tr)^n$   $T \gg r^{-1}$   
 $\approx 10 \text{ MeV}$

$\Rightarrow$  production rate:

$$P_g \sim \frac{1}{M_P^2} (Tr)^n \sim \frac{T^n}{M_P^{2+n}}$$

$$P_g < P_{\text{neutrinos}} \xrightarrow{n=2} M_{P(6)} \gtrsim 50 \text{ TeV}$$

$$\Rightarrow M_I \gtrsim 10 \text{ TeV}$$

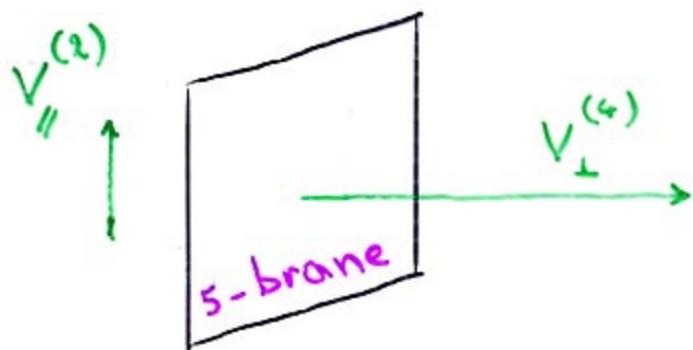
## Type II strings

I.A.-Pioline '99

I.A.-Dimopoulos-Givenc '01

Non abelian symmetries: non-perturbative on a 5-brane

localized at singularities of the internal manifold



$$M_p^2 = \frac{1}{\lambda_{II}^2} \frac{1}{g^2} M_s^{2+4} V_\perp^{(4)}$$

New possibility: largeness of  $M_p \Rightarrow$  tiny string coupling

$$\text{all radii } \sim M_s^{-1}, \quad \lambda_{II} \simeq 10^{-14}$$

- No strong gravity at TeV
- signal: 2 longitudinal (TeV) dims with gauge interactions  $V_\parallel^{(2)}$

similar in Heterotic with small instantons

Benakli - 03

$$S_{\text{II}} = \int d^10x \left[ \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{II}}^2} \frac{1}{\ell_{\text{II}}^8} R + \int d^6x \frac{1}{\ell_{\text{II}}^2} F^2 \right]$$

sphere      non-perturbative  
d<sup>4</sup>x V<sub>⊥</sub><sup>(4)</sup> V<sub>||</sub><sup>(2)</sup>      d<sup>4</sup>x V<sub>||</sub><sup>(2)</sup>  
 $\sim$        $\sim$   
 $\frac{1}{\ell_p^2}$        $\frac{1}{g^2}$

$$\frac{1}{g^2} = \frac{V_{||}^{(2)}}{\ell_{\text{II}}^2} \Rightarrow V_{||} \sim \ell_{\text{II}}^2$$

$$\frac{1}{\ell_p^2} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{II}}^2} \frac{V_{\perp}^{(4)} V_{||}^{(2)}}{\ell_{\text{II}}^8} = \frac{1}{\lambda_{\text{II}}^2} \frac{1}{g^2} \frac{V_{\perp}^{(4)}}{\ell_{\text{II}}^4}$$

## Gauge hierarchy

$M_p \gg M_Z \Rightarrow$  why large transverse dims?

$$r M_I \approx \left( g^2 \frac{M_p}{M_I} \right)^{2/n} \sim \begin{cases} n=2 & 10^{15} \\ n=6 & 10^5 \end{cases} \quad \text{or } \lambda_I \approx 10^{-14}$$

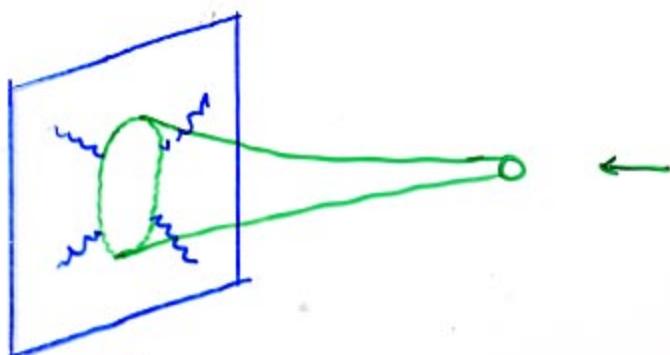
Technical aspect: stability in a non susy vacuum

no large corrections to SM couplings as  $r M_I \rightarrow \infty$

In general no decoupling if massless bulk fields

propagate in less than 2 large transv. dims

J.A.-Bachas '98



IR divergence: emission

of massless closed string

UV divergence: open string loop

$\delta_L = \delta$ : Linear IR diu  $\Rightarrow$  quadratic UV  $r \sim M_p^2$

Condition: no bulk propagation in one large dim  
or local tadpole cancellation  $\Rightarrow$  severe constraints

$d_s=2$ : log divergences

can be absorbed into a finite number of parameters:

values of bulk massless fields at the brane position

similar to renormalizable field theory

RGE resum  $\Rightarrow$  classical 2d eqs in the transverse space

Log dependence  $\Rightarrow$  higher orders irrelevant

$\Rightarrow$  hierarchy could be determined by minim SM eff. potential

$\Rightarrow$  No susy TeV strings:

same protection of hierarchy as softly susy at TeV

Do we need SUSY if  $M_{\text{str}} \sim \text{TeV}$ ?

Type I: non SUSY string models  $\Rightarrow$

$$\Lambda_{\text{bulk}} \sim M_I^{4+n} \Rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{brane}} \sim M_I^{4+n} R_L^n \sim M_I^2 M_P^2$$

analog of quadratic div. to  $\Lambda$  in softly broken SUSY

absence of quadratic sensitivity:

-  $\Lambda = 0$  (special models)

$$- \Lambda_{\text{brane}} \sim M_I^4 \Rightarrow \Lambda_{\text{bulk}} \sim M_I^4 / R_L^n$$

satisfied if approximate SUSY in the bulk

e.g. SUSY is broken primordially only on the brane

explicit realization: Brane SUSY breaking

I.A. - Dudas - Sagnotti '99

Aldazabal - Uranga '99

No SUSY in our world (brane)

but it may exist a mm away!

to protect the hierarchy against grav. corrections

Prediction: possible new forces at submm scales

e.g. light scalars:

$$\frac{(TeV)}{M_p} \sim 10^{-4} \text{ eV} = 1 \text{ mm}^{-1}$$

radion-modulus =  $\ln R_\perp$

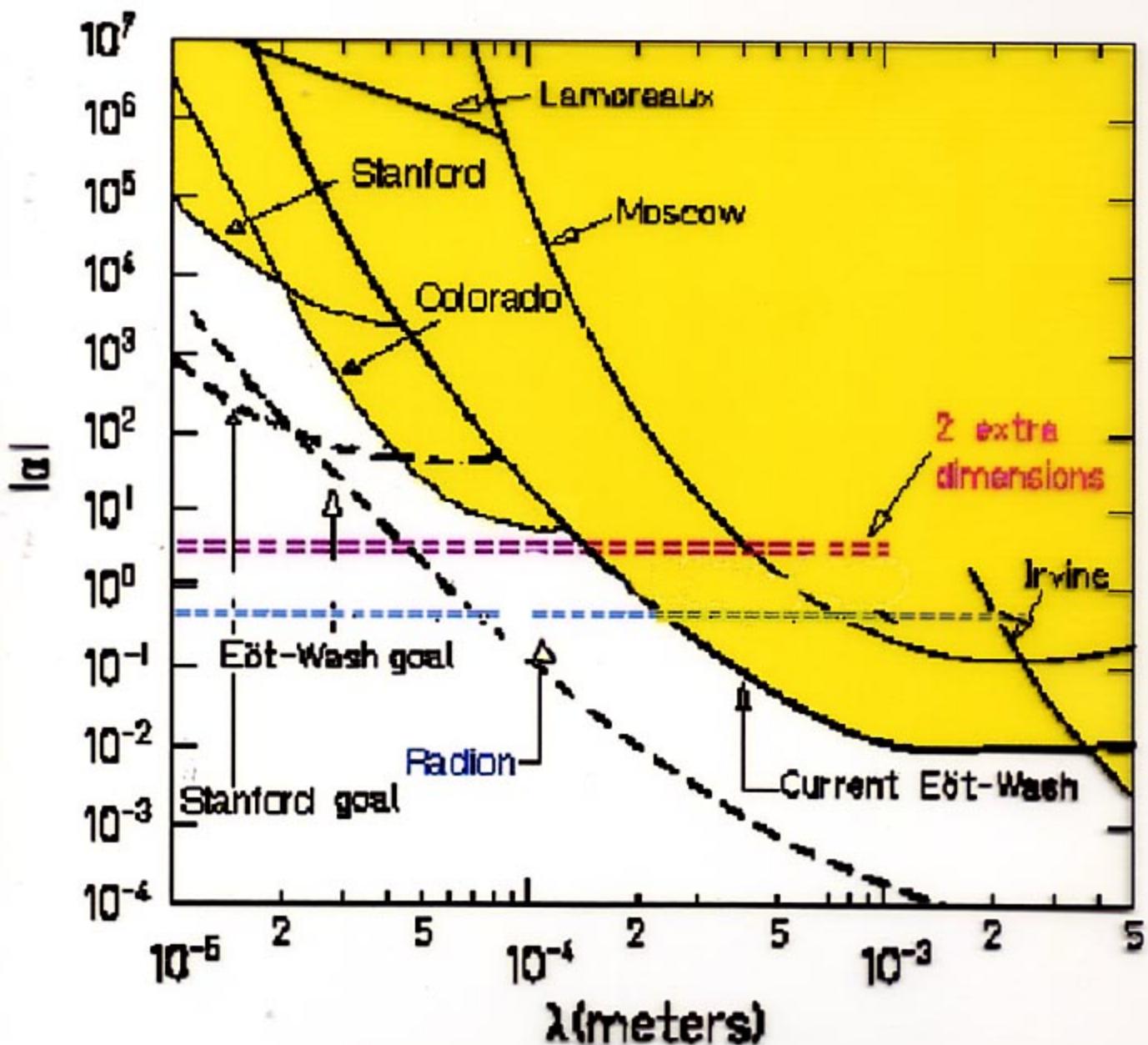
coupling to matter relative to gravity:

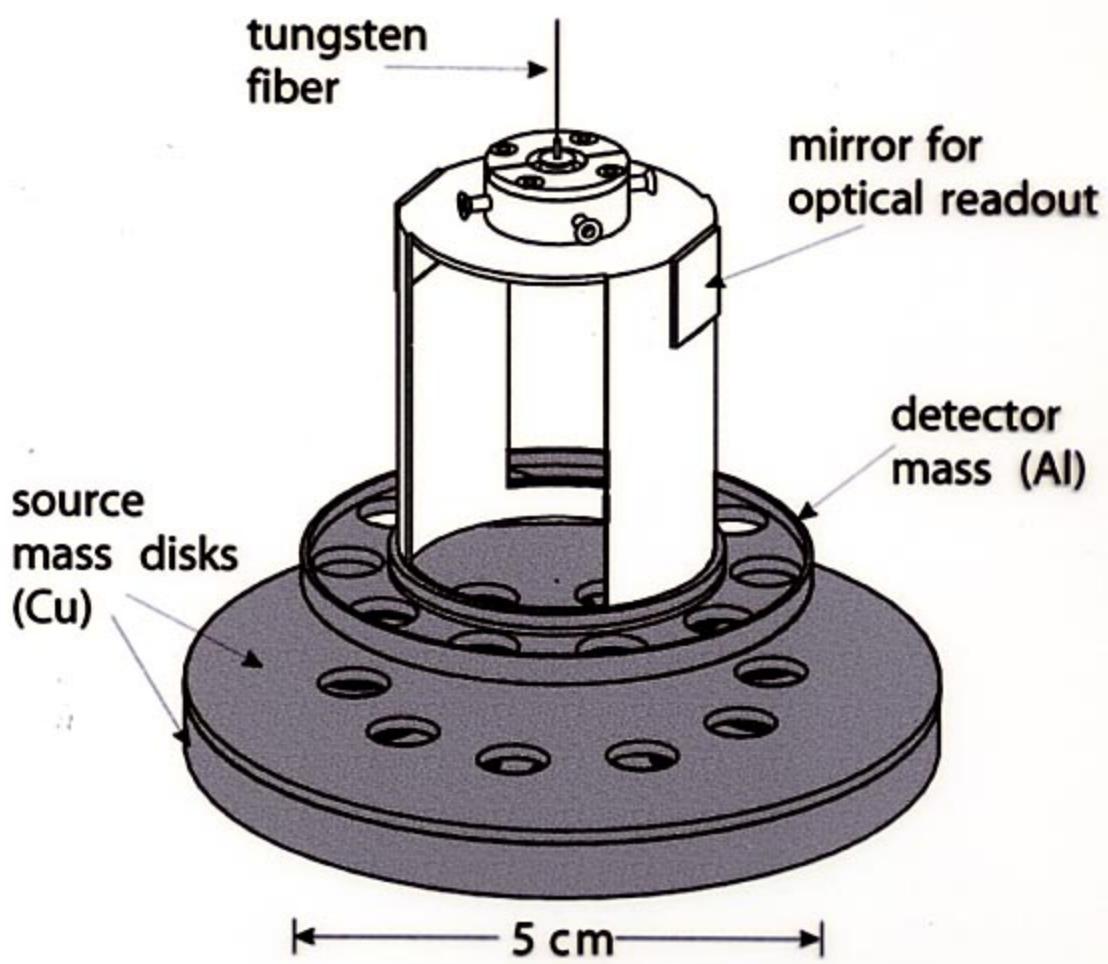
$$\frac{1}{m} \frac{\partial m}{\partial \ln R_\perp} = \sqrt{\frac{n}{n+2}} \sim O(1)$$

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

I.A. - Benakli - Maillard-Laugier

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





$R_{\perp} \lesssim 200 \mu\text{m}$  at 95% CL

Hidden submillimeter dimensions

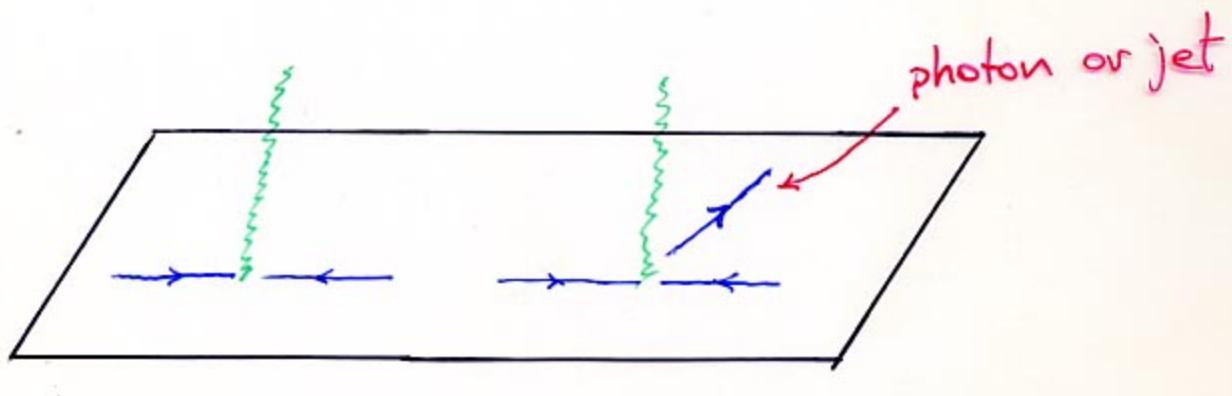
⇒ strong gravity at the TeV

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



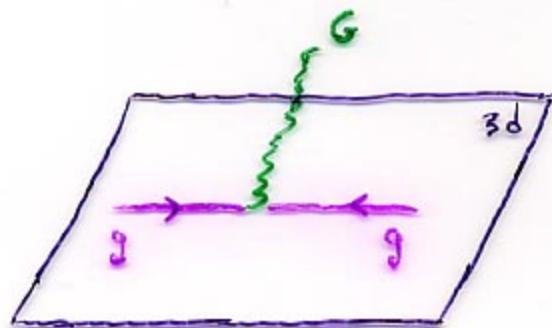
Signal: missing energy

Angular distribution ⇒ spin of the graviton

Actual limits from LEP2:

$R_{\perp} \lesssim .5 \text{ mm } (n=2) = 10^{-10} \text{ (n=6)}$

$g g \rightarrow G$



$$\sigma(E) \sim \frac{E^P}{M_I^{P+2}} \frac{\Gamma(1 - 2E^2/M_I^2)^2}{\Gamma(1 - E^2/M_I^2)^4}$$

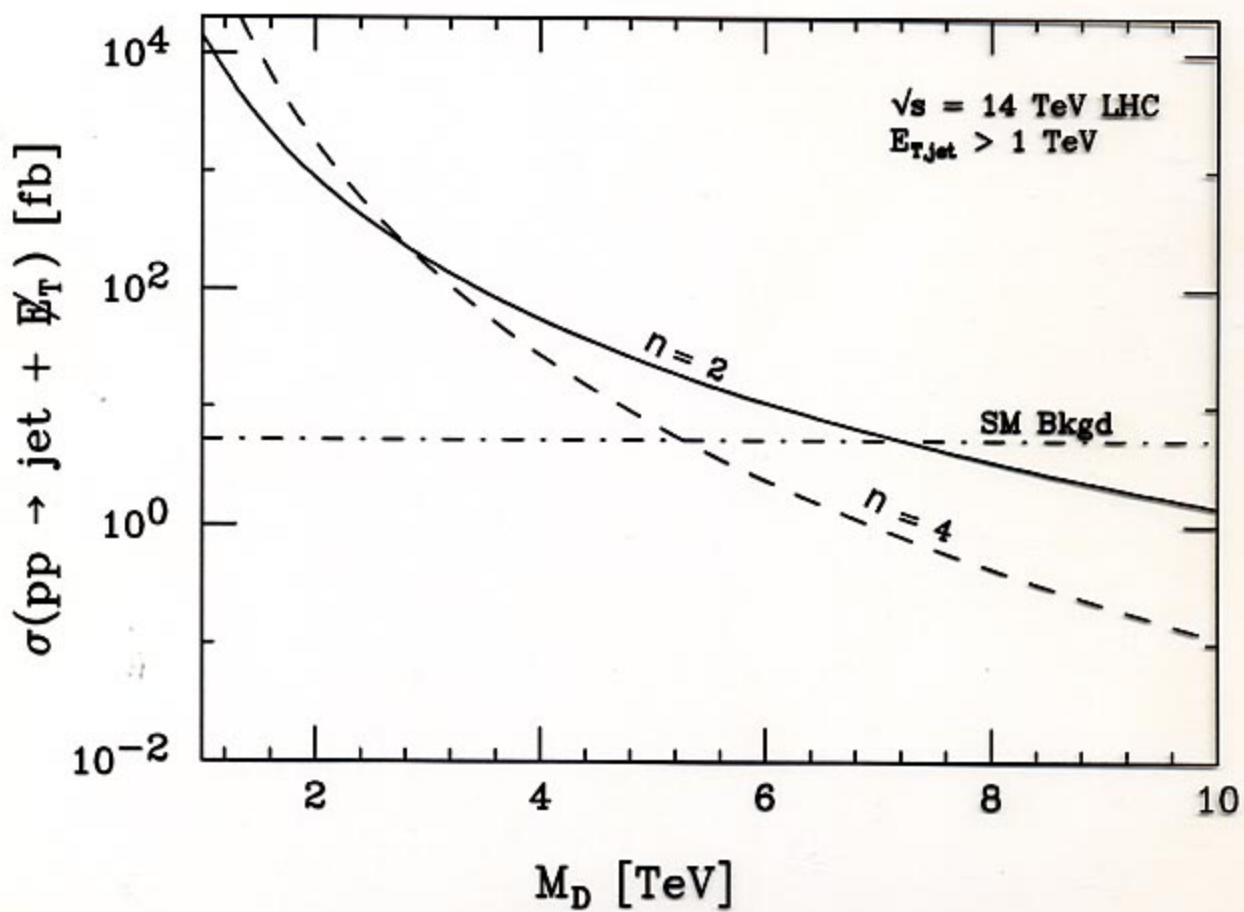
- $E < M_I$   $\Rightarrow \sim E^P / M_I^{P+2}$  gravity in  $4+p$  dims
- $E \sim M_I$   $\Rightarrow$  sequence of poles due to RR resonances
- $E > M_I$   $\Rightarrow$  exp decay due to the UV softness of strings

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

$E < M_I$ : reliable computations within eff. field theory

$\Rightarrow$  model independent predictions

Giudice-Rattazzi-Wells '98



no observation  $\Rightarrow$

$R_\perp \lesssim 10^{-2} - 10^{-12} \text{ mm}$  ( $n \equiv 2 - 6$ ); 95% CL

- more dimensions  $\Rightarrow$  weaker limits

## Limits on $R_{\perp}$ in mm from missing-energy processes

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>Present non-collider bounds</b>			
SN1987A	$3 \times 10^{-4}$	$1 \times 10^{-8}$	$6 \times 10^{-10}$
COMPTEL	$5 \times 10^{-5}$	-	-

## Experimental predictions

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

## Large TeV dimensions

longitudinal dimensions:  $R^{-1} \lesssim M_{\text{String}} \Rightarrow$

$R^{-1}$  first scale of new physics

increasing the energy

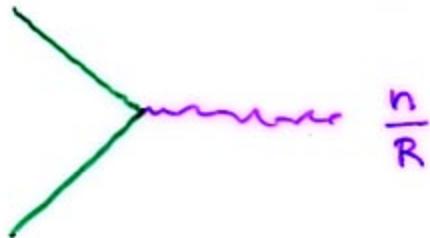
- could happen for some of the internal dims
- explain coupling constant ratios  $g_2/g_3$
- susy breaking
- fermion masses displace light generations

Massive tower of Kaluza Klein modes  
for Standard Model particles

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

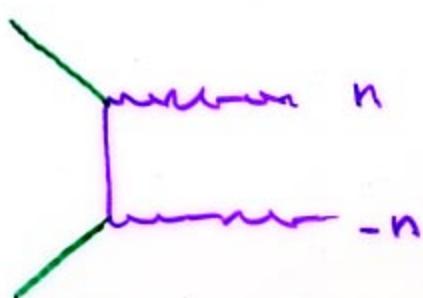
$\Rightarrow$  excited states of photon,  $W^\pm$ ,  $Z$ , gluons

Localized fermions (on 3-brane intersections)  
⇒ single production of KK modes



- strong bounds
- new resonances

Otherwise KK momentum conservation  
⇒ pair production of KK modes



- weak bounds
- no resonances

Notre Monde

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Petite brane

Bulk

Minkowski 3+1 dimensions

Extra dimension(s) || ( $< 10^{-16}$  mm)

Extra dimension(s) -/- ( $<$  mm)

Extra dimension(s)

# Couplings

(a)

$n_1$   $n_2$   $n_3$

 $= g \delta_{n_1+n_2+n_3}$ 

momentum  
conservation

Fourrier Transform :  $\int dy F_{\mu\nu}^2(x, y)$

(b)

$f$   $\bar{f}$   $n$

 $= g \delta_{-\frac{n^2}{R^2}} \frac{l_s^2}{R^2}$ 

$R \gg l_s$

FT :  $e^{-\frac{y^2}{2l_s^2} \ln \delta}$   $\xrightarrow{l_s \rightarrow 0} \delta(y)$

$\Rightarrow$  Gaussian distribution of charge with width

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\ln \delta} l_s$$

"brane thickness"

## Experimental constraints

bounds from 4-fermion effective operators (compositeness)

$$\sum_{n \neq 0} \left( \frac{n}{R} \right)^{d-2} \underset{E \ll R^{-1}}{\simeq} \sim R^2 \sum_{n \neq 0} \frac{1}{n^{d-2}}$$

more than 2 dims  $\Rightarrow$  regulated sum

$$\Rightarrow \sim R^2 (RM_s)^{d-2} \text{ modulo logs for } d=2$$

$$\Rightarrow R^{-1} \gtrsim \text{TeV} \quad \text{I.A.-Benakli '94}$$

$$\text{high precision of } Z\text{-width + } G_F \Rightarrow R^{-1} \gtrsim 3 \text{ TeV}$$

Nath-Yamaguchi

Masip-Pomarol

Marciano, Strumia '99

Delgado-Pomarol-Quiros

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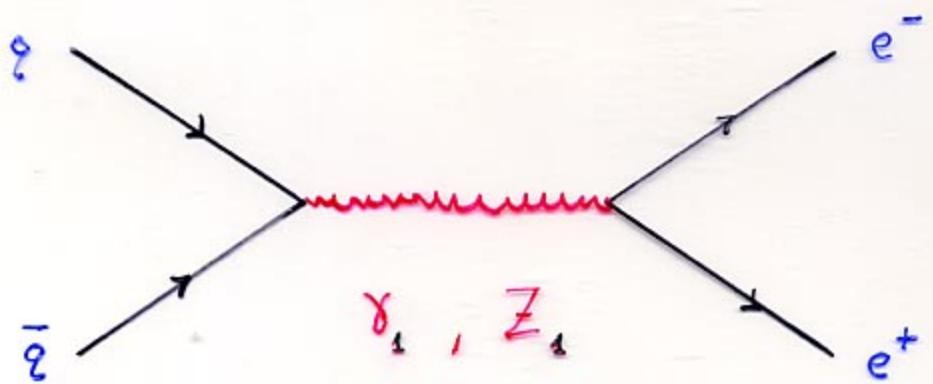
$$\Rightarrow \text{LHC: production at most one KK resonance} \quad R^{-1} \leq 6 \text{ TeV}$$

I.A.-Benakli-Quiros '94 '99

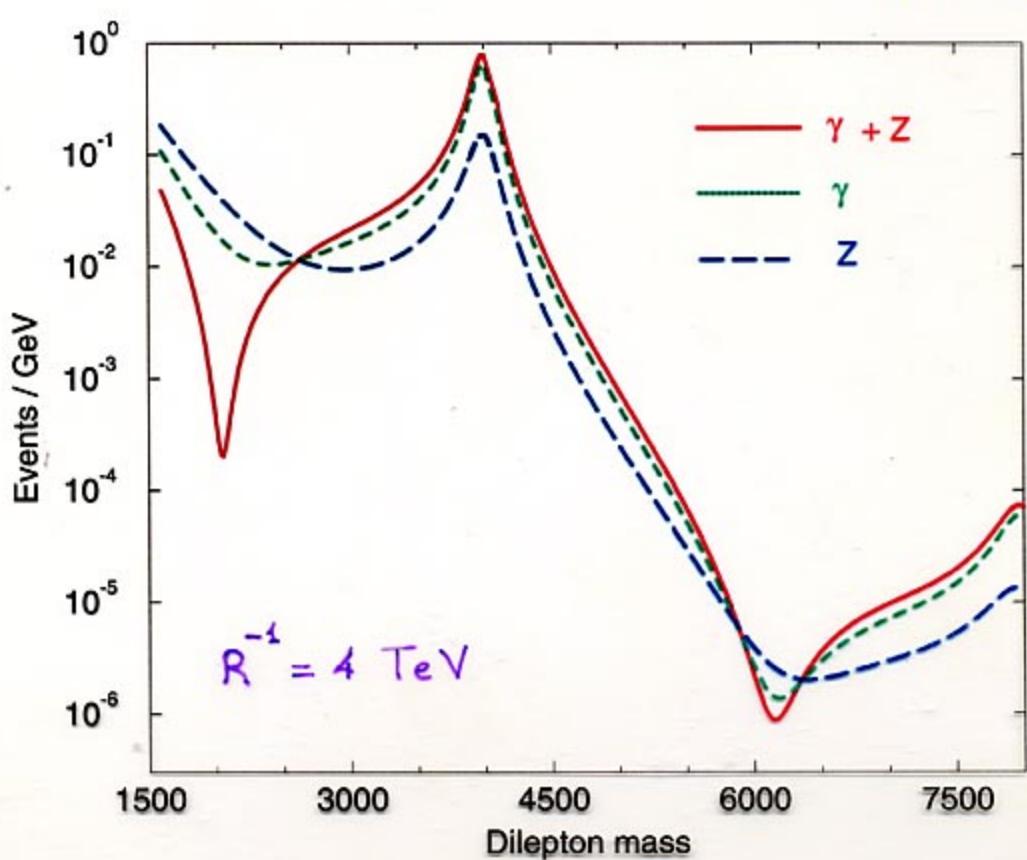
Nath-Yamada-Yamaguchi

Rizzo-Wells '99

I.A.-Accomando-Benakli



LHC



## Universal dimensions

- KK momentum conservation  $\Rightarrow$

pair production  $\Rightarrow$

- no resonances

• weaker limits  $(300\text{-}500 \text{ GeV})$

- mass splittings from loop effects  $\Rightarrow$

C- $\stackrel{\text{KK}}{\rightarrow}$  possible symmetry  $\Rightarrow$

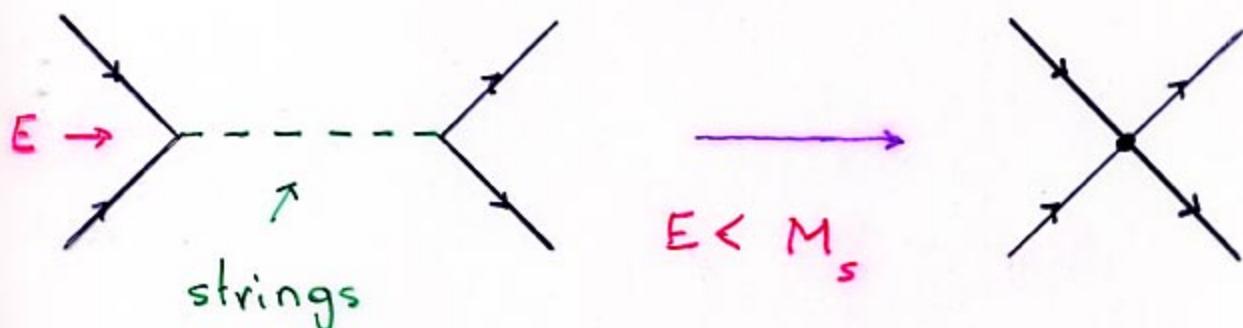
- similar signals with SUSY

• lightest KK stable  $(LKP)$

$\Rightarrow$  dark matter candidate

Massive string vibrations  $\Rightarrow$  indirect effects

virtual exchanges  $\Rightarrow$  effective interactions



Actual limits: Matter fermions on  
branes  $\Rightarrow M_s \gtrsim 500 \text{ GeV}$   
brane intersections  $\Rightarrow M_s \gtrsim 2 - 3 \text{ TeV}$

Cullen - Perelstein - Peskin  
I.A. - Benakli - Laugier

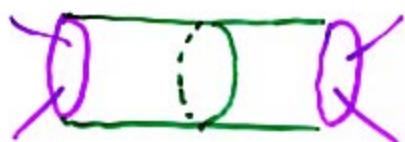
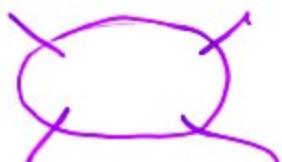
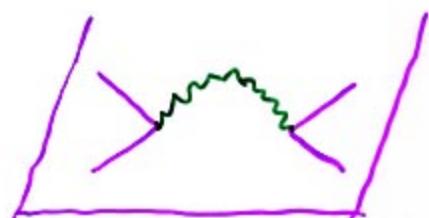
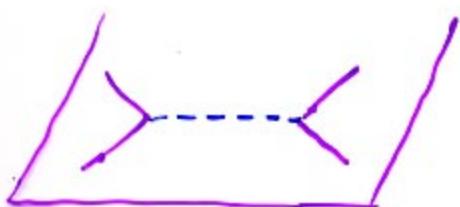
High energies  $\Rightarrow$

- direct production: string physics
- strong gravity: micro-black hole production?

Exchange of massive string modes  $\Rightarrow$

4-fermion effective operators

type I string theory : dominant compared to  
virtual graviton emission



$$\text{disk} \Rightarrow g_s$$

$$1\text{-loop} \Rightarrow g_s^2$$

$\Rightarrow$  loop factor enhancement

$\Rightarrow$  probe string physics

I.A.-Accomando-Benakli '99

Cullen-Perezstein-Peskin '00

Matter fermions : open strings ending

- on the same set of branes

⇒ dim-8 effective operators

$$\frac{g^2}{M_I^4} (\bar{\psi} \gamma \psi)^2 \Rightarrow M_I \gtrsim 500 \text{ GeV}$$

Cullen - Perelstein - Peskin

virtual graviton exchange :  $\frac{g^4}{M_I^4} (\bar{\psi} \gamma \psi)^2$

- on different sets of branes

⇒ dim-6 eff. operators

$$-\frac{g^2}{M_Z^2} (\bar{\psi} \gamma \psi)^2 \Rightarrow M_I \gtrsim 2-3 \text{ TeV}$$

I.A. - Benakli - Langier '00

$U(1)$  masses in type I models

I.A. - Kiritsis - Rigos '02

4d  $U(1)$  anomalies  $\Rightarrow$  Green-Schwarz mechanism

$$SA = \partial \Lambda \quad \Rightarrow \quad S\alpha = -M\Lambda$$

$$-\frac{1}{4g_A^2} F_A^2 - \frac{1}{2} (\partial\alpha + M\Lambda)^2 + \frac{\alpha}{M} k_I^\Lambda \text{tr } F_I \wedge F_I$$

cancel the anomaly

$$\Rightarrow U(1)_A \text{ mass : } M_A = g_A M$$

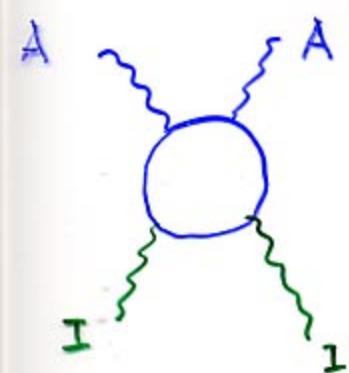
a: Poincaré dual of a 2-form

from RR closed string sector

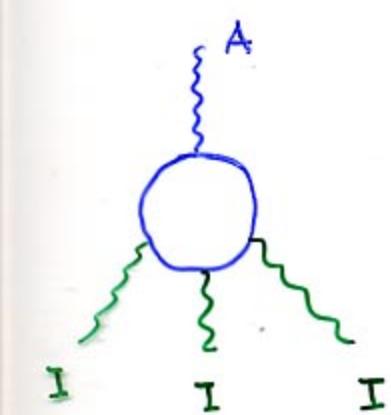
$U(1)_A$  global symmetry remains (in perturbation)

6d  $U(1)$  anomalies  $\Rightarrow$  a {

- $2\text{-form } b$
- axion dual to a 4-form



$$\Rightarrow, \text{2-form : } b \wedge \text{tr} F_I^2 + (\partial b)^2$$



$$\Rightarrow, \text{0-form : } a \text{tr} F^3 + (\partial a + MA)^2$$

= 2-form  $\Rightarrow$  no  $U(1)_A$  mass

- 0-form  $\Rightarrow$   $U(1)_A$  mass

Compactification to 4d  $\Rightarrow$

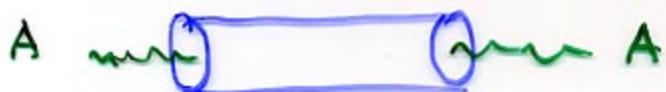
• no anomaly but still  $U(1)_A$  mass

• all  $k_I$  must vanish

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1-loop string computation in orientifolds

⇒ contact term from the annulus



- $N=4$  sectors  $\rightarrow 0$
- $N=2 \Rightarrow 6d$  masses localized in 4 dims  
non vanishing  $\leftrightarrow$  6d anomalies
- $N=1 \Rightarrow 4d$  masses localized in 6 dims

$$M_A^2 = \frac{1}{\pi^3} \sum_{N=1}^{\infty} \left( \text{Tr } \gamma_k \gamma \right)^2 \text{Str}_k \left[ \frac{1}{12} - s^2 \right]$$

closed channel

sectors  $k$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{4d \text{ helicity}}$

$$-\frac{3}{2} N_V + \frac{1}{2} N_C$$

$$N=2 \text{ sectors : } \text{Str}[\ ]_{\text{closed}} \rightarrow V_2 \text{ Str}[\ ]_{\text{open}}$$

- Explicit realizations for  
 $A, \alpha$  in bulk / brane
- If  $A$  in bulk and  $\alpha$  in brane :  
 localized mass

$$m_A \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{V_\perp}} \sim \frac{M_s^2}{M_p} \sim 10^{-4} \text{ eV}$$

$\Rightarrow$  new submm forces

$$g_A \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{V_\perp}} \sim \frac{M_s}{M_p} \sim 10^{-10}$$

$$\Rightarrow 10^6 - 10^8 \times \text{gravity} \leftarrow \frac{m_{\text{proton}}}{M_p}$$

\* supernova  $\Rightarrow$  dim of bulk  $\geq 4$

- all cases :  $M_A \lesssim g_s^{\prime n} M_S$  up to  $M_S/M_P$ 
  - ⇒ new effects in accelerators
  - production of  $U(1)_A +$  possible KK
- Model building : extra conditions for  $U(1)_Y$ 
  - to remain massless
  - anomaly free in all 6d limits
  - e.g. part of non-abelian groups
- Brane SUSY models :
  - $D\bar{D}$ ,  $\bar{D}D$  : annulus is not affected
    - ⇒ "SUSY" result remains
  - $D\bar{D}$  : extra contributions easy to compute

# Brane susy breaking in type I theory

Stable non-BPS configurations of  
branes - antibranes or branes - antiorientifolds

	RR-charge	tension	(NS-charge)
D	+	+	
$\bar{D}$	-	+	
O	-	-	
$\bar{O}$	+	-	
$O_+$	+	+	
$\bar{O}_+$	-	+	$\} \text{ as } D, \bar{D}$

SUSY :  $D\bar{D}$ ,  $D\bar{O}_+$ ,  $\bar{D}O_+$

absence of tachyons:  $D\bar{D}$  of different type

I.A.-Dudas-Sagnotti '99

e.g.  $D^9 - \bar{D}^5$

or in different positions

Aldazabal - Uranga '99

Simplest model 10D  $\frac{\partial B}{\partial \Omega}$  Sugimoto

RR-charge tension

\*  $\Omega = +1$   $\Rightarrow$  16  $O_- 9$  - -

16  $D 9$  + +

open sector : antisymmetrization  $\Rightarrow SO(32)$  SUSY

\*  $\Omega = -1$   $\Rightarrow$  16  $O_+ 9$  + +

16  $\bar{D} 9$  - +

open sector:  $\Omega$  symmetrizes bosons but

antisymmetrizes fermions

$\Rightarrow Sp(32)$  with fermions in the antisym rep

brane SUSY breaking  $\bar{D}O_+$

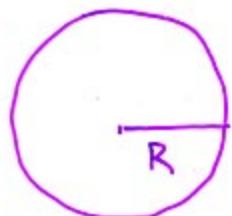
Evading the NS tadpoles:

introduce a small S<sub>USY</sub> in the bulk

by Scherk-Schwarz boundary conditions

I.A.- Benakli-Laugier

S-S on  $S^1/\mathbb{Z}_2$



$$y \rightarrow -y \Rightarrow \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \circ \end{array} \xrightarrow{\quad} \begin{array}{c} \text{---} \\ | \\ \circ \end{array} \xleftarrow{nR}$$

periodicity under  $y \rightarrow y + 2\pi R$

bosons: periodic

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ even : } \phi_e(x^\mu, y) = \sum_n \phi_e^{(n)}(x^\mu) \cos \frac{n}{R} y$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 \text{ odd : } \phi_o = \sum_n \phi_o^{(n)}(x^\mu) \sin \frac{n}{R} y$$

fermions : antiperiodic

$$Z_2\text{-even} : \psi_e = \sum_n \psi_e^{(n)}(x^\mu) \cos \frac{n+\frac{1}{2}}{R} y$$

$$Z_2\text{-odd} : \psi_o = \sum_n \psi_o^{(n)}(x^\mu) \sin \frac{n+\frac{1}{2}}{R} y$$

SUSY parameter : antiperiodic

$$\delta \phi = \psi \eta$$

↑                    ↙  
periodic            anti-periodic

•  $y=0$  :  $\eta = 0 \Rightarrow$  half of SUSY remains :  $\eta_e$

•  $y=nR$  :  $\eta_e = 0 \Rightarrow$  " :  $\eta_o$

No zero mode of  $\eta \Rightarrow$

SUSY is broken globally

	$D$	$\bar{D}$	$O_-$	$\bar{O}_-$	$O_+$	$\bar{O}_+$
RR-charge	+	-	-	+	+	-
NS-NS	+	+	-	-	+	+
SUSY	$Q_e$	$Q_o$	$Q_e$	$Q_o$	$Q_e$	$Q_o$
Non Linear	$Q_o$	$Q_e$				

Model I :  $D O_- \quad \bar{D} \bar{O}_-$

- Local charge conservation
- Brane SUSY (locally)

Model II :  $\bar{D} O_+ \quad D \bar{O}_+$

- brane SUSY breaking (linear)
- Non Linear SUSY  
(the other half remains)

## Example with 8-branes

- bulk:  $S/\mathbb{Z}_2$  with SS breaking



- $$\cdot \text{Model I : } 16 D_8 \text{ on } O_- \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ 16 \bar{D}_8 \text{ on } \bar{O}_- \end{array} \right\} = SO(16) \times SO(16)$$

"susy"

- $$\text{Model II : } \begin{array}{l} 16 \bar{D}_8 \text{ on } O_- \\ 16 D_8 \text{ on } \bar{O}_- \end{array} \left. \right\} \Rightarrow SO(16) \times SO(16)$$

with fermions in symmetric reps:  $(136, 1) + (1, 136)$

$$136 = 135 + 1$$

$\uparrow$   
Goldstino

Non-linear SUSY on the brane

⇒ massless Goldstino  $\chi$

Sen, Dudas-Mourad, Pradisi-Riccioni

$$L_{\text{eff}} = -\frac{1}{4V^4} (\bar{\chi} \overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_\mu \sigma^\nu \chi) (f \overset{\leftrightarrow}{D}_\nu \sigma^\mu f) + \frac{2C_f}{V^4} (f \overset{\mu}{\partial} \chi) (f \overset{\nu}{\partial} \chi)$$

fixed by susy

model dependent

Brignole-Feruglio-Zwirner

Matter fermions on the same set of branes ⇒

$$\bullet \frac{V^4}{2} = N \cdot T \quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow \\ \text{number of branes} \end{matrix} \quad \leftarrow \text{tension}$$

$$T_{\text{3-brane}} = \frac{M_s^4}{(2\pi)^2 g_s}$$

$$\bullet C_f = \begin{cases} 1 & f, \chi : \text{same internal helicity} \\ 0 & " \qquad \qquad \qquad \text{different} \end{cases}$$

I.A. - Benatti - Laugier

Fixing the radian (for  $g_s$  fixed)

2 dimensions of common radius  $R$

$$V_{\text{eff}} \simeq \frac{1}{R^4} (\alpha \ln RM_s + \beta)$$

$\uparrow$   
R  $\rightarrow \infty$   
1-loop

$\uparrow$   
tree

$$\beta = \frac{1}{8\pi^2 g_s} (n_D^+ + 8N_0^+ - 8N_0^-) : \text{total tension}$$

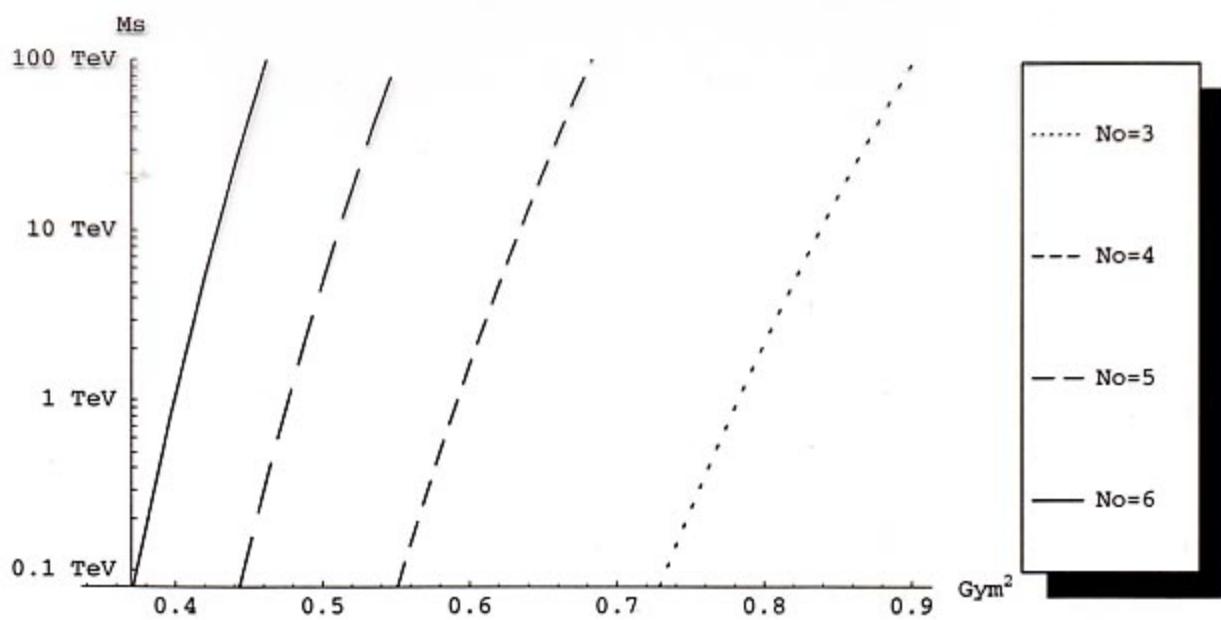
$$\alpha = \frac{1}{\pi^4} (n_D^- - n_D^+) : \text{nb of (fermions-bosons)}$$

$D\bar{D}_+$ ,  $\bar{D}D_+$  : Sp groups with antisym fermions

$D\bar{D}_-$ ,  $\bar{D}D_-$  : SO groups " sym " "

Minimum with  $R_0 \gg l_s$  :  $\alpha < 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$

$$R_0 \sim l_s e^{-\beta/\alpha} = e^{\frac{n_D^+ + 8(N_0^+ - N_0^-)}{n_D^+ - n_D^-} \frac{\pi^2}{8g_s^2} l_s}$$



# A D-brane embedding of the Standard Model

I.A. - Kiritsis - Tomaras '00

$N$  coincident branes  $\Rightarrow U(N)$

$U(1)$  : coupling =  $g_N / \sqrt{2N}$

with charge of  $\tilde{N} = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  gauged "baryon" number

$\Rightarrow$  minimal choice :  $U(3) \times U(2) \times U(1)$

color branes ( $g_3$ )      weak branes ( $g_2$ )       $g_1$

$U(1)$  brane with  $\begin{cases} U(3) \Rightarrow g_1 = g_3 \\ U(2) \Rightarrow g_1 = g_2 \end{cases}$

2 sets of orthogonal branes  $D_P, D_Q$

$$\Rightarrow P-Q = 4$$

$U(3)_C$        $U(2)_W$

e.g.  $D_3$  and  $D_7$  or  $D_5$  and  $D_5'$ , ...  $\Rightarrow$

- just 2 remaining transverse large dims ( $\approx \text{mm}$ )
- $U(1)$  brane on top of  $U(3)_C$  or  $U(2)_W$
- 2 gauge couplings :

$$\left. \frac{\alpha_3}{\alpha_2} \right|_{M_S} = \frac{V''^W}{V''^C} > 1 \quad \Rightarrow$$

at least two longitudinal dimensions  $\parallel w$

$$R''^w > l_s$$

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

$$Q \quad (3, 2; 1, w, 0)_{1/6} \quad w = \pm 1$$

$$u^c \quad (\bar{3}, 1; -1, 0, x)_{-1/3} \quad x = \pm 1 \text{ or } 0$$

$$d^c \quad (\bar{3}, 1; -1, 0, y)_{1/3} \quad y = \pm 1 \text{ or } 0$$

$$L \quad (1, 2; 0, 1, z)_{-1/2} \quad z = \pm 1 \text{ or } 0$$

$$e^c \quad (1, 1; 0, 0, 1)_{1/2}$$

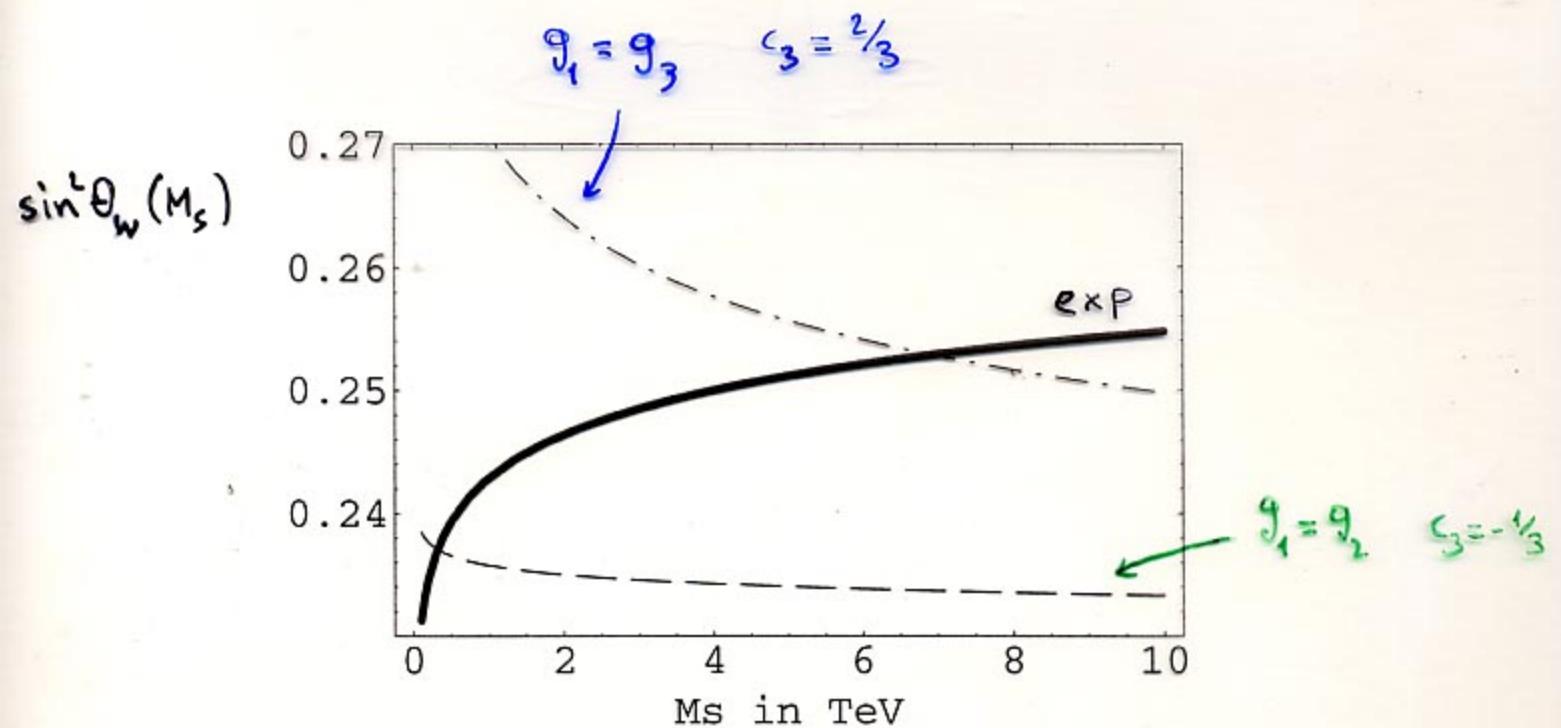
hypercharge  $Y = c_1 Q_1 + c_2 Q_2 + c_3 Q_3 \Rightarrow 4 \text{ possibilities}$

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

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

$$\sin^2 \theta_W = \frac{1}{2 + 2 \frac{g_2^2}{g_1^2} + 6 c_3^2 \frac{g_2^2}{g_3^2}}$$

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



correct prediction for  $\sin^2 \theta_W$  for  $M_s \sim \text{few TeV}$

$U(1)$  with color branes

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

$$\text{hypercharge } Y = \frac{2}{3} Q_3 - \frac{1}{2} Q_2 + Q_1$$

$$Q (3, 2; 1, 1, 0)$$

$$u^c (\bar{3}, 1; -1, 0, 0)$$

$$d^c (\bar{3}, 1; -1, 0, 1)$$

$$L (1, 2; 0, 1, 0)$$

$$\ell^c (1, 1; 0, 0, 1)$$

$$\text{Higgs: } H (1, 2; 0, 1, 1) \quad H' (1, 2; 0, -1, 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow H' Q u_c \quad H^+ L \ell^c \quad H^+ Q d^c$$

- masses to all quarks + leptons  $\Rightarrow$  2 Higgs doublets

- the remaining two U(1)'s : anomalous

Green-Schwarz anomaly cancellation:

shifting of 2 axions  $\Rightarrow$  U(1)'s become massive

$\Rightarrow$  global (perturbative) symmetries:

- baryon number  $\Rightarrow$  proton stability

- PQ-type symmetry  $\Rightarrow$  electroweak axion



can be explicitly broken by moving slightly

away from the orbifold point  $e^{-\frac{m}{\lambda}}$

= R-neutrinos: open strings in the bulk  $H'L\nu_R$

Arkani Hamed - Dimopoulos - Dvali - March Russell

Dienes - Dudas - Gherghetta '98

R-neutrinos in the bulk

$$\int d^4x \bar{\nu} \not{D} \nu \quad \nu = (\nu_R, \bar{\nu}_R^c) \Rightarrow$$

$$\int d^4x (r M_s)^p \sum_n \left\{ \bar{\nu}_{Rn} \not{D} \nu_{Rn} + \bar{\nu}_{Rn}^c \not{D} \nu_{Rn}^c + \frac{n}{r} \nu_{Rn} \bar{\nu}_{Rn}^c + c.c. \right\}$$

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

$$\langle H \rangle = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{\lambda u}{(r M_s)^p} \sum_n \nu_L \nu_{Rn}$$

$$\frac{\lambda u}{(r M_s)^{p/2}} \ll \frac{1}{r} \Leftrightarrow \lambda \frac{u}{M_s} \ll (r M_s)^{\frac{p}{2}-1} \Rightarrow$$

- $n \neq 0$ : masses of  $\nu_n$  unaffected

- $n=0$ : Dirac mass for neutrino  $m_\nu = \frac{\lambda u}{(r M_s)^{p/2}}$

$$M_P = \frac{1}{g_L} M_S^{1+\frac{p}{2}} r^{\frac{p}{2}} \Rightarrow$$

$$m_\nu = \frac{\lambda}{g_L} u \frac{M_S}{M_P} \sim 10^{-2} \text{ eV} \quad \text{for } M_S \simeq 10 \text{ TeV}$$

Some open strings have one end in the bulk

$\Rightarrow$  introduce one brane in the bulk:  $U(1)_b$

Anomalies  $\Rightarrow U(1)_b \rightarrow$  new global symmetry:

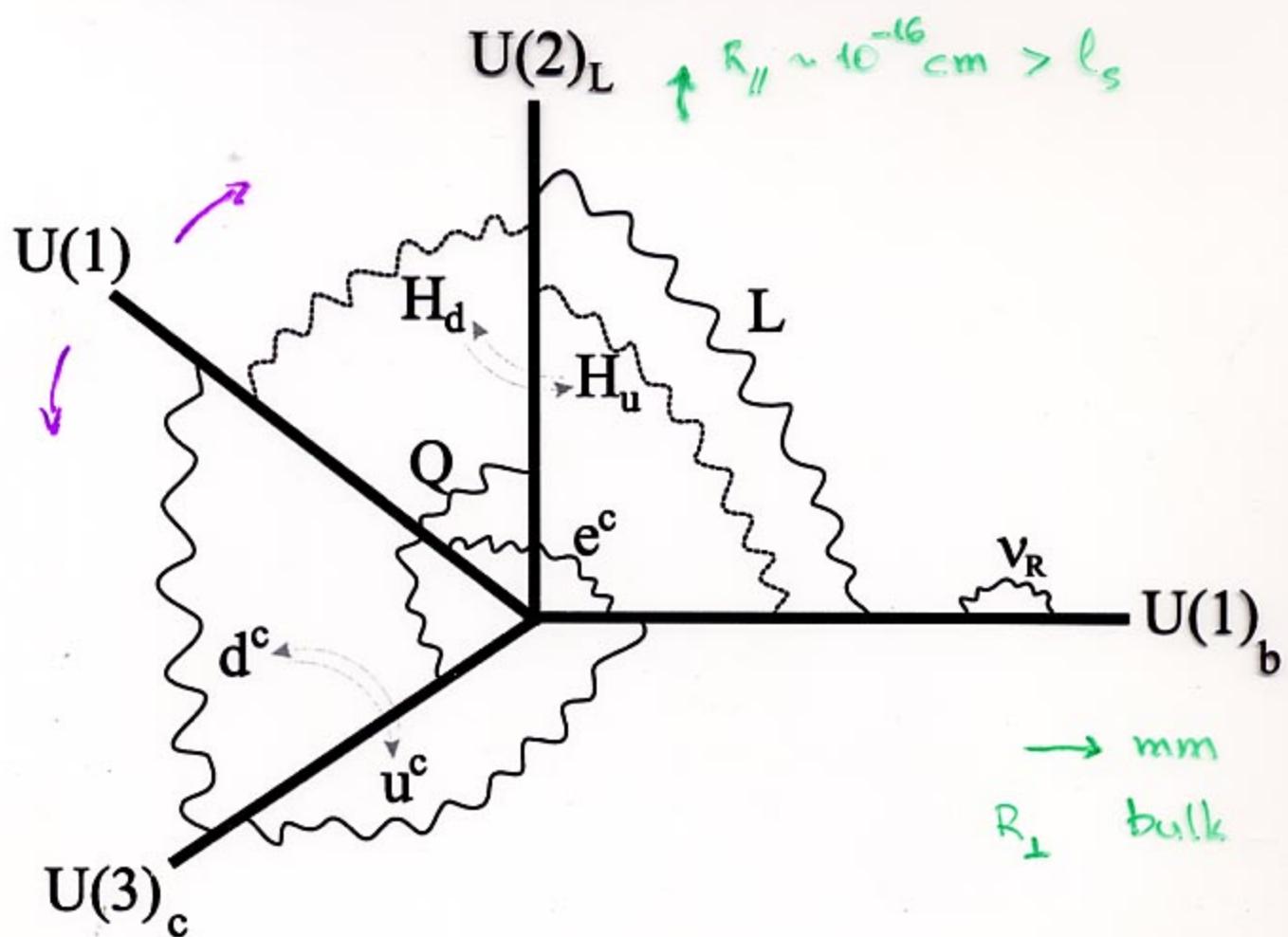
Lepton number

Protect also small neutrino mass:

no lepton number  $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{M_S} LL HH$

$\Rightarrow$  Majorana mass:  $\underbrace{\frac{\langle H \rangle^2}{M_S}}_{\text{GeV}} LL$

## Standard Model on D-branes



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

Origin of EW symmetry breaking?

mild hierarchy :  $\frac{m_W}{M_S} \lesssim \mathcal{O}(10^{-1})$

string tree-level :  $- m_W = 0$

$$- m_W \sim n M_S \quad n \gtrsim \mathcal{O}(1)$$

$$- m_W \sim a \curvearrowleft \text{flat direction}$$

$\Rightarrow$  only possibility : radiative breaking

$$V = \lambda (h^+ h)^2 + \mu^2 (h^+ h)$$

(a)  $\mu = 0$  at tree

$\mu < 0$  at one loop non susy vacuum

(b)  $\langle h \rangle$  flat at tree

(2 higgses)

lifted radiatively

Simplest case: one SM higgs on our brane-world  
open string with both ends on the brane  $\Rightarrow$

(1) tree-level potential  $\equiv$  same as susy

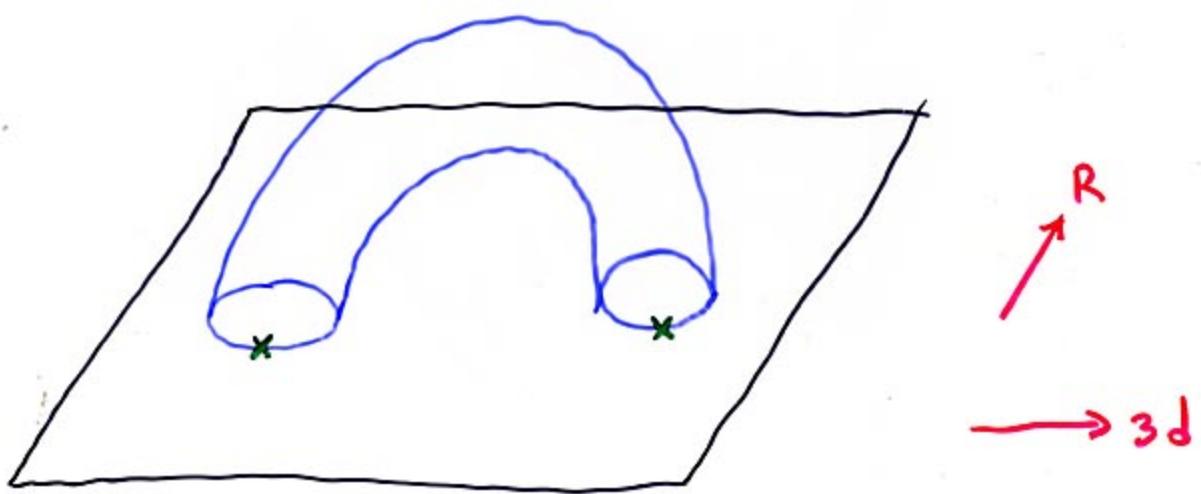
$$\lambda = \frac{1}{8} (g^2 + g'^2) \quad \text{D-terms}$$

(2)  $\mu^2 = -\frac{1}{N} g^2 \varepsilon^2 M_s^2$

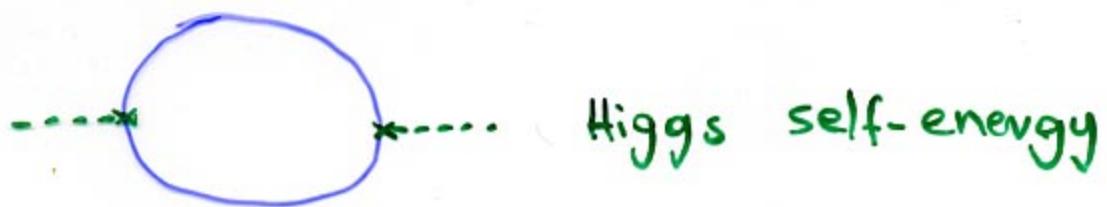
$N$ : order of the orbifold group

$\varepsilon$ : estimated by an explicit computation in  
a toy model

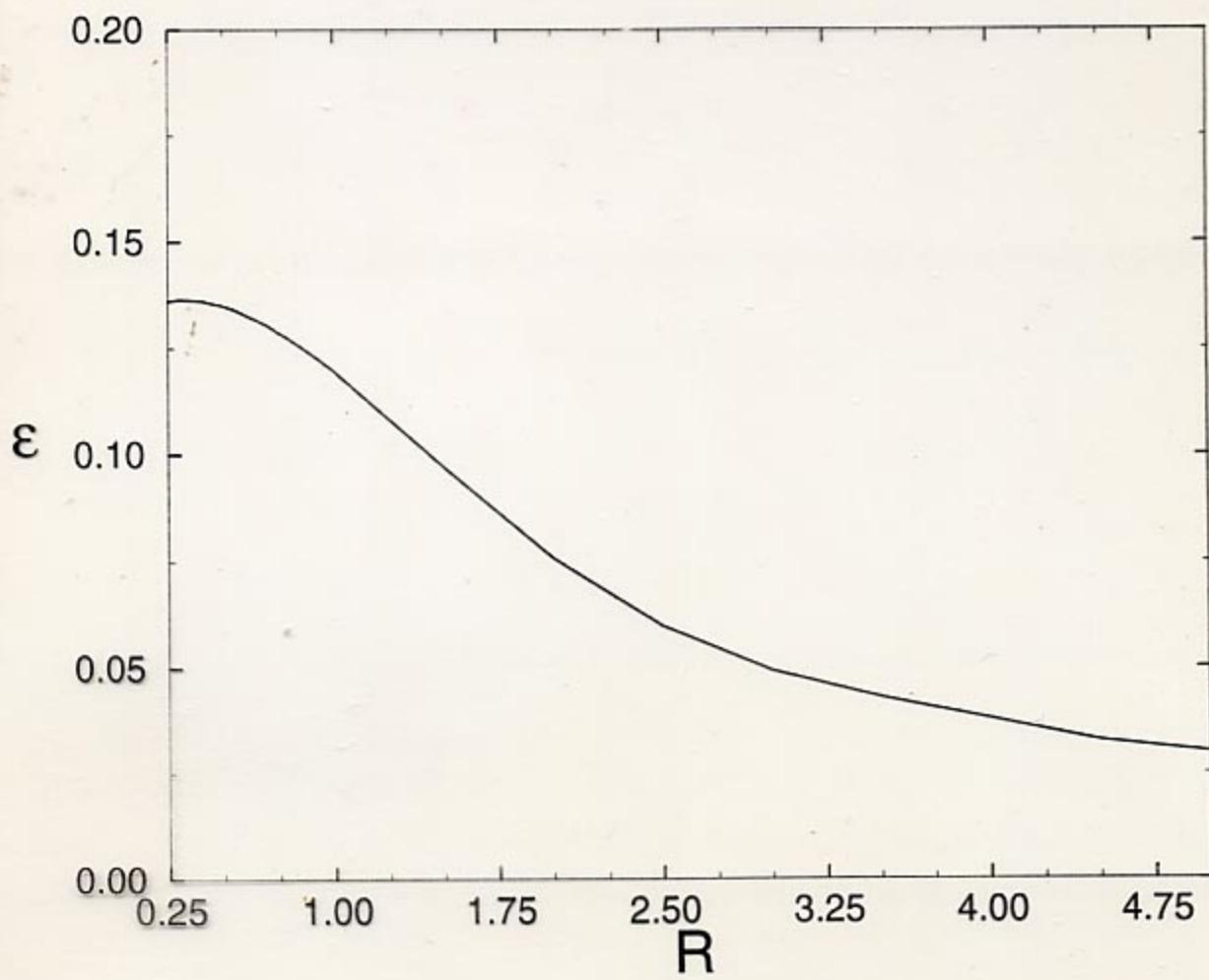
$$\langle h \rangle = (0, v/\sqrt{2}) : \quad v^2 = -\frac{\mu^2}{\lambda} \Rightarrow$$



Field theory



$$\varepsilon^2(R) = \frac{R^3}{2\pi^2} \int_0^\infty \frac{dl}{(2l)^{5/2}} \frac{\theta_2^4}{4\eta^{12}} (il + \zeta) \sum_n n^2 e^{-2\pi n^2 R l}$$



$$R \rightarrow 0 : \varepsilon(R) \rightarrow \varepsilon_0 \simeq 0.14$$

$$R \rightarrow \infty : \varepsilon(R) \sim \frac{\varepsilon_\infty}{M_s R} \quad \varepsilon_\infty \simeq 0.008$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{UV cutoff} \equiv 1/R$$

similar to finite temperature  $T \sim 1/R$

$$\Rightarrow \mu^2 \sim T^2$$

$$(1) \quad M_h = M_Z$$

same as MSSM for  $\tan\beta, m_A \rightarrow \infty$

$$(2) \quad M_s = \frac{M_h \sqrt{N}}{\sqrt{2} g \epsilon}$$

- Low-energy SM radiative corrections top-quark sector

$$\Rightarrow M_h \sim 120 \text{ GeV}$$

$$M_s \sim \text{a few TeV} \quad \mathcal{O}(1-10)$$

- string threshold corrections

- model dependent

- can be very important

e.g. for two large dims in the bulk

$$\ln R_\perp M_s \sim \ln M_P/M_s$$

$\Rightarrow$  both  $M_s$  and  $M_h$  can be increased