

ORBIFOLD GUTs

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4-d susy GUTs have many successes

- precision gauge coupling unif'n (if $N=1$ susy)
- explanation of quantum numbers of SM matter
- m_b/m_τ mass ratio prediction (?)

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... but also have less attractive features

- Simplest 4-d susy GUT models have trouble with dim = 5 proton decay
- analogue of m_b/m_τ prediction for lightest 2 generations badly wrong
- Higgs doublet-triplet splitting problems, at least in $SU(5)$
- Higgs structure in full models ugly!
- don't provide any new insight into CKM mixing and intergenerational mass ratios such as m_c/m_t , ...

In this talk I'll discuss some orbifold GUT ideas that give

- new ways of thinking about origin and meaning of flavor, and mass and mixing hierarchies
- Our extra dimension is small $1/R \sim 10^{15}$ GeV so not 'large extra dimensions'

References (briefly)

- String theory orbifolds

Dixon, Harvey, Vafa, Witten

- Applications/constructions in string theory

Witten

Ibanez, Mas, Nilles, Quevedo

Ibanez, Nilles, Quevedo

- Recent activity (basic model)

Kawamura [hep-ph/0012125](#)

Altarelli, Feruglio [hep-ph/0102301](#)

Hall, Nomura [hep-ph/0103125](#)

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- 6d models and related SO(6)

Asaka, Buchmuller, Covi

Hall, Nomura, Smith

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- Flavor

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- Gauge unification, proton decay

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Simplest successful generalization of 4d susy GUT

Sd orbifold theory on

$$M_4 \times (S^1/Z_2 \times Z_2')$$

Kanemura
Hall, Nomura
Altarelli, Feruglio
Hebecker, JMR

with gauge group $G = \text{SU}(5)$ and $N=1$ Sd susy

In effective field theory orbifolds are defined by imposing equivalence relations in field space (restricts the configurations space - like a gauge symm do)

→ If $y \mapsto k[y]$ is geometrical action

then impose

$$\varphi_i(x, y) \sim P_{ij}(k) \varphi_j(x, k[y]) \quad *$$



action on space of fields

'Orbifold' \iff geometrical action possesses fixed points

$$k[y] = y \quad \text{for some } y_{\text{FP}} \text{ and some } k \neq 1$$

At such a fixed point the equivalence relation $*$ restricts the allowed values of the fields

$$\varphi_i(x, y_{\text{FP}}) \sim P_{ij}(k) \varphi_j(x, y_{\text{FP}})$$

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What properties must the effective FT possess to be well-defined?

1) it must be non-anomalous — both in bulk and at fixed points

2) it must be unitary and local



there must exist a description where no non-local restrictions are placed on fields, and therefore...

a) \exists a system of well-posed boundary conditions for otherwise unrestricted fields

b) \exists a self-adjoint extension of the Hamiltonian etc consistent with b.c.'s.

For a generic field $\varphi(x, y)$ on S^1/\mathbb{Z}_2

$$\text{if } \varphi_i(x, y) \sim -\varphi_i(x, -y) \Rightarrow \varphi_i(x, 0) \text{ vanishes}$$

$$\text{if } \varphi_j(x, y) \sim +\varphi_j(x, -y) \Rightarrow \varphi_j(x, 0) \neq 0 \text{ but } \partial_y \varphi_j(x, 0) = 0$$

Thus we can work on the interval $[0, \pi R]$

with either Neumann or Dirichlet b.c.'s on fields

Only the fields φ_+ of +ve \mathbb{Z}_2 parity can have zero modes w/ vanishing 4d mass

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The physical space is the interval $[0, \pi R/2]$

with two 'end-of-the-world' orbifold branes



For consistency w/ orbifolding

gauge transformation parameters must also have restricted form

$$\Lambda = \exp \left\{ i \left(\alpha_{++}^a T^a + \alpha_{+-}^{\hat{a}} T^{\hat{a}} + \dots \right) \right\}$$

Transition in unbroken dir's
unrestricted
 $\alpha_{++}^a(x, y)$

broken dir's must
vanish at $y = \pi R/2$

\Rightarrow At P' fixed point: $y = \pi R/2$ only
 $SU_3 \times SU_2 \times U_1$ gauge transformations

\Rightarrow At P fixed point: $y = 0$, and in bulk
 $y \in [0, \pi R/2)$ general SU_5 gauge
transformations

Situation is similar for SUSY (strictly speaking needs SUGRA treatment) leading overall to



So far have just discussed gauge sector. What about SM matter and higgs?

3 possibilities a priori for location

I) On SU_5 brane — in which case just like normal 4d SU_5 case

II) In the 5d bulk — the novel possibility

III) On the SM brane at $y = \pi R/2$

— in which case just like usual 4d $SU_3 \times SU_2 \times U_1$ SM

II. Matter fields in bulk (flavor...)

The unbroken SU_5 gauge symmetry of the bulk

\Rightarrow bulk matter is in full SU_5 multiplets

Also it is $N=1$ 5d supersymmetric

minimal susy rep'n a hypermultiplet of $N=2$ 4d from 4d perspective...

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 \chi & \longrightarrow & H + H^c \\
 N=1 \text{ 5d} & & \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\
 & & \text{chiral 4d} \quad \text{antichiral 4d}
 \end{array}$$

eg a $\underline{5}$ of SU_5 $\chi_5 \rightarrow F + F^c$

$$F(x, y') \sim P' F(x, -y') \quad P' = \text{diag}(++---)$$

$$F^c(x, y') \sim -P' F^c(x, -y') \quad \text{and similarly for } P$$

This important sign is forced on us to understand origin....

Recall, vector s.f. in Sd decomposed as

$$V = -\theta \sigma^m \bar{\theta} A_m - i \theta^2 \bar{\theta} \bar{\lambda}_1 + i \bar{\theta}^2 \theta \lambda_1 + \frac{1}{2} D \bar{\theta}^2 \theta^2$$

$$\Sigma_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (\Sigma + i A_5) + \sqrt{2} \theta \lambda_2 + \theta^2 F$$

so some residual gauge transformation

Under Sd gauge transforms (abelian for simplicity)

$$V \rightarrow V + \lambda + \bar{\lambda}$$

$$\Sigma_1 \rightarrow \Sigma_1 + \sqrt{2} \partial_5 \lambda$$

and the Sd $N=1$ gauge interactions of hypermultiplets in 4d $N=1$ terms are (Arkani-Hamed, Gregoire, Wacker: Hebecker)

$$\int d^4\theta \left\{ H^c e^V H^{tc} + H^t e^{-V} H \right\}$$

$$+ \int d^2\theta H^c \left(\partial_5 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \Sigma_1 \right) H + \text{h.c.}$$

to be invariant as ∂_5 and $\Sigma_1 \rightarrow (-\partial_5, -\Sigma_1)$ must have

$$H \sim P H$$

$$H^c \sim -P H^c$$

and

$$H \sim P' H$$

$$H^c \sim -P' H^c$$

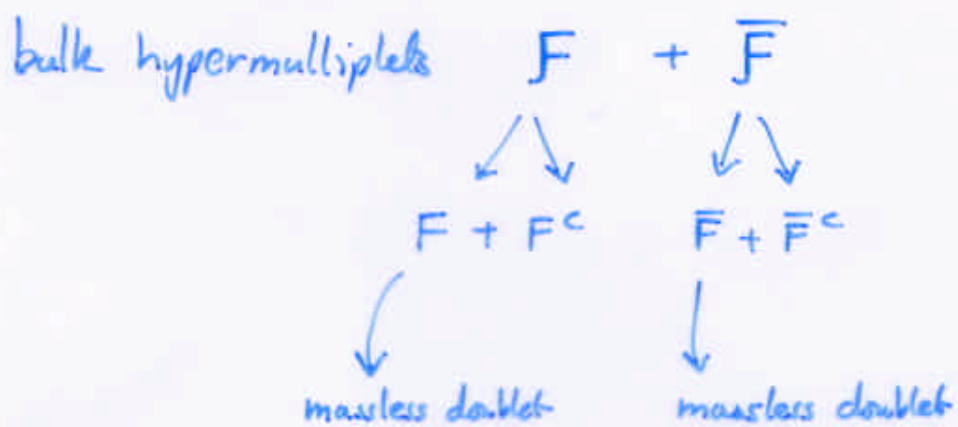
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Thus under the joint $Z_2 \times Z_2'$ action the spectrum of a $\underline{5}$ Hypermultiplet is

	(p, p')	mass
F_{doublet}	$(+, +)$	$2n/R$
F_{triplet}	$(+, -)$	$(2n+1)/R$
F^c_{triplet}	$(-, +)$	$(2n+1)/R$
F^c_{doublet}	$(-, -)$	$(2n+2)/R$

\Rightarrow so a single Sd Hypermultiplet leads to a massless doublet, and NO triplet at massless level

Spectrum of MSSM higgs (with automatic doublet-triplet splitting) reproduced by



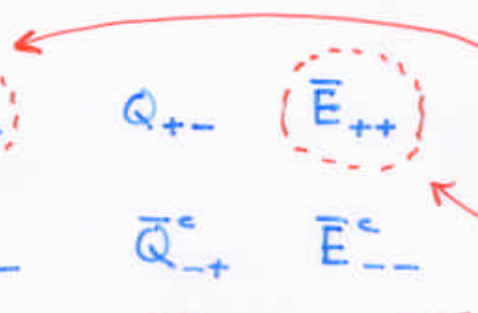
Split multiplets very familiar from string orbifolds
Witten, ...; Ibanez, Quevedo; Kim, Miller; ...

We can also put MSSM generations in bulk

$$\bar{5} \sim \begin{pmatrix} L \\ \bar{D} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$10 \sim \left(\begin{array}{c} \cdot \bar{u} : \\ \cdot \bar{E} \end{array} \begin{array}{c} \xleftrightarrow{2} \\ \boxed{Q} \\ \xleftrightarrow{2} \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{c} \updownarrow 3 \end{array}$$

Then under P and P' actions a J hyper ($= T + T^c$) and \bar{F} hyper ($= \bar{F} + \bar{F}^c$) lead to

T	\rightarrow	\bar{u}_{++}	Q_{+-}	\bar{E}_{++}	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>massless modes</p> </div>
T^c	\rightarrow	\bar{u}_{--}^c	\bar{Q}_{-+}^c	\bar{E}_{--}^c	
\bar{F}	\rightarrow	\bar{D}_{+-}	L_{++}		
\bar{F}^c	\rightarrow	\bar{D}_{-+}^c	L_{--}^c		

Not yet a full generation - so take another copy of $10 + \bar{5}$ hypermultiplet in bulk (w/ chiral components $T' + T'^c + \bar{F}' + \bar{F}'^c$) and use freedom to flip P' parities on these multiplets by overall sign

\rightarrow massless modes

T'	\rightarrow	Q_{++}
\bar{F}'	\rightarrow	\bar{D}_{++}

\Rightarrow do not get usual SU_5 Yukawa relations for such matter

Indeed structure of Yukawa couplings ...

Because bulk is $N=2$ susy from 4d perspective only get Yukawa couplings on $y=0, \pi R/2$ branes

$$W_{\text{Yukawa}} = \int d^3\theta \delta(y) \left(\sum_{IJ} h_{IJ}^u T_q^{\prime I} T_{\bar{u}}^J H_u \right.$$

generation indices

$$+ h_{IJ}^d T_q^{\prime I} F_{\bar{d}}^J H_d$$

$$+ h_{IJ}^l T_E^I F_L^J H_d \left. \right)$$

since different
Sd fields
 h_{IJ}^d, h_{IJ}^l
unrelated
Yukawa couplings

On the other hand, for a generation on the SU_5 brane at $y=0$ do get $SU(5)$ relations...

This suggests a very nice structure w/ further pretty features...

Basic point : Because of $N=1$ 5d susy, Yukawa couplings can only arise at $y=0, \pi R/2$ branes (where $N=1$ 4d susy).

Then couplings involving k bulk fields are suppressed by wavefunction normalized

factors

$$\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi M_* R}} \right)^k$$

M_* = UV cutoff of thg (more later...)

Let $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \psi = \text{brane field} \\ \Phi = \text{bulk field} \end{array} \right\}$ then

Arkan-Hamed, Dimopoulos, Dvali, Dienes, Pudas, Gherghetta, Hall, Okui, Smith, TMR

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{Yuk}} \simeq \int dy \left\{ \tilde{\lambda}_0 \delta(y) \psi^3 + \sum_{k=1}^3 \tilde{\lambda}_k \delta(y) \psi^{3-k} \Phi^k(y) \right\}$$

canonical KE

$$\simeq \tilde{\lambda}_0 \psi^3(x) + \frac{\lambda_1}{\sqrt{M_* R}} \psi^2(x) \Phi_{(0)}(x) + \frac{\lambda_2}{(M_* R)} \psi(x) \Phi_{(0)}^2(x) + \dots$$

from dimensions of $\tilde{\lambda}_k$ in 5d

from canonically normalizing KE term of $\Phi_{(0)}(x)$ field

Start by thinking about heaviest 2 generations
have dimensionless ratios (at M_{GUT})

$$\frac{m_\mu}{m_\tau} \approx \frac{1}{17}$$

$$\frac{m_s}{m_b} \approx \frac{1}{30}$$

$$\frac{m_c}{m_t} \approx \frac{1}{300}$$

$$V_{cb} \approx \frac{1}{25}$$

and $\frac{m_b}{m_c} \approx 1$ (maybe = 1)

The orbifold GUT structure allows us to give a
qualitative explanation of all these from a very
simple assumption

Facts we want to explain:

① $m_b = m_\tau$ but not $m_c = m_\mu$

② strong hierarchy in up-quark masses
 $m_t \gg m_c$ w/ m_t heaviest

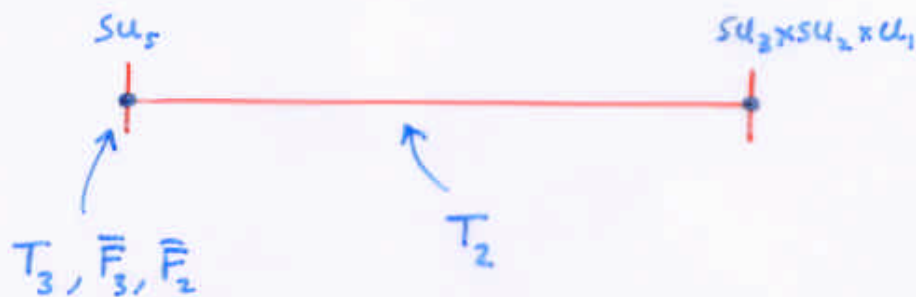
③ lesser hierarchy in down-quark masses / leptons
 $m_b \gg m_c$ $m_\tau \gg m_\mu$

① + ② $\Rightarrow T_3$ and \bar{F}_3 on SU_5 brane

② + ③ $\Rightarrow \bar{F}_2$ on SU_5 brane

T_2 (+ T_2' since new hypers) in bulk

UNIQUELY FIXED ...!



'Only the 10's are in the bulk....'

up masses
 TTH
 $T\bar{F}H$

down + charged
 lepton masses

If don't require $m_b = m_\tau$ then one other possibility



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$$U \simeq \begin{pmatrix} \delta^3 & \delta^2 \\ \delta^2 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

← since Higgs in bulk to get doublet-triplet splitting

$\epsilon = SU_5$ invariant coupling

$\delta = SU_5$ - breaking coupling (since T, T' have indep't couplings)

$$|\epsilon| \simeq |\delta| \simeq 1/\sqrt{M_* R}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_c/m_t \simeq |\epsilon|^2$$

$V_{cb} \simeq |\epsilon|$ from diagonalization in up quark sector

(+ large $V_\mu - V_\tau$ mixing since \bar{F}_3, \bar{F}_2 treated symmetrically; rhd N_i states similar...)

How about down quarks and leptons?

$$D \simeq \begin{pmatrix} \delta^1 & \delta^1 \\ 0 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \quad E \simeq \begin{pmatrix} \delta^2 & 0 \\ \delta^1 & \epsilon \end{pmatrix}$$

as they arise from $\bar{F}_i T_j$ ops

$$\Rightarrow m_\mu/m_\tau \simeq m_s/m_b \simeq V_{cb} \simeq |\epsilon|$$

$$m_c/m_t \simeq |\epsilon|^2 \quad m_b = m_\tau \quad !$$

Gauge coupling unification and $|E|$ (roughly...)

The SU₅ gauge symmetry is broken explicitly on the SM brane at $y = \pi R/2$ so ^{brane-localized} gauge-kinetic terms which violate SU₅ are allowed

$$\int d^3\theta \int_0^{\pi R/2} dy \left\{ \frac{1}{g_s^2} W^\alpha W_\alpha + \sum_{i=1}^3 \frac{\delta(y - \pi R/2)}{g_{4i}^2} W_i^\alpha W_{i\alpha} + \text{h.c.} + \dots \right\}$$

What effect do they have on unification?

Let M_* = scale at which theory becomes strongly coupled

then 'naive dimensional analysis' in higher dimensions leads to

$$1/g_s^2 \sim \frac{M_*}{24\pi^3}, \quad 1/g_{4i}^2 \sim 1/16\pi^2$$

However the physical coupling measured at scales just below $1/R$ is that of the zero modes - its gauge coupling is given by integration $\int dy$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{g_{0i}^2} &= \frac{\pi R}{2} \frac{1}{g_s^2} + \frac{1}{g_{4i}^2} \Rightarrow M_* R \lesssim \frac{12\pi^3}{\alpha_{\text{cut}}} \\ &\approx \frac{M_* R}{48\pi^3} + \frac{\delta_i}{16\pi^2} \xrightarrow{\rightarrow 0(i)} \text{so corrections small} \end{aligned}$$

$\lesssim 10^2 \times \text{few}$

Thus dimensionless measure of size of volume $M_* R$ can be big, and corrections due to brane localized ops are volume suppressed and \simeq size of usual threshold corrections

Also $\Rightarrow |\epsilon| \sim 1/\sqrt{M_* R} \sim 1/\sqrt{300}$ in correct range
for flavor... $\epsilon \sim 1/17$!

\rightarrow In a well-defined sense orbifold models link

\rightarrow smallness of $\alpha_{\text{GUT}} \simeq 1/25$
 \rightarrow hierarchy of mass ratios, V_{CKM} elements

both have common origin in size of S^2 dimension

New features in $d=6$ proton decay

Higgsino-mediated $d=5$ p -decay is absent, but also $d=6$ X, Y gauge boson decay operators are different

Reason: Only matter on $SU(5)$ brane (not $SU(5)$ bulk!) has interactions with X, Y gauge bosons that lead to $\Delta B = 1$ operators at leading order

and as we've discussed flavor motivations us to put most matter in bulk or on SM brane

$$O_{TF} = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \frac{g_4^2}{M_c^2} \sum_{ij} a_i b_j \bar{d}_{Ri} \bar{u}_{Ri} L_i Q_j$$

$$O_{TT} = \frac{\pi^2}{4} \frac{g_4^2}{M_c^2} \sum_{ij} b_i b_j \bar{e}_{Ri} \bar{u}_{Rj} Q_i Q_j$$

$M_c = 1/R < M_{GUT}$

$a = 1$ if on brane, 0 otherwise
 $b = 1$ if T on brane $SU(5)$, 0 otherwise

Flavor models put only T_3 (and maybe \bar{F}_i 's) on $SU(5)$ brane

⇒ So physical proton decay involving light generation states only occurs via mixing!
 (Nomura; Hebecker, JHEP)

Dominant modes can be $p \rightarrow K^0 \mu^+$ or $K^+ \bar{\nu}_\tau$
 at potentially detectable rates

3-generation model in Sd?

An elegant and successful model is possible if we utilize one more ingredient - natural to Sd orbifold GUTs

recall that \mathcal{L} for Sd hypermultiplet (in terms of two chiral superfields H, H^c) is

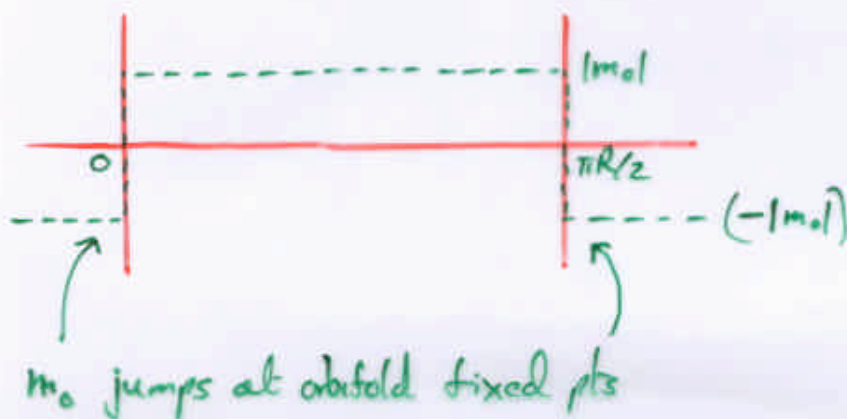
$$\mathcal{L} = \int_{\mathbb{O}^2 \bar{\mathbb{O}}^2} (H^\dagger H + H^c H^{c\dagger}) + \int_{\mathbb{O}^2} H^c \partial_5 H + \text{h.c.}$$

this can be supplemented by Sd Lorentz inv mass terms (if H neutral or vector-like)

$$\mathcal{L}_{\text{mass}} = m_0 \int_{\mathbb{O}^2} H^c H + \frac{m_e}{2} \int_{\mathbb{O}^2} (H^2 + H^{c2}) + \text{h.c.}$$

odd under \mathbb{Z}_2 parities

even under \mathbb{Z}_2 parities
(forbidden for gauged multiplets)



In this case ($m_0 \neq 0, m_e = 0$) eqn for y -dep't profile $H(y)$ is non-trivial ($m_0 = m$)

$$(\partial_y^2 - m^2 + p_4^2 + 2m\delta(y) - 2m\delta(y-l))H(y) =$$

effective mass
of mode in 4d

from jumps of m_0

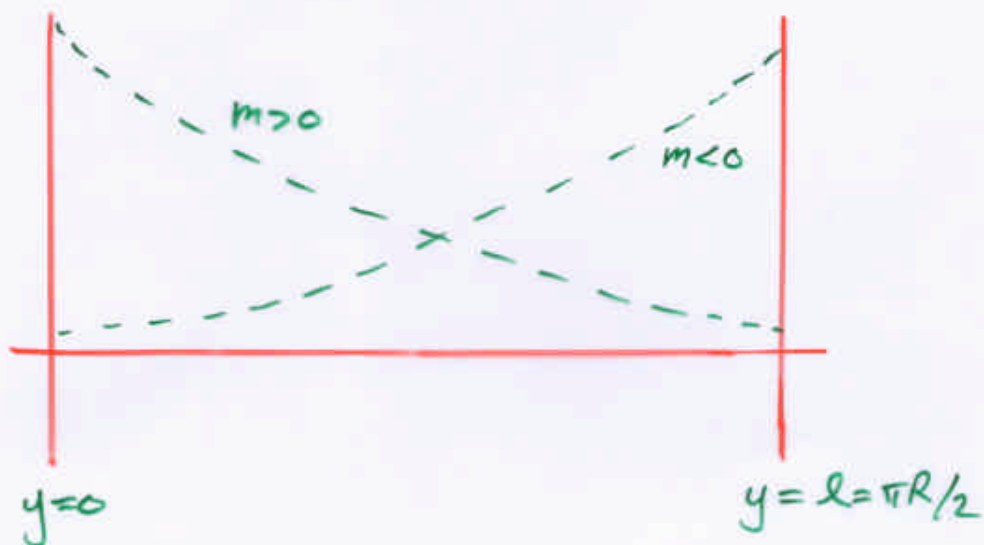
To see effect of this consider most interesting case of (+, +) parity for H

→ still \exists zero mode with $p_4^2 = 0$

→ $H(y) = e^{-ym}$ profile

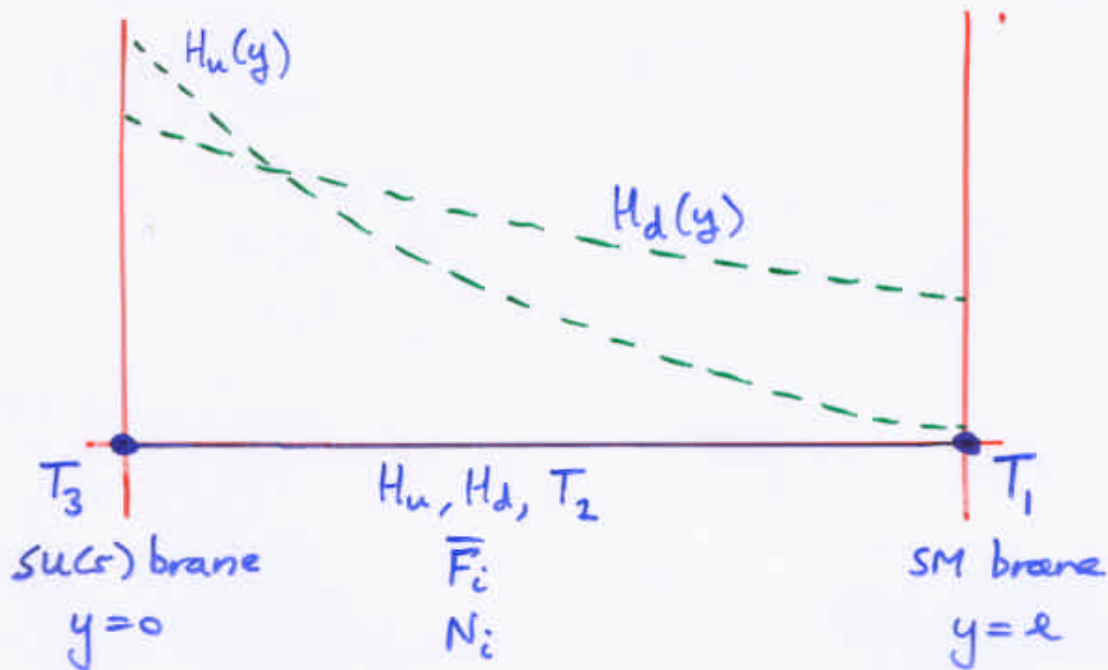
(all other KK masses $O(m) \pm O(M_*)$ or larger)

So



A successful 3-generation model simply requires that Higgs doublets in bulk have such a mass

Pictorially



Just 3 parameters are input

$$\epsilon = 1/\sqrt{Ml} \quad (\text{but this is 'set' by } d_{out} \sim 1/25)$$

$m_u l$ — dimensionless measure of bulk up-Higgs m

$m_d l$ — " " " " " down-Higgs

Because of non-trivial Higgs profiles rescaling of s_d to t_d coupling is now

$$\lambda_{sd} \rightarrow \lambda_{4d,eff} = \frac{\lambda_{sd}}{c(-ml)\sqrt{Ml}} \quad \text{if } \underline{SU(5)} \text{ brane interaction}$$

$$\lambda_{sd} \rightarrow \lambda_{4d,eff} = \frac{\lambda_{sd}}{c(ml)\sqrt{Ml}} \quad \text{if } \underline{\text{interaction on SM brane}}$$

with $c(ml) = \sqrt{\frac{e^{2ml} - 1}{2ml}}$

$$\approx \frac{e^{ml}}{\sqrt{2ml}} \quad \text{for } ml > \text{few}$$

$$\approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2ml}} \quad \text{for } ml < -\text{few}$$

* Such factors are analogous to having an OGI anomalous dimension in a 4d QFT over a wide energy range. This correspondence is precise in AdS/CFT case.

Very non-trivial that we get these factors in weakly-coupled theory, and in computable way.

The resulting effective 4d Yukawa interactions are

$$\lambda_{TT} \simeq \lambda_t \begin{pmatrix} \delta_u & \epsilon \delta_u & 0 \\ \epsilon \delta_u & \epsilon^2 & \epsilon \\ 0 & \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{ups}$$

$$\lambda_{TF} \simeq \lambda_b \begin{pmatrix} \delta_d & \delta_d & \delta_d \\ \epsilon & \epsilon & \epsilon \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{downs}$$

where

$$\lambda_t = \sqrt{\frac{2m_u}{M_*}} \quad \lambda_b = \epsilon \sqrt{\frac{2m_d}{M_*}}$$

So most of λ_t/λ_b due to ϵ again

$$\delta_u = e^{-m_d l} \quad \delta_d = e^{-m_d l}$$

from Higgs zero mode profiles

This structure for

$$\epsilon = \frac{1}{\sqrt{m_{u2}}} \approx \frac{1}{17}$$

$$m_{u2} \approx 12$$

$$m_{d2} \approx 7$$

is very successful for mass ratios and also gives good V_{CKM}

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \epsilon & \epsilon^2 \\ \epsilon & 1 & \epsilon \\ \epsilon^2 & \epsilon & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

using $\delta_u \sim \delta_d^2 \sim \epsilon^4$

excellent 1-3 and 2-3 mixings, ok 1-2 (need O(1) coeff to be ~ 4 to get θ_c)

Overall very simple model!

Neutrinos?

∃ a very simple model

- introduce 3 SM-singlet bulk hypermultiplets N_i

$$N_i = N_i + N_i^c$$

take orbifold action to be

$$(+, -) \text{ for } N_i \quad (\therefore (-, +) \text{ for } N_i^c)$$

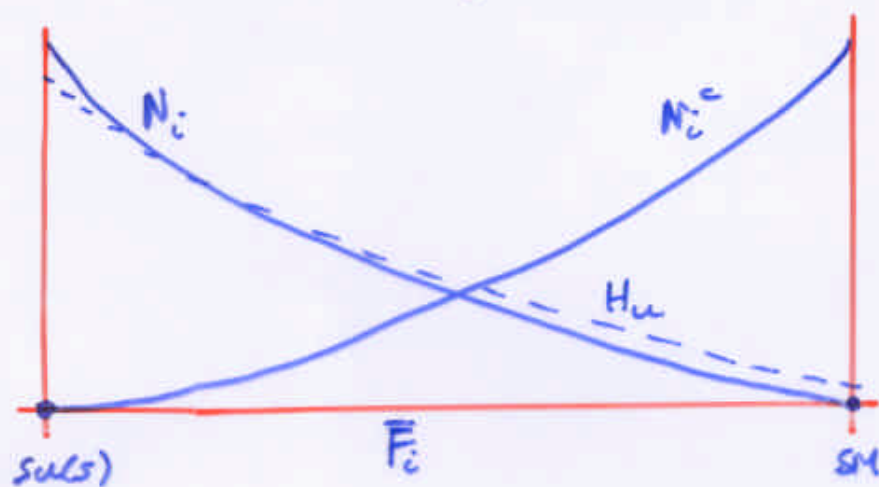
→ no zero modes

- However bulk action

$$N_i^{cT} (\partial_5 + m_N) N_i$$

↑ add bulk mass

leads to exponentially localised modes



and exponential suppression of led mass connecting N to N^c

$$m_4 \simeq 2m_N e^{-m_N l} \quad (\text{but still } \gg \text{TeV})$$

- Including brane Yukawa interactions

$$H_u L^T \lambda N \delta(y) + H_u L^T \lambda' N^c \delta(y-l)$$

and integrating out N 's leads to

$$(L H_u)^2 \text{ neutrino mass operator}$$

- But note! H_u profile is strongly peaked at $y=0$ so couplings of 4d rhd N_i to L_i 's (from bulk \bar{F}_i 's) are suppressed by $\sim \delta_u \sim m_u/m_t$

⇒ Suitable physical m_ν scale

but with 'light' rhd N with small

coupling → interesting for leptogenesis!
(see T. Yanagida's talk...)

- What about mixing angles?

We already treated \bar{F}_i 's in bulk symmetrically wrt i

Natural to assume same for N_i 's in bulk (m_N)

but breaks this intergenerational symm of bulk

by λ only
brane interactions λ, λ'

large mixing angles!

$$\rightarrow m_\nu \sim \frac{v^2 \delta_u e^{2m_N l}}{M_x} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \rightarrow O(1)$$

CONCLUSIONS

The Sd $SU(5)$ orbifold GUT model does very well...

- i) It breaks $SU_5 \rightarrow SU_3 \times SU_2 \times U_1$ in an elegant and unusual fashion
- ii) Corrections to gauge coupling unification are \simeq same size as usual SUSY GUT thresholds
- iii) automatic doublet-triplet splitting
- iv) much reduced (or depending on flavor locations absent) proton decay
- v) simple assumption of T_2 in bulk gives large number of flavor relations which work well
- vi) reason why 3rd generation $m_b = m_\tau$ OK, but not $m_c = m_\mu$...
- vii) simple 3-generation models in Sd that account for all flavor hierarchies

... an interesting theory ...